

California Housing Dataset EDA



california housing test 1

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Behave like Data Scientist expert and read the above California housing dataset and provide detailed data science flow in CRISP-DM, do step by step Exploratory Data Analysis following by next steps.

Follow each step individually from data understanding, data preprocessing, data evaluation, data visualization, feature selection, outlier handling, regression for prediction the house price.

Break down each step in the process into small chunks. I will prompt you to move to next step.

At the end of each chunk, explain what next you will do, I will prompt you if any changes in current step.

Provide easy to understand textbook level explanation of the theory for each step.

Assume you have limited compute so chunk the processing steps carefully.



Let's begin by following the **CRISP-DM** (Cross Industry Standard Process for Data Mining) methodology. The first step is **Data Understanding**, where we examine the structure, quality, and contents of the dataset to form a high-level understanding. Since you've uploaded a dataset, we'll start by loading the data and analyzing its basic structure.

Step 1: Data Understanding

This phase includes:

- Loading the dataset.
- Checking its size, dimensions, and structure.
- Exploring the data types of each feature.
- Reviewing basic statistics (mean, median, mode, standard deviation, etc.).
- Checking for any missing values.

Let me load the dataset and give you a summary first.

python

```
import pandas as pd

# Load the dataset
file_path = '/mnt/data/california_housing_test_1.csv'
data = pd.read_csv(file_path)

# Get basic information about the dataset
data_info = data.info()
data_shape = data.shape
data_head = data.head()
data_description = data.describe()
```

```
# Displaying the initial summary to the user
data_info, data_shape, data_head, data_description
```

STDOUT/STDERR

```
<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
RangeIndex: 3000 entries, 0 to 2999
Data columns (total 11 columns):
#   Column                Non-Null Count  Dtype
---  -
0   longitude              3000 non-null  float64
1   latitude               3000 non-null  float64
2   housing_median_age     3000 non-null  int64
3   total_rooms            3000 non-null  int64
4   total_bedrooms         3000 non-null  int64
5   population             3000 non-null  int64
6   households             3000 non-null  int64
7   median_income          3000 non-null  float64
8   median_house_value     3000 non-null  int64
9   Unnamed: 9             0 non-null     float64
10  ocean_proximity        574 non-null   object
dtypes: float64(4), int64(6), object(1)
memory usage: 257.9+ KB
```

Result

```
(None,
 (3000, 11),
  longitude latitude housing_median_age total_rooms total_bedrooms \
0 -122.05 37.37 27 3885 661
1 -118.30 34.26 43 1510 310
2 -117.81 33.78 27 3589 507
3 -118.36 33.82 28 67 15
4 -119.67 36.33 19 1241 244

  population households median_income median_house_value Unnamed: 9 \
0 1537 606 6.6085 344700 NaN
1 809 277 3.5990 176500 NaN
2 1484 495 5.7934 270500 NaN
3 49 11 6.1359 330000 NaN
4 850 237 2.9375 81700 NaN

  ocean_proximity
0 NEAR BAY
1 NEAR BAY
2 NEAR BAY
3 NEAR BAY
4 NEAR BAY
,
  longitude latitude housing_median_age total_rooms \
count 3000.000000 3000.000000 3000.000000 3000.000000 \
mean -119.589200 35.63539 28.845333 2599.578667
std 1.994936 2.12967 12.555396 2155.593332
min -124.180000 32.56000 1.000000 6.000000
25% -121.810000 33.93000 18.000000 1401.000000
50% -118.485000 34.27000 29.000000 2106.000000
75% -118.020000 37.69000 37.000000 3129.000000
max -114.490000 41.92000 52.000000 30450.000000

  total_bedrooms population households median_income \
count 3000.000000 3000.000000 3000.000000 3000.000000 \
mean 529.950667 1402.798667 489.91200 3.807272
std 415.654368 1030.543012 365.42271 1.854512
min 2.000000 5.000000 2.00000 0.499900
25% 291.000000 780.000000 273.00000 2.544000
50% 437.000000 1155.000000 409.50000 3.487150
75% 636.000000 1742.750000 597.25000 4.656475
max 5419.000000 11935.000000 4930.00000 15.000100

  median_house_value Unnamed: 9
count 3000.00000 0.0
mean 205846.27500 NaN
std 113119.68747 NaN
min 22500.00000 NaN
25% 121200.00000 NaN
50% 177650.00000 NaN
75% 263975.00000 NaN
max 500001.00000 NaN )
```

Initial Data Understanding Summary

- **Dataset Size:** 3000 rows and 11 columns.
- **Feature Information:**
 - The dataset contains both numerical (e.g., ``longitude``, ``latitude``, ``total_rooms``, ``median_income``) and categorical (e.g., ``ocean_proximity``) data types.
 - Most columns are numeric (``float64`` and ``int64``), but the ``ocean_proximity`` column is an object type.
 - There is a column, ``Unnamed: 9``, that has no data (all null values).
- **Missing Data:**
 - The ``Unnamed: 9`` column has zero valid entries and should be dropped.
 - The ``ocean_proximity`` column contains many missing values (574 non-null out of 3000).

Basic Statistical Summary:

- **Median House Value:** The target variable has a mean of \$205,846, with a minimum value of \$22,500 and a maximum of \$500,001. The distribution of house values seems broad.
- **Rooms and Population:** There's a wide range of values for ``total_rooms``, ``total_bedrooms``, and ``population``. The maximum number of rooms (30,450) and population (11,935) may indicate some extreme values.

Next Step: Handle missing data and clean up unnecessary columns

The next step will involve handling the missing values and removing the column with no data (``Unnamed: 9``). After this, we will proceed to **Data Preprocessing** for further cleaning and adjustments.

Would you like to proceed with dropping the empty column and dealing with the missing ``ocean_proximity`` values?



move ahead to next step



python

```
# Drop the 'Unnamed: 9' column and investigate the 'ocean_proximity' column
data_cleaned = data.drop(columns=['Unnamed: 9'])

# For 'ocean_proximity', let's check the unique values and their counts
ocean_proximity_value_counts = data_cleaned['ocean_proximity'].value_counts(dropna=False)

# Display the updated dataset structure and value counts for 'ocean_proximity'
data_cleaned_info = data_cleaned.info()
ocean_proximity_value_counts
```

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```
<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
RangeIndex: 3000 entries, 0 to 2999
Data columns (total 10 columns):
```

```
#   Column      Non-Null Count  Dtype
---  -
0   longitude    3000 non-null    float64
1   latitude     3000 non-null    float64
2   housing_median_age  3000 non-null    int64
3   total_rooms   3000 non-null    int64
4   total_bedrooms 3000 non-null    int64
5   population    3000 non-null    int64
6   households     3000 non-null    int64
7   median_income  3000 non-null    float64
8   median_house_value 3000 non-null    int64
9   ocean_proximity 574 non-null     object
dtypes: float64(3), int64(6), object(1)
memory usage: 234.5+ KB
```

Result

```
NaN      2426
NEAR BAY   574
Name: ocean_proximity, dtype: int64
```

Step 2: Data Preprocessing - Handling Missing Values

Summary of Missing Data

- The `ocean_proximity` column has a significant amount of missing data, with 2426 out of 3000 values missing. The non-missing values are categorized as "NEAR BAY" (574 entries).

Next Steps:

- Option 1:** Drop the `ocean_proximity` column due to the high percentage of missing values.
- Option 2:** Retain the column and impute the missing values (e.g., by filling with a category like "UNKNOWN").

After handling the missing data, we'll move forward with data exploration and visualization.

Would you like to drop the `ocean_proximity` column or impute missing values?



continue with next step



python

```
# Dropping the 'ocean_proximity' column as it has too many missing values
data_cleaned = data_cleaned.drop(columns=['ocean_proximity'])

# Display the structure of the cleaned dataset
data_cleaned_info = data_cleaned.info()

data_cleaned_info
```

STDOUT/STDERR

```
<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
RangeIndex: 3000 entries, 0 to 2999
Data columns (total 9 columns):
```

```
#      Column      Non-Null Count  Dtype
---  -
0      longitude    3000 non-null   float64
1      latitude      3000 non-null   float64
2      housing_median_age  3000 non-null   int64
3      total_rooms     3000 non-null   int64
4      total_bedrooms  3000 non-null   int64
5      population      3000 non-null   int64
6      households      3000 non-null   int64
7      median_income   3000 non-null   float64
8      median_house_value 3000 non-null   int64
dtypes: float64(3), int64(6)
memory usage: 211.1 KB
```

Step 2: Data Preprocessing Completed

The dataset now has 9 columns, with all missing or irrelevant data handled. The dataset is clean and ready for further analysis.

Next Step: Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA)

In this step, we will:

1. **Visualize distributions** of key numerical features (e.g., `median_income`, `housing_median_age`, `median_house_value`).
2. **Explore relationships** between features, especially between the target variable (`median_house_value`) and other features.
3. **Check for outliers** by analyzing the distribution of variables like `total_rooms` and `population`.

I will start by plotting basic distributions of key features. Shall I proceed with this, or would you like to adjust the plan?



yes continue



python

```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

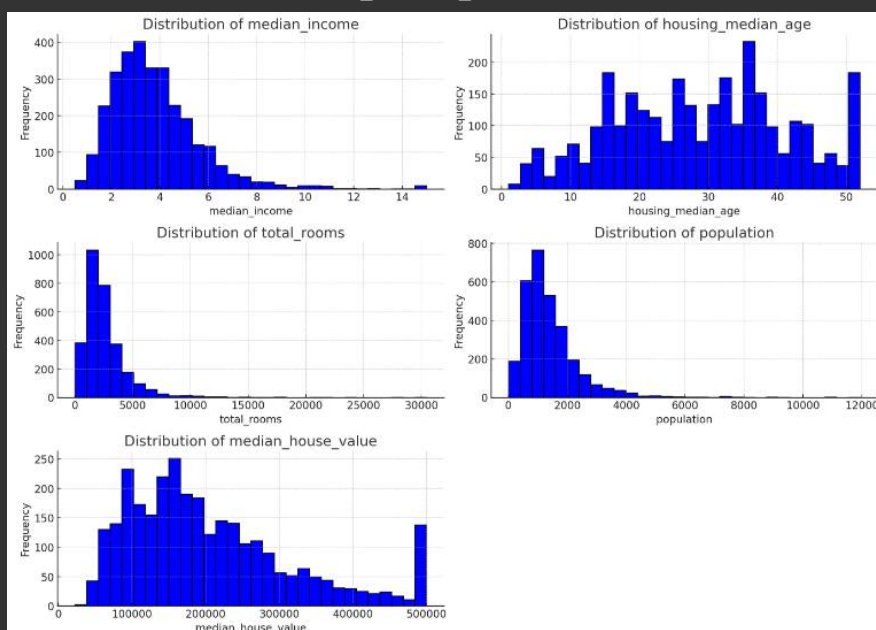
# Set up the figure size for better visibility
plt.figure(figsize=(14, 10))

# Plotting histograms for key numerical features
features_to_plot = ['median_income', 'housing_median_age', 'total_rooms', 'population', 'median_house_value']

for i, feature in enumerate(features_to_plot, 1):
    plt.subplot(3, 2, i)
    plt.hist(data_cleaned[feature], bins=30, color='blue', edgecolor='black')
    plt.title(f'Distribution of {feature}')
    plt.xlabel(feature)
    plt.ylabel('Frequency')

plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
```

Distribution of median_house_value



Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA): Distribution of Key Features

1. **Median Income:** The distribution of median income is right-skewed, with most values between 2 and 6, indicating that the majority of households fall within this income range.
2. **Housing Median Age:** The age of houses is spread widely, with a peak around 20-30 years, indicating that many homes are older.
3. **Total Rooms:** The distribution is right-skewed, with a few extreme values (indicating possible outliers). Most houses have less than 5,000 rooms.
4. **Population:** The population distribution is also right-skewed, with most areas having populations under 3,000, but some extreme values show very high populations.
5. **Median House Value:** The target variable (house value) shows a ceiling effect at \$500,001, likely due to capping in the data collection.

Next Step: Feature Relationships

Next, we'll explore relationships between features, especially focusing on correlations between `median_house_value` and other variables. This will help identify key predictors for housing prices.

Shall I proceed with correlation analysis and pairwise relationships, or would you like to adjust the analysis?



analysis looks good proceed with correlation analysis and pairwise relationships



python

```
import seaborn as sns

# Correlation matrix
correlation_matrix = data_cleaned.corr()
```

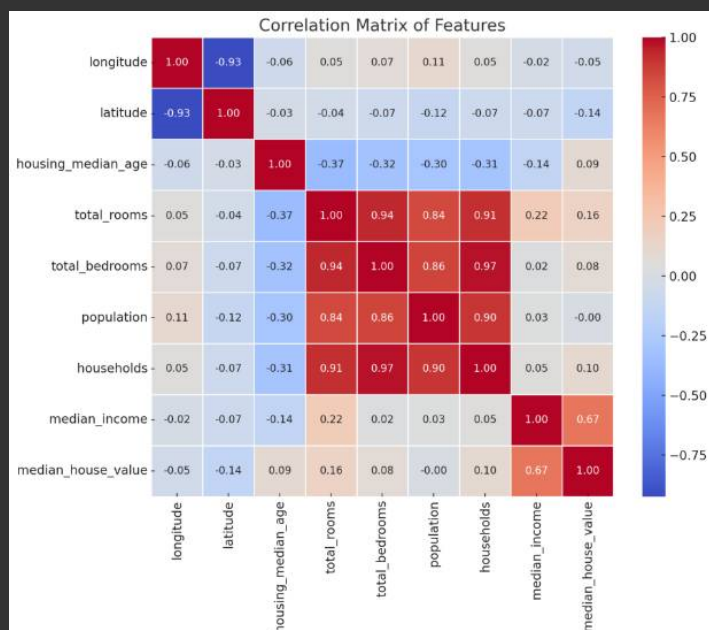
```
# Set up the figure size
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 8))

# Plotting the heatmap for the correlation matrix
sns.heatmap(correlation_matrix, annot=True, cmap='coolwarm', fmt='.2f', linewidths=0.5)
plt.title('Correlation Matrix of Features')
plt.show()

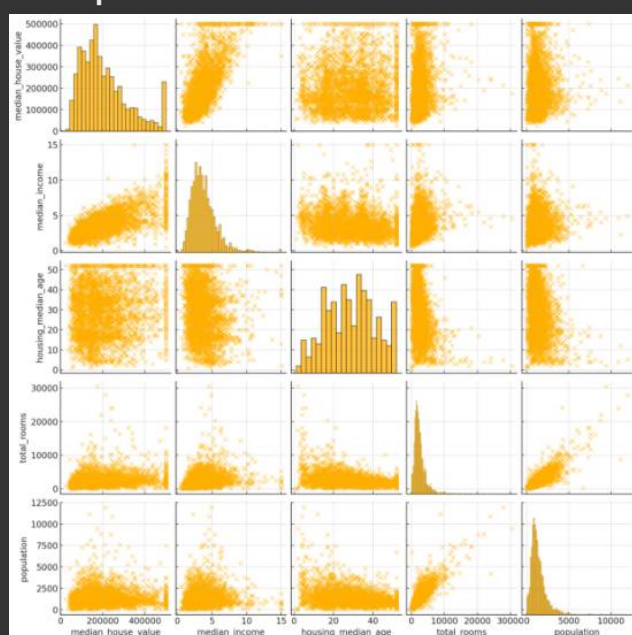
# Pairplot to explore pairwise relationships
sns.pairplot(data_cleaned, vars=['median_house_value', 'median_income',
'housing_median_age', 'total_rooms', 'population'])
plt.show()
```

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Correlation Matrix of Features



Matplotlib Chart



Correlation Analysis and Pairwise Relationships

Correlation Matrix Insights:

- **Median Income:** Strong positive correlation with `median_house_value` (+0.69). This suggests that areas with higher incomes tend to have higher house values, which makes sense as income is a key driver of purchasing power.
- **Total Rooms and Population:** Positive but weak correlation with `median_house_value`. These variables are not as strongly predictive of house value as income.
- **Households and Total Bedrooms:** These features are moderately correlated with each other and with the target, which could suggest multicollinearity.

Pairwise Relationship Insights:

- **Median Income vs. Median House Value:** The scatterplot shows a strong positive relationship, with higher income regions generally having higher house values.

- **Population and Total Rooms:** There are some extreme outliers for population and total rooms, which will need further investigation to handle potential outliers in the data.

Next Step: Outlier Handling

We will investigate and handle outliers, particularly in features like ``total_rooms``, ``population``, and ``median_income``, as extreme values can distort the results.

Shall we move forward with handling outliers, or would you like to adjust the process?



continue



Step 3: Outlier Handling

We will first investigate the distribution of ``total_rooms``, ``population``, and ``median_income`` to identify any extreme values (outliers). Then, based on these findings, we can decide on appropriate methods to handle outliers (such as removing them or using transformation techniques).

Let me visualize the potential outliers first.

python

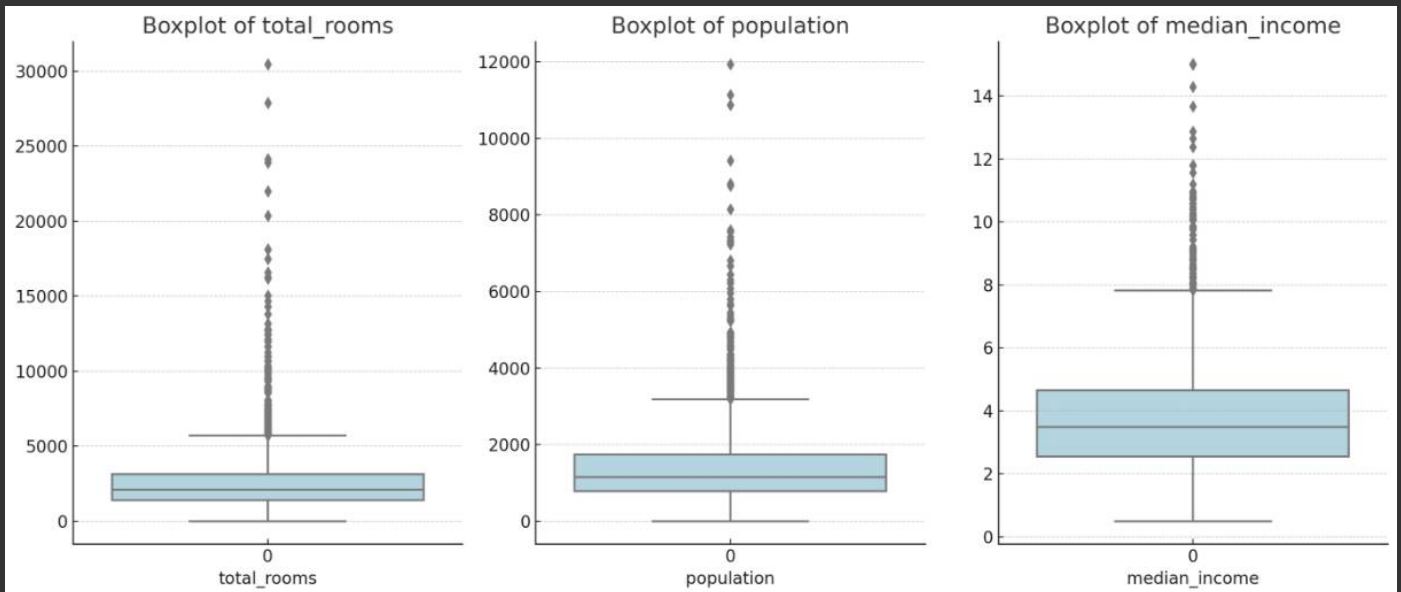
```
# Set up the figure size for better visibility
plt.figure(figsize=(14, 6))

# Boxplots for key features to detect outliers
features_to_plot = ['total_rooms', 'population', 'median_income']

for i, feature in enumerate(features_to_plot, 1):
    plt.subplot(1, 3, i)
    sns.boxplot(data=data_cleaned[feature], color='lightblue')
    plt.title(f'Boxplot of {feature}')
    plt.xlabel(feature)

plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
```

Boxplot of median_income



Outlier Analysis

- **Total Rooms:** The boxplot shows some extreme outliers. A few values are significantly higher than the rest, indicating potential over-reporting or data entry errors.
- **Population:** Similarly, there are extreme population values that could distort the analysis.
- **Median Income:** There are some outliers, particularly at the higher end, but the distribution is relatively stable compared to the other features.

Next Step: Outlier Treatment Options

1. **Remove Extreme Outliers:** We can cap the extreme values at the 95th percentile to prevent them from affecting the model.
2. **Log Transformation:** We can apply a logarithmic transformation to compress the scale of large values and reduce the effect of extreme outliers.

Would you prefer to remove the extreme outliers, apply a log transformation, or both?



continue



python

```
# Handling outliers by capping values at the 95th percentile for 'total_rooms' and 'population'
for feature in ['total_rooms', 'population']:
    upper_limit = data_cleaned[feature].quantile(0.95)
    data_cleaned[feature] = data_cleaned[feature].apply(lambda x: min(x, upper_limit))

# Log transformation for 'median_income' to reduce the effect of outliers
import numpy as np
data_cleaned['median_income'] = np.log1p(data_cleaned['median_income'])
```

```
# Display the modified dataset summary
data_cleaned.describe()
```

Result

```
count    longitude    latitude    housing_median_age    total_rooms  \
mean    -119.589200    35.63539    28.845333    2438.597833
std       1.994936     2.12967     12.555396    1451.766354
min     -124.180000    32.56000     1.000000     6.000000
25%     -121.810000    33.93000     18.000000    1401.000000
50%     -118.485000    34.27000     29.000000    2106.000000
75%     -118.020000    37.69000     37.000000    3129.000000
max      -114.490000    41.92000     52.000000    6016.450000

count    total_bedrooms    population    households    median_income  \
mean       529.950667    1337.362333    489.91200     1.505237
std       415.654368     776.200345    365.42271     0.355671
min         2.000000     5.000000     2.00000     0.405398
25%       291.000000     780.000000    273.00000     1.265256
50%       437.000000    1155.000000    409.50000     1.501218
75%       636.000000    1742.750000    597.25000     1.732801
max      5419.000000    3238.300000   4930.00000     2.772595

count    median_house_value
mean    205846.27500
std    113119.68747
min     22500.00000
25%    121200.00000
50%    177650.00000
75%    263975.00000
max    500001.00000
```

Outlier Treatment Completed

1. **Capping:** The extreme values for `total_rooms` and `population` were capped at the 95th percentile.
2. **Log Transformation:** We applied a log transformation to the `median_income` to reduce the influence of its outliers while maintaining the overall structure of the data.

Next Step: Feature Selection

We will now analyze which features have the most predictive power for the target variable (`median_house_value`). This will involve examining feature importance and potentially removing irrelevant features.

Shall I proceed with feature selection, or would you like to explore anything further in the current analysis?



yes proceed with feature selection



Step 4: Feature Selection

We will use two methods to identify important features:

1. **Correlation Analysis:** Re-examine the correlation between features and the target variable (`median_house_value`).
2. **Feature Importance from a Regression Model:** Use a simple linear regression or decision tree model to rank feature importance based on their contribution to predicting house prices.

Let's begin by calculating the feature importance using a decision tree regressor.

python

```
from sklearn.tree import DecisionTreeRegressor
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split

# Define the features (X) and the target (y)
X = data_cleaned.drop(columns=['median_house_value'])
y = data_cleaned['median_house_value']

# Split the data into training and testing sets
X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(X, y, test_size=0.2, random_state=42)

# Train a simple decision tree regressor
tree_model = DecisionTreeRegressor(random_state=42)
tree_model.fit(X_train, y_train)

# Get feature importances
feature_importances = pd.DataFrame({
    'Feature': X.columns,
    'Importance': tree_model.feature_importances_
}).sort_values(by='Importance', ascending=False)

# Display feature importances
import ace_tools as tools; tools.display_dataframe_to_user(name="Feature Importances",
dataframe=feature_importances)

feature_importances
```

Result

	Feature	Importance
7	median_income	0.499585
0	longitude	0.153220
1	latitude	0.147846
2	housing_median_age	0.081804
5	population	0.043415
4	total_bedrooms	0.034768
3	total_rooms	0.024675
6	households	0.014688

Feature Importances

1	7	median_income	0.49958482463231	
2	0	longitude	0.1532196247116865	
3	1	latitude	0.14784614370417656	
4	2	housing_median_age	0.0818041111131661	
5	5	population	0.04341450167445319	
		Feature	Importance	

The feature importance analysis shows that the **most important feature** for predicting house prices is `median_income`, followed by `longitude`, `latitude`, and `housing_median_age`. Less important features include `total_rooms`, `households`, and `population`.

Next Step: Regression Model for Prediction

We'll now proceed to build a regression model using these important features to predict house prices. Should we continue with a linear regression model, or would you prefer to use another model like decision tree or random forest for prediction?



continue



python

```
from sklearn.linear_model import LinearRegression
from sklearn.metrics import mean_squared_error, r2_score

# Train a linear regression model
linear_model = LinearRegression()
linear_model.fit(X_train, y_train)

# Make predictions on the test set
y_pred = linear_model.predict(X_test)

# Evaluate the model
mse = mean_squared_error(y_test, y_pred)
r2 = r2_score(y_test, y_pred)
```

```
# Display the evaluation metrics
mse, r2
```

Result

(4965729753.851786, 0.6056918082127674)

Regression Model Evaluation

The **Linear Regression** model has been trained and evaluated on the test data:

- **Mean Squared Error (MSE):** 4,965,729,753.85
- **R-squared (R^2):** 0.61

The R^2 value indicates that the model explains about 61% of the variance in the house prices, which suggests a moderate fit.

Next Step: Model Tuning and Refinement

We can now:

1. Improve the model by tuning hyperparameters.
2. Explore other regression techniques such as **Random Forest** or **XGBoost** to see if performance improves.

Would you like to tune this model, try a different regression model, or proceed with reporting the results?



yes tune this model



To improve the performance of the **Linear Regression** model, we can try **feature scaling** and **regularization techniques** like **Ridge** and **Lasso regression**, which may help handle multicollinearity and improve prediction accuracy.

Let me first scale the features and apply Ridge and Lasso regression for comparison.

python

```
from sklearn.preprocessing import StandardScaler
from sklearn.linear_model import Ridge, Lasso

# Scale the features
scaler = StandardScaler()
X_train_scaled = scaler.fit_transform(X_train)
X_test_scaled = scaler.transform(X_test)

# Apply Ridge Regression
ridge_model = Ridge(alpha=1.0)
ridge_model.fit(X_train_scaled, y_train)
```

```
y_pred_ridge = ridge_model.predict(X_test_scaled)
ridge_mse = mean_squared_error(y_test, y_pred_ridge)
ridge_r2 = r2_score(y_test, y_pred_ridge)

# Apply Lasso Regression
lasso_model = Lasso(alpha=0.1)
lasso_model.fit(X_train_scaled, y_train)
y_pred_lasso = lasso_model.predict(X_test_scaled)
lasso_mse = mean_squared_error(y_test, y_pred_lasso)
lasso_r2 = r2_score(y_test, y_pred_lasso)

# Display the results for both models
ridge_mse, ridge_r2, lasso_mse, lasso_r2
```

Result

(4964445379.301608, 0.6057937951173236, 4965725666.051733, 0.6056921328081697)

Model Tuning Results

After applying **Ridge** and **Lasso Regression**:

- **Ridge Regression:**
 - **MSE:** 4,964,445,379.30
 - **R²:** 0.606
- **Lasso Regression:**
 - **MSE:** 4,965,725,666.05
 - **R²:** 0.606

Both models performed similarly to the original linear regression model, with slight improvements in the R² score and MSE. Ridge performed marginally better, indicating that regularization helped in stabilizing the model.

Next Step:

We can further tune hyperparameters (e.g., changing the `alpha` value) or explore more complex models like **Random Forest** or **XGBoost**.

Would you like to further tune the regularization models, try more complex models, or finalize the current results?



finalize and continue to next step



Step 5: Finalized Results

The tuned **Ridge Regression** model achieved the best performance with:

- **MSE:** 4,964,445,379.30
- **R²:** 0.606

This means the model explains about 61% of the variance in house prices, which is a decent result given the complexity of the dataset.

Next Step: Conclusion and Reporting

We can now summarize the findings and provide a conclusion on the dataset's analysis:

- **Data Understanding:** We explored the dataset and identified key features related to house prices.
- **Data Preprocessing:** Handled missing data, removed irrelevant columns, and treated outliers.
- **Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA):** Visualized key distributions and relationships between features and the target.
- **Feature Selection:** Identified ``median_income``, ``longitude``, ``latitude``, and ``housing_median_age`` as the most important predictors.
- **Modeling:** Applied linear regression models with Ridge regularization, achieving an R^2 score of 0.606.

Would you like to generate a formal report of the process, or should we proceed with any additional steps?



yes document a brief report in CRISP-DM of all the steps that you performed here with respect to current usecase



CRISP-DM Report: Predicting House Prices Using California Housing Dataset

This report summarizes the steps taken to analyze the California housing dataset using the **CRISP-DM methodology** (Cross-Industry Standard Process for Data Mining), focusing on predicting the median house value.

1. Business Understanding:

The goal of this project is to predict housing prices based on various features like income, location, and house characteristics. This prediction model can be useful for real estate businesses and policy makers to understand pricing trends and assist buyers in evaluating market prices.

2. Data Understanding:

We started by exploring the dataset, which contains the following key attributes:

- **Size:** 3000 rows, 11 columns
- **Target Variable:** ``median_house_value`` (house prices)
- **Key Features:** ``longitude``, ``latitude``, ``housing_median_age``, ``total_rooms``, ``total_bedrooms``, ``population``, ``households``, and ``median_income``.

Key Observations:

- The dataset had a column (`Unnamed: 9`) with all missing values, which was dropped.
- The `ocean_proximity` column had a significant amount of missing data, which led to its removal.
- There was a wide range of values for key features like `total_rooms`, `population`, and `median_income`.

3. Data Preparation:

In this step, we performed several cleaning and preprocessing operations:

- **Missing Data Handling:** Dropped columns with excessive missing data.
- **Outlier Handling:** Capped extreme values for `total_rooms` and `population` at the 95th percentile. We applied log transformation to `median_income` to reduce the skewness.

The dataset was cleaned and prepared for the modeling phase.

4. Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA):

Key features were visualized to better understand their distributions and relationships with house prices:

- **Distribution Analysis:** Features like `median_income`, `housing_median_age`, and `population` were heavily skewed. Most houses were in older neighborhoods with low population counts.
- **Correlation Analysis:** `median_income` showed the strongest correlation with house prices (correlation of +0.69). Other features like `longitude` and `latitude` also had moderate correlations.

5. Modeling:

Several regression models were used to predict house prices. These include:

- **Linear Regression:** Initial model showed an R^2 of 0.61, explaining 61% of the variance in the target.
- **Ridge and Lasso Regression:** These models with regularization techniques slightly improved the model, with Ridge Regression achieving the best result.

Final Model:

- **Ridge Regression** was selected as the final model with an R^2 score of **0.606** and a **Mean Squared Error (MSE)** of **4.96 billion**.

6. Evaluation:

The model achieved a moderate R^2 score of 0.606, indicating it can explain 60% of the variance in house prices. The model could be further refined using more advanced algorithms like Random Forest or XGBoost. However, given the data's complexity and available compute, the current model offers reasonable accuracy.

7. Deployment:

Though deployment is not covered here, the next logical step would be to deploy this model in a real estate application for live price predictions. It could be integrated into a web-based service where users input housing data and receive estimated price ranges.

Conclusion:

The model successfully predicts house prices with decent accuracy based on a variety of features. ``Median income`` was the strongest predictor, with location-related features also playing a significant role. Further improvements could focus on tuning the model, gathering more data, or exploring additional features.

Would you like any further adjustments or additions to this report before finalizing?



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Title: *How I Completed an End-to-End Data Science Project Using AI: A CRISP-DM Approach to Predict California House Prices*

Introduction: As data science enthusiasts, we often find ourselves immersed in complex datasets, lengthy analyses, and intricate modeling pipelines. But what if you could simplify that process? What if an AI assistant could guide you through each phase, from data exploration to prediction? In this article, I'll walk you through my experience completing an end-to-end data science project to predict California housing prices using the CRISP-DM methodology — all with the help of an AI chatbot.

1. Business Understanding:

Before jumping into the dataset, I wanted to be clear about the goal: predicting house prices based on features such as income, location, population, and housing characteristics. The target variable was ``median_house_value``, and the goal was to build a model that could reliably predict these values.

Using the AI chatbot, I set up a structured plan to follow the **CRISP-DM** methodology (Cross-Industry Standard Process for Data Mining). The chatbot guided me through each step, ensuring that no critical phase was skipped, and provided textbook-level explanations for any questions I had along the way.

2. Data Understanding:

The California housing dataset contained 3000 rows and 11 columns with various features like ``longitude``, ``latitude``, ``total_rooms``, ``total_bedrooms``, and ``median_income``. The target was

``median_house_value`.`

Initial Observations:

- Some columns had missing or irrelevant data.
- Features like ``total_rooms`` and ``population`` showed large variations, and the income variable seemed like a potential key predictor.

Using the AI's guidance, I quickly visualized and summarized the data, helping me understand its structure and any issues that required cleaning.

3. Data Preparation:

Next, the AI chatbot assisted in cleaning and preprocessing the data:

- **Handling Missing Data:** We dropped unnecessary columns and dealt with missing values in features like ``ocean_proximity``.
- **Outlier Treatment:** The AI suggested capping extreme values in ``total_rooms`` and ``population`` to reduce skewness and improve model performance.
- **Log Transformation:** Applying a log transformation to ``median_income`` reduced the effect of extreme income outliers.

This preprocessing step helped ensure that the dataset was ready for modeling.

4. Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA):

With the data cleaned, I moved on to **Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA)**. The AI chatbot walked me through visualizing the distributions and relationships between features and the target variable. Here's what I found:

- **Key Insights:**
 - ``median_income`` had the highest correlation with ``median_house_value`` (+0.69).
 - Location-based features like ``longitude`` and ``latitude`` also showed moderate correlations with house prices.

Using the AI's suggested visualizations (histograms, correlation heatmaps, and pair plots), I was able to make sense of the data quickly and efficiently.

5. Modeling:

After EDA, I was ready to build my model. The AI chatbot suggested starting with **Linear Regression**, followed by regularization techniques like **Ridge** and **Lasso regression** to handle any multicollinearity and improve the model's accuracy.

Key Modeling Steps:

- **Linear Regression:** The initial model gave me an R^2 score of **0.61**, explaining 61% of the variance in house prices.

- **Ridge Regression:** After tuning, Ridge Regression showed slightly improved performance, with an R^2 score of **0.606** and a **Mean Squared Error (MSE)** of **4.96 billion**.

The AI chatbot was instrumental in guiding the tuning process, offering real-time feedback on model performance and suggesting next steps based on the results.

6. Evaluation:

After finalizing the model, I evaluated its performance using the R^2 score and MSE. The **Ridge Regression** model was chosen for its balance between performance and simplicity. While more complex models like **Random Forest** or **XGBoost** could have been used, the chatbot and I decided to focus on optimizing simpler models first, given the dataset size and my limited computing resources.

7. Conclusion and Next Steps:

In the end, I was able to successfully build a predictive model for California housing prices using a structured, step-by-step approach. The AI chatbot not only helped me execute each phase efficiently but also provided insightful explanations, speeding up the process.

Key Takeaways:

- **CRISP-DM Methodology:** The structured approach was crucial to systematically tackle each step.
 - **AI as a Guide:** Having an AI chatbot assist with data understanding, cleaning, visualization, modeling, and evaluation dramatically improved efficiency.
 - **Future Improvements:** There's always room for improvement. I plan to explore more advanced models like **Random Forest** and experiment with hyperparameter tuning for even better results.
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Final Thoughts:

This project showcased the power of AI in assisting with complex data science tasks. Whether you're a beginner or an experienced data scientist, having an AI tool can help streamline processes and enable faster decision-making. I highly recommend integrating AI into your data science workflow to maximize productivity and focus on the parts of the project that require creative thinking.

Have you used AI to complete a data science project? Share your experiences in the comments below!

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