

Determining The Relationship Between Used Car Prices and Their Attributes

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Objective

To identify used car attributes in effort to determine pricing before placing a bid

Utilization

Utilizing data from 2010-2020 will give the opportunity to buyers to make informed decisions based on what price point best fits their goals



Bidding on cars can be stressful



Determining the optimal price to purchase a vehicle

How much of a factor do car features play in regards to pricing?

By looking at data, can we determine which features have a high correlation with price?

Price

Utilizing Price as our target variable

Mileage

Determine whether high or low mileage effects price.

*Condition

Does the “time remaining” on a used car bid directly effect the price?

Age

Are the age and price of a used car independent of each other?

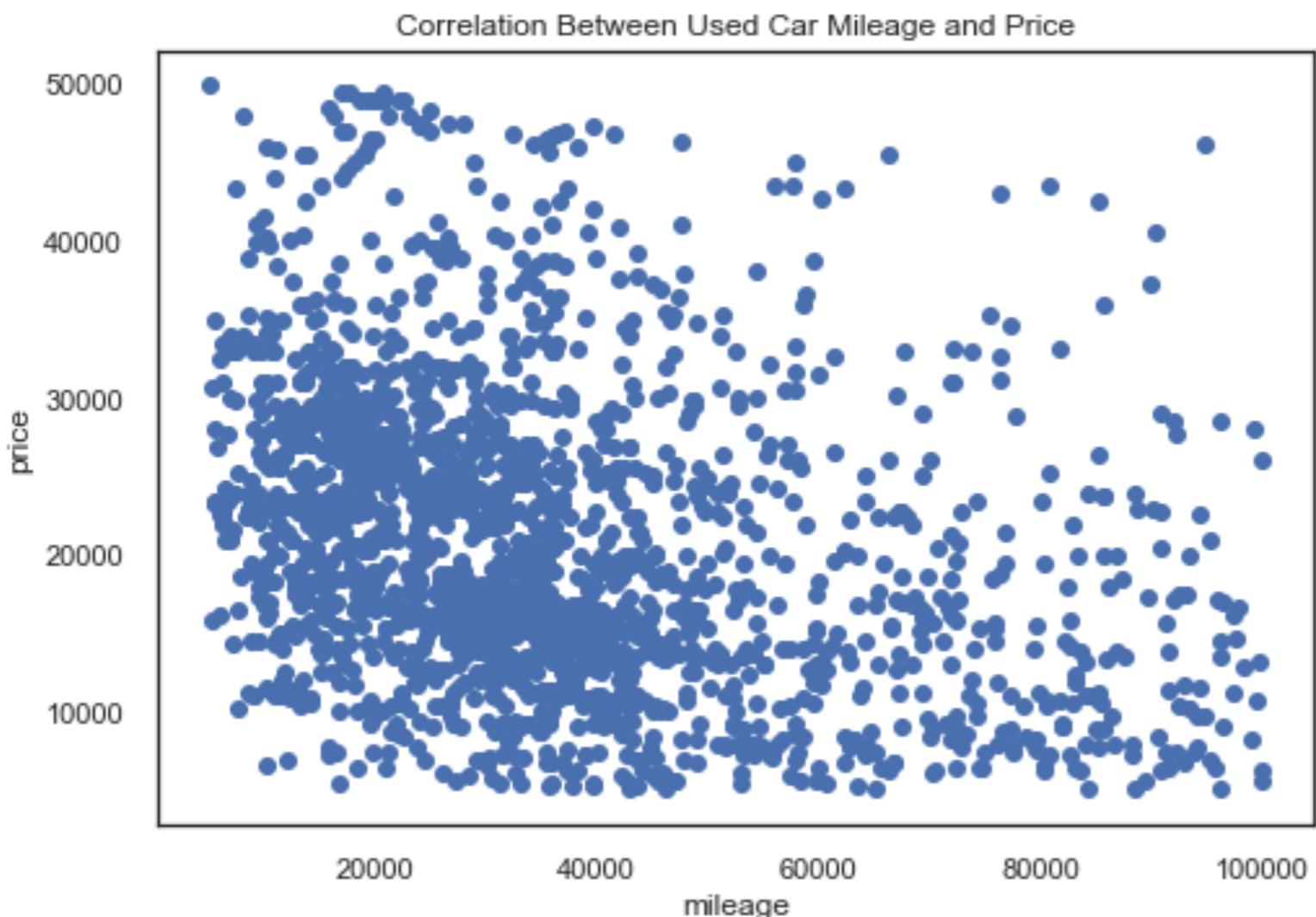
*Condition is the time remaining of the auction for a used car

Workflow

Utilizing the many libraries on the Jupyter Notebook created a seamless integration of data



Looking at the below chart, there is a **negative** correlation between price and mileage when bidding on a used car



The Mileage Effect

ANOVA Test

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H₀: There is no significant difference in used car prices and mileage

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H_a: There is a significant difference in used car prices and mileage

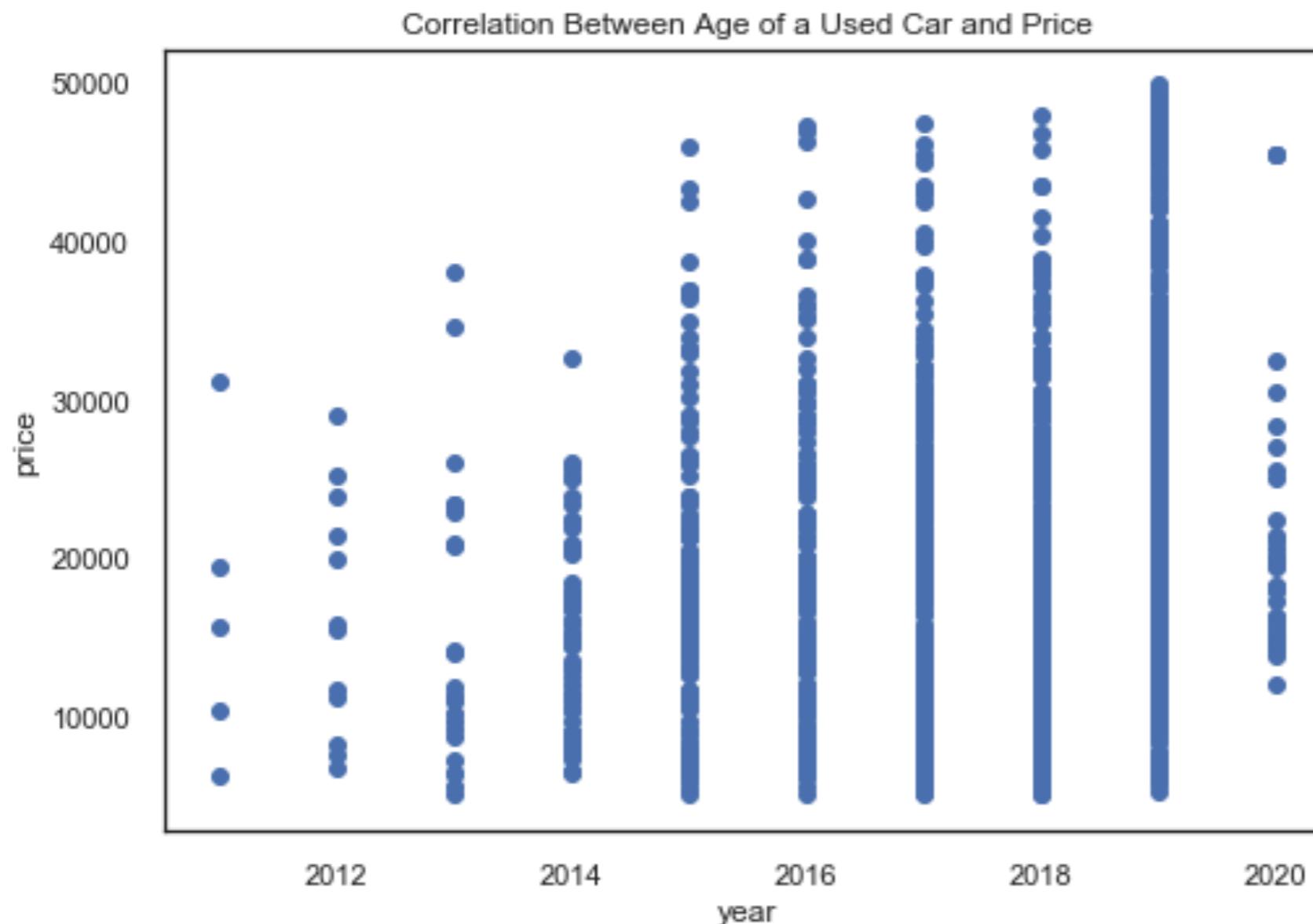
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We can reject the null that the means are equal for these groups

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The older the car is, the *less* expensive it is

Both of these features are dependent on each other



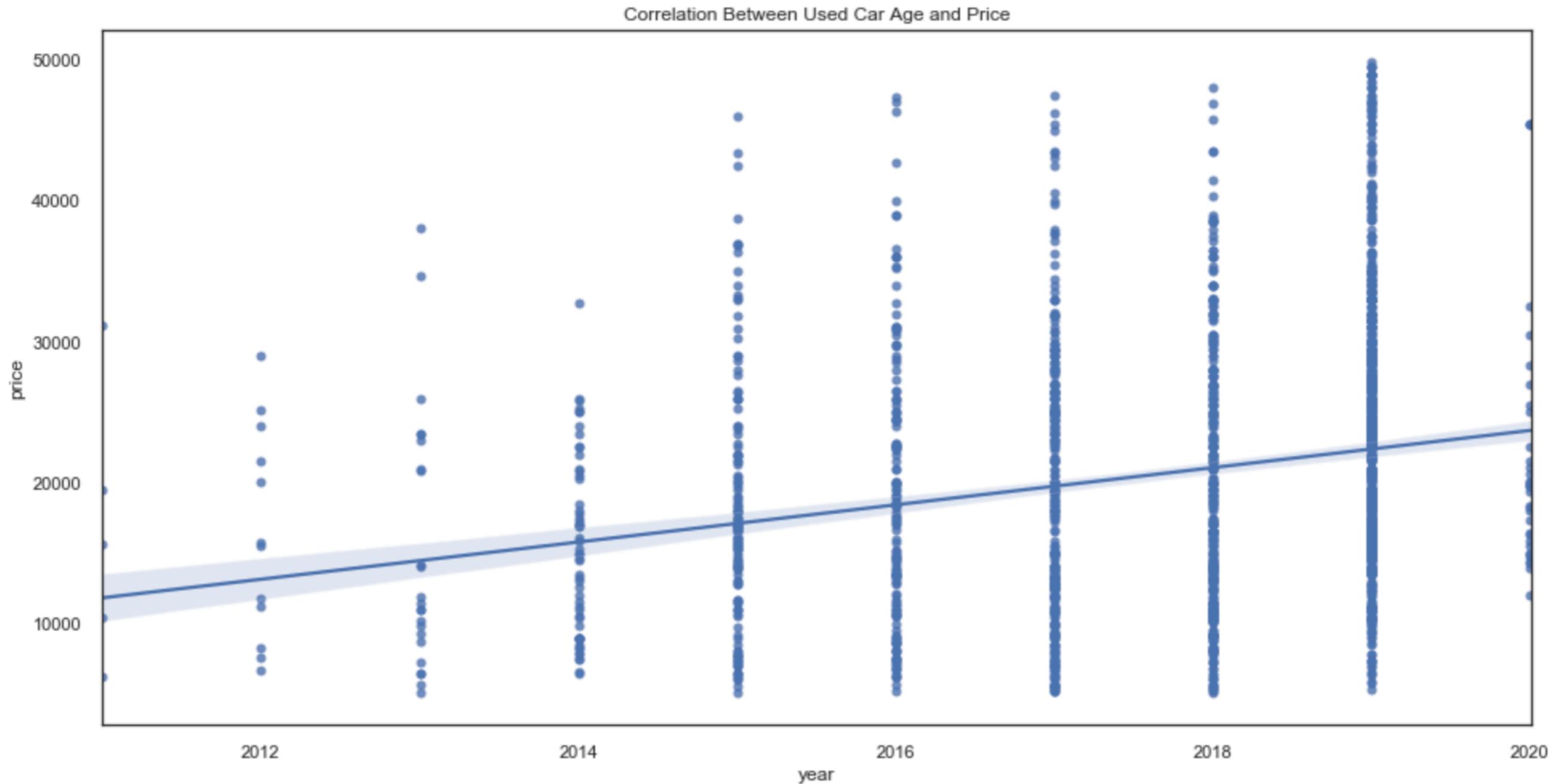
Chi-Square Test

H0: There is no significant difference in used car prices and age

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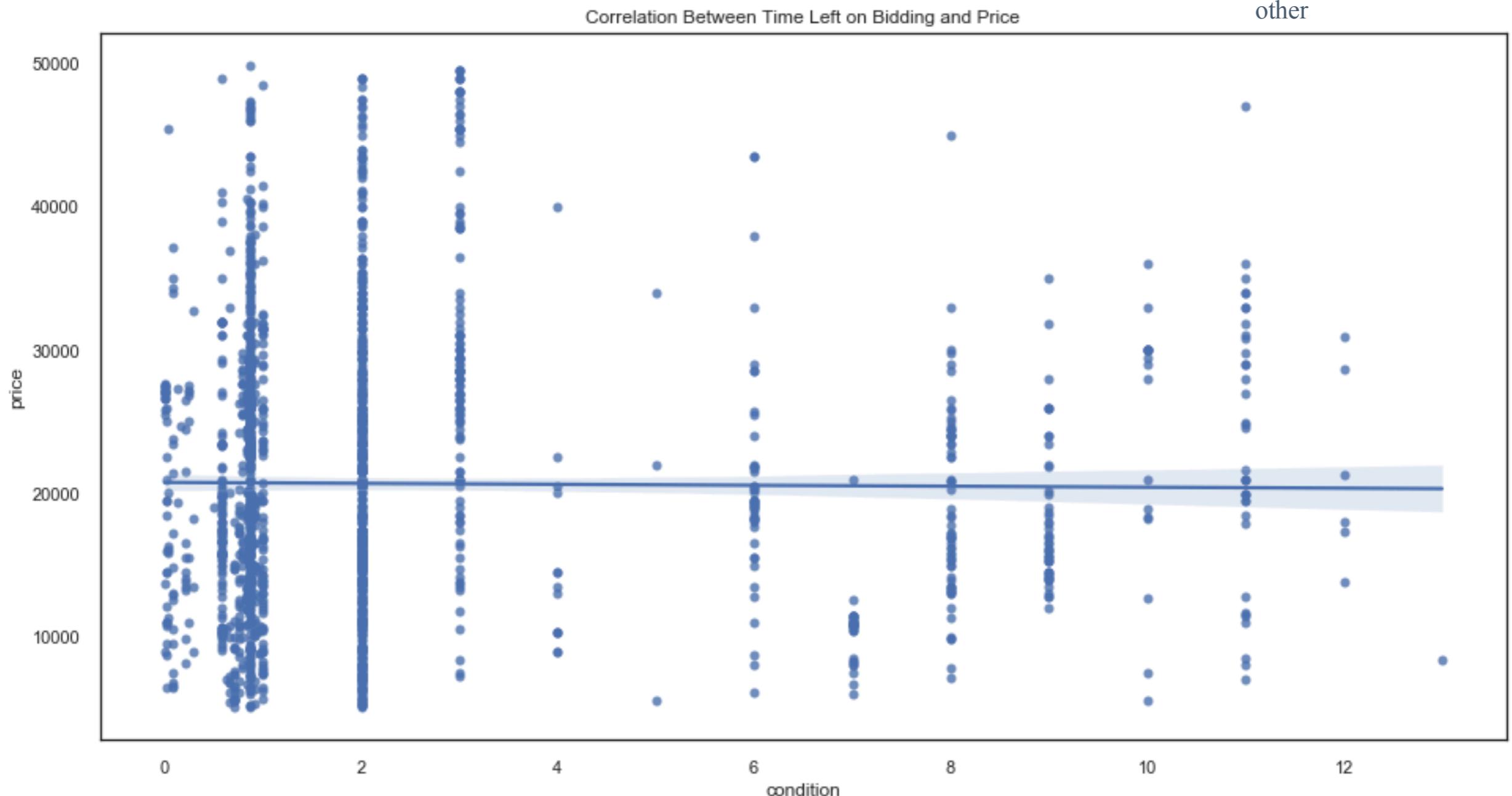
Car Age \diamond Price



Bid strategically as the price consistently rises while time elapses

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Determining the best **best** model to use:

Models Used

Linear Regression
Lasso Model
Second Degree Poly
Third Degree Poly

Best Model

Lasso Model

Lasso Model

Training RMSE: 5033.116070372421
Testing RMSE: 5631.757613282632

The Lasso Model was the best fitting model.

After assessing the used car data, through the data the following **following** has been determined:



- There is a negative correlation between price and mileage. The more mileage, the lower the price.



- The age of a car and the price of a car are dependent on each other. The older the car, the lower the price.



- As time winds down on bidding, prices tend to be higher. Place bids strategically for the best chance to win.

Based on the data, we see that cars depreciate in value the moment they are considered used

Thank you



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