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Kaggle Project – Regression Analysis

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1. Dataset and Metrics

A. Tabular dataset

B. What metrics does Kaggle use to evaluate this competition?

Kaggle submissions are evaluated on Root-Mean-Squared-Error (RMSE) between the logarithm of the predicted value and the logarithm of the observed sales price. (Taking logs means that errors in predicting expensive houses and cheap houses will affect the result equally.)

C. Provide exact formulas, and your implementation, or refer to the existing API (NumPy, Pytorch, etc.)

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a) Mean Squared Error (MSE)

MSE measures average squared error of predictions. For each point, it calculates square difference between the predictions and the target and then average those values.

The higher the MSE value, the worse the model is. MSE value is non-negative, since we are squaring the individual prediction-wise errors before summing them, but would be zero for an ideally perfect model.

Mathematically, MSE is expressed as below:

MSE =
$$\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2$$

b) Root Mean Square Error (RMSE)

RMSE is the square root of MSE. RMSE makes the scale of the errors to be the same as the scale of targets. It represents the sample standard deviation of the difference between predicted values and observed values.

Since the square root is a non-decreasing function, every minimizer of MSE is also a minimizer of RMSE and vice-versa.

Mathematically, RMSE can be expressed as:

RMSE =
$$\sqrt{\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2} = \sqrt{\text{MSE}}$$

c) R Squared (R^2)

R squared also known as the coefficient of determination has the advantage of being scale-free. The R^2 is always going to be between -infinity and 1.

If R^2 value is negative then the model is worse than the predicting the mean.

For a good model the desired result of R^2 is closer to 1.

Mathematically, R^2 can be expressed as:

$$R^2 = 1 - \frac{\text{MSE(model)}}{\text{MSE(baseline)}}$$

$$MSE(baseline) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} (y_i - \bar{y})^2$$

Score Calculation using Python Sci-kit library

D. How many samples does the entire dataset have?

→ The entire dataset has 1460 samples

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read CSV
In [50]: ► df.shape
  Out[50]: (1460, 81)
Out[51]:
           Id MSSubClass MSZoning LotFrontage LotArea Street Alley LotShape LandContour Utilities ... PoolArea PoolQC Fence MiscFeature MiscVal
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         5 rows × 81 columns
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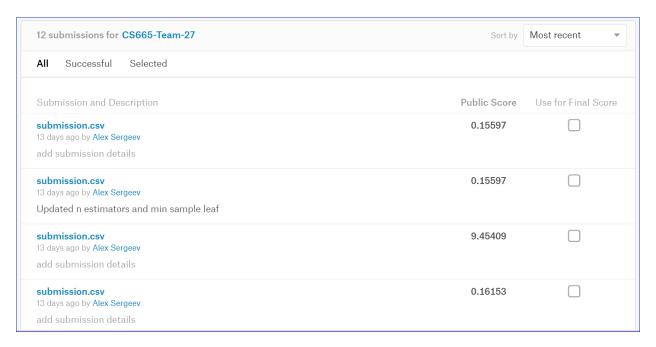
E. How many features?

→ The entire dataset has 80 features.

- F. What's the highest test score your achieved on Kaggle (the actual score value, not your leaderboard position)?
 - → Each team members made an individual submission to the Kaggle competition. The highest score after all four submission is 0.14810 as of 05/18/2019.



Kaggle Submission History



Kaggle Housing _1.zip 14 days ago by Rohitma	0.31112	
Contains CSV file with my predictions		
Kaggle Housingzip 14 days ago by Rohitrna	Error 1	
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mwinata rev3.csv 16 days ago by Michael Winata	0.17419	
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mwinata-rfr-result-rev-2.csv 16 days ago by Michael Winata	0.17987	
split train data based on nan columns, and drop any nan values		
mwinata-rfr-result - result.csv 16 days ago by Michael Winata	0.14810	
done by randomforestregressor - categorized, and then set nan to 0		
Kaggle Housing.zip 5 days ago by Rohitrna	Error 1	
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Regression Analysis of Housing Sales Prices in Ames Iowa using Random Forest Regression Analysis.		
submission-rlama-01.csv 7 days ago by R Lama	Error 1	
Regression Analysis of Housing prices in Ames Iowa using Random Forest Regression.		

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2. Model Selection

A. What algorithms have you chosen? If you've tried multiple models, list them all. Describe your reasoning for choosing these particular models.

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Each team members made an individual submission to the Kaggle competition. However, since we were all trying to predict the sale price of a house, a continuous real value, we used linear regression in our analysis. More specifically we used Random Forest Model in our analysis.

EXPLAIN(PARAMETERS)

Lists of models:

a. Random Forest Regression

Random Forest are made of many decision trees. They are ensembles of decision trees, each of which vote on how to classify or predict a given instance of input data, and the random forest bootstraps those votes to choose the best prediction. This is done to prevent overfitting, a common flow a decision tree.

- B. What are the best hyper-parameter settings you've found (e.g. the number of trees, any regularization, sampling ratio, learning rate, the size of the NN, etc.)?
 - →Each team members made an individual submission to the Kaggle competition. Below is the breakdown of hyper parameter settings for each member.

NOTE: I (Ratna Lama) used random search grid validation to find the best parameter combinations. It is computationally expensive, took about **12** minutes with full core on my laptop. So I have included the code however have commented it out for the submission purposes. The result is detailed below.

Hyper-parameter settings:

a. Ratna Lama

n_estimators

N_estimators represent the number of trees in the forest. Usually the higher the number of trees the better to learn the data. However, adding a lot trees can slow down the training process considerably. Initially, I chose n_estimators =100 however I used grid search to find the best parameters which logged n_estimators = 800

ii. $max_depth = 50$

max_depth represents the depth of each tree in the forest. The deeper the tree, the more splits it has and it captures more information about the data.

iii. min_samples_split = 2

min_samples_split represents the minimum number of samples required to split an internal node. This can vary between considering at least one sample to each node to considering all of the samples at each node. When we increase this parameter, each tree in the forest become more constrained as it has to consider more samples at each node.

iv. min_samples_leaf = 2

min_samples_leaf is the minimum number of samples required to be at a leaf node. This parameter is similar to min_samples_splits, however, this describe the minimum number of samples of samples at the leaves, the base of the tree. v. max_features = sqrt

max_features represents the number of features to consider when looking for the best split.

vi. Bootstrap = false

method of sampling data points (with or without replacement)

Fine Tunning

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Random Search Traning
In [32]: ▶ # Use the random grid to search for best hyperparameters
                       # First create the base model to tune
                      rf = RandomForestRegressor()
                      # Random search of parameters, using 3 fold cross validation,
# search across 100 different combinations, and use all available cores
rf_random = RandomizedSearchCV(estimator = rf, param_distributions = random_grid, n_iter = 100, cv = 3, verbose=2, random_sta
                       # Fit the random search model
                      rf_random.fit(X_train, y_train)
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                      Fitting 3 folds for each of 100 candidates, totalling 300 fits
                      [Parallel(n_jobs=-1)]: Using backend LokyBackend with 4 concurrent workers.
[Parallel(n_jobs=-1)]: Done 33 tasks | elapsed: 1.6min
[Parallel(n_jobs=-1)]: Done 154 tasks | elapsed: 6.0min
[Parallel(n_jobs=-1)]: Done 300 out of 300 | elapsed: 11.5min finished
     min_samples_leaf=1, min_samples_split=2,
                     min_samples_leaf=1, min_samples_split=2,
    min_weight_fraction_leaf=0.0, n_estimators='warn', n_jobs=None,
    oob_score=False, random_state=None, verbose=0, warm_start=False),
    fit_params=None, iid='warn', n_iter=100, n_jobs=-1,
    param_distributions={'n_estimators': [200, 400, 600, 800, 1000, 1200, 1400, 1600, 1800, 2000], 'max_features': ['a
uto', 'sqrt'], 'max_depth': [10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80, 90, 100, 110, None], 'min_samples_split': [2, 5, 10], 'min_samp
les_leaf': [1, 2, 4], 'bootstrap': [True, False]},
    pre_dispatch='2*n_jobs', random_state=42, refit=True,
    return_train_score='warn', scoring=None, verbose=2)
                     In [33]: ▶ rf random.best params
                             Out[33]: {'n_estimators': 800,
                                                        'min_samples_split': 2,
                                                       'min_samples_leaf': 2,
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'max_features': 'sqrt',
'max_depth': 50,
'bootstrap': False}

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Evaluate Random Search
In [34]: N # Determine if random search yielded a better model, we compare base model with the best random search model.
             def evaluate(model, X_test, y_test):
                predictions = model.predict(X_test)
                 errors = abs(predictions - y_test)
                 mape = 100 * np.mean(errors / y_test)
                 accuracy = 100 - mape
                 print('Model Performance')
                print('Average Error: {:0.4f} degrees.'.format(np.mean(errors)))
print('Accuracy = {:0.2f}%.'.format(accuracy))
                 return accuracy
In [35]: ▶ # Base Model Performance
             base_model = RandomForestRegressor(n_estimators = 10, random_state = 42)
             base_model.fit(X_train, y_train)
             base_accuracy = evaluate(base_model, X_test, y_test)
             Average Error: 18511.3616 degrees.
             Accuracy = 89.02\%.
In [36]: ▶ # Best Random Model Performance
             best_random = rf_random.best_estimator_
             random_accuracy = evaluate(best_random, X_test, y_test)
            Model Performance
             Average Error: 16050.1202 degrees.
             Accuracy = 90.02%.
   In [36]: ▶ # Best Random Model Performance
                   best_random = rf_random.best_estimator_
                   random_accuracy = evaluate(best_random, X_test, y_test)
                   Model Performance
                   Average Error: 16050.1202 degrees.
                   Accuracy = 90.02\%.
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3. Training & Validation

A. What is your training and test split approach?



a. Ratna Lama

i. Train data set: 75%

ii. Test data set: 25%

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Split the Data into Training and Testing Unit

In [16]: M X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(X, y, test_size=0.25, random_state=42)

In [17]: M # train_test_split

In [18]: M X.shape, X_train.shape, X_test.shape, y_train.shape, y_test.shape

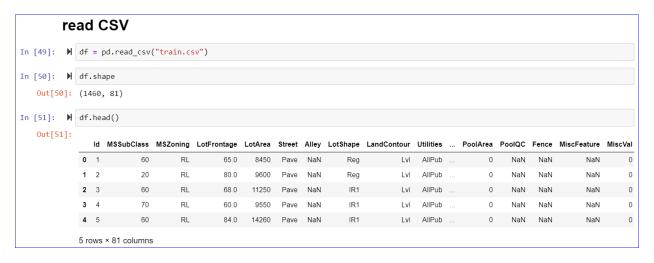
Out[18]: ((1460, 79), (1095, 79), (365, 79), (1095,), (365,))
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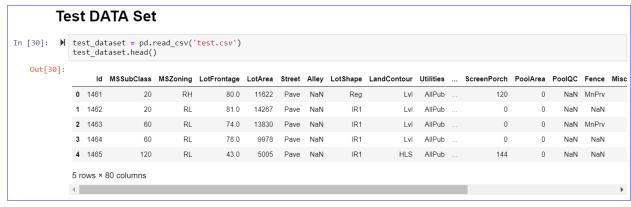
- B. What methods did you use to evaluate your performance on your datasets? Provide the exact formula and the implementation, or refer to an existing API.
 - a) What is the best score you've achieved?

4. Your Code

- A. Include your entire training and testing pipeline. It should run without any errors.
 - → Please see attached file: finalProject_v03.ipynb
- B. Links to the data to be downloaded
 - a. https://www.kaggle.com/c/house-prices-advanced-regression-techniques/data
- C. Assume your dataset is stored in the **data** subfolder (relative to the notebook). File name should match the downloaded files.







- D. Print your **(train score, test score)** as the last output of your notebook. This score formula should match what you've described in #3.2.
 - a. Score using Python Sci-kit library

b. Score calculation

5. Acknowledgements

We thank Dean De Cock for compiling the Ames Housing dataset and making it available for the public general to use in data science education.