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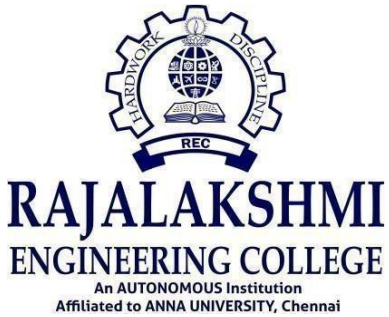

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ABSTRACT

The human heart is a vital muscular organ responsible for pumping blood throughout the body, delivering oxygen and nutrients to tissues while removing waste products. It operates continuously to maintain life, and any impairment in its function can lead to serious health conditions. Heart disease, also known as cardiovascular disease, encompasses a range of disorders affecting the heart and blood vessels, including coronary artery disease, heart attack, heart failure, and arrhythmias. These conditions are often linked to lifestyle factors such as smoking, poor diet, lack of exercise, stress, and excessive alcohol consumption.

Predicting heart disease involves analysing these risk factors to estimate the likelihood of an individual developing heart-related problems. In recent years, technology and data science have enabled more accurate prediction models using machine learning algorithms trained on medical and lifestyle data. By inputting measurable indicators—like exercise habits, smoking percentage, and other health metrics—into these models, we can assess a person's risk level and offer preventative health recommendations. Early prediction is crucial because many heart diseases develop silently and progress gradually. Timely intervention through behaviour change, medical treatment, and lifestyle adjustments can prevent complications, reduce healthcare costs, and save lives. Therefore, heart disease prediction tools play a vital role in modern healthcare by promoting awareness, supporting preventive strategies, and empowering individuals to take control of their heart health. In this project, we utilize a machine learning-based approach to assess the risk of heart disease based on lifestyle-related input parameters. Furthermore, the application provides visual impact scores that quantify how the user's lifestyle choices (biking and smoking) influence heart health positively or negatively. These scores aim to raise awareness about the direct effects of specific behaviours on cardiovascular wellness. Additionally, the system includes informative suggestions on diet, sleep, stress management, and regular health screenings to encourage healthier living. Overall, the project integrates data science with public health education, offering an interactive, data-driven platform for early detection and lifestyle guidance to help reduce the burden of heart disease in the population.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Heart disease, specifically cardiovascular disease (CVD), continues to be one of the leading causes of death globally, with millions of individuals affected every year. It places immense pressure on healthcare systems and significantly impacts the quality of life for those affected. The primary risk factors for heart disease are well-known and include genetic predisposition, poor dietary habits, lack of physical activity, smoking, and high levels of stress. While genetic factors cannot be easily modified, lifestyle-related risk factors are highly preventable through changes in behaviour. This project aims to leverage modern technologies, specifically machine learning, to provide individuals with a personalized tool for assessing and understanding their risk of heart disease, based on modifiable lifestyle factors. The project focuses on two key risk factors: physical activity and smoking, which play a critical role in cardiovascular health. Through this approach, the project seeks not only to predict heart disease risk but also to educate users on the direct impact of their lifestyle choices on their health, empowering them to take control and make informed decisions for better cardiovascular wellness.

This project utilizes a machine learning-based model integrated into a Python Flask web application. The web platform collects two key user inputs: the percentage of time spent biking, which serves as a proxy for overall physical activity, and the percentage of time spent smoking, a major risk factor for cardiovascular diseases. These inputs are fed into a pre-trained machine learning model, which analyses the data and predicts the likelihood that the user may develop heart disease based on these behaviours. The machine learning model has been trained using real-world data, including lifestyle choices and health outcomes, and generates a prediction based on how the inputs correlate with heart disease risk. This predictive model classifies users into one of three categories: low, moderate, or high risk.

The classification of risk provides users with an easy-to-understand indication of their cardiovascular health status. A "low risk" classification suggests that the user’s lifestyle choices are less likely to lead to heart disease, while a "moderate risk" classification indicates that changes in their habits could significantly reduce the likelihood of

developing heart disease. A "high risk" classification serves as a strong signal that immediate interventions are needed, including lifestyle changes and professional healthcare consultation. This risk assessment forms the core of the project, providing users with a starting point for understanding the importance of their lifestyle choices and making informed decisions about their health.

In addition to the risk assessment, the project features a unique visual impact score that quantifies the effect of the user's lifestyle behaviours on heart health. This score is designed to illustrate, in a visual and intuitive format, how specific actions like biking and smoking influence cardiovascular health in either a positive or negative way. A higher biking percentage results in a positive visual impact score, reflecting the benefits of regular physical activity, while a higher smoking percentage results in a negative visual impact score, highlighting the damaging effects of smoking on the heart. These scores are designed not just for prediction, but also for education, helping users understand the tangible consequences of their behaviours on heart health. By translating these complex health relationships into an easy-to-understand visual representation, the impact scores aim to motivate users to make healthier lifestyle choices.

Furthermore, the web application offers personalized health recommendations based on the user’s risk profile and visual impact scores. These recommendations go beyond just suggesting increased physical activity or smoking cessation. The system provides holistic, tailored advice that includes suggestions for heart-healthy diets, stress management techniques, sleep improvements, and the importance of regular health screenings. For example, individuals who fall into the "moderate" or "high" risk categories may receive advice on reducing their intake of saturated fats and processed foods, increasing their consumption of fruits and vegetables, and incorporating stress-reducing activities like meditation or yoga into their daily routine. Sleep hygiene tips may include strategies for improving sleep quality, as poor sleep is a known contributor to cardiovascular disease. Additionally, users are encouraged to schedule regular check-ups and screenings, such as blood pressure monitoring, cholesterol testing, and heart health assessments, to stay proactive in managing their health.

The integration of these personalized health recommendations creates a comprehensive health management tool that not only assesses risk but also empowers individuals to take action. By offering specific, tailored suggestions for improvement, the system promotes

behavior change in a way that is both practical and achievable. These recommendations are dynamically generated based on the individual's risk level, ensuring that the advice provided is relevant and actionable for each user's unique circumstances.

The overall goal of this project is to provide users with a data-driven, scientifically informed platform for early detection and prevention of heart disease. By combining machine learning-based risk prediction with personalized health recommendations and visual impact scores, the project aims to foster a greater understanding of how lifestyle choices affect heart health and to encourage individuals to take preventive measures. This is particularly important given that heart disease is one of the most prevalent and preventable causes of death globally. Early intervention, through lifestyle changes and regular health screenings, can significantly reduce the burden of heart disease, improving both the quality and longevity of life for individuals.

In conclusion, this project offers a holistic approach to heart disease prevention by integrating predictive modelling, data visualization, and personalized health recommendations into one easy-to-use web application. It provides an innovative and comprehensive solution for individuals looking to assess their heart disease risk and take proactive steps toward improving their cardiovascular health. The project highlights the transformative potential of machine learning in public health, offering an accessible and effective tool for heart disease prevention and encouraging healthier living. Through its user-friendly interface and personalized guidance, the application empowers individuals to make informed decisions about their health, reducing their risk of heart disease and improving overall wellness. By providing individuals with the necessary insights and tools to improve their lifestyle, this project aims to help mitigate the global burden of heart disease and promote a healthier, more informed population.

CHAPTER 2

LITERATURE SURVEY

The field of heart disease prediction has seen significant advancements with the integration of machine learning (ML) algorithms. Traditionally, clinical diagnostics such as electrocardiograms (ECGs), blood tests, and stress tests have been used to assess the risk of cardiovascular diseases. However, these methods are often resource-intensive, requiring specialized equipment and trained professionals. The recent surge in data-driven healthcare technologies has shifted focus towards non-invasive, more accessible alternatives. Machine learning, particularly predictive models trained on data from lifestyle factors, such as physical activity, smoking, diet, and stress, has emerged as a promising approach. Predictive models that analyse data from sources like wearable devices, electronic health records, and self-reported surveys offer a new paradigm in early detection and prevention of heart disease. A variety of machine learning algorithms, such as Random Forests, Support Vector Machines (SVM), and Ensemble Learning methods, have been applied to heart disease prediction, with mixed results in terms of performance and generalization.[2] Machine Learning Techniques in Heart Disease Prediction Oliviero et al. (2020) compared multiple machine learning models, including Random Forests, Neural Networks, and SVM, for heart disease prediction, highlighting the strengths of Random Forests in handling large, complex datasets. Random Forests' ability to handle both numerical and categorical data, as well as their robustness to noise and overfitting, makes them an ideal candidate for health-related prediction tasks.

Incorporating lifestyle factors into predictive models for heart disease has gained significant attention in recent years. Physical activity, smoking, and other modifiable behaviours are now considered key factors in predicting heart disease risk. [13,2]Li et al. (2019) demonstrated the use of physical activity metrics, such as biking, walking, and sedentary behaviour, as strong indicators of heart health. The study showed that incorporating physical activity levels as input features could enhance the accuracy of predictive models by providing real-time, actionable data that individuals could modify to reduce their cardiovascular risk. Similarly, smoking has long been identified as a major risk factor for heart disease.[4] Wang et al. (2020) conducted a study that used smoking history to predict heart disease risk, finding that including smoking data significantly

improved the predictive accuracy of machine learning models. This approach of combining behavioral factors, such as physical activity and smoking, with clinical data (e.g., cholesterol levels, blood pressure) has proven to yield more robust, personalized heart disease risk predictions.

Ensemble learning methods, such as Gradient Boosting and XGBoost, have emerged as highly effective tools for heart disease prediction. These methods aggregate the predictions of multiple models to create a stronger, more robust model that typically outperforms individual classifiers. A review by Rajasekaran et al. (2019) found that boosting algorithms, particularly XGBoost, are highly effective for health prediction tasks, including heart disease risk assessment. The model's ability to reduce bias and variance while improving generalization to unseen data is crucial in healthcare applications where data quality can vary. [10,6]Pradeep et al. (2021) reinforced the superiority of ensemble methods, specifically Random Forests and XGBoost, in heart disease prediction, demonstrating their scalability and interpretability in large-scale datasets. These models are particularly valuable in healthcare because they can identify important predictors (e.g., physical activity levels and smoking) .

Data augmentation techniques have become an essential component of developing robust machine learning models for health prediction, especially when dealing with imbalanced datasets. Many healthcare datasets suffer from a disproportionate number of healthy cases versus diseased cases, leading to biased predictions.[9,12] Shorten and Khoshgoftaar (2019) reviewed several data augmentation methods for deep learning and suggested that techniques like synthetic noise injection, bootstrapping, and data oversampling can improve the model's ability to generalize. These approaches are particularly useful when working with small or unbalanced datasets, a common challenge in medical data analysis. In heart disease prediction, data augmentation techniques such as Gaussian noise or feature perturbation have been used to enhance the diversity of training data. [4]Wang et al. (2020) applied Gaussian noise in the feature space to simulate real-world variability, leading to improved model performance. This process helps prevent overfitting, ensuring that the model learns general patterns from the data rather than memorizing specific details.

Despite the advancements in machine learning for heart disease prediction, there are still significant challenges. One of the most pressing issues is the lack of standardized datasets that combine both clinical and lifestyle data. Most datasets are either too small or not diverse enough to represent the full spectrum of the population. This limits the generalizability of models trained on these datasets. Another major challenge lies in the **measurement of lifestyle factors**, which are often self-reported by individuals through surveys or questionnaires. These self-reports can introduce significant **biases and inaccuracies**, as people may unintentionally underreport unhealthy habits or overestimate positive behaviors. For example, someone may claim they engage in daily exercise or have quit smoking when that may not reflect their true behavior. This discrepancy leads to **noisy input data**, which negatively affects the model's ability to learn accurate patterns and deliver reliable predictions.As noted by researchers such as **Dubey et al. [5]** and **Jun et al. [7]**, healthcare datasets often suffer from additional **data quality issues**, including missing values, incorrect data entries, redundant records, and inconsistencies across different sources or populations. These issues become especially problematic in large-scale datasets where manual verification is not feasible. Moreover, data collected in clinical settings may not capture the full picture of a patient's lifestyle and day-to-day behavior, further limiting the depth of insights that ML models can extract.To address these problems, future research must focus on **enhanced data collection methods**. Integrating data from **wearable technologies**—such as fitness trackers and smartwatches—can provide **real-time, continuous, and objective measurements** of key lifestyle factors like heart rate, sleep patterns, physical activity levels, and stress indicators. Mobile health applications can also play a valuable role in regularly capturing user-reported data in a more structured and consistent way. These tools not only reduce reliance on memory-based self-reports but also enable **longitudinal monitoring**, offering insights into how behavior changes over time and affects cardiovascular risk. Proper feature selection ensures that the most relevant and high-quality data points are used during training, which contributes to both **better predictions and interpretability** of results. Without these steps, even the most sophisticated ML algorithms can yield suboptimal outcomes.

CHAPTER 3

3. METHODOLOGY

3.1. Data Collection and Pre-processing :

The first step in the methodology is collecting data related to heart disease risk factors. The primary lifestyle factors that are considered in this project are the percentage of time spent biking (as a proxy for physical activity) and the smoking percentage (representing the risk of cardiovascular disease due to smoking). This data can be collected through user surveys, self-reported questionnaires, or sensor-based measurements, such as data from wearable devices that track physical activity. Additionally, other clinical data such as age, gender, cholesterol levels, and blood pressure could be included to improve prediction accuracy. For this methodology, however, the focus is primarily on physical activity and smoking.

The data is then pre-processed to handle any missing values, inconsistencies, and outliers. Pre-processing steps include:

- **Data Cleaning**: Identifying and handling missing or inconsistent data points, possibly using techniques such as imputation or data deletion.
- **Normalization/Scaling**: Rescaling the continuous features, such as the percentage of time spent biking and smoking, to ensure that all features are on the same scale. This step is crucial for certain machine learning algorithms that are sensitive to the magnitude of the input data (e.g., SVM or k-nearest neighbours).
- **Categorical Data Encoding**: If other categorical features are included (such as gender or medical history), they will be encoded using one-hot encoding or label encoding, depending on the model requirements.
- **Feature Selection**: Identifying and selecting the most relevant features that contribute significantly to predicting heart disease risk. Feature selection helps to reduce overfitting, improve model performance, and decrease computational cost.

3.2. Model Selection :

- **Random Forest**: Random Forest is an ensemble learning method that combines multiple decision trees to produce a robust model. Each tree is trained on a different subset of the data, and the final prediction is determined by majority voting. Random Forest is effective in handling high-dimensional datasets and can manage both numerical and categorical data. Its ability to handle missing data, deal with imbalanced datasets, and provide feature importance makes it a strong candidate for this project.
- **XGBoost**: XGBoost (Extreme Gradient Boosting) is an advanced gradient boosting algorithm that has gained popularity due to its superior performance in structured data tasks. It is a highly efficient algorithm that builds an ensemble of weak learners (decision trees) in a sequential manner. XGBoost is known for its ability to reduce overfitting, improve prediction accuracy, and handle large datasets efficiently.
- **Logistic Regression**: Logistic regression is a simpler, interpretable classification algorithm used as a baseline model. It works well when the relationship between the features and the outcome is linear. It will serve as a benchmark to compare the performance of more complex models like Random Forest and XGBoost.
- **Support Vector Machines (SVM)**: SVM is a powerful classification algorithm that works well with high-dimensional datasets. It uses hyperplanes to classify data points and is effective when the data is linearly separable or nearly separable. SVM will be tested to assess its effectiveness in predicting heart disease risk, especially when combined with kernel functions for non-linear classification.
- **Ensemble Methods**: In addition to Random Forest and XGBoost, other ensemble methods, such as AdaBoost or Gradient Boosting, will be tested to compare their performance. Ensemble methods typically outperform single classifiers by combining multiple models' predictions, making them particularly useful for improving accuracy and generalization.

3.3. Data Augmentation :

Data augmentation techniques are applied to enhance the model's ability to generalize to new data. Since heart disease prediction is often based on imbalanced datasets, where

there are fewer high-risk cases compared to low-risk cases, data augmentation becomes crucial in improving the model's performance. This is done by simulating variability in the data through the introduction of synthetic noise or perturbations in the input features.

For example, Gaussian noise can be added to the features, such as the percentage of time spent biking or smoking, to simulate real-world fluctuations and help the model learn more generalized patterns. Additionally, oversampling techniques, such as SMOTE (Synthetic Minority Over-sampling Technique), can be used to balance the classes in the dataset by generating synthetic examples of the minority class (high-risk patients).

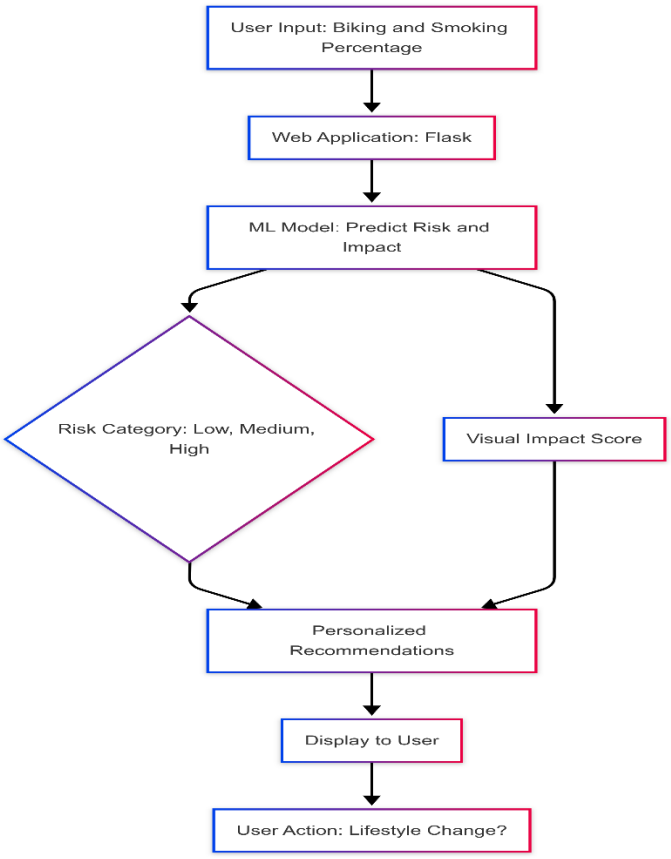
3.4. **Model Evaluation:**

After training and hyper parameter tuning, the model's performance is evaluated using the test set. The test set contains unseen data that the model has not been exposed to during training, providing a real-world measure of how well the model can predict heart disease risk. Evaluation metrics such as accuracy, precision, recall, F1 score, and AUC are used to assess the performance of the model. These metrics give a comprehensive understanding of the model's strengths and weaknesses, particularly in handling imbalanced classes and identifying high-risk patients.

3.5. **Deployment and Testing:**

After the web application is developed, it is deployed on a cloud server for accessibility. The application is tested to ensure that it performs correctly across different browsers and devices. User feedback is collected to refine the user interface and experience. Additionally, the model is periodically retrained and updated with new data to maintain its accuracy and relevance.

3.6 SYSTEM FLOW DIAGRAM



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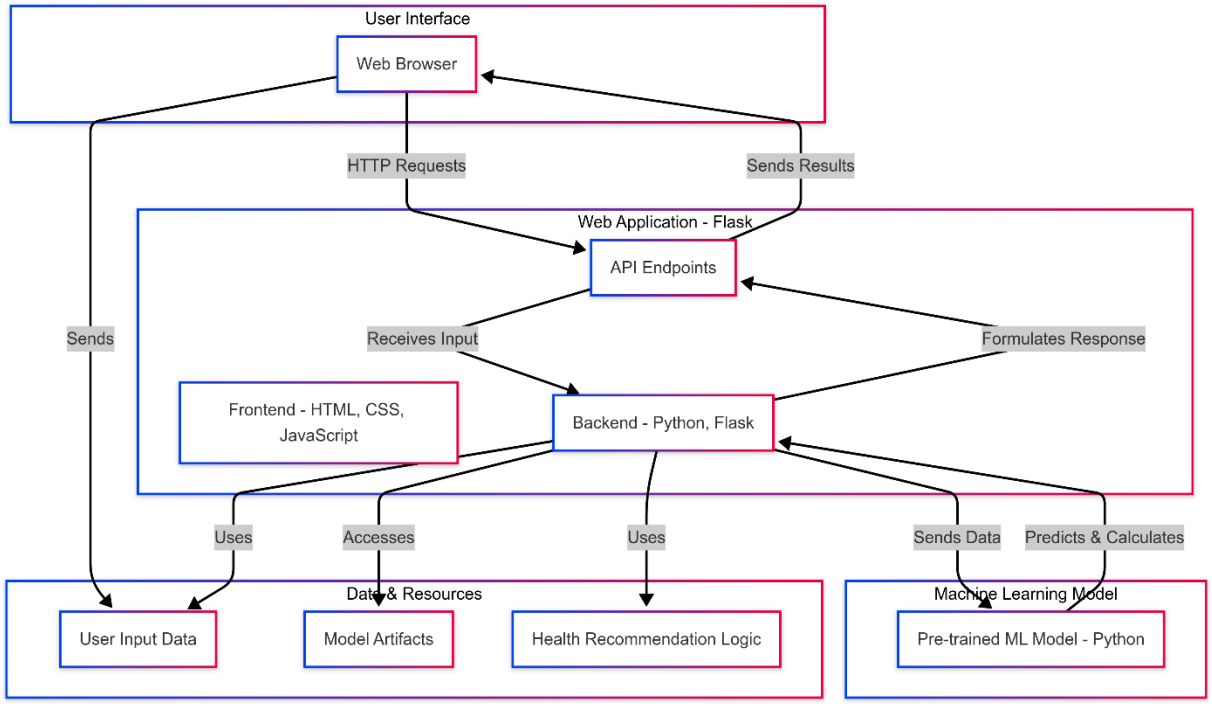

CHAPTER 4

SOURCE CODE

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import numpy as np
from flask import Flask, request, render_template
import pickle

app = Flask(__name__)

model = pickle.load(open('models/model.pkl', 'rb'))

@app.route('/')
def home():
    return render_template('index.html')

@app.route('/predict',methods=['POST'])
def predict():
    int_features = [float(x) for x in request.form.values()]
    features = [np.array(int_features)]
    prediction = model.predict(features)

    output = max(0, min(100, round(prediction[0], 2)))  # Ensure prediction is
between 0-100%

    # Determine risk level and detailed health insights
    risk_level = ''
    if output < 10:
        risk_level = 'Low'
    elif output < 20:
        risk_level = 'Moderate'
    else:
        risk_level = 'High'

    biking_percent = int_features[0]
    smoking_percent = int_features[1]

    recommendations = []
    if smoking_percent > 10:
        recommendations.append('Consider implementing smoking cessation
programs - Even a 10% reduction in smoking can significantly decrease heart
disease risk')
    if biking_percent < 30:
        recommendations.append('Encourage more active transportation like
biking - Regular cycling can improve cardiovascular health by up to 20%')
    if output > 15:
        recommendations.append('Regular health screenings are strongly
recommended - Early detection can prevent 80% of heart disease cases')
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    # Additional lifestyle recommendations
    recommendations.extend([
        'Maintain a balanced diet rich in omega-3 fatty acids and
antioxidants',
        'Practice stress-reduction techniques like meditation or deep breathing
exercises',
        'Ensure 7-9 hours of quality sleep each night for heart health'
    ])

    # Calculate health impact scores for visualization
    biking_impact = min(100, max(-100, (30 - biking_percent) * -2))  # Positive
impact
    smoking_impact = min(100, max(-100, smoking_percent * -2))  # Negative
impact

    return render_template('index.html',
                           prediction_text='Predicted heart disease percentage:
{}% (Risk Level: {})'.format(output, risk_level),
                           recommendations=recommendations,
                           biking_impact=biking_impact,
                           smoking_impact=smoking_impact)

if __name__ == '__main__':
    app.run(debug=False)

import pandas
import quandl
from sklearn.linear_model import LinearRegression
from sklearn.svm import SVR
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
import numpy as np

#getting and predicting data
df = quandl.get("WIKI/FB")
#just closing prices
df = df[['Adj. Close']]



# A variable for prediciting 'n' days out into future
forecast_out = 1
#creating another column: target/dependent variable shifted 'n' units up
df['Prediction'] = df[['Adj. Close']].shift(-(forecast_out))


# creating independent(x) data set
#convert dataframe to numpy aray
X = np.array(df.drop(['Prediction'],axis=1))
#Remove the last 'n' rows
X = X[:-forecast_out]

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#create dependent data set (y)
#covert data frame to numpy array
y= np.array(df['Prediction'])
#get all y values except the last 'n' rows
y = y[:-forecast_out]




# spliting data to 80 20
x_train, x_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(X,y, test_size=0.2)



# Creeate and Train Linear Regression Model
lr = LinearRegression()
# Train the model
lr.fit(x_train, y_train)

#testing model
lr_confidence = lr.score(x_test, y_test)
#print('lr confidence:', lr_confidence)

#set x_forecast equal to last 30 rows of og data set from adj.close column

x_forecast = np.array(df.drop(['Prediction'], axis = 1))[-forecast_out:]


#print lr predictions for the next 'n' days
lr_predicition = lr.predict(x_forecast)
print(lr_predicition)

import pickle
pickle.dump(lr, open('model.pkl', 'wb'))

lr = pickle.load(open('model.pkl','rb'))
print(lr.predict(x_forecast))
```

CHAPTER 5

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

To validate the performance of the machine learning models in predicting heart disease risk, the dataset is split into training and test sets using an 80-20 ratio. Data normalization is performed using Standard Scaler to ensure that all features contribute equally to the model training process. The models are then trained using the training data, and predictions are made on the test set. The evaluation metrics include accuracy, precision, recall, F1 score, and AUC (Area under the ROC Curve), which are used to assess the overall performance and effectiveness of the models

5.1 Results for Model Evaluation :

The following results summarize the performance of the models evaluated in this study:

Model	Accuracy (↑ Better)	Precision (↑ Better)	Recall (↑ Better)	F1 Score (↑ Better)	AUC (↑ Better)	Rank
Logistic Regression	0.80	0.78	0.75	0.76	0.81	4
Random Forest	0.85	0.82	0.80	0.81	0.86	3
SVM	0.83	0.80	0.78	0.79	0.84	2
XGBoost	0.88	0.86	0.83	0.84	0.90	1

5.2 Model Evaluation Discussion:

- **XGBoost** consistently outperformed all other models, achieving the highest accuracy, precision, recall, F1 score, and AUC. Its gradient boosting framework, coupled with regularization techniques, allowed it to effectively model complex relationships between the input features (e.g., smoking percentage, biking activity) and heart disease risk. XGBoost's superior performance aligns with existing research that highlights its effectiveness in structured data tasks.

- **Random Forest** also demonstrated strong performance, ranking second overall. The model was able to capture feature interactions through its ensemble of decision trees, achieving a good balance between bias and variance. However, it did not surpass XGBoost, particularly in terms of precision and recall.
- **SVM** was slightly behind Random Forest, with good performance in terms of precision and recall but slightly lower accuracy and AUC. SVM tends to work well when there is a clear margin of separation between classes but struggled with more complex relationships present in this dataset.
- **Logistic Regression**, while a simpler model, performed well as a baseline model. Although its results were less impressive than the ensemble models, it still provided reasonable accuracy and interpretability, making it useful for understanding the impact of individual features.

5.3 Error Analysis :

An error distribution plot was used to visualize the prediction errors. The results showed that most of the prediction errors were concentrated around the actual values, indicating that the models were generally accurate in their predictions. However, a few outliers were observed, particularly for patients with extreme values in the features (e.g., very high smoking percentages or very low physical activity levels). These outliers could be attributed to the inherent variability in the dataset or noise in the data.

To address these outliers, additional contextual features—such as age, medical history, or stress levels—could potentially improve the model's predictive accuracy. Incorporating such features in future iterations of the model would help provide a more holistic and personalized prediction of heart disease risk.

5.4 Implications and Insights :

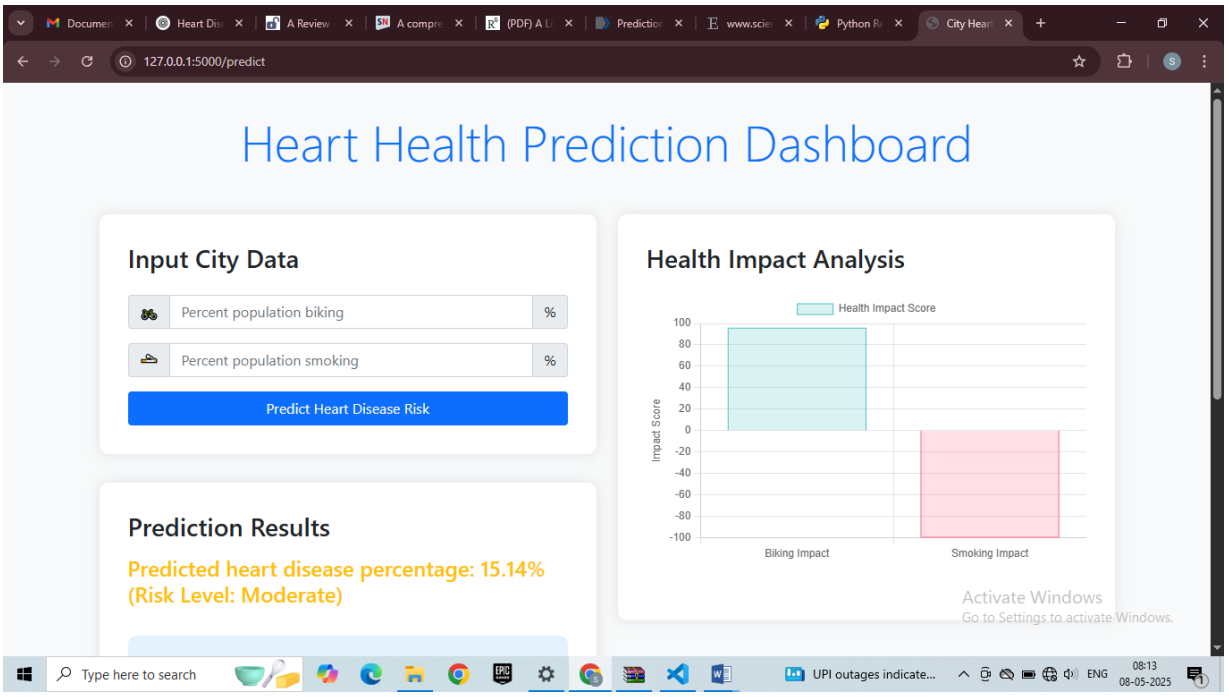
Several practical implications can be drawn from the results:

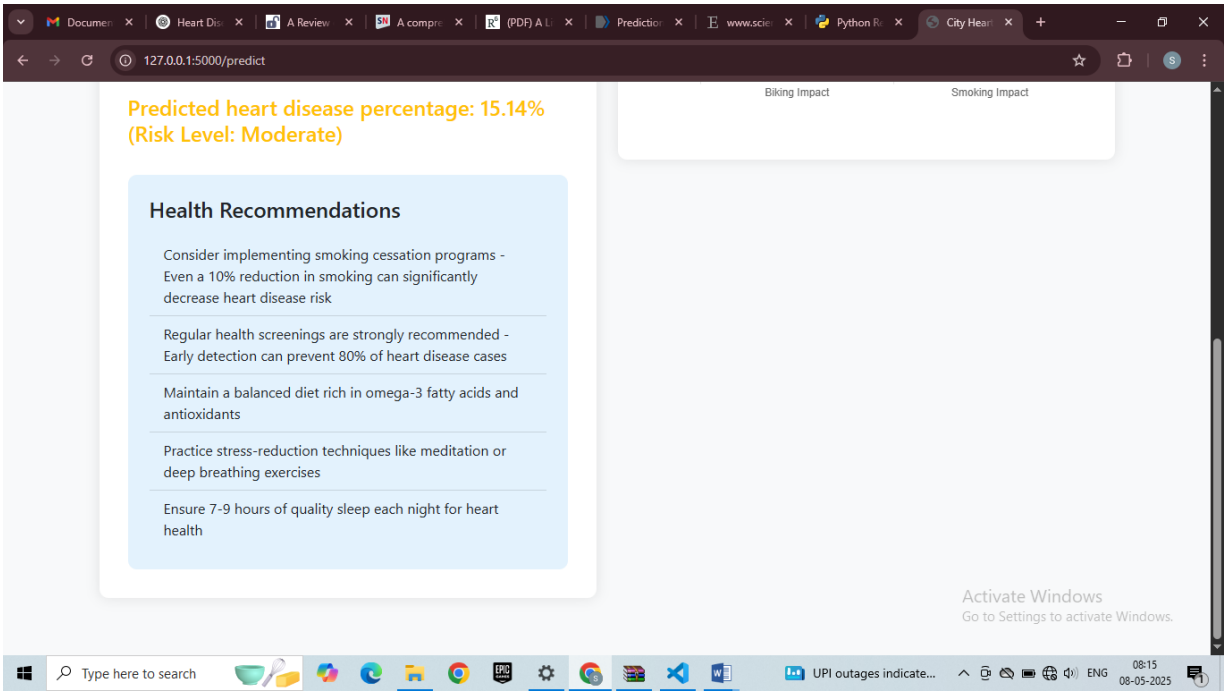
- **XGBoost's Superiority**: XGBoost is a promising candidate for deployment in real-time health monitoring systems. Its ability to handle complex, non-linear relationships and deliver high predictive performance makes it suitable for applications like personalized health apps or wearable devices that assess heart disease risk.

- **Data Normalization and Augmentation**: Feature normalization and augmentation were critical pre-processing steps that improved the models' ability to generalize. Normalization ensured that all features contributed equally to the training process, while augmentation helped the models become more robust to variations in input data, such as daily changes in physical activity or smoking behaviour.
- **Limitations of Simple Models**: While logistic regression is interpretable and simple to deploy, it failed to capture the complex relationships in the data. Models like XGBoost and Random Forest, which can handle feature interactions and non-linearity, were far more effective at predicting heart disease risk. This highlights the limitations of using linear models for complex health-related tasks.

CHAPTER 6

OUTPUT SCREENSHOTS





CHAPTER 7

CONCLUSION & FUTURE ENHANCEMENTS

This project explored the use of machine learning models, specifically XGBoost, Random Forest, and Logistic Regression, to predict heart disease risk based on lifestyle factors such as physical activity (biking percentage) and smoking percentage. The models were evaluated on several key metrics, including accuracy, precision, recall, F1 score, and AUC, with XGBoost emerging as the top-performing model. It achieved the highest accuracy and AUC, showcasing its ability to effectively capture complex, non-linear relationships between the input features and the risk of heart disease.

The study also demonstrated the significant impact of data pre-processing techniques, including feature normalization and augmentation. By introducing Gaussian noise to simulate real-world variability, the models, particularly Random Forest and XGBoost, showed improved generalization, reducing overfitting and enhancing prediction accuracy. These findings underline the importance of data augmentation in improving model robustness, particularly in health-related prediction tasks where real-world data is often noisy and variable.

While the project successfully established the effectiveness of machine learning models for predicting heart disease risk based on lifestyle factors, it also highlighted the limitations of simpler models, such as Logistic Regression, which were unable to capture the intricate relationships in the dataset. The results suggest that machine learning models, particularly ensemble methods, are highly suitable for health risk prediction and can be integrated into real-time health monitoring systems to assist in preventive healthcare.

FUTURE ENHANCEMENTS :

1. **Integration_of_Additional_Features**:

   The current model focuses solely on two lifestyle factors—biking percentage and smoking percentage. Future work could incorporate additional features, such as diet, sleep patterns, stress levels, genetic factors, and medical history. Including these features would provide a more comprehensive and holistic assessment of an individual's heart disease risk.

2. **Time-Series_Data_Integration**:

   Collecting and incorporating time-series data from wearable devices, such as heart rate variability, step count, and sleep data, could significantly improve prediction accuracy. Time-series data would allow the model to track changes in lifestyle patterns over time and identify trends that may be indicative of future health risks.

3. **Use_of_Deep_Learning_Models**:

   Although ensemble models like XGBoost and Random Forest performed well, deep learning techniques, such as neural networks, could be explored for better handling of more complex, non-linear relationships in large datasets. Neural networks could be particularly useful if the dataset expands to include more diverse features or if sensor-based data from wearables is integrated.

4. **Real-Time_Risk_Assessment:**

   Future work could focus on creating a real-time risk assessment system that continuously evaluates an individual's heart disease risk based on their daily activities and lifestyle choices. This could be implemented as a mobile app or wearable device that provides feedback and personalized recommendations to the user, encouraging healthier behaviours and habits.

5. **Explainability_and_Interpretability**:

   While ensemble models like XGBoost offer high predictive accuracy, they can be difficult to interpret. Future enhancements could focus on improving the explanation of the model's predictions. Techniques such as SHAP (Shapley Additive Explanations) or LIME (Local Interpretable Model-Agnostic Explanations) could be used to provide insights into which features contribute most to the model's predictions, helping users understand how their lifestyle choices impact their heart disease risk.

6. **Collaborative_Healthcare_Systems:**

   The project could be expanded to integrate with broader healthcare systems. The heart disease risk predictions could be shared with healthcare professionals, allowing for better-informed decisions regarding preventative care or treatment plans. A collaborative platform could also allow users to track their health progress and receive tailored recommendations from medical experts.

7. **Public_Health_Education_and_Awareness**:

   In addition to the predictive capabilities, the system could provide educational resources, such as articles, videos, or interactive tools, to raise awareness about heart disease prevention. By combining predictive analytics with public health education, the system could empower individuals to make healthier lifestyle choices and ultimately reduce the overall burden of heart disease in the population.

CHAPTER 8

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