Enhancing Stroke Prediction



According to the World Health Organization (WHO) stroke is the 2nd leading cause of death globally, responsible for approximately 11% of total deaths. I am saying this, especially for the particular dataset because I have witnessed these case with my own relative. There always wanted to learn about it. Now, with this assignment I will get a chance to work on the healthcare dataset and at the same time I can get knowledge of it.

This dataset is used to predict whether a patient is likely to get stroke based on the input parameters like gender, age, various diseases, and smoking status. Each row in the data provides relavant information about the patient. I will follow all the machine learning pipeline in this assignment including Data Preprocessing, Feature Selection using statistical tests, and Model selection using random forest, to check which models fit perfectly with the data. Although the data is small we will get an idea about the proper Machine Learning Healthcare project.

Data Source: The dataset (Stroke Prediction Dataset) is publicly available on Kaggle.

URL: https://www.kaggle.com/datasets/fedesoriano/stroke-prediction-dataset

```
#inmport necessary library
import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns
from sklearn.model selection import train test split
from sklearn.preprocessing import StandardScaler
from sklearn.neighbors import KNeighborsClassifier
from sklearn.model selection import GridSearchCV
from sklearn.svm import SVC
from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestClassifier
from sklearn.metrics import (accuracy score, precision score,
recall score, f1 score, roc auc score, confusion matrix,
classification report)
stroke Df = pd.read csv('/content/stroke dataset.csv')
stroke Df.head()
{"summary":"{\n \"name\": \"stroke_Df\",\n \"rows\": 5110,\n
                      \"column\": \"id\",\n
\"fields\": [\n {\n
                                                   \"properties\":
          \"dtype\": \"number\",\n \"std\": 21161,\n
{\n
```

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\"samples\":
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\"properties\": {\n \"dtype\": \"category\",\n
\"num unique values\": 5,\n \"samples\": [\n
                                                             \"Self-
employed'', n \"Never_worked\"\n ],\n
}\
n    },\n    {\n     \"column\": \"Residence_type\",\n
\"properties\": {\n     \"dtype\": \"category\",\n
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\"semantic_type\": \"\",\n \"description\": \"\"\n
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```
n },\n {\n
\"properties\": {\n
                    \"column\": \"smoking status\",\n
                    \"dtype\": \"category\",\n
\"num unique values\": 4,\n
                                \"samples\": [\n
                                                         \"never
                  \"Unknown\"\n
smoked\",\n
                                       ],\n
\"semantic_type\": \"\",\n \"description\": \"\"\n
                                                          }\
           {\n \"column\": \"stroke\",\n \"properties\":
    },\n
n
          \"dtype\": \"number\",\n \"std\": 0,\n
{\n
                   \"max\": 1,\n
\"min\": 0,\n
                                       \"num unique values\": 2,\n
\"samples\": [\n
                       0,∖n
                                     1\n
                                               ],\n
\"semantic_type\": \"\",\n \"description\": \"\"\n
    }\n ]\n}","type":"dataframe","variable_name":"stroke Df"}
stroke Df.shape
(5110, 12)
```

##EDA (Exploratory Data Analysis)

```
stroke Df.info()
<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
RangeIndex: 5110 entries, 0 to 5109
Data columns (total 12 columns):
                        Non-Null Count
     Column
                                         Dtype
- - -
0
     id
                        5110 non-null
                                         int64
    gender
1
                        5110 non-null
                                         object
 2
    age
                        5110 non-null
                                        float64
 3
    hypertension
                        5110 non-null
                                         int64
 4
                        5110 non-null
                                        int64
    heart disease
 5
     ever_married
                        5110 non-null
                                         object
 6
    work type
                        5110 non-null
                                         object
 7
     Residence type
                        5110 non-null
                                         object
    avg_glucose_level
 8
                        5110 non-null
                                         float64
 9
                                         float64
                        4909 non-null
10
                                         object
    smoking status
                        5110 non-null
 11
                        5110 non-null
                                         int64
     stroke
dtypes: float64(3), int64(4), object(5)
memory usage: 479.2+ KB
```

The dataset contains 10 features excluding id and stroke column Which will apply statistical tests to determine the significance of each feature in predicting the occurrence of a stroke.

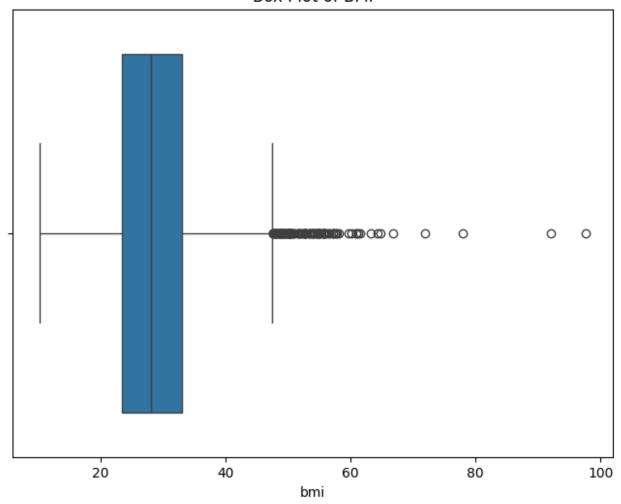
```
stroke_Df.duplicated().sum()
0
stroke_Df.isnull().sum()
```

```
id
                        0
gender
                        0
                        0
age
                        0
hypertension
                        0
heart_disease
ever_married
                        0
                        0
work type
Residence_type
                        0
avg_glucose_level
                        0
                      201
bmi
smoking_status
                        0
                        0
stroke
dtype: int64
```

As we found, 201 missing values in bmi column which means 201 people don't have bmi recorded. We need to fill the missing values, Let's see the difference by using box plot.

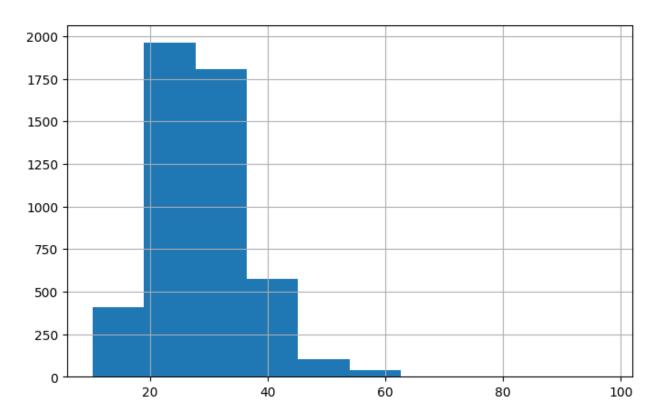
```
plt.figure(figsize=(8, 6))
sns.boxplot(x='bmi', data=stroke_Df)
plt.title('Box Plot of BMI')
plt.show()
```

Box Plot of BMI



```
stroke_Df['bmi'].hist(figsize=(8,5))
plt.suptitle('Health Data Distribution: Histogram Analysis',
fontsize=16)
plt.show()
```

Health Data Distribution: Histogram Analysis



Let's fill those missing values with the median. The reason behind choosing the median to fill the blanks is unlike the average (mean), the median isn't affected much by extremely high or low values. Filling in missing values with the median helps keep the overall distribution of BMI values similar to what it was before filling in the gaps.

```
stroke_Df['bmi'].fillna(stroke_Df['bmi'].median(), inplace=True)
```

<ipython-input-9-4fc5a2d2a497>:1: FutureWarning: A value is trying to be set on a copy of a DataFrame or Series through chained assignment using an inplace method.

The behavior will change in pandas 3.0. This inplace method will never work because the intermediate object on which we are setting values always behaves as a copy.

For example, when doing 'df[col].method(value, inplace=True)', try using 'df.method({col: value}, inplace=True)' or df[col] = df[col].method(value) instead, to perform the operation inplace on the original object.

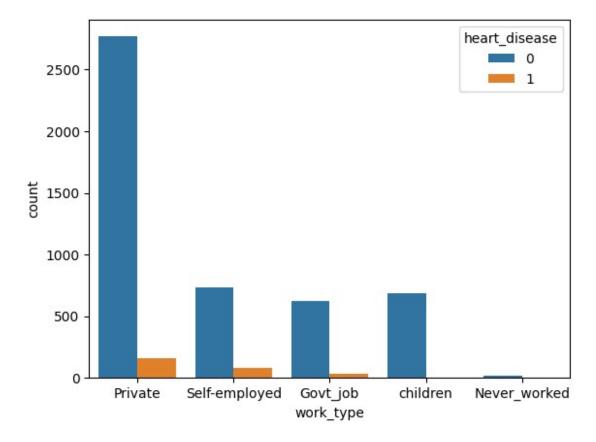
```
stroke_Df['bmi'].fillna(stroke_Df['bmi'].median(), inplace=True)
stroke_Df.isnull().sum()
```

```
id
                       0
gender
                       0
age
                       0
hypertension
                       0
                       0
heart disease
ever_married
                       0
                       0
work type
Residence type
                       0
avg_glucose_level
                       0
                       0
bmi
                       0
smoking_status
                       0
stroke
dtype: int64
```

Data Visualization to understand the dataset in detail:

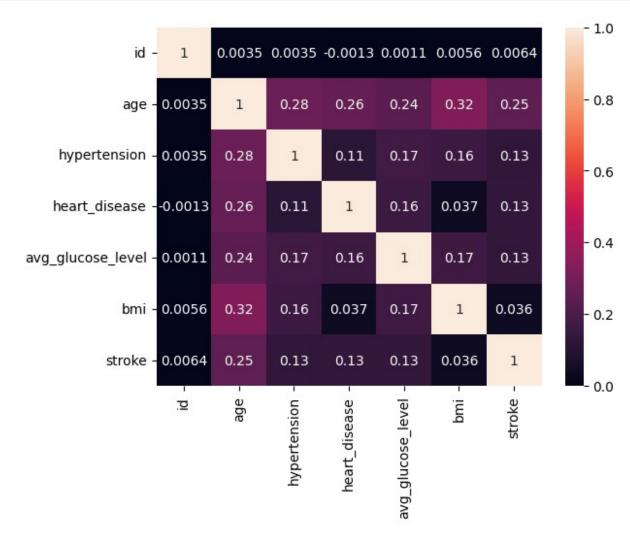
```
# I wanted to check the work status of the people who has heart
disease.
sns.countplot(x = 'work_type', hue='heart_disease' ,data=stroke_Df)

<Axes: xlabel='work_type', ylabel='count'>
```



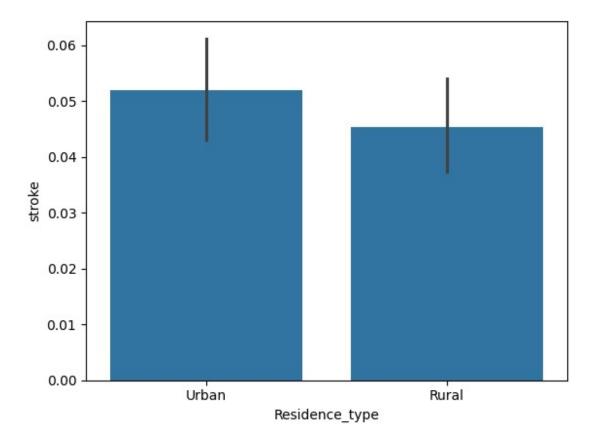
People who work in the private sector or are self-employed often experience a high rate of stroke. The higher the position, the more mental stress one may endure.

sns.heatmap(stroke_Df.corr(numeric_only=True),annot=True)
plt.show()



From the result, age moderate positively correlated with risk of stroke with correlation coefficient 0.245 therefore elderly may be at higher risk. But also hypertension and heart disease are associated with age suggesting that these can be factors in increasing the risk for stoke.

```
sns.barplot(x='Residence_type',y='stroke' ,data=stroke_Df)
<Axes: xlabel='Residence_type', ylabel='stroke'>
```



As expected, people who live in urban areas have a large number of strokes.

Feature Selection Process:

Theoretically, if we have categorical and Binary features, **Chi-square test** is the best option to use to see if there's a relationship between these categories and having a stroke. If we have Numerical features T-test and Man-Whitney U test are appropriate to use. If our data is normally distributed, we should use T-test, and if the data is not normally distributed then we can go with the Man-Whitney U test.

It's also important to check p-value and find which feature/factors are highly important in predicting a stroke. If it has low p-value which means less than 0.05 then they are most likely to predict the stroke, and if it is greater than 0.05 then it is not important or strong enough to predict the stroke.

- Numerical Features: age, avg_glucose_level, bmi
- Binary Features: hypertension, heart_disease
- Categorical Features: gender, ever_married, work_type,Residence_type, smoking_status

Statistical tests:

Chi-Square Test for Categorical and Binary Features:

CHI-SQUARE TEST

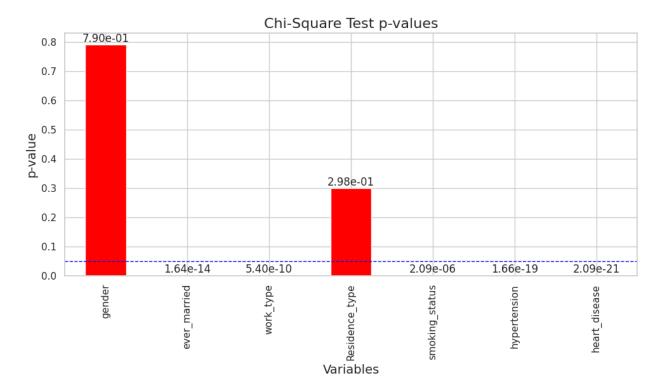
The Chi-Square Test of Independence is statistical test which is used where the hypothesis states that there are no significant relationship between two variables which are groups of numerical data or categorical data. In our dataset, we're testing if genders, work types, etc., are linked to a stroke.

```
from scipy.stats import chi2 contingency
def chi square test(variable):
    contingency table = pd.crosstab(stroke Df[variable],
stroke Df['stroke'])
    chi2, p, dof, ex = chi2 contingency(contingency table)
categorical features = ['gender', 'ever married', 'work type',
'Residence_type', 'smoking_status', 'hypertension', 'heart_disease']
chi2 results = {}
for variable in categorical features:
    p value = chi square test(variable)
    chi2 results[variable] = p value
chi2 results
{'gender': 0.7895490538408245,
 'ever married': 1.6389021142314745e-14,
 'work_type': 5.397707801896119e-10,
 'Residence type': 0.29833169286876987,
 'smoking status': 2.0853997025008455e-06,
 'hypertension': 1.661621901511823e-19,
 'heart disease': 2.0887845685229236e-21}
```

Visually let's see which features are greater than p-value which means > 0.05

```
chiSquare_series = pd.Series(chi2_results)
sns.set(style="whitegrid")
colors = ['green' if p < 0.05 else 'red' for p in chiSquare_series]
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
chiSquare_series.plot(kind='bar', color=colors)
plt.axhline(y=0.05, color='blue', linestyle='--', linewidth=1)
plt.title('Chi-Square Test p-values', fontsize=16)</pre>
```

```
plt.xlabel('Variables', fontsize=14)
plt.ylabel('p-value', fontsize=14)
for index, value in enumerate(chiSquare_series):
    plt.text(index, value + 0.01, f"{value:.2e}", ha='center',
fontsize=12)
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
```



Significant Features (p-value < 0.05):

- ever_married
- work_type
- smoking_status
- hypertension
- heart_disease

These features are likely related to whether someone has a stroke.

Non-Significant Features (p-value ≥ 0.05):

- gender
- Residence_type

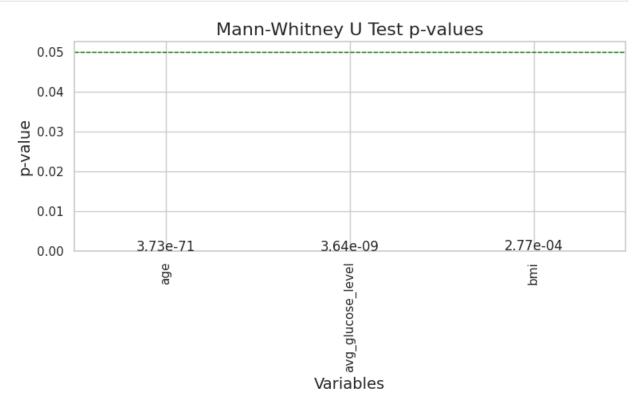
These features are not significantly related to strokes in dataset. They do not provide useful information for predicting strokes.

• T-Test / Mann-Whitney U Test for Numerical Features:



```
from scipy.stats import shapiro, ttest ind, mannwhitneyu
numerical features = ['age', 'avg glucose level', 'bmi']
t test res = {}
mannwhitney res = {}
for variable in numerical features:
    grp1 = stroke Df[stroke Df['stroke'] == 1][variable]
    grp2 = stroke Df[stroke Df['stroke'] == 0][variable]
    stat1, p1 = shapiro(grp1)
    stat2, p2 = shapiro(qrp2)
    if p1 > 0.05 and p2 > 0.05:
        # If feature is Normally distributed, it will use T-Test
        stat, p = ttest ind(grp1, grp2, equal var=False)
        t test res[variable] = p
    else:
        # Not normally distributed, it will use Mann-Whitney U Test
        stat, p = mannwhitneyu(grp1, grp2)
        mannwhitney_res[variable] = p
t test_res, mannwhitney_res
 {'age': 3.726634665900011e-71,
  'avg glucose level': 3.6403672710893236e-09,
  'bmi': 0.00027690391864726487})
mannwhitney series = pd.Series(mannwhitney res)
colors = ['green' if p < 0.05 else 'red' for p in mannwhitney series]
plt.figure(figsize=(8, 5))
mannwhitney series.plot(kind='bar', color=colors)
plt.axhline(y=0.05, color='green', linestyle='--', linewidth=1)
```

```
plt.title('Mann-Whitney U Test p-values', fontsize=16)
plt.xlabel('Variables', fontsize=14)
plt.ylabel('p-value', fontsize=14)
for index, value in enumerate(mannwhitney_series):
    plt.text(index, value + 0.00001, f"{value:.2e}", ha='center',
fontsize=12)
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
```



Significant Features (p-value < 0.05):

Features to Include:

- age
- avg_glucose_level
- bmi

Additionally, **from Chi-Square results,** include:

- ever_married
- work_type
- smoking_status

- hypertension
- heart_disease

Non-Significant Features including Chi-Square results(p-value > 0.05):

- gender
- Residence_type

These features didn't show significant important with the outcome and may not contribute meaningfully to our model.

If the actual analysis was focused on two groups for instance in this case stroke and no stroke, **ANOVA test** could not have been useful because it is more suited to three or more groups. In this case the common technique that should be used is a T-test or Mann-Whitney U Test.

If we are not performing the check for equal variances (using **Levene's Test**) then we will not need to do this for two group comparisons.

Machine Learning Algorithms:

```
X = stroke_Df.drop(['id', 'stroke', 'gender', 'Residence_type'],
axis=1)
y = stroke_Df['stroke']

#Encoding
X = pd.get_dummies(X, drop_first=True)

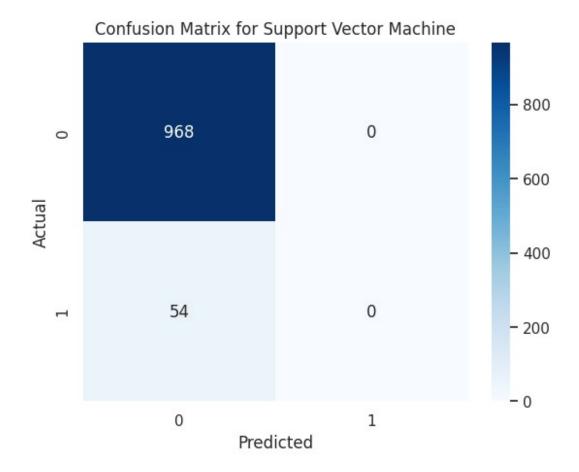
X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(X, y,
test_size=0.2, random_state=0)

# Feature scaling
scaler = StandardScaler()
X_train = scaler.fit_transform(X_train)
X_test = scaler.transform(X_test)
```

###1. SVM

```
# Setting up the SVM model
svm_model = SVC(probability=True, random_state=42)
# Training the SVM model
svm_model.fit(X_train, y_train)
SVC(probability=True, random_state=42)
svm_pred = svm_model.predict(X_test)
```

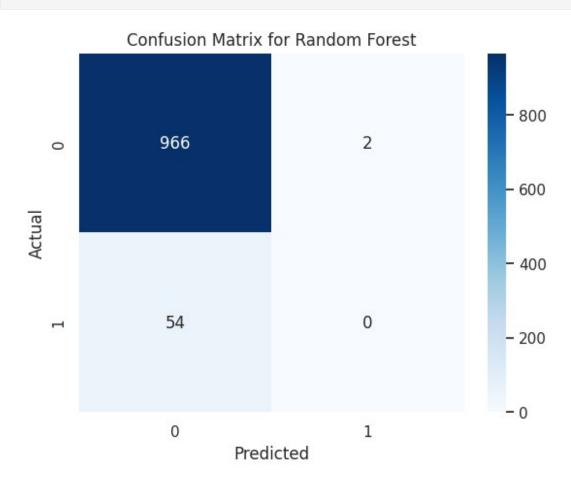
```
def evaluate_model(y_test, y_pred, model_name):
    print(f"\nEvaluation Metrics for {model name}:")
    print("Accuracy:", accuracy_score(y_test, y_pred))
    print("Classification Report:\n", classification report(y test,
y pred, zero division=1))
    cm = confusion_matrix(y_test, y_pred)
    sns.heatmap(cm, annot=True, fmt='d', cmap='Blues')
    plt.title(f'Confusion Matrix for {model name}')
    plt.ylabel('Actual')
    plt.xlabel('Predicted')
    plt.show()
evaluate_model(y_test, svm_pred, 'Support Vector Machine')
Evaluation Metrics for Support Vector Machine:
Accuracy: 0.9471624266144814
Classification Report:
               precision recall f1-score
                                               support
                   0.95
                             1.00
                                       0.97
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    accuracy
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weighted avg
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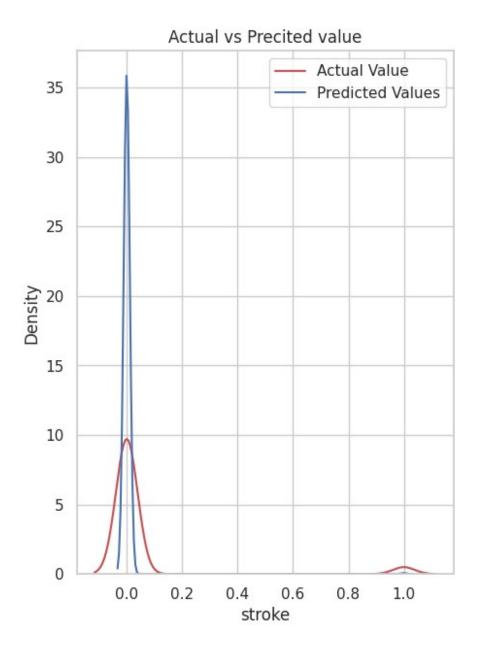
##2. **RandomForest:** The reason behind selecting RandomeForest is it handles both numbers and categories well? It can capture complex patterns in the data. It's less likely to make mistakes compared to simpler models.

```
rf = RandomForestClassifier(random_state=42)
param_grid = {
    'n estimators': [100, 200],
    'max_depth': [10, 20, 30, None],
    'min samples split': [2, 5, 10],
    'min samples_leaf': [1, 2, 4],
    'bootstrap': [True, False]
GSC_rf = GridSearchCV(estimator=rf, param grid=param grid, cv=5,
scoring='accuracy', n jobs=-1)
GSC_rf.fit(X_train, y_train)
best parameteres rf = GSC rf.best params
print("Best Hyperparameters for RandomForest model are:",
best parameteres rf)
Best Hyperparameters for RandomForest model are: {'bootstrap': True,
'max_depth': 10, 'min_samples_leaf': 2, 'min_samples_split': 10,
'n_estimators': 200}
```

```
rf = RandomForestClassifier(bootstrap= True, max_depth= 20,
min_samples_leaf= 1, min_samples_split= 2, n_estimators= 100)
rf.fit(X_train, y_train)
RandomForestClassifier(max depth=20)
rf_pred = rf.predict(X_test)
evaluate model(y test, rf pred, 'Random Forest')
Evaluation Metrics for Random Forest:
Accuracy: 0.9452054794520548
Classification Report:
                            recall f1-score
               precision
                                                support
                   0.95
                              1.00
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    accuracy
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   macro avg
weighted avg
                   0.90
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```



```
plt.figure(figsize=(5, 7))
ax = sns.distplot(stroke Df['stroke'], hist=False, color="r",
label="Actual Value")
sns.distplot(rf_pred, hist=False, color="b", label="Predicted Values")
plt.title('Actual vs Precited value')
plt.legend()
plt.show()
plt.close()
<ipython-input-37-e8a4250ea843>:2: UserWarning:
`distplot` is a deprecated function and will be removed in seaborn
v0.14.0.
Please adapt your code to use either `displot` (a figure-level
function with
similar flexibility) or `kdeplot` (an axes-level function for kernel
density plots).
For a guide to updating your code to use the new functions, please see
https://gist.github.com/mwaskom/de44147ed2974457ad6372750bbe5751
 ax = sns.distplot(stroke Df['stroke'], hist=False, color="r",
label="Actual Value")
<ipython-input-37-e8a4250ea843>:3: UserWarning:
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  sns.distplot(rf pred, hist=False, color="b", label="Predicted")
Values")
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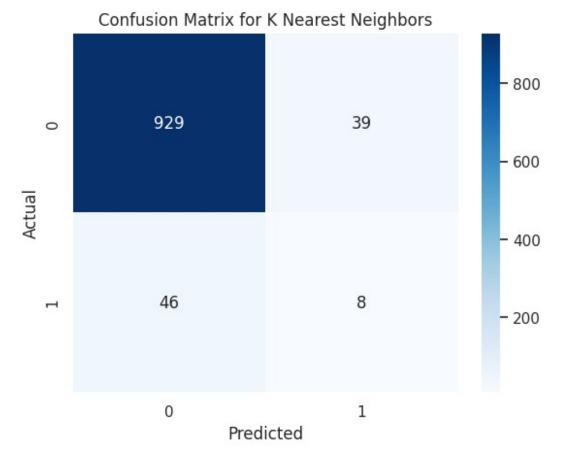
##2. **KNN**

KNN algorithm is a good choice if you have a small dataset and the data is noise-free and labeled. When the data set is small, the classifier completes execution in shorter time duration.

StandardScaler performs the task of Standardization. Usually a dataset contains variables that are different in scale.

```
knn = KNeighborsClassifier()
param_grid = {
    'n_neighbors': [1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 25],
    'weights': ['uniform', 'distance'],
    'p': [1, 2]
```

```
GSC knn = GridSearchCV(estimator=knn, param grid=param grid, cv=5,
scoring='accuracy', n_jobs=-1)
GSC knn.fit(X train, y train)
best parameteresKNN = GSC knn.best params
print("Best Hyperparameters for KNN are:", best_parameteresKNN)
Best Hyperparameters for KNN are: {'n neighbors': 25, 'p': 1,
'weights': 'uniform'}
classifier = KNeighborsClassifier(n neighbors= 1, p= 2, weights=
'uniform')
classifier.fit(X train,y train)
KNeighborsClassifier(n neighbors=1)
knn pred = classifier.predict(X test)
evaluate model(y test, knn pred, 'K Nearest Neighbors')
Evaluation Metrics for K Nearest Neighbors:
Accuracy: 0.9168297455968689
Classification Report:
               precision
                            recall f1-score
                                                support
           0
                   0.95
                             0.96
                                       0.96
                                                   968
           1
                   0.17
                             0.15
                                       0.16
                                                    54
                                       0.92
                                                  1022
    accuracy
                             0.55
                                                  1022
                   0.56
                                       0.56
   macro avg
weighted avg
                   0.91
                             0.92
                                       0.91
                                                  1022
```



```
plt.figure(figsize=(5, 7))
ax = sns.distplot(stroke Df['stroke'], hist=False, color="r",
label="Actual Value")
sns.distplot(knn pred, hist=False, color="b", label="Predicted")
Values", ax=ax)
plt.title('Actual vs Precited values')
plt.show()
plt.legend()
plt.close()
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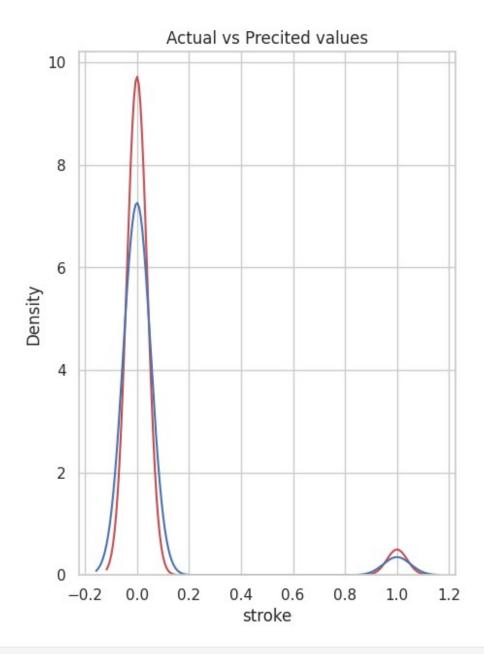
ax = sns.distplot(stroke_Df['stroke'], hist=False, color="r",
label="Actual Value")
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sns.distplot(knn_pred, hist=False, color="b", label="Predicted
Values", ax=ax)



WARNING:matplotlib.legend:No artists with labels found to put in legend. Note that artists whose label start with an underscore are ignored when legend() is called with no argument.

Conclusion:

The model shows a high accuracy up to 94% because it has a vast number of non-stroke cases (TN = 960). However, the recall is very low, only 1.6% which means that this model catches only one out of 62 actual positive cases of strokes.

This might be due to data bias where non-stroke cases dominate the dataset much than stroke cases, the model is likely to predict non-stroke cases easily, but will find it hard to predict stroke cases. In conclusion, the confusion matrix gives and detailed view of how well the model has performed by diagnosing areas of the model's performance to make further adjustments or improvements.

In this predictive analysis of the Stroke Prediction Dataset, various key areas I have implemented such as the feature selection via statistical tests as well as the Random Forest Classifier Machine Learning Model and further performance assessment through good and reliable performance metrics. The high degree of correlation of all the selected characteristics with stroke indicates that risks are not unique but are multiple. Although the Random Forest model is impressive, including high ROC-AUC, there is an opportunity to increase the overall Recall not to miss critical cases. The future work may be done to employ methods like class balancing, more hyperparameters optimization or other algorithms to improve model results.