Medical Insurance Prediction

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1 Project Description

This project focuses on predicting medical insurance premiums using a publicly available dataset. The dataset includes key attributes such as demographics, health-related factors, and personal habits, which influence the cost of insurance premiums. The primary objective is to develop machine-learning models capable of accurately forecasting premium amounts. This involves identifying the most significant factors affecting premiums and providing actionable insights to refine pricing strategies, enabling insurers to optimize their offerings and enhance customer satisfaction.

2 Key Objectives

Data Exploration and Preprocessing.

Perform exploratory data analysis (EDA) to understand the dataset's structure. Clean the data by handling missing values, addressing outliers, and encoding categorical variables where necessary.

Feature Engineering.

Develop and refine features to enhance model performance by identifying relationships between demographic, behavioral, and other relevant factors.

Model Development

Utilize machine learning algorithms, including Multiple Linear Regression, Random Forest Regressor, and XGBoost Regressor, to predict medical insurance premiums. Compare the performance of these models to determine the best approach for accurate predictions.

Model Evaluation

Evaluate each model's performance using metrics such as R², Mean Absolute Error (MAE), and Root Mean Squared Error (RMSE). Ensure the models are robust and capable of generalizing well to unseen data.

Insights and Recommendations

Analyze model outputs to identify the most influential factors affecting insurance premiums. Provide actionable insights for insurers to optimize premium pricing strategies and enhance customer satisfaction.

3 Tools and Technologies

Programming: Python (Pandas, NumPy, Scikit-learn, XGBoost) Environment: Jupyter Notebooks Visualization: Matplotlib, Seaborn Machine Learning: Multiple Linear Regression, Random Forest Regressor, XGBoost Regressor

4 Part 1: Data Pre-processing

I) Importing the dataset and exploring its properties.

```
[95]: #Importing all the necessary libraries.
      import numpy as np
      import pandas as pd
      import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
      %matplotlib inline
      import seaborn as sns
      import warnings
      warnings.filterwarnings('ignore')
      from scipy import stats
[96]: df = pd.read_csv('insurance.csv')
      df.sample(5)
[96]:
                            bmi
                                  children smoker
                                                      region
                                                                   charges
            age
                    sex
                                                                5615.36900
      1245
             28
                   male
                         24.300
                                         5
                                               no
                                                   southwest
      908
             63
                         39.800
                                         3
                                                   southwest
                                                               15170.06900
                   male
                                               no
      319
             32
                   male
                         37.335
                                         1
                                               no
                                                   northeast
                                                                4667.60765
      462
                                         2
             62
                 female
                         38.095
                                                   northeast
                                                              15230.32405
                                               no
      729
             41
                 female
                        36.080
                                                   southeast
                                                                6781.35420
                                               no
[97]: df.shape
[97]: (1338, 7)
      df.columns
[98]:
[98]: Index(['age', 'sex', 'bmi', 'children', 'smoker', 'region', 'charges'],
      dtype='object')
[99]: df.info()
     <class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
     RangeIndex: 1338 entries, 0 to 1337
     Data columns (total 7 columns):
      #
                    Non-Null Count Dtype
          Column
          _____
                     _____
                                     ____
      0
          age
                    1338 non-null
                                     int64
      1
          sex
                    1338 non-null
                                     object
      2
          bmi
                    1338 non-null
                                     float64
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3
           children 1338 non-null
                                      int64
       4
           smoker
                     1338 non-null
                                      object
       5
           region
                     1338 non-null
                                      object
           charges
                     1338 non-null
                                      float64
      dtypes: float64(2), int64(2), object(3)
      memory usage: 73.3+ KB
[100]: #Finding the statistical summary of the dataset.
       df.describe().transpose()
[100]:
                                                                                   50%
                  count
                                                 std
                                                            min
                                                                         25%
                                 mean
                 1338.0
                            39.207025
                                           14.049960
                                                        18.0000
                                                                    27.00000
                                                                                39.000
       age
       bmi
                 1338.0
                            30.663397
                                            6.098187
                                                        15.9600
                                                                    26.29625
                                                                                30.400
       children
                 1338.0
                             1.094918
                                            1.205493
                                                         0.0000
                                                                     0.00000
                                                                                 1.000
                                                                 4740.28715
       charges
                 1338.0
                         13270.422265
                                       12110.011237 1121.8739
                                                                              9382.033
                          75%
                                        max
                    51.000000
                                   64.00000
       age
                    34.693750
                                   53.13000
       bmi
       children
                     2.000000
                                    5.00000
       charges
                 16639.912515
                               63770.42801
[101]: print(df.dtypes)
                    int64
      age
                    object
      sex
                  float64
      bmi
      children
                    int64
      smoker
                    object
      region
                   object
      charges
                  float64
      dtype: object
[102]: #Finding the categorical variables.
       df.select_dtypes(include='object').columns
[102]: Index(['sex', 'smoker', 'region'], dtype='object')
[103]: len(df.select_dtypes(include='object').columns)
[103]: 3
[104]: df.select_dtypes(include=['float64','int64']).columns
[104]: Index(['age', 'bmi', 'children', 'charges'], dtype='object')
[105]: len(df.select_dtypes(include=['float64','int64']).columns)
[105]: 4
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II) Dealing with missing values.

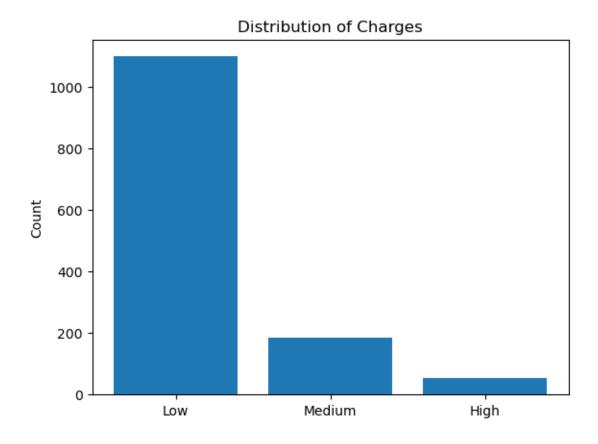
```
[106]: missing_data = df.isnull()
       print(missing_data.head())
       for column in missing_data.columns.values.tolist():
           print(column)
           print(missing_data[column].value_counts())
           print(" ")
                         bmi children smoker region
                                                        charges
           age
                  sex
                                                 False
      O False False False
                                 False
                                         False
                                                          False
      1 False False False
                                 False
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      2 False False False
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      3 False False False
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      4 False False False
                                 False
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      age
      age
               1338
      False
      Name: count, dtype: int64
      sex
      sex
      False
               1338
      Name: count, dtype: int64
      bmi
      bmi
      False
               1338
      Name: count, dtype: int64
      children
      children
      False
               1338
      Name: count, dtype: int64
      smoker
      smoker
      False
               1338
      Name: count, dtype: int64
      region
      region
      False
               1338
      Name: count, dtype: int64
      charges
      charges
      False
               1338
```

Name: count, dtype: int64

III) Creating bins to see the distribution of the charges.

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[107]: bins = np.linspace(min(df['charges']), max(df['charges']),4)
group_names = ["Low","Medium","High"]
df["charges_binned"] = pd.cut(df["charges"], bins, labels = group_names,
include_lowest= True)
plt.bar(group_names,df["charges_binned"].value_counts())
plt.title("Distribution of Charges")
plt.ylabel("Count")
```

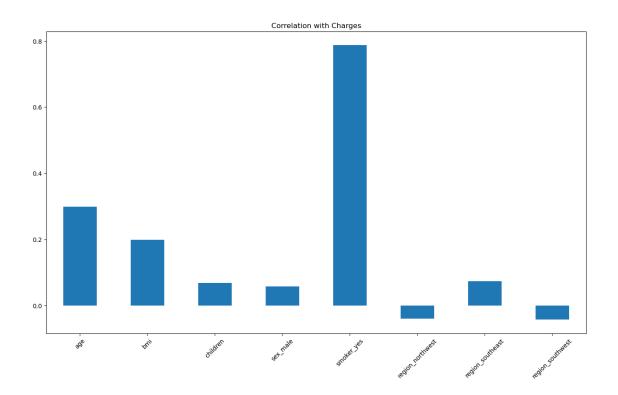
[107]: Text(0, 0.5, 'Count')



IV) Grouping the dataset by 'sex', 'smoker' and 'region'.

```
male
              38.917160 30.943129 1.115385 13956.751178
[109]: df.groupby('smoker').mean(numeric_only=True)
[109]:
                               bmi
                                    children
                                                   charges
                    age
      smoker
              39.385338 30.651795
                                    1.090226
                                               8434.268298
      no
              38.514599 30.708449 1.113139 32050.231832
      yes
[110]: ''' There is a huge disparity between charges for smokers and non-smokers.
        →Smokers on average pay 4 times as much as non-smokers.'''
[110]: 'There is a huge disparity between charges for smokers and non-smokers. Smokers
      on average pay 4 times as much as non-smokers.'
[111]: df.groupby('region').mean(numeric_only=True)
[1111]:
                                  bmi children
                                                      charges
                        age
      region
      northeast 39.268519 29.173503 1.046296 13406.384516
      northwest 39.196923 29.199785 1.147692 12417.575374
      southeast 38.939560 33.355989 1.049451 14735.411438
      southwest 39.455385 30.596615 1.141538 12346.937377
[112]: pearson_coef, p_value = stats.pearsonr(df['bmi'],df["charges"])
      print(pearson_coef, p_value)
      0.19834096883362912 2.459085535116604e-13
[113]: '''There is a statistically significant relationship between the bmi and
        ⇔charges.'''
[113]: 'There is a statistically significant relationship between the bmi and charges.'
        V) Feature Engineering.
[114]: | for column in df.select_dtypes(include='object').columns.tolist():
          print(df[column].unique())
      ['female' 'male']
      ['yes' 'no']
      ['southwest' 'southeast' 'northwest' 'northeast']
[115]: df = df.drop(columns = "charges_binned")
[116]: df.head()
[116]:
                              children smoker
                         bmi
                                                  region
                                                              charges
         age
          19 female 27.900
                                           ves southwest 16884.92400
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1
           18
                 male 33.770
                                       1
                                                 southeast
                                                              1725.55230
                                             no
       2
           28
                 male 33.000
                                       3
                                                 southeast
                                                              4449.46200
                                             no
       3
           33
                 male 22.705
                                       0
                                             no
                                                 northwest
                                                             21984.47061
       4
           32
                 male 28.880
                                                 northwest
                                                              3866.85520
                                             no
[117]: dataset = pd.get_dummies(data = df,drop_first=True)
[118]: dataset.head()
[118]:
                      children
                                               sex_male smoker_yes region_northwest
                  bmi
                                      charges
          age
       0
           19
              27.900
                               0
                                 16884.92400
                                                  False
                                                                True
                                                                                 False
                                   1725.55230
                                                                                 False
       1
           18 33.770
                               1
                                                   True
                                                               False
                                                   True
                                                               False
                                                                                 False
       2
           28 33.000
                               3
                                   4449.46200
       3
           33 22.705
                                  21984.47061
                                                   True
                                                               False
                                                                                  True
           32 28.880
                                   3866.85520
                                                   True
                                                               False
                                                                                  True
                            region_southwest
          region_southeast
       0
                     False
       1
                      True
                                        False
       2
                      True
                                        False
       3
                     False
                                        False
                     False
                                        False
[119]: dataset.shape
[119]: (1338, 9)
        V) Correlation matrix.
[120]: dataset_2 = dataset.drop(columns = 'charges')
[121]: dataset_2.corrwith(dataset['charges']).plot.bar(
           figsize = (16,9),
           title = "Correlation with Charges",
       rot=45)
[121]: <Axes: title={'center': 'Correlation with Charges'}>
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[122]: corr = dataset.corr()

[123]: plt.figure(figsize=(20,10))
sns.heatmap(corr, annot= True)

[123]: <Axes: >



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VI) Splitting the dataset.

[124]: #Independent variable.
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X = dataset.drop(columns= 'charges')
[125]: X.shape
[125]: (1338, 8)
[126]: #Dependent variable.
       y = dataset['charges']
[127]: y.shape
[127]: (1338,)
[128]: from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
[129]: X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(X, y, test_size=0.2,_
        →random_state=101)
[130]: X_train.shape
[130]: (1070, 8)
[131]: X_test.shape
[131]: (268, 8)
       VI) Feature Scaling.
[132]: from sklearn.preprocessing import StandardScaler
[133]: scaler = StandardScaler()
[134]: X_train = scaler.fit_transform(X_train)
       X_test = scaler.transform(X_test)
[135]: X_train
[135]: array([[-1.15786012, -0.68882801, -0.92785237, ..., -0.56943606,
                1.64390454, -0.57087511],
              [-1.51663179, 1.24518419, -0.92785237, ..., -0.56943606,
                1.64390454, -0.57087511],
              [ 0.77950689, 2.31160214, -0.09635988, ..., -0.56943606,
                1.64390454, -0.57087511],
              ...,
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[ 1.28178723, 0.5435502 , -0.92785237, ..., 1.75612342,
              -0.60830783, -0.57087511],
              [0.92301556, 1.12112479, 0.73513261, ..., 1.75612342,
              -0.60830783, -0.57087511],
              [-0.22505378, -1.78235828, -0.92785237, ..., -0.56943606,
              -0.60830783, -0.57087511]])
[136]: X_test
[136]: array([[-0.08154511, 1.04307417, -0.09635988, ..., -0.56943606,
              -0.60830783, -0.57087511],
              [-1.37312312, -0.31500662, -0.92785237, ..., -0.56943606,
              -0.60830783, -0.57087511],
              [1.06652423, -0.86136096, -0.09635988, ..., -0.56943606,
              -0.60830783, -0.57087511],
              [-1.15786012, -2.1882215, -0.09635988, ..., 1.75612342,
              -0.60830783, -0.57087511],
              [1.35354156, 0.39402164, -0.92785237, ..., -0.56943606,
              -0.60830783, 1.75169662],
              [ 1.28178723, -0.03402439, -0.92785237, ..., 1.75612342,
              -0.60830783, -0.57087511]])
      5 Part 2: Building the models.
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I) Multiple Linear Regression.

```
[137]: from sklearn.linear_model import LinearRegression
[138]: model_lr = LinearRegression()
    model_lr.fit(X_train, y_train)
[138]: LinearRegression()
[139]: y_pred = model_lr.predict(X_test)
[140]: from sklearn.metrics import r2_score
[141]: score = r2_score(y_test, y_pred)
[142]: score
[142]: 0.760837110132396
    II) Random Forest Regressor.
[143]: from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestRegressor regressor_rf = RandomForestRegressor(random_state=0)
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```
regressor_rf.fit(X_train, y_train)
[143]: RandomForestRegressor(random state=0)
[144]: y_pred = regressor_rf.predict(X_test)
[145]: score = r2_score(y_test, y_pred)
[146]:
      score
[146]: 0.8409756227354694
       III) XB Boost Regressor
[147]: from xgboost import XGBRegressor
[148]: regressor_xgb = XGBRegressor()
       regressor_xgb.fit(X_train, y_train)
[148]: XGBRegressor(base_score=None, booster=None, callbacks=None,
                    colsample_bylevel=None, colsample_bynode=None,
                    colsample bytree=None, device=None, early stopping rounds=None,
                    enable categorical=False, eval metric=None, feature types=None,
                    gamma=None, grow_policy=None, importance_type=None,
                    interaction_constraints=None, learning_rate=None, max_bin=None,
                   max_cat_threshold=None, max_cat_to_onehot=None,
                   max_delta_step=None, max_depth=None, max_leaves=None,
                   min_child_weight=None, missing=nan, monotone_constraints=None,
                   multi_strategy=None, n_estimators=None, n_jobs=None,
                   num_parallel_tree=None, random_state=None, ...)
[149]: | y_pred = regressor_xgb.predict(X_test)
[150]: score = r2_score(y_test, y_pred)
[151]:
      score
[151]: 0.8274000763370111
         Part 3: Predict charges for a new customer.
[152]: new_customer1_obsv = [[40, 45.5, 4, 1, 1, 0, 0, 0]]
[153]: regressor_xgb.predict(scaler.transform(new_customer1_obsv))
[153]: array([44938.145], dtype=float32)
[154]: new_customer_2 = [[22, 23.5, 4, 1, 1, 0, 0, 0]]
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[155]: regressor_xgb.predict(scaler.transform(new_customer_2))
[155]: array([16239.731], dtype=float32)
[ ]:
```