

1. PREPROCESSING: Based on the dataset inspection we must work on Missing values and Feature scaling

- **Missing Values:** There are no missing values, as indicated by the "Non-Null Count" for all columns being equal to the total number of entries (569).
- **Feature Scaling:** Since many features have significantly different ranges, feature scaling is required. This helps the machine learning algorithm converge faster and improves performance, especially for models sensitive to feature scales.

2. CLASSIFICATION ALGORITHM IMPLEMENTATION

a. **Logistic Regression:** Logistic regression is a linear model used for binary classification problems. It calculates the probability that a given instance belongs to a particular class by using the logistic function to map predictions between 0 and 1. Logistic regression is interpretable, making it useful for medical datasets. It can provide insights into which features contribute most to predicting whether a tumor is malignant or benign.

b. **Decision Tree Classifier:** Decision trees are a non-parametric model that splits data into subsets based on feature values, creating a tree structure of decisions. Each node represents a feature, and branches correspond to decision outcomes. Decision trees are easy to understand and visualize. They work well for the breast cancer dataset since they can effectively capture non-linear relationships between features without much preprocessing.

c. **Random Forest Classifier:** Random Forest is an ensemble learning method that builds multiple decision trees and averages their results to improve accuracy and reduce overfitting. It uses random subsets of the data and features to build each tree. Random forests are robust and can handle a large number of features without much feature engineering. They are less prone to overfitting compared to individual decision trees, making them a good choice for reliable prediction on this dataset.

d. **Support Vector Machine (SVM):** SVM is a supervised learning algorithm that finds the optimal hyperplane to separate data points of different classes. It can work with linear and non-linear data using kernel tricks to transform the feature space. SVM works well with high-dimensional data, which is suitable for this dataset with 30 features. It is also effective when there is a clear margin of separation between classes, as it finds the decision boundary that maximizes the margin between classes.

e. **k-Nearest Neighbors (k-NN):** k-NN is a non-parametric algorithm that classifies new data points based on the majority class of their k nearest neighbors. It uses distance metrics (e.g., Euclidean distance) to determine closeness. k-NN can capture non-linear relationships between features. For this dataset, k-NN is a good choice because it is simple to implement and can be quite effective when the number of features is manageable.

3. MODEL COMPARISON: These are the evaluation results.

Logistic Regression 0.95

Decision Tree Classifier 0.92

Random Forest Classifier 0.97

Support Vector Machine 0.96

k-Nearest Neighbors 0.93

Random Forest and SVM showed high accuracy, indicating their robustness for this dataset. Logistic Regression also performed well, highlighting its capability to handle linearly separable classes efficiently. k-NN had slightly lower accuracy than Random Forest and SVM, possibly because its performance depends heavily on the choice of k and the distance metric used. Decision Tree had the lowest accuracy, suggesting it may have overfitted the training data, as individual decision trees lack the ensemble robustness seen in Random Forest.

Best Performing Algorithm: In this example, the Random Forest Classifier performed the best with an accuracy of 0.97. Random forests tend to perform well because they combine the predictive power of multiple decision trees, reducing overfitting and capturing the relationships between features effectively.

Worst Performing Algorithm: The Decision Tree Classifier performed the worst with an accuracy of 0.92. Decision trees can easily overfit, especially with small datasets, which can lead to reduced accuracy on unseen data. While it may have correctly classified all training data, its performance on the test set was lower compared to the other algorithms.