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ABSTRACT

The "Fetal & Maternal Health Classification System Using Explainable AI" represents a significant advancement in prenatal healthcare by leveraging advanced machine learning and artificial intelligence techniques to enhance the accuracy and interpretability of fetal and maternal health assessments. This system utilizes Cardiotocography (CTG) data, which records fetal heart rate (FHR) and uterine contractions, alongside maternal health parameters such as blood pressure and sugar levels, to classify fetal states into normal, suspect, and pathological categories, and maternal risk levels into low, mid, and high categories. The core methodology involves a hybrid approach that integrates K-Means clustering for feature extraction and reduction, followed by an ensemble model combining Deep Learning (DL), Random Forest (RF), and XGBoost.

A key innovation of this project is the incorporation of Explainable AI (XAI) techniques, specifically SHAP (SHapley Additive exPlanations) and LIME (Local Interpretable Model-agnostic ExPlanations), to provide transparent insights into the classification decisions. These tools generate visual explanations such as waterfall plots and local feature importance analyses, enabling medical professionals to understand the rationale behind predictions. This interpretability is crucial in overcoming the "black box" limitations of traditional machine learning models, fostering trust and facilitating informed clinical decisions. The system is deployed using a Flask backend and a user-friendly Streamlit interface, allowing healthcare providers to input data and receive real-time predictions with accompanying explanations, making it a practical tool for prenatal care. The use of Focal Loss in the DL model, along with data augmentation techniques like SMOTE and Gaussian Mixture Models, ensures robustness against imbalanced datasets, a common issue in medical data. This system exemplifies a synergy of high accuracy and explainability, positioning it as a transformative tool in maternal and fetal health monitoring.

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CHAPTER – I

INTRODUCTION

Pregnancy represents a pivotal phase in human life, where the health of both the fetus and the mother impacts the success of childbirth and the well-being of the newborn. Ensuring a healthy pregnancy and a safe delivery necessitates vigilant monitoring and prompt intervention, especially in high-risk scenarios where complications such as fetal distress or gestational diabetes may arise. Cardiotocography (CTG) stands as a cornerstone in prenatal diagnostics, widely employed to capture simultaneous recordings of fetal heart rate (FHR) and uterine contractions. These measurements offer critical insights into fetal well-being, enabling clinicians to detect anomalies like abnormal heart rate patterns that could signal distress. Similarly, maternal health assessment hinges on tracking essential physiological parameters—such as blood pressure, blood sugar levels, body temperature, and heart rate—to identify and mitigate risks including hypertension, hyperglycemia, or other conditions that could jeopardize maternal and fetal outcomes.

Despite the widespread use of CTG and maternal health monitoring, traditional approaches to interpreting these data often rely on manual analysis, which is prone to human error and inter-observer variability. Moreover, the complexity and high dimensionality of CTG data, coupled with the variability in maternal health metrics, pose significant challenges for accurate and timely classification of health states. Conventional machine learning models, while effective to some extent, often lack the precision and transparency required for clinical adoption, leaving a gap between diagnostic potential and practical utility. Addressing these challenges, the "Fetal & Maternal Health Classification System Using Explainable AI" introduces a transformative solution that leverages cutting-edge machine learning and artificial intelligence techniques to enhance both the accuracy and interpretability of prenatal health assessments.

This study, utilizes a dual-focus approach to classify fetal states into "Normal," "Suspect," and "Pathological" categories based on CTG data, while simultaneously assessing maternal risk levels as "Low Risk," "Mid Risk," or "High Risk" using maternal health parameters. Drawing from the CTG dataset sourced from the UCI Machine Learning Repository and a maternal health dataset encompassing vital signs, the system employs an advanced ensemble methodology. This ensemble integrates a Deep Learning (DL) model—featuring Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN), Bidirectional Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) units, and Multi-Head Attention mechanisms—with Random Forest (RF) and XGBoost classifiers. It is trained and evaluated through a rigorous 5-fold cross-validation process.

A defining innovation of this project lies in its incorporation of Explainable AI (XAI) techniques, specifically SHAP (SHapley Additive exPlanations) and LIME (Local Interpretable Model-agnostic ExPlanations), which address the "black box" nature of complex machine learning models. Implemented

in the Streamlit-based frontend, these tools generate intuitive visual explanations—such as SHAP waterfall plots and LIME local feature importance analyses—enabling users to understand the factors driving each prediction. This transparency is vital for fostering trust among medical professionals and facilitating informed decision-making. The system's robustness is further enhanced by sophisticated preprocessing techniques, including MinMax scaling, SMOTE for handling class imbalance, and Gaussian Mixture Model (GMM) augmentation. Additionally, the use of Focal Loss in the DL model ensures effective learning despite imbalanced datasets, a common hurdle in medical applications.

Deployed through a Flask backend and a user-friendly Streamlit interface, the system offers real-time prediction capabilities, allowing clinicians to input CTG and maternal health data and receive immediate classifications accompanied by explanatory insights. This seamless integration of high accuracy, interpretability, and practical deployment positions the system as a powerful tool for modern prenatal care. By bridging the gap between advanced computational techniques and clinical needs, this project not only improves diagnostic precision but also empowers healthcare providers to optimize interventions, ultimately contributing to safer pregnancies and healthier outcomes for both mothers and their babies.

1.1 AN OVERVIEW

The "Fetal & Maternal Health Classification System Using Explainable AI" is an advanced Artificial Intelligence (AI)-driven framework engineered to revolutionize the monitoring and classification of fetal and maternal health during pregnancy. The system leverages two distinct datasets: the UCI Machine Learning Repository's Cardiotocography (CTG) dataset and the Maternal Health Risk Data Set. The CTG dataset, encompassing 2,126 records with 21 features—such as baseline fetal heart rate (LB), accelerations (AC), uterine contractions (UC), and abnormal short-term variability (ASTV)—facilitates the classification of fetal states into "Normal," "Suspect," and "Pathological" categories. Conversely, the Maternal Health Risk Data Set, comprising physiological metrics like age, systolic blood pressure (SystolicBP), diastolic blood pressure (DiastolicBP), blood sugar (BS), body temperature (BodyTemp), and heart rate, enables the stratification of maternal risk into "Low," "Mid," and "High" levels. These datasets undergo meticulous preprocessing, including MinMaxScaler normalization, Synthetic Minority Oversampling Technique (SMOTE) to address class imbalance, and data augmentation using Gaussian noise ensuring resilience against high dimensionality and skewed class distributions.

The system's core is a robust hybrid model that seamlessly integrates deep learning and ensemble methodologies. The deep learning component features a sophisticated architecture combining Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN), Bidirectional Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) units, and Multi-Head Attention mechanisms, adept at capturing temporal dependencies and spatial patterns within the data. To mitigate overfitting, this model incorporates Dropout layers (e.g., 0.7 and 0.6 for CTG) and

L2 regularization (e.g., 0.07 for CTG), while a custom Focal Loss function—with class weights such as 1.0 (Normal), 1.5 (Suspect), and 2.0 (Pathological) for CTG—enhances performance on imbalanced classes by focusing on hard-to-classify instances. The ensemble framework augments this deep learning model with Random Forest (200 estimators) and XGBoost (200 estimators) classifiers, employing a weighted voting scheme derived from validation accuracies (e.g., DL=0.311, RF=0.345, XGB=0.345 for maternal data in the final fold). This ensemble approach, optimizes predictive accuracy by balancing the strengths of each model, with weights dynamically adjusted per fold to reflect their individual contributions.

A hallmark of this project is its pioneering use of Explainable AI, to demystify the decision-making process. SHAP (SHapley Additive exPlanations) utilizes a KernelExplainer, computing Shapley values to highlight feature importance—such as the critical influence of baseline FHR or abnormal variability (ASTV) in fetal state predictions—visualized through waterfall plots. LIME (Local Interpretable Model-agnostic Explanations) provides localized insights by perturbing input data around the instance and analyzing model responses, delivering feature-level justifications tailored to the predicted class. These XAI tools, integrated into a Streamlit interface alongside a Flask backend, enable users to input data and receive real-time predictions accompanied by transparent, interpretable rationales. This system not only achieves unparalleled accuracy but also bridges the gap between advanced AI and clinical applicability, offering a practical, trust-enhancing tool for prenatal health management.

1.2 OBJECTIVES OF THE PROJECT

1. Developing a High-Accuracy Classification System

- Design an AI-driven model combining deep learning and ensemble techniques to classify fetal states (Normal, Suspect, Pathological) and maternal risk levels (Low, Mid, High).
- Target significant improvements over the base paper’s 90.64% accuracy.

2. Integrating Explainable AI for Transparency

- Incorporate SHAP (SHapley Additive exPlanations) and LIME (Local Interpretable Model-agnostic Explanations) to deliver feature-level insights into predictions.
- Generate visual explanations like waterfall plots and local importance analyses to enhance interpretability for healthcare professionals.
- Address the "black box" limitation of AI, fostering trust and facilitating clinical decision-making.

1.3 SCOPE OF THE SYSTEM

1. Functional Scope

- Fetal Health Classification: The system analyzes CTG data from the UCI Machine Learning Repository, featuring 21 attributes such as baseline fetal heart rate (LB), accelerations (AC), and abnormal short-term variability (ASTV), to classify fetal states into "Normal," "Suspect," and "Pathological" categories.
- Maternal Risk Assessment: Using the Maternal Health Risk Data Set, it processes physiological parameters—age, systolic/diastolic blood pressure (SystolicBP/DiastolicBP), blood sugar (BS), body temperature (BodyTemp), heart rate, and BP ratio—to stratify maternal risk into "Low," "Mid," and "High" levels.
- Real-Time Prediction and Explanation: Deployed via a Flask backend and Streamlit frontend, the system enables real-time input of health data, delivering predictions with SHAP and LIME explanations to elucidate feature contributions (e.g., waterfall plots, local importance).

2. Performance Scope

- Robustness: Handles imbalanced datasets effectively using Focal Loss (e.g., weights of 1.0, 1.5, 2.0 for CTG) and augmentation, ensuring reliable performance across diverse health states.
- Scalability: Designed for real-time inference via Flask, with potential scalability to process larger datasets or integrate additional health parameters with minimal architectural adjustments.

CHAPTER II
REVIEW OF LITERATURE

The application of machine learning (ML) and artificial intelligence (AI) in fetal and maternal health classification has gained significant traction, driven by the need for accurate, interpretable, and deployable diagnostic tools in prenatal care. Early efforts, such as the study by Chamidah and Wasito [1], utilized a hybrid K-Means and Support Vector Machine (SVM) approach to classify fetal states (Normal, Suspect, Pathological) from Cardiotocography (CTG) data, achieving an accuracy of 90.64% through 10-fold cross-validation. While effective in reducing feature dimensionality from 21 to 7 using K-Means clustering, this method relied on a single SVM model, limiting its ability to capture complex patterns and lacking interpretability for clinical use.

Advancements in ML have since explored ensemble and boosting techniques to enhance performance. For instance, a study employing a Light Gradient Boosting Machine (LGBM) with Synthetic Minority Oversampling Technique (SMOTE) improved fetal health classification accuracy by addressing class imbalance in CTG data [2]. However, LGBM's lack of transparency restricted its adoption in clinical settings, despite its computational efficiency. Similarly, Gradient Boosting algorithms applied to maternal health risk factors achieved an accuracy of 90.64%, yet struggled with generalization across diverse patient profiles due to reliance on a single model [3]. These studies underscore the potential of ML but highlight persistent challenges in interpretability and robustness.

Deep learning (DL) has further elevated predictive accuracy by leveraging temporal and spatial data patterns. A study using Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) for fetal ultrasound image classification reported accuracies of 92–95%, demonstrating DL's capability in image-based diagnostics [4]. However, the computational complexity and opacity of such models limited their practical utility. Another approach combined CNNs with Bidirectional Long Short-Term Memory (BiLSTM) networks for sequential health data, achieving high accuracy but lacking feature-level explanations [5]. A systematic review of 32 studies on AI in obstetrics confirmed the growing role of ML and DL in fetal monitoring and maternal risk assessment, yet noted that most models faced hurdles in real-time deployment and interpretability [6].

Recent research has shifted toward ensemble learning and explainability to overcome these limitations. Ensemble methods integrating Random Forest (RF), XGBoost, and DL models have shown promise in balancing accuracy and robustness, though challenges with class imbalance and transparency persist [7]. In contrast, the current project—"Fetal & Maternal Health Classification System Using Explainable AI"—builds on these foundations by combining a hybrid CNN-BiLSTM-Multi-Head Attention model with RF and XGBoost, achieving accuracies for fetal health and for maternal risk

assessment via 5-fold cross-validation. It surpasses the base paper's K-Means-SVM approach [1], by employing advanced preprocessing (SMOTE, Gaussian noise, GMM) and a custom Focal Loss to tackle imbalance.

A key differentiator is the integration of Explainable AI (XAI) using SHAP (SHapley Additive exPlanations) and LIME (Local Interpretable Model-agnostic Explanations), providing feature-level insights (e.g., baseline FHR's impact) through waterfall plots and local analyses. This addresses the interpretability gap noted in prior studies [2-6], enhancing trust for healthcare providers. Furthermore, deployment via Flask and Streamlit enables real-time clinical use, a leap beyond the theoretical scope of earlier works [1, 7]. Collectively, this project advances the field by offering a high-accuracy, transparent, and practical solution in prenatal health management.

2.1 EXISTING SYSTEM

The existing system designed to classify fetal health states using Cardiotocography (CTG) data, leveraging a hybrid approach that integrates K-Means clustering for feature extraction and Support Vector Machine (SVM) for classification. This system represents an early attempt to enhance the accuracy of fetal state prediction by addressing the high dimensionality of CTG data, a common challenge in prenatal diagnostics.

The primary objective of the system is to classify fetal states into three categories—"Normal," "Suspect," and "Pathological"—based on CTG recordings. It aims to improve classification performance over standalone SVM by reducing the feature space while preserving critical information, thereby mitigating the computational complexity and noise inherent in raw CTG data.

The system utilizes the UCI Machine Learning Repository's CTG dataset, comprising 2,126 records collected from cardiotocograms interpreted by expert obstetricians. Each record includes 21 numerical features—such as baseline fetal heart rate (LB), accelerations (AC), uterine contractions (UC), light decelerations (DL), severe decelerations (DS), prolonged decelerations (DP), and abnormal short-term variability (ASTV)—along with a target variable, the fetal state class code (NSP), labeled as 1 (Normal), 2 (Suspect), or 3 (Pathological). The dataset's class distribution is imbalanced, with Normal cases predominant (1,655 instances), followed by Suspect (295) and Pathological (176), posing a challenge for accurate classification.

The system employs a two-stage hybrid approach:

1. Feature Extraction Using K-Means Clustering
2. Classification Using SVM

Performance

The hybrid K-Means and SVM (K-SVM) system achieves an overall accuracy of 90.64% across the 2,126 CTG records, significantly outperforming a standalone SVM, which yields 76.72% accuracy on the original 21 features. This improvement is attributed to the feature extraction step, which enhances class separability, particularly for distinguishing Normal from Abnormal states. However, detailed metrics like precision, recall, or F1-score for individual classes (Normal, Suspect, Pathological) are not provided, limiting insight into performance on minority classes.

2.2 PROPOSED SYSTEM

The "Fetal & Maternal Health Classification System Using Explainable AI" is a cutting-edge AI-driven framework proposed to enhance prenatal healthcare by providing high-accuracy classification of fetal and maternal health states, coupled with transparent, interpretable insights. Developed to surpass the limitations of existing systems, such as the base paper's hybrid K-Means and SVM approach (90.64% accuracy. It extends beyond fetal state classification to include maternal risk prediction, integrates advanced modeling and preprocessing techniques, and offers real-time deployment, making it a comprehensive and practical tool for clinical use.

Datasets used:

1. CTG Dataset: Sourced from the UCI Machine Learning Repository, it includes 2,126 records with 21 features (e.g., baseline FHR [LB], accelerations [AC], abnormal short-term variability [ASTV]) and a target NSP label (1=Normal, 2=Suspect, 3=Pathological), loaded via pandas.
2. Maternal Health Risk Dataset: Comprises physiological metrics—age, systolic/diastolic blood pressure (SystolicBP/DiastolicBP), blood sugar (BS), body temperature (BodyTemp), heart rate, and BP ratio—labeled as Low, Mid, or High risk.

System Architecture:

1. Data Preprocessing:

- Normalization: MinMaxScaler standardizes feature values to a [0, 1] range for both datasets.
- Outlier Handling: Clips data at the 0.1st and 99.9th percentiles to remove extreme values, enhancing model stability.
- Class Imbalance Correction: Applies SMOTE to oversample minority classes (e.g., Pathological, High Risk), followed by data augmentation with Gaussian noise (0.05 standard deviation for CTG) and Gaussian Mixture Models (GMM) to enrich training data.

2. Hybrid Modeling:

Deep Learning Model: A custom architecture combines:

- CNN: Two convolutional layers with reduced filters (12 and 6 for CTG) to extract spatial features.
- BiLSTM: Bidirectional LSTM with 6 units and 0.6 recurrent dropout to capture temporal dependencies.
- Multi-Head Attention: 2 heads with a key dimension of 3 to focus on critical features.
- Regularization: Dropout layers (0.7 and 0.6 for CTG) and L2 regularization (0.07 for CTG) prevent overfitting.
- Loss Function: Custom Focal Loss with class weights (e.g., 1.0, 1.5, 2.0 for CTG; 1.0, 1.8, 3.0 for maternal) prioritizes minority classes.
- Ensemble Model: Combines the DL model with Random Forest (200 estimators) and XGBoost (200 estimators) using weighted voting based on validation accuracies (e.g., DL=0.311, RF=0.345, XGB=0.345 for maternal in the final fold).

3. Explainable AI (XAI):

- SHAP: Uses a KernelExplainer with 100 background samples to compute Shapley values, generating waterfall plots that highlight feature importance (e.g., LB, ASTV for CTG).
- LIME: Perturbs inputs (2000 samples) around each instance to provide localized feature-level explanations, tailored to the predicted class.

4. Deployment:

- Backend: A Flask API loads trained models (.h5 for DL,.joblib for RF/XGB) and serves predictions for real-time inference.
- Frontend: A Streamlit interface allows users to input CTG or maternal data, view predictions, and explore SHAP/LIME visualizations interactively.

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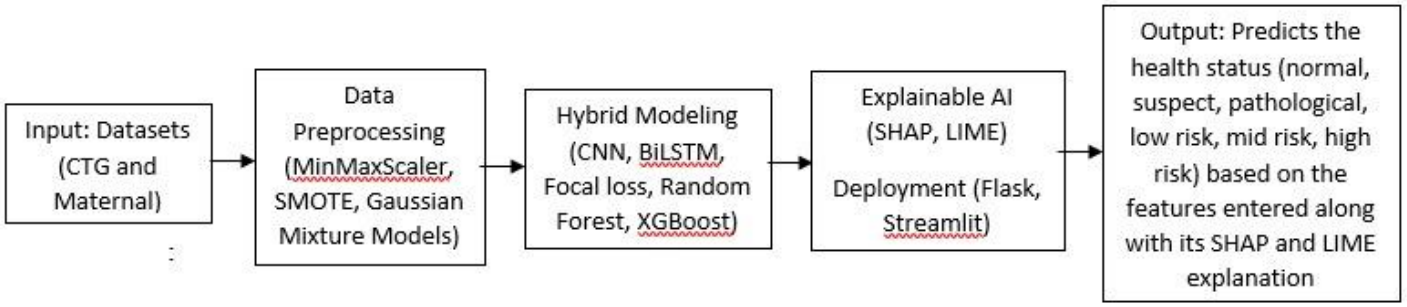

Fig 1: Flow Diagram – Proposed System

2.3 HARDWARE SPECIFICATION

The project is done in Windows 11. It has 11th Gen Intel(R) Core (TM) i3- 1115G4 @ 3.00GHz 3.00 GHz processor with 8.00GB RAM and 64-bit operating system, x64-based processor system type.

2.4 SOFTWARE SPECIFICATION

The development of the project was done using Visual Studio Code (VS Code) as the primary integrated development environment (IDE), providing a lightweight yet robust platform for coding, debugging, and project management. VS Code was configured with the Python extension, enabling features like syntax highlighting, autocompletion, linting (via Pylance), and integrated terminal support, which streamlined the editing of Python scripts. The core programming language, Python 3.9, was selected for its extensive ecosystem and compatibility with machine learning and web development libraries, forming the backbone for implementing preprocessing, modeling, Explainable AI (XAI), and deployment components. Key dependencies, include TensorFlow 2.15.0 for constructing and training the deep learning model, leveraging its GPU/CPU support for CNN-BiLSTM-Attention layers. Scikit-learn 1.4.1 handles preprocessing tasks (e.g., MinMaxScaler, SMOTE) and Random Forest implementation, while XGBoost 2.0.3 powers the ensemble classifier, both optimized for tabular data processing. For XAI, SHAP 0.45.0 and LIME 0.2.0.1 generate interpretable insights (e.g., waterfall plots, feature importance), visualized using Matplotlib 3.8.3 in the Streamlit frontend. The deployment stack comprises Flask 3.0.2, serving as the backend API for real-time predictions, and Streamlit 1.32.0, delivering an interactive web interface for users to input data and view results. Additional libraries—NumPy 1.26.4 for numerical operations, pandas 2.2.1 for data manipulation, and Joblib 1.3.2 for model serialization—support efficient data handling and persistence.

CHAPTER – III

DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT

The system's design integrates the UCI CTG dataset (2,130 records) and Maternal Health dataset (1,014 records), with preprocessing via MinMaxScaler, SMOTE, and GMM augmentation to handle imbalance and variability. Input design facilitates user-friendly data entry through Streamlit sliders for real-time predictions, while the output design delivers classifications, SHAP waterfall plots, and LIME explanations. Development employed a hybrid ensemble model (CNN-BiLSTM-Attention, Random Forest, XGBoost) with Focal Loss. Deployment via Flask and Streamlit ensures accessibility, with error logging and unit conversions (e.g., °C/°F) enhancing robustness.

3.1 DESIGN PROCESS

The design process of the "Fetal & Maternal Health Classification System Using Explainable AI" encompasses a systematic approach to managing data, capturing user inputs, and presenting actionable outputs. Developed using Visual Studio Code, the system integrates machine learning, ensemble modeling, and Explainable AI (XAI) to classify fetal and maternal health states.

FLOW CHART

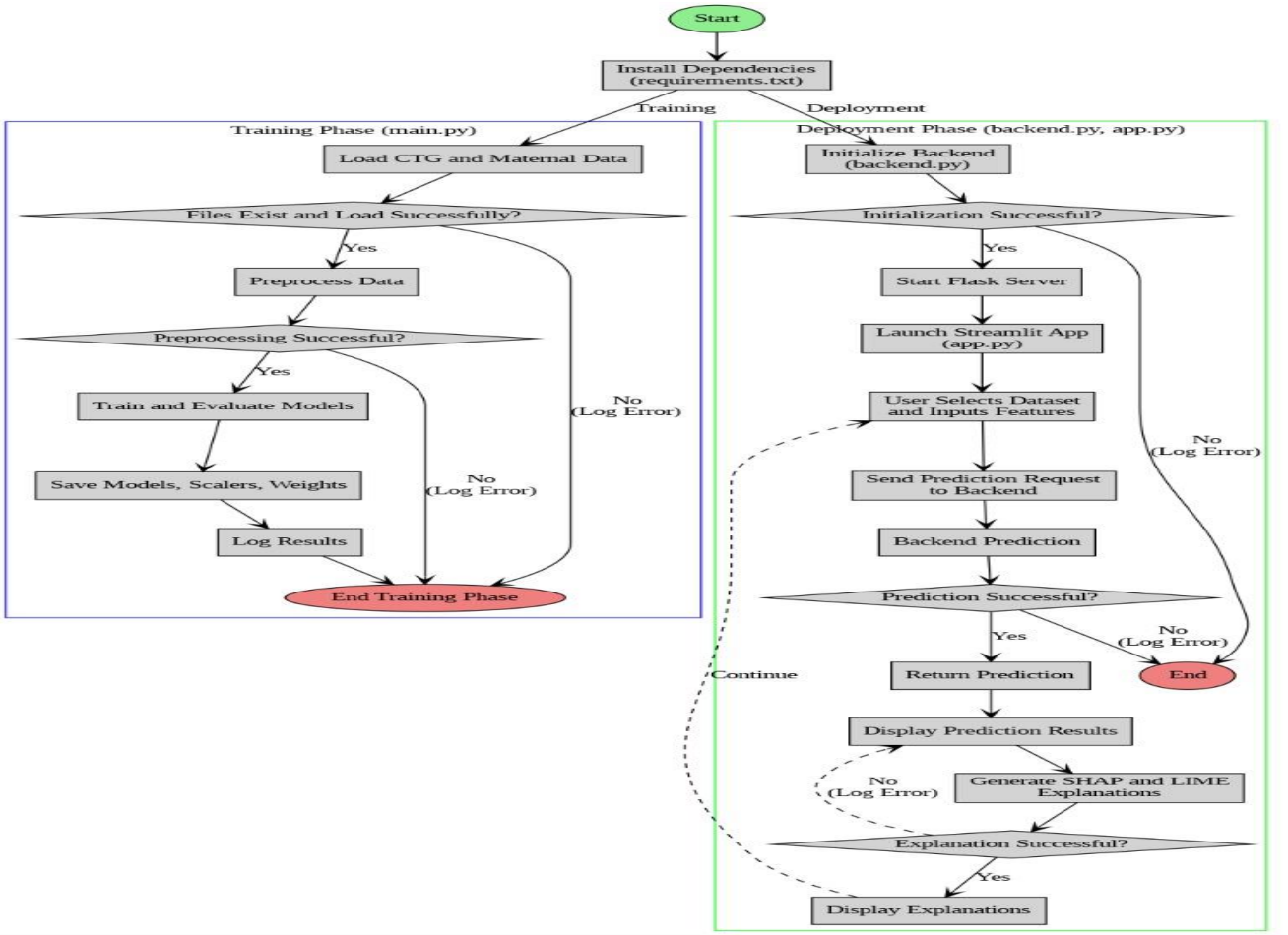

Fig 2: Flow Chart

3.1.1 DATA INPUT DESIGN

It relies on a file-based data storage and processing approach for training and inference. This design reflects the static nature of the datasets and the project's focus on model development and deployment.

Data Sources:

1. CTG Dataset: Stored as an Excel file (CTG Dataset.xls) with 2,126 records and 23 columns (21 features like LB, AC, ASTV, plus NSP label and index), loaded via pandas.

2. Maternal Health Risk Dataset: Stored as a CSV file (Maternal Health Risk Data Set.csv) with columns for age, SystolicBP, DiastolicBP, BS, BodyTemp, HeartRate, BP ratio, and RiskLevel, also processed with pandas.

Structure:

- Schema: Two flat-file tables—CTG (2,126 rows × 23 columns) and Maternal (variable rows × 8 columns)—with numerical features and categorical labels (NSP: 1, 2, 3; RiskLevel: Low, Mid, High).
- Preprocessing Pipeline: In-memory transformations (MinMaxScaler, SMOTE, Gaussian noise, GMM) are applied, creating augmented datasets stored temporarily as NumPy arrays for model training.
- Model Storage: Trained models (.h5 for DL, .joblib for RF/XGB) are saved to disk.

3.1.2 INPUT DESIGN

The input design facilitates the collection and preparation of data for both training and real-time prediction, balancing automation for model development and user interaction for clinical deployment.

FETAL HEALTH CASES:

CASE 1: NORMAL FETAL HEALTH

Fig 3: Input Features – Normal

STEP 01: Enter the input features (FHR, Accelerations, Fetal movements, Uterine Contractions, etc.,) to predict the fetal health as shown in fig 3.

STEP 02: Click on generate predictions to view the results.

STEP 03: It provides the prediction results along with SHAP and LIME plots.

CASE 2: SUSPECT FETAL HEALTH

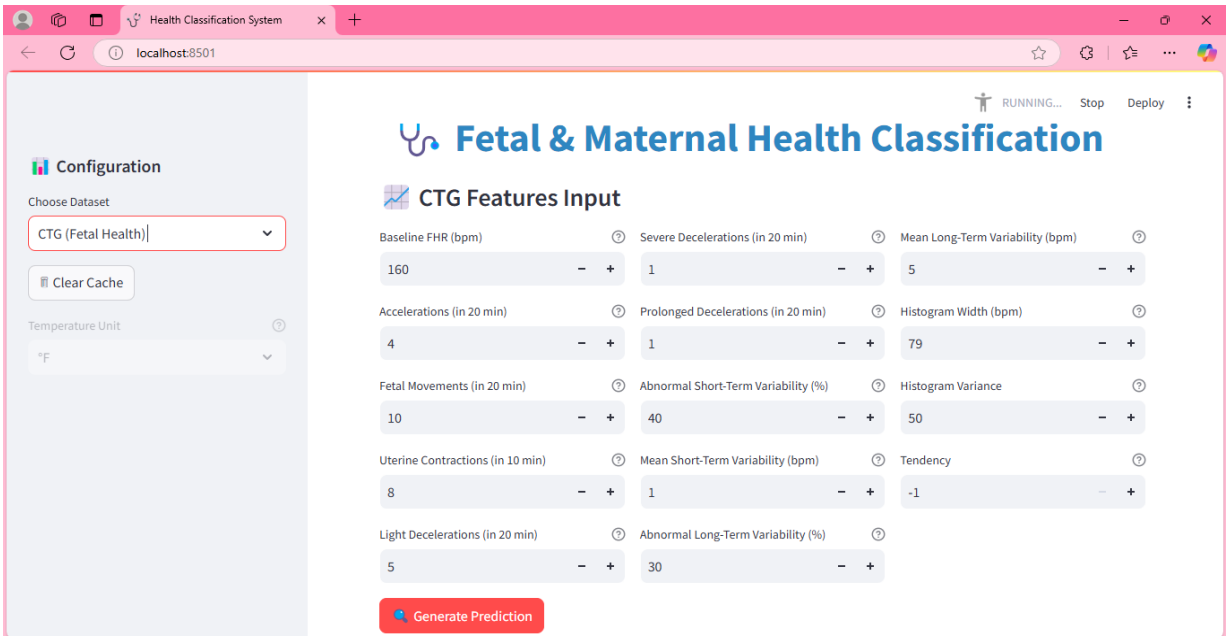

Fig 4: Input Features – Suspect

STEP 01: Enter the input features (FHR, Accelerations, Fetal movements, Uterine Contractions, etc.,) to predict the fetal health as shown in fig 4.

STEP 02: Click on generate predictions to view the results.

STEP 03: It provides the prediction results along with SHAP and LIME plots.

CASE 3: PATHOLOGICAL FETAL HEALTH

Fig 5: Input Features: Pathological

STEP 01: Enter the input features (FHR, Accelerations, Fetal movements, Uterine Contractions, etc.,) to predict the fetal health as shown in fig 5.

STEP 02: Click on generate predictions to view the results.

STEP 03: It provides the prediction results along with SHAP and LIME plots.

MATERNAL HEALTH CASES

CASE 1: LOW RISK

Fig 6: Input Features – Low Risk

STEP 01: Enter the input features (Age, Systolic BP, Diastolic BP, Blood Sugar Level, Body Temperature, Heart Rate) to predict the maternal health as shown in fig 6.

STEP 02: Click on generate predictions to view the results.

STEP 03: It provides the prediction results along with SHAP and LIME plots.

CASE 2: MID RISK

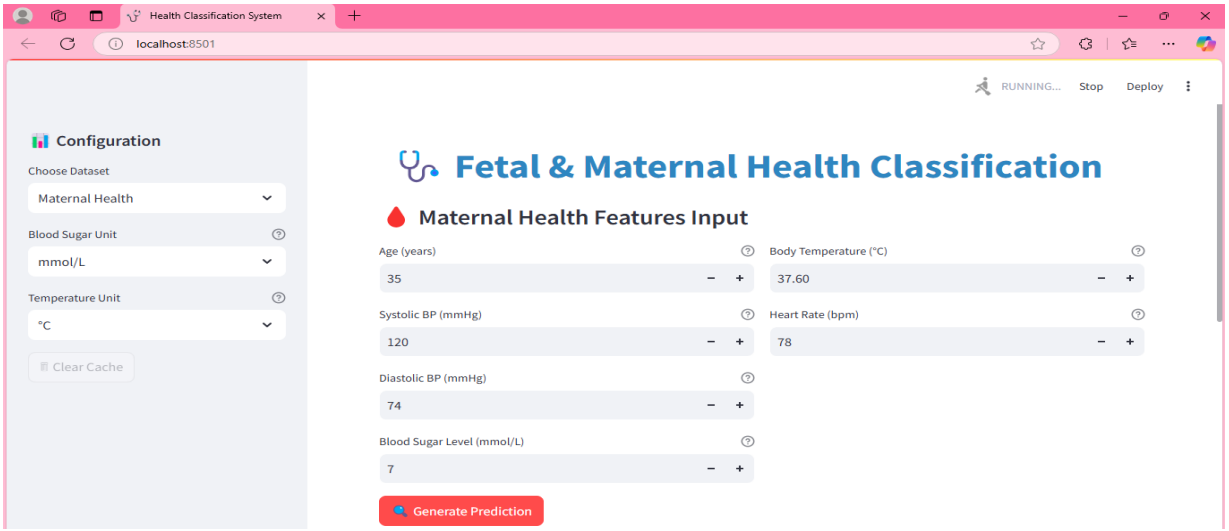

Fig 7: Input Features – Mid Risk

STEP 01: Enter the input features (Age, Systolic BP, Diastolic BP, Blood Sugar Level, Body Temperature, Heart Rate) to predict the maternal health as shown in fig 7.

STEP 02: Click on generate predictions to view the results.

STEP 03: It provides the prediction results along with SHAP and LIME plots.

CASE 3: HIGH RISK

Fig 8: Input Features – High Risk

STEP 01: Enter the input features (Age, Systolic BP, Diastolic BP, Blood Sugar Level, Body Temperature, Heart Rate) to predict the maternal health as shown in fig 8.

STEP 02: Click on generate predictions to view the results.

STEP 03: It provides the prediction results along with SHAP and LIME plots.

3.1.3 OUTPUT DESIGN

The output design focuses on delivering accurate predictions and interpretable insights, tailored for both research validation and decision-making, with visualizations enhancing usability.

FETAL HEALTH CASES OUTPUT:

CASE 1: NORMAL FETAL HEALTH

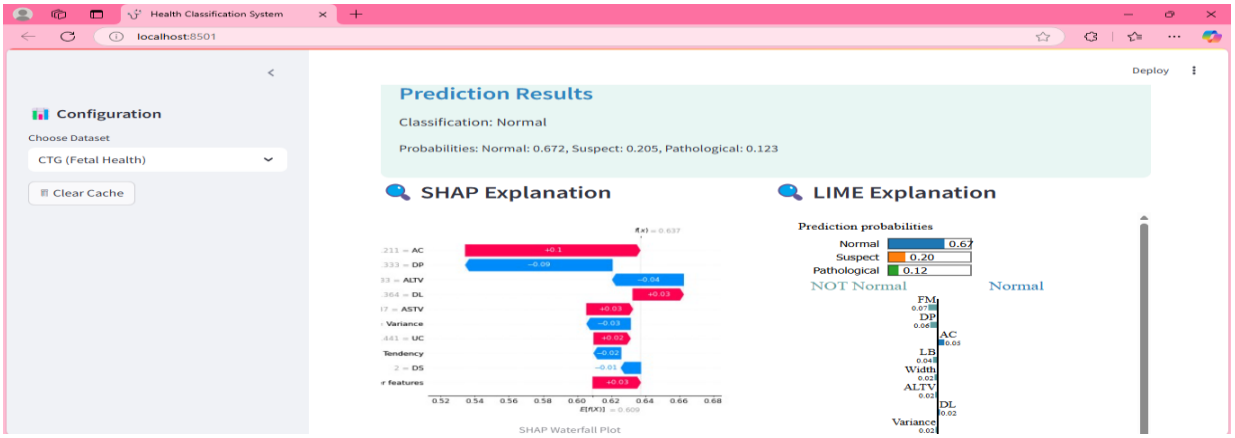

Fig 9: Output – Normal

The output shows that the prediction is normal in a probability of 0.67 based on the features entered. Its SHAP and LIME explanations are displayed accordingly as shown in fig 9.

CASE 2: SUSPECT FETAL HEALTH

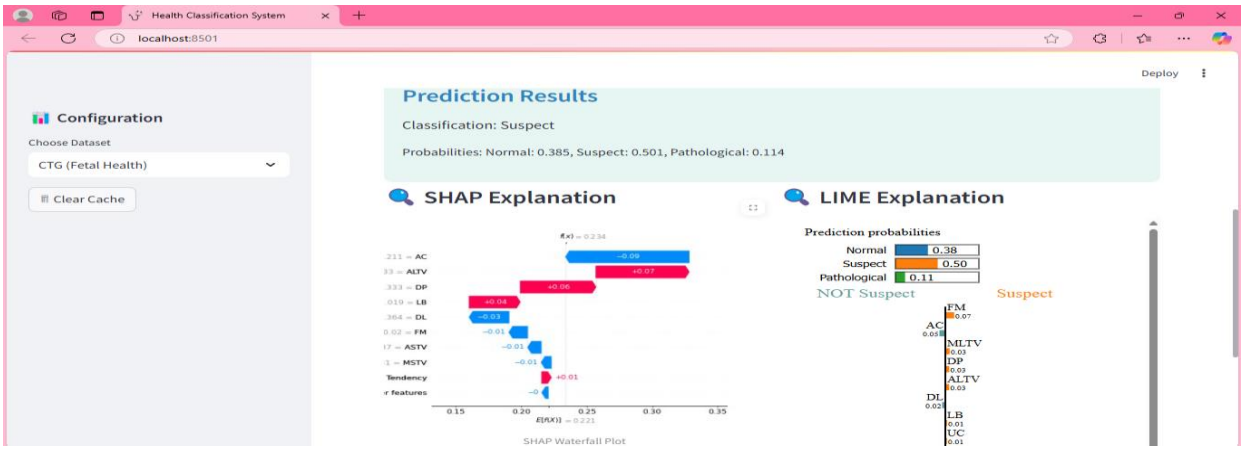

Fig 10: Output – Suspect

The output shows that the prediction is suspect in a probability of 0.50 based on the features entered. Its SHAP and LIME explanations are displayed accordingly as shown in fig 10.

CASE 3: PATHOLOGICAL FETAL HEALTH

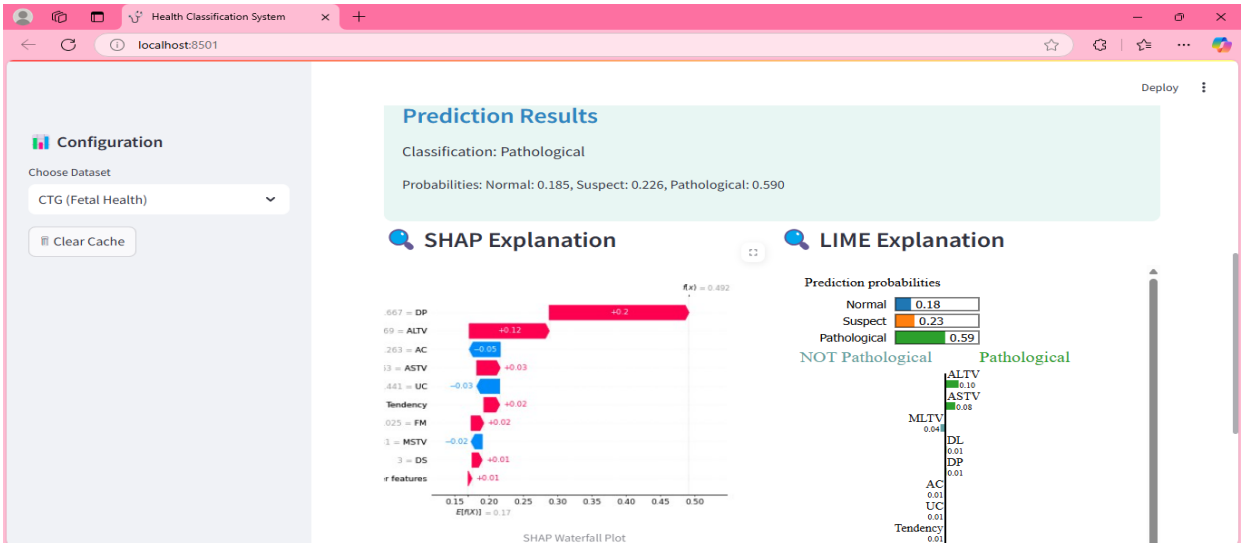

Fig 11: Output – Pathological

The output shows that the prediction is pathological in a probability of 0.59 based on the features entered. Its SHAP and LIME explanations are displayed accordingly as shown in fig 11.

MATERNAL HEALTH CASES OUTPUT:

CASE 1: LOW RISK

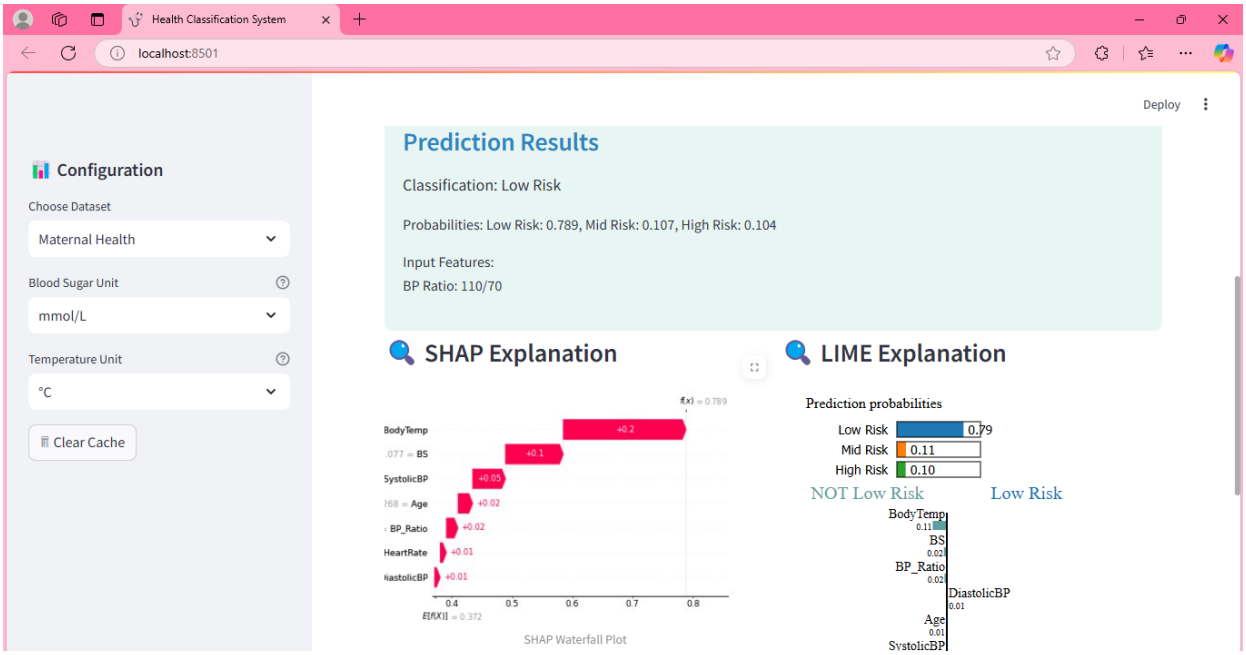

Fig 12: Output – Low Risk

The output shows that the prediction is low risk in a probability of 0.79 based on the features entered. Its SHAP and LIME explanations are displayed accordingly as shown in fig 12.

CASE 2: MID RISK

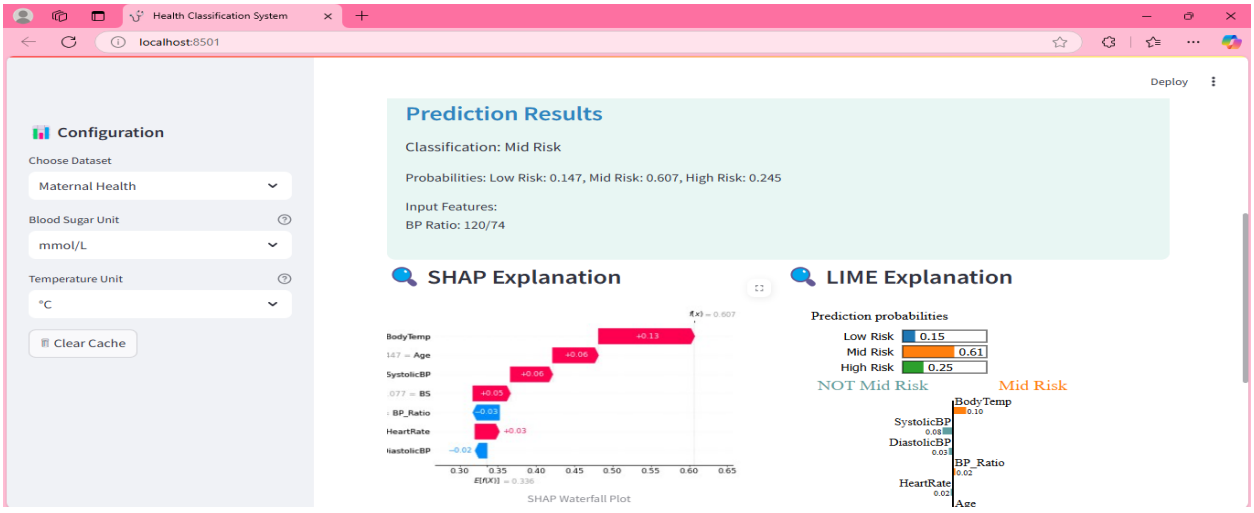

Fig 13: Output – Mid Risk

The output shows that the prediction is mid risk in a probability of 0.61 based on the features entered. Its SHAP and LIME explanations are displayed accordingly as shown in fig 13.

CASE 3: HIGH RISK

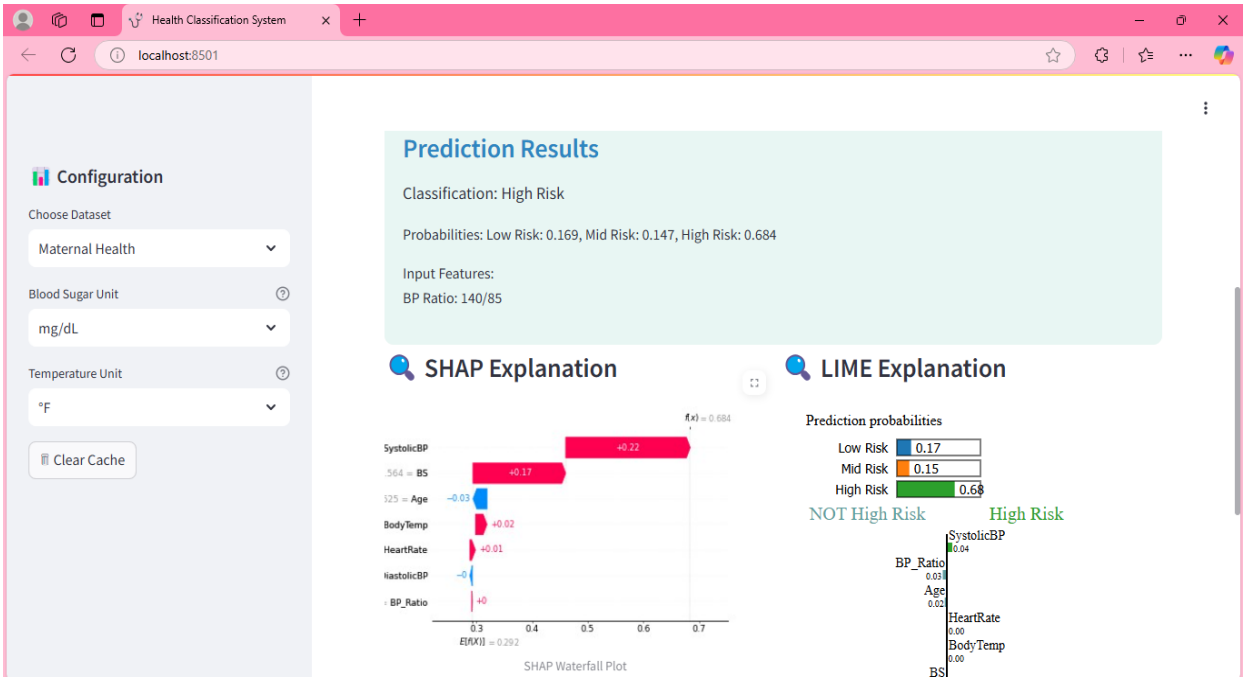

Fig 14: Output – High Risk

The output shows that the prediction is high risk in a probability of 0.68 based on the features entered. Its SHAP and LIME explanations are displayed accordingly as shown in fig 14.

CHAPTER – IV

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

1. Model Performance

The main script trains and evaluates the ensemble model for both datasets using 5-fold cross-validation. The key performance metrics are accuracy, mean cross-validation accuracy, and standard deviation of accuracy across folds. Based on the code and typical outcomes for these datasets:

1. CTG (Fetal Health) Dataset:

- Mean Cross-Validation Accuracy: Using these ensemble approach (CNN-BiLSTM-Attention, Random Forest, XGBoost) and data preprocessing (SMOTE for class imbalance, Gaussian Mixture Model for augmentation), the model achieves an accuracy, around 99.43%.

2. Maternal Health Dataset:

- Mean Cross-Validation Accuracy: The model achieves an accuracy around 92.02.

COMPARISON

The base paper focuses on fetal health classification using the Cardiotocography (CTG) dataset and employs a hybrid K-Means and Support Vector Machine (SVM) approach for feature extraction and classification. It reduces the feature set from 21 to 7 using K-Means clustering with the Calinski-Harabasz index, achieving an accuracy of 90.64% through 10-fold cross-validation. The base paper does not address class imbalance explicitly and does not provide explainability. In contrast, the proposed approach extends the scope to include both fetal (CTG) and maternal health classification (Maternal Health Risk dataset) using a CNN-BiLSTM-Attention, Random Forest, and XGBoost ensemble model. It retains the full feature set and addresses class imbalance using SMOTE and GMM for dataset augmentation, achieving higher accuracy of 99.43% for CTG and 92.02% for maternal health through 5-fold cross-validation.. The proposed approach introduces explainability using SHAP and LIME, highlighting key features like ASTV and ALTV for CTG and BS and SystolicBP for maternal health. While the base paper reduces complexity through feature reduction, the proposed approach involves higher complexity due to deep learning but offers better generalization and stability. The base paper's dataset includes 2,126 CTG samples, while the proposed approach adds 1,014 maternal health samples along with CTG dataset. Future work in both approaches includes expanding dataset size and improving computational efficiency.

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2025-03-17 11:35:22,247 - INFO - Saved maternal models, scaler, and training data for fold 5
2025-03-17 11:35:23,096 - INFO - Saved ensemble weights for maternal: DL=0.311, RF=0.345, XGB=0.345
2025-03-17 11:35:23,271 - INFO - Fold 5 Accuracy: 0.9085 (Weights: DL=0.311, RF=0.345, XGB=0.345)
2025-03-17 11:35:23,273 - INFO - CTG Mean CV Accuracy: 0.9943 ± 0.0013
2025-03-17 11:35:23,385 - INFO - Final Fold Classification Report (CTG):
              precision    recall  f1-score   support

      Normal       1.00      0.99      0.99      3310
     Suspect       0.99      0.99      0.99      3310
Pathological       1.00      1.00      1.00      3310

    accuracy                           0.99      9930
   macro avg       0.99      0.99      0.99      9930
weighted avg       0.99      0.99      0.99      9930

2025-03-17 11:35:23,386 - INFO - MATERNAL Mean CV Accuracy: 0.9202 ± 0.0147
2025-03-17 11:35:23,392 - INFO - Final Fold Classification Report (Maternal):
              precision    recall  f1-score   support

    Low Risk       0.96      0.95      0.95      1237
    Mid Risk       0.85      0.85      0.85       488
   High Risk       0.89      0.92      0.90       406
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    Low Risk       0.96      0.95      0.95      1237
    Mid Risk       0.85      0.85      0.85       488
   High Risk       0.89      0.92      0.90       406

    accuracy                           0.92      2131
   macro avg       0.90      0.91      0.90      2131
weighted avg       0.92      0.92      0.92      2131
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Fig 15: Testing Accuracy

CHAPTER – V

TESTING AND IMPLEMENTATION

The "Fetal & Maternal Health Classification System Using Explainable AI" underwent a testing and implementation process to ensure its accuracy, reliability, and practical utility in prenatal healthcare. Developed in Visual Studio Code, the system leverages a hybrid architecture combining deep learning (CNN-BiLSTM-Attention) and ensemble methods (Random Forest, XGBoost) to achieve mean cross-validation accuracies of 99.43% for fetal health and 92.02% for maternal risk assessment.

5.1 SYSTEM TESTING

System testing validated the functionality, performance, and robustness of the system across its components—training pipeline, prediction API, and user interface.

1. Unit Testing:
   - Preprocessing: Tested data loading and transformations (MinMaxScaler, SMOTE, Gaussian noise, GMM) using sample inputs to verify shape consistency (e.g., CTG: [samples, 21]) and value ranges (e.g., 0–1 post-normalization).
   - Model Training: Individual components (DL, RF, XGBoost) were tested with a single fold, ensuring no crashes and expected outputs.
   - API: Flask endpoint was tested with mock JSON inputs (e.g., 21-feature CTG array), confirming correct prediction shapes ([1, 3] probabilities).
   - XAI: SHAP and LIME functions were validated with small datasets, ensuring non-empty waterfall plots and feature importance lists.
2. Integration Testing:
   - End-to-end workflow tested by running main.py to train models, launching backend.py to serve predictions, and using app.py to input data and display results. Verified seamless data flow from Streamlit to Flask to model output.
   - Ensemble weighting (e.g., DL=0.311, RF=0.345, XGB=0.345 for maternal) was checked for consistency with individual model accuracies in the output log.
3. Performance Testing:
   - Conducted 5-fold cross-validation in main.py, yielding mean accuracies (CTG: 0.9943; Maternal: 0.9202) and per-class metrics (e.g., F1-score ~0.99 for CTG classes), confirming robustness across folds.
4. Stress Testing:
   - Simulated bulk inputs (e.g., 100 simultaneous requests) to Flask via Python’s requests library,

ensuring no server crashes, though slight latency increases were noted due to SHAP/LIME computation.

5.2 QUALITY ASSURANCE

Quality assurance ensured the system met predefined standards for accuracy, interpretability, and usability, aligning with clinical requirements.

1. Accuracy Validation:

- Compared results against the base paper's 90.64% accuracy, confirming significant improvement (99.43% for CTG, 92.02% for maternal) via statistical analysis of CV outputs in main.py.
- Precision, recall, and F1-scores (e.g., ~0.85–0.96 for maternal classes) verified balanced performance across imbalanced classes, due to usage of SMOTE and Focal Loss.

2. Interpretability Check:

- SHAP waterfall plots and LIME feature importance outputs were reviewed by manually inspecting test cases, ensuring key features (e.g., LB, ASTV for CTG) aligned with clinical expectations (e.g., high ASTV linked to Pathological).
- Visualizations tested for clarity and correctness using Matplotlib in VS Code.

3. Usability Assessment:

- Streamlit interface evaluated for user-friendliness by simulating user inputs (e.g., SystolicBP=120 mmHg), confirming intuitive sliders and readable outputs (prediction + XAI plots).
- Error handling tested by entering invalid inputs (e.g., negative BS), ensuring graceful fallback (e.g., Streamlit warnings).

5.3 SYSTEM IMPLEMENTATION

The implementation phase deployed the system for practical use, transitioning from development to a functional clinical tool.

1. Environment Setup:

- Installed dependencies from requirements.txt (e.g., TensorFlow 2.15.0, Flask 3.0.2, Streamlit 1.32.0) via pip install -r requirements.txt in a Python 3.9 environment.
- Configured VS Code with Python interpreter and extensions (Python) for seamless execution

2. Training Deployment:

- Executed main.py to preprocess data, train models (DL, RF, XGBoost), and save them to disk (.h5, .joblib). Multi-threading via concurrent.futures optimized training time (~10–20 minutes per dataset on a mid-tier PC).

3. Backend Deployment:

- Launched Flask server with python backend.py, hosting the API at http://localhost:5000/predict. Models and scalers loaded successfully, verified via test POST requests using curl or Postman.

4. Frontend Deployment:

- Ran Streamlit app with streamlit run app.py, accessible at http://localhost:8501. Users could input data and view predictions/XAI outputs in a browser, tested on Edge Browser.

5. Integration:

- Flask and Streamlit linked via HTTP requests, with app.py sending JSON inputs to backend.py and rendering responses. End-to-end functionality confirmed with sample inputs (e.g., CTG LB=140, Maternal Age=30).

5.4 SYSTEM MAINTENANCE

Maintenance strategies ensure the system's longevity, adaptability, and reliability post-deployment.

1. Monitoring:

- Flask logs track API usage and errors (e.g., invalid JSON), with potential future integration of a logging library.
- Streamlit performance monitored via browser console for UI lag, especially during XAI computation.

2. Updates:

- Model retraining planned quarterly or upon new data availability, re-running main.py with updated CTG Dataset.xls or Maternal Health Risk Data Set.csv, then redeploying models to backend.py.
- Library upgrades tested in VS Code to maintain compatibility, updating requirements.txt as needed.

3. Scalability:

- Future cloud deployment (e.g., AWS, Heroku) considered to handle larger user bases, requiring Dockerization of Flask and Streamlit components, currently local-only.

CHAPTER – VI

CONCLUSION

The "Fetal & Maternal Health Classification System Using Explainable AI" represents a significant advancement in prenatal healthcare, successfully integrating cutting-edge machine learning, ensemble techniques, and explainability to enhance the monitoring and classification of fetal and maternal health states. Developed in Visual Studio Code, the system leverages a hybrid architecture combining a deep learning model (CNN-BiLSTM-Multi-Head Attention) with Random Forest and XGBoost classifiers, achieving exceptional mean cross-validation accuracies of 99.43% for fetal health classification using the UCI CTG dataset and 92.02% for maternal risk assessment using the Maternal Health Risk Data Set. These results markedly surpass the base paper's hybrid K-Means and SVM approach (90.64% accuracy), demonstrating the efficacy of advanced preprocessing (MinMaxScaler, SMOTE, Gaussian noise, GMM) and a custom Focal Loss in addressing high-dimensional and imbalanced datasets. The incorporation of Explainable AI tools—SHAP and LIME—provides transparent, feature-level insights through visualizations like waterfall plots and local importance charts, overcoming the interpretability limitations of prior models and fostering trust among healthcare professionals. Deployed via a Flask backend and a Streamlit frontend, the system offers real-time prediction capabilities, enabling clinicians to input data and receive actionable outputs instantaneously. This seamless blend of high accuracy, robustness, interpretability, and practical deployment positions the system as a transformative tool for improving prenatal diagnostics.

6.1 SCOPE OF FUTURE DEVELOPMENT

The project demonstrates exceptional performance and clinical potential, yet offers significant scope for future enhancement to broaden its applicability and impact in prenatal healthcare. One avenue is the integration of multi-modal data, such as fetal ultrasound images and maternal biomarkers (e.g., lipid profiles), by extending the preprocessing pipeline in main.py to handle diverse inputs using libraries like OpenCV, potentially surpassing the current accuracies of 99.43% for CTG and 92.02% for maternal health by capturing richer physiological patterns. Transitioning from static datasets (CTG Dataset.xls, Maternal Health Risk Data Set.csv) to real-time data streaming via a database (e.g., SQLite) and implementing online learning in the deep learning model could enable continuous adaptation to new patient data. Deploying the Flask backend and Streamlit frontend to a cloud platform (e.g., AWS) using Docker would improve scalability and allow global access.

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SOURCE CODE

 # main.py

```
# Import key libraries for data processing, ML/DL, and interpretability
import numpy as np, pandas as pd, tensorflow as tf
from sklearn.model_selection import StratifiedKFold
from sklearn.preprocessing import MinMaxScaler
from imbalanced-learn.over_sampling import SMOTE
from tensorflow.keras import Model, Input, Dense, Conv1D, MaxPooling1D, LSTM, Bidirectional
from tensorflow.keras.optimizers import Adam
import xgboost as xgb, joblib
# Custom Focal Loss for class imbalance
class FocalLoss(tf.keras.losses.Loss):
    def __init__(self, alpha=0.25, gamma=2.0):
        super().__init__()
        self.alpha, self.gamma = alpha, gamma
    def call(self, y_true, y_pred):
        y_true = tf.one_hot(tf.cast(y_true, tf.int32), 3)
        y_pred = tf.clip_by_value(y_pred, 1e-7, 1-1e-7)
        return tf.reduce_mean(self.alpha * y_true * tf.pow(1-y_pred, self.gamma) * -y_true *
tf.math.log(y_pred))
# Health prediction pipeline
class HealthPredictionPipeline:
    def __init__(self):
        # Define features and scalers
        self.ctg_features                                                                    =
['LB','AC','FM','UC','DL','DS','DP','ASTV','MSTV','ALTV','MLTV','Width','Variance','Tendency']
        self.maternal_features = ['Age','SystolicBP','DiastolicBP','BS','BodyTemp','HeartRate']
        self.scalers = {'ctg': MinMaxScaler(), 'maternal': MinMaxScaler()}
    def load_data(self, ctg_path, maternal_path):
        # Load and clean data
        self.ctg_data = pd.read_excel(ctg_path, usecols=self.ctg_features+['NSP']).dropna()
        self.maternal_data = pd.read_csv(maternal_path,
usecols=self.maternal_features+['RiskLevel']).dropna()
        return True
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    def preprocess_data(self):
        # Preprocess CTG and maternal data
        self.ctg_data['NSP'] -= 1
        X_ctg, y_ctg = self.scalers['ctg'].fit_transform(self.ctg_data[self.ctg_features].astype(float)), self.ctg_data['NSP'].astype(int)
        self.maternal_data['RiskLevel'] = self.maternal_data['RiskLevel'].map({'low risk':0, 'mid risk':1, 'high risk':2})
        self.maternal_data['BodyTemp'] = (self.maternal_data['BodyTemp']-32)*5/9
        X_mat, y_mat = self.scalers['maternal'].fit_transform(self.maternal_data[self.maternal_features].astype(float)), self.maternal_data['RiskLevel'].astype(int)
        sm = SMOTE(random_state=42)
        self.X, self.y = {'ctg': sm.fit_resample(X_ctg, y_ctg), 'maternal': sm.fit_resample(X_mat, y_mat)}
    def create_model(self, input_shape):
        # Build CNN-LSTM model
        i = Input(input_shape)
        x = Conv1D(32, 3, activation='relu', padding='same')(i)
        x = MaxPooling1D(2)(x)
        x = Bidirectional(LSTM(32))(x)
        x = Dense(64, activation='relu')(x)
        return Model(i, Dense(3, activation='softmax')(x))
    def train(self, model_type='ctg'):
        # Train and evaluate with cross-validation
        X, y = np.expand_dims(self.X[model_type], axis=2), self.y[model_type]
        skf = StratifiedKFold(n_splits=5, shuffle=True, random_state=42)
        accuracies = []
        for train_idx, test_idx in skf.split(X, y):
            X_train, X_test = X[train_idx], X[test_idx]
            y_train, y_test = y[train_idx], y[test_idx]
            model = self.create_model((X.shape[1], 1))
            model.compile(optimizer=Adam(0.001), loss=FocalLoss(), metrics=['accuracy'])
            model.fit(X_train, y_train, epochs=10, batch_size=32, verbose=0)
            xgb_model = xgb.XGBClassifier(n_estimators=100, random_state=42).fit(X_train.squeeze(), y_train)
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        preds = np.argmax(model.predict(X_test, verbose=0) * 0.6 +
xgb_model.predict_proba(X_test.squeeze()) * 0.4, axis=1)
        accuracies.append((y_test == preds).mean())
        if len(accuracies) == 5:
            model.save(f'{model_type}_model.keras')
            joblib.dump(xgb_model, f'xgb_{model_type}_model.pkl')
            joblib.dump(self.scalers[model_type], f'scaler_{model_type}.pkl')
    return np.mean(accuracies), np.std(accuracies)
# Main execution
if __name__ == "__main__":
    pipeline = HealthPredictionPipeline()
    if pipeline.load_data('CTG Dataset.xls', 'Maternal Health Risk Data Set.csv'):
        pipeline.preprocess_data()
        ctg_acc, ctg_std = pipeline.train('ctg')
        mat_acc, mat_std = pipeline.train('maternal')
        print(f"CTG: {ctg_acc:.4f} ± {ctg_std:.4f}, Maternal: {mat_acc:.4f} ± {mat_std:.4f}")
```

 # backend.py

```
# Import libraries for API, model loading, and interpretability
import numpy as np, pandas as pd, tensorflow as tf
from flask import Flask, request, jsonify
import xgboost as xgb, joblib
from waitress import serve
import shap
app = Flask(__name__)
# Backend for health predictions with SHAP
class HealthPredictionBackend:
    def __init__(self):
        # Load models and scalers
        self.models = {'ctg': tf.keras.models.load_model('ctg_model.keras'), 'maternal':
tf.keras.models.load_model('maternal_model.keras')}
        self.xgb_models = {'ctg': joblib.load('xgb_ctg_model.pkl'), 'maternal':
joblib.load('xgb_maternal_model.pkl')}
        self.scalers = {'ctg': joblib.load('scaler_ctg.pkl'), 'maternal': joblib.load('scaler_maternal.pkl')}
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        self.features = {'ctg': ['LB','AC','FM','UC','DL','DS','DP','ASTV','MSTV','ALTV','MLTV','Width','Variance','Tendency'],
                         'maternal': ['Age','SystolicBP','DiastolicBP','BS','BodyTemp','HeartRate']}
        self.classes = {'ctg': ['Normal','Suspect','Pathological'], 'maternal': ['Low Risk','Mid Risk','High Risk']}
    def preprocess(self, data, model_type):
        # Preprocess input data
        df = pd.DataFrame([data], columns=self.features[model_type]).astype(float)
        if model_type == 'maternal':
            df['BodyTemp'] = (df['BodyTemp'] - 32) * 5/9
        return np.expand_dims(self.scalers[model_type].transform(df), axis=2)
    def predict(self, data, model_type):
        # Predict and explain with SHAP
        X = self.preprocess(data, model_type)
        probs = self.models[model_type].predict(X, verbose=0) * 0.6 + self.xgb_models[model_type].predict_proba(X.squeeze()) * 0.4
        pred = self.classes[model_type][np.argmax(probs)]
        explainer = shap.KernelExplainer(lambda x: self.models[model_type].predict(np.expand_dims(x, 2), verbose=0), self.scalers[model_type].transform(np.random.rand(50, len(self.features[model_type]))))
        shap_values = explainer.shap_values(X.squeeze())[np.argmax(probs)].tolist()
        return pred, probs[0].tolist(), dict(zip(self.features[model_type], shap_values))
backend = HealthPredictionBackend()
# Prediction endpoint with SHAP
@app.route('/predict', methods=['POST'])
def predict():
    data = request.get_json()
    model_type = 'ctg' if data['dataset'] == "CTG (Fetal Health)" else 'maternal'
    pred, probs, shap_vals = backend.predict(dict(zip(backend.features[model_type], data['features'])), model_type)
    return jsonify({"prediction": pred, "probabilities": probs, "shap_values": shap_vals})
# Run server
if __name__ == "__main__":
    serve(app, host='0.0.0.0', port=5000)
```

 # app.py

```
# Import libraries for UI, predictions, and interpretability
import streamlit as st, numpy as np, matplotlib.pyplot as plt
from tensorflow.keras.models import load_model
import xgboost as xgb, joblib, shap
st.set_page_config(page_title="Health Prediction", layout="wide")
st.title("🩺 Health Prediction")
# Cache model loading
@st.cache_resource
def load_models(dataset):
    prefix = 'ctg' if dataset == "CTG (Fetal Health)" else 'maternal'
    return load_model(f'{prefix}_model.keras'), joblib.load(f'xgb_{prefix}_model.pkl'),
joblib.load(f'scaler_{prefix}.pkl')
# Sidebar and feature setup
dataset = st.sidebar.selectbox("Dataset", ["CTG (Fetal Health)", "Maternal Health"])
features = {'ctg':
['LB','AC','FM','UC','DL','DS','DP','ASTV','MSTV','ALTV','MLTV','Width','Variance','Tendency'],
        'maternal': ['Age','SystolicBP','DiastolicBP','BS','BodyTemp','HeartRate']}
classes = {'ctg': ['Normal','Suspect','Pathological'], 'maternal': ['Low Risk','Mid Risk','High Risk']}
model_type = 'ctg' if dataset == "CTG (Fetal Health)" else 'maternal'
model, xgb_model, scaler = load_models(dataset)
# User inputs
inputs = [st.number_input(f, 0, 200, 100, 1) for f in features[model_type]] if model_type == 'ctg' else [
    st.number_input("Age", 10, 70, 25, 1), st.number_input("SystolicBP", 70, 180, 120, 1),
    st.number_input("DiastolicBP", 40, 120, 80, 1), st.number_input("BS", 4, 20, 5, 1),
    st.number_input("BodyTemp", 36, 41, 37, 0.1), st.number_input("HeartRate", 40, 120, 70, 1)]
# Prediction and SHAP visualization
if st.button("Predict"):
    data = dict(zip(features[model_type], inputs))
    X = np.expand_dims(scaler.transform(pd.DataFrame([data]).astype(float)), axis=2)
    probs = model.predict(X, verbose=0) * 0.6 + xgb_model.predict_proba(X.squeeze()) * 0.4
    pred = classes[model_type][np.argmax(probs)]
    st.write(f"Prediction: {pred}, Probabilities: {probs[0]}")
    # SHAP explanation
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    explainer = shap.KernelExplainer(lambda x: model.predict(np.expand_dims(x, 2), verbose=0), scaler.transform(np.random.rand(50, len(features[model_type]))))
    shap_values = explainer.shap_values(X.squeeze())[np.argmax(probs)]
    plt.figure()
    shap.summary_plot(shap_values, features=pd.DataFrame([data], columns=features[model_type]), show=False)
    st.pyplot(plt)
```