

## Task 2 : Sydney Dataset

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In [246]: import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import category_encoders as ce

from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split, GridSearchCV
from sklearn.compose import make_column_transformer
from sklearn.pipeline import make_pipeline, Pipeline
from sklearn.linear_model import LinearRegression, Ridge, Lasso, ElasticNet
from sklearn.model_selection import cross_val_score
from sklearn.preprocessing import OneHotEncoder, StandardScaler
from sklearn.impute import SimpleImputer

import warnings
```

Disclaimer : to ensure reproducibility of results, please make sure the csv file containing the dataset is named "sydney-data.csv"

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In [247]: df = pd.read_csv("sydney-data.csv")
print("The shape of the full dataframe is : "+str(np.shape(df)))
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The shape of the full dataframe is : (4600, 18)

### 2.1 Drop Invalid rows, determine continuous and categorical features

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In [248]: #We drop the rows whose price is equal to 0
df = df[df["price"] != 0]

#We remove the date column
df = df.drop(["date"],axis=1)

print("The shape of the dataframe when we remove date and rows with price = 0 is : "+str(np.shape(df)))
df.head()
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The shape of the dataframe when we remove date and rows with price = 0 is : (4551, 17)

Out[248]:

	price	bedrooms	bathrooms	sqft_living	sqft_lot	floors	waterfront	view	condition	sqft_above	sqft_basement
0	313000.0	3.0	1.50	1340	7912	1.5	0	0	3	1340	0
1	2384000.0	5.0	2.50	3650	9050	2.0	0	4	5	3370	0
2	342000.0	3.0	2.00	1930	11947	1.0	0	0	4	1930	0
3	420000.0	3.0	2.25	2000	8030	1.0	0	0	4	1000	0
4	550000.0	4.0	2.50	1940	10500	1.0	0	0	4	1140	0

The continuous features are : sqft\_living, sqft\_lot, sqft\_above, sqft\_basement.

The target: price is continuous.

The categorical features are : bedrooms, bathrooms, floors, waterfront, view, condition, yr\_built, yr\_renovated, street, city, and statezip.

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In [249]: df["country"].unique()
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Out[249]: array(['USA'], dtype=object)

All of the data comes from the same country : USA, so we can remove the country column (it does not add any information on price).

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In [250]: df = df.drop(["country"],axis=1)
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## 2.2 Distribution of continuous features, Distribution of target

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In [251]: #Distribution of the continuous features
fig, ax = plt.subplots(1,4,figsize=(12,8))

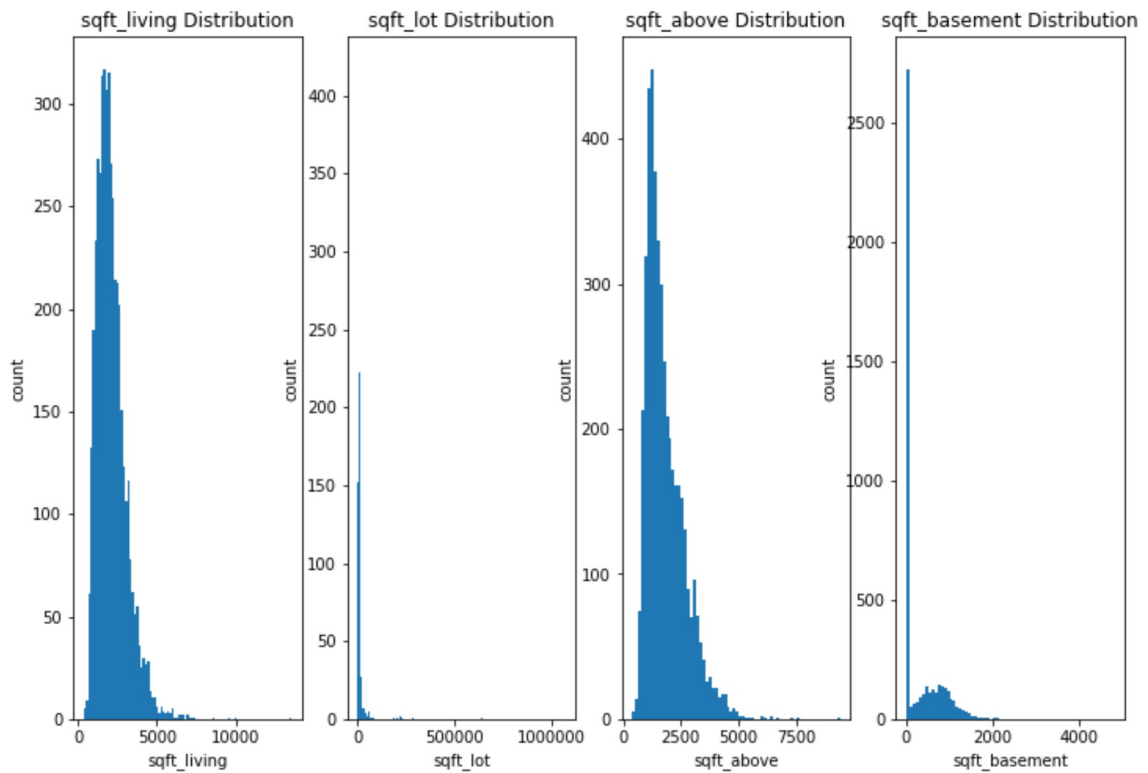
ax[0].hist(df["sqft_living"],bins="auto")
ax[0].title.set_text("sqft_living Distribution")
ax[0].set_xlabel("sqft_living")
ax[0].set_ylabel("count")

ax[1].hist(df["sqft_lot"],bins="auto")
ax[1].title.set_text("sqft_lot Distribution")
ax[1].set_xlabel("sqft_lot")
ax[1].set_ylabel("count")

ax[2].hist(df["sqft_above"],bins="auto")
ax[2].title.set_text("sqft_above Distribution")
ax[2].set_xlabel("sqft_above")
ax[2].set_ylabel("count")

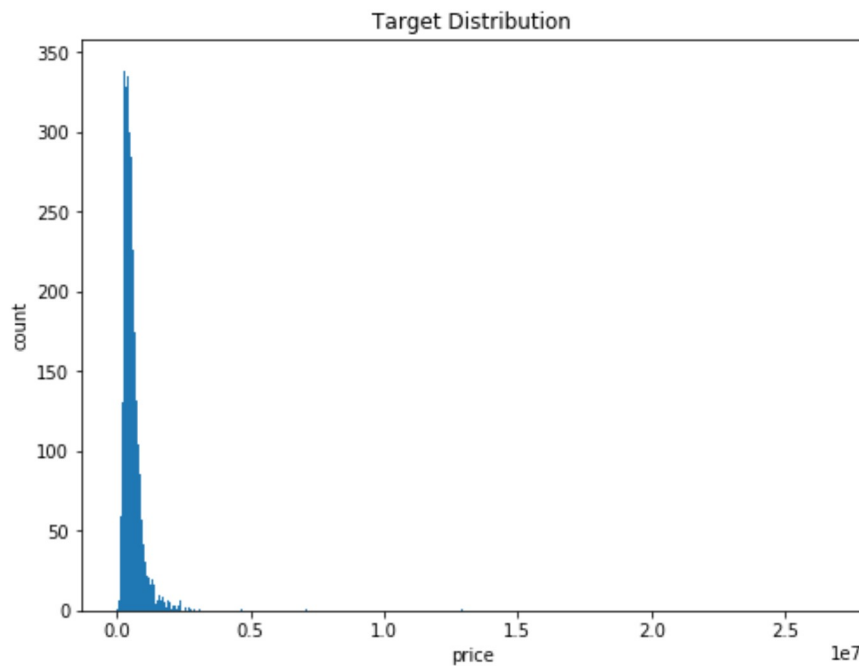
ax[3].hist(df["sqft_basement"],bins="auto")
ax[3].title.set_text("sqft_basement Distribution")
ax[3].set_xlabel("sqft_basement")
ax[3].set_ylabel("count")
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Out[251]: Text(0, 0.5, 'count')
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In [252]: #Distribution of the target
plt.figure(figsize=(8,6))
plt.hist(df["price"],bins="auto")
plt.title("Target Distribution")
plt.xlabel("price")
plt.ylabel("count")
```

Out[252]: Text(0, 0.5, 'count')



Judging by the empirical distribution of price, and the four categorical features, there are outliers which might have to be removed in order for our analysis to be accurate. It is worth noting that we have already removed rows with price=0. Additionally, the sqft\_lot and sqft\_basement features have peaks at 0. Going forward, we will remove the outliers on price.

## 2.3 Target-Feature pairwise plots

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In [253]: #We plot the dependency of plot
fig, ax = plt.subplots(2,2,figsize=(10,10))

ax[0,0].scatter(df["sqft_living"],df["price"])
ax[0,0].title.set_text("Dependency of price on sqft_living")
ax[0,0].set_xlabel("sqft_living")
ax[0,0].set_ylabel("price")

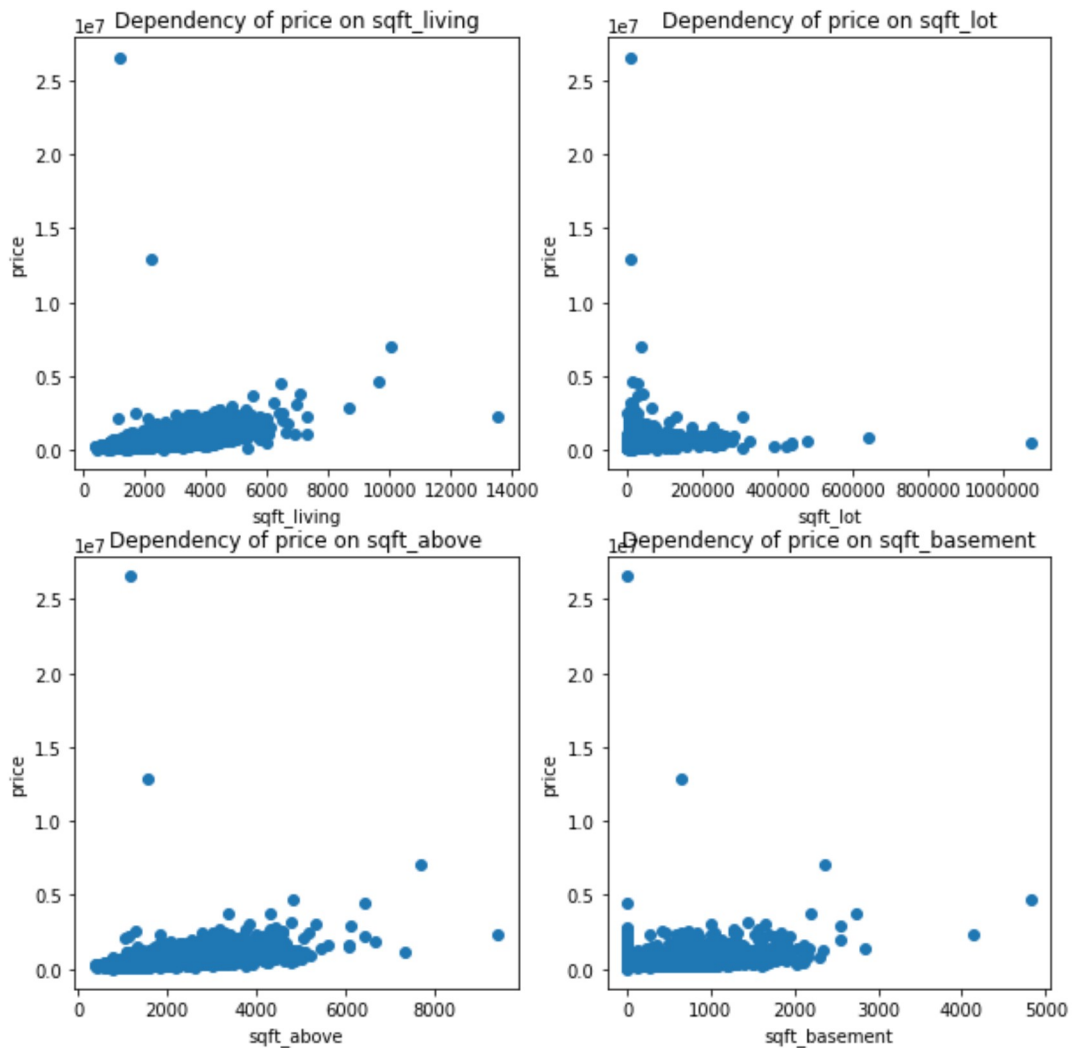
ax[0,1].scatter(df["sqft_lot"],df["price"])
ax[0,1].title.set_text("Dependency of price on sqft_lot")
ax[0,1].set_xlabel("sqft_lot")
ax[0,1].set_ylabel("price")

ax[1,0].scatter(df["sqft_above"],df["price"])
ax[1,0].title.set_text("Dependency of price on sqft_above")
ax[1,0].set_xlabel("sqft_above")
ax[1,0].set_ylabel("price")

ax[1,1].scatter(df["sqft_basement"],df["price"])
ax[1,1].title.set_text("Dependency of price on sqft_basement")
ax[1,1].set_xlabel("sqft_basement")
ax[1,1].set_ylabel("price")

```

Out[253]: Text(0, 0.5, 'price')



It seems that there is a positive correlation between price and each of the sqft variables. Let us remove the outliers to confirm this hypothesis.

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In [254]: df_outlier_removed = df[df["price"] < 1e7]

fig, ax = plt.subplots(2,2,figsize=(11,11))

ax[0,0].scatter(df_outlier_removed["sqft_living"],df_outlier_removed["price"])
ax[0,0].title.set_text("Dependency of price on sqft_living")
ax[0,0].set_xlabel("sqft_living")
ax[0,0].set_ylabel("price")

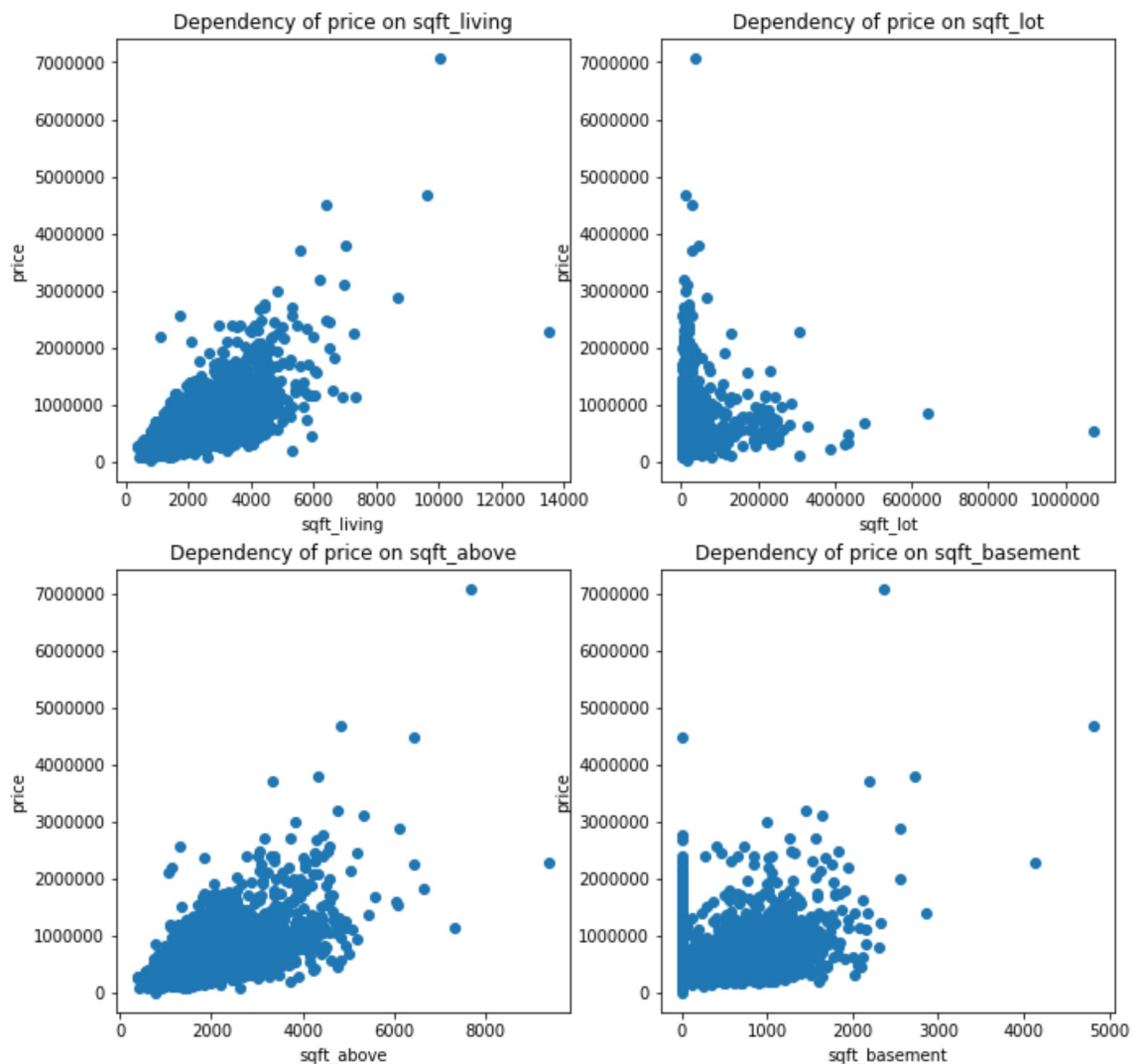
ax[0,1].scatter(df_outlier_removed["sqft_lot"],df_outlier_removed["price"])
ax[0,1].title.set_text("Dependency of price on sqft_lot")
ax[0,1].set_xlabel("sqft_lot")
ax[0,1].set_ylabel("price")

ax[1,0].scatter(df_outlier_removed["sqft_above"],df_outlier_removed["price"])
ax[1,0].title.set_text("Dependency of price on sqft_above")
ax[1,0].set_xlabel("sqft_above")
ax[1,0].set_ylabel("price")

ax[1,1].scatter(df_outlier_removed["sqft_basement"],df_outlier_removed["price"])
ax[1,1].title.set_text("Dependency of price on sqft_basement")
ax[1,1].set_xlabel("sqft_basement")
ax[1,1].set_ylabel("price")

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Out[254]: Text(0, 0.5, 'price')



Removing the outliers confirms the hypothesis that price is positively correlated with the four sqft features. In the cases of sqft\_living and sqft\_above, the correlation is strong, and it would be appropriate to model the data with Least Squares Linear Regression.

## 2.4 Train-test split and preprocessing pipeline

Analyzing the .dat file data reveals that the yr\_renovated column has NaN values. In the .csv file, these NaN values have been replaced by zeros. We will set them back to np.nan and apply a simple median imputer to the yr\_renovated column. We choose the median as the median of the years will always be an integer value. This will help us when we encode the yr\_renovated column as a categorical variable.

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In [255]: df['yr_renovated'].mask(df['yr_renovated'] == 0, np.nan, inplace=True)
          df['yr_renovated'].head()
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Out[255]: 0      2005.0
          1      NaN
          2      NaN
          3      NaN
          4      1992.0
          Name: yr_renovated, dtype: float64
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In [256]: #We preprocess the data without scaling
          warnings.filterwarnings('ignore')

          df = df_outlier_removed[df_outlier_removed.columns.difference(["price", "sqft_living", "sqft_lot", "sqft_above", "sqft_basement"])]
          df = pd.concat([df, df_outlier_removed[["sqft_living", "sqft_lot", "sqft_above", "sqft_basement"]].astype("float")], axis=1)

          categorical = df.dtypes == object

          preprocess_unscaled = make_column_transformer((SimpleImputer(strategy="median"), ["yr_renovated"]), (ce.OneHotEncoder(), categorical), ("passthrough", ~categorical))

          X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(df, df_outlier_removed["price"])

          model_lin_reg = make_pipeline(preprocess_unscaled, LinearRegression())
          model_lasso = make_pipeline(preprocess_unscaled, Lasso())
          model_ridge = make_pipeline(preprocess_unscaled, Ridge())
          model_elastic_net = make_pipeline(preprocess_unscaled, ElasticNet())

          scores_lin_reg = np.mean(cross_val_score(model_lin_reg, X_train, y_train))
          scores_lasso = np.mean(cross_val_score(model_lasso, X_train, y_train))
          scores_ridge = np.mean(cross_val_score(model_ridge, X_train, y_train))
          scores_elastic_net = np.mean(cross_val_score(model_elastic_net, X_train, y_train))

          print("Linear Regression without scaling Score : "+str(scores_lin_reg))
          print("Lasso without scaling Score : "+str(scores_lasso))
          print("Ridge without scaling Score : "+str(scores_ridge))
          print("Elastic Net without scaling Score : "+str(scores_elastic_net))
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Linear Regression without scaling Score : -59.89561228919964
Lasso without scaling Score : 0.4687220016349805
Ridge without scaling Score : 0.7223574662665617
Elastic Net without scaling Score : 0.5463439805193165
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```
In [257]: #We preprocess the data with scaling
warnings.filterwarnings('ignore')

df = df_outlier_removed[df_outlier_removed.columns.difference(["price", "sqft_living", "sqft_lot", "sqft_above", "sqft_basement"])]
df = pd.concat([df, df_outlier_removed[["sqft_living", "sqft_lot", "sqft_above", "sqft_basement"]]].astype("float"), axis=1)

categorical = df.dtypes == object

preprocess_scaled = make_column_transformer((SimpleImputer(strategy="median"), ["yr_renovated"]), (OneHotEncoder(), categorical), (StandardScaler(), ~categorical))

X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(df, df_outlier_removed["price"])

model_lin_reg = make_pipeline(preprocess_scaled, LinearRegression())
model_lasso = make_pipeline(preprocess_scaled, Lasso())
model_ridge = make_pipeline(preprocess_scaled, Ridge())
model_elastic_net = make_pipeline(preprocess_scaled, ElasticNet())

scores_lin_reg = np.mean(cross_val_score(model_lin_reg, X_train, y_train))
scores_lasso = np.mean(cross_val_score(model_lasso, X_train, y_train))
scores_ridge = np.mean(cross_val_score(model_ridge, X_train, y_train))
scores_elastic_net = np.mean(cross_val_score(model_elastic_net, X_train, y_train))

print("Linear Regression with scaling Score : "+str(scores_lin_reg))
print("Lasso with scaling Score : "+str(scores_lasso))
print("Ridge with scaling Score : "+str(scores_ridge))
print("Elastic Net with scaling Score : "+str(scores_elastic_net))

Linear Regression with scaling Score : -7917.8215704149015
Lasso with scaling Score : 0.3756445427070364
Ridge with scaling Score : 0.7363816409099707
Elastic Net with scaling Score : 0.5306898757486109
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Scaling does not improve results, so we will not use scaling going forward.

## 1.5 Tuning the parameters



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In [258]: #We Dummy encode the categorical variables, impute yr_renovated and train-test split

df = df_outlier_removed[df_outlier_removed.columns.difference(["price", "sqft_living", "sqft_lot", "sqft_above", "sqft_basement"])]
df = pd.concat([df, df_outlier_removed[["sqft_living", "sqft_lot", "sqft_above", "sqft_basement"]].astype("float")], axis=1)

categorical = df.dtypes == object

preprocess_scaled = make_column_transformer((SimpleImputer(strategy="median"), ["yr_renovated"]), (ce.OneHotEncoder(), categorical), ("passthrough", ~categorical))

df = make_pipeline(preprocess_scaled).fit_transform(df)

X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(df, df_outlier_removed["price"])
X_train_2, X_validate, y_train_2, y_validate = train_test_split(X_train, y_train)

print("After dummy encoding and median imputing, X_train has the following shape : "+str(np.shape(X_train)))

After dummy encoding and median imputing, X_train has the following shape : (3411, 4828)
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Dummy encoding all the categorical variables has created  $\approx 4800$  more features. This explains why our Linear Regression Model performs so badly. For OLS, we need to have more rows than we have features.

```
In [259]: #warnings.filterwarnings('ignore')

pipe = Pipeline([("regressor", LinearRegression())])

param_grid = [{"regressor": [LinearRegression()],
                        {'regressor': [Lasso()],
                          'regressor__alpha': np.logspace(-3, 3, 10)},
                        {'regressor': [Ridge()],
                          'regressor__alpha': np.logspace(-3, 3, 10)},
                        {'regressor': [ElasticNet()],
                          'regressor__alpha': np.logspace(-3, 3, 10),
                          'regressor__l1_ratio': np.logspace(-3, 0, 10)}]}

grid = GridSearchCV(pipe, param_grid, cv=5)
grid.fit(X_train_2, y_train_2)

print("Best model based on training : "+ str(grid.best_params_))
print("Score of best model on test : "+str(grid.score(X_validate, y_validate)))

Best model based on training : {'regressor': Lasso(alpha=215.44346900318823, copy_X=True, fit_intercept=True, max_iter=1000,
        normalize=False, positive=False, precompute=False, random_state=None,
        selection='cyclic', tol=0.0001, warm_start=False), 'regressor__alpha': 215.44346900318823}
Score of best model on test : 0.7583617978140507
```

Parameter Tuning improves results of the best regressor. The best model is a Lasso with  $\alpha=215$ . Let us now see how the validation scores depend on the parameters

```
In [260]: #We compute the dependence of validation scores on parameters for Lasso and Ridge
Lasso_params = np.logspace(-3,3,10)
Lasso_vals = [Lasso(alpha=Lasso_params[i]).fit(X_train_2,y_train_2).score(X_validate,y_validate) for i in range(len(Lasso_params))]

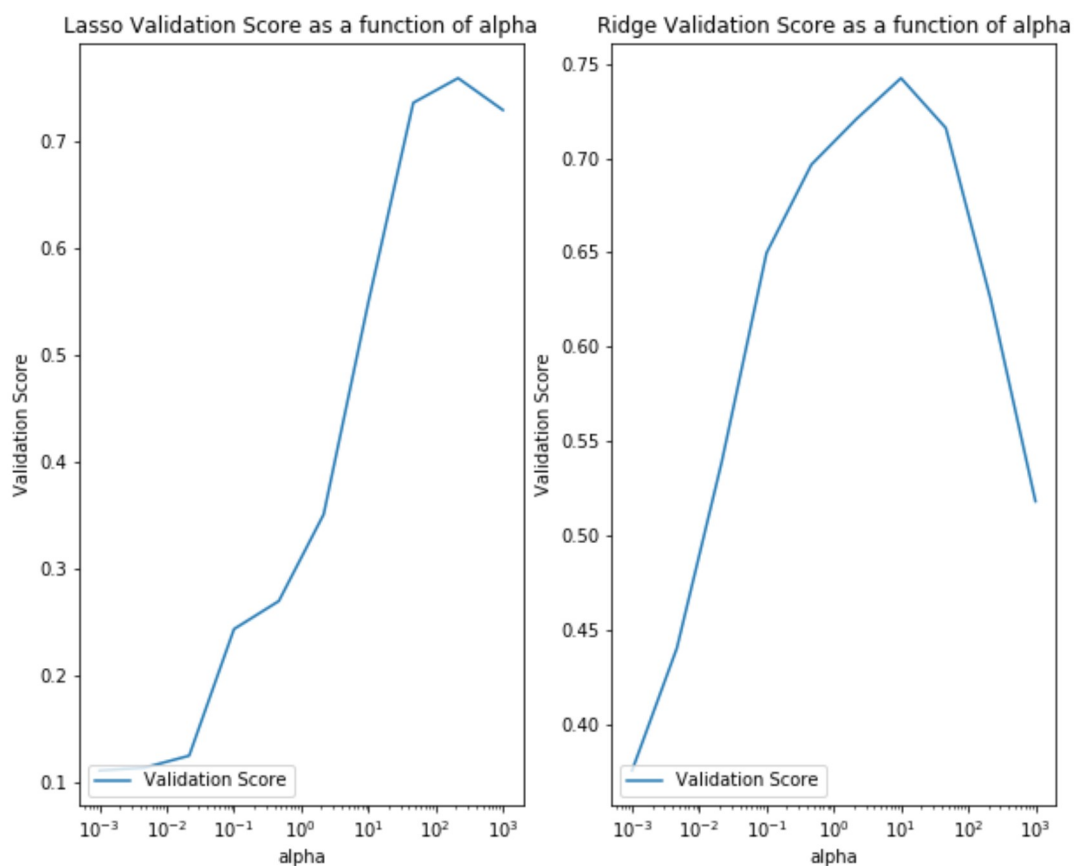
Ridge_params = np.logspace(-3,3,10)
Ridge_vals = [Ridge(alpha=Ridge_params[i]).fit(X_train_2,y_train_2).score(X_validate,y_validate) for i in range(len(Lasso_params))]
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In [261]: fig, ax = plt.subplots(1,2,figsize=(10,8))

ax[0].plot(Lasso_params,Lasso_vals,label="Validation Score")
ax[0].set_xlabel("alpha")
ax[0].set_xscale("log")
ax[0].set_ylabel("Validation Score")
ax[0].title.set_text("Lasso Validation Score as a function of alpha")
ax[0].legend(loc="lower left")

ax[1].plot(Ridge_params,Ridge_vals,label="Validation Score")
ax[1].set_xlabel("alpha")
ax[1].set_xscale("log")
ax[1].set_ylabel("Validation Score")
ax[1].title.set_text("Ridge Validation Score as a function of alpha")
ax[1].legend(loc="lower left")
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Out[261]: <matplotlib.legend.Legend at 0x11bc5802cc0>
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```
In [267]: #We compute the dependence of validation scores on parameters for ElasticNet

from mpl_toolkits.mplot3d import Axes3D

x = np.logspace(-3,3,10)
y = np.logspace(-3,0,10)
xx, yy = np.meshgrid(x, y, sparse=False, indexing='xy')
zz = np.zeros((10,10))

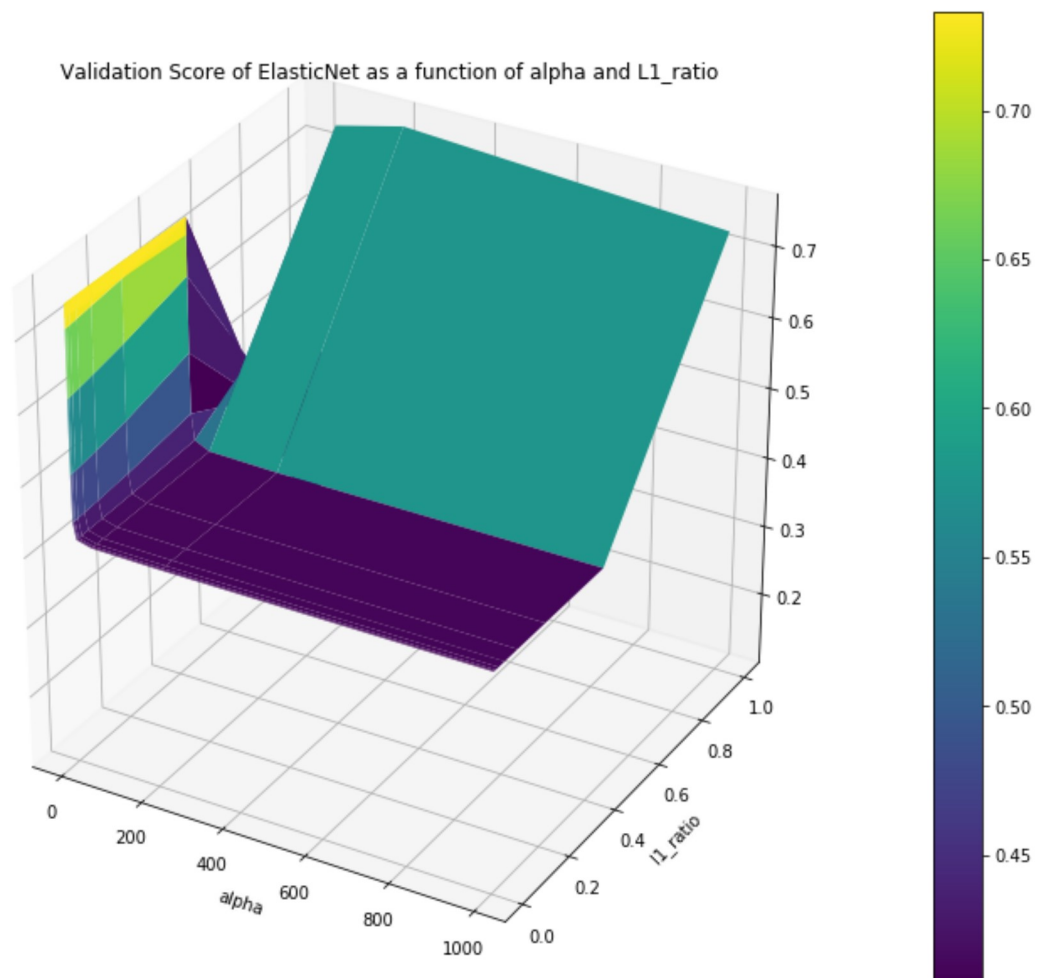
for i in range(10):
    for j in range(10):
        zz[i,j] = ElasticNet(alpha=xx[i,j],l1_ratio=yy[i,j]).fit(X_train_2,y_train_2).score(X_validate,y_validate)
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In [273]: #We plot the dependence of validation scores
%matplotlib inline

fig = plt.figure(figsize=(10,8))
ax = Axes3D(fig)

surf = ax.plot_surface(xx,yy,zz,cmap='viridis')
plt.ylabel('l1_ratio')
plt.xlabel('alpha')
plt.title('Validation Score of ElasticNet as a function of alpha and L1_ratio')
fig.colorbar(surf)
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Out[273]: <matplotlib.colorbar.Colorbar at 0x11b9dac73c8>
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## 2.6 20 Most important coefficients of each model

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In [264]: #We first select satisfactory parameters for each model

#Linear Regression
model_LR = LinearRegression().fit(X_train,y_train)

#Lasso Regression
pipe = Pipeline([('regressor',Lasso())])

param_grid = [{'regressor': [Lasso()],
                        'regressor__alpha':np.logspace(-3,3,10)}]

grid = GridSearchCV(pipe, param_grid)
grid.fit(X_train,y_train)

model_Lasso = Lasso(alpha = grid.best_params_["regressor__alpha"]).fit(X_train,
y_train)

#Ridge Regression
pipe = Pipeline([('regressor',Ridge())])

param_grid = [{'regressor': [Ridge()],
                        'regressor__alpha':np.logspace(-3,3,10)}]

grid = GridSearchCV(pipe, param_grid)
grid.fit(X_train,y_train)

model_Ridge = Ridge(alpha = grid.best_params_["regressor__alpha"]).fit(X_train,
y_train)

#ElasticNet Regression
pipe = Pipeline([('regressor',ElasticNet())])

param_grid = [{'regressor': [ElasticNet()],
                        'regressor__alpha':np.logspace(-3,3,10),
                        'regressor__l1_ratio':np.logspace(-3,0,10)}]

grid = GridSearchCV(pipe, param_grid)
grid.fit(X_train,y_train)

model_Elastic_Net = ElasticNet(alpha = grid.best_params_["regressor__alpha"],l1
_ratio=grid.best_params_["regressor__l1_ratio"]).fit(X_train,y_train)
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In [271]: %matplotlib inline
#We select the 20 most important coefficients (i.e those with largest absolute
value) for Logistic Regression
coef_LR = np.absolute(model_LR.coef_)
coef_LR = np.argsort(coef_LR) #sorts from smallest to largest
coef_LR = np.flip(coef_LR)[:20] #selects 20 most important coeffs

coef_Lasso = np.absolute(model_Lasso.coef_)
coef_Lasso = np.argsort(coef_Lasso)
coef_Lasso = np.flip(coef_Lasso)[:20]

coef_Ridge = np.absolute(model_Ridge.coef_)
coef_Ridge = np.argsort(coef_Ridge)
coef_Ridge = np.flip(coef_Ridge)[:20]

coef_Elastic_Net = np.absolute(model_Elastic_Net.coef_)
coef_Elastic_Net = np.argsort(coef_Elastic_Net)
coef_Elastic_Net = np.flip(coef_Elastic_Net)[:20]

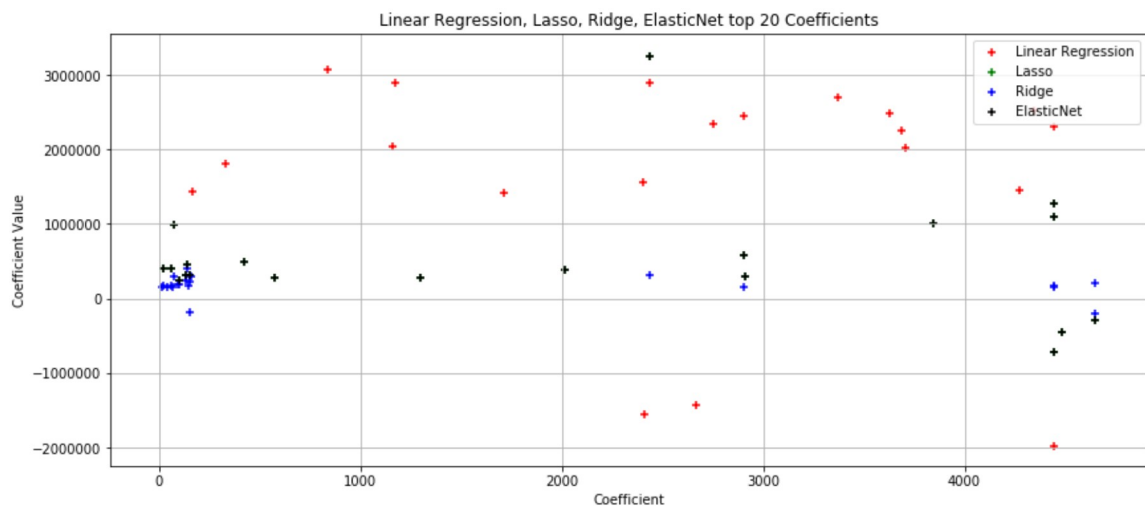
plt.figure(figsize=(14,6))

plt.xlabel("Coefficient")
plt.ylabel("Coefficient Value")
plt.grid()

plt.scatter(coef_LR, [model_LR.coef_[i] for i in coef_LR], marker="+", c="r", label
="Linear Regression")
plt.scatter(coef_Lasso, [model_Lasso.coef_[i] for i in coef_Lasso], marker="+", c
="g", label="Lasso")
plt.scatter(coef_Ridge, [model_Ridge.coef_[i] for i in coef_Ridge], marker="+", c
="b", label="Ridge")
plt.scatter(coef_Elastic_Net, [model_Elastic_Net.coef_[i] for i in coef_Elastic_
Net], marker="+", c="k", label="ElasticNet")
plt.title("Linear Regression, Lasso, Ridge, ElasticNet top 20 Coefficients")
plt.legend(loc="upper right")

plt.show()

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The order of magnitude of the coefficients is  $10^6$ , which is the same order of magnitude that price has. This indicates that our models have not overfitted.

The plot indicates that some of the coefficients are aligned on the same x (coefficient) values. This means that the models have selected the same features. Let us confirm this by looking directly at the top 20 coefficients.

```
In [272]: print("Linear Regression Coefs : "+str(np.sort(coef_LR)))
          print("Lasso Coefs : "+str(np.sort(coef_Lasso)))
          print("Ridge Coefs : "+str(np.sort(coef_Ridge)))
          print("Elastic Net Coefs : "+str(np.sort(coef_Elastic_Net)))

Linear Regression Coefs : [ 170  331  836 1161 1173 1713 2407 2414 2439 2670 2
753 2902 3370 3627
 3689 3706 4276 4343 4446 4447]
Lasso Coefs : [  20   64   74  101  135  139  153  421  573 1296 2018 2439 290
2 2913
 3847 4445 4446 4447 4481 4648]
Ridge Coefs : [  16   20   40   64   67   74   93  101  135  139  149  153  15
7  163
 2439 2902 4445 4446 4648 4649]
Elastic Net Coefs : [  20   64   74  101  135  139  153  421  573 1296 2018 24
39 2902 2913
 3847 4445 4446 4447 4481 4648]
```

The top 20 coefficients in all 4 models are similar. The top 20 coefficients for Lasso, Ridge and ElasticNet are almost identical.

In [ ]: