Title: Graduate Admission Prediction

Author: Mustafa Mert Süerkan

Date: 07.04.2024

Caption: This project aims to predict the chance of admission to graduate programs based on various input variables such as test scores, grades, and other application details. The analysis includes data preprocessing, exploratory data analysis, model development, and evaluation using linear regression models.

## 1. Main Objective of the Analysis

The primary goal of the analysis is to develop a predictive model for admission status. The emphasis is on building a model that can accurately forecast whether an applicant will be admitted based on relevant input variables such as test scores, grades, and other application details.

# 2. Brief description of the dataset I chose and a summary of its attributes.

The dataset chosen for this analysis is the "Graduate Admissions" dataset, which contains information about applicants' profiles and their chances of admission to graduate programs. The dataset consists of the following attributes:

- 1. GRE Score: The applicant's GRE test score
- 2. TOEFL Score: The applicant's TOEFL test score
- 3. University Rating: The rating of the university that the applicant attended
- 4. SOP: Statement of Purpose (SOP) score
- 5. LOR: Letter of Recommendation (LOR) score
- 6. CGPA: Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA)
- 7. Research: Whether the applicant has research experience (0 = No, 1 = Yes)
- 8. Chance of Admit: The probability of the applicant being admitted to the graduate program

#### Import the required libraries

```
import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns
```

#### Importing the Dataset

importing the buttaset										
<pre>data = pd.read_csv('Admission_Predict.csv') data.head()</pre>										
Se CGPA		No.	GRE S	Score	T0EFL	Score	University	Rating	SOP	LOR
0 9.65	,	1		337		118		4	4.5	4.5
1		2		324		107		4	4.0	4.5
8.87		3		316		104		3	3.0	3.5
8.00 3		4		322		110		3	3.5	2.5
8.67 4		5		314		103		2	2.0	3.0
8.21										
Research Chance of Admit										
0		1			0.92					
1 2		1			0.76 0.72					
3		1			0.80					
4		0			0.65					

#### 1. About the Data

The primary goal of the analysis is to develop a predictive model for admission status. The emphasis is on building a model that can accurately forecast whether an applicant will be admitted based on relevant input variables such as test scores, grades, and other application details.

```
data.shape
(500, 9)
data.columns
Index(['GRE Score', 'TOEFL Score', 'University Rating', 'SOP', 'LOR',
'CGPA',
        Research', 'Chance of Admit', 'Total Score'],
      dtvpe='object')
data.dtypes
GRE Score
                        int64
TOEFL Score
                        int64
University Rating
                        int64
S<sub>O</sub>P
                      float64
L0R
                      float64
CGPA
                      float64
Research
                        int64
Chance of Admit
                      float64
Total Score
                        int64
dtype: object
data.describe()
        GRE Score TOEFL Score University Rating
                                                              S<sub>0</sub>P
L0R
                     500.000000
count 500.000000
                                          500.000000
                                                      500,000000
500.00000
       316.472000
                     107.192000
                                            3.114000
                                                         3.374000
mean
3.48400
std
        11.295148
                       6.081868
                                            1.143512
                                                         0.991004
0.92545
       290.000000
                      92.000000
min
                                            1.000000
                                                         1.000000
1.00000
       308.000000
                     103.000000
                                            2.000000
                                                         2.500000
25%
3.00000
       317.000000
                     107.000000
                                            3.000000
                                                         3.500000
50%
3.50000
       325.000000
                     112.000000
75%
                                            4.000000
                                                         4.000000
4.00000
       340.000000
                     120.000000
                                            5.000000
                                                         5.000000
max
```

```
5.00000
             CGPA
                     Research Chance of Admit
                                                   Total Score
       500.000000
                    500.000000
                                       500.00000
                                                    500.000000
count
         8.576440
                     0.560000
                                         0.72174
                                                    423.664000
mean
         0.604813
                     0.496884
                                         0.14114
                                                     16.679914
std
                                                    387.000000
                     0.000000
                                         0.34000
min
         6.800000
25%
         8.127500
                     0.000000
                                         0.63000
                                                    412.000000
50%
         8.560000
                      1.000000
                                         0.72000
                                                    422.000000
                                                    436.000000
75%
         9.040000
                      1.000000
                                         0.82000
         9.920000
                      1.000000
                                         0.97000
                                                    460.000000
max
```

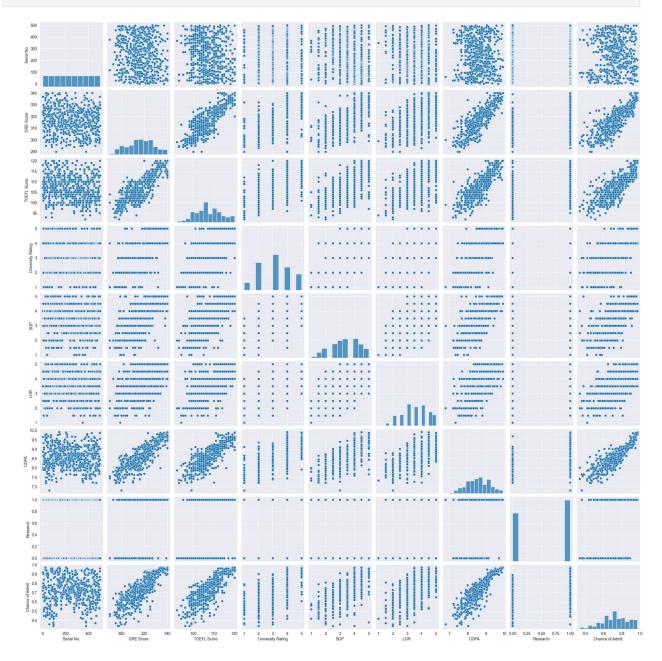
# We understand that the dataset contains 400 rows and 9 columns.

```
# Check for missing values
print("\nMissing values:\n", data.isnull().sum())
Missing values:
Serial No.
                       0
GRE Score
                      0
TOEFL Score
                      0
University Rating
                      0
                      0
SOP.
L0R
                      0
CGPA
                      0
                      0
Research
Chance of Admit
                      0
dtype: int64
# Check distribution of target variable (admission status)
print("\nDistribution of admission status:")
print(data['Chance of Admit '].value counts())
Distribution of admission status:
Chance of Admit
0.71
        23
0.64
        19
0.73
        18
        16
0.72
0.79
        16
         2
0.38
0.36
         2
         1
0.43
0.39
         1
```

```
0.37   1
Name: count, Length: 61, dtype: int64

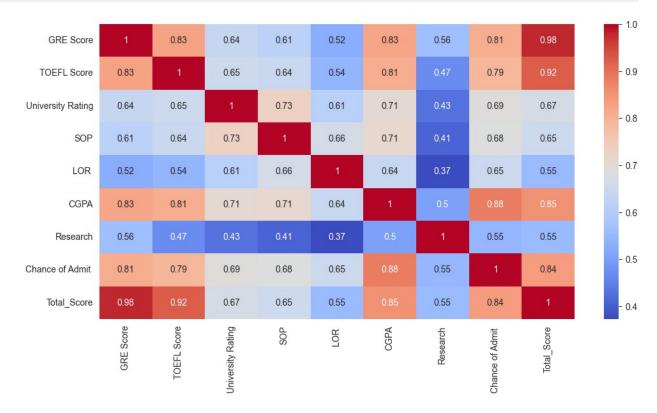
# Check for duplicates
print(data.duplicated().sum())
0

# Visualize distributions and correlations
sns.pairplot(data)
plt.show()
```



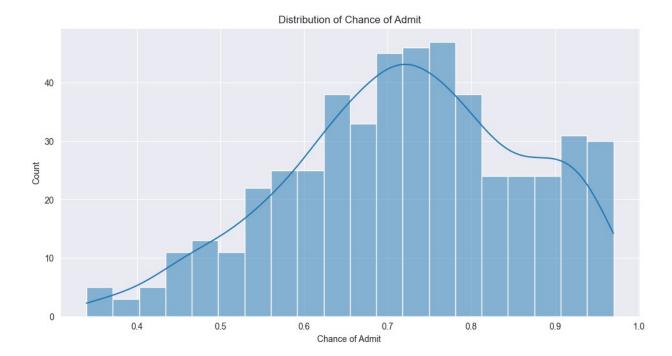
We can see from above pairplot that the target variable 'Chance of Admit' is positively correlated with GRE Score, TOEFL Score, University Rating, and CGPA.

```
#Visualizing the correlation matrix
plt.figure(figsize=(12, 6))
sns.heatmap(data.corr(), annot=True, cmap='coolwarm')
plt.show()
```



We understand that above correlation matrix we can see that GRE Score, TOEFL Score, University Rating, and CGPA are highly correlated with the Chance of Admit.

```
### Visulizing the distribution of the target variable 'Chance of
Admit'
plt.figure(figsize=(12, 6))
sns.histplot(data['Chance of Admit '], bins=20, kde=True)
plt.title('Distribution of Chance of Admit')
plt.show()
```



We can see that the target variable 'Chance of Admit' is normally distributed with a mean around 0.72.

# Create a new feature 'Total\_Score' by adding GRE Score and TOEFL Score

```
data['Total_Score'] = data['GRE Score'] + data['TOEFL Score']
```

### 2. Data Preprocessing

Drop irrelevant columns because they do not contribute to the prediction

```
data = data.drop(['Serial No.'], axis=1)

X = data.drop(['Chance of Admit '], axis=1)

y = data['Chance of Admit ']

from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(X, y, test_size=0.2, random_state=42)
```

## 3. Linear Regression Models

#### Model 1: Simple Linear Regression

```
from sklearn.linear_model import LinearRegression
from sklearn.metrics import mean_squared_error

model_lr = LinearRegression()
model_lr.fit(X_train, y_train)
lr_predictions = model_lr.predict(X_test)
r2_lr = model_lr.score(X_test, y_test)
lr_mse = mean_squared_error(y_test, lr_predictions)
print("R2 score for Simple Linear Regression:", r2_lr)

R2 score for Simple Linear Regression: 0.8189326419881622
```

#### Model 2: Linear Regression with Polynomial Features

```
from sklearn.metrics import mean_squared_error
from sklearn.preprocessing import PolynomialFeatures
from sklearn.pipeline import make_pipeline

degree = 2  # Define the degree of polynomial features
model_poly = make_pipeline(PolynomialFeatures(degree),
    LinearRegression())
model_poly.fit(X_train, y_train)
poly_predictions = model_poly.predict(X_test)
poly_mse = mean_squared_error(y_test, poly_predictions)
print("Linear Regression with Polynomial Features MSE:", poly_mse)

Linear Regression with Polynomial Features MSE: 0.003547679852248315
```

#### Model 3: Regularized Linear Regression (Ridge Regression)

```
from sklearn.linear_model import Ridge

alpha = 0.1 # Define the regularization strength
model_ridge = Ridge(alpha=alpha)
model_ridge.fit(X_train, y_train)
ridge_predictions = model_ridge.predict(X_test)
ridge_mse = mean_squared_error(y_test, ridge_predictions)
print("Regularized Linear Regression (Ridge) MSE:", ridge_mse)

Regularized Linear Regression (Ridge) MSE: 0.0037063898142656727
```

#### Model 4: Regularized Linear Regression (Lasso Regression)

```
from sklearn.linear_model import Lasso
```

```
# Model 4: Regularized Linear Regression (Lasso Regression)
alpha = 0.1 # Define the regularization strength
model_lasso = Lasso(alpha=alpha)
model_lasso.fit(X_train, y_train)
lasso_predictions = model_lasso.predict(X_test)
lasso_mse = mean_squared_error(y_test, lasso_predictions)
print("Regularized Linear Regression (Lasso) MSE:", lasso_mse)
Regularized Linear Regression (Lasso) MSE: 0.007083002916535789
```

#### Compare the MSE of all models

```
# Compare the MSE of all models
def compare_mse(mse_values):
    models = ['Simple Linear Regression', 'Linear Regression with
Polynomial Features', 'Ridge Regression', 'Lasso Regression']
    for i in range(len(mse_values)):
        print(models[i], "MSE:", mse_values[i])
compare_mse([lr_mse, poly_mse, ridge_mse, lasso_mse])

Simple Linear Regression MSE: 0.003702827471342084
Linear Regression with Polynomial Features MSE: 0.003547679852248315
Ridge Regression MSE: 0.0037063898142656727
Lasso Regression MSE: 0.007083002916535789
```

#### Finding best polynomial degree using Grid Search

```
from sklearn.model_selection import GridSearchCV

# Define the hyperparameter grid
param_grid = {'polynomialfeatures__degree': np.arange(1, 10)}
# Perform Grid Search
grid_search = GridSearchCV(estimator=model_poly,
param_grid=param_grid, cv=5)
grid_search.fit(X_train, y_train)
print("Best polynomial degree for Linear Regression with Polynomial
Features:", grid_search.best_params_['polynomialfeatures__degree'])

Best polynomial degree for Linear Regression with Polynomial Features:
1
```

#### Finding best alpha for Ridge Regression using Grid Search

```
## Grid Search for Hyperparameter Tuning
from sklearn.model_selection import GridSearchCV

# Define the hyperparameter grid
param_grid = {'alpha': [0.001, 0.01, 0.1, 1, 10, 100, 1000]}
# Perform Grid Search
```

```
grid_search = GridSearchCV(estimator=Ridge(), param_grid=param_grid,
cv=5)
grid_search.fit(X_train, y_train)
print("Best alpha for Ridge Regression:",
grid_search.best_params_['alpha'])
Best alpha for Ridge Regression: 1
```

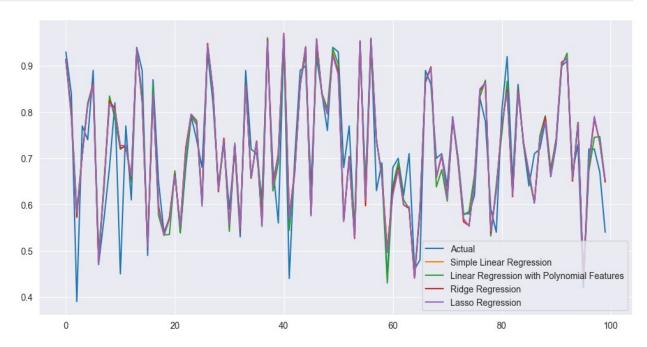
#### Finding best alpha for Lasso Regression using Grid Search

```
# Define the hyperparameter grid
param_grid = {'alpha': [0.001, 0.01, 0.1, 1, 10, 100, 1000]}
# Perform Grid Search
grid search = GridSearchCV(estimator=Lasso(), param grid=param grid,
cv=5)
grid search.fit(X train, y train)
print("Best alpha for Lasso Regression:",
grid search.best params ['alpha'])
Best alpha for Lasso Regression: 0.001
C:\Users\mmert\PycharmProjects\CourseraProject\.venv\lib\site-
packages\sklearn\linear model\ coordinate descent.py:678:
ConvergenceWarning: Objective did not converge. You might want to
increase the number of iterations, check the scale of the features or
consider increasing regularisation. Duality gap: 1.143e-03, tolerance:
6.323e-04
  model = cd fast.enet coordinate descent(
C:\Users\mmert\PycharmProjects\CourseraProject\.venv\lib\site-
packages\sklearn\linear model\ coordinate descent.py:678:
ConvergenceWarning: Objective did not converge. You might want to
increase the number of iterations, check the scale of the features or
consider increasing regularisation. Duality gap: 1.871e-03, tolerance:
6.320e-04
  model = cd fast.enet coordinate descent(
C:\Users\mmert\PycharmProjects\CourseraProject\.venv\lib\site-
packages\sklearn\linear model\ coordinate descent.py:678:
ConvergenceWarning: Objective did not converge. You might want to
increase the number of iterations, check the scale of the features or
consider increasing regularisation. Duality gap: 2.302e-03, tolerance:
7.884e-04
 model = cd fast.enet coordinate descent(
```

#### Train Lasso and Ridge again with best alpha

```
model_ridge = Ridge(alpha=grid_search.best_params_['alpha'])
model_ridge.fit(X_train, y_train)
ridge_predictions = model_ridge.predict(X_test)
ridge_mse = mean_squared_error(y_test, ridge_predictions)
```

```
model lasso = Lasso(alpha=grid search.best params ['alpha'])
model lasso.fit(X train, y train)
lasso predictions = model lasso.predict(X test)
lasso mse = mean squared error(y test, lasso predictions)
C:\Users\mmert\PycharmProjects\CourseraProject\.venv\lib\site-
packages\sklearn\linear_model\_coordinate_descent.py:678:
ConvergenceWarning: Objective did not converge. You might want to
increase the number of iterations, check the scale of the features or
consider increasing regularisation. Duality gap: 2.302e-03, tolerance:
7.884e-04
 model = cd_fast.enet_coordinate_descent(
compare mse([lr mse, poly mse, ridge mse, lasso mse])
Simple Linear Regression MSE: 0.003702827471342084
Linear Regression with Polynomial Features MSE: 0.003547679852248315
Ridge Regression MSE: 0.0037046726988562424
Lasso Regression MSE: 0.00380721541196069
#Visualizing the predictions
plt.figure(figsize=(12, 6))
plt.plot(y test.values, label='Actual')
plt.plot(lr predictions, label='Simple Linear Regression')
plt.plot(poly predictions, label='Linear Regression with Polynomial
Features')
plt.plot(ridge predictions, label='Ridge Regression')
plt.plot(lasso predictions, label='Lasso Regression')
plt.legend()
plt.show()
```



# 4. Insights and key findings

# Lasso regression also provides us with the feature importance

```
# Extract feature importance from the Lasso model
feature importance = pd.DataFrame({'Feature': X.columns, 'Importance':
model lasso.coef })
feature importance = feature importance.sort values(by='Importance',
ascending=False)
print("Feature Importance from Lasso Regression:")
print(feature importance)
Feature Importance from Lasso Regression:
            Feature Importance
5
               CGPA
                       0.103371
           Research
6
                       0.018447
                       0.017224
               L0R
2 University Rating
                       0.002735
7
        Total Score
                       0.002660
3
                S0P
                       0.001811
        TOEFL Score
1
                       0.000626
0
          GRE Score
                       0.000189
```

### 5. Next Steps

The best model for this analysis is the LinearRegression with Polynomial feature is 1, which has the lowest MSE among all models. The next steps in this analysis could include:

- 1. Feature Engineering: Create new features or combine existing features to improve the model's performance.
- 2. Model Tuning: Experiment with different hyperparameters and regularization strengths to optimize the model further.
- 3. Additional Data: Collect more data on applicants to enhance the model's predictive power and accuracy.
- 4. Interpretation: Provide insights and recommendations based on the model's findings to help improve the admission process.

Suggestions for next steps in analyzing this data, which may include suggesting revisiting this model adding specific data features to achieve a better explanation or a better prediction.

In the future using this dataset, we can also explore other predictive modeling techniques such as decision trees, random forests, or gradient boosting to compare their performance with linear regression models. Additionally, we can conduct a more in-depth analysis of the admission process to identify potential biases or areas for improvement.