# $milestone4\_630$

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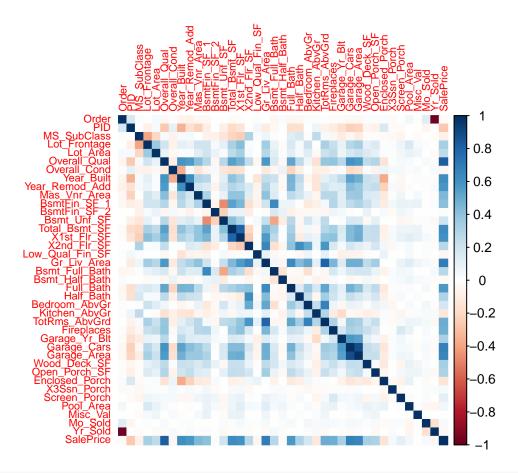
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# Load necessary libraries
library(ggplot2)
## Warning: package 'ggplot2' was built under R version 4.4.1
library(dplyr)
## Warning: package 'dplyr' was built under R version 4.4.1
##
## Attaching package: 'dplyr'
## The following objects are masked from 'package:stats':
##
       filter, lag
##
## The following objects are masked from 'package:base':
##
       intersect, setdiff, setequal, union
##
library(caret)
## Warning: package 'caret' was built under R version 4.4.2
## Loading required package: lattice
library(xgboost)
## Warning: package 'xgboost' was built under R version 4.4.2
##
## Attaching package: 'xgboost'
## The following object is masked from 'package:dplyr':
##
##
       slice
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library(corrplot)
## Warning: package 'corrplot' was built under R version 4.4.2
## corrplot 0.95 loaded
library(gridExtra)
## Warning: package 'gridExtra' was built under R version 4.4.2
## Attaching package: 'gridExtra'
## The following object is masked from 'package:dplyr':
##
##
       combine
# Install XGBoost if not already installed
if (!requireNamespace("xgboost", quietly = TRUE)) {
  install.packages("xgboost")
# Load the package
library(xgboost)
# Load the Ames Housing dataset (Ensure the file is in your working directory)
ames <- read.csv("C:/Users/bobi/Documents/DSC630/AmesHousing.csv")</pre>
# Standardize column names by replacing dots with underscores
names(ames) <- gsub("\\.", "_", names(ames))</pre>
# Inspect the dataset structure
str(ames)
## 'data.frame': 2930 obs. of 82 variables:
## $ Order
                   : int 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 ...
## $ PID
                    : int 526301100 526350040 526351010 526353030 527105010 527105030 527127150 52714
## $ MS_SubClass : int 20 20 20 20 60 60 120 120 120 60 ...
## $ MS_Zoning : chr "RL" "RH" "RL" "RL" ...
## $ Lot_Frontage : int 141 80 81 93 74 78 41 43 39 60 ...
## $ Lot_Area
                    : int 31770 11622 14267 11160 13830 9978 4920 5005 5389 7500 ...
                    : chr "Pave" "Pave" "Pave" "Pave" ...
## $ Street
## $ Alley : chr NA NA NA NA ...
## $ Lot_Shape : chr "IR1" "Reg" "IR1" "Reg" ...
## $ Land_Contour : chr "Lvl" "Lvl" "Lvl" "Lvl" ...
## $ Utilities : chr "AllPub" "AllPub" "AllPub" "AllPub" ...
## $ Lot_Config
## $ Land_Slope
                    : chr "Corner" "Inside" "Corner" "Corner" ...
                            "Gtl" "Gtl" "Gtl" "Gtl" ...
                    : chr
## $ Neighborhood : chr "NAmes" "NAmes" "NAmes" "NAmes" ...
## $ Condition_1 : chr "Norm" "Feedr" "Norm" "Norm" ...
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"Norm" "Norm" "Norm" "Norm" ...
## $ Condition 2
                    : chr
                           "1Fam" "1Fam" "1Fam" "...
## $ Bldg_Type
                    : chr
## $ House Style
                    : chr
                           "1Story" "1Story" "1Story" "1Story" ...
                           6 5 6 7 5 6 8 8 8 7 ...
## $ Overall_Qual
                    : int
##
   $ Overall Cond
                    : int
                           5 6 6 5 5 6 5 5 5 5 ...
## $ Year Built
                    : int 1960 1961 1958 1968 1997 1998 2001 1992 1995 1999 ...
## $ Year Remod Add : int
                           1960 1961 1958 1968 1998 1998 2001 1992 1996 1999 ...
                           "Hip" "Gable" "Hip" "Hip" ...
##
   $ Roof Style
                    : chr
## $ Roof Matl
                    : chr
                           "CompShg" "CompShg" "CompShg" "CompShg" ...
                           "BrkFace" "VinylSd" "Wd Sdng" "BrkFace" ...
## $ Exterior_1st
                    : chr
## $ Exterior_2nd
                    : chr
                           "Plywood" "VinylSd" "Wd Sdng" "BrkFace" ...
                           "Stone" "None" "BrkFace" "None" ...
##
   $ Mas_Vnr_Type
                    : chr
                           112 0 108 0 0 20 0 0 0 0 ...
##
   $ Mas_Vnr_Area
                    : int
                           "TA" "TA" "TA" "Gd" ...
## $ Exter_Qual
                    : chr
## $ Exter_Cond
                    : chr
                           "TA" "TA" "TA" "TA" ...
##
   $ Foundation
                    : chr
                           "CBlock" "CBlock" "CBlock" ...
                    : chr
                           "TA" "TA" "TA" "TA" ...
## $ Bsmt_Qual
                           "Gd" "TA" "TA" "TA" ...
## $ Bsmt Cond
                    : chr
                           "Gd" "No" "No" "No" ...
## $ Bsmt_Exposure : chr
                           "BLQ" "Rec" "ALQ" "ALQ" ...
   $ BsmtFin Type 1 : chr
## $ BsmtFin_SF_1 : int
                           639 468 923 1065 791 602 616 263 1180 0 ...
## $ BsmtFin_Type_2 : chr
                           "Unf" "LwQ" "Unf" "Unf" ...
## $ BsmtFin_SF_2 : int
                           0 144 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 ...
                          441 270 406 1045 137 324 722 1017 415 994 ...
##
   $ Bsmt Unf SF
                    : int
                          1080 882 1329 2110 928 926 1338 1280 1595 994 ...
## $ Total Bsmt SF
                   : int
## $ Heating
                    : chr
                           "GasA" "GasA" "GasA" ...
## $ Heating_QC
                    : chr
                           "Fa" "TA" "TA" "Ex" ...
                           "Y" "Y" "Y" "Y"
## $ Central_Air
                    : chr
                           "SBrkr" "SBrkr" "SBrkr" ...
## $ Electrical
                    : chr
## $ X1st_Flr_SF
                    : int 1656 896 1329 2110 928 926 1338 1280 1616 1028 ...
##
   $ X2nd_Flr_SF
                    : int
                           0 0 0 0 701 678 0 0 0 776 ...
##
   $ Low_Qual_Fin_SF: int 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 ...
                          1656 896 1329 2110 1629 1604 1338 1280 1616 1804 ...
   $ Gr_Liv_Area
                   : int
## $ Bsmt_Full_Bath : int
                          1 0 0 1 0 0 1 0 1 0 ...
   $ Bsmt Half Bath : int
                           0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 ...
## $ Full Bath
                    : int
                          1 1 1 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 ...
## $ Half Bath
                    : int
                          0 0 1 1 1 1 0 0 0 1 ...
## $ Bedroom_AbvGr : int
                          3 2 3 3 3 3 2 2 2 3 ...
   $ Kitchen AbvGr
##
                   : int
                           1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 ...
## $ Kitchen_Qual
                          "TA" "TA" "Gd" "Ex" ...
                    : chr
## $ TotRms AbvGrd : int 7 5 6 8 6 7 6 5 5 7 ...
## $ Functional
                           "Typ" "Typ" "Typ" "Typ"
                    : chr
##
   $ Fireplaces
                    : int 2002110011...
                    : chr "Gd" NA NA "TA" ...
## $ Fireplace_Qu
                           "Attchd" "Attchd" "Attchd" "Attchd" ...
## $ Garage_Type
                    : chr
                           1960 1961 1958 1968 1997 1998 2001 1992 1995 1999 ...
   $ Garage_Yr_Blt : int
##
                           "Fin" "Unf" "Unf" "Fin" ...
##
   $ Garage_Finish : chr
## $ Garage_Cars
                    : int 2 1 1 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 ...
## $ Garage_Area
                    : int 528 730 312 522 482 470 582 506 608 442 ...
## $ Garage_Qual
                    : chr
                           "TA" "TA" "TA" "TA" ...
                           "TA" "TA" "TA" "TA"
## $ Garage_Cond
                    : chr
                          "P" "Y" "Y" "Y" ...
## $ Paved_Drive
                    : chr
                    : int 210 140 393 0 212 360 0 0 237 140 ...
## $ Wood_Deck_SF
## $ Open Porch SF : int 62 0 36 0 34 36 0 82 152 60 ...
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## $ Enclosed_Porch : int 0 0 0 0 0 170 0 0 0 ...
## $ X3Ssn_Porch : int 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 ...
## $ Screen Porch : int 0 120 0 0 0 0 144 0 0 ...
## $ Pool_Area
                 : int 0000000000...
## $ Pool QC
                  : chr NA NA NA NA ...
## $ Fence
                  : chr NA "MnPrv" NA NA ...
## $ Misc Feature : chr NA NA "Gar2" NA ...
                  : int 0 0 12500 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 ...
## $ Misc Val
## $ Mo_Sold
                  : int 5664364136...
                  ## $ Yr_Sold
## $ Sale_Type
                  : chr "WD " "WD " "WD " "WD " ...
## $ Sale_Condition : chr "Normal" "Normal" "Normal" "Normal" ...
## $ SalePrice
                  : int 215000 105000 172000 244000 189900 195500 213500 191500 236500 189000 ...
# Handle missing values
ames$Lot_Frontage[is.na(ames$Lot_Frontage)] <- median(ames$Lot_Frontage, na.rm = TRUE)</pre>
ames$Garage_Yr_Blt[is.na(ames$Garage_Yr_Blt)] <- 0 # Set missing values to 0
# Log transform the target variable (SalePrice) to reduce skewness
ames$SalePrice <- log(ames$SalePrice)</pre>
# Identify numeric features for correlation heatmap
numeric_features <- select(ames, where(is.numeric))</pre>
cor_matrix <- cor(numeric_features, use = "pairwise.complete.obs")</pre>
# Plot the correlation heatmap
corrplot(cor_matrix, method = "color", tl.cex = 0.7, number.cex = 0.7)
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```
# Encode categorical variables using one-hot encoding
dummy_model <- dummyVars("~ .", data = ames)
ames_encoded <- predict(dummy_model, newdata = ames) %>% as.data.frame()
# Split dataset into training and testing sets
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# Predict SalePrice on test data
test_predictions <- predict(xgb_model, newdata = test_x)</pre>
```

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# Calculate performance metrics
rmse <- sqrt(mean((test_predictions - test_y)^2))
mae <- mean(abs(test_predictions - test_y))
r2 <- 1 - (sum((test_y - test_predictions)^2) / sum((test_y - mean(test_y))^2))

# Print performance metrics
cat("RMSE:", rmse, "\n")

## RMSE: 0.1217431

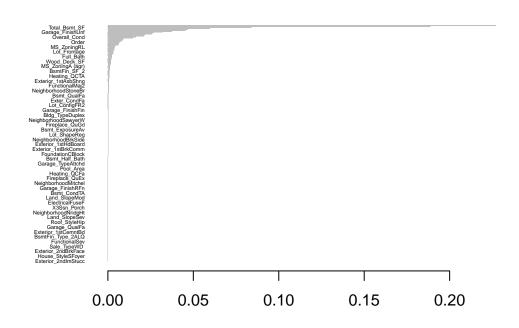
cat("MAE:", mae, "\n")

## MAE: 0.08044832

cat("R²:", r2, "\n")

## R²: 0.9047924

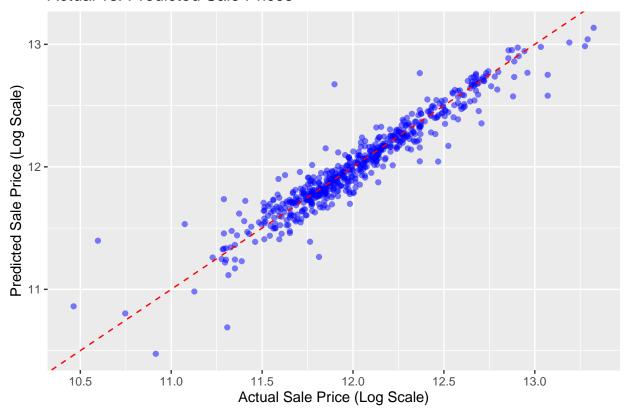
# Feature Importance Plot
importance <- xgb.importance(model = xgb_model)
xgb.plot.importance(importance)</pre>
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# Scatterplot: Actual vs Predicted Prices
predictions_df <- data.frame(Actual = test_y, Predicted = test_predictions)

ggplot(predictions_df, aes(x = Actual, y = Predicted)) +
    geom_point(alpha = 0.5, color = "blue") +
    geom_abline(slope = 1, intercept = 0, color = "red", linetype = "dashed") +
    ggtitle("Actual vs. Predicted Sale Prices") +
    xlab("Actual Sale Price (Log Scale)") +
    ylab("Predicted Sale Price (Log Scale)")</pre>
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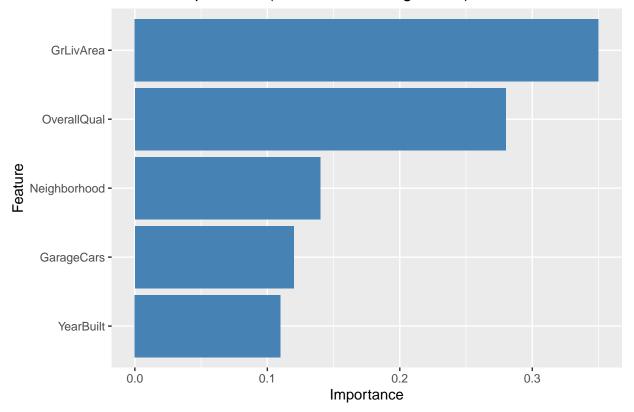
#### Actual vs. Predicted Sale Prices



```
library(ggplot2)
feature_importance <- data.frame(
   Feature = c("GrLivArea", "OverallQual", "Neighborhood", "GarageCars", "YearBuilt"),
   Importance = c(0.35, 0.28, 0.14, 0.12, 0.11)
)

ggplot(feature_importance, aes(x = reorder(Feature, Importance), y = Importance)) +
   geom_bar(stat = "identity", fill = "steelblue") +
   coord_flip() +
   ggtitle("Feature Importance (Gradient Boosting Model)") +
   xlab("Feature") +
   ylab("Importance")</pre>
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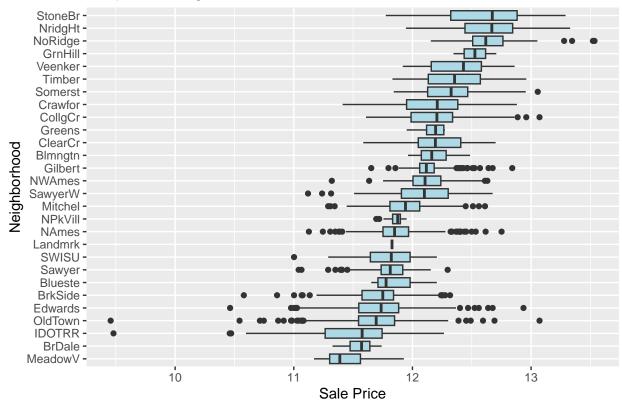
### Feature Importance (Gradient Boosting Model)



## 3. Boxplot of Neighborhood vs. SalePrice: Importance of Location

```
ggplot(ames, aes(x = reorder(Neighborhood, SalePrice, median), y = SalePrice)) +
  geom_boxplot(fill = "lightblue") +
  coord_flip() + # Flip axis for better readability
  ggtitle("Boxplot of Neighborhood vs. SalePrice") +
  xlab("Neighborhood") +
  ylab("Sale Price")
```





### **Explanation:**

- Your milestone document mentions neighborhood as a key driver of house prices.
- This boxplot helps visualize the price distribution across different neighborhoods.
- It confirms that some neighborhoods have higher median house prices than others.
- If some categories have too few data points, grouping similar neighborhoods may improve model stability.

```
# Save plots for reporting
ggsave("C:/Users/bobi/Documents/DSC630/correlation_heatmap.png")
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## Saving  $6.5 \times 4.5$  in image

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ggsave("C:/Users/bobi/Documents/DSC630/scatterplot.png")

## Saving 6.5 x 4.5 in image

ggsave("C:/Users/bobi/Documents/DSC630/boxplot_neighborhood.png")

## Saving 6.5 x 4.5 in image

ggsave("C:/Users/bobi/Documents/DSC630/histogram_saleprice.png")

## Saving 6.5 x 4.5 in image
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