# MLPy Workshop 4

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# 1 Week 4 - Regression and Model Evaluation

### 1.1 Aims

By the end of this notebook you will be able to

- fit a linear regression
- understand the basics of polynomial regression
- understand how to evaluate and compare models and select tuning parameters with training, validation, and testing.
- 1. Problem Definition and Setup
- 2. Exploratory Data Analysis
- 3. Least Squares Estimation
- 4. Regression using scikit-Learn
- 5. Polynomial Regression

During workshops, you will complete the worksheets together in teams of 2-3, using **pair programming**. From this week onwards, the worksheets will no longer contain cues to switch roles between driver and navigator; this should occur approximately every 15 minutes and should be more natural after the first weeks. When completing worksheets:

- You will have tasks tagged by (CORE) and (EXTRA).
- Your primary aim is to complete the (CORE) components during the WS session, afterwards you can try to complete the (EXTRA) tasks for your self-learning process.

Instructions for submitting your workshops can be found at the end of worksheet. As a reminder, you must submit a pdf of your notebook on Learn by 16:00 PM on the Friday of the week the workshop was given.

# 2 Problem Definition and Setup

### 2.1 Packages

First, let's load the packages you wil need for this workshop.

```
[31]: # Plotting defaults for all Figures below plt.rcParams['figure.figsize'] = (7,5) plt.rcParams['figure.dpi'] = 80
```

# 2.2 User Defined Helper Functions

Below are two helper functions we will be using in this workshop. You can create your own if you think it is useful or simply use already available functions within sklearn.

- get\_coefs(): Simple function that extracts both the intercept and coefficients from the model in the pipeline and then concatenates them.
- model\_fit(): Returns the mean squared error, root mean squared error and R^2 value of a fitted model based on provided X and y values with plotting as add-on.

Feel free to also modify the functions based on your needs.

```
[33]: def model_fit(m, X, y, plot = False):
          """Returns the mean squared error, root mean squared error and R \widehat{\ }2 value of _{\sqcup}
       \rightarrow a fitted model based
          on provided X and y values.
          Args:
              m: sklearn model object
              X: model matrix to use for prediction
              y: outcome vector to use to calculating rmse and residuals
              plot: boolean value, should fit plots be shown
          y_hat = m.predict(X)
          MSE = mean_squared_error(y, y_hat)
          RMSE = np.sqrt(mean_squared_error(y, y_hat))
          Rsqr = r2_score(y, y_hat)
          Metrics = (round(MSE, 4), round(RMSE, 4), round(Rsqr, 4))
          res = pd.DataFrame(
              data = {'y': y, 'y_hat': y_hat, 'resid': y - y_hat}
          )
          if plot:
              plt.figure(figsize=(12, 6))
              plt.subplot(121)
              sns.lineplot(x='y', y='y_hat', color="grey", data = pd.
       DataFrame(data={'y': [min(y),max(y)], 'y_hat': [min(y),max(y)]}))
              sns.scatterplot(x='y', y='y_hat', data=res).set_title("Observed vs_

→Fitted values")
              plt.subplot(122)
              sns.scatterplot(x='y_hat', y='resid', data=res).set_title("Fitted_")
       ⇔values vs Residuals")
              plt.hlines(y=0, xmin=np.min(y), xmax=np.max(y), linestyles='dashed',__
       ⇔alpha=0.3, colors="black")
              plt.subplots_adjust(left=0.0)
              plt.suptitle("Model (MSE, RMSE, Rsq) = " + str(Metrics), fontsize=14)
              plt.show()
          return MSE, RMSE, Rsqr
```

### 2.3 Data

To begin, we will examine insurance.csv data set on the medical costs which comes from the Medical Cost Personal dataset. Our goal is to model the yearly medical charges of an individual using some combination of the other features in the data. The included columns are as follows:

- charges yearly medical charges in USD
- age the individuals age
- sex the individuals sex, either "male" or "female"
- bmi the body mass index of the individual
- children the number of dependent children the individual has
- smoker a factor with levels "yes", the individual is a smoker and "no", the individual is not a smoker

We read the data into python using pandas.

```
[34]: df_insurance = pd.read_csv("insurance.csv")
df_insurance.head()
```

```
[34]:
                                  children smoker
          age
                   sex
                            bmi
                                                          charges
      0
           19
               female
                         27.900
                                          0
                                                     16884.92400
                                               yes
      1
           18
                        33.770
                                          1
                                                      1725.55230
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                        33.000
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      3
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                        22.705
                                          0
                                                     21984.47061
                  male
                                                no
      4
           32
                        28.880
                                          0
                                                      3866.85520
                  male
                                                no
```

# 3 Exploratory Data Analysis

Before modelling, we will start with EDA to gain an understanding of the data, through descriptive statistics and visualizations.

### 3.0.1 Exercise 1 (CORE)

- a) Examine the data structure and look at the descriptive statistics. What are the types of variables in the data set?
- b) Create a pairs plot of the data (make sure to include the smoker column), describe any relationships you observe in the data. To better visualize the relationship between children and charges, create a violin plot (since children only takes a small number of integer values, many points are overlaid in the scatterplot and making visualization difficult).

#### Hint

- .describe() can be used to create summary descriptive statistics on a pandas dataframe.
- You can use a sns.pairplot and sns.violinplot with the hue argument

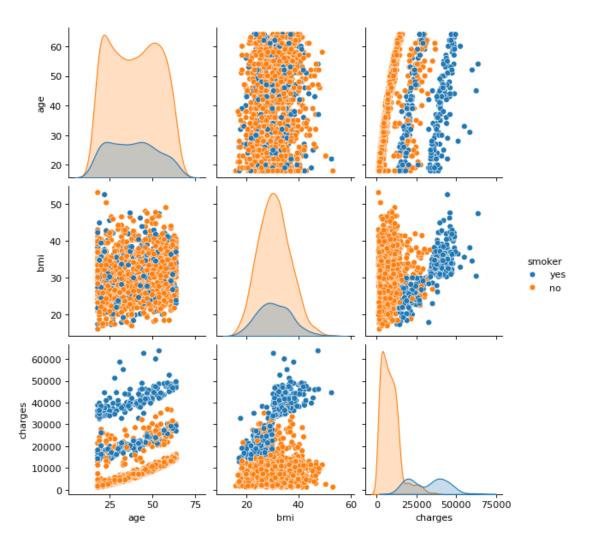
```
[35]: #Part a
    print(df_insurance.describe())
    print()
    print(df_insurance.dtypes)
```

```
bmi
                                      children
                                                      charges
               age
       1338.000000
                     1338.000000
                                   1338.000000
                                                  1338.000000
count
                                                13270.422265
         39.207025
                       30.663397
                                      1.094918
mean
         14.049960
                        6.098187
                                      1.205493
                                                 12110.011237
std
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                       15.960000
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min
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                       26.296250
                                      0.000000
                                                  4740.287150
50%
         39.000000
                       30.400000
                                      1.000000
                                                  9382.033000
75%
         51.000000
                       34.693750
                                      2.000000
                                                 16639.912515
         64.000000
                       53.130000
                                      5.000000
                                                63770.428010
max
               int64
age
              object
sex
            float64
bmi
children
               int64
              object
smoker
charges
            float64
```

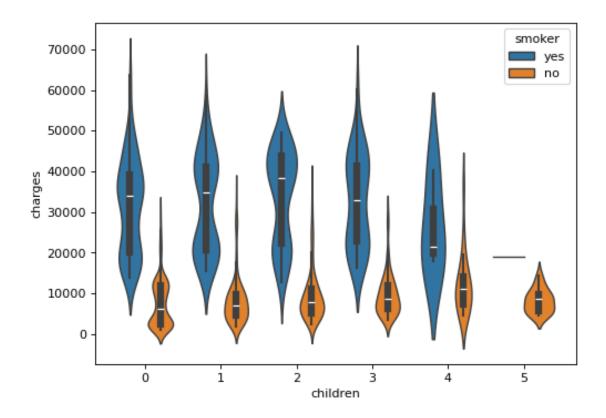
dtype: object

Age, BMI, Children, and Charges are all numerical values. Sex, and Smoker take male, female and yes, no respectively.

```
[36]: # Part b
sns.pairplot(df_insurance.drop(columns=['children']), hue='smoker')
plt.show()
```



[37]: []



### 3.1 Creating a Train-Test Set

Before modelling, we will first split the data into the train and test sets. This ensures that that we do not violate one of the golden rules of machine learning: never use the test set for training. As EDA can help guide the choice and form of model, we also may want to split the data before EDA, to avoid peeking at the test data too much during this phase. However, in practice, we may need to investigate the entire data during EDA to get a better idea on how to handle issues such as missingness, categorical data (and rare categories), incorrect data, etc.

There are lots of ways of creating a test set. We will use a helpful function from sklearn.model\_selection called train\_test\_split. You can have a look at the documentation: https://scikit-learn.org/stable/modules/generated/sklearn.model\_selection.train\_test\_split.html. Note that train\_test\_split defaults to randomly sampling the data to split it into training and validation/test sets, that is, the default value is shuffle=True

For reproducibility, we first fix the value in the numpy random seed about the state of randomness. This ensures that, every step including randomness, will produce the same output if we re-run the code or if someone else wants to reproduce our results (e.g. produce the same train-test split).

In sklearn, the suggestion to control randomness across multiple consecutive executions is as follows:

• In order to obtain reproducible (i.e. constant) results across multiple program executions, we need to remove all uses of random\_state=None, which is the default.

• Declare variable (random number the vour own generator) top of the program, and pass it down to any object that accepts a random\_state parameter. You can check some details from here: https://numpy.org/doc/1.16/reference/generated/numpy.random.RandomState.html

Thus, our first step before splitting the data is to define our rng variable.

```
[38]: # To make this notebook's output identical at every run
rng = np.random.seed(0)
# might be good for our course
# np.random.seed(11205)
```

## 3.1.1 Exercise 2 (CORE)

Run the following code to use train\_test\_split() to split the data randomly into training (70%) and test (30%) sets. The training set will contain our training data, called X\_train and y\_train. The test set will contain our testing data, called X\_test and y\_test.

Can you think on a scenario where not shuffling would be a good idea? What about when we would want to shuffle our data?

Not shuffling would be a good idea when future datapoints are dependent on past data points. One such example would be language model training. The next 'token' in a sentence has a probability dependent on the previous 'tokens' that have come before it. As such, shuffling would not be an effective method to train.

# 4 Least Squares Estimation

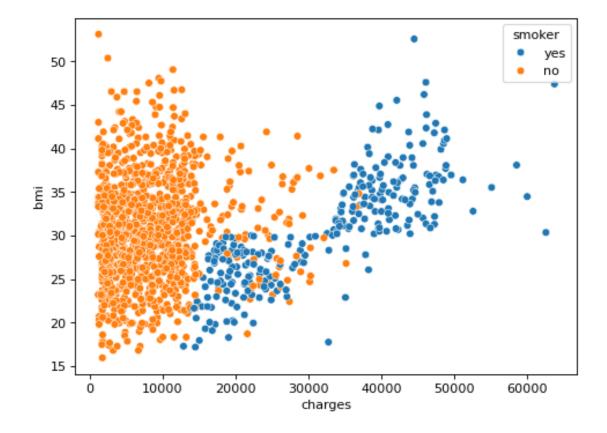
Consider a linear regression model for charges using bmi and smoker as features in our model. Without sklearn functionalities, let's compute and visualize the least squares estimates.

### 4.0.1 Exercise 3 (CORE)

Create a scatter plot using sns.scatterplot of charges vs bmi, colored by smoker. Describe any apparent relationship between charges and bmi and comment on the difference between smokers and non-smokers.

```
[40]: # Scatter of charges v bmi, colored by smoker sns.scatterplot(df_insurance, x='charges', y='bmi', hue='smoker')
```

```
[40]: <Axes: xlabel='charges', ylabel='bmi'>
```



Generally speaking, smoker have higher charges overall with many having higher BMIs. There is an upward trend which would indicate correlation between the variables.

## 4.0.2 Exercise 4 (CORE)

Now, let's compute the least square estimates.

- a) First construct the design matrix as an np.array. Recall that we need to include a column of ones to allow a non-zero intercept. You will also need to convert the response y\_train to an np.array.
- b) Compute the least squares estimates  $\hat{w}$ , using the expression from lectures and the solve function from numpy.linalg.
- c) What is the intercept for non-smokers and what is the intercept for smokers?

### Hint

Your design matrix should have three columns, with the last column indicating if the individual is a smoker:

$$x_{n,3} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if individual } n \text{ is a smoker} \\ 0 & \text{if individual } n \text{ is not a smoker} \end{cases}$$

You can create this feature in different ways, for example simply using X\_train.smoker == "yes" (or using pd.get\_dummies or OneHotEncoder).

```
[41]: # Part a
      y_train = y_train.to_numpy()
[42]: # create the design matrix
      de_mat = np.zeros(shape=(y_train.shape[0], 3))
      de mat[:,0] = 1
      de mat[:, 1] = X train['bmi']
      de_mat[:, 2] = X_train['smoker'].apply(lambda x: 1 if x == 'yes' else 0)
      de mat
[42]: array([[ 1.
                    , 28.215,
                                     ],
             [ 1.
                    , 32.8 ,
                                0.
                                     ],
             [ 1.
                     , 46.75 ,
                                0.
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                    , 25.08 ,
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             [ 1.
                    , 35.53 ,
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                    , 18.5 ,
                                     ]])
[43]: # Part b
      from numpy.linalg import solve
      # use solve to get the coefficients
      betas = solve(de_mat.T @ de_mat, de_mat.T @ y_train)
     4.0.3
             Exercise 5 (CORE)
```

- a) Compute the fitted values from this model by calculating  $\hat{\mathbf{y}} = X\hat{w}$ .
- b) Redraw your scatter plot of chargesvs bmi, colored by smoker from Exercise 3, and overlay a line plot of the fitted values (fitted regression line) using sns.lineplot. Comment on the results and any potential feature engineering steps that could help to improve the model.

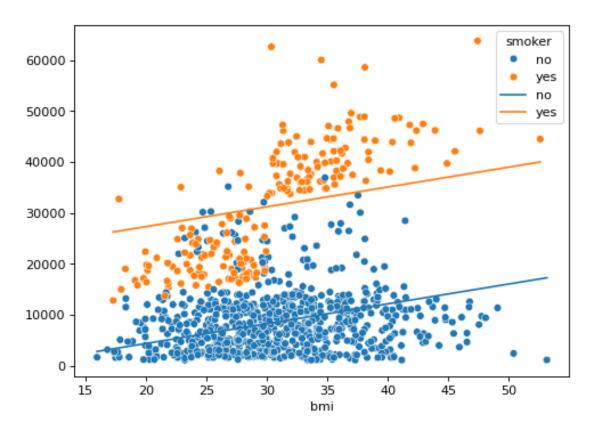
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28.215
                                     0
1163
       18
            female
196
                    32.800
       39
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                                     0
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438
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           female
                    46.750
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183
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           female 26.410
                                     0
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1298
       33
                    27.455
                                     2
              male
                                            no
763
       27
                    26.030
                                     0
              male
                                            no
                                     2
835
       42
              male
                    35.970
                                            no
1216
       40
              male
                    25.080
                                     0
                                            no
559
       19
              male
                    35.530
                                            no
```

```
684 33 female 18.500 1 no
```

[936 rows x 5 columns]

```
[46]: # part b: redraw scatter plot with regression fitted line.
sns.scatterplot(X_train, x='bmi', y=y_train, hue='smoker')
sns.lineplot(X_train, x='bmi', y=y_hat, hue='smoker')
```

[46]: <Axes: xlabel='bmi'>



Some steps to improve the model would be to use more features for regression in the data set.

### 4.1 Residuals

A useful tool for evaluating a model is to examine the residuals of that model. For any standard regression model, the residual for observation n is defined as  $y_n - \hat{y}_n$  where  $\hat{y}_n$  is the model's fitted value for observation n.

Studying the properties of the residuals is important for assessing the quality of the fitted regression model. This scatterplot (fitted vs residuals) gives us more intuition about the model performance. Briefly,

• If the normal linear model assumption is true then the residuals should be randomly

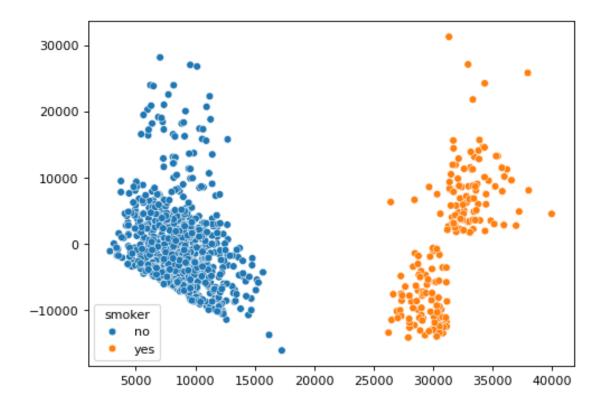
- scattered around zero with no discernible clustering or pattern with respect to the fitted values.
- Furthermore, this plot can be useful to check the constant variance (homoscedastic) assumption to see whether the range of the scatter of points is consistent over the range of fitted values.

# 4.1.1 Exercise 6 (CORE)

- a) Calculate the residuals and create a residual plot (scatter plot of fitted vs residuals) for this model and color by smoker. Comment on quality of the model based on this plot.
- b) Compute the  $R^2$  value for this model and comment on its value (recall from lectures that  $R^2$  is 1 minus the sum of the squared residuals divided by the sum of squared differences between  $\mathbf{y}$  and its mean).

```
[47]: # Part a
res = y_train - y_hat
sns.scatterplot(X_train, x=y_hat, y=res, hue='smoker')
```

### [47]: <Axes: >



for non-smokers we see reasonable clustering, especially in the beginning and we see a gradual spread, ideally the data points are all spread out evenly.

As for smokers, the spread it much more inline with what we expect but there is also observable clustering.

```
[48]: # Part b
R_2 = 1 - np.sum(res ** 2) / np.sum((y_train - np.mean(y_train)) ** 2)
print(R_2)
```

### 0.6350967450118401

The  $R^2$  value is 0.6350

# 4.2 Rank deficiency

# 4.2.1 Exercise 7 (CORE)

Now lets consider the model where we naively include both dummies variables for smokers and non-smokers as well as an intercept column in our model matrix. What happens when you try to compute the least squares estimate in this case? What is the rank of the design matrix? You can use numpy.linalg.matrix\_rank to compute the rank.

```
[49]: # Writing the design matrix
X = np.c_[
    np.ones(len(X_train)),
    X_train.bmi,
    X_train.smoker == "yes",
    X_train.smoker == "no"
]

w = solve(X.T @ X, X.T @ y_train)
```

```
[50]: # Compute the rank
np.linalg.matrix_rank(X)
```

### [50]: 3

The matrix has rank 3. I.e. there is a column vector that is a linear combination of other column vectors in our matrix

# 5 Regression using scikit-Learn

Linear regression is available in **scikit-learn** (**sklearn**) through LinearRegression from the linear\_model submodule. You can browse through the documentation and examples here. Let's start by importing it.

```
[51]: from sklearn.linear_model import LinearRegression
```

In general sklearn's models are implemented by first creating a model object, and then using that object to fit your data. As such, we will now create a linear regression model object 1r and use it

to fit our data. Once this object is created we use the fit method to obtain a model object fitted to our data.

Note that by default an intercept is included in the model. So, we do NOT need to add a column of ones to our design matrix.

This model object then has various useful methods and attributes, including  $intercept_and coef_which contain our estimates for <math>w$ .

Note that if fit\_intercept=False and a column of ones is included in the design matrix, then both the intercept and coefficient will be stored in coef\_.

[-3385.172326 389.05002587 22926.48168453]

```
[53]: array([-3385.172326 , 389.05002587, 22926.48168453])
```

The model fit objects also provide additional useful methods for evaluating the model  $R^2$  (score) and calculating predictions (predict). Let's use the latter to compute the fitted values and predictions, as well as some metrics to evaluate the performance on the test data.

```
[54]: # Fitted values
y_fit = lr_fit.predict(X_train_)

# Predicted values
X_test_ = np.c_[
    X_test.bmi,
    X_test.smoker == "yes"
]
```

```
y_pred = lr_fit.predict(X_test_)
# The mean squared error of the training set
print("Training Mean squared error: %.3f" % mean_squared_error(y_train, y_fit))
# The R squared of the training set
print("Training R squared: %.3f" % r2_score(y_train, y_fit))
# The mean squared error of the test set
print("Test Mean squared error: %.3f" % mean_squared_error(y_test, y_pred))
# The R squared of the test set
print("Test R squared: %.3f" % r2_score(y_test, y_pred))
# Another way for R2 calculation
print(lr.score(X_train_, y_train))
```

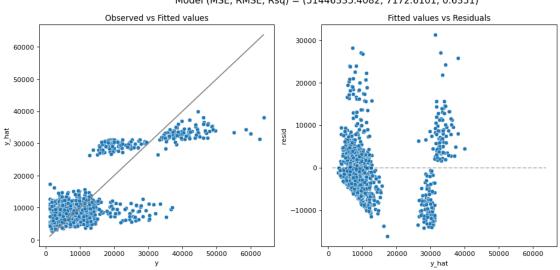
Training Mean squared error: 51446335.408

Training R squared: 0.635

Test Mean squared error: 47297000.691

Test R squared: 0.703 0.6350967450118401





Model (MSE, RMSE, Rsq) = (51446335.4082, 7172.6101, 0.6351)

[55]: (51446335.408195145, 7172.610083379352, 0.6350967450118401)

#### 5.0.1 Exercise 8 (CORE)

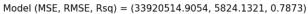
Next, let's create a pipeline for a regression model, using sklearn functionalities, that

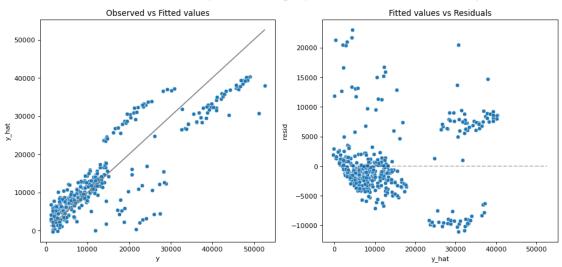
- includies bmi and age as numerical values and smoker condition as a categorical value
- applies encoding for the smoker variable within the pipeline

Note that using the option OneHotEncoder(drop=np.array(['Reference Category'])), we can specify the which category to drop (the reference category) by replacing 'Reference Category' with the desired category.

Fit the model on the training data and calculate performance metrics similar to above  $(R^2$ , and MSE / RMSE). How does this model compare to previous one?

```
[56]: from sklearn.pipeline import Pipeline
      from sklearn.preprocessing import OneHotEncoder
      from sklearn.compose import ColumnTransformer
      cat_pre = OneHotEncoder(drop=np.array(['no']))
      # Overall ML pipeline inlouding all
      reg_pipe_1 = Pipeline([
          ("pre_processing", ColumnTransformer([
              ("cat_pre", cat_pre, [4]), # Applied to smoker
              ("num_pre", 'passthrough', [0, 2])])), # Applied to bmi and age
          ("model", LinearRegression())
      1)
      reg_pipe_1
[56]: Pipeline(steps=[('pre_processing',
                       ColumnTransformer(transformers=[('cat_pre',
      OneHotEncoder(drop=array(['no'], dtype='<U2')),</pre>
                                                         [4]),
                                                        ('num_pre', 'passthrough',
                                                         [0, 2])])),
                      ('model', LinearRegression())])
[59]: # Fit the pipeline with the training data
      reg_pipe_1.fit(X_train, y_train)
      # Fit the model and calculate performance metrics
      model_fit(reg_pipe_1, X_test, y_test, plot = True)
```





# [59]: (33920514.90536028, 5824.132116063326, 0.7872914737498624)

```
[60]: y_pred = reg_pipe_1.predict(X_test)

# The mean squared error of the training set
print("Training Mean squared error: %.3f" % mean_squared_error(y_train, y_fit))
# The R squared of the training set
print("Training R squared: %.3f" % r2_score(y_train, y_fit))

# The mean squared error of the test set
print("Test Mean squared error: %.3f" % mean_squared_error(y_test, y_pred))
# The R squared of the test set
print("Test R squared: %.3f" % r2_score(y_test, y_pred))

# Another way for R2 calculation
print(reg_pipe_1.score(X_test, y_test))
```

Training Mean squared error: 51446335.408

Training R squared: 0.635

Test Mean squared error: 33920514.905

Test R squared: 0.787 0.7872914737498624

Our  $\mathbb{R}^2$  value has increased from 0.63 to 0.79

# 6 Polynomial Regression

## 6.1 Polynomial features in sklearn

sklearn has a built in function called PolynomialFeatures which can be used to simplify the process of including polynomial features in a model. You can browse the documentation here. This function is included in the *preprocessing* module of sklearn, as with other python functions we can import it as follows.

```
[61]: from sklearn.preprocessing import PolynomialFeatures
```

Construction and use of this is similar to what we have already seen with other transformers; we construct a PolynomialFeatures object in which we set basic options (e.g. the degree of the polynomial) and then apply the transformation to our data by calling fit\_transform. This will generate a new model matrix which includes the polynomial features up to the degree we have specified.

Run the following code for a simple illustration:

```
[62]: x = np.array([1, 2, 3, 4])
PolynomialFeatures(degree = 2).fit_transform(x.reshape(-1,1))
```

```
[62]: array([[ 1., 1., 1.], [ 1., 2., 4.], [ 1., 3., 9.], [ 1., 4., 16.]])
```

Note that when we use this transformation, we get all of the polynomial transformations of x from 0 to degree.

In this case, the **0** degree column is equivalent to the intercept column. If we do not want to include this we can construct PolynomialFeatures with the option include\_bias=False.

We can also use PolynomialFeatures to add only interaction terms, through the option interaction\_only=True. As an illustration run the following code:

```
[64]: x = np.array([[1, 2, 3, 4],[0,0,1,1]]).T
PolynomialFeatures(interaction_only=True,include_bias=False).fit_transform(x)
```

```
[64]: array([[1., 0., 0.], [2., 0., 0.], [3., 1., 3.], [4., 1., 4.]])
```

#### 6.2 Interactions

Now, let's create a pipeline that:

- includes bmi as a numerical variable and smoker condition as a categorical variable
- applies encoding for the smoker variable
- uses PolynomialFeatures to include an interaction between smoker and bmi

```
[66]: #Train the model
lr3_fit = reg_pipe_2.fit(X_train,y_train)
```

Note that:

- We have set include\_bias=False as the intercept is included in linear regression by default
- The returned object is a Pipeline object so it will not provide direct access to step properties, such as the coefficients for the regression model.
- If we want access to the attributes or methods of a particular step we need to first access that step using either its name or position.

## 5459.528970943371

Alternatively, you can use the get\_coefs helper function supplied.

We can also extract the **names of the features** using the method <code>get\_feature\_names\_out()</code> of the transformers. Here we need to first extract the names from the first feature engineering step and then pass them to the second step of the pipeline.

```
[69]: # Extract the names of the features
# From the first step in feature engineering
names_fe1 = reg_pipe_2['pre_processing'].get_feature_names_out()
print(names_fe1)
# From the second step in feature engineering
names_fe2 = reg_pipe_2['interact'].get_feature_names_out(names_fe1)
print(names_fe2)

# or to strip the name of the column transformer
names_fe1 = [names_fe1[i].partition('__')[2] for i in range(len(names_fe1))]
print(names_fe1)
names_fe2 = reg_pipe_2['interact'].get_feature_names_out(names_fe1)
print(names_fe2)
```

```
['cat_pre__smoker_yes' 'num_pre__bmi']
['cat_pre__smoker_yes' 'num_pre__bmi' 'cat_pre__smoker_yes num_pre__bmi']
['smoker_yes', 'bmi']
['smoker_yes' 'bmi' 'smoker_yes bmi']
```

# 6.2.1 Exercise 9 (CORE)

For the model trained above (lr3\_fit):

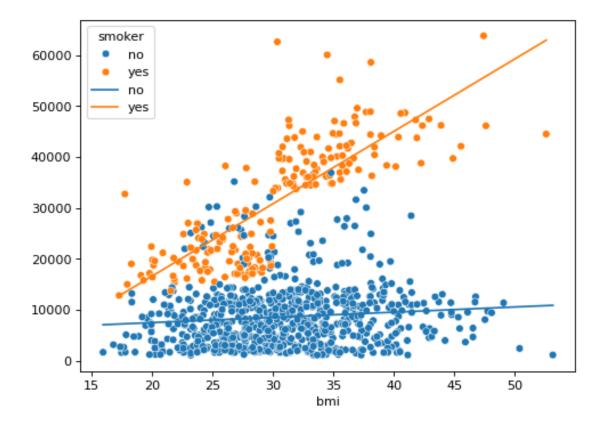
- a) What is the intercept and slope for non-smokers and what is the intercept and slope for smokers?
- b) Compute the fitted values by calling predict. Draw the scatter plot of bmi against charges, colored by smoker (from Exercise 3), and overlay a line plot of the fitted values (fitted regression lines).
- c) How does this model compare to the previous ones?

```
#Part a
# what is th intercept and slope for non-smokers and smokers
# The intercept and slope for non-smokers
print("The intercept and slope for non-smokers")
print(reg_pipe_2['model'].intercept_)
print(reg_pipe_2['model'].coef_)
# The intercept and slope for smokers
print("The intercept and slope for smokers")
print(reg_pipe_2['model'].intercept_ + reg_pipe_2['model'].coef_[0])
print(reg_pipe_2['model'].coef_)
```

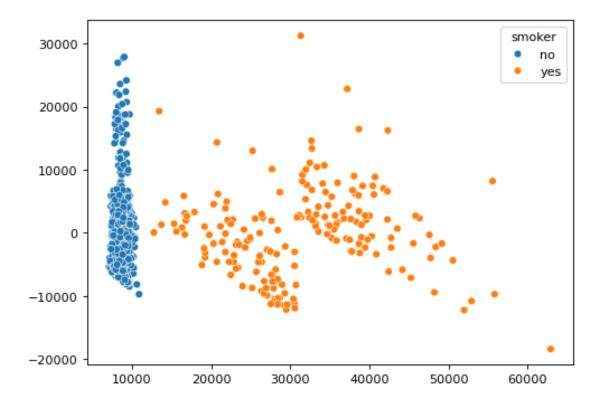
```
The intercept and slope for non-smokers 5459.528970943371 [-17265.67627046 102.34290762 1318.82587829] The intercept and slope for smokers -11806.147299512158 [-17265.67627046 102.34290762 1318.82587829]
```

```
[]: #Part b
# compute fitted values by calling predict() and draw scatter plot of bmi_
against charges colored by smoker. overlay a line plot of the iftted values
y_fit = reg_pipe_2.predict(X_train)
sns.scatterplot(X_train, x='bmi', y=y_train, hue='smoker')
sns.lineplot(X_train, x='bmi', y=y_fit, hue='smoker')
```

### []: <Axes: xlabel='bmi'>



[ ]: <Axes: >



I feel like this residual plot is much more in-line with what we expect to see. A lot of random scattering about 0 and the variance in the data points is largely constant meeting the homodasticity assumption.

### 6.3 Nonlinearity

Now, let's explore including nonlinearity into the model through a polynomial basis function expansions of bmi.

## 6.3.1 Exercise 10 (CORE)

First, suppose you naively apply a polynomial basis function expansion to the feature matrix containing bmi and smoker:

- Run the code below to first create the feature matrix (we standardize bmi to simply help with visualization).
- Next, run the code to create the transformed feature matrix using PolynomialFeatures assuming degree=2. Print out the first 20 rows of this matrix.
- What are the number of features and what does each column represent? Why should we **NOT** use this naive polynomial basis function expansion?

```
[100]: # Create a matrix containing bmi and smoker (note we standardize bmi here, usimply to help avoid
```

```
# printing very large numbers in the exercise)
from sklearn.preprocessing import StandardScaler
bmi_ss = StandardScaler().fit_transform(np.asarray(X_train.bmi).reshape(-1,1))

X_ = np.c_[
    X_train.smoker == "yes",
    bmi_ss
]
```

```
[]: pf = PolynomialFeatures(degree=2)
X_mat = pf.fit_transform(X_)
print(np.round(X_mat[1:20,],2))
```

```
[]: print(pf.get_feature_names_out(['bmi','smoker']))
```

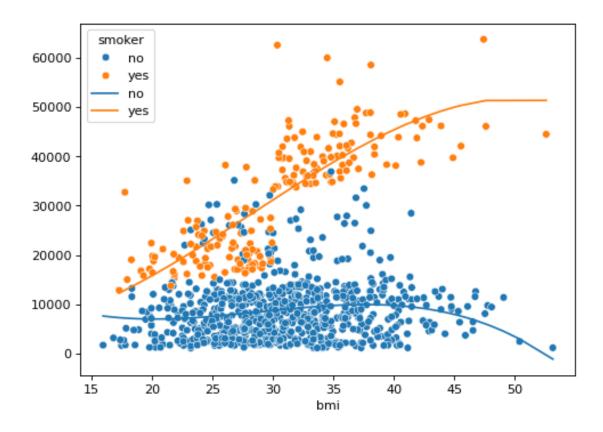
# 6.3.2 Exercise 11 (CORE)

Now, let's create a model that allows nonlinearity of bmi through polynomial basis function expansion of degree 3 (with no interactions for ease of exposition).

Create a new pipeline to construct this model. Train this model and then plot the fitted regression line and compute the performance metrics.

```
[84]: # Train and compute and plot fitted values
reg_pipe_3.fit(X_train, y_train)
y_fit = reg_pipe_3.predict(X_train)
sns.scatterplot(X_train, x='bmi', y=y_train, hue='smoker')
sns.lineplot(X_train, x='bmi', y=y_fit, hue='smoker')
```

```
[84]: <Axes: xlabel='bmi'>
```



# 6.4 Choosing the Order of the Polynomial

How can we choose the order of the polynomial?

In lecture, we discussed how chosing the degree to be too large can cause over fitting. When we over fit a polynomial regression model, the MSE for the training data will appear to be low which might indicate that the model is a good fit. But, as a result of over fitting, the MSE for the predictions of the unseen test data may begin to increase. However, we can **NOT** use the test to determine the order of the polynomial, so in the following, we explore using cross-validation to do so.

## 6.4.1 Exercise 12 (EXTRA)

First, let's compute and plot the **training and test MSE** over a range of degree values. What do you notice about the fit as we increase the polynomial degree? Which degree seems better regarding the changes on training and testing MSE values?

```
[108]: degree = range(1,10)
  test_mse = np.array([])
  train_mse = np.array([])

for d in degree:
```

```
fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(9,7), ncols=1, nrows=1)
plt.scatter(degree,train_mse, color='k')
plt.plot(degree,train_mse, color='k', label='Train MSE')
plt.scatter(degree,test_mse, color='r')
plt.plot(degree,test_mse, color='r', label='Test MSE')
ax.legend()
ax.set_xlabel('degree')
ax.set_ylabel('MSE')
plt.show()
```

### 6.4.2 Tunning with GridSearchCV

If we wish to test over a specific set of parameter values using cross validation we can use the GridSearchCV function from the model\_selection submodule. In this setting, the hyperparamer is actually the degree of the polynomial that we are investigating.

This argument is a dictionary containing parameters names as keys and lists of parameter settings to try as values. Since we are using a pipeline, our parameter name will be the name of the pipeline step, pre\_processing, followed by \_\_, (then, the name of next step if applicable, e.g. poly\_\_ since we are using ColumnTransformer), and then the parameter name, degree. So for our pipeline the parameter is named pre\_processing\_poly\_\_degree. If you want to list the names of all available parameters you can call the get\_params() method on the model object, e.g. polyreg\_pipe.get\_params() here.

```
[110]: cat_pre = OneHotEncoder(drop=np.array(['no']))

pf = PolynomialFeatures(include_bias=False)

# Overall ML pipeline
polyreg_pipe = Pipeline([
```

```
[112]: #polyreg_pipe.get_params()
```

The above code goes through the process of fitting all  $5 \times 9$  models as well as storing and ranking the results for the requested scoring metric(s). Note that here we have used neg\_mean\_squared\_error as our scoring metric which returns the negative of the mean squared error. For more on metrics of regression models, please see: https://scikitlearn.org/stable/modules/model\_evaluation.html#regression-metrics

- As the name implies this returns the negative of the usual fit metric, this is because sklearn expects to always optimize for the maximum of a score and the model with the largest negative MSE will therefore be the "best".
- In this workshop we have used MSE as a metric for testing our models. This metric is entirely equivalent to the root mean squared error for purposes of ranking / ordering models (as the square root is a monotonic transformation).
- Sometimes the RMSE is preferred as it is more interpretable, because it has the same units as y.

Once all of the submodels are fit, we can determine the optimal hyperparameter value by accessing the object's best\_\* attributes,

```
[]: print("best index: ", grid_search.best_index_)
    print("best param: ", grid_search.best_params_)
    print("best score: ", grid_search.best_score_)
```

The best estimator is stored in the .best\_estimator attribute. By default, after this model is found, it is retrained on all training data points.

```
[]: grid_search.best_estimator_['model'].coef_

[]: # Extract the names of the features
   names_fe = grid_search.best_estimator_["pre_processing"].get_feature_names_out()
   # Strip the name of the column transformer
   names_fe = [names_fe[i].partition('__')[2] for i in range(len(names_fe))]
   w = grid_search.best_estimator_['model'].coef_
```

```
print(np.c_[names_fe,w])
```

The cross-validated scores are stored in the attribute cv\_results\_. This contains a number of results related to the grid search and cross-validation. We can convert it into a pandas data frame to view the results.

```
[ ]: cv_results = pd.DataFrame(grid_search.cv_results_)
    cv_results
```

It is also recommend to plot the CV scores. Although the grid search may report a best value for the parameter corresponding to the maximum CV score (e.g. min CV MSE), if the curve is relatively flat around the minimum, we may prefer the simpler model.

Note in this case, I have also used the option return\_train\_score=True in GridSearchCV(), in order to save also the training scores. As expected training MSE decreases when increasing the degree of the polynomial, but the CV MSE has more of a U-shape.

### 6.4.3 Exercise 13 (CORE)

Based on the plot above, would you use the best estimator or choose a different degree? Why?

## 6.4.4 Exercise 14 (EXTRA)

Try an alternative model of your choice. What have you chosen and why? Are there any parameters to tune?

[130]:

### 6.4.5 Further resources

• About common pitfalls and interpreting coefficients:

https://scikit-learn.org/stable/auto\_examples/inspection/plot\_linear\_model\_coefficient\_interpretation.html#

# 7 Competing the Worksheet

At this point you have hopefully been able to complete all the CORE exercises and attempted the EXTRA ones. Now is a good time to check the reproducibility of this document by restarting the notebook's kernel and rerunning all cells in order.

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