

Iris Flower Classification using Machine Learning

1. Problem Statement:-

Accurate classification of flower species based on physical measurements is an important task in botanical research and machine learning applications. Manual identification of iris species can be time-consuming and error-prone due to similarities in measurements.

Objective:

- To build a Machine Learning classification model that can
- Learn from iris flower measurements
- Accurately classify flowers into Setosa, Versicolor, or Virginica

2. Dataset Description:-

- Source: Iris Flower Dataset
- Records: 150 flower samples
- Data Type: Structured (CSV)

Features:

- Sepal Length
- Sepal Width
- Petal Length
- Petal Width

Target Variable:

- Species (Setosa, Versicolor, Virginica)

3. Data Preprocessing & Feature Engineering:-

- Loaded dataset from CSV file
- Checked for missing and duplicate values
- Encoded categorical target labels using Label Encoding
- Split dataset into training and testing sets

- Scaled numerical features where required
- Ensured feature consistency across training and prediction phases

Tools Used:

- pandas, numpy
- sklearn.preprocessing

4. Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA):-

Insights Generated:

- Clear separation between species using petal measurements
- Setosa species is easily distinguishable from others
- Versicolor and Virginica show partial overlap
- Petal length and petal width are the most influential features

Visualizations:

- Bar charts for feature comparison
- Line plots to observe feature trends
- Pie chart for species distribution

5. Machine Learning Models Used:-

Model	Accuracy (%)	Remarks
Logistic Regression	96	Strong baseline model
K-Nearest Neighbors (KNN)	97	Sensitive to feature scaling
Decision Tree	95	Captures non-linear patterns
Support Vector Machine (SVM)	96	Effective boundary separation
Random Forest	98	Best overall performance

Selected Model:

- Random Forest Classifier (Accuracy: ~98%)

Reason:

Random Forest provided the highest accuracy and robust performance by combining multiple decision trees and reducing overfitting.

6. Model Evaluation:-

- Accuracy Score
- Precision, Recall, and F1-score
- Confusion Matrix for class-wise performance

The trained model successfully classified all three iris species with high confidence and minimal misclassification.

7. Tools & Technologies Used:-

Category	Tools
Programming	Python
Data Analysis	Pandas, NumPy
Visualization	Matplotlib, Seaborn
Machine Learning	Scikit-learn
Environment	Google Colab
Model Saving	Pickle

8. Final Output & Business Value:-**Outcomes:**

- Successfully trained and evaluated multiple ML classification models
- Identified the best-performing algorithm
- Built a reusable ML pipeline
- Saved trained model for future predictions

Business / Practical Impact:

- Enables automated flower species classification

- Demonstrates real-world application of ML classification
- Can be extended to other biological or classification problems

9. Solution:-

This project delivers a Machine Learning-based classification system that accurately predicts the species of an iris flower using its physical measurements. By leveraging supervised learning algorithms, the solution eliminates manual classification, improves accuracy, and provides a scalable approach for similar classification tasks in real-world applications.

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