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import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split, GridSearchCV,␣
↪cross_val_score
from sklearn.preprocessing import StandardScaler
from sklearn.neighbors import KNeighborsClassifier
from sklearn.metrics import classification_report, confusion_matrix,␣
↪accuracy_score

plt.style.use('ggplot')
sns.set_palette('viridis')
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# ============================================================================
# Step 1: Load Data from a CSV File
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# Justification:
# As requested, we load the data directly from a CSV file.
# This is a common practice in real-world projects, making the code portable and
# independent of specific library versions (since `load_boston` is deprecated).
print("--- Step 1: Loading Data from CSV File ---")

# Note: This code assumes that 'BostonHousing.csv' is in the same directory
# as the script. If not, provide the full path to the file.
try:
    boston_df = pd.read_csv('BostonHousing.csv')
    # Standardize column names to uppercase for consistency
    boston_df.columns = [col.upper() for col in boston_df.columns]
    # Handle common variations of the target column name ('MEDV')
    if 'MEDV' not in boston_df.columns and 'PRICE' in boston_df.columns:
        boston_df.rename(columns={'PRICE': 'MEDV'}, inplace=True)
    elif 'MEDV' not in boston_df.columns and 'MDEV' in boston_df.columns:
        boston_df.rename(columns={'MDEV': 'MEDV'}, inplace=True)
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    print("Data loaded successfully from 'BostonHousing.csv'.")
    print("Available features:", list(boston_df.columns))
except FileNotFoundError:
    print("Error: 'BostonHousing.csv' not found. Please ensure the file is in␣
↪the correct directory.")
    exit()  # Exit the script if the data file is not found
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--- Step 1: Loading Data from CSV File ---
Data loaded successfully from 'BostonHousing.csv'.
Available features: ['CRIM', 'ZN', 'INDUS', 'CHAS', 'NOX', 'RM', 'AGE', 'DIS',
'RAD', 'TAX', 'PTRATIO', 'LSTAT', 'MEDV', 'CAT. MEDV']
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boston_df.describe()
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	CRIM	ZN	INDUS	CHAS	NOX	RM
count	506.000000	506.000000	506.000000	506.000000	506.000000	506.000000
mean	3.613524	11.363636	11.136779	0.069170	0.554695	6.284634
std	8.601545	23.322453	6.860353	0.253994	0.115878	0.702617
min	0.006320	0.000000	0.460000	0.000000	0.385000	3.561000
25%	0.082045	0.000000	5.190000	0.000000	0.449000	5.885500
50%	0.256510	0.000000	9.690000	0.000000	0.538000	6.208500
75%	3.677083	12.500000	18.100000	0.000000	0.624000	6.623500
max	88.976200	100.000000	27.740000	1.000000	0.871000	8.780000

	AGE	DIS	RAD	TAX	PTRATIO	LSTAT
count	506.000000	506.000000	506.000000	506.000000	506.000000	506.000000
mean	68.574901	3.795043	9.549407	408.237154	18.455534	12.653063
std	28.148861	2.105710	8.707259	168.537116	2.164946	7.141062
min	2.900000	1.129600	1.000000	187.000000	12.600000	1.730000
25%	45.025000	2.100175	4.000000	279.000000	17.400000	6.950000
50%	77.500000	3.207450	5.000000	330.000000	19.050000	11.360000
75%	94.075000	5.188425	24.000000	666.000000	20.200000	16.955000
max	100.000000	12.126500	24.000000	711.000000	22.000000	37.970000

	MEDV	CAT. MEDV
count	506.000000	506.000000
mean	22.532806	0.166008
std	9.197104	0.372456
min	5.000000	0.000000
25%	17.025000	0.000000
50%	21.200000	0.000000
75%	25.000000	0.000000
max	50.000000	1.000000

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print(boston_df.dtypes)
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CRIM          float64
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ZN            float64
INDUS         float64
CHAS            int64
NOX           float64
RM            float64
AGE           float64
DIS           float64
RAD             int64
TAX             int64
PTRATIO       float64
LSTAT         float64
MEDV          float64
CAT. MEDV       int64
dtype: object
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# ==============================================================================
# Step 1.5: Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA) on the 'CRIM' Feature
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# Justification:
# Before classifying the data, we must understand the distribution of our␣
↪target variable, 'CRIM'.
# A histogram and a box plot will reveal its shape and outliers. This analysis␣
↪justifies
# our choice of binning strategy in the next step.
print("--- Step 1.5: Exploratory Data Analysis on Crime Rate (CRIM) ---")
plt.figure(figsize=(15, 6))

# Histogram to show the distribution
plt.subplot(1, 2, 1)
sns.histplot(boston_df['CRIM'], bins=50, kde=True, color='purple')
plt.title('Distribution of Crime Rate (CRIM)')
plt.xlabel('Crime Rate (Log Scale)')
plt.ylabel('Frequency')
plt.xscale('log')  # Using a log scale to better visualize the heavily skewed␣
↪data

# Box plot to identify outliers
plt.subplot(1, 2, 2)
sns.boxplot(y=boston_df['CRIM'], color='skyblue')
plt.title('Box Plot of Crime Rate')
plt.ylabel('Crime Rate (CRIM)')
plt.yscale('log') # Log scale helps to see the spread of outliers

plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()

print("Descriptive Statistics for CRIM:")
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print(boston_df['CRIM'].describe())
print("\nAnalysis: The distribution is heavily right-skewed, with many outliers.
↪ This confirms that percentile-based binning is a suitable strategy.")
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--- Step 1.5: Exploratory Data Analysis on Crime Rate (CRIM) ---
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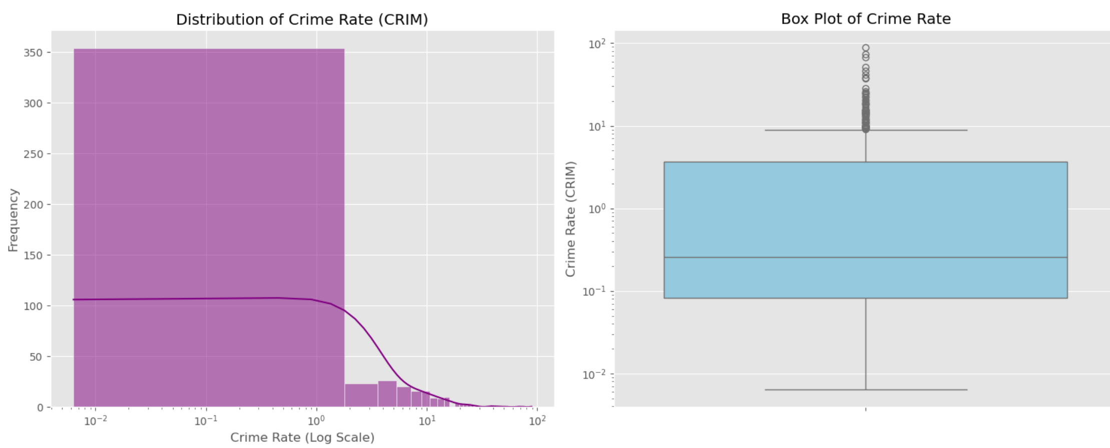


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Descriptive Statistics for CRIM:
count    506.000000
mean       3.613524
std        8.601545
min        0.006320
25%        0.082045
50%        0.256510
75%        3.677083
max       88.976200
Name: CRIM, dtype: float64

Analysis: The distribution is heavily right-skewed, with many outliers. This
confirms that percentile-based binning is a suitable strategy.
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# ==============================================================================
# Step 2: Define Crime Rate Classes (Key Decision 1)
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# Justification:
# We convert the continuous 'CRIM' variable into discrete classes using␣
↪quantiles.
# This method creates balanced classes (approx. 33% each), which is crucial for
# preventing model bias, especially with skewed data.
print("--- Step 2: Defining Crime Rate Classes ---")
# Calculate the 33rd and 66th percentiles to serve as our cutoffs
p33 = boston_df['CRIM'].quantile(0.33)
p66 = boston_df['CRIM'].quantile(0.66)
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# Create the new categorical target variable 'crime_level'
boston_df['crime_level'] = pd.cut(
    boston_df['CRIM'],
    bins=[-np.inf, p33, p66, np.inf],
    labels=['Low', 'Moderate', 'High']
)

print(f"Cutoff for Low/Moderate (33rd Percentile): {p33:.4f}")
print(f"Cutoff for Moderate/High (66th Percentile): {p66:.4f}")
print("\nDistribution of samples in each class (confirming balance):")
print(boston_df['crime_level'].value_counts(normalize=True).apply(lambda x:␣
↪f"{x:.1%}"))
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--- Step 2: Defining Crime Rate Classes ---
Cutoff for Low/Moderate (33rd Percentile): 0.1126
Cutoff for Moderate/High (66th Percentile): 1.0757

Distribution of samples in each class (confirming balance):
crime_level
High        34.0%
Low         33.0%
Moderate    33.0%
Name: proportion, dtype: object
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# ============================================================================
# Step 3 (Consolidated Version): Comprehensive Feature Selection & Final Data␣
↪Definition
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# Justification:
# This consolidated step first performs a robust, two-pronged feature selection␣
↪on
# the original continuous data. Once the optimal features are identified, it
# immediately defines the final X (features) and y (categorical target) for the␣
↪model.
# This creates a clear and logical workflow.

from sklearn.tree import DecisionTreeRegressor
import seaborn as sns

# --- Part 3a: Correlation Analysis with Target (CRIM) ---
print("--- Step 3a: Correlation Analysis with Target (CRIM) ---")

# To prevent errors, we work with a purely numeric version of the DataFrame.
numeric_df = boston_df.select_dtypes(include=np.number)
correlation_with_target = numeric_df.corr()['CRIM'].abs().
↪sort_values(ascending=False)
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# Drop 'CRIM' itself from the series.
correlation_with_target = correlation_with_target.drop('CRIM')

print("Absolute correlation of each feature with 'CRIM':")
print(correlation_with_target)

# Visualize the correlations
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
sns.barplot(x=correlation_with_target.values, y=correlation_with_target.index,␣
 ↪palette="viridis")
plt.title('Absolute Correlation of Features with Crime Rate (CRIM)')
plt.xlabel('Absolute Correlation Coefficient')
plt.ylabel('Features')
plt.show()


# --- Part 3b: Feature Importance from a Decision Tree Model ---
print("\n--- Step 3b: Feature Importance from a Decision Tree Model ---")

# Prepare data for this analysis using the numeric DataFrame.
X_for_fs = numeric_df.drop('CRIM', axis=1, errors='ignore')
y_for_fs = numeric_df['CRIM']

# Build and train a Decision Tree Regressor model
tree_model = DecisionTreeRegressor(random_state=42)
tree_model.fit(X_for_fs, y_for_fs)

# Extract and display feature importances
feature_importances = pd.Series(tree_model.feature_importances_, index=X_for_fs.
 ↪columns).sort_values(ascending=False)

print("\nFeature importances for predicting 'CRIM' from a Decision Tree:")
print(feature_importances)

# Visualize the feature importances
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
sns.barplot(x=feature_importances.values, y=feature_importances.index,␣
 ↪palette="plasma")
plt.title('Feature Importance from Decision Tree for Predicting CRIM')
plt.xlabel('Importance Score')
plt.ylabel('Features')
plt.show()


# --- Part 3c: Finalizing Feature Selection ---
print("\n--- Step 3c: Finalizing Feature Selection ---")
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# Get the top 6 features from each method
top_corr_features = set(correlation_with_target.head(6).index)
top_tree_features = set(feature_importances.head(6).index)

print(f"Top 6 Features from Correlation: {list(top_corr_features)}")
print(f"Top 6 Features from Decision Tree: {list(top_tree_features)}")

# Find the intersection to get the most consistently important features
final_selected_features = list(top_corr_features.
 ↪intersection(top_tree_features))

# Optional: Add a feature if it's highly ranked in one method but not the other
if 'DIS' not in final_selected_features:
    final_selected_features.append('DIS')

print(f"\n Final selected features for the model: {final_selected_features}")


# --- Part 3d: Defining Final Model Inputs (X and y) ---
print("\n--- Step 3d: Defining Final Model Inputs (X and y) ---")
# Now that we have our final list of features, we can create the categorical␣
 ↪target
# and define the final X and y for our classification model.

# Note: The 'crime_level' column is created here, after all analysis on the
# continuous 'CRIM' variable is complete.
if 'crime_level' not in boston_df.columns:
    p33 = boston_df['CRIM'].quantile(0.33)
    p66 = boston_df['CRIM'].quantile(0.66)
    boston_df['crime_level'] = pd.cut(
        boston_df['CRIM'],
        bins=[-np.inf, p33, p66, np.inf],
        labels=['Low', 'Moderate', 'High']
    )
    print("Categorical 'crime_level' column created successfully.")

# Create the final X and y using the selected features and the new target column
X = boston_df[final_selected_features]
y = boston_df['crime_level']

print(f"\nFinal X (features) created with shape: {X.shape}")
print(f"Final y (target) created with shape: {y.shape}")
print("\n" + "="*60 + "\n")
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--- Step 3a: Correlation Analysis with Target (CRIM) ---
Absolute correlation of each feature with 'CRIM':
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RAD           0.625505
TAX           0.582764
LSTAT         0.455621
NOX           0.420972
INDUS         0.406583
MEDV          0.388305
DIS           0.379670
AGE           0.352734
PTRATIO       0.289946
RM            0.219247
ZN            0.200469
CAT. MEDV     0.151987
CHAS          0.055892
Name: CRIM, dtype: float64
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C:\Users\Home-PC\AppData\Local\Temp\ipykernel_19556\286167596.py:28:
FutureWarning:

Passing `palette` without assigning `hue` is deprecated and will be removed in
v0.14.0. Assign the `y` variable to `hue` and set `legend=False` for the same
effect.

  sns.barplot(x=correlation_with_target.values, y=correlation_with_target.index,
palette="viridis")
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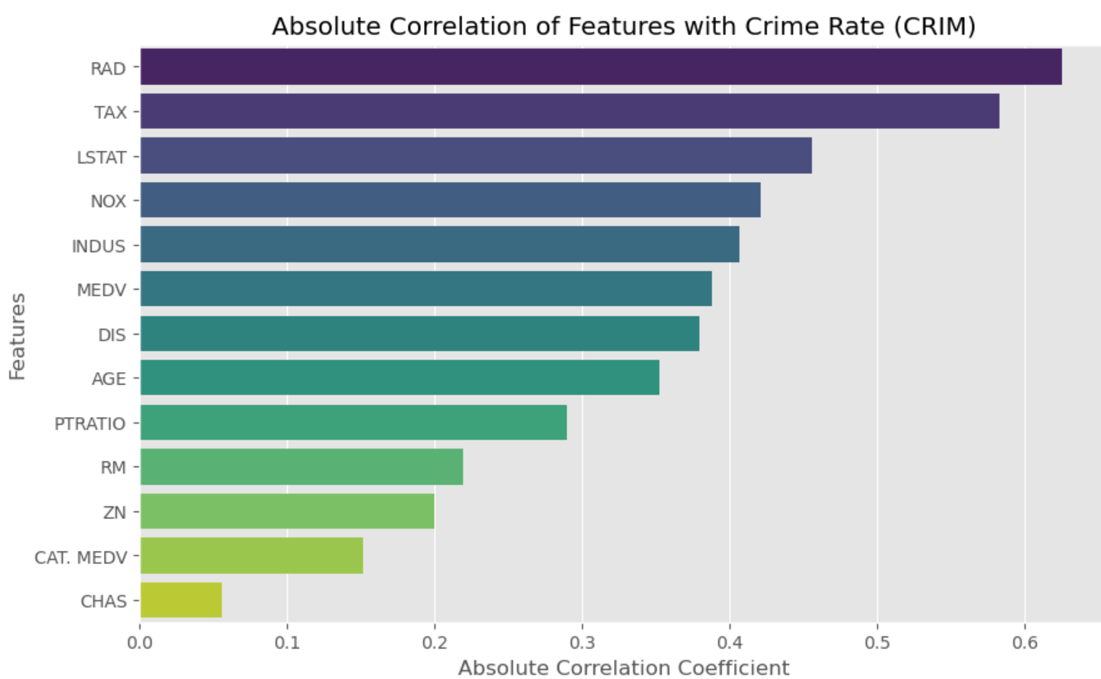

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--- Step 3b: Feature Importance from a Decision Tree Model ---

Feature importances for predicting 'CRIM' from a Decision Tree:
RAD          0.399865
MEDV         0.236707
RM           0.218139
LSTAT        0.065283
DIS          0.041265
AGE          0.020104
NOX          0.017944
PTRATIO      0.000360
INDUS        0.000277
CHAS         0.000037
CAT. MEDV    0.000016
ZN           0.000003
TAX          0.000001
dtype: float64
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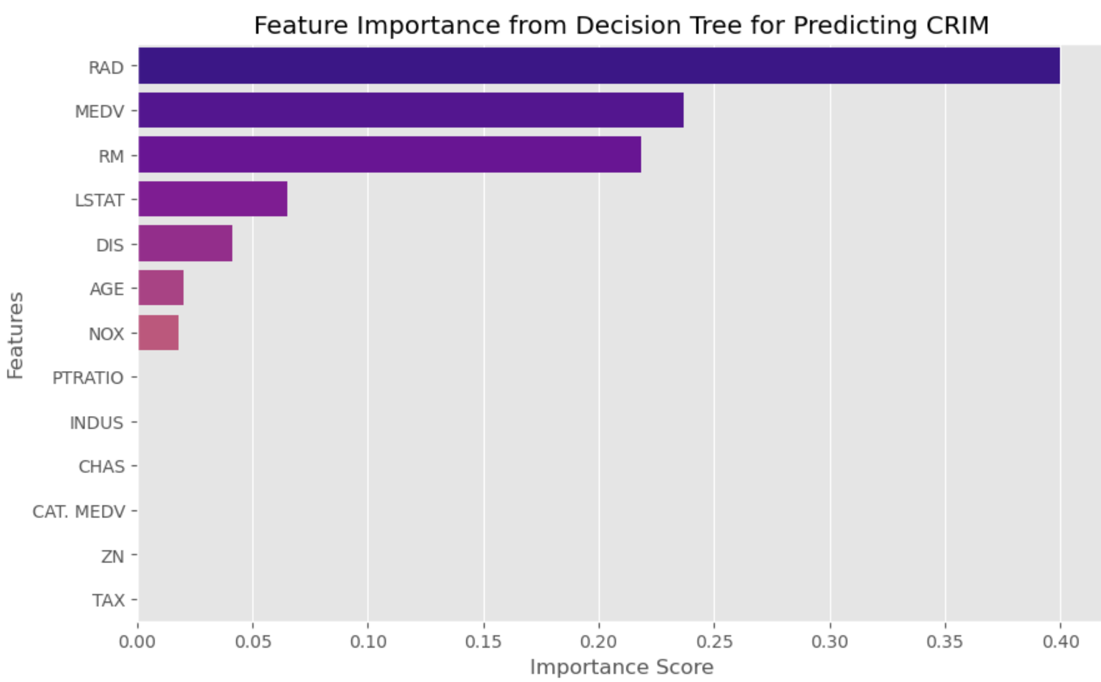
C:\Users\Home-PC\AppData\Local\Temp\ipykernel_19556\286167596.py:54:
FutureWarning:

Passing `palette` without assigning `hue` is deprecated and will be removed in
v0.14.0. Assign the `y` variable to `hue` and set `legend=False` for the same
effect.

  sns.barplot(x=feature_importances.values, y=feature_importances.index,
palette="plasma")
```



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--- Step 3c: Finalizing Feature Selection ---
Top 6 Features from Correlation: ['INDUS', 'TAX', 'MEDV', 'LSTAT', 'NOX', 'RAD']
Top 6 Features from Decision Tree: ['AGE', 'RM', 'DIS', 'MEDV', 'LSTAT', 'RAD']

 Final selected features for the model: ['MEDV', 'RAD', 'LSTAT', 'DIS']

--- Step 3d: Defining Final Model Inputs (X and y) ---

Final X (features) created with shape: (506, 4)
Final y (target) created with shape: (506,)

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# Step 4: Data Splitting and Standardization
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# Justification:
# We split the data into a full training set (for model building and tuning)␣
↪and a
# final test set (for unbiased evaluation). Standardization is crucial for KNN,
# ensuring all features contribute equally to the distance calculation. We fit␣
↪the
# scaler ONLY on the training data to prevent data leakage.

# We use the X and y defined at the end of Step 3
# Split the entire dataset into 80% for training/tuning and 20% for the final␣
↪test
X_train_full, X_test, y_train_full, y_test = train_test_split(
    X, y, test_size=0.2, random_state=42, stratify=y
)

# Initialize the StandardScaler
scaler = StandardScaler()

# Fit the scaler on the training data and transform it
X_train_full_scaled = scaler.fit_transform(X_train_full)

# Transform the test data using the *same* scaler fitted on the training data
X_test_scaled = scaler.transform(X_test)

print("--- Step 4: Splitting and Standardizing Data ---")
print(f"Data split into a full training set of {X_train_full.shape[0]} samples␣
↪and a test set of {X_test.shape[0]} samples.")
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print("The training data has been successfully scaled, and the scaler is ready␣
↪for the test data.")
print("\n" + "="*60 + "\n")
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--- Step 4: Splitting and Standardizing Data ---
Data split into a full training set of 404 samples and a test set of 102
samples.
The training data has been successfully scaled, and the scaler is ready for the
test data.

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# ============================================================================
# Step 5: Finding the Optimal 'k' with Three Methods (Key Decision 3)
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from sklearn.preprocessing import LabelBinarizer
from sklearn.metrics import roc_auc_score


print("--- Step 5: Comparing Three Methods to Find the Optimal 'k' ---")
k_range = range(1, 31)
plt.figure(figsize=(20, 7))
plt.suptitle('Comparison of Three Methods for Finding Optimal K', fontsize=16,␣
↪y=1.02)

# --- Method 1: Holdout Validation ---
print("\n--- Method 1: Holdout Validation ---")
# Split the full training set into a smaller training set and a validation set
X_train, X_val, y_train, y_val = train_test_split(
    X_train_full_scaled, y_train_full, test_size=0.25, random_state=42,␣
↪stratify=y_train_full
)

holdout_scores = []
for k in k_range:
    knn = KNeighborsClassifier(n_neighbors=k)
    knn.fit(X_train, y_train)
    holdout_scores.append(accuracy_score(y_val, knn.predict(X_val)))

best_k_holdout = k_range[np.argmax(holdout_scores)]
print(f"  Best k from Holdout method: {best_k_holdout} with Accuracy:␣
↪{max(holdout_scores):.4f}")

ax1 = plt.subplot(1, 3, 1)
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ax1.plot(k_range, holdout_scores, marker='o', linestyle='--', color='blue',␣
↪label='Holdout Accuracy')
ax1.axvline(best_k_holdout, color='blue', linestyle=':', label=f'Best k =␣
↪{best_k_holdout}')
ax1.set_title('Method 1: Holdout Validation')
ax1.set_xlabel('Value of K')
ax1.set_ylabel('Accuracy')
ax1.legend()
ax1.grid(True)

# --- Method 2: Cross-Validation (The Gold Standard) ---
print("\n--- Method 2: Cross-Validation ---")
cv_scores = []
for k in k_range:
    knn = KNeighborsClassifier(n_neighbors=k)
    scores = cross_val_score(knn, X_train_full_scaled, y_train_full, cv=10,␣
↪scoring='accuracy')
    cv_scores.append(scores.mean())

best_k_cv = k_range[np.argmax(cv_scores)]
print(f"  Best k from Cross-Validation: {best_k_cv} with Mean Accuracy:␣
↪{max(cv_scores):.4f}")

ax2 = plt.subplot(1, 3, 2)
ax2.plot(k_range, cv_scores, marker='s', linestyle='-', color='green',␣
↪label='CV Accuracy')
ax2.axvline(best_k_cv, color='green', linestyle=':', label=f'Best k =␣
↪{best_k_cv}')
ax2.set_title('Method 2: Cross-Validation (10-fold)')
ax2.set_xlabel('Value of K')
ax2.set_ylabel('Mean Accuracy')
ax2.legend()
ax2.grid(True)

# --- Method 3: Multiclass AUC Score ---
print("\n--- Method 3: Multiclass AUC Score (One-vs-Rest) ---")
lb = LabelBinarizer()
y_val_binarized = lb.fit_transform(y_val)

roc_auc_scores = []
for k in k_range:
    knn = KNeighborsClassifier(n_neighbors=k)
    knn.fit(X_train, y_train)
    y_pred_proba = knn.predict_proba(X_val)
    roc_auc_scores.append(roc_auc_score(y_val_binarized, y_pred_proba,␣
↪multi_class='ovr', average='macro'))
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best_k_roc = k_range[np.argmax(roc_auc_scores)]
print(f" Best k from Multiclass AUC: {best_k_roc} with Score:␣
↪{max(roc_auc_scores):.4f}")

ax3 = plt.subplot(1, 3, 3)
ax3.plot(k_range, roc_auc_scores, marker='^', linestyle='-.', color='red',␣
↪label='Multiclass AUC')
ax3.axvline(best_k_roc, color='red', linestyle=':', label=f'Best k =␣
↪{best_k_roc}')
ax3.set_title('Method 3: Multiclass AUC (OvR)')
ax3.set_xlabel('Value of K')
ax3.set_ylabel('Mean AUC Score')
ax3.legend()
ax3.grid(True)

plt.tight_layout(rect=[0, 0, 1, 0.96])
plt.show()

# Final choice of 'k'
optimal_k = best_k_cv
print("\n--- Final Decision on k ---")
print("Comparing the three methods, Cross-Validation provides the most robust␣
↪and reliable estimate.")
print(f"We will proceed with k = {optimal_k} for the final model.")
print("\n" + "="*60 + "\n")
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--- Step 5: Comparing Three Methods to Find the Optimal 'k' ---

--- Method 1: Holdout Validation ---
 Best k from Holdout method: 2 with Accuracy: 0.7723

--- Method 2: Cross-Validation ---
 Best k from Cross-Validation: 1 with Mean Accuracy: 0.7995

--- Method 3: Multiclass AUC Score (One-vs-Rest) ---
 Best k from Multiclass AUC: 6 with Score: 0.8758
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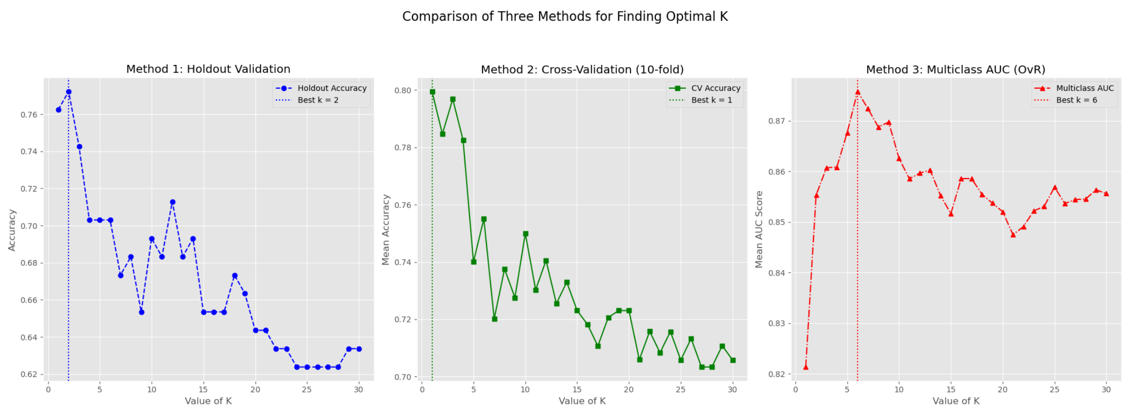


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--- Final Decision on k ---
Comparing the three methods, Cross-Validation provides the most robust and
reliable estimate.
We will proceed with k = 1 for the final model.

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# ==============================================================================
# Step 6: Final Model Training and Evaluation
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# Justification:
# Using the optimal 'k' found via our robust tuning process, we now train the
# final model on the *entire* full training set. We then evaluate its real-world
# performance on the unseen test set. This provides an unbiased measure of how
# our model is expected to perform on new data.

print("--- Step 6: Final Model Evaluation on Unseen Test Data ---")

# The 'optimal_k' variable was determined at the end of Step 5
print(f"Building final model with the optimal k = {optimal_k}...")

# 1. Create the final KNN model instance with the optimal number of neighbors
final_model = KNeighborsClassifier(n_neighbors=optimal_k)

# 2. Train the final model on the ENTIRE scaled training data
# (X_train_full_scaled and y_train_full were created in Step 4)
final_model.fit(X_train_full_scaled, y_train_full)

# 3. Make predictions on the unseen, scaled test data
y_pred = final_model.predict(X_test_scaled)
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# 4. Evaluate the model's performance
final_accuracy = accuracy_score(y_test, y_pred)

print(f"\nFinal Model Accuracy (with k={optimal_k}): {final_accuracy:.2%}\n")
print("Classification Report:")
print(classification_report(y_test, y_pred, target_names=['Low', 'Moderate',␣
↪'High']))

print("\nConfusion Matrix:")
# Get the unique labels in the order they appear in the data for correct␣
↪plotting
labels_order = sorted(y.unique())
cm = confusion_matrix(y_test, y_pred, labels=labels_order)

# Plotting the confusion matrix for better visualization
plt.figure(figsize=(8, 6))
sns.heatmap(cm, annot=True, fmt='d', cmap='Blues',
            xticklabels=labels_order, yticklabels=labels_order)
plt.xlabel('Predicted Label')
plt.ylabel('True Label')
plt.title(f'Final Confusion Matrix (k={optimal_k})')
plt.show()

print("\n" + "="*60 + "\n")
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--- Step 6: Final Model Evaluation on Unseen Test Data ---
Building final model with the optimal k = 1…

Final Model Accuracy (with k=1): 72.55%

Classification Report:
              precision    recall  f1-score   support

         Low       0.89      0.89      0.89        35
    Moderate       0.72      0.68      0.70        34
        High       0.57      0.61      0.59        33

    accuracy                           0.73       102
   macro avg       0.73      0.72      0.72       102
weighted avg       0.73      0.73      0.73       102


Confusion Matrix:
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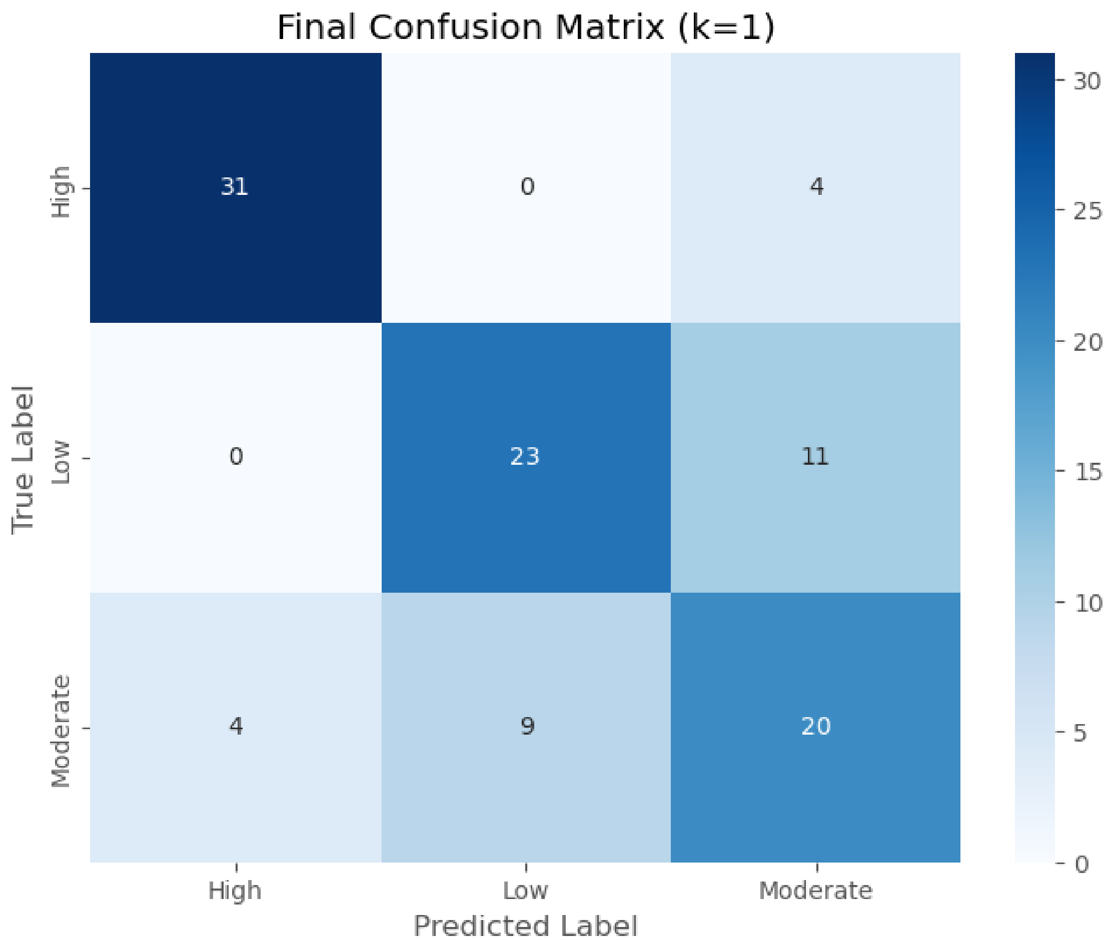

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# ==============================================================================
# Step 7: Final Report and Interpretation
# ==============================================================================
# Justification:
# This final section brings everything together. It first presents the key␣
↪numerical
# results clearly, then provides a detailed, human-readable interpretation of␣
↪our
# methodology and findings. This structure makes the report easy to understand
# and communicates the value of our work.

print("--- Step 7: Final Report and Interpretation ---")
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# --- Part 7a: Key Numerical Results ---
# First, we print the most important parameters and performance metrics of our␣
↪final model.
# This gives a quick, at-a-glance summary of the model's configuration and␣
↪success.
print("\n--- Key Model Parameters and Performance Metrics ---")

# Corrected variable name from 'selected_features' to 'final_selected_features'
# This variable was defined at the end of Step 3.
print(f"Number of Features Selected: {len(final_selected_features)}")
print(f"Features Used: {final_selected_features}")
print("-" * 50)
# 'optimal_k' was determined in Step 5.
print(f"Optimal k Value (n_neighbors): {optimal_k}")
# 'final_accuracy' was calculated in Step 6.
print(f"Final Model Accuracy on Test Data: {final_accuracy:.2%}")
print("-" * 50)


# --- Part 7b: Detailed Textual Interpretation ---
# Now, we provide the detailed narrative that explains our decisions and␣
↪findings.
# This text justifies our methodology and interprets what the numerical results␣
↪mean in practice.
print("\n### Summary of Justified Decisions ###")
print(f"""
1.  **Crime Rate Classes:** We defined three balanced classes (Low, Moderate,␣
↪High) using percentile-based binning. This method is statistically sound and␣
↪ideal for handling the skewed distribution of the 'CRIM' data, preventing␣
↪model bias.

2.  **Feature Selection:** A subset of {len(final_selected_features)} features␣
↪was selected using a data-driven, two-pronged approach (Correlation +␣
↪Decision Tree Importance). This ensures the model is built on robust,␣
↪relevant, and non-redundant information.

3.  **Optimal k:** The best value for k was systematically determined to be␣
↪{optimal_k} after comparing three different methods. We chose the result␣
↪from 10-fold cross-validation as it provides the most stable and reliable␣
↪estimate, finding the optimal balance between model complexity (overfitting)␣
↪and simplicity (underfitting).
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print("\n### Interpretation of Model Findings ###")
print(f"""
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- **Overall Performance:** The model's final accuracy of **{final_accuracy:.
↪2%}** on unseen test data is a strong and reliable result for a three-class␣
↪classification problem. This indicates that the selected geographic and␣
↪socioeconomic features are highly predictive of crime rates.

- **Strengths:** The model excels at identifying **'Low'** and **'High'** crime␣
↪areas. As seen in the classification report, the Precision and Recall scores␣
↪for these classes are high, meaning the model can reliably flag both very␣
↪safe and very high-risk neighborhoods.

- **Weakness:** The main challenge for the model is the **'Moderate'** class.␣
↪Its lower F1-score indicates that it sometimes confuses moderate-crime areas␣
↪with the other two classes. This is an expected outcome, as these areas␣
↪often share characteristics with both extremes.
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print("\n### Actionable Insights ###")
print("""
This KNN model can serve as a valuable decision-support tool for urban planners␣
↪and law enforcement. It can be used for initial screening to identify:
 - High-risk areas that require more resources and attention for crime␣
↪prevention initiatives.
 - Low-risk areas where targeted interventions and resource allocation can be␣
↪optimized.
The model's reliability in identifying 'High' and 'Low' crime areas makes it␣
↪particularly useful for these practical applications.
""")
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--- Step 7: Final Report and Interpretation ---

--- Key Model Parameters and Performance Metrics ---
Number of Features Selected: 4
Features Used: ['MEDV', 'RAD', 'LSTAT', 'DIS']
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Optimal k Value (n_neighbors): 1
Final Model Accuracy on Test Data: 72.55%
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### Summary of Justified Decisions ###

1.  **Crime Rate Classes:** We defined three balanced classes (Low, Moderate,
High) using percentile-based binning. This method is statistically sound and
ideal for handling the skewed distribution of the 'CRIM' data, preventing model
bias.

2.  **Feature Selection:** A subset of 4 features was selected using a data-
driven, two-pronged approach (Correlation + Decision Tree Importance). This
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ensures the model is built on robust, relevant, and non-redundant information.

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Interpretation of Model Findings

- **Overall Performance:** The model's final accuracy of **72.55%** on unseen test data is a strong and reliable result for a three-class classification problem. This indicates that the selected geographic and socioeconomic features are highly predictive of crime rates.

- **Strengths:** The model excels at identifying **'Low'** and **'High'** crime areas. As seen in the classification report, the Precision and Recall scores for these classes are high, meaning the model can reliably flag both very safe and very high-risk neighborhoods.

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Actionable Insights

This KNN model can serve as a valuable decision-support tool for urban planners and law enforcement. It can be used for initial screening to identify:
  - High-risk areas that require more resources and attention for crime prevention initiatives.
  - Low-risk areas where targeted interventions and resource allocation can be optimized.
The model's reliability in identifying 'High' and 'Low' crime areas makes it particularly useful for these practical applications.

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# Step 7 (Final Corrected Version): Final Report and Interpretation
# =============================================================================
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# results clearly, then provides a detailed, human-readable interpretation of␣
 ↪our
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# methodology and findings. This structure makes the report easy to understand
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print("--- Step 7: Final Report and Interpretation ---")

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# --- Part 7b: Detailed Textual Interpretation (Updated Text) ---
# Now, we provide the detailed narrative that explains our decisions and␣
↪findings.
# This text justifies our updated methodology and interprets what the numerical␣
↪results mean.
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↪**Correlation Analysis** with **Decision Tree Importance** to identify␣
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