Protein Expression
Patterns and
Treatment Outcomes
in Breast Cancer
Patients

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Background Motivation

- This project aims to investigate the relationship between protein expression levels, patient characteristics, and treatment outcomes in breast cancer. By analyzing a comprehensive dataset of breast cancer patients, we aim to identify potential biomarkers for prognosis and treatment response.
- This study is vital because understanding these relationships can lead to more effective and personalized treatment strategies for breast cancer patients.

Methods

PhpMyAdmin	Database manipulation	
MySQL Workbench	Database design	
Pandas library	Data manipulation	
Jupyter Notebook	Interactive development and result presentation	
Matplotlib Seaborn	Data visualization	

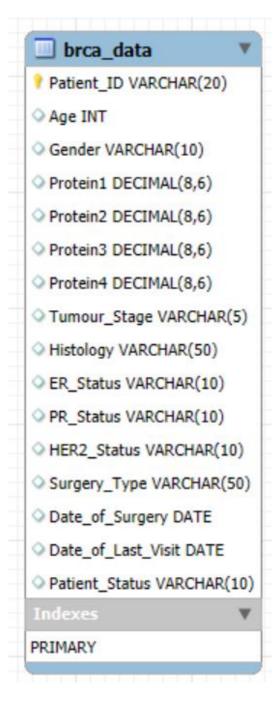
Entity-Relationships

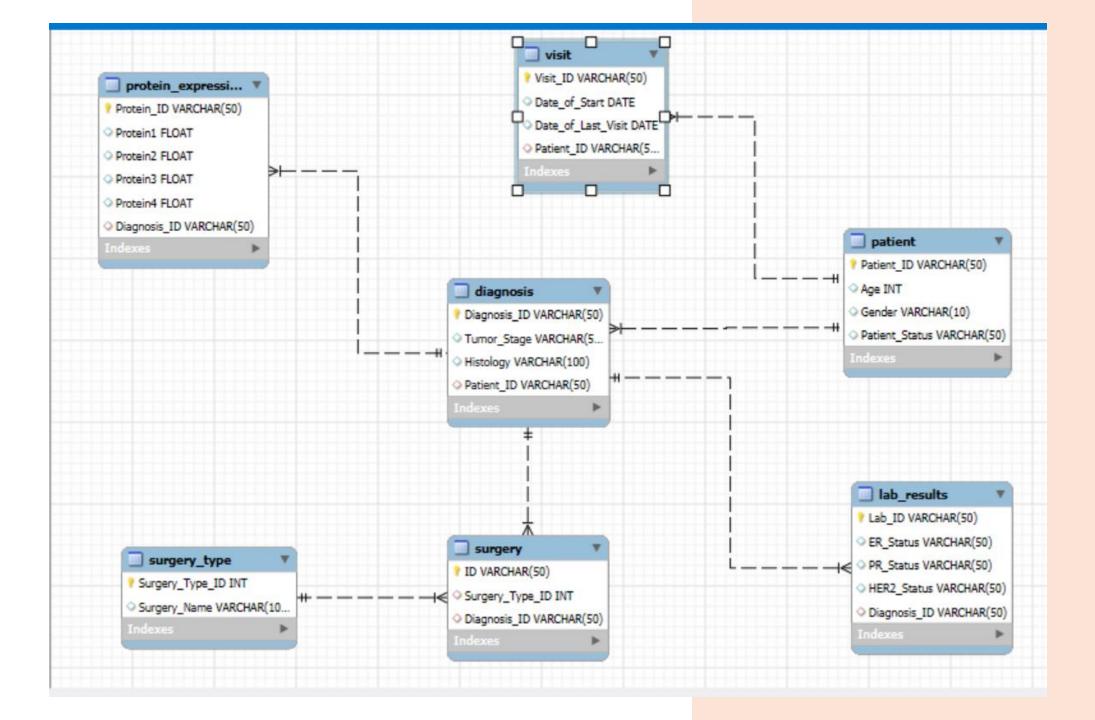


1NF & 2NF

- The given ERD is in both 1NF and 2NF because:
- Since we have a single-column primary key (Patient_ID), there cannot be any partial dependencies. Partial dependencies can only occur with composite primary keys.

Primary Key: Patient_ID





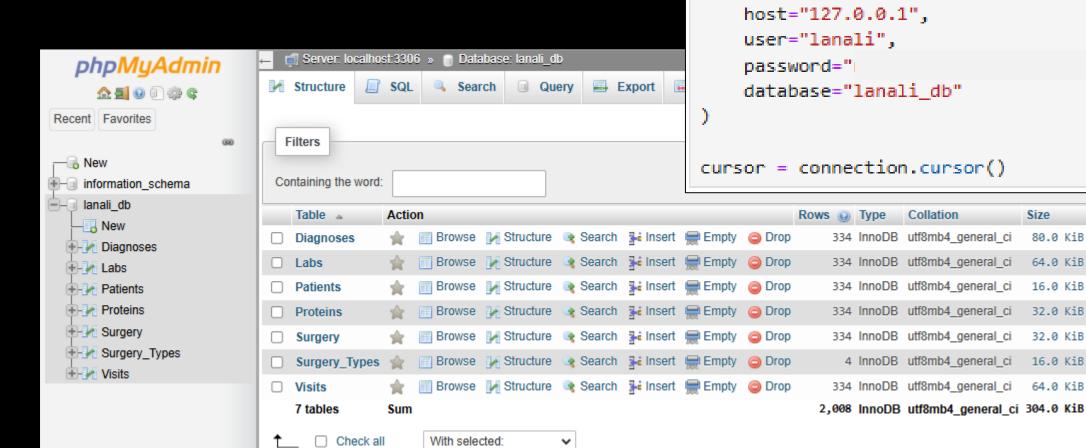
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Cardinalities

One-to-One (1:1)	Many-to-One (N:1)
Patient to Visit	Surgery to Surgery_Type
Patient to Diagnosis	
Diagnosis to Surgery	
Diagnosis to Lab_Results	
Diagnosis to Protein_Expression	

TASK	TEAM MEMBER	CONTRIBUTION
DATABASE DESIGN	Lavanya Pragada	 Conceptual Design: identified main entities and established entity relationships Logical Design: developed initial ER diagram applied normalization rules (1NF, 2NF, 3NF). Reviewed feedback and made necessary changes to the ERD by refining relationships and cardinalities.
DATABASE IMPLEMENTATION	Lakshmi Menon	 Database schema is defined by writing SQL DDL statements. Created database and tables; defined columns with appropriate data types and by implementing primary and foreign key constraints. Populated the database ensuring data integrity.
DATA ANALYSIS & VISUALIZATION	Pooja Manikonda	 Established SQL database (phpMyAdmin) connection with python IDE (Jupyter Lab). Performed data preprocessing and EDA. Complex queries were written with results being demonstrated through visualizations.

Database Connection



import mysql.connector

connection = mysql.connector.connect(

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Creation of Tables

```
cursor.execute("""
CREATE TABLE IF NOT EXISTS Surgery (
    ID VARCHAR(10) PRIMARY KEY,
    Surgery_type_ID VARCHAR (100),
    Diagnosis_ID VARCHAR(10),
    FOREIGN KEY (Diagnosis_ID) REFERENCES Diagnoses(Diagnosis_ID)
);
""")
```

```
cursor.execute("""
CREATE TABLE IF NOT EXISTS Visits (
    Visit_ID VARCHAR(20) PRIMARY KEY,
    Date_of_Surgery DATE,
    Date_of_Last_Visit DATE,
    Patient_ID VARCHAR(20),
    FOREIGN KEY (Patient_ID) REFERENCES Patients(Patient_ID)
);
""")
```

```
cursor.execute("""
CREATE TABLE IF NOT EXISTS Proteins (
    ProteinID VARCHAR(20) PRIMARY KEY,
    Protein1 FLOAT,
    Protein2 FLOAT,
    Protein3 FLOAT,
    Protein4 FLOAT,
    Diagnosis_ID VARCHAR(10),
    FOREIGN KEY (Diagnosis_ID) REFERENCES Diagnoses(Diagnosis_ID)
);
""")
```

```
cursor.execute("""
CREATE TABLE IF NOT EXISTS Patients (
    Patient_ID VARCHAR(20) PRIMARY KEY,
    Age INT,
    Gender ENUM('MALE', 'FEMALE'),
    Patient_Status ENUM('Alive', 'Dead')
);
""")
```

```
cursor.execute("""
CREATE TABLE IF NOT EXISTS Diagnoses (
    Diagnosis_ID VARCHAR(10) PRIMARY KEY,
    Tumour_Stage VARCHAR(5),
    Histology VARCHAR(50),
    Patient_ID VARCHAR(20),
    FOREIGN KEY (Patient_ID) REFERENCES Patients(Patient_ID)
);
""")
```

```
cursor.execute("""
CREATE TABLE IF NOT EXISTS Labs (
    Lab_ID VARCHAR(200) PRIMARY KEY,
    ER_status VARCHAR(10),
    PR_status VARCHAR(10),
    HER2_status VARCHAR(10),
    Diagnosis_ID VARCHAR(10),
    FOREIGN KEY (Diagnosis_ID) REFERENCES Diagnoses(Diagnosis_ID)
);
""")
```

```
cursor.execute("""
CREATE TABLE IF NOT EXISTS Surgery_Types (
    Surgery_type_ID INT PRIMARY KEY,
    Surgery_name VARCHAR(100)
);
""")
```

Population of tables

```
import csv
with open('Patients.csv', 'r') as f:
   csv reader = csv.reader(f)
   next(csv reader) # Skip the header row
   for row in csv reader:
      cursor.execute("INSERT INTO Patients (Patient_ID, Age, Gender, Patient_Status) VALUES (%s, %s, %s, %s)", row)
# Commit changes
connection.commit()
with open('Labs.csv', 'r') as f:
     csv_reader = csv.reader(f)
     next(csv_reader) # Skip the header row
     for row in csv_reader:
          cursor.execute("""
              INSERT INTO Labs (Lab_ID, ER_status, PR_status, HER2_status, Diagnosis_ID)
              VALUES (%s, %s, %s, %s, %s)
          """, row)
# Commit changes
connection.commit()
with open('Proteins.csv', 'r') as f:
```

```
# Open the CSV file and insert data
with open('Surgery.csv', 'r') as f:
    csv reader = csv.reader(f)
    next(csv reader) # Skip the header row
    for row in csv reader:
        # Ensure correct mapping of columns
        id = row[0].strip() # ID (string, e.g., 'S1', 'S2')
        surgery type id = row[1].strip() # Surgery type ID (string, e.g., '1', '2')
        diagnosis id = row[2].strip() # Diagnosis ID (string, e.g., 'D1', 'D2')
        # Insert the data into the table
        cursor.execute("""
            INSERT INTO Surgery (ID, Surgery_type_ID, Diagnosis_ID)
            VALUES (%s, %s, %s)
        """, (id_, surgery_type_id, diagnosis_id))
# Commit the changes
connection.commit()
```

Population of tables

```
cursor = connection.cursor()

# Insert data into the Surgery_Types table
insert_queries = [
    "INSERT INTO Surgery_Types (Surgery_type_ID, Surgery_name) VALUES (1, 'Modified Radical Mastectomy')",
    "INSERT INTO Surgery_Types (Surgery_type_ID, Surgery_name) VALUES (2, 'Lumpectomy')",
    "INSERT INTO Surgery_Types (Surgery_type_ID, Surgery_name) VALUES (3, 'Simple Mastectomy')",
    "INSERT INTO Surgery_Types (Surgery_type_ID, Surgery_name) VALUES (4, 'Other')"

for query in insert_queries:
    cursor.execute(query)

# Commit changes
connection.commit()
```

```
with open('Visits.csv', 'r') as f:
    csv_reader = csv.reader(f)
    next(csv_reader) # Skip the header row
    for row in csv reader:
        visit id = row[0]
        # Handle missing or empty dates
        date_of_surgery = row[1].strip() # Remove extra spaces
        date_of_surgery = (
            datetime.strptime(date of surgery, '%d-%m-%Y').strftime('%Y-%m-%d')
            if date of surgery else None
        date_of_last_visit = row[2].strip()
        date_of_last_visit = (
            datetime.strptime(date_of_last_visit, '%d-%m-%Y').strftime('%Y-%m-%d')
            if date_of_last_visit else None
        patient_id = row[3]
        # Properly indented cursor.execute block
        cursor.execute("""
            INSERT IGNORE INTO Visits (Visit ID, Date of Surgery, Date of Last Visit, Patient ID)
            VALUES (%s, %s, %s, %s)
        """, (visit_id, date_of_surgery, date_of_last_visit, patient_id))
# Commit changes
connection.commit()
```

QUERIES

QUERY 1

```
WITH ProteinSummary AS (
   SELECT
       d.Tumour_Stage,
       d.Histology,
       AVG(pr.Protein1) AS Avg Protein1,
       AVG(pr.Protein2) AS Avg Protein2,
       AVG(pr.Protein3) AS Avg_Protein3,
       AVG(pr.Protein4) AS Avg Protein4,
       COUNT(*) AS Total_Patients
   FROM Diagnoses d
   JOIN Proteins pr ON d.Diagnosis ID = pr.Diagnosis ID
   GROUP BY d.Tumour_Stage, d.Histology
RankedTumorStages AS (
   SELECT
       Tumour_Stage,
       Histology,
       Avg_Protein1,
       Avg_Protein2,
       Avg_Protein3,
       Avg Protein4,
       Total Patients,
       RANK() OVER (PARTITION BY Histology ORDER BY Total_Patients DESC) AS Stage_Rank
   FROM ProteinSummary
```

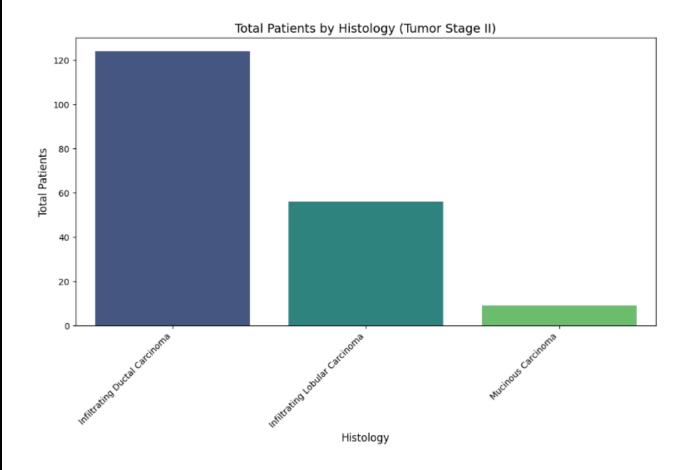
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SELECT
   Tumour Stage,
   Histology,
   Avg_Protein1,
   Avg Protein2,
   Avg Protein3.
   Avg Protein4.
   Total_Patients,
   Stage Rank
FROM RankedTumorStages
WHERE Stage_Rank = 1
ORDER BY Histology, Total Patients DESC;
# Execute the query and fetch the results
cursor.execute(query)
results = cursor.fetchall()
# Get the column names
columns = [desc[0] for desc in cursor.description]
# Create a pandas DataFrame
df = pd.DataFrame(results, columns=columns)
# Display the DataFrame
print(df)
```

Result:

```
Histology Avg_Protein1 Avg_Protein2 \
Tumour_Stage
             Infiltrating Ductal Carcinoma
                                               -0.043145
                                                             0.941891
         II Infiltrating Lobular Carcinoma
                                                0.051042
                                                             1.073106
         II
                                                0.114430
                         Mucinous Carcinoma
                                                             0.605754
Avg_Protein3 Avg_Protein4 Total_Patients Stage_Rank
   -0.041731
                  0.006162
                                      124
    -0.154017
                  0.018415
                                       56
    0.159706
                  0.178998
                                        9
```

```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns
import pandas as pd
data = {
    "Tumour_Stage": ["II", "II", "II"],
    "Histology": ["Infiltrating Ductal Carcinoma", "Infiltrating Lobular Carcinoma", "Mucinous Carcinoma"],
    "Avg Protein1": [-0.043145, 0.051042, 0.114430],
    "Avg_Protein2": [0.941891, 1.073106, 0.605754],
    "Avg_Protein3": [-0.041731, -0.154017, 0.159706],
    "Avg_Protein4": [0.006162, 0.018415, 0.178998],
    "Total_Patients": [124, 56, 9],
    "Stage_Rank": [1, 1, 1],
df = pd.DataFrame(data)
# Bar plot for Total Patients by Histology
plt.figure(figsize=(12, 6))
sns.barplot(data=df, x="Histology", y="Total_Patients", palette="viridis")
plt.title("Total Patients by Histology (Tumor Stage II)", fontsize=14)
plt.xlabel("Histology", fontsize=12)
plt.ylabel("Total Patients", fontsize=12)
plt.xticks(rotation=45, ha="right")
plt.show()
```

Visualization:



QUERY 2

```
# Indexing SQL commands
indexing commands = [
    "CREATE INDEX idx_patient_status ON Patients (Patient_Status);",
    "CREATE INDEX idx diagnosis id ON Diagnoses (Diagnosis ID);",
    "CREATE INDEX idx tumour stage ON Diagnoses (Tumour Stage);",
    "CREATE INDEX idx protein diagnosis id ON Proteins (Diagnosis ID);"
# Execute each indexing command
for command in indexing commands:
    try:
        cursor.execute(command)
        print(f"Index created successfully: {command}")
    except mysql.connector.Error as err:
        print(f"Error creating index: {err}")
# Commit the changes
connection.commit()
```

Result:

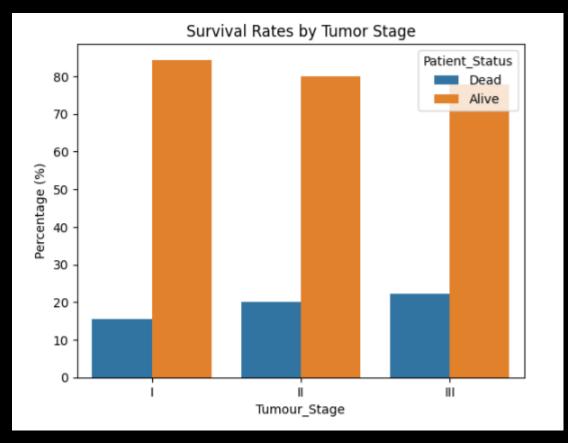
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query = """
WITH ProteinSurvival AS (
    SELECT
        d.Tumour_Stage,
        p.Patient Status,
        AVG(pr.Protein1) AS Avg Protein1,
        AVG(pr.Protein2) AS Avg Protein2,
        AVG(pr.Protein3) AS Avg Protein3,
        AVG(pr.Protein4) AS Avg Protein4,
        COUNT(*) AS Total_Patients
    FROM Patients p
    JOIN Diagnoses d ON p.Patient_ID = d.Patient_ID
    JOIN Proteins pr ON d.Diagnosis ID = pr.Diagnosis ID
    GROUP BY d.Tumour_Stage, p.Patient_Status
SELECT
    Tumour Stage,
    Patient Status,
    Avg Protein1,
    Avg Protein2,
    Avg Protein3,
    Avg Protein4,
    Total_Patients,
    ROUND((Total Patients * 100.0) / SUM(Total Patients) OVER (PARTITION BY Tumour Stage), 2) AS Percentage
FROM ProteinSurvival
ORDER BY Tumour_Stage, Patient_Status DESC, Total_Patients DESC;
```

```
Tumour_Stage Patient_Status Avg_Protein1 Avg_Protein2 Avg_Protein3 \
                                               1.149777
                                                             -0.211212
                       Dead
                                 0.009211
                      Alive
                                               0.973826
                                                             -0.156616
                                -0.018808
          II
                       Dead
                                -0.098867
                                               1.139979
                                                             -0.017360
          II
                      Alive
                                 0.015200
                                               0.920669
                                                             -0.077501
         III
                       Dead
                                 0.042052
                                               0.998399
                                                             -0.058217
         III
                      Alive
                                -0.133154
                                               0.823295
                                                             -0.097596
Avg_Protein4 Total_Patients Percentage
    -0.126490
                           10
                                   15.63
     0.068257
                                   84.38
     0.096950
                                   20.11
    -0.001839
                          151
                                   79.89
     0.254550
                           18
                                   22.22
                                   77.78
    -0.113168
                           63
```

Visualization:

```
import seaborn as sns
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

# Bar plot for survival rates by tumor stage
sns.barplot(x='Tumour_Stage', y='Percentage', hue='Patient_Status', data=df)
plt.title('Survival Rates by Tumor Stage')
plt.ylabel('Percentage (%)')
plt.xlabel('Tumour_Stage')
plt.show()
```



QUERY 3

```
query = """
SELECT
    d.Tumour Stage,
    AVG(pr.Protein1) AS Avg Protein1,
    AVG(pr.Protein2) AS Avg Protein2,
    AVG(pr.Protein3) AS Avg Protein3,
    AVG(pr.Protein4) AS Avg Protein4,
    COUNT(*) AS Total Patients
FROM Diagnoses d
JOIN Proteins pr ON d.Diagnosis_ID = pr.Diagnosis_ID
GROUP BY d. Tumour Stage
ORDER BY d. Tumour Stage;
cursor.execute(query)
results = cursor.fetchall()
columns = [desc[0] for desc in cursor.description]
df = pd.DataFrame(results, columns=columns)
print(df)
# Save to CSV (optional)
df.to csv('Protein Tumour Stage.csv', index=False)
```

Result:

```
Tumour_Stage Avg_Protein1 Avg_Protein2 Avg_Protein3 Avg_Protein4
                                          -0.165147
               -0.014430
                             1.001318
                                                        0.037828
                                         -0.065409
         II
               -0.007734
                             0.964763
                                                        0.018023
               -0.094220
        III
                                          -0.088845
                             0.862207
                                                       -0.031453
Total_Patients
            64
           189
```

```
protein_df = df[['Tumour_Stage', 'Avg_Protein1', 'Avg_Protein2', 'Avg_Protein3', 'Avg_Protein4']]
protein_df.set_index('Tumour_Stage', inplace=True)

plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
sns.heatmap(protein_df, annot=True, cmap='coolwarm', cbar_kws={'label': 'Protein Expression Levels'})
plt.title('Average Protein Levels by Tumour Stage')
plt.xlabel('Proteins')
plt.ylabel('Tumour Stage')
plt.show()
```

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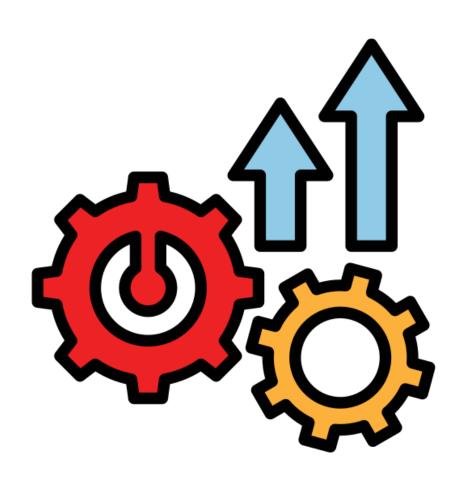


Challenges Encountered

Dataset Limitation

- Initial dataset had only Patient_ID as the primary key.
- Insufficient for table decomposition; additional keys like Diagnosis_ID and Visit_ID were created.
- Schema redesign required extra effort but improved database structure.





Improvements

- •Select datasets with richer attributes and pre-defined keys.
- Optimize schema design and relationships in the ERD.
- •Normalize tables further (e.g., BCNF) to reduce redundancy.
- •Add stricter data validation constraints (FOREIGN KEY, CHECK).
- •Enhance query performance with indexing and optimization techniques.
- •Introduce error-logging mechanisms for smoother debugging.
- Implement automated backup and recovery solutions.