

# Iron Regression Quest

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# Project Overview



In this project, we are given a dataset of **House sale prices in Seattle, US** and our **Goal** is to:

1. **Analyze and clean** the data to apply in machine learning
2. **Apply** different **supervised regression machine learning** models.
3. **Assess the results** and choose the best model to deploy.

# Dataset

**Description:** House sale prices in Seattle (King County), US.

**Timeframe:** May 2014 to May 2015

**Size:** (21613 rows, 21columns)

## Columns:

- **id:** Unique identifier for each house.
- **date:** Date of house sale.
- **bedrooms:** Number of bedrooms.
- **bathrooms:** Number of bathrooms per bedroom.
- **sqft\_living:** Interior living space area.
- **sqft\_lot:** Land space area.
- **floors:** Number of house floors.
- **waterfront:** Presence of waterfront view.
- **view:** Number of house viewings.
- **condition:** Overall house condition.
- **grade:** Overall grade based on King County grading system.
- **sqft\_above:** Area excluding the basement.
- **sqft\_basement:** Basement area.
- **yr\_built:** Year of house construction.
- **yr\_renovated:** Year of house renovation.
- **zipcode:** ZIP code area.
- **lat:** Latitude coordinate.
- **long:** Longitude coordinate.
- **sqft\_living15:** Interior living space of nearest 15 neighbors in 2015.
- **sqft\_lot15:** Land space of nearest 15 neighbors in 2015.
- **TARGET > price:** Sale price of the house (prediction target).

# Data Cleaning ✨

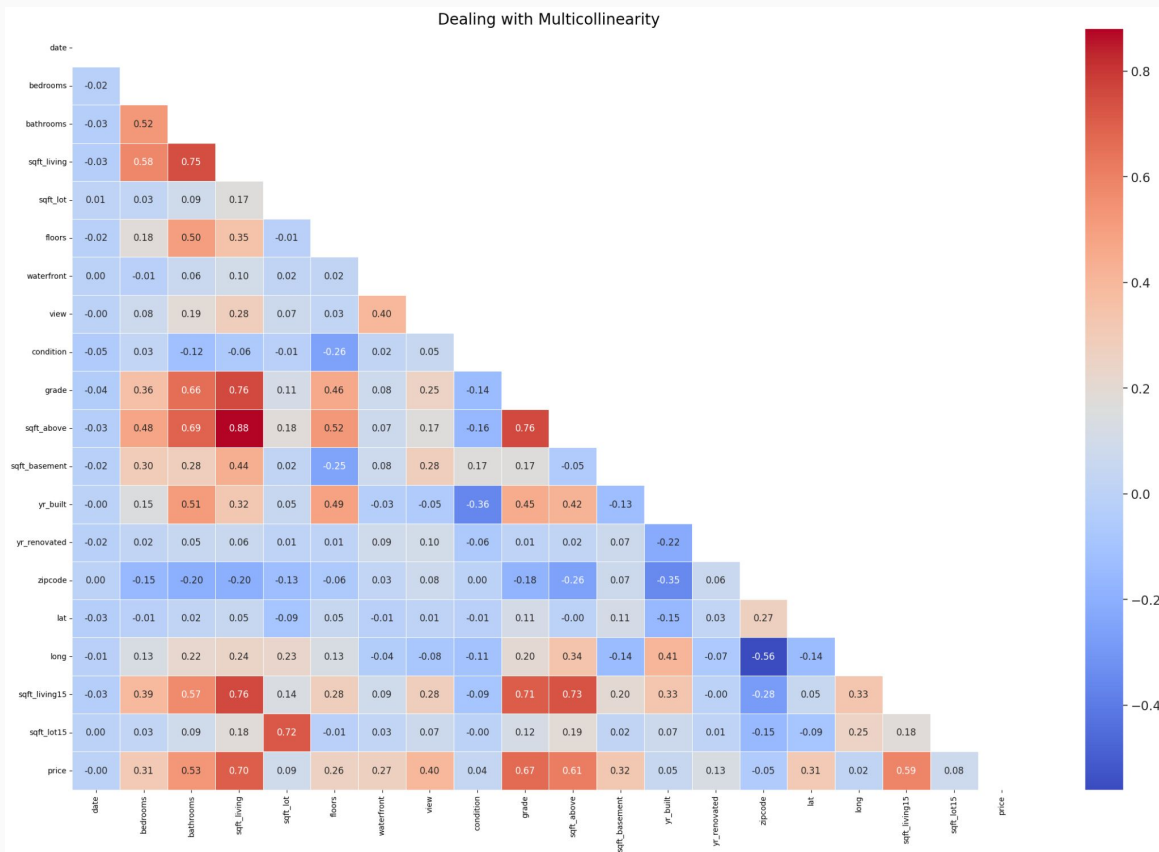
## Actions:

- Using house **id's** as **index**
- Changing dates to **datetime**
- **All columns** are already **numerical**
- **No null** values
- Moving [**price**] to the right as **target**

## Heatmap Conclusions:

The **highest correlations** are with **sqft\_living** and **sqft\_above**, but both are **below 0.8** with the target **price**.

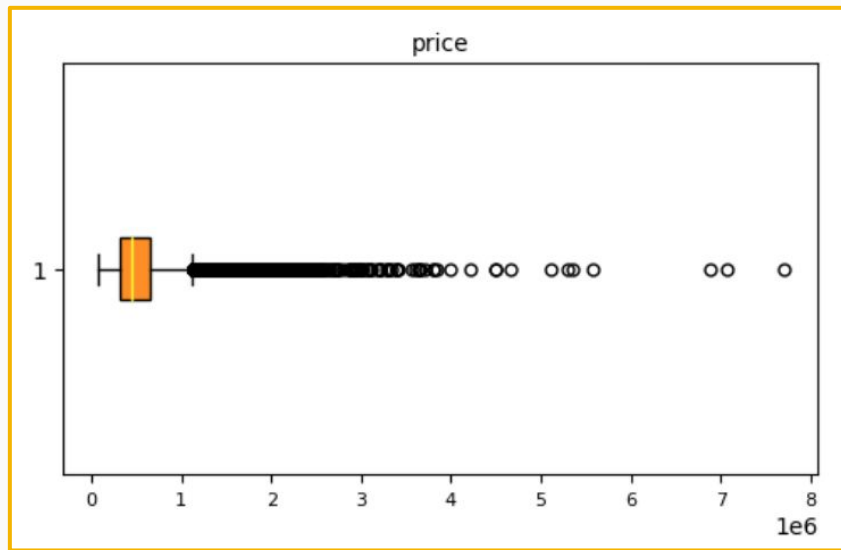
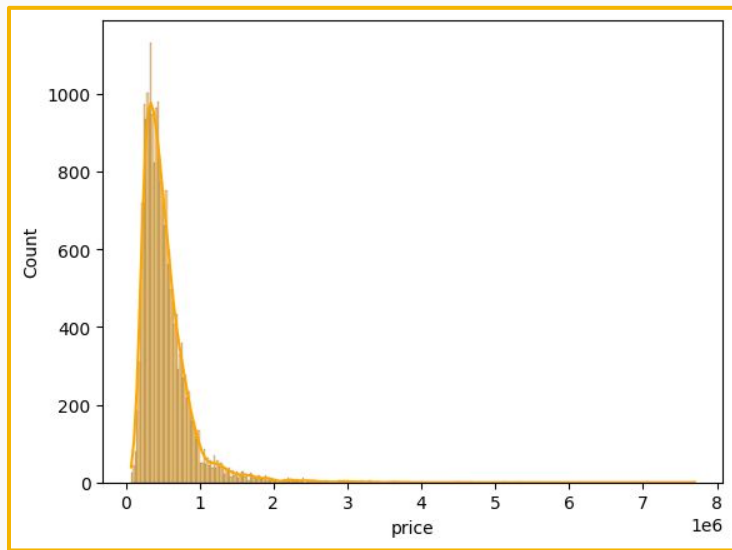
Not removing any column due to low correlation over target [Price].



## Insights:

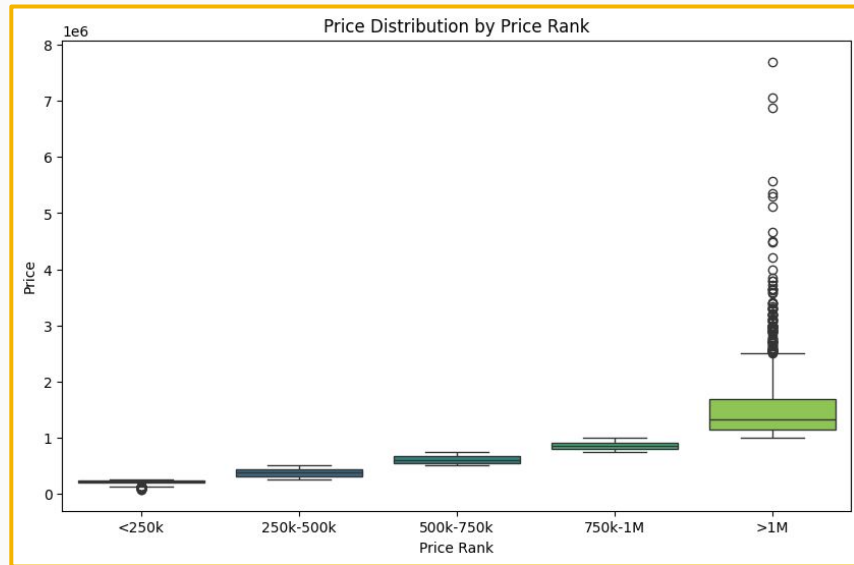
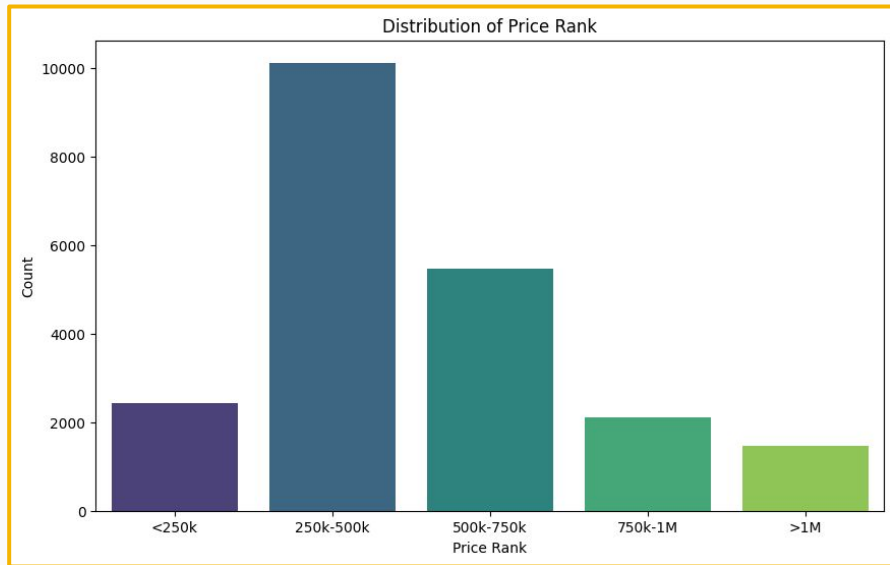
**No normal** distribution of price data, with skewness towards lower prices

**High** number of **outliers** with high house prices



# Target Exploration

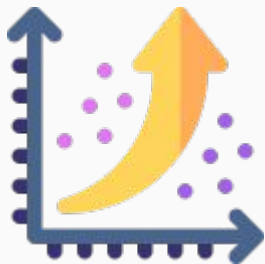
- **Price\_ranks:** (<250k), (250k-500k), (500k-750k), (750k-1M), (>1M)
- **Most** of the house prices are **within two rank prices (250k-500k) + (500k-750k)**
- **Most** of the **outliers** are within the **price rank** of houses **above 1M**



# Regression ML Models tested

Train-test Split = 70% Train / 30% Test

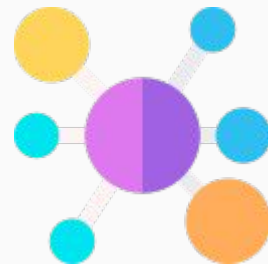
Linear  
Regression



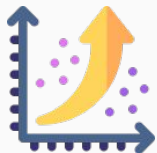
Decision Tree  
Regressor



K-Nearest Neighbor



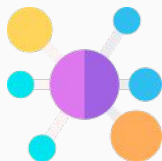
# Results



Linear Regression  $R^2 = 0.6995$   
Linear Regression RMSE = 208296.7277  
Linear Regression MSE = 43387526779.3553  
Linear Regression MAE = 127486.8026



Decision Tree  $R^2 = 0.7366$   
Decision Tree RMSE = 194996.9105  
Decision Tree MSE = 38023795092.7977  
Decision Tree MAE = 100868.8284



Key N Neighbour  $R^2 = 0.4932$   
Key N Neighbour RMSE = 270495.0558  
Key N Neighbour MSE = 73167575226.5868  
Key N Neighbour MAE = 164982.8095



# Normalization

Applying Normalization with  
**MinMaxScaler** to the **Decision  
Tree** Regressor



Before

```
Decision Tree R2 = 0.7366  
Decision Tree RMSE = 194996.9105  
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After Normalization

```
Tree Model 2 R2 = 0.7386  
Tree Model 2 RMSE = 194262.7442  
Tree Model 2 MSE = 37738013765.2635  
Tree Model 2 MAE = 101625.9621
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# Conclusions



- **Decision tree is the best model** to predict accurate house sale price in the Seattle (US) market:
  - Has the highest R2 score and **Lowest RMSE, MSE and MAE metrics**

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- Applying **normalization** with 'MinMaxScaler' to decision tree model it **slightly improves the results**

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