

Machine Learning for **COVID-19** Detection Based on Routine Blood Tests

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Known Shortcomings of rRT-PCR

Long turnaround time

Potential shortage of reagents

False-negative rates around 15–20%

Expensive equipment



OSR dataset

- Routine blood-test results performed on 1,737 patients
- 34 features columns
- 52% COVID-19 positive
- 48% COVID-19 Negative

OSR dataset

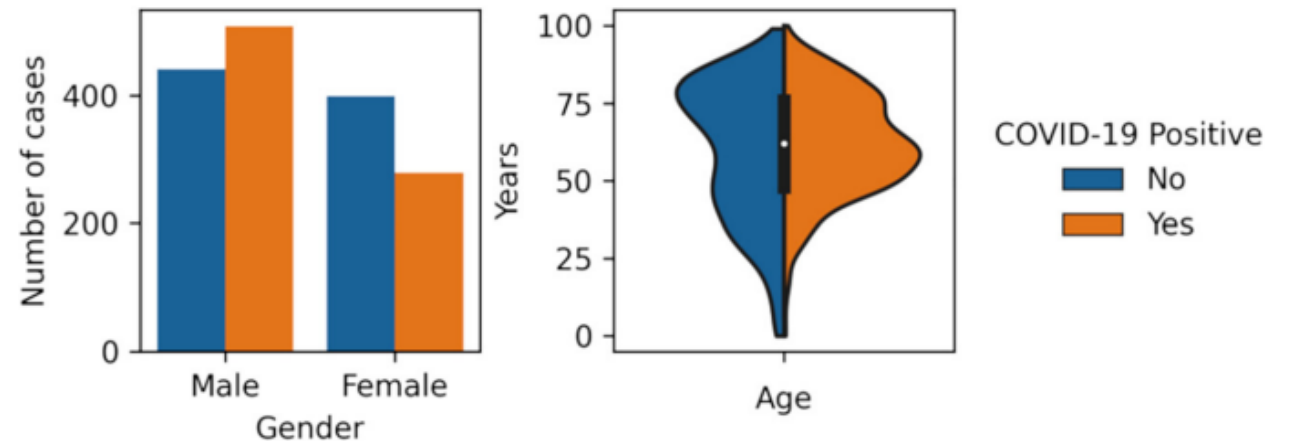
Hematological

Coagulation

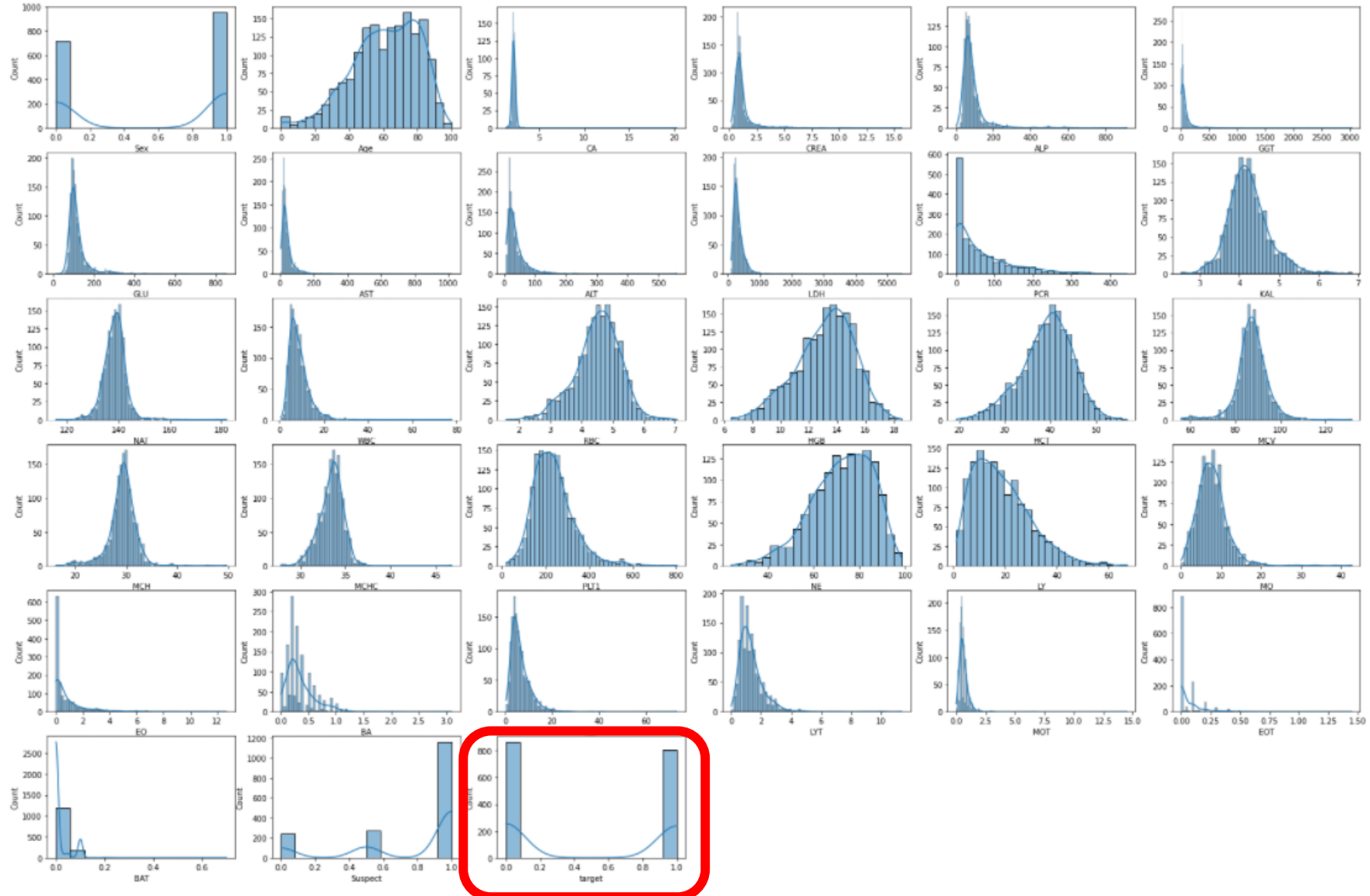
Biochemical

Rapidpoint 500

Additional information



Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA)



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EO	-0.07	-0.16	0.13	-0.06	0.04	-0.06	-0.09	-0.12	-0.03	-0.24	-0.24	0.03	0.08	-0.02	0.01	-0.02	-0.02	-0.04	-0.05	-0.03	0.21	-0.4	0.28	0.12	1	0.43	-0.13	0.26	0.06	0.92	0.29	-0.15	-0.32
BA	-0.09	-0.12	0.09	-0.08	0.01	-0.06	-0.13	-0.13	-0.02	-0.25	-0.25	0.03	0.07	-0.03	0.04	0.02	0.03	-0.02	-0.03	-0.03	0.18	-0.38	0.31	0.17	0.43	1	-0.13	0.27	0.07	0.4	0.65	-0.14	-0.32
NET	-0.04	0.22	-0.01	0.13	0.27	0.13	0.18	0.15	0.09	0.26	0.37	0.1	0.04	0.89	-0.14	-0.14	-0.11	0.1	0.02	-0.16	0.24	0.59	-0.56	-0.35	-0.13	-0.13	1	-0.02	0.29	-0.01	0.27	-0.07	-0.11
LYT	-0.16	-0.3	0.1	-0.15	0.01	-0.12	-0.13	-0.12	-0.07	-0.19	-0.31	0.03	0.09	0.22	0.12	0.1	0.11	-0.05	-0.03	0.02	0.24	-0.6	0.65	0.07	0.26	0.27	-0.02	1	0.25	0.29	0.28	-0.07	-0.28
MOT	-0.03	0.08	0.05	0.01	0.09	0	0.04	0.01	-0.03	0.03	-0.02	0.04	0.01	0.4	-0.04	-0.04	-0.02	0.07	0.02	-0.09	0.13	-0.09	-0.09	0.53	0.06	0.07	0.29	0.25	1	0.12	0.19	-0.07	-0.17
EOT	-0.09	-0.11	0.13	-0.05	0.06	-0.05	-0.06	-0.11	-0.04	-0.18	-0.2	0.04	0.05	0.11	0.01	-0.03	-0.01	-0.05	-0.06	-0.06	0.26	-0.28	0.17	0.06	0.92	0.4	-0.01	0.29	0.12	1	0.37	-0.14	-0.32
BAT	-0.05	0.02	0.06	-0	0.08	0	-0.03	-0.04	0.01	-0.1	-0.06	0.05	0.05	0.33	-0.02	-0.04	-0.02	0.01	-0.03	-0.08	0.22	-0.07	0.03	-0.03	0.29	0.65	0.27	0.28	0.19	0.37	1	-0.1	-0.28
Suspect	-0.07	-0.07	-0.12	-0.01	-0.11	0.03	0	0.07	0.02	0.2	0.19	-0.03	-0.12	-0.12	0.17	0.17	0.17	-0.07	-0.02	0.08	-0	0.08	-0.05	-0.06	-0.15	-0.14	-0.07	-0.07	-0.07	-0.14	-0.1	1	0.38
target	-0.14	0.1	-0.15	0.01	-0.07	0.12	0.09	0.23	0.16	0.42	0.29	-0.03	-0.09	-0.22	0.13	0.14	0.13	-0.04	0	0.08	-0.11	0.18	-0.13	-0.08	-0.32	-0.32	-0.11	-0.28	-0.17	-0.32	-0.28	0.38	1
	Sex	Age	CA	CREA	ALP	GGT	GLU	AST	ALT	LDH	PCR	KAL	NAT	WBC	RBC	HGB	HCT	MCV	MCH	MCHC	PLT1	NE	LY	MO	EO	BA	NET	LYT	MOT	EOT	BAT	Suspect	target

Drop Column

Missing Rate

CK	58.00
UREA	36.75
ALP	24.70
GGT	22.43
EOT	18.02
MO	18.02
EO	18.02
BA	18.02
NET	18.02
LYT	18.02
MOT	18.02
BAT	18.02
LY	18.02
NE	18.02
LDH	14.50

Drop Row

1530	PSMAY0116_2020-05-04	0	41.0	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	...	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	0.0	0
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1711		29	0	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	...	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	0.0	0

60 rows × 36 columns

Train-Test Split

raw data percentage :

0	51.73031
1	48.26969

Name: target, dtype: float64

train percentage :

0	51.716418
1	48.283582

Name: target, dtype: float64

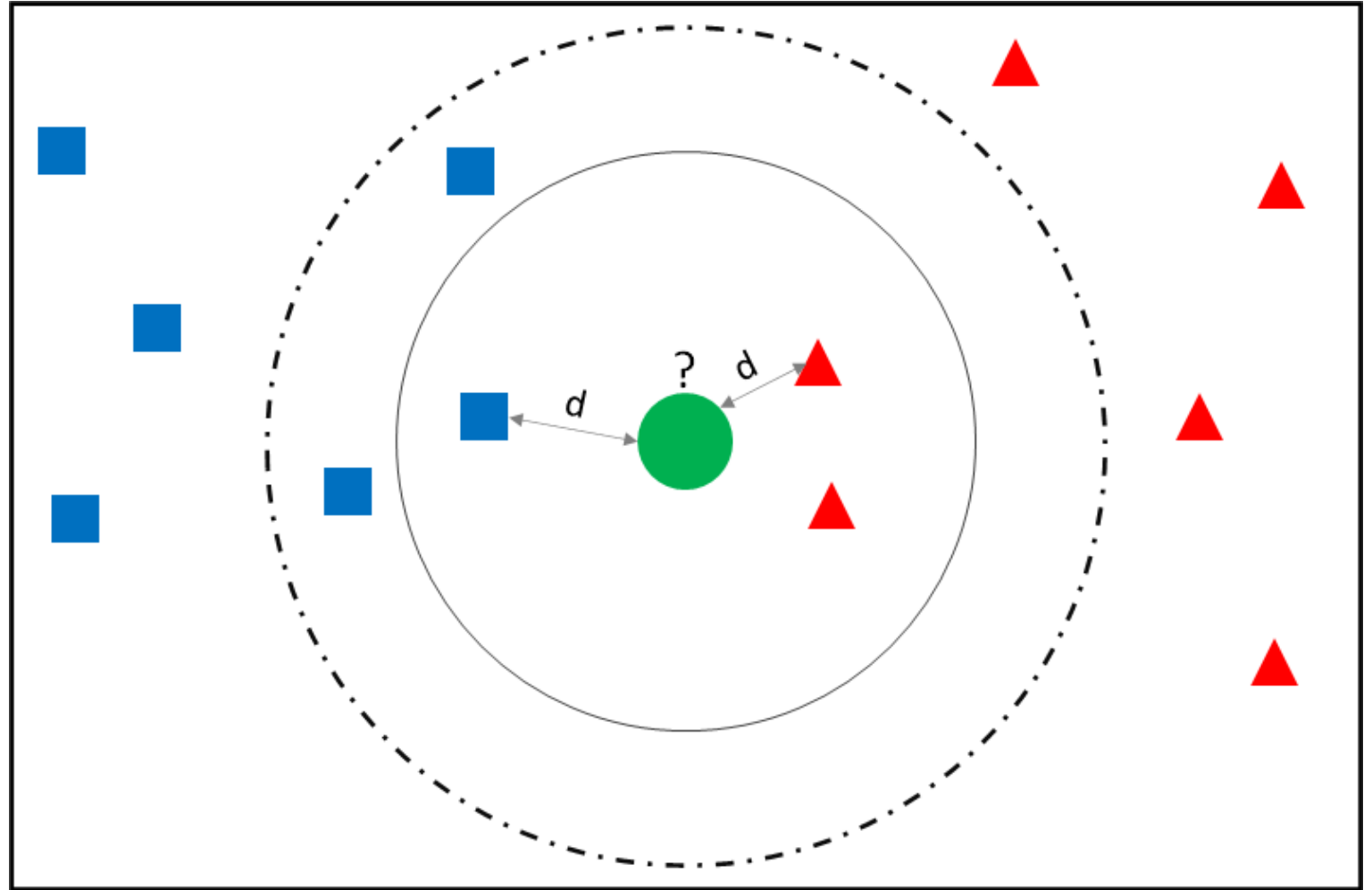
test percentage :

0	51.785714
1	48.214286

Name: target, dtype: float64

KNN Imputation

$K=5$



$$X^* = \frac{X - X_{min}}{X_{max} - X_{min}}$$

Min-Max Normalization

	count	mean	std	min	25%	50%	75%	max
Sex	1340.0	0.57	0.50	0.0	0.00	1.00	1.00	1.0
Age	1340.0	0.61	0.19	0.0	0.48	0.62	0.77	1.0
CA	1340.0	0.05	0.03	0.0	0.04	0.04	0.05	1.0
CREA	1340.0	0.06	0.06	0.0	0.04	0.05	0.06	1.0
ALP	1340.0	0.11	0.08	0.0	0.07	0.09	0.12	1.0
GGT	1340.0	0.05	0.08	0.0	0.02	0.03	0.06	1.0
GLU	1340.0	0.13	0.07	0.0	0.09	0.11	0.13	1.0
AST	1340.0	0.04	0.05	0.0	0.01	0.02	0.04	1.0
ALT	1340.0	0.06	0.08	0.0	0.02	0.04	0.07	1.0
LDH	1340.0	0.14	0.09	0.0	0.08	0.11	0.18	1.0
PCR	1340.0	0.15	0.18	0.0	0.01	0.09	0.23	1.0
KAL	1340.0	0.40	0.12	0.0	0.32	0.39	0.46	1.0
NAT	1340.0	0.34	0.07	0.0	0.30	0.35	0.38	1.0
WBC	1340.0	0.10	0.06	0.0	0.06	0.09	0.13	1.0
RBC	1340.0	0.54	0.13	0.0	0.46	0.55	0.62	1.0
HGB	1340.0	0.57	0.18	0.0	0.46	0.59	0.70	1.0
HCT	1340.0	0.56	0.16	0.0	0.47	0.58	0.67	1.0
MCV	1340.0	0.41	0.09	0.0	0.37	0.41	0.46	1.0

Model

KNN

Naive bayes

Logistic regression

SVM

Random forest

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clf_xgb = XGBClassifier(num_iterations=1000, subsample=0.5, sampling_method='uniform', object='binary:logistic',  
                        val_metric='auc', eta=0.3, gamma=10, reg_alpha=0.3, reg_lambda=0.7,
```

Boosting

- AdaBoost
- GradientBoost
- **XGBoost**

Pros:

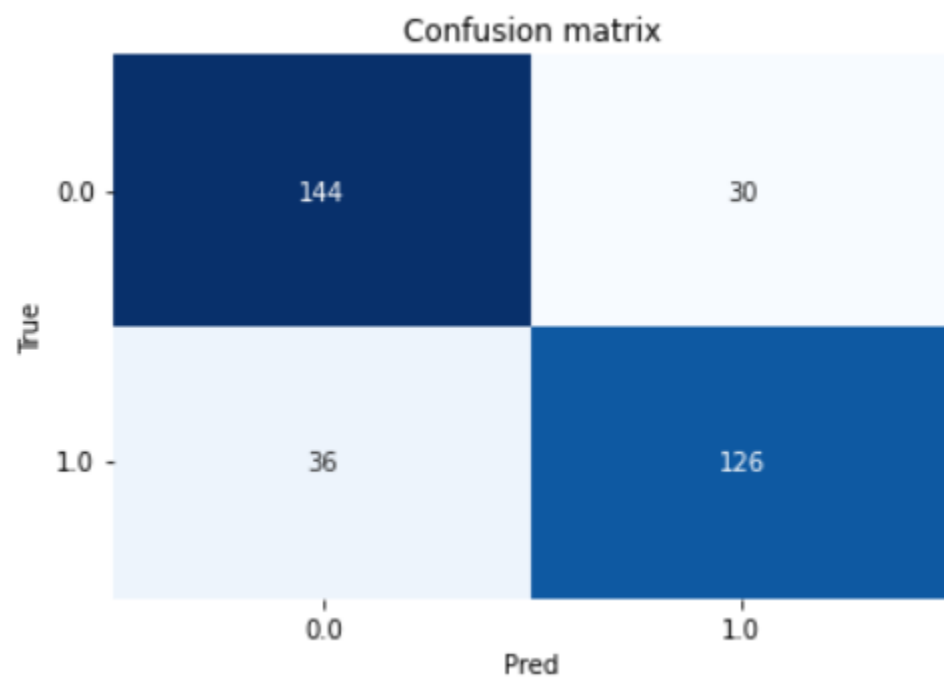
- Continuous Error Correction

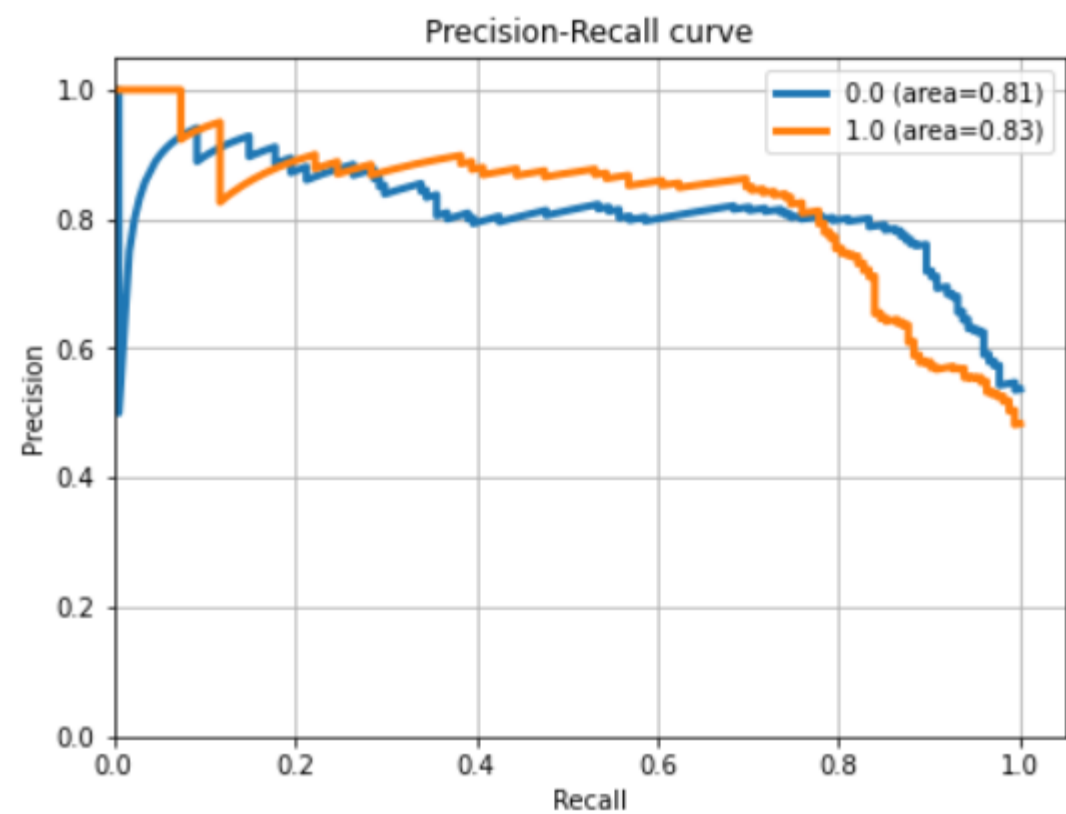
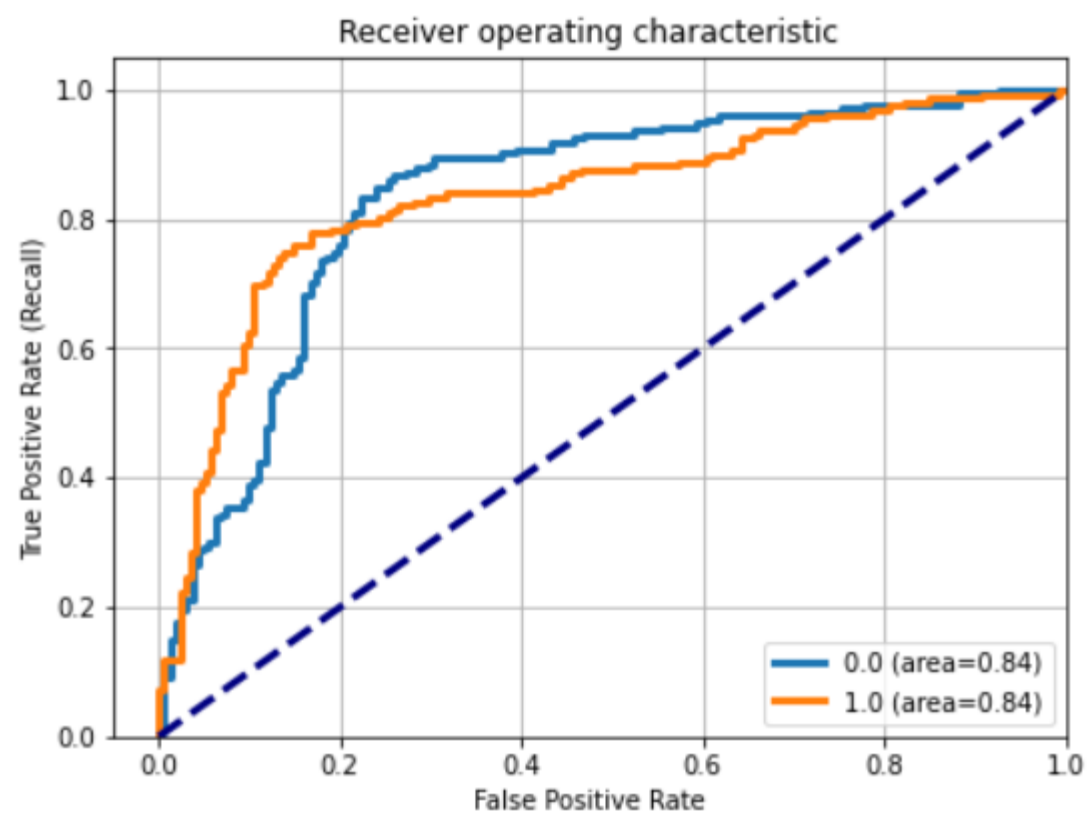
Cons:

- Tree algorithms can over-fit the data

model type: XGBoost
time costing: 1.3852753639221191
Accuracy: 0.8
Auc: 0.84
Detail:

	precision	recall	f1-score	support
0.0	0.80	0.83	0.81	174
1.0	0.81	0.78	0.79	162
accuracy			0.80	336
macro avg	0.80	0.80	0.80	336
weighted avg	0.80	0.80	0.80	336






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clf_mlp = MLPClassifier(hidden_layer_sizes=(128,), activation='relu', solver='adam',  
                        alpha=1e-4, max_iter=10000,
```

Neural Network

- **Multi-layer Perceptron (MLP)**

Pros:

- High Accuracy

Cons:

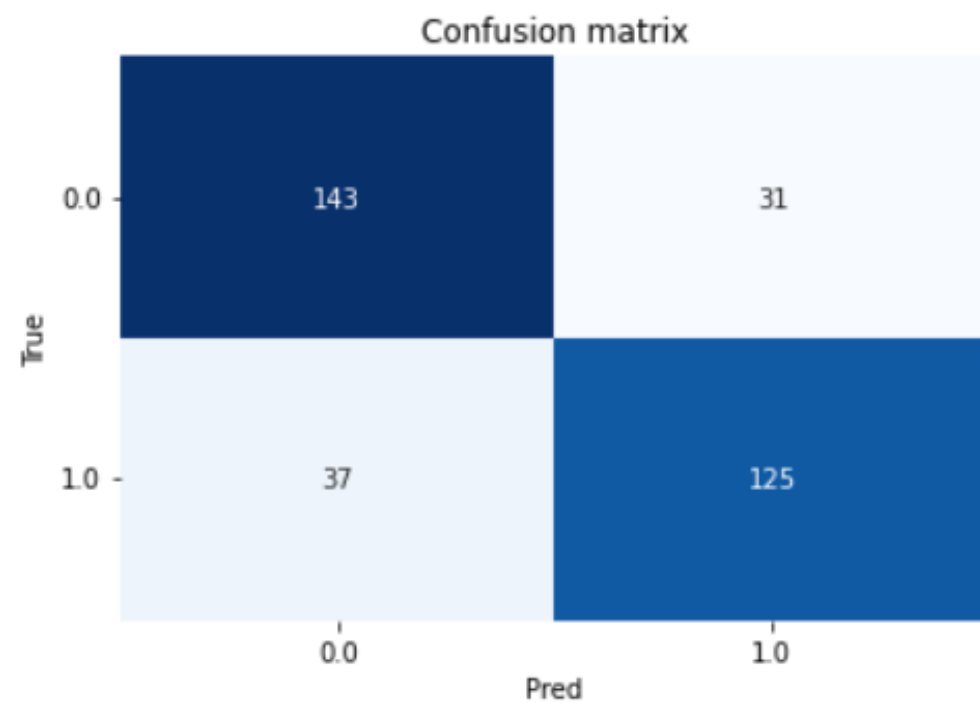
- Difficult to explain
- High Computation

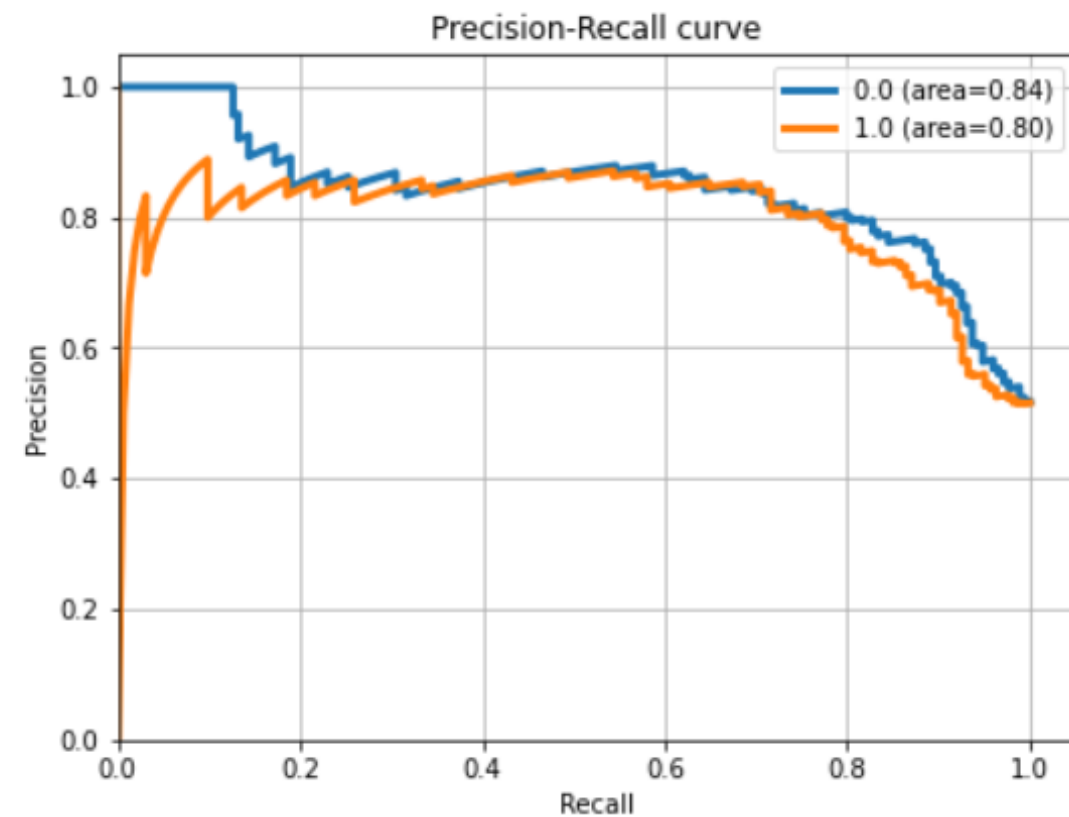
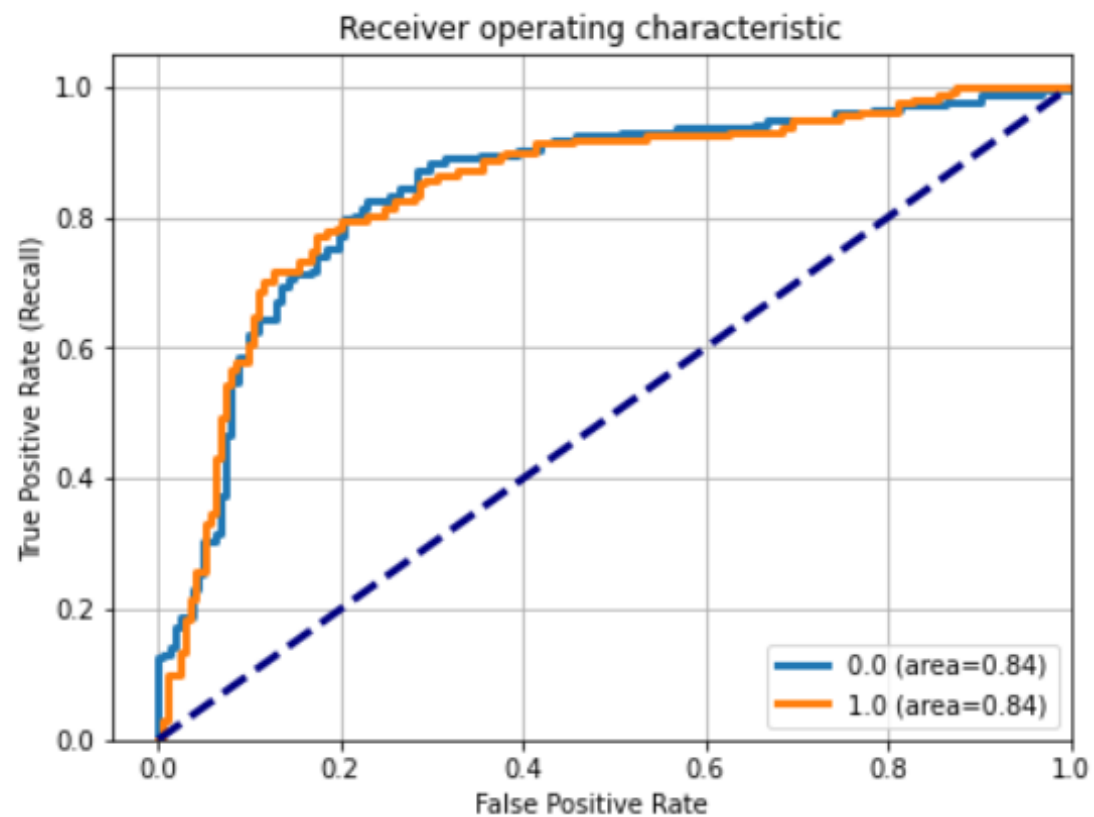
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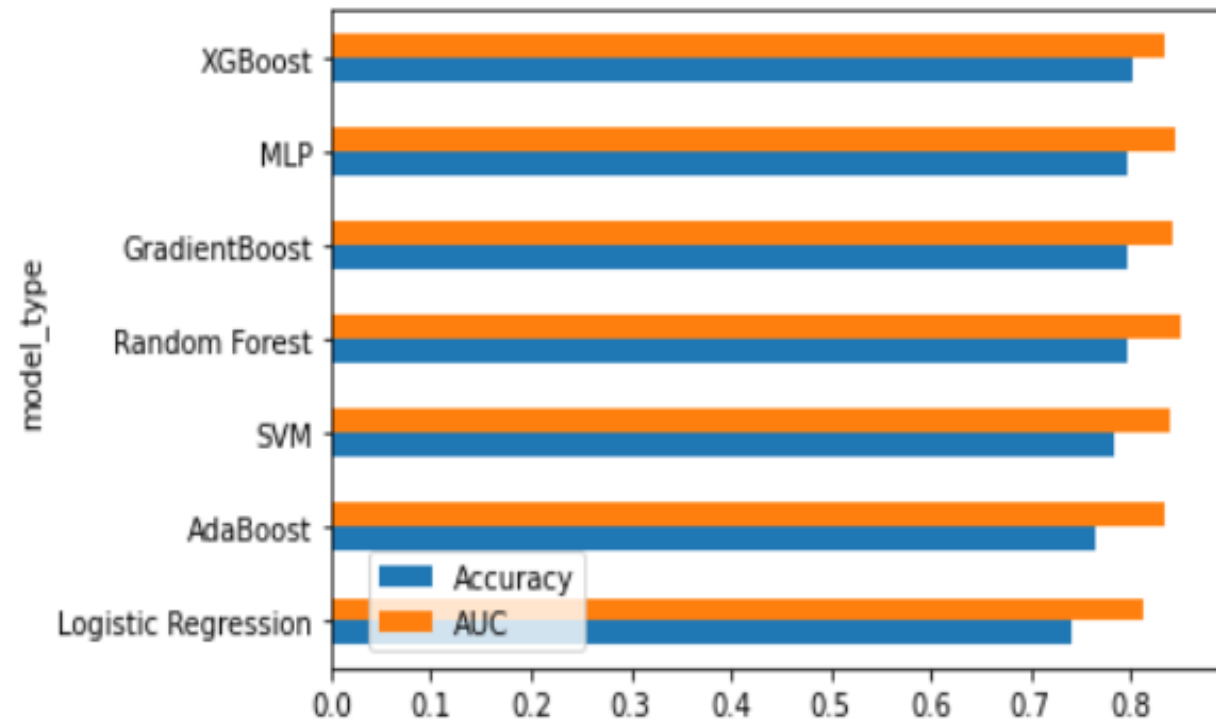
	precision	recall	f1-score	support
0.0	0.79	0.82	0.81	174
1.0	0.80	0.77	0.79	162
accuracy			0.80	336
macro avg	0.80	0.80	0.80	336
weighted avg	0.80	0.80	0.80	336



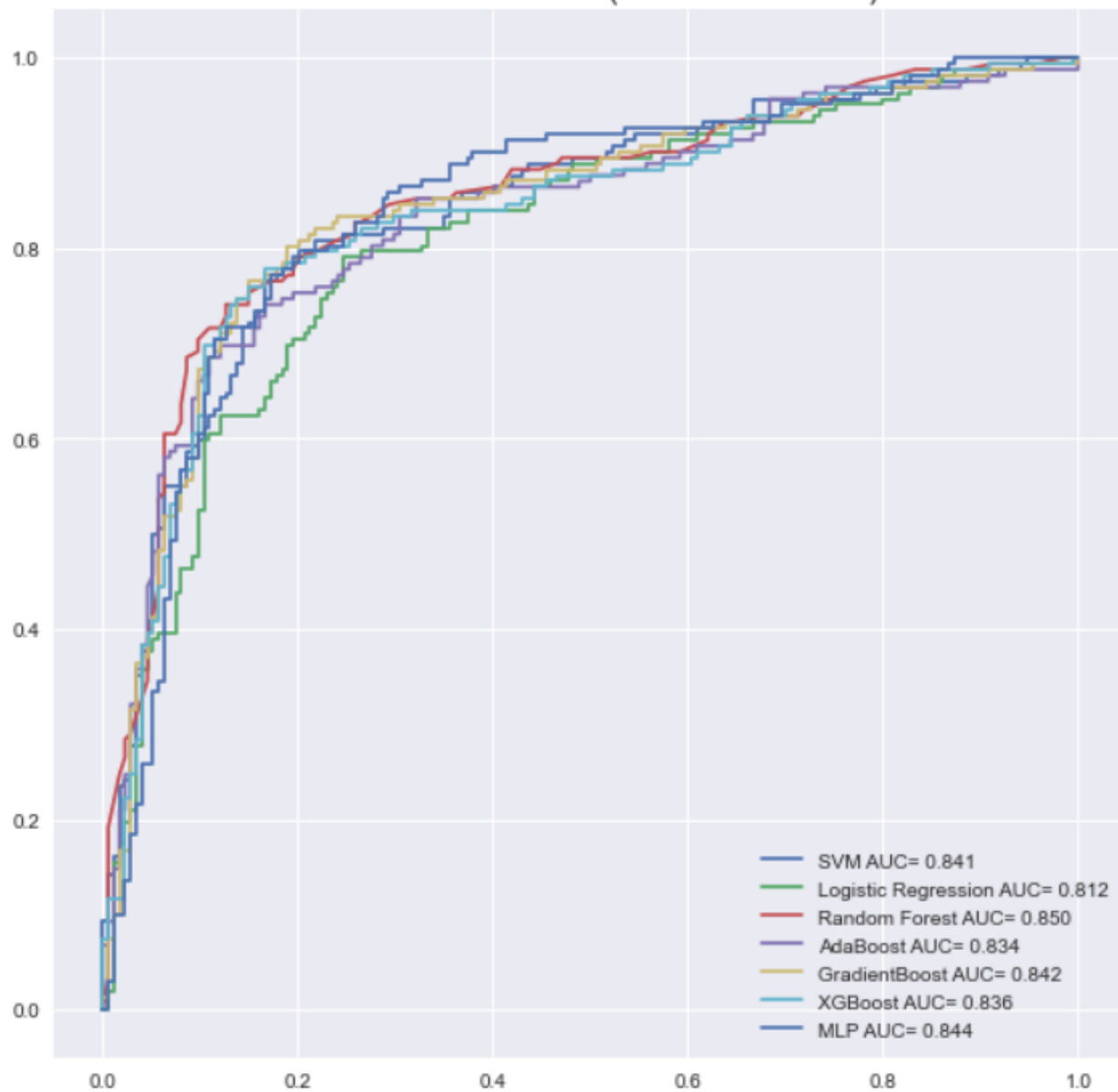


Model Comparison

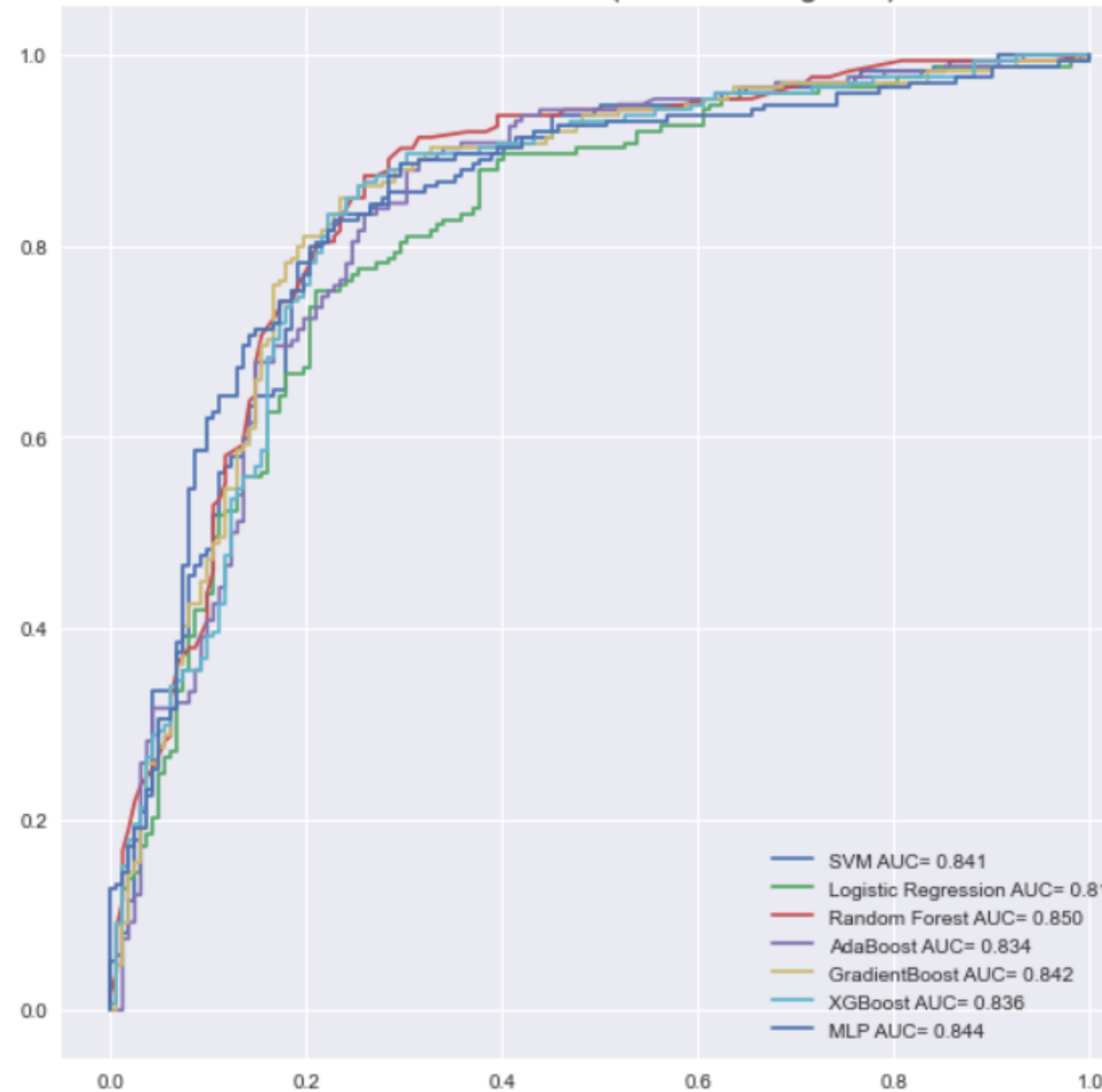
	model_type	Accuracy	AUC
0	XGBoost	0.803571	0.835604
0	Random Forest	0.797619	0.849936
0	GradientBoost	0.797619	0.841812
0	MLP	0.797619	0.84426
0	SVM	0.782738	0.840925
0	AdaBoost	0.764881	0.834007
0	Logistic Regression	0.741071	0.812012



ROC curve and AUC (Covid-19 Positive)



ROC curve and AUC (Covid-19 Negative)



(RFE) Recursive Feature-Elimination

n_features_to_select=20

	Features	importances
29	EOT	0.455840
9	LDH	0.310221
13	WBC	0.169918
2	CA	0.024573
15	HGB	0.020856
8	ALT	0.018592

(PCA) Principal Component Analysis

n_components=20

Pros:

- High versatility

Cons:

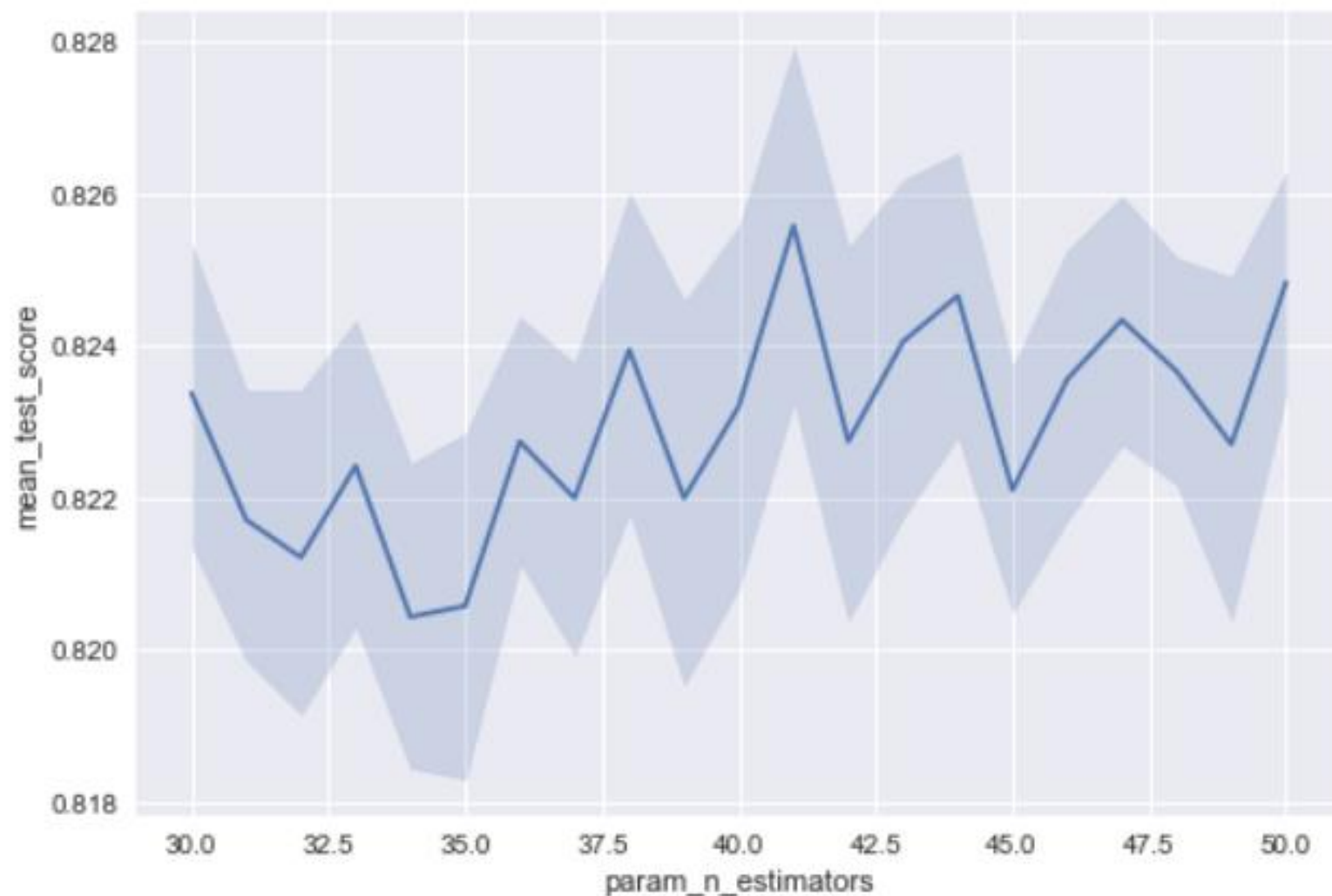
- Difficult to explain

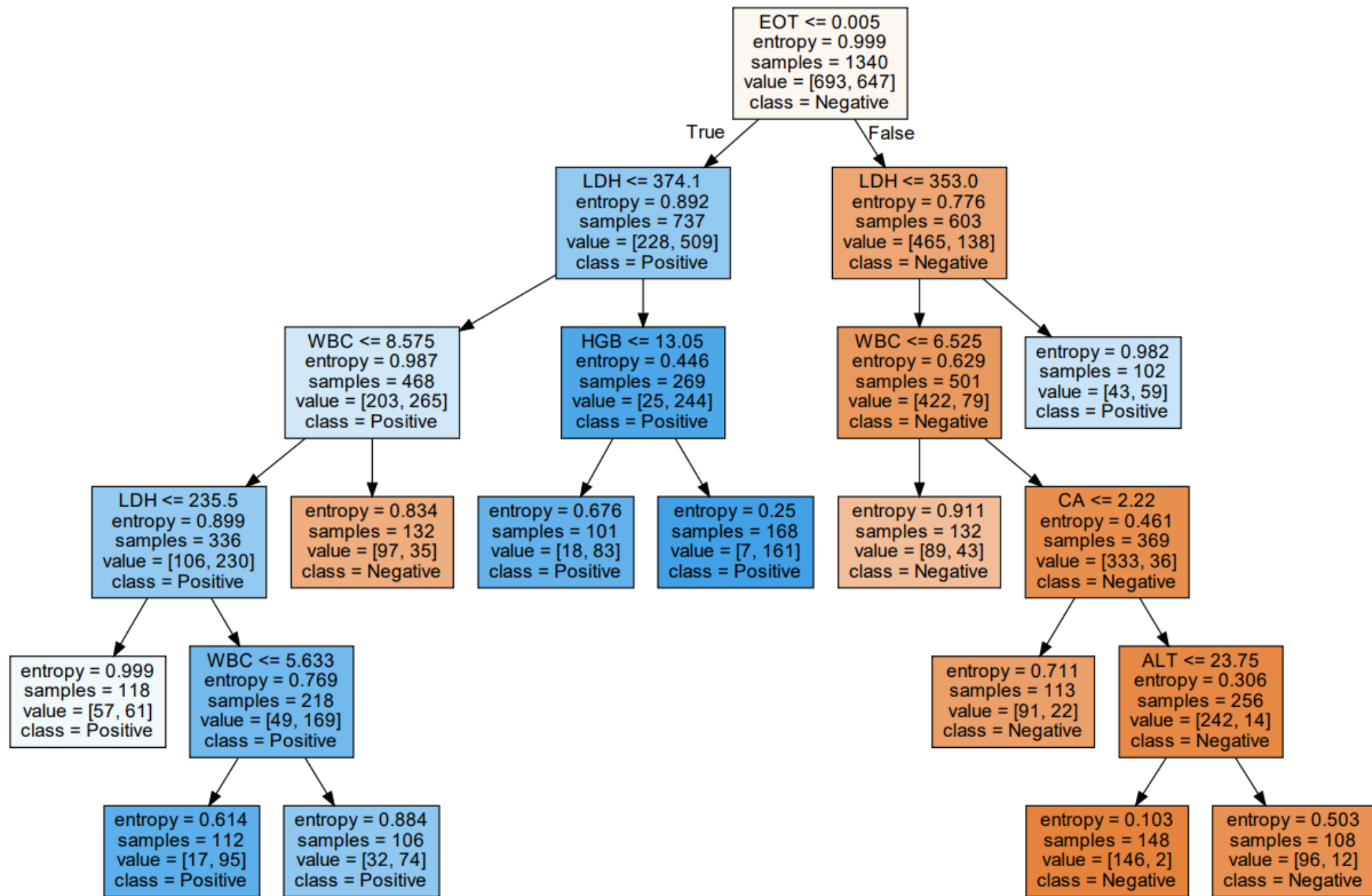
Grid Search

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{'max_depth': 25, 'n_estimators': 39}
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<AxesSubplot:xlabel='param_n_estimators', ylabel='mean_test_score'>
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Reference

- <https://www.degruyter.com/document/doi/10.1515/cclm-2020-1294/html>
- <https://zenodo.org/record/4081318#.YkwDQS1BxPa>
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