# medical costs post

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# 1 Medical Insurance Cost prediction

This exercise is about performing some of the steps described in the notebook for the California Housing Data on another dataset for Medical Insurance Cost prediction.

### 2 Get the Data

```
[]: import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

medical = pd.read_csv("https://bit.ly/44evDuW")
```

## 3 Take a Quick Look at the Data Structure

```
[]: # display the first 5 rows of the dataset by calling the head() function on medical

medical.head()
```

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

Each row represents one patient. There are 7 attributes.

The info() method is useful to get a quick description of the data, in particular the total number of rows, each attribute's type, and the number of non-null values:

```
[]: # get the number of rows, columns, and data types by using the info() method medical.info()
```

```
<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
RangeIndex: 1338 entries, 0 to 1337
Data columns (total 7 columns):
```

```
Column
     #
                    Non-Null Count
                                    Dtype
                    _____
                                    ____
                                    int64
     0
                    1338 non-null
         age
     1
                    1338 non-null
                                    object
         sex
     2
                                    float64
         bmi
                    1338 non-null
     3
         children 1338 non-null
                                    int64
     4
         smoker
                    1338 non-null
                                    object
     5
         region
                    1338 non-null
                                    object
                    1338 non-null
                                    float64
         charges
    dtypes: float64(2), int64(2), object(3)
    memory usage: 73.3+ KB
[]: # show the number of patients in each region by using the value counts() method
      ⇔on the "region" column
     medical["region"].value_counts()
[]: region
     southeast
                  364
     southwest
                  325
                  325
     northwest
                  324
     northeast
     Name: count, dtype: int64
    Let's look at the other fields. The describe() method shows a summary of the numerical attributes.
[]: | # show descriptive statistics for the dataset by calling the describe() method
      ⇔on medical
     medical.describe()
[]:
                                          children
                    age
                                  bmi
                                                          charges
     count 1338.000000
                         1338.000000
                                       1338.000000
                                                      1338.000000
    mean
              39.207025
                            30.663397
                                          1.094918 13270.422265
     std
                                          1.205493 12110.011237
              14.049960
                             6.098187
                                          0.000000
                                                      1121.873900
    min
              18.000000
                            15.960000
     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
              64.000000
                           53.130000
                                          5.000000 63770.428010
    max
[]: # show histograms for the numerical columns by using the hist() method on
      \hookrightarrow medical
     #I changed the bins and figsize because it was hard to see
     import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
     medical.hist(bins=50, figsize=(12, 8))
     #plt.show()
```

```
[]: array([[<Axes: title={'center': 'age'}>, <Axes: title={'center': 'bmi'}>],
               [<Axes: title={'center': 'children'}>,
                <Axes: title={'center': 'charges'}>]], dtype=object)
                                                                                  bmi
                                age
            70
                                                              70
            60
                                                              60
            50
                                                              50
            40
                                                              40
            30
                                                              30
            20
                                                              20
                                                              10
            10
                                                               0
                 20
                                40
                                               60
                        30
                                        50
                                                                15
                                                                     20
                                                                          25
                                                                               30
                                                                                   35
                                                                                        40
                                                                                                 50
                               children
                                                                                charges
           600
                                                             140
                                                             120
           500
                                                             100
           400
                                                              80
           300
                                                              60
           200
                                                              40
```

Briefly write here what you observe from these histograms.

an insurance charge of 60,000 is rare, while charges ranging in the 0-17,000 range are more common, maybe because people in the database are generally young. The bmi histogram makes an approxitametly normal curve, skewed slightly right which implies that the mean is greater than the median, which is approximately bmi = 30. This implies that people in the database are being estimated to be obease, but this many not necessairly be true if you take median into account. People in the database range from 15-66? And have 0-4 children, with most having 0 children. (probably because most people in the database are children themselves).

### 3.1 Create a Test Set

```
[]: # use train_test_split() to split the data into training and test sets from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split

train_set, test_set = train_test_split(medical, test_size=0.2, random_state=42) #len(train_set), len(test_set)
```

# 4 Explore and Visualize the Data to Gain Insights

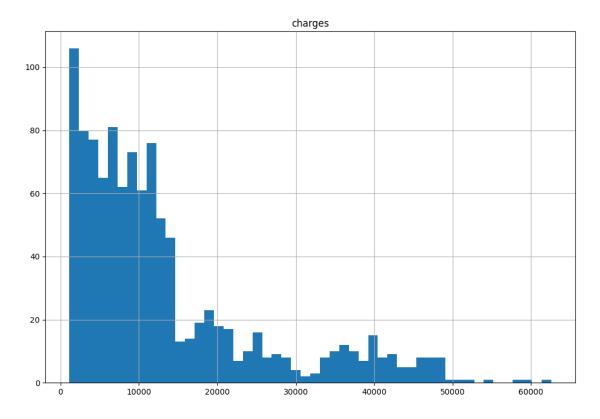
So far you have only taken a quick glance at the data to get a general understanding of the kind of data you are manipulating. Now the goal is to go into a little more depth.

First, make sure you have put the test set aside and you are only exploring the training set.

```
[]: # make a copy of the train set and save it to a variable called medical medical = train_set.copy()
```

```
[]: # build a histogram of the charges column
medical.hist(['charges'],bins=50, figsize=(12, 8))
```

[]: array([[<Axes: title={'center': 'charges'}>]], dtype=object)

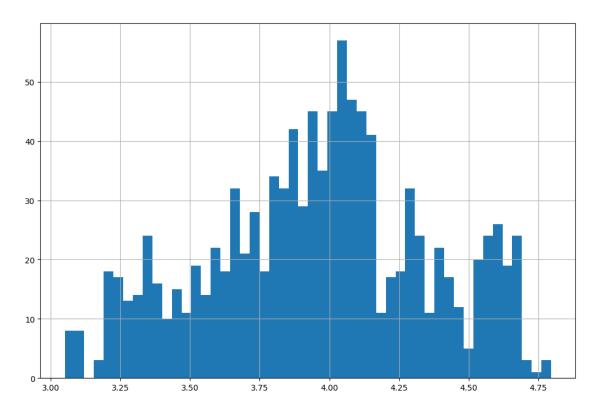


This distribution is right-skewed. To make it closer to normal we can apply natural log

```
[]: # apply a log transformation to the charges column using the np.log10() function
# build a histogram of the transformed column
import numpy as np

log_transformed = np.log10(medical['charges'])
log_transformed.hist(bins=50, figsize=(12, 8))
```

#### []: <Axes: >



Now let's look at the mean charges by region

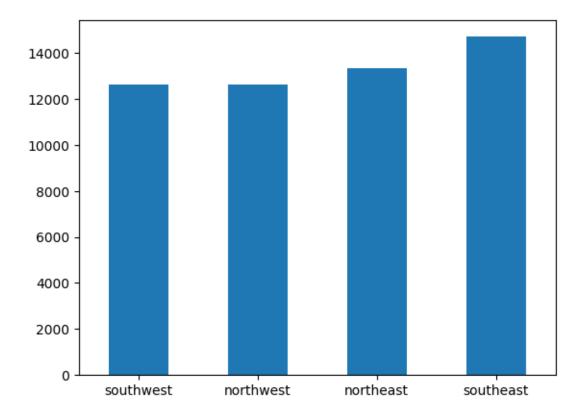
```
[]: # compute the average insurance cost for each region
    # sort the charges_by_region Series from the lowest to highest cost
    # plot the sorted Series using the plot.bar() method

region_charges=medical[['region','charges']].sort_values('region')
    total_patients_by_region = medical["region"].value_counts()

southeast_total = total_patients_by_region["southeast"]
    southeast = region_charges[region_charges["region"] == 'southeast']
    sesum = southeast['charges'].sum()
    print("southeast total = " , sesum/southeast_total)

southwest = region_charges[region_charges["region"] == 'southwest']
    southwest_total = total_patients_by_region["southwest"]
    southwest = region_charges[region_charges["region"] == 'southwest']
    swum = southwest['charges'].sum()
    print("southwest total = " , swsum/southwest_total)
```

```
northwest = region_charges[region_charges["region"] == 'northwest']
    northwest_total = total_patients_by_region["northwest"]
    northwest = region_charges[region_charges["region"] == 'northwest']
    nwsum = northwest['charges'].sum()
    print("northwest total = " , nwsum/northwest_total)
    northeast = region_charges[region_charges["region"] == 'northeast']
    northeast total = total patients by region["northeast"]
    northeast = region_charges[region_charges["region"] == 'northeast']
    nesum = northeast['charges'].sum()
    print("northeast total = " , nesum/southwest_total)
    d = {'southeast':sesum/southeast_total, 'southwest':swsum/southwest_total,_
     o'northwest':nwsum/northwest_total, 'northeast':nesum/northeast_total}
    charges_by_region = pd.
      →Series(data=d,index=['southeast','southwest','northeast','northwest']).
      ⇔sort_values()
    print(charges_by_region)
    charges_by_region.plot.bar(rot=0)
    southeast total = 14698.242993074204
    southwest total = 12611.500972651515
    northwest total = 12622.514245976563
    northeast total = 13484.520254242425
    southwest 12611.500973
    northwest 12622.514246
    northeast
               13333.008791
                14698.242993
    southeast
    dtype: float64
[]: <Axes: >
```



Overall the highest medical charges are in the Southeast and the lowest are in the Southwest. Taking into account certain factors (sex, smoking, having children) let's see how it changes by region.

Now, create three grouped barcharts for average charges by region grouped by sex, smoking, and number of children.

### 4.0.1 How to create grouped barcharts?

Creating grouped bar charts with Seaborn is a bit more intuitive compared to Matplotlib. You can use the catplot function with kind='bar' to create grouped bar charts. Here is an example on the tips datasets that comes with Seaborn. The tips dataset contains information about the total bill and tip amount for different meals, along with additional information such as the sex of the individual paying for the meal, whether they are a smoker, the day and time of the meal, and the size of the party.

We will create a grouped bar chart showing the average total bill for each day, grouped by whether the meal took place at lunch or dinner.

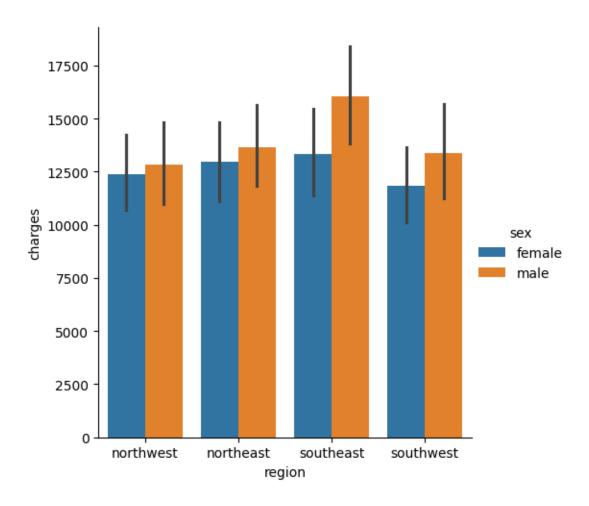
```
import seaborn as sns
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
# Load the 'tips' dataset
tips = sns.load_dataset("tips")
```

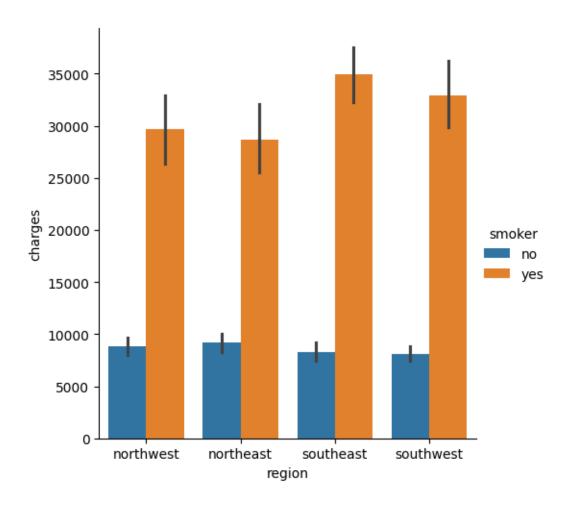
```
# Create a grouped bar chart
sns.catplot(data=tips, x="day", y="total_bill", hue="time", kind="bar")
plt.show()
```

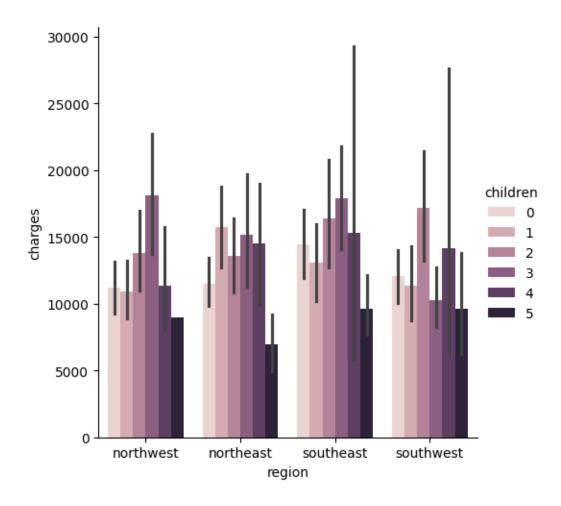
In this plot, the height of the bars represents the average total bill for meals on each day, with separate bars for lunch and dinner.

The catplot function is a flexible function that can create a variety of different plot types. By setting kind='bar', we specify that we want a bar chart. The x and y arguments specify the data for the x and y axes, and the hue argument specifies a third variable that is used to group the data.

In the context of Seaborn and many other statistical visualization libraries, error bars commonly represent one standard deviation or standard error of the mean.







What do you observe? Briefly write what you observe from the charts.

I notice males tend to have higher insurance charges than females in every region, which might point to the fact that males are more likely take risks and get injured. This would be consistent, but google searches tend to suggest that females actually pay more. Smokers pay an astounding amount in medical charges in every region because well, smoking causes a plethora of health issues. Having 5 children is actually cheaper than having 0-4, maybe because there are subsidies in place to help large families?

Now let's analyze the medical charges by age, bmi and children according to the smoking factor.

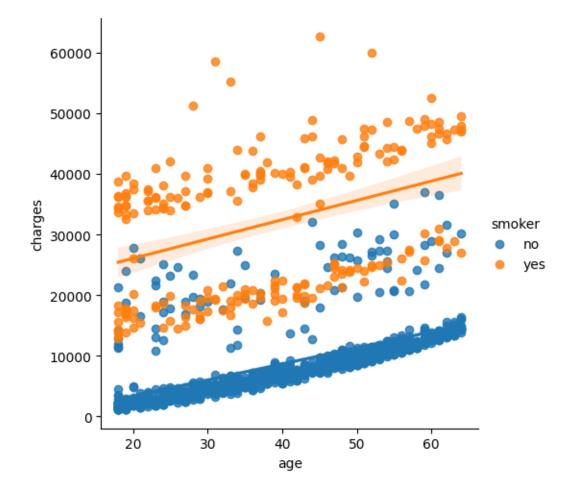
```
[]: import seaborn as sns
# using the lmplot() function of seaborn, build a scatter plot of age and
insurance costs, hue by smoker
# build a second scatter plot of bmi and insurance costs, hue by smoker
# build a third scatter plot of children and insurance costs, hue by smoker

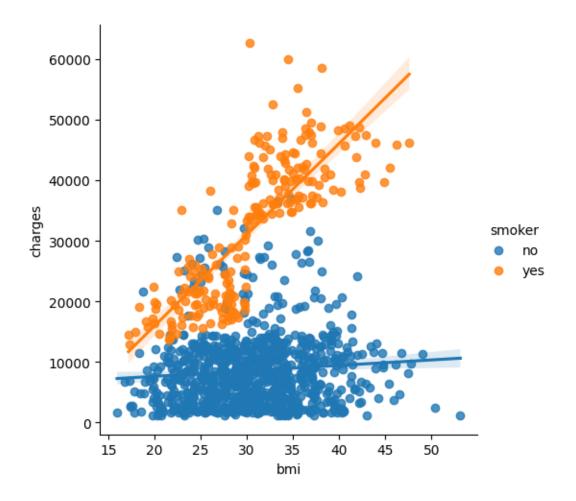
print(medical)
```

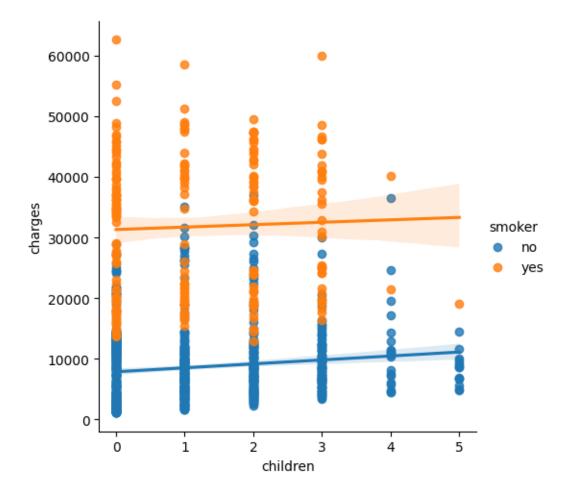
```
a = sns.lmplot(data=medical, x='age', y='charges', hue='smoker')
plt.show()
b = sns.lmplot(data=medical, x='bmi', y='charges', hue='smoker')
plt.show()
c = sns.lmplot(data=medical, x='children', y='charges', hue='smoker')
plt.show()
```

	age	sex	bmi	children	smoker	region	charges
560	46	female	19.950	2	no	northwest	9193.83850
1285	47	female	24.320	0	no	northeast	8534.67180
1142	52	female	24.860	0	no	southeast	27117.99378
969	39	female	34.320	5	no	southeast	8596.82780
486	54	female	21.470	3	no	northwest	12475.35130
			•••	•••	•••	•••	
1095	18	female	31.350	4	no	northeast	4561.18850
1130	39	female	23.870	5	no	southeast	8582.30230
1294	58	male	25.175	0	no	northeast	11931.12525
860	37	female	47.600	2	yes	southwest	46113.51100
1126	55	male	29.900	0	no	southwest	10214.63600

[1070 rows x 7 columns]







Describe in a one-liner what you obeserve from the charts.

smoking is certainly bad, and smoking paired with obeasity increases medical charges almost linearly, smoking paired with children also increases charges.

### 4.0.2 Look for Correlations

```
[]: #compute pairwise correlation of columns using the corr() method correlation_matrix = medical.corr(numeric_only=True)

correlation_matrix
```

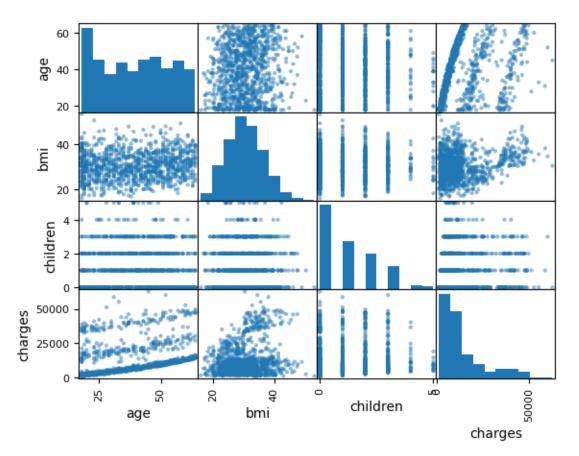
```
[]:
                    age
                               bmi
                                    children
                                               charges
               1.000000
                         0.118274
                                    0.060999
                                              0.281721
     age
               0.118274
                         1.000000 -0.005040
                                              0.197316
     children
               0.060999 -0.005040
                                    1.000000
                                              0.071885
               0.281721 0.197316 0.071885
                                              1.000000
     charges
```

The correlation coefficient ranges from -1 to 1. When it is close to 1, it means that there is a strong positive correlation. Finally, coefficients close to 0 mean that there is no linear correlation.

Another way to check for correlation between attributes is to use the Pandas scatter\_matrix() function, which plots every numerical attribute against every other numerical attribute.

```
[]: # plot correlation matrix using scatter_matrix() function from pandas.plotting import pandas as pd pd.plotting.scatter_matrix(medical)
```

```
[]: array([[<Axes: xlabel='age', ylabel='age'>,
             <Axes: xlabel='bmi', ylabel='age'>,
             <Axes: xlabel='children', ylabel='age'>,
             <Axes: xlabel='charges', ylabel='age'>],
            [<Axes: xlabel='age', ylabel='bmi'>,
             <Axes: xlabel='bmi', ylabel='bmi'>,
             <Axes: xlabel='children', ylabel='bmi'>,
             <Axes: xlabel='charges', ylabel='bmi'>],
            [<Axes: xlabel='age', ylabel='children'>,
             <Axes: xlabel='bmi', ylabel='children'>,
             <Axes: xlabel='children', ylabel='children'>,
             <Axes: xlabel='charges', ylabel='children'>],
            [<Axes: xlabel='age', ylabel='charges'>,
             <Axes: xlabel='bmi', ylabel='charges'>,
             <Axes: xlabel='children', ylabel='charges'>,
             <Axes: xlabel='charges', ylabel='charges'>]], dtype=object)
```



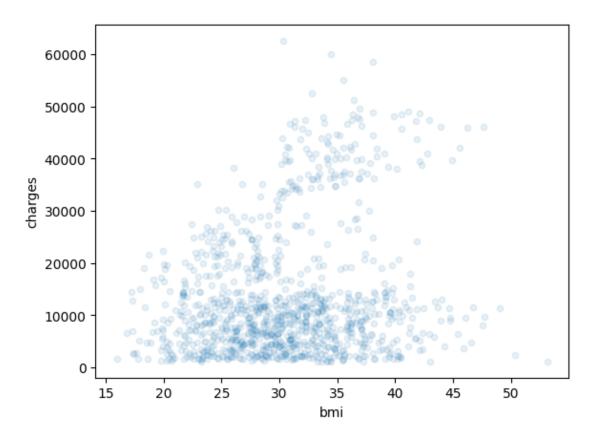
The main diagonal would be full of straight lines if Pandas plotted each variable against itself, which would not be very useful. So instead, the Pandas displays a histogram of each attribute.

Looking at the correlation scatterplots, it seems like the most promising attribute to predict the charge value is bmi, so let's zoom in on their scatterplot.

```
[]: # plot a scatter plot of bmi vs. insurance costs using the medical.plot()__
__method, use the alpha parameter to set the opacity of the points to 0.1

medical.plot(kind='scatter',x='bmi',y='charges', alpha=0.1)
```

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



The correlation is somewhat visible; you can clearly see the upward trend.

## 5 Prepare the data for ML

## 6 Transformation Pipelines

As you can see, there are many data transformation steps that need to be executed in the right order. Fortunately, Scikit-Learn provides the Pipeline class to help with such sequences of transformations.

```
[]: # uncomment the following code to create a pipeline for preprocessing the data
    from sklearn.compose import ColumnTransformer
    from sklearn.impute import SimpleImputer
    from sklearn.preprocessing import StandardScaler
    from sklearn.preprocessing import OneHotEncoder
    from sklearn.pipeline import make_pipeline
    num_attribs = ["age", "bmi", "children"]
    cat_attribs = ["sex", "smoker", "region"]
    num_pipeline = make_pipeline(
        SimpleImputer(strategy="median"), #fill missing vals with median
        StandardScaler())
                                       #standardize; compute z-score
    cat_pipeline = make_pipeline(
        SimpleImputer(strategy="most_frequent"),
        OneHotEncoder(handle unknown="ignore")) #represent categorical vars as_
      ⇔numerical values
    preprocessing = ColumnTransformer([ #applying data transformers to_
      ⇔different columns in dataset
         ("num", num_pipeline, num_attribs),
         ("cat", cat_pipeline, cat_attribs)])
    medical_prepared = preprocessing.fit_transform(medical) #idk but basicaalyuu
      →apply pipeline
    print(medical_prepared.shape)
```

```
print(preprocessing.get_feature_names_out())

(1070, 11)
['num_age' 'num_bmi' 'num_children' 'cat_sex_female' 'cat_sex_male'
    'cat_smoker_no' 'cat_smoker_yes' 'cat_region_northeast'
    'cat_region_northwest' 'cat_region_southeast' 'cat_region_southwest']
```

### 7 Select and Train a Model

At last! You framed the problem, you got the data and explored it, you sampled a training set and a test set, and you wrote a preprocessing pipeline to automatically clean up and prepare your data for machine learning algorithms. You are now ready to select and train a machine learning model.

### 7.1 Train and Evaluate on the Training Set

The good news is that thanks to all these previous steps, things are now going to be easy! You decide to train a very basic linear regression model to get started:

Try out the model on the training set, look at the first five predictions and compare them to the

labels:

```
[]: # uncomment the following line to make predictions

medical_predictions = lin_reg.predict(medical)
medical_predictions
```

[]: array([7094.54007011, 8344.72998713, 9153.77419778, ..., 11441.08519155, 37314.37460682, 11453.12102783])

```
[]: # uncomment the following lines to compute the RMSE

from sklearn.metrics import mean_squared_error

lin_rmse = mean_squared_error(medical_labels, medical_predictions,usquared=False)
lin_rmse
```

c:\Users\naumh\AppData\Local\Programs\Python\Python312\Lib\sitepackages\sklearn\metrics\\_regression.py:483: FutureWarning: 'squared' is
deprecated in version 1.4 and will be removed in 1.6. To calculate the root mean
squared error, use the function'root\_mean\_squared\_error'.
 warnings.warn(

#### []: 6105.545160099847

Now try DecisionTreeRegressor, as this is a fairly powerful model capable of finding complex nonlinear relationships in the data (decision trees are covered later in the course):

c:\Users\naumh\AppData\Local\Programs\Python\Python312\Lib\sitepackages\sklearn\metrics\\_regression.py:483: FutureWarning: 'squared' is

deprecated in version 1.4 and will be removed in 1.6. To calculate the root mean squared error, use the function'root\_mean\_squared\_error'.

warnings.warn(

#### []: 494.20598375812835

## 8 Better Evaluation Using Cross-Validation

The following code randomly splits the training set into 10 nonoverlapping subsets called folds, then it trains and evaluates the decision tree model 10 times, picking a different fold for evaluation every time and using the other 9 folds for training. The result is an array containing the 10 evaluation scores:

```
[]: array([6319.56347264, 6708.44435978, 6412.87171148, 6718.5592829, 7098.7921269, 6154.25490847, 7634.9457189, 7226.03064722, 7176.75079223, 5206.11673843])
```

Warning. Scikit-Learn's cross-validation features expect a utility function (greater is better) rather than a cost function (lower is better), so the scoring function is actually the opposite of the RMSE. It's a negative value, so you need to switch the sign of the output to get the RMSE scores.

```
[]: # uncomment the following line to compute the mean of the RMSEs

np.mean(tree_rmses)
```

#### []: 6665.63297589507

Let's try one last model now: the RandomForestRegressor. As you will see later in the course, random forests work by training many decision trees on random subsets of the features, then averaging out their predictions.

```
[]: # use RandomForestRegressor to train the model

# use the make_pipeline() function to create a pipeline for preprocessing and__

-model training

# use the preprocessing object you created earlier

# make predictions on the training set and compute the RMSEs using__

-cross-validation

# compute the mean of the RMSEs
```

### []: 6688.988418530002

### 9 Fine-Tune Your Model

Let's assume that you now have a shortlist of promising models. You now need to fine-tune them.

### 9.1 Randomized Search for Good Hyperparameters

```
[]: # uncomment the following lines to search for the best hyperparameters
     from sklearn.model_selection import RandomizedSearchCV
     from scipy.stats import randint
     from sklearn.pipeline import Pipeline
     full_pipeline = Pipeline([("preprocessing", preprocessing),
                                ("random_forest", __
      →RandomForestRegressor(random_state=42)),
     param_distribs = {'random_forest_max_features': randint(low=2,high=20)}
     rnd_search = RandomizedSearchCV(full_pipeline,
                                      param_distributions=param_distribs,
                                      n_iter=10,
                                      cv=3,
                                      scoring='neg_root_mean_squared_error',
                                      random_state=42)
     rnd_search.fit(medical, medical_labels)
[]: RandomizedSearchCV(cv=3,
                        estimator=Pipeline(steps=[('preprocessing',
     ColumnTransformer(transformers=[('num',
    Pipeline(steps=[('simpleimputer',
                     SimpleImputer(strategy='median')),
                    ('standardscaler',
                     StandardScaler())]),
     ['age',
     'bmi',
     'children']),
     ('cat',
     Pipeline(steps=[('simpleimputer',
                     SimpleImputer(strategy='most_frequent')),
                    ('onehotencoder',
                     OneHotEncoder(handle_unknown='ignore'))]),
     ['sex',
     'smoker',
     'region'])])),
                                                   ('random_forest',
     RandomForestRegressor(random_state=42))]),
                        param_distributions={'random_forest__max_features':
     <scipy.stats._distn_infrastructure.rv_discrete_frozen object at</pre>
     0x000001C52DA6D040>},
                        random_state=42, scoring='neg_root_mean_squared_error')
```

```
[]: # uncomment the following lines to print the best search scores
    rn_res = pd.DataFrame(rnd_search.cv_results_)
    rn res.sort_values(by="mean_test_score", ascending=False, inplace=True)
    rn_res.head(5)["mean_test_score"]
[]:7
        -4810.698561
        -4861.373750
    0 -4912.976290
       -4912.976290
    4
        -4976.129581
    3
    Name: mean_test_score, dtype: float64
[]: # uncomment the following lines to print the feature importances
    final_model = rnd_search.best_estimator_ # includes preprocessing
    feature_importances = final_model["random_forest"].feature_importances_
    final_model
    feature_importances
[]: array([0.14032922, 0.18831699, 0.0230048, 0.00493845, 0.00454404,
           0.28737838, 0.33010198, 0.00580561, 0.00521445, 0.00654471,
           0.00382136])
[]: # uncomment the following line to print the feature importances with the
     ⇔feature names
    sorted(zip(feature_importances, final_model["preprocessing"].
      →get_feature_names_out()),reverse=True)
[]: [(0.3301019845385152, 'cat_smoker_yes'),
      (0.2873783836848969, 'cat_smoker_no'),
      (0.18831699212058217, 'num_bmi'),
      (0.1403292169242826, 'num_age'),
      (0.023004795671815754, 'num children'),
      (0.006544713122635331, 'cat__region_southeast'),
      (0.005805609883995696, 'cat__region_northeast'),
      (0.0052144512790023795, 'cat__region_northwest'),
      (0.0049384524581677835, 'cat_sex_female'),
      (0.004544038586538503, 'cat_sex_male'),
      (0.003821361729567661, 'cat__region_southwest')]
[]: #now that you have a final model, evaluate it on the test set (find rmse)
     #medical = train_set.drop('charges',axis=1) #axis=1 drops column
     #medical labels = train set['charges'].copy()
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### []: 4692.401642760105