# Task 1: the Housing Prices

1. We download the train and the test dataset, and split the training dataset into train and validation sets.

Loading the train and test data. In [2]: train\_df = pd.read\_csv("train.csv", low\_memory=False)
test\_df = pd.read\_csv("test.csv", low\_memory=False) train\_df Out[2]: Id MSSubClass MSZoning LotFrontage LotArea Street Alley LotShape LandContour PoolArea PoolQC Fence MiscFeature 0 60 RL 65.0 Pave NaN Reg LvI 0 NaN NaN 20 RL 80.0 2 9600 Pave NaN Reg LvI AllPub ... 0 NaN NaN NaN 60 RL 68.0 IR1 NaN NaN 70 RL 60.0 IR1 NaN NaN NaN 9550 NaN Lvl AllPub 60 84.0 14260 IR1 Lvl AllPub NaN NaN 1455 1456 60 RL 62.0 7917 LvI AllPub ... 0 NaN Pave NaN Reg NaN NaN **1456** 1457 85.0 13175 MnPrv NaN 70 RL 66.0 GdPrv **1457** 1458 Reg Lvl Shed **1458** 1459 20 RL 68.0 Reg LvI AllPub NaN NaN **1459** 1460 AllPub ... 1460 rows × 81 columns

```
In [3]: from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split

X = train_df.drop(columns = ['SalePrice']).copy()
y = train_df['SalePrice']

X_train, X_valid, y_train, y_valid = train_test_split(X,y, train_size = 0.8)

print(X_train.shape), print(y_train.shape)
print(X_valid.shape), print(y_valid.shape)

(1168, 80)
(1168,)
(292, 80)
(292,)
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- 2. Examples of categorical features:
  - MSSubClass: The building class
  - Functional: Home functionality rating
  - Heating: Type of heating

Examples of continuous features:

- 1stFlrSF: First Floor square feet
- GrLivArea: Above grade (ground) living area square feet
- SalePrice the property's sale price in dollars

Plotting the Functional, BsmtUnfSF and SalePrice columns:

```
In [5]: def plot_histogram(df, attr, colour):
    sns.histplot(data=df, x=attr, color=colour)

# Plotting the histogram for the attribute Functional
plot_histogram(X_train, "Functional", "magenta")

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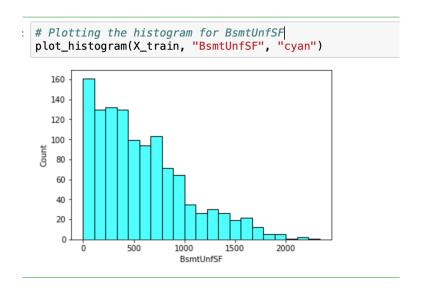
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Functional





SalePrice

3. The preprocessing is a crucial step as we have a large dataset with 81 attributes. We want to handle noisy data, and also make smart choices about which attributes to pick or what features to engineer in order to train a model successfully. Firstly, we want to look at how many of the values are missing, and which attributes have the most missing values. We create a dataframe with attributes and the percentage of their missing values. We define a function that takes this information from the missing values dataframe and drops the columns that have more than 50% of its values missing.

```
In [8]: # Creating a new empty dataframe
missing_df = pd.DataFrame()
missing_df["Feature"] = X_train.columns

# Calculating the percentage of the missing values for each attribute
missing = ((X_train.isnull().sum() / len(X_train)) * 100).values
missing_df["Missing"] = missing
missing_df = missing_df[missing_df["Feature"] != "SalePrice"]
missing_df = missing_df[missing_df["Missing"] != 0]
missing_df = missing_df.sort_values(by="Missing", ascending=False)
missing_df
```

#### Out[8]:

	Feature	Missing
72	PoolQC	99.400685
74	MiscFeature	95.976027
6	Alley	93.578767
73	Fence	80.650685
57	FireplaceQu	47.517123
3	LotFrontage	17.722603
58	GarageType	5.736301
59	GarageYrBlt	5.736301
60	GarageFinish	5.736301
63	GarageQual	5.736301
64	GarageCond	5.736301

```
In [9]: # Defining a function to note down the columns to be removed, which have more than 50% of its values missing

def missing(df):
    attributes = df.loc[df['Missing'] > 50 ]
    return list(attributes['Feature'])

to_remove = missing(missing_df)

def remove_missing(df, to_remove):
    return df.drop(columns=to_remove)
```

We then separate numerical and categorical attributes into 2 different dataframes. We perform data pre-processing according to each attribute and its characteristics. Firstly, we plot all features to make sense of the data. Plotting numerical and categorical features, we get multiple plots, which are too long to include in this report. They can be found in the Jupyter notebooks.

#### **Numerical Features**

Looking at these visualisations, we can make assumptions about which attributes will be more useful, or which attributes we should normalise/modify/drop. Firstly, among the numerical features, we do not want to normalise attributes such as "Year". We can see from the plots that some of the attributes do not offer much information about the dataset because one their values are mostly the same. Therefore we can drop the following attributes:

- MasVnrArea
- BsmtFinSF2

We want to normalise attributes that do not have a Gaussian distribution. We will also normalise all attributes depicting area in square foot.

#### Categorical Features

Features to drop:

- Utilities
- RoofStyle
- RoofMatl
- BsmtCond
- $\bullet$  BsmtFinType2
- GarageCond
- GarageQual
- PavedDrive

We want to One-Hot Encode features that have common values, and features that can offer information about Sale Price. From the plots, we can see that features such as Neighborhood, CentralAir, PoolQC, LandSlope, BsmtQual fit these criteria, therefore we can one-hot encode them.

We already moved columns with more than 50% of its values missing. For the rest of the missing values, we replace them with the mean of that specific attribute using SimpleImputer.

```
from sklearn.impute import SimpleImputer
             from sklearn.preprocessing import StandardScaler
             # Using SimpleImputer to replace the missing values with the attributes' means
            imputer = SimpleImputer(missing_values=np.nan, strategy='mean')
numerical_norm = imputer.fit_transform(numerical_norm)
numerical_rest = imputer.fit_transform(numerical_rest)
             # To normalise the numerical attributes, we use StandardScaler
            scaler = StandardScaler()
numerical_norm = scaler.fit_transform(numerical_norm)
            numerical_norm = pd.DataFrame(numerical_norm, columns = to_normalise)
numerical_rest = pd.DataFrame(numerical_rest, columns = other_numerical)
             numerical norm
Out[16]:
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For the categorical attributes, we replace the missing values by the most frequent value in a column using SimpleImputer.

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In [17]: # For the categorical attributes, we replace the missing values by the most frequent value in a column using Simple
           imputer = SimpleImputer(missing_values=np.nan, strategy='most_frequent')
           imputer = imputer.fit(df_categorical)
           df categorical = imputer.transform(df categorical)
           df_categorical = pd.DataFrame(df_categorical, columns = categorical_attr)
           df categorical
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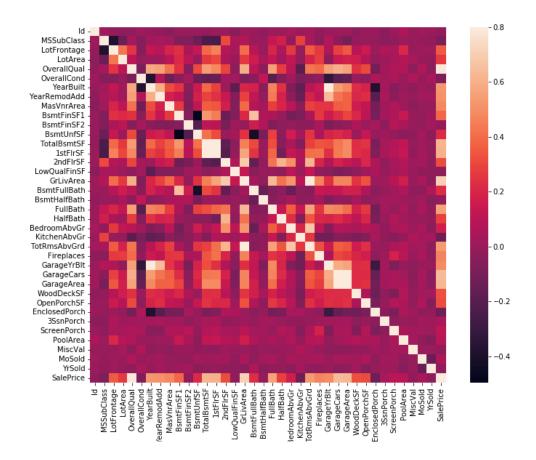
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We merge the categorical and numerical dataframes into one.

We also want to plot the correlations of each attribute with SalePrice. We want to pick the attributes that will give us more information about predicting SalePrice. Plotting the correlation matrix, we get:

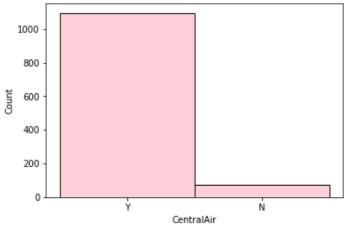


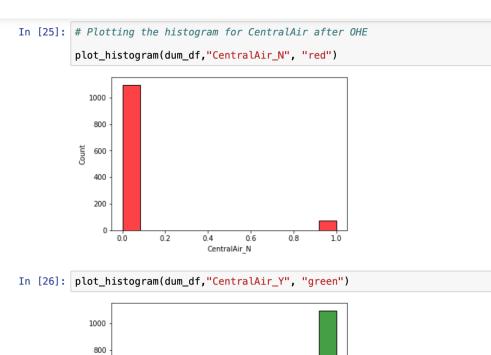
Using this information, we can drop the values that have a negative correlation and a correlation value lower than 0.3.

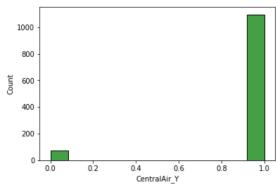
4. For One-Hot encoding, we want to pick categorical attributes that do not have too many distinct values, as they will be increasing the size of our training dataset drastically. We one-hot encode relevant features that might help with predicting SalePrice. Examples include BsmtQual and CentralAir.

Here are the histplots for before and after one-hot encoding CentralAir.

Then, we Label Encode the rest of the categorical values.







5. Finally, when using Ordinary Least Squares for predicting house prices, we followed these steps to make an accurate feature selection:

- (a) Dropped features with more than 50% of its values missing.
- (b) Dropped numerical features that had little correlation with SalePrice (less than 30%).
- (c) Dropped irrelevant or similar features (for example GarageCond and GarageQual).

We apply the ordinary least squares algorithm as demonstrated in the figure.

```
In [28]: theta_best = np.linalg.inv(encoded_df.T.dot(encoded_df)).dot(encoded_df.T).dot(y_train)
theta_best_df = pd.DataFrame(data=theta_best[np.newaxis, :], columns=encoded_df.columns)

Out[28]:

| BsmtFinSF1 | TotalBsmtSF | 1stFirSF | 2ndFirSF | GrLivArea | GarageArea | WoodDeckSF | OpenPorchSF | LotFrontage | Fireplaces | LotFrontage | Fireplaces | LotFrontage | Fireplaces | Fireplaces | Fireplaces | LotFrontage | Fireplaces |
```

After preprocessing our validation and test data, we make predictions.

```
In [55]: valid_processed = preprocess(X_valid)
          test_processed = preprocess(test_df)
In [32]: # Generate predictions on the new prices
          y_valid_pred = valid_processed.dot(theta_best)
          y_test_pred = test_processed.dot(theta_best)
          y_test_pred
Out[32]: 0
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          Length: 1459, dtype: float64
```

Calculating the MSE and  $R^2$ , we get 0.48 and 2532109742.5 consecutively.

```
In [56]: from sklearn.metrics import r2_score
    from sklearn.metrics import mean_squared_error
    r2_score(y_valid, y_valid_pred)

Out[56]: 0.4817966893920168

In [57]: mean_squared_error(y_valid, y_valid_pred)
Out[57]: 2532109742.5113893
```

### Task 2

1. We start by downloading the training and the test data.



We then start preprocessing. We first eliminate attributes with missing values.

```
In [5]: # Removing missing values

# Creating a new empty dataframe
missing_df = pd.DataFrame()
missing_df["Feature"] = train_df.columns

# Calculating the percentage of the missing values for each attribute
missing = ((train_df.isnull().sum() / len(train_df)) * 100).values
missing_df["Missing"] = missing
missing_df = missing_df[missing_df["Missing"] != 0]
missing_df = missing_df.sort_values(by="Missing", ascending=False)
missing_df
Out[5]:

Feature Missing

9 Cabin 77.104377

4 Age 19.865320

10 Embarked 0.224467
```

We can dropping columns that do not offer much information. Here, the ticket number and the cabin attributes do not offer information that might be relevant for our predictions.

We replace the missing values in columns Age and Embarked with their mean/most frequent value.

We then one-hot encode categorical attributes: Pclass, Sex and Embarked.

```
In [7]: def missing(df):
               attributes = df.loc[df['Missing'] > 50 ]
               return list(attributes['Feature'])
           to_remove = missing(missing_df)
           def remove_missing(df, to_remove):
               return df.drop(columns=to_remove)
 In [6]: to_drop = ["Name", "Ticket"]
           train_df = train_df.drop(columns=to_drop, axis=1)
In [9]: train_df['Age'] = train_df['Age'].fillna(train_df['Age'].mean())
         train_df['Embarked'] = train_df['Embarked'].fillna(train_df['Embarked'].value_counts().idxmax())
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                    In [10]: dummies = []
  cols = ['PcLass', 'Sex', 'Embarked']
  for col in cols:
      dummies.append(pd.get_dummies(train_df[col]))
                    train_df
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2. For this question, I implemented a logistic regression class from scratch. However, I used sklearn's logistic regression model for the Kaggle competition as it had a much higher accuracy. The code snippet shows both models.

With the final model, we were able to get an accuracy of 0.805. Comparing this to Task

```
In [165]: import numpy as np
                      class log_reg:
    """Logistic regression model"""
                                       __init__(self, X):
D = X.shape[1]
self.w = np.zeros((D,1))
                              def fit(self,X,y,alpha=0.01):
    w_star = self.grad_desc(X,y,alpha)
    self.w = w_star
                              def logistic(logit):
    return (1/(1 + np.exp(-logit)))
                              def gradient(X, y, w):
    N, D = X.shape
    yh = log_reg.logistic(np.dot(X, w))
    grad = np.dot(np.transpose(X), yh - y) / N
    return grad
                              self.iters=0
                                      self.iters=0
curr_w = self.w
N, D = X.shape
g = np.inf
while np.linalg.norm(g) > eps:
    self.iters += 1
    if self.iters >= 200000 :
        return curr_w
    g = log_reg.gradient(X, y, curr_w)
    curr_w = curr_w - alpha*g
return curr_w
                                       yh = log_reg.logistic(np.dot(X, self.w))
rounder = lambda x: round(x)
vfunc = np.vectorize(rounder)
yh = vfunc(yh)
return yh
                                        return yh
 In [166]: def evaluate_acc(y,yhat):
    acc = 0.0
    for i in range(len(y)):
        if y[i] == yhat[i]:
        acc += 1.0
    return acc/len(y) #as a fraction
  In [167]: X_tr = train_df
Y_tr = y_train.to_numpy()
                        model = log_reg(X_tr)
model.fit(X_tr,Y_tr, alpha=0.01)
yhat_test = model.predict(X_test)
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I, the accuracy on the Titanic dataset seems to be much higher using logistic regression.

```
In [19]: from sklearn.linear_model import LogisticRegression
            log_reg = LogisticRegression()
log_reg.fit(train_df, y_train)
log_reg.predict(train_df)
             predictions = log_reg.predict(X_test)
 In [20]: pred_series = pd.Series(predictions)
pred_series
 Out[20]: 0
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             Length: 418, dtype: int64
 In [21]: | score = log_reg.score(train_df, y_train)
print(score)
             0.8047138047138047
             df = pd.concat([X_test['PassengerId'], pred_series], axis=1)
df = df.rename(columns={0: "Survived"})
 In [22]:
 Out[22]:
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# Written Exercises

1. We start by writing the definition of the Kullback-Leibler (KL) divergence:

$$KL(p(x)||q(x)) = \mathbb{E}_{p(x)} \left[ \log p(x) - \log q(x) \right]$$

Figure 1: Kullback-Leibler divergence

We want to prove that

We start with the definition of the KL divergence. Since we have a difference of two expected

$$\arg\max_{\theta} \mathbb{E}_{\hat{p}(x,y)} \left[ \log p_{\theta}(y|x) \right] = \arg\min_{\theta} \mathbb{E}_{\hat{p}(x)} \left[ KL(\hat{p}(y|x)||p_{\theta}(y|x)) \right].$$

values, we can make use of the linearity of expectation, apply the expected value to the right logarithm. Then, we can use Bayes' theorem as we have conditional probabilities. The equation we end up with is a function of  $\theta$ , which allows us to maximise the second term independently of the first one.

$$\begin{split} &\arg\max_{\theta\in\Theta} \left\{ E_{p(x,y)} \big[ \log \big(p_{\theta}(y|x)\big) \big] \right\} \\ &= \arg\min_{\theta\in\Theta} \left\{ E_{p(x)} \left[ E_{p(y|x)} \big[ \log \big(p(y|x)\big) - \log \big(p_{\theta}(y|x)\big) \big] \right] \right\} \\ &= \arg\min_{\theta\in\Theta} \left\{ E_{p(x)} \left[ E_{p(y|x)} \big[ \log \big(p(y|x)\big) \big] \right] - E_{p(x)} \left[ E_{p(y|x)} \big[ \log \big(p_{\theta}(y|x)\big) \big] \right] \right\} \\ &= \arg\min_{\theta\in\Theta} \left\{ \left[ E_{p(x,y)} \big[ \log \big(p(y|x)\big) \big] \right] - \left[ E_{p(x,y)} \big[ \log \big(p_{\theta}(y|x)\big) \big] \right] \right\} \\ &= \arg\max_{\theta\in\Theta} \left\{ E_{p(x,y)} \big[ \log \big(p_{\theta}(y|x)\big) \big] \right\} \end{split}$$

### 2. a) We have;

$$\sigma(a) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-a}}$$

$$\frac{d\sigma(a)}{da} = -\left(\frac{1}{1 + e^{-a}}\right) \cdot \left(-e^{-a}\right)$$

$$\frac{d\sigma(a)}{da} = \frac{e^{-a}}{1 + e^{-a^2}}$$

And we can substitute:

$$\frac{e^{-a}}{1 + e^{-a^2}} = 1 - \left(\frac{1}{1 + e^{-a}}\right)$$

Which is

$$\frac{e^{-a}}{1 + e^{-a^2}} = (1 - \sigma(a))$$

Therefore

$$\frac{d\sigma(a)}{da} = \sigma(a) \cdot (1 - \sigma(a))$$

$$\frac{dL(\theta)}{d\theta} = -\frac{d}{d\theta}ylog\sigma(\theta^T x) - \frac{d}{d\theta}(1 - y)log[1 - \sigma(\theta^T x)]$$

Taking the derivative of the sum of the terms, then taking deriving the logarithms:

$$\left[\frac{1-y}{\sigma(\theta^T x)} - \frac{y}{1-\sigma(\theta^T x)}\right] \frac{d}{d\theta} \sigma(\theta^T x)$$

Applying the chain rule, and the derivative of

 $\sigma$ 

:

$$[\frac{1-y}{\sigma(\theta^Tx)} - \frac{y}{1-\sigma(\theta^Tx)}]\sigma(\theta^Tx)[1-\sigma(\theta^Tx)]x$$

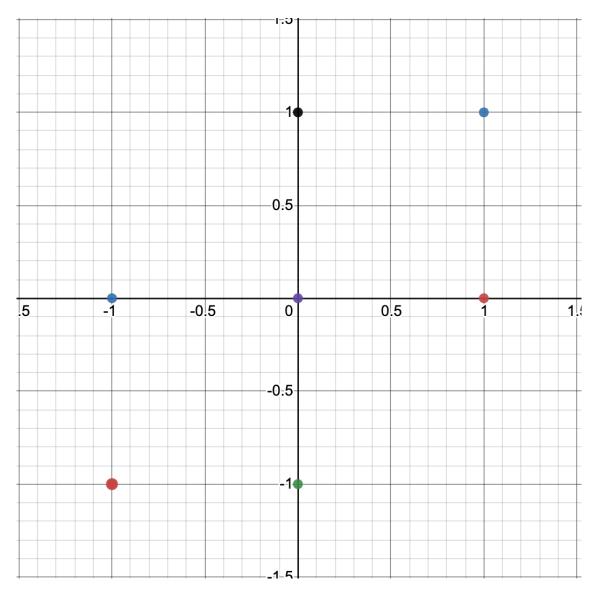
After moving the terms around we can cancel:

$$[\frac{\sigma(\theta^T x) - y}{\sigma(\theta^T x)[1 - \sigma(\theta^T x)]}]\sigma(\theta^T x)[1 - \sigma(\theta^T x)]x$$

We get:

$$[\sigma(\theta^T x) - y]x$$

## 3. a) Plotting the data points:



Without making any calculations, we expect the slope of the best fit line to be 0.5. Now visualising this in Python, and calculating the linear regression we get the following: We can see from the results that our initial guess was correct, and the slope of the best fit line is 0.5.

```
In [27]: import pandas as pd import matplotlib.pyplot as plt %matplotlib inline
         Out[29]: <matplotlib.collections.PathCollection at 0x7ff86af11b70>
           0.75
           0.50
           0.25
           0.00
          -0.25
          -0.50
          -0.75
               -1.00 -0.75 -0.50 -0.25 0.00
                                    0.25 0.50
In [31]: from scipy import stats
         col1 = points[0]
col2 = points[1]
         slope, intercept, r, p, error = stats.linregress(col1, col2)
         best_fit = slope * col1 + intercept
In [32]: best_fit
Out[32]: 0
         Name: 0, dtype: float64
```

b&c) Now we calculate the MSE and the MAE using sklearn.

The reason why the slope of the best fit line is 0.5 is because the given points are symmetrical according to the

$$y = x$$

axis. The best fit line itself is this axis. It makes sense that the MSE and the MAE are relatively low, 0.14 and 0.29 respectively. There aren't any outliers, the distance of the data points to the best fit line are similar.

```
Mean Squared Error

In [44]: from sklearn.metrics import mean_squared_error
    results = best_fit.to_numpy()
    results

Out[44]: array([-0.5, -0.5, 0. , 0. , 0. , 0.5, 0.5])

In [45]: mean_squared_error(col1, results)

Out[45]: 0.14285714285714285

Mean Absolute Error

In [46]: from sklearn.metrics import mean_absolute_error
    mean_absolute_error(col1, results)

Out[46]: 0.2857142857142857142857
```