#### **Medical Cost / Health Insurance Prediction**

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#### **Background**

• Prediction of the potential medical cost of an individual could be useful in real-world scenarios such as helping insurance company to determine the personalized premium based on client's personal information, as well as assisting health insurance bureau to make a budget.

#### **Objective**

- Perform the data analysis to explore the factors affecting the medical costs and eventually develop some predicting models for the medical costs;
- To develop a GUI that prompts for the personal profile and returns the predicted medical cost.

To achieve this objective, I need to figure out those questions below:

- 1. Is there a relationship between the response and predictors?
- 2. Deciding on important predictors to add into model.
- 3. Goodness of fit of the model.
- 4. Prediction accuracy of models.

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#### 1. Importing Libraries

```
In [1]: # Basic Python Packages
        import pandas as pd # for dataframes
        import numpy as np # for mathmatical operations
        # Matplotlib and Seaborn
        import matplotlib.pyplot as plt # for data visualization
        import seaborn as sns # for data visualization
        %matplotlib inline
        # Plotly Packages for data visulization
        from plotly import tools
        import plotly.plotly as py
        import plotly.graph_objs as go
        from plotly.offline import download plotlyjs, init notebook mode, plot, iplot
        init_notebook_mode(connected=True)
        # scikit-learn for Preprocessing of dataset and Machine Learning
        from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
        from sklearn import metrics
        from sklearn.metrics import mean squared error
        from sklearn.linear model import Ridge
        from sklearn.linear_model import Lasso
        from sklearn.model_selection import GridSearchCV
        from sklearn.tree import DecisionTreeRegressor
        from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestRegressor
        from sklearn.ensemble import AdaBoostRegressor
        from sklearn.ensemble import GradientBoostingRegressor
        # Regression Modeling
        import statsmodels.api as sm
        # Other Libraries
        import warnings
        warnings.filterwarnings("ignore")
```

# 2. Load the dataset

- Age: age of primary beneficiary, years
- Sex: insurance contractor gender, [female, male]
- BMI: Body mass index, providing an understanding of body weights that are relatively high or low relative to height, objective index of body weight (kg / m ^ 2) using the ratio of height to weight, ideally 18.5 to 24.9, one is underweight if < 18.5, overweight if ≥ 25 and <29.9, obese if ≥ 30
- Children: Number of children covered by health insurance / Number of dependents
- Smoker: Smoking status
- Region: the beneficiary's residential area in the US, northeast, southeast, southwest, northwest.
- Charges: Individual medical costs billed by health insurance, USD

```
In [2]: df = pd.read_csv('insurance.csv')
        original_df = df.copy()
In [3]: # Get the general infomation of the dataset
        df.info()
        <class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
        RangeIndex: 1338 entries, 0 to 1337
        Data columns (total 7 columns):
                    1338 non-null int64
                    1338 non-null object
        sex
        bmi
                    1338 non-null float64
        children 1338 non-null int64
                    1338 non-null object
        smoker
                    1338 non-null object
        region
        charges
                    1338 non-null float64
        dtypes: float64(2), int64(2), object(3)
        memory usage: 73.2+ KB
```

```
In [4]: # Display the first 5 rows of the dataset
         df.head()
Out[4]:
                          bmi children smoker
                                                           charges
                   sex
             19 female 27.900
                                    0
                                          yes southwest 16884.92400
             18
                  male 33.770
                                                        1725.55230
                                          no southeast
                   male 33.000
                                                        4449.46200
                                          no southeast
             33
                   male 22.705
                                          no northwest 21984.47061
                 male 28.880
             32
                                    0
                                          no northwest 3866.85520
```

# 3. Data Preparation

```
In [5]: # Checking missing data
         df.isna().sum()
Out[5]: age
         sex
         bmi
         children
         smoker
                      0
         region
         charges
         dtype: int64
In [6]: # Checking duplicated data
         df.duplicated().sum()
Out[6]: 1
In [7]: df.duplicated().shape
Out[7]: (1338,)
In [8]: | df[df.duplicated(keep = 'first')]
Out[8]:
              age sex bmi children smoker
                                                    charges
                                            region
          581 19 male 30.59
                                       no northwest 1639.5631
In [9]: | df[df.duplicated(keep = 'last')]
Out[9]:
                        bmi children smoker
                                                    charges
          195 19 male 30.59
                                       no northwest 1639.5631
In [10]: # Remove the duplicated data
         df.drop_duplicates(keep = 'first').shape
Out[10]: (1337, 7)
In [11]: | df_1 = df.drop_duplicates(keep = 'first')
In [12]: df_1.shape
Out[12]: (1337, 7)
```

# 4. Overview of the variables in the dataset

In [13]: # 4 out of 7 varaibles are quatitative variable df\_1.describe()

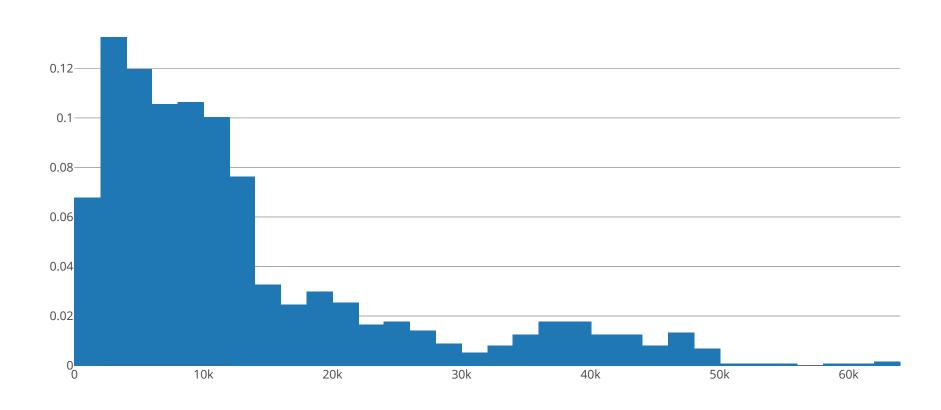
Out[13]:

	age	bmi	cniiaren	cnarges
count	1337.000000	1337.000000	1337.000000	1337.000000
mean	39.222139	30.663452	1.095737	13279.121487
std	14.044333	6.100468	1.205571	12110.359656
min	18.000000	15.960000	0.000000	1121.873900
25%	27.000000	26.290000	0.000000	4746.344000
50%	39.000000	30.400000	1.000000	9386.161300
75%	51.000000	34.700000	2.000000	16657.717450
max	64.000000	53.130000	5.000000	63770.428010

# 4.1 Medical Charges

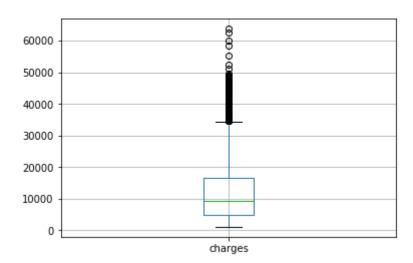
In [14]: # Medical charges is the response variable of interest, which is a continuous numerical variable, so making # prediction of this is a regression problem

#### **Charges Distribution**



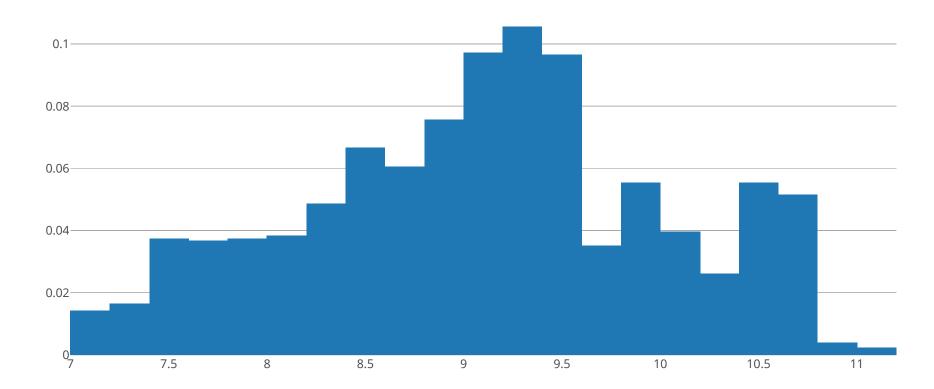
```
In [16]: df_1.boxplot(column = 'charges')
```

#### Out[16]: <matplotlib.axes.\_subplots.AxesSubplot at 0x1a1ce76cf8>

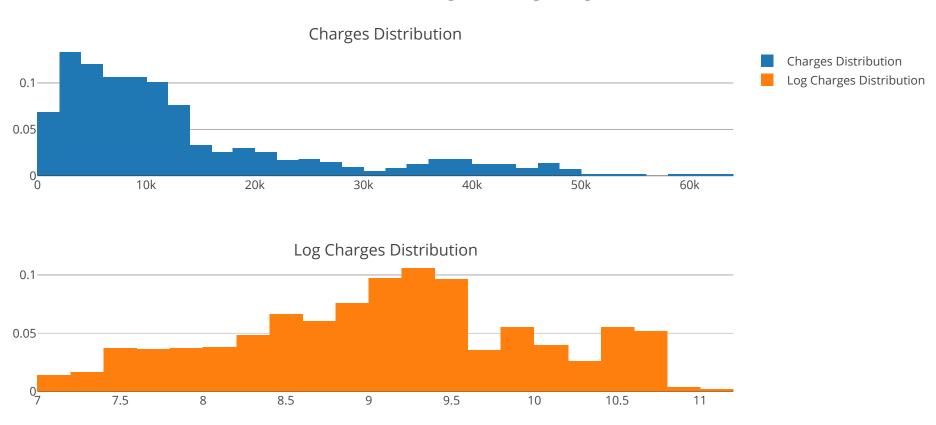


```
In [17]: # Log Transformation of Charges and Distribution of Log Charges
logcharges_dist = np.log(df_1["charges"])
logcharges_hist = go.Histogram(x=logcharges_dist, histnorm='probability', name="Log Charges Distribution")
data = [logcharges_hist]
layout = go.Layout(title="Log Charges Distribution")
fig = go.Figure(data=data, layout=layout)
iplot(fig, filename="Log Charges Distribution")
```

# Log Charges Distribution

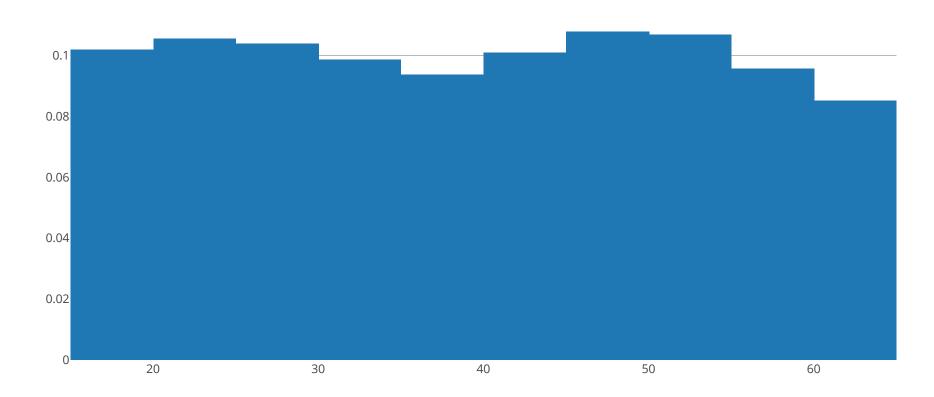


#### Distribution of Charges and Log Charges



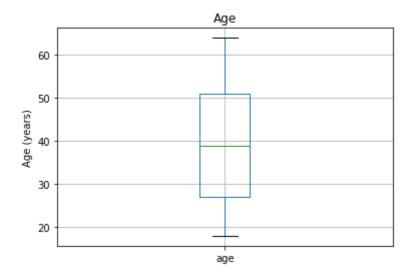
#### 4.2 Age

#### Age Distribution

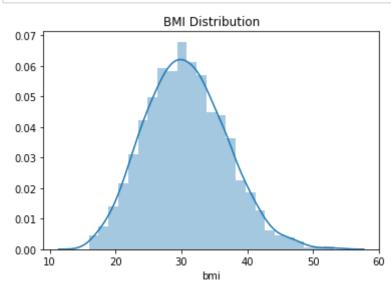


```
In [20]: # Boxplot can help to indentify outliers
age_boxplot = df_1.boxplot(column = 'age')
plt.title("Age")
plt.ylabel("Age (years)")
plt.xlabel("")
```

# Out[20]: Text(0.5, 0, '')

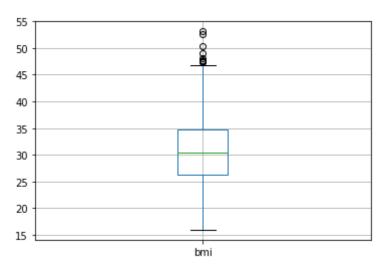


# 4.3 Body Mass Index (BMI)



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In [22]: # Boxplot can help to indentify outliers
     df_1.boxplot(column = 'bmi')
```

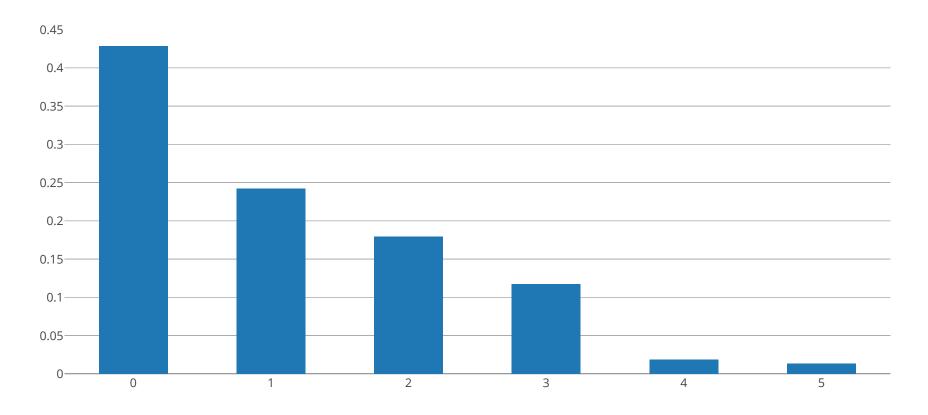
#### Out[22]: <matplotlib.axes.\_subplots.AxesSubplot at 0x1c2115cf60>



#### 4.4 Number of Children

```
In [23]: # Number of Children covered by insurance is an discrete variable
         df_1.children.unique()
Out[23]: array([0, 1, 3, 2, 5, 4])
In [24]: df_1.children.value_counts()
Out[24]: 0
              573
              324
              240
              157
               25
               18
         Name: children, dtype: int64
In [25]: # Bar Chart Displaying the Distribution of the number of children covered by insurance
         children_dist = df_1["children"].values
         children_hist = go.Histogram(x=children_dist, histnorm='probability', name="Number of Chlildren Distribution")
         data = [children_hist]
         layout = go.Layout(title="Number of Children Distribution", bargap=0.5)
         fig = go.Figure(data=data,layout=layout)
         iplot(fig, filename="Number of Children Distribution")
```

# Number of Children Distribution



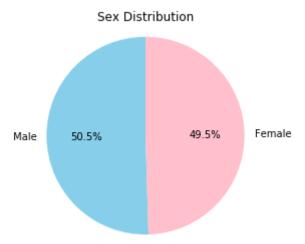
# 4.5 Sex

Name: sex, dtype: int64

```
In [26]: # Gender is a binary variable
    df_1.sex.unique()
Out[26]: array(['female', 'male'], dtype=object)
In [27]:    df_1.sex.value_counts()
Out[27]: male    675
    female    662
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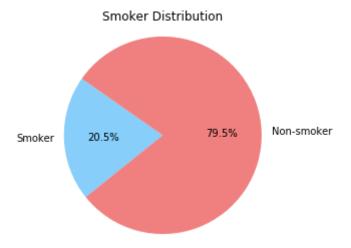
```
In [28]: # Pie chart
labels = ['Male', 'Female']
sizes = [675, 662]
colors = ['skyblue', 'pink']

plt.pie(sizes, labels=labels, colors=colors, autopct='%1.1f%%', shadow=False, startangle=90)
plt.title("Sex Distribution")
plt.axis('equal')
plt.show()
```



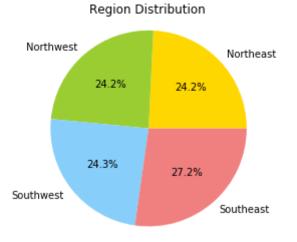
#### 4.6 Smoking Status

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In [29]: # Smoking status is a categorical and a binary variable
         df_1.smoker.unique()
Out[29]: array(['yes', 'no'], dtype=object)
In [30]: df_1.smoker.value_counts()
Out[30]: no
                1063
                 274
         Name: smoker, dtype: int64
In [31]: # Pie chart
         labels = ['Smoker', 'Non-smoker']
         sizes = [274, 1063]
         colors = ['lightskyblue', 'lightcoral']
         plt.pie(sizes, labels=labels, colors=colors, autopct='%1.1f%%', shadow=False, startangle=145)
         plt.title("Smoker Distribution")
         plt.axis('equal')
         plt.show()
```



# 4.7 Living Region

```
In [32]: # Living Region is a categorical variable
         df_1.region.unique()
Out[32]: array(['southwest', 'southeast', 'northwest', 'northeast'], dtype=object)
In [33]: df_1.region.value_counts()
Out[33]: southeast
                      364
         southwest
                      325
         northeast
                      324
         northwest
                      324
         Name: region, dtype: int64
In [34]: # Pie chart
         labels = ['Northeast', 'Northwest', 'Southwest', 'Southeast']
         sizes = [324, 324, 325, 364]
         colors = ['gold', 'Yellowgreen', 'lightskyblue', 'lightcoral']
         plt.pie(sizes, labels=labels, colors=colors, autopct='%1.1f%%', shadow=False, startangle=0)
         plt.title("Region Distribution")
         plt.axis('equal')
         plt.show()
```

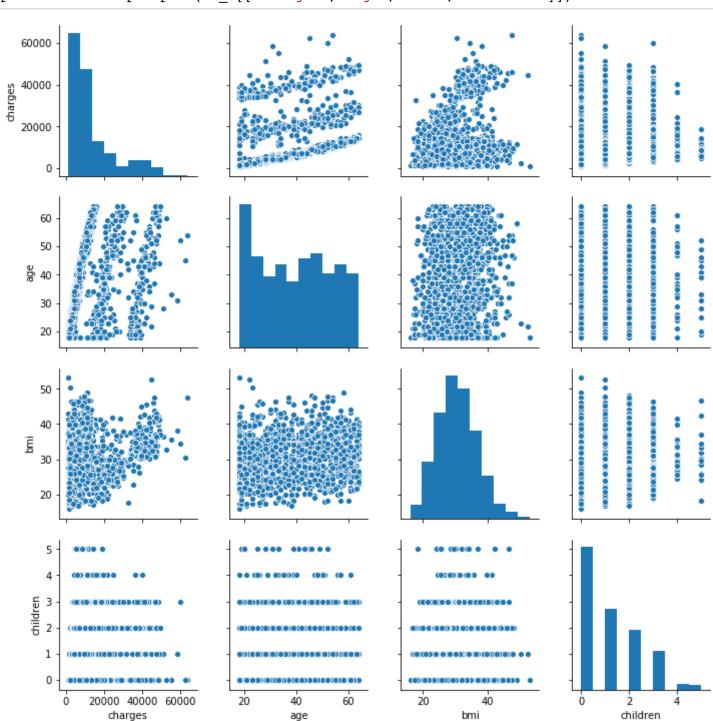


# 5. Exploratory Analysis

• To figure out which features/columns are important for prediction of medical charges

# **5.1 Relationship of Charges to Numerical features**

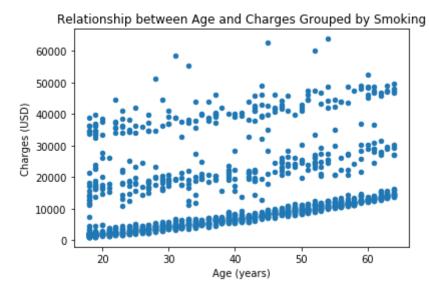
In [35]: pairPlot = sns.pairplot(df\_1[["charges", "age", "bmi", "children"]])



#### 5.1.1 Relationship between Charges and Age

```
In [36]: df_1.plot.scatter(x='age', y='charges')
    plt.title("Relationship between Age and Charges Grouped by Smoking")
    plt.ylabel("Charges (USD)")
    plt.xlabel("Age (years)")
```

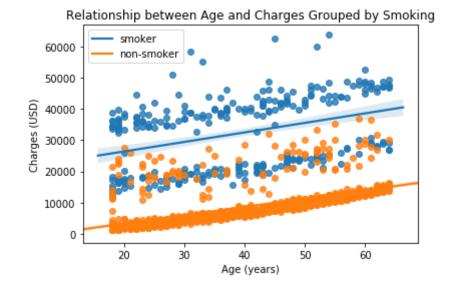
Out[36]: Text(0.5, 0, 'Age (years)')



• We can observe an upper trend of charges as age increases, and there seems to be three distinctive groups/clusters. Each of the clusters exhibit a linear form, so a simple least-square regression between Age and Charges may not be good. A more complicated model would be needed. It's worth trying to displaying this plot by one important feature Smoker, to see if this pattern has anything to do with this factor.

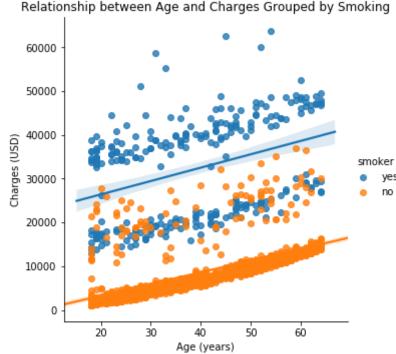
```
In [37]: # Create Age vs. Charges scatter plots grouped by smoker and non-smoker
fig = sns.regplot(x='age', y='charges', data=df_l.loc[df_l['smoker'] == 'yes'])
fig = sns.regplot(x='age', y='charges', data=df_l.loc[df_l['smoker'] == 'no'])
fig.set_title("Relationship between Age and Charges Grouped by Smoking")
fig.legend(('smoker', 'non-smoker'))
fig.set_ylabel("Charges (USD)")
fig.set_xlabel("Age (years)")
```

Out[37]: Text(0.5, 0, 'Age (years)')



```
In [38]: # Create Age vs. Charges scatter plots grouped by smoker and non-smoker
         fig = sns.lmplot(x='age', y='charges', data=df_1, hue='smoker')
         plt.title("Relationship between Age and Charges Grouped by Smoking")
         plt.ylabel("Charges (USD)")
         plt.xlabel("Age (years)")
```

#### Out[38]: Text(0.5, 20.8000000000002, 'Age (years)')



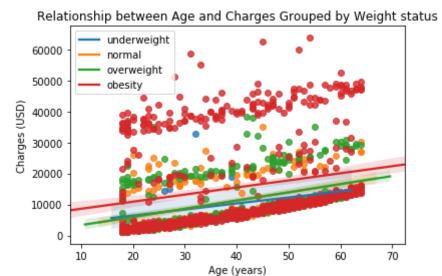
```
In [39]: # Transform BMI to an ordinal variable and create a new column called 'weight_status' in the dataframe
          df 1['weight status'] = 'default'
          df_1.loc[df_1['bmi'] < 18.5,['weight_status']] = 'underweight'</pre>
          df_1.loc[(df_1['bmi'] >= 18.5)&(df_1['bmi'] < 25),['weight_status']] = 'normal'</pre>
          df_1.loc[(df_1['bmi'] >= 25)&(df_1['bmi'] < 30),['weight_status']] = 'overweight'</pre>
          df_1.loc[df_1['bmi'] >= 30,['weight_status']] = 'obese'
         df_1.head()
```

#### Out[39]:

weight_status	charges	region	smoker	children	bmi	sex	age	
overweight	16884.92400	southwest	yes	0	27.900	female	19	0
obese	1725.55230	southeast	no	1	33.770	male	18	1
obese	4449.46200	southeast	no	3	33.000	male	28	2
normal	21984.47061	northwest	no	0	22.705	male	33	3
overweight	3866 85520	northwest	no	0	28 880	male	32	4

```
In [40]: # Create Age vs. Charges scatter plots grouped by weight status
         fig = sns.regplot(x='age', y='charges', data=df_1.loc[df_1['weight_status'] == 'underweight'])
         fig = sns.regplot(x='age', y='charges', data=df_1.loc[df_1['weight_status'] == 'normal'])
         fig = sns.regplot(x='age', y='charges', data=df_1.loc[df_1['weight_status'] == 'overweight'])
         fig = sns.regplot(x='age', y='charges', data=df_1.loc[df_1['weight_status'] == 'obese'])
         fig.set_title("Relationship between Age and Charges Grouped by Weight status")
         fig.legend(('underweight', 'normal', 'overweight', 'obesity'))
         fig.set_ylabel("Charges (USD)")
         fig.set_xlabel("Age (years)")
```

# Out[40]: Text(0.5, 0, 'Age (years)')

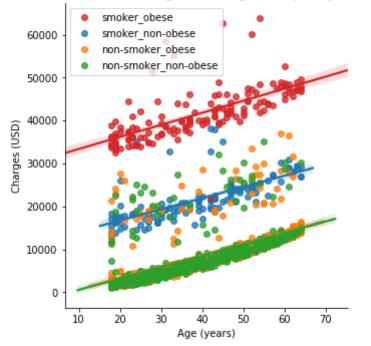


```
In [41]: # Creat a new column 'weight_smoking_status'
                                          df_1['smoking_weight_status'] = 'default'
                                          df_1.loc[(df_1['weight_status'] != 'obese')&(df_1['smoker']=='yes'),['smoking_weight_status']] = 'smoker_non-obese'
                                          \label{loc-condition} $$ df_1.loc[(df_1['weight_status'] == 'obese') & (df_1['smoker'] == 'yes'), ['smoking_weight_status']] = 'smoker_obese' & (df_1['smoker'] == 'yes'), ['smoking_weight_status'] = 'smoker_obese' & (df_1['smoker'] == 'yes'), ['smoker_obese' = 'yes'] & (df_1['smoker'] == 'yes'] & (df_1['smoker'
                                          df_1.loc[(df_1['weight_status'] != 'obese')&(df_1['smoker']=='no'),['smoking_weight_status']] = 'non-smoker_non-obese'
                                          df_1.loc[(df_1['weight_status'] == 'obese')&(df_1['smoker']=='no'),['smoking_weight_status']] = 'non-smoker_obese'
                                         df_1.head()
```

# Out[41]:

smoking_weight_status	weignt_status	cnarges	region	smoker	children	ıma	sex	age	
smoker_non-obese	overweight	16884.92400	southwest	yes	0	27.900	female	19	0
non-smoker_obese	obese	1725.55230	southeast	no	1	33.770	male	18	1
non-smoker_obese	obese	4449.46200	southeast	no	3	33.000	male	28	2
non-smoker_non-obese	normal	21984.47061	northwest	no	0	22.705	male	33	3
non-smoker_non-obese	overweight	3866.85520	northwest	no	0	28.880	male	32	4

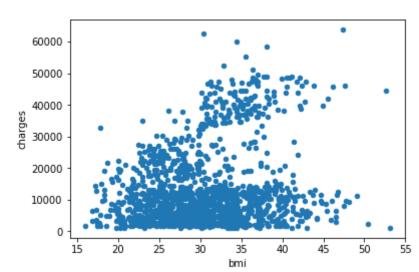
Relationship between Age and Charges Grouped by Smoking



#### 5.1.2 Relationship between Charges and BMI

```
In [43]: df_1.plot.scatter(x='bmi', y='charges')
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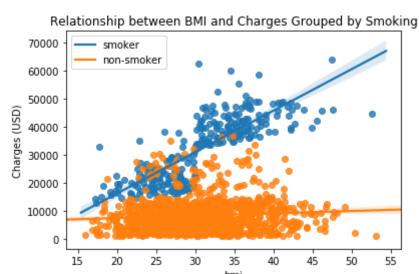
Out[43]: <matplotlib.axes.\_subplots.AxesSubplot at 0x1c21766ac8>



• We can observe more people charged higher when bmi > 30, and there seems to be two groups/clusters indicating other underlying factors.

```
In [44]: # Create BMI vs. Charges scatter plots grouped by smoker and non-smoker
fig = sns.regplot('bmi', 'charges', df_l.loc[df_l['smoker'] == 'yes'])
fig = sns.regplot('bmi', 'charges', df_l.loc[df_l['smoker'] == 'no'])
fig.set_title("Relationship between BMI and Charges Grouped by Smoking")
fig.legend(('smoker', 'non-smoker'))
fig.set_ylabel("BMI (kg/m²)")
fig.set_ylabel("Charges (USD)")
```

Out[44]: Text(0, 0.5, 'Charges (USD)')

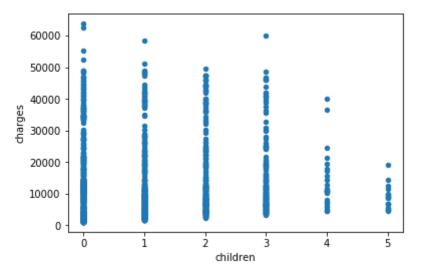


• BMI seems to have no effect on charges for non-smokers, while there is an upper trend of charges as bmi increases for smokers.

# 5.1.5 Relationship between Charges and Children

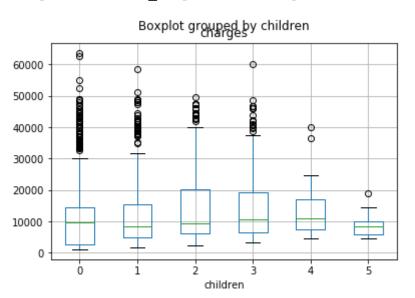
```
In [45]: df_1.plot.scatter(x='children', y='charges')
```

Out[45]: <matplotlib.axes.\_subplots.AxesSubplot at 0x1c21627940>



```
In [46]: df_1.boxplot(column = 'charges', by = 'children')
```

Out[46]: <matplotlib.axes.\_subplots.AxesSubplot at 0x1a1cfaa9b0>



• People with 4 or 5 children seem to pay less charge.

#### 5.2 Relationship of Charges to the Categorical Features

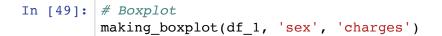
• In all instances charges demonstrate a right skewed distribution

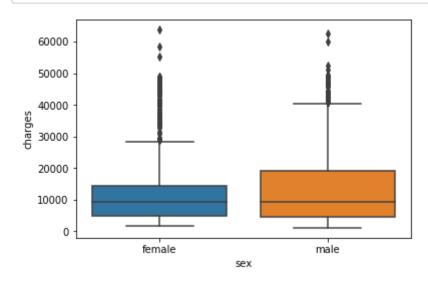
```
In [47]: # define a funtion to make boxplot
def making_boxplot(data, group, feature):
    """function to produce boxplot using seaborn"""
    sns.boxplot(x = group, y = feature, data = data)
```

#### **5.2.1 Relationship between Charges and Sex**

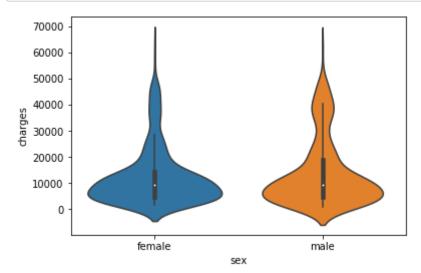
```
In [48]: # Average charges for different gender
    meanChargeGender = df_1.groupby(by = 'sex')['charges'].mean()
    print(meanChargeGender)

sex
    female    12569.578844
    male     13974.998864
    Name: charges, dtype: float64
```





```
In [50]: # Violin plot
violinPlot = sns.violinplot(x = 'sex', y = 'charges', data = df_1)
```



There isn't much difference between male and female regarding their medical cost.

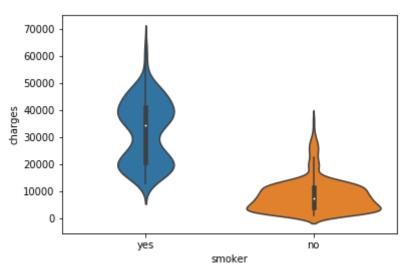
# 5.2.2 Relationship between Charges and Smoker

10000

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In [51]: # Average charges for smoker and non-smoker
         meanChargeSmoker = df_1.groupby(by = 'smoker')['charges'].mean()
         print(meanChargeSmoker)
         # Box plot
         boxPlot = sns.boxplot(x = 'smoker', y = 'charges', data = df_1)
         smoker
                 8440.660307
         no
                32050.231832
         yes
         Name: charges, dtype: float64
            60000
            50000
            40000
          30000
            20000
```

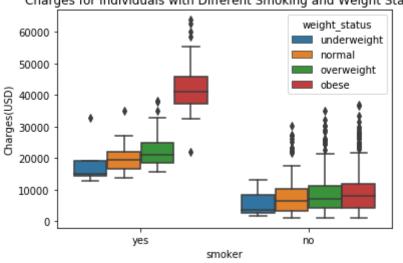
smoker

```
In [52]: # ViolinPlot
violinPlot = sns.violinplot(x = 'smoker', y = 'charges', data = df_1)
```



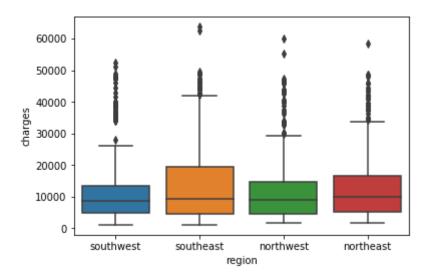
• We can observe a obvious higher charges paid by smokers compared to non-smokers.

```
In [53]: # Average charges for smoker and non-smoker
         meanChargeSmoker = df_1.groupby(by = 'smoking_weight_status')['charges'].mean()
         print(meanChargeSmoker)
         # Box plot
         boxPlot = sns.boxplot(x='smoker', y='charges', hue='weight_status', data=df_1, hue_order=('underweight', 'normal',
                                                                                                 'overweight', 'obese'))
         plt.title("Charges for Individuals with Different Smoking and Weight Stauts")
         plt.ylabel("Charges(USD)")
         # Save the plot as a file
         plt.savefig('smoking_weight_charges', dpi=None, facecolor='w', edgecolor='w',
                  orientation='portrait', papertype=None, format=None,
                  transparent=False, bbox_inches='tight', pad_inches=None,
                  frameon=None, metadata=None)
         smoking_weight_status
         non-smoker_non-obese
                                   7977.029520
         non-smoker_obese
                                   8855.531349
                                  21363.217016
         smoker non-obese
         smoker_obese
                                  41557.989840
         Name: charges, dtype: float64
             Charges for Individuals with Different Smoking and Weight Stauts
```

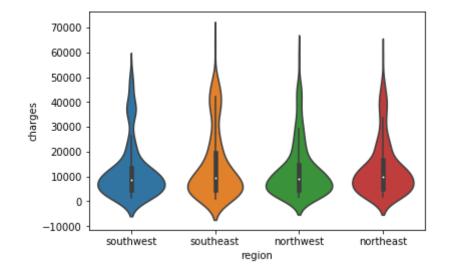


#### 5.2.3 Relationship between Charges and Region

northeast 13406.384516 northwest 12450.840844 southeast 14735.411438 southwest 12346.937377 Name: charges, dtype: float64



In [55]: violinPlot = sns.violinplot(x = 'region', y = 'charges', data = df\_1)



• There isn't much difference of medical charges among different regions.

# 5.3 Quantifying the correlation pattern observed in data visualization

Based on the visualization of the relationship between charges and other predictors above, we can make some hypothesis:

- There is no significant difference of charges between different sex or regions
- Smokers are charged significantly higher than those who don't smoke
- The charge increases as the benificiary gets older
- There is a distinctive group of people with BMI larger than 30 charged significantly high, which might indicate some confounding factors
- The charges are relatively low for those with 4 or 5 children

#### Simple linear regression will be used to quantify the correlation of the numerical predictors to Charges

#### 5.3.1 Simple linear regression using Age as a predictor

```
In [56]: # Simple linear regression using age as a predictor
Y = df_1['charges']
X = df_1['age']
X = sm.add_constant(X)
SimpleLinear = sm.OLS(Y, X).fit()
print(SimpleLinear.summary())
```

# 

#### warnings

- [1] Standard Errors assume that the covariance matrix of the errors is correctly specified.
- The P value of regression coefficient is <0.001 which is significant.
- The R-square is 0.089, meaning that fitted model explains 8.9% of the variation of charges.
- The P value of the F-statistic is <0.001 indicating that the model is significantly improved than just taking the mean charges.

#### 5.3.2 Simple linear regression using BMI as a predictor

```
In [57]: # Simple linear regression using BMI as a predictor
    Y = df_1['charges']
    X = df_1['bmi']
    X = sm.add_constant(X)
    SimpleLinear = sm.OLS(Y, X).fit()
    print(SimpleLinear.summary())
```

	OLS Regression Results									
========	=======	========	====	======		========	========			
Dep. Variab	le:	char	ges	R-squ	uared:		0.039			
Model:			OLS	Adj.	R-squared:		0.039			
Method:		Least Squa	res	F-sta	atistic:		54.70			
Date: Sun, 26 Ma			019	Prob	(F-statist	ic):	2.47e-13			
Time:		02:29	:55	Log-I	Likelihood:		-14440.			
No. Observa	1	337	AIC:			2.888e+04				
Df Residual	1	335	BIC:			2.889e+04				
Df Model:		1								
Covariance	Type:	nonrob	ust							
========	=======		====			=======	=======			
	coef	std err		t	P> t	[0.025	0.975]			
const	1202.1404	1664.857		0.722	0.470	-2063.880	4468.161			
bmi	393.8559	53.252		7.396	0.000	289.390	498.322			
Omnibus:	=======	260.	==== 633	Durbi	======= in-Watson:	=======	1.985			
Prob(Omnibu	s):	0.	000	Jarqı	ıe-Bera (JB	):	430.246			
Skew:	•	1.	296	Prob	•	•	3.74e-94			
Kurtosis:		4.	002	Cond. No.			160.			
=======	=======		====		-======	=======	=======			

# Warnings:

- [1] Standard Errors assume that the covariance matrix of the errors is correctly specified.
- The P value of regression coefficient is < 0.001, which is significant.
- The R-square is 0.039, meaning that fitted model explains 3.9% of the variation of charges.
- The P value of the F-statistic is <0.001 indicating that the model is significantly improved than just taking the mean charges.

# 5.3.3 Simple linear regression using Children as a predictor

```
In [58]: # Simple linear regression using children as a predictor
Y = df_1['charges']
X = df_1['children']
X = sm.add_constant(X)
SimpleLinear = sm.OLS(Y, X).fit()
print(SimpleLinear.summary())
```

		OLS R	egres	sion Re	sults		
Dep. Variable Model: Method: Date: Time: No. Observation Df Residual Df Model:	ations:	cha Least Squ Sun, 26 May 02:2	rges OLS ares	R-squ Adj. F-sta Prob Log-L AIC:	========	:=== :):	0.005 0.004 6.090 0.0137 -14464. 2.893e+04 2.894e+04
Covariance Type:		nonro	_				
=========	coef	std err		t	P> t	[0.025	0.975]
		446.786					
Omnibus: Prob(Omnibuskew: Kurtosis:		0 1	.596 .000 .527 .617	Jarqu Prob(	•		2.004 665.347 3.33e-145 2.65

# Warnings:

- [1] Standard Errors assume that the covariance matrix of the errors is correctly specified.
- The P value of regression coefficient is <0.05, statistically significant.
- The R-square is 0.005, meaning that fitted model only explains 0.6% of the variation of charges.

The P value of the F-statistic is <0.05 indicating that the model is significantly improved than just taking the mean charges.</li>

#### 5.3.4 Simple linear regression using Sex as a predictor

```
In [59]: # Dummify categorical variables sex
         df_1 = pd.get_dummies(df_1, columns = ['sex'])
         print(df_1.info())
         <class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
         Int64Index: 1337 entries, 0 to 1337
         Data columns (total 10 columns):
                            1337 non-null int64
         age
        bmi 1337 non-null float64
children 1337 non-null int64
smoker 1337 non-null object
region 1337 non-null object
charges 1337 non-null float64
weight_status 1337 non-null object
         smoking_weight_status 1337 non-null object
         sex_female
                                 1337 non-null uint8
         sex_male
                                 1337 non-null uint8
         dtypes: float64(2), int64(2), object(4), uint8(2)
         memory usage: 136.6+ KB
         None
In [60]: # Simple linear regression using sex as a predictor
         Y = df_1['charges']
         X = df_1['sex_male']
         X = sm.add_constant(X)
         SimpleLinear = sm.OLS(Y, X).fit()
         print(SimpleLinear.summary())
                                     OLS Regression Results
         ______
         Dep. Variable:
                                      charges R-squared:
                                                                                  0.003
                    OLS Adj. R-squared:
Least Squares F-statistic:
                                                                                 0.003
         Model:
         Method:
                                                                               4.513
                           Sun, 26 May 2019 Prob (F-statistic):
                                                                             0.0338
         Date:
                             02:29:55 Log-Likelihood:
                                                                              -14465.
         Time:
        No. Observations: 1337 AIC:
Df Residuals: 1335 BIC:
Df Model: 1
                                                                              2.893e+04
                                                                              2.894e+04
         Df Model:
                                          1
         Covariance Type: nonrobust
```

2.012

635.251 1.14e-138 2.63

#### Warnings:

Omnibus:

[1] Standard Errors assume that the covariance matrix of the errors is correctly specified.

• The P value of regression coefficient is 0.034 < 0.05, which is significant.

Omnibus:

Prob(Omnibus):

Skew:

1.495
Prob(JB):

Kurtosis:

4.570
Cond. No.

• The R-square is 0.003, meaning that fitted model only explains 0.3% of the variation of charges.

\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_\_ const 1.257e+04 470.065 26.740 0.000 1.16e+04 1.35e+04 sex\_male 1405.4200 661.564 2.124 0.034 107.603 2703.238 \_\_\_\_\_\_ 330.969 Durbin-Watson:

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coef std err t P>|t| [0.025

• The P value of the F-statistic is <0.05 indicating that the model is significantly improved than just taking the mean charges.

```
5.3.5 Simple linear regression using Smoker as a predictor
In [61]: # Dummify categorical variables smoker
        df_1 = pd.get_dummies(df_1, columns=['smoker'])
        print(df_1.info())
        <class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
        Int64Index: 1337 entries, 0 to 1337
        Data columns (total 11 columns):
                              1337 non-null int64
                              1337 non-null float64
        bmi
        children
                            1337 non-null int64
                             1337 non-null object
        region
                             1337 non-null float64
        charges
        weight_status 1337 non-null object
        smoking_weight_status 1337 non-null object
        sex female
                       1337 non-null uint8
                            1337 non-null uint8
        sex male
                    1337 non-null uint8
1337 non-null uint8
        smoker no
        smoker_yes
        dtypes: float64(2), int64(2), object(3), uint8(4)
        memory usage: 128.8+ KB
In [62]: # Simple linear regression using smoker as a predictor
        Y = df_1['charges']
        X = df 1['smoker yes']
        X = sm.add constant(X)
        SimpleLinear = sm.OLS(Y, X).fit()
        print(SimpleLinear.summary())
                                  OLS Regression Results
        ______
        Dep. Variable:
                                    charges R-squared:
                                                                           0.620
        Model:
                                       OLS Adj. R-squared:
                                                                           0.619
```

Least Squares F-statistic: 2176. Method: Date: Sun, 26 May 2019 Prob (F-statistic): 1.41e-282 02:29:55 Log-Likelihood: -13820. Time: No. Observations: 1337 AIC: 2.764e+04 1335 BIC: Df Residuals: 2.766e+04 Df Model: 1 Covariance Type: nonrobust

\_\_\_\_\_\_ coef std err t P>|t| [0.025 \_\_\_\_\_\_ 8440.6603 229.137 36.837 0.000 7991.153 8890.167 const smoker yes 2.361e+04 506.157 46.645 0.000 2.26e+04 2.46e+04 \_\_\_\_\_\_ 135.799 Durbin-Watson: 0.000 Jarque-Bera (JB): 211.849 Prob(Omnibus): Skew: 0.727 Prob(JB): 9.95e-47 4.299 Cond. No. Kurtosis: 2.60

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[1] Standard Errors assume that the covariance matrix of the errors is correctly specified.

- The P value of regression coefficient <0.001, which is significant.
- The R-square is 0.620, meaning that fitted model explains 62% of the variation of charges.

• The P value of the F-statistic is <0.001 indicating that the model is significantly improved than just taking the mean charges.

#### 5.3.6 Simple linear regression using Region as a predictor

```
In [63]: # Dummify categorical variables region
        df_1 = pd.get_dummies(df_1, columns = ['region'])
        print(df_1.info())
        <class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
        Int64Index: 1337 entries, 0 to 1337
        Data columns (total 14 columns):
                          1337 non-null int64
        bmi 1337 non-null float64 children 1337 non-null int64 charges 1337 non-null float64 weight_status 1337 non-null object
                               1337 non-null float64
        smoking_weight_status 1337 non-null object
                    1337 non-null uint8
        sex female
        dtypes: float64(2), int64(2), object(2), uint8(8)
        memory usage: 123.6+ KB
        None
In [64]: # Simple linear regression using region northeast as a predictor
        Y = df_1['charges']
        X = df_1['region_northeast']
        X = sm.add_constant(X)
        SimpleLinear = sm.OLS(Y, X).fit()
        print(SimpleLinear.summary())
                                  OLS Regression Results
        ______
        Dep. Variable:
                                    charges R-squared:
                                                                           0.000
        Model:
                                       OLS Adj. R-squared:
                                                                           -0.001
                          Least Squares F-statistic:
        Method:
                                                                          0.04719
        Date:
                         Sun, 26 May 2019 Prob (F-statistic):
                                                                           0.828
        Time: 02:29:56 Log-Likelihood:
No. Observations: 1337 AIC:
Df Residuals: 1335 BIC:
                                                                          -14467.
                                                                        2.894e+04
                                                                        2.895e+04
```

#### Warnings:

Kurtosis:

Df Model:

const

Omnibus:

Skew:

Prob(Omnibus):

[1] Standard Errors assume that the covariance matrix of the errors is correctly specified.

• The P value of the regression coefficient is >0.05, not significant.

Covariance Type: nonrobust

• The R-square is 0.000, meaning that fitted model doesn't explain the variation of charges.

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\_\_\_\_\_\_ coef std err t P>|t|

\_\_\_\_\_\_

region\_northeast 167.9671 773.215 0.217 0.828 -1348.882 1684.816

\_\_\_\_\_\_ 336.970 Durbin-Watson:

4.598 Cond. No.

\_\_\_\_\_\_

1.324e+04 380.634 34.780 0.000 1.25e+04 1.4e+04

0.000 Jarque-Bera (JB):

1.515 Prob(JB):

• The P value of the F-statistic is >0.05 indicating that the model is not significantly improved than just taking the mean charges. So Region\_northeast has no correlation with Charges.

[0.025

2.004

2.50

653.866

1.03e-142

```
In [65]: # Simple linear regression using Region northwest as a predictor
         Y = df_1['charges']
         X = df_1['region_northwest']
         X = sm.add_constant(X)
         SimpleLinear = sm.OLS(Y, X).fit()
         print(SimpleLinear.summary())
```

OLS Regression Results \_\_\_\_\_\_ Dep. Variable: charges R-squared: 0.001 Model: OLS Adj. R-squared: 0.001 Method: Least Squares F-statistic: 2.002 Date: Sun, 26 May 2019 Prob (F-statistic): 0.157 Time: 02:29:56 Log-Likelihood:
No. Observations: 1337 AIC:
Df Residuals: 1335 BIC: -14466. 2.894e+04 2.895e+04 Df Model: 1 Covariance Type: nonrobust \_\_\_\_\_\_ coef std err P>|t| [0.025 \_\_\_\_\_\_ 35.609 const 1.354e+04 380.355 0.000 1.28e+04 1.43e+04 region northwest -1093.1996 772.650 -1.415 0.157 -2608.940 \_\_\_\_\_\_ Omnibus: 334.118 Durbin-Watson: 1,999 0.000 Jarque-Bera (JB): 644.601 Prob(Omnibus): 1.506 Prob(JB): Skew: 1.06e-140 Kurtosis: 4.579 Cond. No. 2.50 \_\_\_\_\_\_

# Warnings:

[1] Standard Errors assume that the covariance matrix of the errors is correctly specified.

- The P value of the regression coefficient is >0.05, not significant.
- The R-square is 0.001, meaning that fitted model only explains 0.1% of the variation of charges.
- The P value of the F-statistic is >0.05 indicating that the model is not significantly improved than just taking the mean charges. So Region\_northwest has no correlation with Charges.

```
In [66]: # Simple linear regression using Region_southeast as a predictor
    Y = df_1['charges']
    X = df_1['region_southeast']
    X = sm.add_constant(X)
    SimpleLinear = sm.OLS(Y, X).fit()
    print(SimpleLinear.summary())
```

```
OLS Regression Results
 ______
 Dep. Variable:
                                                                              charges R-squared:
                                                                                         OLS Adj. R-squared:
 Model:
                                                                                                                                                                                                  0.005
Model:

Method:

Date:

Date:

Sun, 26 May 2019

Prob (F-statistic):

Dime:

OLS Adj. R-squared:

F-statistic:

Prob (F-statistic):

Log-Likelihood:

No. Observations:

Df Residuals:

Df Residuals:

DS May 2019

Prob (F-statistic):

Dog-Likelihood:

DS May 2019

Prob (F-statistic):

Dog-Likelihood:

DS BIC:

DS May 2019

Prob (F-statistic):

DS BIC:

DS BIC:

DS May 2019

Prob (F-statistic):

DS BIC:

DS 
                                                                                                                                                                                               7.267
                                                                                                                                                                                      0.00711
                                                                                                                                                                                          -14463.
                                                                                                                                                                                       2.893e+04
                                                                                                                                                                                        2.894e+04
 Df Model:
                                                                                       1
Covariance Type: nonrobust
 ______
                                                      coef std err t P>|t| [0.025]
 ______
 const 1.273e+04 387.333 32.877 0.000 1.2e+04 1.35e+04
 region_southeast 2001.0891 742.334 2.696 0.007 544.821 3457.358
 ______
                                                                         325.680 Durbin-Watson:

      Prob(Omnibus):
      0.000
      Jarque-Bera (JB):
      617.702

      Skew:
      1.480
      Prob(JB):
      7.37e-135

                                                                                 4.524 Cond. No.
 Kurtosis:
                                                                                                                                                                                                     2.45
```

#### Warnings

- [1] Standard Errors assume that the covariance matrix of the errors is correctly specified.
- The P value of the regression coefficient is <0.01, significant.
- The R-square is 0.005, meaning that fitted model only explains 0.7% of the variation of charges.

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• The P value of the F-statistic is <0.05 indicating that the model is significantly improved than just taking the mean charges.

```
In [67]: # Simple linear regression using Region_southwest as a predictor
    Y = df_1['charges']
    X = df_1['region_southwest']
    X = sm.add_constant(X)
    SimpleLinear = sm.OLS(Y, X).fit()
    print(SimpleLinear.summary())
```

	(	OLS Regress	ion Results				
Dep. Variable:		charges	R-squared:		0.002		
Model:		OLS	Adj. R-squar	ed:	0.001		
Method:	Least	Squares	F-statistic:		2	.547	
Date:	Sun, 26	May 2019	Prob (F-stat	istic):	C	.111	
Time:		02:29:56	Log-Likeliho	od:	-14	466.	
No. Observations:	1	1337	AIC:		2.894	e+04	
Df Residuals:		1335	BIC:		2.895	e+04	
Df Model:		1					
Covariance Type:	r	nonrobust					
==========	coef	std err	t	P> t	[0.025	0.975]	
const	1.358e+04	380.466	35.689	0.000	1.28e+04	1.43e+04	
region_southwest	-1231.5515	771.684	-1.596	0.111	-2745.397	282.294	
Omnibus:	========	335 <b>.</b> 945	======= Durbin-Watso	======= on <b>:</b>	======================================	==== 2.009	
Prob(Omnibus):		0.000	Jarque-Bera (JB):		650.771		
Skew:		1.511	Prob(JB):		4.86e-142		
Kurtosis:		4.595	Cond. No.		2.50		

# Warnings:

- [1] Standard Errors assume that the covariance matrix of the errors is correctly specified.
- $\bullet~$  The P value of regression coefficient is >0.05, not significant.
- The R-square is 0.004, meaning that Region\_southwest only explains 0.4% of the variation of charges.

\_\_\_\_\_\_

• The Pvaluse of the F-statistic is <0.05 indicating that the model is significantly improved than just taking the mean charges.

# 5.3.7 Correlation Metrix for the whole variables in the dataset

```
In [68]: df_1.corr()
```

Out[68]:

	age	bmi	children	charges	sex_female	sex_male	smoker_no	smoker_yes	region_northeast	region_northwest	region_southeast	region_southwest
age	1.000000	0.109344	0.041536	0.298308	0.019814	-0.019814	0.025587	-0.025587	0.001868	0.001495	-0.012311	0.009415
bmi	0.109344	1.000000	0.012755	0.198401	-0.046397	0.046397	-0.003746	0.003746	-0.138178	-0.136138	0.270057	-0.006211
children	0.041536	0.012755	1.000000	0.067389	-0.017848	0.017848	-0.007331	0.007331	-0.023202	0.026044	-0.023492	0.021538
charges	0.298308	0.198401	0.067389	1.000000	-0.058044	0.058044	-0.787234	0.787234	0.005945	-0.038695	0.073578	-0.043637
sex_female	0.019814	-0.046397	-0.017848	-0.058044	1.000000	-1.000000	0.076596	-0.076596	0.002008	0.012482	-0.017578	0.003767
sex_male	-0.019814	0.046397	0.017848	0.058044	-1.000000	1.000000	-0.076596	0.076596	-0.002008	-0.012482	0.017578	-0.003767
smoker_no	0.025587	-0.003746	-0.007331	-0.787234	0.076596	-0.076596	1.000000	-1.000000	-0.002597	0.036321	-0.068282	0.037168
smoker_yes	-0.025587	0.003746	0.007331	0.787234	-0.076596	0.076596	-1.000000	1.000000	0.002597	-0.036321	0.068282	-0.037168
region_northeast	0.001868	-0.138178	-0.023202	0.005945	0.002008	-0.002008	-0.002597	0.002597	1.000000	-0.319842	-0.345909	-0.320493
region_northwest	0.001495	-0.136138	0.026044	-0.038695	0.012482	-0.012482	0.036321	-0.036321	-0.319842	1.000000	-0.345909	-0.320493
region_southeast	-0.012311	0.270057	-0.023492	0.073578	-0.017578	0.017578	-0.068282	0.068282	-0.345909	-0.345909	1.000000	-0.346614
region_southwest	0.009415	-0.006211	0.021538	-0.043637	0.003767	-0.003767	0.037168	-0.037168	-0.320493	-0.320493	-0.346614	1.000000

From above correlation results from simple linear regression and correlation metrix, we can observe the strength of correlation between predictors and Charges in descending order as follows:

- Smoker 0.79, strong correlation
- Age 0.30, moderate correlation
- BMI 0.20, weak correlation
- Children 0.07, very weak correlation
- Sex 0.06, very weak correlation
- Region nearly no correlation

# 6. Fitting Candidate Models and Making comparisons

# Linear models:

- 1.Multiple Linear Regression
- 2.Ridge Regression
- 3.Lasso

```
4.Regression Tree
```

Tree-based models:

- 5.Random Forests
- 6.Boosting for Regression Tree (Adaboost & Gradient Boosting Regression Tree)

#### 6.1 Exploring the optimal multiple linear regression model using Backward Elimination Stepwise Method

#### There are several ways to decide on the order about putting variables in the model

- Hierarchical or blockwise entry: the predictors are based on past work and the researcher decides in which order the variables are entered in the model. This order should be based on the importance of the variables. The most important variable is entered first and so on. Than the new predictors can be entered.
- Forced entry: all the predictors are put in the model at once
- Stepwise methods: the order in which the predictors are entered in the model are based on mathematical criteria. You can use a forward and a backward method. In a forward method the first variable that in entered in the model, is the one that explains most of the variation of the outcome variable, the next variable entered in the model explains the largest part of the remaining variation and so on. In a backward method all the variables are entered in the model and one by one the variables are removed that explain the smallest part of the variation. To avoid overfitting it is important to cross-validate the model.
- · All sub-sets method

```
In [69]: df_1.info()
```

```
<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
 Int64Index: 1337 entries, 0 to 1337
 Data columns (total 14 columns):
                                        1337 non-null int64
                                      1337 non-null float64
bmi
children 1337 non-null int64
charges 1337 non-null float64
weight_status 1337 non-null object
smoking_weight_status 1337 non-null object
sex_female 1337 non-null uint8
sex_male 1337 non-null uint8
smoker_no 1337 non-null uint8
smoker_yes 1337 non-null uint8
region_northeast 1337 non-null uint8
region_northwest 1337 non-null uint8
region_southeast 1337 non-null uint8
region_southwest 1337 non-null uint8
region_southwest 1337 non-null uint8
                                          1337 non-null uint8
 region_southwest
 dtypes: float64(2), int64(2), object(2), uint8(8)
 memory usage: 123.6+ KB
```

#### 6.1.1 Multiple Linear Regression Model with all predictors added

```
In [70]: # Putting all predictors into the model
         X = df_1[['age','bmi','children','sex_male','smoker_yes','region_northeast','region_northwest','region_southeast']]
         Y = df_1.iloc[:, 3]
         # Splitting the dataset into training and testing set
         x_train, x_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(X, Y, random_state = 0)
         # Fit the model
         x_train = sm.add_constant(x_train) # add an intercept (beta 0) to the model
         MultiLinear_1 = sm.OLS(y_train, x_train).fit() # Fit a multiple linear regression model
         #Print the statistics of the above model
         print(MultiLinear_1.summary())
```

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	OLS Regression Results										
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Dep. Variable:	charges	R-squared:	0.752								
Model:	OLS	Adj. R-squared:	0.750								
Method:	Least Squares	F-statistic:	375.9								
Date:	Sun, 26 May 2019	Prob (F-statistic):	3.05e-294								
Time:	02:29:56	Log-Likelihood:	-10128.								
No. Observations:	1002	AIC:	2.027e+04								
Df Residuals:	993	BIC:	2.032e+04								
Df Model:	8										
Covariance Type:	nonrobust										

covariance Type:	] 	nonrobust 				
	coef	std err	t	P> t	[0.025	0.975]
const	-1.185e+04	1167.295	-10.155	0.000	-1.41e+04	-9563.389
age	244.3788	13.448	18.171	0.000	217.988	270.770
bmi	305.1715	32.483	9.395	0.000	241.427	368.916
children	483.6063	155.005	3.120	0.002	179.431	787.782
sex_male	27.4955	378.049	0.073	0.942	-714.372	769.363
smoker_yes	2.393e+04	473.115	50.581	0.000	2.3e+04	2.49e+04
region_northeast	1155.9896	542.239	2.132	0.033	91.924	2220.055
region_northwest	884.7692	537.354	1.647	0.100	-169.711	1939.249
region_southeast	322.9083	534.796	0.604	0.546	-726.552	1372.369
Omnibus:	========	257.309	Durbin-Wats	_		2.027
Prob(Omnibus):		0.000	Jarque-Bera	(JB):		8.361
Skew:		1.293	Prob(JB):		6.89	e-159

# Warnings:

Kurtosis:

[1] Standard Errors assume that the covariance matrix of the errors is correctly specified.

Cond. No.

• R-square is 0.752, which means model\_1 can explain 75.2% of the variation of charges.

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• Sex has a P value of 0.942, which is not significant and hence we want to remove it first.

# 6.1.2 Multiple Linear Regression after dropping predictor Sex

As the P value of coefficient for Sex\_male is 0.942.

```
In [71]: # Droppin Sex from the model
         X = df_1[['age','bmi','children','smoker_yes','region_northeast','region_northwest','region_southeast']]
         Y = df_1['charges']
         # Splitting the dataset into training and testing set
         x_train, x_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(X, Y, random_state = 0)
         \# Calculate the linear correlation coefficient between charges and predictors
         x train = sm.add constant(x train) # add an intercept (beta 0) to the model
         MultiLinear_2 = sm.OLS(y_train, x_train).fit() # Fit a multiple linear regression model
         # Print out the statistics
         print(MultiLinear_2.summary())
```

# OLS Regression Results \_\_\_\_\_\_ Dep. Variable: charges R-squared: 0.752 Model: OLS Adj. R-squared: 0.750 Method: Least Squares F-statistic: 430.1 Date: Sun, 26 May 2019 Prob (F-statistic): 1.42e-295 Time: 02:29:56 Log-Likelihood: -10128. No. Observations: 1002 AIC: 2.027e+04 Df Residuals: 994 BIC: 2.031e+04 Df Model: Df Model: 7 Covariance Type: nonrobust \_\_\_\_\_\_ coef std err t P>|t| [0.025 \_\_\_\_\_\_ const -1.184e+04 1156.956 -10.236 0.000 -1.41e+04 -9572.725 age 244.3516 13.437 18.186 0.000 217.984 270.719 bmi 305.2554 32.447 9.408 0.000 241.583 368.927 children 483.9135 154.870 3.125 0.002 180.004 787.823 smoker\_yes 2.393e+04 472.138 50.690 0.000 2.3e+04 2.49e+04 region\_northeast 1156.9015 541.822 2.135 0.033 93.655 2220.148 region\_northwest 885.2554 537.043 1.648 0.100 -168.614 1939.125 region\_southeast 323.2139 534.512 0.605 0.546 -725.688 1372.115

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257.310 Durbin-Watson: 0.000 Jarque-Bera (JB):

#### Warnings:

Omnibus:

Skew: Kurtosis:

Prob(Omnibus):

[1] Standard Errors assume that the covariance matrix of the errors is correctly specified.

1.293 Prob(JB):

- R-square is 0.752, model\_2 can explain 75.2% of the variation of charges.
- The P value of Region is not significant so we will remove Region from the model.

#### 6.1.3 Muliple Linear Regression dropping predictor Sex and Region\_southeast

• As the P value of the regression coefficient for Region\_southeast is 0.546, not significant.

```
In [72]: # Dropping Sex and Region
         X = df_1[['age','bmi','children','smoker_yes','region_northeast','region_northwest']]
         Y = df 1.iloc[:,3]
         # Splitting the dataset into training and testing set
         x_train, x_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(X, Y, random_state = 0)
         # Calculate the linear correlation coefficient between charges and predictors
         x train = sm.add constant(x train)
         MultiLinear_3 = sm.OLS(y_train, x_train).fit()
         # Print out the statistics
         print(MultiLinear_3.summary())
```

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		OLS Regress	ion Results				
Dep. Variable:		charges	R-squared:			0.752	
Model:		OLS	Adj. R-squar	red:	(	0.750	
Method:	Leas	t Squares	F-statistic:		!	502.0	
Date:	Sun, 26	May 2019	Prob (F-stat	cistic):	7.30	e-297	
Time:		02:29:56	Log-Likeliho	ood:	-10	0128.	
No. Observations	:	1002	AIC:		2.02	7e+04	
Df Residuals:		995	BIC:		2.03	1e+04	
Df Model:		6					
Covariance Type:		nonrobust					
	coef	std err	t	P> t	[0.025	0.975]	
const	-1.178e+04	1152.570	-10 <b>.</b> 225	0.000	-1.4e+04	-9523 <b>.</b> 077	
age	244.2233	13.431	18.184	0.000	217.868	270.579	
bmi	308.7746	31.910	9.676	0.000	246.155	371.394	
children	479.8525	154.675	3.102	0.002	176.326	783.379	
smoker_yes	2.395e+04	470.707	50.889	0.000	2.3e+04	2.49e+04	
region_northeast	1000.5494	475.994	2.102	0.036	66.481	1934.617	
region_northwest	729.6390	471.217	1.548	0.122	-195.054	1654.332	
Omnibus:		258.698	Durbin-Watsc	on :	:	 2.026	
Prob(Omnibus):		0.000	Jarque-Bera	(JB):	73!	5.269	
Skew:		1.298	Prob(JB): 2.18e-			e-160	
Kurtosis:		6.297	Cond. No.			321.	

[1] Standard Errors assume that the covariance matrix of the errors is correctly specified.

• R-squared is 0.750, which means 75% of the variation of charges can be explained by model\_3

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# 6.1.4 Muliple Linear Regression dropping predictor Sex, Region\_southeast, and Region\_northwest

As the P value of the coefficient for Region\_northwest is 0.1, not significant.

```
In [73]: # Dropping Sex and Region
    X = df_1[['age','bmi','children','smoker_yes','region_northeast']]
    Y = df_1[['charges']
    # Splitting the dataset into training and testing set
    x_train, x_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(X, Y, random_state = 0)
    # Calculate the linear correlation coefficient between charges and predictors
    x_train = sm.add_constant(x_train)
    MultiLinear_4 = sm.OLS(y_train, x_train).fit()
    # Print out the statistics
    print(MultiLinear_4.summary())
```

OLS Regression Results \_\_\_\_\_\_ charges R-squared: Dep. Variable: Model: OLS Adj. R-squared: 0.750 Least Squares F-statistic: Method: 601.1 Sun, 26 May 2019 Prob (F-statistic): 9.36e-298 Date: Log-Likelihood: Time: 02:29:56 -10130. 1002 AIC: 2.027e+04 No. Observations: Df Residuals: 996 BIC: 2.030e+04 Df Model: 5 Covariance Type: nonrobust

	coef	std err	t	P> t	[0.025	0.975]
const	-1.125e+04	1100.511	-10.223	0.000	-1.34e+04	-9091 <b>.</b> 112
age	244.5827	13.438	18.201	0.000	218.213	270.953
bmi	298.8465	31.281	9.553	0.000	237.461	360.232
children	481.0207	154.782	3.108	0.002	177.285	784.757
smoker_yes	2.393e+04	470.862	50.830	0.000	2.3e+04	2.49e+04
region_northeast	746.1613	447.057	1.669	0.095	-131.120	1623.442
Omnibus:		261 <b>.</b> 229	Durbin-Watso	======= on:	:	==== 2.025
Prob(Omnibus):		0.000	Jarque-Bera	(JB):	75	0.017
Skew:		1.307	Prob(JB):		1.37	e-163
Kurtosis:		6.337	Cond. No.			302.
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#### Warnings:

[1] Standard Errors assume that the covariance matrix of the errors is correctly specified.

#### 6.1.5 Muliple Linear Regression dropping predictor Sex, Region\_southeast, Region\_northwest, and Region\_northeast

• As the P value of the coefficient for Region\_northeast is 0.095, not significant.

```
In [74]: # Dropping Sex and Region
    X = df_1[['age','bmi','children','smoker_yes', 'region_southwest']]
    Y = df_1[['charges']
    # Splitting the dataset into training and testing set
    x_train, x_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(X, Y, random_state = 0)
    # Calculate the linear correlation coefficient between charges and predictors
    x_train = sm.add_constant(x_train)
    MultiLinear_5 = sm.OLS(y_train, x_train).fit()
    # Print out the statistics
    print(MultiLinear_5.summary())
```

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	(	OLS Regress	ion Results				
Dep. Variable:		charges	R-squared:			0.751	
Model:		OLS	Adj. R-squar	ed:		0.750	
Method:	Leas.	t Squares	F-statistic:	:		601.4	
Date:	Sun, 26	May 2019	Prob (F-stat	tistic):	7.75	e-298	
Time:		02:29:56	Log-Likeliho	ood:	-1	0129.	
No. Observations	:	1002	AIC:		2.02	7e+04	
Df Residuals:		996	BIC:		2.03	0e+04	
Df Model:		5					
Covariance Type:							
=============	coef	std err	t	P> t	[0.025	0.975]	
			-9.848				
age	245.0131	13.432	18.241	0.000	218.654	271.372	
bmi	291.1697	30.976	9.400	0.000	230.384	351.955	
children	488.5251	154.846	3.155	0.002	184.663	792.387	
smoker_yes	2.39e+04	471.331	50.702	0.000	2.3e+04	2.48e+04	
region_southwest		435.533	-1.780	0.075	-1629.728	79.607	
Omnibus:	=======	======== 256.439	 Durbin-Watso	======= on <b>:</b>	=======	==== 2.027	
Prob(Omnibus):		0.000		(JB):	72		
Skew:		1.290	-	` ,	1.35e-157		
Kurtosis:		6.263	Cond. No.			296.	

# Warnings:

[1] Standard Errors assume that the covariance matrix of the errors is correctly specified.

# 6.1.6 Muliple Linear Regression dropping predictor Sex and Regions

• As the P value of the regression coefficient for Region\_southwest is 0.075, not significant.

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```
In [75]: # Dropping Sex and Region
    X = df_1[['age', 'bmi', 'children', 'smoker_yes']]
    Y = df_1['charges']
    # Splitting the dataset into training and testing set
    x_train, x_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(X, Y, random_state = 0)
    # Calculate the linear correlation coefficient between charges and predictors
    x_train = sm.add_constant(x_train)
    MultiLinear_6 = sm.OLS(y_train, x_train).fit()
    # Print out the statistics
    print(MultiLinear_6.summary())
OLS Regression Results
```

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Dep. Variable: charges R-squared: OLS Adj. R-squared:

Least Squares F-statistic:

Sun, 26 May 2019 Prob (F-statistic):

02:29:56 Log-Likelihood: Model: 0.749 Method: 749.3 1.29e-298 Date: 02:29:56 Log-Likelihood: Time: -10131. No. Observations: 1002 AIC: 2.027e+04 Df Residuals: 997 BIC: 2.030e+04 Df Model: 4 Covariance Type: nonrobust \_\_\_\_\_\_ coef std err t P>|t| [0.025 const -1.087e+04 1077.385 -10.088 0.000 -1.3e+04 -8754.282 245.0751 13.447 18.226 0.000 218.688 271.462 age 291.6229 31.008 9.405 0.000 230.774 352.472 bmi children 478.5799 154.913 3.089 0.002 174.586 782.574 smoker\_yes 2.394e+04 471.275 50.796 0.000 2.3e+04 2.49e+04 \_\_\_\_\_\_ 261.037 Durbin-Watson: 2.023 Omnibus: 744.486 Prob(Omnibus): 0.000 Jarque-Bera (JB): 1.309 Prob(JB): 2.17e-162 Skew: 6.314 Cond. No. Kurtosis:

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Warnings:

[1] Standard Errors assume that the covariance matrix of the errors is correctly specified.

```
In [76]: # The prediction by model_6
x_test = sm.add_constant(x_test)
multiple_linear_pred = MultiLinear_6.predict(x_test)
```

I will stop here since all the variables left in model\_6 are with a significant P value of regression coefficient. The optimal multiple linear regression model would be model\_6.

#### **6.2 Ridge Regression**

```
In [77]: # Using 'age', 'bmi', 'children' and 'smoking' as predictors as stated in model_6 of multiple linear regression
# The training set and testing set will be the same

# Fit the Ridge model with training set
ridge_model = Ridge().fit(x_train, y_train)
# Predicting the testing set
ridge_pred = ridge_model.predict(x_test)
```

#### 6.3 Lasso

```
In [78]: # Using 'age', 'bmi', 'children' and 'smoking' as predictors as stated in model_6 of multiple linear regression
# The training set and testing set will be the same

# Fit the Ridge model with training set
lasso_model = Lasso().fit(x_train, y_train)
# Predicting the testing set
lasso_pred = lasso_model.predict(x_test)
```

```
In [79]: # Comparing prediction accuracy

# define a function to get the root mean squared error of the model

def rmse(y_test, y_pred):
    """function to return root mean squared error"""
    mse = metrics.mean_squared_error(y_test, y_pred)
    return mse ** (1/2)
```

# **6.4 Regression Tree**

```
In [80]: # First I will define two functions to help me get the optimized estimator parameters and the importance of features
         def show_optimized_parameters(model, params_tree, x_train, y_train):
             """function that takes a model, a dictionary of parameters of tree model, and traing x and y as parameters and
             print the optimized parameters
             grid_tree = GridSearchCV(model, params_tree)
             grid_tree.fit(x_train, y_train)
             print(grid tree.best estimator )
         def show_feature_importance(fitted_model, x_train):
             """function that takes a fitted model and training features as parameters and print a table and a graph showing
             feature Gini-importance rank
             feats = {}
             for feature, importance in zip(x_train.columns, rt_model.feature_importances_):
                 feats[feature] = importance #add the name/value pair
             importances = pd.DataFrame.from dict(feats, orient='index').rename(columns={0: 'Gini-importance'})
             importances.sort_values(by='Gini-importance', ascending=False).plot(kind='bar', rot=45)
             print(importances.sort_values(by='Gini-importance', ascending=False))
             plt.show()
```

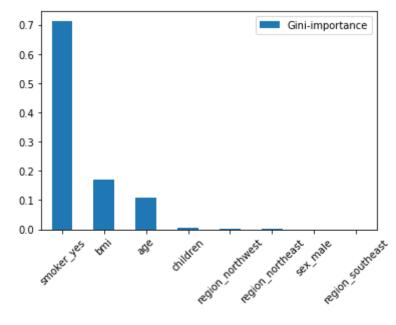
```
In [81]: # Including all variables
    X = df_1[['age', 'bmi', 'children', 'sex_male', 'smoker_yes', 'region_northeast', 'region_northwest', 'region_southeast']]
    Y = df_1.iloc[:, 3]

# Splitting the dataset into training and testing set
    x_train, x_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(X, Y, random_state = 0)

# Exploring the optimized parameters for the regression tree
    tree = DecisionTreeRegressor()
    params_tree = {"max_depth":np.arange(2,6)
         }
    show_optimized_parameters(tree, params_tree, x_train, y_train)

DecisionTreeRegressor(criterion='mse', max_depth=3, max_features=None, and the statures=None, and the statures is not statuted in the stature is not statuted in the stature is not statuted in the stature is not statuted in the statu
```

```
smoker_yes
                         0.711836
                         0.169455
bmi
                        0.110036
age
                         0.005412
children
region_northwest
                         0.001911
region_northeast
                         0.001350
sex_male
                         0.000000
region_southeast
                         0.000000
```



#### Out[82]: 5174.06371948571

```
In [83]: # 'gender' and 'region' are of no importance as shown above, so I will drop these features.

# Using 'age', 'bmi', 'children' and 'smoking' as predictors as stated in model_6 of multiple linear regression
X = df_l[['age', 'bmi', 'children', 'smoker_yes']]
Y = df_l['charges']

# Splitting the dataset into training and testing set
x_train, x_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(X, Y, random_state = 0)

# Exploring the optimized parameters for the regression tree
tree = DecisionTreeRegressor()
params_tree = {"max_depth":np.arange(2,10),
}
show_optimized_parameters(tree, params_tree, x_train, y_train)
```

```
In [84]: # Set the regression tree to the opitimized parameters obtained above
    tree = DecisionTreeRegressor(criterion="mse",max_depth=3)

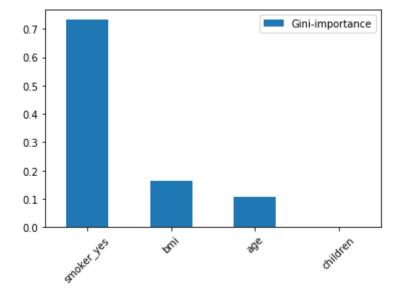
#Fit the mode!
    rt_model = tree.fit(x_train,y_train)

#Make predictions on testing set
    rt_pred = rt_model.predict(x_test)

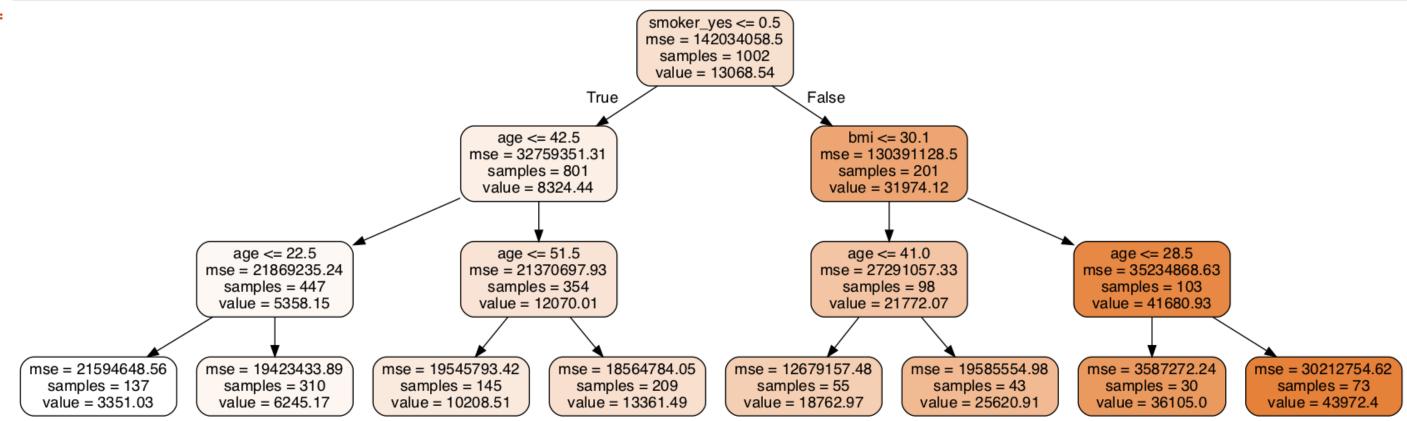
#Show the importance of features
    show_feature_importance(rt_model, x_train)

# Calculate the root mean squared error
    rmse(y_test,rt_pred)
```

```
Gini-importance
smoker_yes 0.732004
bmi 0.162130
age 0.105866
children 0.000000
```



Out[84]: 5198.212590616661



#### **6.5 Random Forests**

```
oob_score=False, random_state=None, verbose=0, warm_start=False)

In [103]:  #Call training model, B=54, m=auto
    rf = RandomForestRegressor(n_estimators=54, oob_score=True, min_samples_leaf=7)
    rf_model=rf.fit(x_train, y_train)

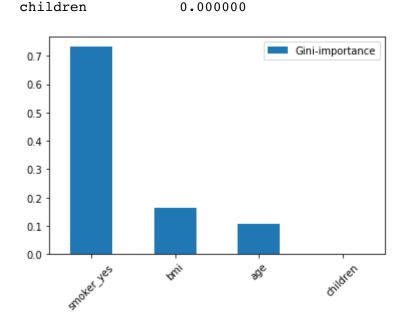
#Make predictions on testing set
    rf_pred = rf_model.predict(x_test)

#Show the importance of features
    show_feature_importance(rf_model, x_train)
```

Gini-importance smoker\_yes 0.732004 bmi 0.162130 age 0.105866 children 0.000000

rmse(y\_test, rf\_pred)

# Check rmse



min samples leaf=7, min samples split=2,

min\_weight\_fraction\_leaf=0.0, n\_estimators=54, n\_jobs=None,

Out[103]: 4894.150435558846

# 6.6 Boosting for regression trees

Adaboost regression tree

```
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                                                                                        Medical Cost Analysis and Prediction
   In [88]: ##### Adaboost model
             # Using 'age', 'bmi', 'children' and 'smoking' as predictors.
             X = df_1[['age','bmi','children','smoker_yes']]
             Y = df_1['charges']
             # Splitting the dataset into training and testing set
             x train, x test, y train, y test = train test split(X, Y, random state = 0)
             # Exploring the optimized parameters for the regression tree
             adaboost = AdaBoostRegressor()
             params_tree = {"n_estimators":np.arange(10,100),
                             "learning_rate":(1, 0.01, 0.001)
             show_optimized_parameters(adaboost, params_tree, x_train, y_train)
             AdaBoostRegressor(base_estimator=None, learning_rate=0.001, loss='linear',
                      n_estimators=55, random_state=None)
  In [106]: \#Call\ training\ model, B=55, \lambda=0.001, d=1
             adaboost = AdaBoostRegressor(n_estimators=55, learning_rate=0.001)
             adaboost_model=adaboost.fit(x_train, y_train)
             #Make predictions on testing set
             adaboost_pred = adaboost_model.predict(x_test)
             #Show the importance of features
             show_feature_importance(adaboost_model, x_train)
             # Check rmse
             rmse(y_test, adaboost_pred)
                         Gini-importance
                                0.732004
             smoker_yes
                                0.162130
             bmi
                                0.105866
             children
                                0.000000
                                           Gini-importance
              0.7
              0.6
              0.5
              0.4
              0.3
              0.2
              0.1
              0.0
  Out[106]: 5087.88396578332
             Gradient Boosting Regression Tree
   In [90]: # Gradient Boosting Regression Tree
             # Using 'age', 'bmi', 'children' and 'smoking' as predictors.
             X = df_1[['age','bmi','children','smoker_yes']]
             Y = df_1['charges']
             # Splitting the dataset into training and testing set
             x_train, x_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(X, Y, random_state = 0)
             \# Exploring the optimized parameters for the regression tree
             gbrt = GradientBoostingRegressor()
             params_tree = {"n_estimators":np.arange(10,500),
                             "learning_rate":(0.01, 0.001)
             show_optimized_parameters(gbrt, params_tree, x_train, y_train)
             GradientBoostingRegressor(alpha=0.9, criterion='friedman_mse', init=None,
                          learning_rate=0.01, loss='ls', max_depth=3, max_features=None,
                          max_leaf_nodes=None, min_impurity_decrease=0.0,
                          min_impurity_split=None, min_samples_leaf=1,
                          min_samples_split=2, min_weight_fraction_leaf=0.0,
                          n estimators=389, n iter no change=None, presort='auto',
                          random_state=None, subsample=1.0, tol=0.0001,
                          validation fraction=0.1, verbose=0, warm start=False)
  In [107]: #Call training model, B=389, \lambda=0.01, d=1
             gbrt = GradientBoostingRegressor(n_estimators=389, learning_rate=0.01)
             gbrt_model=gbrt.fit(x_train, y_train)
             #Make predictions on testing set
             gbrt_pred = gbrt_model.predict(x_test)
             #Show the importance of features
             show_feature_importance(gbrt_model, x_train)
             # Check rmse
             rmse(y_test, gbrt_pred)
                         Gini-importance
             smoker_yes
                                0.732004
```

0.162130

Out[107]: 4906.556648513094

bmi

#### 6.7 Comparison of the models

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In [108]: # Generating a dataframe of each model's residual mean squared error
          performanceModel = pd.DataFrame({"model":["multiple linear regression",
                                                    "ridge regression",
                                                    "lasso",
                                                    "regression tree",
                                                    "randomforests",
                                                    "adaboost regression tree",
                                                    "gradient boosting regression tree"],
                                           "rmse":[rmse(y_test, multiple_linear_pred),
                                                  rmse(y_test, ridge_pred),
                                                  rmse(y_test, lasso_pred),
                                                  rmse(y_test, rt_pred),
                                                  rmse(y_test, rf_pred),
                                                  rmse(y_test, adaboost_pred),
                                                  rmse(y_test, gbrt_pred )]
                                          })
          print(performanceModel)
                                         model
                                                       rmse
          0
                    multiple linear regression 6392.679054
          1
                              ridge regression 6391.266016
          2
                                         lasso 6392.622143
                               regression tree 5198.212591
                                randomforests 4894.150436
                      adaboost regression tree 5087.883966
            gradient boosting regression tree 4906.556649
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Random forests model and gradient boostting regression tree both show lowerer test mean squared error compared to others.

# 7. GUI for Medical Cost Prediction

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In [109]: # Medical Cost Prediction Tool
          """Widgets:
                      Title - Label
                      Age - Entry
                      Height - Entry
                      Weight - Entry
                      Smoker - CheckButton
                      Number of children - Entry
                      Generate result - Button
                      Result - Label
          from tkinter import *
          from tkinter.ttk import *
          TEMPLATE = "The medical cost is: {0:.2f} USD (predicted by '{1}' with the test RMSE of {2:.2f})."
          class PredGui():
              """Define the Prediction Interface"""
              def __init__(self, window):
                   """GUI constructor""
                  # Label widget showing the title/function of GUI
                  self.name_label = Label(window, text='Medical Cost / Health Insurance Prediction', font=("Arial", 22))
                  self.name_label.grid(row=0, column=0, columnspan=2, pady=10)
                  # Entry and Checkbutton Widgets prompting the inputs
                  self.age_label = Label(window, text='Age:')
                  self.age label.grid(row=1, column=0, pady=5)
                  self.age = IntVar()
                  self.age_entry = Entry(window, textvariable=self.age)
                  self.age_entry.grid(row=1, column=1, pady=5)
                  self.height_label = Label(window, text='Height(m):')
                  self.height label.grid(row=2, column=0, pady=5)
                  self.height = DoubleVar()
                  self.height entry = Entry(window, textvariable=self.height)
                  self.height_entry.grid(row=2, column=1, pady=5)
                  self.weight_label = Label(window, text='Weight(kg):')
                  self.weight_label.grid(row=3, column=0, pady=5)
                  self.weight = DoubleVar()
                  self.weight_entry = Entry(window, textvariable=self.weight)
                  self.weight_entry.grid(row=3, column=1, pady=5)
                  self.children_label = Label(window, text='The number of children:')
                  self.children_label.grid(row=4, column=0, pady=5)
                  self.children = IntVar()
                  self.children_entry = Entry(window, textvariable=self.children)
                  self.children_entry.grid(row=4, column=1, pady=5)
                  self.smoker = IntVar()
                  self.smoker_button = Checkbutton(window,
                                                   text='A current or previous smoker?',
                                                   variable=self.smoker,
                                                   onvalue=1,
                                                   offvalue=0)
                  self.smoker_button.grid(row=5, column=0, columnspan=2, pady=5)
                  # Button widgets generating result
                  self.pred button = Button(window, text='Predict', command=self.predict)
                  self.pred_button.grid(row=6, column=0, columnspan=2, pady=5,ipady=10, ipadx=10)
                  # Label widgets showing result
                  self.mlr result label = Label(window)
                  self.mlr_result_label.grid(row=7, column=0, columnspan=2, pady=5, sticky='W')
                  self.ridge_result_label = Label(window)
                  self.ridge_result_label.grid(row=8, column=0, columnspan=2, pady=5, sticky='W')
                  self.lasso result label = Label(window)
                  self.lasso_result_label.grid(row=9, column=0, columnspan=2, pady=5, sticky='W')
                  self.rt result label = Label(window)
                  self.rt_result_label.grid(row=10, column=0, columnspan=2, pady=5, sticky='W')
                  self.rf result label = Label(window)
                  self.rf_result_label.grid(row=11, column=0, columnspan=2, pady=5, sticky='W')
                  self.adaboost_result_label = Label(window)
                  self.adaboost_result_label.grid(row=12, column=0, columnspan=2, pady=5, sticky='W')
                  self.gbrt_result_label = Label(window)
                  self.gbrt_result_label.grid(row=13, column=0, columnspan=2, pady=5, sticky='W')
                  # Further adjusting the layout
                  window.columnconfigure(0, weight=1)
                  window.columnconfigure(1, weight=1)
                  window.rowconfigure((0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13), weight=1)
              def predict(self):
                   """Method to predict based on input from the user"""
                  age = self.age.get()
                  height = self.height.get()
                  weight = self.weight.get()
                  bmi = weight / height ** 2
                  children = self.children.get()
                  smoker = self.smoker.get()
                  data_lm = [(1, age, bmi, children, smoker)]
                  df_lm = pd.DataFrame(data_lm, columns = ['const', 'age', 'bmi', 'children', 'smoker'])
                  x_test_lm = df_lm[['const','age','bmi','children','smoker']]
                  data = [(age, bmi, children, smoker)]
                  df = pd.DataFrame(data, columns = ['age', 'bmi', 'children', 'smoker'])
                  x_test = df[['age','bmi','children','smoker']]
                  mlr prediction = MultiLinear 6.predict(x test lm)
                  ridge_prediction = ridge_model.predict(x_test_lm)
                  lasso_prediction = lasso_model.predict(x_test_lm)
                  rt_prediction = rt_model.predict(x_test)
                  rf prediction = rf model.predict(x test)
                  adaboost_prediction = adaboost_model.predict(x test)
                  gbrt_prediction = gbrt_model.predict(x_test)
                  self.mlr_result_label['text'] = TEMPLATE.format(list(mlr_prediction)[0],
                                                                   "Multiple Linear Regression",
                                                                   rmse(y_test, multiple_linear_pred))
                  self.ridge_result_label['text'] = TEMPLATE.format(list(ridge_prediction)[0],
                                                                     "Ridge Regression",
                                                                     rmse(y test, ridge pred))
                  self.lasso result label['text'] = TEMPLATE.format(list(lasso_prediction)[0],
                                                                     "Lasso",
                                                                    rmse(y_test, lasso_pred))
                  self.rt_result_label['text'] = TEMPLATE.format(list(rt_prediction)[0],
                                                                  "Regression Tree",
                                                                  rmse(y test, rt pred))
                  self.rf_result_label['text'] = TEMPLATE.format(list(rf_prediction)[0],
                                                                  "Random Forests",
                                                                  rmse(y test, rf pred))
                  self.adaboost result label['text'] = TEMPLATE.format(list(adaboost prediction)[0],
                                                                     "Adaboost Regression Tree",
                                                                        rmse(y test, adaboost pred))
                  self.gbrt result label['text'] = TEMPLATE.format(list(gbrt_prediction)[0],
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"Gradient Boosting Regression Tree",
rmse(y\_test, gbrt\_pred))

window.mainloop()
In [110]: # Run the GUI
main()

In [ ]:

def main():
 """Setup the GUI"""

prediction = PredGui(window)

window = Tk()