Introduction:

This analysis explores chocolate and magic mushroom consumption using data from UCI's 2018 drug consumption database. The original multi-class categorization for both substances was converted into binary classification. We built six supervised learning models for each dataset: Single Decision Trees (DT), Random Forests (RF), Support Vector Machines (SVM), Gradient Boosting (GB), Multi-Layer Perceptron (MLP), and K-Nearest Neighbors (k-NN).

The datasets differ in class balance—chocolate consumption data is highly skewed toward users, while the mushroom dataset is more balanced. To address class imbalance, we applied three rebalancing techniques: undersampling with Tomek Links, oversampling with SMOTE, and a hybrid approach combining both. Each model was trained using the holdout method, with 67% of the data for training and 33% for testing, and evaluated using confusion matrices, precision, recall, ROC curves, and area under the curve (AUC).

Algorithm Behavior and Results:

The chocolate dataset models achieved high precision and recall due to the skewed data, which resulted in overfitting. Users were frequently classified as recent consumers, inflating false positives. Random Forest, SVM, Decision Tree, and Gradient Boosting achieved perfect recall, but their AUC values hovered around 0.5, indicating limited ability to distinguish between users and non-users. The SVM model achieved the highest AUC of 0.64, though this still reflected poor generalization.

The mushroom dataset's balanced distribution enabled better generalization, with fewer false positives. While precision and recall scores were lower than those for chocolate, most models achieved AUC values between 0.67 and 0.80. SVM performed particularly well, achieving an AUC of 0.8, precision of 0.65, and recall of 0.66, demonstrating its effectiveness. KNN struggled with nuanced patterns, showing lower precision (0.581) and recall (0.593), suggesting challenges in capturing user behavior accurately.

Impact of Rebalancing Techniques:

Rebalancing techniques had the most impact on the chocolate dataset due to its severe imbalance. Tomek Links removed only a few majority class points, resulting in minimal improvements. Precision and recall remained high across models, with SVM seeing a slight AUC increase of 0.02.

Oversampling with SMOTE was more effective, generating synthetic samples for the minority class and reducing overfitting. Models like KNN and SVM saw improved performance, with KNN achieving the highest AUC of 0.64 despite lower recall. The hybrid approach combining Tomek Links and SMOTE was particularly effective for Decision Trees and KNN, maintaining high recall while minimizing false positives.

In the mushroom dataset, the impact of rebalancing was less significant due to its balanced nature. Tomek Links improved recall slightly but reduced precision, with Gradient Boosting and Random Forest achieving the best balance. AUC values changed minimally, typically by only 0.01. SMOTE further enhanced precision and recall, particularly for Gradient Boosting and Decision Trees, which achieved high AUC scores. The hybrid approach offered further improvements, with Random Forest and SVM emerging as top performers, achieving the highest AUC values across all models.

Model Confusion Matrix, Precision, and Recall for Chocolate:

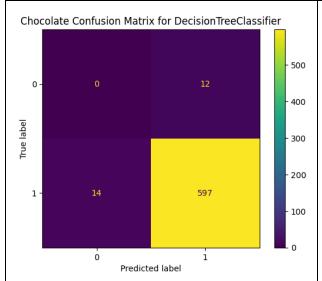
DecisionTreeClassifier

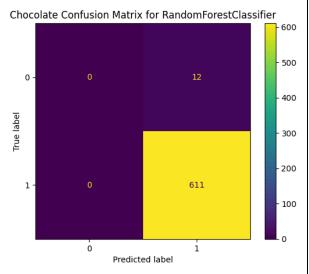
Precision: 0.9802955665024631 Recall: 0.9770867430441899

RandomForestClassifier

Precision: 0.9807383627608347

Recall: 1.0





SVC

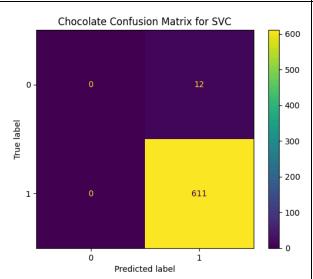
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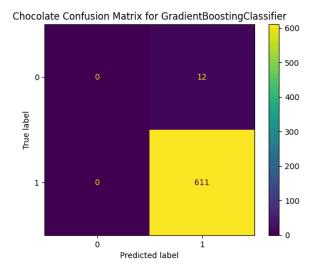
Recall: 1.0

GradientBoostingClassifier

Precision: 0.9807383627608347

Recall: 1.0



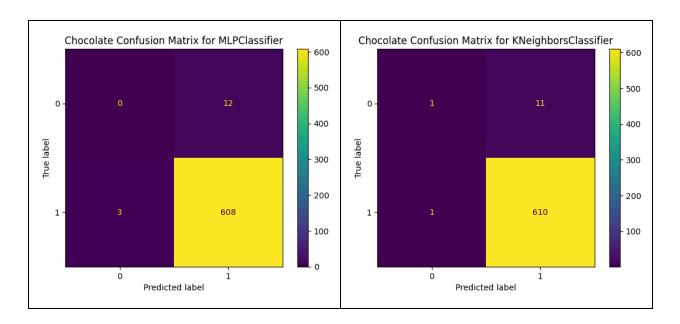


MLPClassifier

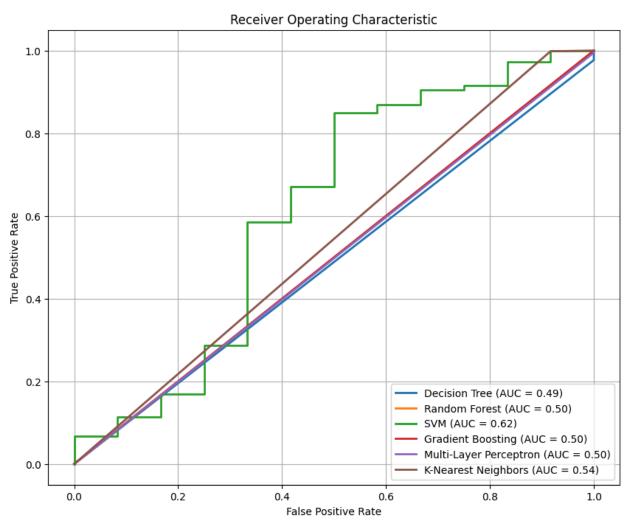
Precision: 0.9806451612903225 Recall: 0.9950900163666121

KNeighborsClassifier

Precision: 0.9822866344605475 Recall: 0.9983633387888707



ROC Curve for Chocolate:



Model Confusion Matrix, Precision, and Recall for Undersampled Chocolate:

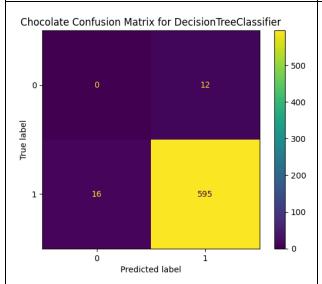
DecisionTreeClassifier

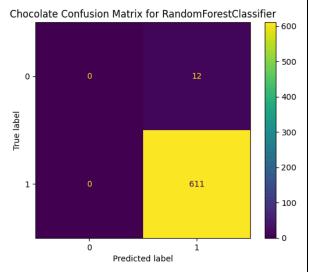
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RandomForestClassifier

Precision: 0.9807383627608347

Recall: 1.0





SVC

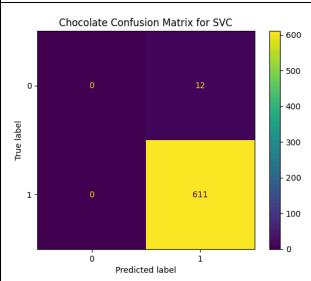
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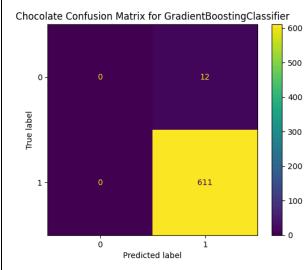
Recall: 1.0

Gradient Boosting Classifier

Precision: 0.9807383627608347

Recall: 1.0



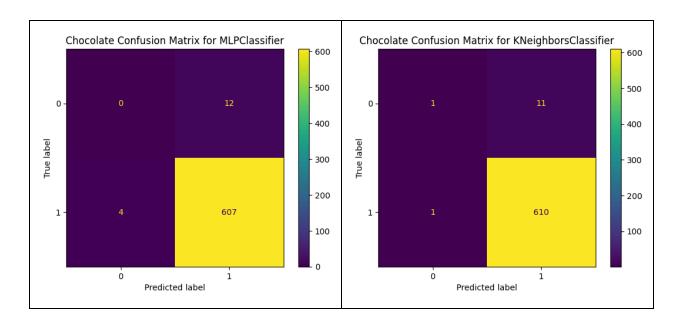


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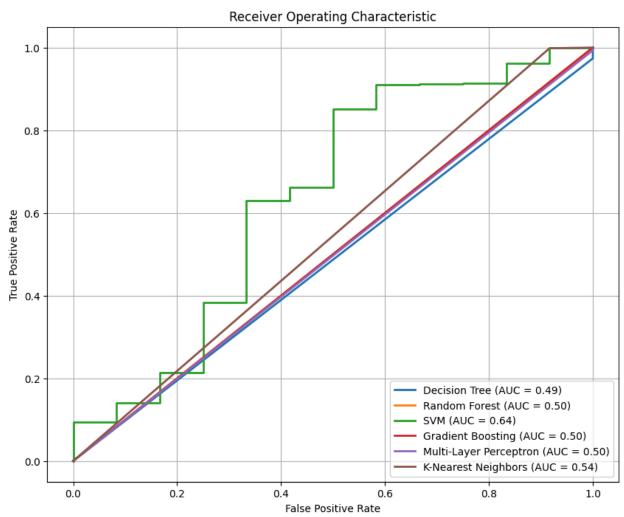
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KNeighborsClassifier

Precision: 0.9822866344605475 Recall: 0.9983633387888707



ROC Curve for Undersampled Chocolate:



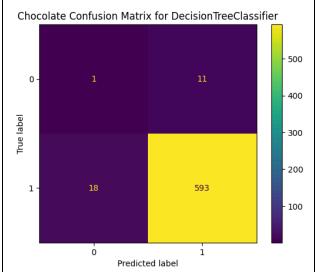
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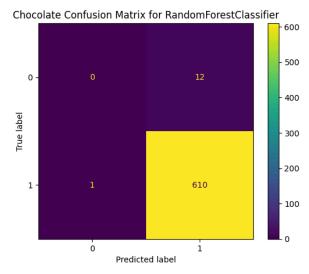
DecisionTreeClassifier

Precision: 0.9817880794701986 Recall: 0.9705400981996727

Random Forest Classifier

Precision: 0.9807073954983923 Recall: 0.9983633387888707



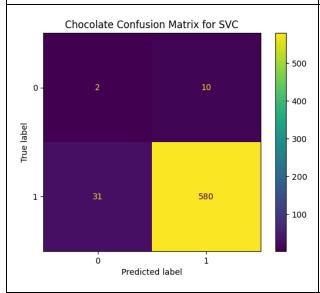


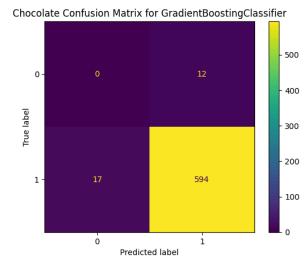
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Precision: 0.9830508474576272 Recall: 0.9492635024549918

GradientBoostingClassifier

Precision: 0.9801980198019802 Recall: 0.972176759410802



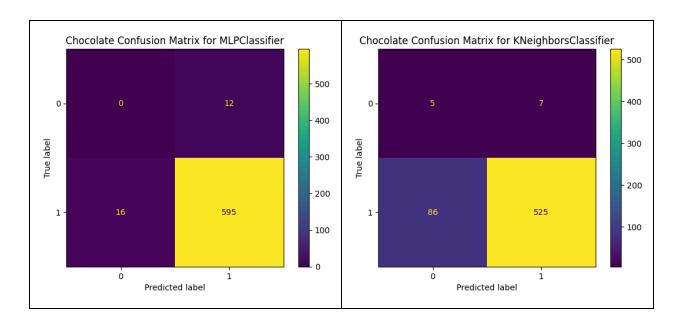


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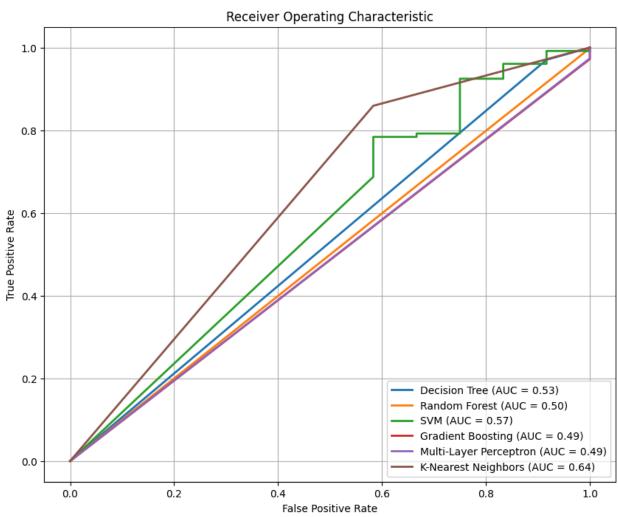
Precision: 0.9802306425041186 Recall: 0.9738134206219312

KNeighborsClassifier

Precision: 0.9868421052631579 Recall: 0.8592471358428805



ROC Curve for Oversampled Chocolate:



Model Confusion Matrix, Precision, and Recall for Combined Sampled Chocolate:

DecisionTreeClassifier

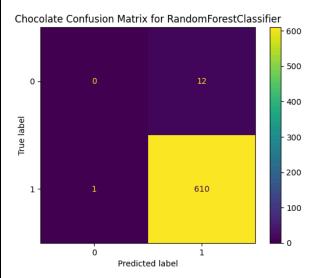
Precision: 0.9830508474576272 Recall: 0.9492635024549918

Chocolate Confusion Matrix for DecisionTreeClassifier 0 - 2 10 - 400 - 300 - 200 1 - 31 580 - 100

Predicted label

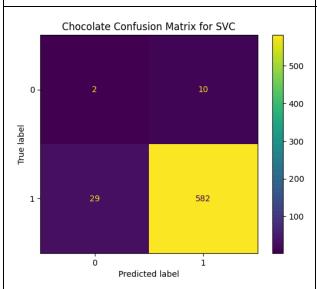
RandomForestClassifier

Precision: 0.9807073954983923 Recall: 0.9983633387888707



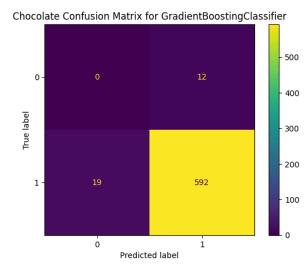
SVC

Precision: 0.9831081081081081 Recall: 0.9525368248772504



GradientBoostingClassifier

Precision: 0.9801324503311258 Recall: 0.9689034369885434

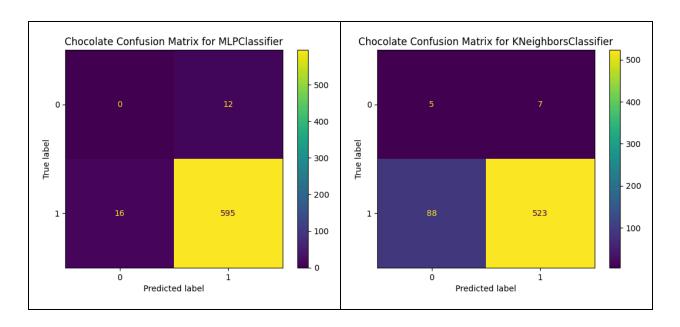


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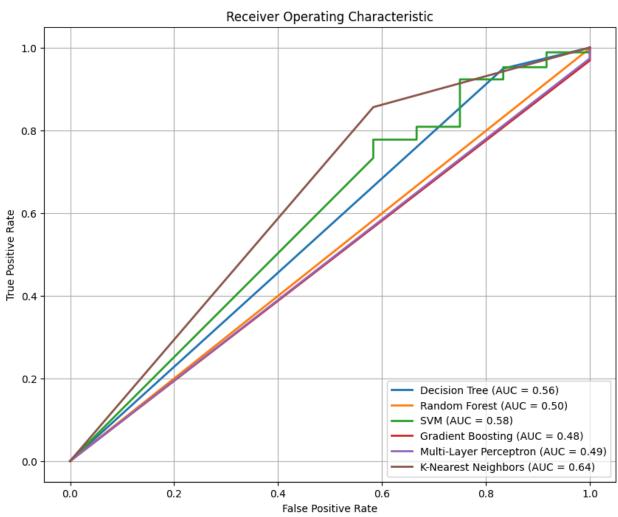
Precision: 0.9802306425041186 Recall: 0.9738134206219312

KNeighborsClassifier

Precision: 0.9867924528301887 Recall: 0.855973813420622



ROC Curve for Combined Sampled Chocolate:



Model Confusion Matrix, Precision, and Recall for Mushrooms:

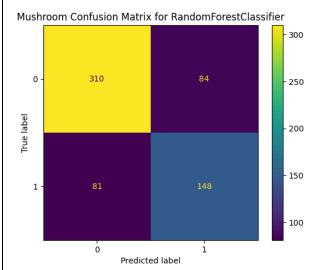
DecisionTreeClassifier

Precision: 0.5697674418604651 Recall: 0.6419213973799127

Mushroom Confusion Matrix for DecisionTreeClassifier 0 - 283 111 - 250 - 225 - 200 - 175 - 150 - 150 - 125 - 100 1 - 82 147 - 125 - 100

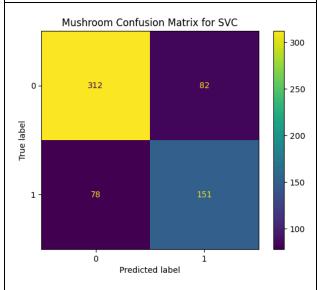
RandomForestClassifier

Precision: 0.6379310344827587 Recall: 0.6462882096069869



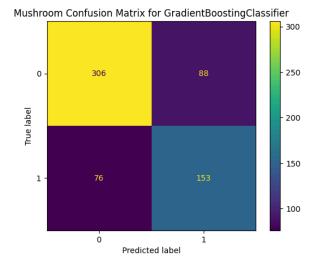
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Precision: 0.648068669527897 Recall: 0.6593886462882096



GradientBoostingClassifier

Precision: 0.6348547717842323 Recall: 0.6681222707423581

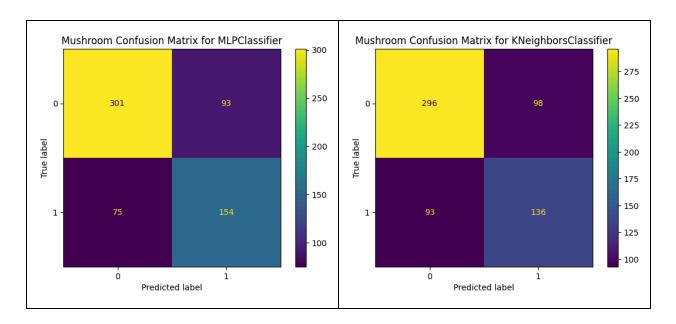


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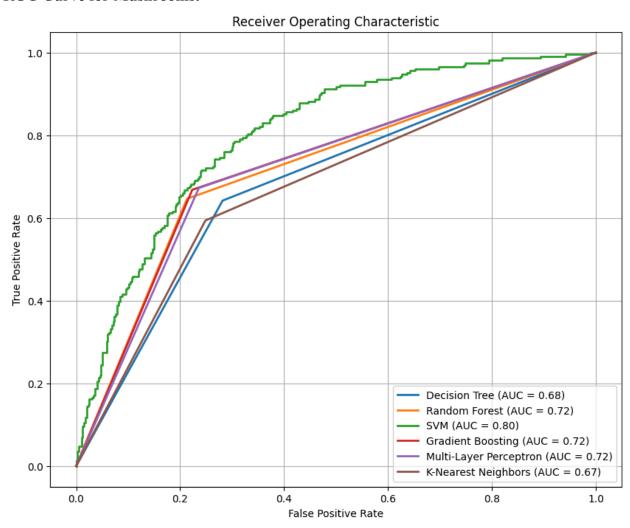
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KNeighborsClassifier

Precision: 0.5811965811965812 Recall: 0.5938864628820961



ROC Curve for Mushrooms:



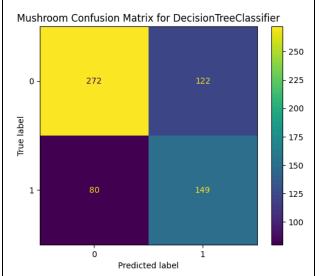
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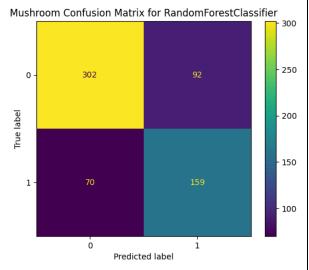
DecisionTreeClassifier

Precision: 0.5498154981549815 Recall: 0.6506550218340611

RandomForestClassifier Precision: 0.6334661354581673

Recall: 0.6943231441048034

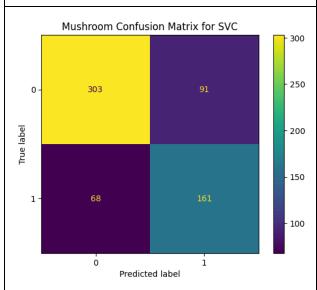


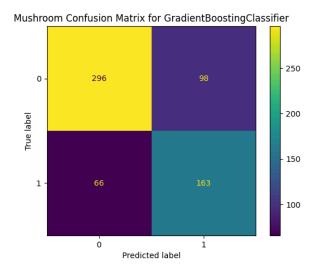


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Gradient Boosting Classifier

Precision: 0.6245210727969349 Recall: 0.7117903930131004



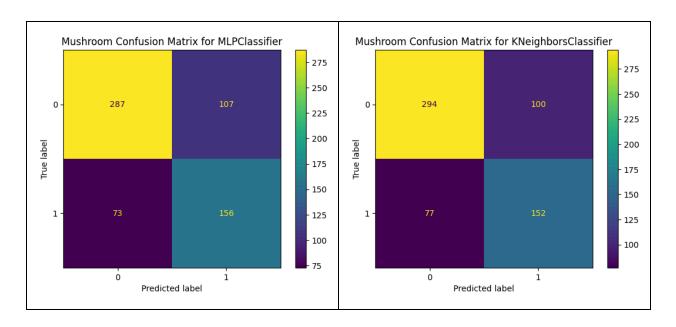


MLPClassifier

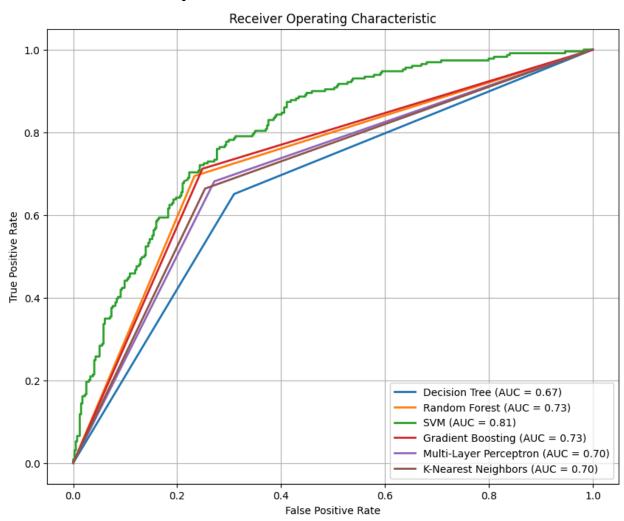
Precision: 0.5931558935361216 Recall: 0.6812227074235808

KNeighborsClassifier

Precision: 0.6031746031746031 Recall: 0.6637554585152838



ROC Curve for Undersampled Mushrooms:



Model Confusion Matrix, Precision, and Recall for Oversampled Mushrooms:

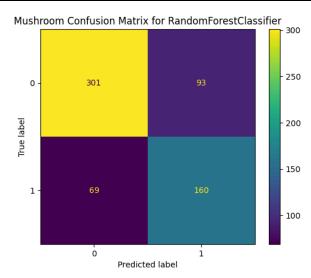
DecisionTreeClassifier

Precision: 0.5760869565217391 Recall: 0.6943231441048034

Mushroom Confusion Matrix for DecisionTreeClassifier 0 - 277 117 - 250 - 225 - 200 - 175 - 150 - 150 - 125 - 100 - 75 - 75 - 75 - 75

RandomForestClassifier

Precision: 0.6324110671936759 Recall: 0.6986899563318777

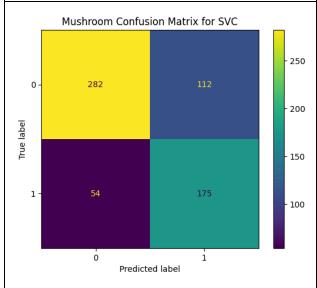


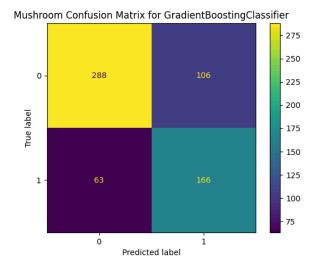
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Precision: 0.6097560975609756 Recall: 0.7641921397379913

Gradient Boosting Classifier

Precision: 0.6102941176470589 Recall: 0.7248908296943232





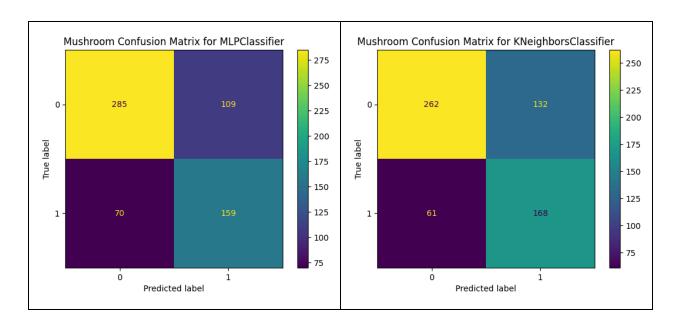
MLPClassifier

Precision: 0.5932835820895522 Recall: 0.6943231441048034

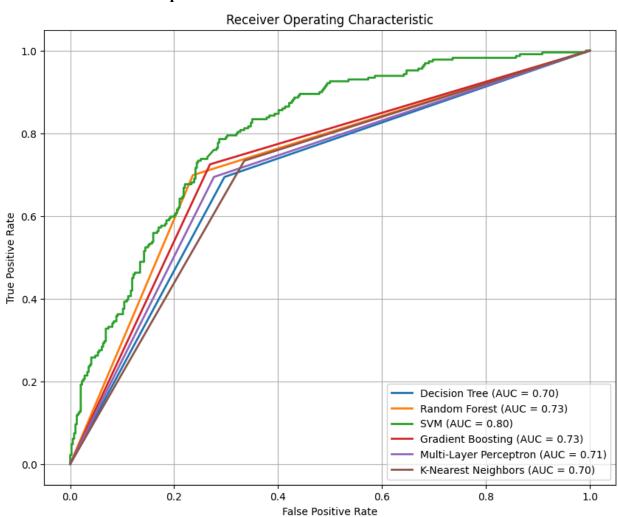
KNeighborsClassifier

Precision: 0.56

Recall: 0.7336244541484717



ROC Curve for Oversampled Mushrooms:



Model Confusion Matrix, Precision, and Recall for Combined Sampled Mushrooms:

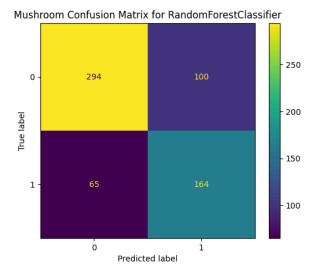
DecisionTreeClassifier

Precision: 0.5577689243027888 Recall: 0.611353711790393

Mushroom Confusion Matrix for DecisionTreeClassifier 0 - 283 1111 - 225 - 200 - 175 - 150 - 125 - 100 - 100 - Predicted label

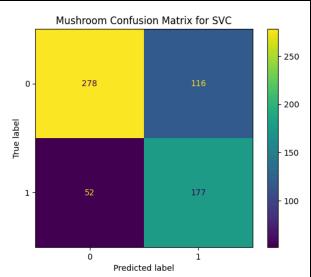
RandomForestClassifier

Precision: 0.6212121212121212 Recall: 0.7161572052401747



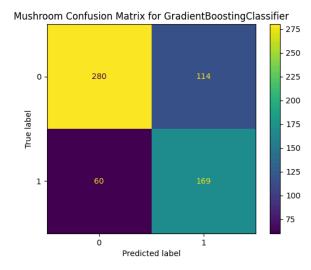
SVC

Precision: 0.6040955631399317 Recall: 0.7729257641921398



GradientBoostingClassifier

Precision: 0.5971731448763251 Recall: 0.7379912663755459

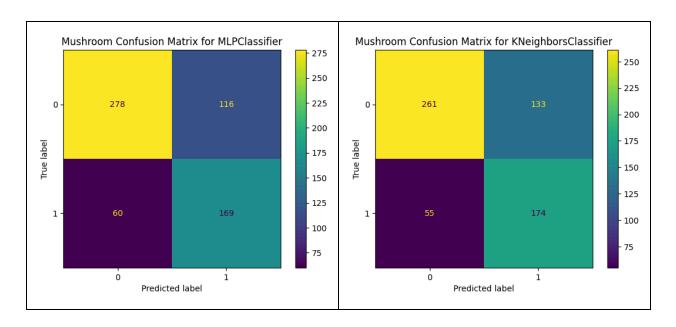


MLPClassifier

Precision: 0.5929824561403508 Recall: 0.7379912663755459

KNeighborsClassifier

Precision: 0.5667752442996743 Recall: 0.759825327510917



ROC Curve for Combined Sampled Mushrooms:

