model building

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1 HDB Resale Price Predictor & Visualisation

1.1 Model Building

```
[27]: 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, mean_absolute_error, mean_squared_error
      from sklearn.inspection import permutation_importance
      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
      plt.style.use("fivethirtyeight")
[28]: df = pd.read_csv('static/2023_train.csv', index_col=0)
      display(df.head())
      print(df.shape)
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2 Model Building

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##

- 1. EDA
- 1.1 Handling null values
- 1.2 Checking for collinearity
- 1.3 Exploring the dataset

2.0.1 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_	_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

*Other features not listed above but in DataFrame are for visualisation purposes

###

1.1 Handling null values

Double check for null values, drop if any present

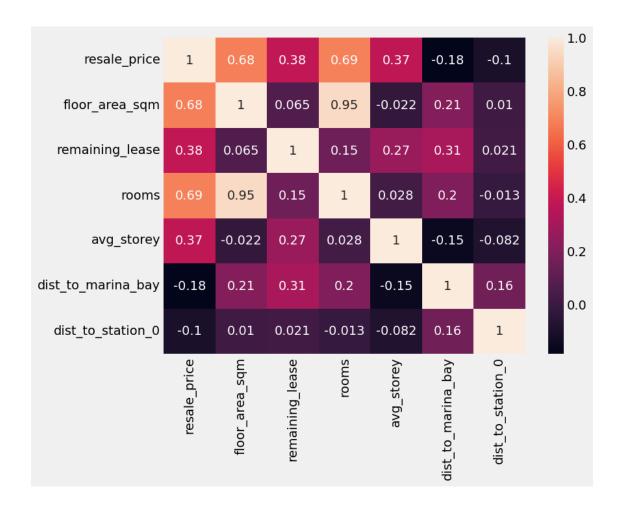
```
[29]: display(df.isna().sum())
df.dropna(inplace=True)
```

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dist_to_marina_bay
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latitude
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longitude
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postal_code
                        0
nearest_station_0
                        0
dist_to_station_0
                        0
dtype: int64
```

###

1.2 Checking for collinearity among numerical features

- $\bullet\,$ There is strong collinearity between
 - floor_area_sqm and rooms (0.86)
- 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)



###

1.3 Exploring the dataset

Which are the most expensive neighbourhoods? Each neighbourhood has a different mean price due to a non-exhaustive number of factors:

- location
- infrastructure and amenitites
- affluent / less affluent neighbourhoods
- supply and demand
- market speculation

We can see that flats in Central region have the highest mean prices, while those in the North region have the lowest mean prices.

```
[31]: region_prices = df.groupby(['region', 'rooms'])[['resale_price']].

-mean(numeric_only=True).sort_values(by=['region', 'rooms'], ascending=False)

region_prices = region_prices.unstack()
```

```
region_prices.columns = ['1 room', '2 room', '3 room', '4 room', '5 room', \

→'Executive / Multigenerational']

region_prices.style.format(precision=0, thousands=',').

→highlight_max(color='red').highlight_min(color='green')
```

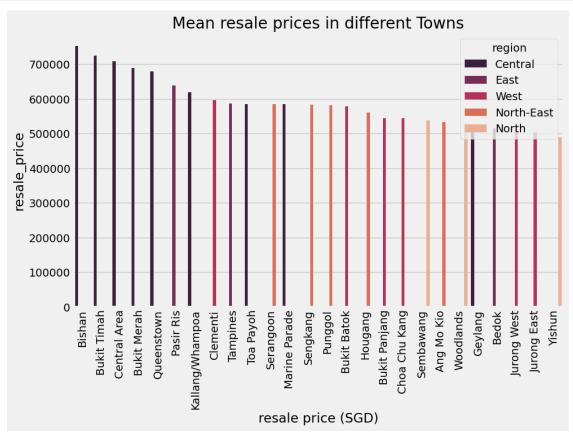
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This is consistent even as we breakdown the region into towns. Towns in the Central region have the highest mean resale prices.

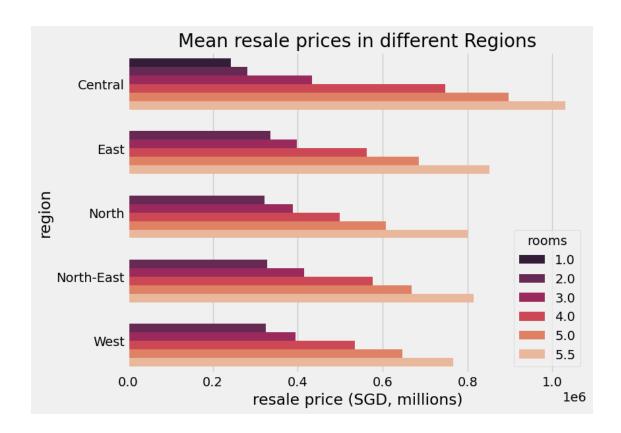
As shown below.

```
[32]: town_regions = {'Sembawang' : 'North',
                      'Woodlands' : 'North',
                      'Yishun' : 'North'.
                      'Ang Mo Kio' : 'North-East',
                      'Hougang' : 'North-East',
                      'Punggol' : 'North-East',
                      'Sengkang' : 'North-East',
                      'Serangoon' : 'North-East',
                      'Bedok' : 'East',
                      'Pasir Ris' : 'East',
                      'Tampines' : 'East',
                      'Bukit Batok' : 'West',
                      'Bukit Panjang' : 'West',
                      'Choa Chu Kang' : 'West',
                      'Clementi' : 'West',
                      'Jurong East' : 'West',
                      'Jurong West' : 'West',
                      'Tengah' : 'West',
                      'Bishan' : 'Central',
                      'Bukit Merah' : 'Central',
                      'Bukit Timah' : 'Central',
                      'Central Area' : 'Central',
                      'Geylang' : 'Central',
                      'Kallang/Whampoa' : 'Central',
                      'Marine Parade' : 'Central',
                       'Queenstown' : 'Central',
                      'Toa Payoh' : 'Central'}
      plt.figure(figsize=(10,6))
      town_prices = df.groupby(['town'])[['resale_price']].mean(numeric_only=True).
       ⇔sort_values(by=['resale_price'], ascending=False).reset_index()
      town_prices['region'] = town_prices['town'].map(town_regions)
      sns.barplot(data=town_prices, x='town', y='resale_price', hue='region', u
       ⇔palette='rocket')
      plt.title('Mean resale prices in different Towns')
      plt.xlabel('resale price (SGD)')
```

```
plt.xticks(rotation = 90)
plt.show()
```



Number of rooms are also a good quantifier of the resale price, we see that the mean resale prices for different rooms follow a certain range (irregardless of region) While expensive regions have a higher upper range of mean resale price.



Breaking it down into town and rooms

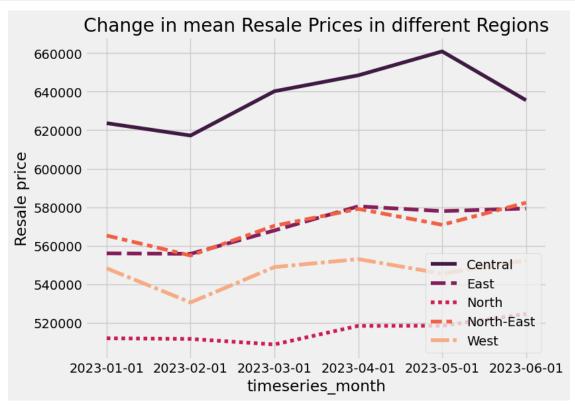
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Change in resale prices within year 2023 The prediction of resale prices over time should be a timeseries problem.

Here we are only looking at a short span of time, and the prices have not moved significantly much, we will do away with timeseries models for simplicity.

```
[35]: ma_df = df.groupby(['timeseries_month', 'region'])['resale_price'].mean()
    ma_df = ma_df.unstack()
    plt.figure(figsize=(8,6))
    sns.lineplot(data=ma_df, palette='rocket')
    plt.title('Change in mean Resale Prices in different Regions')
```

```
plt.ylabel('Resale price')
plt.legend(loc='lower right')
plt.show()
```



##

- 2. Model Building2.1 Preprocessing (label and mean encoding)
- 2.2 Feature selection (KBest, Lasso regression)
- 2.3 Model selection
- 2.4 Hyperparameter tuning

###

- 2.1 Preprocessing (label and mean encoding)
 - I will perform both label and mean encoding (resale_price) onto the town and rooms.
 - Since all of them overlap, I will only use one of these encodings in the end, based on how well the feature generate is.
 - Take note that mean encoding may sometimes result in overfitting.

```
[36]: # Label encoding for town encoder = LabelEncoder()
```

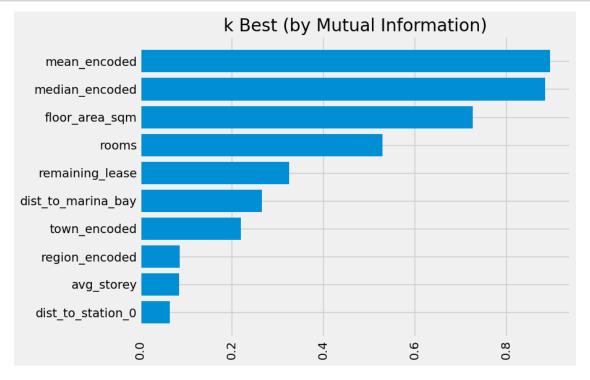
There is no in-built encoders in Sklearn for Mean/Median encoding, for the purpose of deployment later, I will write my own custom class for Mean/Median encoding.

```
[37]: class MeanEncoder():
          Custom class encoder to deal with mean/median encoding
          def __init__(self, measure:str='mean'):
             self.encoder_dict_ = None
             self.columns_ = None
             self.measure = measure
             self.target_column_ = None
              self.filepath = 'No filepath specified'
          def str (self):
             return self.encoder_dict_
          def fit(self, X : pd.DataFrame, columns : list, target_column : str)->None:
              Fit to dataframe to create encoder dict (dictionary) for data mapping
              ## Parameters
                  X : pd.DataFrame object
                  columns: list of strings, indicating columns to groupby
                  target_column : str, desired output (must be numeric)
             Returns None
              111
             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=True).to_dict()
              elif self.measure_ == 'median':
                  self.encoder_dict_ = X.groupby(self.columns_)[self.target_column_].
       →median(numeric_only=True).to_dict()
          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
       111
      def columns_to_tuple(df, columns):
          Function to combined columns as a tuple for dictionary mapping
           111
          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
  def set_from_json(self, filepath):
      Manually set an encoding dictionary
      111
      import json
      with open(filepath) as f:
          data = json.load(f)
          self.encoder dict = data['encoder dict']
          # Note eval() is used to read the str to get back the tuple
          self.encoder dict = eval(self.encoder dict )
          self.columns_ = data['columns']
          self.target_column_ = data['target_column']
      return filepath
  def export_to_json(self, filepath):
      Export the underlying variables to a json file
          The dictionary with tuples is written as a str first, to be read \Box
⇒later using eval()
      Returns a json file to the specified filepath
      import json
      self.filepath = filepath
      export_dict = {'encoder_dict': str(self.encoder_dict_),
                       'columns': self.columns_,
                       'target_column': self.target_column_}
      with open(filepath, 'w')as f:
          json.dump(export_dict, f, indent=4)
      return filepath
```

```
[38]: # 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_label], axis =1)
     train_df.head()
[38]:
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     2.2 Feature selection
[39]: X_unscaled = train_df.iloc[:,1:]
     y = train_df.iloc[:,0]
     scaler = MinMaxScaler()
     X = scaler.fit_transform(X_unscaled)
     ⇒random state=42)
```

SelectKBest using Mutual Information * The KBest algorithm will score the different features based on a scoring function. * In this case, Mutual Information (MI) is used, which measures the dependency of each feature to our dependant variable. * MI equals to zero if and only if two random variables are independent, and higher values mean higher dependency.



Lasso (L1) regularisation to determine less important features * To help us determine the optimal penalty term, α , LassCrossValidation is used. * The penalty term will help reduce less important features nearer to a zero value.

In this case, we see that the median encoded feature and label encoded features have turned negative and headed to 0.

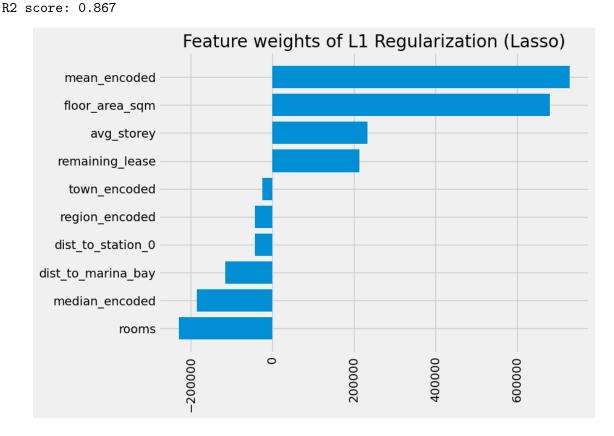
Similarly rooms which should be a positive weight has also turned negative instead. This could

likely be due to its collinearity with floor_area_sqm

```
[41]: # 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)}')
      feature_weights = pd.DataFrame(lr_reg1.coef_, index=X_unscaled.columns,_u

→columns=['feature_weights'])
      feature_weights = feature_weights.sort_values(by=['feature_weights'],_
       ⇔ascending=True)
      plt.figure(figsize=(8,6))
      plt.title('Feature weights of L1 Regularization (Lasso)')
      plt.barh(feature_weights.index, feature_weights['feature_weights'])
      plt.xticks(rotation=90)
      plt.show()
```

LassoCV Alpha: 21.959



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.

###

2.3 Model Selection

I will compare the following models in general, before hyperparameter tuning * SGD Regressor * Decision Tree Regressor * Random Forest Regressor * Gradient Boosting Regressor

I will fit them onto the training set (80%) of the data, then compare them on the test set (remaining 20%)

```
[43]: models = {'SGD Regressor' : SGDRegressor(random_state=42),
                'Tree Regressor' : DecisionTreeRegressor(random_state=42),
                'Random Forest Regressor' : RandomForestRegressor(random_state=42),
                'Gradient Boosting Regressor' :
       →GradientBoostingRegressor(random_state=42)}
      initial_results = {}
      for name, model in models.items():
          model.fit(X_train, y_train)
          r2 = r2_score(y_test, model.predict(X_test))
          mae = mean absolute error(y test, model.predict(X test))
          mse = mean_squared_error(y_test, model.predict(X_test))
          r2 = str(round(r2,3))
          mae = str(int(mae))
          mse = str(int(mse))
          initial_results[name] = [r2, mae, mse]
      pd.DataFrame(initial_results, index=['r2_score', 'Mean absolute error', 'Mean_
       ⇔squared error'])
```

```
[43]: SGD Regressor Tree Regressor Random Forest Regressor \
r2_score 0.853 0.908 0.95
Mean absolute error 48584 33543 25392
Mean squared error 4442805977 2792197034 1530443101
```

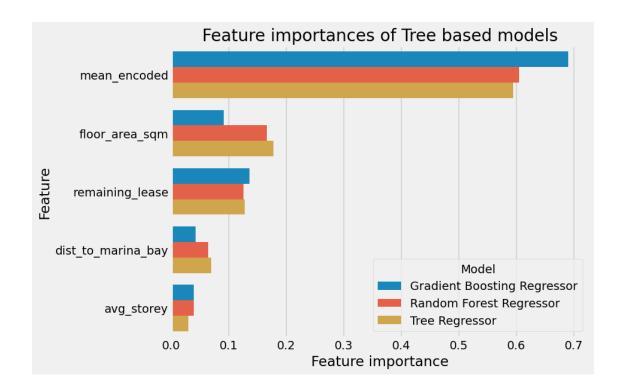
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The ensemble models (Random Forest and Gradient Boosting) tend to perform better. I will narrow down to tune these two models for now.

Feature importances Note that feature importances are impurity based, and can biased towards high cardinality features. (in this case the mean encoded feature)

Feature importances are only useful here in identifying the features that contribute to the prediction, but they do not indicate how important they are to future predictions.

```
[44]: feature importances = {}
      for name, model in models.items():
          if name == 'SGD Regressor': # Impurity based, cannot be used to evaluate,
       → the gradient descent regressor
              continue
          feature importances[name] = np.round(model.feature_importances_, 3)
      feature_importances = pd.DataFrame(feature_importances, index=X_unscaled.
       ⇔columns).reset_index()
      feature_importances = feature_importances.melt(id_vars='index').
       ⇔sort_values(by=['value'], ascending=False)
      feature_importances.columns = ['Feature', 'Model', 'Feature importance']
      plt.figure(figsize=(8,6))
      plt.title('Feature importances of Tree based models')
      sns.barplot(data=feature_importances, y='Feature', x='Feature importance', u
       ⇒orient='h', hue='Model')
      plt.show()
```

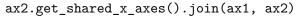


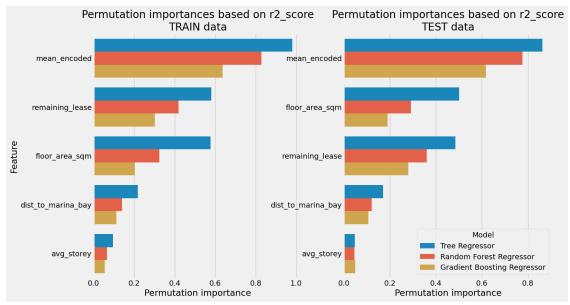
Permutation importances (a better alternative for tree-based models) The permutation feature importance is defined to be the decrease in a model score when a single feature value is randomly shuffled. * Not only is permutation importance model agnostic, it helps us understand how a model is currently using a certain feature. * This is done simply by shuffling the rows within one feature at a time and measure the difference in our desired score (R2) due to the shuffling.

"impurity-based feature importance of random forests suffers from being computed on statistics derived from the training dataset: the importances can be high even for features that are not predictive of the target variable, as long as the model has the capacity to use them to overfit." source

```
permutation importance set = pd.DataFrame(dic, index=X unscaled.columns).
     →reset_index()
              permutation importance set = permutation importance set.
     →melt(id_vars='index').sort_values(by=['value'], ascending=False)
              permutation_importance_set.columns = ['Feature', 'Model', 'Permutation_
     ax = sns.barplot(data=permutation_importance_set, y='Feature',__
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# Remove legend on ax1, and share axis on ax2
ax1.get_legend().remove()
ax2.get_shared_x_axes().join(ax1, ax2)
# ax2.axes.yaxis.set_ticks([])
ax2.set_ylabel('')
ax1.set_title('Permutation importances based on r2_score\nTRAIN data')
ax2.set_title('Permutation importances based on r2_score\nTEST data')
plt.show()
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MatplotlibDeprecationWarning: The join function was deprecated in Matplotlib 3.6
and will be removed two minor releases later.





Compared to the feature importances, we can now see that the other features have a higher weightage now. This is good as it shows that my model is not overly reliant on the mean encoding as

suggested by feature importances that can be biased against high cardinality features.

###

2.4 Hyperparameter tuning

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

Random Forest Regressor

```
[46]: param_distributions = {'max_depth' : [3,5],
                             'n estimators' : [50,100,150],
                             'min_samples_leaf' : [5,10,15],
                             'max_features': [None, 'sqrt', 'log2']
                             }
      random_cv = RandomizedSearchCV(estimator=RandomForestRegressor(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_rfr = random_cv.best_estimator_
```

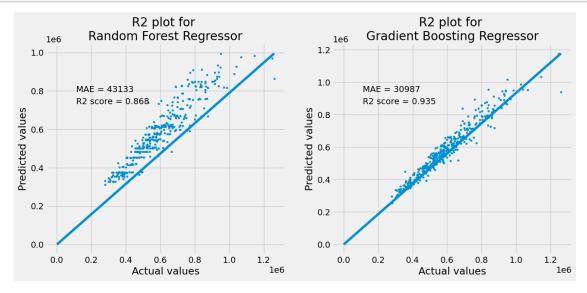
```
Fitting 5 folds for each of 15 candidates, totalling 75 fits
Best Parameters {'n_estimators': 100, 'min_samples_leaf': 5, 'max_features':
None, 'max_depth': 5}
Best R2 score 0.878
```

Gradient Boosting Regressor

```
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': 150, 'max_features': 'log2', 'max_depth': 5,
     'learning rate': 0.1}
     Best R2 score 0.943
     2.0.2 Test on subsequent month's data (Unseen data)
[48]: test_df = pd.read_csv('static/2023_test.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_marina_bay', 'mean_encoded']]
      display(test_df.head())
      print(test_df.shape)
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     (395, 6)
[49]: X_test = test_df.iloc[:,1:]
      y_test = test_df.iloc[:,0]
      X_test = scaler.transform(X_test)
      fig, (ax1,ax2) = plt.subplots(1,2, figsize=(14,6))
      chosen_models = {best_rfr: ax1, best_gbc: ax2}
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```
for model, ax in chosen_models.items():
    y_pred = model.predict(X_test)
    r2 = r2_score(y_test, y_pred)
    mae = mean_absolute_error(y_test, y_pred)
    ax.scatter(y_test, y_pred , marker='.')
    ax.set_xlabel('Actual values')
    ax.set_ylabel('Predicted values')
    ax.plot([0,max(y_test)], [0, max(y_pred)])
    ax.annotate(f'R2 score = {np.round(r2,3)}', (50,250), xycoords='axes_
points')
    ax.annotate(f'MAE = {int(mae)}', (50,270), xycoords='axes points')

ax1.set_title(f'R2 plot for \nRandom Forest Regressor')
    ax2.set_title(f'R2 plot for \nGradient Boosting Regressor')
plt.show()
```



##

3. Conclusions

It would have been possible to obtain higher scores for each regressor if the max_depth was not limited at 5. However, it would be introducing possible overfitting.

Based on the scores * The random forest regressor has a bias to overestimate resale prices, the accuracy is still decently above 85%. * The gradient boosting regressor however has a better fit with a high R2 score and lower MAE.

2.0.3 Exporting the objects for deployment

Scaler object saved as ['models/scaler_2023_06.joblib']
Mean encoder object as['models/mean_encoder_2023_06.joblib']
Mean encoding Json exported as static/encoding_dict_2023_06.json
ML model saved as ['models/gbc_2023_06.joblib']