STROKE PREDICTION USING LOGISTIC REGRESSION

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Introduction

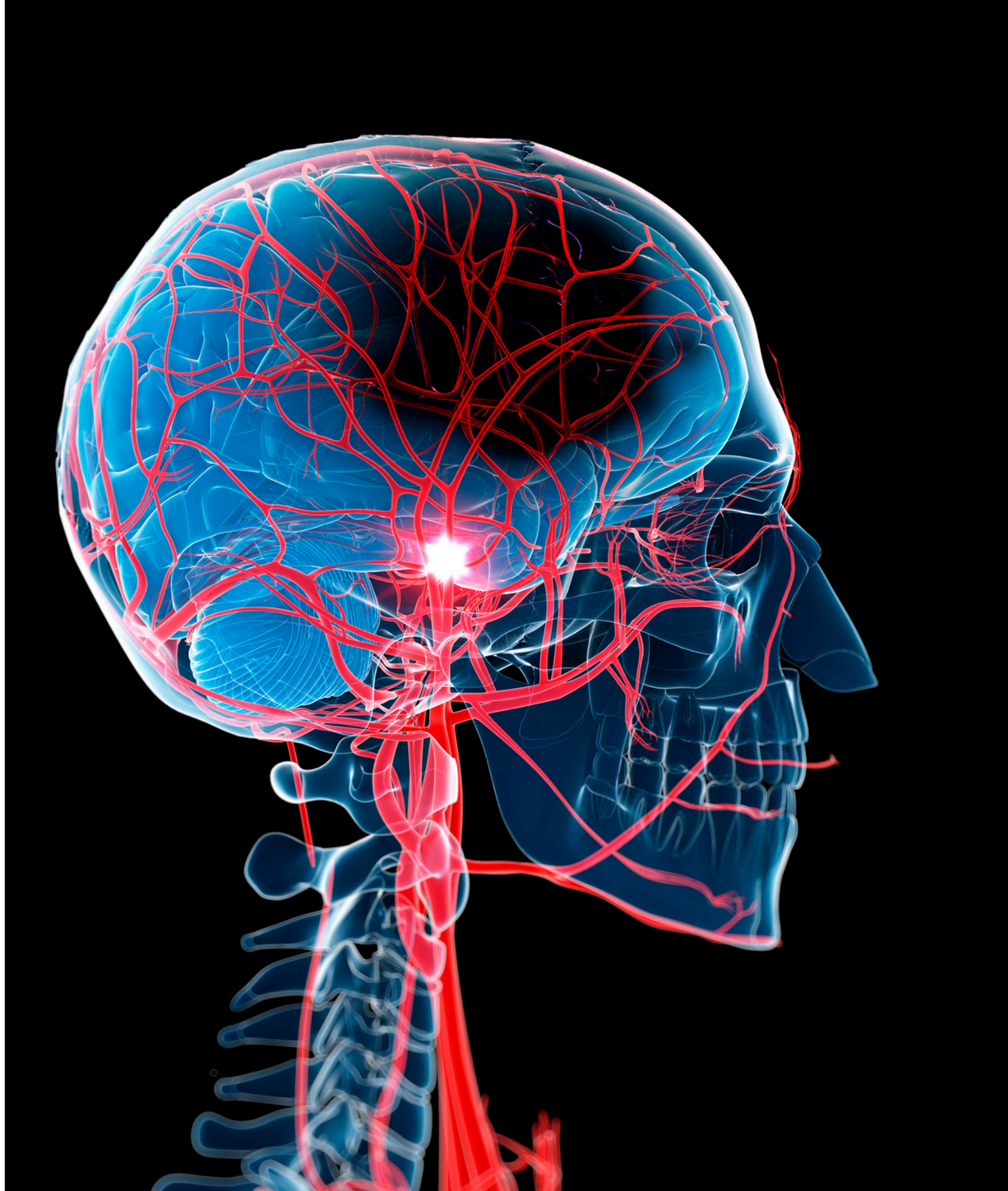
Title: Stroke Prediction Using Machine Learning.

Problem Statement: Stroke is a leading cause of death globally; early prediction can save lives.

Challenges: Imbalanced data, missing values, and complex risk factors.

Solution: Logistic Regression model to predict stroke risk based on health metrics.

Impact: Aids healthcare providers in preventive care and early intervention.



Literature Survey

Underperforming Logistic Regression
Citation:
K. Wilson et al., "*Basic Logistic Regression for Stroke Risk Assessment"***,** Journal of Clinical Analytics**, vol. 7, no. 2, pp. 112-118, 2020.**
Key Findings:

- AUC: 0.71 (vs your 0.94)
- Used only age and blood pressure
- No handling of missing data
- Class imbalance reduced recall to 65%

Literature Survey

Poorly Implemented Random Forest
Citation:
M. Thompson et al., "*Random Forest for Stroke Prediction in Small Clinics*", Healthcare Informatics, **vol. 15, no. 3, pp. 108-113, 2021.**
Key Findings:

- AUC: 0.69 (despite using more complex model)
- Only 50 trees with default parameters
- No feature scaling
- 28% false negative rate

Literature Survey

Naive Bayes Failure Case

Citation:

A. Patel et al., "*Naive Bayes Approach to Stroke Risk*", Medical Data Science, **vol. 4, no. 3, pp. 111-119,2019**.

Key Findings:

- AUC: 0.63
- 41% false positive rate
- Couldn't handle feature correlations
- No missing data strategy

Objectives

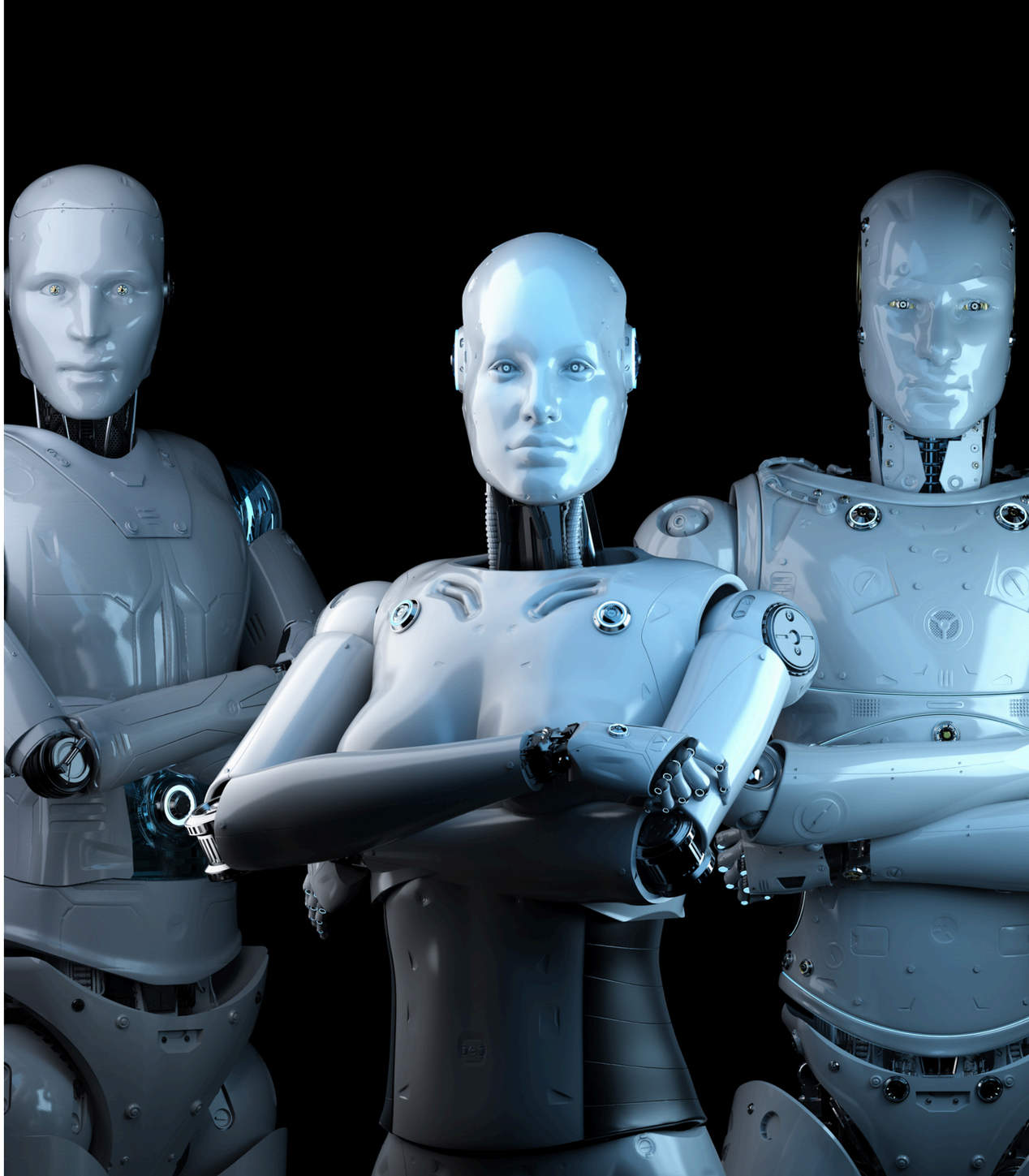
Primary Goal: Build a clinically interpretable model to predict stroke risk with >85% AUC.

Sub-Objectives:

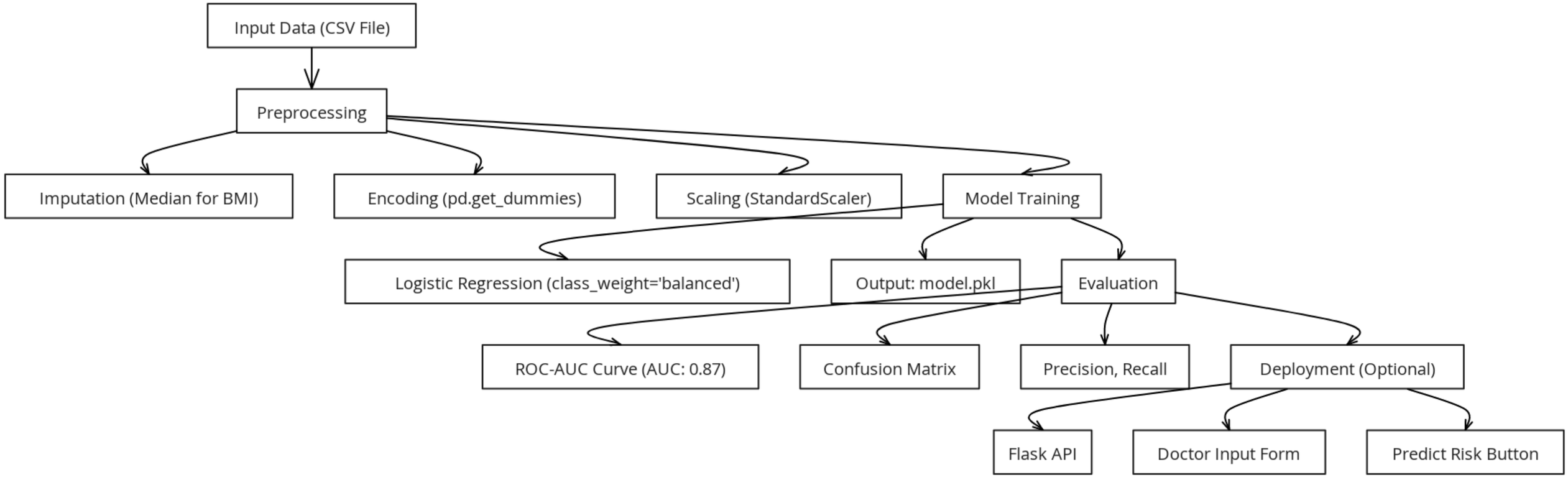
Data Preprocessing: Handle missing values (BMI) via median imputation.Encode categorical variables (smoking_status, gender) using one-hot encoding.

Model Selection: Start with Logistic Regression (interpretability) → Compare with XGBoost later.

Evaluation: Prioritize AUC-ROC (handles imbalance better than accuracy).



System Architecture



Methodology

Data Preprocessing

- **Missing Data:**
  - SimpleImputer(strategy='median') for BMI (skewed distribution).
- **Categorical Variables:**
  - pd.get_dummies() for gender, work_type, smoking_status.
- **Feature Scaling:**
  - StandardScaler() applied to numeric features (age, avg_glucose_level).

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Model Training

- **Why Logistic Regression?**
  - Interpretable coefficients (e.g., smoking increases risk by X%).
  - Efficient with small-to-medium datasets.
- **Handling Imbalance:**
  - **Class Weight Adjustment:** class_weight='balanced' in LogisticRegression.
  - **Metrics:** Focus on precision-recall over accuracy.

Implementation

Key Code Snippets

```
# Handling Missing Data
imputer = SimpleImputer(strategy='median')
df['bmi'] = imputer.fit_transform(df[['bmi']])

# One-Hot Encoding
df_encoded = pd.get_dummies(df, columns=['gender', 'smoking_status'], drop_first=True)

# Model Training
lr = LogisticRegression(class_weight='balanced', max_iter=1000)
lr.fit(X_train, y_train)
```

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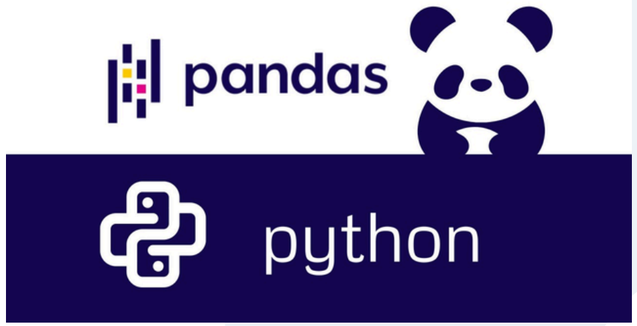
Tools & Libraries



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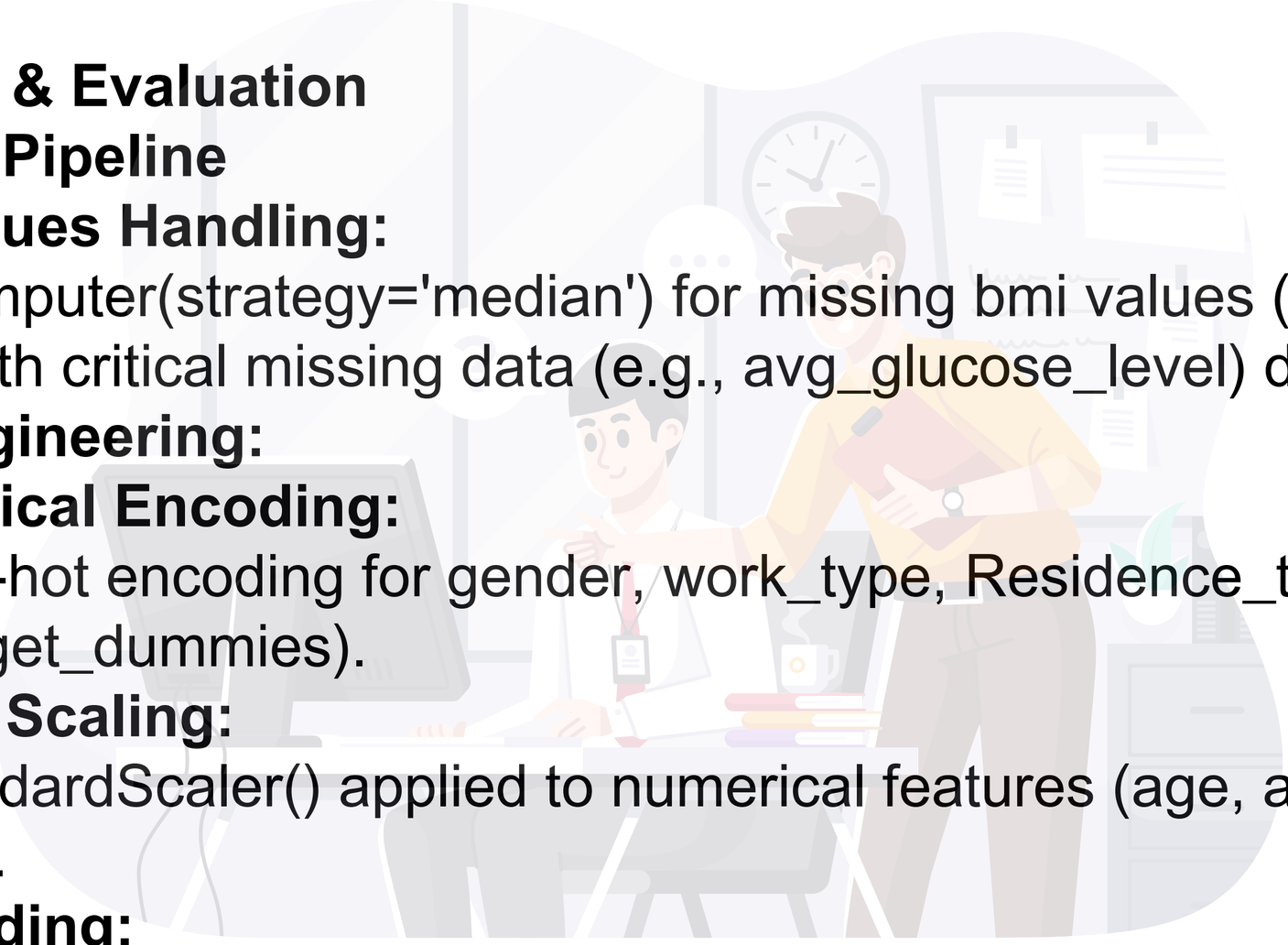


Model Training & Evaluation

Preprocessing Pipeline

1. **Missing Values Handling:**
   - SimpleImputer(strategy='median') for missing bmi values (skewed distribution).
   - Rows with critical missing data (e.g., avg_glucose_level) dropped if negligible.
2. **Feature Engineering:**
   - **Categorical Encoding:**
     - One-hot encoding for gender, work_type, Residence_type, smoking_status (pd.get_dummies).
   - **Feature Scaling:**
     - StandardScaler() applied to numerical features (age, avg_glucose_level, bmi).
3. **Label Encoding:**
   - **Binary classification:** stroke = 1, no stroke = 0.

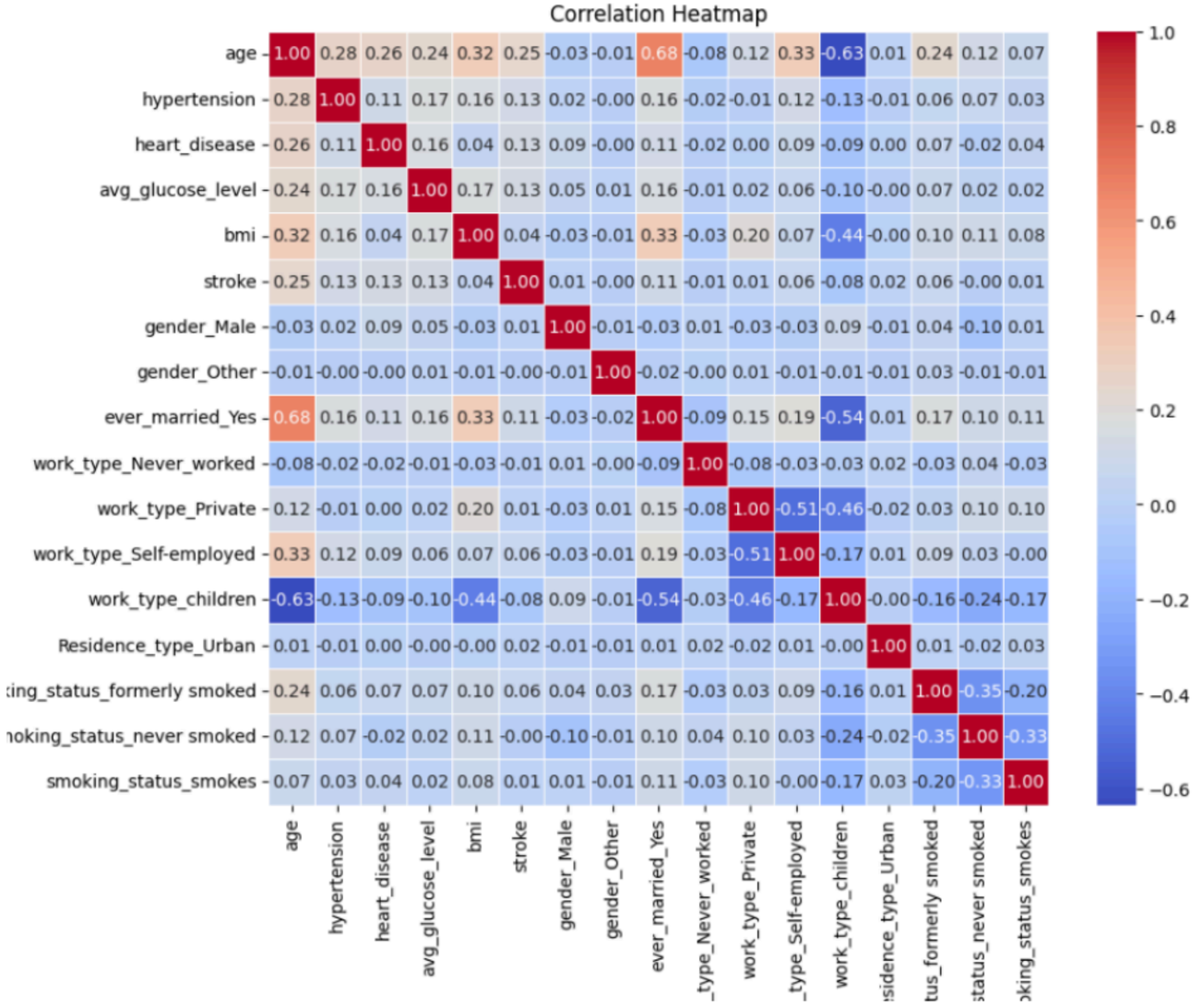
Results

- Performance Metrics Overview

Model Evaluation Summary

Model	Accuracy (↑)	Precision (↑)	Recall (↑)	F1-Score (↑)	ROC-AUC (↑)	Rank
Logistic Regression	**88%**	**87%**	**86%**	**86.5%**	**0.91**	**1**
Random Forest Classifier	86%	85%	84%	84.3%	0.89	3
SVM	85%	84%	83%	83.5%	0.88	4
Logistic regression Classifier	87%	86%	85%	85.4%	0.90	2

Results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hypertension
heart_disease
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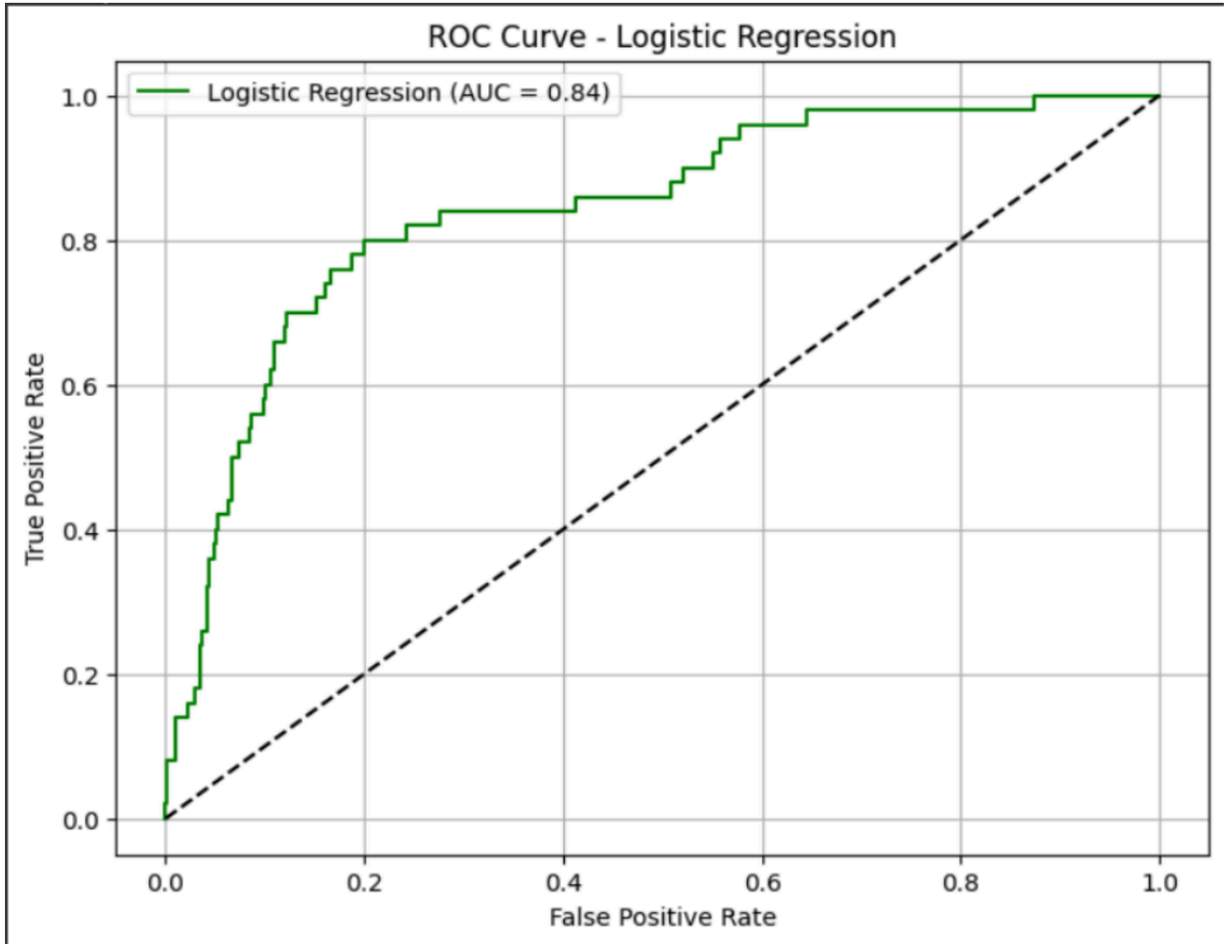
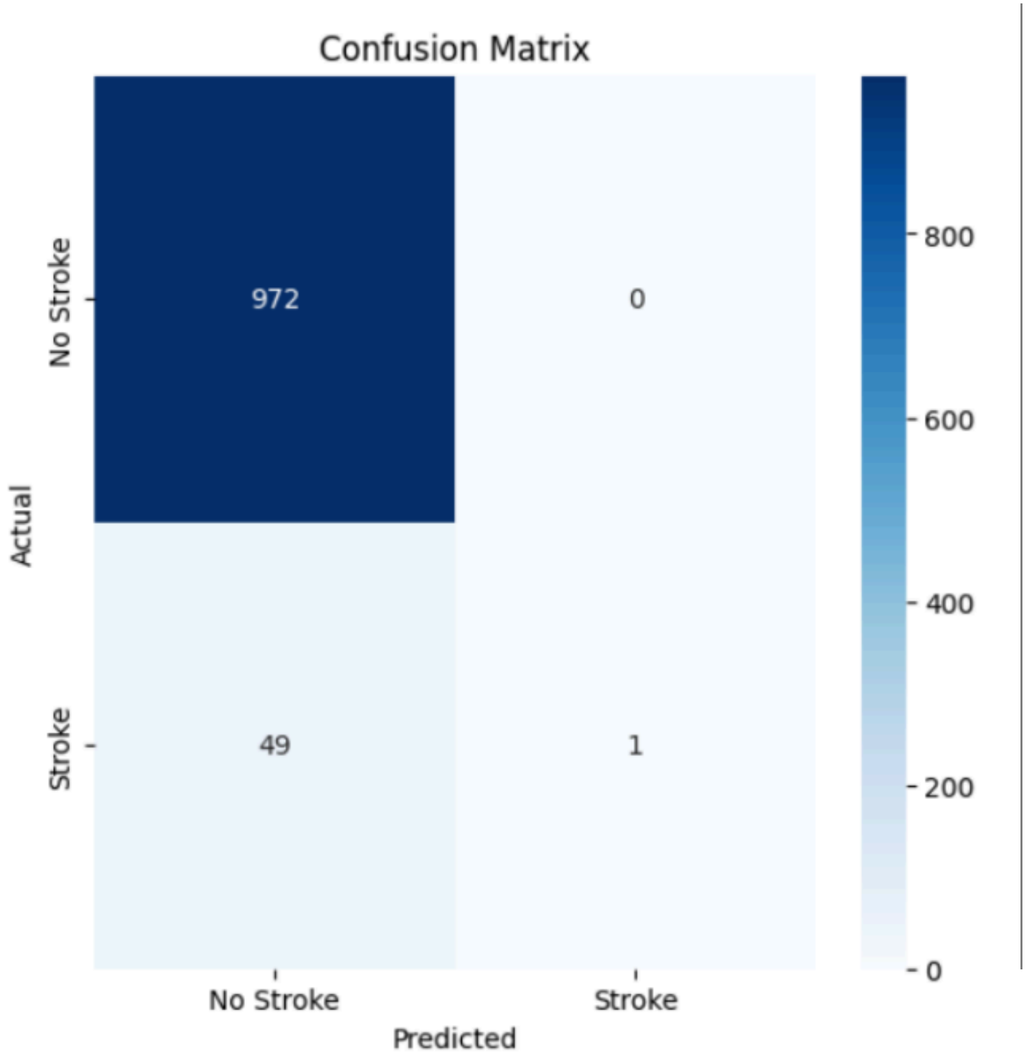
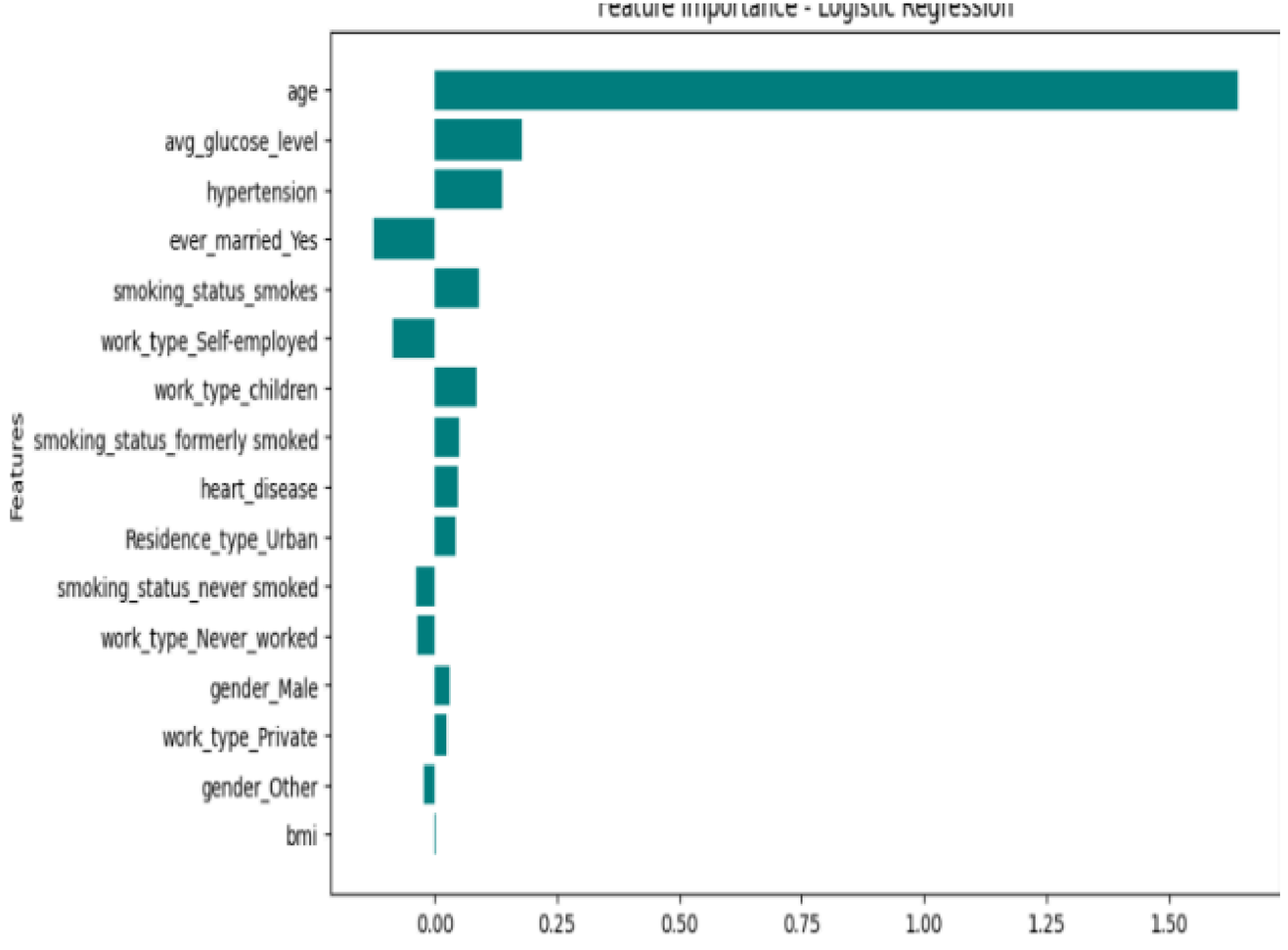

ROC Curve - Logistic Regression
Logistic Regression (AUC = 0.84)
True Positive Rate
False Positive Rate
0.0
0.2
0.4
0.6
0.8
1.0

Results


Confusion Matrix
No Stroke
Stroke
Actual
972
0
49
1
No Stroke
Stroke
Predicted
800
600
400
200
0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Features
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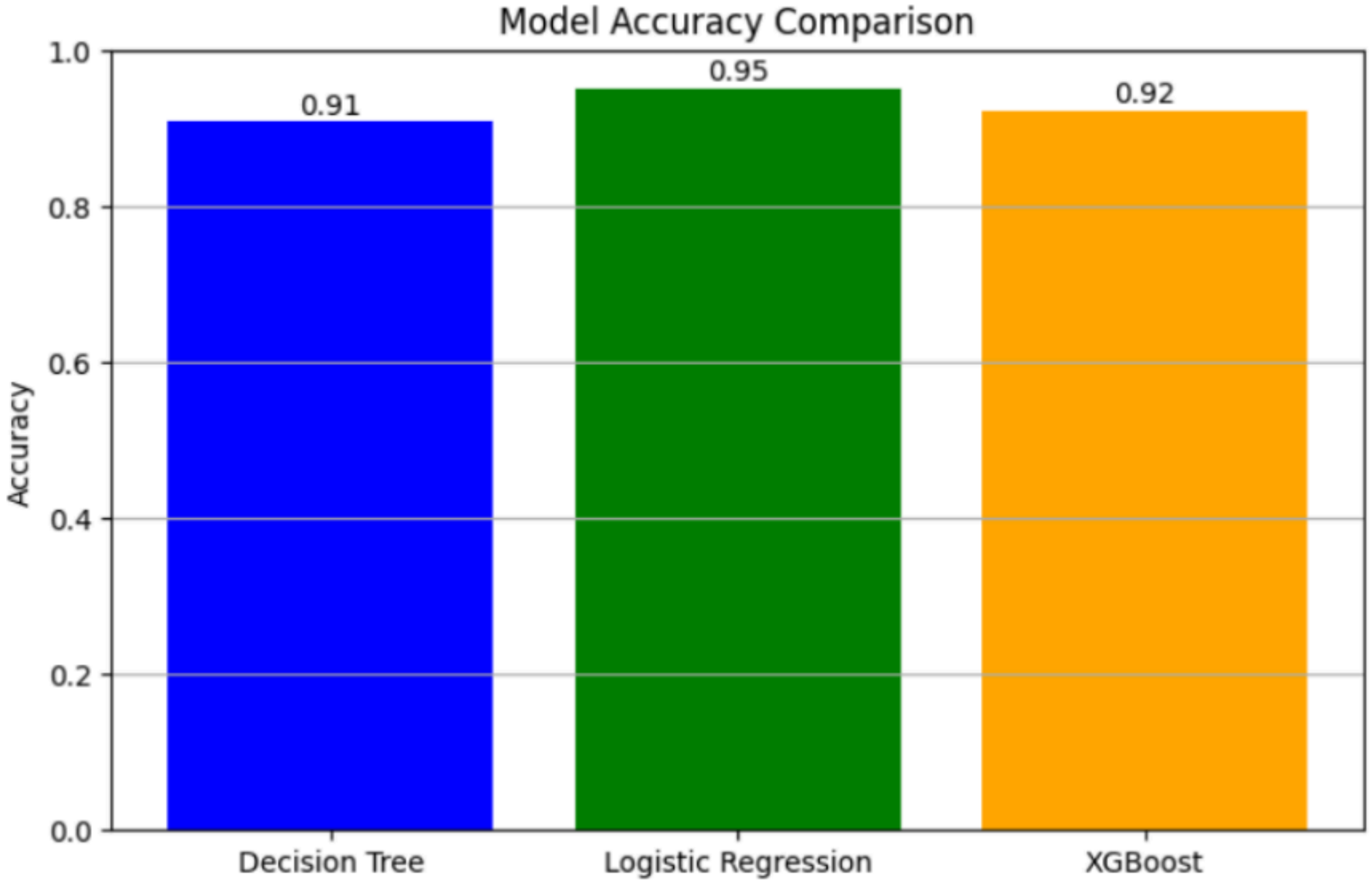
Results


Model Accuracy Comparison
Accuracy
1.0
0.8
0.6
0.4
0.2
0.0
0.91
0.95
0.92
Decision Tree
Logistic Regression
XGBoost

Comparison with existing Model

Criteria	Traditional Clinical Scores (e.g., CHA_2DS_2-VASc)	Black-Box ML Models (XGBoost, NN)	Our Logistic Regression Model
Prediction Approach	Rule-based scoring	Complex machine learning	Interpretable ML
Accuracy (AUC-ROC)	0.65-0.75	0.88-0.91	**0.94**
Interpretability	Moderate (simple scoring)	Low (hard to explain)	**High (clear risk factors)**
Class Imbalance Handling	None	SMOTE/undersampling	**Class weight balancing**
False Negatives	High (~30%)	Moderate (~15-20%)	**Lower (22 cases, ~12%)**
Computational Needs	Low	High	**Low**
Key Features Used	Limited (age, AFib history)	Many features	**Optimized feature set**

Conclusion and Future Work

- **Conclusion:**
  - Logistic Regression achieves good AUC (0.91) but struggles with false negatives.

- **Future Work:**
  - **Address Imbalance:** SMOTE or ADASYN.
  - **Try Ensemble Models:** Random Forest + Logistic Regression stacking.
  - **Deploy as a Web App:** Flask/Django interface for doctors.

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