TML Project 3

COMPAS Dataset

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Data Description

- COMPAS dataset
 - Prison and crime data with COMPAS risk scores
 - Age, sex, race, gender
 - Previous offenses, severity of offense, etc.
 - Used for assessing released prisoner reoffendment risk
 - Data contains future offenses (2 years)
 - Data preprocessing: kept 7 features (among with sex,race,age,gender)

Predictive Task

• Predict if a released prisoner will recommit an offense

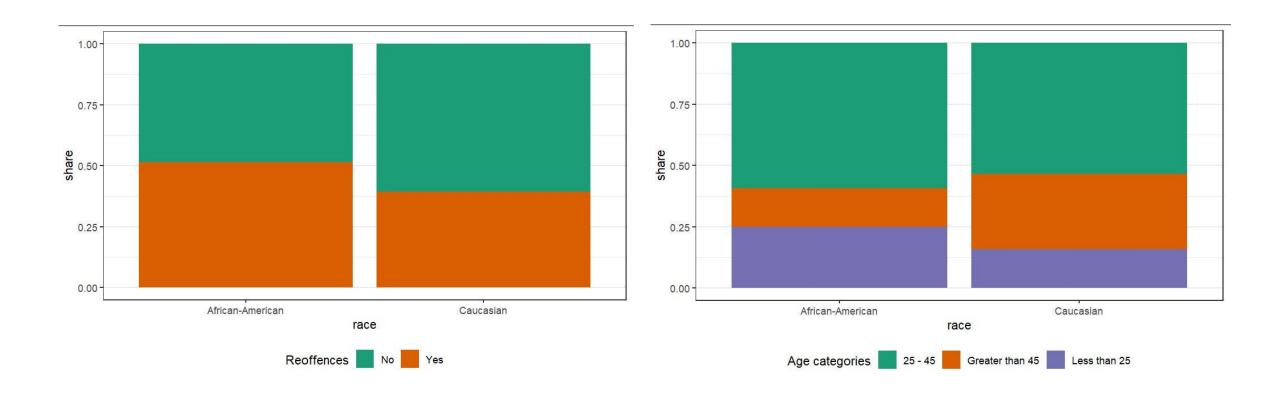
• Using '2_year_recid' reoffendment data directly to train our logistic regression model (binary response)

• Features used are prior offenses, sex, age category, race and the charge degree (tried to avoid using COMPAS scores to avoid further bias)

Accuracy: 68%

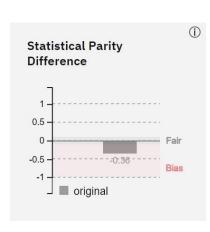
Model Results

- We focused on comparison between African-American and Caucasian prisoners to measure bias
- African-American to Caucasian prisoners ratio is 1.5:1
- Prediction for reoffense ratio is 3:1!



Fairness Measures

- Aequitas fairness tool:
 - Dataset failed in all Fairness Measures
 - Passed some Protected Attributes
- Simple intuitive measures check manually:
 - Demographic parity for African-American and Caucasian
 - Equal opportunity
- IBM AI Fairness 360
 - Confirmed our findings



Thank you!

Datasets available here: https://github.com/propublica/compas-analysis/