## Populations at Risk for CHD



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#### **Business Problem**

- According to the CDC, Heart Disease is the #1 leading cause of death among Americans.
- Identifying populations at risk will help locate those in need of intervention..
- Doing this will, In the long run, reduce the financial burden to the U.S. Healthcare system.

#### **CHD Data**

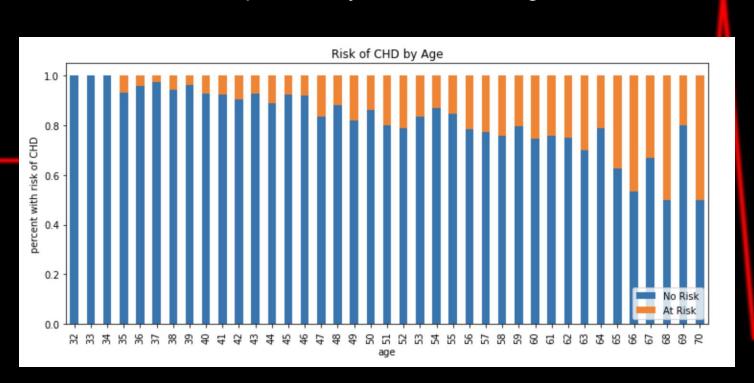
- Public Dataset from Kaggle.
- Data on 4000 individuals
- Fifteen Measures of Health

#### Information provided:

Sex	Stroke	Diastolic Blood Pressure
Age	Hypertension	Body Mass Index
Smoking	Diabetes	Heart Rate
Cigarettes Per Day	Total Cholesterol	Glucose
BP Meds	Systolic Blood Pressure	Ten Year Risk for CHD

## **Data Exploration**

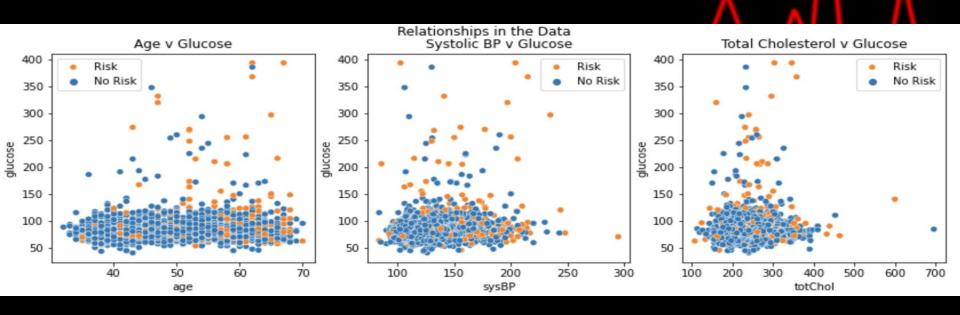
The risk of CHD seems to exponentially increase with age.



# Feature Engineering from further exploration

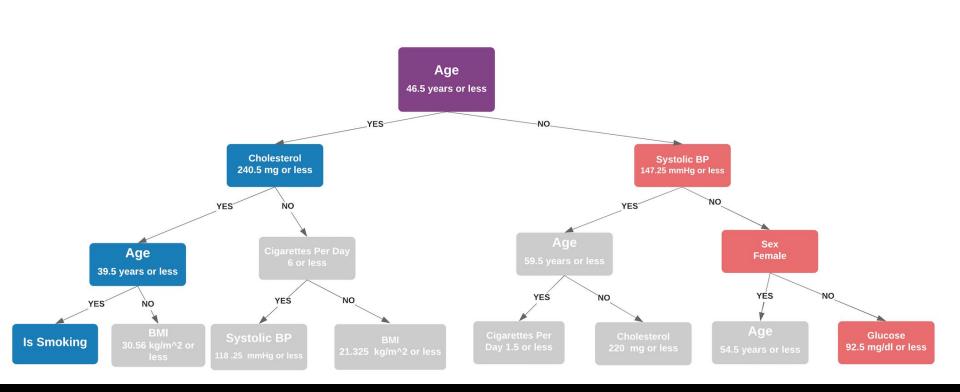
Given 2 conditions, the risk of CHD is made clear.

For example if age is greater than or equal to 50, and glucose greater than or equal to 140, 60% of people at in the dataset were at risk for CHD.



## Modeling

Tree Diagram for Identifying Populations At Risk For CHD

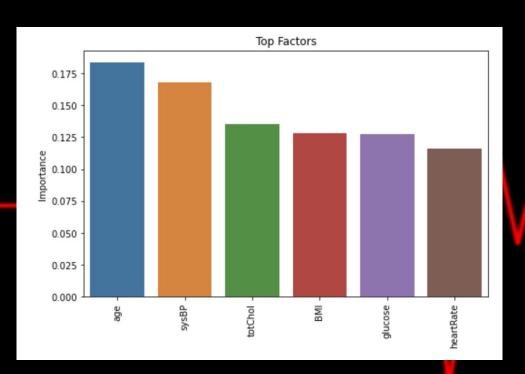


#### Results

The top 6 risk factors are:

Systolic BP, BMI, Cholesterol,

Age, Heart rate, & Glucose Levels.



## Population Most At Risk

#### Down the Right-most Branch:

- This population is over the age of 46,
- has a Systolic BP greater than 147mmHg,
- is male
- has a glucose reading of over 92.5 mg/dl.

## Conclusions & Next Steps

#### Conclusions

- Identified the population most at risk in our dataset.
- Insights from tree diagrams mostly parallel conventional medical wisdom:
- The cut off points determined by the model are of high interest.

#### **Next Steps**

- Staging interventions
  - From domain knowledge, solutions may include:
    - prioritizing dietary potassium
    - glucose management perhaps with fasting
- Diving further into the numbers identified as cut off points.
- Studying the left-most branch of the tree, the healthiest populations for insights into intervention techniques

#### Thank You!

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