

Housing Price Prediction Model using modeldata package - a subset of ames housing data

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Introduction

I am building home price prediction model. I am using Ames Housing dataset to explore the attributes which have been identified somehow influencing the housing cost.

Initially I wanted to use the 'Ames Housing Data' - a data set describing the sale of individual residential property in Ames, Iowa from 2006 to 2010. The data set contains 2930 observations and a large number of explanatory variables (23 nominal, 23 ordinal, 14 discrete, and 20 continuous) involved in assessing home values. However, I looked at a dataset which is a subset of this dataset and which is available within modeldata package created by <https://modeldata.tidymodels.org/>. I did some research and looked at the model - Hedonic Pricing Method to predict the house price. The Hedonic Pricing Method talks about internal characteristics as well as the external factors affecting the price of a good. Based on the idea of hedonic price modeling I am looking the is that neighborhood-specific and unit-specific characteristics help determine house prices.

##Data - Ames Housing Data

A data set from De Cock (2011) has 82 fields were recorded for 2,930 properties in Ames IA. I used a version from the package modeldata dataset name as ames which is copies from the original AmesHousing package but does not include a few quality columns that appear to be outcomes rather than predictors.

##Load required Libraries ## Load ames dataset ## Setup environments

Exploratory Data Analysis

Table 1: Ames Housing Dataset dimension

	x
2930	
74	

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## tibble [2,930 x 74] (S3: tbl_df/tbl/data.frame)
## $ MS_SubClass      : Factor w/ 16 levels "One_Story_1946_and_Newer_All_Styles",...: 1 1 1 1 6 6 12 ...
## $ MS_Zoning        : Factor w/ 7 levels "Floating_Village_Residential",...: 3 2 3 3 3 3 3 3 ...
## $ Lot_Frontage     : num [1:2930] 141 80 81 93 74 78 41 43 39 60 ...
## $ Lot_Area         : int [1:2930] 31770 11622 14267 11160 13830 9978 4920 5005 5389 7500 ...
## $ Street           : Factor w/ 2 levels "Grvl","Pave": 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 ...
## $ Alley            : Factor w/ 3 levels "Gravel","No_Alley_Access",...: 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 ...
## $ Lot_Shape        : Factor w/ 4 levels "Regular","Slightly_Irregular",...: 2 1 2 1 2 2 1 2 2 1 ...
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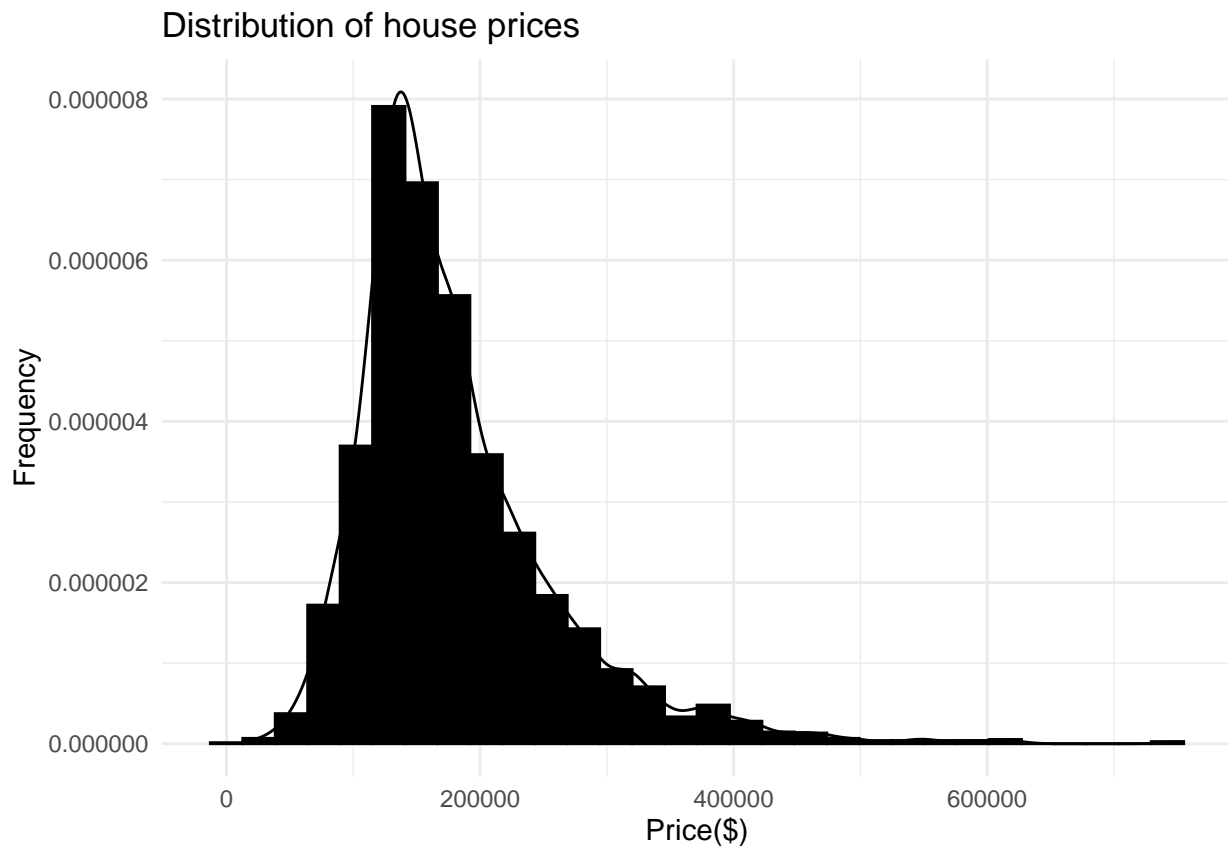
## $ Land_Contour      : Factor w/ 4 levels "Bnk","HLS","Low",...: 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 2 4 4 ...
## $ Utilities        : Factor w/ 3 levels "AllPub","NoSeWa",...: 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 ...
## $ Lot_Config       : Factor w/ 5 levels "Corner","CulDSac",...: 1 5 1 1 5 5 5 5 5 5 ...
## $ Land_Slope       : Factor w/ 3 levels "Gtl","Mod","Sev": 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 ...
## $ Neighborhood    : Factor w/ 29 levels "North_Ames","College_Creek",...: 1 1 1 1 7 7 17 17 17 7 ...
## $ Condition_1     : Factor w/ 9 levels "Artery","Feedr",...: 3 2 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 ...
## $ Condition_2     : Factor w/ 8 levels "Artery","Feedr",...: 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 ...
## $ Bldg_Type       : Factor w/ 5 levels "OneFam","TwoFmCon",...: 1 1 1 1 1 5 5 5 1 ...
## $ House_Style     : Factor w/ 8 levels "One_and_Half_Fin",...: 3 3 3 3 8 8 3 3 8 ...
## $ Overall_Cond    : Factor w/ 10 levels "Very_Poor","Poor",...: 5 6 6 5 5 6 5 5 5 5 ...
## $ Year_Built      : int [1:2930] 1960 1961 1958 1968 1997 1998 2001 1992 1995 1999 ...
## $ Year_Remod_Add  : int [1:2930] 1960 1961 1958 1968 1998 1998 2001 1992 1996 1999 ...
## $ Roof_Style     : Factor w/ 6 levels "Flat","Gable",...: 4 2 4 4 2 2 2 2 2 ...
## $ Roof_Matl      : Factor w/ 8 levels "ClyTile","CompShg",...: 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 ...
## $ Exterior_1st   : Factor w/ 16 levels "AsbShng","AsphShn",...: 4 14 15 4 14 14 6 7 6 14 ...
## $ Exterior_2nd   : Factor w/ 17 levels "AsbShng","AsphShn",...: 11 15 16 4 15 15 6 7 6 15 ...
## $ Mas_Vnr_Type   : Factor w/ 5 levels "BrkCmn","BrkFace",...: 5 4 2 4 4 2 4 4 4 ...
## $ Mas_Vnr_Area   : num [1:2930] 112 0 108 0 0 20 0 0 0 0 ...
## $ Exter_Cond     : Factor w/ 5 levels "Excellent","Fair",...: 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 ...
## $ Foundation     : Factor w/ 6 levels "BrkTil","CBlock",...: 2 2 2 2 3 3 3 3 3 ...
## $ Bsmt_Cond      : Factor w/ 6 levels "Excellent","Fair",...: 3 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 ...
## $ Bsmt_Exposure  : Factor w/ 5 levels "Av","Gd","Mn",...: 2 4 4 4 4 4 3 4 4 ...
## $ BsmtFin_Type_1 : Factor w/ 7 levels "ALQ","BLQ","GLQ",...: 2 6 1 1 3 3 3 1 3 7 ...
## $ BsmtFin_SF_1   : num [1:2930] 2 6 1 1 3 3 3 1 3 7 ...
## $ BsmtFin_Type_2 : Factor w/ 7 levels "ALQ","BLQ","GLQ",...: 7 4 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 ...
## $ BsmtFin_SF_2   : num [1:2930] 0 144 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 ...
## $ Bsmt_Unf_SF    : num [1:2930] 441 270 406 1045 137 ...
## $ Total_Bsmt_SF  : num [1:2930] 1080 882 1329 2110 928 ...
## $ Heating       : Factor w/ 6 levels "Floor","GasA",...: 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 ...
## $ Heating_QC    : Factor w/ 5 levels "Excellent","Fair",...: 2 5 5 1 3 1 1 1 1 3 ...
## $ Central_Air   : Factor w/ 2 levels "N","Y": 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 ...
## $ Electrical    : Factor w/ 6 levels "FuseA","FuseF",...: 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 ...
## $ First_Flr_SF  : int [1:2930] 1656 896 1329 2110 928 926 1338 1280 1616 1028 ...
## $ Second_Flr_SF : int [1:2930] 0 0 0 0 701 678 0 0 0 776 ...
## $ Gr_Liv_Area   : int [1:2930] 1656 896 1329 2110 1629 1604 1338 1280 1616 1804 ...
## $ Bsmt_Full_Bath : num [1:2930] 1 0 0 1 0 0 1 0 1 0 ...
## $ Bsmt_Half_Bath : num [1:2930] 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 ...
## $ Full_Bath     : int [1:2930] 1 1 1 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 ...
## $ Half_Bath     : int [1:2930] 0 0 1 1 1 1 0 0 0 1 ...
## $ Bedroom_AbvGr : int [1:2930] 3 2 3 3 3 3 2 2 2 3 ...
## $ Kitchen_AbvGr : int [1:2930] 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 ...
## $ TotRms_AbvGrd : int [1:2930] 7 5 6 8 6 7 6 5 5 7 ...
## $ Functional    : Factor w/ 8 levels "Maj1","Maj2",...: 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 ...
## $ Fireplaces    : int [1:2930] 2 0 0 2 1 1 0 0 1 1 ...
## $ Garage_Type   : Factor w/ 7 levels "Attchd","Basment",...: 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 ...
## $ Garage_Finish : Factor w/ 4 levels "Fin","No_Garage",...: 1 4 4 1 1 1 1 3 3 1 ...
## $ Garage_Cars   : num [1:2930] 2 1 1 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 ...
## $ Garage_Area   : num [1:2930] 528 730 312 522 482 470 582 506 608 442 ...
## $ Garage_Cond   : Factor w/ 6 levels "Excellent","Fair",...: 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 ...
## $ Paved_Drive   : Factor w/ 3 levels "Dirt_Gravel",...: 2 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 ...
## $ Wood_Deck_SF  : int [1:2930] 210 140 393 0 212 360 0 0 237 140 ...
## $ Open_Porch_SF : int [1:2930] 62 0 36 0 34 36 0 82 152 60 ...
## $ Enclosed_Porch : int [1:2930] 0 0 0 0 0 0 170 0 0 0 ...
## $ Three_season_porch: int [1:2930] 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 ...

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## $ Screen_Porch      : int [1:2930] 0 120 0 0 0 0 0 144 0 0 ...
## $ Pool_Area         : int [1:2930] 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 ...
## $ Pool_QC          : Factor w/ 5 levels "Excellent","Fair",...: 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 ...
## $ Fence            : Factor w/ 5 levels "Good_Privacy",...: 5 3 5 5 3 5 5 5 5 5 ...
## $ Misc_Feature      : Factor w/ 6 levels "Elev","Gar2",...: 3 3 2 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 ...
## $ Misc_Val         : int [1:2930] 0 0 12500 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 ...
## $ Mo_Sold          : int [1:2930] 5 6 6 4 3 6 4 1 3 6 ...
## $ Year_Sold        : int [1:2930] 2010 2010 2010 2010 2010 2010 2010 2010 2010 ...
## $ Sale_Type        : Factor w/ 10 levels "COD","Con","ConLD",...: 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 ...
## $ Sale_Condition    : Factor w/ 6 levels "Abnorml","AdjLand",...: 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 ...
## $ Sale_Price       : int [1:2930] 215000 105000 172000 244000 189900 195500 213500 191500 236500 1 ...
## $ Longitude        : num [1:2930] -93.6 -93.6 -93.6 -93.6 -93.6 ...
## $ Latitude         : num [1:2930] 42.1 42.1 42.1 42.1 42.1 ...
```

Table: Ames Housing Dataset

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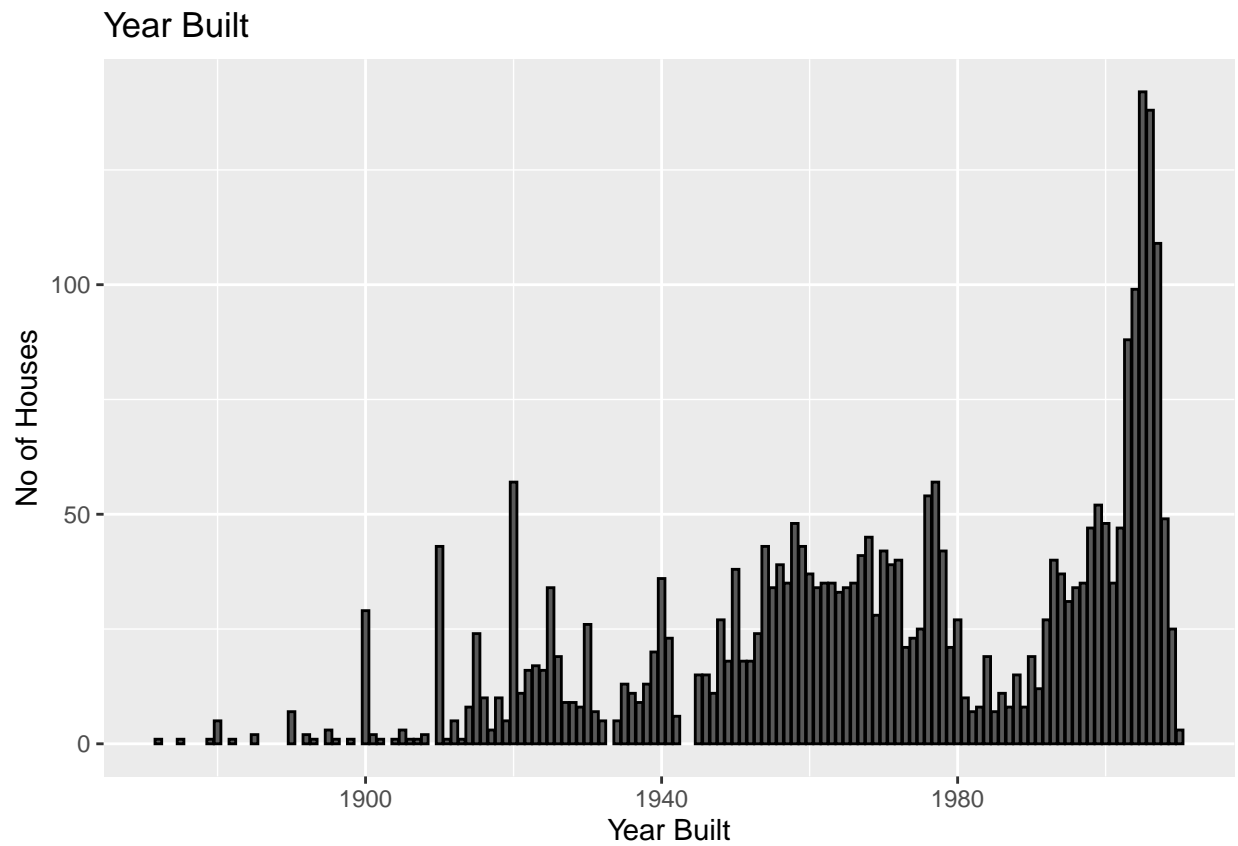
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##
## Sale Price skewness : 1.742607

##
## Sale Price kurtosis : 8.108122
```

Sale Price Observation

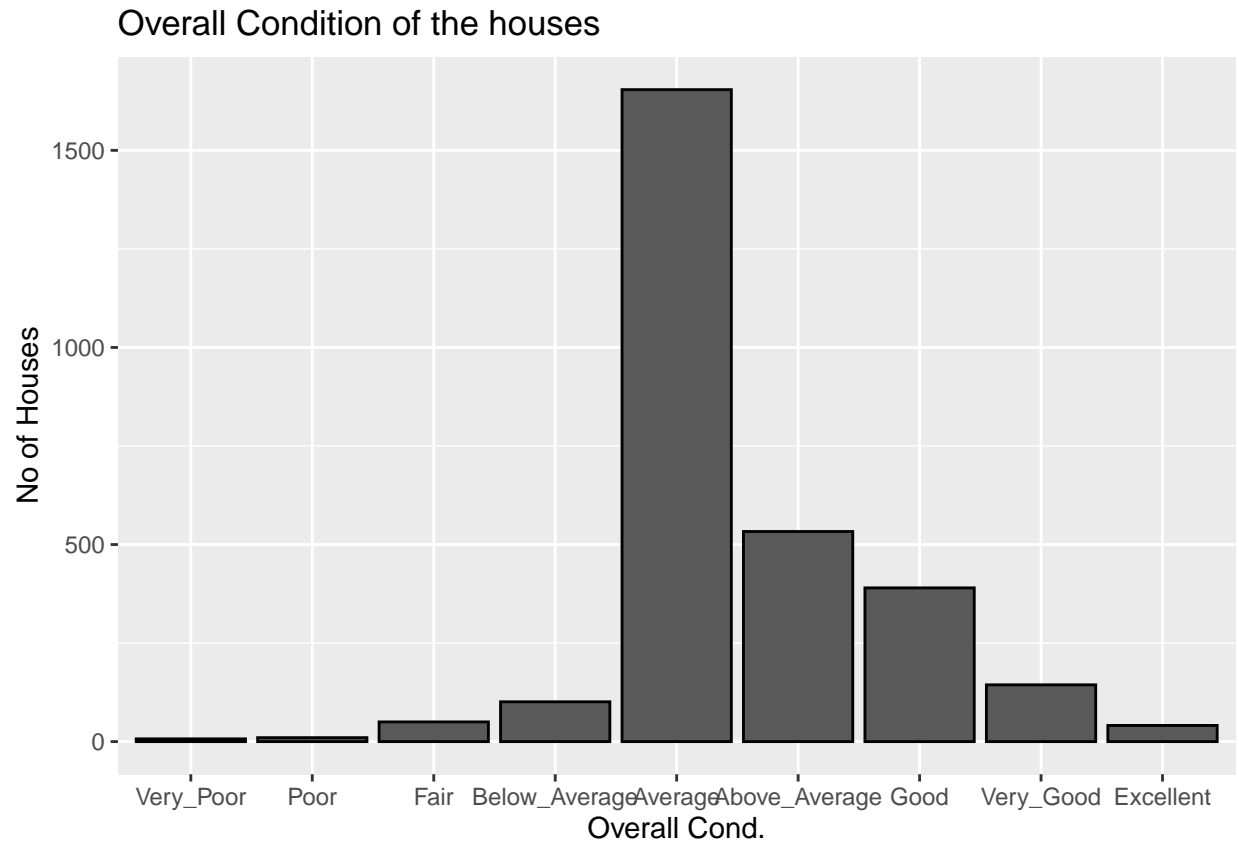
The Sale Price is right-skewed

Age of the Building



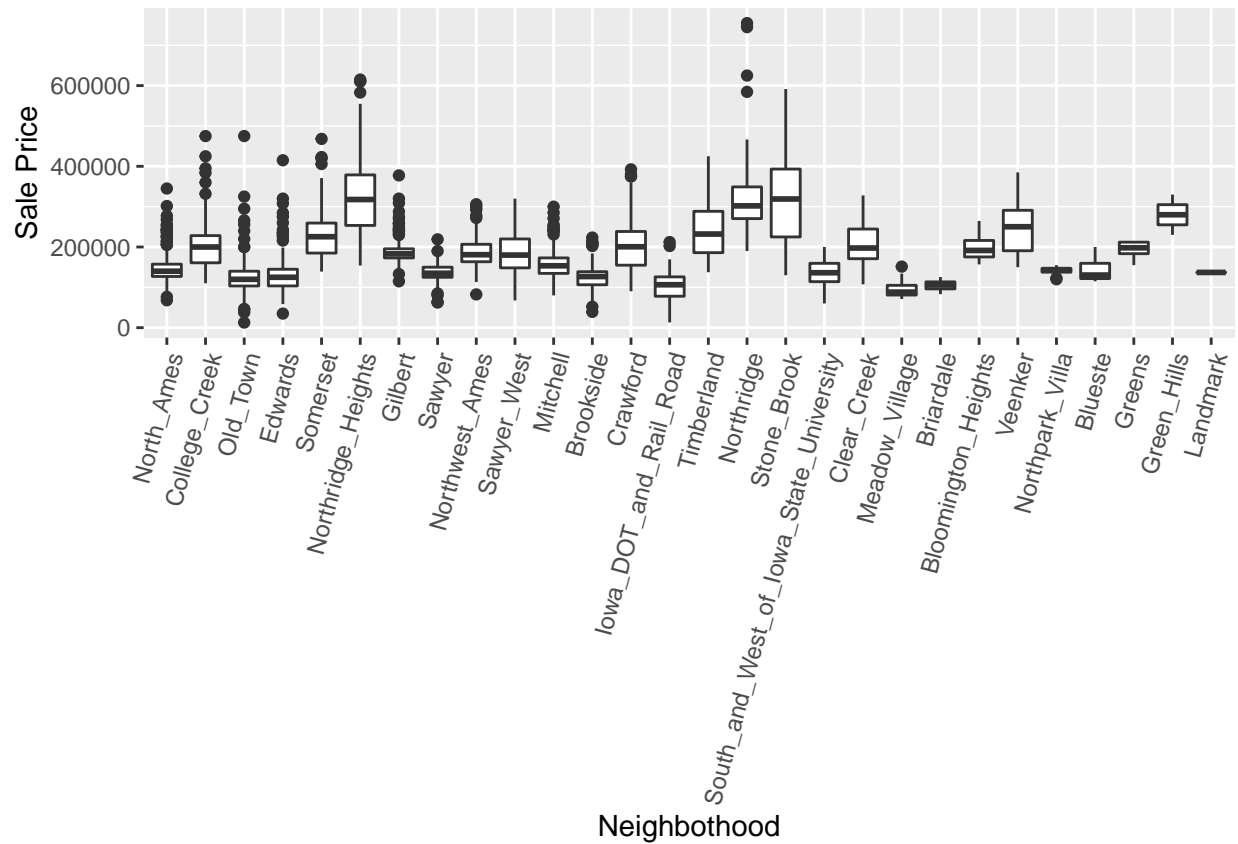
It looks that we have more houses were built at the begining of 2000

Condition of the houses



House condition - most of the houses are of average condition

Neighborhood and House Price



House Price varies with the neighborhood with few outliers by neighborhood. Also, the median house price by neighborhood is roughly between 200,000 and 400,000. It seems Neighborhood would have some impact on housing price.

Correlation between Sale Price and other variables

Correlation between Numeric Variables

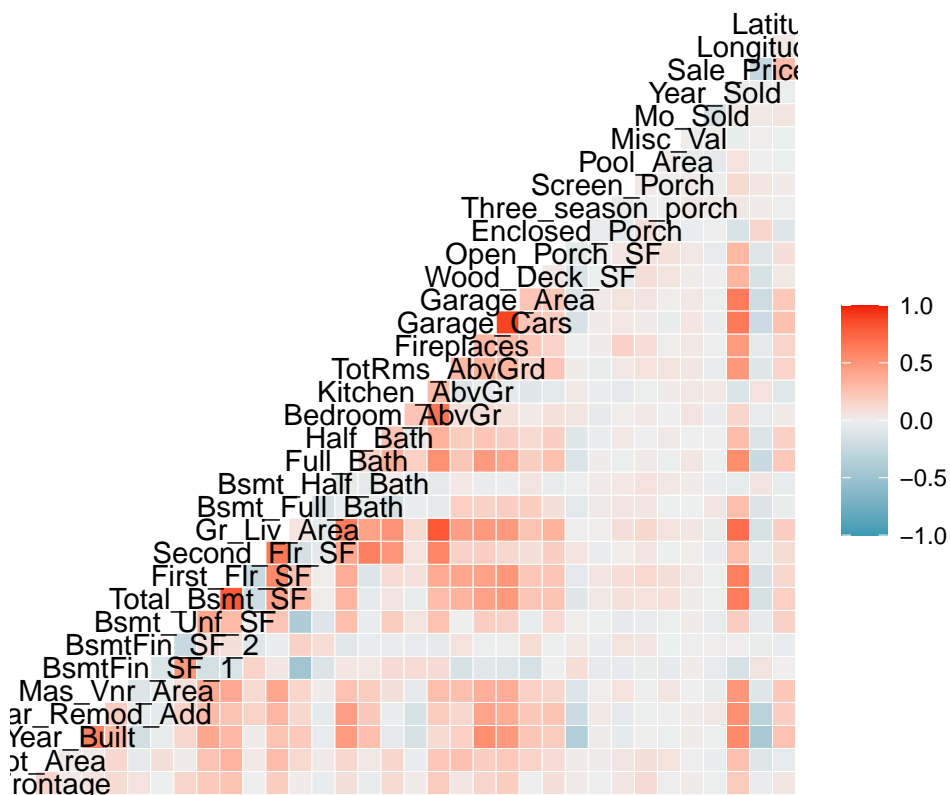


Table 2: Ames Housing Dataset - correlated numeric variables with the Sale Price

	x
Lot_Frontage	0.2018745
Lot_Area	0.2665492
Year_Built	0.5584261
Year_Remod_Add	0.5329738
Mas_Vnr_Area	0.5021960
BsmtFin_SF_1	-0.1349055
BsmtFin_SF_2	0.0060176
Bsmt_Unf_SF	0.1833076
Total_Bsmt_SF	0.6325288
First_Flr_SF	0.6216761
Second_Flr_SF	0.2693734
Gr_Liv_Area	0.7067799
Bsmt_Full_Bath	0.2758227
Bsmt_Half_Bath	-0.0358166
Full_Bath	0.5456039
Half_Bath	0.2850560
Bedroom_AbvGr	0.1439134
Kitchen_AbvGr	-0.1198137
TotRms_AbvGrd	0.4954744

	x
Fireplaces	0.4745581
Garage_Cars	0.6475616
Garage_Area	0.6401383
Wood_Deck_SF	0.3271432
Open_Porch_SF	0.3129505
Enclosed_Porch	-0.1287874
Three_season_porch	0.0322246
Screen_Porch	0.1121512
Pool_Area	0.0684032
Misc_Val	-0.0156915
Mo_Sold	0.0352588
Year_Sold	-0.0305691
Sale_Price	1.0000000
Longitude	-0.2513973
Latitude	0.2908914

There are some high correlations between variables mostly positive but with some negative. I did further analysis and added pairwise correlation between other numeric variables and sales price. Thus, I identified variables which has higher correlations (correlation > 0.5 and < -0.2)

I also looked at some non-numeric variables and their relations with the Sale Price

Table 3: Ames Housing Dataset - correlated non-numeric variables with the Sale Price

	x
MS_SubClass	-0.0347748
MS_Zoning	-0.3064225
Street	0.0595193
Alley	0.1088436
Lot_Shape	0.3026647
Land_Contour	-0.0693388
Utilities	-0.0310365
Lot_Config	-0.0587875
Land_Slope	0.0685534
Neighborhood	0.1575002
Condition_1	0.1590773
Condition_2	0.1048063
Bldg_Type	-0.0952280
House_Style	0.2310546
Overall_Cond	-0.1635790
Roof_Style	0.2546450
Roof_Matl	0.0720760
Exterior_1st	0.0550217
Exterior_2nd	0.0535448
Mas_Vnr_Type	-0.0763142
Exter_Cond	0.1206939
Foundation	0.4579558
Bsmt_Cond	0.1095363

	x
Bsmt_Exposure	-0.3519094
BsmtFin_Type_1	-0.0975925
BsmtFin_Type_2	0.1074020
Heating	-0.0728977
Heating_QC	-0.4426972
Central_Air	0.2645064
Electrical	0.2378218
Functional	0.1192451
Garage_Type	-0.4061833
Garage_Finish	-0.4494826
Garage_Cond	0.2750657
Paved_Drive	0.2749134
Pool_QC	-0.0919699
Fence	0.1745827
Misc_Feature	-0.0574683
Sale_Type	-0.1845079
Sale_Condition	0.3330831

Looking at the non-numeric variable, I identified few variables which are highly correlated -

```
# MS_Zoning, Lot_Shape, Foundation, Sale_Condition , Garage_Finish, House_Style, Heating_QC,
#Feature Engineering and additional visualizations
```

Created a variable $\text{total_area} = \text{First_Flr_SF} + \text{Second_Flr_SF} + \text{Total_Bsmt_SF}$

Created a variable $\text{total_Bathroom} = \text{Full_Bath} + \text{Bsmt_Full_Bath} + 0.5 * \text{Half_Bath} + 0.5 * \text{Bsmt_Half_Bath}$

Created a variable $\text{sales_price_T} = \text{sale_Price_T}$

Created a variable $\text{orarall_Condition_n}$ a numeric representation of overall_Condition

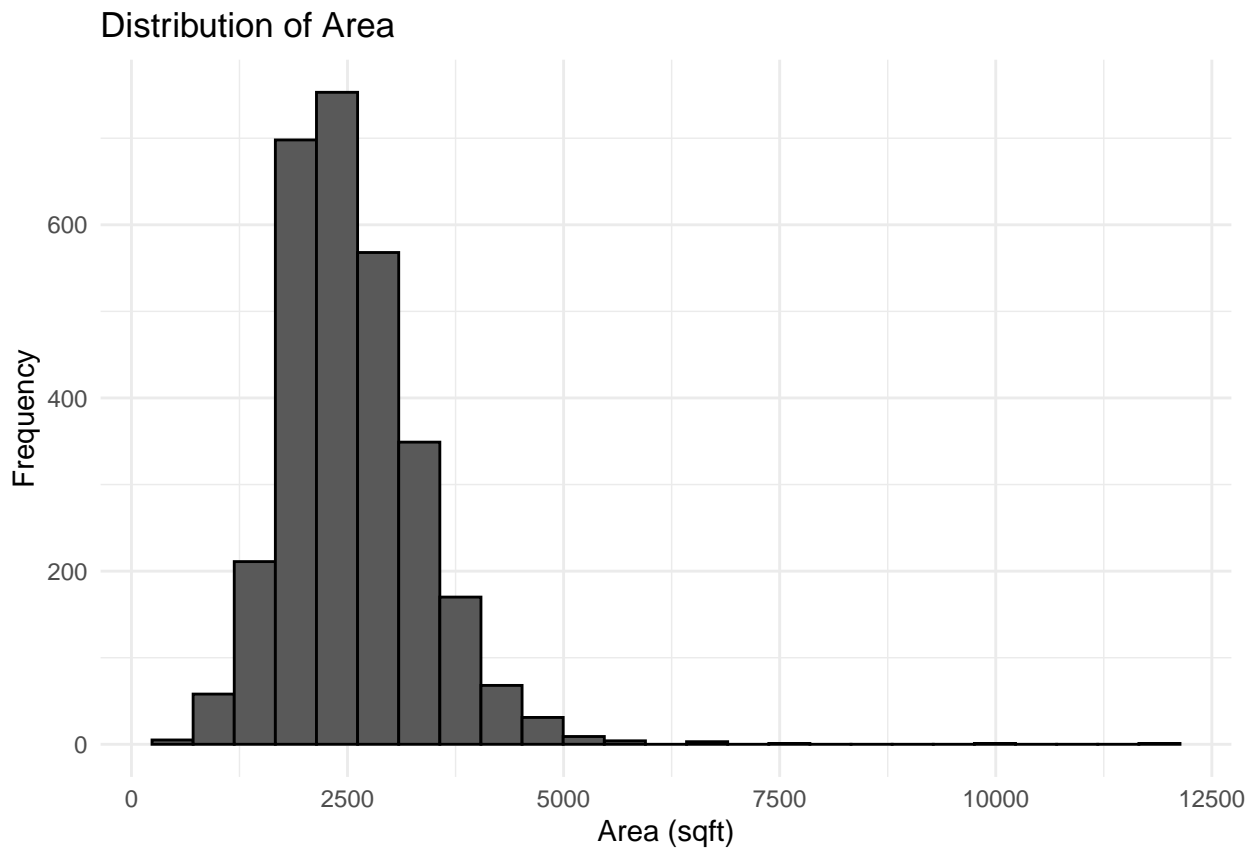
Created a variable $\text{house_Age} = \text{year_Sold} - \text{year_Build}$

```
##
## Corelation between Total Area and Sale Price : 0.7931272

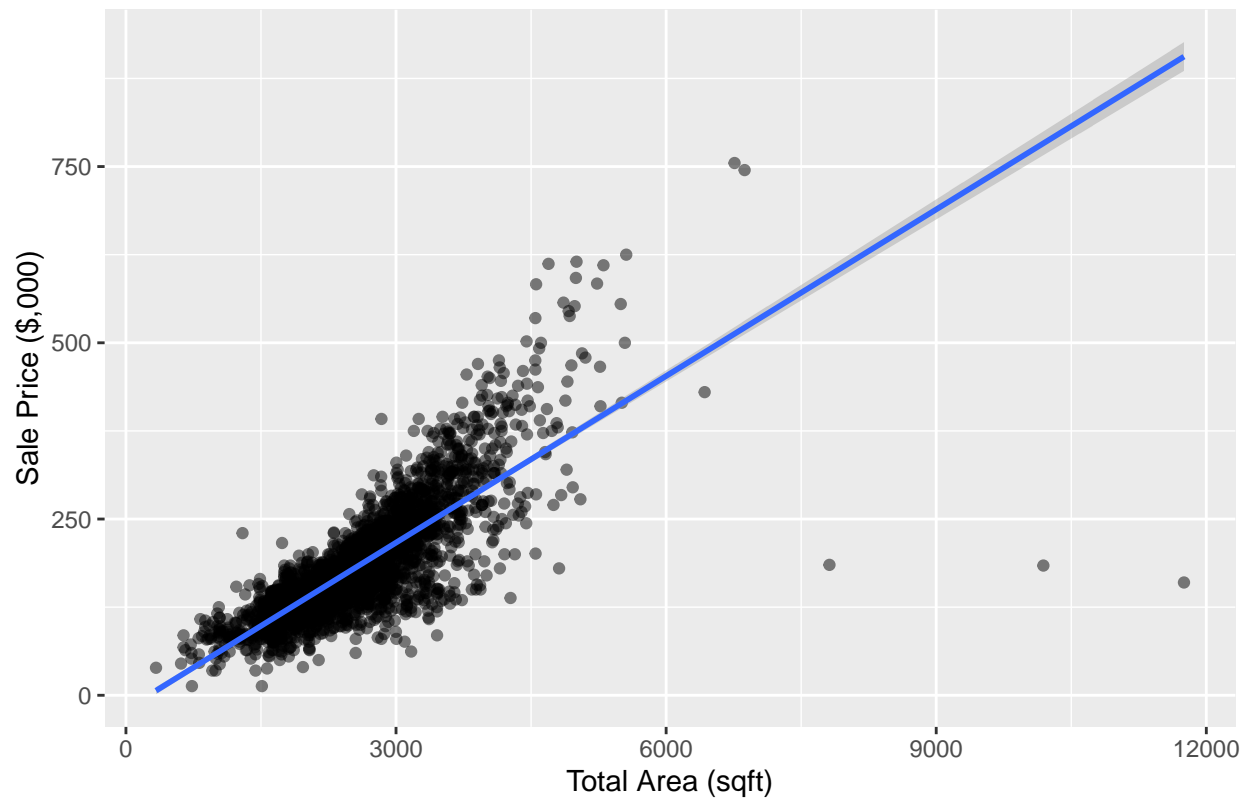
##
## Corelation between Total Bathroom and Sale Price : 0.636175

##
## Corelation between Age of House and Sale Price : -0.5589068

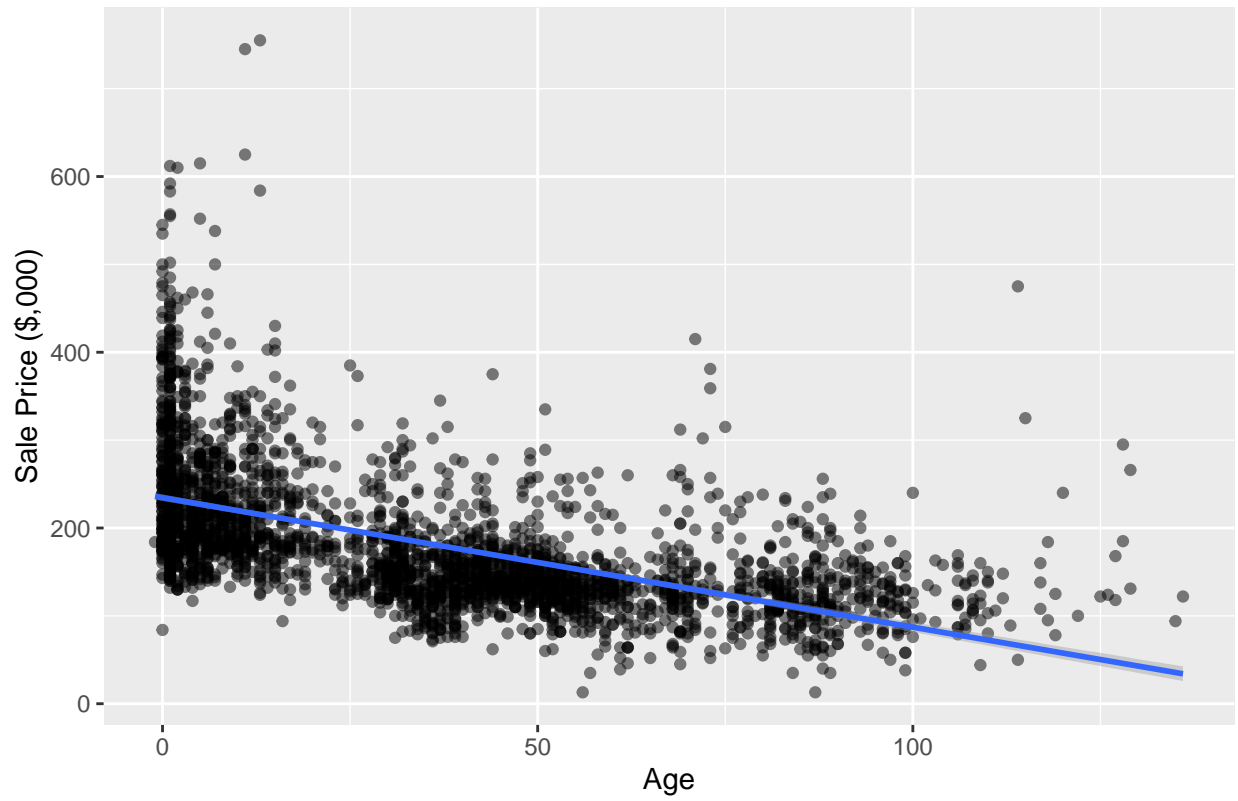
##
## Corelation between Overall Condition and Sale Price : -0.1016969
```



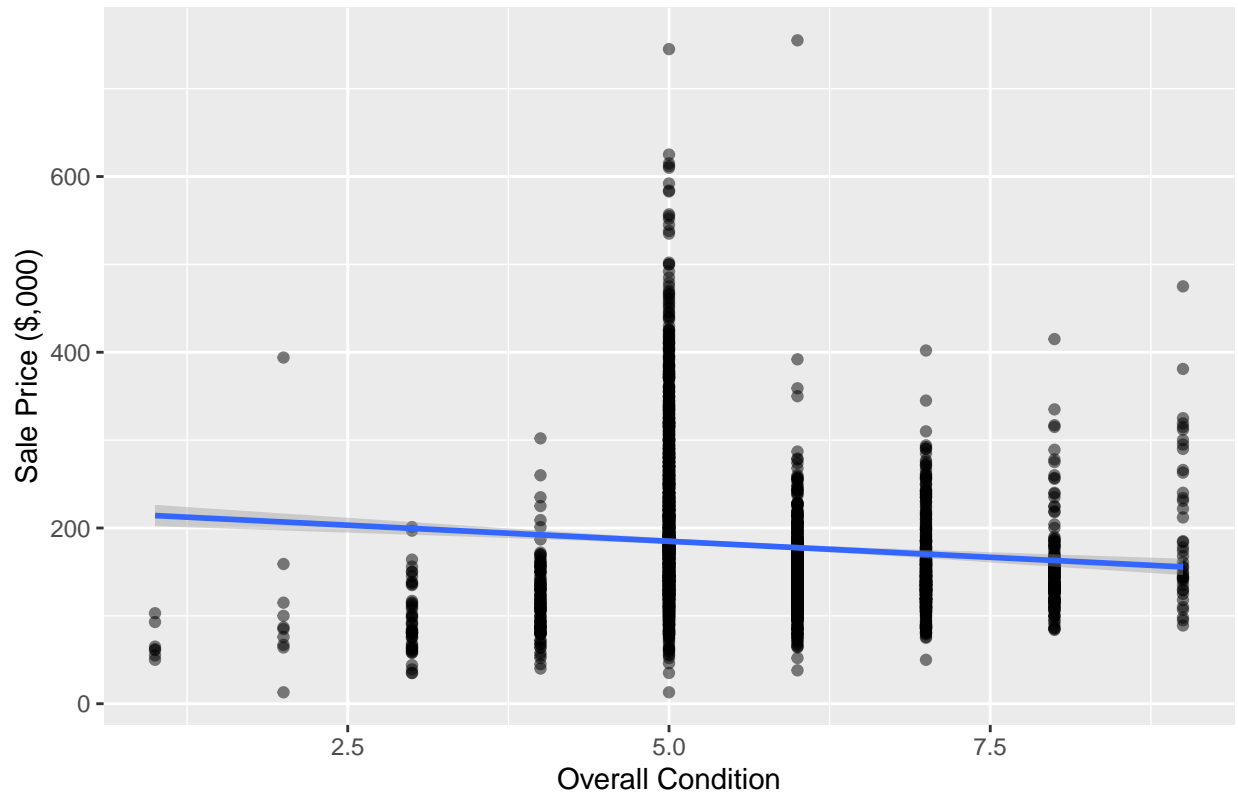
Total Area vs. Sales Price



Age of the house vs. Sales Price



Overall Condition vs. Sales Price



Looking at the negative correlation between overall condition of the house and sales price I felt that there is something incorrect about the data. I excluded the overall condition from the final parameter set

Create Final Set with Parameters

```
ames <- ames %>% select (Sale_Price_T, total_Area, Gr_Liv_Area, house_Age, total_Bathroom ,Garage_Cars,Gr_Liv_Area,
Year_Remod_Add, Mas_Vnr_Area, MS_Zoning, Lot_Shape, Foundation, Sale_Condition)
```

Create Test Set and Training set for building Linear Models

test set will be 20% of housing_data data

Table 4: Ames Housing Dataset dimension

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_____
x
2930
16
_____
```

Table 5: Ames Housing Dataset

Sale_Price	Total_Area	Gr_Liv_Area	house_Age	total_Bathroom	Garage_Cars	Gr_Liv_Area	Year_Remod_Add	Mas_Vnr_Area	MS_Zoning	Lot_Shape	Foundation	Sale_Condition	Gr_Liv_Area	House_Style	Sale_Price
215	2736	1656	50	2.0	2	528	1960	112	Residential	Slightly	Open	Normal	Fin	One_Story	215
105	1778	896	49	1.0	1	730	1961	0	Residential	Regular	Clas	Normal	Unf	One_Story	105

Sale_Price	Total_Area	Gr_Liv_Area	Average_Bathrooms	House_Age	Gr_Cage	Year_Built	Mass	MS_Zoning	Lot_Shape	Foundation	Salon_Condition	House_Style	Styling_QC			
172	2658	1329	52	1.5	1	312	1958	108	Residential	Slightly	Original	Normal	Unf	One	St	Typical
244	4220	2110	42	3.5	2	522	1968	0	Residential	Regular	Original	Normal	Fin	One	St	Excellent
190	2557	1629	13	2.5	2	482	1998	0	Residential	Slightly	Original	Normal	Fin	Two	St	Good
196	2530	1604	12	2.5	2	470	1998	20	Residential	Slightly	Original	Normal	Fin	Two	St	Excellent

Table 6: Ames Housing Dataset Summary

Sale	Price	Area	House	Average	Bathrooms	Gr_Cage	Year	Mass	MS_Zoning	Lot	Shape	Foundation	Salon	Condition	House	Style	Heating	QC
Min.	Min.	Min.	Min.	Min.	Min.	Min.	Min.	Min.	Floating	Regular	Residential	Normal	Fin	One	St	Excellent	1495	
:	:	:	:	-	:	1.000	:0.000:	:	1950	:	139	:	1859	311	190	:	:1481	:
13.0	334	334	1.00				0.0	0.0							728			
1st	1st	1st	1st	1st	1st	1st	1st	1st	Residential	Slightly	Original	Normal	Fin	Two	St	Fair		
Qu.:1300	Qu.:1126	Qu.:1126	Qu.:1.500	Qu.:1.500	Qu.:1.500	Qu.:1905	Qu.::	27	:	979	12	159	:	873	:			
	2000		7.00			320.0	0.0									92		
Median	Median	Median	Median	Median	Median	Median	Median	Median	Residential	Regular	Original	Normal	Fin	One	and	Good	Half_Fin:	
:160.0:	:1442:	:	:	:	:2.000	:2.000:	:1993:	:	:2273	76	:1310:	:	:	314	:	:	:	
	2450		34.00			480.0	0.0								24	812	476	
Mean	Mean	Mean	Mean	Mean	Mean	Mean	Mean	Mean	Residential	Regular	Original	Normal	Unf	SLvl	Poor			
:180.8:	:1500:	:	:	:	:2.218	:1.766:	:1984:	:	:462	:16	:	:	:1231	:128	:3			
	2546		36.43			472.7	101.1					49	46					
3rd	3rd	3rd	3rd	3rd	3rd	3rd	3rd	3rd	A_agr	NA	Stone	Normal	NA	SFoyer	Typical			
Qu.:2190	Qu.:1743	Qu.:1743	Qu.:2.500	Qu.:2.500	Qu.:2.500	Qu.:2004	Qu.::	2	:	:	:	:2413	:	83	:			
	2990		54.00			576.0	162.8				11				864			
Max.	Max.	Max.	Max.	Max.	Max.	Max.	Max.	Max.	C_all:	NA	Wood	Partial	NA	Two	and	Half_Unf:		
:755.0:	:11752	:5642	:136.007	:0.000	:5.000:	:1488.020	:10	:1600.25	:	:5	245	:	24	:	:			
NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	I_all:	NA	NA	NA	NA	(Other)	NA	:	27	
									2									

Recommendation System Model - develop, train and test

Build Linear Models

```
##
## Naive RMSE in ,000 : 75.25

##
## Call:
## lm(formula = Sale_Price_T ~ total_Area + total_Bathroom, data = .)
##
## Residuals:
##      Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
## -665.48  -20.32    0.26   19.33  262.67
##
## Coefficients:
##              Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept)  -36.153333   3.350986  -10.79 <0.0000000000000002 ***
## total_Area      0.064023   0.001504   42.57 <0.0000000000000002 ***
## total_Bathroom 24.275518   1.511957   16.06 <0.0000000000000002 ***
```

```
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error: 46.98 on 2340 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared:  0.6639, Adjusted R-squared:  0.6636
## F-statistic: 2311 on 2 and 2340 DF,  p-value: < 0.00000000000000022
```

method	RMSE
Just the average in ,000	75.25000
Total Area and Total Bathroom Effect Model in in ,000	42.63694

```
## [1] 37.2129
```

```
## # A tibble: 8 x 7
##   term                estimate std.error statistic    p.value   conf.low   conf.high
##   <chr>                <dbl>     <dbl>     <dbl>    <dbl>     <dbl>     <dbl>
## 1 (Intercept)      -1191.        89.8      -13.3 5.23e- 39 -1367.    -1015.
## 2 total_Area         0.0482     0.00132    36.4 7.89e-240  0.0456    0.0508
## 3 total_Bathroom     8.91       1.27       7.04 2.42e- 12   6.43     11.4
## 4 house_Age        -0.259     0.0344     -7.52 7.12e- 14  -0.326   -0.191
## 5 Garage_Cars       10.7       2.21       4.85 1.28e- 6    6.38     15.0
## 6 Garage_Area        0.0299     0.00765     3.91 9.63e- 5    0.0149    0.0448
## 7 Year_Remod_Add     0.605     0.0453     13.3 1.66e- 39   0.516     0.694
## 8 Mas_Vnr_Area       0.0526     0.00471     11.2 1.87e- 28   0.0434    0.0619
```

```
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = Sale_Price_T ~ total_Area + total_Bathroom + house_Age +
##   Garage_Cars + Garage_Area + Year_Remod_Add + Mas_Vnr_Area,
##   data = .)
##
## Residuals:
##      Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
## -575.71  -18.74   -2.99   16.13  303.73
##
## Coefficients:
##              Estimate Std. Error t value    Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept)  -1190.960356   89.821434 -13.259 < 0.0000000000000002 ***
## total_Area      0.048175    0.001323  36.424 < 0.0000000000000002 ***
## total_Bathroom  8.911990    1.266223   7.038 0.0000000000024160 ***
## house_Age     -0.258834    0.034409  -7.522 0.0000000000000712 ***
## Garage_Cars    10.711467    2.207507   4.852 0.0000012844482347 ***
## Garage_Area     0.029857    0.007646   3.905 0.0000962703710742 ***
## Year_Remod_Add  0.604965    0.045316  13.350 < 0.0000000000000002 ***
## Mas_Vnr_Area    0.052626    0.004706  11.182 < 0.0000000000000002 ***
```

```
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error: 39.37 on 2922 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared:  0.7578, Adjusted R-squared:  0.7572
## F-statistic: 1306 on 7 and 2922 DF,  p-value: < 0.00000000000000022
```

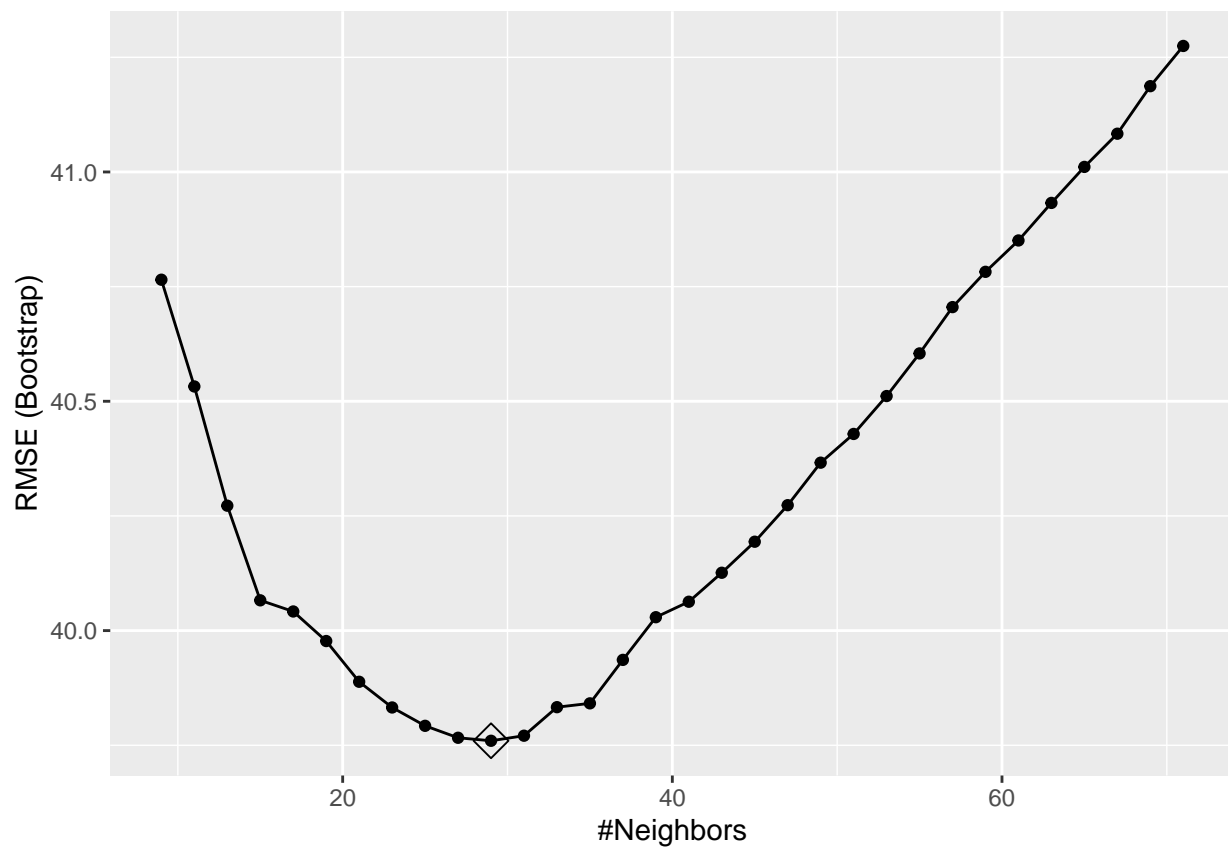
method	RMSE
Just the average in ,000	75.25000
Total Area and Total Bathroom Effect Model in in ,000	42.63694
Model based on Numeric attributes of the dataset in ,000	37.21290

Non-linear Models

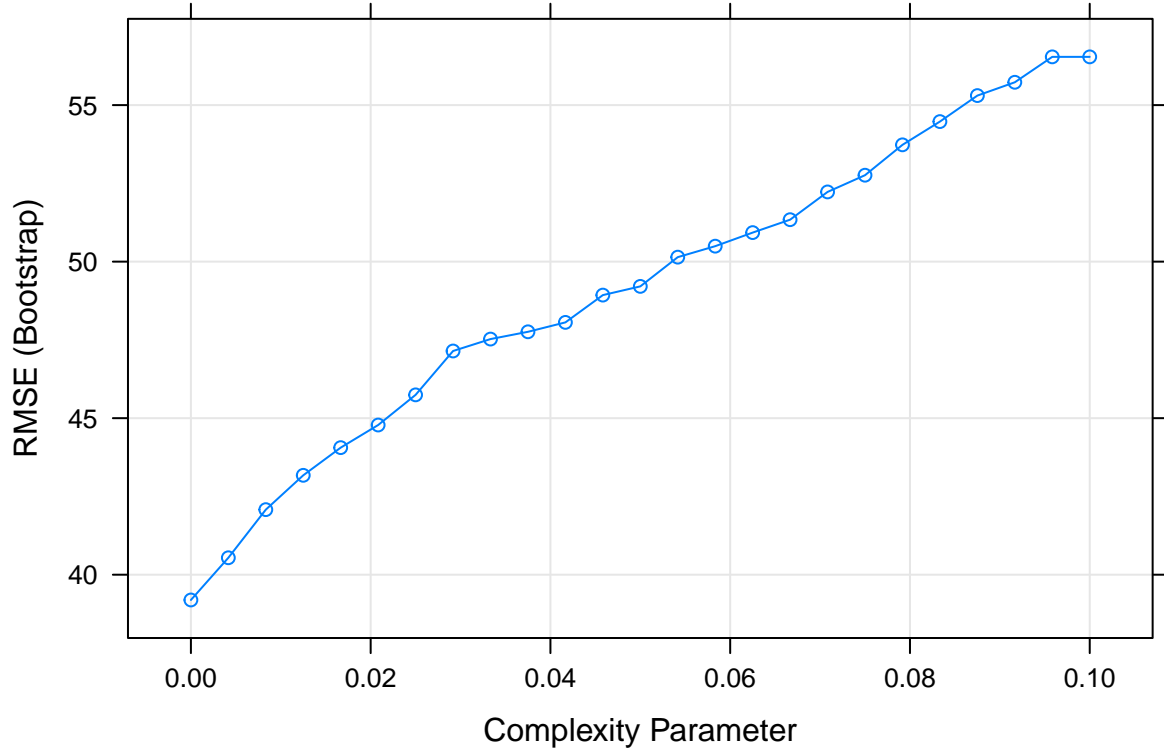
I took the optimum lamda for which the RMSE was the lowest. I built the model and ran the model against the final holdout set to validate the model performance

Train the final model

```
##          Length Class      Mode
## learn      2    -none-    list
## k          1    -none-    numeric
## theDots     0    -none-    list
## xNames     41    -none-    character
## problemType 1    -none-    character
## tuneValue   1    data.frame list
## obsLevels   1    -none-    logical
## param       0    -none-    list
```



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Just the average in ,000	75.25000
Total Area and Total Bathroom Effect Model in in ,000	42.63694
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Final Result and improvements over time

RMSEs over Model

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Conclusion

I have used linear model with regularization to build this recommendation system. I came to a reasonable level of accuracy. Linear model is relatively simple to start with but not the best and we realized that during our study. We need more sophisticated models to enhance the accuracy - may be the random forest would be better suited for this prediction.

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