

D-BIAS Analysis Report

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Fairness Score: 42/100

Fairness Label: Poor

Bias Risk: High

Detected Biases

- Categorical Imbalance (col: sex) – High
- Categorical Imbalance (col: fbs) – High
- Categorical Imbalance (col: exang) – Moderate
- Numeric Correlation Bias (col: age ↔ ca) – Moderate
- Numeric Correlation Bias (col: oldpeak ↔ num) – Moderate
- Numeric Correlation Bias (col: ca ↔ num) – Moderate
- Outlier Bias (col: chol) – High

Recommendations

- **Prioritize Data Augmentation:** The most effective solution is to collect more data, specifically targeting the underrepresented groups: **female patients** and individuals with **high fasting blood sugar**.
- **Clean and Preprocess Data:** **Investigate 'chol' Outliers:** Examine the 20% of 'chol' outliers. Correct or remove clear errors (e.g., 'chol'=0) and apply robust scaling or transformations to mitigate the influence of remaining extremes. **Use Advanced Sampling:** For 'sex' and 'fbs', apply techniques like **SMOTE (Synthetic Minority Over-sampling Technique)** to generate new, synthetic data points for the minority classes, creating a more balanced training set.
- **Employ Fair Modeling Practices:** **Use Class Weights:** During training, assign higher weights to the minority classes ('sex'='Female', 'fbs'='True') to force the model to prioritize learning their patterns. **Evaluate Fairness Metrics:** Do not rely solely on overall accuracy. Evaluate the model's performance (e.g., recall, precision, F1-score) **separately for each gender** and for each category of 'fbs' and 'exang' to ensure equitable performance.
- **Promote Model Interpretability:** **For correlated features like 'age' ↔ 'ca' use models that are either robust to multicollinearity or use techniques like regularization.** **Analyze feature importances** to ensure the model does not become overly reliant on single predictors like 'ca' or 'oldpeak'.

Conclusion

The dataset's "fairness health score" is **Poor**. It suffers from critical biases related to representation and data quality that must be resolved before it can be responsibly used to develop a fair and effective clinical prediction tool.