Imports and Dataset Loading

ML Regressions and Their Comparison

```
In [60]: # === Imports ===
    import numpy as np
    import pandas as pd
    import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
    import seaborn as sns

from sklearn.datasets import fetch_california_housing
    from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
    from sklearn.linear_model import LinearRegression
    from sklearn.preprocessing import StandardScaler, PolynomialFeatures
    from sklearn.metrics import mean_squared_error, r2_score

# === Load California Housing dataset ===
    data = fetch_california_housing(as_frame=True)
    X = data.data # Features
    y = data.target # Target variable (median house value in $100,000s)
```

Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA)

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In [61]: # === Show first few rows ===
    print("First 5 rows of the dataset:")
    display(X.head())

# === Dataset description ===
    print("\nDataset description:")
    print(data.DESCR)

# === Plot house price distribution ===
    plt.figure(figsize=(8, 6))
    sns.histplot(y, kde=True, bins=40, color='darkred')
    plt.title('Distribution of House Prices')
    plt.xlabel('House Price ($100,000s)')
    plt.ylabel('Frequency')
    plt.grid(True)
    plt.show()
```

First 5 rows of the dataset:

	MedInc	HouseAge	AveRooms	AveBedrms	Population	AveOccup	Latitude	Longitude
0	8.3252	41.0	6.984127	1.023810	322.0	2.555556	37.88	-122.23
1	8.3014	21.0	6.238137	0.971880	2401.0	2.109842	37.86	-122.22
2	7.2574	52.0	8.288136	1.073446	496.0	2.802260	37.85	-122.24
3	5.6431	52.0	5.817352	1.073059	558.0	2.547945	37.85	-122.25
4	3.8462	52.0	6.281853	1.081081	565.0	2.181467	37.85	-122.25

Dataset description:
.. _california_housing_dataset:

California Housing dataset

Data Set Characteristics:

:Number of Instances: 20640

:Number of Attributes: 8 numeric, predictive attributes and the target

:Attribute Information:

MedInc median income in block group
 HouseAge median house age in block group
 AveRooms average number of rooms per household
 AveBedrms average number of bedrooms per household

- Population block group population

- AveOccup average number of household members

Latitude block group latitudeLongitude block group longitude

:Missing Attribute Values: None

This dataset was obtained from the StatLib repository. https://www.dcc.fc.up.pt/~ltorgo/Regression/cal_housing.html

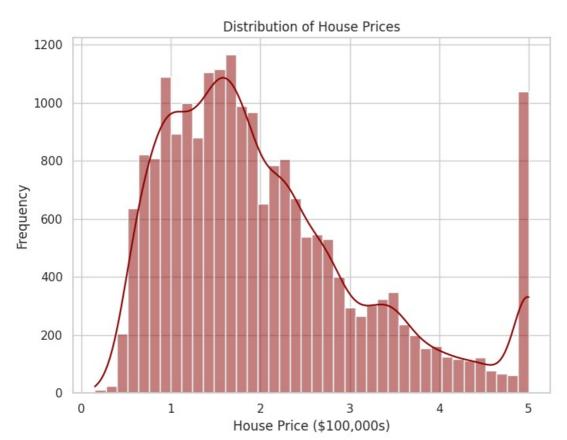
The target variable is the median house value for California districts, expressed in hundreds of thousands of dollars (\$100,000).

This dataset was derived from the 1990 U.S. census, using one row per census block group. A block group is the smallest geographical unit for which the U.S. Census Bureau publishes sample data (a block group typically has a population of 600 to 3,000 people).

A household is a group of people residing within a home. Since the average number of rooms and bedrooms in this dataset are provided per household, these columns may take surprisingly large values for block groups with few households and many empty houses, such as vacation resorts.

It can be downloaded/loaded using the :func:`sklearn.datasets.fetch_california_housing` function.

- .. rubric:: References
- Pace, R. Kelley and Ronald Barry, Sparse Spatial Autoregressions, Statistics and Probability Letters, 33 (1997) 291-297



Data Preprocessing

Linear Regression Model

```
In [63]: # === Train Linear Regression ===
lin_reg = LinearRegression()
lin_reg.fit(X_train, y_train)

# === Predict on Test Set ===
y_pred_lin = lin_reg.predict(X_test)

# === Evaluate Performance ===
mse_lin = mean_squared_error(y_test, y_pred_lin)
r2_lin = r2_score(y_test, y_pred_lin)

print(f"Linear Regression MSE: {mse_lin:.4f}")
print(f"Linear Regression R2: {r2_lin:.4f}")
Linear Regression MSE: 0.5559
Linear Regression R2: 0.5758
```

Polynomial Regression Model (Degree 2)

Polynomial Regression (degree=2) MSE: 0.4643 Polynomial Regression (degree=2) R²: 0.6457

Random Forest Regressor

```
In [65]: from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestRegressor

# === Train Random Forest ===
    rf_reg = RandomForestRegressor(n_estimators=100, random_state=42)
    rf_reg.fit(X_train, y_train)

# === Predict and Evaluate ===
    y_pred_rf = rf_reg.predict(X_test)
    mse_rf = mean_squared_error(y_test, y_pred_rf)
    r2_rf = r2_score(y_test, y_pred_rf)

print(f"\nRandom Forest Regressor MSE: {mse_rf:.4f}")
    print(f"Random Forest Regressor R2: {r2_rf:.4f}")
Random Forest Regressor MSE: 0.2555
```

Gradient Boosting Regressor

Random Forest Regressor R2: 0.8050

```
# === Train Gradient Boosting ===
gb_reg = GradientBoostingRegressor(n_estimators=100, learning_rate=0.1, random_state=42)
gb_reg.fit(X_train, y_train)

# === Predict and Evaluate ===
y_pred_gb = gb_reg.predict(X_test)
mse_gb = mean_squared_error(y_test, y_pred_gb)
r2_gb = r2_score(y_test, y_pred_gb)

print(f"\nGradient Boosting Regressor MSE: {mse_gb:.4f}")
print(f"Gradient Boosting Regressor MSE: 0.2940
Gradient Boosting Regressor R2: 0.7756
```

XGBoost Regressor

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In [67]: # Optional: Only if xgboost is installed
    from xgboost import XGBRegressor

# === Train XGBoost ===
    xgb_reg = XGBRegressor(n_estimators=100, learning_rate=0.1, random_state=42)
    xgb_reg.fit(X_train, y_train)

# === Predict and Evaluate ===
    y_pred_xgb = xgb_reg.predict(X_test)
    mse_xgb = mean_squared_error(y_test, y_pred_xgb)
    r2_xgb = r2_score(y_test, y_pred_xgb)

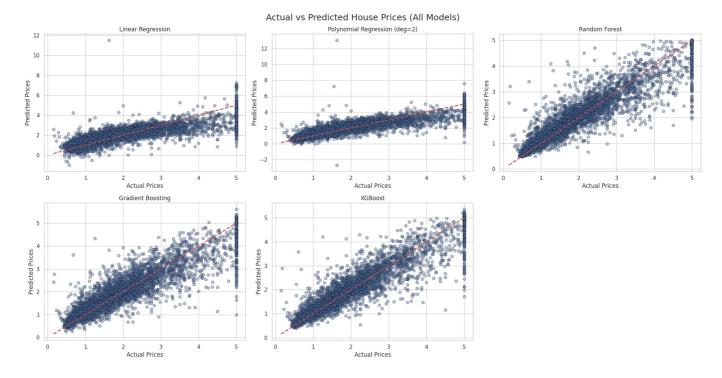
print(f"\nXGBoost Regressor MSE: {mse_xgb:.4f}")

print(f"XGBoost Regressor R2: {r2_xgb:.4f}")

XGBoost Regressor MSE: 0.2273
    XGBoost Regressor R2: 0.8266
```

Plot: Actual vs Predicted Prices for All Models

```
In [68]: # === Prepare Predictions ===
         model_predictions = {
             'Linear Regression': y_pred_lin,
             'Polynomial Regression (deg=2)': y_pred_poly,
             'Random Forest': y pred rf,
             'Gradient Boosting': y_pred_gb,
             'XGBoost': y_pred_xgb
         }
         # === Plot Settings ===
         plt.figure(figsize=(20, 10))
         for idx, (model_name, y_pred) in enumerate(model_predictions.items(), start=1):
             plt.subplot(2, 3, idx)
             plt.scatter(y_test, y_pred, alpha=0.4, edgecolor='k')
             plt.plot([y.min(), y.max()], [y.min(), y.max()], 'r--', lw=2)
             plt.title(model_name)
             plt.xlabel("Actual Prices")
             plt.ylabel("Predicted Prices")
             plt.grid(True)
         plt.tight_layout()
         plt.suptitle("Actual vs Predicted House Prices (All Models)", fontsize=18, y=1.02)
         plt.show()
```



Deep Learning Regression Model (MLP using TensorFlow/Keras)

Import Required Libraries

```
import tensorflow as tf
from tensorflow.keras.models import Sequential
from tensorflow.keras.layers import Dense, Dropout
from tensorflow.keras.callbacks import EarlyStopping
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Build and Compile the Model

 $/usr/local/lib/python 3.11/dist-packages/keras/src/layers/core/dense.py: 93: \ UserWarning: 1.00 and 1.00 are also better the control of th$

Do not pass an `input_shape`/`input_dim` argument to a layer. When using Sequential models, prefer using an `Input(shape)` object as the first layer in the model instead.

Train the Model

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Epoch 3/100 413/413

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In [71]: # === Add Early Stopping ===
    early_stop = EarlyStopping(monitor='val_loss', patience=10, restore_best_weights=True)

# === Train ===
    history = model.fit(
        X_train, y_train,
        validation_split=0.2,
        epochs=100,
        batch_size=32,
        callbacks=[early_stop],
        verbose=1
    )

Epoch 1/100
413/413 _________ 5s 8ms/step - loss: 2.0275 - mae: 0.9229 - val_loss: 0.4727 - val_mae: 0.4954
    Epoch 2/100
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1s 3ms/step - loss: 0.5450 - mae: 0.5345 - val loss: 0.4316 - val mae: 0.4707

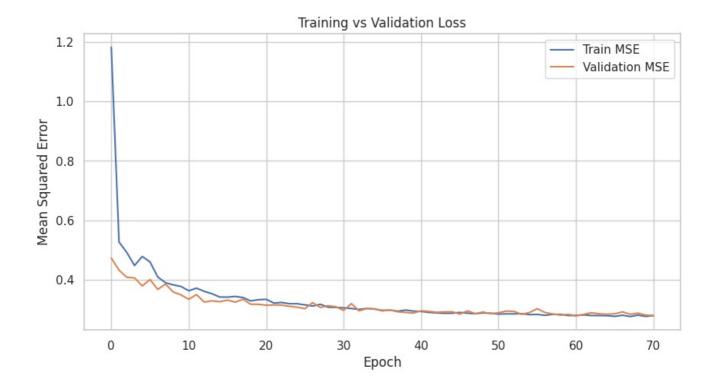
- 1s 3ms/step - loss: 0.4947 - mae: 0.5020 - val_loss: 0.4077 - val_mae: 0.4479

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Epoch 4/100
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                            2s 3ms/step - loss: 0.4656 - mae: 0.4869 - val loss: 0.4055 - val mae: 0.4455
Epoch 5/100
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                            - 1s 3ms/step - loss: 0.5533 - mae: 0.4820 - val loss: 0.3785 - val mae: 0.4267
Epoch 6/100
                            - 1s 3ms/step - loss: 0.4750 - mae: 0.4685 - val loss: 0.4001 - val mae: 0.4241
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Epoch 7/100
                            - 3s 4ms/step - loss: 0.4061 - mae: 0.4499 - val loss: 0.3667 - val mae: 0.4219
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Epoch 8/100
                            - 2s 3ms/step - loss: 0.4067 - mae: 0.4504 - val_loss: 0.3848 - val_mae: 0.4114
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Epoch 9/100
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                             2s 3ms/step - loss: 0.3993 - mae: 0.4416 - val_loss: 0.3581 - val_mae: 0.4041
Epoch 10/100
                            - 1s 3ms/step - loss: 0.3692 - mae: 0.4232 - val loss: 0.3484 - val mae: 0.4045
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Epoch 11/100
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                            - 1s 3ms/step - loss: 0.3607 - mae: 0.4245 - val loss: 0.3334 - val mae: 0.3995
Epoch 12/100
                            - 2s 3ms/step - loss: 0.3597 - mae: 0.4189 - val loss: 0.3493 - val mae: 0.3943
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                             1s 3ms/step - loss: 0.3504 - mae: 0.4125 - val_loss: 0.3242 - val_mae: 0.3931
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Epoch 14/100
                             3s 4ms/step - loss: 0.3507 - mae: 0.4171 - val_loss: 0.3283 - val_mae: 0.3976
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                             1s 3ms/step - loss: 0.3482 - mae: 0.4136 - val_loss: 0.3254 - val_mae: 0.3905
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                            • 3s 3ms/step - loss: 0.3491 - mae: 0.4132 - val loss: 0.3305 - val mae: 0.3992
Epoch 17/100
                            2s 3ms/step - loss: 0.3434 - mae: 0.4097 - val_loss: 0.3239 - val_mae: 0.3874
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                            - 2s 3ms/step - loss: 0.3433 - mae: 0.4074 - val loss: 0.3337 - val mae: 0.3839
Epoch 19/100
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                            - 2s 5ms/step - loss: 0.3212 - mae: 0.3987 - val loss: 0.3168 - val mae: 0.3885
Epoch 20/100
                            - 2s 3ms/step - loss: 0.3512 - mae: 0.4100 - val loss: 0.3167 - val mae: 0.3825
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                            - 2s 3ms/step - loss: 0.3179 - mae: 0.3920 - val loss: 0.3099 - val mae: 0.3814
Epoch 25/100
                            - 1s 3ms/step - loss: 0.3120 - mae: 0.3872 - val loss: 0.3068 - val mae: 0.3820
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Epoch 26/100
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                            - 3s 4ms/step - loss: 0.3074 - mae: 0.3851 - val loss: 0.3019 - val mae: 0.3731
Epoch 27/100
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                            - 1s 3ms/step - loss: 0.3047 - mae: 0.3838 - val loss: 0.3223 - val mae: 0.3867
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                            2s 3ms/step - loss: 0.3153 - mae: 0.3898 - val loss: 0.3060 - val mae: 0.3786
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                            3s 3ms/step - loss: 0.3192 - mae: 0.3917 - val loss: 0.3116 - val mae: 0.3779
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Epoch 45/100
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Epoch 67/100
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Epoch 68/100
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                            - 3s 6ms/step - loss: 0.2674 - mae: 0.3610 - val_loss: 0.2830 - val_mae: 0.3607
Epoch 69/100
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                            - 1s 3ms/step - loss: 0.2777 - mae: 0.3652 - val loss: 0.2868 - val mae: 0.3655
Epoch 70/100
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                            - 3s 3ms/step - loss: 0.2748 - mae: 0.3631 - val_loss: 0.2803 - val_mae: 0.3547
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                           – 3s 3ms/step - loss: 0.2740 - mae: 0.3643 - val loss: 0.2783 - val mae: 0.3607
```

Visualize Training Progress

```
In [72]: # === Plot Loss Curves ===
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 5))
plt.plot(history.history['loss'], label='Train MSE')
plt.plot(history.history['val_loss'], label='Validation MSE')
plt.title('Training vs Validation Loss')
plt.xlabel('Epoch')
plt.ylabel('Mean Squared Error')
plt.legend()
plt.grid(True)
plt.show()
```



Evaluate the Model

Add NN Results to Comparison Table

```
In [74]: # === Add Neural Network Results (Pandas 2.0+ Compatible) ===
nn_result = pd.DataFrame([{
        'Model': 'Neural Network (Deep Learning)',
        'MSE': mse_nn,
        'R<sup>2</sup> Score': r2_nn
}])
results = pd.concat([results, nn_result], ignore_index=True)
# Display updated results
display(results.sort_values(by='R<sup>2</sup> Score', ascending=False))
```

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        Model
        MSE
        R² Score

        4
        XGBoost
        0.227262
        0.826571

        2
        Random Forest
        0.255498
        0.805024

        5
        Neural Network (Deep Learning)
        0.263983
        0.798549

        6
        Neural Network (Deep Learning)
        0.270098
        0.793882

        3
        Gradient Boosting
        0.293999
        0.775643

        4
        Polynomial Regression (deg=2)
        0.464302
        0.645682

        5
        Linear Regression
        0.555892
        0.575788
```

Plot: R² Score Comparison (ML vs Neural Network)

```
In [75]: # === Bar Plot of R<sup>2</sup> Scores for All Models ===
plt.figure(figsize=(12, 6))
```

/tmp/ipython-input-1353875515.py:3: FutureWarning:

Passing `palette` without assigning `hue` is deprecated and will be removed in v0.14.0. Assign the `x` variable to `hue` and set `legend=False` for the same effect.

