



# Holmusk Technical Challenge

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# Objective

- ❖ With the following dataset, the task is to understand the drivers of prices of the flats.

[Click Here](#) to access the dataset.

- ❖ For the flat price prediction by considering the number of rooms according to the rules of Singapore Housing and Development Board [\[HDB\]](#).

- ❖ Used Python Libraries : Numpy, Pandas, Matplotlib, Seaborn, Geopy, Geopandas, and Shapely.



# Installation of Python Libraries

- ❖ First, Install all the python libraries in the Jupyter Notebook by using “!pip install Library\_Name”. Installation can also be done with conda instead of pip and instead of jupyter notebook, it can also be installed through terminal in Linux.
- ❖ Please check the documentation page of respective python library.



## Reading “.csv” file and storing it in a dataframe

- ❖ By using Pandas' `readcsv()` function, read the “.csv” file from the appropriate file path and store it in a dataframe which is “dataset” here.
- ❖ It has 287200 rows(records) and 10 columns(features).  
`# print(dataset.shape).`
- ❖ Features are : month , town , flat\_type , block , street\_name , storey\_range , floor\_area\_sqm , flat\_model , lease\_commence\_date, resale\_price.

	month	town	flat_type	block	street_name	storey_range \
0	1990-01	ANG MO KIO	1 ROOM	309	ANG MO KIO AVE 1	10 TO 12
1	1990-01	ANG MO KIO	1 ROOM	309	ANG MO KIO AVE 1	04 TO 06
2	1990-01	ANG MO KIO	1 ROOM	309	ANG MO KIO AVE 1	10 TO 12
3	1990-01	ANG MO KIO	1 ROOM	309	ANG MO KIO AVE 1	07 TO 09
4	1990-01	ANG MO KIO	3 ROOM	216	ANG MO KIO AVE 1	04 TO 06
...	...	...	...	...	...	...
287195	1999-12	YISHUN	EXECUTIVE	611	YISHUN ST 61	10 TO 12
287196	1999-12	YISHUN	EXECUTIVE	324	YISHUN CTRL	01 TO 03
287197	1999-12	YISHUN	EXECUTIVE	392	YISHUN AVE 6	07 TO 09
287198	1999-12	YISHUN	EXECUTIVE	356	YISHUN RING RD	04 TO 06
287199	1999-12	YISHUN	EXECUTIVE	358	YISHUN RING RD	01 TO 03

	floor_area_sqm	flat_model	lease_commence_date	resale_price
0	31.0	IMPROVED	1977	9000
1	31.0	IMPROVED	1977	6000
2	31.0	IMPROVED	1977	8000
3	31.0	IMPROVED	1977	6000
4	73.0	NEW GENERATION	1976	47200
...	...	...	...	...
287195	142.0	APARTMENT	1987	456000
287196	142.0	APARTMENT	1988	408000
287197	146.0	MAISONETTE	1988	469000
287198	146.0	MAISONETTE	1988	440000
287199	145.0	MAISONETTE	1988	484000

[287200 rows x 10 columns]



## Details about Dataset

- ❖ By using `dataframe.column_name.unique()`, we can get the unique values of a particular column. I have used it for “flat\_type” and “storey\_range” column names.

```
#dataset.flat_type.unique()
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- ❖ To get the statistic about the dataset, we can use `dataframe.describe()` or `dataset.describe().transpose()`.

```
#dataset.describe().transpose()
```

```
1 #summary statistics of columns in dataframe
2 dataset.describe().transpose() # Rowwise summary
```

	count	mean	std	min	25%	50%	75%	max
<b>floor_area_sqm</b>	287200.0	93.351439	27.361839	28.0	68.0	91.0	113.0	307.0
<b>lease_commence_date</b>	287200.0	1983.206741	6.085734	1967.0	1979.0	1984.0	1987.0	1997.0
<b>resale_price</b>	287200.0	219541.850313	128144.384286	5000.0	127000.0	195000.0	298000.0	900000.0

```
1 dataset.dtypes # To see the datatypes of the column data
```

```
month          object
town           object
flat_type      object
block          object
street_name    object
storey_range   object
floor_area_sqm float64
flat_model     object
lease_commence_date  int64
resale_price   int64
dtype: object
```



# Data Preprocessing

- ❖ Any machine learning algorithm (whether it is classification or regression) work on numbers. In the given dataset, “flat\_type” and “storey\_range” columns have both string and numerical data.
- ❖ So convert it into numerical data.
- ❖ Based on the rules given by HDB, I have considered 3 bedrooms for “EXECUTIVE” flat\_type and 4 bedrooms for “MULTI GENERATION” flat type.




	month	town	flat_type	block	street_name	storey_range	floor_area_sqm	flat_model	lease_commence_date	resale_price
0	1990-01	ANG MO KIO	1	309	ANG MO KIO AVE 1	11	31	IMPROVED	1977	9000
1	1990-01	ANG MO KIO	1	309	ANG MO KIO AVE 1	5	31	IMPROVED	1977	6000
2	1990-01	ANG MO KIO	1	309	ANG MO KIO AVE 1	11	31	IMPROVED	1977	8000
3	1990-01	ANG MO KIO	1	309	ANG MO KIO AVE 1	8	31	IMPROVED	1977	6000
4	1990-01	ANG MO KIO	2	216	ANG MO KIO AVE 1	5	73	NEW GENERATION	1976	47200
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
287195	1999-12	YISHUN	3	611	YISHUN ST 61	11	142	APARTMENT	1987	456000
287196	1999-12	YISHUN	3	324	YISHUN CTRL	2	142	APARTMENT	1988	408000
287197	1999-12	YISHUN	3	392	YISHUN AVE 6	8	146	MAISONETTE	1988	469000
287198	1999-12	YISHUN	3	356	YISHUN RING RD	5	146	MAISONETTE	1988	440000
287199	1999-12	YISHUN	3	358	YISHUN RING RD	2	145	MAISONETTE	1988	484000




# Exploratory Data Analysis


- ❖ Based on the histograms of “flat\_type” and “storey\_range” and “flat\_models” columns, we can say:
  - 1) 3 and 4 bedroom houses are most commonly sold. So, for a builder having this data , it can make a new flat with more 3 and 4 bedrooms to attract more buyers.
  - 2) 4 to 6, 7 to 9 , 1 to 3 and 10 to 12 storey\_range flats have more count. So, to predict resale flat prices of the flat, we should have to consider these storey range flats.



3) "NEW GENERATION", "IMPROVED" and "MODEL A" flat models have more count compared to other flat models. So, while predicting flat prices, we should have to concentrate these flat models.




4 ) flats which have resale prices are between 100000\$ and 200000\$ have highest count which is 80000 and then comes those flats which have resale prices 200000\$ and 300000\$ with 70000 count and then flats with resale prices between 0 and 100000\$ comes with count ~50000.




❖ Based on the pairplots between various features, we observe the following key points:

1) As we can see, there is a spike in the scatter plot between floor\_area\_sqm and lease\_commence\_date. For lease\_commence year between 1960 and 1980, for 2-ROOM flat model, floor area is very high and this 2-ROOM flat model is used between these years only.




2 ) Similarly, APARTMENT,MODEL A-MAISONETTE and MAISONETTE flat models were used between 1980 and 2000 lease\_commence year. For "MODEL A" AND "STANDARD" flat models, flat area is under 150 square meters.

3) There is approximate a linear relationship between resale\_price and floor\_area\_sqm MODEL A and STANDARD flat models have floor\_area between 100 and 200 sqm for which resale price is between 200000 and 700000.

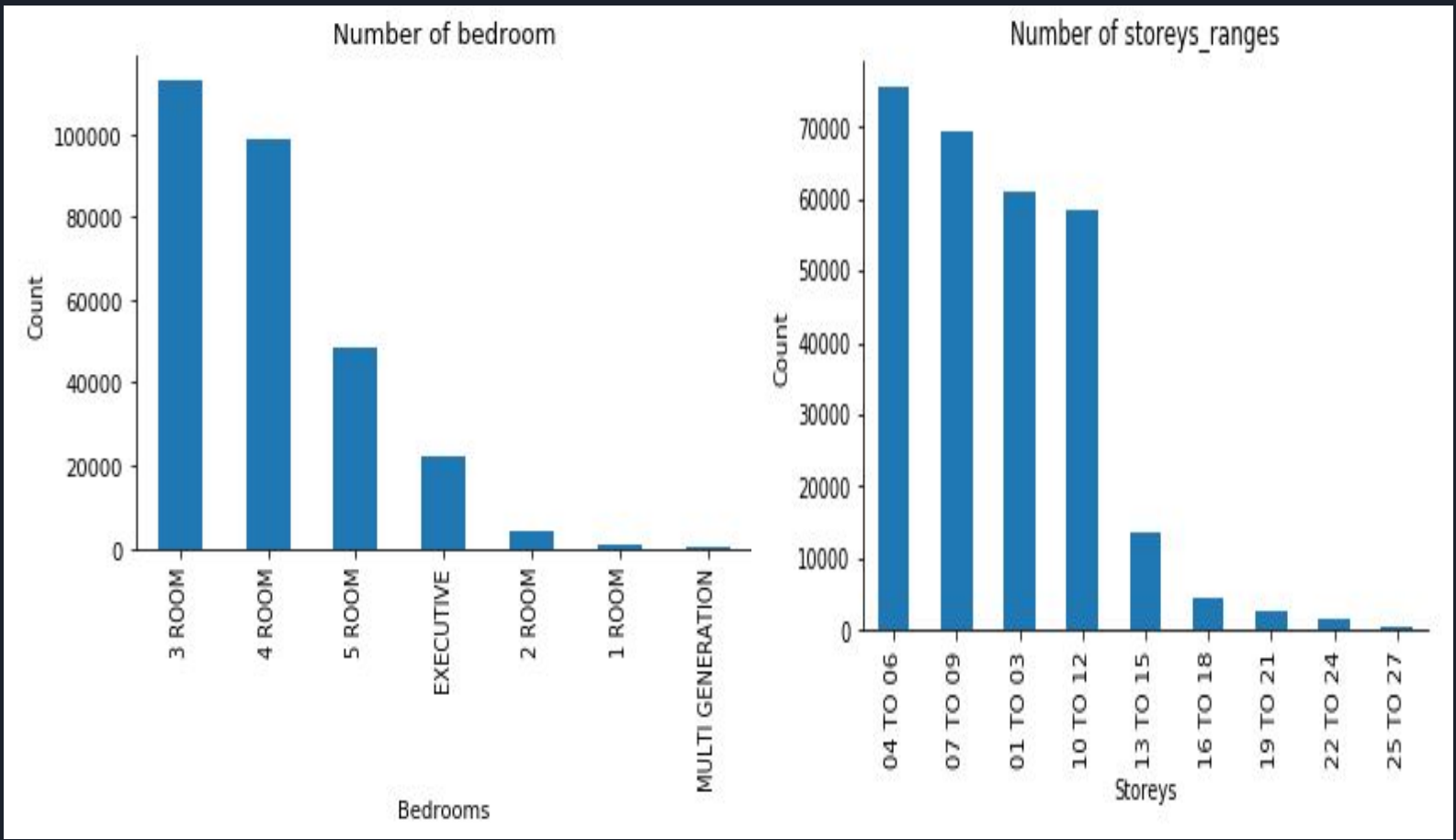


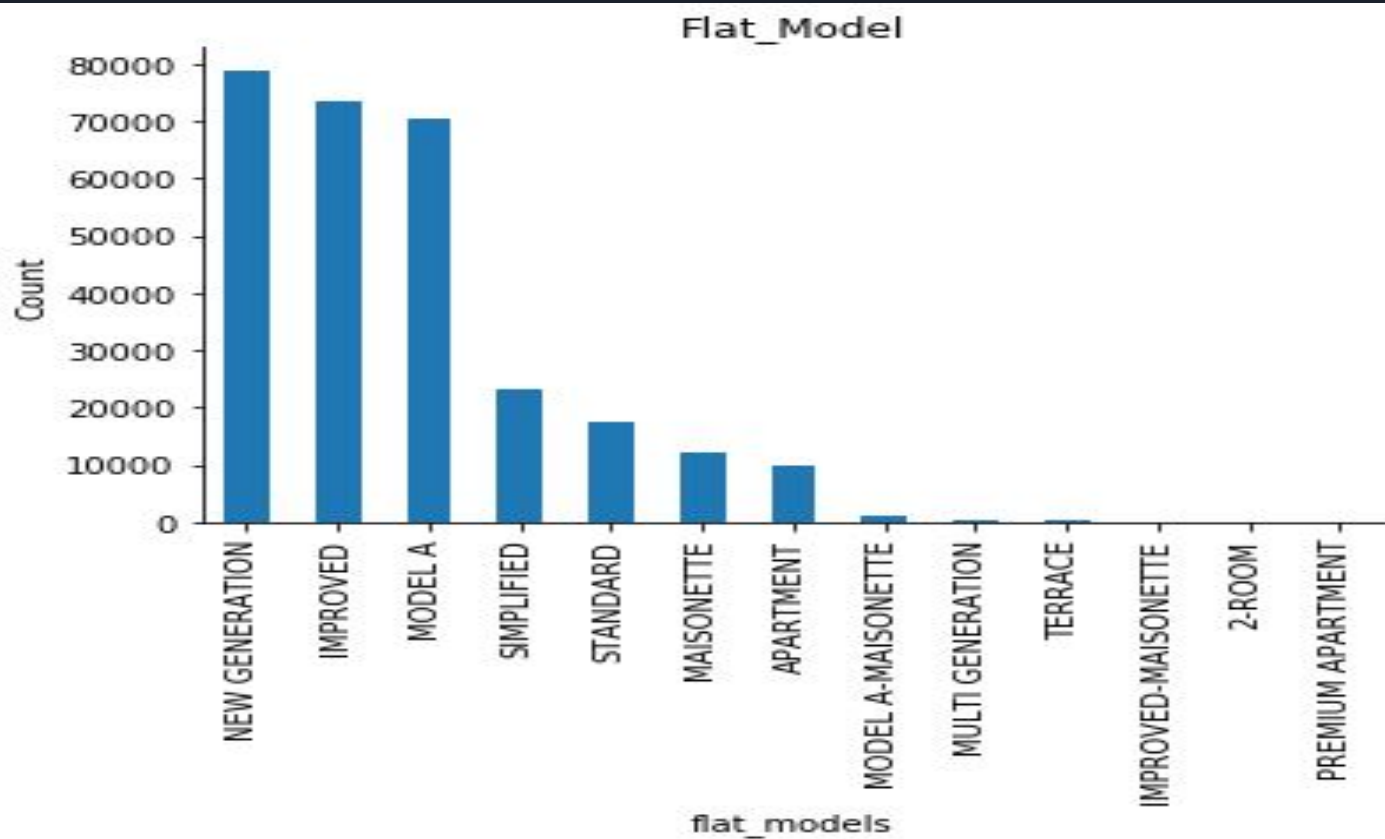
4 ) PREMIUM APARTMENT have floor\_area between 0 and 150 sqm for which resale\_prices are under 600000\$. For "most" 2-ROOM and TERRACE flat models, lease\_commence year is between 1980 and 1998 and resale\_prices are above 400000\$.

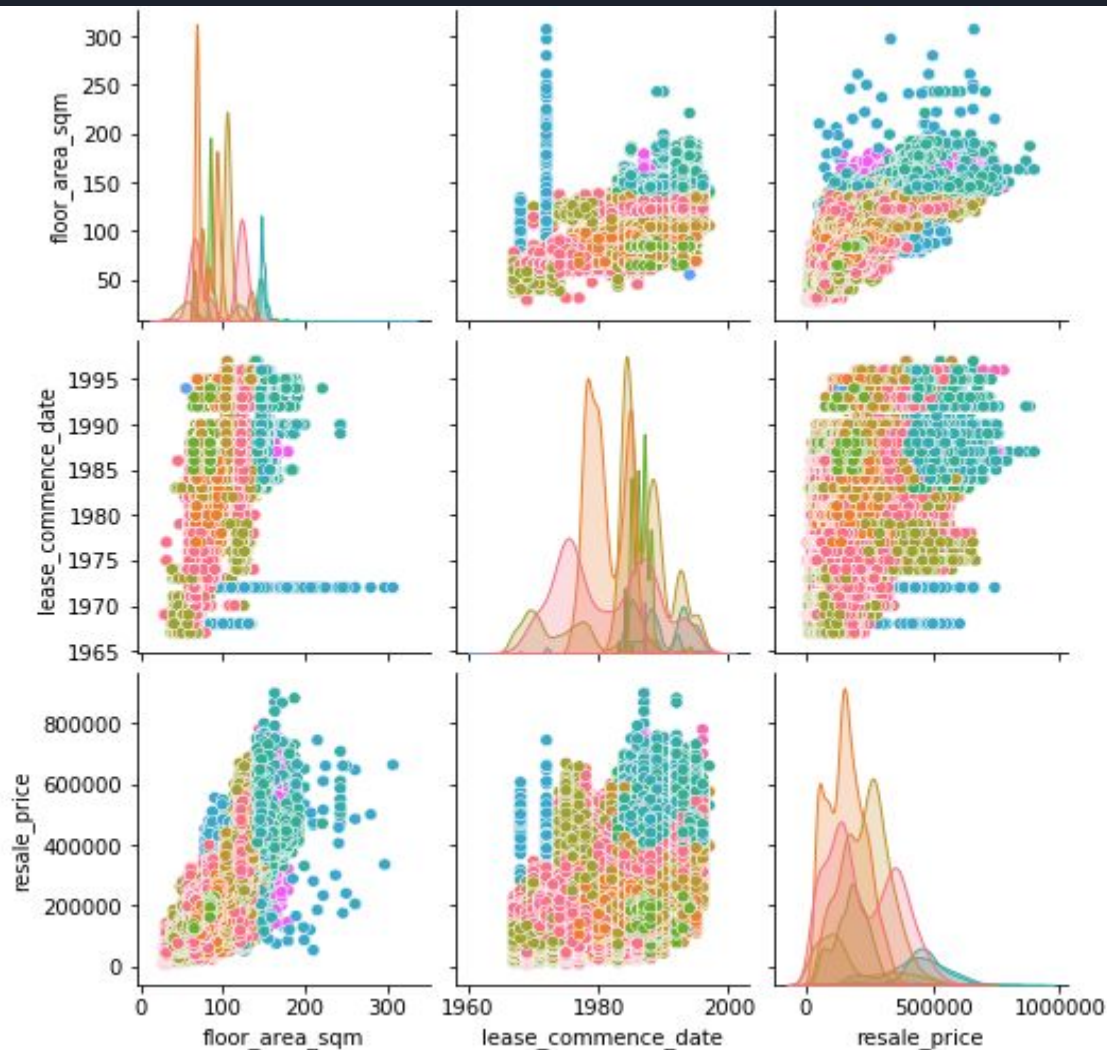
5 ) There is a spike for "3-ROOM" flat\_type for earlier lease\_commence\_year of 1980 which shows total flat area in sqm is maximum in that year for "3-ROOM" flat type floor area for "4 ROOM" and "5 ROOM" flat\_type is less than 150 sqm floor area for "1 ROOM" and "2 ROOM" flat\_type is less than 50 sqm.

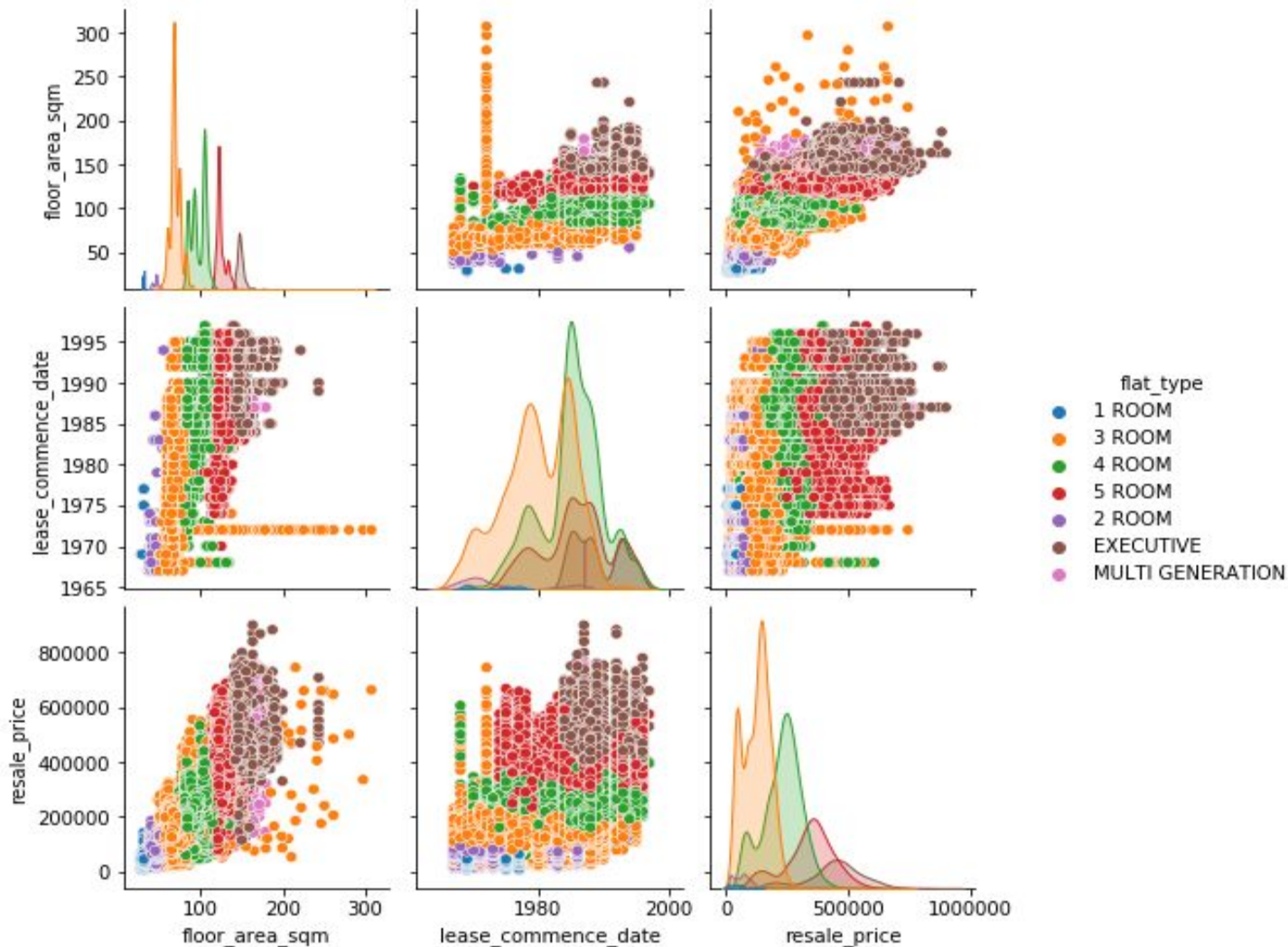
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- ❖ For the given dataset, resale\_price and floor\_area\_sqm are highly correlated.
  - ❖ Correlation is a statistical measure to explain the relationship between two or more than two variables which are used to predict the values of target variable.
  - ❖ If two variables or features are positively correlated with each other, it means when the value of one variable increases then the value of the other variable(s) also increases.
  - ❖ Box-plots (another way of visualizing and analysing data with min,max,25,50 and 75 percentile values)

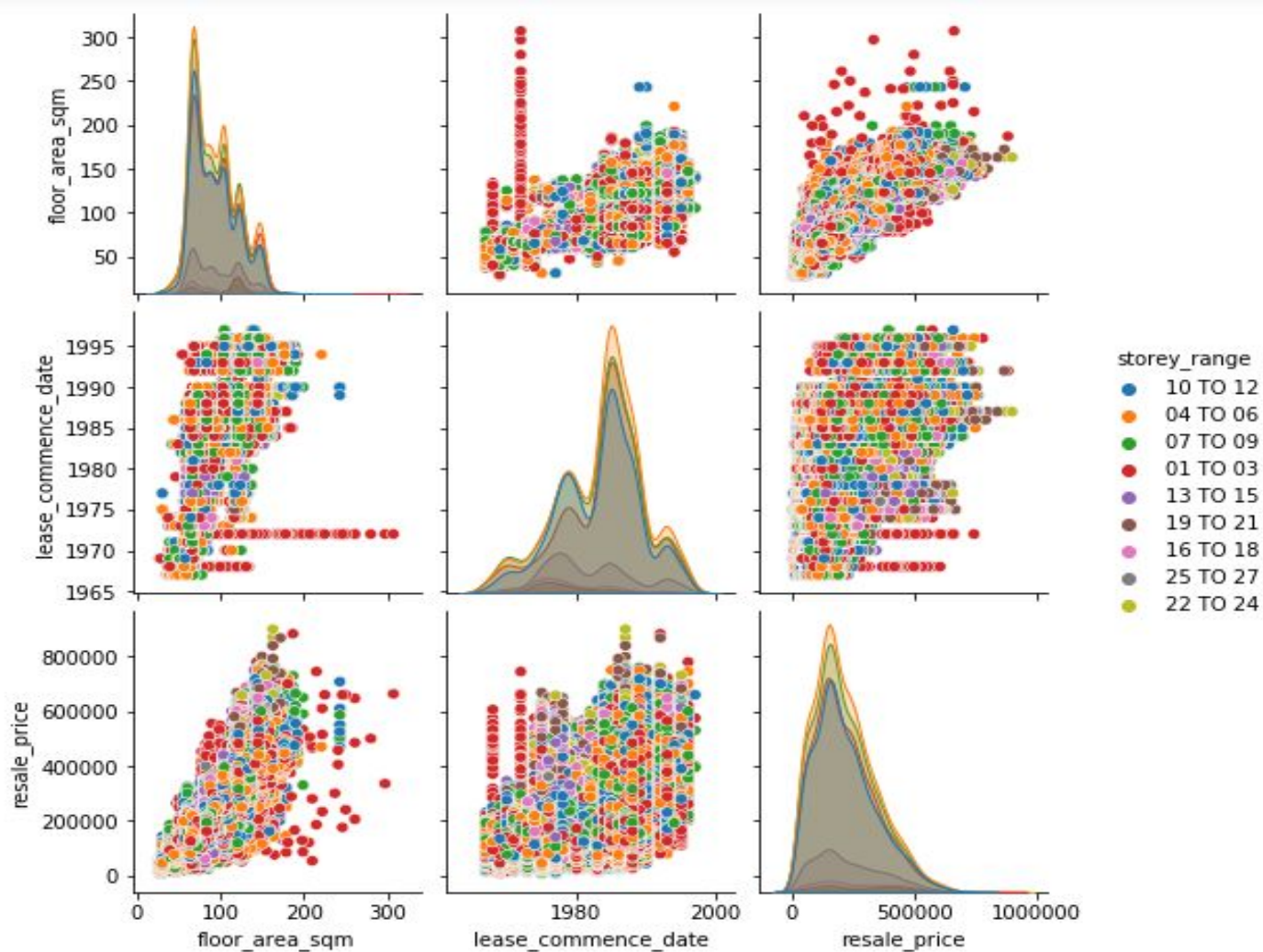








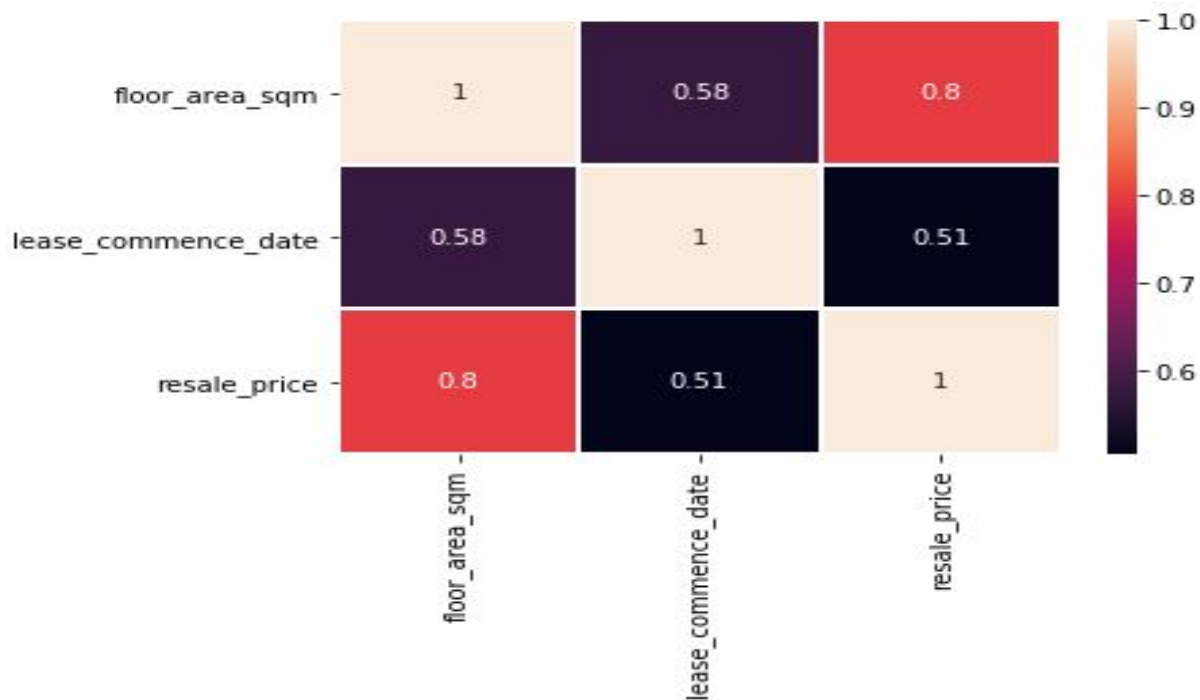




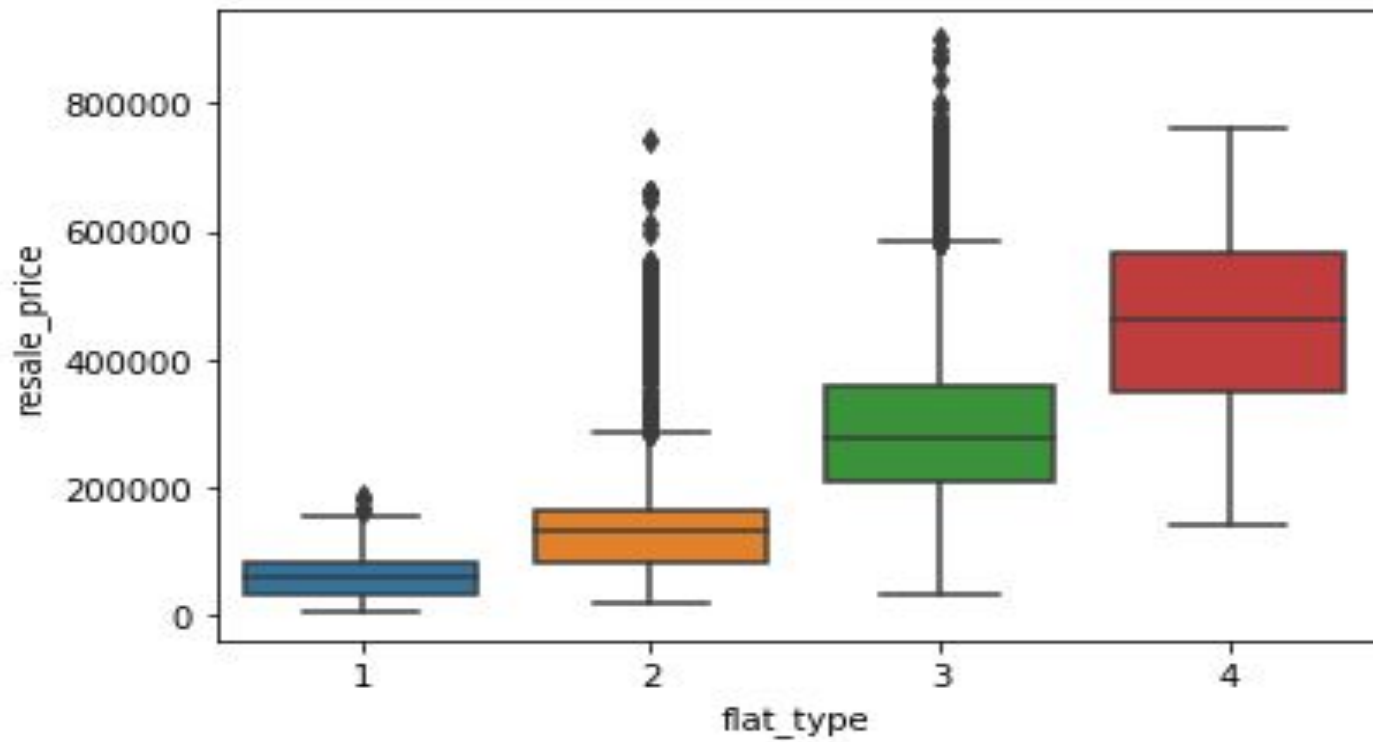
	floor_area_sqm	lease_commence_date	resale_price
floor_area_sqm	1.000000	0.578498	0.797008
lease_commence_date	0.578498	1.000000	0.505054
resale_price	0.797008	0.505054	1.000000

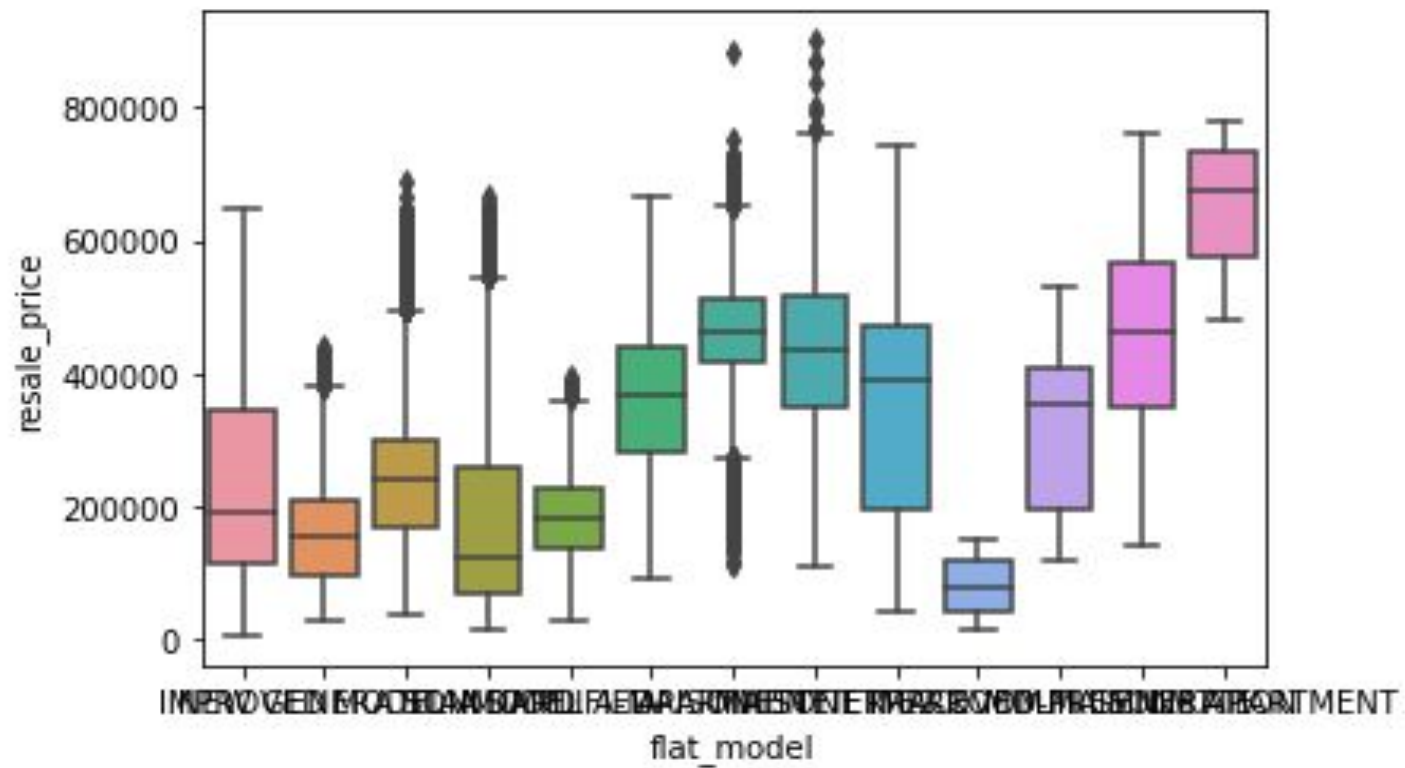
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1 sns.heatmap(dataset.corr(),annot=True,lw=1)
```

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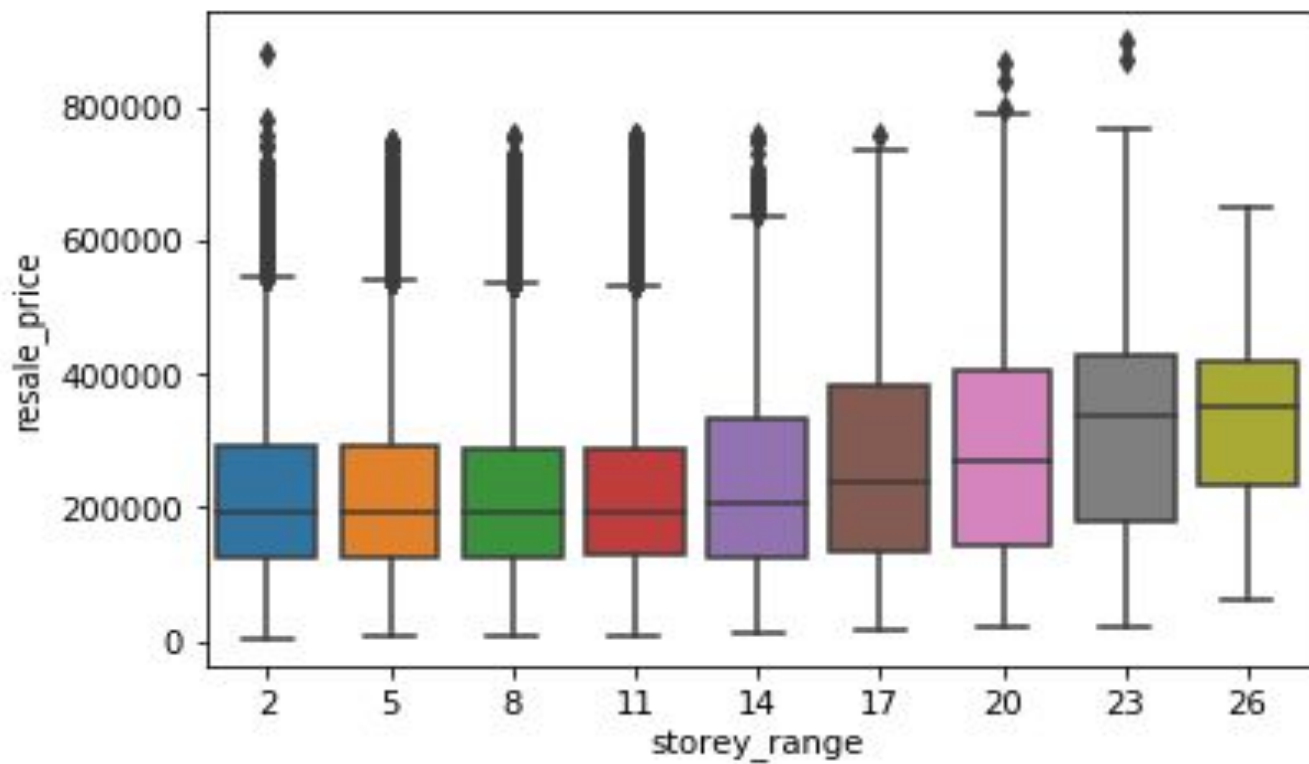


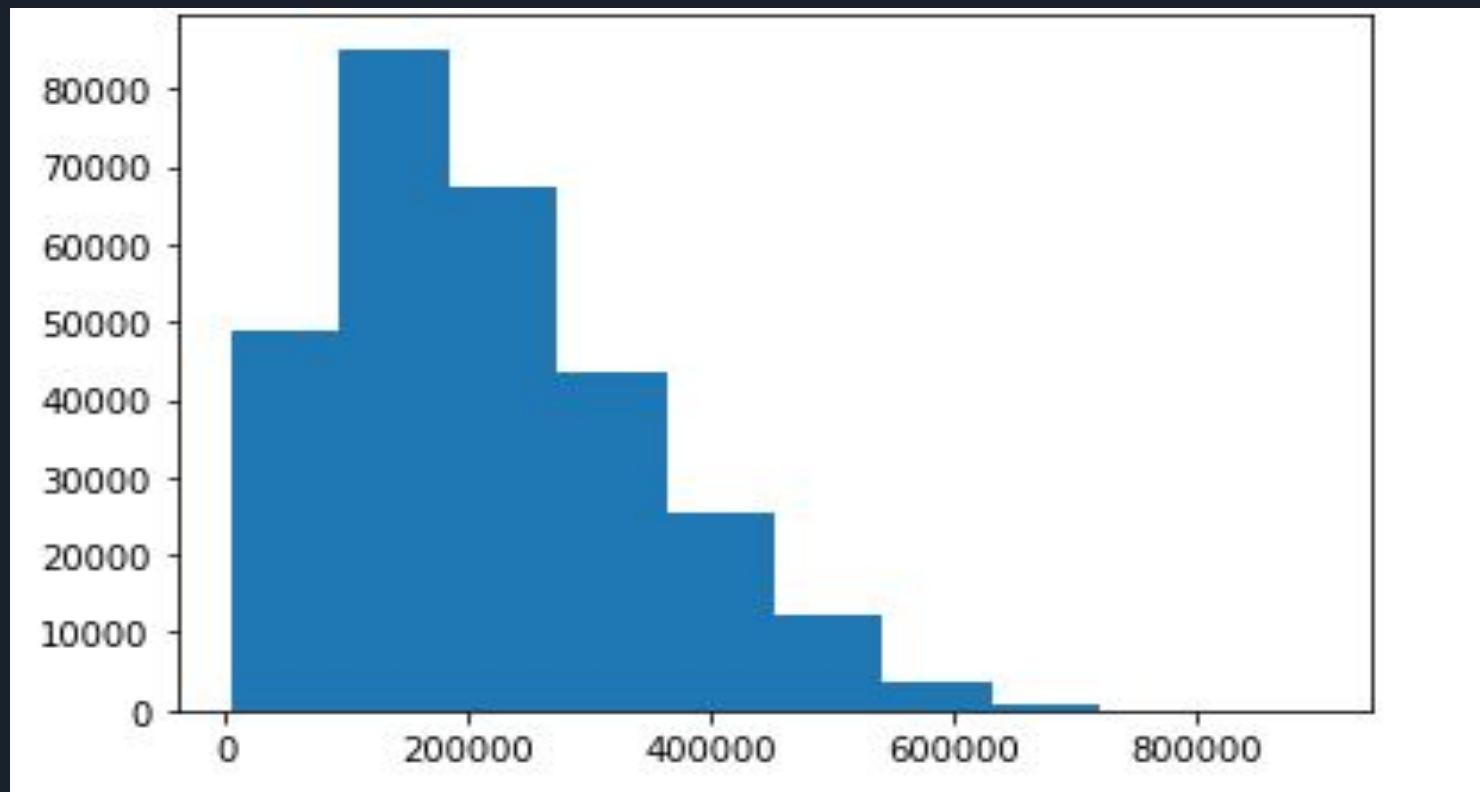


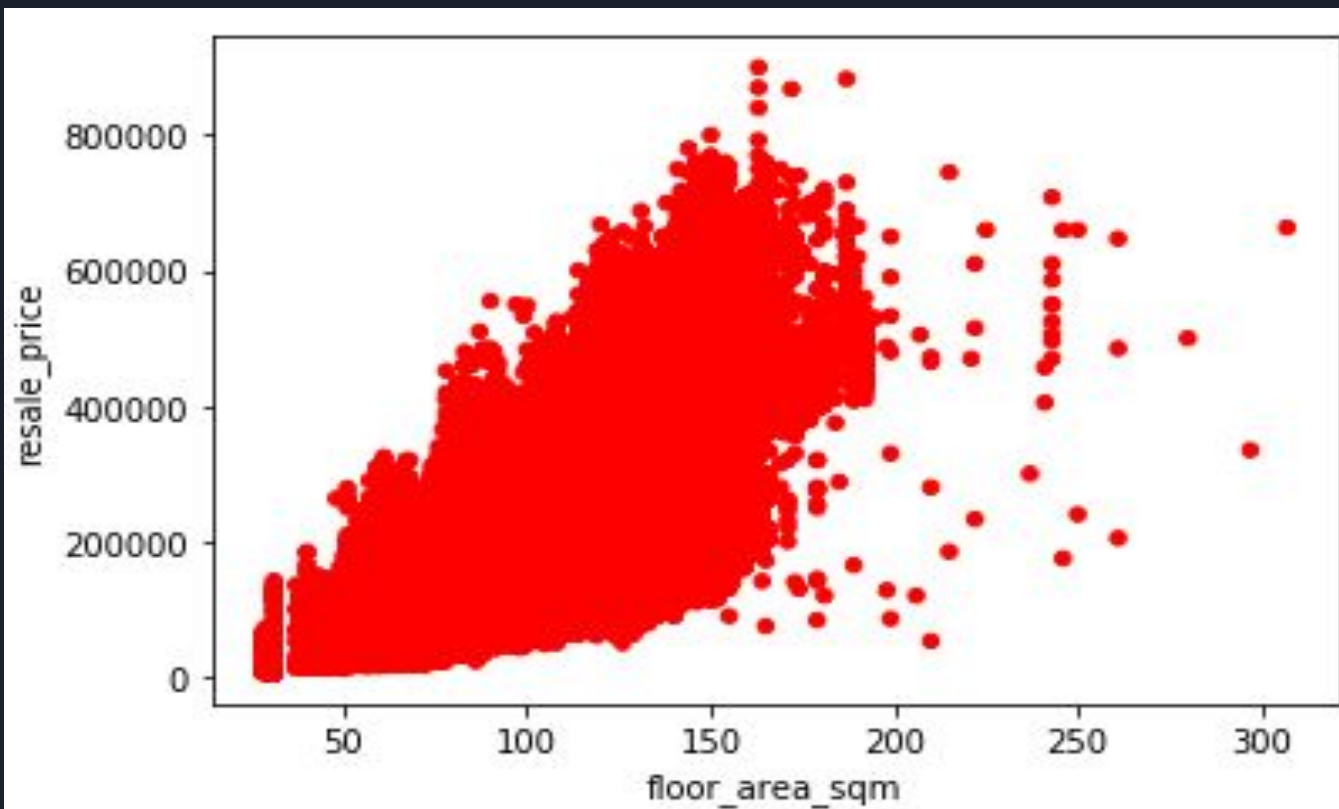


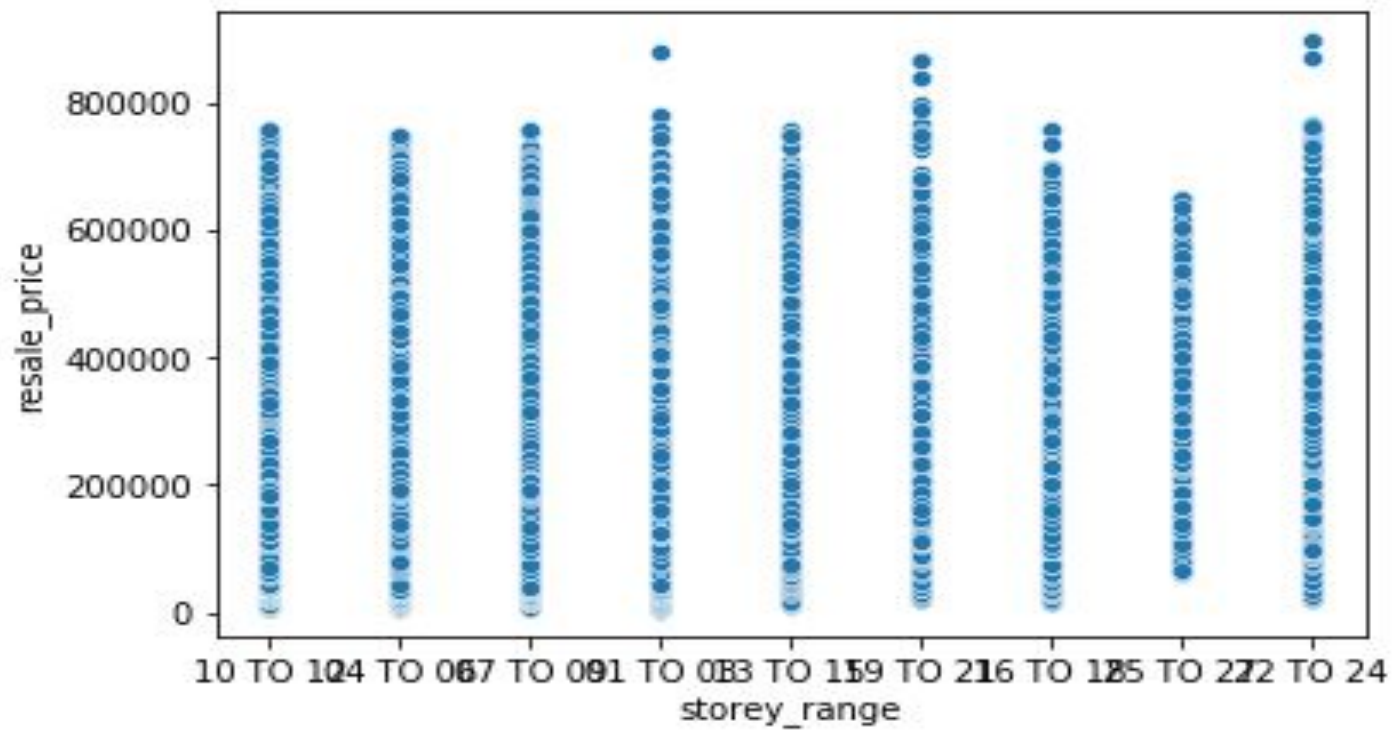


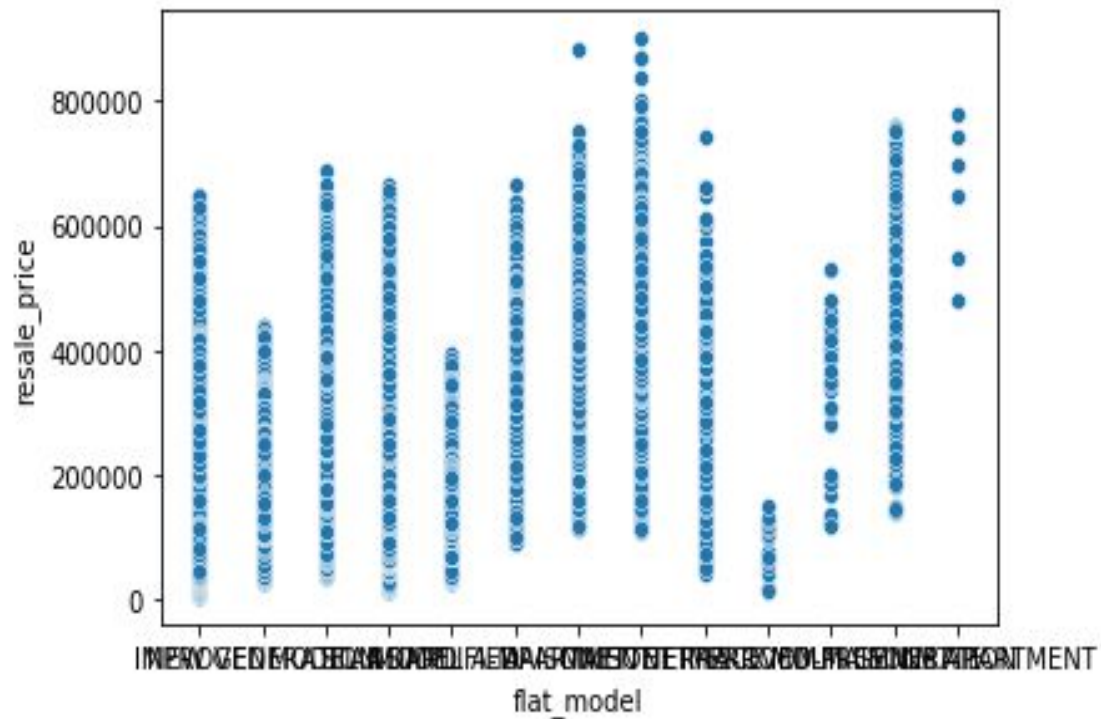


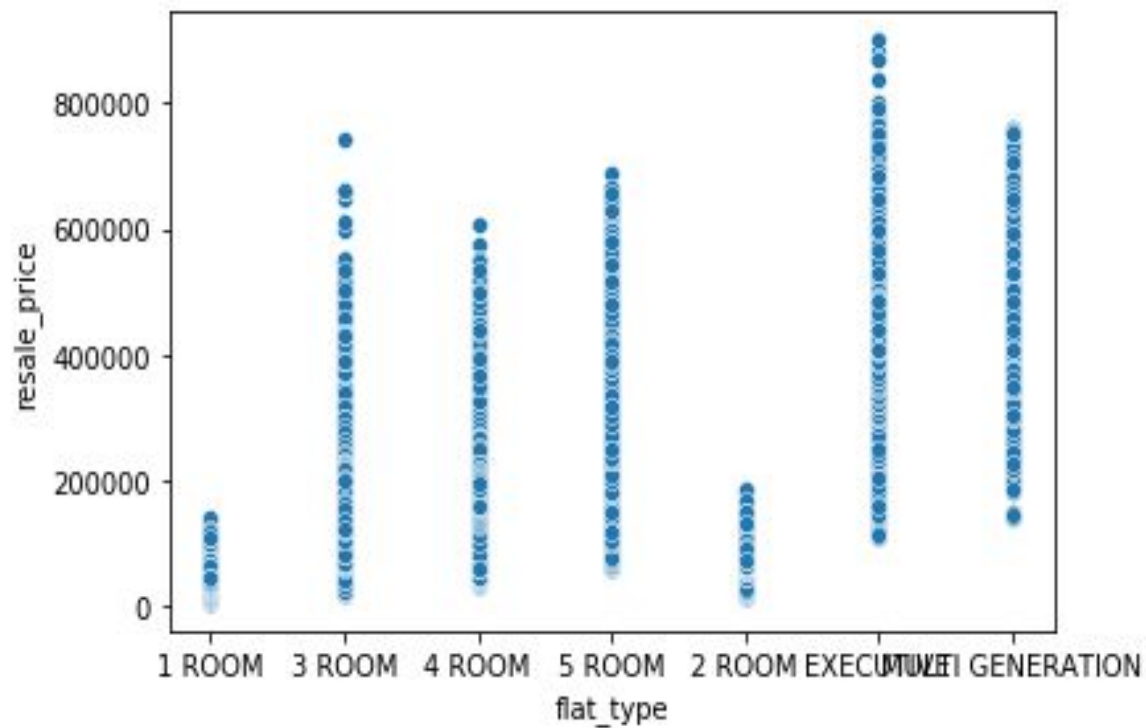














## On Adding latitude and longitude columns based on the address given in dataset


- ❖ As the record size is 287200 in the given dataset and there is a problem of time out if we use geopy library to convert given address into latitude and longitude. So, just to analyze the data, I have considered less record size with 1000 rows.
- ❖ I have made a single address column by concatenating 3 separate addresses as :

```
#dataset["address"] = dataset["town"] + " " + dataset["block"] + "  
" + dataset["street_name"]
```

resale_price	address	town	block	street_name	Full_Address	location	point	latitude	longitude
9000	ANG MO KIO 309 ANG MO KIO AVE 1	ANG MO KIO	309	ANG MO KIO AVE 1	309,ANG MO KIO AVE 1	(Ang Mo Kio Avenue 1, Ang Mo Kio, Singapore, C...	(1.3645119, 103.8420761, 0.0)	1.364512	103.842076
6000	ANG MO KIO 309 ANG MO KIO AVE 1	ANG MO KIO	309	ANG MO KIO AVE 1	309,ANG MO KIO AVE 1	(Ang Mo Kio Avenue 1, Ang Mo Kio, Singapore, C...	(1.3645119, 103.8420761, 0.0)	1.364512	103.842076
8000	ANG MO KIO 309 ANG MO KIO AVE 1	ANG MO KIO	309	ANG MO KIO AVE 1	309,ANG MO KIO AVE 1	(Ang Mo Kio Avenue 1, Ang Mo Kio, Singapore, C...	(1.3645119, 103.8420761, 0.0)	1.364512	103.842076
6000	ANG MO KIO 309 ANG MO KIO AVE 1	ANG MO KIO	309	ANG MO KIO AVE 1	309,ANG MO KIO AVE 1	(Ang Mo Kio Avenue 1, Ang Mo Kio, Singapore, C	(1.3645119, 103.8420761, 0.0)	1.364512	103.842076



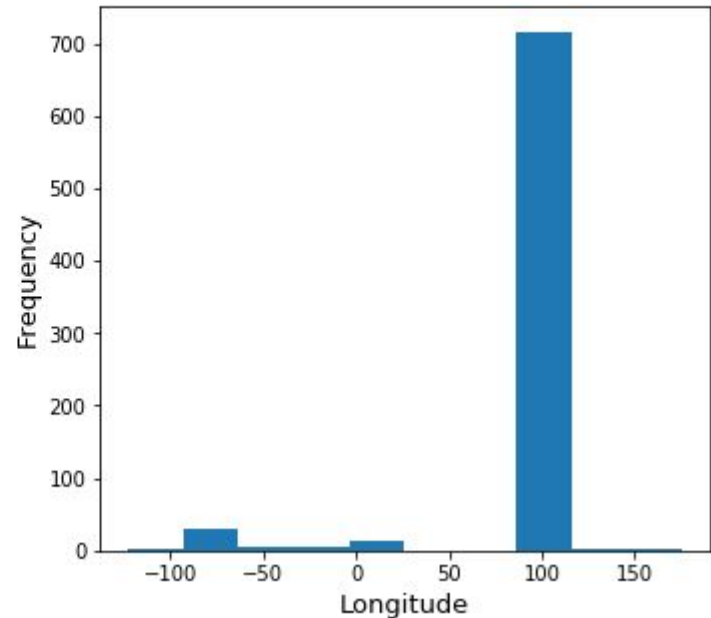
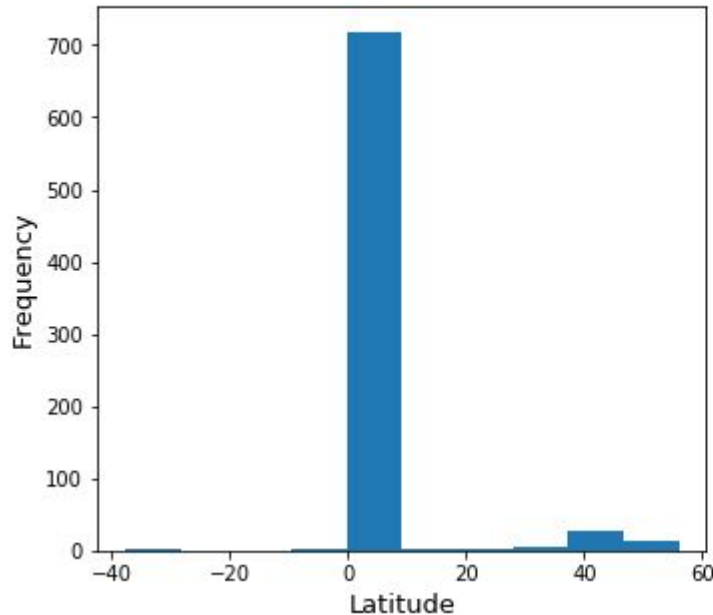
47200	ANG MO KIO 216 ANG MO KIO AVE 1	ANG MO KIO	216	ANG MO KIO AVE 1	216,ANG MO KIO AVE 1	Kio Avenue 1, Ang Mo Kio, Singapore, C...	(1.3645119, 103.8420761, 0.0)	1.364512	103.842076
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
45000	KALLANG/WHAMPOA 11 UPP BOON KENG RD	KALLANG/WHAMPOA	11	UPP BOON KENG RD	11,UPP BOON KENG RD	None	None	NaN	NaN
45700	KALLANG/WHAMPOA 98 WHAMPOA DR	KALLANG/WHAMPOA	98	WHAMPOA DR	98,WHAMPOA DR	(98, Whampoa Drive, Novena, Singapore, Central...	(1.32153335, 103.85413336456386, 0.0)	1.321533	103.854133
42000	KALLANG/WHAMPOA 98 WHAMPOA DR	KALLANG/WHAMPOA	98	WHAMPOA DR	98,WHAMPOA DR	(98, Whampoa Drive, Novena, Singapore, Central...	(1.32153335, 103.85413336456386, 0.0)	1.321533	103.854133
40000	KALLANG/WHAMPOA 65 KALLANG BAHRU	KALLANG/WHAMPOA	65	KALLANG BAHRU	65,KALLANG BAHRU	(65, Kallang Bahru, Kallang, Singapore, Centra...	(1.31986675, 103.86873851894754, 0.0)	1.319867	103.868739
44500	KALLANG/WHAMPOA 65 KALLANG BAHRU	KALLANG/WHAMPOA	65	KALLANG BAHRU	65,KALLANG BAHRU	(65, Kallang Bahru, Kallang, Singapore, Centra...	(1.31986675, 103.86873851894754, 0.0)	1.319867	103.868739

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- ❖ I have removed the Removing the undefined values in the form of 'NaN' :

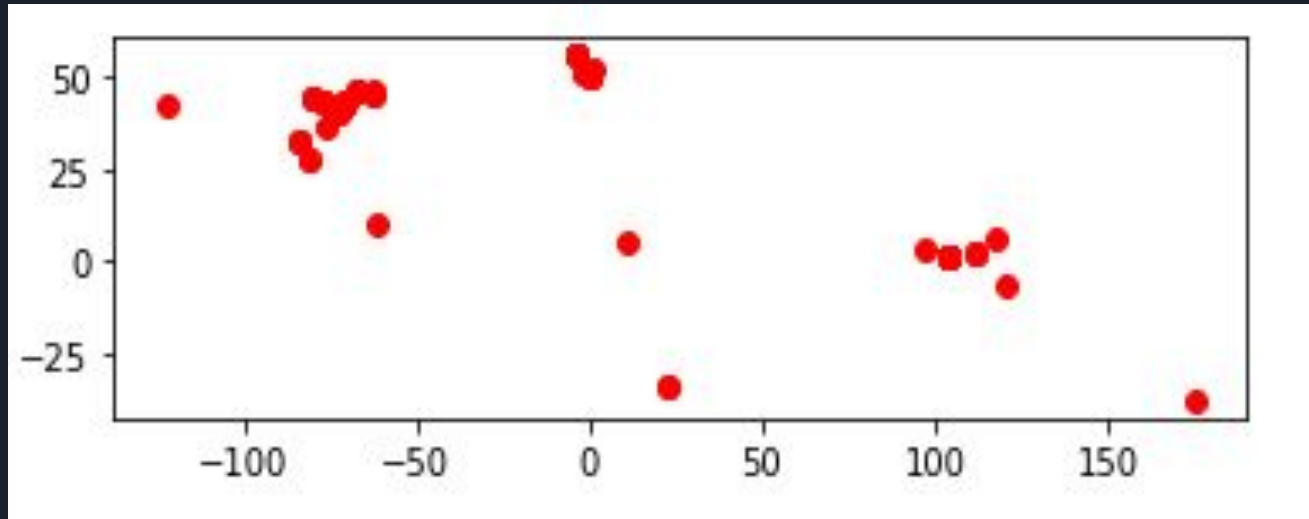
```
# new_dataset=modified_dataset.dropna()
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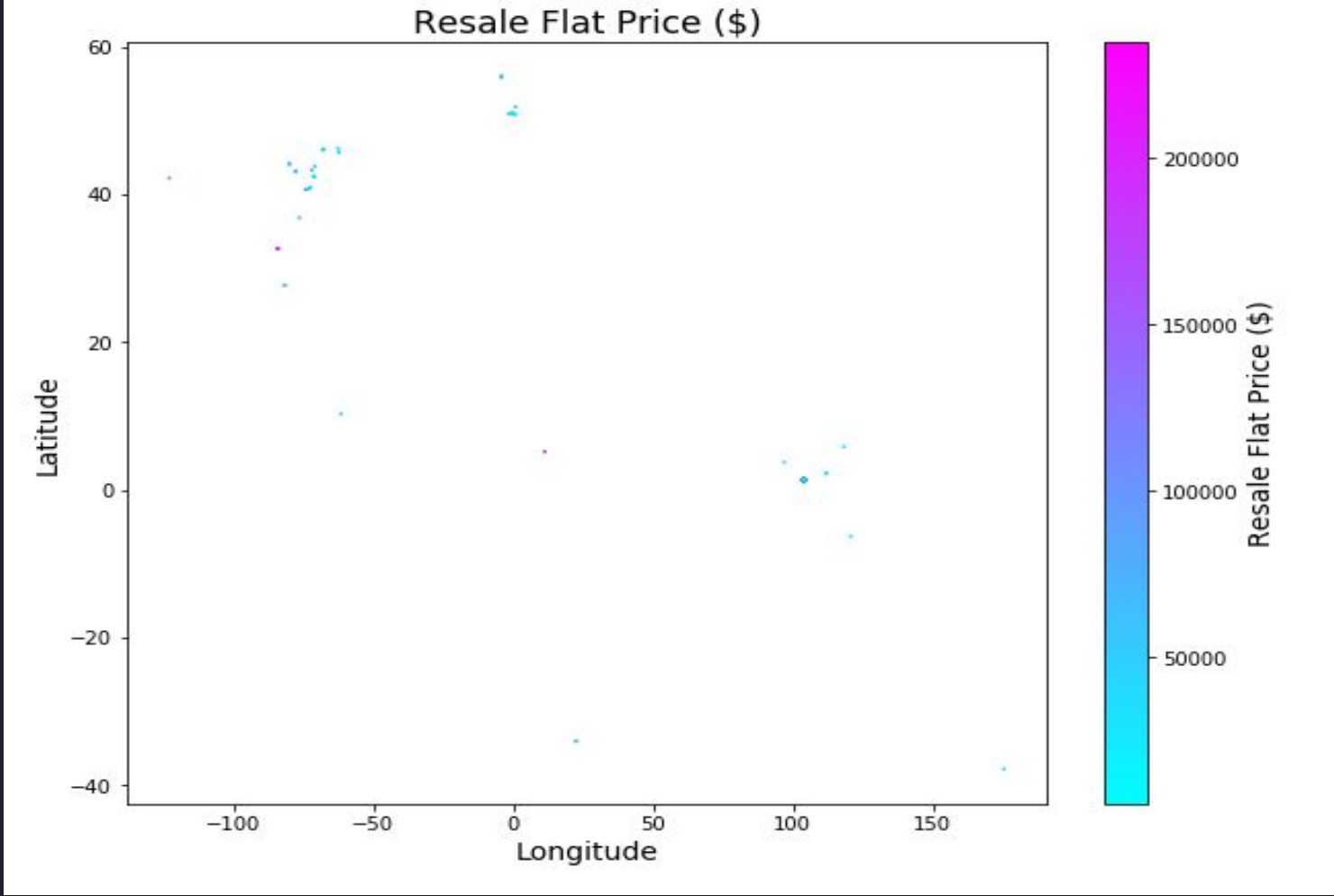
Now, We are going to see the common locations where the flats are placed.


Distributions of latitude and longitude in the Resale Flat Prices dataset




- ❖ With latitude range 0 to 10, maximum flats were sold and same for longitude around 100. So, these locations might be ideal location for flat sale in future also.





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- ❖ As we can see Locations for which longitude is between -100 to 50 and latitude between 30 to 50, Flat prices are below 5000\$.



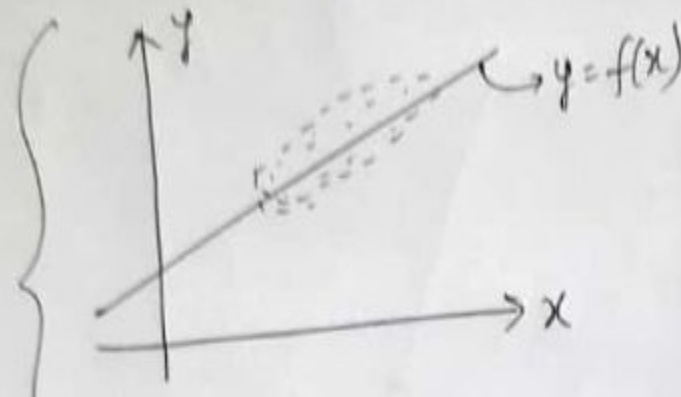
## Building the Model: Predicting the resale flat price

- ❖ Once we get a good fit, we will use this model to predict the sale price of the flat.
- ❖ I have used the Linear Regression model here to get the best fit hyperplane for the given datapoints.
- ❖ Equation of Best Fit Hyperplane:  $z^* = (A^T A)^{-1} A^T b$  for system of equations  $Az=b$ .
- ❖ where , vector  $b$  is not in plane of column vectors of matrix  $A$  and to get the approximate solution, we have to project the vector ' $b$ ' in the plane which is  $\hat{b}$  and so solving  $Az^* = \hat{b}$ , we get,  $z^* = (A^T A)^{-1} A^T b$ .

# Maths behind Linear Regression

## (\*) Regression Problem

Suppose, we are in 2-dimensional space & points are distributed like





→ We have to find the best fit line here to estimate new data point's labels.

i.e.  $y = mx_{\text{new}} + c$

So, we need to find slope "m" & intercept "c".

Consider 3 points which are not on the line

i.e.  $(x_1, y_1)$ ,  $(x_2, y_2)$ ,  $(x_3, y_3)$

unminimized

$$\begin{aligned} \text{f so,} \quad & mx_1 + c = y_1 \\ & mx_2 + c = y_2 \\ & mx_3 + c = y_3 \end{aligned} \quad \left. \vphantom{\begin{aligned} mx_1 + c = y_1 \\ mx_2 + c = y_2 \\ mx_3 + c = y_3 \end{aligned}} \right\} \text{Over determined system}$$

I can write this system of equations as:-

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} m \\ c \end{bmatrix}}_Z = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ y_3 \end{bmatrix}}_b$$

$\downarrow$                        $\downarrow$   
 say  $a_1$                   say  $a_2$

so  $A$

say  $\vec{a}_1$     say  $\vec{a}_2$

$\underbrace{\quad\quad\quad}_{\text{So } A}$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{AZ=b}$$

where,  $A = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & 1 \\ x_2 & 1 \\ x_3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = [a_1, a_2]$

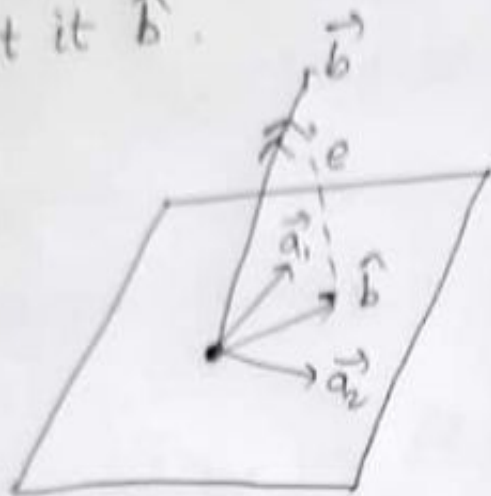
(  $A$  is not invertible &  $\vec{b}$  is not in the plane of  $\vec{a}_1$  &  $\vec{a}_2$ , so, no solution )

$\Rightarrow$  Relax / Approximate version of the Problem :

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$$(Az^* = \hat{b})$$

$\hookrightarrow$  Make Projection of  $\vec{b}$  in column space of  $\vec{A}$   
& say, it is  $\hat{b}$ .



Here,  $e = \vec{b} - \hat{b}$

$$\Rightarrow a_1^T e = 0 \text{ \& } a_2^T e = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \end{bmatrix}^T e = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow A^T e = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow A^T (\vec{b} - \hat{b}) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{A}^T \vec{b} = \vec{A}^T \hat{b}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{A} b = A^T (AZ^*)$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{Z^* = (A^T A)^{-1} A^T b}$$

It is invertible

(best fit line)

(\*) Using Optimization

$$f(m, c) = \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - mx_i - c)^2$$

$$= \|b - Az\|_2^2$$

$$= (b - Az)^T (b - Az)$$

$$f(z) = b^T b - b^T A z - z^T A^T b + z^T A^T A z$$

$$\Rightarrow f'(z) = 0 - A^T b - A^T b + 2 A^T A z$$

$$\Rightarrow A^T A z = A^T b \Rightarrow$$

$$z = (A^T A)^{-1} A^T b$$

It is the

$$\left\{ \begin{aligned} b &= A z^* \\ &= \underbrace{A(A^T A)^{-1} A^T}_{P \text{ (Projection matrix)}} b \\ &\quad (P^2 = P) \end{aligned} \right.$$



Thank You !