Neural Network: Regression using MLP in Keras

1. Data Loading and Preparation

Import required dependencies

```
import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns
import tensorflow as tf

import warnings
warnings.filterwarnings('ignore')
```

Load California Housing dataset from TensorFlow API. Use 60:20:20 ratio for the segmentation of training, validation, and testing datasets

```
(X_train_full, y_train_full), (X_test, y_test) =
tf.keras.datasets.california housing.load data(
    path='california housing.npz',
    test split=0.2,
    seed=113
)
from sklearn.model selection import train test split
# 0.25 * 0.8 = 0.2
X_train, X_valid, y_train, y_valid = train_test_split(X_train full,
y train full, test size=0.25)
print("Training shape:", X train.shape, y train.shape)
print("Validation shape:", X_valid.shape, y_valid.shape)
print("Testing shape:", X test.shape, y test.shape)
Training shape: (12384, 8) (12384,)
Validation shape: (4128, 8) (4128,)
Testing shape: (4128, 8) (4128,)
```

2. Data Preprocessing

From previous assignment, the median_housing_value (our target) contains outlier at value more than 500,000. It is observed that the dataset clipped any houses with price more than 500,000 (threshold). Thus, if we plot the histogram, we will see a huge surge when the median_housing_value is more than 500,000.

Let's remove this outliers.

```
X_train = X_train[y_train < 500000]
y_train = y_train[y_train < 500000]
X_test = X_test[y_test < 500000]
y_test = y_test[y_test < 500000]
X_valid = X_valid[y_valid < 500000]
y_valid = y_valid[y_valid < 500000]</pre>
```

Standardize the features using StandardScaler.

```
from sklearn.preprocessing import StandardScaler

scaler = StandardScaler()
X_train = scaler.fit_transform(X_train)
X_valid = scaler.transform(X_valid)
X_test = scaler.transform(X_test)
```

Scale the target variable to ensure it falls within a specific range, which can help the model to learn more effectively.

```
y_train = scaler.fit_transform(y_train.reshape(-1, 1)).flatten()
y_valid = scaler.transform(y_valid.reshape(-1, 1)).flatten()
y_test = scaler.transform(y_test.reshape(-1, 1)).flatten()
```

3. Build Sequential Regression MLP Model

Model Architecture:

- Input Layer: Takes input of shape equal to the number of features (8).
- First Hidden Layer: Fully connected layer with 128 neurons and ReLU activation.
- Dropout Layer: Applies dropout to 20% of the neurons to prevent overfitting.
- Second Hidden Layer: Fully connected layer with 64 neurons and ReLU activation.
- Output Layer: Fully connected layer with 1 neuron, providing the final regression output.

```
model = tf.keras.models.Sequential([
    tf.keras.layers.Dense(128, activation='relu',
input_shape=(X_train.shape[1],)),
    tf.keras.layers.Dropout(0.2), # Dropout for regularization
    tf.keras.layers.Dense(64, activation='relu'),
    tf.keras.layers.Dense(1)
])
```

3. Compile Model

- Use MSE as loss function with Adam optimizer
- Evaluate model using MAE
- Additional: Learning rate of the adam optimizer is adjusted

```
model.compile(optimizer=tf.keras.optimizers.Adam(learning_rate=0.001),
loss='mean_squared_error', metrics=['mean_absolute_error'])
```

4. Model Training

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history = model.fit(X train, y train, epochs=100, batch size=32,
validation data=(X valid, y valid))
Epoch 1/100
              _____ 1s 1ms/step - loss: 0.5337 -
369/369 ----
mean absolute error: 0.5497 - val loss: 0.3317 -
val mean absolute error: 0.4237
Epoch 2/100
369/369 –
                      ---- 0s 960us/step - loss: 0.3532 -
mean_absolute_error: 0.4398 - val_loss: 0.3108 -
val mean absolute error: 0.3984
Epoch 3/100
369/369 — Os 1ms/step - loss: 0.3239 -
mean absolute error: 0.4156 - val loss: 0.2990 -
val_mean_absolute_error: 0.3904
Epoch 4/100
369/369 -
                    ----- 0s 965us/step - loss: 0.3043 -
mean absolute error: 0.3979 - val loss: 0.3011 -
val mean absolute error: 0.4007
Epoch 5/100
                   ----- 0s 1ms/step - loss: 0.3091 -
369/369 ———
mean absolute error: 0.4010 - val loss: 0.2909 -
val_mean_absolute_error: 0.3732
Epoch 6/100
              _____ 1s 2ms/step - loss: 0.2935 -
369/369 —
mean absolute error: 0.3921 - val loss: 0.2887 -
val mean absolute error: 0.3824
Epoch 7/100
                    ----- 0s 981us/step - loss: 0.2795 -
369/369 —
mean absolute error: 0.3814 - val loss: 0.2726 -
val mean absolute error: 0.3670
Epoch 8/100
             0s 989us/step - loss: 0.2820 -
369/369 -
mean absolute error: 0.3823 - val loss: 0.2712 -
val mean absolute error: 0.3741
Epoch 9/100
                ————— 0s 998us/step - loss: 0.2685 -
369/369 -
mean absolute error: 0.3712 - val loss: 0.2598 -
val mean absolute error: 0.3508
Epoch 10/100
mean absolute error: 0.3710 - val loss: 0.2628 -
val mean absolute error: 0.3606
Epoch 11/100
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369/369 ————
                  ------ 0s 1ms/step - loss: 0.2691 -
mean absolute error: 0.3723 - val loss: 0.2554 -
val mean absolute error: 0.3506
mean absolute error: 0.3652 - val loss: 0.2535 -
val mean absolute error: 0.3489
Epoch 13/100
                  _____ 1s 2ms/step - loss: 0.2577 -
369/369 —
mean absolute error: 0.3613 - val loss: 0.2534 -
val mean absolute error: 0.3446
Epoch 14/100
            _____ 1s 1ms/step - loss: 0.2530 -
369/369 ———
mean absolute error: 0.3572 - val loss: 0.2559 -
val mean absolute error: 0.3563
Epoch 15/100
                  ———— Os 1ms/step - loss: 0.2541 -
369/369 ——
mean_absolute_error: 0.3585 - val_loss: 0.2485 -
val mean absolute error: 0.3429
Epoch 16/100
369/369 ————
                  _____ 1s 1ms/step - loss: 0.2477 -
mean absolute error: 0.3542 - val loss: 0.2518 -
val mean absolute error: 0.3534
Epoch 17/100
           Os 1ms/step - loss: 0.2572 -
369/369 -
mean absolute error: 0.3572 - val loss: 0.2459 -
val mean absolute error: 0.3400
Epoch 18/100
369/369 —
                  ----- 0s 1ms/step - loss: 0.2558 -
mean absolute error: 0.3582 - val loss: 0.2455 -
val mean absolute error: 0.3409
Epoch 19/100
mean absolute error: 0.3513 - val loss: 0.2453 -
val mean absolute error: 0.3427
Epoch 20/100
                 ———— 0s 1ms/step - loss: 0.2496 -
369/369 —
mean absolute error: 0.3535 - val loss: 0.2438 -
val mean absolute error: 0.3387
Epoch 21/100
mean absolute error: 0.3472 - val loss: 0.2394 -
val mean absolute error: 0.3417
Epoch 22/100
                   ——— 0s 1ms/step - loss: 0.2366 -
369/369 —
mean_absolute_error: 0.3442 - val_loss: 0.2474 -
val mean absolute error: 0.3486
Epoch 23/100
            Os 1ms/step - loss: 0.2284 -
369/369 -
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mean absolute error: 0.3443 - val_loss: 0.2433 -
val mean absolute error: 0.3402
Epoch 24/100
                   ——— 0s 1ms/step - loss: 0.2343 -
369/369 -
mean absolute error: 0.3433 - val loss: 0.2446 -
val mean absolute error: 0.3465
Epoch 25/100
             369/369 ———
mean absolute error: 0.3530 - val loss: 0.2357 -
val mean absolute error: 0.3365
Epoch 26/100
                    ----- 0s 980us/step - loss: 0.2423 -
369/369 —
mean absolute error: 0.3477 - val loss: 0.2406 -
val mean absolute error: 0.3452
Epoch 27/100
369/369 —
                    ----- 0s 1ms/step - loss: 0.2292 -
mean absolute error: 0.3357 - val loss: 0.2383 -
val_mean_absolute_error: 0.3458
Epoch 28/100 Os 982us/step - loss: 0.2406 -
mean absolute error: 0.3450 - val loss: 0.2342 -
val mean absolute error: 0.3324
Epoch 29/100
369/369 —
                     ---- 0s 1ms/step - loss: 0.2399 -
mean absolute error: 0.3444 - val loss: 0.2410 -
val mean absolute error: 0.3357
Epoch 30/100
369/369 — Os 1ms/step - loss: 0.2412 -
mean absolute error: 0.3474 - val loss: 0.2472 -
val mean absolute error: 0.3554
Epoch 31/100
                  Os 1ms/step - loss: 0.2325 -
369/369 -
mean absolute error: 0.3433 - val loss: 0.2360 -
val mean absolute error: 0.3307
Epoch 32/100
369/369 — Os 1ms/step - loss: 0.2322 -
mean absolute error: 0.3397 - val loss: 0.2346 -
val mean absolute error: 0.3375
Epoch 33/100
               _____ 1s 2ms/step - loss: 0.2249 -
369/369 —
mean absolute error: 0.3359 - val_loss: 0.2359 -
val mean absolute error: 0.3366
Epoch 34/100
369/369 ——
            _____ 1s 2ms/step - loss: 0.2291 -
mean absolute error: 0.3394 - val loss: 0.2313 -
val_mean_absolute_error: 0.3330
mean absolute error: 0.3395 - val loss: 0.2382 -
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val mean absolute error: 0.3366
Epoch 36/100
                  ------ 0s 1ms/step - loss: 0.2247 -
369/369 ———
mean absolute error: 0.3327 - val loss: 0.2355 -
val mean absolute error: 0.3371
Epoch 37/100
             _____ 0s 1ms/step - loss: 0.2211 -
369/369 —
mean absolute error: 0.3336 - val_loss: 0.2294 -
val mean absolute_error: 0.3316
Epoch 38/100
369/369 ——
                    ----- 1s 1ms/step - loss: 0.2271 -
mean absolute error: 0.3370 - val loss: 0.2277 -
val mean absolute error: 0.3223
Epoch 39/100
            1s 1ms/step - loss: 0.2266 -
369/369 -
mean absolute error: 0.3344 - val loss: 0.2339 -
val mean absolute error: 0.3335
Epoch 40/100
                     --- 0s 1ms/step - loss: 0.2213 -
mean absolute error: 0.3302 - val_loss: 0.2313 -
val mean absolute error: 0.3366
Epoch 41/100
mean absolute error: 0.3311 - val loss: 0.2292 -
val mean absolute error: 0.3325
Epoch 42/100
                  ———— 0s 1ms/step - loss: 0.2246 -
369/369 —
mean absolute error: 0.3336 - val loss: 0.2300 -
val mean absolute error: 0.3234
Epoch 43/100
             _____ 0s 1ms/step - loss: 0.2318 -
369/369 ———
mean absolute error: 0.3370 - val loss: 0.2310 -
val_mean_absolute_error: 0.3266
Epoch 44/100
           Os 1ms/step - loss: 0.2152 -
369/369 —
mean absolute error: 0.3285 - val loss: 0.2289 -
val mean absolute error: 0.3303
Epoch 45/100
369/369 -
               mean absolute error: 0.3371 - val loss: 0.2346 -
val mean absolute error: 0.3381
Epoch 46/100
260/360 — 0s 1ms/step - loss: 0.2278 -
mean absolute error: 0.3350 - val loss: 0.2318 -
val mean absolute error: 0.3344
Epoch 47/100
             Os 1ms/step - loss: 0.2213 -
mean absolute error: 0.3323 - val loss: 0.2266 -
val mean absolute error: 0.3241
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Epoch 48/100
            Os 1ms/step - loss: 0.2158 -
369/369 —
mean absolute error: 0.3277 - val loss: 0.2283 -
val mean absolute error: 0.3308
Epoch 49/100
369/369 -
                   ----- 0s 1ms/step - loss: 0.2141 -
mean absolute error: 0.3262 - val loss: 0.2329 -
val mean absolute error: 0.3278
Epoch 50/100
            Os 1ms/step - loss: 0.2111 -
369/369 ———
mean absolute error: 0.3232 - val loss: 0.2318 -
val mean absolute error: 0.3270
Epoch 51/100
                 _____ 0s 1ms/step - loss: 0.2248 -
369/369 —
mean absolute error: 0.3338 - val loss: 0.2241 -
val mean absolute error: 0.3219
Epoch 52/100
mean absolute error: 0.3308 - val loss: 0.2328 -
val mean absolute error: 0.3350
Epoch 53/100
                  Os 1ms/step - loss: 0.2095 -
369/369 —
mean absolute error: 0.3242 - val loss: 0.2338 -
val mean absolute error: 0.3376
Epoch 54/100
             _____ 0s 1ms/step - loss: 0.2174 -
369/369 ———
mean absolute error: 0.3312 - val loss: 0.2268 -
val mean absolute error: 0.3248
Epoch 55/100
            Os 1ms/step - loss: 0.2177 -
369/369 —
mean absolute error: 0.3280 - val loss: 0.2277 -
val mean absolute error: 0.3268
Epoch 56/100
369/369 —
                mean absolute error: 0.3239 - val loss: 0.2325 -
val mean absolute error: 0.3301
Epoch 57/100
260/360 — 0s 1ms/step - loss: 0.2176 -
mean absolute error: 0.3278 - val loss: 0.2272 -
val mean absolute error: 0.3246
Epoch 58/100
                 Os 1ms/step - loss: 0.2226 -
369/369 —
mean absolute error: 0.3303 - val loss: 0.2299 -
val mean absolute error: 0.3236
Epoch 59/100
        100 Os 1ms/step - loss: 0.2166 -
369/369 —
mean absolute error: 0.3276 - val loss: 0.2266 -
val mean absolute error: 0.3327
Epoch 60/100
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369/369 ———
                 ------ 0s 1ms/step - loss: 0.2162 -
mean absolute error: 0.3271 - val loss: 0.2271 -
val mean absolute error: 0.3289
mean absolute error: 0.3200 - val loss: 0.2301 -
val mean absolute error: 0.3231
Epoch 62/100
                 ----- 0s 1ms/step - loss: 0.2098 -
369/369 —
mean absolute error: 0.3229 - val loss: 0.2377 -
val mean absolute error: 0.3465
Epoch 63/100
mean absolute error: 0.3365 - val loss: 0.2267 -
val mean absolute error: 0.3237
Epoch 64/100
                  Os 1ms/step - loss: 0.2114 -
369/369 ——
mean_absolute_error: 0.3216 - val_loss: 0.2256 -
val mean absolute error: 0.3315
Epoch 65/100
369/369 ————
                 Os 1ms/step - loss: 0.2183 -
mean absolute error: 0.3269 - val loss: 0.2254 -
val_mean_absolute_error: 0.3205
Epoch 66/100
           Os 1ms/step - loss: 0.2142 -
369/369 -
mean absolute error: 0.3258 - val loss: 0.2283 -
val mean absolute error: 0.3257
Epoch 67/100
369/369 —
               ------ 0s 1ms/step - loss: 0.2084 -
mean absolute error: 0.3217 - val loss: 0.2257 -
val mean absolute error: 0.3187
mean absolute error: 0.3199 - val loss: 0.2240 -
val mean absolute error: 0.3180
Epoch 69/100
                _____ 1s 1ms/step - loss: 0.2128 -
369/369 —
mean absolute error: 0.3250 - val loss: 0.2285 -
val mean absolute error: 0.3256
Epoch 70/100
mean absolute error: 0.3249 - val loss: 0.2270 -
val mean absolute error: 0.3213
Epoch 71/100
                  ----- 0s 1ms/step - loss: 0.2127 -
369/369 —
mean_absolute_error: 0.3240 - val_loss: 0.2255 -
val mean absolute error: 0.3188
Epoch 72/100
           Os 1ms/step - loss: 0.2023 -
369/369 -
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mean absolute error: 0.3163 - val loss: 0.2274 -
val mean absolute error: 0.3192
Epoch 73/100
                   _____ 1s 1ms/step - loss: 0.2071 -
369/369 -
mean absolute error: 0.3193 - val loss: 0.2271 -
val mean absolute error: 0.3275
Epoch 74/100
              _____ 0s 1ms/step - loss: 0.2139 -
369/369 ———
mean absolute error: 0.3253 - val loss: 0.2198 -
val mean absolute error: 0.3169
Epoch 75/100
                     ---- 0s 1ms/step - loss: 0.2183 -
369/369 —
mean absolute error: 0.3281 - val loss: 0.2223 -
val mean absolute error: 0.3219
Epoch 76/100
369/369 —
                    ----- 0s 1ms/step - loss: 0.2072 -
mean absolute error: 0.3192 - val loss: 0.2291 -
val_mean_absolute_error: 0.3283
Epoch 77/100
            Os 1ms/step - loss: 0.2083 -
369/369 -
mean absolute error: 0.3177 - val loss: 0.2233 -
val mean absolute error: 0.3174
Epoch 78/100
369/369 —
                      ---- 0s 1ms/step - loss: 0.2125 -
mean absolute_error: 0.3211 - val_loss: 0.2261 -
val mean absolute error: 0.3224
Epoch 79/100
mean absolute error: 0.3143 - val loss: 0.2266 -
val mean absolute error: 0.3201
Epoch 80/100
                   Os 1ms/step - loss: 0.2142 -
369/369 -
mean absolute error: 0.3219 - val loss: 0.2265 -
val mean absolute error: 0.3310
Epoch 81/100
369/369 — Os 1ms/step - loss: 0.2110 -
mean absolute error: 0.3240 - val loss: 0.2284 -
val mean absolute error: 0.3315
Epoch 82/100
               _____ 1s 1ms/step - loss: 0.2103 -
369/369 —
mean absolute error: 0.3221 - val_loss: 0.2322 -
val mean absolute error: 0.3293
Epoch 83/100
369/369 ——
             _____ 1s 1ms/step - loss: 0.2000 -
mean absolute error: 0.3143 - val loss: 0.2338 -
val_mean_absolute_error: 0.3385
Epoch 84/100

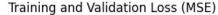
360/360 — 0s 1ms/step - loss: 0.2034 -
mean absolute error: 0.3196 - val loss: 0.2337 -
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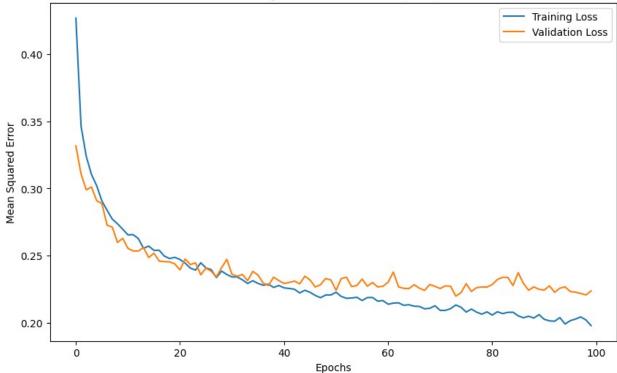
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val mean absolute error: 0.3224
Epoch 85/100
                   ------ 0s 1ms/step - loss: 0.2028 -
369/369 ———
mean absolute error: 0.3204 - val loss: 0.2277 -
val_mean_absolute_error: 0.3258
Epoch 86/100
              _____ 0s 1ms/step - loss: 0.1974 -
369/369 —
mean absolute error: 0.3151 - val loss: 0.2373 -
val mean absolute error: 0.3410
Epoch 87/100
369/369 ——
                    ----- 0s 1ms/step - loss: 0.1960 -
mean absolute error: 0.3138 - val loss: 0.2292 -
val mean absolute error: 0.3204
Epoch 88/100
            Os 1ms/step - loss: 0.2029 -
369/369 -
mean absolute error: 0.3148 - val loss: 0.2242 -
val mean absolute error: 0.3181
Epoch 89/100
                    ----- 0s 1ms/step - loss: 0.2018 -
mean absolute error: 0.3156 - val_loss: 0.2266 -
val mean absolute error: 0.3280
Epoch 90/100
369/369 — Os 1ms/step - loss: 0.2000 -
mean absolute error: 0.3156 - val loss: 0.2249 -
val mean absolute error: 0.3210
Epoch 91/100
                   _____ 0s 1ms/step - loss: 0.1884 -
369/369 —
mean absolute error: 0.3071 - val loss: 0.2243 -
val mean absolute error: 0.3226
Epoch 92/100
              369/369 ———
mean absolute error: 0.3212 - val loss: 0.2274 -
val_mean_absolute_error: 0.3282
Epoch 93/100
             Os 1ms/step - loss: 0.1982 -
369/369 —
mean absolute error: 0.3155 - val loss: 0.2226 -
val mean absolute error: 0.3186
Epoch 94/100
369/369 -
               _____ 0s 1ms/step - loss: 0.2045 -
mean absolute error: 0.3185 - val loss: 0.2257 -
val mean absolute error: 0.3245
Epoch 95/100
260/360 — 0s 1ms/step - loss: 0.1955 -
mean absolute error: 0.3154 - val loss: 0.2267 -
val mean absolute error: 0.3251
Epoch 96/100
                ————— 0s 1ms/step - loss: 0.2055 -
mean absolute error: 0.3183 - val loss: 0.2232 -
val mean absolute error: 0.3238
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Epoch 97/100
369/369 —
                      ——— Os 1ms/step - loss: 0.2033 -
mean absolute error: 0.3175 - val loss: 0.2227 -
val mean absolute error: 0.3266
Epoch 98/100
                       --- 0s 1ms/step - loss: 0.2014 -
369/369 -
mean absolute error: 0.3172 - val loss: 0.2218 -
val mean absolute error: 0.3221
Epoch 99/100
               Os 1ms/step - loss: 0.1963 -
369/369 —
mean absolute error: 0.3102 - val loss: 0.2206 -
val mean absolute error: 0.3162
Epoch 100/100
369/369 —
                      ---- 0s 1ms/step - loss: 0.1940 -
mean_absolute_error: 0.3110 - val_loss: 0.2237 -
val mean absolute error: 0.3183
```

Let's plot the training history.

```
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
plt.plot(history.history['loss'], label='Training Loss')
plt.plot(history.history['val_loss'], label='Validation Loss')
plt.xlabel('Epochs')
plt.ylabel('Mean Squared Error')
plt.title('Training and Validation Loss (MSE)')
plt.legend()
plt.show()
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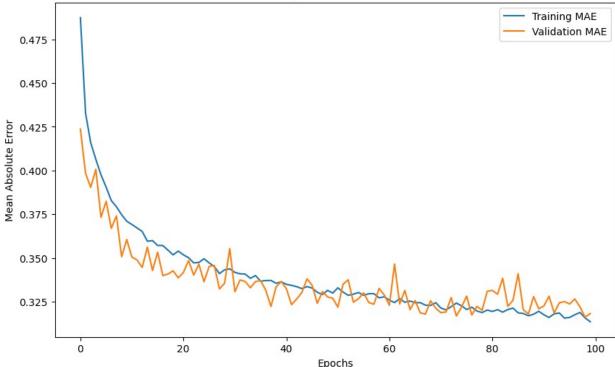




Let's also plot how the MAE change during training.

```
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
plt.plot(history.history['mean_absolute_error'], label='Training MAE')
plt.plot(history.history['val_mean_absolute_error'], label='Validation
MAE')
plt.xlabel('Epochs')
plt.ylabel('Mean Absolute Error')
plt.title('Training and Validation MAE')
plt.legend()
plt.show()
```





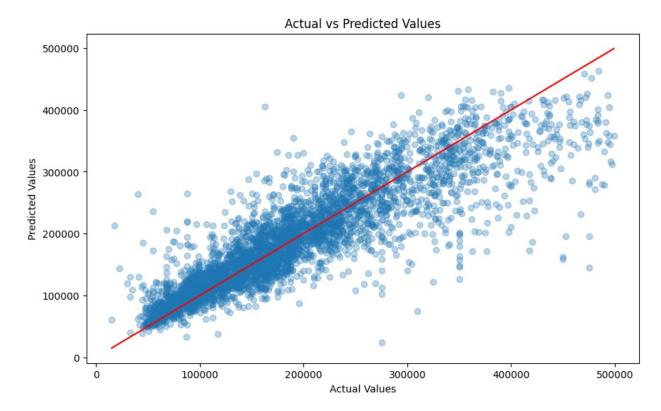
5. Model Evaluation

Oops, we need to revert back the scaling to get the true value of the predicted median_housing_value.

```
# Inverse transform the predictions and the true values
y_pred_scaled = model.predict(X_test)
y_pred = scaler.inverse_transform(y_pred_scaled).flatten()
y_test_original = scaler.inverse_transform(y_test.reshape(-1,
1)).flatten()

# Calculate the Mean Squared Error and Mean Absolute Error in the
original scale
mse_original = np.mean((y_pred - y_test_original) ** 2)
mae_original = np.mean(np.abs(y_pred - y_test_original))
print(f"Mean Squared Error on test set (original scale):
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{mse original}")
print(f"Mean Absolute Error on test set (original scale):
{mae original}")
# Plot predictions vs actual values
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
plt.scatter(y_test_original, y_pred, alpha=0.3)
plt.plot([min(y_test_original), max(y_test_original)],
[min(y_test_original), max(y_test_original)], color='red')
plt.xlabel('Actual Values')
plt.ylabel('Predicted Values')
plt.title('Actual vs Predicted Values')
plt.show()
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                            - 0s 782us/step
Mean Squared Error on test set (original scale): 2184271616.0
Mean Absolute Error on test set (original scale): 31775.314453125
```



Observations from MAE of testing prediction:

- MAE = 31,775.
- It is quite accurate to be honest.

Observations from Actual vs Predicted plot:

• The points are more concentrated along the red line in the lower value range (below 200,000), which indicates better performance for houses in this price range.

- The spread of points increases as the actual value increases, which shows that the model is less accurate for higher-priced houses.
- The points appear to be more dispersed for actual values above 300,000, indicating higher prediction errors in this range.