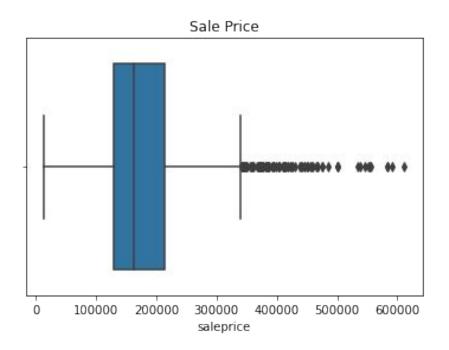
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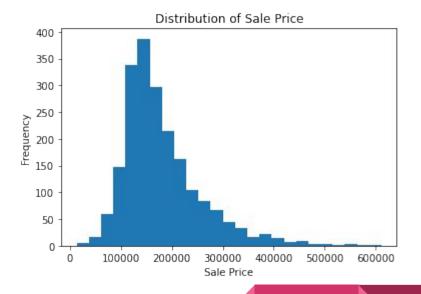
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#### **Problem Statement**

- Context: Data science consultant for real estate agency, interested in features that contribute the most value to sale price
- Goal: Determine the most important features for predicting sale price of houses in Ames, Iowa
- Evaluation metrics: RMSE & R-squared

### **Limitation of Outliers**





# Defining a Successful Model

#### Baseline model:

o RMSE: \$79,262

R-squared: 0.0

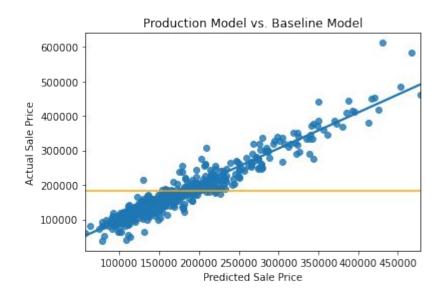
#### Production model:

Better than the baseline model

#### **Data Source**

- Assessor's Office in Ames, Iowa
- Data collected between 2006 and 2010

# Understanding the Model



- Model: Ridge Regression
- Features: 14 in total
- Selection criteria:
  - Correlation with sale price
  - Domain knowledge

#### Conclusion

- Performance of production model:
  - o RMSE: \$24,410
  - R-squared: 90.8%
- Recommendation for future model:
  - Separate, tiered models based on specific price ranges
- Feature to improve:
  - Kitchen quality

# Thank You!