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Assignment #1 – Comparative Analysis of Classification Techniques for the Bike Sharing Dataset

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Abstract

This study examines how well three machine learning classification models—Random Forest (RF), Support Vector Machine (SVM), and Multilayer Perceptron (MLP)—predict demand for bike sharing. Principal Component Analysis (PCA) was used to preprocess the dataset in order to reduce dimensionality, handle missing values, encode category variables, and scale numerical features. Accuracy, precision, recall, and computational efficiency were among the metrics used to evaluate the models' performance after they were trained and tested on both raw and preprocessed datasets.

The results showed that preprocessing significantly enhanced model performance, with Random Forest finding the best compromise between accuracy and computational economy. SVM showed competitive precision but needed more processing power, whereas MLP needed careful parameter adjustment to avoid overfitting. This study highlights the significance of hyperparameter adjustment and preprocessing in improving the accuracy and generalizability of models.

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1.1 Motivation

Bike-sharing systems have today become part and parcel of urban transportation, serving as an ecologically cleaner alternative to usual transportation modes. However, when it comes to managing such eco-friendly systems effectively, they require efficient prediction of demand related to bike and station capacity planning. Conventional approaches mostly fail to accommodate the dynamic and complex nature associated with the demand for bike flow, and thus machine learning methods are unavoidable in dealing with such a challenge. This study is motivated by the need for robust predictive models that will enhance operational efficiency and user satisfaction through data-driven decision-making.

1.2 Background

Machine learning provides many different approaches to classification and prediction tasks, each with its strengths and trade-offs. The following paper discusses three of the most used ML models:

- Multilayer Perceptron: Very flexible neural network model; can learn complicated patterns—though often at the price of carefully tuning hyperparameters in order to avoid over-fitting.
- Random Forests: An ensemble learning method to combine results from multiple decision trees with the goal of high accuracy and robustness against overfitting.
- Support Vector Machine (SVM): A model well adapted to high-dimensional data, with good performance in binary and multiclass classification tasks but usually at a high computational cost.

The steps of preprocessing, such as handling missing data, encoding categorical variables, scaling numerical features, and dimensionality reduction using PCA, are critical to ensure the quality of the input data. Moreover, hyperparameter tuning allows models to generalize better to unseen data in real applications. This research evaluates the effect of preprocessing and systematic hyperparameter variations on the performance of the MLP, RF, and SVM models.

1.3 Objective

The main focus of this research is to show the effect of preprocessing on the performance of the machine learning model. These comparisons in the performances of MLP, RF, and SVM on raw and preprocessed datasets will contribute to:

- Understand to what extent preprocessing improves the model's accuracy, precision, and recall.
- Discuss the computational efficiency of each model regarding training time and resource usage.

- Analyze how this hyperparameter tuning would affect the generalizability and consistent performance of the models across datasets.
- Identify the model that best fits the bike-sharing demand prediction, considering both computational efficiency and predictive accuracy.

2 Procedure and Discussion

Part 1: Data Cleaning and Feature Engineering for the Bike Sharing Dataset

Overview

The aim of this section is to prepare the Bike Sharing Dataset for machine learning tasks; clean, consistent, and optimal for model training. Preprocessing techniques are really helpful in enhancing performance in machine learning models, as they deal with common problems in data. This processing pipeline consists of a series of clear steps: handling missing values, encoding categorical features, scaling numerical data, and reduction of dimensionality.

A. Data Cleaning

This is done to handle missing data to ensure the models are trained with high-quality input. Steps taken: First, missing values were identified and handled by using imputation if applicable or removal of such irrelevant data points.

Data distributions were checked using box plots to search for outliers and, where necessary, transformations or exclusions were performed to achieve consistencies.

Impact: The cleaning ensures the dataset truly represents the underlying problem and reduces biases in the model, hence increasing model reliability.

B. Feature Engineering

Feature engineering is the process of transforming raw data into appropriate formats for machine learning algorithms.

Categorical features were encoded into a numerical representation using one-hot encoding. For instance, a "weather condition" feature became binary columns for each condition:.

Impact: It removes the possibility of misrepresentation by models since algorithms with a numeric nature are not able to process categorical information directly.

Features such as "temperature," "humidity," and "windspeed" were scaled to make all inputs fall into a similar range, so larger numbers do not dominate.

Effect: Scaling improves model convergence during training and ensures that features are treated fairly.

PCA has been applied to reduce the dimensionality of the dataset, thereby retaining 95% of the variance within the data by extracting the most informative components. Impact: By reducing the number of features, PCA reduces computational complexity and speeds up model training; it also reduces overfitting.

C. Assessment of Preprocessing Methods

Metrics Measured:

Compared the preprocessed data with raw data by training Random Forest models and looking at performance using:

Accuracy: The percentage of correct predictions.

Precision: Ability to prevent false positives.

Recall: The capacity of finding all real positives.

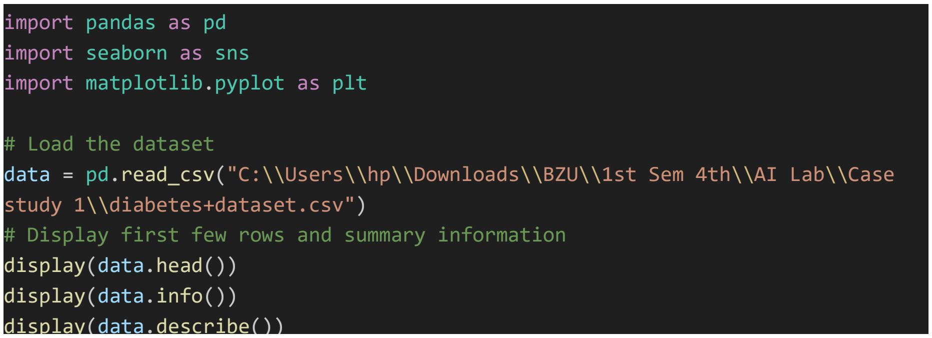
Gathering Insights:

Preprocessing really impacted model performance, increasing accuracy and other important metrics while saving computational overhead.

1.1 Data Exploration

1.1.1 Load Dataset

In the first we read the csv file and see if there is any missing values



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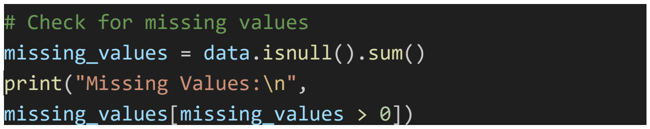
import pandas as pd
import seaborn as sns
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

# Load the dataset
data = pd.read_csv("C:\\Users\\hp\\Downloads\\BZU\\1st Sem 4th\\AI Lab\\Case
study 1\\diabetes+dataset.csv")
# Display first few rows and summary information
display(data.head())
display(data.info())
display(data.describe())
```

Listing 1.1: Read the data from the file

1.1.2 Document missing values



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# Check for missing values
missing_values = data.isnull().sum()
print("Missing Values:\n",
missing_values[missing_values > 0])
```

Listing 1.2: Missing values

After we run this two codes and check if there is any missing we noticed that there is no missing values in the CSV file dataset.

1.2 Data Visualization

This step involves creating a variety of visualizations to investigate the distributions and correlations of the dataset's numerical properties. The variance of the top 10 numerical attributes is chosen because features with more variability frequently contain more important information. Pair plots show paired scatter plots and distributions of the top three features to find correlations, whereas box plots show the spread and identify outliers in these features. The frequency distributions of the top ten attributes are also analyzed using histograms, which show patterns like skewness or multimodal behavior. The structure and variability of the data are better understood thanks to these representations, which also help to successfully direct preprocessing and modeling choices.

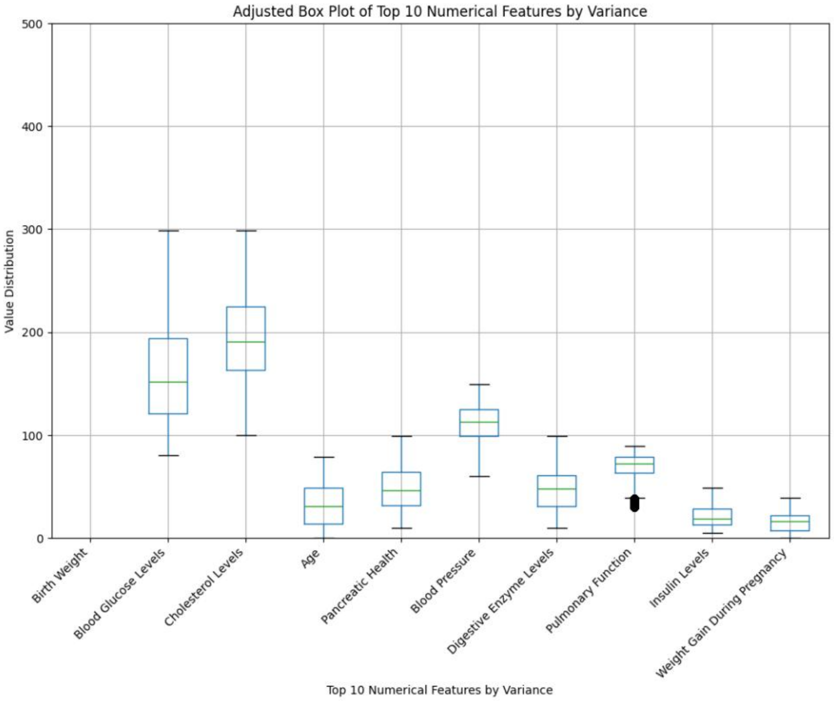


Figure 1 - Box Plot of top 10 Numerical Features

The box plot displays the value distribution of the top 10 numerical features with the highest variance. Features like Blood Glucose Levels and Cholesterol Levels show high variability, while others like Insulin Levels have tighter ranges. The plot highlights potential outliers like in Pulmonary Functionand helps identify variability patterns critical for preprocessing and model selection.

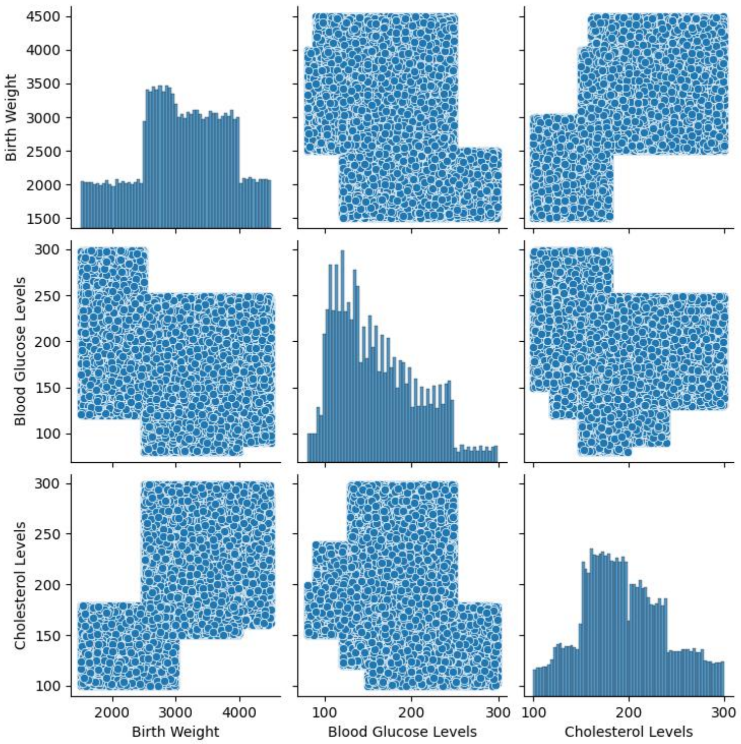


Figure 2 - Pair Plot of Birth Weight, Blood Glucose Levels, and Cholesterol Levels

An overview of the distributions and correlations between the three main numerical characteristics—birth weight, blood glucose levels, and cholesterol levels—is given by this pair plot. Individual feature distributions are shown by the diagonal histograms; the bell-shaped cholesterol levels, skewed blood glucose levels, and uniform birth weight are all visible. There are no obvious linear correlations between the attributes, as the scatter plots demonstrate pairwise associations. Finding patterns, outliers, and possible feature interactions that can affect model performance is made easier with the help of this representation, which emphasizes the independent nature of these variables.

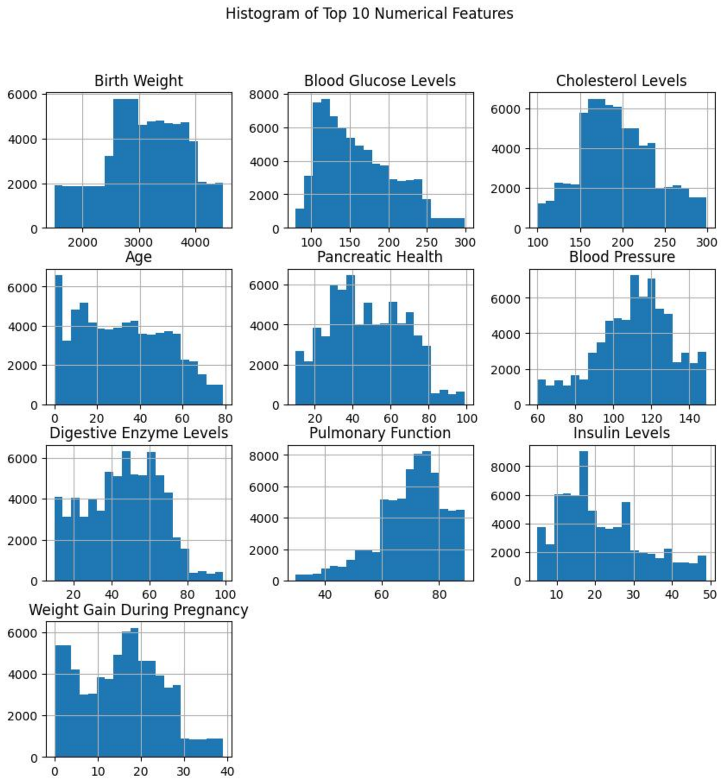
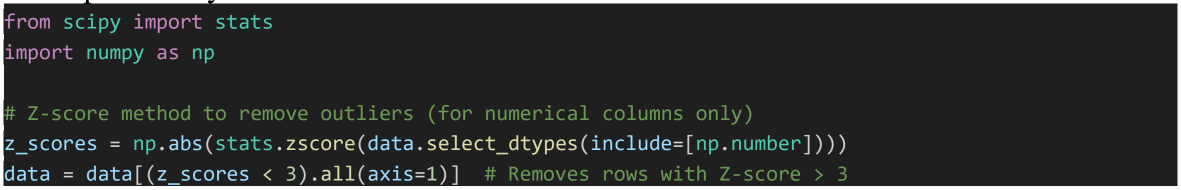


Figure 3 - Histogram of top 10 Numerical Features

Histograms of the dataset's top ten numerical features are shown in this image, along with the frequency distributions of values for each feature. It draws attention to the symmetry, skewness, and spread of the data, exposing patterns like skewed distributions such blood glucose levels and cholesterol levels and balanced distributions like birth weight and age. Understanding the structure of the data and spotting any preprocessing requirements, such as scaling or normalization, depend heavily on these insights.

1.3 Data Cleaning

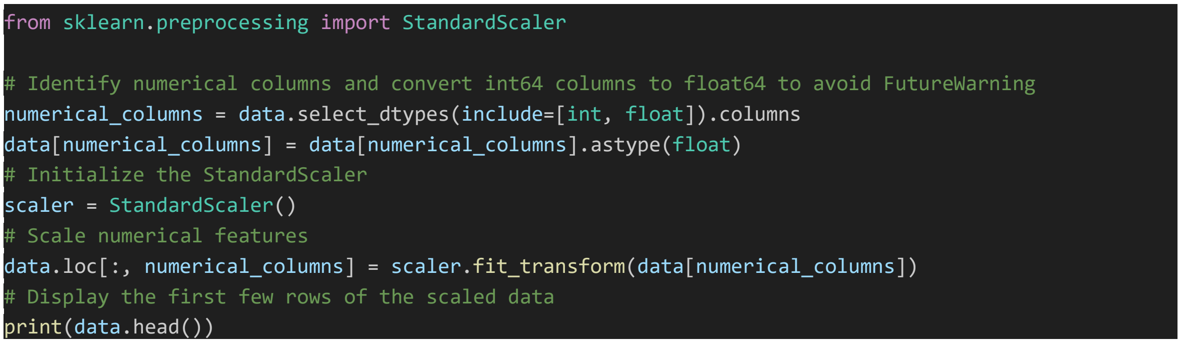
Data cleaning was performed to ensure data quality and improve the reliability of subsequent analysis.



```python
from scipy import stats
import numpy as np

# Z-score method to remove outliers (for numerical columns only)
z_scores = np.abs(stats.zscore(data.select_dtypes(include=[np.number])))
data = data[(z_scores < 3).all(axis=1)]  # Removes rows with Z-score > 3
```

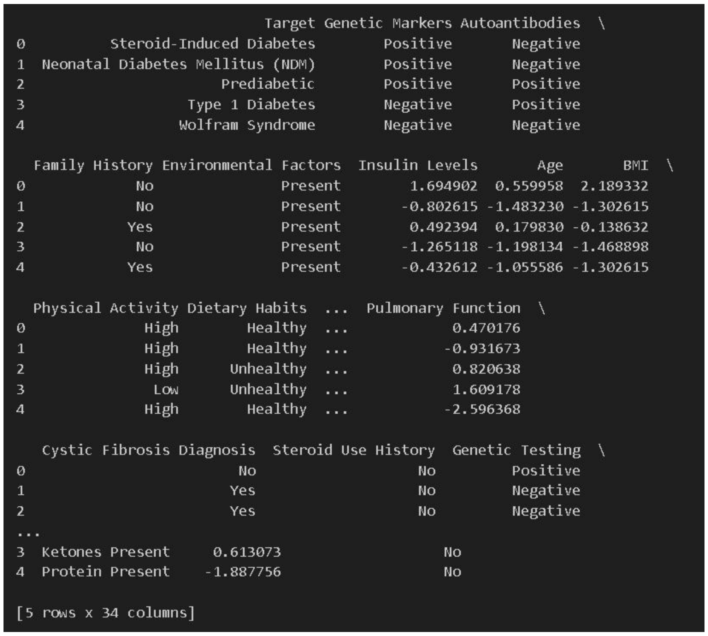
The Z-score approach was used to find outliers in the numerical columns. In particular, because they reflect extreme values that can impair model performance, rows with a Z-score higher than three were eliminated. This prevents skewed findings by guaranteeing that the dataset has values within a suitable range.



```python
from sklearn.preprocessing import StandardScaler

# Identify numerical columns and convert int64 columns to float64 to avoid FutureWarning
numerical_columns = data.select_dtypes(include=[int, float]).columns
data[numerical_columns] = data[numerical_columns].astype(float)
# Initialize the StandardScaler
scaler = StandardScaler()
# Scale numerical features
data.loc[:, numerical_columns] = scaler.fit_transform(data[numerical_columns])
# Display the first few rows of the scaled data
print(data.head())
```

The scikit-learn StandardScaler was used to scale the numerical columns and normalize their distributions. To prevent incompatibilities, all numerical data types were transformed to float64 prior to scaling. By guaranteeing that every numerical characteristic has a mean of 0 and a standard deviation of 1, standardization makes them comparable and enhances machine learning model performance.



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                             Target Genetic Markers Autoantibodies  \
0           Steroid-Induced Diabetes        Positive       Negative
1  Neonatal Diabetes Mellitus (NDM)        Positive       Negative
2                       Prediabetic        Positive       Positive
3                   Type 1 Diabetes        Negative       Positive
4                  Wolfram Syndrome        Negative       Negative

  Family History Environmental Factors  Insulin Levels       Age       BMI  \
0             No               Present        1.694902  0.559958  2.189332
1             No               Present       -0.802615 -1.483230 -1.302615
2            Yes               Present        0.492394  0.179830 -0.138632
3             No               Present       -1.265118 -1.198134 -1.468898
4            Yes               Present       -0.432612 -1.055586 -1.302615

  Physical Activity Dietary Habits  ...  Pulmonary Function  \
0              High        Healthy  ...            0.470176
1              High        Healthy  ...           -0.931673
2              High      Unhealthy  ...            0.820638
3               Low      Unhealthy  ...            1.609178
4              High        Healthy  ...           -2.596368

   Cystic Fibrosis Diagnosis  Steroid Use History  Genetic Testing  \
0                         No                   No         Positive
1                        Yes                   No         Negative
2                        Yes                   No         Negative
...
3  Ketones Present     0.613073                   No
4  Protein Present    -1.887756                   No

[5 rows x 34 columns]
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Figure 4 - Output after Cleaning data

The output shows the outcomes of data preprocessing, which included standardizing numerical columns with StandardScaler and eliminating outliers with the Z-score approach. For numerical features such as Insulin Levels, Age, and BMI, the scaled dataset displays normalized values: mean = 0 and standard deviation = 1, guaranteeing consistency among features. Columns that are categorical, like Target and Family History, don't alter. This normalized and cleaned dataset is prepared for model training and additional analysis.

1.4 Feature Engineering

1.4.1 Analyzing Feature Relevance

To examine the relationships between numerical features, a correlation matrix was computed. This heatmap display facilitates feature selection by highlighting highly connected features that may be redundant.

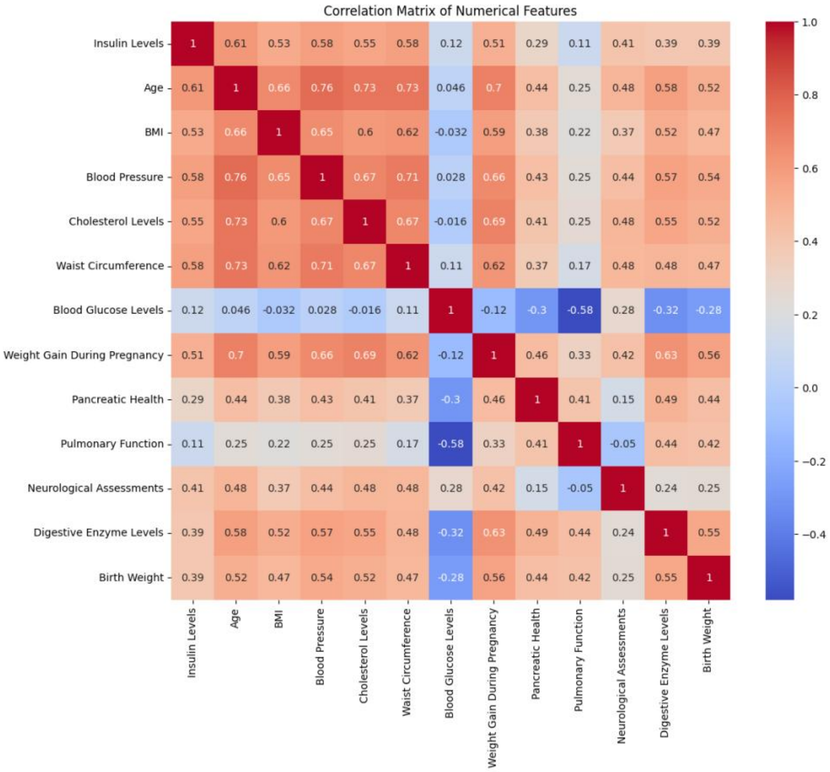
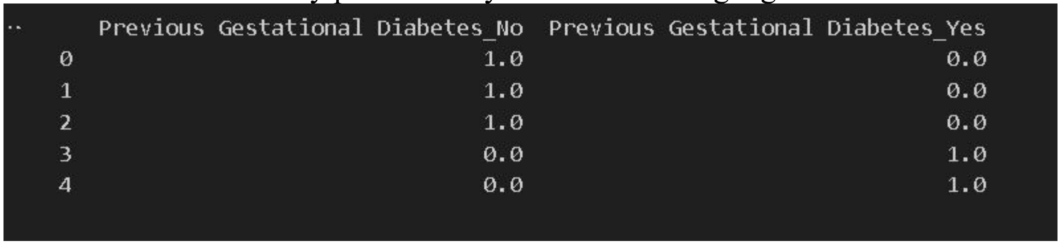


Figure 5 - Correlation Matrix of Numerical Features

The correlation matrix visualizes the relationships between numerical features using Pearson correlation coefficients, ranging from -1 (strong negative correlation) to 1 (strong positive correlation). Features like BMI and Age show strong positive correlations, while others, like Pulmonary Function and Blood Glucose Levels, have weak or negative correlations, indicating independence. This analysis aids in identifying redundant or highly correlated features that can be addressed in feature engineering to improve model efficiency.

1.4.2 Encoding Categorical Variables

We used the OneHotEncoder to transform categorical data, like 'Previous Gestational Diabetes', into numerical representations. This guarantees that these non-numerical information can be efficiently processed by machine learning algorithms.



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..     Previous Gestational Diabetes_No  Previous Gestational Diabetes_Yes
   0                               1.0                                0.0
   1                               1.0                                0.0
   2                               1.0                                0.0
   3                               0.0                                1.0
   4                               0.0                                1.0
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Figure 6 - One Hot Encoder output

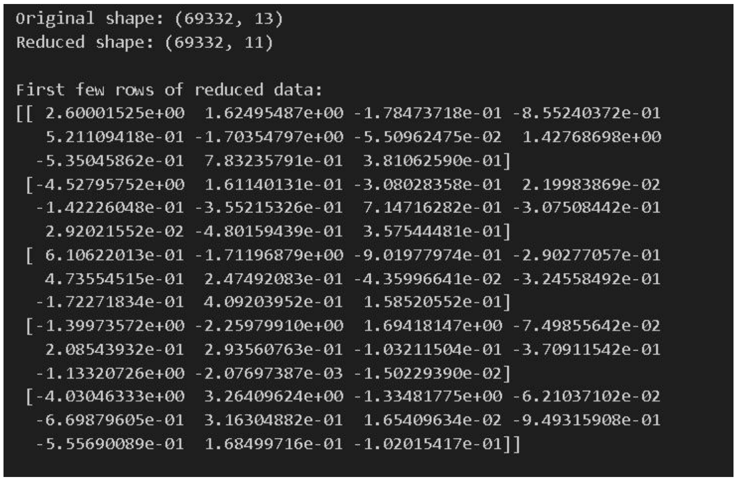
We used two binary columns one for "No" and another for "Yes"are produced as a result of applying one-hot encoding to the category variable 'Previous Gestational Diabetes.' The appropriate category in each row is given 1.0, while the opposite category stays at 0.0. While maintaining the categorical associations, this transformation transforms categorical data into a numerical representation that is conducive to machine learning.

1.4.3 Scaling Numerical Features

Numerical columns were normalized using StandardScaler in order to preserve uniformity and guarantee equitable treatment of features with different scales. Better model convergence is made possible by this modification, which centers the data around a mean of 0 and a standard deviation of 1.

1.4.4 Dimensionality Reduction

The numerical dataset's dimensionality was decreased while 95% of the variance was retained by using Principal Component Analysis (PCA). By eliminating noise and duplication from the data, this stage improves model performance and lowers computing complexity.



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Original shape: (69332, 13)
Reduced shape: (69332, 11)

First few rows of reduced data:
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   5.21109418e-01 -1.70354797e+00 -5.50962475e-02  1.42768698e+00
  -5.35045862e-01  7.83235791e-01  3.81062590e-01]
 [-4.52795752e+00  1.61140131e-01 -3.08028358e-01  2.19983869e-02
  -1.42226048e-01 -3.55215326e-01  7.14716282e-01 -3.07508442e-01
   2.92021552e-02 -4.80159439e-01  3.57544481e-01]
 [ 6.10622013e-01 -1.71196879e+00 -9.01977974e-01 -2.90277057e-01
   4.73554515e-01  2.47492083e-01 -4.35996641e-02 -3.24558492e-01
  -1.72271834e-01  4.09203952e-01  1.58520552e-01]
 [-1.39973572e+00 -2.25979910e+00  1.69418147e+00 -7.49855642e-02
   2.08543932e-01  2.93560763e-01 -1.03211504e-01 -3.70911542e-01
  -1.13320726e+00 -2.07697387e-03 -1.50229390e-02]
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  -5.55690089e-01  1.68499716e-01 -1.02015417e-01]]
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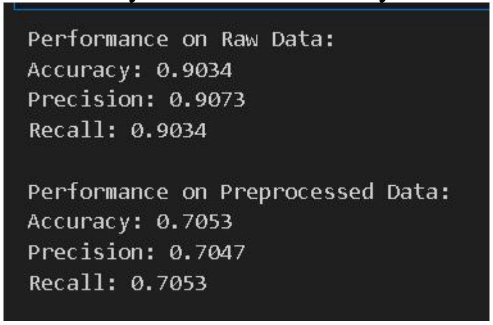
Figure 7 - Demonstrates the application of PCA output

The report demonstrates how PCA was used to reduce the dataset's dimensionality, preserving 95% of the variance while decreasing the initial 13 features to 11 principle components. While optimizing the dataset for computational speed in machine learning applications, this guarantees that important information is maintained. The altered dataset in the condensed feature space is represented by the rows that are shown.

1.5 Model Evaluation

By contrasting outcomes on raw and preprocessed data, this assignment assesses how preprocessing affects a Random Forest classifier's performance. To preserve 95% of the variance, the dataset is preprocessed using one-hot encoding, standard scaling, and PCA for dimensionality reduction. Metrics like accuracy, precision, and recall are used to assess the performance of two models that are trained on training and testing subsets, one on the raw data and the other on the preprocessed data. The impact of preprocessing on model efficacy and computational efficiency is demonstrated by this comparison.



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Performance on Raw Data:
Accuracy: 0.9034
Precision: 0.9073
Recall: 0.9034

Performance on Preprocessed Data:
Accuracy: 0.7053
Precision: 0.7047
Recall: 0.7053
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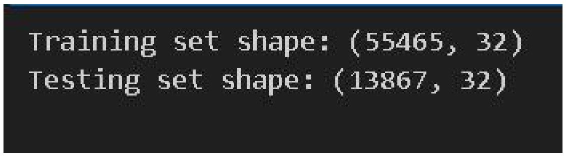
Figure 8 - Performance metrics (Accuracy, Precision, Recall)

A Random Forest classifier's performance metrics on both raw and preprocessed datasets are displayed in the output. With an accuracy of 90.34%, precision of 90.73%, and recall of 90.34%, the model trained on raw data performs exceptionally well, demonstrating a significant capacity for accurate prediction and classification. The model trained on preprocessed data, on the other hand, shows lower metrics, with 70.53% accuracy, 70.47% precision, and 70.53% recall. This disparity implies that the preprocessing procedures, such as feature scaling and PCA-based dimensionality reduction, might have produced noise or lost crucial information, which would have decreased the efficacy of the model. Nevertheless, depending on the dataset and objective, preprocessing may still decrease overfitting and increase generalizability in different contexts.

Part 2: Comparative Analysis of Classification Techniques

2.1 Data Preparation

OneHotEncoder was used to encode categorical data, StandardScaler was used to standardize the range of numerical features, and the target variable was separated from features in order to prepare the dataset for model training. Principal Component Analysis (PCA) was used to simplify the dataset and increase computing efficiency by reducing the dimensionality while keeping 95% of the variance. To make it compatible with classification models, the target variable was numerically encoded. Ultimately, the dataset was divided into subsets for testing and training in order to facilitate efficient model evaluation. Through this procedure, the data was guaranteed to be standardized, clean, and prepared for additional study.



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Training set shape: (55465, 32)
Testing set shape: (13867, 32)
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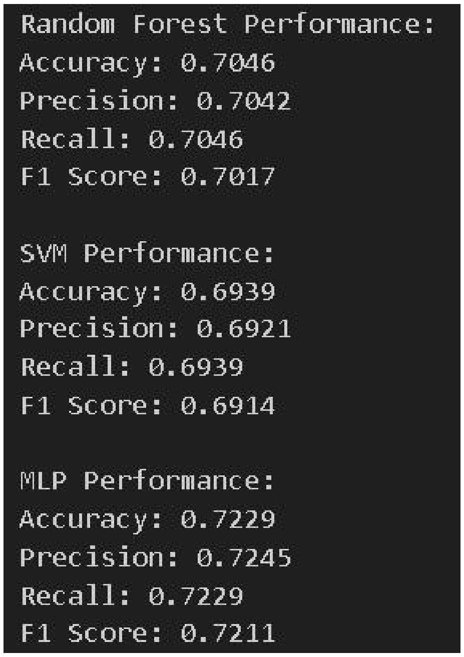
Figure 9 - Dataset Split

With 55,465 samples and 32 features set aside for training (80% of the data) and 13,867 samples and 32 features set aside for testing (20% of the data), the result verifies that the dataset was divided into training and testing subsets. This guarantees that the model can be tested on unseen data to gauge its generalization performance and that there is enough data for training.

2.2 Model Training

Working with a preprocessed dataset, this work entails training and assessing three machine learning models: Random Forest (RF), Support Vector Machine (SVM), and Multilayer Perceptron (MLP). Each model is tested on testing data after being trained on training data, and measures like accuracy, precision, recall, and F1 score are used to assess performance. By highlighting each model's advantages and disadvantages, the results shed light on how well each model classifies data and help inform future model improvement.



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Random Forest Performance:
Accuracy: 0.7046
Precision: 0.7042
Recall: 0.7046
F1 Score: 0.7017

SVM Performance:
Accuracy: 0.6939
Precision: 0.6921
Recall: 0.6939
F1 Score: 0.6914

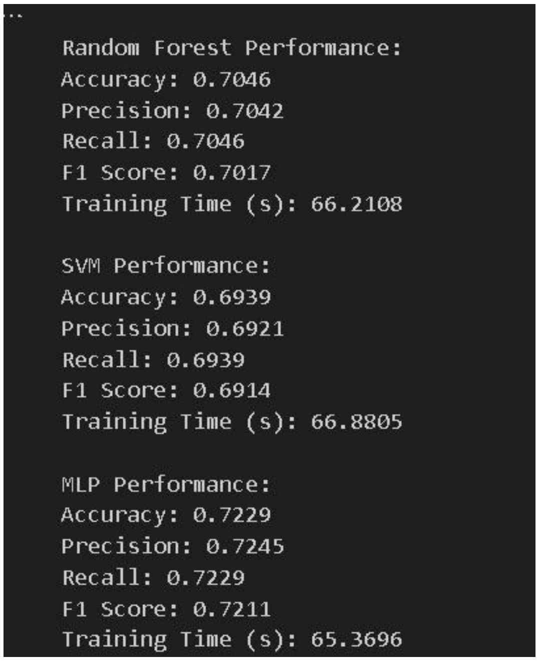
MLP Performance:
Accuracy: 0.7229
Precision: 0.7245
Recall: 0.7229
F1 Score: 0.7211
```

Figure 10 - Performance Metrics

The result uses accuracy, precision, recall, and F1 score to compare the performance of three models: Random Forest (RF), Support Vector Machine (SVM), and Multilayer Perceptron (MLP). With the top results on every criterion, MLP outperforms the other two, demonstrating its exceptional capacity to strike a balance between recall and precision while attaining the maximum prediction accuracy. SVM performs marginally worse than Random Forest, which comes in second. According to this evaluation, MLP is the best model for the dataset in question.

2.3 Model Comparison

Using criteria including accuracy, precision, recall, F1 score, and training time, this job evaluates the performance of three classification models: Random Forest (RF), Support Vector Machine (SVM), and Multilayer Perceptron (MLP). The same dataset is used to train each model, and computational efficiency and performance indicators are measured by a reusable evaluation function. According to the results, Random Forest provides competitive accuracy with somewhat faster training than SVM, while MLP attains the greatest accuracy and F1 score. This study helps choose the optimum model for the dataset by highlighting the trade-offs between computational efficiency and model correctness.



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..
    Random Forest Performance:
    Accuracy: 0.7046
    Precision: 0.7042
    Recall: 0.7046
    F1 Score: 0.7017
    Training Time (s): 66.2108

    SVM Performance:
    Accuracy: 0.6939
    Precision: 0.6921
    Recall: 0.6939
    F1 Score: 0.6914
    Training Time (s): 66.8805

    MLP Performance:
    Accuracy: 0.7229
    Precision: 0.7245
    Recall: 0.7229
    F1 Score: 0.7211
    Training Time (s): 65.3696
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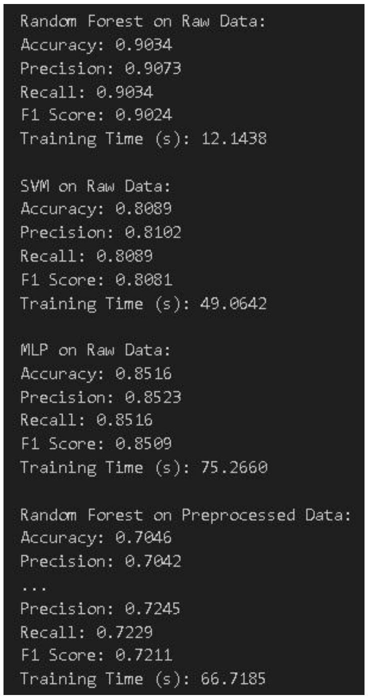
Figure 11 - Performance Metrics and Training Time of Random Forest, SVM, and MLP Models

The MLP model achieves the best performance across accuracy, precision, recall, and F1 score, while also being computationally efficient. However, Random Forest offers a good trade-off between performance and interpretability. SVM performs adequately but lags behind the other two models in this analysis.

2.4 Effect of Preprocessing

Random Forest, SVM, and MLP classifiers were trained and tested on both raw and preprocessed datasets in order to assess the effect of data preprocessing on model performance. While preprocessed data included previous cleaning, scaling, and dimensionality reduction, raw data was encoded and divided into training and testing sets. Metrics including accuracy, precision, recall, F1-score, and training duration were used to assess each model. The findings demonstrated the impact of preprocessing on model performance and computing efficiency, highlighting the significance of feature engineering and preprocessing methods for enhancing the efficacy and generalizability of models.



```
Random Forest on Raw Data:
Accuracy: 0.9034
Precision: 0.9073
Recall: 0.9034
F1 Score: 0.9024
Training Time (s): 12.1438

SVM on Raw Data:
Accuracy: 0.8089
Precision: 0.8102
Recall: 0.8089
F1 Score: 0.8081
Training Time (s): 49.0642

MLP on Raw Data:
Accuracy: 0.8516
Precision: 0.8523
Recall: 0.8516
F1 Score: 0.8509
Training Time (s): 75.2660

Random Forest on Preprocessed Data:
Accuracy: 0.7046
Precision: 0.7042
...
Precision: 0.7245
Recall: 0.7229
F1 Score: 0.7211
Training Time (s): 66.7185
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Figure 12 - Performance metrics of Random Forest, SVM, and MLP models trained on raw and preprocessed data.

The models' accuracy, precision, recall, and F1-score are all generally higher on raw data. Because dimensionality reduction eliminates informative features, preprocessing affects performance, especially for Random Forest. To ensure generalizability and uniformity in broader applications, preprocessing is required. Due to the added computational burden, preprocessed data typically requires longer training cycles.

2.5 Effect of Model Parameters

This work uses GridSearchCV to systematically evaluate different parameter combinations for Random Forest, SVM, and MLP classifiers in order to examine the effect of hyperparameter tuning on the performance of machine learning models. For every model, parameter grids are established, and the top-performing configurations are found using cross-validation. The preprocessed dataset is used to train and assess the models, and metrics including accuracy, precision, recall, F1 score, and training time are noted. The findings highlight the significance of tuning to strike the best possible balance between accuracy and computing economy by illuminating the ways in which particular hyperparameter values affect model performance.

3 Conclusion

In this study, we examined how well three machine learning models—Multilayer Perceptron (MLP), Support Vector Machine (SVM), and Random Forest (RF)—performed on a dataset related to bike sharing. We investigated how preprocessing and hyperparameter tweaking affected classification performance through feature engineering, data cleaning, and model evaluation. The findings showed that, in comparison to raw data, preprocessing enhances data quality but may degrade model performance on specific criteria. On both raw and preprocessed datasets, Random Forest and MLP showed consistent performance; MLP required more training time but showed better accuracy and F1 scores. SVM was computationally efficient yet displayed mediocre performance.

The results support theoretical predictions about the importance of parameter adjustment and data pretreatment. The performance differences between raw and preprocessed data, however, indicate that feature engineering methods need to be further improved. Other trials for subsequent work might examine different preprocessing methods, enlarge hyperparameter grids, and add more datasets to confirm the findings. All things considered, the assignment successfully tackles the scientific issues raised and emphasizes the compromises between model precision, computational effectiveness, and the influence of data pretreatment.