Health Insurance claim prediction (Machine Learning)

The goal is to find the best estimator of insurance charges using machine learning algorithms.

Random Forest, Bayesian regression and LinearRegression.

This dataset was retrieved from Kaggle's public datasets: Kaggle:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1j3NQzptNjuc4KuqPayxETVntEBmi-KFdET7831Y1yzQ/edit?usp=sharing (https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1j3NQzptNjuc4KuqPayxETVntEBmi-KFdET7831Y1yzQ/edit?usp=sharing) and describes characteristics of members of a health insurance plan. Conducted a detailed exploratory data analysis (EDA) to make better sense of the data. EDA is the process of figuring out what the data can tell us and can be used to find patterns, relationships, or anomalies to inform our subsequent analysis. There are endless ways to perform EDA, and we will explore some of them using the seaborn visualization library.

Random Forest wins with a variance score of 97% against training data, and 84% against test data. It also has the lowest root MSE value.

Importing libraries

```
In [312]: data = pd.read_csv('insurance.csv')
    print(data.shape)
    data.head(5)

(1338, 7)
```

Out[312]:

		age	sex	bmi	children	smoker	region	charges
-	0	19	female	27.900	0	yes	southwest	16884.92400
	1	18	male	33.770	1	no	southeast	1725.55230
	2	28	male	33.000	3	no	southeast	4449.46200
	3	33	male	22.705	0	no	northwest	21984.47061
	4	32	male	28.880	0	no	northwest	3866.85520

Exploratory Data Analysis

```
In [313]: #data.info()
          # check for missing values
          missing_values = data.isnull().sum().sort_values(ascending = False)
          missing_values
Out[313]: charges
                      0
          region
                      0
          smoker
          children
                      0
          bmi
                      0
          sex
          age
          dtype: int64
```

In [314]: data.describe()

Out[314]:

	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

It looks like everything is within acceptable ranges. For example, age is between 18 and 64, which makes sense given that this is a dataset of adults on a commercial insurance plan. Next, we check the head (top 5 rows) of the dataset.

No inconsistencies are identified. Let's move on to create a pairs plot. This plots pairwise relationships in a dataset, and is a great method to identify trends for follow-up analysis. By default, this function will create a grid of axes such that each variable in our dataset will by shared in the y-axis across a single row and in the x-axis across a single column. The diagonal axes are treated differently, drawing a plot to show the univariate distribution of the data for the variable in that column. Fortunately seaborn gives us an easy way to implement the pairs plot. [1]

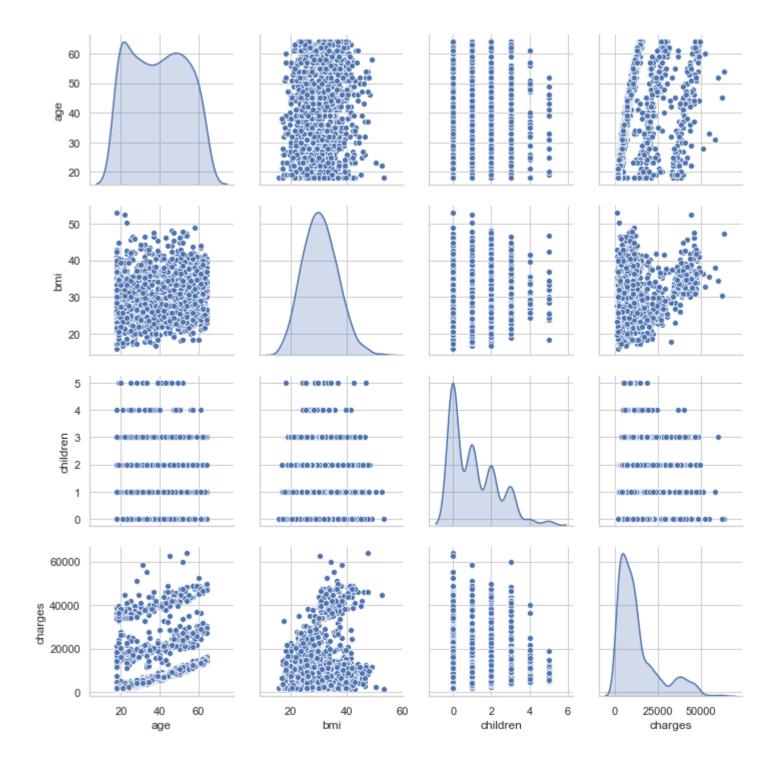
In [315]: data.head()

Out[315]:

	age	sex	bmi	children	smoker	region	charges
0	19	female	27.900	0	yes	southwest	16884.92400
1	18	male	33.770	1	no	southeast	1725.55230
2	28	male	33.000	3	no	southeast	4449.46200
3	33	male	22.705	0	no	northwest	21984.47061
4	32	male	28.880	0	no	northwest	3866.85520

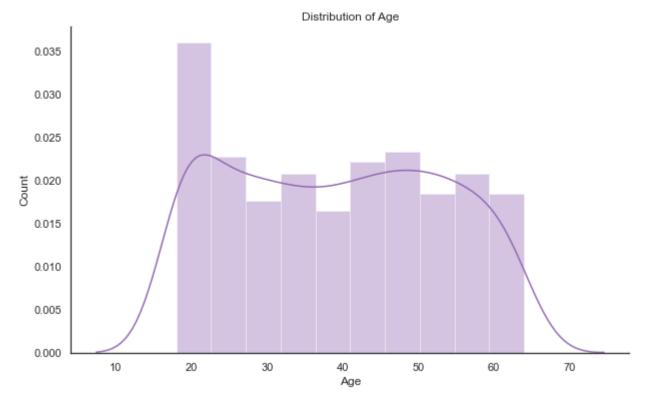
```
In [316]: plt.figure(figsize = (10, 6))
    sns.pairplot(data=data, diag_kind = 'kde')
Out[316]: <seaborn.axisgrid.PairGrid at 0x23a8b0598c8>
    <Figure size 720x432 with 0 Axes>
```

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Based on these patterns, age seems to be an interesting feature to start our exploration with. Let's visualize the ages of the members. We will add a Kernel Density Estimator (KDE) to our histogram. The KDE is a non-parametric way to estimate the probability density function of a random variable. Kernel density estimation is a fundamental data smoothing problem where inferences about the population are made, based on a finite data sample.

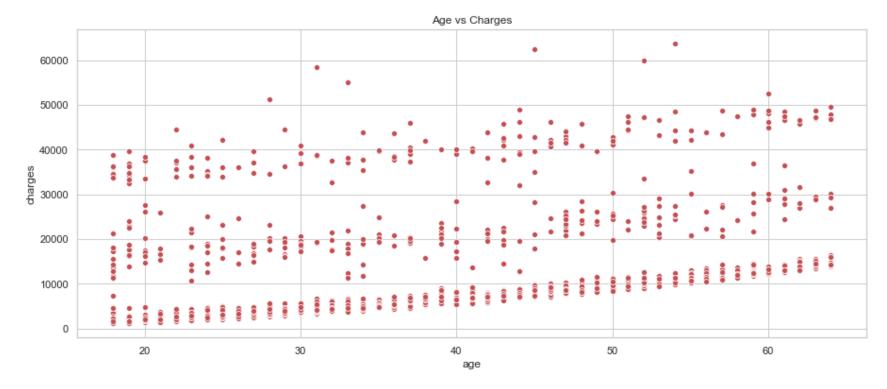
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In [317]: plt.figure(figsize = (10, 6))
    sns.set(style="white", palette="muted", color_codes=True)
    plt.rcParams['figure.figsize'] = (10, 5)
    sns.distplot(data['age'], bins = 10, color = 'm', kde = True)
    plt.title('Distribution of Age')
    plt.xlabel('Age')
    plt.ylabel('Count')
    sns.despine()
    plt.show()
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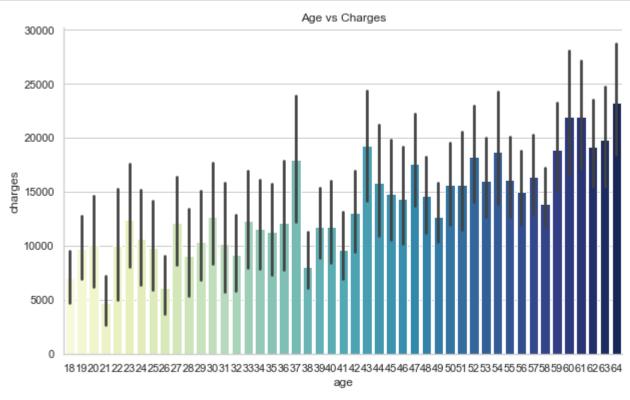
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In [318]: markers = {"Age": "s", "charges": "X"}

plt.figure(figsize = (15, 6))
    sns.set(style="whitegrid")
    sns.scatterplot(x= data['age'] , y= data['charges'], color = 'r', markers = markers)
    plt.title("Age vs Charges")
    #sns.despine()
```

Out[318]: Text(0.5, 1.0, 'Age vs Charges')



```
In [319]: plt.figure(figsize = (10,6))
    sns.barplot(x = 'age', y = 'charges', data = data, palette ='YlGnBu')
    plt.title("Age vs Charges")
    sns.despine()
```

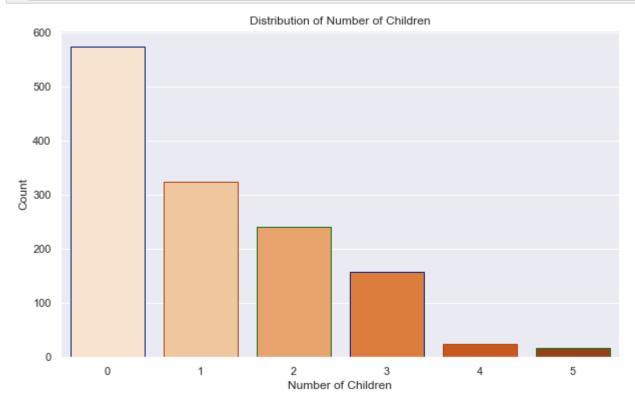


As expected, charges go up with age. We see from the scatterplot that there are 3 distinct cohorts of members that can be described as low-cost, medium-cost and high-cost members. We can also see from the bar grapht that at certain ages, the charges spike, like at age 22 and 27. We hypothesize that at 22 many people get their first job and consequently their first insurance plan, and at 27 those who remained on their parents plan were forced to buy their own, since the ACA allows children to be on their parents' plans until age 26.

On that note, it might be interesting to look at the relationship between a member's number of children and charges. First let's look at the distribution of the number of children using a countplot, which simply shows the counts of the observations in each category (in this case, number of children), using bars. Then, we will use box and whisker plots to show distributions with respect to each category. A box and whisker plot is a standardized way of displaying the datset based on a five-number summary: the minimum, the maximum, the sample median, and the first and third quartiles.

```
In [320]: import seaborn as sns

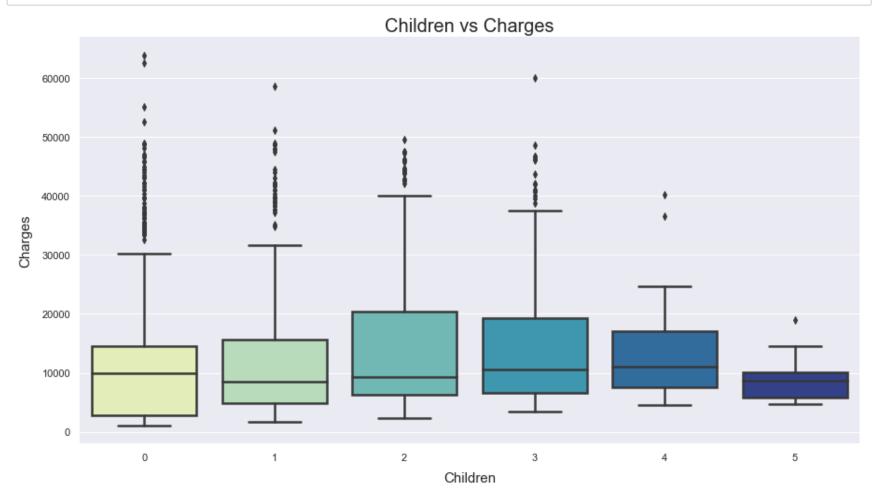
plt.figure(figsize = (10, 6))
    sns.set_style(style = "darkgrid")
    sns.countplot(x= data['children'], palette = 'Oranges', edgecolor=sns.color_palette("dark", 3)).set_title('Distr plt.xlabel('Number of Children')
    plt.ylabel('Count')
    #sns.despine()
    plt.show()
```



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In [321]: #sns.color_palette?
sns.set_theme?
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Object `sns.set_theme` not found.

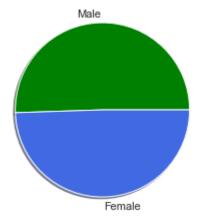
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In [322]: #sns.set_style("white")
    sns.set_style(style = "darkgrid")
    plt.figure(figsize = (15, 8))
    sns.boxplot(x = 'children', y = 'charges', data = data, palette ='YlGnBu', linewidth=2.5)
    plt.title('Children vs Charges', fontsize=20)
    plt.xlabel("Children", fontsize=15, labelpad = 10)
    plt.ylabel("Charges", fontsize=15, labelpad = 10)
    sns.despine()
```



The number of children a member has an interesting impact on charges based on this plot: those with 2 or 3 kids have slightly higher charges than those with 0-1 or 4-5 kids. Next, lets take a look at gender using a pie chart.

In [323]: colors = ['Green', 'RoyalBlue'] labels = "Male", "Female" size = (data['sex'].value_counts()) plt.rcParams['figure.figsize'] = (4,4) plt.pie(size, data = data, colors = colors, labels = labels, shadow = True) plt.title('Number of Male vs Female Customers', fontsize=15) #plt.title('Number of Male vs Female Members', fontsize=20) #plt.xlabel("Children", fontsize=15, labelpad = 10) #plt.ylabel("Charges", fontsize=15, labelpad = 10) plt.show()

Number of Male vs Female Customers

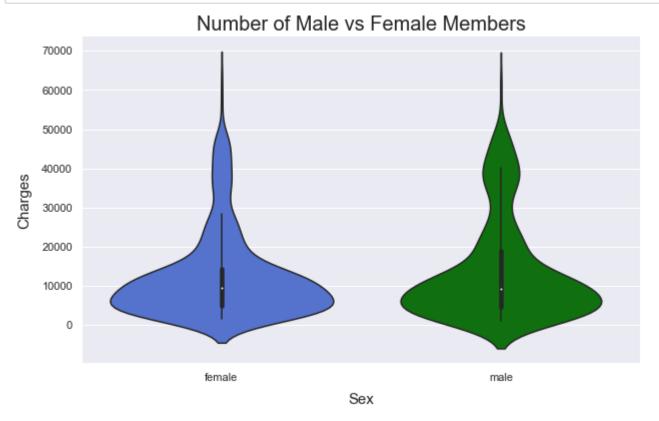


There are about the same number of males and females in this dataset. Lets see how gender affects charges using a violin plot. Violin plots are similar to box plots, except that they also show the probability density of the data at different values, usually smoothed by a kernel density estimator. Typically a violin plot will include all the data that is in a box plot: a marker for the median of the data; a box or marker indicating the interquartile range; and possibly all sample points, if the number of samples is not too high.

Number of Male vs Female Members

```
In [324]: sns.set_style("darkgrid")
    colors = ['RoyalBlue', 'Green']
    plt.figure(figsize = (10, 6))
    sns.violinplot(x = 'sex', y = 'charges', data = data, palette = colors, orient = 'v')
    plt.title('Sex vs Charges')

plt.xlabel("Sex", fontsize=15, labelpad = 10)
    plt.ylabel("Charges", fontsize=15, labelpad = 10)
    sns.despine()
```

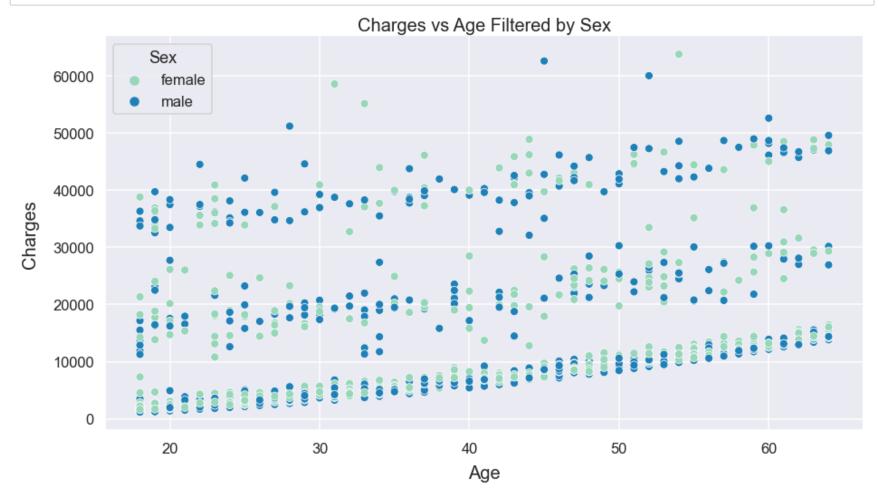


From the upper end of the violin plot we see that in general, males have a greater number of high cost charges than females. It would be interesting to see how these charges depend on age as well. We'll use a basic scatter plot, but color the points based on sex.

Charges vs Age Filtered by Sex

```
In [325]: import seaborn as sns

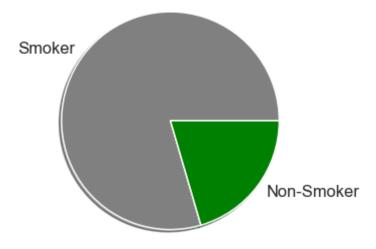
sns.set_style("darkgrid")
sns.set_context('talk')
plt.figure(figsize = (15, 8))
ax =sns.scatterplot(x= 'age' , y= 'charges', hue = data.sex.tolist(), data= data,palette="YlGnBu" )
ax.legend(title='Sex', loc = "upper left")
ax.set_title(label= "Charges vs Age Filtered by Sex", fontsize=20)
#plt.title('Number of Male vs Female Members', fontsize=20)
ax.set_xlabel("Age", fontsize=20, labelpad = 10)
ax.set_ylabel("Charges", fontsize=20, labelpad = 15)
sns.despine()
```



Number of Smoking vs Non-Smoking Members

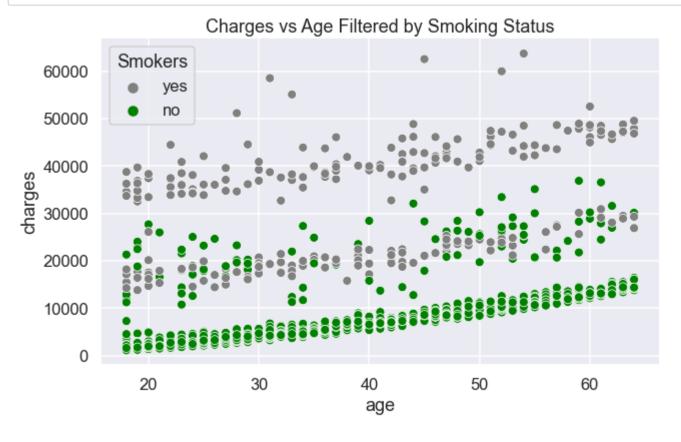
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In [326]: colors = ['gray', 'green']
    labels = "Smoker", "Non-Smoker"
    size = (data['smoker'].value_counts())
    plt.rcParams['figure.figsize'] = (5,5)
    plt.pie(size, colors = colors, labels = labels, shadow = True)
    plt.title('Number of Smoking vs Non-Smoking Members')
    plt.show()
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Number of Smoking vs Non-Smoking Members



Charges vs Age Filtered by Smoking Status

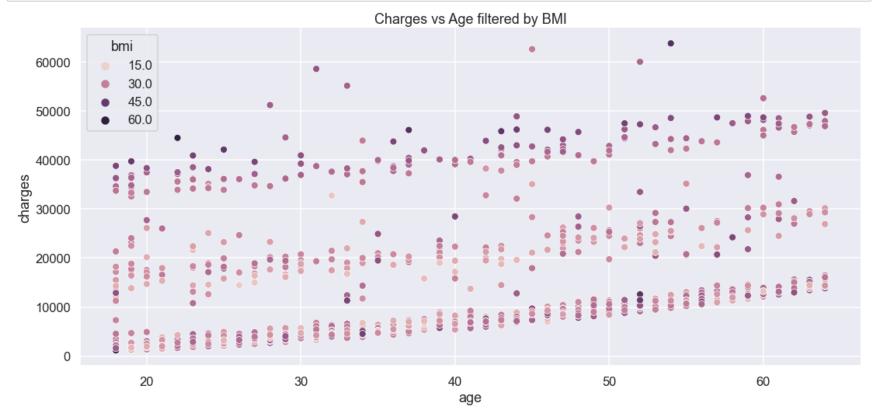
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In [327]: colors = ['gray', 'green']
    plt.figure(figsize = (10, 6))
    ax = sns.scatterplot(x= 'age' , y= 'charges', hue=data.smoker.tolist(), palette = colors, data=data)
    ax.legend(title='Smokers', loc = "upper left")
    ax.set_title(label= "Charges vs Age Filtered by Smoking Status")
    sns.despine()
```



how BMI plays into this.

Charges vs Age filtered by BMI

```
In [469]: sns.set_context('talk')
   plt.figure(figsize = (18, 8))
   ax = sns.scatterplot(x= 'age' , y= 'charges', hue = data.bmi.tolist(), data=data)
   ax.legend(title='bmi', loc = "upper left")
   ax.set_title(label= "Charges vs Age filtered by BMI")
   sns.despine()
```



Categorize customers into high BMI, normal BMI for smokers and non-smokers

Members with higher BMIs, on average experience higher charges, again independent of age. Now that we have explored the

relationship between BMI and charges, and smoking and charges, we are curious about the combined impact of having a high BMI AND smoking. First, let's define a new categorical variable: "BMI_smoker". We will define "high BMI" to be >= 30 and take a look at the head of this dataset including this newly created variable.

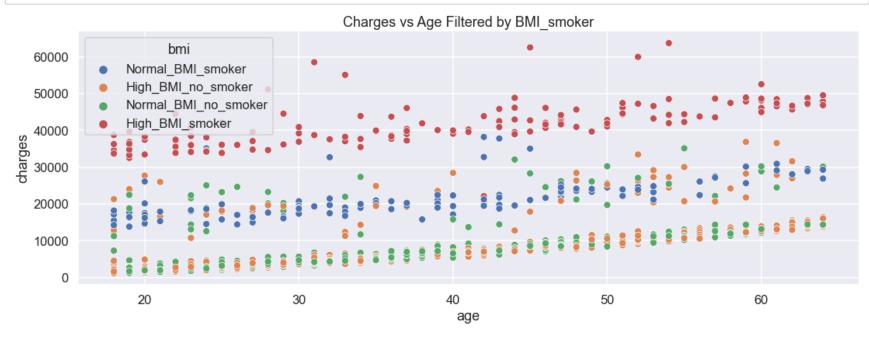
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In [329]: data['BMI_smoker'] = 'default'
    data.loc[(data.bmi >= 30) & (data.smoker == 'yes'), 'BMI_smoker'] = 'High_BMI_smoker'
    data.loc[(data.bmi >= 30) & (data.smoker == 'no'), 'BMI_smoker'] = 'High_BMI_no_smoker'
    data.loc[(data.bmi < 30) & (data.smoker == 'yes'), 'BMI_smoker'] = 'Normal_BMI_smoker'
    data.loc[(data.bmi < 30) & (data.smoker == 'no'), 'BMI_smoker'] = 'Normal_BMI_no_smoker'
    data.head()</pre>
```

Out[329]:

	age	sex	bmi	children	smoker	region	charges	BMI_smoker
0	19	female	27.900	0	yes	southwest	16884.92400	Normal_BMI_smoker
1	18	male	33.770	1	no	southeast	1725.55230	High_BMI_no_smoker
2	28	male	33.000	3	no	southeast	4449.46200	High_BMI_no_smoker
3	33	male	22.705	0	no	northwest	21984.47061	Normal_BMI_no_smoker
4	32	male	28.880	0	no	northwest	3866.85520	Normal_BMI_no_smoker

Charges vs Age Filtered by BMI_smoker

```
In [466]: sns.set_context('talk')
    plt.figure(figsize = (18,6))
    ax = sns.scatterplot(x= 'age' , y= 'charges', hue= data.BMI_smoker.tolist(), palette = 'deep', data=data)
    ax.legend(title='bmi', loc = "upper left")
    ax.set_title(label= "Charges vs Age Filtered by BMI_smoker")
    sns.despine()
```



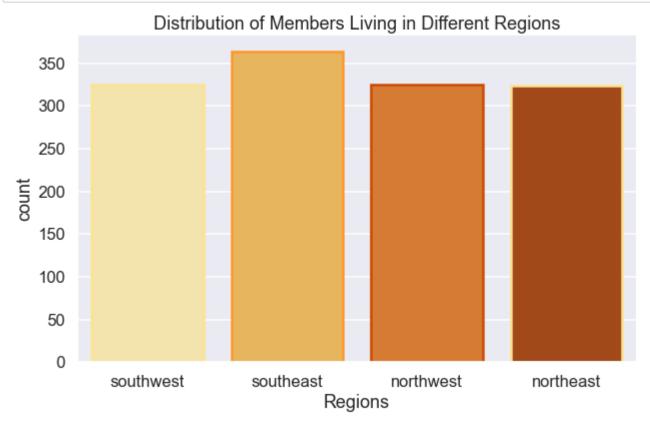
Clearly, being a smoker and having a high BMI is highly correlated with having high charges. If you have a high BMI, smoking is especially strongly correlated with you having high insurance claims. And inversely, if you are a smoker, a high BMI is particularly indicative of having high insurance claims.

Next we can visualize the regions to which members belong.

Distribution of Customers Living in Different Regions

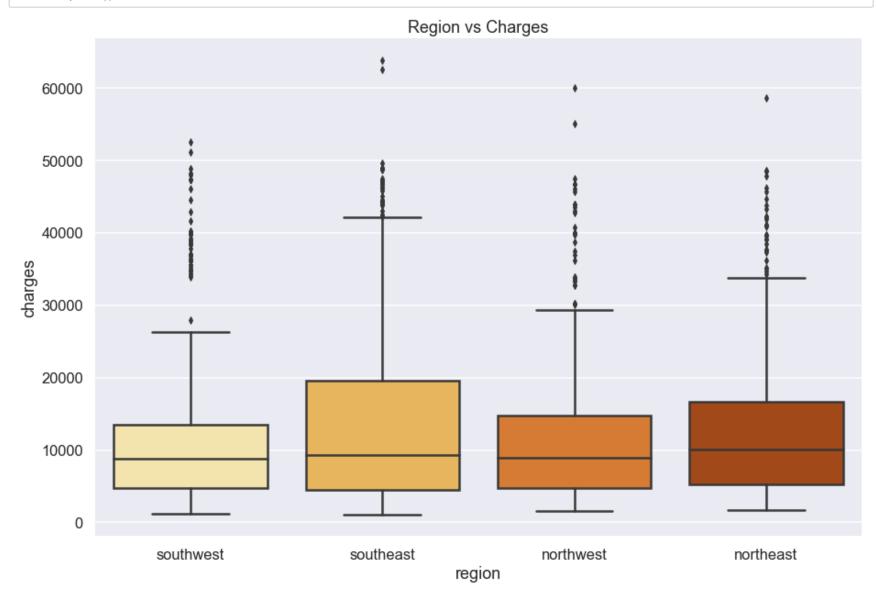
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In [331]: plt.figure(figsize = (10, 6))
    sns.countplot(data['region'], palette='YlOrBr', edgecolor=sns.color_palette("YlOrBr", 3), linewidth=2.5)\
    .set_title('Distribution of Members Living in Different Regions')

plt.xlabel('Regions')
    plt.ylabel('count')
    sns.despine()
    plt.show()
```



Region vs Charges

```
In [332]:
    plt.figure(figsize = (15, 10))
    sns.boxplot(x = 'region', y = 'charges', data = data, palette ='YlOrBr', linewidth=2.5)
    plt.title('Region vs Charges')
    sns.despine()
```



From this plot we can see that members in the Southeast region have relatively higher charges than others, but overall the effect does not seem dramatic.

Finally, we will display the correlation plot or heatmap for the dataset. Seaborn offers a convenient way to plot rectangular data as a color-encoded matrix. However, in order to get the full picture of our dataset, we first need to convert a couple of the categorical variables to numeric variables: sex and smoker.

```
In [333]: | data['male']=data['sex'].replace('female', 0,inplace=False)
          data['male']=data['sex'].replace('male', 1,inplace=False)
          data['smoker'].replace('no', 0,inplace=True)
          data['smoker'].replace('yes', 1,inplace=True)
           data2 = data.copy()
           data2.columns
Out[333]: Index(['age', 'sex', 'bmi', 'children', 'smoker', 'region', 'charges',
                  'BMI smoker', 'male'],
                dtype='object')
In [334]:
          data2.drop(['sex'], axis=1, inplace = True)
          data2.columns
Out[334]: Index(['age', 'bmi', 'children', 'smoker', 'region', 'charges', 'BMI smoker',
                  'male'],
                dtype='object')
In [335]: f, ax = plt.subplots(figsize = (10, 10))
          corr = data2.corr()
          ax.set ylim(-1.5, 2.5)
           sns.heatmap(corr, linewidths=.5, annot=True, square = True, ax = ax,cmp = )
            File "<ipython-input-335-424a6821c5a5>", line 4
               sns.heatmap(corr, linewidths=.5, annot=True, square = True, ax = ax,cmp = )
          SyntaxError: invalid syntax
```

In conclusion, based on our final correlation plot, it appears that smoking is the most correlated with charges among these variables. It is followed by age, BMI, number of children and then sex.

The goal is to find the best estimator of insurance charges using machine learning algorithms.

```
In [470]: ml_df = data.copy()
    ml_df
```

Out[470]:

	age	sex	bmi	children	smoker	region	charges	BMI_smoker	male
0	19	female	27.900	0	1	southwest	16884.92400	Normal_BMI_smoker	female
1	18	male	33.770	1	0	southeast	1725.55230	High_BMI_no_smoker	1
2	28	male	33.000	3	0	southeast	4449.46200	High_BMI_no_smoker	1
3	33	male	22.705	0	0	northwest	21984.47061	Normal_BMI_no_smoker	1
4	32	male	28.880	0	0	northwest	3866.85520	Normal_BMI_no_smoker	1
1333	50	male	30.970	3	0	northwest	10600.54830	High_BMI_no_smoker	1
1334	18	female	31.920	0	0	northeast	2205.98080	High_BMI_no_smoker	female
1335	18	female	36.850	0	0	southeast	1629.83350	High_BMI_no_smoker	female
1336	21	female	25.800	0	0	southwest	2007.94500	Normal_BMI_no_smoker	female
1337	61	female	29.070	0	1	northwest	29141.36030	Normal_BMI_smoker	female

1338 rows × 9 columns

```
In [363]: ### Checking the null values:
    missing_values = ml_df.isnull().sum().sort_values(ascending = False)
    missing_values = missing_values[missing_values > 0]/ml_df.shape[0] # normalize
    print(f'{missing_values *100} %')
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Series([], dtype: float64) %

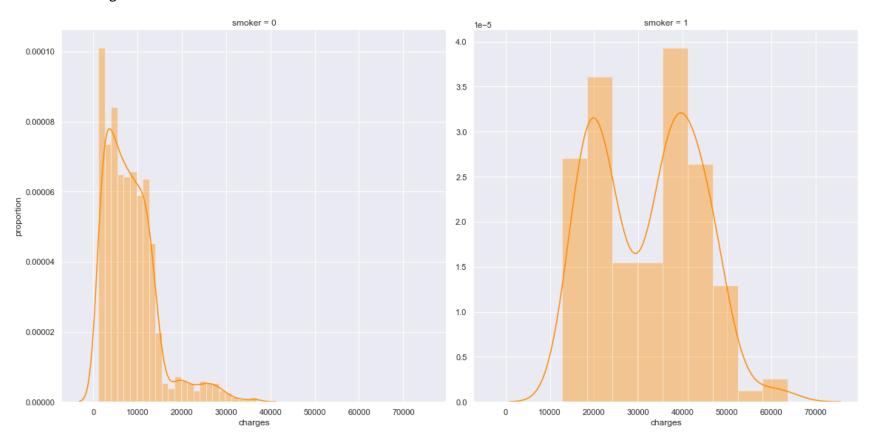
In [395]: from sklearn.preprocessing import LabelEncoder
convert str values to int using the scikit-learn encoder

st = ml_df.apply(LabelEncoder().fit_transform)
st.head()

Out[395]:

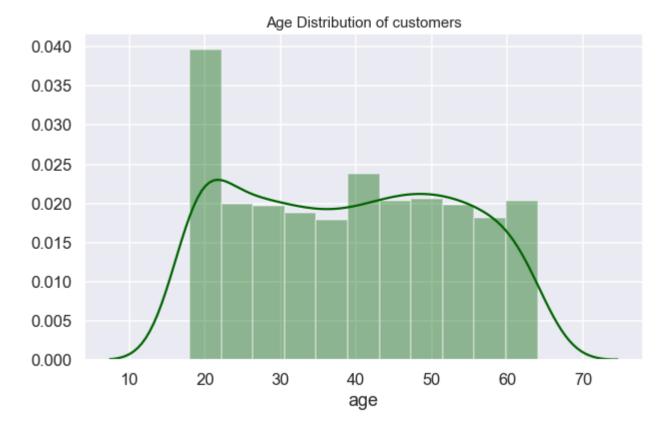
	age	bmi	children	smoker	charges	sex_female	sex_male	region_northeast	region_northwest	region_southeast	region_southwest
0	1	197	0	1	1005	1	0	0	0	0	1
1	0	350	1	0	57	0	1	0	0	1	0
2	10	331	3	0	306	0	1	0	0	1	0
3	15	73	0	0	1097	0	1	0	1	0	0
4	14	223	0	0	254	0	1	0	1	0	0
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Out[460]: <seaborn.axisgrid.FacetGrid at 0x23a95c3f708>

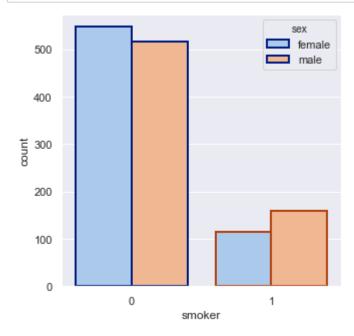


```
In [471]: ### plot again:
    plt.figure(figsize = (10,6))
    plt.title("Age Distribution of customers", fontsize = 15)
    sns.distplot(ml_df["age"], color = 'DarkGreen')
```

Out[471]: <AxesSubplot:title={'center':'Age Distribution of customers'}, xlabel='age'>

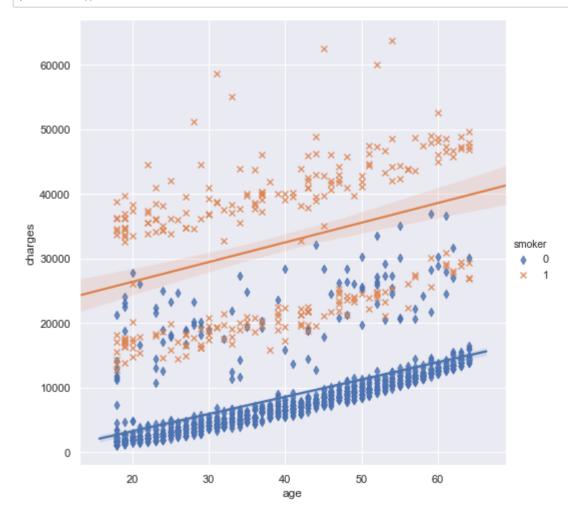


In [461]: sns.countplot(x= "smoker", hue = "sex",data = data, palette='pastel',edgecolor=sns.color_palette("dark", 3),line
plt.show()



In [462]:

```
sns.lmplot(x="age", y="charges", hue="smoker", data= data, palette="deep", height = 7, markers=['d', 'x'])
ax.set_title('Smokers and non-smokers')
plt.show()
```



Machine Learning

First step is to apply get dummies which works like this:

The pandas.get_dummies converts the vectors of categorical features into a vector-matrix multiplication with a boolean matrix of ones and zeros. This will be more useful since our regressor will treat the inputs as numbers instead of integers.

```
In [369]: ml_df['age'] = ml_df['age'].astype(float)
ml_df['children'] = ml_df['children'].astype(float)
ml_df = pd.get_dummies(ml_df)
ml_df.head()
```

Out[369]:

	age	bmi	children	smoker	charges	sex_female	sex_male	region_northeast	region_northwest	region_southeast	region_soutl
0	19.0	27.900	0.0	1	16884.92400	1	0	0	0	0	
1	18.0	33.770	1.0	0	1725.55230	0	1	0	0	1	
2	28.0	33.000	3.0	0	4449.46200	0	1	0	0	1	
3	33.0	22.705	0.0	0	21984.47061	0	1	0	1	0	
4	32.0	28.880	0.0	0	3866.85520	0	1	0	1	0	
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```
In [370]: y = ml_df['charges']
X = ml_df.drop(columns=['charges'])
```

Splitting the data into train and test parts:

```
In [371]: from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split

# use 10% of dataset as testing data

X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(
    X, y, test_size=0.1, random_state=42)
```

Linear Regression Model:

MSE train data: 2.0245e+07, MSE test data: 1.7378e+07 RMSE train data: 4499.5, RMSE test data: 4499.5 R2 train data: 0.86272, R2 test data: 0.87403

The liner regression obtains variance score of 74% for training data, and 76% for test data

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Adding PolynomialFeatures:

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MSE train data: 1.8672e+07, MSE test data: 18118648.80064936
RMSE train data: 4321.1, RMSE test data: 4321.1
R2 train data: 0.87339, R2 test data: 0.86866
```

Addiing Polynomial Features increses variance score of 86% for training data, and 85% for test data.

```
In [376]: pr cv = cross val score(LinearRegression(), X poly, y, cv = 7)
          # accuracy +/- 2 standard deviations
          print("Accuracy: {:.2} (+/- {:.2})".format(pr cv.mean(), pr cv.std() * 2))
          Accuracy: 0.86 (+/- 0.089)
In [377]: from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestRegressor
          rfr = RandomForestRegressor(n estimators = 50).fit(X train, y train)
           rfr train pred = rfr.predict(X train)
          rfr test pred = rfr.predict(X test)
          rfr train mse = mean squared error(y train,rfr train pred)
          rfr test mse = mean squared error(y test,rfr test pred)
          print('MSE train data: {:.5}, MSE test data: {:.5}'.format(rfr train mse, rfr test mse))
          print('RMSE train data: {:.5}, RMSE test data: {:.5}'.format(
              np.sqrt(np.absolute(rfr train mse)),
              np.sqrt(np.absolute(rfr train mse))))
          print('R2 train data: {:.5}, R2 test data: {:.5}'.format(
              r2 score(y train, rfr train pred),
              r2 score(y test, rfr test pred)))
          MSE train data: 3.7937e+06, MSE test data: 2.2203e+07
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MSE train data: 3.793/e+06, MSE test data: 2.2203e+0/ RMSE train data: 1947.7, RMSE test data: 1947.7 R2 train data: 0.97428, R2 test data: 0.83906

Random Forest Regressor further increses variance score of 97% for training data, and 83% for test data.

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In [378]: | rfr cv = cross val score(RandomForestRegressor(n estimators = 50), X poly, y, cv = 7)
          # accuracy +/- 2 standard deviations
          print("Accuracy: {:.2} (+/- {:.2})".format(rfr cv.mean(), rfr cv.std() * 2))
          Accuracy: 0.83 (+/- 0.1)
In [379]:
          from sklearn.linear model import BayesianRidge
          br = BayesianRidge().fit(X train, y train)
          br_train_pred = br.predict(X_train)
          br test pred = br.predict(X test)
          br train mse = mean squared error(y train, br train pred)
          br test mse = mean squared error(y test, br test pred)
          print('MSE train data: {:.5}, MSE test data: {:.5}'.format(br train mse, br test mse))
          print('RMSE train data: {:.5}, RMSE test data: {:.5}'.format(
              np.sqrt(np.absolute(br train mse)),
              np.sqrt(np.absolute(br train mse))))
           print('R2 train data: {:.5}, R2 test data: {:.5}'.format(
               r2 score(y train, br train pred),
              r2 score(y test, br test pred)))
          MSE train data: 1.9266e+07, MSE test data: 1.6947e+07
          RMSE train data: 4389.3, RMSE test data: 4389.3
          R2 train data: 0.86936, R2 test data: 0.87716
In [380]:
          br_cv = cross_val_score(BayesianRidge(), X_poly, y, cv = 7)
          # accuracy +/- 2 standard deviations
          print("Accuracy: {:.2} (+/- {:.2})".format(br cv.mean(), br cv.std() * 2))
          Accuracy: 0.86 (+/-0.083)
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From above evaluation, we can deduce that the Random Forest wins with a variance score of 97% against training data, and 84% against

data it has never seen before. It also has the lowest root MSE value.

With cross-validation, however, Bayesian regression gets the same average as the Random Forest but with a smaller standard deviation using 7 folds.

However, we do not have to worry about overfitting with Random Forest.

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