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The first part of this analysis (as seen in the appendix) was to explore the data to get a better idea of what kind of data that I have available for this analysis and identify where some cleaning and/or formatting might be needed and get familiar with the dataset in general. After this section and the identification of the areas that might need improvement, I started working on cleaning and formatting the data. During this step I decided to normalize the numerical columns, change the format from the Boolean columns to numeric (0 & 1), drop missing values as they were around 15% of the training dataset (another alternative if could have been to replace the missing values for the median in case of numerical columns and the mode for categorical ones, which is what a did for the test data set as the missing values where around 5%), get one hot encodings for some of the categorical columns and to extract as much information as possible from the 2 columns that were formatted as a list of lists (VehFeats & VehHistory).

Once the data was clean and with the needed formatting, I decided to work on 2 different models: A **regression** for the prediction of the Dealer Listing Price and a **classifier** for the Vehicle Trim.

The first part of the **regression** model was to do a feature selection for the features that would be part of the model, for this section I went for an embedded method (Lasso) as it provides a way to minimize to zero those coefficients that contribute the least to the regression. For the Regression model itself I used the ElasticNet model from the sklearn – linear model package. I split the Training dataset into "Training" & "Validation" and selected multiple hyperparameters to select the best combination of values which I check by means of cross validation and looking at the r squared (it is important to notice that other measures of performance could have been used, such as mean squared error. This relates to the end use of the model). After this process the training and validation datasets were combined to train the selected model again and use this last model as the final one for the test data.

For the second model (classifier) I followed the same structure as before: Feature selection (used Lasso as well), did a comparison of 3 models looking for the best hyperparameters for each of the classifiers (3 legacy machine learning models) using the "RandomizedSearchCV" for Cross Validation. After looking at the performance of the validation dataset and verifying that no overfitting was present, I re-trained the model using the entire "Training dataset".

I did no used deep learning because the dataset was too small for the noted application, and I believe interpretability was important for this model, but maybe an option to explore for the future. (A basic Deep Learning Section was added at the end of the analysis).

	ABSTRACT: The analysis is structured in the following way: Analysis - Prediction (Price & Trim)		
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	Model 1: Prediction of Dealer Listing Price Feature Selection (LASSO) for Dealer Listing Price Variable Note: There are multiple ways to do the Feature Selection like Regularization (Lasso & Ridge) or PCA being among the most popular. Each method depend on finding the balance between complexity and interpretability. # LASSO def feature_select_lasso(features, target_price, alpha_val): from sklearn import linear_model alpha = alpha_val # Increasing alpha can shrink more variable coefficients to 0 clf = linear_model.Lasso(alpha=alpha)			
	<pre>clf.fit(features, target_price) lasso_coef = clf.coef_ wrapper_columns = features.columns.tolist() #Selection of the non zero coefficients from the LASSO regression lasso_features = [] non_lasso_features = [] for i in range(len(wrapper_columns)): w = lasso_coef[i] if w != 0: u = wrapper_columns[i] lasso_features.append(u) else: t = wrapper_columns[i]</pre>			
[44]:	non_lasso_features.append(t) len_lasso = len(lasso_features) return lasso_features, len_lasso lasso_features, len_lasso = feature_select_lasso(features, target_price, 2) print('# of Features using LASSO: ' + str(len_lasso)) # of Features using LASSO: 353 Model for Dealer Listing Price prediction			
[45]:	For this the training data will be split into 2 datasets: train and validation. This to be able (if needed) to update the model until an acceptable performance value is achieved and then train the model with the entire dataset and test it in the final test dataset. from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split lasso_variables = data[lasso_features] X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(lasso_variables, target_price, test_size=0.20, random_startaining from sklearn.linear_model import ElasticNet from sklearn.linear_model import LinearRegression			
[47]:	<pre>from sklearn.linear_model import ElasticNetCV #Fit a linear regression model to this data lasso = ElasticNetCV(11_ratio = [0.1, 0.3, 0.5, 0.7, 0.9],</pre>			
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[49]:	<pre>print('') print('The Best 11 ratio value was:') print(lasso.l1_ratio_) The Best alpha value was: 0.001 The Best 11 ratio value was: 0.9 Results/Predictions # Predict</pre>			
[50]:	<pre># Predict y_predicted_train_lasso = lasso.predict(X_train) y_predicted_test_lasso = lasso.predict(X_test) def rsquared_cal(actual, predicted, status): corr_matrix = np.corrcoef(actual, predicted) corr = corr_matrix[0,1] R_sq = corr**2 print(status + ' R-Squared: {}'.format(R_sq)) def scatters(a,b,c,d): plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6)).gca() plt.scatter(a, b)</pre>			
[51]:	<pre>plt.plot(a, c, linewidth=3, color = 'red') plt.grid(True) plt.xlabel(d) plt.ylabel('Price') plt.title('Regression using: ' + d) #Training Results scatters(y_predicted_train_lasso, y_train, y_predicted_train_lasso, 'All Variables (Prediction) - Train Data rsquared_cal(y_train, y_predicted_train_lasso, 'Training') Training R-Squared: 0.925063981143368 Regression using: All Variables (Prediction) - Train Data</pre>			
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[52]:	#Validation Results scatters(y_predicted_test_lasso, y_test, y_predicted_test_lasso, 'All Variables (Prediction) - Validation Da rsquared_cal(y_test, y_predicted_test_lasso, 'Validation')			
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	20000 30000 40000 50000 60000 70000 All Variables (Prediction) - Validation Dataset			
[53]: t[53]:	Re-train the model but now with all the datapoints (training + validation) #Fit a linear regression model to this data lassofinal = ElasticNet(alpha = 0.001, max_iter=10000) # Fit the data(train the model) lasso_variables, target_price lassofinal.fit(lasso_variables, target_price) ElasticNet(alpha=0.001, max_iter=10000)			
[54]: [55]:	<pre>Prediction using the Test_data. # Test Predictions lasso_variables_test = test_data[lasso_features] final_prediction_price = lassofinal.predict(lasso_variables_test) plt.hist(final_prediction_price) plt.xlabel('Price', fontsize = 15) plt.ylabel('Frequency', fontsize = 15) plt.tick_params(axis="x", labelsize=10) plt.tick_params(axis="y", labelsize=10) plt.tick_params(axis="y", labelsize=10)</pre>			
	plt.grid(True) plt.show() 350 250 200 100			
	Model 2: Prediction of Vehicle_Trim Feature Selection (LASSO) for Vehicle_Trim Variable			
[56]: [57]:	<pre>lasso_features_trim, len_lasso_trim = feature_select_lasso(features, target_trim, 0.001) print('# of Features using LASSO: ' + str(len_lasso_trim)) # of Features using LASSO: 450 C:\Users\rodol\Anaconda3\lib\site-packages\sklearn\linear_model_coordinate_descent.py:530: ConvergenceWarnim Objective did not converge. You might want to increase the number of iterations. Duality gap: 968.72793405539 1, tolerance: 14.667880555004965 model = cd_fast.enet_coordinate_descent(lasso_variables_tim = data[lasso_features_trim] X_train_2, X_test_2, y_train_2, y_test_2 = train_test_split(lasso_variables_tim, target_trim, test_size=0.20</pre>			
[58]:	from sklearn.tree import DecisionTreeClassifier from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestClassifier from sklearn.model_selection import RandomizedSearchCV from sklearn import metrics from sklearn.metrics import classification_report Hyperparameter Settings for the Decision Tree Model			
[59]:	<pre>max_depth_options = [2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10] min_sample_options = [2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10] model_criterion = ['entropy', 'gini'] min_samples_leaf_options = [2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10] dt_grid = {'criterion': model_criterion,</pre>			
	<pre>n_iter = 200, cv = 3, verbose = 2, random_state = 42, n_jobs = -1) # Fit the random search model decision_trees_hyper.fit(X_train_2, y_train_2) x = decision_trees_hyper.best_params_ x C:\Users\rodol\Anaconda3\lib\site-packages\sklearn\model_selection_split.py:666: UserWarning: The least populated class in y has only 1 members, which is less than n_splits=3. warnings.warn(("The least populated class in y has only %d" Fitting 3 folds for each of 200 candidates, totalling 600 fits</pre>			
	<pre>{'min_samples_split': 10, 'min_samples_leaf': 2, 'max_depth': 9, 'criterion': 'entropy'} Hyperparameter Settings for the Random Forest Model n_estimators_options = [10,20,30,40,50,60,70,80,90,100] rf_grid = {'criterion': model_criterion,</pre>			
	<pre>'min_samples_leaf':min_samples_leaf_options} rf_base = RandomForestClassifier() random_forest_hyper = RandomizedSearchCV(estimator = rf_base, param_distributions = rf_grid,</pre>			
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[61]:	<pre>from sklearn.linear_model import LogisticRegression max_iter_options = [1000,10000] penalty_options = ['11', '12', 'elasticnet', 'none'] solver_options = ['saga'] multi = ['multinomial'] lr_grid = {'penalty': penalty_options,</pre>			
	<pre>logistic_reg_hyper = RandomizedSearchCV(estimator = lr_base, param_distributions = lr_grid,</pre>			
t[61]:	<pre>warnings.warn(C:\Users\rodol\Anaconda3\lib\site-packages\sklearn\model_selection_split.py:666: UserWarning: The least populated class in y has only 1 members, which is less than n_splits=3. warnings.warn(("The least populated class in y has only %d" Fitting 3 folds for each of 8 candidates, totalling 24 fits C:\Users\rodol\Anaconda3\lib\site-packages\sklearn\model_selection_search.py:918: UserWarning: One or more of the test scores are non-finite: [0.85852284 0.86100042</pre>			
[62]:	<pre>from sklearn.metrics import accuracy_score, confusion_matrix, classification_report, roc_curve from sklearn.model_selection import StratifiedKFold, cross_val_score, cross_val_predict, KFold #Classifiers dt = DecisionTreeClassifier(criterion=x['criterion'], max_depth = x['max_depth'], min_samples_split = x['min rf = RandomForestClassifier(n_estimators = y['n_estimators'], criterion = y['criterion'], max_depth = y['max lr = LogisticRegression(solver = z['solver'], penalty = z['penalty'], multi_class = z['multi_class'], max_it #List for Classifiers and Names header = ["Decision_Tree", "Random_Forest", "Logistic_Regression"]</pre>			
	<pre>V = [dt, rf, lr] skf = StratifiedKFold(n_splits=10) summary_accuracy = [] variation_accuracy = [] for i in V: results = cross_val_score(i, X_train_2, y_train_2, cv=skf) accuracy = results.mean()*100.0 variation = results.std()*100.0 summary_accuracy.append(accuracy) variation_accuracy.append(variation) colors = ['lightseagreen', 'tomato', 'darkmagenta']</pre>			
	<pre>plt.bar(header, summary_accuracy, color=colors) plt.xticks(rotation=45) plt.title('Model Performance on Training Data') plt.ylabel("Score") plt.show() C:\Users\rodol\Anaconda3\lib\site-packages\sklearn\model_selection_split.py:666: UserWarning: The least populated class in y has only 1 members, which is less than n_splits=10. warnings.warn(("The least populated class in y has only %d" C:\Users\rodol\Anaconda3\lib\site-packages\sklearn\model_selection_split.py:666: UserWarning: The least populated class in y has only 1 members, which is less than n_splits=10. warnings.warn(("The least populated class in y has only %d" C:\Users\rodol\Anaconda3\lib\site-packages\sklearn\model_selection_split.py:666: UserWarning: The least populated class in y has only 1 members, which is less than n splits=10.</pre>			
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[63]:	print('Accuracy') print(summary_accuracy) print('')			
[64]:	<pre>print('Variation in Accuracy') print(variation_accuracy) Accuracy [81.66541778247304, 75.54449303491143, 87.68641132103285] Variation in Accuracy [1.880570227392559, 2.3991881644484847, 1.373546375794306] summary_accuracy_validation = [] for i in V: i.fit(X_train_2, y_train_2) prediction_val = i.predict(X_test_2) AR = accuracy_score(y_test_2, prediction_val)</pre>			
	<pre>summary_accuracy_validation.append(AR) colors = ['lightseagreen', 'tomato', 'darkmagenta'] plt.bar(header, summary_accuracy_validation, color=colors) plt.xticks(rotation=45) plt.title('Model Performance on Validation Data') plt.ylabel("Score") plt.show()</pre> Model Performance on Validation Data			
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[67]: t[67]:	Final Model 2 Selection and Training (using training + validation data)			
	ListingID_column = test_data['ListingID'] test_data.drop(columns=['ListingID'], inplace = True) # Test Predictions lasso_variables_test_trim = test_data[lasso_features_trim] final_prediction_trim = lr.predict(lasso_variables_test_trim) Export to dataframe final_dataframe = pd.DataFrame() final_dataframe['ListingID'] = ListingID_column final_dataframe['ListingID'] = ListingID_column			
	 final_dataframe['trim_prediction'] = final_prediction_trim final_dataframe['price_prediction'] = final_prediction_price final_dataframe = final_dataframe.replace({'trim_prediction': d}) final_dataframe.to_csv('predictions.csv', index=False) Instructions: Model the problem using whatever means you consider best. Your work is expected to be entirely your own. You may consult any resource or reference of your choosing to aide in solving the problem, but the work must be entirely yours. Please reference any resources you use in the write-up covered in step 5. If you use a software package to assist you, please include ALL of your original source code in its entirety, and submit it to us EXACTLY 			
	following the instructions in Steps 5 and 6. Please also include information about which package you used and why in your brief problem write-up. • Do not use or add data from any third-party sources, such as internet car estimating tools, to the data provided. At your discretion, some or all of the provided data in "Training_dataset.csv" may be used, omitted or manipulated in any way during modeling, but no additional data may be added from outside sources. • Once your model is built, use it to make predictions on EACH of the 1,000 vehicle listings included in the "Test_dataset.csv" file. Your output should be a comma separated values (.csv) file with one-thousand rows and three columns. The first column should be the unique identifier for the listing. The second column should be your predicted value for vehicle trim. The third column			
	 Please submit a brief write-up of no more than 500 words describing the approach you selected and why. Please save your response as a PDF if possible. Please copy any source code from Step 2 and paste it as text into an appendix at the end of your write-up. Return your submission to us by replying back to the original email before the date and time specified in that email. Please attach the CSV containing your predictions from Step 4 and the PDF containing your write-up and source code from step 5 to the email. It should contain ONLY two attachments: the CSV from step 4 and the PDF from Step 5. Please don't resubmit any of our original data back in your reply. 			
	Extra (Artificial Neural Networks) The part of the analysis is extra an it is not used for the final predictions. This is just an example of the same problem being worked using Deep Neural Networks. Basic Artificial Neural Network for Regression Problem import tensorflow as tf import tensorflow.keras.models as models import tensorflow.keras.layers as layers from tensorflow.keras import regularizers			
	<pre>from tensorflow.keras.layers import Dropout from tensorflow.keras import optimizers nn = models.Sequential() #nn.add(tf.keras.Input(shape=(28*28,))) nn.add(layers.Dense(512,</pre>			
	<pre>nn.add(layers.Dropout(0.5)) nn.add(layers.Dense(64,</pre>			
	dropout (Dropout) (None, 512) 0 dense_1 (Dense) (None, 256) 131328 dropout_1 (Dropout) (None, 256) 0 dense_2 (Dense) (None, 64) 16448 dense_3 (Dense) (None, 1) 65 Total params: 329,089 Trainable params: 329,089 Non-trainable params: 0			
	<pre>## Set up and call-backs for early stopping import keras filepath = 'my_model_file.hdf5' # define where the model is saved callbacks_list = [</pre>			
[71]:	<pre>filepath = filepath, # file where the checkpoint is saved monitor = 'val_loss', # Don't overwrite the saved model unless val_loss is worse</pre>			
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