Ames Housing Prices

Bobble Bee's investment fund:
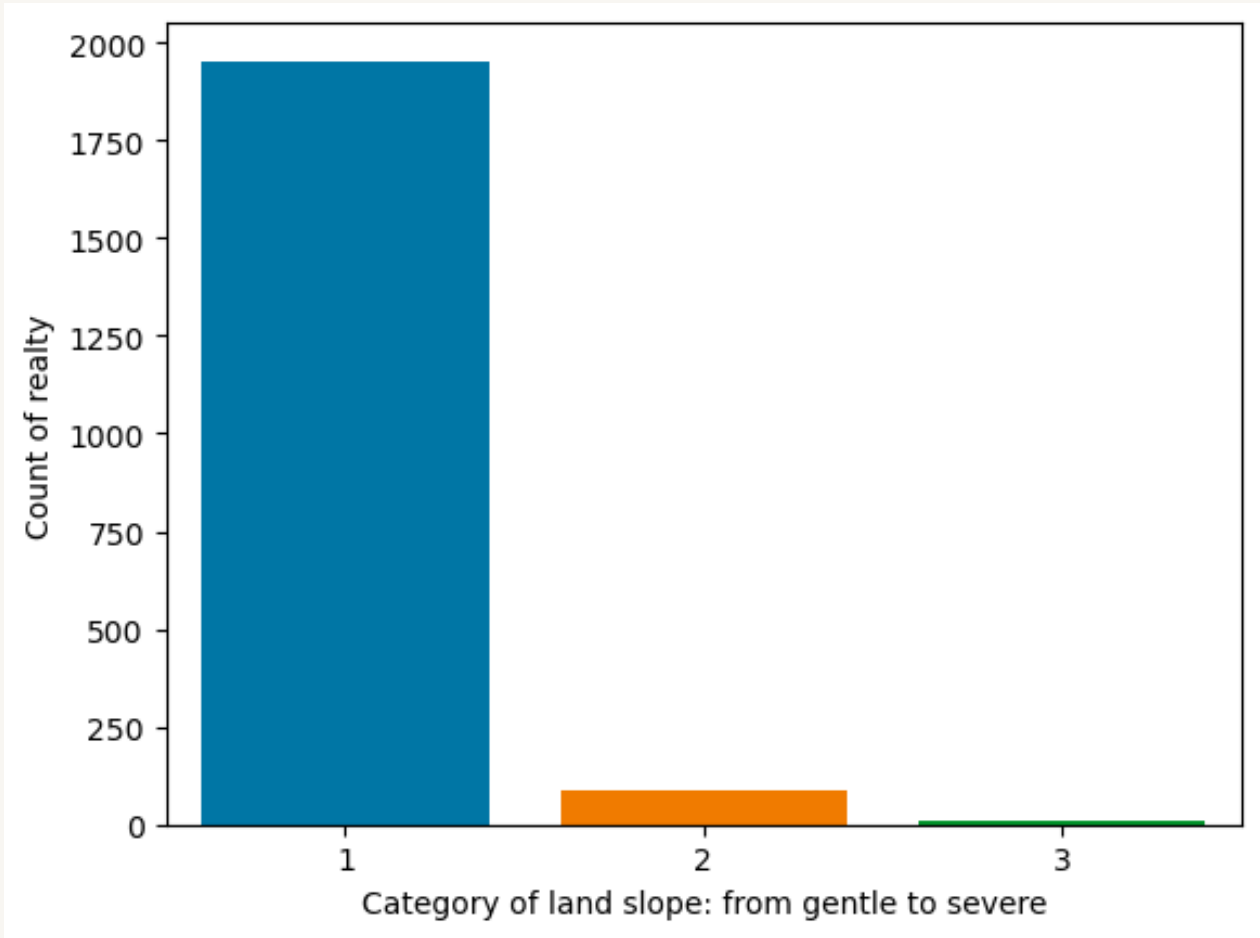
Maximize their profit investing in Ames housing

How?
Selecting realty that are predicted to be worth more than the actual price

Filtering variables

1. Variables that don't show variability
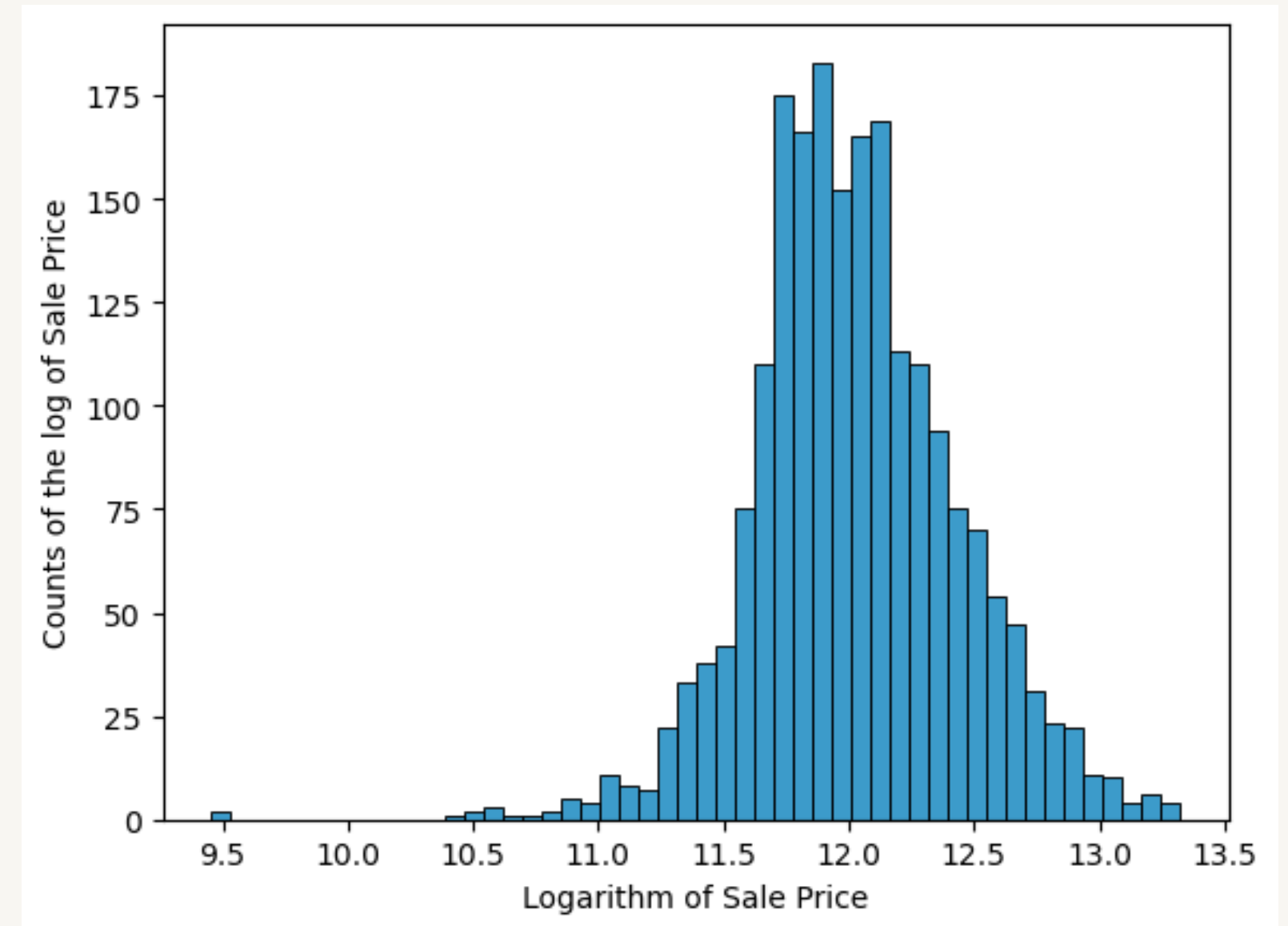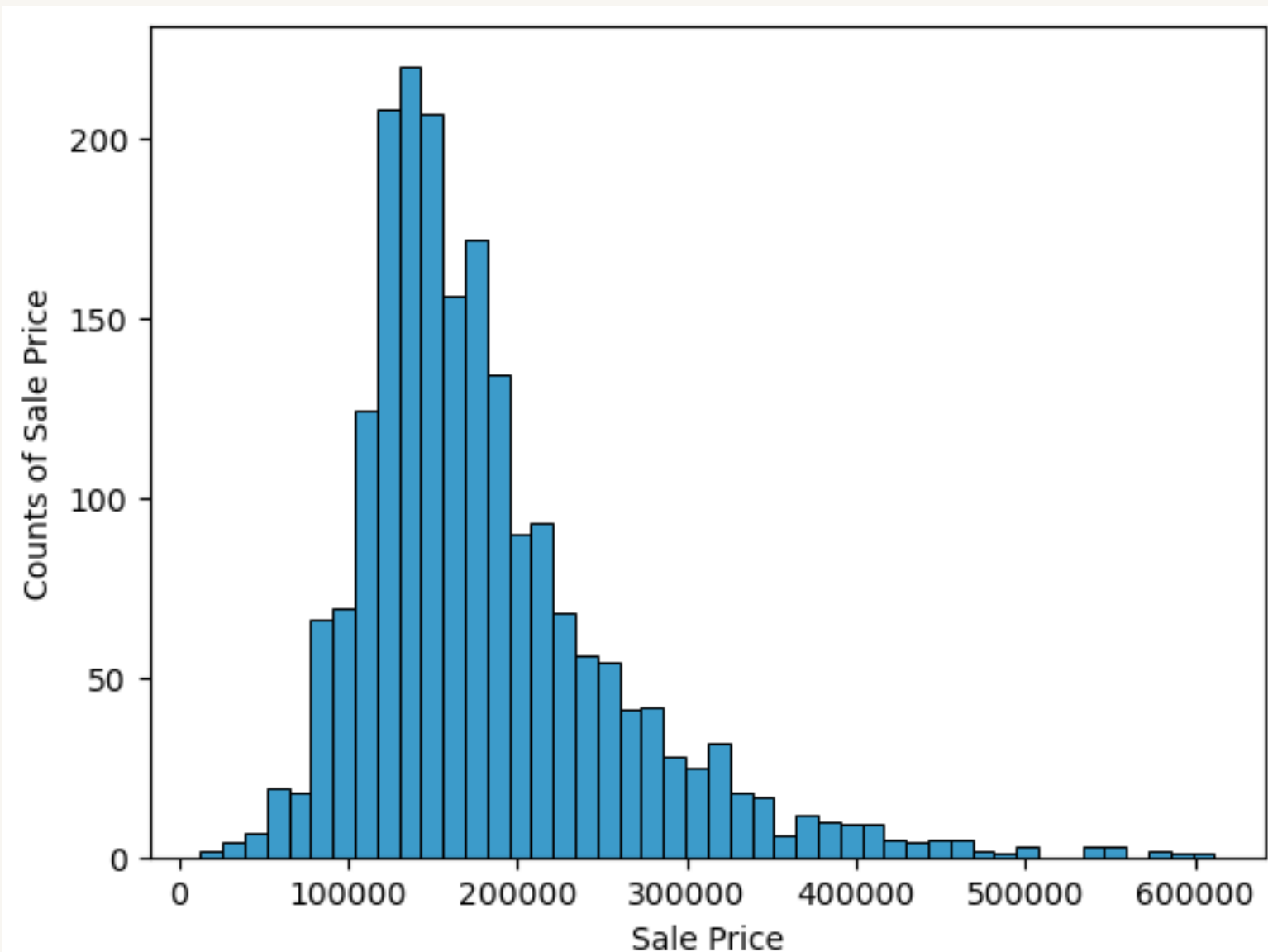Ex: 95% of data fit into one category

2. Underrepresentative variables
Variables that are present in only 20% or less of data

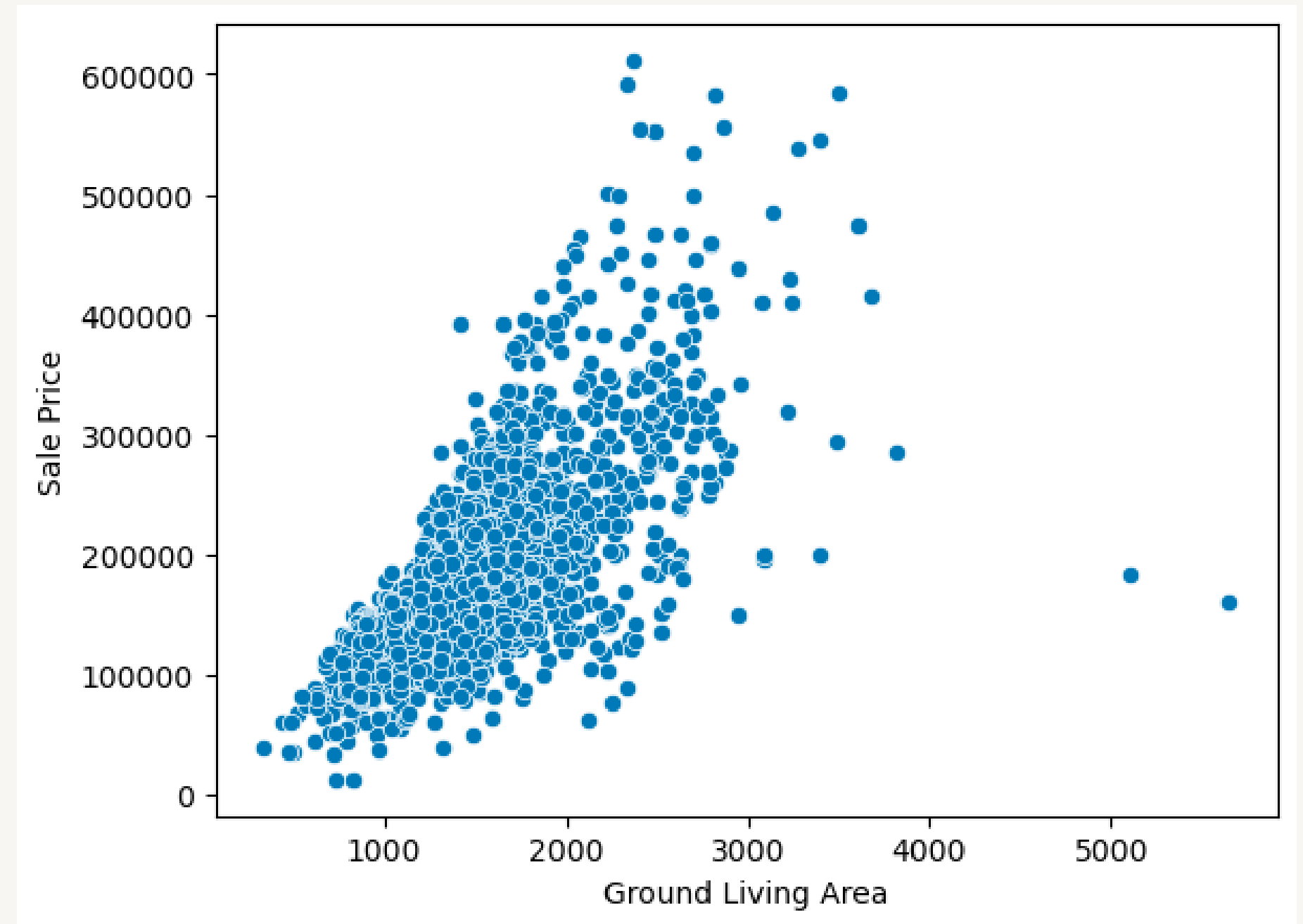| Variables and non-nulls	
Alley	**140**
Pool QC	**9**
Misc Feature	**65**
Fence	**400**

Transforming the target variable

- Logarithm of sale price
- More Normal distribution
- Improved linear regression metrics: R2 score went from 88.5% to 90.3%

Removing outliers

- Data points with ground living area greater than 40000 square feet
- R2 score went from 90.3% to 92.3%

Regularization - Ridge Regression

Although filtering data to avoid overfitting as much as possible,
Regularization was also used to reduce possible overfitting

**Ridge regression led to an increase in R2 scores in both training and test sets
96.8% in the training set
97.8% in the test set**

Conclusion and Recommendations

(Value Predicted) - (Actual Value)

- There are 2 opportunities of gains of approximately $250,000 or more each

- There are 9 opportunities of gains of approximately $100,000 or more each