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Import useful libraries

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

from sklearn.metrics import root_mean_squared_error
from sklearn.preprocessing import RobustScaler
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
random_state = 42
```

Load the data and print some stats

I decided to load only the "train.csv" file because I think it is better to have the ground truth for the evaluation of the results and therefore have a rmse for training and testing (I splitted the "train.csv" in train set and test set, having the file a consistent number of samples.).

- Brand & Model: Identify the brand or company name along with the specific model of each vehicle.
- Model Year: Discover the manufacturing year of the vehicles, crucial for assessing depreciation and technology advancements.
- Mileage: Obtain the mileage of each vehicle, a key indicator of wear and tear and potential maintenance requirements.
- Fuel Type: Learn about the type of fuel the vehicles run on, whether it's gasoline, diesel, electric, or hybrid.
- Engine Type: Understand the engine specifications, shedding light on performance and efficiency.
- Transmission: Determine the transmission type, whether automatic, manual, or another variant.
- Exterior & Interior Colors: Explore the aesthetic aspects of the vehicles, including exterior and interior color options.
- Accident History: Discover whether a vehicle has a prior history of accidents or damage, crucial for informed decision-making.
- Clean Title: Evaluate the availability of a clean title, which can impact the vehicle's resale value and legal status.

• Price: Access the listed prices for each vehicle, aiding in price comparison and budgeting.

Out[4]:		id	brand	model	model_year	milage	fuel_type	engine	transmission	ext_col	int_col	accident	clean_title	price
	0	0	MINI	Cooper S Base	2007	213000	Gasoline	172.0HP 1.6L 4 Cylinder Engine Gasoline Fuel	A/T	Yellow	Gray	None reported	Yes	4200
	1	1	Lincoln	LS V8	2002	143250	Gasoline	252.0HP 3.9L 8 Cylinder Engine Gasoline Fuel	A/T	Silver	Beige	At least 1 accident or damage reported	Yes	4999
	2	2	Chevrolet	Silverado 2500 LT	2002	136731	E85 Flex Fuel	320.0HP 5.3L 8 Cylinder Engine Flex Fuel Capab	A/T	Blue	Gray	None reported	Yes	13900
	3	3	Genesis	G90 5.0 Ultimate	2017	19500	Gasoline	420.0HP 5.0L 8 Cylinder Engine Gasoline Fuel	Transmission w/Dual Shift Mode	Black	Black	None reported	Yes	45000
	4	4	Mercedes- Benz	Metris Base	2021	7388	Gasoline	208.0HP 2.0L 4 Cylinder Engine Gasoline Fuel	7-Speed A/T	Black	Beige	None reported	Yes	97500

Thorugh the print of the first 5 rows of the dataset we can already gather some useful information.

- "id" column can be dropped as it refers only to the index of the car.
- "brand" and "model" columns seem to have a lot of different unique values.

- "engine" column has useful and different information abridged in one string.
- "ext_col" and "int_col" columns are the colors of the cars and they may be not so useful.
- "price" column, the target feature, seems to have a wide range of values.

In [5]: data.info()

<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
RangeIndex: 188533 entries, 0 to 188532
Data columns (total 13 columns):

#	Column	Non-Null Count	Dtype							
0	id	188533 non-null	int64							
1	brand	188533 non-null	object							
2	model	188533 non-null	object							
3	model_year	188533 non-null	int64							
4	milage	188533 non-null	int64							
5	fuel_type	183450 non-null	object							
6	engine	188533 non-null	object							
7	transmission	188533 non-null	object							
8	ext_col	188533 non-null	object							
9	int_col	188533 non-null	object							
10	accident	186081 non-null	object							
11	clean_title	167114 non-null	object							
12	price	188533 non-null	int64							
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In [6]: data.describe(include='all')

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	id	brand	model	model_year	milage	fuel_type	engine	transmission	ext_col	int_col	accio
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top	NaN	Ford	F-150 XLT	NaN	NaN	Gasoline	355.0HP 5.3L 8 Cylinder Engine Gasoline Fuel	A/T	Black	Black	N repo
freq	NaN	23088	2945	NaN	NaN	165940	3462	49904	48658	107674	144
mean	94266.000000	NaN	NaN	2015.829998	65705.295174	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	
std	54424.933488	NaN	NaN	5.660967	49798.158076	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	
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50%	94266.000000	NaN	NaN	2017.000000	57785.000000	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	
75%	141399.000000	NaN	NaN	2020.000000	95400.000000	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	
max	188532.000000	NaN	NaN	2024.000000	405000.000000	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	

With the data description we can see that the analysis done before are valid and that there are some missing values. Thus, the missing values have to be dealt with and also the many unique values in some columns.

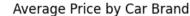
In [7]: print(data.isnull().sum())

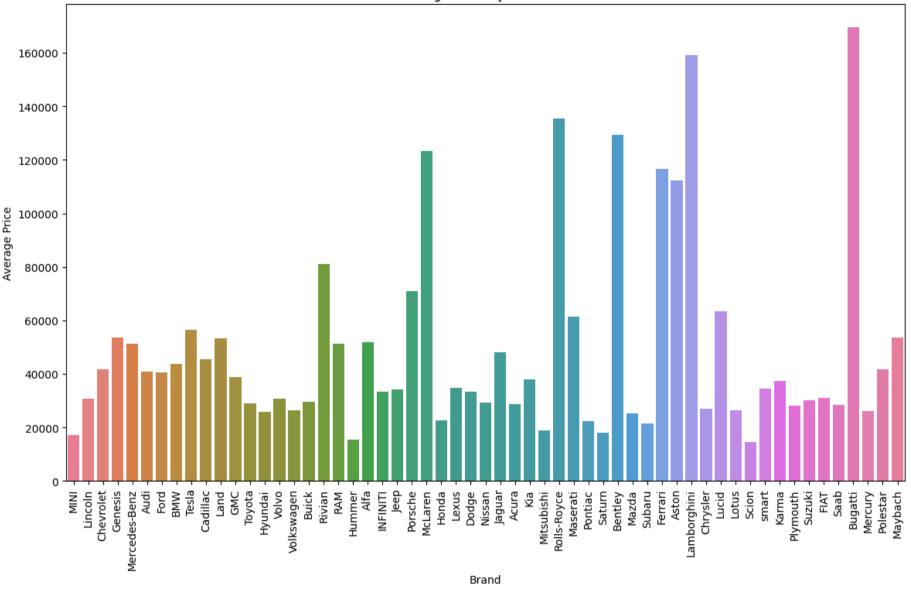
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Plot the data

Visualize the data to have a better understanding of the distribution and outliers

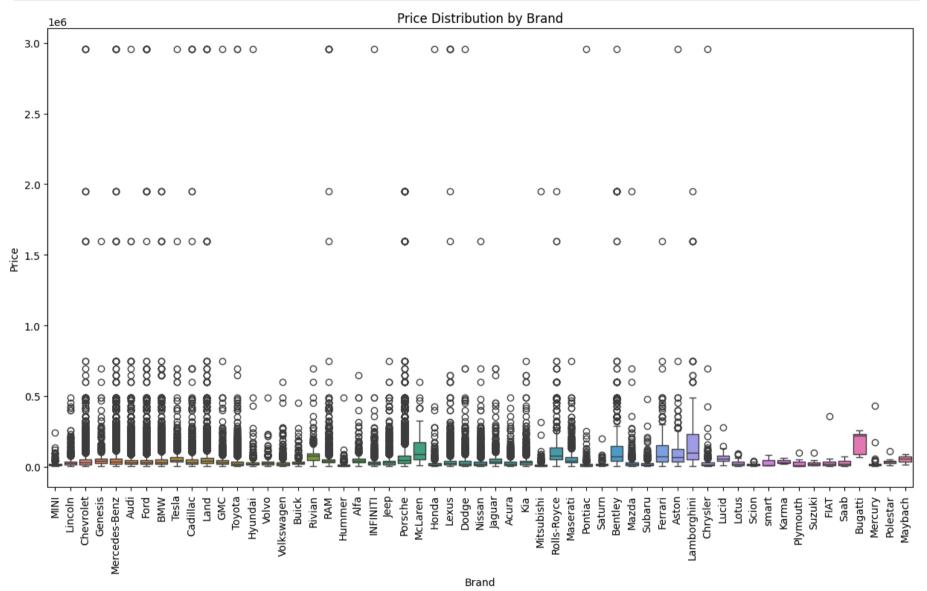
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In [8]: plt.figure(figsize=(14, 8))
    sns.barplot(x='brand', y='price', data=data, errorbar=None, hue='brand', legend=False)
    plt.title('Average Price by Car Brand')
    plt.xlabel('Brand')
    plt.ylabel('Average Price')
    plt.xticks(rotation=90)
    plt.show()
```





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In [9]: # Box plot for price by car brand
plt.figure(figsize=(15, 8))
sns.boxplot(data=data, x='brand', y='price', hue='brand', legend=False)
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plt.xticks(rotation=90)
plt.title("Price Distribution by Brand")
plt.xlabel("Brand")
plt.ylabel("Price")
plt.show()
```



Visualizing the boxplot of the price with reference to the brand, we can see that there are outliers, and also that some of them seem to be errors. There are three lines (2.9e6, 1.6e6 and 1.9e6) that are all isolated and at the same value, so they are likely errors. To be sure about that let investigate the "Chevrolet" brand. It is known that it's a normal brand, not of luxury, but it can have some car models with a price value consistently above the average. We can analyze that by printing the 5 rows of Chevrolet brand that have higher price.

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In [10]: chevrolet_cars = data[data['brand'] == 'Chevrolet']
    chevrolet_cars.sort_values(by='price', ascending=False).head(5)
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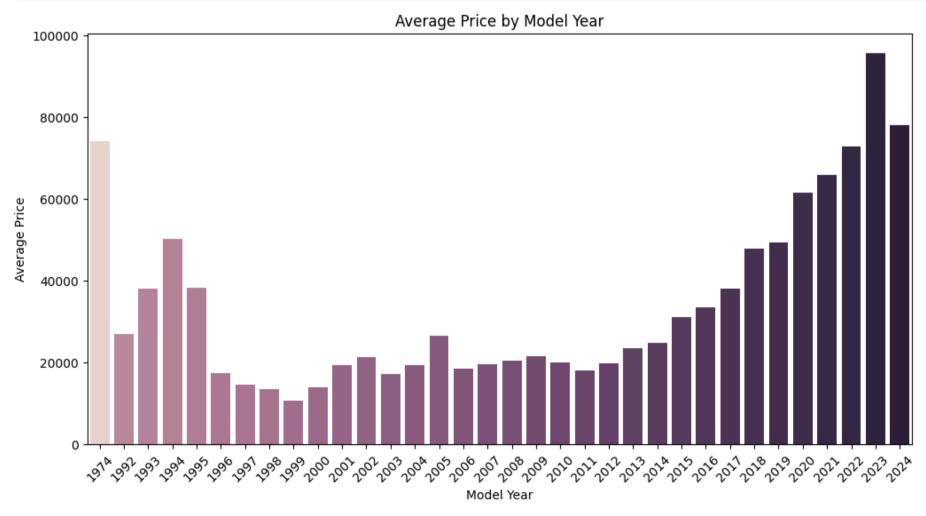
		id	brand	model	model_year	milage	fuel_type	engine	transmission	ext_col	int_col	accident	clean_title
1	18167	118167	Chevrolet	Corvette Base	2007	54323	Gasoline	430.0HP 6.2L 8 Cylinder Engine Gasoline Fuel	A/T	White	Red	None reported	Yes
	85611	85611	Chevrolet	Silverado 1500 Custom Trail Boss	2022	5072	Gasoline	5.3L V8 16V GDI OHV	Automatic	White	Jet Black	None reported	NaN
(66224	66224	Chevrolet	Corvette Base	2005	23133	Gasoline	400.0HP 6.0L 8 Cylinder Engine Gasoline Fuel	6-Speed M/T	Gold	Beige	None reported	Yes
4	46159	46159	Chevrolet	Tahoe LT	2018	83858	E85 Flex Fuel	5.3L V8 16V MPFI OHV Flexible Fuel	6-Speed Automatic	Silver	Jet Black	None reported	NaN
;	31429	31429	Chevrolet	Corvette Base	2002	15443	Gasoline	400.0HP 6.0L 8 Cylinder Engine Gasoline Fuel	6-Speed A/T	Black	Beige	None reported	Yes

These cars have a very high price and making some searchs over the internet, it appers clearly that the price reported is an error: the Silverado 2022 model can be found at about 50k €, not 2954k.

So, in the data processing phase these data entries errors should be dealt.

But, before doing the data processing, let's have a look to the other features.

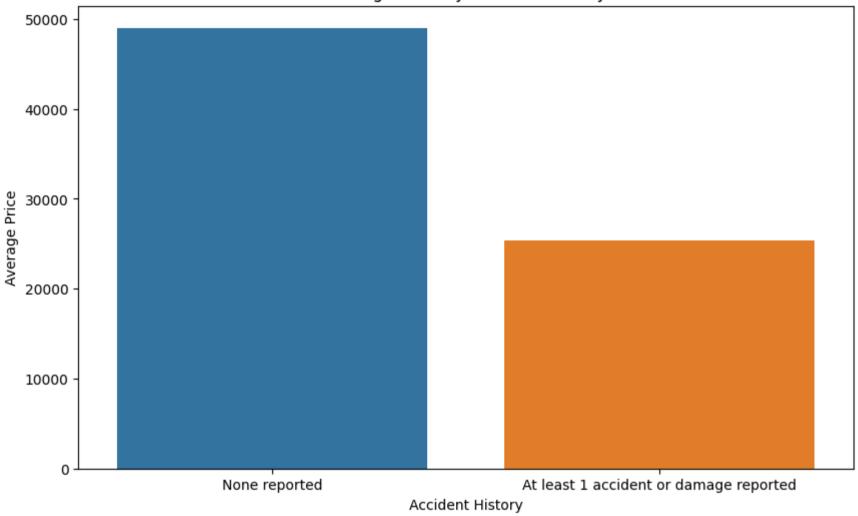
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In [11]: plt.figure(figsize=(12, 6))
    sns.barplot(x='model_year', y='price', data=data, errorbar=None, hue='model_year', legend=False)
    plt.title('Average Price by Model Year')
    plt.xlabel('Model Year')
    plt.ylabel('Average Price')
    plt.xticks(rotation=45)
    plt.show()
```



Although the price is altered due to the previous considerations, from the "Average Price by Model Year" barplot we can see that the "model_year" feature is an important feature: new cars and pretty old cars (maybe because out of production and difficult to find) have significantly higher prices.

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In [12]: plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
    sns.barplot(x='accident', y='price', data=data, errorbar=None, hue='accident', legend=False)
    plt.title('Average Price by Accident History')
    plt.xlabel('Accident History')
    plt.ylabel('Average Price')
    plt.show()
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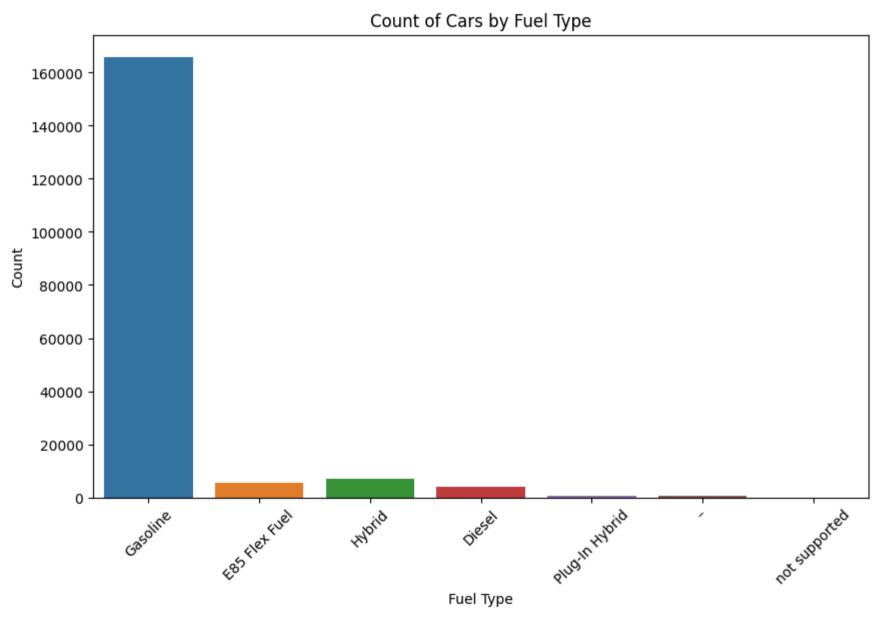
Average Price by Accident History



Also the "accident" column seems to be important in the definition of the price: cars with at least 1 accident have lower average price, and this is pretty plausible according to the fact that cars with an accident history can have some damages.

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In [13]: plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
    sns.countplot(x='fuel_type', data=data, hue='fuel_type', legend=False)
    plt.title('Count of Cars by Fuel Type')
    plt.xlabel('Fuel Type')
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plt.ylabel('Count')
plt.xticks(rotation=45)
plt.show()
```



From the plot of the count of "fuel_type" we can evaluate that more than 90% of the cars have "Gasoline" fuel and there is a "-" value that almost surely represent the "Electric" fuel type. In fact, in the Dataset Card on kaggle, under the explanation of the "fuel_type" feature, the "Electric" value is mentioned and it can definitely represented by the "-" value.

Data Processing

Deal with outliers

Below I remove the outliers with the IQR method within each brand, in order to remove outliers considering the brand in analysis (a Chevrolet that has 200k as price is an outlier, a Bugatti is not)

```
In [14]: # Remove the outliers
def remove_outliers(df, column, threshold=1.5):
    def remove_outliers_from_group(group):
        Q1 = group[column].quantile(0.25)
        Q3 = group[column].quantile(0.75)
        IQR = Q3 - Q1
        lower_bound = Q1 - threshold * IQR
        upper_bound = Q3 + threshold * IQR
        return group[(group[column] >= lower_bound) & (group[column] <= upper_bound)]

return df.groupby('brand').apply(remove_outliers_from_group).reset_index(drop=True)

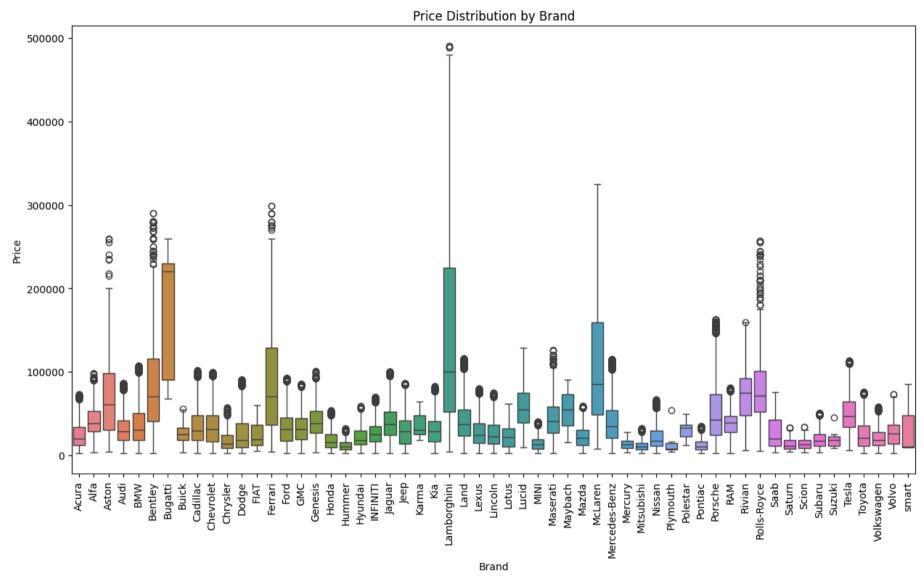
# Apply the function to remove outliers from the 'price' column
data = remove_outliers(data, 'price')</pre>
```

/var/folders/_g/7s4z636d67z67rlmmnqgx5mm0000gn/T/ipykernel_4136/3797912126.py:11: DeprecationWarning: DataFrameGroup By.apply operated on the grouping columns. This behavior is deprecated, and in a future version of pandas the grouping columns will be excluded from the operation. Either pass `include_groups=False` to exclude the groupings or explicitly select the grouping columns after groupby to silence this warning.

return df.groupby('brand').apply(remove_outliers_from_group).reset_index(drop=True)

```
In [15]: # Box plot for price by car brand
plt.figure(figsize=(15, 8))
sns.boxplot(data=data, x='brand', y='price', hue='brand', legend=False)
plt.xticks(rotation=90)
```

```
plt.title("Price Distribution by Brand")
plt.xlabel("Brand")
plt.ylabel("Price")
plt.show()
```



```
In [16]: # Print the top 5 Lamborghini rows by price
top_5_lamborghini = data[data['brand'] == 'Lamborghini'].nlargest(5, 'price')
top_5_lamborghini
```

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Out[16]:		id	brand	model	model_year	milage	fuel_type	engine	transmission	ext_col	int_col	accident	clean
	99775	160977	Lamborghini	Urus Base	2021	4283	Gasoline	4.0L V8 32V GDI DOHC Twin Turbo	8-Speed Automatic	Rosso Mars Metallic	Nero Ade	None reported	
								571.0HP					

							Turbo				
99827	172563	Lamborghini	Murcielago Base	2006	10000	Gasoline	571.0HP 6.2L 12 Cylinder Engine Gasoline Fuel	M/T	Red	Black	None reported
99881	187262	Lamborghini	Gallardo LP570-4 Superleggera	2014	816	Gasoline	5.2L V10 40V GDI DOHC	6-Speed Manual	White	Nero Ade	None reported
99536	104212	Lamborghini	GTO Base	2005	1795	Gasoline	6.5L V12 48V MPFI DOHC	7-Speed Manual	Balloon White	Nero Ade	NaN
99159	14865	Lamborghini	Huracan EVO Base	2022	2750	Gasoline	5.2L V10 40V PDI DOHC	7-Speed Automatic with Auto- Shift	Kemora Gray Metallic	Beige	None reported

Feature extraction

```
df = df.drop(columns=['model year'])
    return df
def engine info(engine total):
   HP str = re.search(r'(\d+\.?\d*)HP', engine_total)
   size str = re.search(r'(\d+\.?\d*)L', engine total)
   cylinder str = re.search(r'(\d+) Cylinder', engine total)
   HP = float(HP str.group(1)) if HP str else None
   size = float(size str.group(1)) if size str else None
    cylinder = int(cylinder str.group(1)) if cylinder str else None
    return HP, size, cylinder
def process transmission data(data):
   # Create a DataFrame of unique transmissions
   data_transmission = pd.DataFrame(data['transmission'].unique().tolist(), columns=['Transmission'])
   # Feature 1: Extract the number of gears
   data transmission['speed'] = data transmission['Transmission'].apply(lambda x: re.search(r'\d+', x).group() if
   # Feature 2: Identify transmission type (automatic, manual, CVT)
   data transmission['transmission type'] = data transmission['Transmission'].apply(
       lambda x: 'Automatic' if 'A/T' in x or 'Automatic' in x or 'CVT' in x
                  else 'Manual' if 'M/T' in x or 'Manual' in x
                  else 'Other'
   # Concatenate the new features with the original data
   data = pd.concat([data, data_transmission[['speed', 'transmission_type']]], axis=1)
   # Drop the "transmission" column
   data = data.drop(columns=['transmission'])
    return data
def extract_brand_features(df):
   luxury_brands = ['Bugatti', 'Lamborghini', 'McLaren', 'Ferrari', 'Bentley', 'Rolls-Royce', 'Aston', 'Rivian', '
   economy_brands = ['Toyota', 'Acura', 'FIAT', 'Lotus', 'Mazda', 'Hyundai', 'Nissan', 'Volkswagen', 'Suzuki', 'Su
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df['luxury_brand'] = df['brand'].apply(lambda x: 2 if x in luxury_brands else 0 if x in economy_brands else 1)

...
average_price_per_brand = df.groupby('brand')['price'].mean().reset_index()
overall_average_price = df['price'].mean()

# Create brand tier categories (luxury, premium, economy)
luxury_brands = average_price_per_brand[average_price_per_brand['price'] > (1.5 *overall_average_price)]['brand
premium_brands = average_price_per_brand[(average_price_per_brand['price'] > overall_average_price) & (average_
economy_brands = average_price_per_brand[(average_price_per_brand['price'] <= overall_average_price) & (average

df['luxury_brand'] = df['brand'].apply(lambda x: 3 if x in luxury_brands else 2 if x in premium_brands else 1 i

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df = df.drop(columns=['brand'])

return df</pre>
```

Through 3 function I extracted some features:

- the 'vehicle_age' from the 'model_year'
- 'speed' and 'transmission_type' from the 'transmission' column
- the type of the 'brand', divided in luxury, economy and other in the middle

```
In [18]: # Add a column "vehicle_age" and drop the column "model_year"
    data = vehicle_age(data)

# Add the columns "HP", "engine_size" and "cylinders" and drop the column "engine"
    data[['HP', 'engine_size', 'cylinders']] = data['engine'].apply(lambda x: pd.Series(engine_info(x)))

data = data.drop(columns=['engine'])

# Add the columns "speed" and "transmission_type" and drop the column "transmission"
    data = process_transmission_data(data)

# Add the columns "luxury_brand", "premium_brand" and "economy_brand" and drop the column "brand"
    data = extract_brand_features(data)

In [19]: def group_models(model_name):
    if any(term in model_name.lower() for term in ['sport', 'gt', 'rs', 'amg']):
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return 'Sport'
elif any(term in model_name.lower() for term in ['luxury', 'premium']):
    return 'Luxury'
elif any(term in model_name.lower() for term in ['base', 'standard']):
    return 'Base'
return 'Other'

data['model_category'] = data['model'].apply(group_models)
```

In [20]: data.head()

Out[20]:

:		id	model	milage	fuel_type	ext_col	int_col	accident	clean_title	price	vehicle_age	HP	engine_size	cylinders	sŗ
	0	111	ILX Premium Package	16113	Gasoline	Ebony Twilight Metallic	Ebony	None reported	NaN	29998	3	NaN	2.4	NaN	
	1	122	TLX	60854	Gasoline	Platinum White Pearl	Ebony	At least 1 accident or damage reported	NaN	19425	4	NaN	NaN	NaN	١
	2	164	RDX w/A- Spec Package	39517	Gasoline	Gray	Black	NaN	NaN	29645	1	NaN	NaN	NaN	١
	3	270	TL Type S	123500	Gasoline	Beige	Beige	None reported	Yes	12800	19	290.0	3.5	6.0	
	4	282	TLX	3389	Gasoline	Platinum White Pearl	Black	None reported	NaN	40798	4	NaN	NaN	NaN	١

Deal with missing values

Fill all the missing values with 'Unknown' and than deal with it

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In [21]: # Replace '-' with 'Electric' in the "fuel type" because electric is mentioned in the "Data card" of the dataset an
         print('Fuel types pre processing:', data['fuel type'].unique())
         data['fuel type'] = data['fuel type'].fillna('Unknown')
         data['fuel_type'] = data['fuel_type'].replace('-', 'Electric')
         print('Fuel types post processing:', data['fuel type'].unique())
         print()
         # Accidents
         print('Accidents pre processing:', data['accident'].unique())
         data['accident'] = data['accident'].fillna('Unknown')
         print('Accidents post processing:', data['accident'].unique())
         print()
         # Clean title
         print('Clean title pre processing:', data['clean_title'].unique())
         data['clean title'] = data['clean title'].fillna('Unknown')
         print('Clean title post processing:', data['clean title'].unique())
         print()
         # HP
         print('HP pre processing:', data['HP'].unique())
         data['HP'] = data['HP'].fillna(0)
         print('HP processing', data['HP'].unique())
         print()
         # Engine size
         print('Engine size pre processing:', data['engine_size'].unique())
         data['engine size'] = data['engine size'].fillna(0)
         print('Engine size processing', data['engine size'].unique())
         print()
         # Cylinders
         print('Cylinders pre processing:', data['cylinders'].unique())
         data['cylinders'] = data['cylinders'].fillna(0)
         print('Cylinders processing', data['cylinders'].unique())
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print()

# Speed
print('Speed pre processing:', data['speed'].unique())
data['speed'] = data['speed'].fillna('0')
print('Speed post processing', data['speed'].unique())

print()

# Transmission type
print('Transmission type pre processing:', data['transmission_type'].unique())
data['transmission_type'] = data['transmission_type'].fillna('Unknown')
print('Transmission type post processing', data['transmission_type'].unique())
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 'Plug-In Hybrid' 'not supported']
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        Transmission type pre processing: ['Automatic' 'Manual' 'Other' nan]
        Transmission type post processing ['Automatic' 'Manual' 'Other' 'Unknown']
In [22]: print(data.isnull().sum())
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Drop columns

Drop:

- 'id' beacuse it is not useful as said before.
- 'clean_title'
- 'ext_col' and 'int_col' because they plausibily do not change the price so much, maybe in some rare cases, but it is not worth it.
- 'model' beacause there are a lot of different values for each brand and the encoding would create a sparse matrix.

• 'fuel_type' because almost all are 'Gasoline' and it does not contribute per the evaluation.

	# drop columns that I think that are not useful (the color of the car can be changed and usually it is a cheap opti data = data.drop(columns=['id', 'ext_col', 'int_col'])													
da	ta.head()													
	model	milage	fuel_type	accident	clean_title	price	vehicle_age	НР	engine_size	cylinders	speed	transmission_type		
0	ILX Premium Package	16113	Gasoline	None reported	Unknown	29998	3	0.0	2.4	0.0	6	Automatic		
1	TLX	60854	Gasoline	At least 1 accident or damage reported	Unknown	19425	4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	Automatic		
2	RDX w/A- Spec Package	39517	Gasoline	Unknown	Unknown	29645	1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	Automatic		
3	TL Type S	123500	Gasoline	None reported	Yes	12800	19	290.0	3.5	6.0	6	Manual		
4	TLX	3389	Gasoline	None reported	Unknown	40798	4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	Other		
<pre>data = data.drop(columns=['model'])</pre>														
data.head()														

Out[26]:		milage	fuel_type	accident	clean_title	price	vehicle_age	НР	engine_size	cylinders	speed	transmission_type	luxury_k
	0	16113	Gasoline	None reported	Unknown	29998	3	0.0	2.4	0.0	6	Automatic	
	1	60854	Gasoline	At least 1 accident or damage reported	Unknown	19425	4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	Automatic	
	2	39517	Gasoline	Unknown	Unknown	29645	1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	Automatic	
	3	123500	Gasoline	None reported	Yes	12800	19	290.0	3.5	6.0	6	Manual	
	4	3389	Gasoline	None reported	Unknown	40798	4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	Other	

Scale some columns

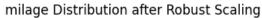
Scale some numerical columns with RobustScaler() in order to have a better range for training.

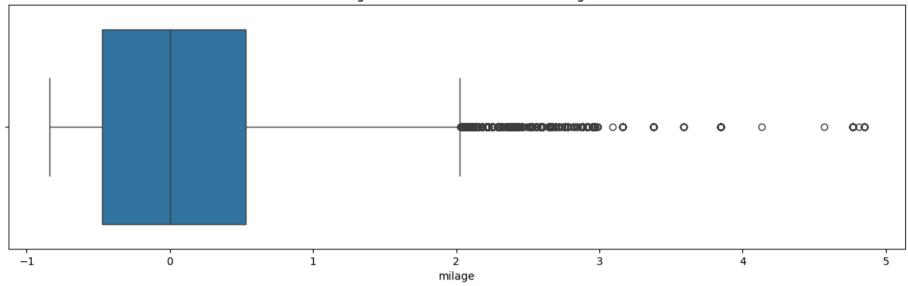
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In [27]: columns_to_scale = ['milage', 'vehicle_age', 'HP', 'engine_size']
    scaler = RobustScaler()
    data[columns_to_scale] = scaler.fit_transform(data[columns_to_scale])

In [28]: fig, axes = plt.subplots(len(columns_to_scale), 1, figsize=(12, 4*len(columns_to_scale)))

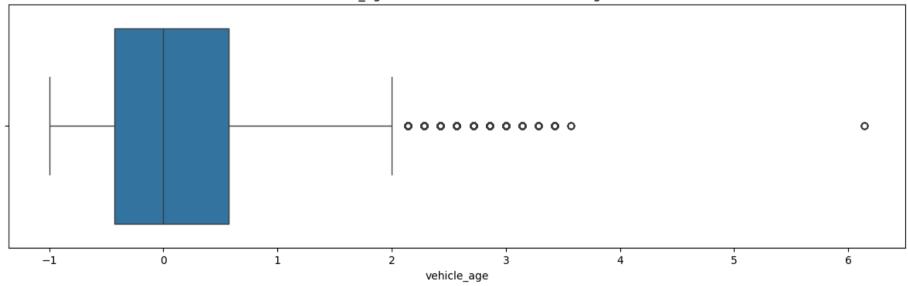
for i, column in enumerate(columns_to_scale):
    sns.boxplot(data=data, x=column, ax=axes[i])
    axes[i].set_title(f'{column} Distribution after Robust Scaling')

plt.tight_layout()
    plt.show()
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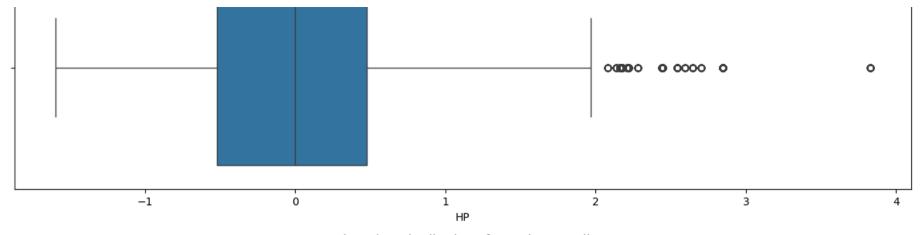


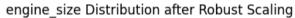
vehicle_age Distribution after Robust Scaling

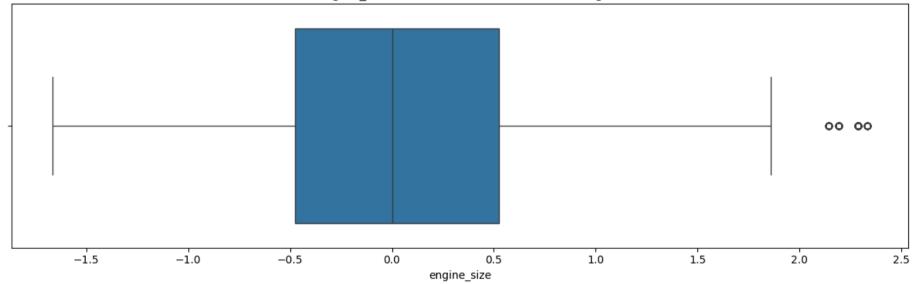


HP Distribution after Robust Scaling









In [29]: data.head()

Out[29]:		milage	fuel_type	accident	clean_title	price	vehicle_age	HP	engine_size	cylinders	speed	transmission_type	l)
	0	-0.617136	Gasoline	None reported	Unknown	29998	-0.571429	-1.595745	-0.523810	0.0	6	Automatic	
	1	0.012009	Gasoline	At least 1 accident or damage reported	Unknown	19425	-0.428571	-1.595745	-1.666667	0.0	0	Automatic	
	2	-0.288030	Gasoline	Unknown	Unknown	29645	-0.857143	-1.595745	-1.666667	0.0	0	Automatic	
	3	0.892932	Gasoline	None reported	Yes	12800	1.714286	-0.053191	0.000000	6.0	6	Manual	
	4	-0.796060	Gasoline	None reported	Unknown	40798	-0.428571	-1.595745	-1.666667	0.0	0	Other	

Encode the non-numerical features

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In [30]: # Encode the accident column as 1 if 'At least 1 accident or damage reported', else 0
data['accident'] = data['accident'].apply(lambda x: 1 if x=='At least 1 accident or damage reported' else 0)

In [31]: # Transform the column 'speed' to numerical data, it was a column of strings before
data['speed'] = data['speed'].replace('Unknown', 0)
data['speed'] = pd.to_numeric(data['speed'])

In [32]: # Encode the 'transmission_type' as 1 if it is 'Automatic', 0 if it is 'Manual' or else
data['transmission_type'] = data['transmission_type'].apply(lambda x: 1 if x=='Automatic' else 0)

In [33]: # Encode the 'clean_title' as 1 if it is 'Yes', 0 otherwise
data['clean_title'] = data['clean_title'].apply(lambda x: 1 if x == 'Yes' else 0)

In [34]: # Keep only fewer differentiations of 'fuel_type'
data['fuel_type'] = data['fuel_type'].apply(lambda x: 0 if x == 'Gasoline'
else 1 if x =='Electric'
else 2 if x == 'Diesel'
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else 3 if (x == 'Hybrid' or x == 'Plug-In Hybrid')
                                                                   else 4)
In [35]: # Make One-Hot Encoding of the 'luxury brand', 'fuel type' and 'model category'
         categorical columns = ['luxury brand', 'fuel type', 'model category']
         data_encoded = pd.get_dummies(data, columns=categorical_columns, drop_first=True)
         data encoded = data encoded.replace({True: 1, False: 0})
        /var/folders/ q/7s4z636d67z67rlmmngqx5mm0000qn/T/ipykernel 4136/1712994280.py:5: FutureWarning: Downcasting behavior
        in `replace` is deprecated and will be removed in a future version. To retain the old behavior, explicitly call `res
        ult.infer_objects(copy=False)`. To opt-in to the future behavior, set `pd.set_option('future.no_silent_downcasting',
        True)`
          data encoded = data encoded.replace({True: 1, False: 0})
In [36]: data encoded.head()
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In [37]: data_encoded.info()
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Create X_train and y_train

memory usage: 25.9 MB

Divide the data in 80% training set and 20% test set

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In [38]: X = data_encoded.drop(columns=['price'])
y = data_encoded['price']

X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(X, y, test_size=0.2, random_state=random_state)
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Create, train and evaluate model

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In [39]: def plot_results(train_rmse, test_rmse, ytrain, ytest, ytrainpred, ytestpred):
             rmse values = [train rmse, test rmse]
             labels = ['Train RMSE', 'Test RMSE']
             # Plot RMSE Comparison
             plt.figure(figsize=(8, 5))
             plt.bar(labels, rmse_values, color=['blue', 'orange'])
             plt.vlabel('RMSE')
             plt.title('RMSE Comparison')
             plt.show()
             # Plot Predictions vs True Values for Training and Testing sets separately
             # Determine the y-axis limits for training and test sets
             train_ylim = (min(min(ytrain), min(ytrainpred)), max(max(ytrain), max(ytrainpred)))
             test ylim = (min(min(ytest), min(ytestpred)), max(max(ytest), max(ytestpred)))
             plt.figure(figsize=(14, 10))
             # 1. Training Set True Values
             plt.subplot(2, 2, 1)
             plt.plot(range(len(ytrain)), ytrain, 'o', color='blue', markersize=5, label='True Values')
             plt.xlabel('Element')
             plt.ylabel('Value')
             plt.title('Training Set: True Values')
             plt.ylim(train ylim) # Set y-axis limits for training
             plt.grid()
             plt.legend()
             # 2. Training Set Predicted Values
             plt.subplot(2, 2, 2)
             plt.plot(range(len(ytrainpred)), ytrainpred, 'o', color='red', markersize=5, label='Predicted Values')
             plt.xlabel('Element')
             plt.ylabel('Value')
             plt.title('Training Set: Predicted Values')
             plt.ylim(train_ylim) # Set y-axis limits for training
             plt.grid()
             plt.legend()
             # 3. Test Set True Values
             plt.subplot(2, 2, 3)
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plt.plot(range(len(ytest)), ytest, 'o', color='blue', markersize=5, label='True Values')
plt.xlabel('Element')
plt.vlabel('Value')
plt.title('Test Set: True Values')
plt.ylim(test_ylim) # Set y-axis limits for test
plt.grid()
plt.legend()
# 4. Test Set Predicted Values
plt.subplot(2, 2, 4)
plt.plot(range(len(ytestpred)), ytestpred, 'o', color='red', markersize=5, label='Predicted Values')
plt.xlabel('Element')
plt.ylabel('Value')
plt.title('Test Set: Predicted Values')
plt.ylim(test_ylim) # Set y-axis limits for test
plt.grid()
plt.legend()
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
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In [40]: def train_evaluate_model(model, model_name, X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test, results, has_feature_importance=False
    # Train model
    model.fit(X_train, y_train)

if is_grid_search:
    print(f"Best parameters found: {model.best_params_}")

# Make predictions
    train_y_pred = model.predict(X_train)
    test_y_pred = model.predict(X_test)

# Calculate RMSE
    train_rmse = root_mean_squared_error(train_y_pred, y_train)
    test_rmse = root_mean_squared_error(test_y_pred, y_test)

print(f'Train rmse {train_rmse}')
    print(f'Train rmse {train_rmse}')
    print(f'Test rmse {test_rmse}')
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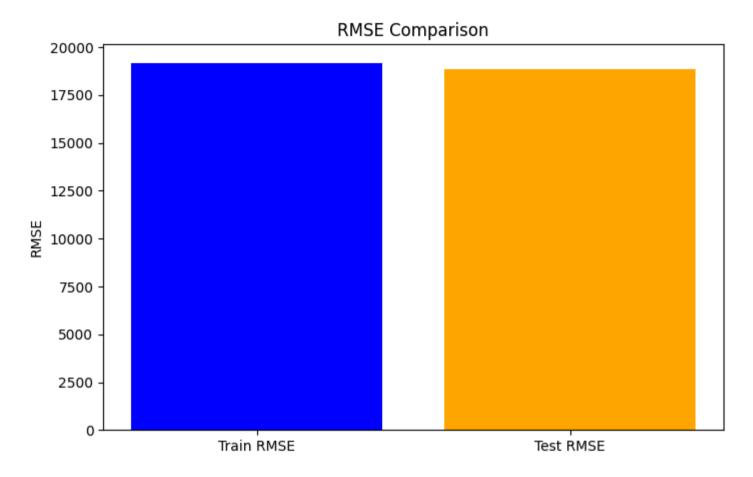
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# Store results
results.loc[len(results)] = [model name, train rmse, test rmse]
# Plot prediction results
plot results(train rmse, test_rmse, y_train, y_test, train_y_pred, test_y_pred)
# Plot feature importance if available
if has feature importance:
    importance values = model.feature importances if hasattr(model, 'feature importances') else abs(model.coe
    importances = pd.DataFrame({
        'feature': X train.columns,
        'importance': importance values
    })
    importances = importances.sort values('importance', ascending=False)
    plt.figure(figsize=(12,6))
    plt.bar(importances['feature'], importances['importance'])
    plt.xticks(rotation=45, ha='right')
    plt.xlabel('Features')
    plt.ylabel('Importance')
    plt.title(f'Feature Importance from {model name}')
    plt.tight_layout()
    plt.show()
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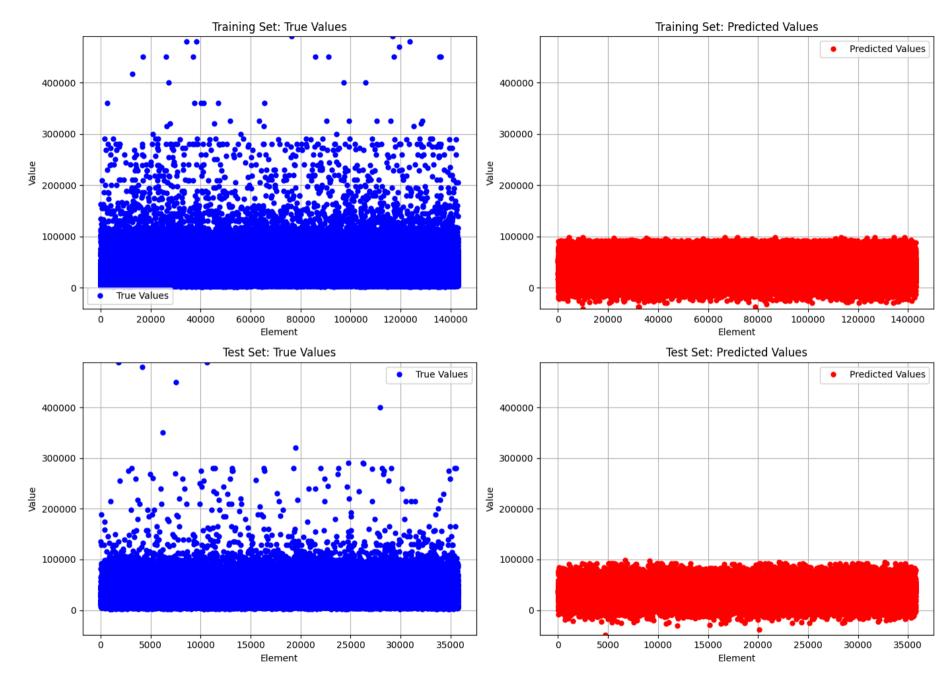
Initialize a dataframe for the results

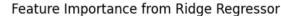
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In [41]: results = pd.DataFrame(columns=['Model','Train RMSE','Test RMSE'])
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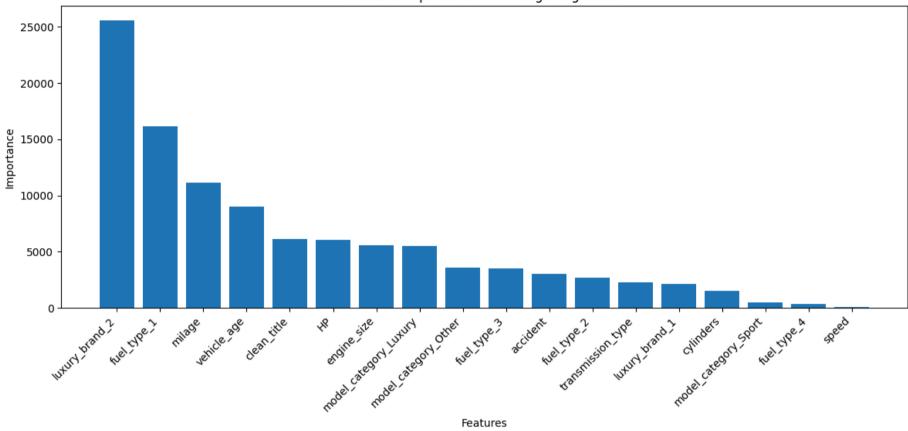
Ridge Regressor: linear least squares using I2 regularization.

Train rmse 19192.26292188491 Test rmse 18877.630774308625







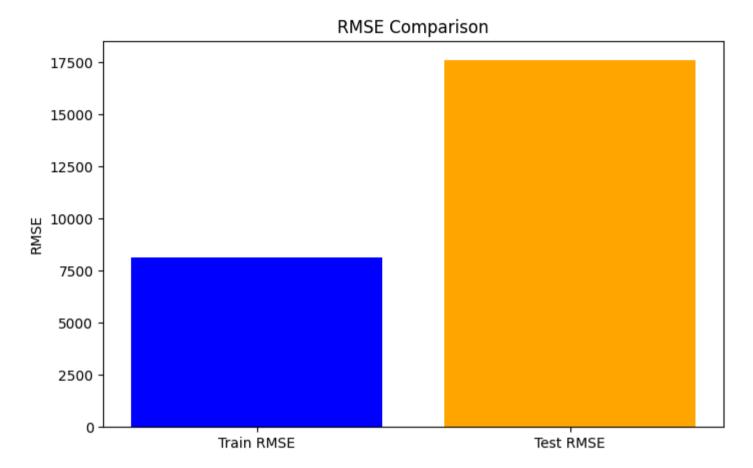


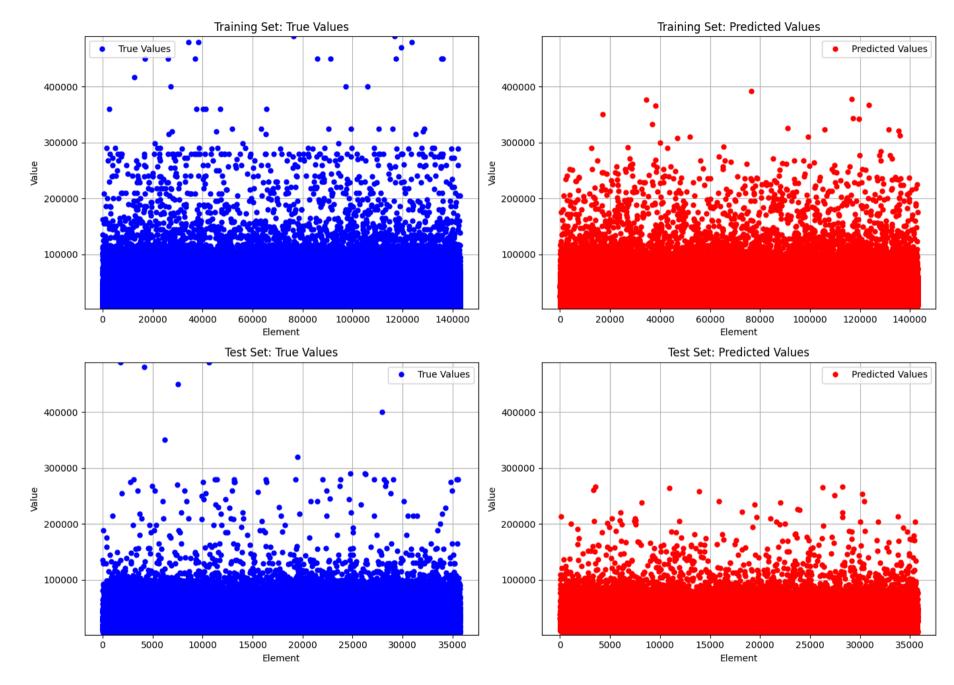
Random Forest Regressor used in its default configuration.

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In [53]: from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestRegressor

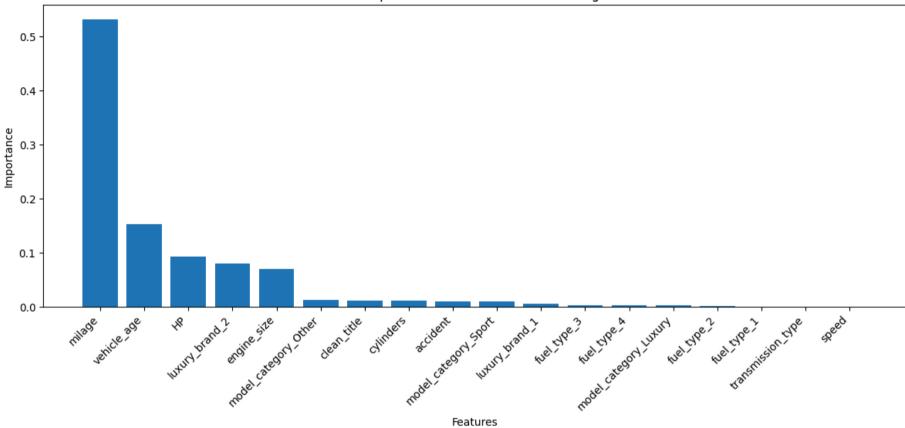
rf = RandomForestRegressor(random_state=random_state)
    train_evaluate_model(rf, 'Random Forest Regressor', X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test, results, has_feature_importan
```

Train rmse 8134.419781733904 Test rmse 17625.011145229026









Random Forest Regressor with best parameters found through a grid search. The feature importance plot did not work for the grid search model, so i kept the error being the run of the cell very very long.

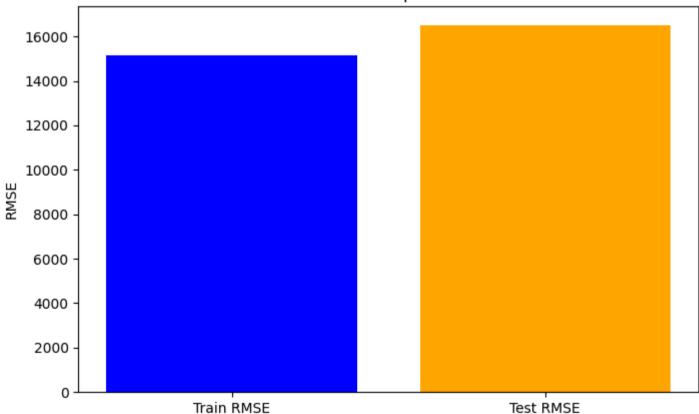
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In [55]: from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestRegressor
from sklearn.model_selection import GridSearchCV

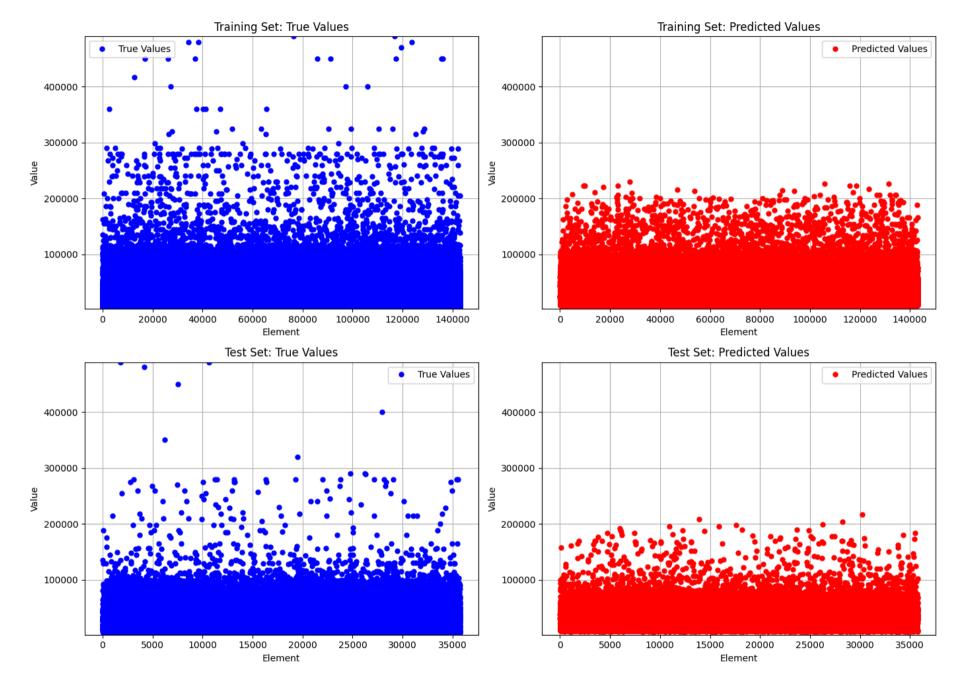
rf_regr = RandomForestRegressor()

# Define the hyperparameter grid
param_grid = {
    'n_estimators': [50, 100],
    'max_depth': [3, 5, 7, 10, 12, 15],
```

Best parameters found: {'max_depth': 12, 'min_samples_leaf': 3, 'min_samples_split': 14, 'n_estimators': 100} Train rmse 15129.661061150095 Test rmse 16518.339963396436

RMSE Comparison

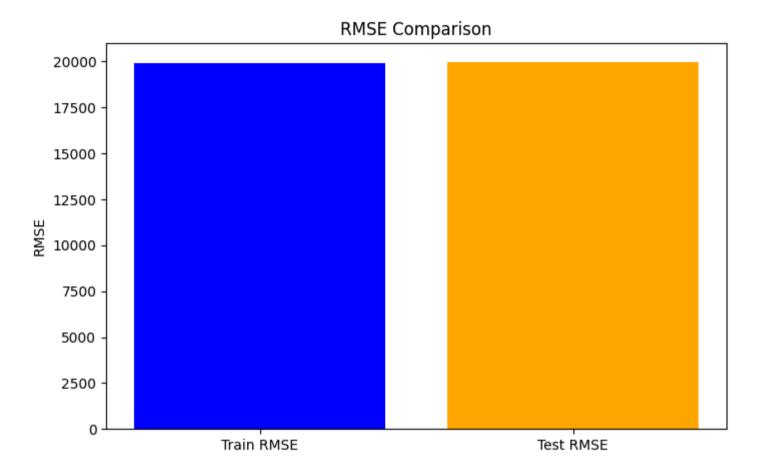


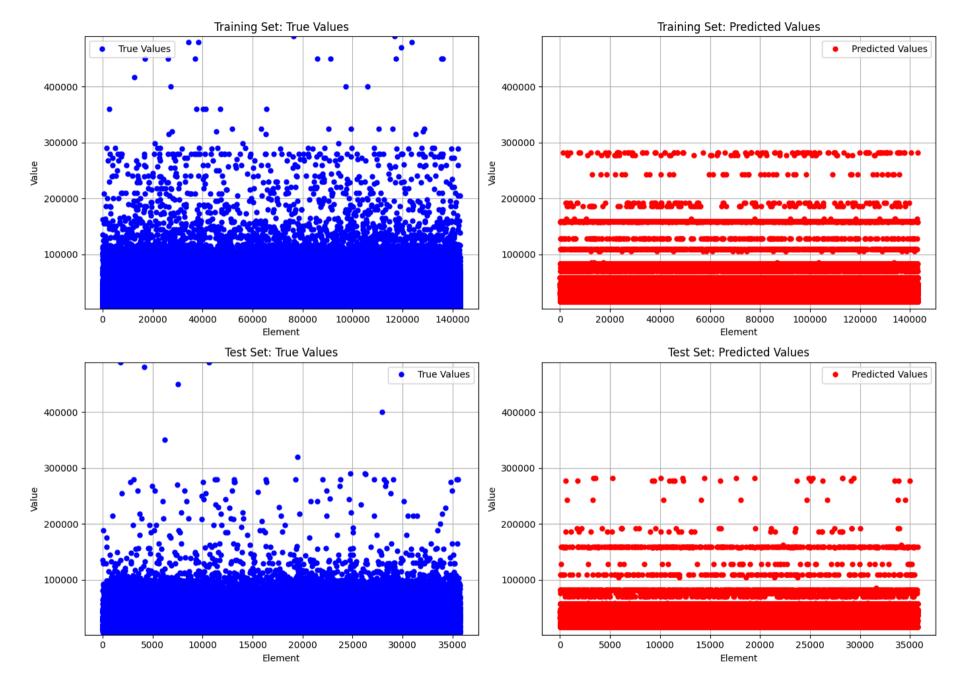


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AttributeError
                                          Traceback (most recent call last)
Cell In[55], line 18
    14 # Initialize GridSearchCV with RandomForestRegressor and param grid
    15 grid search = GridSearchCV(estimator=rf regr, param grid=param grid,
    16
                                   cv=5, scoring='neg root mean squared error')
---> 18 train_evaluate_model(grid_search, 'Random Forest Regressor GS', X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test, results, h
as feature importance=True, is grid search=True)
Cell In[41], line 28, in train evaluate model(model, model name, X train, X test, y train, y test, results, has feat
ure importance, is grid search)
    26 # Plot feature importance if available
    27 if has feature importance:
            importance values = model.feature importances if hasattr(model, 'feature importances ') else abs(model.
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coef )
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            importances = pd.DataFrame({
                'feature': X train.columns,
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                'importance': importance values
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            })
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            importances = importances.sort_values('importance', ascending=False)
AttributeError: 'GridSearchCV' object has no attribute 'coef'
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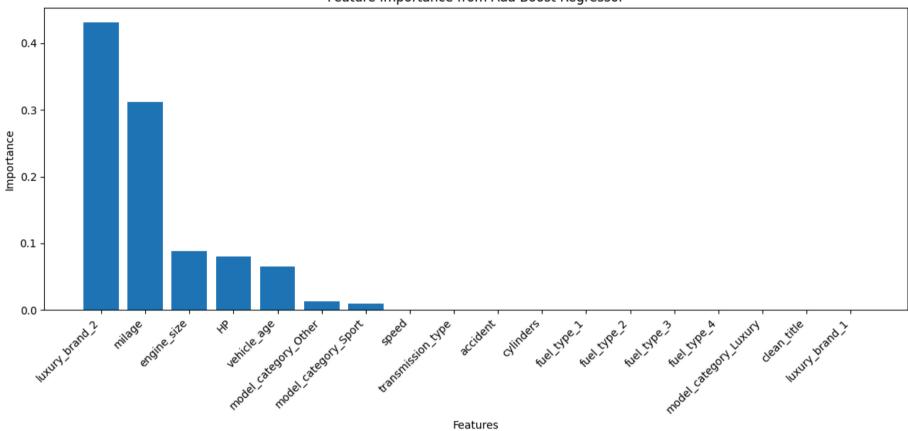
AdaBoost Regressor used in its default configuration, so using Decision Trees.

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In [58]: from sklearn.ensemble import AdaBoostRegressor
    ab = AdaBoostRegressor(random_state=random_state)
    train_evaluate_model(ab, 'Ada Boost Regressor', X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test, results, has_feature_importance=T
    Train rmse 19941.286400888504
    Test rmse 19990.2614383597
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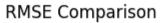


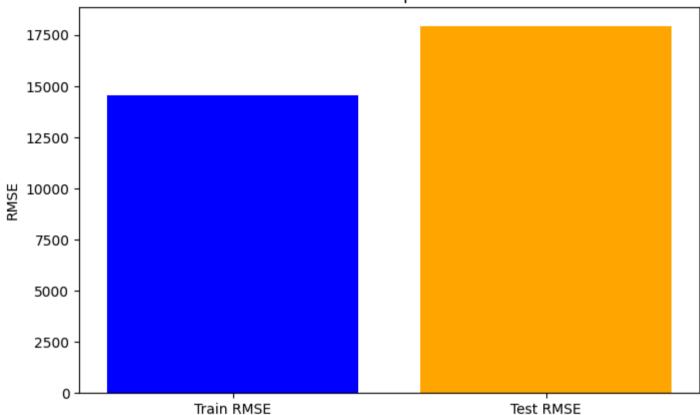


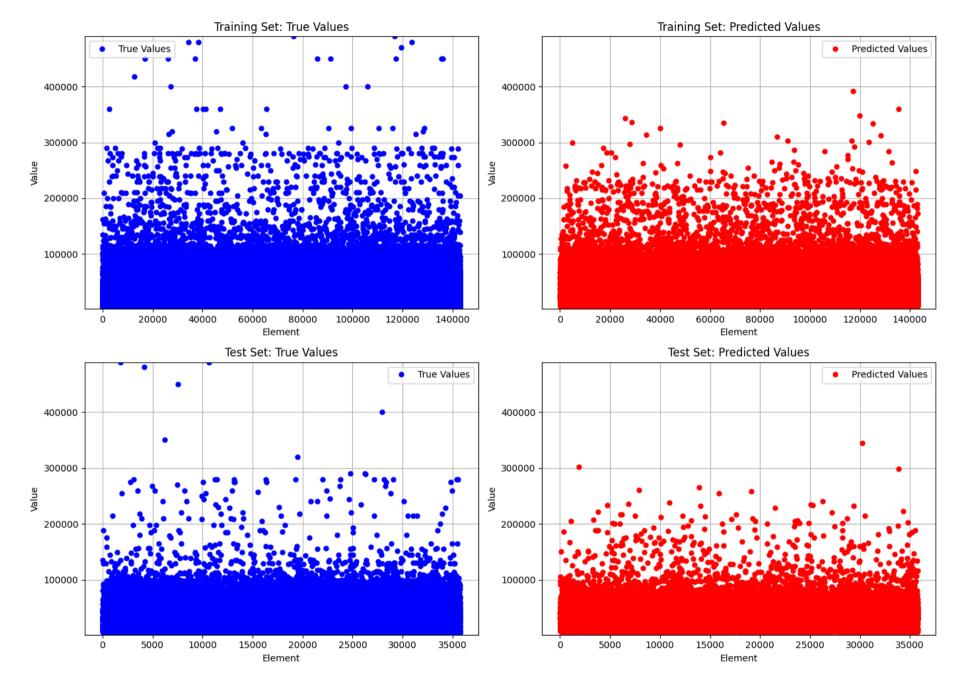
Multi Layer Perceptron Regressor used with Adama optimizer (default), adaptive learning rate and some hidden layers to capture non linearities (i tried using less layers but the model could not predict high prices, performing similarly to the Ridge Regressor). As for Grid Search, this model run into an error for the feature importance plot, but I had to keep the output that way due to the long time of the running.

train_evaluate_model(mlpr, 'MLP Regressor', X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test, results, has_feature_importance=True)

Train rmse 14572.15991344441 Test rmse 17955.450583250138

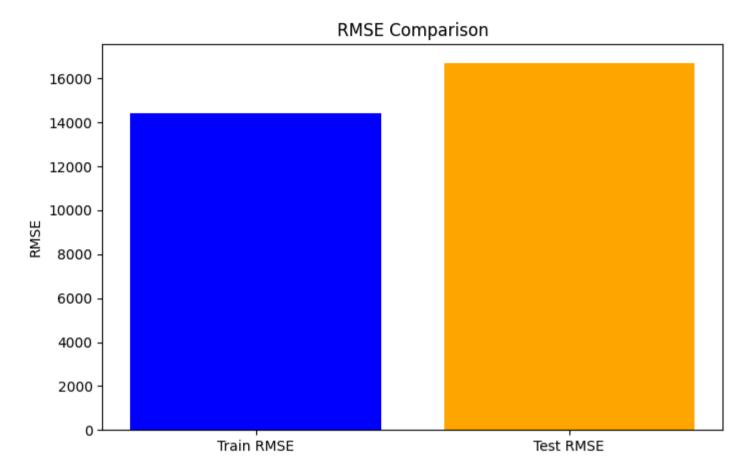


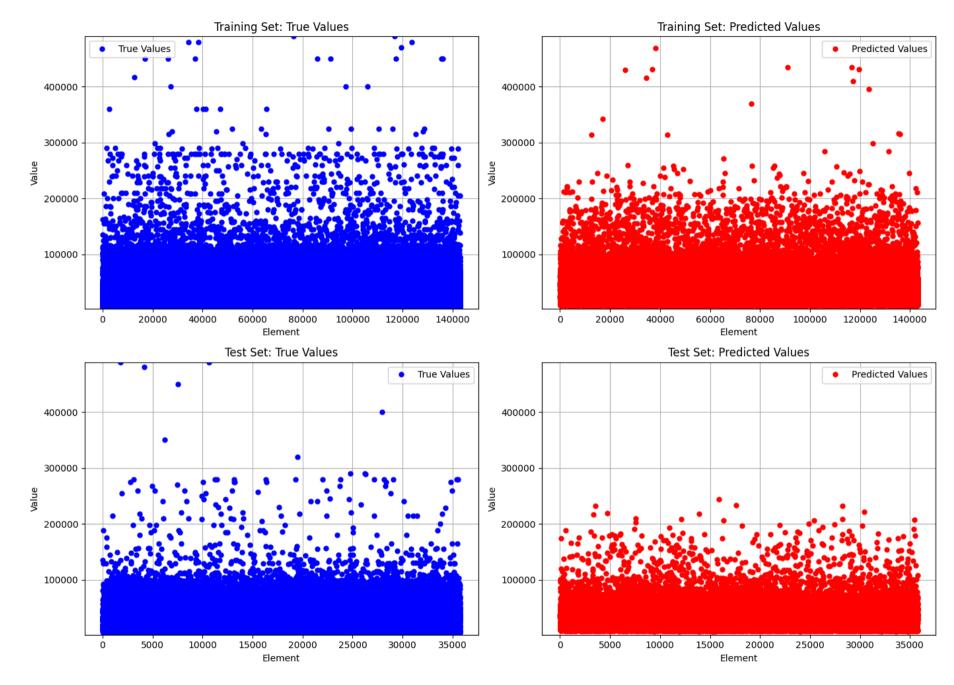


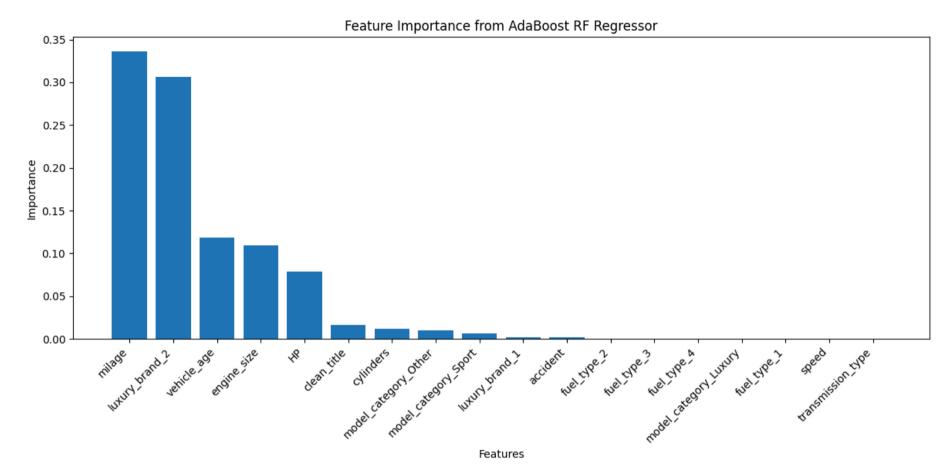


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AttributeError
                                          Traceback (most recent call last)
Cell In[61], line 8
     1 from sklearn.neural network import MLPRegressor
     3 mlpr = MLPRegressor(random_state=random_state,
                            hidden layer sizes=(128, 256, 512, 256, 128),
      5
                            max iter=1000.
      6
                            learning rate='adaptive')
----> 8 train evaluate model(mlpr, 'MLP Regressor', X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test, results, has_feature_importance
e=True)
Cell In[41], line 28, in train evaluate model(model, model name, X train, X test, y train, y test, results, has feat
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                'feature': X train.columns,
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                'importance': importance values
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            })
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            importances = importances.sort values('importance', ascending=False)
AttributeError: 'MLPRegressor' object has no attribute 'coef_'
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AdaBoost Regressor using Random Forest Regressor, in particular the one found previusly with the grid search.







Below, the results obtained in the whole analysis

In [42]: results.style.format(precision=0)

Out[42]:

	Model	Train RMSE	Test RMSE
0	Ridge Regressor	19192	18878
1	Random Forest Regressor	8134	17625
2	Random Forest Regressor GS	15130	16518
3	Ada Boost Regressor	19941	19990
4	MLP Regressor	17049	17043
5	AdaBoost RF Regressor	14433	16710

We can see that the best approach is using RandomForest Resgressor. In particular, the results found with the use of grid search is the best one (it also took a lot of running time being the search between many parameters). This approach does not suffer of overfitting, being the tran RMSE only 8% lower than the test RMSE. Also Adaboost using Random Forest performs very well, it overfits a bit. I think MLP could reach better results, but doing a grid search on it is time consuming being the scikit learn library not optimized to train them. The Rigde Regressor performed surprisingly well, probably due to the fact that most of the car prices are grouped in a small range of values (<30000) and therefore it predict them with a close value. This simple model do not catch the high prices as we can see from the plot of the predictions.