In the last century, it was thought that the most people die due to cancer. For that, it is considered the second most common reason of human death. In addition, cancer diagnostics are still out of reach for most people in the world. According to the World Health Organization (WHO), about 9.6 million people died due to the cancer in 2018 and 70% of those happened in developing countries where cancer diagnosis facilities are still very expensive [1]. Among all the types of cancer, breast cancer is the most common type of cancer in the world [2]. It is estimated that global breast cancer cases will grow from 1.4 million in 2008 to over 2.1 million cases in 2030 [27]. Every year, almost 1.5 million women are diagnosed with breast cancer [3]. Approximately 29.9% of deaths from cancer in women are owing to breast cancer [4]. There are two types of breast cancer such as benign and malignant. Benign represents the non-cancerous which has no threat to life but malignant represents the most cancerous and it has direct threat to life [5]. It is very important to identify cancer accurately as benign and malignant. Because cancer identification is the first stage of cancer diagnosis. If, for some reason there is a mistake in cancer identification, it means that the entire treatment of cancer will be affected by cancer identification.

However, cancer diagnosis requires dozens of medical equipment and staff to diagnose a breast cancer patient. Breast cancer can be diagnosed using a variety of procedures including physical syndromes, biopsy, and radiographic images [6]. The biopsy method is used to ensure the presence of breast cancer. However, biopsy methods are extremely dependent on a doctor's expertise. Mammography is the standard diagnostic method for breast cancer and surgical biopsy [7]. Though mammography does not provide 100% accurate results and sometimes finds something that is not cancer and it may miss some cancer. Radiology is the medical way that diagnoses and treats diseases using clinical images. However, the effectiveness of this process depends on radiologists’ explanation [8] and radiologists may miss up to 30% of breast cancer based on the density of breasts [9]. So, the overall manual process of breast cancer diagnosis does not provide good results and at the same time, it is time-consuming and expensive. We used digital approaches to reduce the cost of breast cancer diagnosis and speed up the process. Machine learning methods are used in these digital approaches.

To overcome the manual process issues associated with a breast cancer diagnosis, computer scientists have contributed with several automated machine learning methods. MF Aslan et al. [12] proposed four different Machine Learning (ML) algorithms to detect breast cancer, such as Artificial Neural Network (ANN), standard Extreme Learning Machine (ELM), Support Vector Machine (SVM), and K-Nearest Neighbor (KNN). Among of them, Extreme Learning Machine (ELM) achieved the highest accuracy (80%) with 0.0075s training time. However, other three methods achieved less accuracy with much training time. So, their overall performance is not so good to identify breast cancer. In another study, Potdar et al. [20] used three machine learning methods namely Artificial Neural Networks (ANN), K-Nearest Neighbor (KNN), and Bayesian Classifiers to classify breast cancer. They used 3-fold Cross Validation to eliminate the data imbalanced problem. In 3-fold Cross Validation, Artificial Neural Networks (ANN) provide the highest 97.4%. after that, the authors reach a conclusion that Artificial Neural Networks (ANN) are better for breast cancer classification than K-NN and Bayesian Classifiers. Another technique of breast cancer detection is Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN). Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN) is the best ML technique to classify the imaging problem. Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN) provide the best result when the image quality is so good. In the research, Y. J. Tan et al. [28] took the help of Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN) to identify breast cancer for the Mammogram Imaging. They used three version (version 1, 2, 3) of Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN). In this study achieved the highest results of 82.71% of version 3. However, performance in detecting breast cancer remains poor.

Every machine learning algorithm has some flaws. Therefore, We need to conduct a comparison study among them. Already computer scientists have contributed to several comparative studies. Such as M. Hussain et al. [13] compared different SVM kernels for the detection of breast cancer and their system achieved around 96% accuracy. On the other hand, Bayrak et al. [19] compare the machine learning model performance, applied two ML (SVM, ANN) models to the Wisconsin Breast Cancer (Original) dataset. For performance measures, they consider accuracy, precision, recall and ROC Area. In this study SVM obtained the best result with 96.997%. Moreover, Agarap et al. [16] proposed a comparison of six machine learning (ML) algorithms: GRU-SVM [4], Linear Regression, Multilayer Perceptron (MLP), Nearest Neighbor (NN) search, SoftMax Regression, and Support Vector Machine (SVM) on the Wisconsin Diagnosis Breast Cancer (WDBC) datasets. Among them, the MLP algorithm achieved the highest accuracy (99.04%). Additionally, Gayathri et al [21] represent another comparison study where Relevance Vector Machine (RVM) provides a low computational cost even though the variables are reduced compared with other machine learning algorithms that are used for breast cancer detection. However, the majority of those only showed their analysis on a single dataset, and none of those approaches performed a thorough investigation of ML algorithms, thus their comparative study was not fully completed. This is why we intend to conduct a comprehensive comparative study.

In this study, we have used Twelve reputed ML algorithms in two different datasets. The Twelve reputed ML algorithms namely Naive Bayes (NB), Logistic Regression (LR), Decision Tree Classifier (DT), Support Vector Machine (SVM), Linear Discriminant Analysis (LDA), Voting Classifier (VC), KNeighborsClassifier (K-NN), AdaBoost Classifier (AD), Random Forest Classifier (RF), Stochastic Gradient Descent (SGD), Bagging Classifier (BC), Gradient Boosting Classifier (GB). Hereby, widely verified these two datasets and did numerous research on them. For that, we choose these two datasets. The two datasets namely Wisconsin Breast Cancer (Original) (WBC) and Wisconsin Breast Cancer Diagnosis (WBCD). Both the dataset was collected from the Kaggle. The dataset is split into 90% and 10% for training and testing, respectively. We used default parameter of all algorithms except random state. Among all the classifier DT, KNN, RF and GB achieved the 100% on the WBC dataset and also LR, SVM, RF, VC, SGD, and BC achieved the 100% on the WBCD dataset. Others classifier obtained the 94% above accuracy on both datasets. Finally, we compared the performance of each ML algorithm on two datasets.

The rest of the paper is arranged as follows: Section II explains the literature review, section III describes the methodology of the comparative study, section IV shows the comparative results and discussions, and finally, section V draws the conclusion.

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