Predicting Metabolic Syndrome

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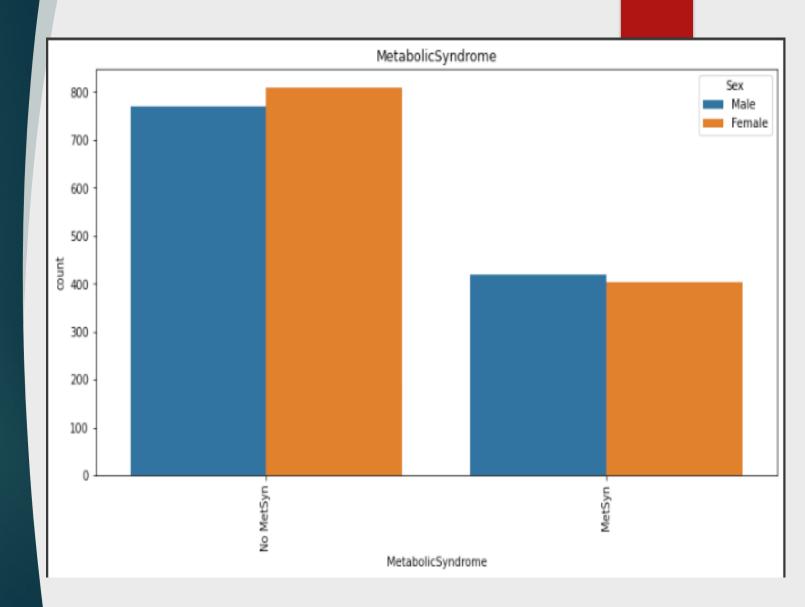
What Is Metabolic Syndrome?

- ▶ A group of conditions that occur together, increasing your risk of heart disease, stroke, type 2 diabetes and other serious health conditions.
- Having just one or two symptoms does not indicate the development of metabolic syndrome.
- About 1 in 3 adults in the United States have it.
- ▶ Also known as insulin resistance syndrome.

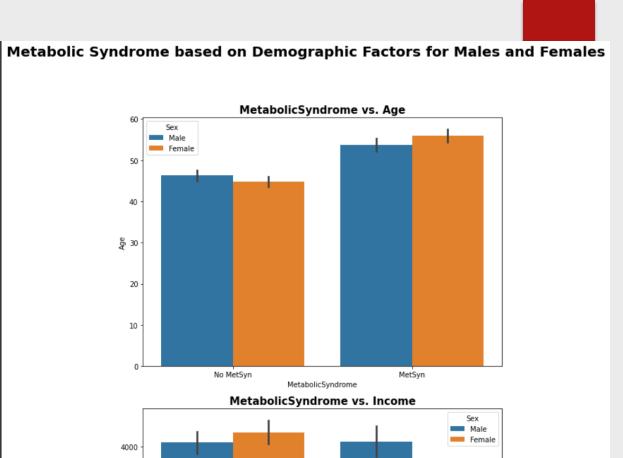
Problem Statement

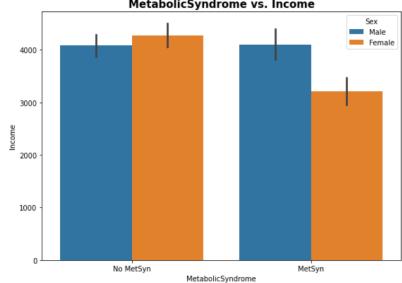
▶ To diagnose early and provide the best care, different health and demographic factors are used to create a machine learning model to predict whether a patient has developed metabolic syndrome.

Metabolic Syndrome



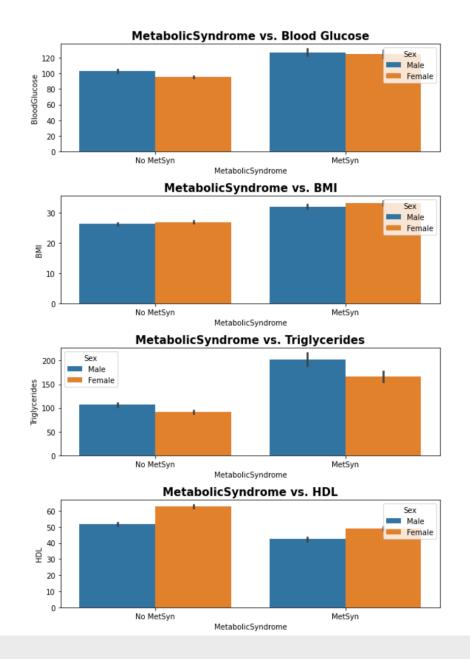
Demographics





Key Health Risks

Metabolic Syndrome Based on Risk Factors for Males and Females



Strengths

- ▶ Accurate predictions can lead to early diagnosis.
- ► Treatment plan can be implemented to decrease risk in developing more severe health conditions.

Limitations

- ▶ Models could not exceed 82% accuracy.
- ▶ There is an imbalance in the data.

Recommendations and Next Steps

- ▶ The first steps to improve model would be to add columns to the data using feature engineering to compare the health metrics with the normal ranges. I would also account for the class imbalance. Then tune and run the models again to try to obtain better prediction results.
- For a positive diagnosis, lifestyle changes are required to decrease the potential risks of developing more severe health conditions.
- Medication may need to be prescribed to assist in controlling certain health factors (i.e. blood sugar, blood pressure, triglycerides).

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