```
import numpy as np
import pandas as pd
import seaborn as sns
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
from sklearn.preprocessing import LabelEncoder, MinMaxScaler
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split, RandomizedSearchCV
from sklearn.metrics import r2_score
from sklearn.linear_model import SGDRegressor, LassoCV
from sklearn.tree import DecisionTreeRegressor
from sklearn.feature_selection import mutual_info_regression, SelectKBest
from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestRegressor, GradientBoostingRegressor
import joblib
```

# **Exploratory Data Analysis and Model Building**

```
In [23]: df = pd.read_csv('static/2023_01_to_04.csv', index_col=0)
    display(df.head())
    print(df.shape)
```

		resale_price	year	month	timeseries_month	region	town	rooms	avg_storey	floor_area_sqm	remaini
	_id										
	150071	298000.0	2023	4	2023-04-01	North- East	Ang Mo Kio	2.0	8.0	44.0	5:
	152255	865000.0	2023	4	2023-04-01	North	Yishun	5.5	11.0	142.0	63
	152254	780000.0	2023	4	2023-04-01	North	Yishun	5.5	11.0	142.0	67
	152253	935000.0	2023	4	2023-04-01	North	Yishun	5.5	5.0	164.0	68
	152252	892000.0	2023	4	2023-04-01	North	Yishun	5.5	2.0	169.0	61
(8859, 15)											
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#### 1. EDA

### Summary of actions before training

- 1. Handling null values and Checking for collinearity
- 2. Preprocessing (mean encoding)
- 3. Feature selection (KBest, Lasso regression)
- 4. Model selection
- 5. Hyperparameter tuning

### 1.1 Handling null values

```
In [25]: #display(df[df['dist_to_station'].isna()])
    df.dropna(inplace=True)
```

In [26]: display(df.isna().sum())

0 resale\_price year month timeseries\_month 0 town 0 rooms avg\_storey floor\_area\_sqm remaining\_lease 0 dist\_to\_marina\_bay 0 latitude longitude nearest\_station\_0 dist\_to\_station0 dtype: int64

## **Explanation for each feature**

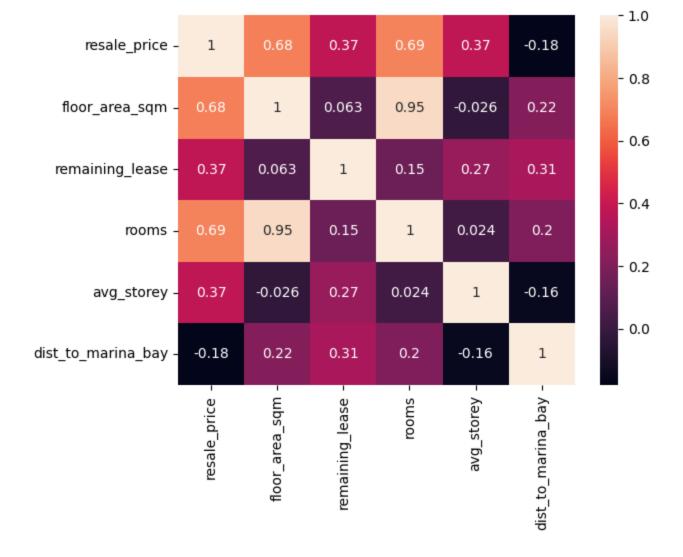
Feature*	Explanation						
resale_price	Dependent variable, the selling price of the flat						
region	Region of the flat						
town	Town district of the flat						
rooms	Number of rooms in the flat (whole numbers except for 5.5, which represents an executive flat with an extra study/balcony)						
avg_storey	Mean value of the floor range (intervals of 3 storeys)						
floor_area_sqm	Total floor area (in square meters) of the flat						
remaining_lease	Remaining lease of the flat in months						
dist_to_marina_bay	Distance in absolute coordinates to Marina Bay (proxy to city center)						
dist_to_station	Distance in meters to the nearest MRT (Mass Rapid Transit) station						
min_pt_time	Time in seconds to reach the nearest MRT station by public transport and walking						

<sup>\*</sup>Other features not listed above but in DataFrame are for visual plotting purposes

# 1.1 Checking for collinearity among numerical features

- There is strong collinearity between
  - floor\_area\_sqm and rooms (0.86)
  - dist\_to\_station and min\_pt\_time (0.69)
- Even much so higher than their correlation with output (resale price)
- For linear models, we need to remove one of each pair of feature to ensure that there is no
  multicollinearity, for this I will remove the feature with lower Pearson's correlation with our output
  - rooms (0.65)
  - min\_pt\_time (0.69)

```
In [27]: numerical_columns = df[['resale_price', 'floor_area_sqm', 'remaining_lease', 'rooms', 'avg_store'
sns.heatmap(numerical_columns.corr(), annot=True)
```



#### What are the most expensive neighbourhoods?

Each neighbourhood has a different mean price due to a non-exhaustive number of factors:

location

West

- infrastructure and amenitites
- affluent / less affluent neighbourhoods

320,000

nan

- supply and demand
- market speculation

```
In [28]:
          region_prices = df.groupby(['region', 'rooms'])[['resale_price']].median(numeric_only=True).sort
          region_prices = region_prices.unstack()
          region_prices.columns = ['1 room', '2 room', '3 room', '4 room', '5 room', 'Executive', 'Mansion
          region_prices.style.format(precision=0, thousands=',').highlight_max(color='red').highlight_min(
Out[28]:
                     1 room 2 room 3 room 4 room 5 room Executive Mansionette
              region
                             270,000
                                     385,000
                                                              1,030,000
             Central
                                                                               nan
                                            542,000
                                     389,444
                                                     656,500
                                                               840,000
                East
                        nan
                                                                               nan
              North
                             322,000
                                     387,500
                                             490,000
                                                     600,000
                                                               768,000
                        nan
          North-East
                             330,000
                                     406,500
                                             560,888
                                                     650,000
                                                               820,000
                        nan
                                                                               nan
```

619,000

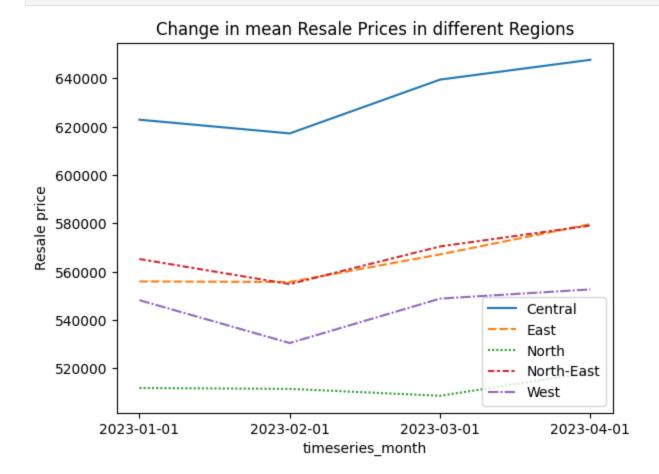
nan

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	i room	2 100111	3 100111	4 100111	3 100111	Executive	Mansionette
town							
Ang Mo Kio	nan	289,900	380,000	560,000	780,000	933,000	nan
Bedok	nan	285,000	365,000	490,000	660,000	870,000	nan
Bishan	nan	nan	460,000	685,000	900,000	1,050,000	nan
Bukit Batok	nan	339,000	370,000	590,000	760,000	820,000	nan
Bukit Merah	238,500	270,000	394,000	815,000	870,000	nan	nan
Bukit Panjang	nan	302,500	380,500	490,000	620,000	796,888	nan
Bukit Timah	nan	nan	465,000	777,500	985,000	1,288,000	nan
Central Area	nan	328,000	447,400	884,000	1,340,000	nan	nan
Choa Chu Kang	nan	307,500	411,500	490,000	582,000	715,000	nan
Clementi	nan	nan	419,000	620,000	761,500	955,000	nan
Geylang	nan	256,000	339,500	555,000	712,500	928,000	nan
Hougang	nan	330,000	385,000	519,000	670,000	850,000	nan
Jurong East	nan	311,500	363,000	470,000	658,000	780,000	nan
Jurong West	nan	296,000	345,000	475,000	585,000	692,500	nan
Kallang/Whampoa	nan	283,000	380,000	732,500	805,000	962,800	nan
Marine Parade	nan	nan	436,888	577,500	841,500	nan	nan
Pasir Ris	nan	360,000	520,000	535,000	645,000	810,000	nan
Punggol	nan	335,000	450,000	582,000	668,000	698,000	nan
Queenstown	nan	261,944	405,944	860,000	976,500	1,190,000	nan
Sembawang	nan	325,000	438,500	535,000	576,500	650,000	nan
Sengkang	nan	335,944	443,000	560,000	608,000	733,888	nan
Serangoon	nan	nan	390,000	585,000	660,000	900,000	nan
Tampines	nan	337,500	416,000	560,000	670,000	859,444	nan
Toa Payoh	nan	258,444	353,500	724,000	915,000	1,018,000	nan
Woodlands	nan	320,000	390,000	484,000	585,000	772,500	nan
Yishun	nan	315,000	378,000	480,000	636,500	800,000	1,080,000

#### Change in resale prices within year 2023

```
In [30]: ma_df = df.groupby(['timeseries_month', 'region'])['resale_price'].mean()
    ma_df = ma_df.unstack()
    sns.lineplot(ma_df)
    plt.title('Change in mean Resale Prices in different Regions')
    plt.ylabel('Resale price')
    plt.legend(loc='lower right')
    plt.show()
```



### 1.2 Preprocessing (mean and label encoding)

- I will perform mean encoding (resale\_price) onto the town and rooms.
- Take note that mean encoding may sometimes result in overfitting.

```
In [31]: # Label encoding for town
encoder = LabelEncoder()
town_label = pd.Series(encoder.fit_transform(df['town']), name='town_encoded', index=df.index)
# Label encoding for region
region_label = pd.Series(encoder.fit_transform(df['region']), name='region_encoded', index=df.in
```

Custom class for Mean/Median encoding

```
self.columns_ = columns
                  self.target_column_ = target_column
                  if self.measure_ == 'mean':
                      self.encoder_dict_ = X.groupby(self.columns_)[self.target_column_].mean(numeric_only)
                  elif self.measure_ == 'median':
                      self.encoder_dict_ = X.groupby(self.columns_)[self.target_column_].median(numeric_on
              def transform(self, X : pd.DataFrame)->pd.Series:
                  Transform dataframe by mapping data using encoder_dict_
                  ## Parameters
                      X : pd.DataFrame object
                  Returns pd.Series of encoded data
                  def columns_to_tuple(df, columns):
                      Function to combined columns as a tuple for dictionary mapping
                      temp = []
                      for column in columns:
                           temp.append(df[column])
                      return tuple(temp)
                  row_tuple = X.apply(columns_to_tuple, columns = self.columns_, axis=1)
                  row_tuple.name = f'{self.measure_}_encoded'
                  output = row_tuple.map(self.encoder_dict_)
                  return output
In [33]: # Median encoding on towns and rooms
          median encoder = MeanEncoder(measure='median')
          median_encoder.fit(df, columns=['town', 'rooms'], target_column='resale_price')
          town_median_price = median_encoder.transform(df)
          # Mean encoding on towns and rooms
          mean_encoder = MeanEncoder(measure='mean')
          mean_encoder.fit(df, columns=['town', 'rooms'], target_column='resale_price')
          town_mean_price = mean_encoder.transform(df)
          train_df = pd.concat([numerical_columns, town_median_price, town_mean_price, town_label, region_
          train_df.head()
Out[33]:
                  resale_price floor_area_sqm remaining_lease rooms avg_storey dist_to_marina_bay median_encoded m
              _id
          150071
                    298000.0
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                    892000.0
                                                 68.333333
                                                                                                              8
```

#### 1.3 Feature selection

```
In [34]: X_unscaled = train_df.iloc[:,1:]
y = train_df.iloc[:,0]
scaler = MinMaxScaler()
```

```
X = scaler.fit_transform(X_unscaled)
X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(X, y, test_size=0.2, random_state=42)
```

SelectKBest using Mutual Information

```
In [35]: X_df = pd.DataFrame(X, columns=X_unscaled.columns)
   kbest = SelectKBest(score_func=mutual_info_regression, k='all')
   kbest.fit(X_df, y)
   pd.DataFrame(kbest.scores_, index=kbest.get_feature_names_out(kbest.feature_names_in_), columns=
```

Out[35]: Mutual Info Score

floor_area_sqm	0.732128
remaining_lease	0.329396
rooms	0.532034
avg_storey	0.088830
dist_to_marina_bay	0.251546
median_encoded	0.868921
mean_encoded	0.888959
town_encoded	0.211584
region_encoded	0.103505

Lasso regularisation to determine less important features

```
In [36]: # LassoCV here uses crossvalidation to determine the optimum alpha (penalty value)
lr_reg1 = LassoCV(random_state=42)
lr_reg1.fit(X_train, y_train)
r2 = r2_score(y_test, lr_reg1.predict(X_test))
print(f'LassoCV Alpha: {np.round(lr_reg1.alpha_,3)}')
print(f'R2 score: {np.round(r2,3)}')
print()
print('Scaled weights for comparison')

feature_scaler = MinMaxScaler()
scaled_f_importances = feature_scaler.fit_transform(lr_reg1.coef_.reshape(-1,1))
display(pd.DataFrame(scaled_f_importances, index=X_unscaled.columns, columns=['Features']))
```

LassoCV Alpha: 20.221 R2 score: 0.883

Scaled weights for comparison

```
        floor_area_sqm
        0.998547

        remaining_lease
        0.505232

        rooms
        0.000000

        avg_storey
        0.519582

        dist_to_marina_bay
        0.119416

        median_encoded
        0.179666

        mean_encoded
        1.000000

        town_encoded
        0.254826

        region_encoded
        0.242575
```

#### Final selection of features

Based on the EDA, KBest and LassoCV done so far, the following features will be excluded:

- rooms (to utilise in mean encoding instead)
- dist\_to\_station
- median\_encoded
- town\_encoded
- region\_encoded

Mean encoding works the best, hence we will not consider the label encoded features and median encoded prices.

#### 1.4 Model Selection

We will compare the following models in general, before hyperparameter tuning

- SGD Regressor
- Decision Tree Regressor
- Random Forest Regressor
- Gradient Boosting Regressor

```
R2 score for SGD Regressor: 0.876
R2 score for Tree Regressor: 0.913
R2 score for Random Forest Regressor: 0.948
R2 score for Gradient Boosting Regressor: 0.928

In [39]: feature_importances = {}
for name, model in models.items():
    if name == 'SGD Regressor':
        continue
    feature_importances[name] = model.feature_importances_

print('Feature Importances')
display(pd.DataFrame(feature_importances, index=X_unscaled.columns))
```

Feature Importances

	Tree Regressor	Random Forest Regressor	Gradient Boosting Regressor
floor_area_sqm	0.173493	0.163612	0.106318
remaining_lease	0.142669	0.132366	0.136929
avg_storey	0.026634	0.031707	0.037626
dist_to_marina_bay	0.067113	0.065049	0.039756
mean_encoded	0.590092	0.607266	0.679371

# **New ideas**

```
In [40]: # Add permutation importances
    # impurity-based importances are biased towards high cardinality features
    # min_samples_leaf in gridsearch
    # plot out tree to see if overfitted
```

The ensemble models (Random Forest and Gradient Boosting) tend to perform better. I will narrow down to tune these two models for now.

### 1.5 Hyperparameter tuning

Randomized Search Cross-Validation to tune the hyperpameters for the top 2 models

#### **Random Forest Regressor**

```
print('Best R2 score', np.round(random_cv.best_score_,3))
best_rfr = random_cv.best_estimator_

Fitting 5 folds for each of 15 candidates, totalling 75 fits
Best Parameters {'n_estimators': 50, 'min_samples_leaf': 50, 'max_depth': 7}
Best R2 score 0.882
```

#### **Gradient Boosting Regressor**

```
param_distributions = {'max_depth' : [None, 3,5,7,9],
In [42]:
                                 'n_estimators' : [50,100,150],
                                 'learning rate' : [0.01,0.1,1]
          random_cv = RandomizedSearchCV(estimator=GradientBoostingRegressor(random_state=42),
                                         scoring= 'r2',
                                         param distributions = param distributions,
                                         n_{iter} = 15,
                                         cv=5,
                                         verbose= 1,
                                         n_jobs=2)
          random_cv.fit(X, y)
          print('Best Parameters', random_cv.best_params_)
          print('Best R2 score', np.round(random_cv.best_score_,3))
          best_gbc = random_cv.best_estimator_
         Fitting 5 folds for each of 15 candidates, totalling 75 fits
         Best Parameters {'n_estimators': 50, 'max_depth': 9, 'learning_rate': 0.1}
         Best R2 score 0.945
```

# Test on subsequent month's data (Unseen)

```
In [44]: test_df = pd.read_csv('static/2023_05.csv', index_col=0)

# Use previous dictionary of the town and rooms for mean encoding
mean_encoded = mean_encoder.transform(test_df)
test_df = pd.concat([test_df, mean_encoded], axis =1)
test_df = test_df[['resale_price','floor_area_sqm', 'remaining_lease', 'avg_storey', 'dist_to_ma display(test_df.head())
print(test_df.shape)
```

#### resale\_price floor\_area\_sqm remaining\_lease avg\_storey dist\_to\_marina\_bay mean\_encoded

```
_id
152256
            275000.0
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                                                  53.75
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152260
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                                 67.0
                                                  54.75
                                                                 8.0
                                                                                     9.38
(2063, 6)
```

```
In [45]: X_test = test_df.iloc[:,1:]
    y_test = test_df.iloc[:,0]
    X_test = scaler.transform(X_test)

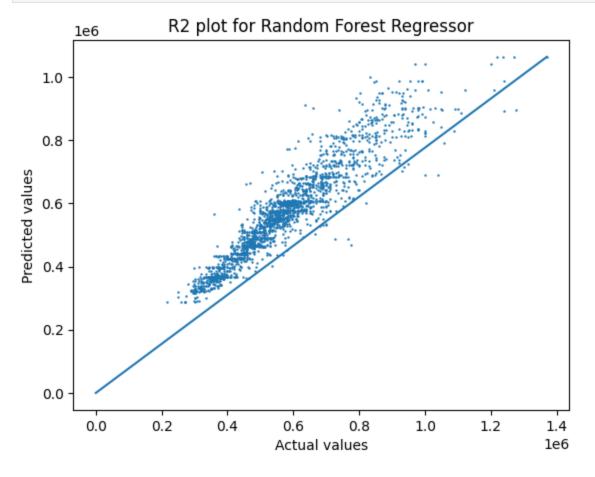
r2 = r2_score(y_test, best_rfr.predict(X_test))
    print(f'R2 score for Random Forest Regressor: {np.round(r2,3)}')
```

```
print(f'R2 score for Gradient Boosting Regressor: {np.round(r2,3)}')

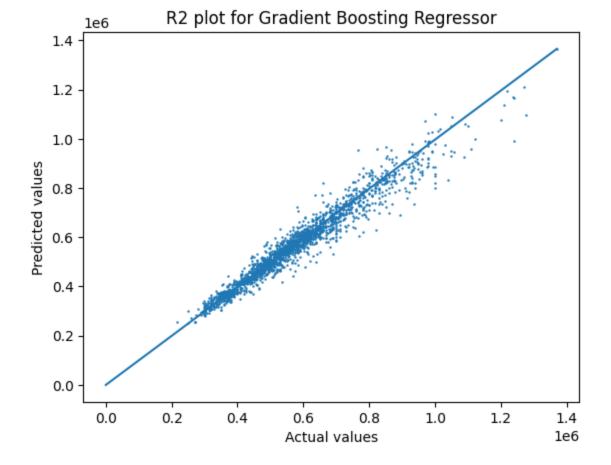
R2 score for Random Forest Regressor: 0.877
R2 score for Gradient Boosting Regressor: 0.947

In [46]: # Plot r2 graphs
    y_pred = best_rfr.predict(X_test)
    plt.scatter(y_test, y_pred , marker='.', s=2)
    plt.xlabel('Actual values')
    plt.ylabel('Predicted values')
    plt.plot([0,max(y_test)], [0, max(y_pred)])
    plt.title('R2 plot for Random Forest Regressor')
    plt.show()
```

r2 = r2\_score(y\_test, best\_gbc.predict(X\_test))



```
In [47]: # Plot r2 graphs
y_pred = best_gbc.predict(X_test)
plt.scatter(y_test, y_pred , marker='.', s=2)
plt.xlabel('Actual values')
plt.ylabel('Predicted values')
plt.plot([0,max(y_test)], [0, max(y_pred)])
plt.title('R2 plot for Gradient Boosting Regressor')
plt.show()
```



# **Exporting the objects for deployment**

File saved as models/rfr\_2023\_01\_to\_04.joblib

```
In [49]:
          print(joblib.dump(scaler, 'models/scaler.joblib'))
          print(joblib.dump(mean_encoder, 'models/mean_encoder.joblib'))
          ['models/scaler.joblib']
          ['models/mean_encoder.joblib']
Out[49]:
In [129...
          name = input(f'Name save file for model {best_gbc}\n')
          if name != '':
              filepath = f'models/gbc_{name}.joblib'
              joblib.dump(best_gbc, filepath)
              print(f'File saved as {filepath}')
          name = input(f'Name save file for model {best_rfr}\n')
          if name != '':
              filepath = f'models/rfr_{name}.joblib'
              joblib.dump(best_rfr, filepath)
              print(f'File saved as {filepath}')
          File saved as models/gbc_2023_01_to_04.joblib
```