Task 1: Classification

Objective:

This project challenges you to develop a robust machine learning model to predict survival outcomes for cancer patients. Using a dataset containing patient demographics, diagnosis details, treatment history, and various examination results, your primary goal is to accurately classify the label(Survival_Status) for each individual, where 1 signifies 'Alive' and 0 signifies 'Deceased'.

Process Overview:

Success in this project hinges on a methodical approach encompassing data exploration, preparation, modeling, and evaluation.

- 1. **Data Exploration & Understanding:** Begin by thoroughly analyzing the dataset. Investigate the relationships between features (like Birth_Date, Weight, Cancer_Type, Stage_at_Diagnosis, Treatment History, etc.) and the Survival_Status target variable to gain insights into factors influencing patient outcomes.
- 2. **Preprocessing & Feature Engineering:** Effective data preparation is crucial for building a high-performing model. Apply appropriate techniques such as handling missing values, encoding categorical features (Urban_Rural, Occupation, etc.), scaling numerical data, managing date information, and potentially engineering new features to better capture predictive signals.
- Model Development & Selection: Experiment with various binary classification algorithms suitable for this task (e.g., Logistic Regression, SVM, Decision Trees).
 Compare their performance using appropriate validation strategies and select the model that yields the highest Accuracy on your validation set.
- 4. Comprehensive Evaluation: While Accuracy is the primary metric for final scoring, you must also calculate and log Precision, Recall, and F1-Score during your model development process. These metrics provide a more nuanced understanding of your model's strengths and weaknesses.

Prediction & Submission:

Your final, trained model will be used to predict the Survival_Status for a separate test dataset where the true labels are withheld.

- Output: Submit your predictions as a CSV file.
- Format: The CSV must contain exactly two columns:
 - o id: The unique identifier for each test instance.

o label: Your model's predicted value (0 or 1).

Dataset Overview:

Feature Name	Description
Birth_Date	The patient's date of birth.
Weight	The patient's weight measurement.
Height	The patient's height.
Urban_Rural	Indicates whether the patient lives in an urban or rural area.
Occupation	The patient's profession.
Insurance_Type	The type of health insurance the patient holds.
Family_History	Indicates whether there is a family history of cancer.
Cancer_Type	Specifies the type of cancer diagnosed in the patient.
Stage_at_Diagnosis	Describes the cancer stage at the time of diagnosis.
Diagnosis_Date	The date when the cancer diagnosis was made.
Symptoms	The reported symptoms at diagnosis or during disease progression.
Tumor_Size	The size of the tumor.
Surgery_Date	The date on which surgery was performed.
Chemotherapy_Drugs	Lists the chemotherapy drugs administered to the patient.
Radiation_Sessions	The count of radiation therapy sessions the patient received.

Immunotherapy	Indicates whether the patient underwent immunotherapy treatment.
Targeted_Therapy	Indicates whether the patient received targeted therapy, designed to attack specific cancer cells.
Recurrence_Status	Indicates whether the cancer has recurred following initial treatment.
Smoking_History	Information about the patient's smoking habits.
Alcohol_Use	Details regarding the patient's alcohol consumption.
label(Survival_Status)	The current survival outcome of the patient (e.g., 1(alive) or 0(deceased)).

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