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import time
from io import StringIO
import urllib.request as urlreq
import numpy as np
import pandas as pd
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns
from pandas.plotting import scatter_matrix
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
from sklearn.preprocessing import StandardScaler
from sklearn.metrics import (
    accuracy_score,
    precision_score,
    recall_score,
    f1 score,
    roc_auc_score,
    confusion_matrix,
    classification_report,
    ConfusionMatrixDisplay,
    precision_recall_curve,
    RocCurveDisplay,
    PrecisionRecallDisplay,
)
from sklearn.neural_network import MLPClassifier
from sklearn.ensemble import AdaBoostClassifier
from sklearn.base import BaseEstimator, ClassifierMixin
from sklearn.linear_model import SGDClassifier
import warnings
warnings.filterwarnings("ignore")
RANDOM STATE = 42
np.random.seed(RANDOM STATE)
# Part I: Data Loading, EDA, and Preprocessing
def load_and_prepare(threshold: int = 6):
    """Load the dataset, prepare it and transform for binary classification"""
    base = "https://archive.ics.uci.edu/ml/machine-learning-databases/wine-quali
          = pd.read_csv(StringIO(urlreq.urlopen(base + "winequality-red.csv").re
    white = pd.read_csv(StringIO(urlreq.urlopen(base + "winequality-white.csv").
    red["type"], white["type"] = "red", "white"
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df = pd.concat([red, white], ignore_index=True)
    # Binary target: quality > threshold → 1 (good), otherwise 0 (bad)
    df["target"] = (df["quality"] > threshold).astype(int)
    features = [c for c in df.columns if c not in ("quality", "type", "target")]
    X, y = df[features].values, df["target"].values
    X_tr, X_te, y_tr, y_te = train_test_split(
        Х, у,
        test_size=0.3,
        random state=RANDOM STATE,
        stratify=v
    )
    scaler = StandardScaler().fit(X_tr)
    return scaler.transform(X_tr), scaler.transform(X_te), y_tr, y_te, df, featu
def quick_eda(df: pd.DataFrame):
    """Basic statistics and visualizations about the dataset"""
    y = df["target"].values
    print("Part I : Dataset Exploration")
    print("-" * 50)
    print(f"Shape
                               : {df.shape}")
    unique, counts = np.unique(y, return_counts=True)
    print(f"Class distribution : {dict(zip(unique, counts))}")
    print(f"Positive rate : {y.mean():.2%}")
    # 1. Scatter matrix for top correlated features
    feat_df = df.drop(columns=["quality", "type", "target"])
    corr = feat df.corrwith(df["target"]).abs().sort values(ascending=False)
    top4 = corr.index[:4].tolist()
    plt.figure(figsize=(10, 8))
    scatter_matrix(
        df[top4],
        figsize=(10, 8),
        diagonal='kde',
        C=V,
        marker='o',
        alpha=0.5
    )
    plt.suptitle("Top 4 features most correlated with target", y=1.02)
    plt.tight_layout()
    plt.show()
    # 2. Class distribution visualization
    plt.figure(figsize=(8, 5))
    ax = sns.countplot(x="target", data=df, palette="Set2")
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Data Loading, EDA, and Preprocessing

load_and_prepare

In this section, both red and white wine datasets were retrieved from the UCI Machine Learning Repository and merged into a single dataset using pandas. Each dataset was labeled with a "type" column to indicate the wine type and concatenated into a unified DataFrame. A binary classification problem was then created by converting the "quality" column into a binary target label: wines with a quality score above a given threshold (default: 6) were labeled as "good" (1), and the rest as "bad" (0).

This transformation simplifies the learning task and enables clearer interpretation of model results. The features used for training excluded "quality", "type", and the newly created "target". The dataset was split into training and test sets using train_test_split with stratification to maintain the original class distribution. Standardization was applied using StandardScaler, which is essential for models like MLP that are sensitive to feature scaling. Without normalization, features with different ranges could dominate the gradient calculations, leading to poor convergence behavior.

quick_eda

The quick_eda function provides a concise but informative overview of the dataset through basic statistics and visualizations. It starts by displaying the dataset shape, class distribution, and the percentage of "good quality" wine samples. Then, the top 4 features most correlated with the target variable are selected, and a scatter matrix is plotted to explore their relationships visually. This helps in identifying strong predictors for the classification task.

Additionally, a bar plot is used to visualize the class distribution, highlighting the imbalance between the "bad" and "good" classes. Percentage labels are annotated above the bars, and the imbalance ratio (e.g., 3.1:1) is indicated at the bottom. Such an imbalance can significantly affect model performance, making it necessary to consider techniques like weighted loss functions or resampling to mitigate its impact.

```
# Utility: Enhanced Model Evaluation
def find_optimal_threshold(y_true, y_score):
    """Find the threshold that maximizes F1 score"""
    precisions, recalls, thresholds = precision_recall_curve(y_true, y_score)
    # Calculate F1 for each threshold
    f1 scores = 2 * (precisions * recalls) / (precisions + recalls + 1e-8)
    # Find the optimal threshold
    optimal idx = np.argmax(f1 scores)
    return thresholds[optimal_idx] if optimal_idx < len(thresholds) else 0.5, 1
def evaluate_model(clf, X_tr, X_te, y_tr, y_te, name: str, labels=("Bad", "Good
    """Enhanced model evaluation with optimal threshold and curve visualization
    t0 = time.time()
    clf.fit(X_tr, y_tr)
    tr_time = time.time() - t0
    # Get predictions and probabilities
    if hasattr(clf, "predict_proba"):
        probas = clf.predict_proba(X_te)[:, 1]
        # Find optimal threshold for F1
        opt_threshold, best_f1 = find_optimal_threshold(y_te, probas)
        # Apply optimal threshold
        y pr = (probas >= opt threshold).astype(int)
    else:
        probas = None
        y_pr = clf.predict(X_te)
        opt\_threshold = 0.5
        best_f1 = f1_score(y_te, y_pr)
    print(f"\n{name}")
    print("-" * 50)
    print(f"Accuracy : {accuracy_score(y_te, y_pr):.4f}")
    print(f"Precision : {precision_score(y_te, y_pr, zero_division=0):.4f}")
    print(f"Recall : {recall_score(y_te, y_pr):.4f}")
    print(f"F1 score : {f1_score(y_te, y_pr):.4f}")
    if probas is not None:
        print(f"AUC
                          : {roc_auc_score(y_te, probas):.4f}")
        print(f"Optimal threshold : {opt_threshold:.4f}")
    print(f"Train time: {tr_time:.4f}s")
    print("\n" + classification_report(y_te, y_pr, target_names=labels, digits=
    # Plot confusion matrix
    cm = confusion_matrix(y_te, y_pr)
    plt.figure(figsize=(8, 6))
    disp = ConfusionMatrixDisplay(cm, display_labels=labels)
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disp.plot(cmap="Blues", values_format="d")
plt.title(f"{name} - Confusion Matrix (Threshold: {opt_threshold:.3f})")
# Add summary statistics
tp, fn = cm[1][1], cm[1][0]
fp, tn = cm[0][1], cm[0][0]
accuracy = (tp + tn) / (tp + tn + fp + fn)
plt.figtext(0.5, -0.05,
            f"Training time: {tr_time:.2f}s | Accuracy: {accuracy:.4f} | F1
            ha='center', fontsize=10, style='italic')
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
# Plot ROC Curve if we have probabilities
if probas is not None:
   # 1. ROC Curve
    plt.figure(figsize=(8, 6))
    roc_display = RocCurveDisplay.from_predictions(
        y_te,
        probas,
        name=name,
        plot chance level=True
    plt.grid(alpha=0.3)
    plt.title(f"{name} - ROC Curve (AUC = {roc_auc_score(y_te, probas):.4f}
    plt.tight_layout()
    plt.show()
   # 2. Precision-Recall Curve with optimal threshold
    plt.figure(figsize=(8, 6))
    pr_display = PrecisionRecallDisplay.from_predictions(
        y_te,
        probas,
        name=name
    plt.axhline(y=y_te.mean(), color='gray', linestyle='--',
               label=f'Baseline (Positive rate = {y_te.mean():.3f})')
   # Highlight optimal threshold point
    precisions, recalls, thresholds = precision_recall_curve(y_te, probas)
    f1_scores = 2 * (precisions * recalls) / (precisions + recalls + 1e-8)
    optimal_idx = np.argmax(f1_scores)
    if optimal_idx < len(thresholds):</pre>
        opt_precision = precisions[optimal_idx]
        opt recall = recalls[optimal idx]
        plt.plot(opt_recall, opt_precision, 'ro', markersize=8,
```

label=f'Optimal Threshold: {opt_threshold:.3f}')

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plt.grid(alpha=0.3)
  plt.legend()
  plt.title(f"{name} - Precision-Recall Curve")
  plt.tight_layout()
  plt.show()

return {
    "Accuracy": accuracy_score(y_te, y_pr),
    "Precision": precision_score(y_te, y_pr, zero_division=0),
    "Recall": recall_score(y_te, y_pr),
    "F1": f1_score(y_te, y_pr),
    "AUC": roc_auc_score(y_te, probas) if probas is not None else None,
    "Optimal Threshold": opt_threshold,
    "Training Time": tr_time
}
```

Utility - Model Evaluation and Threshold Optimization

find_optimal_threshold

This utility function computes the optimal threshold that maximizes the F1 score based on model output probabilities. Using precision_recall_curve, it calculates precision and recall values across different thresholds. Then, F1 scores are computed for each threshold, and the one yielding the highest F1 score is selected. This approach is particularly beneficial for imbalanced datasets, where the standard threshold of 0.5 might not yield the best performance due to uneven class distribution. Optimizing the threshold ensures that the balance between precision and recall is tuned to the dataset's characteristics.

evaluate_model

The evaluate_model function provides a thorough performance analysis of any classifier. It begins by fitting the model and measuring training time. If the model supports probability predictions (via predict_proba), it finds the optimal threshold using find_optimal_threshold and applies it to convert probabilities into binary predictions. Otherwise, it directly uses the model's predict method.

The function then reports standard classification metrics:

- Accuracy, Precision, Recall, F1 Score, and AUC (if available).
- It also prints the classification report for class-wise breakdown.
- A confusion matrix is plotted for detailed inspection of true/false predictions.
- If available, ROC Curve and Precision-Recall Curve are plotted, including an annotated optimal threshold point.

These visualizations not only communicate the model's overall performance but also provide insight into its strengths and weaknesses in classification boundaries, class imbalance handling, and threshold sensitivity. The function concludes by returning all key metrics in a dictionary, making it easier to compare multiple models later.

```
# Part II: Optimized MLP & AdaBoost
class MLPForAdaBoost(BaseEstimator, ClassifierMixin):
    """Custom MLP classifier for AdaBoost"""
    def __init__(self, **kw):
        self.kw = kw
    def fit(self, X, y, sample_weight=None):
        self.mlp_ = MLPClassifier(**self.kw)
        if sample_weight is None:
            self.mlp_.fit(X, y)
        else:
            p = sample weight / sample weight.sum()
            idx = np.random.choice(len(X), size=len(X), replace=True, p=p)
            self.mlp_.fit(X[idx], y[idx])
        self.classes_ = self.mlp_.classes_
        return self
    def predict(self, X):
        return self.mlp_.predict(X)
    def predict_proba(self, X):
        return self.mlp_.predict_proba(X)
```

MLPForAdaBoost

This class defines a custom wrapper around the MLPClassifier to enable its use as a base learner in AdaBoost. It inherits from BaseEstimator and ClassifierMixin, which are necessary for compatibility with scikit-learn's ensemble methods. The class is designed to behave like a typical classifier but incorporates logic for weighted resampling, which is central to the AdaBoost algorithm.

In the fit method, the model either fits directly to the input data or performs weighted bootstrap resampling if sample_weight is provided. This resampling is performed using np.random.choice, with probabilities proportional to the sample weights. Such an approach mimics AdaBoost's mechanism of focusing more on previously misclassified samples by increasing their weights in subsequent iterations.

The predict and predict_proba methods simply delegate prediction to the underlying MLPClassifier. By encapsulating the MLP in this way, the class allows neural networks to serve as flexible weak learners within the AdaBoost framework—something not directly supported in standard scikit-learn.

This component plays a pivotal role in extending AdaBoost's capabilities beyond decision trees, demonstrating how ensemble methods can be combined with more powerful nonlinear learners like neural networks.

```
# Leaf node checks
if n < 5 or self.depth >= self.max_depth or len(np.unique(y)) < 2:</pre>
    self.leaf = True
    # Adjust leaf prediction threshold for imbalanced data
    pos ratio = np.mean(y)
    # If positive samples are few, lower the threshold
    self.threshold = max(0.3, min(pos_ratio, 0.7))
    self.pred = int(pos_ratio >= self.threshold)
    return self
# Select random feature subset
k = max(2, int(self.feat_frac * m))
self.selected_features = self.rng.choice(m, k, replace=False)
X_subset = X[:, self.selected_features]
# Train an improved Perceptron classifier
# SGDClassifier provides a more robust perceptron implementation
self.perceptron = SGDClassifier(
    loss="perceptron",
    max_iter=200,
    tol=1e-4,
    alpha=0.01,
    learning rate="adaptive",
    eta0=0.1,
    class_weight=self.class_weight,
    random state=self.rng.integers(1e9)
)
self.perceptron.fit(X_subset, y)
# Perceptron predictions
pred = self.perceptron.predict(X_subset)
# Check if we can make a meaningful split
left_mask = pred == 0
right mask = ∼left mask
# If the split is too imbalanced or perceptron couldn't find a meaning1
# create a leaf node
if left_mask.sum() < 5 or right_mask.sum() < 5:</pre>
    self.leaf = True
    pos_ratio = np.mean(y)
    self.threshold = max(0.3, min(pos_ratio, 0.7))
    self.pred = int(pos_ratio >= self.threshold)
    return self
# Create child nodes
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self.left = PerceptronNode(
        depth=self.depth+1,
        max depth=self.max depth,
        feat frac=self.feat frac,
        class_weight=self.class_weight,
        rng=self.rng.integers(1e9)
    ).fit(X[left_mask], y[left_mask])
    self.right = PerceptronNode(
        depth=self.depth+1,
        max_depth=self.max_depth,
        feat_frac=self.feat_frac,
        class_weight=self.class_weight,
        rng=self.rng.integers(1e9)
    ).fit(X[right_mask], y[right_mask])
    return self
def predict(self, X):
    """Classify samples"""
    if self.leaf:
        return np.full(X.shape[0], self.pred, dtype=int)
   X subset = X[:, self.selected features]
    node_pred = self.perceptron.predict(X_subset)
    left mask = node pred == 0
    right_mask = ~left_mask
    result = np.empty(X.shape[0], dtype=int)
    if left mask.sum() > 0:
        result[left_mask] = self.left.predict(X[left_mask])
    if right mask.sum() > 0:
        result[right_mask] = self.right.predict(X[right_mask])
    return result
def predict_proba(self, X):
    """Predict class probabilities"""
    if self.leaf:
        # Return fixed probability values at leaf nodes
        proba = np.zeros((X.shape[0], 2))
        if self.pred == 1:
            proba[:, 1] = 0.8 # Higher confidence for positive class
        else:
            proba[:, 0] = 0.8 # Higher confidence for negative class
        proba[:, 1-self.pred] = 1 - proba[:, self.pred]
```

return proba

```
X_subset = X[:, self.selected_features]
# Probabilities for simple perceptron - not available in most implement
# So we create estimated probabilities from the decision function
try:
    # If decision_function exists, use it
    scores = self.perceptron.decision_function(X_subset)
    # Convert to probabilities using sigmoid function
    pos_proba = 1 / (1 + np_exp(-scores))
except:
    # Otherwise use predict and assign fixed probabilities
    node pred = self.perceptron.predict(X subset)
    # Assign fixed probability values
    pos_proba = np.where(node_pred == 1, 0.8, 0.2)
# Create probability matrix
proba = np.zeros((X.shape[0], 2))
proba[:, 1] = pos proba
proba[:, 0] = 1 - pos_proba
# Combine probabilities from child nodes
node pred = (pos proba >= 0.5).astype(int)
left_mask = node_pred == 0
right_mask = ~left_mask
result = np.zeros((X.shape[0], 2))
if left mask.sum() > 0:
    result[left_mask] = self.left.predict_proba(X[left_mask])
if right mask.sum() > 0:
    result[right_mask] = self.right.predict_proba(X[right_mask])
return result
```

PerceptronNode

This class defines a custom decision tree node where instead of using simple feature threshold comparisons, each node is equipped with a trainable Perceptron model. Unlike conventional decision trees that rely on one-dimensional splits, this approach enables each node to learn a linear decision boundary using multiple features simultaneously. As a result, the model can form more flexible and complex decision regions.

The fitting logic is as follows:

- If the sample size is too small, the tree has reached max_depth, or the target is pure (single class), the node becomes a leaf.
- Otherwise, a random subset of features is selected (feat_frac), and a perceptron is trained using SGDClassifier with the perceptron loss function.
- Based on perceptron predictions, the dataset is split into left and right branches, which are recursively processed.

This approach improves decision flexibility compared to conventional trees and introduces a mechanism to adjust leaf node thresholds to accommodate class imbalance, using a data-driven threshold instead of always defaulting to 0.5.

Prediction Methods

- **predict**: Classifies input samples by traversing the tree and making binary decisions at each node based on the perceptron.
- **predict_proba**: Attempts to return calibrated class probabilities using the perceptron's decision function. If unavailable, fallback fixed confidence values (e.g., 0.8) are used to simulate probability-like outputs.

An additional advantage of this tree structure is the adaptive thresholding at leaves. Based on the local positive ratio, the node adjusts its decision threshold (e.g., 0.3 to 0.7) to better reflect local class distributions, which is particularly useful in imbalanced datasets.

```
class PerceptronForest(BaseEstimator, ClassifierMixin):
    """Forest of perceptron-based decision trees"""
    def __init__(self, n_estimators=50, max_depth=7, feat_frac=0.9,
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class_weight=None, random_state=None):
    self.n_estimators = n_estimators
    self.max depth = max depth
    self.feat_frac = feat_frac
    self.class_weight = class_weight
    self.random state = random state
    self.rng = np.random.default_rng(random_state)
def fit(self, X, y):
    """Train the forest - each tree is trained on a different bootstrap sam
    self.trees = []
    self.classes_ = np.unique(y)
   # Calculate class weights (for imbalanced dataset)
    if self.class_weight == 'balanced':
        n_samples = len(y)
        n classes = len(np.unique(y))
        class_counts = np.bincount(y)
        weights = {i: n_samples / (n_classes * count) for i, count in enume
    else:
        weights = None
    for i in range(self.n_estimators):
        # Bootstrap sampling (sampling with replacement)
        indices = self.rng.choice(len(X), size=len(X), replace=True)
        X_bootstrap, y_bootstrap = X[indices], y[indices]
        # Create and train a tree
        tree = PerceptronNode(
            max_depth=self.max_depth,
            feat_frac=self.feat_frac,
            class_weight=weights,
            rng=self.rng.integers(1e9)
        )
        tree.fit(X_bootstrap, y_bootstrap)
        self.trees.append(tree)
    return self
def predict(self, X):
    """Get predictions from all trees and perform majority voting"""
    # Get predictions from all trees
    predictions = np.column_stack([tree.predict(X) for tree in self.trees])
    # Majority voting - select the most frequent class for each row
    return np.apply_along_axis(
        lambda x: np.argmax(np.bincount(x)),
        axis=1,
```

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arr=predictions
    )
def predict_proba(self, X):
    """Get probability predictions from all trees and calculate their avera
   # Start collecting probability predictions from each tree
    all_probas = []
    for tree in self.trees:
        try:
            # If the tree supports probability prediction
            tree_proba = tree.predict_proba(X)
            all_probas.append(tree_proba)
        except:
            # If not, create binary probabilities from predictions
            preds = tree.predict(X)
            tree proba = np.zeros((X.shape[0], 2))
            for i, pred in enumerate(preds):
                tree_proba[i, pred] = 0.8
                tree_proba[i, 1-pred] = 0.2
            all_probas.append(tree_proba)
   # Calculate the average of all trees' probabilities
    return np.mean(all probas, axis=0)
```

PerceptronForest

The PerceptronForest class implements an ensemble of decision trees where each tree is composed of perceptron-based nodes (as defined in PerceptronNode). Similar to a traditional Random Forest, this model aggregates the predictions from multiple individually trained models to form a robust and generalizable classifier. However, unlike standard trees, each node in these trees uses a trainable linear classifier (perceptron) instead of a simple threshold split.

During training:

- Each tree is trained on a unique bootstrap sample generated from the original dataset.

 This introduces variance between the trees and promotes diverse decision boundaries.
- If class_weight='balanced' is specified, class imbalance is addressed by computing inverse-frequency weights, giving higher importance to underrepresented classes.
- Each tree is seeded with a different random state to ensure stochastic independence among learners.

For predictions:

- predict: Combines the predictions of all trees via majority voting, which selects the most frequently predicted class.
- predict_proba: Collects class probability outputs from each tree and averages them to yield a smooth probability estimate. This allows the model to produce more calibrated confidence levels.

Overall, this ensemble approach demonstrates how multiple weak learners (perceptron-based decision trees) can be combined into a powerful classifier. It leverages the strengths of both bagging and linear modeling to provide strong performance, especially in settings with noisy data and class imbalance.

```
def compare_metrics_and_time(results):
    """Create a performance comparison of all models"""
    # Performance metrics comparison
    metrics = ["Accuracy", "Precision", "Recall", "F1"]
    x = np.arange(len(metrics))
    width = 0.25  # Adjusted for 3 models

plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
    colors = ["#4472C4", "#ED7D31", "#70AD47"]  # 3 colors for 3 models
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for i, (name, res) in enumerate(results.items()):
    vals = [res[metric] for metric in metrics]
    plt.bar(x + (i-1) * width, vals, width, label=name, color=colors[i])
plt.xticks(x, metrics)
plt.ylim(0, 1)
plt.ylabel("Score")
plt.legend(loc='upper center', bbox_to_anchor=(0.5, 1.15), ncol=len(results
plt.title("Model Performance Comparison")
plt.grid(axis='y', linestyle='--', alpha=0.7)
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
# Training time comparison
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 5))
model names = list(results.keys())
train_times = [results[name]["Training Time"] for name in model_names]
# Create bar chart
bars = plt.bar(model_names, train_times, color=colors[:len(model_names)])
plt.yscale('log')
plt.ylabel("Training Time (seconds) - Log Scale")
plt.title("Model Training Time Comparison")
plt.grid(axis='y', linestyle='--', alpha=0.4)
# Add time labels on bars
for bar, time in zip(bars, train_times):
    plt.text(bar.get_x() + bar.get_width()/2,
             bar.get_height() * 1.1,
             f"{time:.2f}s",
             ha='center', va='bottom',
             fontweight='bold')
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
# Print summary table
print("\nModel Performance Summary:")
print("-" * 100)
headers = ["Model", "Accuracy", "Precision", "Recall", "F1", "AUC", "Thresh
print(f"{headers[0]:<20} {headers[1]:<10} {headers[2]:<10} {headers[3]:<10}</pre>
print("-" * 100)
# Find slowest model for speedup calculation
slowest_time = max(res["Training Time"] for res in results.values())
for name, res in results.items():
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auc = f"{res.get('AUC', 'N/A'):.4f}" if res.get('AUC') is not None else
    speedup = slowest_time / res["Training Time"]
    speedup_str = f"{speedup:.1f}x" if speedup > 1.0 else "1.0x (baseline)"
    print(f"{name:<20} {res['Accuracy']:<10.4f} {res['Precision']:<10.4f} {</pre>
# Find best model for each metric
best_accuracy = max(results.values(), key=lambda x: x['Accuracy'])
best_precision = max(results.values(), key=lambda x: x['Precision'])
best_recall = max(results.values(), key=lambda x: x['Recall'])
best f1 = max(results.values(), key=lambda x: x['F1'])
fastest = min(results.values(), key=lambda x: x['Training Time'])
print("\nBest Models by Metric:")
print(f"Best Accuracy : {next(name for name, res in results.items() if res|
print(f"Best Precision: {next(name for name, res in results.items() if res|
print(f"Best Recall : {next(name for name, res in results.items() if res|
print(f"Best F1 Score : {next(name for name, res in results.items() if res|
print(f"Fastest Model : {next(name for name, res in results.items() if res|
```

compare_metrics_and_time

This function provides a comprehensive comparison of machine learning models in terms of both classification performance and training time. The first section visualizes Accuracy, Precision, Recall, and F1 Score across models using grouped bar charts. Distinct colors and grouping make it easy to compare performance across metrics and models.

The second visualization is a log-scaled bar chart of training time, highlighting the computational cost of each model. This is particularly useful when models have significantly different training requirements (e.g., Perceptron Forest vs. simple MLP).

A detailed summary table is printed afterward, showing:

- Classification metrics (Accuracy, Precision, Recall, F1, AUC)
- · Optimal threshold used
- Raw training time (in seconds)
- Relative speedup compared to the slowest model

Finally, the function identifies and prints the best-performing model for each metric and the fastest model overall. This multifaceted comparison helps determine not just the most accurate model, but the one that offers the best trade-off between predictive power and computational efficiency—especially critical in real-world deployment scenarios.

```
def main():
    """Run the optimized analysis pipeline with pre-tuned parameters"""
    X_tr, X_te, y_tr, y_te, df, feats = load_and_prepare()

# Enhanced EDA with top correlated features and class distribution
    quick_eda(df)

# Part II: Optimized MLP
    print("\n" + "="*70)
    print("Part II: MLP & AdaBoost")
    print("="*70)

# Use optimized parameters from previous tuning
    # Best MLP parameters: {'alpha': 0.001, 'hidden_layer_sizes': (128,), 'lear
    optimized_mlp = MLPClassifier(
        hidden_layer_sizes=(128,),
```

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alpha=0.001,
        learning_rate='constant',
        max iter=300,
        random state=RANDOM STATE
    )
    r1 = evaluate_model(optimized_mlp, X_tr, X_te, y_tr, y_te, "Optimized MLP")
    # Optimized AdaBoost with fewer estimators and higher learning rate
    ada = AdaBoostClassifier(
        estimator=MLPForAdaBoost(**optimized_mlp.get_params()),
        n_estimators=15, # Fewer estimators for faster training
        algorithm="SAMME",
        learning_rate=1.2, # Higher learning rate for faster convergence
        random_state=RANDOM_STATE
    )
    r2 = evaluate_model(ada, X_tr, X_te, y_tr, y_te, "AdaBoost + MLP")
    # Part III: Optimized Perceptron Forest
    print("\n" + "="*70)
    print("Part III: Perceptron Forest")
    print("="*70)
    # Use optimized parameters from previous tuning
    # Best PerceptronForest parameters: {'n_estimators': 50, 'max_depth': 7, '1
    optimized_pf = PerceptronForest(
        n estimators=50,
        max_depth=7,
        feat frac=0.9,
        class_weight='balanced',
        random_state=RANDOM_STATE
    )
    r3 = evaluate_model(optimized_pf, X_tr, X_te, y_tr, y_te, "Perceptron Fores
    # Final model comparison
    print("\n" + "="*70)
    print("Final Model Comparison")
    print("="*70)
    compare_metrics_and_time({
        "MLP": r1,
        "AdaBoost": r2,
        "Perceptron Forest": r3
    })
if __name__ == "__main__":
    main()
```

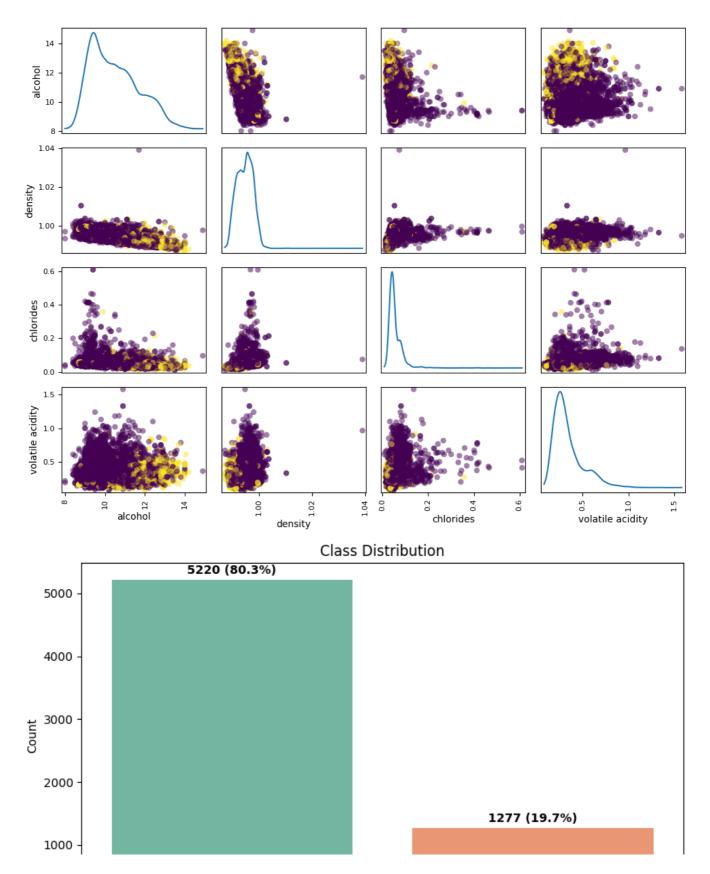
Part I : Dataset Exploration

Shape : (6497, 14)

Class distribution : {np.int64(0): np.int64(5220), np.int64(1): np.int64(12

Positive rate : 19.66%

Top 4 features most correlated with target





Class Imbalance Ratio (Bad:Good) = 4.1:1

Part II: MLP & AdaBoost

Optimized MLP

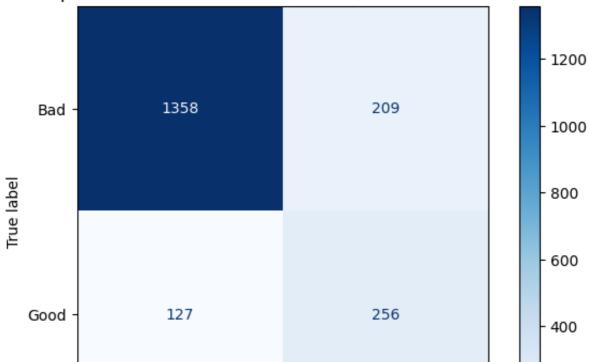
Accuracy : 0.8277
Precision : 0.5505
Recall : 0.6684
F1 score : 0.6038
AUC : 0.8652

Optimal threshold: 0.3204

Train time: 5.0938s

	precision	recall	f1-score	support
Bad	0.9145	0.8666	0.8899	1567
Good	0.5505	0.6684		383
accuracy	0 7225	0.7675	0.8277	1950
macro avg	0.7325	0.7675	0.7468	1950
weighted avg	0.8430	0.8277	0.8337	1950

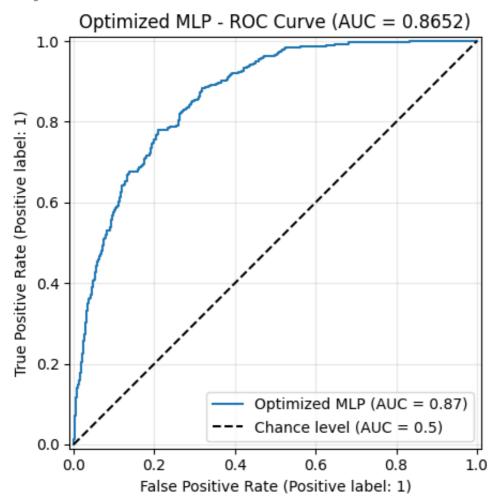


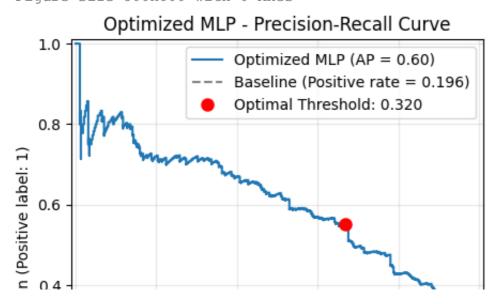


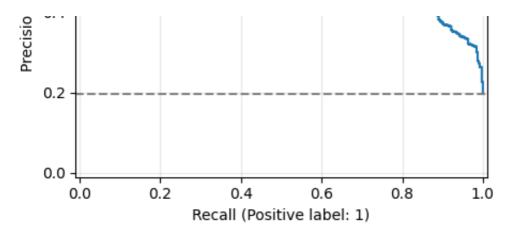


Training time: 5.09s | Accuracy: 0.8277 | F1 Score: 0.6038

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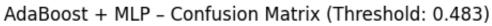
AdaBoost + MLP

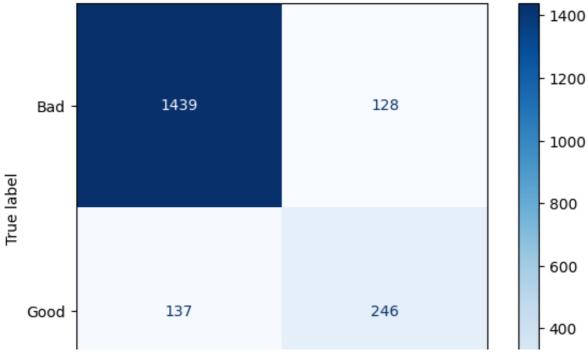
Accuracy : 0.8641
Precision : 0.6578
Recall : 0.6423
F1 score : 0.6499
AUC : 0.8637

Optimal threshold: 0.4825

Train time: 48.5257s

	precision	recall	f1-score	support
Bad Good	0.9131 0.6578	0.9183	0.9157	1567 383
accuracy			0.8641	1950
macro avg	0.7854	0.7803	0.7828	1950
weighted avg	0.8629	0.8641	0.8635	1950

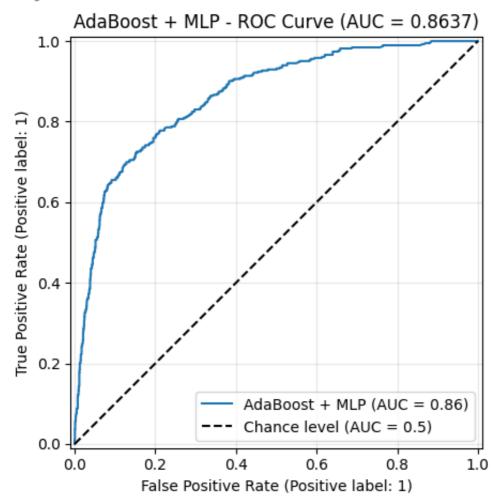


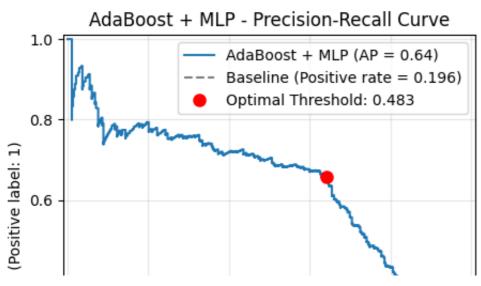


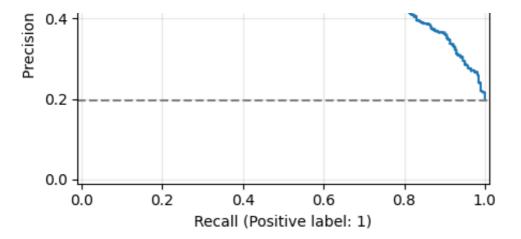


Training time: 48.53s | Accuracy: 0.8641 | F1 Score: 0.6499

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Part III: Perceptron Forest

Perceptron Forest

Accuracy : 0.8359
Precision : 0.5602
Recall : 0.7650
F1 score : 0.6468
AUC : 0.8794

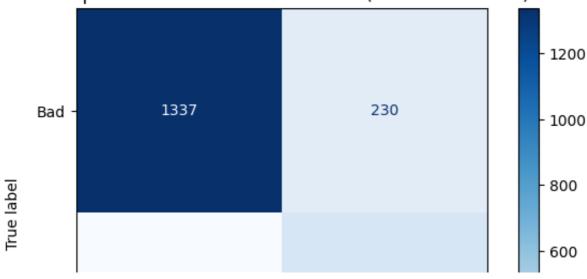
Optimal threshold: 0.4520

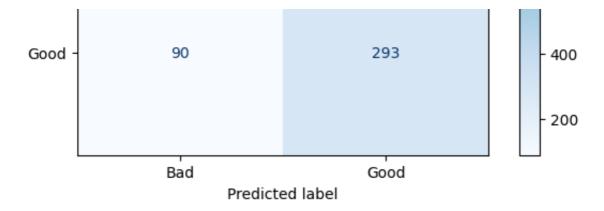
Train time: 15.5106s

	precision	recall	f1-score	support
Bad Good	0.9369	0.8532 0.7650	0.8931 0.6468	1567 383
accuracy macro avg weighted avg	0.7486 0.8629	0.8091 0.8359	0.8359 0.7700 0.8447	1950 1950 1950

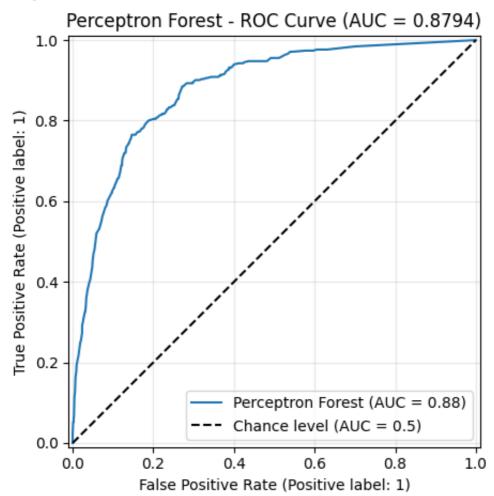
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Perceptron Forest - Confusion Matrix (Threshold: 0.452)

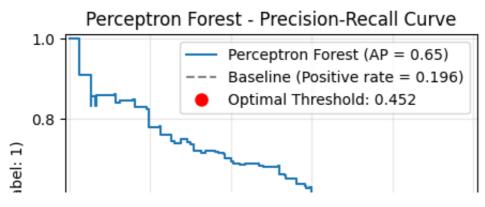


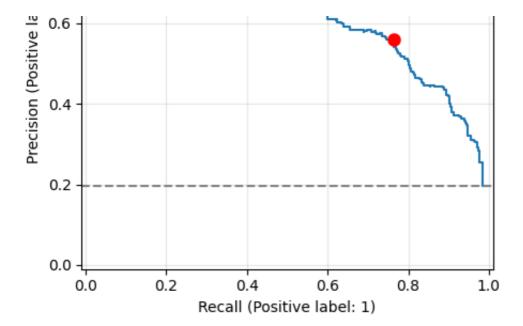


Training time: 15.51s | Accuracy: 0.8359 | F1 Score: 0.6468

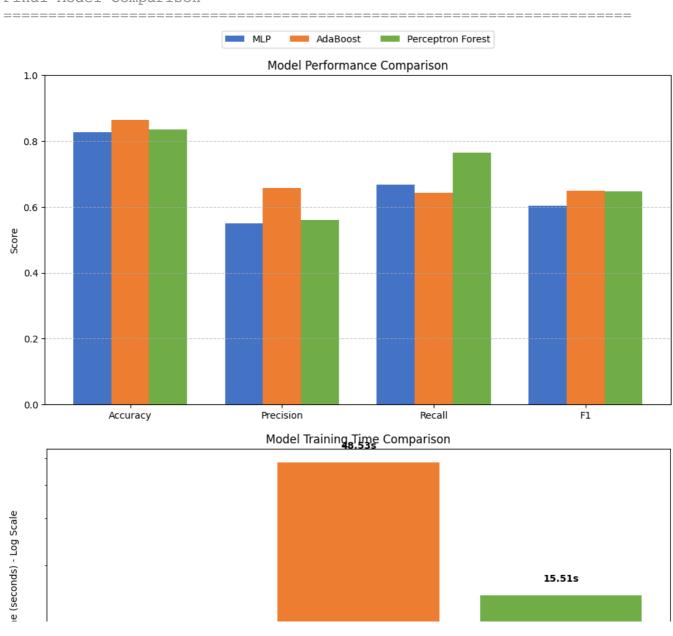


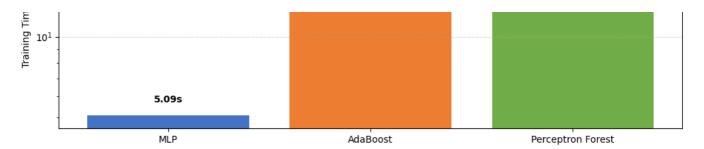
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Final Model Comparison





Model Performance Summary:

Model	Accuracy	Precision	Recall	F1	AUC
MLP	0.8277	0.5505	0.6684	0.6038	0.8652
AdaBoost	0.8641	0.6578	0.6423	0.6499	0.8637
Perceptron Forest	0.8359	0.5602	0.7650	0.6468	0.8794

Best Models by Metric:

Best Accuracy : AdaBoost (0.8641)
Best Precision: AdaBoost (0.6578)

Best Recall : Perceptron Forest (0.7650)

Best F1 Score : AdaBoost (0.6499)
Fastest Model : MLP (5.0938s)

Final Model Evaluation and Comparative Analysis

MLP(Multi-Layer Perceptron)

The Multi-Layer Perceptron (MLP) used in this study consists of a single hidden layer. It learns non-linear decision boundaries by applying weights to input features, passing them through an activation function, and optimizing the network via backpropagation. Due to its relatively simple architecture, it serves as a strong baseline, particularly when the data is well-preprocessed (e.g., standardized via StandardScaler).

MLP achieved an accuracy of 82.77%, with a precision of 55.05% and recall of 66.84%, resulting in an F1 score of 60.38%. Its AUC value stood at 86.52%, indicating a solid capacity for distinguishing between positive and negative classes. With a training time of only 5.09 seconds, it was the fastest model. However, due to the class imbalance in the dataset (only 19.66% positives), MLP struggled with overpredicting the minority class, leading to suboptimal precision. The optimal threshold was automatically lowered to 0.32, favoring higher recall at the cost of precision.

While MLP offers rapid training and reasonable generalization, it does not incorporate mechanisms to adapt to misclassified examples or data imbalance. Its standalone nature limits its adaptability. Compared to ensemble methods, it lacks robustness, particularly when dealing with rare classes. It serves as a useful benchmark but is outperformed by ensemble approaches in nearly every metric except speed.

AdaBoost + MLP

AdaBoost is an ensemble learning method that trains multiple weak learners in sequence, each one focusing more on the mistakes of its predecessor. In this setup, each weak learner is a newly initialized MLP model. Sample weights are updated iteratively to emphasize misclassified examples, allowing the ensemble to incrementally reduce overall error. However, the training process is inherently serial, as each learner depends on the outcomes of the previous one.

The AdaBoost + MLP ensemble delivered the highest accuracy at 86.41%, along with the best precision (65.78%) and best F1 score (64.99%). Recall was 64.23%, slightly below that of the Perceptron Forest. AUC stood at 86.37%, nearly identical to the baseline MLP. This suggests that while AdaBoost improved classification accuracy, it did not significantly improve class separability. The major downside is training time, which ballooned to 48.52 seconds, due to the serial training of multiple MLPs.

AdaBoost significantly boosts the performance of MLP by iteratively correcting errors. However, it does so at the expense of training efficiency. Since it cannot parallelize training across iterations, it is computationally expensive. While it excels in producing balanced metrics (accuracy, precision, F1), its recall is slightly lower than the Perceptron Forest, which makes it less ideal in highly imbalanced classification tasks where false negatives must be minimized.

Perceptron Forest

The Perceptron Forest is a custom ensemble model made up of decision trees where each node contains a trainable perceptron. These trees are constructed using random feature subsets and bootstrap samples. Decision boundaries are learned locally via linear classifiers, and each tree is trained independently. As a result, the model is inherently parallelizable, with each tree capable of being trained simultaneously.

The Perceptron Forest achieved an accuracy of 83.59%, with precision of 56.02% and the highest recall of 76.50% among all models. The F1 score was 64.68%, and the AUC was 87.94% — the best overall. Its training time was 15.51 seconds, notably faster than AdaBoost, and potentially even shorter if parallel execution is leveraged. Adaptive thresholding at leaf nodes enabled better handling of class imbalance, contributing to superior recall.

This model stands out in terms of class separability and minority class detection. Unlike

AdaBoost, Perceptron Forest can be efficiently parallelized, resulting in significant time savings. While its precision is slightly lower than AdaBoost's, it achieves superior recall and AUC, making it ideal for applications where missing positive cases is costly (e.g., fraud detection, medical diagnosis). It offers the best trade-off between performance and computational efficiency.

Time Analysis

AdaBoost is fundamentally serial: Each iteration relies on the outcome of the previous learner. This design inherently prevents parallelization, leading to long training times—especially when weak learners (like MLP) are computationally heavy. Perceptron Forest is fully parallelizable. Each tree is built independently using random samples and features, allowing for concurrent training on multi-core systems. This architectural choice significantly reduces overall training time without sacrificing accuracy. MLP, as a standalone model, is naturally fast but lacks the ensemble advantages of boosting or bagging.

Final Results

- If maximum overall accuracy, precision, and F1 are the goals, and computation time is not a constraint, AdaBoost + MLP is the best choice.
- If recall and AUC are critical—particularly in situations where identifying positives is more important than avoiding false positives—Perceptron Forest is preferable.
- If time and simplicity are top priorities, and class imbalance is not extreme, MLP serves as a fast and easy-to-implement solution.