Welcome to exploration and analysis of the auto mpg data set.

Welcome to this ipython notebook created for exploration and analysis of the Auto- MPG data-set from UCI Machine Learning Library. The data-set is fairly standard on kaggle but can be accessed separately from the UCI Machine Learning Repository along with many other interesting data-sets. Check http://archive.ics.uci.edu/ml/index.php for more.

This notebook aims primarily to demonstrate use of pandas and seaborn for exploration and visualization of the data-set along with use of scikit learn library to build regression models to predict the Miles Per Gallon(MPG) using the factors provided in the data-set

So what is the auto-mpg data set?

The following description can be found on the UCI Repository page for the data-set (http://archive.ics.uci.edu/ml/datasets/Auto+MPG)

• This dataset is a slightly modified version of the dataset provided in the StatLib library. In line with the use by Ross Quinlan (1993) in predicting the attribute "mpg", 8 of the original instances were removed because they had unknown values for the "mpg" attribute. The original dataset is available in the file "auto-mpg.data-original".

"The data concerns city-cycle fuel consumption in miles per gallon, to be predicted in terms of 3 multivalued discrete and 5 continuous attributes." (Quinlan, 1993)

But for now we will treat this as a expedition to discover unknown knowledge in the unchartered lands of this dataset.

Let's first ready the equipment we will need for this expedition

```
import pandas as pd
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns
import numpy as np
from scipy.stats import norm
from scipy import stats
import warnings
warnings.filterwarnings('ignore')
%matplotlib inline
# Input data files are available in the "../input/" directory on kaggle.
from subprocess import check_output
print(check_output(["ls", "../input"]).decode("utf8"))
    auto-mpg.csv
```

We have imported all the packages and libraries we will be using for the initial exploration of data. This notebook will be split into two major sections, majorly:

- Exploration and Visualization using pandas and seaborn packages
- · Building evaluating and tuning different regression models using scikit learn package

▼ Part 1: So let's begin this exploratory journey into the data-set to reveal its hidden secrets!!

In order to begin this exciting journey into the unchartered lands of the auto-mpg data set we first need to know the location of this unexplored land. For our dataset, this location is '../input/auto-mpg.csv' So lets tell python to take us to this place. Since we are the first explorers here, we will call this place data..because we like data..

```
data = pd.read_csv('../input/auto-mpg.csv',index_col='car name')
Let's have a look at data
print(data.head())
print(data.index)
print(data.columns)
                                mpg cylinders displacement horsepower weight \
     car name
     chevrolet chevelle malibu 18.0
                                                       307.0
                                                                           3504
                                                       350.0
                                                                    165
                                                                           3693
     buick skylark 320
                               15.0
                                             8
     plymouth satellite
                                             8
                                                       318.0
                                                                    150
                                                                           3436
                               18.0
                               16.0
     amc rebel sst
                                             8
                                                       304.0
                                                                    150
                                                                           3433
     ford torino
                               17.0
                                             8
                                                       302.0
                                                                    140
                                                                           3449
```

```
acceleration model year origin
car name
chevrolet chevelle malibu
                                    12.0
                                                  70
buick skylark 320
                                    11.5
                                                  70
                                                           1
plymouth satellite
                                    11.0
                                                  70
                                                           1
amc rebel sst
                                    12.0
                                                  70
                                                           1
ford torino
                                    10.5
                                                  70
'plymouth fury iii', 'pontiac catalina', 'amc ambassador dpl',
       'chrysler lebaron medallion', 'ford granada 1', 'toyota celica gt',
       'dodge charger 2.2', 'chevrolet camaro', 'ford mustang gl', 'vw pickup',
'dodge rampage', 'ford ranger', 'chevy s-10'],
dtype='object', name='car name', length=398)
Index(['mpg', 'cylinders', 'displacement', 'horsepower', 'weight',
        'acceleration', 'model year', 'origin'],
      dtype='object')
```

So there it is..lots of numbers. We can see that the dataset has the following columns (with their type):

• mpg: continuous

· cylinders: multi-valued discrete

displacement: continuoushorsepower: continuous

weight: continuous

· acceleration: continuous

• model year: multi-valued discrete

• origin: multi-valued discrete

• car name: string (unique for each instance)

```
data.shape
     (398, 8)
data.isnull().any()
                     False
     cylinders
                     False
     displacement
                     False
     horsepower
                     False
     weight
                     False
     acceleration
                     False
     model year
                     False
     origin
                     False
```

Nothing seems to be missing

dtype: bool

data.dtypes

mpg float64 cylinders int64 float64 displacement horsepower object weight int64 acceleration float64 model year int64 int64 origin dtype: object

But then, why is horsepower an object and not a float, the values we saw above were clearly numbers Lets try converting the column using astype()

Let's look at the unique elements of horsepower to look for discrepancies

data.horsepower.unique()

```
array(['130', '165', '150', '140', '198', '220', '215', '225', '190', '170', '160', '95', '97', '85', '88', '46', '87', '90', '113', '200', '210', '193', '?', '100', '105', '175', '153', '180', '110', '72', '86', '70', '76', '65', '69', '60', '80', '54', '208', '155', '112', '92', '145', '137', '158', '167', '94', '107', '230', '49', '75', '91', '122', '67', '83', '78', '52', '61', '93', '148', '129', '96', '71', '98', '115', '53', '81', '79', '120', '152', '102', '108', '68', '58', '149', '89', '63', '48', '66', '139', '103', '125', '133', '138', '135', '142', '77', '62', '132', '84', '64', '74', '116', '82'], dtype=object)
```

When we print out all the unique values in horsepower, we find that there is '?' which was used as a placeholder for missing values. Lest remove these entries.

```
data = data[data.horsepower != '?']
print('?' in data.horsepower)
     False
data.shape
     (392, 8)
data.dtypes
                     float64
     cylinders
                       int64
     displacement
                     float64
     horsepower
                      object
     weight
                       int64
     acceleration
                     float64
     model year
                       int64
                       int64
     origin
     dtype: object
```

So we see all entries with '?' as place holder for data are removed. However, we the horsepower data is still an object type and not float. That is because pandas coerced the entire column as object when we imported the data set due to '?', so lest change that data

```
data.horsepower = data.horsepower.astype('float')
data.dtypes
                     float64
     mpg
     cylinders
                      int64
     displacement
                     float64
     horsepower
                     float64
                      int64
     weight
     acceleration
                     float64
     model year
                       int64
                       int64
     origin
     dtype: object
```

Now everything looks in order so lets continue, let's describe the dataset

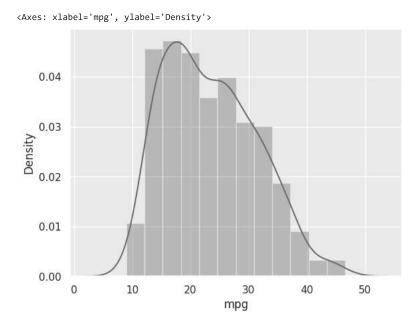
```
data.describe()
```

▼ Step 1: Let's look at mpg

```
mean
             23 445918
                          5 471939
                                      194 411990 104 469388 2977 584184
                                                                              15 541327
                                                                                          75 979592
                                                                                                       1 576531
data.mpg.describe()
     count
              392.000000
               23.445918
     mean
                7.805007
     std
     min
                9.000000
               17.000000
     25%
               22.750000
     50%
     75%
               29.000000
               46.600000
     max
     Name: mpg, dtype: float64
```

So the minimum value is 9 and maximum is 46, but on average it is 23.44 with a variation of 7.8

```
sns.distplot(data['mpg'])
```



Using our seaborn tool we can look at mpg:

- Slight of 0,.45
- Kurtosis of -0.51

Lets visualise some relationships between these data points, but before we do, we need to scale them to same the same range of [0,1]

In order to do so, lets define a function scale

```
def scale(a):
    b = (a-a.min())/(a.max()-a.min())
    return b

data_scale = data.copy()
```

```
data_scale ['displacement'] = scale(data_scale['displacement'])
data_scale['horsepower'] = scale(data_scale['horsepower'])
data_scale ['acceleration'] = scale(data_scale['acceleration'])
data_scale ['weight'] = scale(data_scale['weight'])
data_scale['mpg'] = scale(data_scale['mpg'])
```

data_scale.head()

mp		cylinders	displacement	horsepower	weight	acceleration	model year	origin	
car name									
chevrolet chevelle malibu	0.239362	8	0.617571	0.456522	0.536150	0.238095	70	1	
buick skylark 320	0.159574	8	0.728682	0.646739	0.589736	0.208333	70	1	
plymouth satellite	0.239362	8	0.645995	0.565217	0.516870	0.178571	70	1	
amc rebel sst	0.186170	8	0.609819	0.565217	0.516019	0.238095	70	1	
ford torino	0.212766	8	0.604651	0.510870	0.520556	0.148810	70	1	

All our data is now scaled to the same range of [0,1]. This will help us visualize data better. We used a copy of the original data-set for this as we will use the data-set later when we build regression models.

```
data['Country_code'] = data.origin.replace([1,2,3],['USA','Europe','Japan'])
data_scale['Country_code'] = data.origin.replace([1,2,3],['USA','Europe','Japan'])
```

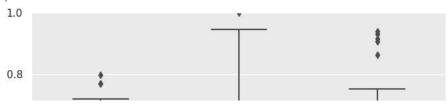
data_scale.head()

	mpg	cylinders	displacement	horsepower	weight	acceleration	model year	origin	Country_code
car name									
chevrolet chevelle malibu	0.239362	8	0.617571	0.456522	0.536150	0.238095	70	1	USA
buick skylark 320	0.159574	8	0.728682	0.646739	0.589736	0.208333	70	1	USA
plymouth satellite	0.239362	8	0.645995	0.565217	0.516870	0.178571	70	1	USA
amc rebel sst	0.186170	8	0.609819	0.565217	0.516019	0.238095	70	1	USA
ford torino	0.212766	8	0.604651	0.510870	0.520556	0.148810	70	1	USA

Lets look at MPG's relation to categories

```
var = 'Country_code'
data_plt = pd.concat([data_scale['mpg'], data_scale[var]], axis=1)
f, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(8, 6))
fig = sns.boxplot(x=var, y="mpg", data=data_plt)
fig.axis(ymin=0, ymax=1)
plt.axhline(data_scale.mpg.mean(),color='r',linestyle='dashed',linewidth=2)
```

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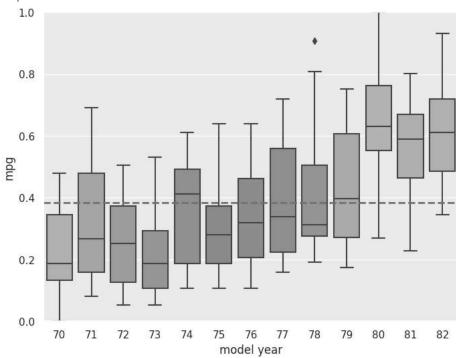
The red line marks the average of the set. From the above plot we can observe:

- Majority of the cars from USA (almost 75%) have MPG below global average.
- Majority of the cars from Japan and Europe have MPG above global average.

▼ Let's look at the year wise distribution of MPG

```
var = 'model year'
data_plt = pd.concat([data_scale['mpg'], data_scale[var]], axis=1)
f, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(8, 6))
fig = sns.boxplot(x=var, y="mpg", data=data_plt)
fig.axis(ymin=0, ymax=1)
plt.axhline(data_scale.mpg.mean(),color='r',linestyle='dashed',linewidth=2)
```

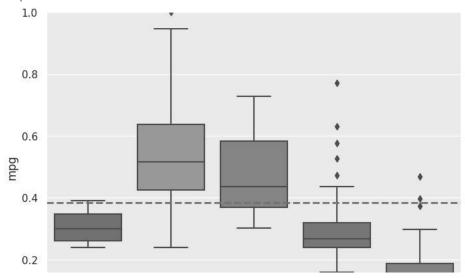
<matplotlib.lines.Line2D at 0x7be9ea68b6d0>



▼ And MPG distribution for cylinders

```
var = 'cylinders'
data_plt = pd.concat([data_scale['mpg'], data_scale[var]], axis=1)
f, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(8, 6))
fig = sns.boxplot(x=var, y="mpg", data=data_plt)
fig.axis(ymin=0, ymax=1)
plt.axhline(data_scale.mpg.mean(),color='r',linestyle='dashed',linewidth=2)
```

<matplotlib.lines.Line2D at 0x7be9f26ca590>

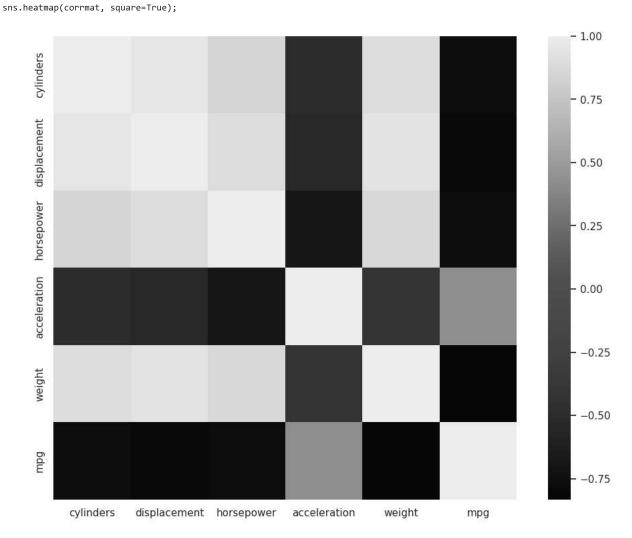


Now that we have looked at the distribution of

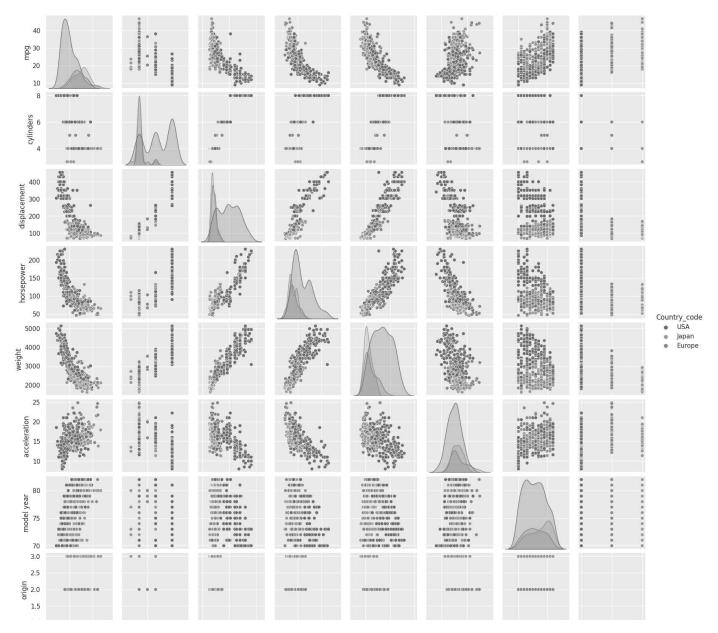
```
numeric_data = data.select_dtypes(include='number') # Select numeric columns only
corrmat = numeric_data.corr()
#corrmat = data.corr()
f, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(12, 9))
sns.heatmap(corrmat, square=True);
```

Now, you can calculate the correlation matrix for numeric columns.

```
factors = ['cylinders','displacement','horsepower','acceleration','weight','mpg']
corrmat = data[factors].corr()
f, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(12, 9))
```



```
#scatterplot
sns.set()
sns.pairplot(data, size = 2.0,hue ='Country_code')
plt.show()
```



So far we have seen the data

So far, we have seen the data to get a feel for it, we saw the spread of the desired variable MPG along the various discrete variables, namely, Origin, Year of Manufacturing or Model and Cylinders.

Now lets extract an additional discrete variable company name and add it to this data. We will use regular expressions and str.extract() function of pandas data-frame to make this new column

```
{\tt data.index}
```

```
Index(['chevrolet chevelle malibu', 'buick skylark 320', 'plymouth satellite',
    'amc rebel sst', 'ford torino', 'ford galaxie 500', 'chevrolet impala',
    'plymouth fury iii', 'pontiac catalina', 'amc ambassador dpl',
    ...
    'chrysler lebaron medallion', 'ford granada l', 'toyota celica gt',
    'dodge charger 2.2', 'chevrolet camaro', 'ford mustang gl', 'vw pickup',
    'dodge rampage', 'ford ranger', 'chevy s-10'],
    dtype='object', name='car name', length=392)
```

As we can see the index of the data frame contains model name along with the company name.

Now lets use regular expressions to quickly extract the company names. As we can see the index is in format 'COMPANY_NAME - SPACE -MODEL - SPACE -VARIANT' and so regular expressions will make it an easy task.

That does it, almost, we can see NaN so some text was not extracted, this may be due to difference

→ in formatting. We ca also see that some companies are named differently and also some spelling
mistakes, lets correct these.

```
data['Company_Name'] = data['Company_Name'].replace(['volkswagen','vokswagen','vw'],'VW')
data['Company_Name'] = data['Company_Name'].replace('maxda','mazda')
data['Company_Name'] = data['Company_Name'].replace('toyouta','toyota')
data['Company_Name'] = data['Company_Name'].replace('mercedes','mercedes-benz')
data['Company_Name'] = data['Company_Name'].replace('nissan','datsun')
data['Company_Name'] = data['Company_Name'].replace('capri','ford')
data['Company_Name'] = data['Company_Name'].replace(['chevroelt','chevy'],'chevrolet')
data['Company_Name'].fillna(value = 'subaru',inplace=True) ## Strin methords will not work on null values so we use fillna()
var = 'Company_Name'
data_plt = pd.concat([data_scale['mpg'], data[var]], axis=1)
f, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(20,10))
fig = sns.boxplot(x=var, y="mpg", data=data_plt)
fig.set_xticklabels(ax.get_xticklabels(),rotation=30)
fig.axis(ymin=0, ymax=1)
plt.axhline(data_scale.mpg.mean(),color='r',linestyle='dashed',linewidth=2)
     <matplotlib.lines.Line2D at 0x7be9e2693790>
        1.0
        0.6
      mpg
        0.4
        0.2
        0.0
```

Company_Name

False

Lets look at some extremes

var='mpg'
data[data[var]== data[var].min()]

	mpg	cylinders	displacement	horsepower	weight	acceleration	model year	origin	Country_code	Company_Name
car name										
hi 1200d	9.0	8	304.0	193.0	4732	18.5	70	1	USA	subaru

data[data[var]== data[var].max()]

var='displacement'
data[data[var]== data[var].min()]

mpg cylinders displacement horsepower weight acceleration model year origin Country_code Company_Name

car name

fiat 128 29.0 4 68.0 49.0 1867 19.5 73 2 Europe subaru

data[data[var] == data[var].max()]

mpg cylinders displacement horsepower weight acceleration model year origin Country_code Company_Name car name 14.0 8 455.0 225.0 4425 10.0 70 USA pontiac catalina 1 subaru 8 455.0 225.0 3086 10.0 70 USA buick estate wagon (sw) 14.0 subaru 225.0 buick electra 225 custom 12.0 455.0 4951 11.0 73 USA subaru

var='horsepower'
data[data[var]== data[var].min()]

mode1 mpg cylinders displacement horsepower weight acceleration origin Country_code Company_Name year car name volkswagen 1131 deluxe 26.0 97.0 46.0 1835 20.5 70 2 Europe subaru sedan

data[data[var]== data[var].max()]

mpg cylinders displacement horsepower weight acceleration model year origin Country_code Company_Name

car name

pontiac grand prix 16.0 8 400.0 230.0 4278 9.5 73 1 USA subaru

var='weight'
data[data[var]== data[var].min()]

data[data[var]== data[var].max()]

mpg cylinders displacement horsepower weight acceleration model year origin Country_code Company_Name
car name

pontiac safari (sw) 13.0 8 400.0 175.0 5140 12.0 71 1 USA subaru

var='acceleration'
data[data[var]== data[var].min()]

	mpg	cylinders	displacement	horsepower	weight	acceleration	model year	origin	Country_code	Company_Name
car ı	name									
plymouth 'cuda	340 14.0	8	340.0	160.0	3609	8.0	70	1	USA	subaru

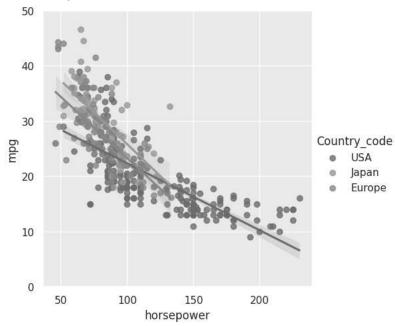
data[data[var]== data[var].max()]

	mpg	cylinders	displacement	horsepower	weight	acceleration	model year	origin	Country_code	Company_Name
car name										
peugeot 504	27.2	4	141.0	71.0	3190	24.8	79	2	Europe	subaru

Now that we have looked at the distribution of the data along discrete variables and we saw some scatter-plots using the seaborn pairplot. Now let's try to find some logical causation for variations in mpg. We will use the Implot() function of seaborn with scatter set as true. This will help us in understanding the trends in these relations. We can later verify what we see with ate correlation heat map to find if the conclusions drawn are correct. We prefer Implot() over regplot() for its ability to plot categorical data better. We will split the regressions for different origin countries.

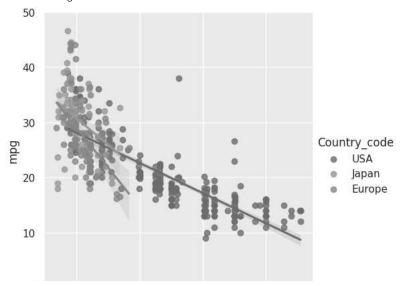
```
var = 'horsepower'
plot = sns.lmplot(x=var, y='mpg', data=data, hue='Country_code')
plot.set(ylim=(0, 50))
```

<seaborn.axisgrid.FacetGrid at 0x7be9e27ab490>



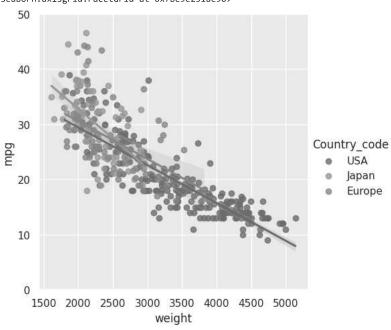
```
var = 'displacement'
plot = sns.lmplot(x=var, y='mpg', data=data, hue='Country_code')
plot.set(ylim = (0,50))
```

<seaborn.axisgrid.FacetGrid at 0x7be9e262baf0>



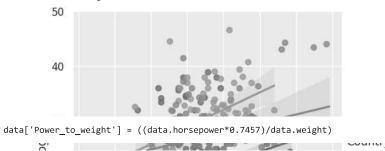
var = 'weight'
plot = sns.lmplot(x=var, y='mpg', data=data, hue='Country_code')
plot.set(ylim = (0,50))

<seaborn.axisgrid.FacetGrid at 0x7be9e251ae90>



var = 'acceleration'
plot = sns.lmplot(x=var, y='mpg', data=data, hue='Country_code')
plot.set(ylim = (0,50))

<seaborn.axisgrid.FacetGrid at 0x7be9ec2d8a00>



data.sort_values(by='Power_to_weight',ascending=False).head()

	mpg	cylinders	displacement	horsepower	weight	acceleration	model year	origin	Country_code	Company_Name	Power_to_weight
car name											
buick estate wagon (sw)	14.0	8	455.0	225.0	3086	10.0	70	1	USA	subaru	0.054369
pontiac grand prix	16.0	8	400.0	230.0	4278	9.5	73	1	USA	subaru	0.040091
pontiac catalina	14.0	8	455.0	225.0	4425	10.0	70	1	USA	subaru	0.037917

▼ Our journey so far:

So far, we have a looked at our data using various pandas methods and visualized it using seaborn package. We looked at

MPGs relation with discrete variables

- · MPG distribution over given years if manufacturing
 - MPG distribution by country of origin
 - o MPG distribution by number of cylinders

MPGs relation to other continuous variables:

• Pair wise scatter plot of all variables in data.

Correlation

• We looked at the correlation heat map of all columns in our data

Lets look at some regression models:

Now that we know what our data looks like, lets use some machine learning models to predict the value of MPG given the values of the factors. We will use pythons scikit learn to train test and tune various regression models on our data and compare the results. We shall use the following regression models:-

- Linear Regression
- GBM Regression

data.head()

	mpg	cylinders	displacement	horsepower	weight	acceleration	model year	origin	Country_code	Company_Name	Power_to_weight
car name											
chevrolet chevelle malibu	18.0	8	307.0	130.0	3504	12.0	70	1	USA	subaru	0.027666
buick skylark 320	15.0	8	350.0	165.0	3693	11.5	70	1	USA	subaru	0.033317
plymouth satellite	18.0	8	318.0	150.0	3436	11.0	70	1	USA	subaru	0.032554

```
from sklearn.preprocessing import StandardScaler
from sklearn.tree import DecisionTreeRegressor
from sklearn.linear_model import LinearRegression
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
from sklearn.metrics import mean_squared_error
from math import sqrt
from sklearn.ensemble import GradientBoostingRegressor
{\tt from \ sklearn.model\_selection \ import \ GridSearchCV}
from sklearn.model_selection import KFold
factors = ['cylinders','displacement','horsepower','acceleration','weight','origin','model year']
X = pd.DataFrame(data[factors].copy())
y = data['mpg'].copy()
X = StandardScaler().fit_transform(X)
X_train,X_test,y_train,y_test=train_test_split(X,y,test_size = 0.33,random_state=324)
X_train.shape[0] == y_train.shape[0]
     True
regressor = LinearRegression()
regressor.get_params()
     {'copy_X': True, 'fit_intercept': True, 'n_jobs': None, 'positive': False}
regressor.fit(X_train,y_train)
     ▼ LinearRegression
     LinearRegression()
y_predicted = regressor.predict(X_test)
rmse = sqrt(mean_squared_error(y_true=y_test,y_pred=y_predicted))
rmse
     3.4867296149015616
gb_regressor = GradientBoostingRegressor(n_estimators=4000)
gb_regressor.fit(X_train,y_train)
                {\tt GradientBoostingRegressor}
     GradientBoostingRegressor(n_estimators=4000)
gb_regressor.get_params()
     {'alpha': 0.9,
       'ccp alpha': 0.0,
      'criterion': 'friedman_mse',
      'init': None,
      'learning_rate': 0.1,
      'loss': 'squared_error',
      'max_depth': 3,
      'max_features': None,
      'max_leaf_nodes': None,
      'min_impurity_decrease': 0.0,
      'min_samples_leaf': 1,
      'min samples split': 2,
      'min_weight_fraction_leaf': 0.0,
      'n_estimators': 4000,
      'n_iter_no_change': None,
      'random_state': None,
      'subsample': 1.0,
      'tol': 0.0001,
      'validation_fraction': 0.1,
      'verbose': 0,
      'warm_start': False}
```

```
y_predicted_gbr = gb_regressor.predict(X_test)

rmse_bgr = sqrt(mean_squared_error(y_true=y_test,y_pred=y_predicted_gbr))
rmse_bgr
    2.66187522614335

fi= pd.Series(gb_regressor.feature_importances_,index=factors)
fi.plot.barh()

<Axes: >

model year

origin

weight

acceleration

horsepower
```

Good, so our initial models work well, but these metrics were performed on test set and cannot be used for tuning the model, as that will cause bleeding of test data into training data, hence, we will use K-Fold to create Cross Validation sets and use grid search to tune the model.

0.30

0.35

0.25

displacement

cylinders

0.00

0.05

0.10

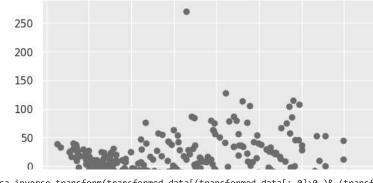
0.15

0.20

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c



```
c = pca.inverse\_transform(transformed\_data[(transformed\_data[:,0]>0 ) \& (transformed\_data[:,1]>250)])
```

. . . .

```
factors
     ['cylinders',
       'displacement',
      'horsepower'
      'acceleration',
      'weight',
      'origin',
      'model year']
     array([[9.32016159e+00, 4.65727261e+02, 1.90441442e+02, 5.95699243e+00,
             3.08611199e+03, 6.23550659e-01, 6.93571097e+01]])
data[(data['model year'] == 70 )&( data.displacement>400)]
```

	mpg	cylinders	displacement	horsepower	weight	acceleration	model year	origin	Country_code	Company_Name	Power_to_weight
car name											
ford galaxie 500	15.0	8	429.0	198.0	4341	10.0	70	1	USA	subaru	0.034013
chevrolet impala	14.0	8	454.0	220.0	4354	9.0	70	1	USA	subaru	0.037679
plymouth furv iii	14.0	8	440.0	215.0	4312	8.5	70	1	USA	subaru	0.037181

The exceptionally far away point seems to be the Buick estate wagon. This seems logical as the weight data given in the data set seems to be incorrect. The weight for the vehicle is given to be 3086 lbs, however, on research it can be found that the car weight is 4727-4775 lbs. These values are based on internet search

- . Now we use K-fold to create a new K-fold object called 'cv_sets' that contains index values for training and cross validation and use these sets in GridSearchCV to tune our model so that it does not over fit or under fit the data
- We will also define a dictionary called 'params' with the hyper-parameters we want to tune
- . Lastly we define 'grid' which is a GridSearchCV object which we will provide the parameters to tune and the K folds of data created by using the Kfold in sklearn.model_selection

```
cv_sets = KFold(n_splits=10, shuffle= True,random_state=100)
params = {'n_estimators' : list(range(40,61)),
         'max_depth' : list(range(1,10)),
         'learning_rate' : [0.1,0.2,0.3] }
grid = GridSearchCV(gb_regressor, params,cv=cv_sets,n_jobs=4)
grid = grid.fit(X_train, y_train)
grid.best_estimator_
```