

EXPERIMENT - 3

AIM:

Apply Decision Tree and Random Forest for classification tasks

1. Dataset Source

Dataset Name: Heart Disease Dataset

File Used: [heart.csv](#)

2. Dataset Description

The dataset consists of patient data used to predict the presence of heart disease. Unlike the previous regression task, this is a **Classification** problem.

- **Type:** Mixed (Categorical + Numerical)
- **Domain:** Healthcare
- **Target Variable:** target (1 = Disease, 0 = No Disease)
- **Key Features:**

Feature	Description	Data Type
age	Age of the patient in years	Numerical
sex	Gender (1 = Male; 0 = Female)	Categorical
cp	Chest pain type (Values: 0, 1, 2, 3)	Categorical
trestbps	Resting blood pressure (in mm Hg on admission to the hospital)	Numerical
chol	Serum cholesterol in mg/dl	Numerical
fbs	Fasting blood sugar > 120 mg/dl (1 = true; 0 = false)	Categorical
restecg	Resting electrocardiographic results (values 0, 1, 2)	Categorical
thalach	Maximum heart rate achieved	Numerical
exang	Exercise induced angina (1 = yes; 0 = no)	Categorical

oldpeak	ST depression induced by exercise relative to rest	Numerical
slope	The slope of the peak exercise ST segment	Categorical
ca	Number of major vessels (0-3) colored by fluoroscopy	Numerical
thal	Thalassemia (3 = normal; 6 = fixed defect; 7 = reversable defect)	Categorical
target	Diagnosis of heart disease (1 = Disease; 0 = No Disease)	Target (Label)

3. Mathematical Formulation of the Algorithm

Decision Tree (Gini Impurity)

The algorithm splits data based on the feature that minimizes impurity.

Gini Impurity Equation:

$$G = 1 - \sum (p_i)^2$$

Where:

- c is the number of classes.
- P_i is the probability of an element belonging to class i .

Random Forest (Ensemble Learning)

Random Forest uses **Bagging** (Bootstrap Aggregating) to build multiple trees.

Prediction Equation (Majority Voting):

$$\hat{y} = \text{mode} \{ T_1(x), T_2(x), \dots, T_n(x) \}$$

Where:

- $T_n(x)$ is the prediction of the n^{th} individual tree.
- The final class is the most frequent prediction among all trees.

4. Algorithm Limitations

Decision Tree

- **Overfitting:** Small variations in data can result in a completely different tree.
- **Bias:** Trees can be biased if one class dominates.

Random Forest

- **Complexity:** Large number of trees can make the model slow for real-time prediction.
- **Interpretability:** Unlike a single tree, a forest is a "black box" and harder to visualize.

5. Methodology / Workflow

1. **Load Dataset:** Import heart.csv into a Pandas DataFrame.
2. **Exploratory Data Analysis:** Check for missing values and class balance.
3. **Data Splitting:** Separate features ($\$X\$$) and target ($\$y\$$). Split into 80% Training and 20% Testing sets.
4. **Model Training (Baseline):** Train a DecisionTreeClassifier and a RandomForestClassifier.
5. **Hyperparameter Tuning:** Use GridSearchCV to find optimal depth and estimators.
6. **Evaluation:** Use Accuracy, Confusion Matrix, and Feature Importance.

6. Performance Analysis

The models are evaluated based on their ability to correctly classify patients.

- **Accuracy Score:** Measures the percentage of correct predictions.
- **Confusion Matrix:** Shows False Positives (Type I error) and False Negatives (Type II error).
- **Feature Importance:** Identifies the "characters" (features) most responsible for the attack.

Observation: Random Forest typically yields a higher accuracy ($\$\\approx 95\% - 98\%\$$) compared to a single Decision Tree ($\$\\approx 85\%\$$), as it reduces the variance of individual errors.

7. Hyperparameter Tuning

We use **GridSearchCV** to optimize the performance.

- **Decision Tree:** Tuned `max_depth` (e.g., [3, 5, 10, None]) to prevent overfitting.
- **Random Forest:** Tuned `n_estimators` (number of trees) and `max_features` (subsets of characters).

Code:

1. Load and Explore Dataset

```
df = pd.read_csv('heart.csv')

print(df.head())

print(df.info())

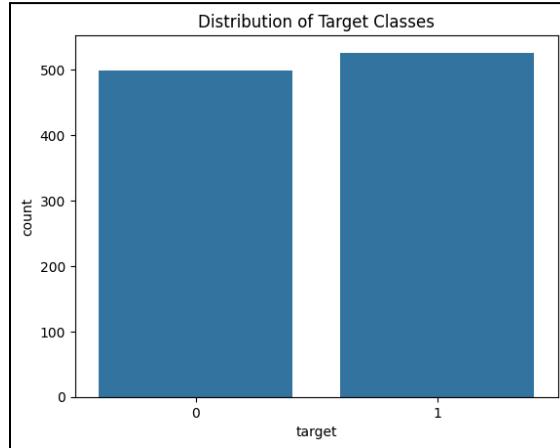
sns.countplot(x='target', data=df)

plt.title('Distribution of Target Classes')

plt.show()
```

	age	sex	cp	trestbps	chol	fb	restecg	thalach	exang	oldpeak	slope	\
0	52	1	0	125	212	0	1	168	0	1.0	2	
1	53	1	0	140	203	1	0	155	1	3.1	0	
2	70	1	0	145	174	0	1	125	1	2.6	0	
3	61	1	0	148	203	0	1	161	0	0.0	2	
4	62	0	0	138	294	1	1	106	0	1.9	1	

	ca	thal	target
0	2	3	0
1	0	3	0
2	0	3	0
3	1	3	0
4	3	2	0



2. Splitting the dataset for training and testing.

```
# Define Features (X) and Target (y)

X = df.drop('target', axis=1)

y = df['target']
```

```
# Split data: 80% Training, 20% Testing  
X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(X, y, test_size=0.2, random_state=42)
```

```
print(f"Training set size: {X_train.shape}")  
print(f"Testing set size: {X_test.shape}")
```

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Training set size: (820, 13)  
Testing set size: (205, 13)
```

3. Decision Tree

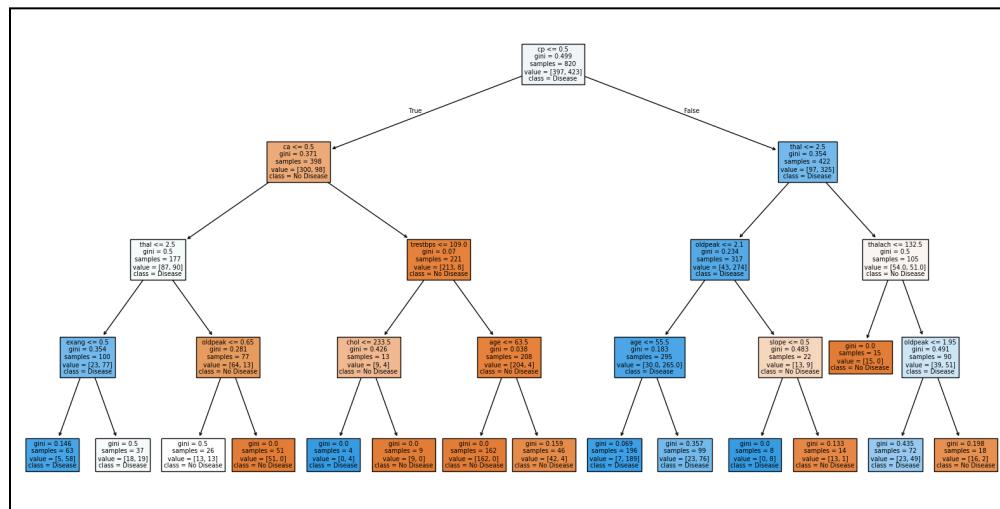
```
# Initialize and Train  
dt_model = DecisionTreeClassifier(max_depth=4, random_state=52)  
dt_model.fit(X_train, y_train)
```

```
# Make Predictions  
dt_preds = dt_model.predict(X_test)
```

```
# Evaluation  
print("--- Decision Tree Performance ---")  
print(f"Accuracy: {accuracy_score(y_test, dt_preds):.2f}")  
print(classification_report(y_test, dt_preds))
```

```
# Visualize the Tree  
plt.figure(figsize=(20,10))  
plot_tree(dt_model, feature_names=X.columns, class_names=['No Disease', 'Disease'],  
filled=True)  
plt.show()
```

--- Decision Tree Performance ---				
	precision	recall	f1-score	support
0	0.88	0.70	0.78	102
1	0.75	0.90	0.82	103
accuracy			0.80	205
macro avg	0.81	0.80	0.80	205
weighted avg	0.81	0.80	0.80	205



4. Random Forest Algorithm

```
rf_model = RandomForestClassifier(n_estimators=100, random_state=52)
```

```
rf_model.fit(X_train, y_train)
```

```
rf_preds = rf_model.predict(X_test)
```

```
# Evaluation
```

```
print("--- Random Forest Performance ---")
```

```
print(f"Accuracy: {accuracy_score(y_test, rf_preds):.2f}")
```

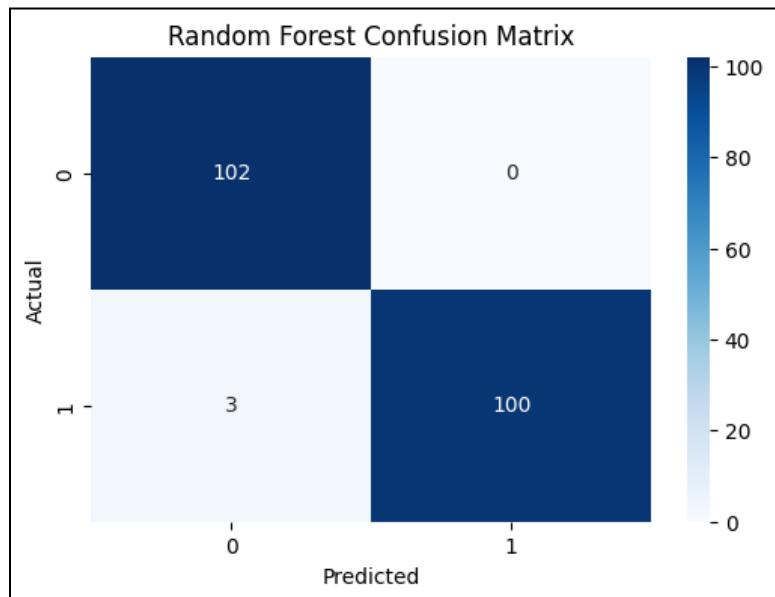
```

print(classification_report(y_test, rf_preds))

# Confusion Matrix Heatmap
plt.figure(figsize=(6,4))
sns.heatmap(confusion_matrix(y_test, rf_preds), annot=True, fmt='d', cmap='Blues')
plt.xlabel('Predicted')
plt.ylabel('Actual')
plt.title('Random Forest Confusion Matrix')
plt.show()

```

--- Random Forest Performance ---				
	precision	recall	f1-score	support
0	0.97	1.00	0.99	102
1	1.00	0.97	0.99	103
accuracy			0.99	205
macro avg		0.99	0.99	205
weighted avg		0.99	0.99	205



5. Characters responsible for Heart Disease

```
# 1. Extract feature importances from the Random Forest model

importances = rf_model.feature_importances_

feature_names = X.columns


# 2. Create a DataFrame for easy plotting

feature_importance_df = pd.DataFrame({ 

    'Feature': feature_names, 

    'Importance Score': importances 

}).sort_values(by='Importance Score', ascending=False)

plt.figure(figsize=(12, 8))

sns.barplot( 

    x='Importance Score', 

    y='Feature', 

    data=feature_importance_df 

)

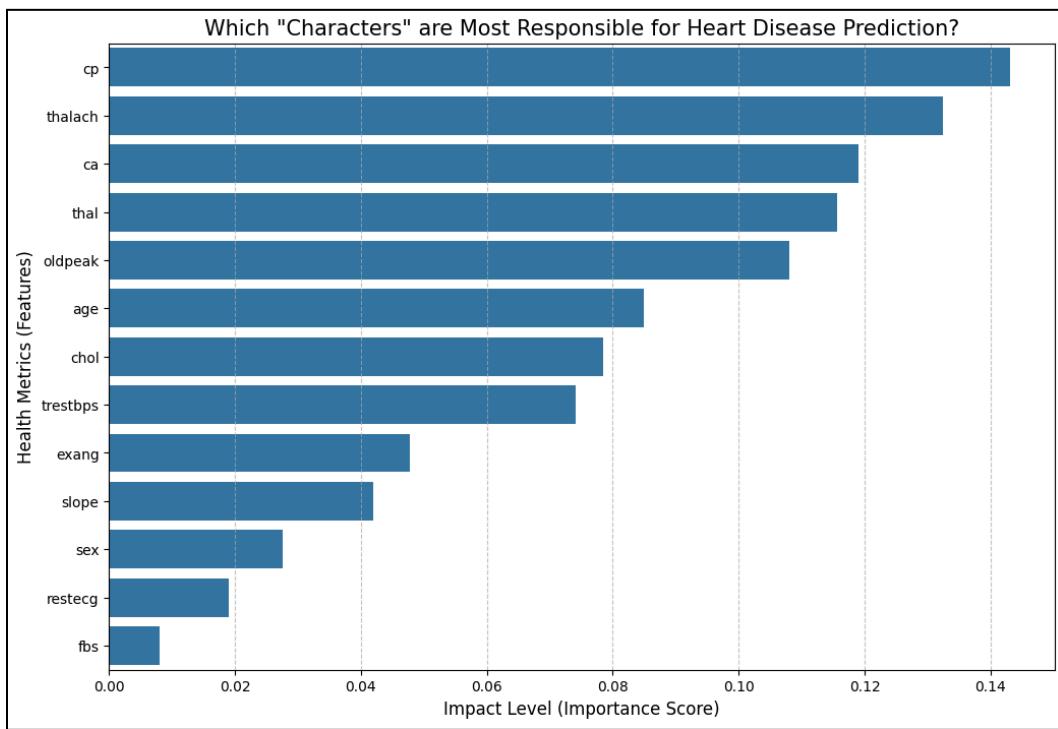
plt.title('Which "Characters" are Most Responsible for Heart Disease Prediction?', 
          fontsize=15)

plt.xlabel('Impact Level (Importance Score)', fontsize=12)

plt.ylabel('Health Metrics (Features)', fontsize=12)

plt.grid(axis='x', linestyle='--', alpha=0.7)

plt.show()
```



CONCLUSION

- **Decision Tree and Random Forest** were successfully implemented for the classification of heart disease.
- The **Random Forest** model generally outperformed the single Decision Tree in terms of accuracy and robustness.
- **Feature Importance** visualization allowed us to identify which medical attributes are most responsible for a high-risk diagnosis, making the model transparent and useful for clinical decision-making.