Business Case: Jamboree

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Importing the dataset and determining its structure

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In [91]: #Importing relevant Libraries
import numpy as np
import pandas as pd
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns

In [92]: #DownLoading the dataset
!gdown 1UQ3b08b8AqPFNTLTiizJgmKci_mFQ0Hn

Downloading...
From: https://drive.google.com/uc?id=1UQ3b08b8AqPFNTLTiizJgmKci_mFQ0Hn

To: /content/Jamboree_Admission.csv

0% 0.00/16.2k [00:00<?, ?B/s]
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In [93]: df = pd.read_csv('Jamboree_Admission.csv')

In [94]: df.head()
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Out[94]:
            Serial No. GRE Score TOEFL Score University Rating SOP LOR CGPA Research Chance of Admit
                                                        4 4.5 4.5
                  1
                           337
                                      118
                                                                      9.65
                                                                                              0.92
         0
                                                                                 1
                  2
                                                                4.5
                                                                      8.87
         1
                           324
                                      107
                                                        4 4.0
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         2
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         3
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                           322
                                      110
                                                                      8.67
                                                                                 1
                                                                                              0.80
         4
                   5
                                      103
                                                               3.0
                                                                                 0
                           314
                                                        2 2.0
                                                                      8.21
                                                                                              0.65
In [95]: #Dropping the "Serial No." column as it is not needed
         df.drop(columns=["Serial No."], inplace=True)
In [96]: #Dimensions of the dataset
         df.shape
Out[96]: (500, 8)
In [97]: #Checking the datatypes
         df.info()
       <class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
       RangeIndex: 500 entries, 0 to 499
       Data columns (total 8 columns):
        # Column
                              Non-Null Count Dtype
        --- -----
                              -----
        0 GRE Score
                              500 non-null
                                             int64
        1 TOEFL Score
                              500 non-null
                                             int64
        2 University Rating 500 non-null
                                             int64
                              500 non-null
            SOP
                                             float64
        3
                              500 non-null
                                             float64
        4
            LOR
           CGPA
                              500 non-null
                                             float64
        6 Research
                              500 non-null
                                             int64
        7 Chance of Admit
                              500 non-null
                                             float64
       dtypes: float64(4), int64(4)
       memory usage: 31.4 KB
In [98]: #Checking for null values in each column
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df.isna().sum()

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Out[98]:
                          0
               GRE Score 0
              TOEFL Score 0
         University Rating 0
                     SOP 0
                     LOR 0
                    CGPA 0
                 Research 0
          Chance of Admit 0
        dtype: int64
In [99]: #Checking for duplicate rows
         dup_rows = df[df.duplicated()]
         dup rows
           GRE Score TOEFL Score University Rating SOP LOR CGPA Research Chance of Admit
         There are no null values in the dataset, and no duplicate rows.
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Exploratory Data Analysis

warnings.filterwarnings('ignore', category=FutureWarning)

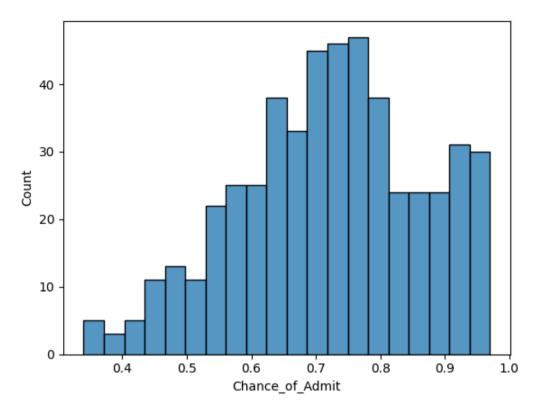
import warnings

In [100...

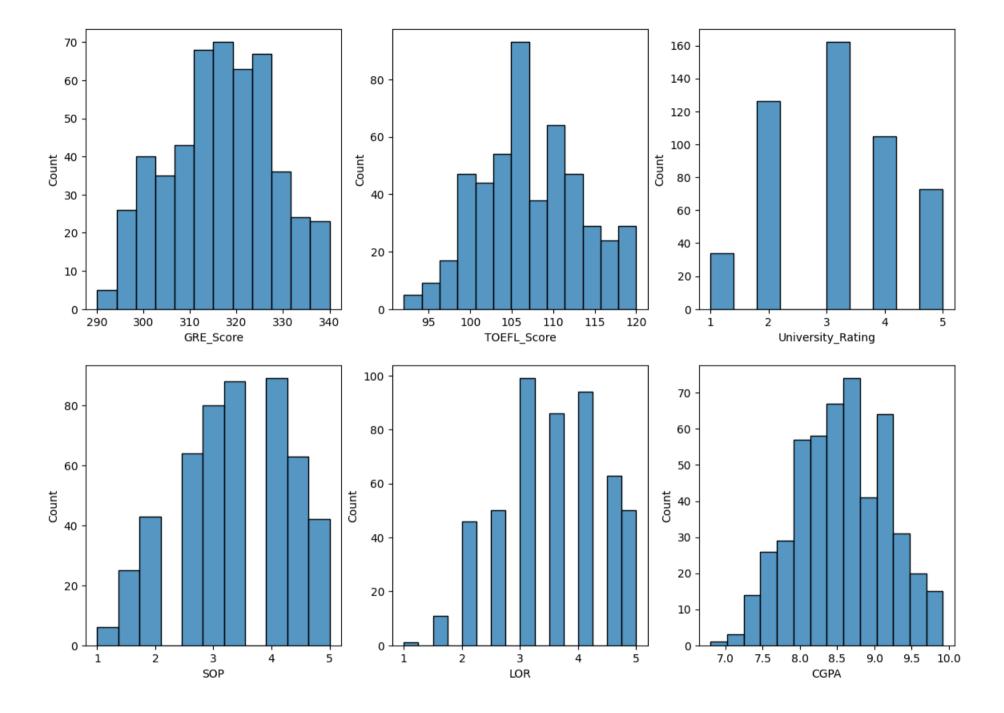
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	GRE_Score	TOEFL_Score	University_Rating	SOP	LOR	CGPA	Research	Chance_of_Admit
count	500.000	500.000	500.000	500.000	500.000	500.000	500.000	500.000
mean	316.472	107.192	3.114	3.374	3.484	8.576	0.560	0.722
std	11.295	6.082	1.144	0.991	0.925	0.605	0.497	0.141
min	290.000	92.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	6.800	0.000	0.340
25%	308.000	103.000	2.000	2.500	3.000	8.128	0.000	0.630
50%	317.000	107.000	3.000	3.500	3.500	8.560	1.000	0.720
75%	325.000	112.000	4.000	4.000	4.000	9.040	1.000	0.820
max	340.000	120.000	5.000	5.000	5.000	9.920	1.000	0.970

In [103... #Distribution of Target feature
 sns.histplot(df["Chance_of_Admit"], bins=20)
 plt.show()

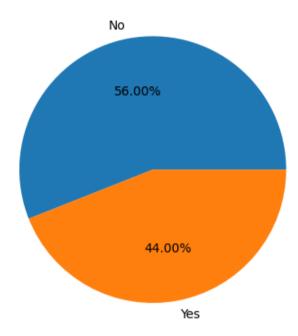


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In [104... #Univariate analysis of features using histplot
plt.figure(figsize=(14,10))
for i in range(1,7):
    plt.subplot(2,3,i)
    sns.histplot(df.iloc[:,i-1])
plt.show()
```

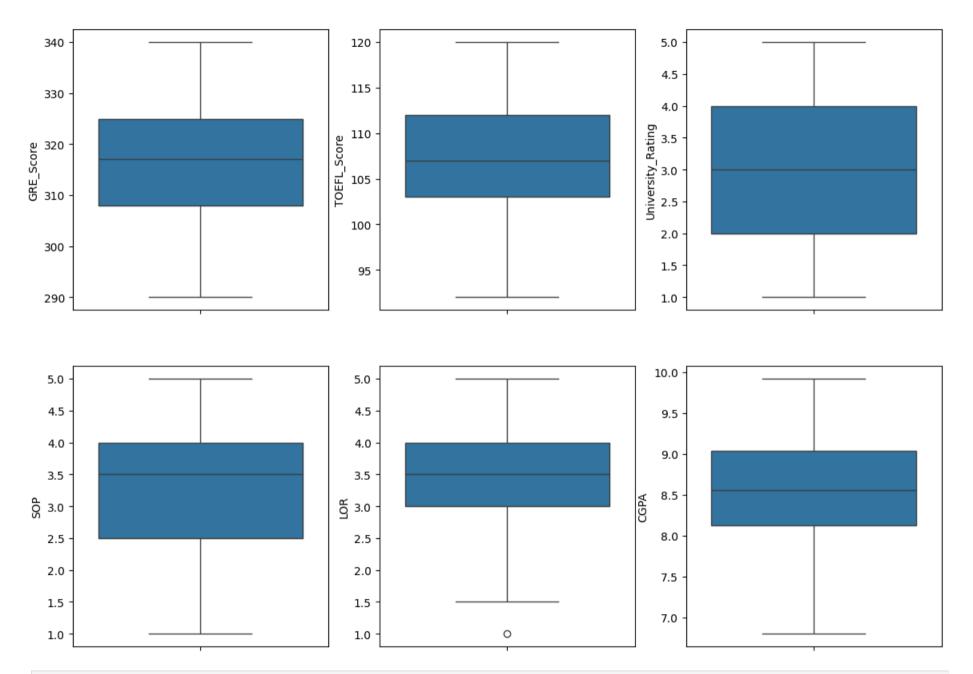


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In [105... plt.pie(df["Research"].value_counts(), labels=["No","Yes"], autopct="%.2f%%")
    plt.title("Distribution of Research Experience")
    plt.show()
```

Distribution of Research Experience

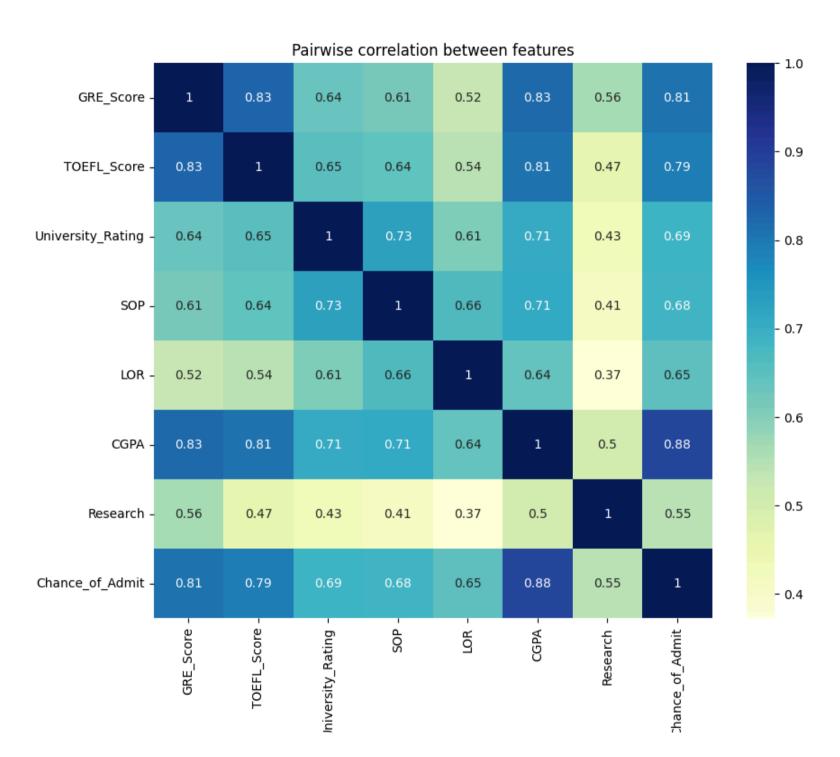


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In [106... #Univariate analysis of features using boxplot
    plt.figure(figsize=(14,10))
    for i in range(1,7):
        plt.subplot(2,3,i)
        sns.boxplot(df.iloc[:,i-1])
    plt.show()
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In [107... #Checking pairwise correlation between features
 plt.figure(figsize=(10,8))

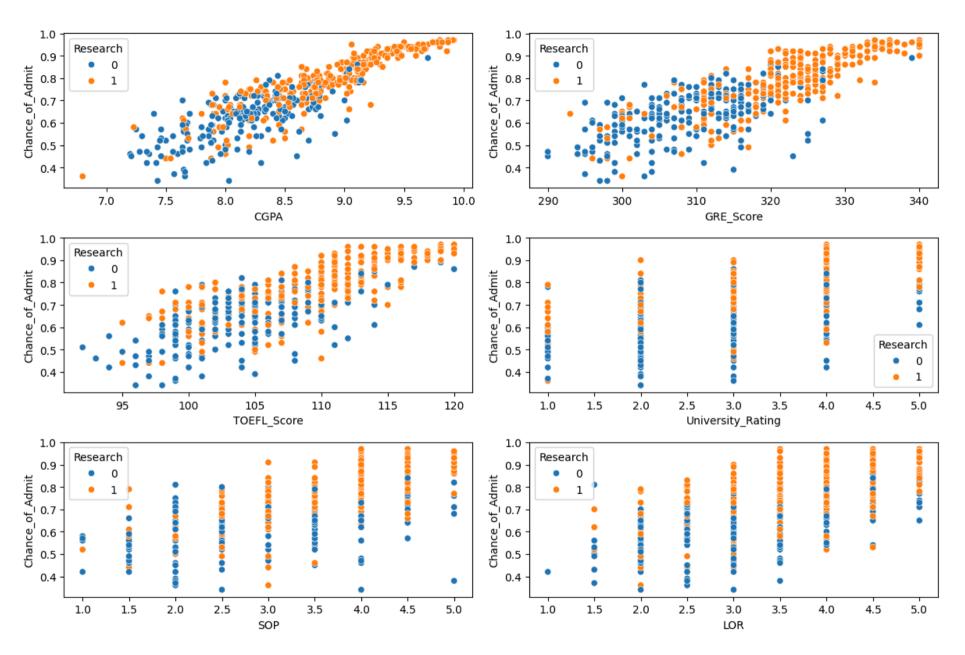
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sns.heatmap(df.corr(), cmap="YlGnBu", annot=True)
plt.title("Pairwise correlation between features")
plt.show()
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-CGPA has the strongest correlation (0.88) with Chance of Admit, followed by GRE Score (0.81) and TOEFL Score (0.79), indicating these are key predictors for admissions.

- -GRE and CGPA are highly correlated (0.83), suggesting that students with higher CGPA also tend to have higher GRE scores.
- -University Rating, SOP, and LOR show moderate correlations (~0.65-0.69) with Chance of Admit, meaning they still play a role but are less impactful than GRE, TOEFL, and CGPA.
- -Research Experience has the weakest correlation (0.55) with Chance of Admit, indicating that while research experience matters, it is not as strong a predictor compared to academic scores.

```
In [108... #Visualizing the impact of research experience on admission chances across multiple factors
plt.figure(figsize=(12,8))
cols = ["CGPA", "GRE_Score", "TOEFL_Score", "University_Rating", "SOP", "LOR"]
for i in range(6):
    plt.subplot(3,2,i+1)
    sns.scatterplot(x=cols[i], y="Chance_of_Admit", data=df, hue="Research")
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
```



-CGPA and GRE are the strongest predictors of admission, showing a clear positive correlation—higher scores significantly increase chances. TOEFL also plays an important role, but its impact is slightly weaker compared to CGPA and GRE.

- -Research experience gives a strong competitive edge, especially for students in the mid-range CGPA (8.0-9.0) and GRE (300-320), where it noticeably improves admission probabilities.
- -SOP, LOR, and University Rating contribute to admissions in a stepwise manner, meaning higher ratings improve chances but are secondary to academic scores. TOEFL has a more scattered influence, indicating that a strong score alone isn't enough without a solid CGPA and GRE.

Linear Regression using sklearn library

model.fit(X train scaled, y train)

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In [109... #Creating X and y from the dataset
         X = df.drop(columns=["Chance of Admit"])
         v = df["Chance of Admit"]
In [110... #Splitting dataset into train and test data
         from sklearn.model selection import train test split
         X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(X,y,random_state=42,test_size=0.2)
In [111... #Standardizing the data
         from sklearn.preprocessing import StandardScaler
         scaler = StandardScaler()
         X train scaled = scaler.fit transform(X train)
         X test scaled = scaler.transform(X test)
         df train scaled = pd.DataFrame(X train scaled, columns=X.columns)
         df train scaled.head()
Out[111...
            GRE_Score TOEFL_Score University_Rating
                                                      SOP
                                                               LOR
                                                                       CGPA Research
             0.389986
                         0.602418
                                         -0.098298
                                                  0.126796 0.564984
                                                                    0.415018
                                                                              0.895434
            -0.066405
                                                 0.633979 1.651491 -0.067852 -1.116777
                         0.602418
                                         0.775459
            -1.253022
                         -0.876917
                                         -0.098298
                                                  0.126796 -0.521524 -0.134454 -1.116777
          3 -0.248961
                         -0.055064
                                         -0.972054
                                                 4 -0.796631
                         -0.219435
                                         In [112... #Linear Regression using sklearn
         from sklearn.linear model import LinearRegression
         model = LinearRegression()
```

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In [113... #R2-score for train data
    r2_score_lr = model.score(X_train_scaled,y_train)
    r2_score_lr
```

Out[113... 0.8210671369321554

- -The simple linear regression model achieved an R2 score of 0.821 on the training data, meaning it explains 82.1% of the variance in admission chances.
- -Some variance (17.9%) remains unexplained, which could be due to missing factors like extracurriculars, work experience, or university-specific criteria.
- -We will also try Polynomial, Ridge, and Lasso Regression to see if we can further improve the model's accuracy and predictive power.

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In [114... #Adjusted R2-score
    def adjusted_r2(r2, n, d):
        return 1 - ((1-r2)*((n-1))/(n-d-1))
```

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In [115... #Adjusted R2-score
    n = X_train.shape[0]
    d = X_train.shape[1]
    adjusted_r2_score_lr = adjusted_r2(r2_score_lr, n, d)
    adjusted_r2_score_lr
```

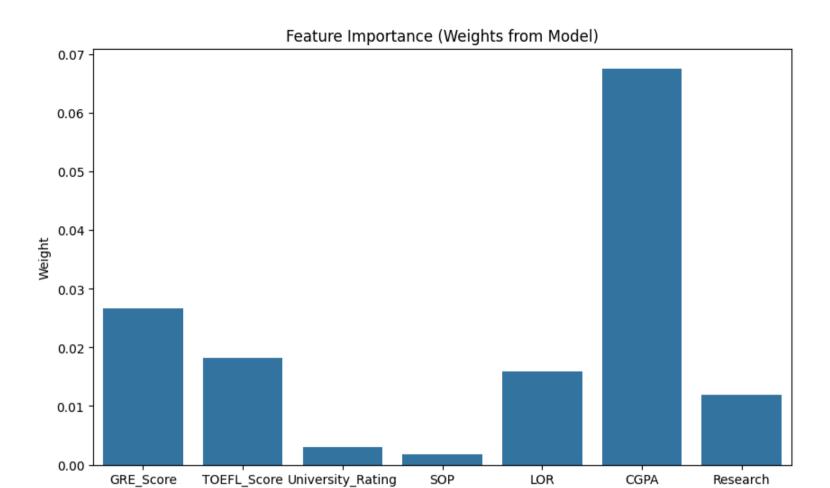
Out[115... 0.8178719072345153

The Adjusted R2 score of 0.818, slightly lower than the R2 score of 0.821, confirms that the model is well-fitted and not overly reliant on unnecessary features. Unlike R2, Adjusted R2 penalizes adding irrelevant features, ensuring that only meaningful predictors contribute to the model's performance.

Out[117...

	Feature	Weight
0	GRE_Score	0.026671
1	TOEFL_Score	0.018226
2	University_Rating	0.002940
3	SOP	0.001788
4	LOR	0.015866
5	CGPA	0.067581
6	Research	0.011940

```
In [118... #Visualizing the above coefficients using a bar chart
          plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
          sns.barplot(x="Feature", y="Weight", data=weights)
          plt.title("Feature Importance (Weights from Model)")
          plt.show()
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-CGPA (0.0676) has the highest positive impact, meaning a 1-unit increase in CGPA leads to an approx. 6.76% higher admission probability, keeping other factors constant.

Feature

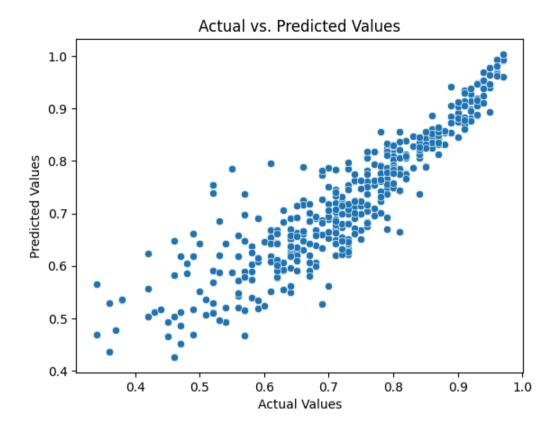
- -GRE Score (0.0267) and TOEFL Score (0.0182) also positively influence admissions, but their effect is smaller compared to CGPA.
- -Research experience (0.0119) slightly increases chances, suggesting that students with research are preferred.
- -SOP (0.0018) and LOR (0.0159) have minimal impact, indicating that other factors dominate in admission decisions.

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model.intercept_
Out[119...
           0.7241749999999999
In [120... #Mean Absolute Error (MAE)
           from sklearn.metrics import mean absolute error
          y pred train = model.predict(X train scaled)
           mae_train_lr = mean_absolute_error(y_train, y_pred_train)
          mae_train_lr
Out[120...
          0.042533340611643135
In [121... #Root Mean Squared Error (RMSE)
           from sklearn.metrics import mean squared error
          y pred train = model.predict(X train scaled)
          rmse_train_lr = np.sqrt(mean_squared_error(y_train, y_pred_train))
           rmse_train_lr
Out[121... 0.05938480848210052
          The Root Mean Squared Error (RMSE) of 0.0594 and Mean Absolute Error (MAE) of 0.0425 indicate that the model's predictions are quite close to actual values,
          with an average absolute deviation of around 4.25% in admission probability. Since MSE is very low, large prediction errors are minimal, suggesting a well-fitted
           model.
In [177... #Visualizing model fit by plotting actual vs predicted values
           sns.scatterplot(x=y train, y=y pred train)
          plt.xlabel("Actual Values")
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plt.ylabel("Predicted Values")

plt.show()

plt.title("Actual vs. Predicted Values")



Linear Regression using statsmodels library

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In [122... #Linear Regression using statsmodels
import statsmodels.api as sm

X_sm = sm.add_constant(X_train_scaled)
model_ols = sm.OLS(y_train, X_sm).fit()
print(model_ols.summary())
```

OLS Regression Results

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Dep. Variable	:	Chance_of_A	dmit	R-sq	uared:		0.821
Model:			OLS	Adj.	R-squared:		0.818
Method:		Least Squ	ares	F-sta	atistic:		257.0
Date:	•	Tue, 11 Feb	2025		(F-statistic)	:	3.41e-142
Time:		16:4	0:26	Log-l	Likelihood:		561.91
No. Observation	ons:		400	AIC:			-1108.
Df Residuals:			392	BIC:			-1076.
Df Model:			7				
Covariance Ty	pe:	nonro	bust				
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						[0.023	0.9/5]
const	0.7242	0.003	241	.441	0.000	0.718	0.730
x1	0.0267	0.006	4	.196	0.000	0.014	0.039
x2	0.0182	0.006	3	.174	0.002	0.007	0.030
x3	0.0029	0.005	0	.611	0.541	-0.007	0.012
x4	0.0018	0.005	0	.357	0.721	-0.008	0.012
x5	0.0159	0.004	3	.761	0.000	0.008	0.024
x6	0.0676	0.006	10	.444	0.000	0.055	0.080
x7	0.0119	0.004	3	.231	0.001	0.005	0.019
Omnibus:	======	======================================	.232	Dunh:	======== in-Watson:	=======	2.050
			.000				190.099
Prob(Omnibus)	•				ue-Bera (JB):		
Skew: Kurtosis:			.107	Cond	` '		5.25e-42
Kur'tosis:		5	.551	Cona	. NO.		5.65
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Notes:

[1] Standard Errors assume that the covariance matrix of the errors is correctly specified.

The OLS regression model achieved an R^2 of 0.821, meaning it explains 82.1% of the variance in admission chances, with an Adjusted R^2 of 0.818, confirming a well-fitted model. The p-values indicate that GRE Score, TOEFL Score, LOR, CGPA, and Research Experience significantly impact admissions (p < 0.05), while SOP and University Rating are statistically insignificant (p > 0.05). The Durbin-Watson score of 2.05 suggests no strong autocorrelation in residuals, ensuring reliable predictions.

Compared to the sklearn Linear Regression model, the results are identical for R2 score, adjusted R2 score, coefficients and the intercept. However, Statsmodels provides additional statistical insights, such as p-values and confidence intervals, which help in understanding the significance of each feature.

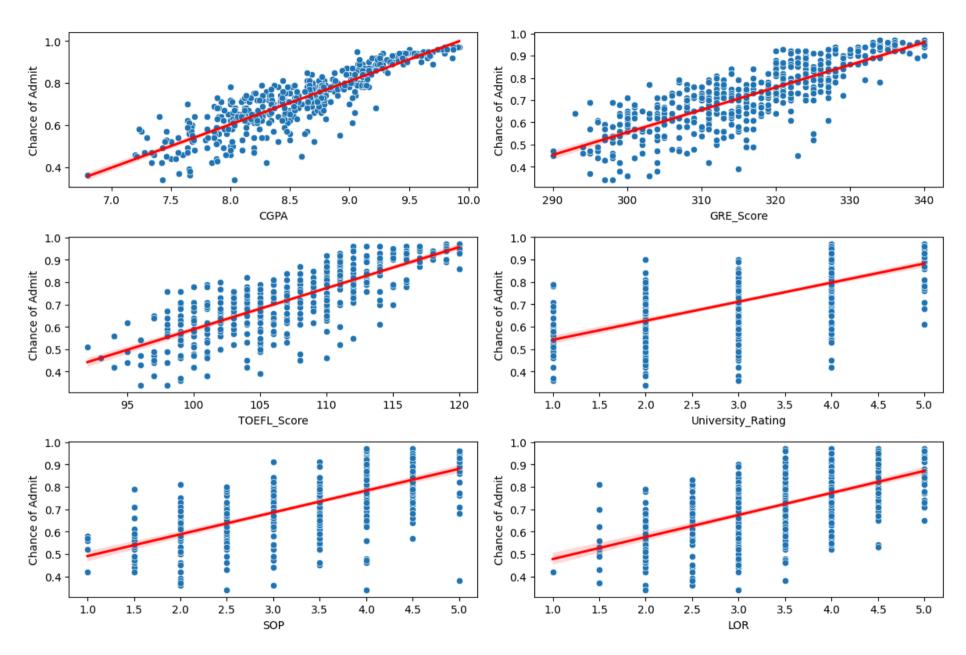
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In [123... #Mean Absolute Error (MAE)
    from sklearn.metrics import mean_absolute_error
    y_pred_train = model_ols.predict(X_sm)
```

The RMSE and MAE values for the OLS model using Statsmodels are identical to those obtained from sklearn.

Testing the assumptions for Linear Regression

Linearity of Variables

```
In [125...
#Checking Linearity: Scatter Plots with Trend Lines for Each Feature
plt.figure(figsize=(12,8))
cols = ["CGPA", "GRE_Score", "TOEFL_Score", "University_Rating", "SOP", "LOR"]
for i in range(len(cols)):
    plt.subplot(3, 2, i+1)
    sns.scatterplot(x=df[cols[i]], y=df["Chance_of_Admit"])
    sns.regplot(x=df[cols[i]], y=df["Chance_of_Admit"], scatter=False, color="red")
    plt.xlabel(cols[i])
    plt.ylabel("Chance of Admit")
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
```



The plots confirm that CGPA, GRE Score, and TOEFL Score satisfy the linearity assumption, while University Rating, SOP, and LOR show weaker linear relationships. Linear regression can still model them, but polynomial transformations or Ridge/Lasso may improve accuracy.

Checking for multi-collinearity of features (VIF)

```
In [126... #Checking for Multicollinearity using Variance Inflation Factor (VIF)
          from statsmodels.stats.outliers influence import variance inflation factor
          vif data = pd.DataFrame()
          vif_data["feature"] = df_train_scaled.columns
          vif data["VIF"] = [variance inflation factor(df train scaled.values, i) for i in range(df train scaled.shape[1])]
          vif data.sort values(by=["VIF"], ascending=False, inplace=True)
          vif data = vif data.reset index(drop=True)
          round(vif data,3)
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Out[126... feature VIF 0 CGPA 4.655 GRE Score 4.490 2 TOEFL_Score 3.664 3 SOP 2.786 4 University Rating 2.572 LOR 1.978 5 6

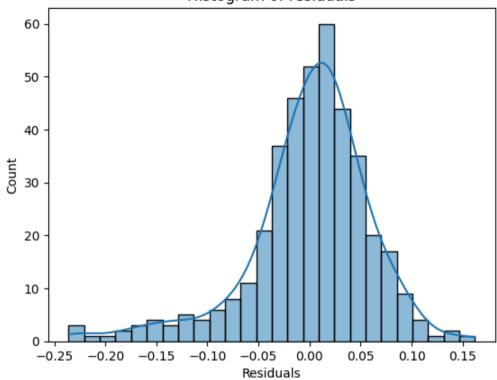
> The VIF values for all features are below 5, indicating no severe multicollinearity in the dataset. Since the highest VIF is 4.655 (CGPA), which is still within the acceptable range, the multicollinearity assumption of linear regression holds, and we don't need to drop any features.

Normality of Residuals

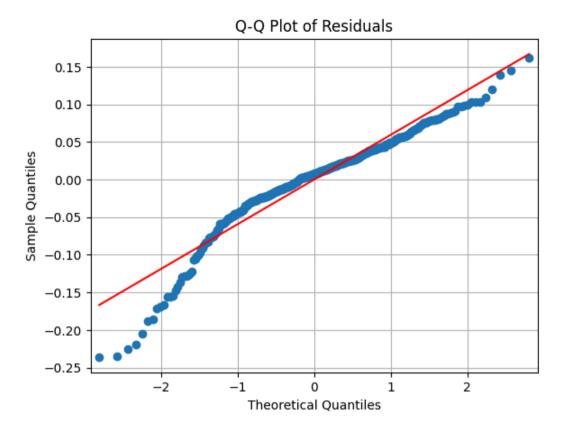
Research 1.518

```
In [127... #Checking Normality of Residuals Using Histogram and KDE Plot
          y pred = model.predict(X train scaled)
          error = y train-y pred
          sns.histplot(error,kde=True)
          plt.title("Histogram of residuals")
          plt.xlabel("Residuals")
          plt.show()
```

Histogram of residuals



```
In [128...
#Q-Q Plot for Normality Check
from statsmodels.graphics.gofplots import qqplot
qqplot(error, line="s")
plt.title("Q-Q Plot of Residuals")
plt.grid(True)
plt.show()
```



The histogram of residuals shows a nearly bell-shaped curve, suggesting approximate normality, while the Q-Q plot confirms that most points follow the diagonal line, with slight deviations at the tails. This indicates minor skewness but no major violations of the normality assumption. Since linear regression is robust to slight deviations, the assumption holds well, though transformations could further refine it if needed.

Mean of Residuals

```
In [129... #Calculating Mean of Residuals
y_pred = model.predict(X_train_scaled)
error = y_train-y_pred
mean_residual = error.mean()
mean_residual
```

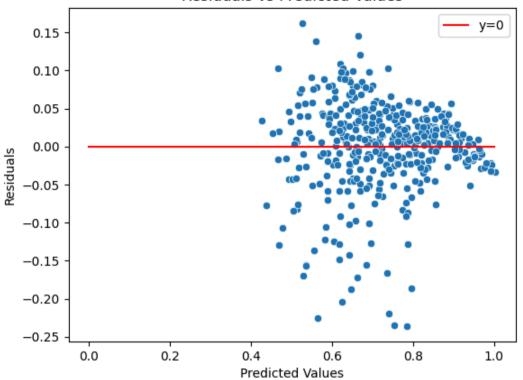
Out[129... 1.4419021532319221e-16

The mean of residuals is extremely small, confirming that the model's predictions are unbiased on average. This means the linearity assumption holds, and there is no systematic over- or under-prediction in the model.

Heteroskedasticity

```
In [130... #Plotting Residuals vs Predicted values to check for heteroskedasticity
    sns.scatterplot(x=y_pred, y=error)
    x = np.linspace(0,1,100)
    y = np.zeros(100)
    plt.plot(x,y, color="red", label="y=0")
    plt.title("Residuals vs Predicted Values")
    plt.xlabel("Predicted Values")
    plt.ylabel("Residuals")
    plt.legend()
    plt.show()
```

Residuals vs Predicted Values



```
In [131... #Performing the Goldfeld-Quandt test to check for Heteroscedasticity
from statsmodels.stats.diagnostic import het_goldfeldquandt
gq_test = het_goldfeldquandt(model_ols.resid, model_ols.model.exog, split=0.5)
gq_statistic, p_value, _ = gq_test
print(f"Goldfeld-Quandt Test Statistic: {gq_statistic:.4f}")
print(f"P-value: {p_value:.4f}")

if p_value < 0.05:
    print("Heteroscedasticity detected (Reject Null Hypothesis)")
else:
    print("No significant heteroscedasticity detected (Fail to Reject Null Hypothesis)")</pre>
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Goldfeld-Quandt Test Statistic: 0.9507 P-value: 0.6368 No significant heteroscedasticity detected (Fail to Reject Null Hypothesis) The Residuals vs Predicted Values plot shows that the residuals are randomly scattered around zero without a clear pattern or increasing spread, indicating no signs of heteroscedasticity. The Goldfeld-Quandt test further confirms this, with a p-value of 0.6368, meaning we fail to reject the null hypothesis. Since the residual variance remains consistent across different predicted values (not expanding or shrinking), the homoscedasticity assumption holds, validating the reliability of our linear regression model

Polynomial Regression

```
In [182... #Generating Polynomial Features and Scaling the Data (Degree=2)
          from sklearn.preprocessing import PolynomialFeatures
          poly = PolynomialFeatures(degree=2)
          X poly train = poly.fit transform(X train)
          X poly train scaled = scaler.fit transform(X poly train)
          X poly test scaled = scaler.transform(poly.transform(X test))
In [183... #Fitting Polynomial Regression Model
          model poly = LinearRegression()
          model poly.fit(X poly train scaled, y train)
Out[183...
           LinearRegression
          LinearRegression()
         #R2-score for train data
In [184...
          r2 score poly = model poly.score(X poly train scaled, y train)
          r2_score_poly
Out[184...
          0.8357962945524069
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The Polynomial Regression model (degree = 2) achieved a training R2 score of 0.836, slightly improving over the Linear Regression model (0.821). This suggests that a quadratic relationship exists in the data, but the improvement over simple linear regression is marginal. However, its true effectiveness will be clearer when we compare all models on test data together later.

```
In [135... #Adjusted R2-score
    n = X_train.shape[0]
    d = X_train.shape[1]
    adjusted_r2_score_poly = adjusted_r2(r2_score_poly, n, d)
    adjusted_r2_score_poly
```

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Out[135... 0.832864085526557
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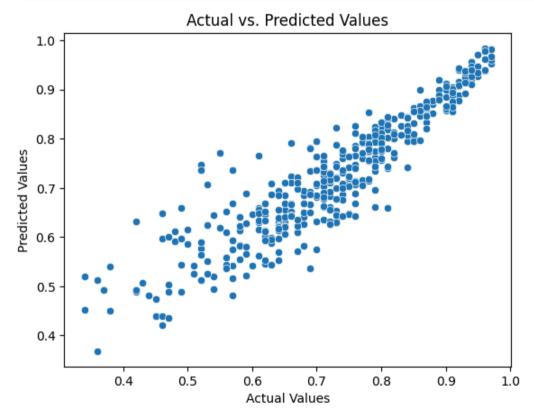
Out[139... 0.056888146141110235

The Adjusted R2 score of 0.833 (slightly lower than the R2 score of 0.836) confirms that the added polynomial features contribute meaningfully without excessive overfitting.

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In [136... #Model coefficients (weights)
          model_poly.coef_
Out[136... array([ 3.44819756e-14, 1.85743552e-01, 1.78844076e-01, -1.01985967e-01,
                  -2.85794076e-01, 6.27264436e-02, 4.21274184e-01, -6.52479282e-02,
                  1.22928594e-01, -1.40661247e-01, 1.17837080e-01, 1.54919153e-01,
                   2.70952455e-01, -8.42662173e-01, -5.12247494e-02, -6.32122621e-02,
                   3.85532937e-03, 2.37513535e-01, -2.01113960e-01, -2.80913943e-02,
                   8.39307954e-02, -1.05897290e-03, 1.15500890e-01, -1.79194599e-02,
                  -7.58636841e-02, 3.56116440e-03, -1.05753355e-01, 2.55854249e-02,
                  -2.46075639e-02, -1.13592258e-02, 2.41231040e-02, -1.77626810e-01,
                  -5.23338459e-03, 2.95050389e-01, 1.27217472e-01, -6.52479282e-02])
          The Polynomial Regression model (degree = 2) has 36 coefficients, including interaction terms, allowing it to capture non-linear relationships in the data.
In [137... #Model intercept
          model poly.intercept
Out[137... 0.724175000000001
In [138... #Mean Absolute Error (MAE)
          from sklearn.metrics import mean absolute error
          v pred train poly = model poly.predict(X poly train scaled)
          mae train poly = mean absolute error(y train, y pred train poly)
          mae_train_poly
Out[138... 0.04004455671536485
In [139... #Root Mean Squared Error (RMSE)
          from sklearn.metrics import mean squared error
          y pred train poly = model poly.predict(X poly train scaled)
          rmse train poly = np.sqrt(mean squared error(y train, y pred train poly))
          rmse_train_poly
```

The MAE (0.0400) and RMSE (0.0569) for Polynomial Regression are very slightly lower than those of Linear Regression, indicating a small improvement in prediction accuracy. However, since the reduction is minor, the additional complexity of polynomial features may not be significantly beneficial over simple linear regression.

```
In [178... #Visualizing model fit by plotting actual vs predicted values
sns.scatterplot(x=y_train, y=y_pred_train_poly)
plt.xlabel("Actual Values")
plt.ylabel("Predicted Values")
plt.title("Actual vs. Predicted Values")
plt.show()
```



Regularization Models

Ridge

```
In [140... #Training Ridge Regression on Polynomial Features (alpha=1)
          from sklearn.linear model import Ridge
          ridge = Ridge(alpha=1)
          ridge.fit(X_poly_train_scaled, y_train)
Out[140...
           ▼ Ridge
          Ridge(alpha=1)
In [141... #R2-score for train data
          r2 score ridge = ridge.score(X poly train scaled, y train)
          r2 score ridge
Out[141... 0.8294299169696493
In [142... #Adjusted R2-score
          n = X train.shape[0]
          d = X_train.shape[1]
          adjusted_r2_score_ridge = adjusted_r2(r2_score_ridge, n, d)
          adjusted r2 score ridge
Out[142... 0.8263840226298216
In [143... #Model coefficients (weights)
          ridge.coef_
                             , 0.02875458, 0.0328957, 0.00173637, 0.00131996,
Out[143... array([ 0.
                  0.04496311, 0.06944195, -0.00024004, -0.00389726, -0.0033463 ,
                  -0.00879788, 0.00234316, 0.00975756, 0.00530892, -0.00657572,
                  -0.00739883, -0.01041198, 0.01219618, -0.0224382, -0.00465222,
                  -0.00111173, 0.00048263, 0.08154004, -0.01791613, -0.02664364,
                  0.01485103, -0.05437359, 0.00494972, -0.00036229, 0.01373636,
                  0.00671483, -0.02062011, -0.00987706, 0.00363464, 0.00616779,
                  -0.00024004])
In [144... | #Model intercept
          ridge.intercept_
Out[144... 0.7241750000000009
```

```
In [145... #Mean Absolute Error (MAE)
    from sklearn.metrics import mean_absolute_error
    y_pred_train_ridge = ridge.predict(X_poly_train_scaled)
    mae_train_ridge = mean_absolute_error(y_train, y_pred_train_ridge)
    mae_train_ridge

Out[145... #Root Mean Squared Error (RMSE)
    from sklearn.metrics import mean_squared_error
    y_pred_train_ridge = ridge.predict(X_poly_train_scaled)
    rmse_train_ridge = np.sqrt(mean_squared_error(y_train, y_pred_train_ridge))
    rmse_train_ridge
```

Out[146... 0.05798047048122267

The Ridge Regression model (α = 1) didn't provide any significant advantage over Polynomial Regression. MAE (0.0411) and RMSE (0.0580) are slightly worse, and the R2 score dropped from 0.836 to 0.829. This suggests that regularization wasn't needed here, as Polynomial Regression wasn't overfitting much to begin with. In this case, using Ridge added complexity without real benefit—sticking with plain Polynomial Regression would have been better.

Lasso

```
In [147... #Training Lasso Regression on Polynomial Features (alpha=1)
from skleann.linear_model import Lasso
lasso = Lasso(alpha=0.01)
lasso.fit(X_poly_train_scaled, y_train)

Out[147... Lasso
Lasso(alpha=0.01)

In [148... #R2-score for train data
r2_score_lasso = lasso.score(X_poly_train_scaled, y_train)
r2_score_lasso

Out[148... 0.8129782928003578

In [149... #Adjusted R2-score
n = X_train.shape[0]
d = X_train.shape[1]
```

```
adjusted_r2_score_lasso = adjusted_r2(r2_score_lasso, n, d)
          adjusted r2 score lasso
Out[149... 0.809638619457507
In [150... #Model coefficients (weights)
          lasso.coef
Out[150... array([0.
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                            1)
          Lasso Regression eliminated most coefficients (set them to zero), keeping only a few features, which explains the drop in R<sup>2</sup> (0.813)—confirming that Lasso is too
          aggressive here and not beneficial for this dataset.
          #Model intercept
In [151...
          lasso.intercept_
Out[151... 0.7241750000000000
In [152... #Mean Absolute Error (MAE)
          from sklearn.metrics import mean absolute error
          v pred train lasso = lasso.predict(X poly train scaled)
          mae train lasso = mean absolute error(y train, y pred train lasso)
          mae_train_lasso
Out[152... 0.04351398467767011
In [153... #Root Mean Squared Error (RMSE)
          from sklearn.metrics import mean squared error
          y pred train lasso = lasso.predict(X poly train scaled)
          rmse train lasso = np.sqrt(mean squared error(y train, y pred train lasso))
          rmse_train_lasso
Out[153... 0.06071224791096015
```

The MAE (0.0435) and RMSE (0.0607) for Lasso Regression are higher than both Polynomial (MAE: 0.0400, RMSE: 0.0569) and Ridge (MAE: 0.0411, RMSE: 0.0580), confirming that Lasso's aggressive feature elimination hurt performance. The increased error and lower R2 score (0.813) show that Lasso is not suitable for this

dataset, as it removed too many important features. Polynomial Regression remains the best model so far.

Evaluating performance on Test Data

```
In [174... #Creating a DataFrame for the training data performance summary
          train results = {
              "Model": ["Linear Regression", "Polynomial Regression", "Ridge Regression", "Lasso Regression"],
              "R2 Score": [r2 score lr, r2 score poly, r2 score ridge, r2 score lasso],
              "Adjusted R2": [adjusted r2 score lr, adjusted r2 score poly, adjusted r2 score ridge, adjusted r2 score lasso],
              "MAE": [mae train lr, mae train poly, mae train ridge, mae train lasso],
              "RMSE": [rmse train lr, rmse train poly, rmse train ridge, rmse train lasso],
          df train results = round(pd.DataFrame(train results),4)
          df train results
```

Out[174		Model	R2 Score	Adjusted R2	MAE	RMSE
	0	Linear Regression	0.8211	0.8179	0.0425	0.0594
	1	Polynomial Regression	0.8358	0.8329	0.0400	0.0569
	2	Ridge Regression	0.8294	0.8264	0.0411	0.0580
	3	Lasso Regression	0.8130	0.8096	0.0435	0.0607

Next, we will calculate all the above values for the test data and then summarise them in a table.

```
In [164... #Linear Regression Test Data
          v pred test = model.predict(X test scaled)
          r2 score test = model.score(X test scaled, y test)
          adjusted r2 score test = adjusted r2(r2 score test, X test.shape[0], X test.shape[1])
          mae test lr = mean absolute error(y test, y pred test)
          rmse test lr = np.sqrt(mean squared error(y test, y pred test))
In [170... #Polynomial Regression Test Data
          y pred test poly = model poly.predict(X poly test scaled)
          r2 score test poly = model poly.score(X poly test scaled, y test)
          adjusted r2 score test poly = adjusted r2(r2 score test poly, X test.shape[0], X test.shape[1])
          mae_test_poly = mean_absolute_error(y_test, y_pred_test_poly)
          rmse test poly = np.sqrt(mean squared error(y test, y pred test poly))
```

```
In [172... #Ridge Regression Test Data
          v pred test ridge = ridge.predict(X poly test scaled)
          r2 score test ridge = ridge.score(X poly test scaled, y test)
          adjusted r2 score test ridge = adjusted r2(r2 score test ridge, X test.shape[0], X test.shape[1])
          mae test ridge = mean absolute error(y test, y pred test ridge)
          rmse test ridge = np.sqrt(mean squared error(y test, y pred test ridge))
In [173... #Lasso Regression Test Data
          y pred test lasso = lasso.predict(X poly test scaled)
          r2 score test lasso = lasso.score(X poly test scaled, y test)
          adjusted r2 score test lasso = adjusted r2(r2 score test lasso, X test.shape[0], X test.shape[1])
          mae test lasso = mean absolute error(y test, y pred test lasso)
          rmse test lasso = np.sqrt(mean squared error(y test, y pred test lasso))
In [176... #Creating a DataFrame for the test data performance summary
          test results = {
              "Model": ["Linear Regression", "Polynomial Regression", "Ridge Regression", "Lasso Regression"],
              "R2 Score": [r2 score test, r2 score test poly, r2 score test ridge, r2 score test lasso],
              "Adjusted R2": [adjusted r2 score test, adjusted r2 score test poly, adjusted r2 score test ridge, adjusted r2 score test lasso],
              "MAE": [mae test lr, mae test poly, mae test ridge, mae test lasso],
              "RMSE": [rmse_test_lr, rmse_test_poly, rmse_test_ridge, rmse_test_lasso],
          df test results = round(pd.DataFrame(test results),4)
          df test results
```

Out[176...

	Model	R2 Score	Adjusted R2	MAE	RMSE
0	Linear Regression	0.8188	0.8051	0.0427	0.0609
1	Polynomial Regression	0.8265	0.8133	0.0406	0.0596
2	Ridge Regression	0.8298	0.8168	0.0412	0.0590
3	Lasso Regression	0.8185	0.8047	0.0424	0.0609

- -Polynomial Regression ($R^2 = 0.8265$) is the best balance between accuracy and simplicity. It improves the fit slightly over Linear Regression without adding unnecessary complexity. Given the small improvement, it may not be worth using a higher-degree polynomial.
- -Ridge Regression ($R^2 = 0.8298$) barely improves performance (only ~0.003 gain over Polynomial Regression). But it adds regularization complexity, making it unnecessary for this dataset. If overfitting was an issue, Ridge would be useful—but here, it's not significantly helping.

- -Lasso Regression didn't add value since its R² (0.8185) is almost identical to Linear Regression. It removed some feature influence, which isn't beneficial in this case.
- -Best Practical Model: Polynomial Regression (Degree = 2). It captures slight non-linearity without unnecessary complexity. Ridge isn't worth it for such a tiny R² boost. If we really want a significant improvement, we should consider XGBoost or a tree-based model instead.

Insights & Recommendations

Key Predictor Variables & Their Significance

- -CGPA, GRE, and TOEFL Scores are the strongest predictors of admission chances, with CGPA having the highest impact.
- -Research Experience provides a competitive edge, especially for mid-range applicants, but is not as significant as CGPA.
- -SOP, LOR, and University Rating influence admission but play a secondary role compared to academic scores.

Additional Data Sources for Model Improvement

- -Extracurricular Activities & Work Experience: Including these can better reflect holistic applicant profiles.
- -University-Specific Cutoffs & Acceptance Trends: Different universities have different selection criteria, which can refine predictions.
- -Scholarship & Funding Information: Can help students make data-driven financial decisions.

Model Implementation & Business Benefits

- -Deploy the Model in Jamboree's Admission Predictor Tool to provide real-time admission probability estimates.
- -AI-Based Admission Consulting: Personalized recommendations based on applicant profiles.
- -Enhance SOP & LOR Guidance Services to help students improve their non-academic aspects.
- -Develop a Research & Mentorship Program to support students in building stronger applications.

These enhancements will improve prediction accuracy, enhance student success rates, and strengthen Jamboree's reputation as a leading education consultancy.