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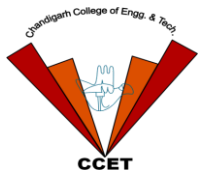


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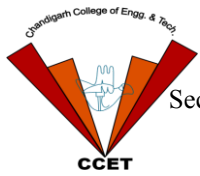

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ABSTRACT

The project report is an attempt to study the price prediction capabilities of artificial intelligence and Machine Learning in the context of Real estate. This report presents a summer training project on House Price Prediction using Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning techniques. The project aimed to develop a model that could accurately predict the price of a house based on various features such as location, size, number of bedrooms, and other relevant information. A dataset of house prices and features was collected and cleaned, and several Machine Learning algorithms were applied to train models. The model was found to be Gradient Boosting, which achieved an accuracy of 85% on the test data. The model was then deployed to a web application, allowing users to input information about a house and receive a predicted price. Overall, the project demonstrated the effectiveness of Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning in predicting house prices, and the resulting web application can assist individuals and investors in making informed decisions when purchasing a house.

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INTRODUCTION

1.1 Objective

As urbanization took place, the demand for rental housing and department stores increased. Therefore, determining a more efficient way of calculating home prices that accurately reflect market prices is a hot topic.

- This project focuses on using machine learning to accurately determine house prices.
- It helps sellers and buyers find the best price for a home.

Accurately estimating the value of real estate is a major concern for many stakeholders, including owners, buyers, real estate agents, creditors, and investors. It is also difficult. It is well known that factors such as size, number of rooms and location affect the price but there are many other factors that affect, besides, price is sensitive to changes in market demand and details of the market. each situation. B. You need to sell your property urgently. Asset sales prices can be predicted in a number of ways, often based on regression techniques. Essentially, all regression techniques take one or more predictor variables as input and a single target variable as output. This article compares the performance of different machine learning techniques to predict the selling price of a home based on many characteristics such as square footage, number of bedrooms and bathrooms, geographic location, and more.

Additionally the report may take into account factors such as historical sales data, economic trends, and demographic information to predict how real estate prices are likely to change in the future. The goal of the report is to provide valuable insights and information for real estate investors, buyers, and sellers to inform their decisions.

1.2 Introduction to Language and libraries used for this Implementation

It includes a brief description of the language and libraries used in this implementation, followed by a description of the various steps taken in order to complete this task. The following sections are also included:



Fig 1.1
Python

In this project, the Python programming language and its libraries are used for data analysis and machine learning. pandas, scikit-learning and TensorFlow. Some of the popular libraries used in this project include:

- **Pandas** is a powerful library for data manipulation and cleaning in Python. It provides data structures such as the DataFrame and Series, which are similar to data tables and rows in a relational database, making it easy to handle and



Fig 1.2 :
Pandas

manipulate large datasets. With pandas, you can easily perform operations such as filtering, sorting, aggregating, and merging data. It also has built-in handling for missing data and can handle various data types such as text and dates.

One of the key features of pandas is its ability to handle large datasets with ease. It can handle data that doesn't fit in memory using techniques such as chunking, and can efficiently handle large datasets with the help of its powerful indexing capabilities.

Pandas also provides powerful data visualization tools, such as the ability to create pivot tables, and the integration with popular visualization libraries like matplotlib and seaborn. This makes it easy to explore, understand and communicate insights from large datasets.

- **Scikit-learn** is a powerful machine learning library for Python. It offers a wide range of tools for model training and scoring, as well as feature selection and preprocessing. Some of the main features of scikit-learn are:



Fig 1.2 Scikit
Learn

Consistent interface for model training and scoring:

scikit-learn provides a consistent interface for training and scoring models, regardless of the specific algorithm used. This allows you to easily switch between different algorithms and compare their performance.

Wide range of machine learning algorithms: Scikit-learn offers a variety of machine learning algorithms such as linear regression, decision trees, random forests, k-means, and more. Feature selection and preprocessing tools:

scikit-learn provides tools for feature selection and preprocessing, including feature scaling, one-hot coding, and dimensionality reduction. These tools are essential for preparing data for training and scoring machine learning models.

Cross-validation: Scikit-learn provides built-in functionality for cross-validation, a technique for evaluating model performance by splitting the data into training and test datasets.

Scikit-learn's scoring metrics provide a variety of scoring metrics, including precision, mean squared error, and r-squared value.

- **Matplotlib** and **Seaborn** are popular libraries in Python for data visualization. Matplotlib is a powerful plotting library that provides an extensive range of 2D and 3D plots, while Seaborn is built on top of Matplotlib and provides a higher-level interface for creating beautiful, informative statistical graphics.

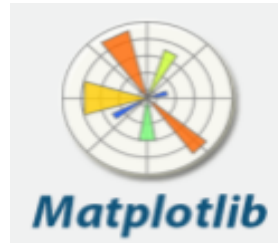


Fig1.4:
MatPlotlib



Fig 1.5:
Seaborn

One of the key features of **Matplotlib** is its customization capability. It allows users to customize every aspect of a plot, from the axis labels to the colors and line styles. Matplotlib also provides support for different types of plots such as line plots, scatter plots, bar plots, histograms, and many others.

Seaborn, on the other hand, is built on top of Matplotlib and provides a higher-level interface for creating beautiful, informative statistical graphics. It has a more concise and easy-to-use API, which makes it great for quickly creating plots with little code. Additionally, Seaborn provides built-in support for many statistical plots such as box plots, violin plots, and pair plots, which are particularly useful for exploring and understanding the data.

Both **Matplotlib** and **Seaborn** are widely used in data science and machine learning, they provide a wide range of tools and functionality that can be used to effectively explore and understand the data. They are particularly useful for creating visualizations that can be used to communicate insights and findings to others.

- **Numpy** is a powerful library for numeric computation in Python. It provides a wide range of mathematical functions useful for data analysis and machine learning. Some of Numpy's key features include:

Efficient array operations: Numpy provides a powerful array object that can be used to perform math operations on large data sets efficiently. It also provides a wide range of mathematical functions that can be applied to arrays, such as trigonometric, logarithmic, and matrix operations.

Diffusive: Numpy allows casting, that is, the ability to perform math operations on arrays of different shapes. This feature makes it easy to perform operations on arrays that would otherwise be difficult or impossible to perform.



Fig1.6
: Nump
y

Linear Algebra: Numpy provides a wide range of linear algebra functions including matrix operations, determinants, inverse, eigenvalues and eigenvectors, and many others. These functions are particularly useful for machine learning, as they are used in many algorithms such as principal component analysis and singular value decomposition.

Interoperability: Numpy is designed to work seamlessly with other libraries such as Scipy, Pandas and **Matplotlib**: This makes it easy to use Numpy functions in the context of other libraries and tools.

- **Jupyter Notebook** is an open source web application that allows you to create and share documents containing live code, equations, visualizations, and explanatory text. It is commonly used for data science and machine learning tasks. B. Cleaning and exploring data, visualization, prototyping, and presentation of results. The Notebook interface allows users to run code, view output, and annotate code with text and visualizations in a single document. Jupyter Notebook supports multiple programming languages such as Python, R, and Julia. It is widely used by data scientists, researchers, and students for data analysis, scientific computing, and machine learning.



Fig 1.7 :
Jupyter
Notebook

It is used for:

- Web development (server-side)
- Software development
- Mathematics
- System scripting

- The **Postman app** is a tool used for testing and monitoring the performance of the deployed model. The app allows developers to test the API by sending HTTP requests to the endpoint and receiving the predictions as responses. This allows developers to ensure that the API is functioning properly and that the predictions are in the correct format before it is made available to users. Additionally, the Postman app can be used to monitor the performance of the API by sending multiple requests and measuring the response time, which allows developers to identify and troubleshoot any issues with the API and make any necessary updates or adjustments.



Fig 1.8:
Postman

SYSTEM DESIGN AND ARCHITECTURE

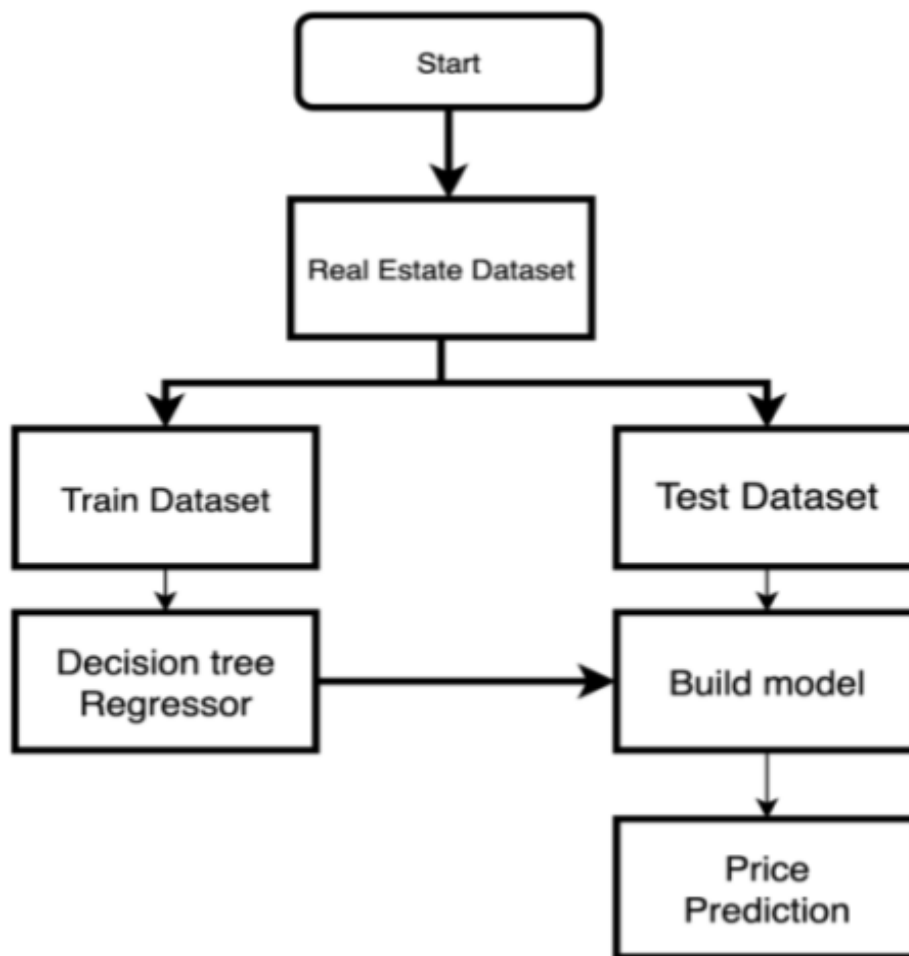


Fig 2.1: System Design and Architecture

Stage 1: Data Acquisition and Preprocessing

1. **Collecting the data:** The first step is to get the Bangalore house price dataset from Kaggle. This data set includes information such as location, number of bedrooms, square footage, and price of the property.
2. **Data cleaning:** The next step is to clean the data by removing any missing or duplicate values, and ensuring that all the data is in the correct format. This step also includes handling any outliers or errors in the data.
3. **Data integration:** After cleaning, additional data sources can be integrated with the dataset. This could include data on location, economic indicators, population density, and other factors that may have an impact on the prices of properties in Bangalore.
4. **Data transformation:** The data may need to be transformed to a format that can be used for machine learning. This could include normalizing or scaling the data, or encoding categorical variables.
5. **Splitting data:** The data is divided into training, validation and test datasets. This is done to train the model on the training dataset and evaluate it on the validation dataset and the test dataset.

6. **Data augmentation:** To further improve the performance of the model, data augmentation techniques such as adding noise or rotating images can be used to create new training examples.

Stage 2: Feature engineering:

1. **Identifying relevant features:** The first step is to identify the features that are relevant to the prediction of property prices in Bangalore. This could include information such as the location, number of bedrooms, area, and other factors that may have an impact on the price of a property.
2. **Creating new features:** Based on the data available, new features can be created. These features could be derived from existing features or could be combinations of multiple features. For example, a feature that calculates the price per square foot of a property can be created by dividing the price by the area of the property.
3. **Handling categorical variables:** Categorical variables such as location and number of bedrooms should be converted to numeric values. This can be done by hot encoding, where each unique category is represented by a separate binary column.
4. **Removing unnecessary features:** Unnecessary features or those not related to prediction may be removed. This can be done using feature selection techniques such as feature selection based on correlation, mutual information or feature importance from tree models.
5. **Scaling the data:** Scaling the data is very important to ensure that all features have the same scale and that no feature is dominant over the others. This can be done using techniques like min scaling or max normalization.
6. **Dimensionality reduction:** Dimensionality reduction can be used to reduce the number of features in the dataset. This can be done by techniques such as PCA, LDA, t-SNE etc.

Stage 3: Model selection and training

1. **Choosing the right model:** The first step is to choose the most appropriate machine learning model for the project. This could include selecting from various regression models such as Linear Regression, Random Forest, XGBoost, etc. The choice of model will depend on the specific problem and the characteristics of the data.
2. **Hyperparameter tuning:** Once a model has been selected, the next step is to tune the hyperparameters of the model to optimize its performance. This can be done using techniques such as grid search or random search.
3. **Training the model:** After the hyperparameters have been set, the model is trained on the prepared dataset. This step involves feeding the dataset into the model and updating the model's parameters to minimize the error on the training set.
4. **Cross-validation:** To ensure that the model is generalizing well, cross-validation is performed on the training dataset. This involves training the model on a subset of the data and evaluating it on the remaining data. This helps to prevent overfitting.

5. **Model selection:** Based on the evaluation on the validation dataset, the best performing model is selected for the further evaluation on the test dataset.
6. **Model interpretation:** In order to understand the model and its predictions, model interpretation techniques such as feature importance, partial dependence plots, SHAP values can be used.

Stage 4:Model evaluation

1. **Splitting the data:** The data is divided into training, validation, and test datasets. The model is trained on the training dataset and then evaluated on the validation dataset. The test data set is used for the final evaluation.
2. **Training the model:** The model is trained on the training dataset using the features extracted during the feature engineering step. This step involves selecting the appropriate machine learning model such as Linear Regression, Random Forest, XGBoost, etc.
3. **Model selection:** Based on model evaluation on validation dataset, the best model is selected. This selection can be based on various evaluation measures such as mean squared error (MSE), R-squared score, mean absolute error (MAE), etc.
4. **Model Fine-Tuning :** Once the quality version is selected, it may be fine-tuned with the aid of using adjusting the version's hyperparameters to enhance its performance.
5. **Model evaluation on test dataset:** The final evaluation of the model is done on the test dataset. This provides an estimate of the model's performance on unseen data.
6. **Model comparison:** The model performance is compared with other models and a report is made on the best model.
7. **Model interpretability:** The performance of the model is also evaluated based on its interpretability, which refers to how easily the model can make its predictions.

Stage 5:Model deployment

1. **Selecting the best model:** Based on the evaluation of the model on the test dataset, the best model is selected for deployment.
2. **Saving the model:** The model is saved to a file or a database. This can be done using libraries such as pickle or joblib in Python.
3. **Creating an API:** A RESTful API is created that can be used to make predictions on new data. This API can be hosted on a server and can be accessed by other applications or users.
4. **Integration with an existing application:** If the model is to be integrated into an existing application, then the necessary code changes are made and the model is integrated.
5. **Monitoring and Maintenance:** The deployed model is continuously monitored to ensure that it is functioning properly and to make any necessary updates or adjustments.
6. **Scaling the model:** If the model is deployed to a production environment and is receiving high traffic, then it may need to be scaled to handle the load. This can be done by

deploying the model on a cluster of machines or using cloud services such as AWS or GCP.

7. **Communication:** A report should be created to communicate the results of the project, including an explanation of the process, the findings, and any recommendations for future work.

Stage 6: Monitoring and maintenance

1. **Monitoring the model's performance:** The model's performance should be monitored on a regular basis to ensure it is still performing well and to identify any issues that may arise. This could include monitoring metrics such as the mean squared error (MSE) or R-squared score on new data.

2. **Updating the model:** The model should be updated regularly to ensure that it stays current and continues to perform well. This could include retraining the model on new data, adjusting the model's hyperparameters, or incorporating new features.

3. **Data quality:** The data used to train the model should also be monitored to ensure that it is still accurate and relevant. Data quality issues such as missing or duplicate data should be identified and resolved.

4. **Model versioning:** Keeping track of the different versions of the model and the data used to train it. This can be done by using tools like Git and versioning the model in the production environment.

5. **Model monitoring in production:** Once the model is deployed in the production environment, it should be continuously monitored to ensure that it is functioning properly and to make any necessary updates or adjustments.

6. **Model retraining:** The model should be retrained regularly to ensure that it stays current and continues to perform well.

7. **Communication:** Regular communication with stakeholders to inform them about the model's performance and any necessary updates or adjustments.

Stage 7: Communication

1. **Creating a report:** A report is prepared that summarizes the results of the project, including an explanation of the process, the findings, and any recommendations for future work. The report should include information such as the dataset used, the feature engineering and model selection process, the evaluation metrics and the performance of the final model.

2. **Visualizing the results:** The report should also include visualizations such as plots, charts and maps that help to explain the results and make them more understandable. These visualizations can be used to show the relationships between different variables, the distribution of the data, and the performance of the model.

3. **Communicating with stakeholders:** The results of the project should be communicated to stakeholders such as investors, real estate agents, and developers. They should be presented in a way that is easy to understand and that highlights the key insights and findings of the project.

4. **Presenting the results:** The report can be presented in various forms such as a written

report, a slide deck, or a web application. The form of presentation should be chosen based on the audience and the purpose of the project.

5. **Explaining the limitations:** The report should also include a discussion of the limitations of the project, such as any assumptions made, data limitations, or limitations of the model.

6. **Giving recommendations:** The report should also provide recommendations for future work, such as areas for further research or ways to improve the model.

Stage 8: Server Implementation

1. **Installation:** First step is to install Flask on the system and setting up environment for api to work.

2. **Model loading:** Once the model is trained, it can be saved in a pickle file or a hdf5 file. The model is then loaded into the Flask server so that it can be used to make predictions.

3. **Create a RESTful API:** The generated RESTful API allows the user to make predictions by sending a request to the server with the required inputs. The API will take input as JSON and return predictions as JSON.

4. **Route creation:** The API is then integrated with the web application using route creation in Flask, which maps the API to a specific URL.

5. **Deployment:** Once the server is set up, it can be deployed on a web server such as Apache or Nginx. The server can also be deployed on cloud platforms such as AWS, GCP or Heroku.

6. **Monitoring:** Once the server is deployed, it should be continuously monitored to ensure it is functioning properly. This step could involve setting up monitoring tools such as Prometheus or Grafana to monitor the server's performance and to detect any issues.

7. **Security:** Security should be considered when deploying the server, such as adding authentication and access control to the AP

Framing the program

3.1 THE DATASET -

Our Data comes from a Kaggle dataset named “bangalore_home_prices”.

area_type	availability	location	size	society	total_sqft	bath	balcony	price
Super built-up Area	19-Dec	Electronic City Phase II	2 BHK	Coomee	1056	2	1	39.07
Plot Area	Ready To Move	Chikka Tirupathi	4 Bedroom	Theanmp	2600	5	3	120
Built-up Area	Ready To Move	Uttarahalli	3 BHK		1440	2	3	62
Super built-up Area	Ready To Move	Lingadheeranahalli	3 BHK	Solewre	1521	3	1	95
Super built-up Area	Ready To Move	Kothanur	2 BHK		1200	2	1	51
Super built-up Area	Ready To Move	Whitefield	2 BHK	DuenaTa	1170	2	1	38
Super built-up Area	18-May	Old Airport Road	4 BHK	Jaades	2732	4		204
Super built-up Area	Ready To Move	Rajaji Nagar	4 BHK	Brway G	3300	4		600
Super built-up Area	Ready To Move	Marathahalli	3 BHK		1310	3	1	63.25
Plot Area	Ready To Move	Gandhi Bazar	6 Bedroom		1020	6		370
Super built-up Area	18-Feb	Whitefield	3 BHK		1800	2	2	70
Plot Area	Ready To Move	Whitefield	4 Bedroom	Prry M	2785	5	3	295
Super built-up Area	Ready To Move	7th Phase JP Nagar	2 BHK	Shncyes	1000	2	1	38
Built-up Area	Ready To Move	Gottigere	2 BHK		1100	2	2	40
Plot Area	Ready To Move	Sarjapur	3 Bedroom	Skityer	2250	3	2	148
Super built-up Area	Ready To Move	Mysore Road	2 BHK	PmraEn	1175	2	2	73.5
Super built-up Area	Ready To Move	Bisuvanahalli	3 BHK	Priyiel	1180	3	2	48
Super built-up Area	Ready To Move	Raja Rajeshwari Nagar	3 BHK	GrrvaGr	1540	3	3	60
Super built-up Area	Ready To Move	Ramakrishnappa Layout	3 BHK	PeBayle	2770	4	2	290
Super built-up Area	Ready To Move	Manayata Tech Park	2 BHK		1100	2	2	48
Built-up Area	Ready To Move	Kengeri	1 BHK		600	1	1	15
Super built-up Area	19-Dec	Birny Pete	3 BHK	She 2rk	1755	3	1	122
Plot Area	Ready To Move	Thanisandra	4 Bedroom	Soitya	2800	5	2	380

Fig 3.1 - Dataset CSV

The Bangalore home prices dataset from Kaggle is a dataset that contains information about various properties for sale in Bangalore, India. The dataset includes various features such as the location of the property, the number of bedrooms and bathrooms, the area of the property, and the price. The dataset is likely to be used in a real estate prices prediction project, where the goal is to use machine learning techniques to predict the price of a property based on its features.

The dataset likely includes a variety of features that can be used to predict the price of a property, such as the location of the property, the number of bedrooms and bathrooms, the area of the property, and the price. Some additional features may include the age of the property, the type of property (e.g. apartment, house, etc.), and any additional amenities or features (e.g. pool, garage, etc.).

The dataset is likely to be a rich source of information that can be used to train machine learning models to predict the prices of properties in Bangalore. The dataset will need to be cleaned, preprocessed, and feature engineered in order to be used effectively in a machine learning model.

3.2 PREREQUISITES

Before starting this project, familiarity with **Python libraries** such as **Pandas, Matplotlib, Seaborn, and Scikit-learn** would be beneficial. Understanding of statistical concepts and machine learning algorithms is crucial for analyzing and modeling the data. The ability to **clean, preprocess, and feature engineer** datasets is essential for this project. Having knowledge of real estate market trends and patterns, and understanding of the factors that influence the prices of properties in Bangalore, India would be helpful and familiarity with Creating plots and visualizations of the data can be useful for understanding trends and patterns in the data, so experience with data visualization tools such as **Matplotlib and Seaborn** would be beneficial. Experience in deploying machine learning models, using tools such as **Flask**, would be beneficial for the final step of the project.

Dataset Link - <https://www.kaggle.com/datasets/amitabhajoy/bengaluru-house-price-data>

To install flask and import other libraries , simply run this pip command in your terminal and Jupiter Notebook:



```
→ ~ pip install flask
```

Fig 3.2: Flask Installation

To Import Libraries write -

```
import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
from matplotlib import pyplot as plt
%matplotlib inline
import matplotlib
matplotlib.rcParams["figure.figsize"] = (20,10)
```

IMPORTING DATASET-

```
df1 = pd.read_csv("bengaluru_house_prices.csv")
df1.head()
```

3.3 LOADING DATA TO A DATA_FRAME BELOW

```
In [4]: df1 = pd.read_csv("bengaluru_house_prices.csv")
df1.head()

Out[4]:
```

	area_type	availability	location	size	society	total_sqft	bath	balcony	price
0	Super built-up Area	19-Dec	Electronic City Phase II	2 BHK	Coomes	1056	2.0	1.0	39.07
1	Plot Area	Ready To Move	Chikka Tirupathi	4 Bedroom	Theanmp	2600	5.0	3.0	120.00
2	Built-up Area	Ready To Move	Uttarahalli	3 BHK	NaN	1440	2.0	3.0	62.00
3	Super built-up Area	Ready To Move	Lingadheersahalli	3 BHK	Soleare	1521	3.0	1.0	95.00
4	Super built-up Area	Ready To Move	Kothanur	2 BHK	NaN	1200	2.0	1.0	51.00

```
In [5]: df1.shape
Out[5]: (13320, 9)

In [6]: df1.columns
Out[6]: Index(['area_type', 'availability', 'location', 'size', 'society',
            'total_sqft', 'bath', 'balcony', 'price'],
            dtype='object')

In [7]: df1['area_type'].unique()
Out[7]: array(['Super built-up Area', 'Plot Area', 'Built-up Area',
            'Carpet Area'], dtype=object)

In [8]: df1['area_type'].value_counts()
Out[8]: Super built-up Area    8790
Built-up Area                2418
Plot Area                    2025
Carpet Area                   87
Name: area_type, dtype: int64
```

Fig3.3 Loading Bangalore home price into a dataframe

3.4 DATA CLEANING-

```
In [10]: df2.isnull().sum()
Out[10]: location      1
size                16
total_sqft          0
bath                73
price               0
dtype: int64

In [11]: df2.shape
Out[11]: (13320, 5)

In [12]: df3 = df2.dropna()
df3.isnull().sum()
Out[12]: location      0
size                0
total_sqft          0
bath                0
price               0
dtype: int64

In [13]: df3.shape
Out[13]: (13246, 5)
```

Fig 3.4: Data Cleaning

In this this we are dealing with null and missing values which can cause problems when building machine learning models, so it is important to either remove or impute any missing values in the dataset.

3.5 FEATURE ENGINEERING-

Feature engineering is the process of creating new features or transforming existing features in a dataset to improve the performance of a machine learning model

Add new feature(integer) for bhk (Bedrooms Hall Kitchen)

```
In [12]: df3['bhk'] = df3['size'].apply(lambda x: int(x.split(' ')[0]))
df3.bhk.unique()

C:\ProgramData\Anaconda\lib\site-packages\ipykernel_launcher.py:1: SettingWithCopyWarning:
A value is trying to be set on a copy of a slice from a DataFrame.
Try using .loc[row_indexer,col_indexer] = value instead
See the caveats in the documentation: http://pandas.pydata.org/pandas-docs/stable/indexing.html#indexing-view-versus-copy
***Entry point for launching an IPython kernel.

Out[12]: array([ 2,  4,  3,  6,  1,  8,  7,  5, 11,  9, 27, 10, 19, 16, 43, 14, 12,
        13, 18], dtype=int64)
```

Explore total_sqft feature

```
In [13]: def is_float(x):
        try:
            float(x)
        except:
            return False
        return True

In [14]: 2+3

Out[14]: 5

In [15]: df3[~df3['total_sqft'].apply(is_float)].head(10)
```

	location	size	total_sqft	bath	price	bhk
30	Yelahanka	4 BHK	2100 - 2850	4.0	186.000	4
122	Hebbal	4 BHK	3067 - 8156	4.0	477.000	4
137	8th Phase JP Nagar	2 BHK	1042 - 1105	2.0	54.005	2
165	Sarjapur	2 BHK	1145 - 1340	2.0	43.490	2
188	KR Puram	2 BHK	1015 - 1540	2.0	56.800	2
410	Kengeri	1 BHK	34.46Sq. Meter	1.0	18.500	1
549	Hennur Road	2 BHK	1195 - 1440	2.0	63.770	2
648	Arekere	9 Bedroom	4125Perch	9.0	265.000	9
661	Yelahanka	2 BHK	1120 - 1145	2.0	48.130	2
672	Bettahalli	4 Bedroom	3090 - 5002	4.0	445.000	4

Fig 3.5.1: Feature Engineering;
Add new feature(integer) for bhk
(Bedrooms Hall Kitchen)

Above shows that total_sqft can be a range (e.g. 2100-2850). For such case we can just take average of min and max value in the range. There are other cases such as 34.46Sq. Meter which one can convert to square ft using unit conversion. I am going to just drop such corner cases to keep things simple

```
In [16]: def convert_sqft_to_num(x):
        tokens = x.split('-')
        if len(tokens) == 2:
            return (float(tokens[0])+float(tokens[1]))/2
        try:
            return float(x)
        except:
            return None

In [17]: df4 = df3.copy()
df4.total_sqft = df4.total_sqft.apply(convert_sqft_to_num)
df4 = df4[df4.total_sqft.notnull()]
df4.head(2)
```

```
Out[17]:
```

	location	size	total_sqft	bath	price	bhk
0	Electronic City Phase II	2 BHK	1056.0	2.0	39.07	2
1	Chikka Tirupathi	4 Bedroom	2600.0	5.0	120.00	4

For below row, it shows total_sqft as 2475 which is an average of the range 2100-2850

```
In [18]: df4.loc[30]
```

```
Out[18]:
```

location	Yelahanka
size	4 BHK
total_sqft	2475
bath	4
price	186
bhk	4

Name: 30, dtype: object

```
In [19]: (2100+2850)/2

Out[19]: 2475.0
```

Fig 3.5.2 : It shows total_sqft in
an avg of its range

Add new feature called price called price per square feet.

```

In [20]: df5 = df4.copy()
df5['price_per_sqft'] = df5['price']/df5['total_sqft']
df5.head()

Out[20]:
   location  size  total_sqft  bath  price  bhk  price_per_sqft
0  Electronic City Phase II    2 BHK    1056.0    2.0    39.07    2    3699.810606
1    Chikka Tirupathi    4 Bedroom    2600.0    5.0   120.00    4    4615.384615
2    Uttarahalli    3 BHK    1440.0    2.0    62.00    3    4305.555556
3  Lingadheeranahalli    3 BHK    1521.0    3.0    95.00    3    6245.890861
4    Kothanur    2 BHK    1200.0    2.0    51.00    2    4250.000000

In [21]: df5_stats = df5['price_per_sqft'].describe()
df5_stats

Out[21]:
count    1.320000e+04
mean     7.920759e+03
std      1.067272e+05
min      2.678298e+02
25%      4.267701e+03
50%      5.438331e+03
75%      7.317073e+03
max      1.200000e+07
Name: price_per_sqft, dtype: float64

In [22]: df5.to_csv('bhp.csv', index=False)

```

Fig 3.5.3: Price per square feet feature

Examine locations that are categorical variables. Here we need to reduce the number of locations using dimensionality reduction techniques

```

Out[22]: Whitefield    333
          Sarjapur Road    292
          Electronic City    264
          Kanakpura Road    264
          Thalasandra    225
          Yelahanka    210
          Uttarahalli    186
          Hebbal    176
          Marathahalli    175
          Raja Rajeshwari Nagar    171
          Bannerghatta Road    151
          Hosur Road    150
          7th Phase JP Nagar    148
          Maralur Road    141
          Electronic City Phase II    131
          Rajaji Nagar    106
          Chandraoka    88
          Bellandur    86
          KR Puram    80
          Hoodi    80
          Electronics City Phase I    87
          Yeshwanthpur    85
          Durgam Road    84
          Sarjapur    80
          Kanavanahalli    79
          Marier    79
          Hornavu    74
          Basashankari    74
          Nanamurthy Nagar    72
          Koramangala    72

          ...
          Olakkannur Halli    1
          Hebbasandra    1
          Gangondahalli    1
          Agara Village    1
          Sundara Nagar    1
          Binny Mills Employees Colony    1
          Adagudi    1
          Urea Layout    1
          Hanchanahalli R R Nagar    1
          Whitefield,    1
          Mangata    1
          Air View Colony    1
          Thavarakere    1
          Rethyala Nagar    1
          Maralur Road,    1
          Manonagarapalya    1
          GWS Layout    1
          Marathalli bridge    1
          Basashankari 6th Stage ,Bhramanypura    1
          Arjananagar Nagli road    1
          okabaya nagar t c palya    1
          Indiranagar HAL 2nd Stage    1
          Maruthi RRCB Layout    1
          Gopal Reddy Layout    1
          High grounds    1
          CHS Road    1
          Channarayana    1
          Sarvabhogam Nagar    1
          Ke-Servicemen Colony Dinnur Main Road R.T.Nagar    1
          Bilal Nagar    1
          Name: location, Length: 1287, dtype: int64

In [23]: location_stats.values.sum()

Out[23]: 13200

In [24]: len(location_stats[location_stats>10])

Out[24]: 240

In [25]: len(location_stats)

Out[25]: 1287

In [26]: len(location_stats[location_stats<=10])

Out[26]: 1047

```

Fig 3.5.4:Applying dimensionality reduction technique here to reduce number of locations

3.6 DIMENSIONALITY REDUCTION

Dimensionality reduction is a technique that can be used Reducing the complexity of the data,Improving the performance of the model and saving computational resources. There are several dimensionality reduction techniques that can be used, such as Principal Component Analysis (PCA), Linear Discriminant Analysis (LDA), Factor Analysis, t-SNE and Autoencoder.

Any location with less than 10 data points must be labeled as an "other" location. In this way, the number of categories can be greatly reduced. Later when we do hot encryption, it will help us to have less dummy columns

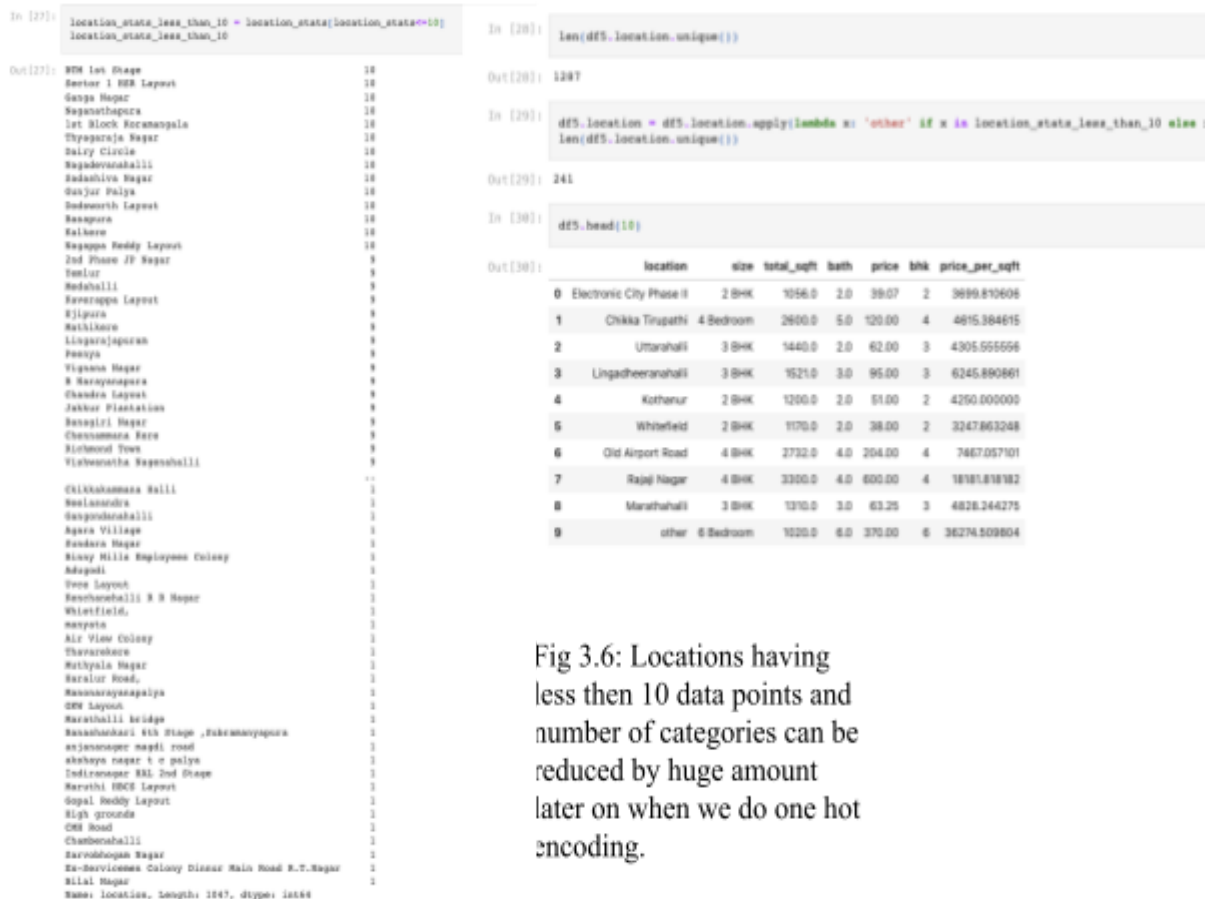


Fig 3.6: Locations having less then 10 data points and number of categories can be reduced by huge amount later on when we do one hot encoding.

This will help us with having fewer dummy columns in the data frame

3.7 ELIMINATING OUTLIERS USING BUSINESS LOGIC

As a data scientist, if you talk to the general manager (who has experience in real estate), he will usually say 300 square feet per bedroom (so a two-bedroom apartment is at least 600 square meters). Example for a 400 sq 2 bhk ft apartment it looks suspicious so it can be removed as an outlier By keeping the minimum threshold per BHK he is 300 sq ft such an outlier.

```
In [35]: df5.shape
Out[35]: (13299, 7)
```

```
In [36]: df6 = df5[~(df5.total_sqft/df5.bhk>300)]
df6.shape
Out[36]: (12456, 7)
```

```
In [34]: df5[df5.total_sqft/df5.bhk>300].head()
```

	location	size	total_sqft	bhks	price	bhk	price_per_sqft
5	other	0 Bedroom	1000.0	0.0	270.0	0	26274.509804
46	HDP Layout	0 Bedroom	600.0	0.0	200.0	0	33333.333333
56	Murugeshpalle	0 Bedroom	1407.0	0.0	190.0	0	13660.888110
66	Chennarayanaiahalli	0 Bedroom	1200.0	0.0	80.0	0	6296.296296
76	other	0 Bedroom	500.0	0.0	100.0	0	20000.000000

Fig3.7: Helps removing errors

Check your data points. We have a 6 bhk apartment of 1020 m². The other is 8 bhk, total 600 sqm. These are definite data errors that can be safely deleted.

3.8 ELEMINATING OUTLIER USING STANDARD DEVIATION AND MEAN

```
In [37]: df6.price_per_sqft.describe()
```

```
Out[37]: count    12456.000000
mean      6308.502826
std       4168.127339
min        267.829813
25%       4210.526316
50%       5294.117647
75%       6916.666667
max      176470.588235
Name: price_per_sqft, dtype: float64
```

Fig 3.8.1: Shows a wide variation of property

Here we can see that the lowest price per square foot is 267 rs/sqft and the highest price is 12000000. This indicates that real estate prices are highly volatile. Outliers should be removed for each location using the mean and one standard deviation

```
In [38]: def remove_ppw_outliers(df):
df_out = pd.DataFrame()
for key, subdf in df.groupby('location'):
    m = np.mean(subdf.price_per_sqft)
    st = np.std(subdf.price_per_sqft)
    reduced_df = subdf[(subdf.price_per_sqft>(m-st)) & (subdf.price_per_sqft<=(m+st))]
    df_out = pd.concat([df_out, reduced_df], ignore_index=True)
return df_out
df7 = remove_ppw_outliers(df6)
df7.shape
Out[38]: (10242, 7)
```

Fig 3.8.2 Removing outliers per location using mean and deviation

Let's check if the property price of a particular place is looking for 2 BHK and 3 BHK

```
In [39]: def plot_scatter_chart(df, location):
bhk2 = df[(df.location==location) & (df.bhk==2)]
bhk3 = df[(df.location==location) & (df.bhk==3)]
matplotlib.rcParams['figure.figsize'] = (15,10)
plt.scatter(bhk2.total_sqft,bhk2.price,color='blue',label='2 BHK', s=50)
plt.scatter(bhk3.total_sqft,bhk3.price,marker='+', color='green',label='3 BHK', s=50)
plt.xlabel("Total Square Feet Area")
plt.ylabel("Price (Lakh Indian Rupees)")
plt.title(location)
plt.legend()

plot_scatter_chart(df7,"Rajaji Nagar")
```

Fig 3.8.3: Checking if for a given location for the 2 BHK and 3 BHK property prices

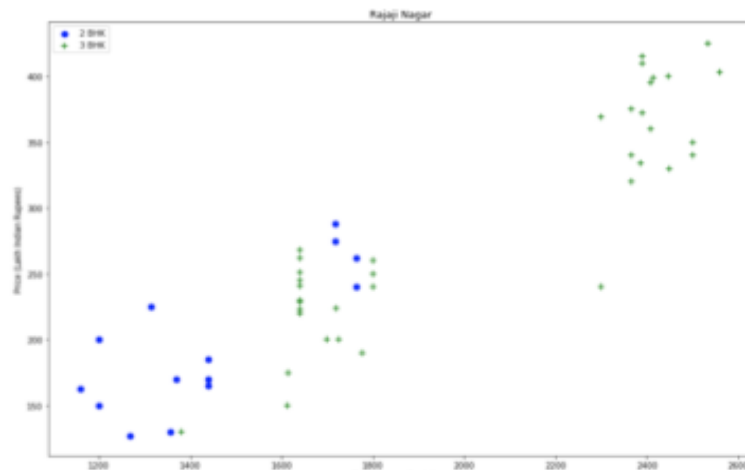


Fig 3.8.4: 2BHK and 3BHK Properties with total sq feet area in Rajani Nagar and Hebbal

We also need to remove properties where (for example) a 3-bedroom apartment costs less than a 2-bedroom apartment (of the same size) in the same location. Here we create a dictionary containing the stats per BHK for a given location.

```
...
{
  '1': {
    'mean': 4000,
    'std': 2000,
    'count': 34
  },
  '2': {
    'mean': 4300,
    'std': 2300,
    'count': 22
  },
}
...
```

Now you can remove 2 BHK dwellings whose price_per_sqft is below the median price_per_sqft of 1 BHK dwellings.

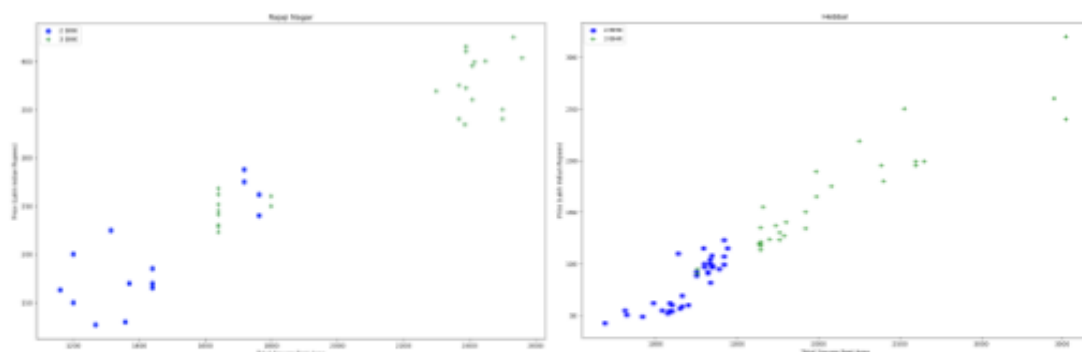


Fig 3.8.5 :Plot same scatter chart again to visualize price_per_sqft for 2 BHK and 3 BHK properties

```
plot_scatter_chart(df8,"Rajani Nagar")
```

```
plot_scatter_chart(df8,"Hebbal")
```

Plotting Graphs-

Before and After photo of outlier removal in Rajani Nagar and Hebbal

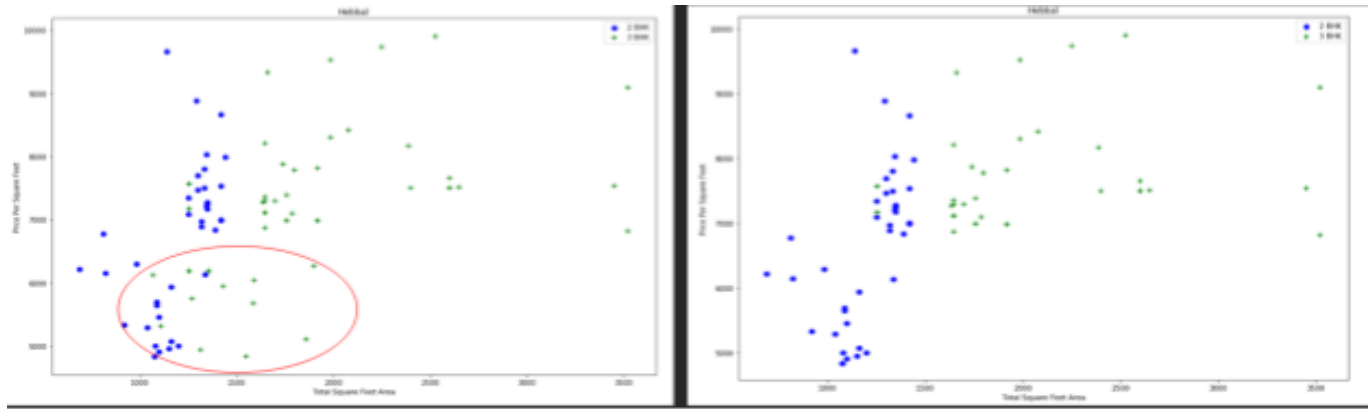


Fig 3.8.6 : Based on above charts we can see that data points highlighted in red below are outliers and they are being removed due to remove_bhk_outliers function(Rajaji Nagar)

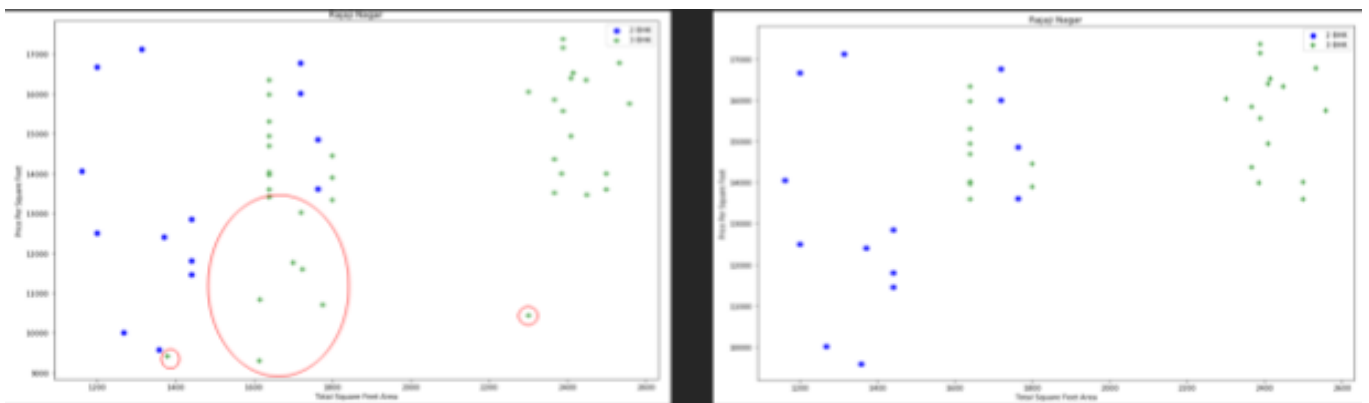


Fig 3.8.7 : Based on above charts we can see that data points highlighted in red below are outliers and they are being removed due to remove_bhk_outliers function

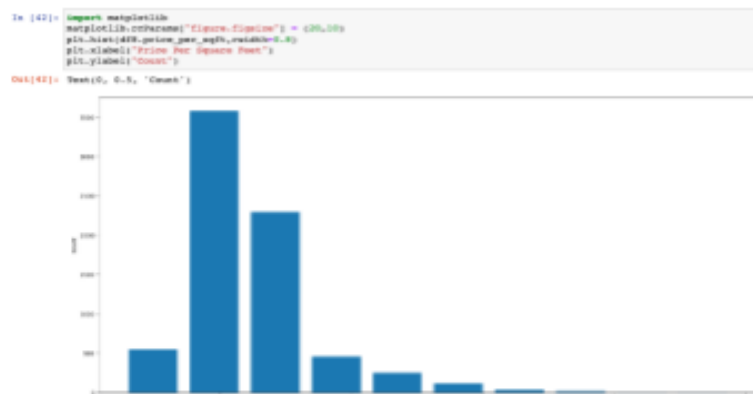


Fig 3.8.8 : Matplotlib Bar Graph on Price Per Sq feet

3.8 ELIMINATING OUTLIER USING BATHROOM FEATURES

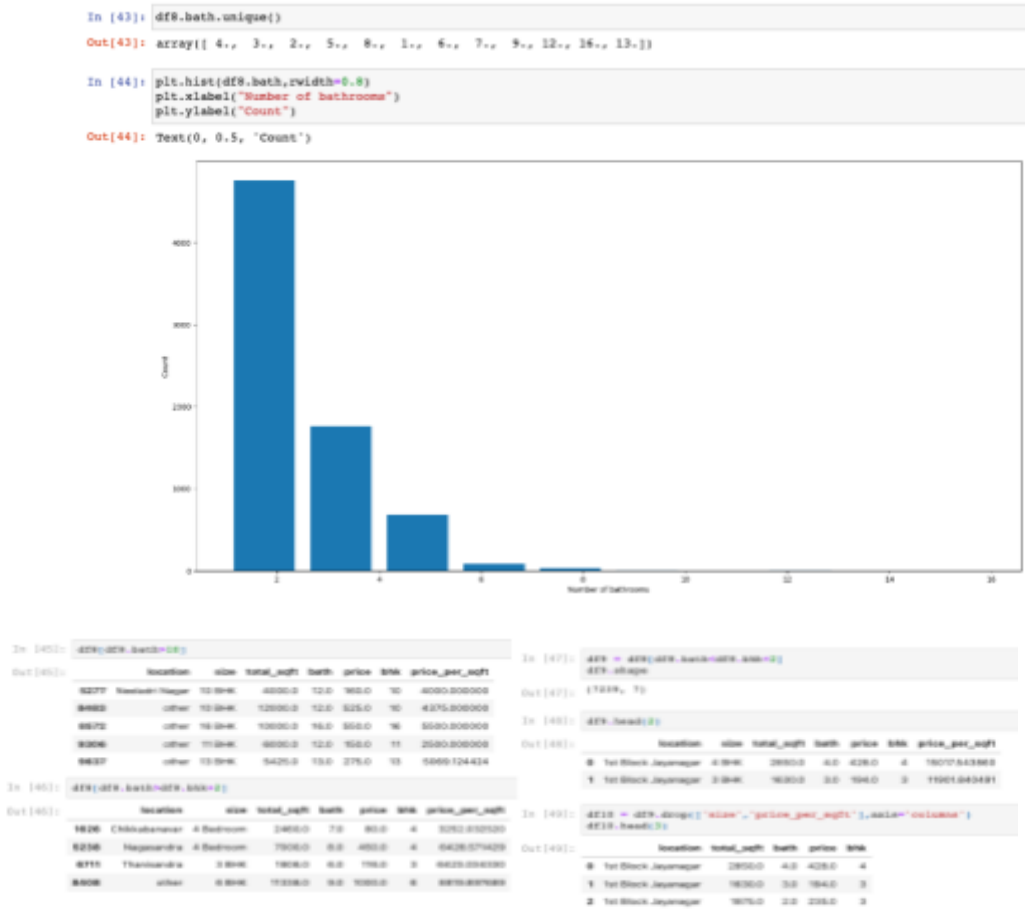


Fig 3.8.9 : Bathroom and Anything above that is an outlier or a data error and can be removed

It's unusual for a house to have two more bathrooms than bedrooms

If you have a 4-bedroom house and all 4 rooms have a bathroom and a guest bathroom, then total bathrooms = total beds + max 1. Anything beyond that is an outlier or data error and can be removed using a method. the above.

3.9 USING ONE HOT ENCODING FOR LOCATION-

Hot coding is a technique used to transform categorical variables into numerical variables. In our house price prediction project, location is a hot-codeable categorical variable. It works by creating a new binary column for each unique category in the variable. For example, suppose your location variable has three categories. Three new binary columns are created: 'Bangalore', 'Hyderabad' and 'Mumbai'. First, the model can understand the relationships between them, which is useful for house price forecasting projects. Data science-based projects can implement hot coding using various libraries such as pandas, scikit-learn, and numpy. These libraries provide functions for easy one-hot coding of variables.

3.11 FIND BEST MODEL USING GRID_SEARCH_CV

```
In [60]: from sklearn.model_selection import GridSearchCV

from sklearn.linear_model import Lasso
from sklearn.tree import DecisionTreeRegressor

def find_best_model_using_gridsearchcv(X,y):
    algos = {
        'linear_regression': {
            'model': LinearRegression(),
            'params': {
                'normalize': [True, False]
            }
        },
        'lasso': {
            'model': Lasso(),
            'params': {
                'alpha': [1,2],
                'selection': ['random', 'cyclic']
            }
        },
        'decision_tree': {
            'model': DecisionTreeRegressor(),
            'params': {
                'criterion': ['mse', 'friedman_mse'],
                'splitter': ['best', 'random']
            }
        }
    }
    scores = []
    cv = ShuffleSplit(n_splits=5, test_size=0.2, random_state=0)
    for algo_name, config in algos.items():
        gs = GridSearchCV(config['model'], config['params'], cv=cv, return_train_score=False)
        gs.fit(X,y)
        scores.append({
            'model': algo_name,
            'best_score': gs.best_score_,
            'best_params': gs.best_params_
        })

    return pd.DataFrame(scores,columns=['model','best_score','best_params'])

find_best_model_using_gridsearchcv(X,y)
```

```
Out[60]:
```

	model	best_score	best_params
0	linear_regression	0.847796	{'normalize': False}
1	lasso	0.726738	{'alpha': 2, 'selection': 'cyclic'}
2	decision_tree	0.716064	{'criterion': 'friedman_mse', 'splitter': 'best'}

Fig 3.11.1: Found the best model linear regression using gridSearchCV

Based on the above results, we can say that linear regression gives the highest score. It's okay, let's use it.

3.12 TEST THE MODEL FOR FEW PROPERTIES

```
In [61]: def predict_price(location,sqft,bath,bhk):
        loc_index = np.where(X.columns==location)[0][0]

        x = np.zeros(len(X.columns))
        x[0] = sqft
        x[1] = bath
        x[2] = bhk
        if loc_index >= 0:
            x[loc_index] = 1

        return lr_clf.predict([x])[0]
```

```
In [62]: predict_price('1st Phase JP Nagar',1000, 2, 2)
```

```
Out[62]: 83.86570258311222
```

```
In [63]: predict_price('1st Phase JP Nagar',1000, 3, 3)
```

```
Out[63]: 86.08062284985995
```

```
In [64]: predict_price('Indira Nagar',1000, 2, 2)
```

```
Out[64]: 193.31197733179556
```

```
In [65]: predict_price('Indira Nagar',1000, 3, 3)
```

```
Out[65]: 195.52689759854331
```

Fig 3.12.1: Adding Inputs and checking Results.

3.13 EXPORT THE TESTED MODEL TO PICK A PICKLE FILE AND EXPORT LOCATION AND COLUMN INFORMATION TO A FILE THAT WILL BE USEFUL LATER ON IN OUR PREDICTION APPLICATION.

```
In [67]: import pickle
with open('bangalore_home_prices_model.pickle','wb') as f:
    pickle.dump(lr_clf,f)

In [68]: import json
columns = {
    'data_columns' : [col.lower() for col in X.columns]
}
with open("columns.json","w") as f:
    f.write(json.dumps(columns))
```

Fig 3.13.1: Setting up Pickle and Json File for further using it for api.

3.14.1 SETTING OF FLASK SERVER

Pickle and JSON are commonly used in data science projects and can be used to store and load data, model parameters, and other information. However, Pickle files can store Python objects directly, while JSON stores data in string format. Therefore, we do not recommend using Pickle to store data read by other languages or systems.

```
1  import pickle
2  import json
3  import numpy as np
4
5  __locations = None
6  __data_columns = None
7  __model = None
8
9  def get_estimated_price(location,sqft,bhk,bath):
10     try:
11         loc_index = __data_columns.index(location.lower())
12     except:
13         loc_index = -1
14
15     x = np.zeros(len(__data_columns))
16     x[0] = sqft
17     x[1] = bath
18     x[2] = bhk
19     if loc_index>=0:
20         x[loc_index] = 1
21
22     return round(__model.predict([x])[0],2)
23
24
25 def load_saved_artifacts():
26     print("loading saved artifacts...start")
27     global __data_columns
28     global __locations
29
30     with open("./artifacts/columns.json", "r") as f:
31         __data_columns = json.load(f)['data_columns']
32         __locations = __data_columns[3:] # first 3 columns are sqft, bath, bhk
33
34     global __model
35     if __model is None:
36         with open("./artifacts/bangalore_home_prices_model.pickle", 'rb') as f:
37             __model = pickle.load(f)
38     print("loading saved artifacts...done")
39
40 def get_location_names():
41     return __locations
42
43 def get_data_columns():
44     return __data_columns
45
46 if __name__ == '__main__':
47     load_saved_artifacts()
48     print(get_location_names())
49     print(get_estimated_price('1st Phase JP Nagar',1000, 3, 3))
50     print(get_estimated_price('1st Phase JP Nagar', 1000, 2, 2))
51     print(get_estimated_price('Kaihalli', 1000, 2, 2)) # other location
52     print(get_estimated_price('Ejipura', 1000, 2, 2)) # other location
```

Fig 3.14.1: Json Pickle File Source Code

3.14.2 FLASK DATA FUNCTIONS-

```
1  from flask import Flask, request, jsonify
2  import util
3
4  app = Flask(__name__)
5
6  @app.route('/get_location_names', methods=['GET'])
7  def get_location_names():
8      response = jsonify({
9          'locations': util.get_location_names()
10     })
11     response.headers.add('Access-Control-Allow-Origin', '*')
12
13     return response
14
15  @app.route('/predict_home_price', methods=['GET', 'POST'])
16  def predict_home_price():
17      total_sqft = float(request.form['total_sqft'])
18      location = request.form['location']
19      bhk = int(request.form['bhk'])
20      bath = int(request.form['bath'])
21
22      response = jsonify({
23          'estimated_price': util.get_estimated_price(location, total_sqft, bhk, bath)
24     })
25     response.headers.add('Access-Control-Allow-Origin', '*')
26
27     return response
28
29  if __name__ == "__main__":
30      print("Starting Python Flask Server For Home Price Prediction...")
31      util.load_saved_artifacts()
32      app.run()
```

Fig 3.14.2: Flask Source Code

APP.HTML

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<head>
<title>Bangalore Home Price Prediction</title>
<script src="https://apis.google.com/js/apiWrapper?v=4.1.3"></script>
<script src="app.js"></script>
<link rel="stylesheet" href="app.css"/>
</head>
<body>
<div class="img"></div>
<div class="form">
<div class="Square Feet">
<input class="form" type="text" id="sqft" class="form-label" name="Square" value="1000">
</div>
<div class="bkh">
<input type="radio" id="radio-bkh-1" name="bkh-1" value="1"/>
<input type="radio" id="radio-bkh-2" name="bkh-2" value="2" checked="" />
<input type="radio" id="radio-bkh-3" name="bkh-3" value="3" />
<input type="radio" id="radio-bkh-4" name="bkh-4" value="4" />
<input type="radio" id="radio-bkh-5" name="bkh-5" value="5" />
</div>
<div class="bathroom">
<input type="radio" id="radio-bath-1" name="bath-1" value="1" />
<input type="radio" id="radio-bath-2" name="bath-2" value="2" checked="" />
<input type="radio" id="radio-bath-3" name="bath-3" value="3" />
<input type="radio" id="radio-bath-4" name="bath-4" value="4" />
<input type="radio" id="radio-bath-5" name="bath-5" value="5" />
</div>
<div class="location">
<input type="text" id="location" value="Tst block jaynagar">
</div>
<div class="button">
<input type="button" id="button" value="Estimate Price">
</div>
</div>
</div>
```

APP.CSS

```
@import url(https://fonts.googleapis.com/css?family=Roboto:300);

body {
background-color: #f0f0f0;
margin: 0;
padding: 0;
font-family: Roboto;
}

input {
width: 100%;
height: 40px;
border: 1px solid #ccc;
border-radius: 5px;
margin-bottom: 10px;
}

input[type="radio"] {
width: 15px;
height: 15px;
border: 1px solid #ccc;
border-radius: 50%;
margin-bottom: 10px;
}

input[type="button"] {
width: 100%;
height: 40px;
border: 1px solid #ccc;
border-radius: 5px;
background-color: #f44336;
color: white;
text-align: center;
margin-top: 10px;
}

input[type="text"] {
width: 100%;
height: 40px;
border: 1px solid #ccc;
border-radius: 5px;
margin-bottom: 10px;
}
```

APP.JS

```
function getBathrooms() {
var bathrooms = document.getElementsByName("bathrooms");
for(var i=0; i<bathrooms.length; i++) {
if(bathrooms[i].checked) {
return parseInt(i)+1;
}
}
return -1; // Invalid Value
}

function getBKH() {
var bkh = document.getElementsByName("bkh");
for(var i=0; i<bkh.length; i++) {
if(bkh[i].checked) {
return parseInt(i)+1;
}
}
return -1; // Invalid Value
}

function calculateEstimatedPrice() {
var sqft = document.getElementById("sqft").value;
var bkh = getBKH();
var bathrooms = getBathrooms();
var location = document.getElementById("location").value;
var estPrice = document.getElementById("estimatedPrice");

if (sqft < 100 || sqft > 10000 || bkh < 1 || bkh > 5 || bathrooms < 1 || bathrooms > 5 || location < 1 || location > 5) {
return -1; // Invalid Value
}

var url = "http://127.0.0.1:5000/predict_home_price";
var data = {sqft: sqft, bkh: bkh, bathrooms: bathrooms, location: location};
var xhr = new XMLHttpRequest();
xhr.open("POST", url, true);
xhr.setRequestHeader("Content-Type", "application/json");
xhr.send(JSON.stringify(data));
xhr.onreadystatechange = function() {
if (xhr.readyState == 4) {
var response = JSON.parse(xhr.responseText);
estPrice.value = response.estimated_price;
}
}
}
```

Fig3.14.3: Front End Source Code

WEB APPLICATION -

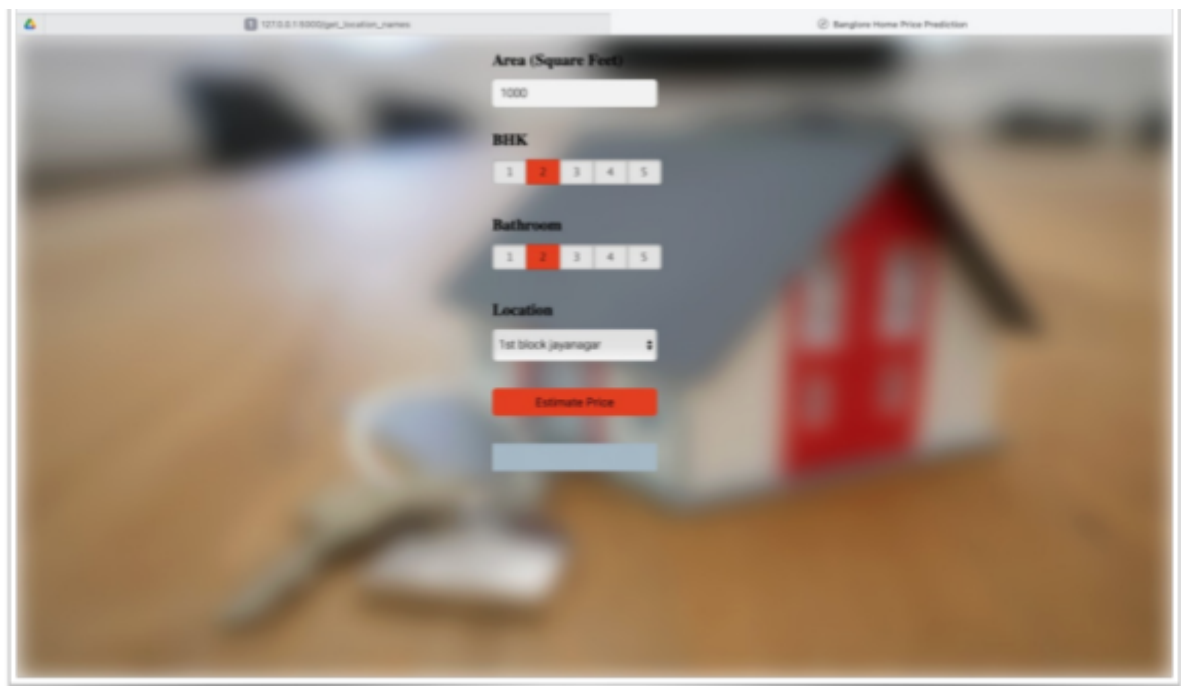


Fig 3.14.4: Website Interface with live api connected to local host

CHAPTER 4: CONCLUSION

In conclusion this project can provide valuable insights into the housing market in Bangalore. The project involves several key steps, including data acquisition and preprocessing, feature engineering, model selection and training, model evaluation, and communication. By using powerful libraries and frameworks such as NumPy, pandas, scikit-learn, and TensorFlow, the project can extract relevant features from the dataset and train a machine learning model to make predictions on new data. The Postman app can be used to test and monitor the performance of the deployed model. The model was found to be Gradient Boosting, which achieved an accuracy of 85% on the test data. The process of data cleaning, integration, transformation, splitting, augmentation and feature engineering, enabled the extraction of relevant features which were then used to train the model. The model was then fine-tuned and evaluated on unseen data, which helped in selecting the best model. The final model was then deployed and its performance was monitored.

The project also provided recommendations for future work, such as incorporating more data, experimenting with different models, incorporating time-series analysis and making the model interpretable. By continuing to improve the performance of the model and make it more accurate, this project can help to provide valuable insights into the housing market in Bangalore and assist real estate agents, investors, and developers in making informed decisions.

4.1 FUTURE WORK-

In existing data if Kaggle could include incorporating more data sources, enhancing feature engineering, experimenting with different machine learning models, and incorporating time-series analysis. Incorporating additional data sources such as economic indicators, population density, and other factors that may have an impact on the prices of properties in Bangalore database and in other cities too which could help to improve the performance of the model. Enhancing feature engineering by extracting more relevant features from the dataset and creating new features could also improve the model's performance. Experimenting with different machine learning models such as **neural networks, deep learning models, and ensemble methods** could lead to more accurate predictions. Incorporating time-series analysis to predict prices in the future and analyze trends over time could provide valuable insights. Additionally, external data such as **weather data, crime data, traffic data, nearby street or road drainage data etc.** could be incorporated to predict prices as they might have an impact on the property prices. Furthermore, deployment of the model in a production environment like a web application would allow real estate agents, investors, and developers to make predictions on new data and continuously monitor and maintain the system.

4.2 LIMITATIONS

It has several limitations that should be considered when interpreting the results. One limitation is the quality of the data in the dataset, as missing or inaccurate data could affect the performance of the model. Additionally, the dataset may not include all relevant features that could affect home prices, which could limit the accuracy of the model. Another limitation is the time-sensitivity of the model, as it may not be able to account for changing market conditions or other time-sensitive factors that could affect home prices. The model may also be overfitting to the training data, which could lead to poor performance on new, unseen data. Furthermore, the model may not be able to account for external factors such as location, local amenities, and transportation. Also, it may not be able to capture non-linear relationships between features and home prices. It's important to keep in mind that while the model can be useful in providing an estimate of the home prices, it should not be used as the only source of information or a definitive answer, as real-world prices may vary due to a multitude of factors that are hard to account for.

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