RE-CELL — USED PHONES PRICING STRATEGY MACHINE LEARNING(SUPERVISED LEARNING)

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The regression analysis conducted for Re-Cell, a key player in the used mobile phone market, revealed significant factors influencing the normalized used price.

Screen size, camera specifications, internal memory, RAM, years since release, brand names, and connectivity features were found to impact prices.

Leveraging these insights, Re-Cell can optimize pricing, develop feature-rich devices with competitive new prices, and capitalize on trusted brand associations. Integrating the latest connectivity options, including 5G, can enhance market competitiveness.

These findings empower Re-Cell to make informed decisions and maximize value in the used mobile phone market.



BUSINESS PROBLEM

ReCell, a startup operating in the used and refurbished device market, is the need to develop a dynamic pricing strategy for their products.

The objective is to leverage machine learning (ML) techniques, specifically building a linear regression model, to predict the price of used phones and tablets. Furthermore, ReCell aims to identify the key factors that significantly influence the pricing of these devices.

By solving this problem, ReCell can optimize their pricing decisions, improve profitability, and gain a competitive advantage in the growing market of used and refurbished devices.





SOLUTION APPROACH

The Re-Cell project involves developing a dynamic pricing strategy for used and refurbished devices.

The solution approach includes exploratory data analysis (EDA) to understand the data, data preprocessing for cleaning and feature engineering, and building a linear regression model to predict device prices.

Assumptions of the linear regression model are tested, and the model's performance is evaluated using various metrics.

Actionable insights and recommendations are provided based on the model's results.





DATA OVERVIEW

The data is collected from 2021 and contains different attributes of used devices. The description of each variable is given below. The dependent variable is the new price whilst the rest are all independent variables.

- brand_name: Name of manufacturing brand
- · os: OS on which the device runs
- screen_size: Size of the screen in cm
- 4g: Whether 4G is available or not
- 5g: Whether 5G is available or not
- · main_camera_mp: Resolution of the rear camera in megapixels
- selfie_camera_mp: Resolution of the front camera in megapixels
- int_memory: Amount of internal memory (ROM) in GB

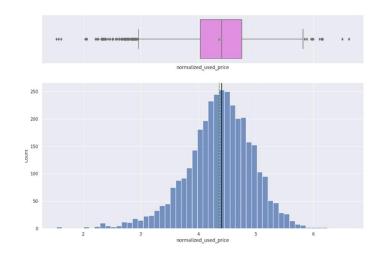
- · ram: Amount of RAM in GB
- battery: Energy capacity of the device battery in mAh
- · weight: Weight of the device in grams
- release_year: Year when the device model was released
- days_used: Number of days the used/refurbished device has been used
- normalized_new_price: Normalized price of a new device of the same model in euros
- normalized_used_price: Normalized price of the used/refurbished device in euros

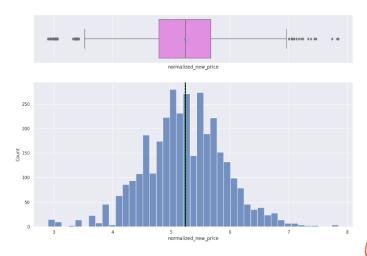
First 5 rows of data

| br | and_name | 05 | screen_size | 4g | 5g | main_camera_mp | selfie_camera_mp | int_memory | ram | battery | weight | release_year | days_used | normalized_used_price | normalized_new_price |
|----|----------|---------|-------------|-----|-----|----------------|------------------|------------|-----|---------|--------|--------------|-----------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 0 | Honor | Android | 14.50 | yes | no | 13.0 | 5.0 | 64.0 | 3.0 | 3020.0 | 146.0 | 2020 | 127 | 4.307572 | 4.715100 |
| 1 | Honor | Android | 17.30 | yes | yes | 13.0 | 16.0 | 128.0 | 8.0 | 4300.0 | 213.0 | 2020 | 325 | 5.162097 | 5.519018 |
| 2 | Honor | Android | 16.69 | yes | yes | 13.0 | 8.0 | 128.0 | 8.0 | 4200.0 | 213.0 | 2020 | 162 | 5.111084 | 5.884631 |
| 3 | Honor | Android | 25.50 | yes | yes | 13.0 | 8.0 | 64.0 | 6.0 | 7250.0 | 480.0 | 2020 | 345 | 5.135387 | 5.630961 |
| 4 | Honor | Android | 15.32 | yes | no | 13.0 | 8.0 | 64.0 | 3.0 | 5000.0 | 185.0 | 2020 | 293 | 4.389995 | 4.947837 |

EDA - UNIVARIATE(PRICES)

- The used price follows a normal distribution with a mean of roughly 4.5 euros.
- Almost 75% of used cells cost more than 4 euros and there are outliers mostly below the minimum.
- The new price seems to follow a bi- or tri-modal distribution.
- Most of the new cells cost more than the used cells.

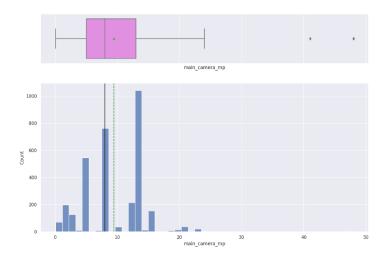




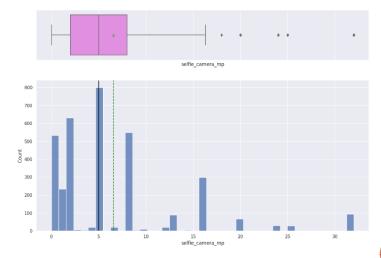


EDA - UNIVARIATE(CAMERA RESOLUTION)

- The main camera's resolution seems to have 3 common values.
- Most of the cell's have a main camera with a resolution less than 10 mega pixels.



- The selfie camera's resolution also seems to have a few commonly occurring values with some cells having very large resolutions on their selfie cameras.
- As expected, the resolution of a selfie camera is generally lesser than that of the main camera.

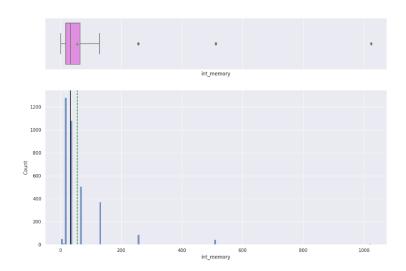


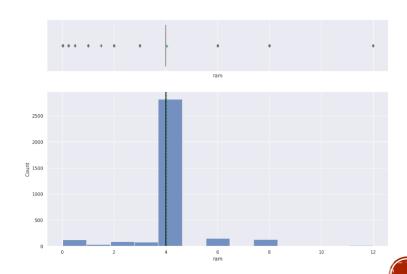


EDA - UNIVARIATE(MEMORY/RAM)

- Most cells have a low internal memory but a few have an incredibly large memory.
- There are 5 fixed values of internal memory a cell can take.

- Most cells have 4GB of RAM.
- A few cells have more than 6 GB of RAM.



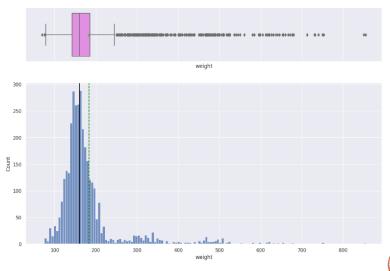


EDA - UNIVARIATE(BATTERY/WEIGHT)

- The cell's battery follows a tri-modal like distribution with a lot of outliers above the maximum.
- Most cells have at least 2000mAh of battery capacity.
 - battery

 500
 200
 200
 200
 400
 500
 800
 1000

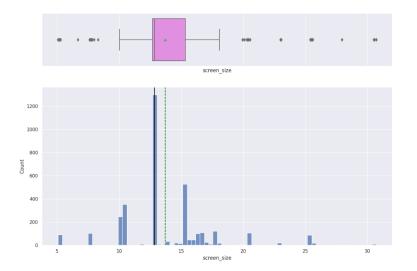
- The weight of the cells has a right skewness to it with a lot of outliers above the maximum.
- Most cells weigh less than 200g.



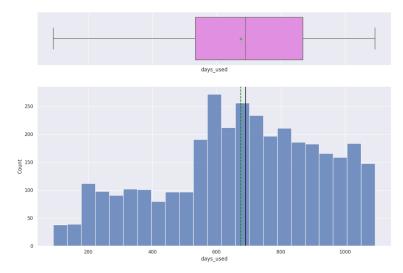


EDA - UNIVARIATE(SCREEN SIZE/DAYS USED)

- The cell's screen sizes are segregated into different set of values.
- The most common screen size is around 13 cm.



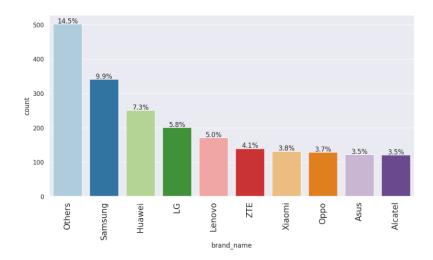
- The days used follows a slightly left skew with an average of roughly 700 days.
- People use their cells for mostly 600-800 days.



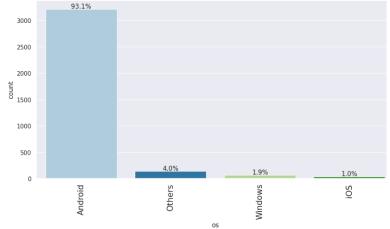


EDA - UNIVARIATE(BRAND/OS)

- A third of cells are either Samsung, Huawei, LG, Lenovo or ZTE.
- Surprisingly, Apple does not make up even 3.5% of all cells.



- Almost all cells use an Android OS, while only 1% of cells use an iOS.
- Other Operating Systems are used more by cells than Windows or iOS.

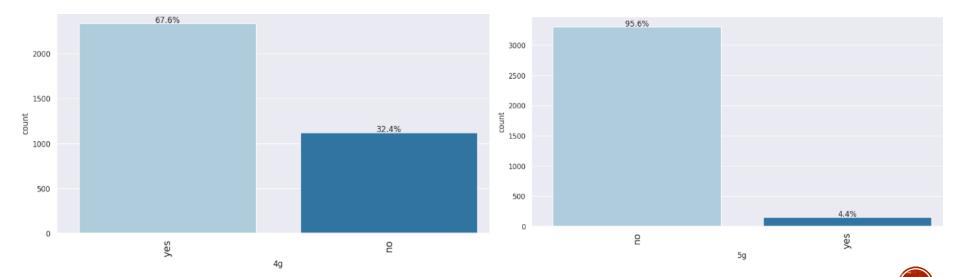




EDA - UNIVARIATE(4G/5G)

More than two thirds of the cells have 4G capability.

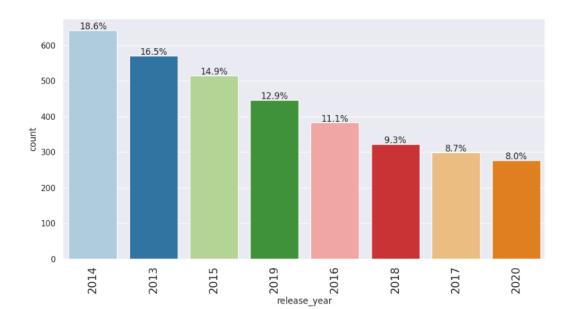
• Less than 5% of cells have 5G capability.



EDA - UNIVARIATE(RELEASE YEAR)

- Almost 50% of cells were released before 2015.
- 2014, 2013 had the most releases.

- Only 8% of cells were released in 2020.
- There seems to be no linear trend in the way cells were released as time passed.





EDA — BIVARIATE(CORRELATION)

- Expectedly, Battery and Weight have the strongest positive correlation with screen size.
- The number of days a user uses the cell tends to affect selfie camera resolution more than the main camera's resolution.
- The weakest correlation is between the screen size of a cell and it's internal memory.
- The used and new prices tend to have strong positive correlation.

| screen_size | 1.00 | 0.15 | 0.27 | 0.07 | 0.27 | 0.81 | 0.83 | -0.29 | 0.61 | 0.46 |
|--------------------|-------------|----------------|------------------|------------|-------|---------|--------|-----------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| main_camera_mp | 0.15 | 1.00 | 0.43 | 0.02 | 0.26 | 0.25 | -0.09 | -0.14 | 0.59 | 0.54 |
| selfie_camera_mp | 0.27 | 0.43 | 1.00 | 0.30 | 0.48 | 0.37 | -0.00 | | 0.61 | 0.48 |
| int_memory | 0.07 | 0.02 | 0.30 | 1.00 | 0.12 | 0.12 | 0.01 | -0.24 | 0.19 | 0.20 |
| ram | 0.27 | 0.26 | 0.48 | 0.12 | 1.00 | 0.28 | 0.09 | -0.28 | 0.52 | 0.53 |
| battery | 0.81 | 0.25 | 0.37 | 0.12 | 0.28 | 1.00 | 0.70 | -0.37 | 0.61 | 0.47 |
| weight | 0.83 | -0.09 | -0.00 | 0.01 | 0.09 | | 1.00 | -0.07 | 0.38 | 0.27 |
| days_used | -0.29 | -0.14 | -0.55 | -0.24 | -0.28 | -0.37 | -0.07 | 1.00 | -0.36 | -0.22 |
| malized_used_price | 0.61 | 0.59 | 0.61 | 0.19 | 0.52 | 0.61 | 0.38 | -0.36 | 1.00 | 0.83 |
| rmalized_new_price | 0.46 | 0.54 | 0.48 | 0.20 | 0.53 | 0.47 | 0.27 | -0.22 | 0.83 | 1.00 |
| | screen_size | main_camera_mp | selfie_camera_mp | int_memory | man | battery | weight | days_used | normalized_used_price | normalized_new_price |

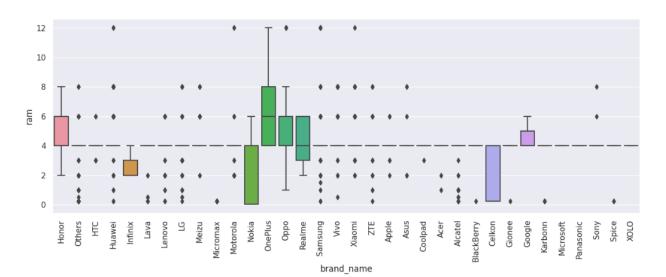


- -0.25

EDA — BIVARIATE(RAM OF BRANDS)

- OnePlus cells have a minimum RAM of 4GB but it varies all the way up to 12GB.
- All of Celkon's cells have less than 4GB of RAM.
- Honor cells have a large variation from 2GB to 8GB of RAM.

- Most of Nokia's cells have less than 4GB of RAM.
- Apple cells do not posses more than 6GB of RAM.
- Only 5 brands have cells that posses 12GB of RAM.

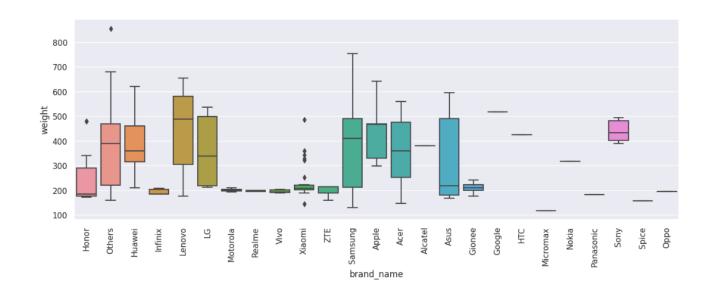




EDA — BIVARIATE(WEIGHT OF BRANDS FOR LARGE BATTERIES)

- Samsung cells have the largest variation in the weight of cells for large batteries.
- Apple's least weighing large battery cell is 300g.
- MicroMax has the lightest large battery cell.

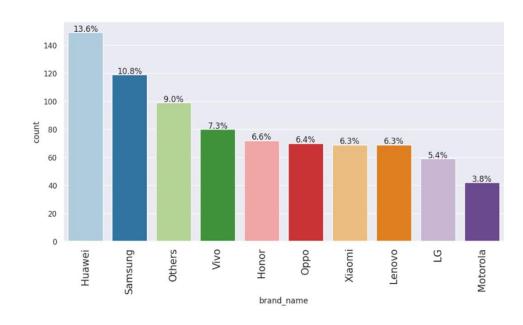
- Sony cells with large batteries weigh at least 400g.
- The heaviest large battery cell is almost a kilo.





EDA — BIVARIATE(BRANDS BY LARGE SCREEN SIZE)

- Most cells with large screens are Huawei's and Samsung's.
- The other brands seem to have more small size screen than large ones.
- Apple does not feature on the list possible suggesting they posses mainly small screens.
- A third of cells with large screens are from 4 brands.



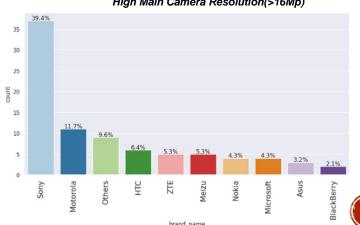


EDA — BIVARIATE(BRANDS BY CAMERA RESOLUTIONS)

- 13% of cells that have an 8 Megapixel or greater selfie camera are Huawei's.
- Vivo and Oppo also have many cells with selfie cameras with a resolution larger than 8 Megapixels.
- Surprisingly, brands with high selfie camera resolutions do not seem to have high main camera resolutions.

High Selfie Camera Resolution(>8Mp) 13.3% 80 11.5% 60 20 Vivo Honor Others oddc Xiaomi Meizu

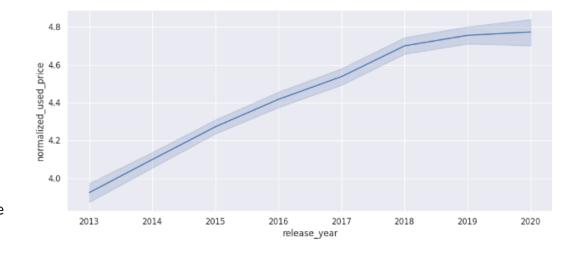
- Sony has the most cells with a main camera resolution of more than 16 Megapixels.
- Apple does not feature on the list of high selfie camera or high main camera resolutions.
- Motorola seems to be the only brand that has cells with both a large selfie and main camera resolution.



High Main Camera Resolution(>16Mp)

EDA — BIVARIATE(PRICE OVER TIME)

- The used price has tended to increase steadily from 2013 to 2018.
- The increase in prices slowed down post 2018.
- There has almost been a Euro increase in prices of used cells in just 7 years.
- Every year, the price of used cells has gone up by roughly 0.2 Euros.

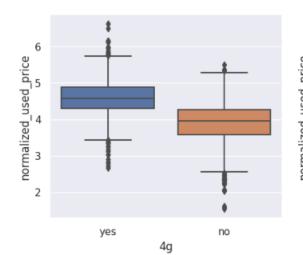


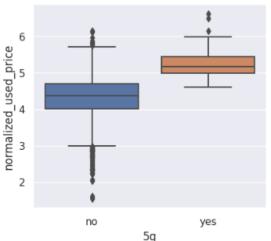


EDA — BIVARIATE(PRICE BY 4G/5G NETWORK)

- Cells with 4G Networks cost almost a Euro more than cells with no 4G Networks.
- 50% of cells with 4G networks cost between 4 to 5 Euros.
- 75% of cells with no 4G network cost less than roughly
 4.2 Euros.

- The median price of a cell with 4G network is the minimum price of a cell with 5G network.
- Most cells with 5G network cost more than 5 Euros.
- There is large variation in prices of cells that do not posses 5G network.







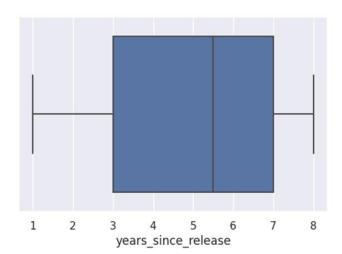
DATA PRE-PROCESSING — MISSING/DUPLICATE VALUE

- Missing values in data are first imputed with column medians grouped by release year and brand name,
 but the main and selfie camera, battery and weight still have missing values.
- The remaining missing values are imputed with column medians grouped by Brand Name. This time,
 only the main camera still has missing values in it.
- The remaining missing values in the main camera variable will be imputed with the median of values from the main camera column. Now, none of the variables have a missing variable.
- There are no duplicate records in the dataset.



DATA PRE-PROCESSING — FEATURE ENGINEERING

- A new column called 'Years since Release' is created from the release year column.
- The baseline for the year of data collection is taken as 2021.
- The year since release is 2021 minus the release year.
- The original release year column is dropped.
- The average is 5 years since release.

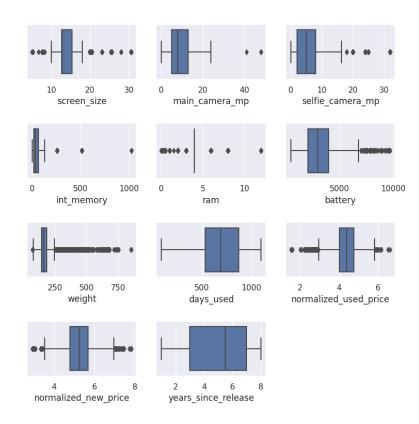


| count | 3454.000000 |
|-------|-------------|
| mean | 5.034742 |
| std | 2.298455 |
| min | 1.000000 |
| 25% | 3.000000 |
| 50% | 5.500000 |
| 75% | 7.000000 |
| max | 8.000000 |



DATA PRE-PROCESSING — OUTLIER CHECK

- Outliers can be seen in most of the variables.
- Only the release year and days used variables do not have outliers.
- Outliers will not be treated or excluded because it could lead to a loss of important information.





DATA PRE-PROCESSING — DATA PREP FOR MODELLING

- The normalized used price needs to be predicted for Re-Cell.
- The categorical features (Brand/OS/4G/5G)
 are encoded into binary units (1 for yes & 0 for no).
- The data will be split 70:30 into train and test to evaluate the model built on the train data.(2417 rows in train data & 1037 in test data).
 - A regression model will be built on the train data and it's performance will be assessed.

 const
 screen_size
 main_camera_mp
 selfie_camera_mp
 int_memory
 ram
 battery
 weight
 years_since_release
 day_used
 normalized_new_price
 brand_name_Alcatel
 brand_name_Apple
 brand_name_Asus
 brand_name_Asus</th

Top 5 rows of data with encoded Categorical Variables



MODEL BUILDING — OLS MODEL 1

- The coefficients of the initial model can be seen on the figure to the right.
- The model can explain approximately 85% of the variation in the dependent variable which is very good.
- The adjusted R-squared value of 0.846 further confirms that the model's fit is not artificially inflated by excessive predictors, providing a more reliable assessment of its performance.

| OLS Regression Results | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Dep. Variable: Model: | normalized_used_price OLS | R-squared: Adj. R-squared: | 0.849 0.846 | | | | | | |
| Method: | Least Squares | F-statistic: | 277.1 | | | | | | |
| Date: | Thu, 11 May 2023 | Prob (F-statistic): | 0.00 | | | | | | |
| Time: | 17:48:55 | Log-Likelihood: | 125.15 | | | | | | |
| No. Observations: | 2417 | AIC: | -152.3 | | | | | | |
| Df Residuals: | 2368 | BIC: | 131.4 | | | | | | |
| Df Model: | 48 | | | | | | | | |
| Covariance Type: | nonrobust | | | | | | | | |

| | coef |
|-----------------------|------------|
| | |
| const | 1.4172 |
| screen_size | 0.0295 |
| main_camera_mp | 0.0232 |
| selfie_camera_mp | 0.0116 |
| int_memory | 0.0002 |
| ran | 0.0305 |
| battery | -1.665e-05 |
| weight | 0.0008 |
| years_since_release | -0.0255 |
| days_used | 3.376e-05 |
| normalized_new_price | 0.4104 |
| brand_name_Alcatel | -0.0804 |
| brand_name_Apple | -0.0438 |
| brand_name_Asus | 0.0068 |
| brand_name_BlackBerry | 0.0312 |
| brand_name_Celkon | -0.2372 |
| brand_name_Coolpad | -0.0308 |
| brand_name_Gionee | -0.0130 |
| brand_name_Google | -0.1192 |
| brand_name_HTC | -0.0403 |
| brand_name_Honor | -0.0478 |
| brand_name_Huawei | -0.0599 |
| brand_name_Infinix | 0.1338 |
| brand_name_Karbonn | -0.0592 |
| brand_name_LG | -0.0608 |
| brand_name_Lava | -0.0230 |
| brand_name_Lenovo | -0.0364 |
| brand_name_Meizu | -0.0860 |
| brand_name_Micromax | -0.0645 |
| brand_name_Microsoft | 0.0749 |
| brand_name_Motorola | -0.0686 |
| brand_name_Nokia | 0.0380 |
| brand_name_OnePlus | -0.0384 |
| brand_name_Oppo | -0.0294 |
| brand_name_Others | -0.0679 |
| brand_name_Panasonic | -0.0427 |
| brand_name_Realme | -0.0359 |
| brand_name_Samsung | -0.0617 |
| brand_name_Sony | -0.0756 |
| brand_name_Spice | -0.0356 |
| brand_name_Vivo | -0.0644 |
| brand_name_XOLO | -0.0781 |
| brand_name_Xiaomi | 0.0325 |
| brand_name_ZTE | -0.0460 |
| os_Others | -0.0604 |
| os_Windows | -0.0374 |
| os_10S | -0.0141 |
| 4g_yes | 0.0406 |
| Sg_yes | -0.0916 |



LINEAR REGRESSION ASSUMPTIONS

The following linear regression assumptions will be checked:

- Multicollinearity
- Linearity of Variables
- Independence of residuals
- Normality of residuals
- No heteroscedasticity



LINEAR REGRESSION ASSUMPTIONS - MULTICOLLINEARITY

Multicollinearity is checked via the VIF. Variables with a VIF > 5 will be dropped carefully. As the variables are dropped, the Adjusted R-squared and RMSE metrics of the models are assessed. The variables that cause these metrics on the model to change the least will be dropped, and the VIF scores for all variables will be checked. The final model will contain all variables with a VIF score < 5.

The first VIF test produced 9 variables with VIF scores > 5 as shown to the right.

| | feature | VIF |
|----|--------------------|------------|
| 0 | const | 232.676933 |
| 1 | screen_size | 8.262147 |
| 7 | weight | 6.417982 |
| 12 | brand_name_Apple | 11.195090 |
| 21 | brand_name_Huawei | 6.395779 |
| 24 | brand_name_LG | 5.354573 |
| 34 | brand_name_Others | 10.833481 |
| 37 | brand_name_Samsung | 8.013571 |
| 46 | os_i0S | 10.037221 |

The change in the Adj. R-squared and RMSE metrics on the model by dropping each of these columns is shown below. 'os iOS' is dropped because it is related to Apple. 'Weight' is dropped because it relates to screen size, and 'Other Brands' is dropped due to it's high VIF and less effect on Adj. R-squared and

RMSE metrics of the model.

| | col | Adj. R-squared after_dropping col | RMSE after dropping col |
|---|--------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 0 | const | 0.996765 | 0.250332 |
| 1 | os_iOS | 0.845888 | 0.232077 |
| 2 | brand_name_Apple | 0.845883 | 0.232081 |
| 3 | brand_name_Huawei | 0.845779 | 0.232159 |
| 4 | brand_name_LG | 0.845779 | 0.232159 |
| 5 | brand_name_Samsung | 0.845765 | 0.232169 |
| 6 | brand_name_Others | 0.845731 | 0.232195 |
| 7 | weight | 0.843587 | 0.233803 |
| 8 | screen_size | 0.841348 | 0.235470 |



LINEAR REGRESSION ASSUMPTIONS — P-VALUE VARIABLES

Variables with a high p-value(>0.05) indicate insignificance to the model and will be dropped.

The function shown below(left) will select the variables that have a significant p-value(<0.05) and the result is seen in the image below(right).

The resulting model (Model 2) and it's performance evaluation is shown on the next few slides.

```
# initial list of columns
predictors = x_train2.copy()  ## Complete the code to check for p-values on the
cols = predictors.columns.tolist()

# setting an initial max p-value
max_p_value = 1

while len(cols) > 0:
    # defining the train set
    x_train_aux = predictors[cols]

# fitting the model
model = sm.OLS(y_train, x_train_aux).fit()

# getting the p-values and the maximum p-value
p_value = model.pvalues)

# name of the variable with maximum p-value
feature_with_p_max = p_values.idxmax()

if max_p_value > 0.05:
    cols.remove(feature_with_p_max)
else:
    break

selected_features = cols
print(selected_features)
```

```
const
screen_size
main_camera_mp
selfie_camera_mp
int_memory
ram
years_since_release
normalized_new_price
brand_name_Celkon
brand_name_Nokia
brand_name_Xiaomi
4g_yes
5g_yes
```



MODEL BUILDING — OLS MODEL 2

- The coefficients of the model after removing multicollinearity and insignificant variables(p-value>0.05) can be seen on the figure to the right.
- The model can explain approximately 84.5% of the variation in the dependent variable which is very good.
- The adjusted R-squared value of 0.844 further confirms that the model's fit is not artificially inflated by excessive predictors, providing a more reliable assessment of its performance.

| OLS Regression Results | | | | | | | | | |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|--------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Dep. Variable: | normalized_used_price | R-squared: | 0.845 | | | | | | |
| Model: | OLS | Adj. R-squared: | 0.844 | | | | | | |
| Method: | Least Squares | F-statistic: | 1089. | | | | | | |
| Date: | Fri, 12 May 2023 | Prob (F-statistic): | 0.00 | | | | | | |
| Time: | 06:49:48 | Log-Likelihood: | 91.640 | | | | | | |
| No. Observations: | 2417 | AIC: | -157.3 | | | | | | |
| Df Residuals: Df Model: | 2404 12 | BIC: | -82.01 | | | | | | |
| Covariance Type: | nonrobust | | | | | | | | |

| | coef |
|----------------------|---------|
| const | 1.2483 |
| screen_size | 0.0443 |
| main_camera_mp | 0.0218 |
| selfie_camera_mp | 0.0109 |
| int_memory | 0.0002 |
| ram | 0.0280 |
| years_since_release | -0.0157 |
| normalized_new_price | 0.4121 |
| brand_name_Celkon | -0.1852 |
| brand_name_Nokia | 0.0885 |
| brand_name_Xiaomi | 0.0779 |
| 4g_yes | 0.0369 |
| 5g_yes | -0.0873 |



PERFORMANCE EVALUATION— OLS MODEL 2(TRAIN/TEST)

| T | Training Performance | | | | | | | | |
|---|----------------------|----------|----------|-----------|----------------|----------|--|--|--|
| | | RMSE | MAE | R-squared | Adj. R-squared | MAPE | | | |
| | 0 | 0.232968 | 0.180776 | 0.844638 | 0.843797 | 4.351499 | | | |

 Test Performance

 RMSE
 MAE
 R-squared
 Adj. R-squared
 MAPE

 0
 0.241774
 0.191237
 0.828346
 0.826164
 4.572191

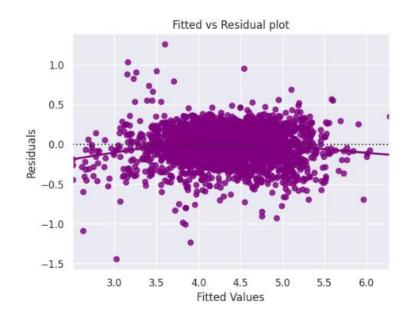
- Low RMSE & MAE.
- High R & Adj. R-Squared Values.
- Slightly High MAPE but good enough in the context.
- Training performance is extremely good.

- Low RMSE & MAE but higher compared to Training.
- High R & Adj. R-Squared Values but lower than Training's.
- Slightly High MAPE but good enough in the context.
- Testing performance is not as good as the training one but still extremely good.



LINEAR REGRESSION ASSUMPTIONS — LINEARITY/INDEPENDENCE

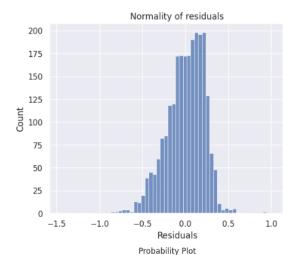
A plot of fitted values vs residuals is created(seen below). No clear pattern is observed so it is a fair assumption to make that the model is a linear one and that the residuals are independent.

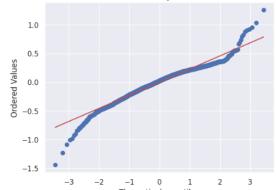


LINEAR REGRESSION ASSUMPTIONS — NORMALITY

Normality will be checked via the distribution of the residuals, the Q-Q plot of the residuals and the Shapiro-Wilk test.

The normality plot is slightly left skewed and the Q-Q plot is straight in the middle but slightly curved towards the start and the end. The Shapiro-Wilks result shows a very small p-value that suggests non-normality, but considering the other tests and the good performance metrics, it would be a fair assumption to make that the residuals of the model are normal enough to proceed.





ShapiroResult(statistic=0.9662010669708252, pvalue=2.2102587254686378e-23)



LINEAR REGRESSION ASSUMPTIONS — HOMOSCEDASTICITY

Homoscedasticity of the residuals is tested using the Goldfeld-Quandt test. A p-value > 0.05 indicates that the residuals are homoscedastic.

The function to compute this p-value and the result are shown below.

```
import statsmodels.stats.api as sms
from statsmodels.compat import lzip

name = ["F statistic", "p-value"]
test = sms.het_goldfeldquandt(df_pred["Residuals"], x_train3)
lzip(name, test)
```

```
[('F statistic', 0.9309497451236788), ('p-value', 0.8917770165243013)]
```

A p-value of 0.89 validates the assumption that the residuals are homoscedastic.



MODEL BUILDING — FINAL MODEL

The OLS regression analysis aimed to predict the normalized used price of mobile phones based on several independent variables. The model yielded a high R-squared value of 0.845, indicating that approximately 84.5% of the variance in the used price can be explained by the included independent variables. The adjusted R-squared value of 0.844 suggests that the independent variables collectively contribute significantly to explaining the variation in the used price, even after considering the number of predictors in the model. The F-statistic of 1089, with a corresponding p-value of 0.00, indicates that the regression model as a whole is highly significant. This suggests that the chosen independent variables have a strong overall relationship with the dependent variable.

Examining the individual coefficients, it is observed that variables such as screen size, main camera megapixels, selfie camera megapixels, internal memory, RAM, years since release, normalized new price, and certain brand names (Celkon, Nokia, Xiaomi) all have statistically significant relationships with the normalized used price. Additionally, the presence of 4G and absence of 5G connectivity also appear to have significant effects on the used price.

Overall, the regression analysis provides valuable insights into the factors influencing the normalized used price of mobile phones. These results can be used to understand the relative importance of different variables and make informed decisions in areas such as pricing, marketing, and product development within the mobile phone industry.

| | OLS | Regressi | on Results | | | |
|----------------------|--------------------|----------|-----------------|--------|-----------|--------|
| | normalized_use | d_price | R-squared: | | 0.84 | 45 |
| Model: | | OLS | Adj. R-squared | | 0.84 | 14 |
| Method: | Least | Squares | F-statistic: | | 1089 | 9. |
| Date: | Fri, 12 M | lay 2023 | Prob (F-statis | tic): | 0.0 | 90 |
| Time: | e | 7:19:37 | Log-Likelihood | | 91.64 | 10 |
| No. Observations: | | 2417 | AIC: | | -157 | |
| Df Residuals: | | 2404 | BIC: | | -82.6 | 31 |
| Df Model: | | 12 | | | | |
| Covariance Type: | no | nrobust | | | | |
| | coef | std err | t | P> t | [0.025 | 0.975] |
| const | 1.2483 | 0.045 | 27.469 | 0.000 | 1.159 | 1.337 |
| screen size | 0.0443 | 0.002 | 29.067 | 0.000 | 0.041 | 0.047 |
| main camera mp | 0.0218 | 0.001 | 15.403 | 0.000 | 0.019 | 0.025 |
| selfie camera mp | 0.0109 | 0.001 | 9.828 | 0.000 | 0.009 | 0.01 |
| int memory | 0.0002 | 6.7e-05 | 2.774 | 0.006 | 5.45e-05 | 0.000 |
| ram | 0.0280 | 0.005 | 5.507 | 0.000 | 0.018 | 0.038 |
| years since release | -0.0157 | 0.004 | -4.384 | 0.000 | -0.023 | -0.009 |
| normalized new price | 0.4121 | 0.011 | 36.912 | 0.000 | 0.390 | 0.434 |
| brand name Celkon | -0.1852 | 0.054 | -3.453 | 0.001 | -0.290 | -0.086 |
| brand name Nokia | 0.0885 | 0.029 | 3.033 | 0.002 | 0.031 | 0.146 |
| brand name Xiaomi | 0.0779 | 0.025 | 3.083 | 0.002 | 0.028 | 0.127 |
| 4g_yes | 0.0369 | 0.015 | 2.435 | 0.015 | 0.007 | 0.067 |
| 5g_yes | -0.0873 | 0.031 | -2.775 | 0.006 | -0.149 | -0.026 |
| | | | ========= | ====== | | |
| Omnibus: | | | rbin-Watson: | | 1.991 | |
| Prob(Omnibus): | | | rque-Bera (JB): | | 619.957 | |
| Skew: | | | ob(JB): | | 2.39e-135 | |
| Kurtosis: | 5 | .244 Co | nd. No. | | 1.15e+03 | |



PERFORMANCE EVALUATION — FINAL MODEL (TRAIN DATA)

The performance of the linear regression model based on the provided training metrics is quite promising. The model exhibits a relatively low Root Mean Squared Error (RMSE) of 0.233 and Mean Absolute Error (MAE) of 0.180, indicating small deviations between the predicted and actual values. These metrics suggest good accuracy and precision in the model's predictions.

The model shows strong explanatory power, with an R-squared value of 0.844, indicating that approximately 84.4% of the variability in the dependent variable can be explained by the model. The adjusted R-squared value of 0.844 further confirms that the model's fit is not artificially inflated by excessive predictors, providing a more reliable assessment of its performance.

While the Mean Absolute Percentage Error (MAPE) of 4.35 may appear relatively higher, it is important to consider the specific context and requirements of the problem at hand. Overall, based on these metrics, the linear regression model demonstrates favorable performance on the training data. However, it is essential to validate the model's performance on unseen or test data and compare it with other models or benchmarks to ensure its generalization ability and evaluate its relative performance.

| Tra | Training Performance | | | | | | | | | |
|-----|----------------------|----------|-----------|----------|---------|----------|--|--|--|--|
| | RMSE | MAE | R-squared | Adj. R-s | squared | MAPE | | | | |
| 0 | 0.232968 | 0.180776 | 0.844638 | 0 | .843797 | 4.351499 | | | | |



PERFORMANCE EVALUATION- FINAL MODEL(TEST DATA)

The linear regression model performs well on the test data, as indicated by the metrics. The model achieves a relatively low Root Mean Squared Error (RMSE) of 0.241 and Mean Absolute Error (MAE) of 0.191, indicating small deviations between the predicted and actual values. These metrics demonstrate the model's accuracy and precision in predicting the test data.

The R-squared value of 0.828 suggests that approximately 82.8% of the variability in the target variable can be explained by the linear regression model. This indicates a reasonably good fit between the model and the test data. The adjusted R-squared value of 0.823, which considers the number of predictors, provides a more accurate assessment of the model's performance and helps avoid overfitting.

Although the Mean Absolute Percentage Error (MAPE) of 4.513 is slightly higher compared to the training data, it is important to consider the specific context and requirements of the problem. Overall, based on these test data metrics, the linear regression model demonstrates favorable performance. However, it is recommended to compare these metrics with other models or benchmarks and evaluate the model's performance in the specific context to make a comprehensive assessment.

| Test Performance | | | | | |
|------------------|----------|----------|-----------|----------------|----------|
| | RMSE | MAE | R-squared | Adj. R-squared | MAPE |
| 0 | 0.241774 | 0.191237 | 0.828346 | 0.826164 | 4.572191 |



BUSINESS RECOMMENDATIONS

- Pricing Strategy: Re-Cell should consider the influential factors identified in the regression model, such as screen size, camera specifications, internal memory, RAM, years since release, and brand names, when determining their pricing strategy for used mobile phones. By leveraging these factors, Re-Cell can justify higher price points for their devices. Emphasize the value proposition of features like larger screen sizes, higher camera megapixels, and ample memory to command higher prices and differentiate Re-Cell's offerings in the used mobile phone market.
- <u>Product Development</u>: Re-Cell should focus on developing high-quality, feature-rich mobile phones with competitive new prices. The regression model indicated a positive correlation between the normalized new price and the normalized used price. By creating mobile phones that offer a compelling combination of advanced features, durability, and affordability, Re-Cell can maximize the potential used price and overall market value of their devices.
- Branding and Marketing: Re-Cell should leverage the brand reputation and value associated with "Celkon," "Nokia," and "Xiaomi" to enhance the perceived value of their mobile phones in the used market. Emphasize Re-Cell's association with these trusted brands in marketing campaigns to instill confidence in customers and justify higher prices. Highlight the unique features, reliability, and quality of Re-Cell's devices to differentiate them from competitors and establish a strong brand identity in the used mobile phone industry.
- <u>Connectivity Features</u>: In the development of new mobile phone models, Re-Cell should carefully consider connectivity options. As the regression model revealed, the presence of 4G and the absence of 5G connectivity significantly influence the used price. Re-Cell should integrate the latest connectivity options, including 5G technology, in new models to enhance their market value. Furthermore, ensure backward compatibility with previous technologies to preserve the resale value of Re-Cell's devices and cater to a wider customer base.

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