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[1]: import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns
from sklearn.model_selection import cross_val_score, KFold
from sklearn.linear_model import LinearRegression, SGDRegressor, Ridge, Lasso,
↳ ElasticNet
from sklearn.preprocessing import StandardScaler, PolynomialFeatures
from sklearn.metrics import mean_squared_error, r2_score, mean_absolute_error
import warnings
warnings.filterwarnings('ignore')

# Load your dataset
data = pd.read_csv('happiness_data_train.csv')
print(data.head())
print(data.info())
print(data.describe())

plt.figure(figsize=(16, 12))

# Plot missing data heatmap
plt.figure(figsize=(12, 6))
sns.heatmap(data.isnull(), cbar=False, cmap='viridis')
plt.title("Missing Data Heatmap")
plt.show()

# Dataset summary
num_rows, num_cols = data.shape
print(f"\nThe dataset contains {num_rows} rows and {num_cols} columns.\n")

# Identify categorical vs continuous features
categorical_features = data.select_dtypes(include=['object']).columns.tolist()
continuous_features = data.select_dtypes(include=['float64', 'int64']).columns.
↳ tolist()
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print("Categorical features:", categorical_features)
print("Continuous features:", continuous_features)
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	Life Ladder	Log GDP per capita	Social support \
0	4.930	9.343	0.766
1	5.367	10.299	0.901
2	7.375	10.881	0.931
3	4.613	7.554	0.724
4	6.180	10.945	NaN

	Healthy life expectancy at birth	Freedom to make life choices	Generosity \
0	64.22	NaN	-0.127
1	67.48	0.754	-0.201
2	72.60	0.942	0.077
3	60.64	0.702	-0.088
4	65.80	NaN	NaN

	Perceptions of corruption	Positive affect	Negative affect
0	0.709	0.669	0.331
1	0.726	0.702	0.199
2	0.263	0.823	0.161
3	0.768	0.566	0.195
4	NaN	NaN	NaN

<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>

RangeIndex: 1559 entries, 0 to 1558

Data columns (total 9 columns):

#	Column	Non-Null Count	Dtype
0	Life Ladder	1559 non-null	float64
1	Log GDP per capita	1533 non-null	float64
2	Social support	1549 non-null	float64
3	Healthy life expectancy at birth	1522 non-null	float64
4	Freedom to make life choices	1537 non-null	float64
5	Generosity	1488 non-null	float64
6	Perceptions of corruption	1473 non-null	float64
7	Positive affect	1542 non-null	float64
8	Negative affect	1545 non-null	float64

dtypes: float64(9)

memory usage: 109.7 KB

None

	Life Ladder	Log GDP per capita	Social support \
count	1559.000000	1533.000000	1549.000000
mean	5.469321	9.362995	0.812689
std	1.113280	1.160240	0.118762
min	2.375000	6.635000	0.290000
25%	4.649500	8.460000	0.753000
50%	5.374000	9.456000	0.835000

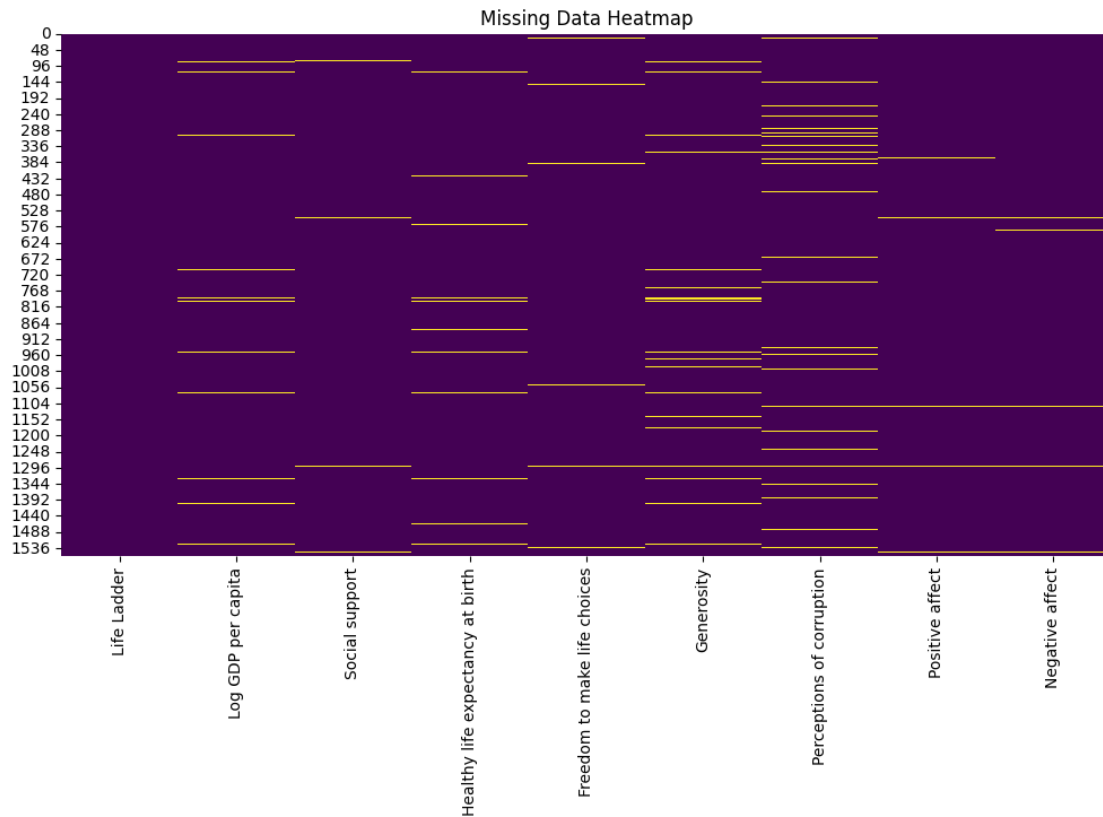
75%	6.272500	10.332000	0.905000
max	8.019000	11.648000	0.987000

	Healthy life expectancy at birth	Freedom to make life choices	\
count	1522.000000	1537.000000	
mean	63.331680	0.741882	
std	7.478307	0.142326	
min	32.300000	0.260000	
25%	58.340000	0.646000	
50%	65.180000	0.763000	
75%	68.535000	0.855000	
max	77.100000	0.985000	

	Generosity	Perceptions of corruption	Positive affect	\
count	1488.000000	1473.000000	1542.000000	
mean	0.000343	0.748248	0.708551	
std	0.163385	0.186708	0.108029	
min	-0.335000	0.035000	0.322000	
25%	-0.113000	0.691000	0.623000	
50%	-0.025000	0.804000	0.721000	
75%	0.091000	0.873000	0.798000	
max	0.698000	0.983000	0.944000	

	Negative affect
count	1545.000000
mean	0.267644
std	0.084431
min	0.083000
25%	0.206000
50%	0.258000
75%	0.319000
max	0.705000

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The dataset contains 1559 rows and 9 columns.

Categorical features: []

Continuous features: ['Life Ladder', 'Log GDP per capita', 'Social support', 'Healthy life expectancy at birth', 'Freedom to make life choices', 'Generosity', 'Perceptions of corruption', 'Positive affect', 'Negative affect']

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[2]: print(data.isnull().sum())
      target_col = 'Life Ladder'
      X = data.drop(columns=[target_col])
      y = data[target_col]
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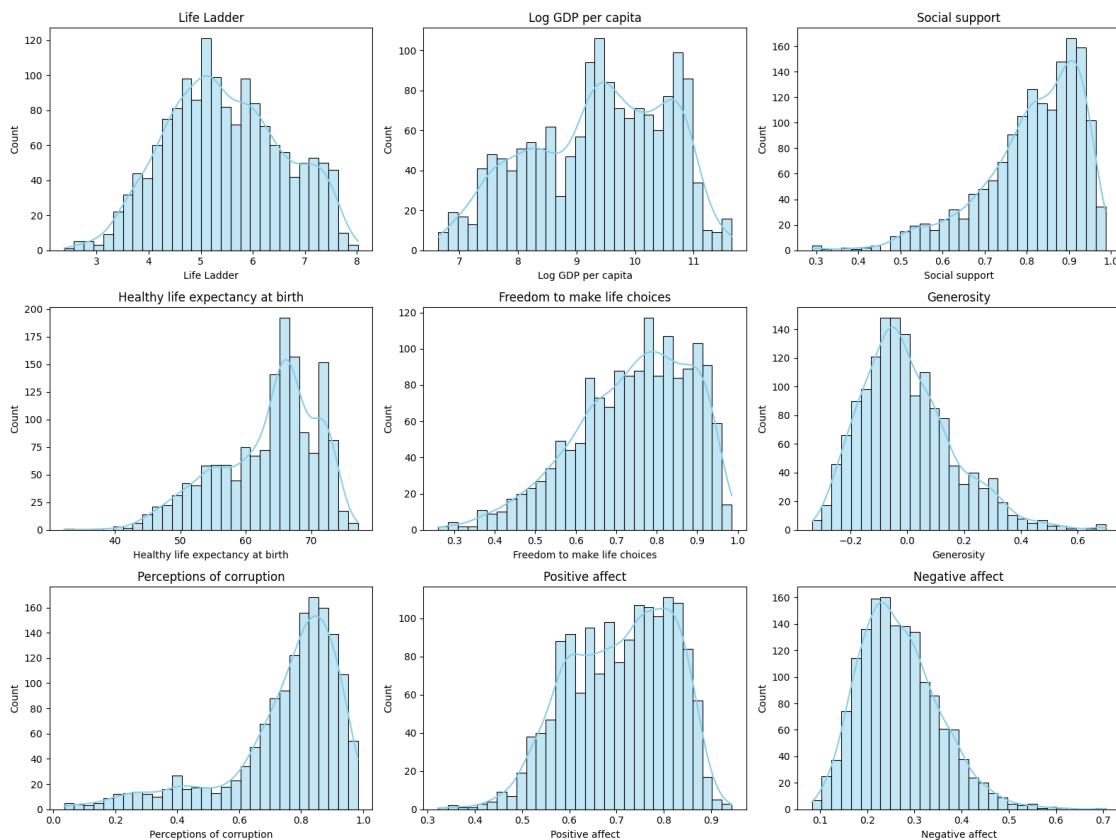
Life Ladder	0
Log GDP per capita	26
Social support	10
Healthy life expectancy at birth	37
Freedom to make life choices	22
Generosity	71
Perceptions of corruption	86
Positive affect	17
Negative affect	14

dtype: int64

## 0.1 Answer to question 1:

1559 entries are present. All the features are continuous and no attribute is categorical. Some of the features like perception of corruption has more missing values than others. \_\_\_\_\_

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[3]: # Plot histograms for all continuous features
plt.figure(figsize=(16, 12))
for i, col in enumerate(data.columns, 1):
    plt.subplot(3, 3, i)
    sns.histplot(data[col], kde=True, bins=30, color='skyblue')
    plt.title(col)
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
```



## 0.2 Answer to B

Require Special Treatment for: Social support, Freedom to make life choices, Positive affect : strong ceiling effects. Nonlinear transformation required. Generosity : skewed with negatives; handle

outliers or normalize. Perceptions of corruption : ceiling effect; may benefit from categorization (low vs. high corruption perception). —————

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[4]: corr_matrix = data.corr(method='pearson')
      print(corr_matrix)
```

	Life Ladder	Log GDP per capita \
Life Ladder	1.000000	0.786712
Log GDP per capita	0.786712	1.000000
Social support	0.703878	0.696893
Healthy life expectancy at birth	0.750773	0.850872
Freedom to make life choices	0.529819	0.359674
Generosity	0.194970	-0.006162
Perceptions of corruption	-0.427562	-0.341493
Positive affect	0.534640	0.296017
Negative affect	-0.301821	-0.215581

	Social support \
Life Ladder	0.703878
Log GDP per capita	0.696893
Social support	1.000000
Healthy life expectancy at birth	0.621460
Freedom to make life choices	0.420372
Generosity	0.062367
Perceptions of corruption	-0.225764
Positive affect	0.424982
Negative affect	-0.403880

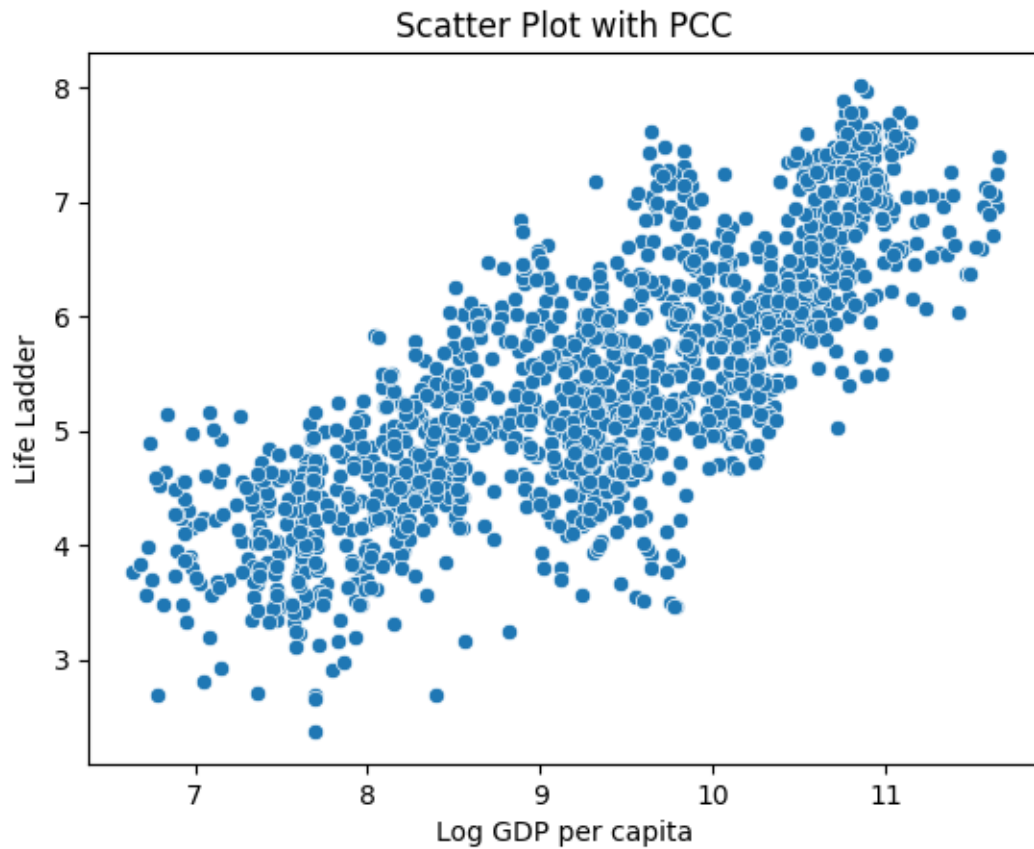
	Healthy life expectancy at birth \
Life Ladder	0.750773
Log GDP per capita	0.850872
Social support	0.621460
Healthy life expectancy at birth	1.000000
Freedom to make life choices	0.381830
Generosity	0.019077
Perceptions of corruption	-0.322159
Positive affect	0.311821
Negative affect	-0.137307

	Freedom to make life choices	Generosity \
Life Ladder	0.529819	0.194970
Log GDP per capita	0.359674	-0.006162
Social support	0.420372	0.062367
Healthy life expectancy at birth	0.381830	0.019077
Freedom to make life choices	1.000000	0.327079
Generosity	0.327079	1.000000
Perceptions of corruption	-0.480826	-0.276108
Positive affect	0.614398	0.377166

Negative affect	-0.272536	-0.106673	
	Perceptions of corruption	Positive affect	\
Life Ladder	-0.427562	0.534640	
Log GDP per capita	-0.341493	0.296017	
Social support	-0.225764	0.424982	
Healthy life expectancy at birth	-0.322159	0.311821	
Freedom to make life choices	-0.480826	0.614398	
Generosity	-0.276108	0.377166	
Perceptions of corruption	1.000000	-0.300299	
Positive affect	-0.300299	1.000000	
Negative affect	0.277781	-0.357850	
	Negative affect		
Life Ladder	-0.301821		
Log GDP per capita	-0.215581		
Social support	-0.403880		
Healthy life expectancy at birth	-0.137307		
Freedom to make life choices	-0.272536		
Generosity	-0.106673		
Perceptions of corruption	0.277781		
Positive affect	-0.357850		
Negative affect	1.000000		

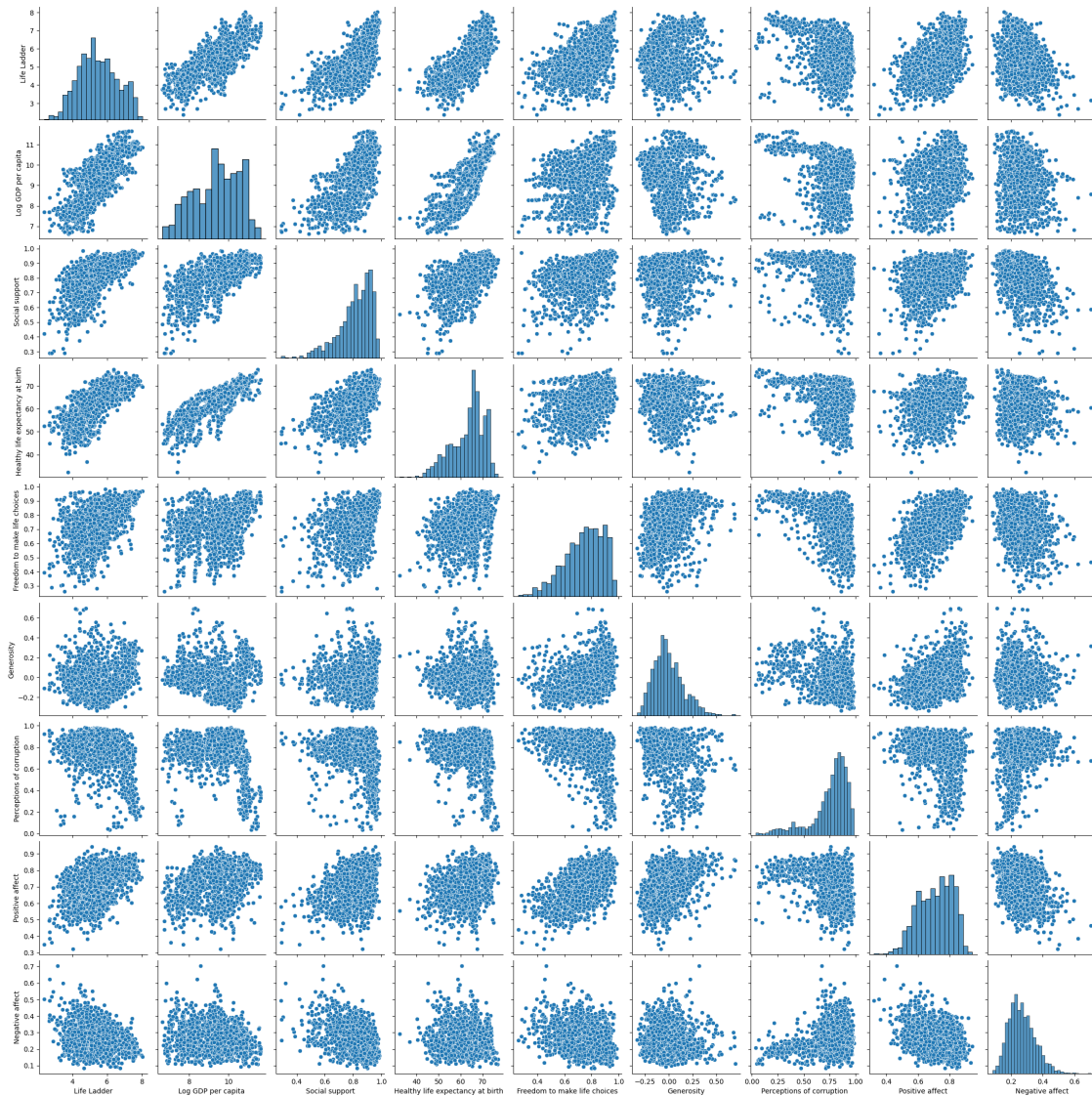
### 0.3 Answer to Part C:

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[5]: sns.scatterplot(x='Log GDP per capita', y='Life Ladder', data=data)
plt.title("Scatter Plot with PCC")
plt.show()
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[6]: sns.pairplot(data[['Life Ladder', 'Log GDP per capita', 'Social support',
    ↪ 'Healthy life expectancy at birth' ,
    'Freedom to make life choices',
    'Generosity',
    'Perceptions of corruption',
    'Positive affect',
    'Negative affect']])
plt.show()
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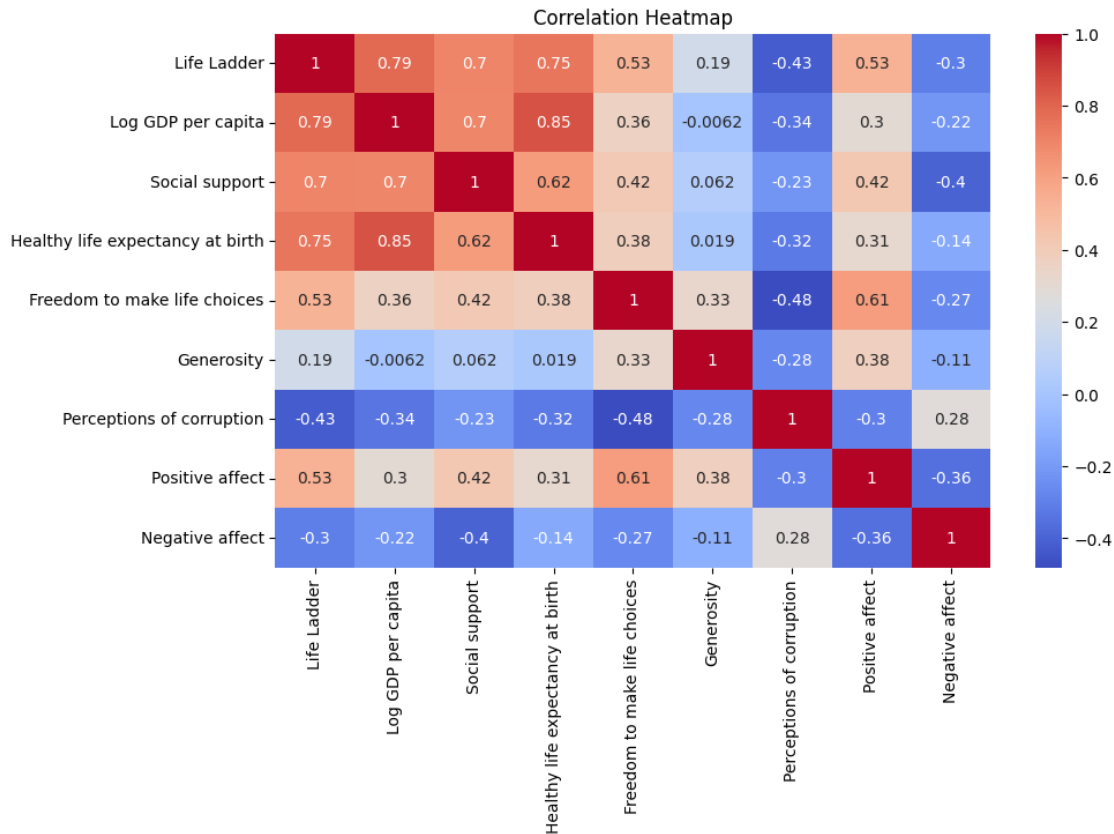




Answer C: It can be said by looking at PCC and scatter plot that : Life Ladder is strongly related with Log GDP/Capita, social support, healthy life expectancy, freedom of make life choice. It is also weakly related with perception of corruption, negative affect.

It is safe to say that cells corresponding to oranges and reds have strong correlation between the corresponding features. But Blue and grey cells have less correlation between the corresponding feature.

```
[7]: plt.figure(figsize=(10,6))
sns.heatmap(corr_matrix, annot=True, cmap='coolwarm')
plt.title("Correlation Heatmap")
plt.show()
```



#### 0.4 Part D starts here:

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[8]: RANDOM_SEED = 30
     np.random.seed(RANDOM_SEED)
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[9]: target_col = 'Life Ladder'
     X = data.drop(columns=[target_col])
     y = data[target_col]
```

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[10]: valid_idx = ~y.isnull()
      X = X[valid_idx]
      y = y[valid_idx]    # drop null code, not necessary
```

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[11]: from sklearn.impute import SimpleImputer
      imputer = SimpleImputer(strategy='median')
      X_imputed = imputer.fit_transform(X)
      X = pd.DataFrame(X_imputed, columns=X.columns)

      print(f"\nAfter handling missing values:")
      print(f"Dataset shape: {X.shape}")
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print(f"Features used: {list(X.columns)}")
print(f"Target variable: {target_col}")
```

After handling missing values:

Dataset shape: (1559, 8)

Features used: ['Log GDP per capita', 'Social support', 'Healthy life expectancy at birth', 'Freedom to make life choices', 'Generosity', 'Perceptions of corruption', 'Positive affect', 'Negative affect']

Target variable: Life Ladder

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[12]: scaler = StandardScaler()
      X_scaled = scaler.fit_transform(X)
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[13]: kfold = KFold(n_splits=4, shuffle=True, random_state=RANDOM_SEED)
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print("\n" + "="*80)
print("PART 1: CLOSED-FORM SOLUTIONS")
print("="*80)
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[14]: print("\n1. Linear Regression (Normal Equation/SVD)")
      lr_model = LinearRegression()
      cv_scores = cross_val_score(lr_model, X_scaled, y, cv=kfold,
                                  scoring='neg_root_mean_squared_error')
      cv_rmse = -cv_scores
      print(f"    Cross-validation RMSE scores: {cv_rmse}")
      print(f"    Mean CV RMSE: {cv_rmse.mean():.4f} (+/- {cv_rmse.std():.4f})")
```

1. Linear Regression (Normal Equation/SVD)

Cross-validation RMSE scores: [0.50655203 0.54872898 0.56828078 0.57072328]

Mean CV RMSE: 0.5486 (+/- 0.0257)

```
[15]: lr_model.fit(X_scaled, y)
      y_pred_lr = lr_model.predict(X_scaled)
      train_rmse_lr = np.sqrt(mean_squared_error(y, y_pred_lr))
      train_r2_lr = r2_score(y, y_pred_lr)
      print(f"    Training RMSE: {train_rmse_lr:.4f}")
      print(f"    Training R2: {train_r2_lr:.4f}")
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print("\n" + "="*80)
print("PART 2: SGD WITHOUT REGULARIZATION")
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Training RMSE: 0.5454  
 Training R<sup>2</sup>: 0.7598

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PART 2: SGD WITHOUT REGULARIZATION
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[16]: print("\n2. SGD Linear Regression (No Regularization)")
sgd_model = SGDRegressor(penalty=None, max_iter=1000, tol=1e-3,
                        random_state=RANDOM_SEED, learning_rate='invscaling',
                        eta0=0.01)
cv_scores_sgd = cross_val_score(sgd_model, X_scaled, y, cv=kfold,
                                scoring='neg_root_mean_squared_error')
cv_rmse_sgd = -cv_scores_sgd
print(f"    Cross-validation RMSE scores: {cv_rmse_sgd}")
print(f"    Mean CV RMSE: {cv_rmse_sgd.mean():.4f} (+/- {cv_rmse_sgd.std():.4f})")

print("\n" + "="*80)
print("PART 3: REGULARIZATION EXPERIMENTS")
print("="*80)
```

## 2. SGD Linear Regression (No Regularization)

Cross-validation RMSE scores: [0.50773048 0.54979493 0.56585417 0.57061505]  
 Mean CV RMSE: 0.5485 (+/- 0.0248)

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PART 3: REGULARIZATION EXPERIMENTS
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[17]: print("\n3. Ridge Regularization (L2)")
alpha_values = [0.01, 1.0, 100.0]
ridge_results = {}

for alpha in alpha_values:
    sgd_ridge = SGDRegressor(penalty='l2', alpha=alpha, max_iter=1000,
                            tol=1e-3, random_state=RANDOM_SEED,
                            learning_rate='invscaling', eta0=0.01)
    cv_scores = cross_val_score(sgd_ridge, X_scaled, y, cv=kfold,
                                scoring='neg_root_mean_squared_error')

    cv_rmse = -cv_scores
    ridge_results[alpha] = cv_rmse.mean()
```

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print(f"    Alpha={alpha:6.2f}: CV RMSE = {cv_rmse.mean():.4f} (+/- {cv_rmse.
↪std():.4f})")
```

### 3. Ridge Regularization (L2)

Alpha= 0.01: CV RMSE = 0.5485 (+/- 0.0248)

Alpha= 1.00: CV RMSE = 0.5963 (+/- 0.0290)

Alpha=100.00: CV RMSE = 1.0874 (+/- 0.0143)

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[18]: print("\n4. Lasso Regularization (L1)")
lasso_results = {}

for alpha in alpha_values:
    sgd_lasso = SGDRegressor(penalty='l1', alpha=alpha, max_iter=1000,
                             tol=1e-3, random_state=RANDOM_SEED,
                             learning_rate='invscaling', eta0=0.01)
    cv_scores = cross_val_score(sgd_lasso, X_scaled, y, cv=kfold,
                                scoring='neg_root_mean_squared_error')

    cv_rmse = -cv_scores
    lasso_results[alpha] = cv_rmse.mean()
    print(f"    Alpha={alpha:6.2f}: CV RMSE = {cv_rmse.mean():.4f} (+/- {cv_rmse.
↪std():.4f})")
```

### 4. Lasso Regularization (L1)

Alpha= 0.01: CV RMSE = 0.5487 (+/- 0.0251)

Alpha= 1.00: CV RMSE = 1.1133 (+/- 0.0082)

Alpha=100.00: CV RMSE = 1.1133 (+/- 0.0082)

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[19]: print("\n5. Elastic Net Regularization (L1 + L2, l1_ratio=0.5)")
elasticnet_results = {}

for alpha in alpha_values:
    sgd_elastic = SGDRegressor(penalty='elasticnet', alpha=alpha, l1_ratio=0.5,
                               max_iter=1000, tol=1e-3,
↪random_state=RANDOM_SEED,
                               learning_rate='invscaling', eta0=0.01)
    cv_scores = cross_val_score(sgd_elastic, X_scaled, y, cv=kfold,
                                scoring='neg_root_mean_squared_error')

    cv_rmse = -cv_scores
    elasticnet_results[alpha] = cv_rmse.mean()
    print(f"    Alpha={alpha:6.2f}: CV RMSE = {cv_rmse.mean():.4f} (+/- {cv_rmse.
↪std():.4f})")
```

### 5. Elastic Net Regularization (L1 + L2, l1\_ratio=0.5)

Alpha= 0.01: CV RMSE = 0.5486 (+/- 0.0250)

Alpha= 1.00: CV RMSE = 0.8782 (+/- 0.0058)

Alpha=100.00: CV RMSE = 1.1133 (+/- 0.0082)

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[20]: print("\n" + "="*80)
print("PART 4: HYPERPARAMETER EXPLORATION - LEARNING RATE")
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PART 4: HYPERPARAMETER EXPLORATION - LEARNING RATE
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[21]: print("\n6. Impact of Learning Rate (with Ridge, alpha=1.0)")
learning_rates = [0.001, 0.01, 0.1]
lr_results = {}

for lr in learning_rates:
    sgd_lr = SGDRegressor(penalty='l2', alpha=1.0, max_iter=1000, tol=1e-3,
                          random_state=RANDOM_SEED, learning_rate='constant',
                          eta0=lr)
    cv_scores = cross_val_score(sgd_lr, X_scaled, y, cv=kfold,
                                scoring='neg_root_mean_squared_error')

    cv_rmse = -cv_scores
    lr_results[lr] = cv_rmse.mean()
    print(f"    Learning Rate={lr:.4f}: CV RMSE = {cv_rmse.mean():.4f} (+/-_
    ↪{cv_rmse.std():.4f})")

print("\n    Impact: Lower learning rates converge slowly but more stably.")
print("    Higher learning rates converge faster but may overshoot or_
    ↪diverge.")

print("\n7. Impact of Learning Rate Schedule (with Ridge, alpha=1.0, eta0=0.
    ↪01)")
schedules = ['constant', 'optimal', 'invscaling', 'adaptive']
schedule_results = {}

for schedule in schedules:
    sgd_schedule = SGDRegressor(penalty='l2', alpha=1.0, max_iter=1000,
    ↪tol=1e-3,
                                random_state=RANDOM_SEED,
    ↪learning_rate=schedule,
                                eta0=0.01)
    cv_scores = cross_val_score(sgd_schedule, X_scaled, y, cv=kfold,
                                scoring='neg_root_mean_squared_error')

    cv_rmse = -cv_scores
    schedule_results[schedule] = cv_rmse.mean()
    print(f"    Schedule={schedule:12s}: CV RMSE = {cv_rmse.mean():.4f} (+/-_
    ↪{cv_rmse.std():.4f})")
```

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print("\n    Impact: Different schedules affect convergence speed and final_
    ↪performance.")
print("        'optimal' and 'invscaling' typically work well for most_
    ↪problems.")
```

#### 6. Impact of Learning Rate (with Ridge, alpha=1.0)

Learning Rate=0.0010: CV RMSE = 0.6003 (+/- 0.0228)  
 Learning Rate=0.0100: CV RMSE = 0.6140 (+/- 0.0434)  
 Learning Rate=0.1000: CV RMSE = 0.7090 (+/- 0.1281)

Impact: Lower learning rates converge slowly but more stably.

Higher learning rates converge faster but may overshoot or diverge.

#### 7. Impact of Learning Rate Schedule (with Ridge, alpha=1.0, eta0=0.01)

Schedule=constant : CV RMSE = 0.6140 (+/- 0.0434)  
 Schedule=optimal : CV RMSE = 0.5986 (+/- 0.0241)  
 Schedule=invscaling : CV RMSE = 0.5963 (+/- 0.0290)  
 Schedule=adaptive : CV RMSE = 0.5988 (+/- 0.0244)

Impact: Different schedules affect convergence speed and final performance.

'optimal' and 'invscaling' typically work well for most problems.

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[22]: print("\n" + "="*80)
print("PART 5: SUMMARY AND BEST MODEL SELECTION")
print("="*80)
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[23]: all_results = {
    'Linear Regression': cv_rmse.mean(),
    'SGD (no reg)': cv_rmse_sgd.mean(),
}

for alpha in alpha_values:
    all_results[f'Ridge ({alpha})'] = ridge_results[alpha]
    all_results[f'Lasso ({alpha})'] = lasso_results[alpha]
    all_results[f'ElasticNet ({alpha})'] = elasticnet_results[alpha]

print("\nAll Model Performance (CV RMSE):")
for model_name, rmse in sorted(all_results.items(), key=lambda x: x[1]):
    print(f"    {model_name:30s}: {rmse:.4f}")
```

All Model Performance (CV RMSE):

Ridge (=0.01)	: 0.5485
SGD (no reg)	: 0.5485
ElasticNet (=0.01)	: 0.5486
Lasso (=0.01)	: 0.5487
Ridge (=1.0)	: 0.5963
Linear Regression	: 0.5988
ElasticNet (=1.0)	: 0.8782
Ridge (=100.0)	: 1.0874
Lasso (=100.0)	: 1.1133
ElasticNet (=100.0)	: 1.1133
Lasso (=1.0)	: 1.1133

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[24]: best_model_name = min(all_results, key=all_results.get)
best_rmse = all_results[best_model_name]
print(f"\nBest Model: {best_model_name} with CV RMSE = {best_rmse:.4f}")

# Determine best hyperparameters
if 'Ridge' in best_model_name:
    best_penalty = 'l2'
    best_alpha = float(best_model_name.split('=')[1].rstrip(''))
elif 'Lasso' in best_model_name:
    best_penalty = 'l1'
    best_alpha = float(best_model_name.split('=')[1].rstrip(''))
elif 'ElasticNet' in best_model_name:
    best_penalty = 'elasticnet'
    best_alpha = float(best_model_name.split('=')[1].rstrip(''))
else:
    best_penalty = None
    best_alpha = 0.0001

print("\n" + "="*80)
print("PART 6: TRAINING BEST MODEL WITH EPOCH-BY-EPOCH TRACKING")
print("="*80)

# Train best model with epoch tracking
print(f"\nTraining best model: {best_model_name}")
print("Tracking training and validation loss by epoch...\n")

# Split data for validation tracking
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
X_train, X_val, y_train, y_val = train_test_split(
    X_scaled, y, test_size=0.2, random_state=RANDOM_SEED
)
```

Best Model: Ridge (=0.01) with CV RMSE = 0.5485



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## PART 6: TRAINING BEST MODEL WITH EPOCH-BY-EPOCH TRACKING

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Training best model: Ridge (=0.01)

Tracking training and validation loss by epoch...

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[25]: if best_penalty == 'elasticnet':
    best_sgd_model = SGDRegressor(
        penalty=best_penalty, alpha=best_alpha, l1_ratio=0.5,
        max_iter=1, warm_start=True, random_state=RANDOM_SEED,
        learning_rate='invscaling', eta0=0.01, tol=None
    )
else:
    best_sgd_model = SGDRegressor(
        penalty=best_penalty, alpha=best_alpha,
        max_iter=1, warm_start=True, random_state=RANDOM_SEED,
        learning_rate='invscaling', eta0=0.01, tol=None
    )

[26]: n_epochs = 100
train_losses = []
val_losses = []

for epoch in range(n_epochs):
    best_sgd_model.fit(X_train, y_train)

    # Compute training and validation RMSE
    y_train_pred = best_sgd_model.predict(X_train)
    y_val_pred = best_sgd_model.predict(X_val)

    train_rmse = np.sqrt(mean_squared_error(y_train, y_train_pred))
    val_rmse = np.sqrt(mean_squared_error(y_val, y_val_pred))

    train_losses.append(train_rmse)
    val_losses.append(val_rmse)

    if (epoch + 1) % 10 == 0:
        print(f"Epoch {epoch+1:3d}: Train RMSE = {train_rmse:.4f}, Val RMSE =_{
↵{val_rmse:.4f}")
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Epoch 10: Train RMSE = 0.5549, Val RMSE = 0.5065
Epoch 20: Train RMSE = 0.5549, Val RMSE = 0.5066
Epoch 30: Train RMSE = 0.5549, Val RMSE = 0.5066
Epoch 40: Train RMSE = 0.5549, Val RMSE = 0.5066
Epoch 50: Train RMSE = 0.5549, Val RMSE = 0.5066
Epoch 60: Train RMSE = 0.5549, Val RMSE = 0.5066
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Epoch 70: Train RMSE = 0.5549, Val RMSE = 0.5066
Epoch 80: Train RMSE = 0.5549, Val RMSE = 0.5066
Epoch 90: Train RMSE = 0.5549, Val RMSE = 0.5066
Epoch 100: Train RMSE = 0.5549, Val RMSE = 0.5066
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[27]: print("\n\nTraining final model on entire training dataset...")
      if best_penalty == 'elasticnet':
          final_model = SGDRegressor(
              penalty=best_penalty, alpha=best_alpha, l1_ratio=0.5,
              max_iter=100, random_state=RANDOM_SEED,
              learning_rate='invscaling', eta0=0.01, tol=1e-3
          )
      else:
          final_model = SGDRegressor(
              penalty=best_penalty, alpha=best_alpha,
              max_iter=100, random_state=RANDOM_SEED,
              learning_rate='invscaling', eta0=0.01, tol=1e-3
          )

      final_model.fit(X_scaled, y)
      y_pred_final = final_model.predict(X_scaled)
      final_rmse = np.sqrt(mean_squared_error(y, y_pred_final))
      final_r2 = r2_score(y, y_pred_final)
      final_mae = mean_absolute_error(y, y_pred_final)
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Training final model on entire training dataset...

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[28]: print(f"\n\nFinal Model Performance on Full Training Set:")
      print(f"    RMSE: {final_rmse:.4f}")
      print(f"    R2:  {final_r2:.4f}")
      print(f"    MAE:  {final_mae:.4f}")

      print("\n" + "="*80)
      print("PART 7: VISUALIZATIONS")
      print("="*80)
```

Final Model Performance on Full Training Set:

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    RMSE: 0.5463
    R2:  0.7590
    MAE:  0.4238
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PART 7: VISUALIZATIONS
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[29]: fig, axes = plt.subplots(2, 2, figsize=(14, 10))

# Plot 1: Training and Validation Loss over Epochs
ax1 = axes[0, 0]
ax1.plot(range(1, n_epochs + 1), train_losses, label='Training RMSE',
         ↪linewidth=2)
ax1.plot(range(1, n_epochs + 1), val_losses, label='Validation RMSE',
         ↪linewidth=2)
ax1.set_xlabel('Epoch', fontsize=11)
ax1.set_ylabel('RMSE', fontsize=11)
ax1.set_title(f'Training/Validation Loss - {best_model_name}', fontsize=12,
             ↪fontweight='bold')
ax1.legend()
ax1.grid(True, alpha=0.3)

# Plot 2: Regularization Impact Comparison
ax2 = axes[0, 1]
reg_comparison = {
    'Ridge\n=0.01': ridge_results[0.01],
    'Ridge\n=1.0': ridge_results[1.0],
    'Ridge\n=100': ridge_results[100.0],
    'Lasso\n=0.01': lasso_results[0.01],
    'Lasso\n=1.0': lasso_results[1.0],
    'Lasso\n=100': lasso_results[100.0],
    'ElasticNet\n=0.01': elasticnet_results[0.01],
    'ElasticNet\n=1.0': elasticnet_results[1.0],
    'ElasticNet\n=100': elasticnet_results[100.0],
}
colors = ['#1f77b4']*3 + ['#ff7f0e']*3 + ['#2ca02c']*3
bars = ax2.bar(range(len(reg_comparison)), list(reg_comparison.values()),
              ↪color=colors)
ax2.set_xticks(range(len(reg_comparison)))
ax2.set_xticklabels(list(reg_comparison.keys()), rotation=45, ha='right',
                   ↪fontsize=9)
ax2.set_ylabel('CV RMSE', fontsize=11)
ax2.set_title('Regularization Impact on Performance', fontsize=12,
             ↪fontweight='bold')
ax2.grid(True, alpha=0.3, axis='y')

# Plot 3: Learning Rate Impact
ax3 = axes[1, 0]
lr_names = [f'LR={lr}' for lr in learning_rates]
bars = ax3.bar(lr_names, [lr_results[lr] for lr in learning_rates],
              color=['#d62728', '#9467bd', '#8c564b'])
ax3.set_ylabel('CV RMSE', fontsize=11)
ax3.set_title('Learning Rate Impact', fontsize=12, fontweight='bold')
ax3.grid(True, alpha=0.3, axis='y')
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for i, (lr, rmse) in enumerate(lr_results.items()):
    ax3.text(i, rmse, f'{rmse:.4f}', ha='center', va='bottom', fontsize=9)

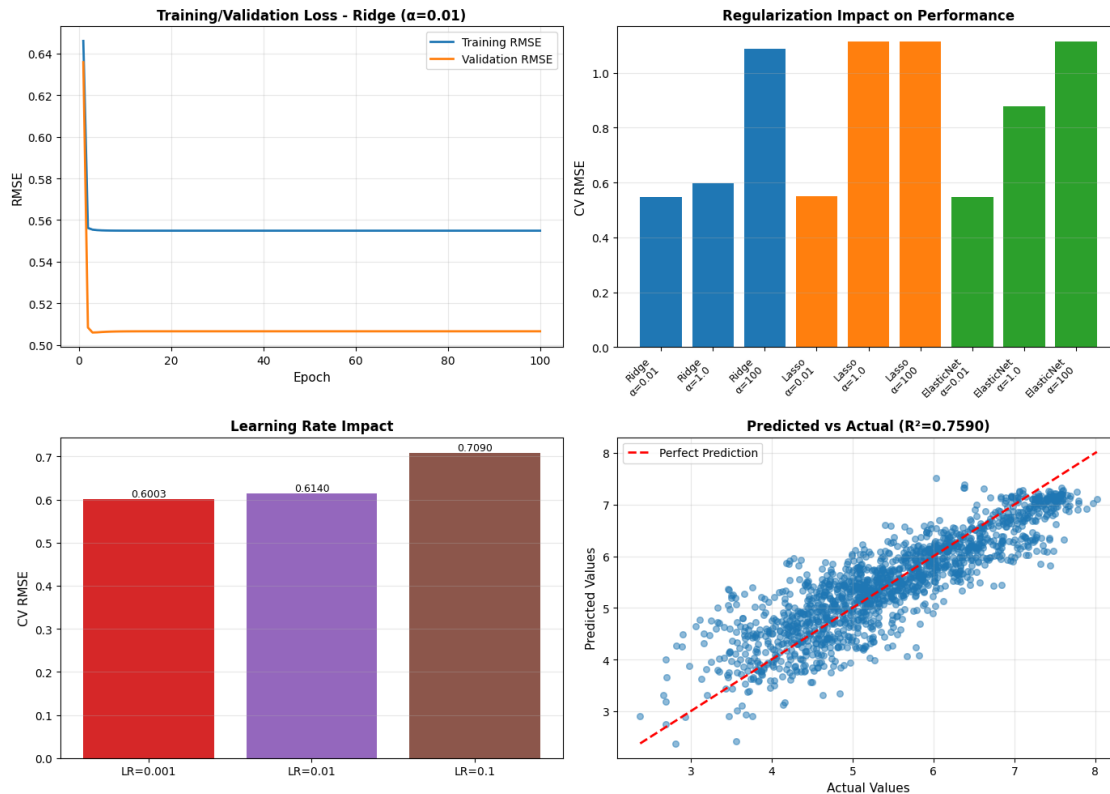
# Plot 4: Predicted vs Actual
ax4 = axes[1, 1]
ax4.scatter(y, y_pred_final, alpha=0.5, s=30)
min_val = min(y.min(), y_pred_final.min())
max_val = max(y.max(), y_pred_final.max())
ax4.plot([min_val, max_val], [min_val, max_val], 'r--', linewidth=2,
        label='Perfect Prediction')
ax4.set_xlabel('Actual Values', fontsize=11)
ax4.set_ylabel('Predicted Values', fontsize=11)
ax4.set_title(f'Predicted vs Actual ( $R^2$ = $\{final\_r2:.4f\}$ )', fontsize=12,
        fontweight='bold')
ax4.legend()
ax4.grid(True, alpha=0.3)

plt.tight_layout()
plt.savefig('linear_regression_analysis.png', dpi=300, bbox_inches='tight')
print("\nVisualization saved as 'linear_regression_analysis.png'")
plt.show()

print(f"\nBest configuration: {best_model_name} with RMSE = {best_rmse:.4f}")

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Visualization saved as 'linear\_regression\_analysis.png'



Best configuration: Ridge ( $\alpha=0.01$ ) with RMSE = 0.5485

## 0.5 Solution of E starts here.

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[34]: degrees = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
degree_results = {}

print("\nTesting polynomial degrees [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]...")
print("-" * 80)

for degree in degrees:
    print(f"\nDegree {degree}:")

    # Create polynomial features
    poly = PolynomialFeatures(degree=degree, include_bias=False)
    X_poly_train = poly.fit_transform(X_train)
    X_poly_val = poly.transform(X_val)

    # Standardize
    scaler = StandardScaler()
    X_poly_train_scaled = scaler.fit_transform(X_poly_train)
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X_poly_val_scaled = scaler.transform(X_poly_val)

print(f"  Number of polynomial features: {X_poly_train_scaled.shape[1]}")

# Train SGD model
sgd_model = SGDRegressor(
    penalty='l2', alpha=0.01, max_iter=1000, tol=1e-3,
    random_state=RANDOM_SEED, learning_rate='invscaling', eta0=0.01
)
sgd_model.fit(X_poly_train_scaled, y_train)

# Predictions
y_train_pred = sgd_model.predict(X_poly_train_scaled)
y_val_pred = sgd_model.predict(X_poly_val_scaled)

# Metrics
train_rmse = np.sqrt(mean_squared_error(y_train, y_train_pred))
val_rmse = np.sqrt(mean_squared_error(y_val, y_val_pred))
train_r2 = r2_score(y_train, y_train_pred)
val_r2 = r2_score(y_val, y_val_pred)

degree_results[degree] = {
    'train_rmse': train_rmse,
    'val_rmse': val_rmse,
    'train_r2': train_r2,
    'val_r2': val_r2,
    'n_features': X_poly_train_scaled.shape[1]
}

print(f"  Train RMSE: {train_rmse:.4f} | Val RMSE: {val_rmse:.4f}")
print(f"  Train R²:   {train_r2:.4f} | Val R²:   {val_r2:.4f}")
print(f"  Gap (Val-Train RMSE): {val_rmse - train_rmse:.4f}")

print("\n" + "="*80)
print("3. OVERFITTING/UNDERFITTING ANALYSIS")
print("="*80)

print("\nAnalyzing model fit based on train-validation gap:\n")
for degree, metrics in degree_results.items():
    gap = metrics['val_rmse'] - metrics['train_rmse']
    gap_pct = (gap / metrics['train_rmse']) * 100

    print(f"Degree {degree}:")
    print(f"  Train RMSE: {metrics['train_rmse']:.4f}")
    print(f"  Val RMSE:   {metrics['val_rmse']:.4f}")
    print(f"  Gap:        {gap:.4f} ({gap_pct:.1f}%)")

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print("\nKEY FINDINGS:")
print("-" * 80)
best_val_degree = min(degree_results.keys(), key=lambda d:
    ↪degree_results[d]['val_rmse'])
print(f"• Best validation RMSE at degree {best_val_degree}:
    ↪{degree_results[best_val_degree]['val_rmse']:.4f}")
print(f"• Degree 1 (linear) baseline: {degree_results[1]['val_rmse']:.4f}")
print(f"• As degree increases, training error decreases but validation may
    ↪increase")
print(f"• High-degree polynomials risk overfitting with {X.shape[1]} original
    ↪features")

print("\n" + "="*80)
print("4. REGULARIZATION EXPERIMENTS WITH POLYNOMIAL FEATURES")
print("="*80)

# Use best polynomial degree for regularization experiments
print(f"\nUsing polynomial degree {best_val_degree} for detailed experiments...
    ↪")
print("-" * 80)

poly = PolynomialFeatures(degree=best_val_degree, include_bias=False)
X_poly_train = poly.fit_transform(X_train)
X_poly_val = poly.transform(X_val)

scaler = StandardScaler()
X_poly_train_scaled = scaler.fit_transform(X_poly_train)
X_poly_val_scaled = scaler.transform(X_poly_val)

# Test different regularization types and strengths
regularization_experiments = []
alpha_values = [0.0001, 0.001, 0.01, 0.1, 1.0, 10.0]

print("\n4.1 Ridge Regularization (L2)")
for alpha in alpha_values:
    sgd = SGDRegressor(penalty='l2', alpha=alpha, max_iter=1000, tol=1e-3,
        ↪random_state=RANDOM_SEED, learning_rate='invscaling',
        ↪eta0=0.01)
    sgd.fit(X_poly_train_scaled, y_train)

    train_rmse = np.sqrt(mean_squared_error(y_train, sgd.
        ↪predict(X_poly_train_scaled)))
    val_rmse = np.sqrt(mean_squared_error(y_val, sgd.
        ↪predict(X_poly_val_scaled)))

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regularization_experiments.append({
    'type': 'Ridge',
    'alpha': alpha,
    'train_rmse': train_rmse,
    'val_rmse': val_rmse
})
print(f"    = {alpha:7.4f}: Train={train_rmse:.4f}, Val={val_rmse:.4f},  

↳ Gap={val_rmse-train_rmse:.4f}")

print("\n4.2 Lasso Regularization (L1)")
for alpha in alpha_values:
    sgd = SGDRegressor(penalty='l1', alpha=alpha, max_iter=1000, tol=1e-3,
                        random_state=RANDOM_SEED, learning_rate='invscaling',  

↳ eta0=0.01)
    sgd.fit(X_poly_train_scaled, y_train)

    train_rmse = np.sqrt(mean_squared_error(y_train, sgd.  

↳ predict(X_poly_train_scaled)))
    val_rmse = np.sqrt(mean_squared_error(y_val, sgd.  

↳ predict(X_poly_val_scaled)))

    regularization_experiments.append({
        'type': 'Lasso',
        'alpha': alpha,
        'train_rmse': train_rmse,
        'val_rmse': val_rmse
    })
    print(f"    = {alpha:7.4f}: Train={train_rmse:.4f}, Val={val_rmse:.4f},  

↳ Gap={val_rmse-train_rmse:.4f}")

print("\n4.3 Elastic Net Regularization (L1 + L2)")
for alpha in alpha_values:
    sgd = SGDRegressor(penalty='elasticnet', alpha=alpha, l1_ratio=0.5,
                        max_iter=1000, tol=1e-3, random_state=RANDOM_SEED,
                        learning_rate='invscaling', eta0=0.01)
    sgd.fit(X_poly_train_scaled, y_train)

    train_rmse = np.sqrt(mean_squared_error(y_train, sgd.  

↳ predict(X_poly_train_scaled)))
    val_rmse = np.sqrt(mean_squared_error(y_val, sgd.  

↳ predict(X_poly_val_scaled)))

    regularization_experiments.append({
        'type': 'ElasticNet',
        'alpha': alpha,
        'train_rmse': train_rmse,

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        'val_rmse': val_rmse
    })
    print(f"    = {alpha:7.4f}: Train={train_rmse:.4f}, Val={val_rmse:.4f},  

    ↪ Gap={val_rmse-train_rmse:.4f}")

print("\n" + "="*80)
print("5. LEARNING RATE EXPLORATION")
print("="*80)

learning_rates = [0.001, 0.005, 0.01, 0.05, 0.1, 0.5]
lr_results = []

print(f"\nTesting learning rates with Ridge (=0.01), degree={best_val_degree}:  

    ↪ ")
print("-" * 80)

for lr in learning_rates:
    sgd = SGDRegressor(penalty='l2', alpha=0.01, max_iter=1000, tol=1e-3,  

                        random_state=RANDOM_SEED, learning_rate='constant',  

    ↪ eta0=lr)
    sgd.fit(X_poly_train_scaled, y_train)

    train_rmse = np.sqrt(mean_squared_error(y_train, sgd.  

    ↪ predict(X_poly_train_scaled)))
    val_rmse = np.sqrt(mean_squared_error(y_val, sgd.  

    ↪ predict(X_poly_val_scaled)))

    lr_results.append({
        'lr': lr,
        'train_rmse': train_rmse,
        'val_rmse': val_rmse
    })
    print(f"    LR={lr:.4f}: Train={train_rmse:.4f}, Val={val_rmse:.4f}")

print("\n" + "="*80)
print("6. BEST MODEL SELECTION")
print("="*80)

# Find best configuration
best_config = min(regularization_experiments, key=lambda x: x['val_rmse'])
print(f"\nBest configuration based on validation RMSE:")
print(f"    Regularization: {best_config['type']}")
print(f"    Alpha: {best_config['alpha']}")
print(f"    Polynomial Degree: {best_val_degree}")
print(f"    Validation RMSE: {best_config['val_rmse']:.4f}")
print(f"    Training RMSE: {best_config['train_rmse']:.4f}")

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print("\n" + "="*80)
print("7. TRAINING BEST MODEL WITH EPOCH TRACKING")
print("="*80)

print("\nTraining best model with epoch-by-epoch tracking...")

# Prepare polynomial features for best degree
poly_best = PolynomialFeatures(degree=best_val_degree, include_bias=False)
X_poly_train = poly_best.fit_transform(X_train)
X_poly_val = poly_best.transform(X_val)

scaler_best = StandardScaler()
X_poly_train_scaled = scaler_best.fit_transform(X_poly_train)
X_poly_val_scaled = scaler_best.transform(X_poly_val)

# Initialize best model
if best_config['type'] == 'Ridge':
    best_model = SGDRegressor(penalty='l2', alpha=best_config['alpha'],
                              max_iter=1, warm_start=True, tol=None,
                              random_state=RANDOM_SEED,
                              ↪learning_rate='invscaling', eta0=0.01)
elif best_config['type'] == 'Lasso':
    best_model = SGDRegressor(penalty='l1', alpha=best_config['alpha'],
                              max_iter=1, warm_start=True, tol=None,
                              random_state=RANDOM_SEED,
                              ↪learning_rate='invscaling', eta0=0.01)
else: # ElasticNet
    best_model = SGDRegressor(penalty='elasticnet', alpha=best_config['alpha'],
                              ↪l1_ratio=0.5,
                              max_iter=1, warm_start=True, tol=None,
                              random_state=RANDOM_SEED,
                              ↪learning_rate='invscaling', eta0=0.01)

# Track losses over epochs
n_epochs = 150
train_losses_epoch = []
val_losses_epoch = []

for epoch in range(n_epochs):
    best_model.fit(X_poly_train_scaled, y_train)

    y_train_pred = best_model.predict(X_poly_train_scaled)
    y_val_pred = best_model.predict(X_poly_val_scaled)

    train_rmse = np.sqrt(mean_squared_error(y_train, y_train_pred))
    val_rmse = np.sqrt(mean_squared_error(y_val, y_val_pred))

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train_losses_epoch.append(train_rmse)
val_losses_epoch.append(val_rmse)

if (epoch + 1) % 30 == 0:
    print(f"Epoch {epoch+1:3d}: Train RMSE={train_rmse:.4f}, Val_
    ↪RMSE={val_rmse:.4f}")

print("\n" + "="*80)
print("8. FINAL MODEL TRAINING ON FULL TRAINING SET")
print("="*80)

# Train on full training data with best hyperparameters
print("\nTraining final model on entire training dataset...")

# Prepare full training data
X_full = X # All training data
y_full = y

poly_final = PolynomialFeatures(degree=best_val_degree, include_bias=False)
X_poly_full = poly_final.fit_transform(X_full)

scaler_final = StandardScaler()
X_poly_full_scaled = scaler_final.fit_transform(X_poly_full)

# Train final model
if best_config['type'] == 'Ridge':
    final_model = SGDRegressor(penalty='l2', alpha=best_config['alpha'],
                               max_iter=150, tol=1e-3, random_state=RANDOM_SEED,
                               learning_rate='invscaling', eta0=0.01)
elif best_config['type'] == 'Lasso':
    final_model = SGDRegressor(penalty='l1', alpha=best_config['alpha'],
                               max_iter=150, tol=1e-3, random_state=RANDOM_SEED,
                               learning_rate='invscaling', eta0=0.01)
else: # ElasticNet
    final_model = SGDRegressor(penalty='elasticnet', ↪
    ↪alpha=best_config['alpha'], l1_ratio=0.5,
                               max_iter=150, tol=1e-3, random_state=RANDOM_SEED,
                               learning_rate='invscaling', eta0=0.01)

final_model.fit(X_poly_full_scaled, y_full)

# Evaluate on training set
y_pred_train_final = final_model.predict(X_poly_full_scaled)
final_train_rmse = np.sqrt(mean_squared_error(y_full, y_pred_train_final))
final_train_r2 = r2_score(y_full, y_pred_train_final)
final_train_mae = mean_absolute_error(y_full, y_pred_train_final)

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print(f"\nFinal Model Performance on Full Training Set:")
print(f"  RMSE: {final_train_rmse:.4f}")
print(f"  R²:   {final_train_r2:.4f}")
print(f"  MAE:   {final_train_mae:.4f}")

print("\n" + "="*80)
print("9. TEST SET PREDICTIONS")
print("="*80)

# Load test data
try:
    test_data = pd.read_csv('happiness_data_test.csv')
    print(f"\nTest dataset loaded successfully!")
    print(f"Test dataset shape: {test_data.shape}")

    # Check if test has target column (for evaluation) or not
    has_test_target = target_col in test_data.columns

    if has_test_target:
        X_test = test_data.drop(columns=[target_col])
        y_test = test_data[target_col]
        print(f"Test set has target variable for evaluation")
    else:
        X_test = test_data
        y_test = None
        print(f"Test set does not have target variable (blind test)")

    # Impute missing values in test set using same imputer
    X_test_imputed = imputer.transform(X_test)
    X_test = pd.DataFrame(X_test_imputed, columns=X_test.columns)

    # Apply polynomial features and scaling
    X_test_poly = poly_final.transform(X_test)
    X_test_poly_scaled = scaler_final.transform(X_test_poly)

    # Make predictions
    y_test_pred = final_model.predict(X_test_poly_scaled)

    print(f"\nPredictions generated for {len(y_test_pred)} test samples")
    print(f"Prediction statistics:")
    print(f"  Mean: {y_test_pred.mean():.4f}")
    print(f"  Std:  {y_test_pred.std():.4f}")
    print(f"  Min:  {y_test_pred.min():.4f}")
    print(f"  Max:  {y_test_pred.max():.4f}")

    # If test has labels, calculate test RMSE
    if has_test_target and y_test is not None:

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ax1.grid(True, alpha=0.3)

# Plot 2: Polynomial Degree Impact
ax2 = fig.add_subplot(gs[0, 2])
degrees_list = list(degree_results.keys())
train_rmse = [degree_results[d]['train_rmse'] for d in degrees_list]
val_rmse = [degree_results[d]['val_rmse'] for d in degrees_list]
ax2.plot(degrees_list, train_rmse, 'o-', label='Train RMSE', linewidth=2,
        markersize=8)
ax2.plot(degrees_list, val_rmse, 's-', label='Val RMSE', linewidth=2,
        markersize=8)
ax2.set_xlabel('Polynomial Degree', fontsize=11)
ax2.set_ylabel('RMSE', fontsize=11)
ax2.set_title('Polynomial Degree Impact', fontsize=12, fontweight='bold')
ax2.legend(fontsize=9)
ax2.grid(True, alpha=0.3)
ax2.set_xticks(degrees_list)

# Plot 3: Overfitting Analysis (Gap)
ax3 = fig.add_subplot(gs[1, 0])
gaps = [degree_results[d]['val_rmse'] - degree_results[d]['train_rmse'] for d
        in degrees_list]
colors_gap = ['green' if g < 0.05 else 'orange' if g < 0.15 else 'red' for g in
        gaps]
bars = ax3.bar(degrees_list, gaps, color=colors_gap, alpha=0.7)
ax3.axhline(y=0, color='black', linestyle='--', linewidth=1)
ax3.set_xlabel('Polynomial Degree', fontsize=11)
ax3.set_ylabel('Val RMSE - Train RMSE', fontsize=11)
ax3.set_title('Overfitting Gap Analysis', fontsize=12, fontweight='bold')
ax3.grid(True, alpha=0.3, axis='y')
ax3.set_xticks(degrees_list)

# Plot 4: Regularization Comparison (Ridge)
ax4 = fig.add_subplot(gs[1, 1])
ridge_exps = [e for e in regularization_experiments if e['type'] == 'Ridge']
alphas_ridge = [e['alpha'] for e in ridge_exps]
val_rmse_ridge = [e['val_rmse'] for e in ridge_exps]
ax4.semilogx(alphas_ridge, val_rmse_ridge, 'o-', linewidth=2, markersize=8,
        color='#1f77b4')
ax4.set_xlabel('Alpha (log scale)', fontsize=11)
ax4.set_ylabel('Validation RMSE', fontsize=11)
ax4.set_title('Ridge Regularization Strength', fontsize=12, fontweight='bold')
ax4.grid(True, alpha=0.3)

# Plot 5: Regularization Comparison (Lasso)
ax5 = fig.add_subplot(gs[1, 2])
lasso_exps = [e for e in regularization_experiments if e['type'] == 'Lasso']

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alphas_lasso = [e['alpha'] for e in lasso_exps]
val_rmse_lasso = [e['val_rmse'] for e in lasso_exps]
ax5.semilogx(alphas_lasso, val_rmse_lasso, 's-', linewidth=2, markersize=8,
    color='#ff7f0e')
ax5.set_xlabel('Alpha (log scale)', fontsize=11)
ax5.set_ylabel('Validation RMSE', fontsize=11)
ax5.set_title('Lasso Regularization Strength', fontsize=12, fontweight='bold')
ax5.grid(True, alpha=0.3)

# Plot 6: Learning Rate Impact
ax6 = fig.add_subplot(gs[2, 0])
lrs = [r['lr'] for r in lr_results]
val_rmse_lr = [r['val_rmse'] for r in lr_results]
ax6.plot(lrs, val_rmse_lr, 'D-', linewidth=2, markersize=8, color='#2ca02c')
ax6.set_xlabel('Learning Rate', fontsize=11)
ax6.set_ylabel('Validation RMSE', fontsize=11)
ax6.set_title('Learning Rate Impact', fontsize=12, fontweight='bold')
ax6.grid(True, alpha=0.3)

# Plot 7: Predicted vs Actual (Training)
ax7 = fig.add_subplot(gs[2, 1])
ax7.scatter(y_full, y_pred_train_final, alpha=0.5, s=30, color='#1f77b4')
min_val = min(y_full.min(), y_pred_train_final.min())
max_val = max(y_full.max(), y_pred_train_final.max())
ax7.plot([min_val, max_val], [min_val, max_val], 'r--', linewidth=2,
    label='Perfect Prediction')
ax7.set_xlabel('Actual Life Ladder', fontsize=11)
ax7.set_ylabel('Predicted Life Ladder', fontsize=11)
ax7.set_title(f'Training: Predicted vs Actual ( $R^2$ ={final_train_r2:.4f})',
    fontsize=12, fontweight='bold')
ax7.legend(fontsize=9)
ax7.grid(True, alpha=0.3)

# Plot 8: All Regularization Types Comparison
ax8 = fig.add_subplot(gs[2, 2])
ridge_best = min([e for e in regularization_experiments if e['type'] ==
    'Ridge'], key=lambda x: x['val_rmse'])
lasso_best = min([e for e in regularization_experiments if e['type'] ==
    'Lasso'], key=lambda x: x['val_rmse'])
elastic_best = min([e for e in regularization_experiments if e['type'] ==
    'ElasticNet'], key=lambda x: x['val_rmse'])

reg_types = ['Ridge', 'Lasso', 'ElasticNet']
best_rmse = [ridge_best['val_rmse'], lasso_best['val_rmse'],
    elastic_best['val_rmse']]
colors_reg = ['#1f77b4', '#ff7f0e', '#2ca02c']

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bars = ax8.bar(reg_types, best_rmse, color=colors_reg, alpha=0.7)
ax8.set_ylabel('Best Validation RMSE', fontsize=11)
ax8.set_title('Best Regularization Type', fontsize=12, fontweight='bold')
ax8.grid(True, alpha=0.3, axis='y')
for i, (bar, rmse) in enumerate(zip(bars, best_rmse)):
    ax8.text(i, rmse, f'{rmse:.4f}', ha='center', va='bottom', fontsize=10)

plt.savefig('polynomial_regression_analysis.png', dpi=300, bbox_inches='tight')
plt.show()

```

Testing polynomial degrees [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]...

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Degree 1:

Number of polynomial features: 8  
 Train RMSE: 0.5560 | Val RMSE: 0.5091  
 Train  $R^2$ : 0.7502 | Val  $R^2$ : 0.7911  
 Gap (Val-Train RMSE): -0.0468

Degree 2:

Number of polynomial features: 44  
 Train RMSE: 0.4999 | Val RMSE: 0.4929  
 Train  $R^2$ : 0.7981 | Val  $R^2$ : 0.8042  
 Gap (Val-Train RMSE): -0.0069

Degree 3:

Number of polynomial features: 164  
 Train RMSE: 827.6986 | Val RMSE: 734.9670  
 Train  $R^2$ : -553695.2339 | Val  $R^2$ : -435337.3450  
 Gap (Val-Train RMSE): -92.7316

Degree 4:

Number of polynomial features: 494  
 Train RMSE: 796024722480.5966 | Val RMSE: 1163661749190.4272  
 Train  $R^2$ : -512129974479686029279232.0000 | Val  $R^2$ :  
 -1091301415382701412712448.0000  
 Gap (Val-Train RMSE): 367637026709.8307

Degree 5:

Number of polynomial features: 1286  
 Train RMSE: 1579392186488.5076 | Val RMSE: 1831057506969.8611  
 Train  $R^2$ : -2016076715002242172715008.0000 | Val  $R^2$ :  
 -2702061124223802428882944.0000  
 Gap (Val-Train RMSE): 251665320481.3535

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### 3. OVERFITTING/UNDERFITTING ANALYSIS

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Analyzing model fit based on train-validation gap:

Degree 1:

Train RMSE: 0.5560  
Val RMSE: 0.5091  
Gap: -0.0468 (-8.4%)

Degree 2:

Train RMSE: 0.4999  
Val RMSE: 0.4929  
Gap: -0.0069 (-1.4%)

Degree 3:

Train RMSE: 827.6986  
Val RMSE: 734.9670  
Gap: -92.7316 (-11.2%)

Degree 4:

Train RMSE: 796024722480.5966  
Val RMSE: 1163661749190.4272  
Gap: 367637026709.8307 (46.2%)

Degree 5:

Train RMSE: 1579392186488.5076  
Val RMSE: 1831057506969.8611  
Gap: 251665320481.3535 (15.9%)

KEY FINDINGS:

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- Best validation RMSE at degree 2: 0.4929
  - Degree 1 (linear) baseline: 0.5091
  - As degree increases, training error decreases but validation may increase
  - High-degree polynomials risk overfitting with 8 original features
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### 4. REGULARIZATION EXPERIMENTS WITH POLYNOMIAL FEATURES

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Using polynomial degree 2 for detailed experiments..

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#### 4.1 Ridge Regularization (L2)

= 0.0001: Train=0.4996, Val=0.4936, Gap=-0.0060  
= 0.0010: Train=0.4996, Val=0.4936, Gap=-0.0061  
= 0.0100: Train=0.4999, Val=0.4929, Gap=-0.0069  
= 0.1000: Train=0.5075, Val=0.4948, Gap=-0.0127  
= 1.0000: Train=0.5729, Val=0.5526, Gap=-0.0203  
=10.0000: Train=0.8947, Val=0.9024, Gap=0.0077

#### 4.2 Lasso Regularization (L1)

```
= 0.0001: Train=0.4996, Val=0.4934, Gap=-0.0063
= 0.0010: Train=0.4999, Val=0.4926, Gap=-0.0073
= 0.0100: Train=0.5092, Val=0.4912, Gap=-0.0180
= 0.1000: Train=0.5605, Val=0.5230, Gap=-0.0375
= 1.0000: Train=1.1123, Val=1.1154, Gap=0.0031
=10.0000: Train=1.1123, Val=1.1154, Gap=0.0031
```

#### 4.3 Elastic Net Regularization (L1 + L2)

```
= 0.0001: Train=0.4996, Val=0.4935, Gap=-0.0061
= 0.0010: Train=0.4998, Val=0.4929, Gap=-0.0069
= 0.0100: Train=0.5046, Val=0.4916, Gap=-0.0130
= 0.1000: Train=0.5334, Val=0.5047, Gap=-0.0287
= 1.0000: Train=0.8782, Val=0.8636, Gap=-0.0145
=10.0000: Train=1.1123, Val=1.1154, Gap=0.0031
```

### 5. LEARNING RATE EXPLORATION

Testing learning rates with Ridge ( =0.01), degree=2:

```
LR=0.0010: Train=0.5005, Val=0.4924
LR=0.0050: Train=0.5411, Val=0.5186
LR=0.0100: Train=0.6116, Val=0.6490
LR=0.0500: Train=1047459978293.1356, Val=1009846654679.7688
LR=0.1000: Train=3389089237091.6392, Val=3188476514442.4971
LR=0.5000: Train=8050744554355.9785, Val=8422481883575.1543
```

### 6. BEST MODEL SELECTION

Best configuration based on validation RMSE:

```
Regularization: Lasso
Alpha: 0.01
Polynomial Degree: 2
Validation RMSE: 0.4912
Training RMSE: 0.5092
```

### 7. TRAINING BEST MODEL WITH EPOCH TRACKING

Training best model with epoch-by-epoch tracking...

```
Epoch 30: Train RMSE=0.5105, Val RMSE=0.4835
Epoch 60: Train RMSE=0.5105, Val RMSE=0.4835
Epoch 90: Train RMSE=0.5105, Val RMSE=0.4835
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Epoch 120: Train RMSE=0.5105, Val RMSE=0.4835  
Epoch 150: Train RMSE=0.5105, Val RMSE=0.4835

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## 8. FINAL MODEL TRAINING ON FULL TRAINING SET

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Training final model on entire training dataset...

Final Model Performance on Full Training Set:

RMSE: 0.5284  
R<sup>2</sup>: 0.7745  
MAE: 0.4113

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## 9. TEST SET PREDICTIONS

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Test dataset loaded successfully!  
Test dataset shape: (334, 9)  
Test set has target variable for evaluation

Predictions generated for 334 test samples

Prediction statistics:

Mean: 5.4649  
Std: 0.9335  
Min: 3.4131  
Max: 7.2703

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## TEST SET PERFORMANCE (OFFICIAL SCORE)

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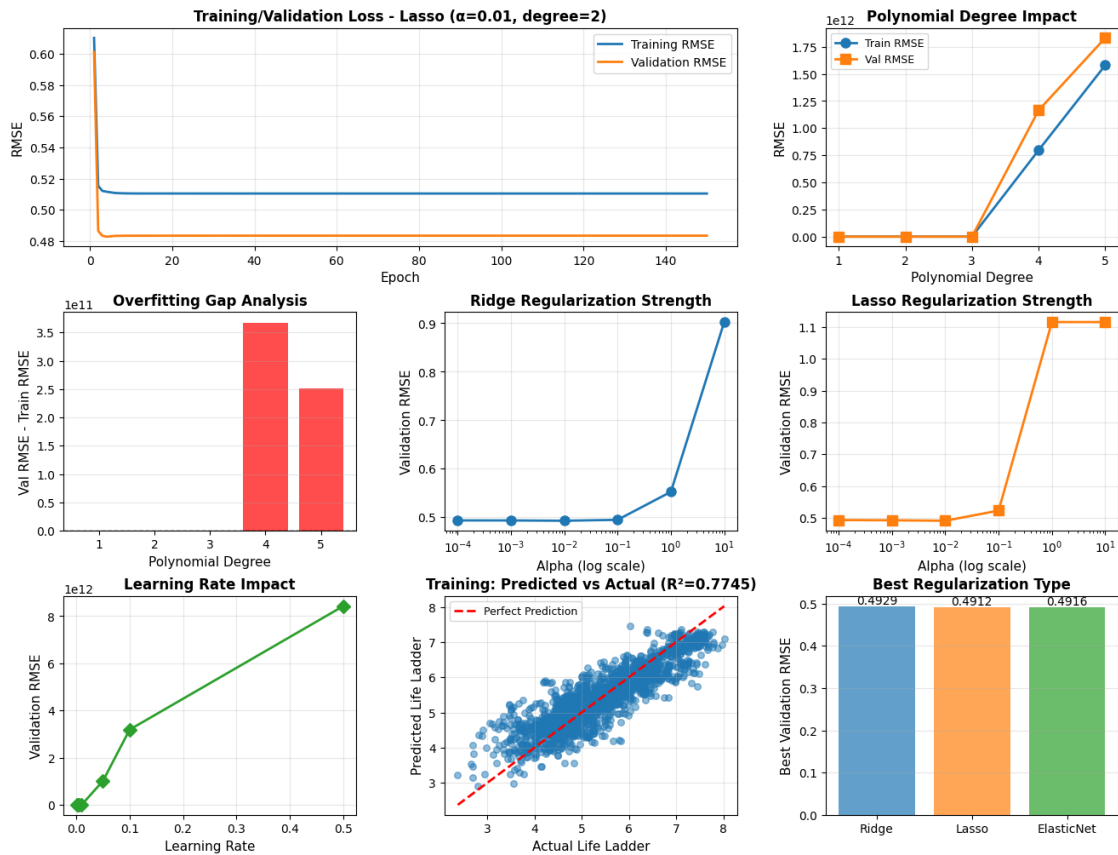
TEST RMSE: 0.5400  
TEST R<sup>2</sup>: 0.7867  
TEST MAE: 0.4224

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## 10. VISUALIZATIONS

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