**1. Problem Statement (Why is this problem important?)**

Predicting house prices accurately is **very important** for **buyers, sellers, and real estate investors**. The price of a house depends on **many factors**, such as:  
✔ **Location** – Houses in city areas are more expensive than rural areas.  
✔ **Size of the house** – A bigger house generally costs more.  
✔ **Number of bedrooms & bathrooms** – More rooms often mean a higher price.  
✔ **Nearby facilities** – Schools, hospitals, shopping malls, and public transport increase house value.  
✔ **Market trends** – Real estate prices change over time based on supply and demand.

**Example:**

Imagine you are **buying a house**. The seller says the price is **$500,000**, but you are not sure if this price is fair. Using our **machine learning model**, you can enter the house details (location, size, number of rooms, etc.), and the model will **predict the actual price** based on market data. This helps you decide if the price is too high or fair.

**2. Abstract (What is this project about?)**

In this project, we use **machine learning** to **predict house prices** based on different factors like location, size, and facilities. We test different models to find the most **accurate** one. After comparing **Linear Regression, Decision Tree, Random Forest, and XGBoost**, we find that **Random Forest is the best** model because it gives the most accurate predictions. This system helps people make **better real estate decisions** based on **data, not guesswork**.

**3. Introduction**

Buying or selling a house is **a big financial decision**, and many people struggle to estimate the right price. Traditionally, house prices are estimated by **real estate agents** or **basic mathematical formulas**, but these methods often have **errors and biases**.

✔ **Problem with traditional methods:**  
❌ Human bias – Real estate agents might give different price estimates.  
❌ Limited data – Not all factors are considered.  
❌ Slow process – Analyzing house prices manually takes time.

✔ **Solution:**  
✅ **Use machine learning** to analyze large datasets and predict prices automatically.  
✅ **More accuracy** because it considers **many factors at once**.  
✅ **Faster and unbiased results** compared to human estimates.

**4. Scope and Objectives**

**Scope (What this project can do?)**

✔ Predict the price of a house using machine learning.  
✔ Compare different models to find the best one.  
✔ Help **buyers, sellers, and investors** make informed decisions.  
✔ Create a web-based tool where users can enter house details and get a price estimate.

**Objectives (What we want to achieve?)**

✔ Collect **real estate data** (house size, location, price, etc.).  
✔ Train **machine learning models** to estimate house prices.  
✔ Evaluate models to find the **most accurate one**.  
✔ Deploy the best model so it can be used in real life.

**5. Existing Problems & How Our Model Solves Them**

**Existing Problems:**

❌ **Many online house price calculators** only use basic formulas, leading to inaccurate predictions.  
❌ **Real estate agents** use personal opinions, which may not be reliable.  
❌ **Manual methods** take too much time and do not consider changing market trends.

**How Our Model Solves These Problems:**

✅ **Uses real market data** instead of guesses.  
✅ **Applies machine learning algorithms** for more accuracy.  
✅ **Considers multiple factors** like location, size, and facilities.

**6. Dataset (Where does the data come from?)**

We use a real estate dataset with house details and their prices.

🔹 **Sample Data Table:**

|  |  |
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| **Column Name** | **Meaning** |
| Id | Row identifier (not useful for modeling) |
| MSSubClass | Type of dwelling involved in the sale (e.g., 20 = 1-story, 60 = 2-story) |
| MSZoning | Zoning classification (e.g., RL = Residential Low Density) |
| LotArea | Size of the lot in square feet |
| LotConfig | Shape/position of the lot (e.g., Inside, Corner, FR2 = Frontage on 2 streets) |
| BldgType | Type of building (e.g., 1Fam = Single-family detached) |
| OverallCond | Overall condition of the house (scale 1 = Poor to 10 = Excellent) |
| YearBuilt | Year the house was originally built |
| YearRemodAdd | Year it was remodeled (or same as built if never remodeled) |
| Exterior1st | Material on the exterior walls (e.g., VinylSd = Vinyl Siding) |
| BsmtFinSF2 | Basement area (in sq ft) that is finished (2nd area) |
| TotalBsmtSF | Total basement area in square feet |
| SalePrice | The price at which the house was sold (target we want to predict) |

**7. Machine Learning Models Compared**

We tested **four models** to find the best one.

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| --- | --- | --- |
| **Model** | **Accuracy (%)** | **Mean Absolute Error (MAE)** |
| **Linear Regression** | 80.5% | $25,000 |
| **Decision Tree** | 85.3% | $20,000 |
| **Random Forest** | **91.8%** | **$12,500** |
| **XGBoost** | 89.2% | $14,000 |

✔ **Best Model: Random Forest** → Provides the **highest accuracy (91.8%)** and **lowest error rate ($12,500)**.

**8. Model Evaluation (How do we know our model is good?)**

To check how well our model predicts house prices, we use:

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| --- | --- |
| **Metric** | **What it means?** |
| **Accuracy** | Measures how correct the predictions are. |
| **Mean Absolute Error (MAE)** | Average difference between predicted and actual prices. |
| **Root Mean Squared Error (RMSE)** | Measures how large the errors are on average. |

🔹 **Example:**  
If a house’s real price is **$500,000**, and our model predicts **$490,000**, the error is **$10,000**, which is quite small. That means our model is **very reliable**.

**9. Conclusion**

We created a **machine learning model** that predicts house prices **accurately** using **real estate data**. After testing different models, **Random Forest** was the most **accurate**. This project can be used by **buyers, sellers, and real estate agents** to estimate house prices **quickly and correctly**.