Raw House Data Analysis

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Overview

Initial Observations from the Dataset

- Total Records: 5,000 rows
- Columns: 16
- Data Types:
  - Numerical: MLS, sold_price, zipcode, longitude, latitude, lot_acres, taxes, year_built, bedrooms, fireplaces,bathrooms,garage,sqrt_ft
  - Categorical (Objects): kitchen_features, floor_covering, HOA
- Missing Values:
  - lot_acres (10 missing)
  - fireplaces (25 missing)
  - sqrt_ft, garage, and HOA have None values (Need conversion to NaN)

Technology used in EDA

- Google Collab
- Python

- Libraries
  - Pandas: Read, clean, and manipulate data
  - NumPy: Handle numerical operations
  - Matplotlib & Seaborn: Create plots

Understanding Dataset Columns

Column Name	Description
MLS	Listing ID
sold_price	Sale price of the house
zipcode	Location identifier
longitude/latitude	Geographic location
lot_acres	Land area in acres
taxes	Annual property tax
year_built	Year house was built
bedrooms	Number of bedrooms
bathrooms	Number of bathrooms

Column Name	Description
sqrt_ft	Total square footage
garage	Number of garage spaces
kitchen_features	Kitchen specifications
fireplaces	Number of fireplaces
floor_covering	Type of flooring
HOA	Homeowners Association fee

Potential Issues to Address

1. Bathrooms, Square Footage (sqrt_ft), and Garage columns are objects
    - Convert them to appropriate numerical types.
2. Missing Values Handling
    - lot_acres and fireplaces can be imputed or removed.
3. HOA contains None, which might indicate missing values
    - Need to check whether None means "No HOA" or a missing value.
4. Kitchen Features and Floor Covering are categorical
    - Need to encode or analyze further.

Potential Issues to Address

Missing Values Summary:

- lot_acres → 10 missing
- bathrooms → 6 missing
- sqrt_ft → 56 missing
- garage → 7 missing
- fireplaces → 25 missing
- HOA → 580 missing (possibly because many properties don't have HOA fees)

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[119] print(df.dtypes)

MLS                 int64
sold_price        float64
zipcode             int64
longitude         float64
latitude          float64
lot_acres         float64
taxes             float64
year_built          int64
bedrooms            int64
bathrooms         float64
sqrt_ft           float64
garage            float64
kitchen_features   object
fireplaces        float64
floor_covering     object
HOA                object
dtype: object
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Potential Issues to Address

Handle missing values:

- lot_acres, bathrooms, sqrt_ft, garage, and fireplaces → Fill with median or mode.
- HOA → Treat missing values as zero (if None means no HOA).

Final Classification

Numerical (Continuous & Discrete)

- sold_price, longitude, latitude, lot_acres, taxes, year_built, bedrooms, fireplaces, bathrooms, sqrt_ft, garage, HOA

Categorical

- kitchen_features, floor_covering

Drop / Ignore

- MLS (just an ID, not useful for predictions)

Pandas/Seaborn Future Warning Fix

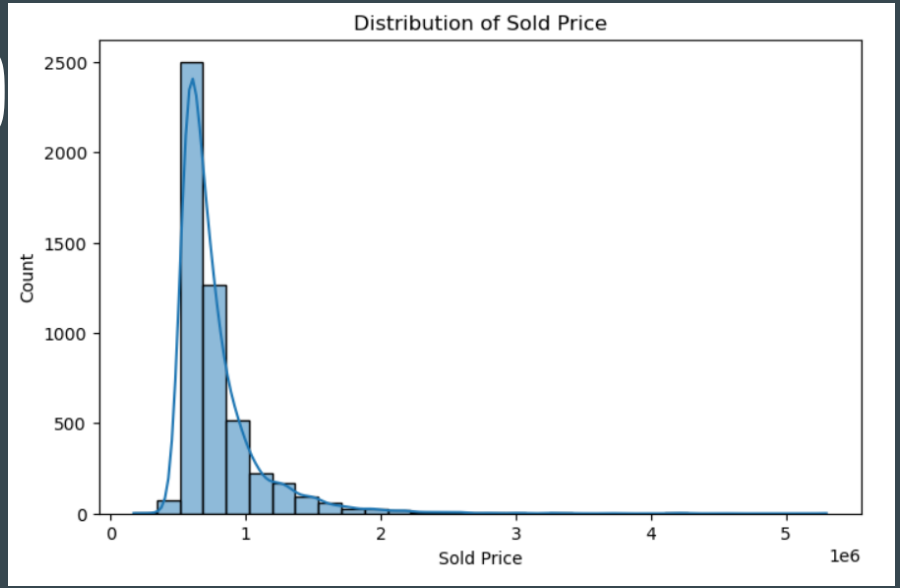
Instead of: df['lot_acres'].fillna(df['lot_acres'].median(), inplace=True)

Use: df['lot_acres'] = df['lot_acres'].fillna(df['lot_acres'].median())

Instead of: sns.kdeplot(df['sold_price'], shade= True, color= 'green')

Use: sns.kdeplot(df['sold_price'], shade= True, color= 'green')

Histogram (Frequency Plot)



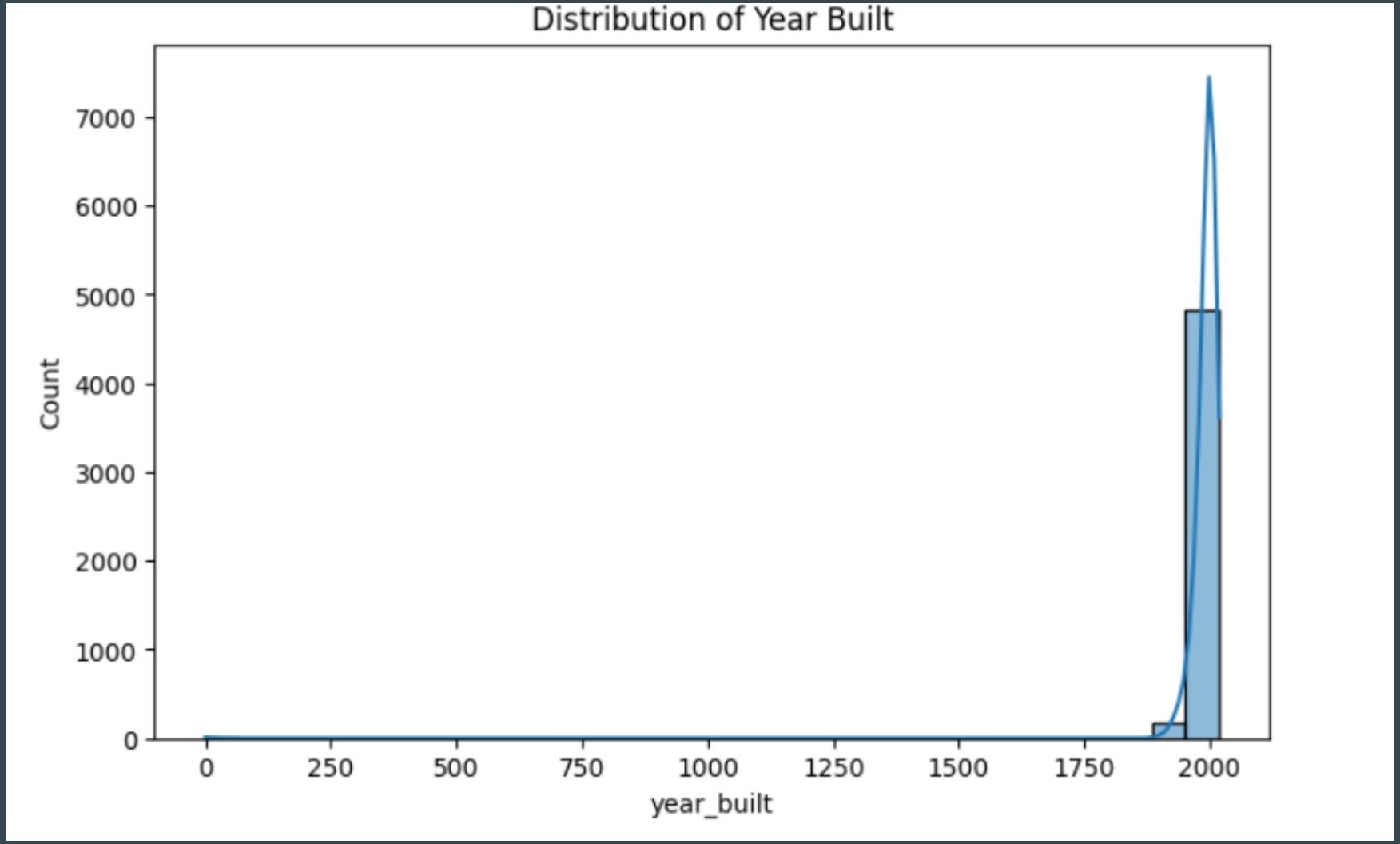
Used for: Checking the distribution of a numerical variable.

- The X-axis: Value of the variable (e.g., sold_price).
- The Y-axis: Count (frequency) of how many times a value appears.

Explanation

- sns.histplot() → Creates a histogram.
- bins=30 → Divides the data into 30 bins (smaller bins mean lower counts).
- kde=True → Adds a smooth curve (Kernel Density Estimation) to show distribution shape.

📌 Example:
If sold_price values range from 100K to 1M, this plot shows how many houses fall in each price range.


Distribution of Year Built
Count
7000
6000
5000
4000
3000
2000
1000
0
0
250
500
750
1000
1250
1500
1750
2000
year_built

Distribution Plot

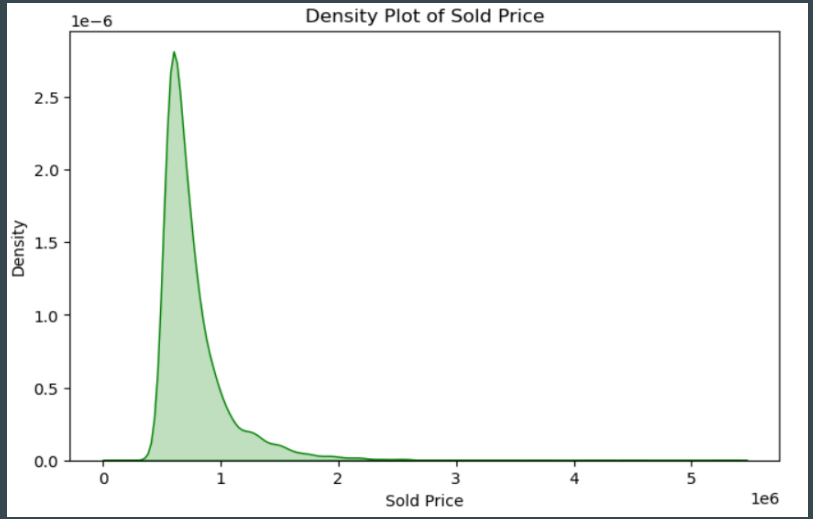
Used for: Checking if the data follows a normal distribution.

- Similar to a histogram but focuses more on smooth curves.

Explanation

- sns.kdeplot() → Creates a density plot.
- shade=True → Fills the area under the curve.
- This helps check if the data is skewed (left/right) or normally distributed.

Example:
If most house prices are between 200K-500K, the curve will peak there.



Pair Plot

Used for: Checking relationships between multiple numerical variables.

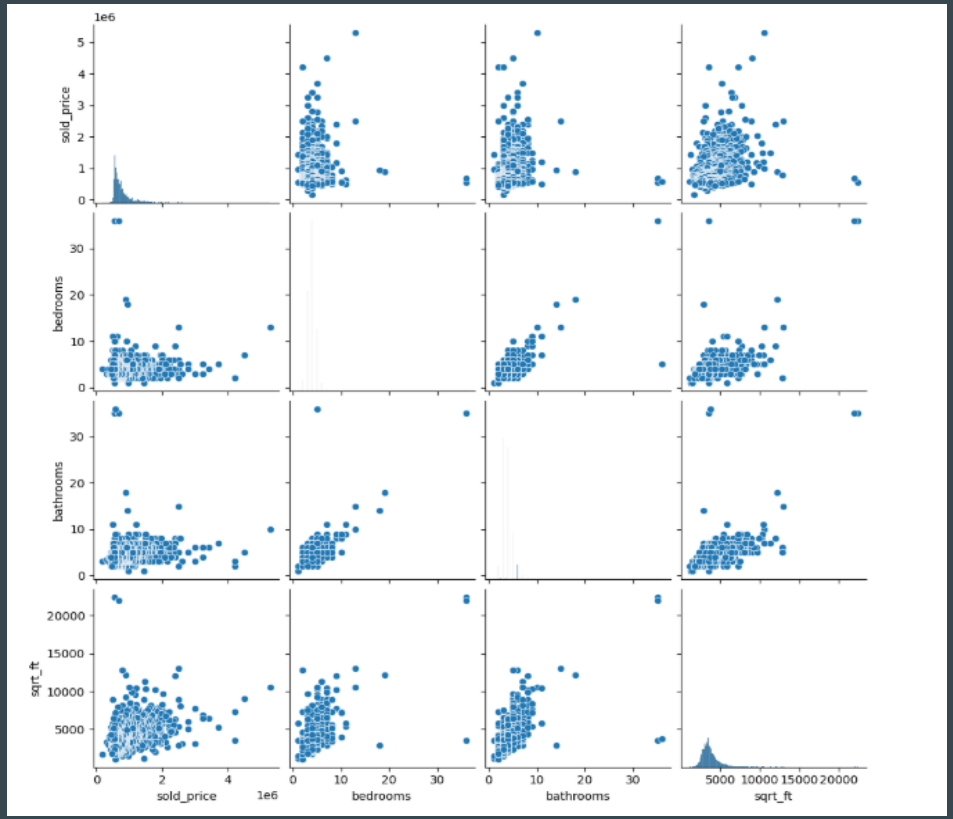
- It creates scatter plots + histograms for every combination.

Explanation

- sns.pairplot(df[columns]) → Plots all numerical columns.
- Helps detect correlations (e.g., larger houses have higher prices?).

Example:

- Sold Price vs Bedrooms → Do more bedrooms increase price?
- Sold Price vs sqrt_ft → Bigger houses → Higher price?



Box and Whisker Plot (Boxplot)

Used for: Identifying outliers in numerical data.

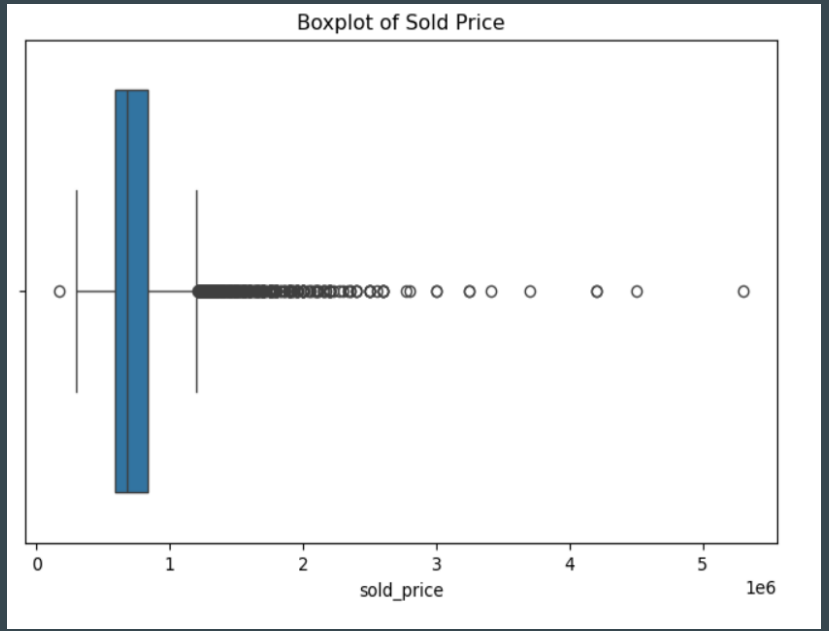
- Shows median, quartiles, and extreme values.

Explanation

- sns.boxplot() → Creates a box plot.
- The box shows Q1 (25%), median (50%), and Q3 (75%).
- Outliers appear as individual dots beyond whiskers.

Example:
If most houses are under 500K, but some are 5M+,

those 5M+ values will appear as outliers.



Outlier Detection with Boxplot

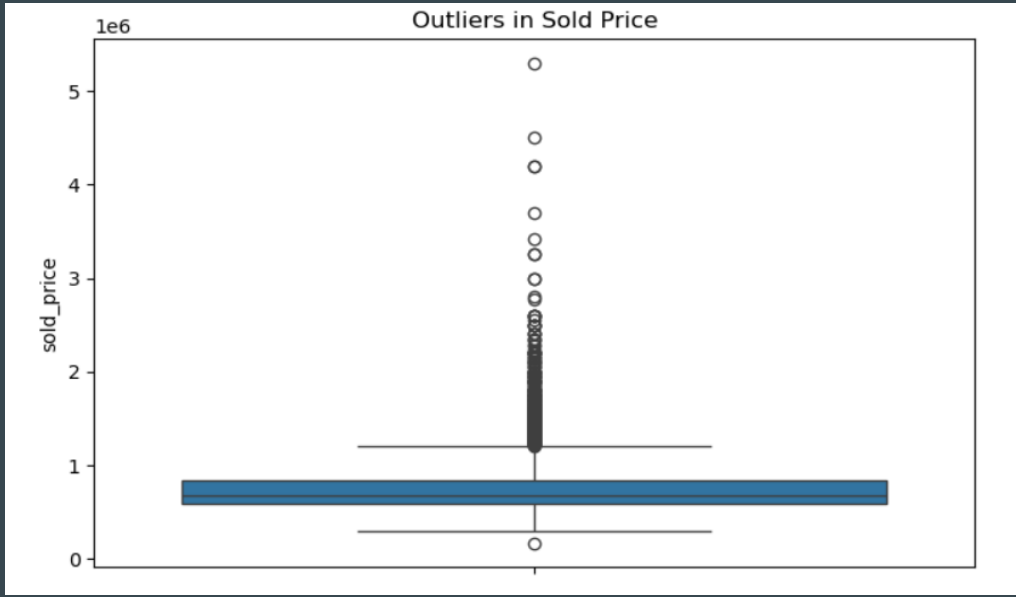
Used for: Identifying extreme values in specific columns.

Explanation

- sns.boxplot(y=df['sold_price']) → Detects extreme price points.
- Outliers = Dots beyond whiskers (data points far from median).

Example:

- If 90% of house prices are below 1M, but some are 10M, those 10M houses are outliers



Correlation Matrix (Heatmap)

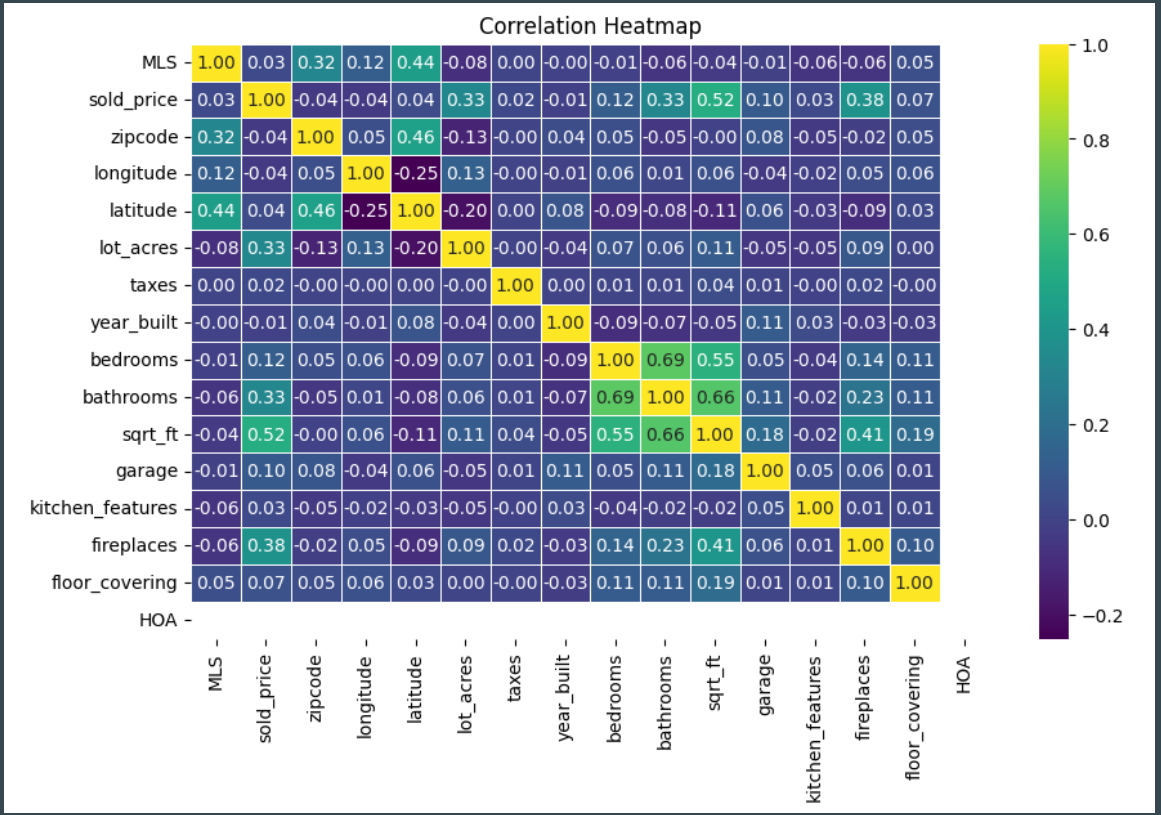
- Used for: Finding relationships between numerical columns.
- Shows which variables affect each other.

Explanation

- df.corr() → Calculates correlation between numerical columns.
- sns.heatmap() → Displays it as a color-coded matrix.
- Closer to +1 → Strong positive correlation (e.g., more sqft → higher price).
- Closer to -1 → Strong negative correlation.
- 0 means no relation.

Example:

- Sold Price & Square Feet = 0.85 → Bigger houses cost more.
- Sold Price & Bedrooms = 0.40 → Weak relation (more bedrooms don't always mean higher price).


Correlation Heatmap
MLS 1.00 0.03 0.32 0.12 0.44 -0.08 0.00 -0.00 -0.01 -0.06 -0.04 -0.01 -0.06 -0.06 0.05
sold_price 0.03 1.00 -0.04 -0.04 0.04 0.33 0.02 -0.01 0.12 0.33 0.52 0.10 0.03 0.38 0.07
zipcode 0.32 -0.04 1.00 0.05 0.46 -0.13 -0.00 0.04 0.05 -0.05 -0.00 0.08 -0.05 -0.02 0.05
longitude 0.12 -0.04 0.05 1.00 -0.25 0.13 -0.00 -0.01 0.06 0.01 0.06 -0.04 -0.02 0.05 0.06
latitude 0.44 0.04 0.46 -0.25 1.00 -0.20 0.00 0.08 -0.09 -0.08 -0.11 0.06 -0.03 -0.09 0.03
lot_acres -0.08 0.33 -0.13 0.13 -0.20 1.00 -0.00 -0.04 0.07 0.06 0.11 -0.05 -0.05 0.09 0.00
taxes 0.00 0.02 -0.00 -0.00 0.00 -0.00 1.00 0.00 0.01 0.01 0.04 0.01 -0.00 0.02 -0.00
year_built -0.00 -0.01 0.04 -0.01 0.08 -0.04 0.00 1.00 -0.09 -0.07 -0.05 0.11 0.03 -0.03 -0.03
bedrooms -0.01 0.12 0.05 0.06 -0.09 0.07 0.01 -0.09 1.00 0.69 0.55 0.05 -0.04 0.14 0.11
bathrooms -0.06 0.33 -0.05 0.01 -0.08 0.06 0.01 -0.07 0.69 1.00 0.66 0.11 -0.02 0.23 0.11
sqrt_ft -0.04 0.52 -0.00 0.06 -0.11 0.11 0.04 -0.05 0.55 0.66 1.00 0.18 -0.02 0.41 0.19
garage -0.01 0.10 0.08 -0.04 0.06 -0.05 0.01 0.11 0.05 0.11 0.18 1.00 0.05 0.06 0.01
kitchen_features -0.06 0.03 -0.05 -0.02 -0.03 -0.05 -0.00 0.03 -0.04 -0.02 -0.02 0.05 1.00 0.01 0.01
fireplaces -0.06 0.38 -0.02 0.05 -0.09 0.09 0.02 -0.03 0.14 0.23 0.41 0.06 0.01 1.00 0.10
floor_covering 0.05 0.07 0.05 0.06 0.03 0.00 -0.00 -0.03 0.11 0.11 0.19 0.01 0.01 0.10 1.00
HOA
MLS
sold_price
zipcode
longitude
latitude
lot_acres
taxes
year_built
bedrooms
bathrooms
sqrt_ft
garage
kitchen_features
fireplaces
floor_covering
HOA
1.0
0.8
0.6
0.4
0.2
0.0
−0.2

Summary of Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA)

Key Insights & Steps

✓ Understanding Data: Identified numerical & categorical columns
✓ Handling Missing Values: Used Mean/Median/Mode for imputation
✓ Data Distribution: Checked skewness & outliers using histograms & boxplots
✓ Correlation Analysis: Found relationships using heatmaps & pair plots
✓ Outlier Detection: Used boxplots method to detect extreme values

Visualizations Used

✓ Histogram , Boxplot, Pairplot,Heatmap

Conclusion

✓ The dataset has been successfully cleaned and saved as a CSV file, ensuring it is ready for further data analysis and insights.

Question and Answer