Ames, Iowa Housing Data

What can we learn about future home sale prices?

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Goal of Analysis and Project

This project looks to see how accurately past housing data can predict sale price.

Also looking to see how different building types affect predictions.

Expecting that building type will make a significant impact on predictions.

Data We are Working with: Ames Housing Dataset

- Detailed and robust dataset related to houses
- Data from 1872 2010
- Property types: Single Family Detached, Two Family, Duplex, Townhouse

Gross Living Area, Overall Quality, Year Built, and Zoning Classification were used for features in a Linear Regression.

Data Analysis and Scaling

One model for single family detached only

One model for all properties

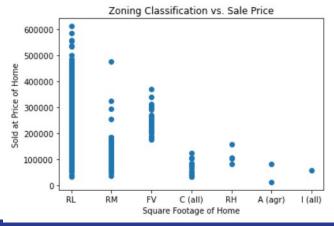
Data has been scaled for efficiency

Single Family Only Results







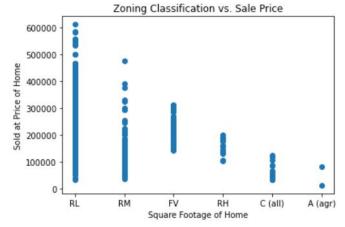


All Property Types









Precision / Accuracy of Predictions

Single Family Detached:

- Predictions off by an average of about \$35,500

All Property types:

- Predictions off by an average of about \$37,000

Rethinking Hypothesis





Conclusions and Recommendations

It turns out that building type has less of an impact on sale price prediction than originally thought

Features have similar impact on predictions, regardless of building type

Do we have all data for multi-family homes? Seems low for college town

Newer data could increase precision (dataset used is 1872-2010)

Thank you for listening!