

Ames Housing Price Prediction

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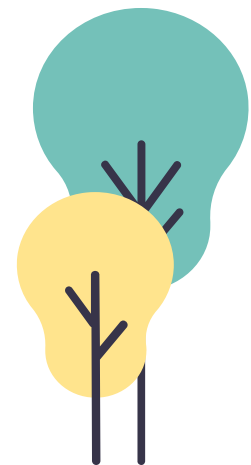
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PROBLEM STATEMENT

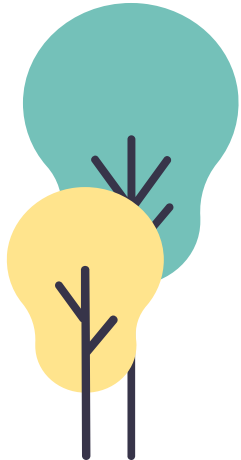
Client = A property agency (IowaGuru) based in Ames, Iowa



To develop a suitable regression model capable of predicting the prices of property in Ames accurately

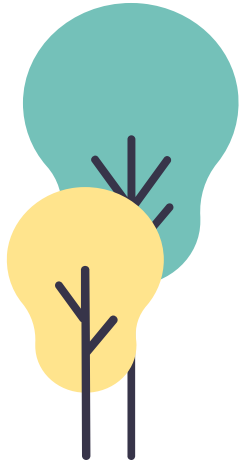
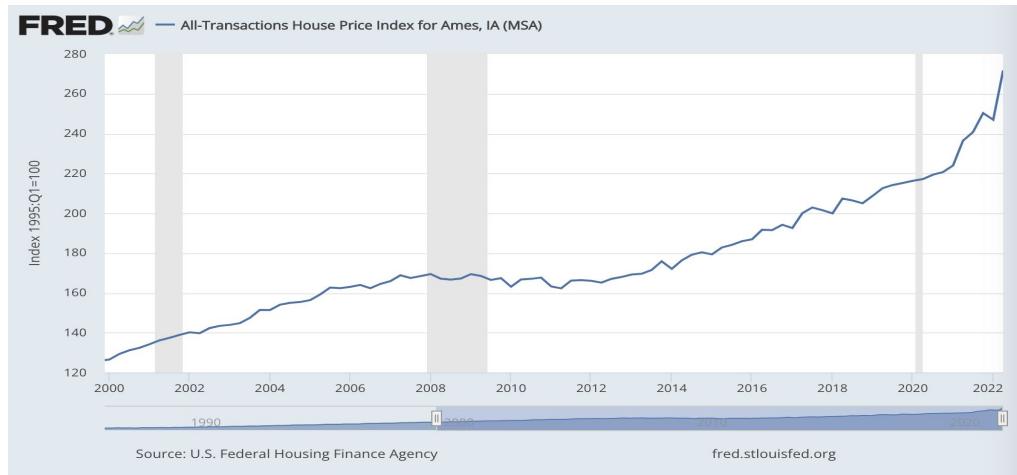


To figure out the key features of the property that are strong predictors to the sale price



BACKGROUND

- Housing market in Ames is highly competitive in recent years
 - Exponential surge in prices driven by rising demand
- IowaGuru wants to predict prices based on the property's features only
 - Dataset was taken from property sales data for 2006 to 2010 (Normal volatility in prices)
- The model will be evaluated based on regression model metrics & scores in Kaggle



OUR DATA

Upgrade Now



METHODOLOGY

DATA CLEANING & ENCODING

Identify & address null value
Categorize Features to Ordinal,
Nominal & Numeric
Encode Ordinal & Nominal Features

BASELINE MODEL

Linear, Lasso, Ridge,
ElasticNet Regression

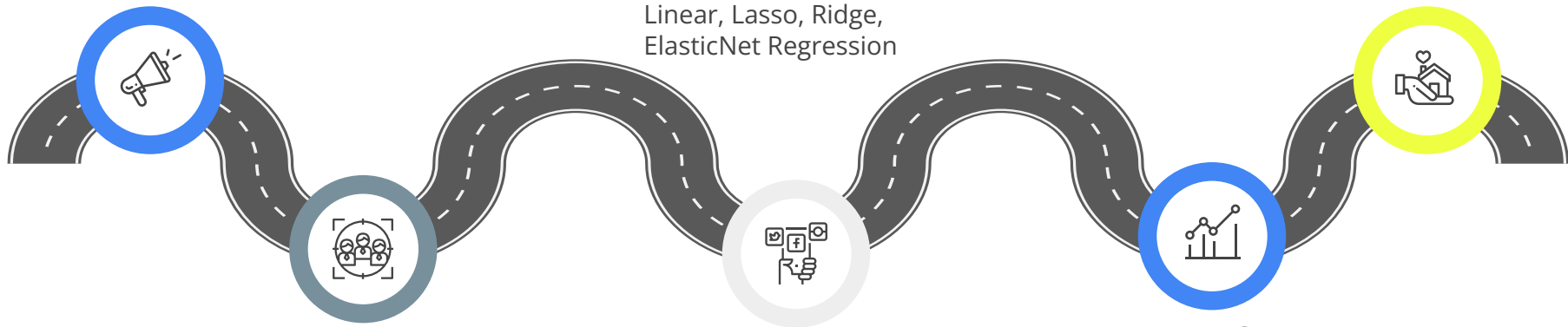
CONCLUSION & RECOMMENDATIONS

VISUALISATION & DATA PRE-PROCESSING

Plot graphs to identify & address outliers
Train-Test Split
Standard Scaler

FINAL MODEL

Feature Engineering - Polynomial
Lasso & Ridge Regression



FEATURES CATEGORY

NOMINAL FEATURE

Neighborhood, House Style, Sale Type, etc

These variables are to be encoded using One Hot Encoding [0, 1]

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NUMERIC FEATURE

Year Built, Bathrooms, Floor SF, etc

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ORDINAL FEATURE

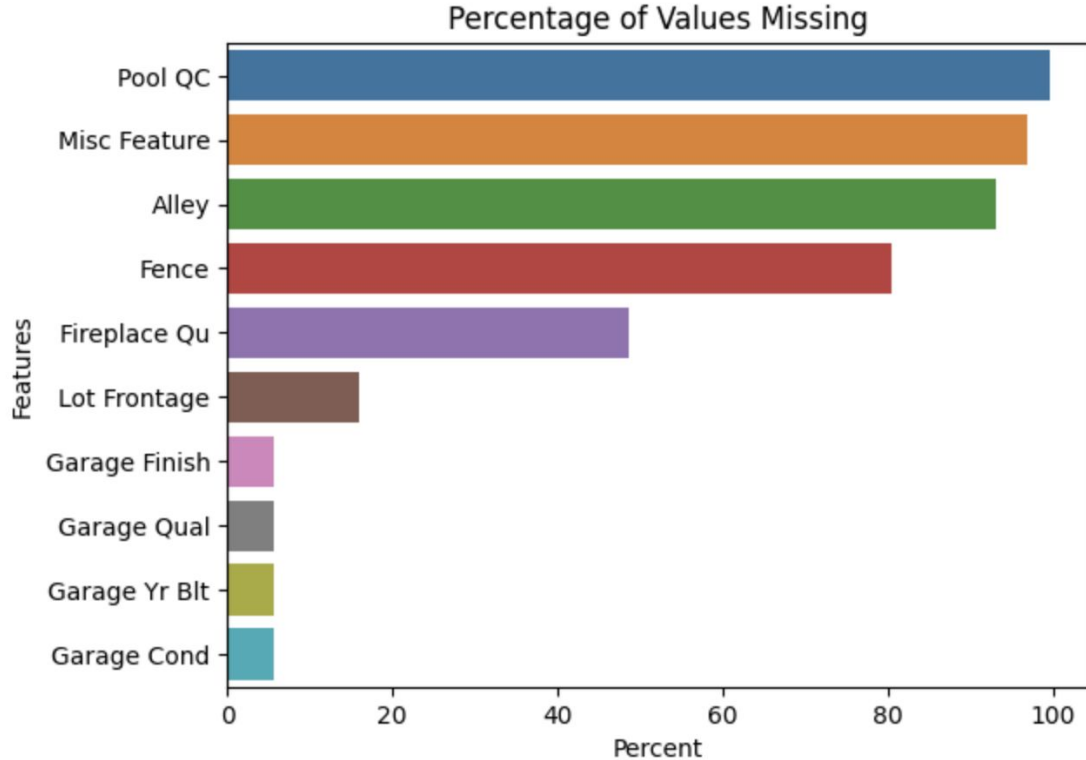
External Qualities, Basement Conditions, etc.

These variables are to be encoded as per ordinal manner stated in data dictionary by integer mapping

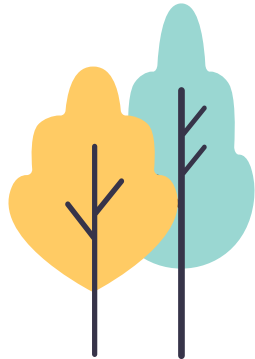
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MISSING VALUES



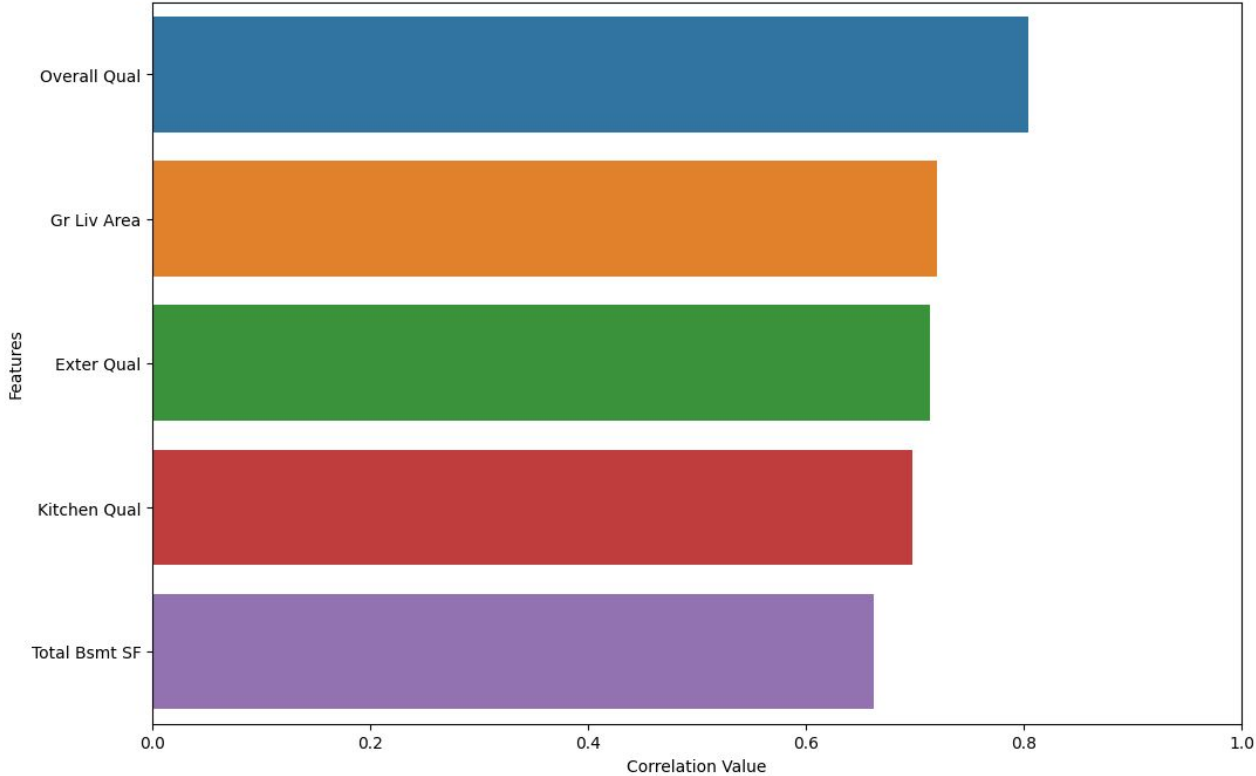
**These values should be "NA" / 0.0,
not genuine missing**
These features do not exist in the
property



TOP 5 FEATURES CORRELATED WITH SALE PRICE



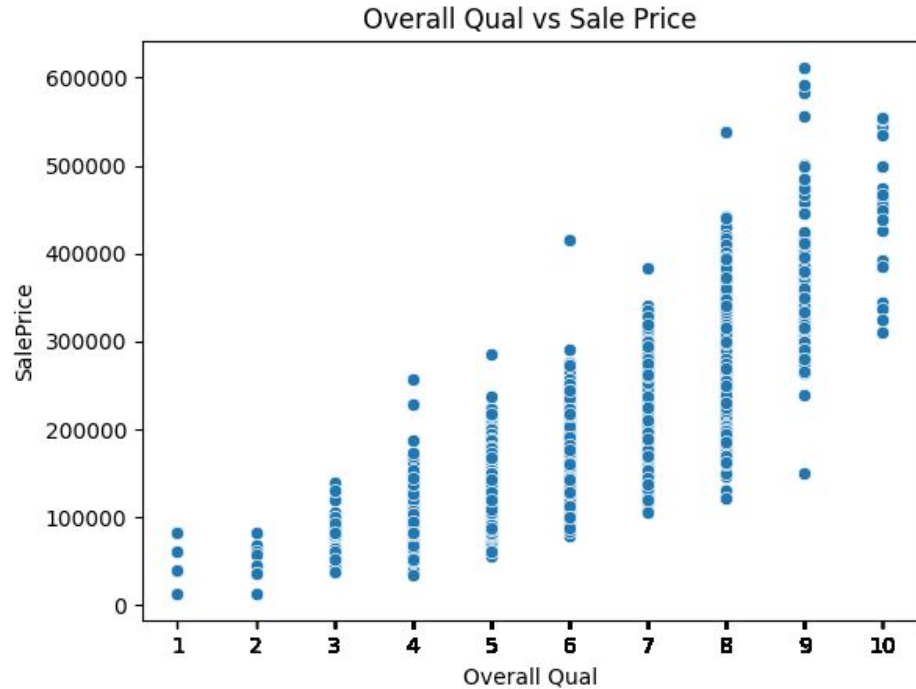
Features Correlation with SalePrice



- Overall Quality (0.8)
- Exterior material quality (0.71)
- Above Grade Living Area (0.7)
- Kitchen Quality (0.7)
- Total Basement Area (0.65)

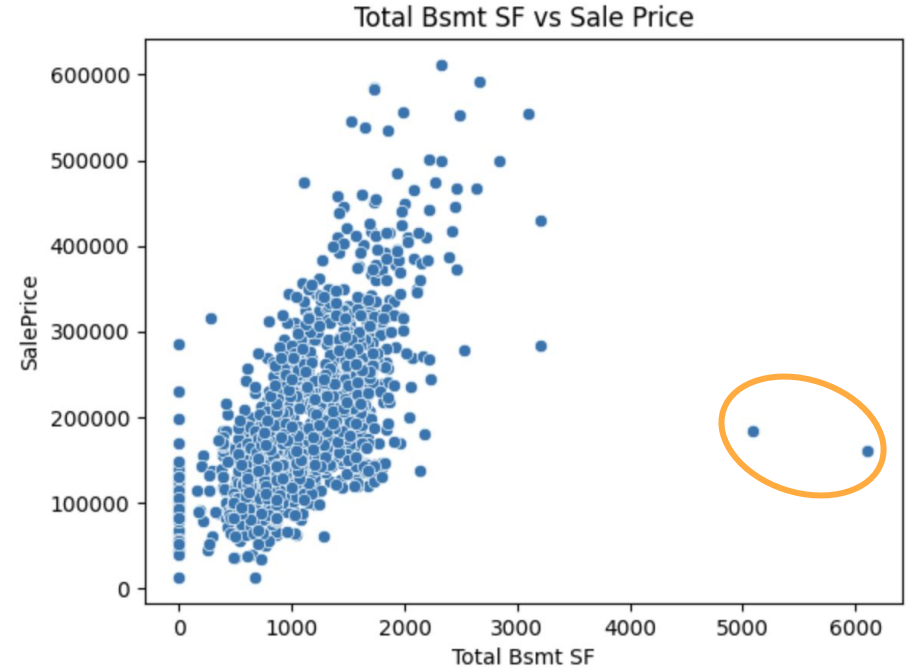
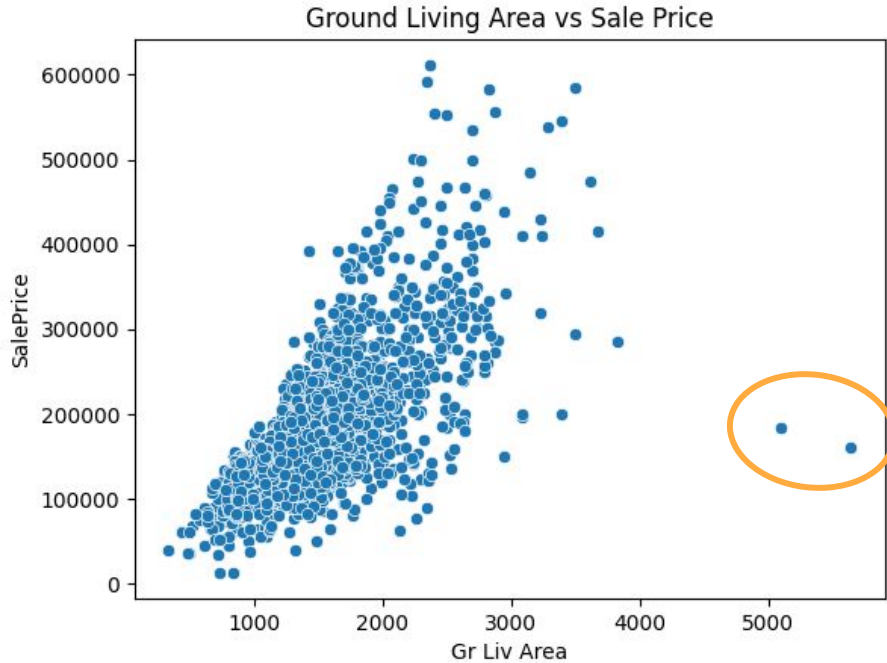


IDENTIFYING & REMOVING OUTLIERS



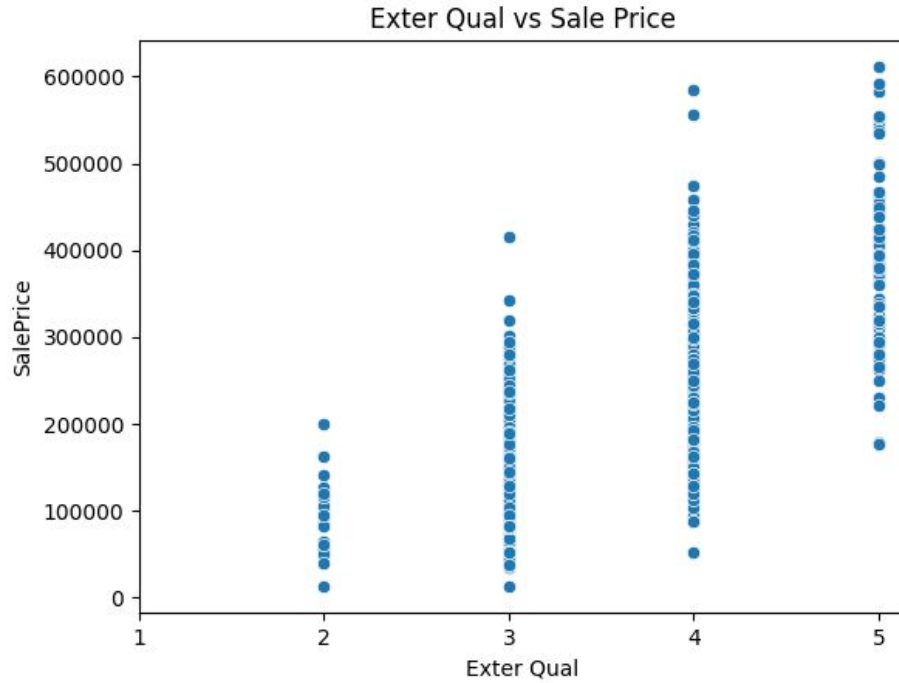
- No outliers in Overall Quality data series
- 1 outlier in Kitchen Quality data series & to be dropped

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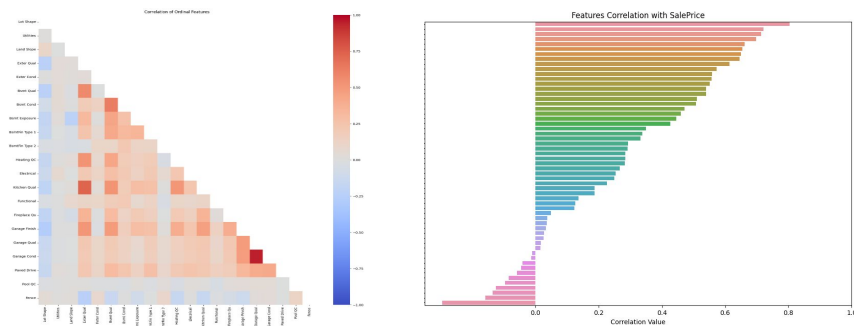
- 2 outliers spotted in Ground Living Area & Total Bsmt SF data series
- To be dropped from analysis

IDENTIFYING & REMOVING OUTLIERS



- No outliers for both Exterior Material Quality data series

FEATURE CORRELATION



- Identify features that has high correlation with each other (> 0.75)
- Drop features that has lower correlation with Sale Price

| Feature 1 (Corr with Sale Price) | Feature 2 (Corr with Sale Price) | Feature 1 & 2 Corr |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| Garage Qual (0.28) | Garage Cond (0.26) | 0.95 |
| Garage Area (0.65) | Garage Cars (0.64) | 0.89 |
| Yr Blt (0.57) | Garage Yr Blt (0.55) | 0.86 |
| Total Bsmt SF (0.66) | 1st Flr SF (0.64) | 0.81 |
| Gr Liv Area (0.72) | TotRms AbvGrd (0.51) | 0.81 |

*In red: Feature has lower correlation with Sale Price -> Dropped

DATA PRE-PROCESSING

TRAIN-TEST SPLIT

75% of data for Training
25% of data for Testing



TRANSFORMATIONS

Standardize features using
sklearn StandardScaler



BASELINE MODEL

Linear Regression,
Lasso, Ridge
& ElasticNet

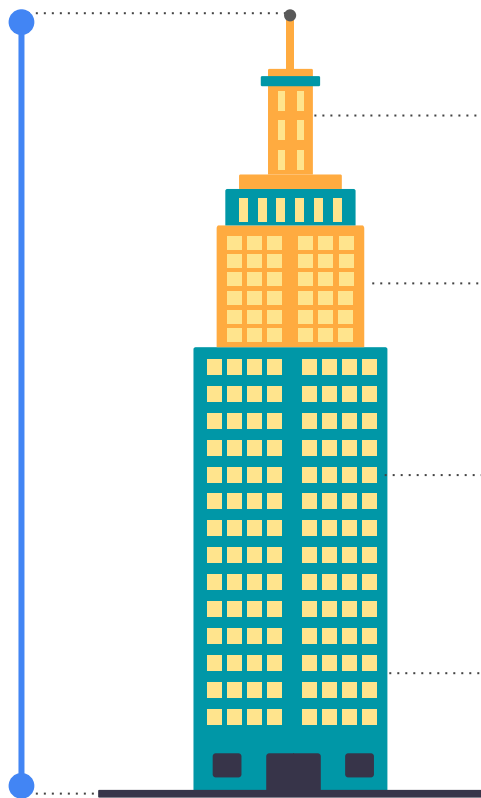


BASELINE MODEL PERFORMANCE

| | REGRESSION MODEL | TRAIN SCORE | TEST SCORE | CROSS-VAL (R2 SCORE) | RMSE SCORE | REMARKS |
|-------------------|----------------------|----------------|------------|-------------------------|------------|------------------------------------|
| BASELINE MODEL | LINEAR REGRESSION | 0.936 | -9.811E+23 | -7.681E+22 | 3.62E+15 | Poor Performance |
| BASELINE MODEL | LASSO | 0.929 | 0.903 | 0.908 | 24167 | Selected for Model Tuning |
| BASELINE MODEL | RIDGE | 0.931 | 0.898 | 0.906 | 24718 | Selected for Model Tuning |
| BASELINE MODEL | ELASTICNET | 0.929 | 0.903 | 0.908 | 24163 | Similar to Lasso (l1 ratio = 1) |

FEATURE ENGINEERING

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HOUSE AGE

Current Year - Year Built

BATHROOMS

Full Bath + 0.5*Half Bath +
Basement Full Bath + 0.5*Basement Half Bath

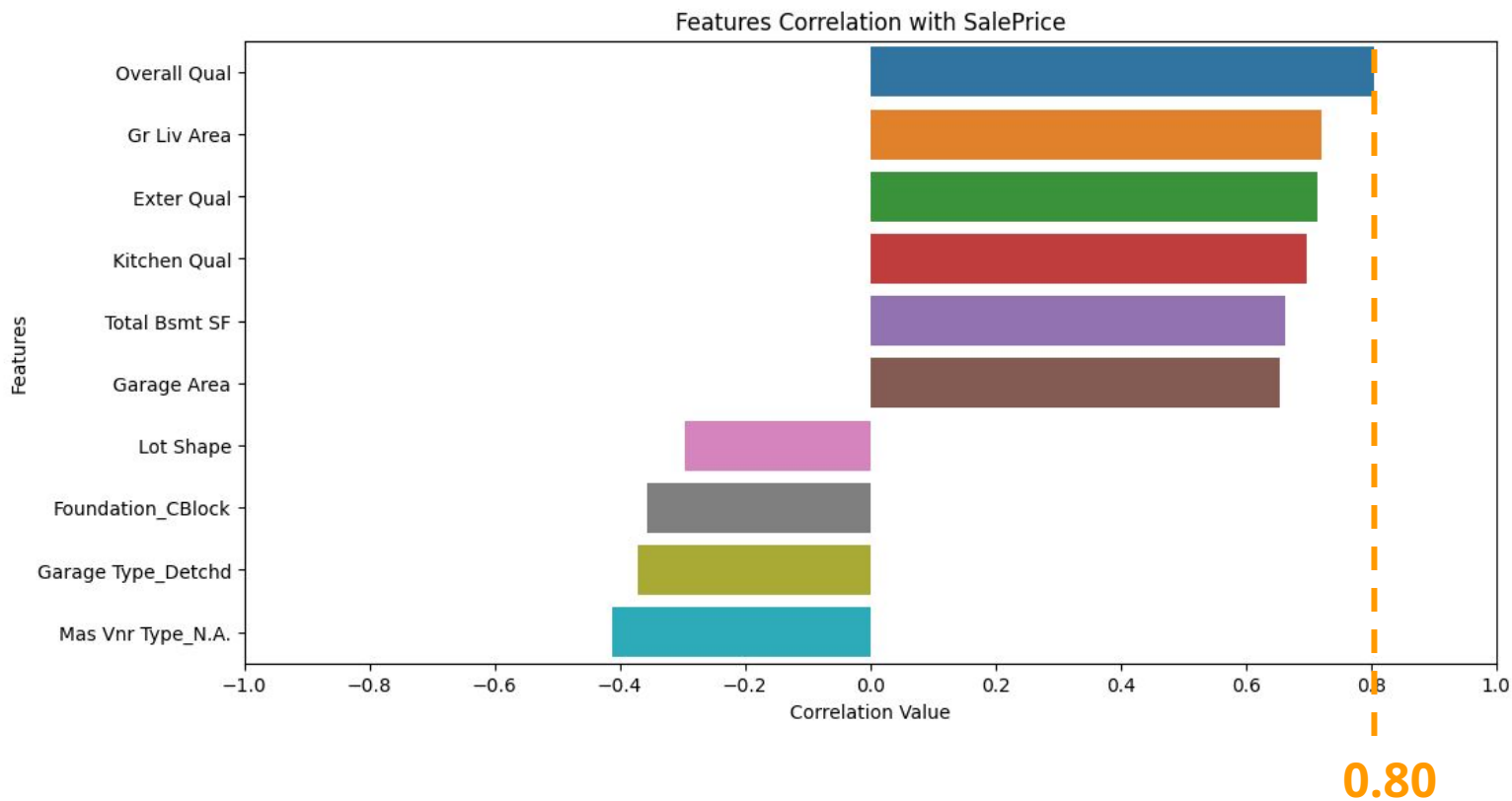
HOUSE QUALITY

Overall Quality * Basement Quality * Kitchen Quality

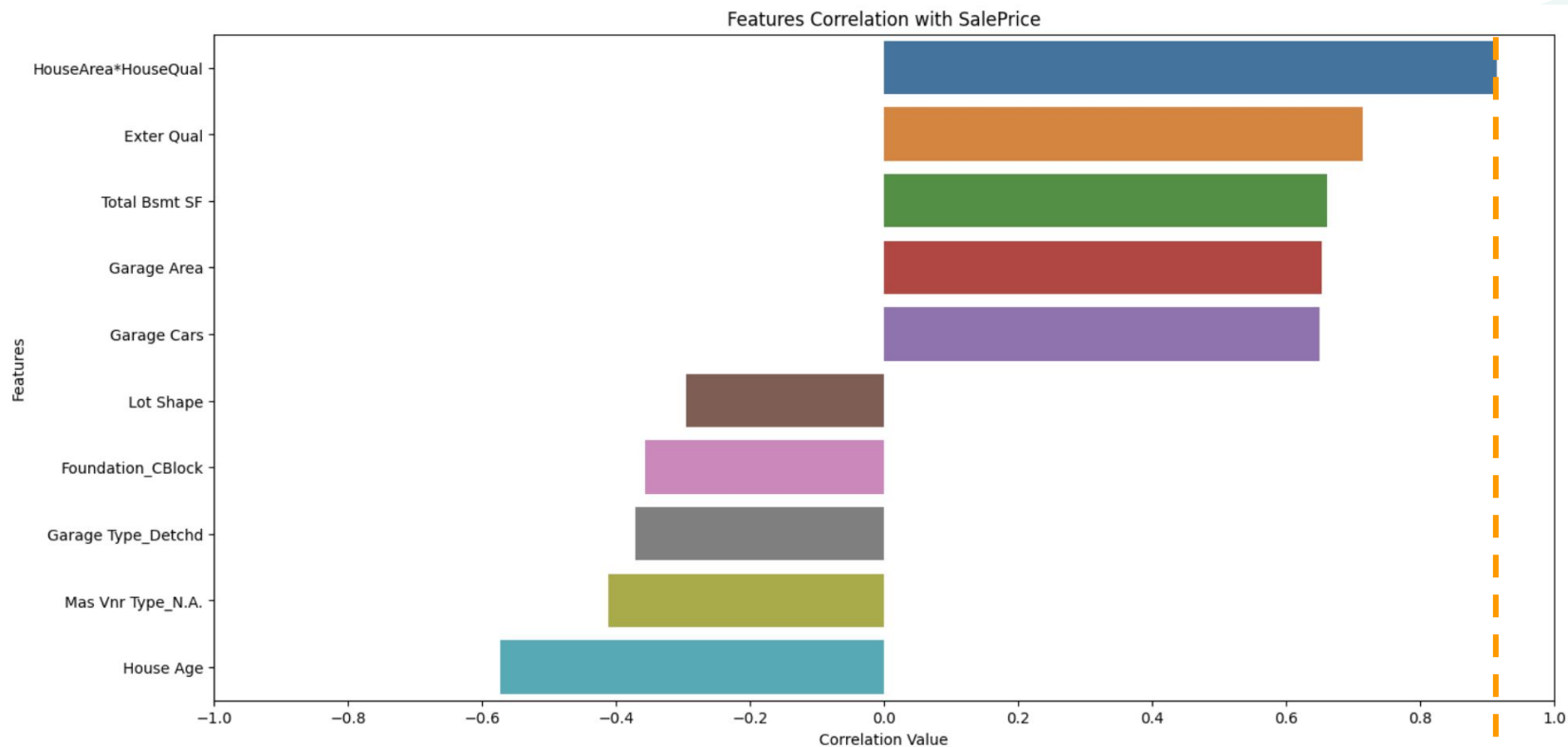
HOUSE AREA*HOUSE QUALITY

Ground Living Area * House Quality

BEFORE FEATURE ENGINEERING



AFTER FEATURE ENGINEERING



0.91

FINAL MODEL PERFORMANCE

| | REGRESSION MODEL | TRAIN SCORE | TEST SCORE | CROSS-VAL (R2 SCORE) | RMSE SCORE | REMARKS |
|-------------------|---------------------|----------------|------------|-------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------------|
| BASELINE MODEL | LASSO | 0.929 | 0.903 | 0.908 | 24167 | - |
| BASELINE MODEL | RIDGE | 0.931 | 0.898 | 0.906 | 24718 | - |
| FINAL MODEL | LASSO | 0.942 | 0.920 | 0.925 | 21990 | Selected for Kaggle Submission |
| FINAL MODEL | RIDGE | 0.946 | 0.913 | 0.920 | 22853 | - |

Submission and Description

Private Score

Public Score

[kaggle_submission.csv](#)












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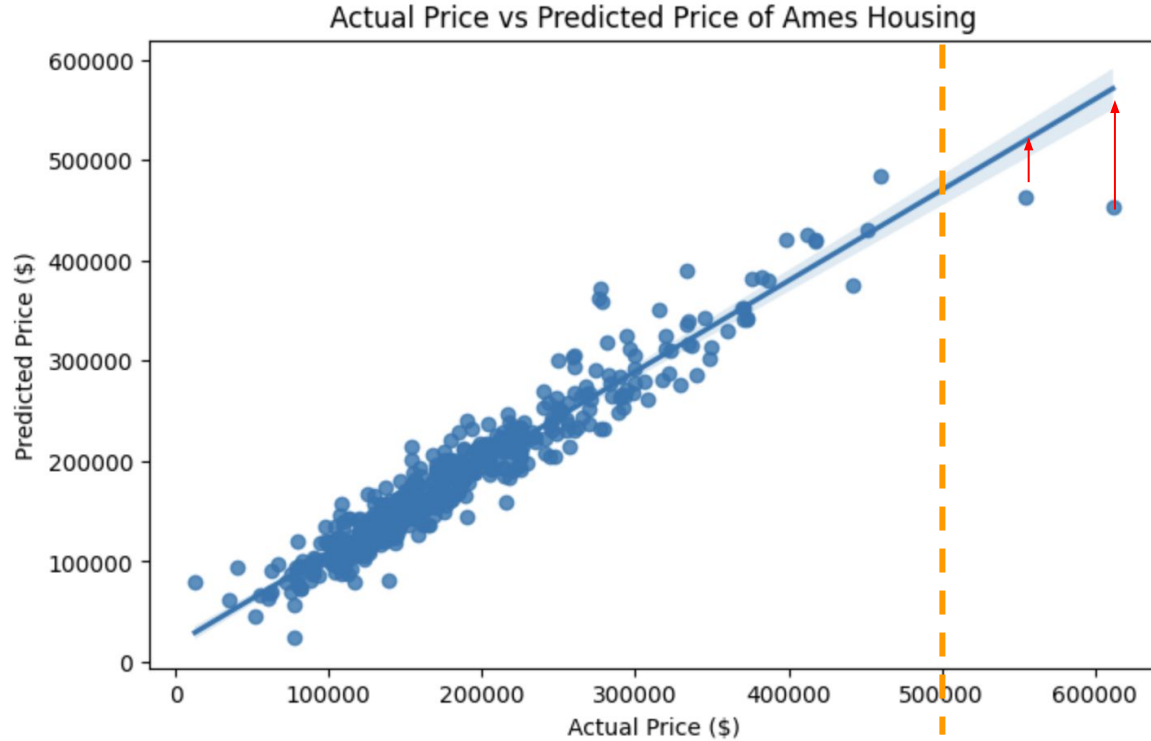
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Final Submission

KAGGLE LEADERBOARD (PUBLIC)

| # | Team | Members | Score | Entries | Last | Code |
|-----------|------------------|--|--------------------|-----------|-----------|------|
| 1 | CharlesRice |  | 0.00000 | 3 | 2Y | |
| 2 | rhys |  | 19309.24031 | 16 | 2Y | |
| 3 | Griffin |  | 19333.48211 | 16 | 2Y | |
| 4 | weisja4 |  | 20286.14799 | 30 | 2Y | |
| 5 | Luke McKinley |  | 20507.68177 | 11 | 2Y | |
| 6 | Stephanie Caress |  | 20817.46675 | 11 | 2Y | |
| 7 | JulKel |  | 21539.40770 | 3 | 2Y | |
| 8 | Marina Baker |  | 21860.96015 | 39 | 2Y | |
| 9 | Jeong Huh |  | 22182.01037 | 5 | 2Y | |
| 9A | Group 2 |  | 22350.95249 | 10 | 1D | |
| 10 | Scott Armstrong |  | 22764.22164 | 11 | 2Y | |

PREDICTED VS ACTUAL PRICE



- Model are relatively accurate in predicting house prices under \$500,000
- Only 12 houses (0.5%) are priced above \$500,000 in the datasets
- Need more data for houses priced above \$500,000 to improve model accuracy

POSITIVE CORRELATION

- Ground Living Area
 - Overall Quality
 - Kitchen Quality
 - Basement Quality
 - External Quality
- } HouseArea*HouseQual

NEGATIVE CORRELATION

- House Age
- Mas Veneer Type - N.A.
- Garage Type - Detached
- Foundation - CBlock
- Lot Shape



Conclusion

- Summary
- Limitation/ Opportunities
- What's next?



SUMMARY

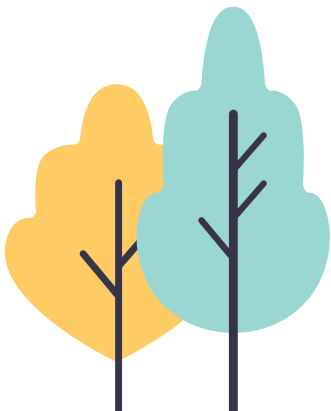


BEST MODEL: LASSO REGRESSION MODEL

- RMSE Score: **21990**
- Kaggle Private Score: **20833**
- Performance increases for houses below \$500,000 (that is 99.5% of houses in the dataset)

TOP FEATURES WITH BEST CORRELATION (> 0.6)

- House Area*House Quality (Combination of 4 features): **0.91**
- External Quality
- Total Bsmt SF
- Garage Area/ Garage Cars
- 1st Floor SF
- Number of Bathrooms



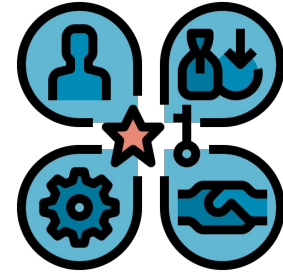
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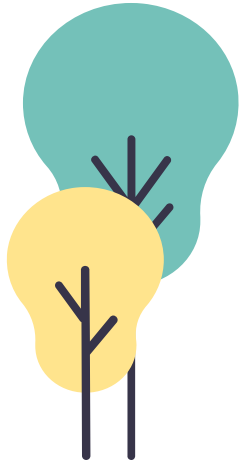
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Time Frame



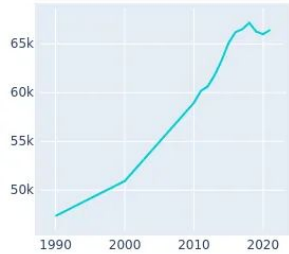
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Factors



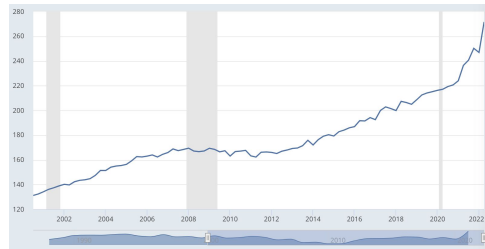
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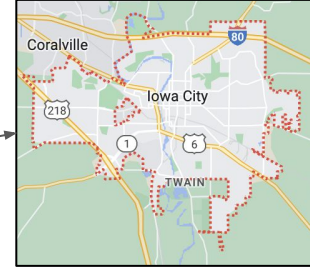


Growing Population



Growing Housing Prices

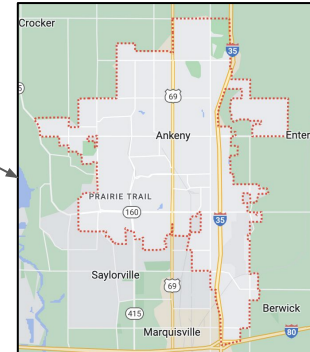
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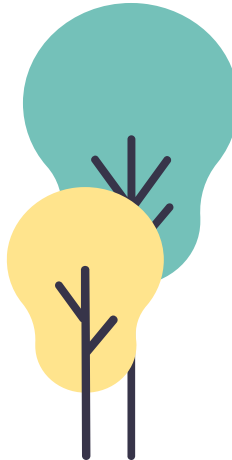
Iowa City



West Des Moines



Ankeny



OPPORTUNITIES



Time Frame

FORTUNE

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Prepare for a 'long and ugly' recession, says Dr. Doom, the economist who predicted the 2008 crash

BY TRISTAN BOVE

September 22, 2022 at 12:56 AM GMT+8

FINANCE · HOUSING

The U.S. housing market downturn will be worse in 2023, forecasts Goldman Sachs

BY LANCE LAMBERT

August 31, 2022 at 5:10 PM GMT+8

INSIDER

US home prices could plunge 20% by next summer as a housing recession kicks in, a top economist says

Theron Mohamed Sep 23, 2022, 5:51 PM

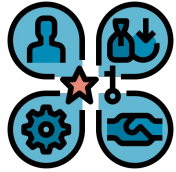


ECONOMY

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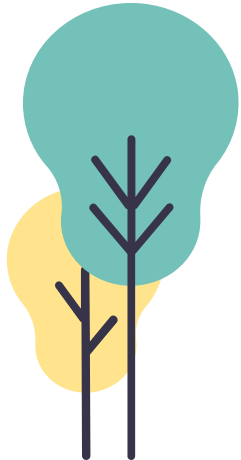
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Macro Factors



WHAT'S NEXT?

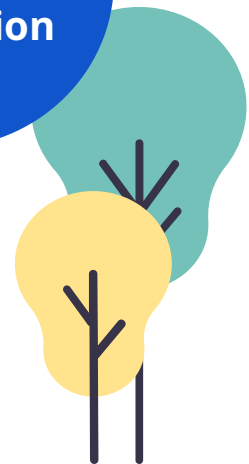
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