

Capstone_E_commerce_Price_Prediction

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1 ST 1 Assignment 9 Capstone Programming Project (8995)

1.1 E-commerce Price Prediction

Github Link : <https://github.com/eliasedwin7/EcommercePricePrediction.git>

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1.4 Introduction and Dataset Overview

E-commerce platforms are increasingly reliant on advanced predictive models to optimize product pricing strategies. Accurate price prediction can not only enhance competitiveness but also streamline inventory management and customer satisfaction. This project aims to predict the selling price of e-commerce products using various machine learning models.

1.4.1 1.Setup and Reading the Dataset

```
[35]: import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns
import glob
import tkinter as tk
from tkinter import messagebox
import joblib
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split, KFold, cross_val_score
from sklearn.metrics import mean_squared_error, mean_absolute_error, r2_score
from sklearn.linear_model import LinearRegression
from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestRegressor
from sklearn.svm import SVR
from sklearn.preprocessing import LabelEncoder
#list all CSV files in the directory
files = glob.glob('data/*.csv')
print(files)
```

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['data/Test.csv', 'data/Train.csv']
```

```
[36]: # Load the dataset
data_train = pd.read_csv(files[1])
print(data_train.head())
```

	Product	Product_Brand	Item_Category	Subcategory_1	\
0	P-2610	B-659	bags wallets belts	bags	
1	P-2453	B-3078	clothing	women s clothing	
2	P-6802	B-1810	home decor festive needs	showpieces	
3	P-4452	B-3078	beauty and personal care	eye care	
4	P-8454	B-3078	clothing	men s clothing	

	Subcategory_2	Item_Rating	Date	Selling_Price
0	hand bags	4.3	2/3/2017	291.0
1	western wear	3.1	7/1/2015	897.0
2	ethnic	3.5	1/12/2019	792.0
3	h2o plus eye care	4.0	12/12/2014	837.0
4	t shirts	4.3	12/12/2013	470.0

```
[37]: print(data_train.describe())
```

	Item_Rating	Selling_Price
count	2452.000000	2452.000000
mean	3.078467	2494.375612
std	1.187137	7115.256516
min	1.000000	33.000000
25%	2.000000	371.000000
50%	3.100000	596.000000
75%	4.100000	1195.250000
max	5.000000	116289.000000

The dataset provided contains details of e-commerce products along with their selling prices. Our analysis will focus on features like Product_Brand, Item_Category, Subcategory_1, Subcategory_2, and Item_Rating, which are deemed critical for predicting the Selling_Price.

1.4.2 2. Problem Statement Definition

Predict the price of ecommerce products based on features such as category, brand, user ratings, etc. This could help sellers on the platform price their products competitively and understand factors influencing prices.

1.4.3 3. Target Variable Identification

```
[38]: print(data_train.columns)
```

```
Index(['Product', 'Product_Brand', 'Item_Category', 'Subcategory_1',
      'Subcategory_2', 'Item_Rating', 'Date', 'Selling_Price'],
      dtype='object')
```

```
[39]: # Identify the target variable
target_variable = 'Selling_Price'
# Display summary statistics of the target var
print(data_train[target_variable].describe())
```

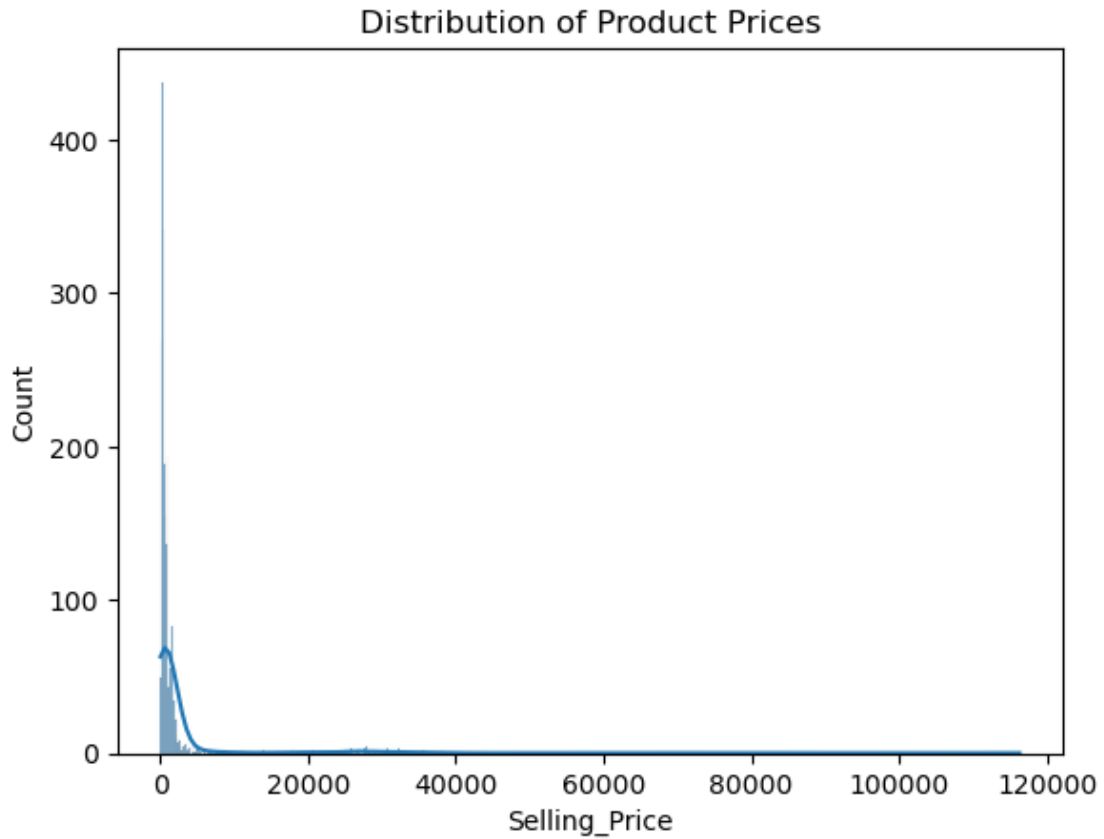
```
count      2452.000000
mean       2494.375612
std        7115.256516
min         33.000000
25%        371.000000
50%        596.000000
75%       1195.250000
max       116289.000000
Name: Selling_Price, dtype: float64
```

1.5 Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA)

Our EDA revealed that the `Selling_Price` is right-skewed, indicating a prevalence of more affordably priced products with fewer high-end outliers. The correlations between subcategories and item ratings with the selling price suggest that these features could be significant predictors in our price prediction model.

1.5.1 4. Visualizing the Distribution of the Target Variable

```
[40]: # Visualize the distribution of the target variable
sns.histplot(data_train[target_variable], kde=True)
plt.title('Distribution of Product Prices')
plt.show()
```



1.5.2 5. Basic Level Data Exploration

```
[41]: # Basic exploration of data
print("Descriptive statistics\n",data_train.describe())
```

Descriptive statistics

	Item_Rating	Selling_Price
count	2452.000000	2452.000000
mean	3.078467	2494.375612
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1.5.3 6. Identifying and Rejecting Unwanted Columns

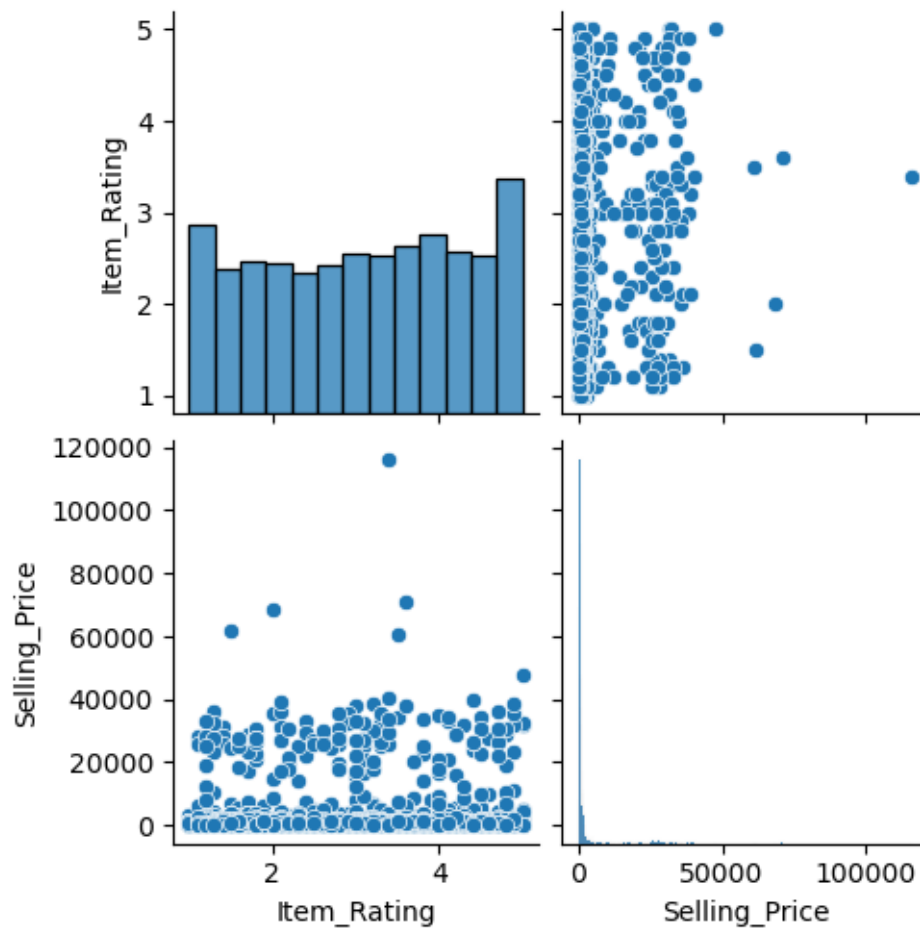
```
[42]: # Identify columns to drop
columns_to_drop = ['Product', 'Date']
data_train= data_train.drop(columns=columns_to_drop)
print(data_train.columns)
```

```
Index(['Product_Brand', 'Item_Category', 'Subcategory_1', 'Subcategory_2',
      'Item_Rating', 'Selling_Price'],
      dtype='object')
```

1.5.4 7. Visual Exploratory Data Analysis

```
[43]: # Visual exploratory analysis with pairplot
sns.pairplot(data_train)
plt.show()
```

```
/home/edwin/anaconda3/lib/python3.11/site-packages/seaborn/axisgrid.py:118:
UserWarning: The figure layout has changed to tight
self._figure.tight_layout(*args, **kwargs)
```



1.5.5 8. Feature Selection Based on Data Distribution

```
[44]: # Analyze features and select all
selected_features = data_train.columns
print("Selected Features:", selected_features)
```

```
Selected Features: Index(['Product_Brand', 'Item_Category', 'Subcategory_1',
                          'Subcategory_2',
                          'Item_Rating', 'Selling_Price'],
                          dtype='object')
```

1.5.6 9. Removal of Outliers and Missing Values

```
[45]: # Remove outliers and handle missing values
data_train = data_train[data_train[target_variable] <=
    ↪data_train[target_variable].quantile(0.99)]
# Forward fill for handling missing values
data_train.fillna(method='ffill', inplace=True)
```

1.5.7 11. Data Conversion to Numeric Values

```
[46]: # Identify categorical columns
categorical_cols = data_train.select_dtypes(include=['object']).columns
print("Categorical columns:", categorical_cols)
# Initialize the LabelEncoder
label_encoder = LabelEncoder()
# Apply Label Encoding to each categorical column
for column in categorical_cols:
    data_train[column] = label_encoder.fit_transform(data_train[column])
print(data_train.head())
```

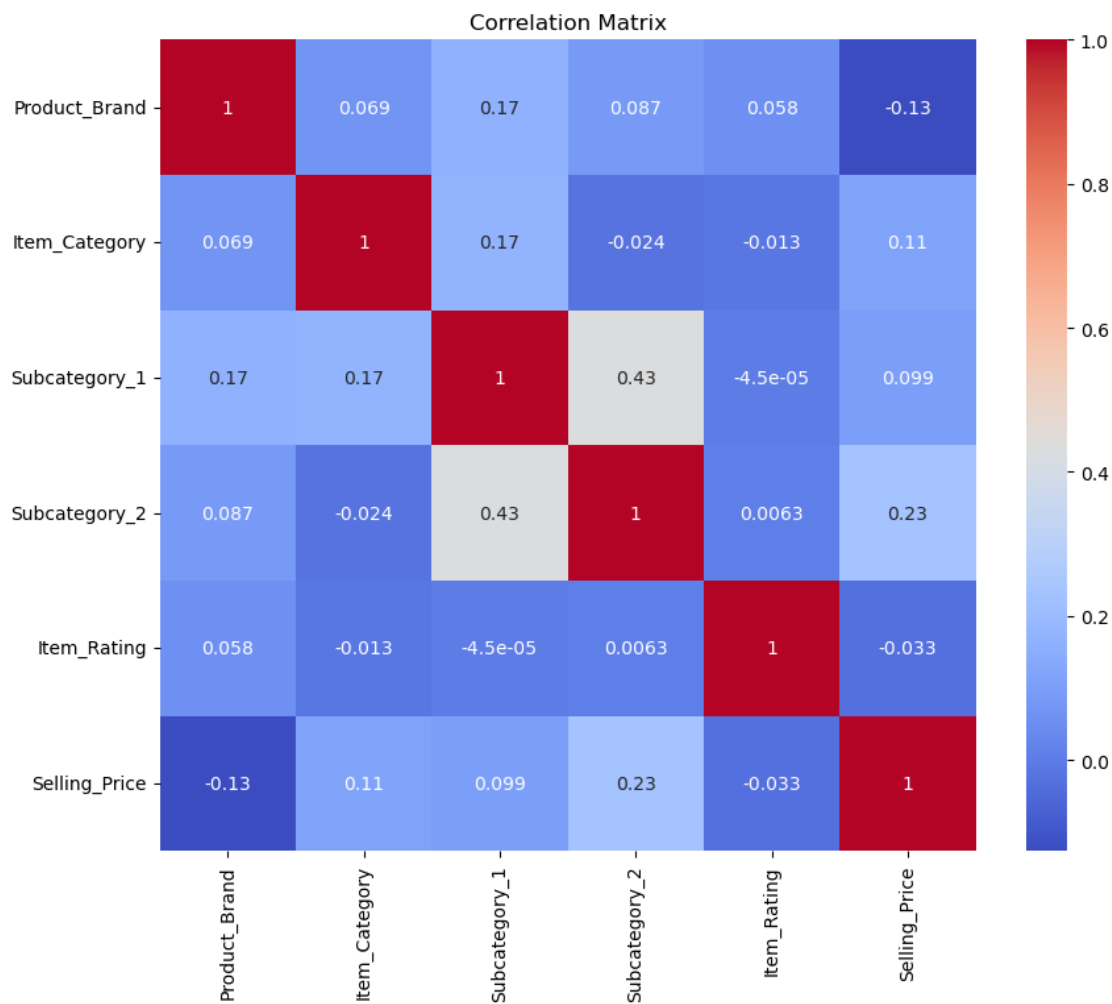
```
Categorical columns: Index(['Product_Brand', 'Item_Category', 'Subcategory_1',
                          'Subcategory_2'], dtype='object')
```

	Product_Brand	Item_Category	Subcategory_1	Subcategory_2	Item_Rating	\
0	859	7	10	137	4.3	
1	667	10	127	329	3.1	
2	280	29	112	101	3.5	
3	667	8	37	134	4.0	
4	667	10	80	296	4.3	
	Selling_Price					
0	291.0					
1	897.0					
2	792.0					

```
3      837.0
4      470.0
```

1.5.8 10. Visual and Statistical Correlation Analysis

```
[47]: # Correlation analysis
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 8))
sns.heatmap(data_train.corr(), annot=True, cmap='coolwarm')
plt.title('Correlation Matrix')
plt.show()
```



1.6 Predictive Data Analysis

We evaluated three regression algorithms: Linear Regression, Random Forest, and SVM. The Random Forest Regressor emerged as the best model, demonstrating a balance between bias and variance, as reflected in its R^2 score.

1.6.1 12. Training/Testing Sampling and K-Fold Cross Validation

```
[48]: # Split the data into train and test sets
X = data_train.drop(target_variable, axis=1)
y = data_train[target_variable]
X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(X, y, test_size=0.2,
↳random_state=42)
# Setup K-Fold cross-validation
kf = KFold(n_splits=5)
```

1.6.2 13. Investigating Multiple Regression Algorithms

```
[49]: # Initialize models
model_lr = LinearRegression()
model_rf = RandomForestRegressor(n_estimators=100, random_state=42)
model_svm = SVR(kernel='linear')

# Function to perform training and cross-validation
def train_and_evaluate(model, X_train, y_train, kf):
    # Perform cross-validation
    scores = cross_val_score(model, X_train, y_train, cv=kf, scoring='r2')
    return np.mean(scores), np.std(scores)

# Evaluate models using K-fold cross-validation
mean_r2_lr, std_r2_lr = train_and_evaluate(model_lr, X_train, y_train, kf)
mean_r2_rf, std_r2_rf = train_and_evaluate(model_rf, X_train, y_train, kf)
mean_r2_svm, std_r2_svm = train_and_evaluate(model_svm, X_train, y_train, kf)

print(f"Linear Regression - Mean R²: {mean_r2_lr:.3f}, Std R²: {std_r2_lr:.3f}")
print(f"Random Forest - Mean R²: {mean_r2_rf:.3f}, Std R²: {std_r2_rf:.3f}")
print(f"SVM - Mean R²: {mean_r2_svm:.3f}, Std R²: {std_r2_svm:.3f}")
```

Linear Regression - Mean R^2 : 0.082, Std R^2 : 0.031

Random Forest - Mean R^2 : 0.741, Std R^2 : 0.054

SVM - Mean R^2 : -0.069, Std R^2 : 0.011

1.6.3 14. Selection of the Best Model

```
[16]: model_performance = {
    'Linear Regression': {'Mean R²': mean_r2_lr, 'Std R²': std_r2_lr, 'model':
↳model_lr},
    'Random Forest': {'Mean R²': mean_r2_rf, 'Std R²': std_r2_rf, 'model':
↳model_rf},
    'SVM': {'Mean R²': mean_r2_svm, 'Std R²': std_r2_svm, 'model': model_svm}
}

# Determine the best model based on Mean R² scores
```



```

best_model_name = max(model_performance, key=lambda k:
    ↪model_performance[k]['Mean R2'])
best_model_stats = model_performance[best_model_name]
best_model=best_model_stats['model']

print(f"The best model is {best_model_name}")

```

The best model is Random Forest

```

[17]: # Model Training and Validation
# Fitting the model to the Training set
model = best_model
model.fit(X_train, y_train)
# Predicting the Test set results
y_pred = model.predict(X_test)
# Calculating metrics
mse = mean_squared_error(y_test, y_pred)
rmse = np.sqrt(mse)
mae = mean_absolute_error(y_test, y_pred)
r2 = r2_score(y_test, y_pred)

print(f"Mean Absolute Error (MAE): {mae:.2f}")
print(f"Mean Squared Error (MSE): {mse:.2f}")
print(f"Root Mean Squared Error (RMSE): {rmse:.2f}")
print(f"R-squared (R2): {r2:.2f}")

```

Mean Absolute Error (MAE): 840.53
Mean Squared Error (MSE): 4489565.65
Root Mean Squared Error (RMSE): 2118.86
R-squared (R2): 0.83

These metrics indicate that the model has a strong predictive capability with an R^2 score suggesting that approximately 83% of the variance in the `Selling_Price` is explained by the model.

```

[50]: # some example based on the training dataset
feature_names = ['Product_Brand', 'Item_Category', 'Subcategory_1',
    ↪'Subcategory_2', 'Item_Rating']
features = [[859, 7, 10, 137, 4.3]]
new_data = pd.DataFrame(features, columns=feature_names)
# Use the best model to make a prediction
predicted_price = best_model.predict(new_data)[0]
print(f"The predicted selling price is: ${predicted_price:.2f}")

```

The predicted selling price is: \$705.86

1.6.4 15. Deployment of the Best Model in Production

The best-performing model was deployed into a simple application using Tkinter, enabling users to input product features and receive price predictions. The GUI is designed to be intuitive, providing

a seamless user experience.

```
[51]: model_name=best_model_name.replace(' ', '_')
      # Save the model
      joblib.dump(best_model, f'{model_name}.pkl')
```

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[51]: ['Random_Forest.pkl']
```

Tkinter Application

```
[52]: # Load the trained model
      model = joblib.load(f'{model_name}.pkl')
      # Function to predict the selling price
      def predict_price():
          try:
              # Extract values from GUI, convert to floats
              feature_values = [
                  float(entry_product_brand.get()),
                  float(entry_item_category.get()),
                  float(entry_subcategory1.get()),
                  float(entry_subcategory2.get()),
                  float(entry_item_rating.get())
              ]
              # Create DataFrame with the same feature names as the training set
              feature_names = ['Product_Brand', 'Item_Category', 'Subcategory_1',
                              ↪ 'Subcategory_2', 'Item_Rating']
              input_data = pd.DataFrame([feature_values], columns=feature_names)
              # Predict using the model
              prediction = model.predict(input_data)[0]
              # Display the predicted price
              messagebox.showinfo("Prediction", f"Predicted Selling Price:
              ↪ ${prediction:.2f}")
              except ValueError:
                  # Error handling for invalid inputs
                  messagebox.showerror("Input Error", "Please enter valid numbers for all
                  ↪ input fields")
      # the main window
      root = tk.Tk()
      root.title("E-commerce Price Prediction")
      default_values = {
          'Product_Brand': 859,
          'Item_Category': 7,
          'Subcategory_1': 10,
          'Subcategory_2': 137,
          'Item_Rating': 4.3
      }
      # Function to create labeled entry with default value
      def create_labeled_entry(label_text, default_value):
```

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frame = tk.Frame(root)
label = tk.Label(frame, text=label_text)
label.pack(side=tk.LEFT)
entry = tk.Entry(frame)
entry.insert(0, str(default_value)) # Set default value
entry.pack(side=tk.RIGHT)
frame.pack(pady=2)
return entry
# entries for each feature
entry_product_brand = create_labeled_entry('Product Brand',␣
↳default_values['Product_Brand'])
entry_item_category = create_labeled_entry('Item Category',␣
↳default_values['Item_Category'])
entry_subcategory1 = create_labeled_entry('Subcategory 1',␣
↳default_values['Subcategory_1'])
entry_subcategory2 = create_labeled_entry('Subcategory 2',␣
↳default_values['Subcategory_2'])
entry_item_rating = create_labeled_entry('Item Rating',␣
↳default_values['Item_Rating'])
# Button to predict price
predict_button = tk.Button(root, text="Predict Price", command=predict_price)
predict_button.pack(pady=10)
# Start the application
root.mainloop()

```

1.7 References

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