

Machine Learning Model Evaluation for UFC Fight Outcomes & Healthcare Diagnostics

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UFC Data (Binary Classification)

Machine Learning Models Tested:

- Decision Tree Classifier
- Logistic Regression
- Support Vector Machines (SVM)
- Random Forest Classifier (Ensemble)

Evaluated Using:

- Accuracy Score
- Precision
- Recall
- F1-Score
- Confusion Matrix
- Hyperparameter Tuning



Healthcare Data (Multiclass Classification)

Machine Learning Models Tested:

- K-Nearest Neighbors (KNN)
- Support Vector Machines (SVM)
- Random Forest (Ensemble)
- Perceptron

Evaluated Using:

- Accuracy Score
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UFC Data:

Summary:

- 3,333 examples
- 194 features
- All fight data collected from July 2016 to November 2024 (8 years)
- Aim: Predict fight winner

Data Preprocessing:

- Custom feature vector from Fighter1 - Fighter2
- Created 'fighter_stats' dataset using career averages
- Filled null values with 0, indicating the non-existent round
- Used the custom feature vector to pull the fighter statistic data from

Prediction:

- SVM & Random Forest expected to be best performers



Healthcare Data:

Summary:

- 44,000 examples
- 15 features
- Label is 'Test Result': 3 classes (normal, abnormal, inconclusive)

Data Preprocessing:

- Dropped irrelevant columns
- Created 'Length of Stay' as a new feature
- Used One-Hot Encoding, Label Encoding, and feature scaling with StandardScaler

Prediction:

- SVM & Random Forest expected to be best performers



UFC Data Results:

| Model | Accuracy | Precision | Recall | F-1 Score |
|---------------------|----------|-----------|--------|-----------|
| Decision Tree | 0.634 | 0.63 | 0.61 | 0.6 |
| Logistic Regression | 0.673 | 0.67 | 0.65 | 0.65 |
| SVM | 0.668 | 0.66 | 0.65 | 0.65 |
| RF Ensemble | 0.673 | 0.67 | 0.65 | 0.65 |

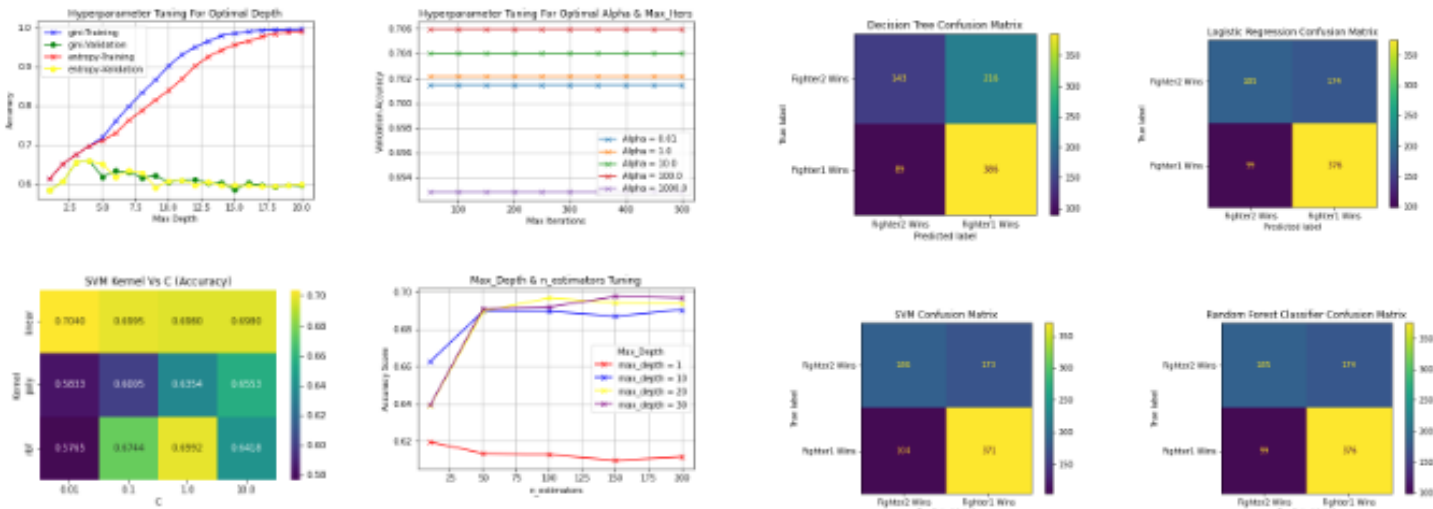
| Model | Optimal Hyperparam | Optimal Hyperpa |
|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Decision Tree | Max Depth' : 4 | Criterion': Gini |
| Logistic Regression | C': .01 | Max Iter': 50 |
| SVM | C': .01 | Kernel": Linear |
| RF Ensemble | Max Depth' : 30 | n_estimators': 150 |

Performance Summary:

- Logistic Regression & Random Forest were top performers (67.3% accuracy)
- SVM was in the middle (66.8%)
- Decision Tree performed worst (63.4%)

Confusion Matrix Summary:

- All the models showed a slight bias toward predicting Fighter1
- This could be because the dataset was imbalanced, with Fighter1 having the majority of the labels. This could have occurred due to Fighter1 being the ‘favorite’.



Healthcare Data Results:

| Model | Accuracy | Precision | Recall | F-1 Score |
|-------------|----------|-----------|--------|-----------|
| KNN | 0.445 | 0.44 | 0.44 | 0.44 |
| SVM | 0.365 | 0.36 | 0.36 | 0.36 |
| Perceptron | 0.337 | 0.34 | 0.34 | 0.34 |
| RF Ensemble | 0.438 | 0.44 | 0.44 | 0.44 |

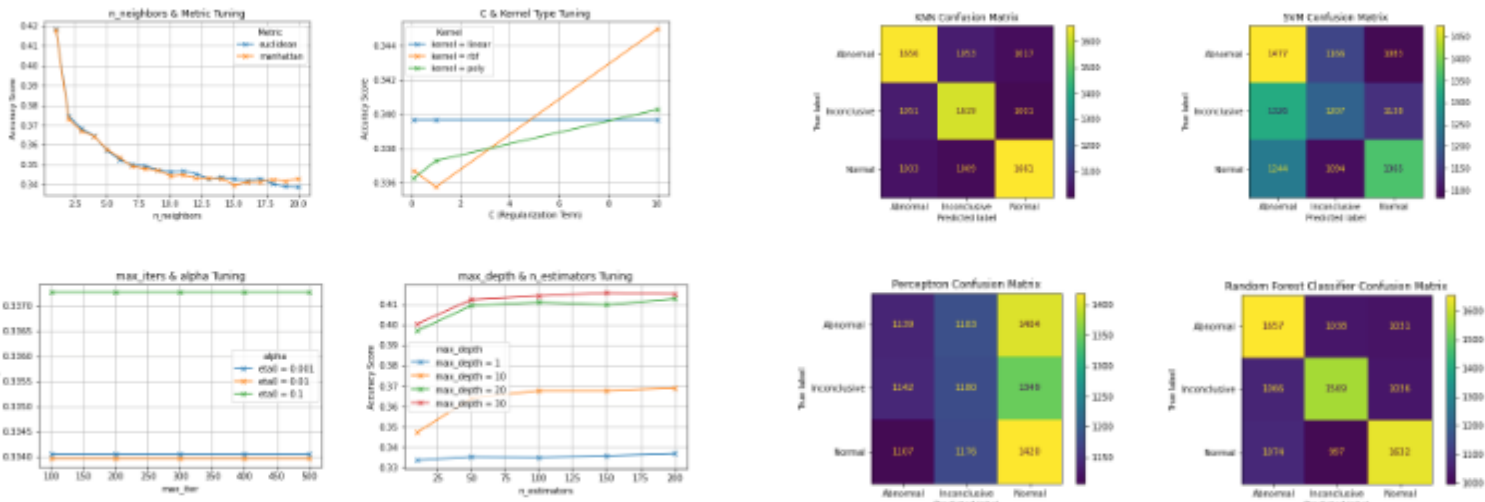
| Model | Optimal Hyperparam | Optimal Hyperpa |
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| KNN | Metric: 'Euclidean' | n_neighbors: 1 |
| SVM | C: '10' | Kernel: 'rbf' |
| Perceptron | alpha: '.1 | max_iter: '100' |
| RF Ensemble | max_depth: '30' | n_estimators: '150' |

Performance Summary:

- KNN & Random Forest were top performers (44.5% & 43.8% respectively)
- SVM was in the middle (36.5%)
- Perceptron performed worst (33.7%)

Confusion Matrix Summary:

- Looking at the confusion matrices we can see there is high misclassification across all models.
- 'Inconclusive' class was the most misclassified



CONCLUSION

- Quality of the features and dataset has a major impact on the performance of the model, even moreso than the algorithm itself

UFC Data Future Works:

- Incorporate recent fight weighting
- Integrate real time API to have an updated dataset

Healthcare Data Future Works

- Conduct feature engineering to create more relevant and predictive features

