

# Health Insurance Premium Charges – Factors and Their Influence

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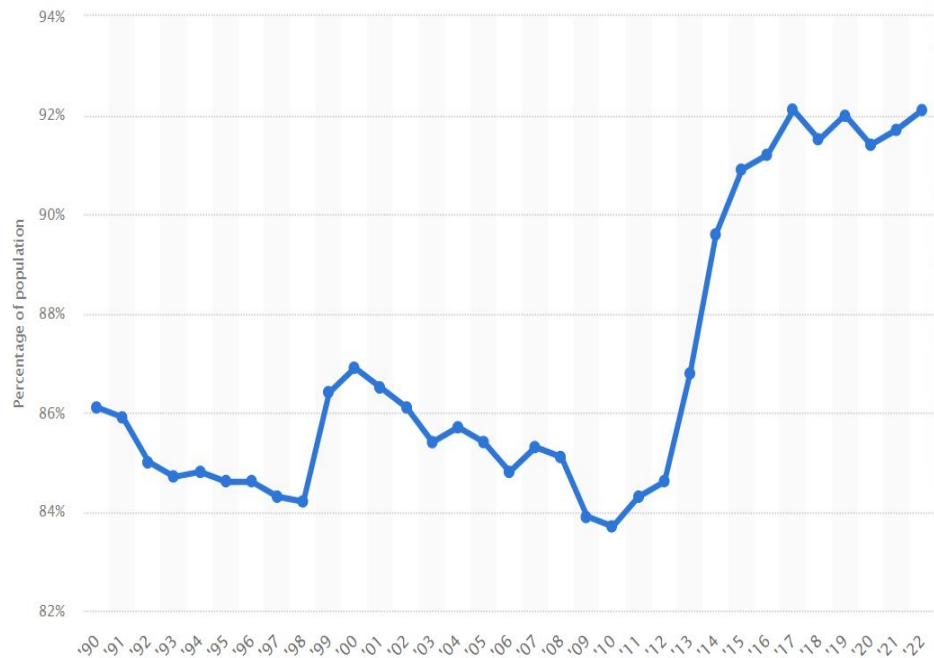
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# The Complexity of Risk Underwriting

% of people in the US with any type of Health Insurance from 1990 to 2022



Source: Statista

# Data Collection



|       | age         | bmi         | children    | charges      |
|-------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| count | 1338.000000 | 1338.000000 | 1338.000000 | 1338.000000  |
| mean  | 39.207025   | 30.663397   | 1.094918    | 13270.422265 |
| std   | 14.049960   | 6.098187    | 1.205493    | 12110.011237 |
| min   | 18.000000   | 15.960000   | 0.000000    | 1121.873900  |
| 25%   | 27.000000   | 26.296250   | 0.000000    | 4740.287150  |
| 50%   | 39.000000   | 30.400000   | 1.000000    | 9382.033000  |
| 75%   | 51.000000   | 34.693750   | 2.000000    | 16639.912515 |
| max   | 64.000000   | 53.130000   | 5.000000    | 63770.428010 |

Age

Sex

BMI

Children

Smoker

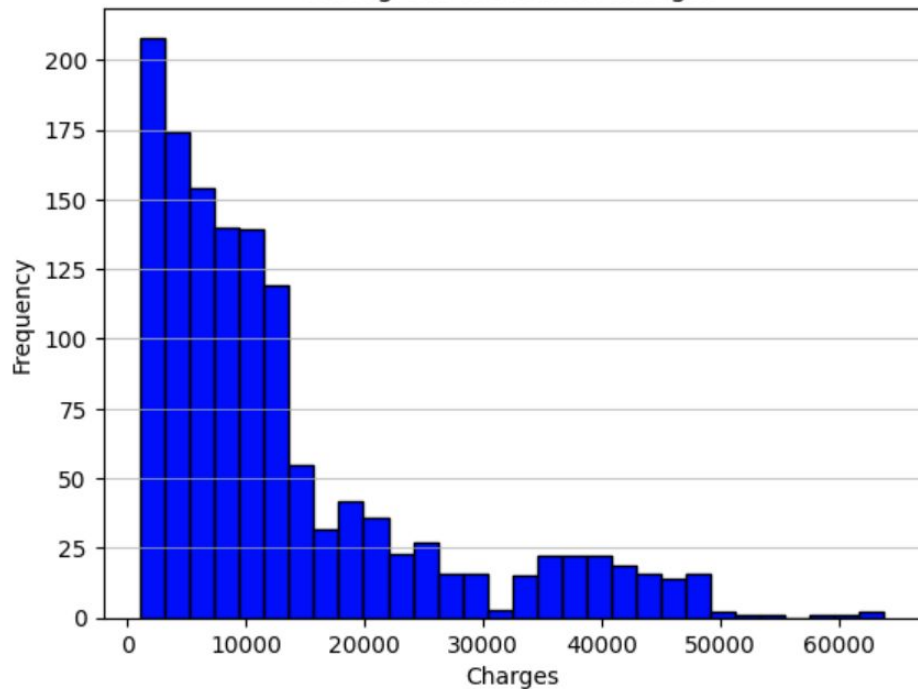
Region

Charges - dependent variable

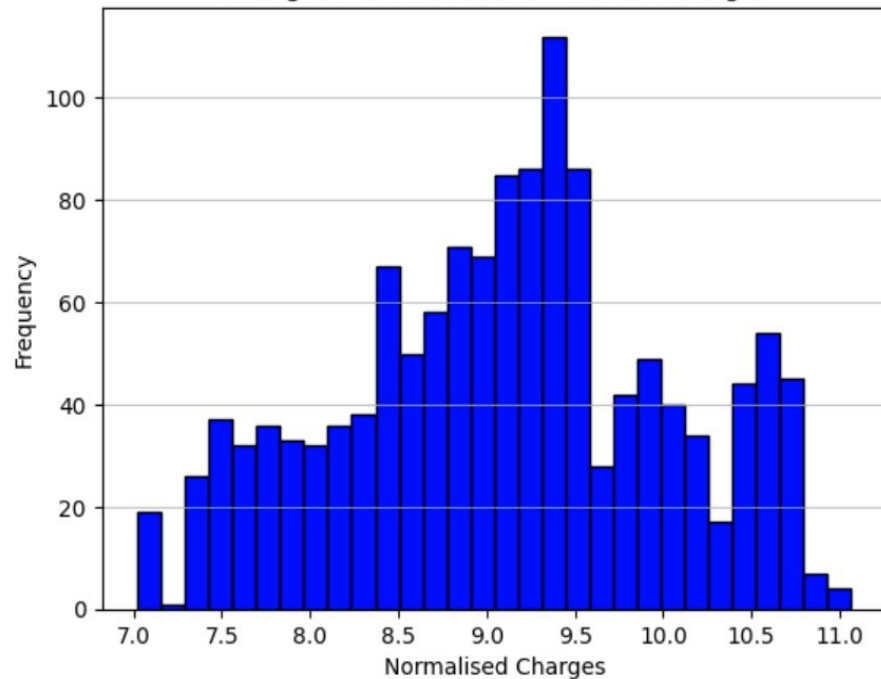
Child\_bool\*

# Data Cleaning

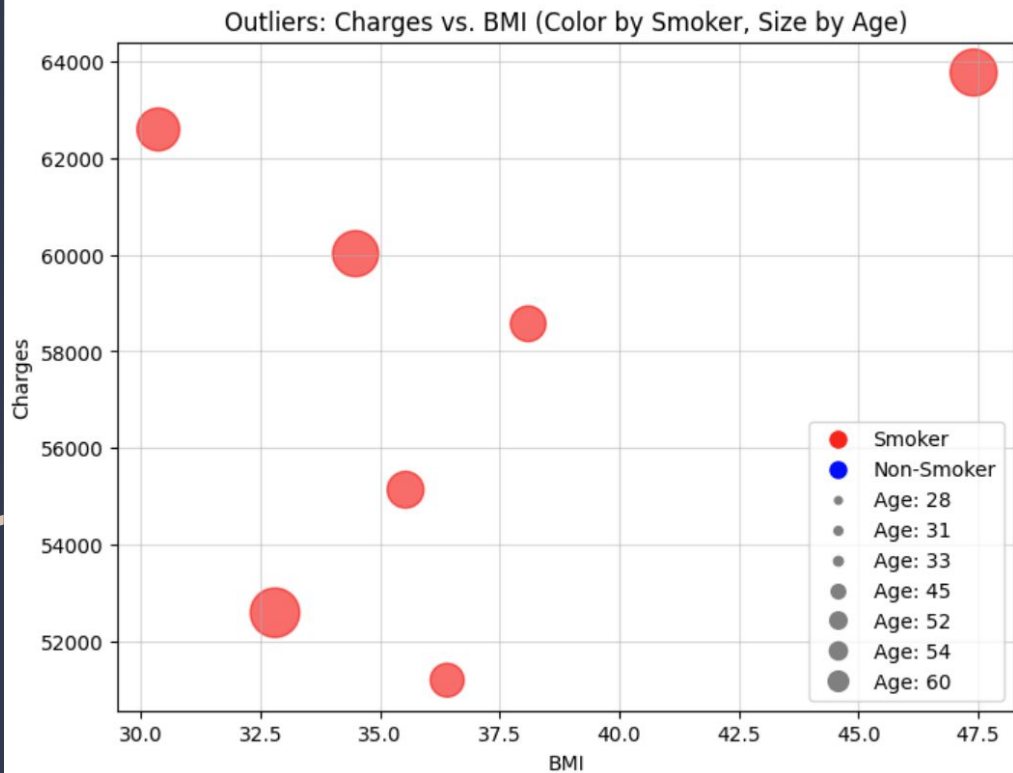
Histogram of Medical Charges



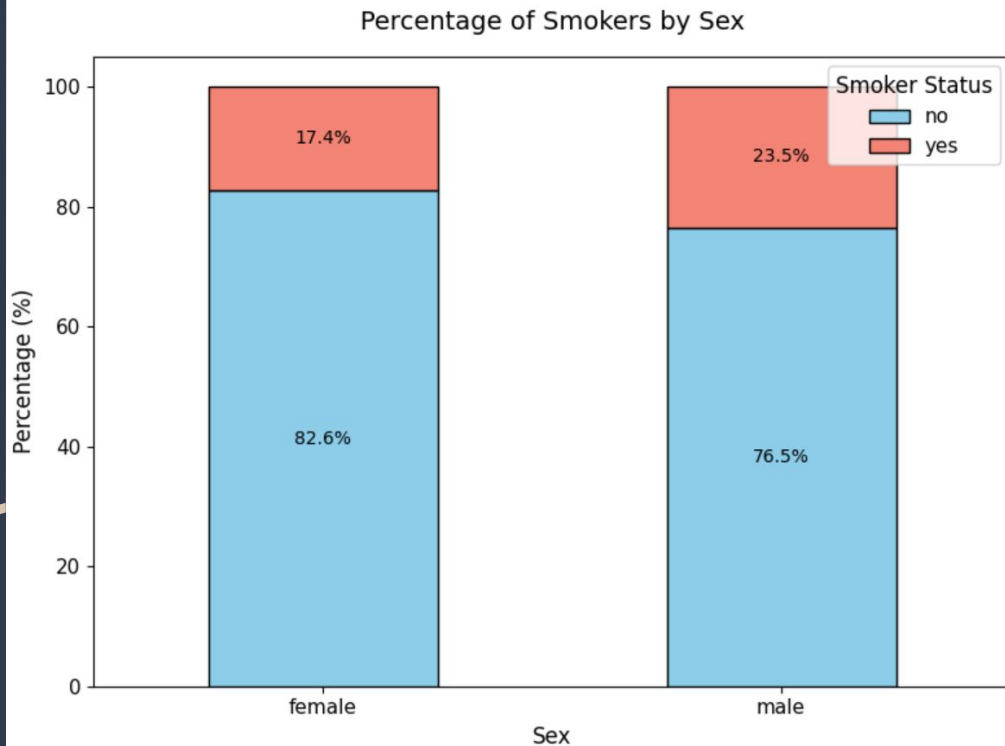
Histogram of Normalized Medical Charges



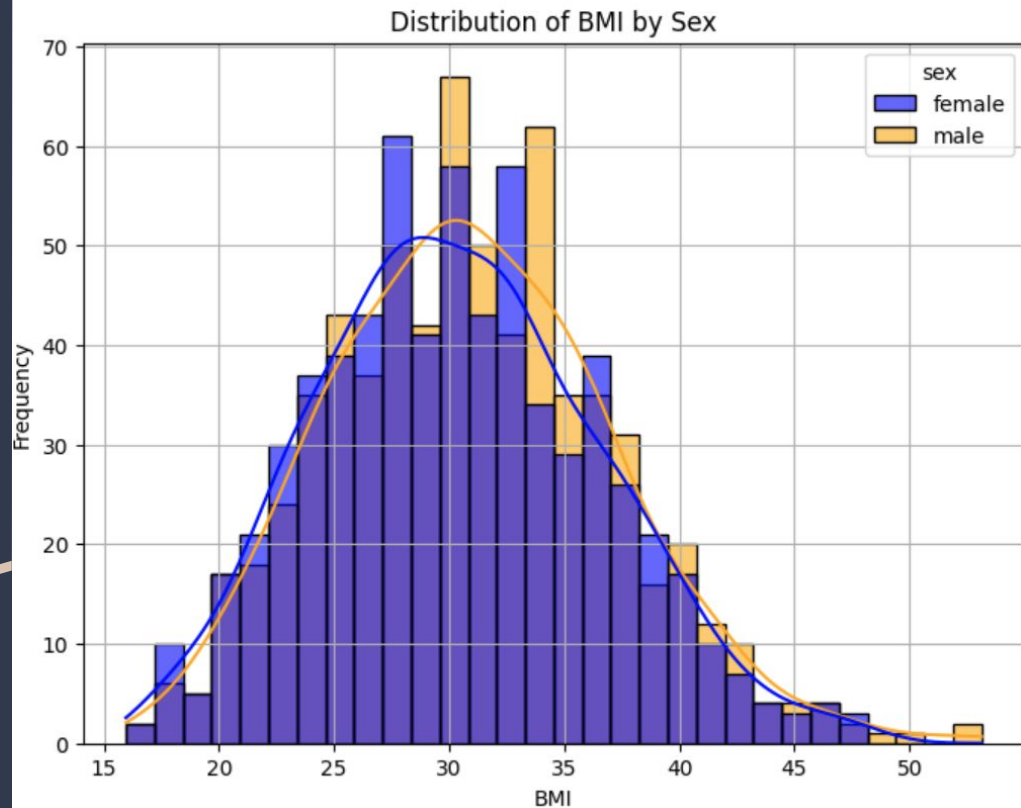
# The outliers...



# Who smokes more men or women?

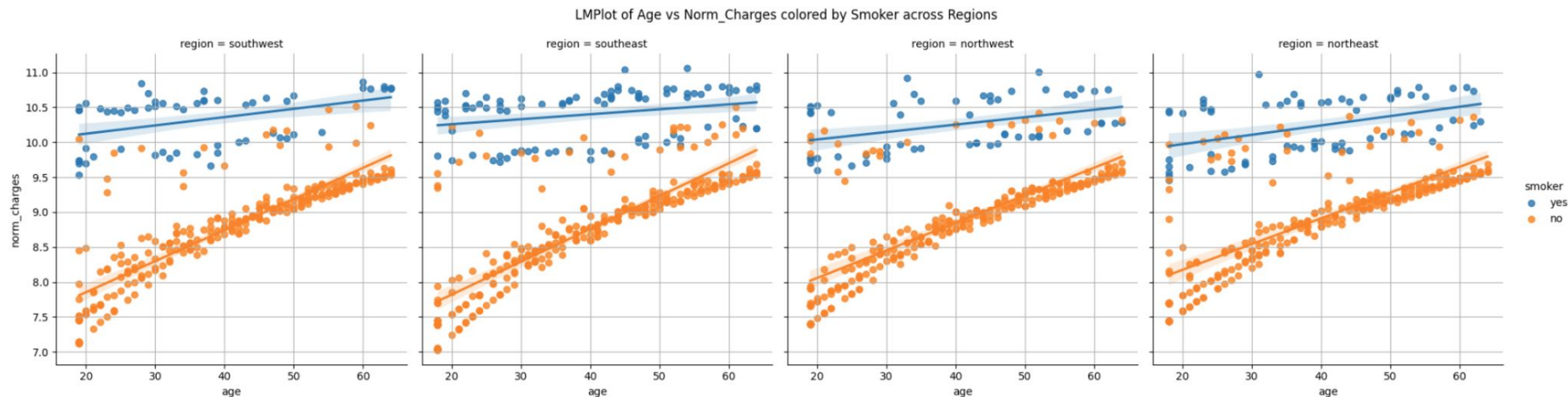


Who has a higher BMI men or women?

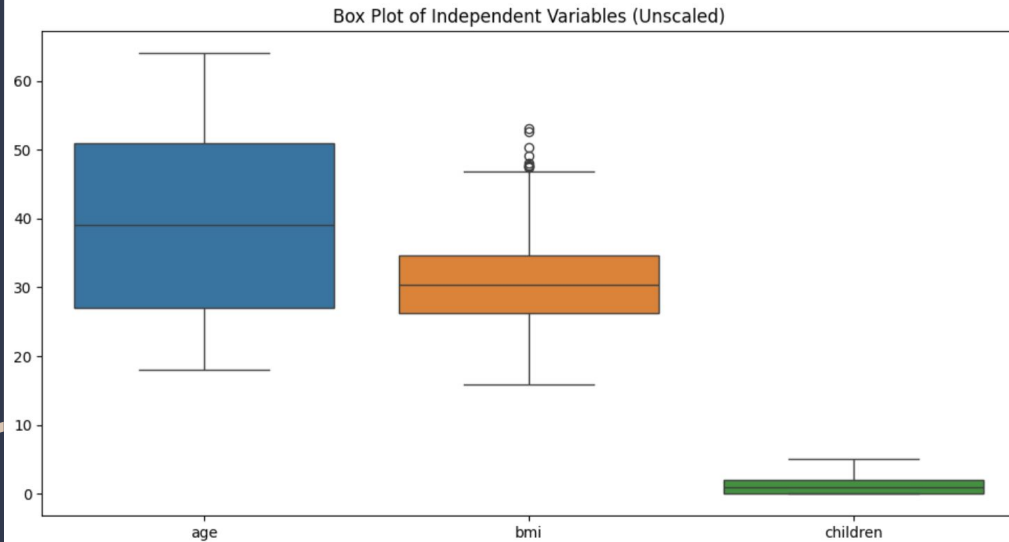




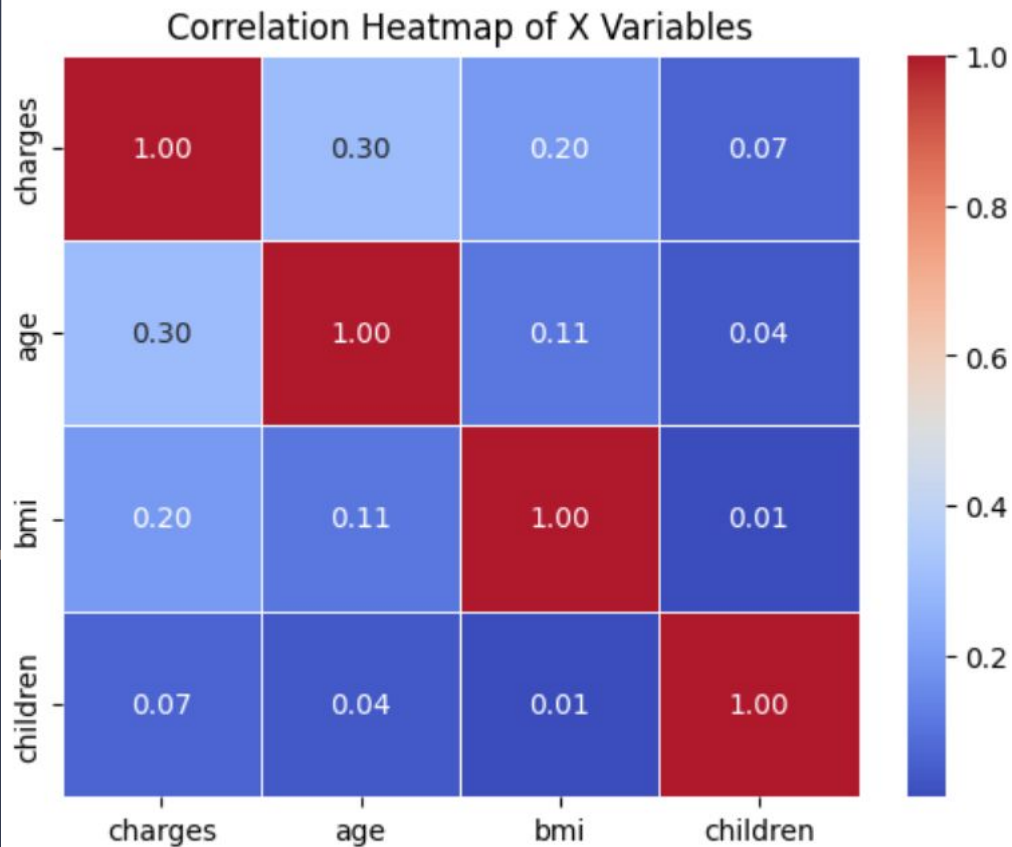
# The largest contributor to price of premiums



# Checking for normalization of independent variables



# Final preparation for linear regression



# Multi-Linear Regression

Adj R-Squared: 0.778

F-Statistic: 468.2

Jarque-Bera (JB): 1225.146

Mean Absolute Error: 0.2999

**Coefficients: All p\_values < 0.05**

Smoker\_yes: 1.5348

Age: 0.4948

BMI: 0.0790

Children: 0.1267

Sex\_male: -0.0715

Region\_northwest: -0.0951

Region\_southeast: -0.1465

Region\_southwest: -0.1420

# Polynomial Regression

Degrees = 2

Adj R-Squared: 0.851

F-Statistic: 164.5

Jarque-Bera (JB): 8340.519

Mean Absolute Error: 0.2149

Smallest Eigenvalue: 1.09e-29

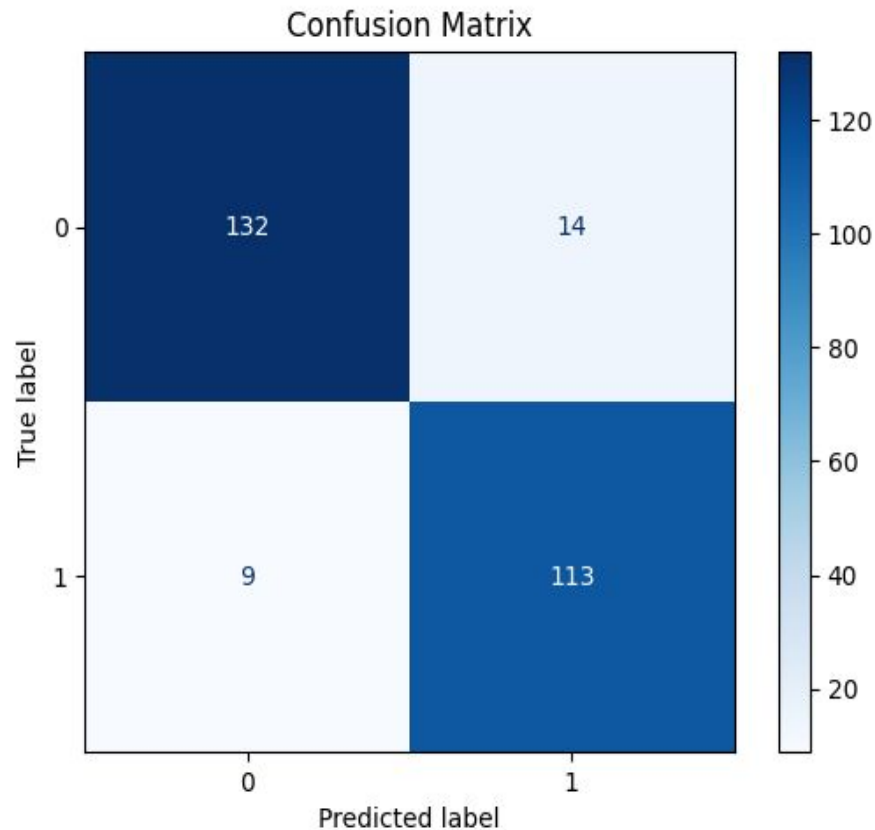
- Might indicate strong multicollinearity
- Or design matrix is singular

# VIF and Durbin watson statistics to assess the model

| feature                         | VIF     |
|---------------------------------|---------|
| const                           | 5.4290  |
| age                             | 1.0168  |
| bmi                             | 1.1066  |
| children                        | 1.004   |
| sex_male                        | 1.0089  |
| smoker_yes                      | 1.01207 |
| region_northwest                | 1.5188  |
| region_southeast                | 1.6522  |
| region_southwest                | 1.5294  |
| Durbin-Watson Statistic: 2.0464 |         |

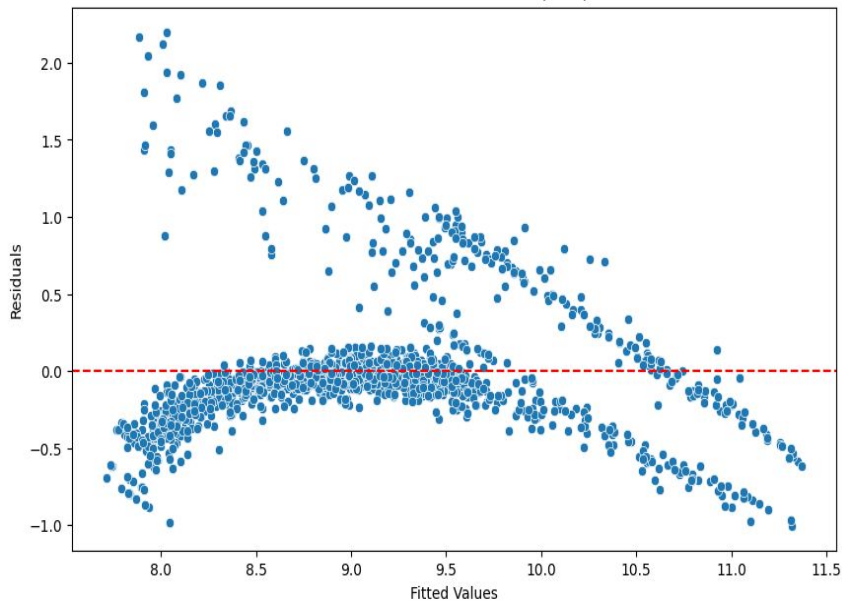
# Confusion Matrix

Accuracy: 0.91  
Precision: 0.89  
Recall: 0.93  
F1 Score: 0.91

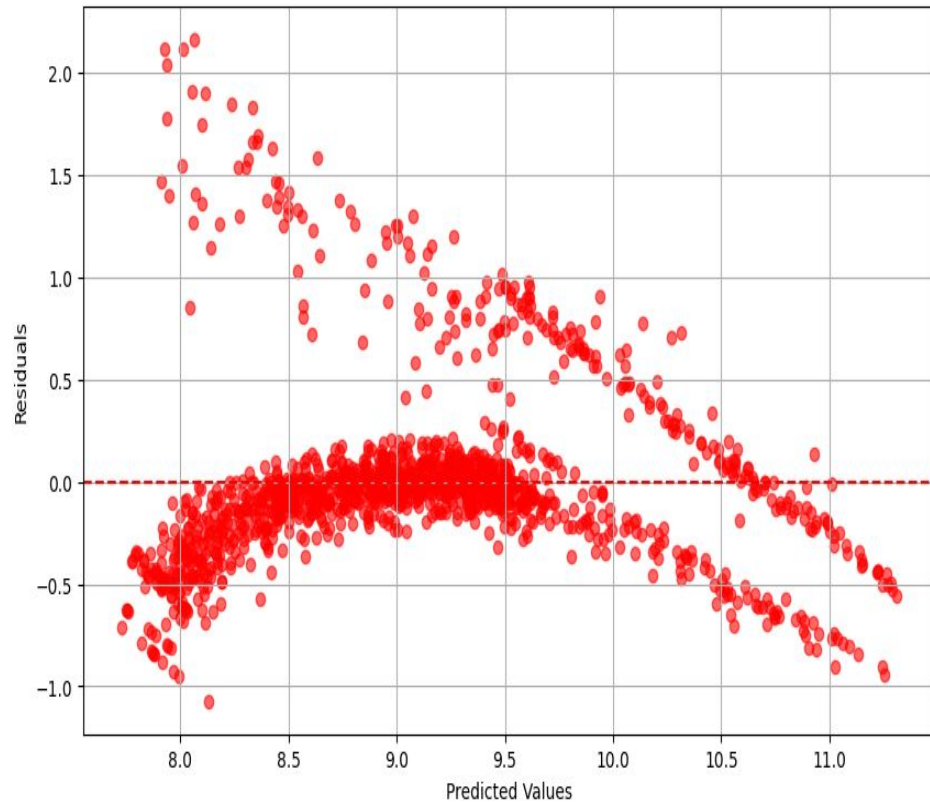


# Residual plot to assess the performance of the model

Residuals vs. Fitted Values (WLS)

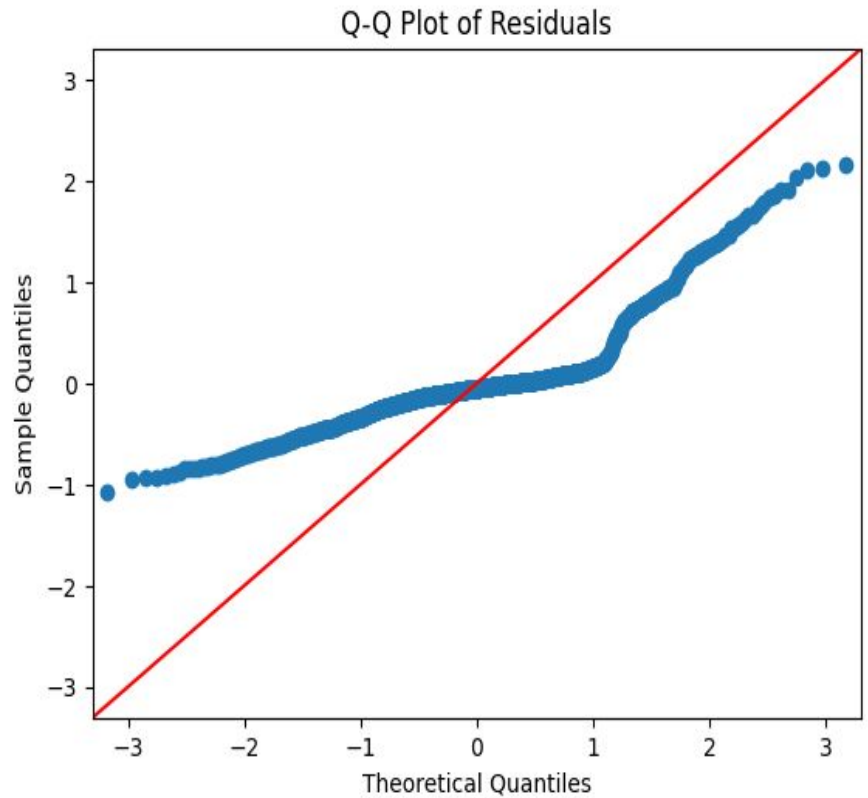


Residual Plot

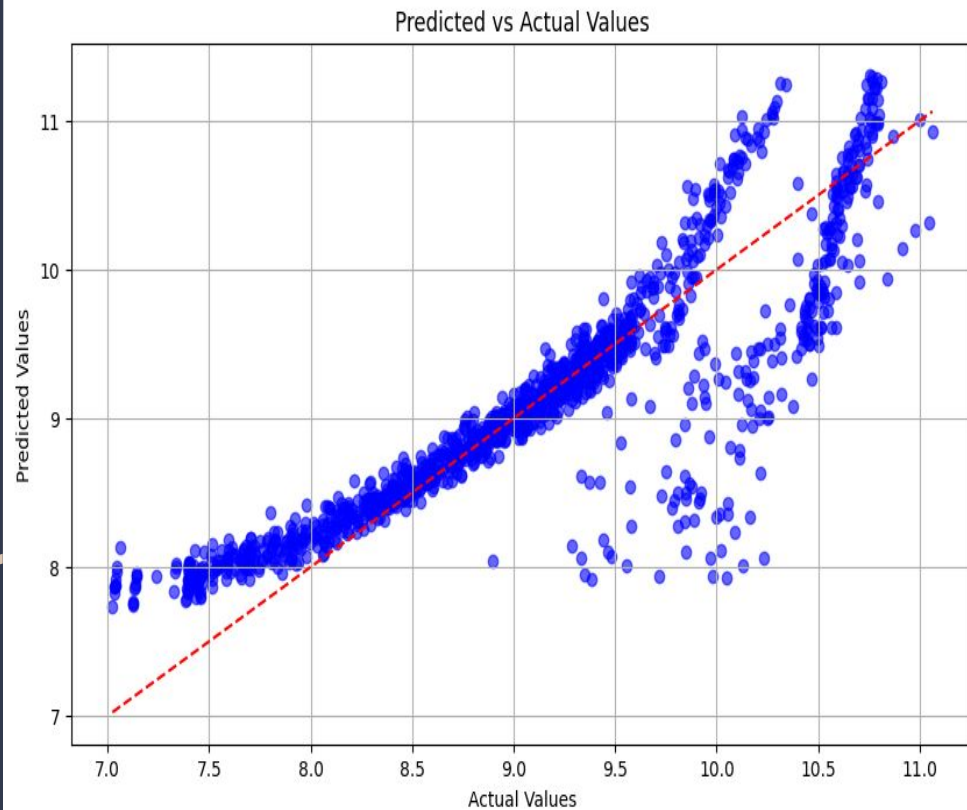




# Q-Q Plot



# Predicted vs Actual values



# Conclusion

**Simple is sometimes better: Linear Regression**

**Additional Independent Variables**

**Demographic data**

**Medical History data**

**Policyholder Behavior data**

**Additional models to consider:**

**K-means clustering**

**Sentiment Analysis**



**Thank You !**

Q&A

**Any questions?**

# Sources

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