

Revolutionizing Liver Care: Predicting Cirrhosis Using Advanced Machine Learning Techniques



Abstract:

Cirrhosis is a chronic liver disease characterized by fibrosis and impaired liver function. Early detection is crucial to prevent severe complications such as liver failure, portal hypertension, and hepatocellular carcinoma. Traditional diagnosis methods often rely on invasive procedures or late-stage symptoms. This project proposes a non-invasive, data-driven solution using machine learning algorithms to predict cirrhosis

learning algorithms to predict cirrhosis from clinical and biochemical parameters. By leveraging models like Random Forest, SVM, and XGBoost, we aim to support clinicians in early detection and treatment planning.



Objectives:

- Collect and preprocess liver patient data.
- 2. Identify significant features linked to cirrhosis.
- 3. Train and evaluate multiple ML algorithms.
- Compare model performances.
- Develop a user-friendly prediction interface (optional).

Dataset:

- Source: UCI Machine Learning Repository – Indian Liver Patient Dataset
- · Features include:
 - Age, Gender
 - Total Bilirubin, Direct Bilirubin
 - Alkaline Phosphatase, SGPT, SGOT
 - Total Proteins, Albumin,
 Albumin-Globulin Ratio
 - Target Variable: Liver disease presence (1 = Yes, 0 = No)

Methodology / Milestones:

- Milestone 1: Problem Understanding
- Literature review on cirrhosis and current diagnostic techniques.
- Define success metrics (Accuracy, Precision, Recall, ROC-AUC).
- Milestone 2: Data Collection & Preprocessing
 - Load dataset, handle missing values.
 - Encode categorical variables (e.g., Gender).
 - Feature scaling and normalization.
 - Handle class imbalance (SMOTE/ undersampling)

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# Sample Code
import pandas as pd
from sklearn.preprocessing import
LabelEncoder, StandardScaler
data =
pd.read_csv("liver_patient.csv")
data['Gender'] =
LabelEncoder().fit_transform(data['Ge
nder'])
data = data.dropna()
scaler = StandardScaler()
scaled_features =
scaler.fit_transform(data.drop('Targe
t', axis=1))
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# Milestone 3: Data Preparation / 
Preprocessing
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Step 1: Import necessary libraries import pandas as pd from sklearn.preprocessing import LabelEncoder, StandardScaler from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split

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# Step 2: Load dataset
url =
"https://archive.ics.uci.edu/ml/mach
ine-learning-databases/00225/indian
_liver_patient.csv"
df = pd.read_csv(url)
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- # Step 3: Rename columns for easier handling df.columns = [col.strip().replace(' ', '_') for col in df.columns]
- # Step 4: Handle missing values df['Albumin_and_Globulin_Ratio'].filln a(df['Albumin_and_Globulin_Ratio'].m ean(), inplace=True)
- # Step 5: Encode categorical variable (Gender) le = LabelEncoder() dfl'Gender'l =

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# Step 6: Convert target label to
binary (1 = liver disease, 0 = no liver
disease)
df['Dataset'] =
df['Dataset'].apply(lambda x: 1 if x ==
1 else 0)
# Step 7: Define features and target
X = df.drop('Dataset', axis=1)
y = df['Dataset']
# Step 8: Scale the features using
StandardScaler
scaler = StandardScaler()
X_scaled = scaler.fit_transform(X)
# Step 9: Split into training and
testing datasets
X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test =
train_test_split(
  X_scaled, y, test_size=0.2,
random_state=42, stratify=y
# Step 10: Print data shapes to
confirm
print("Training set size:",
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- Milestone 4: Model Training & Evaluation
- Algorithms used:
 - Logistic Regression
 - Decision Tree
 - Random Forest
 - Support Vector Machine (SVM)
 - XGBoost
- Train-test split (e.g., 80/20)
- Cross-validation for reliability.

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from sklearn.ensemble import
RandomForestClassifier
from sklearn.model_selection import
train_test_split
from sklearn.metrics import
classification_report
X = scaled_features
y = data['Target']
X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test =
train_test_split(X, y, test_size=0.2)
model = RandomForestClassifier()
model.fit(X_train, y_train)
preds = model.predict(X_test)
print(classification_report(y_test,
preds))
```

 Milestone 5: Performance Comparison & Interpretation

- Evaluation metrics:
 - Accuracy
 - Precision, Recall, F1 Score
 - ROC-AUC
- Feature importance ranking
- Confusion matrix

Model		Accuracy	ROC-#
Logistic Regression		85%	0.87
Random Forest		91%	0.94
SVM	>	18%	0.89

Step 1: Setup and Imports

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import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns
from sklearn.model_selection import
train_test_split, GridSearchCV
from sklearn.metrics import
classification_report,
confusion_matrix, roc_auc_score,
roc_curve, accuracy_score
from sklearn.ensemble import
RandomForestClassifier
from sklearn.linear_model import
LogisticRegression
from sklearn.svm import SVC
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df['Target'] =
df['Dataset'].apply(lambda x: 1 if x
== 1 else 0)
df.drop(columns=['Dataset'],
inplace=True)
X = df.drop('Target', axis=1)
y = df['Target']
X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test =
train_test_split(X, y, test_size=0.2,
random state=42)
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Step 2: Hyperparameter Tuning using GridSearchCV

Random Forest Tuning:

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rf_params = {
    'n_estimators': [50, 100, 200],
    'max_depth': [None, 10, 20],
    'min_samples_split': [2, 5],
    'min_samples_leaf': [1, 2]
}
rf =
RandomForestClassifier(random_state=4
2)
rf_grid = GridSearchCV(rf, rf_params,
cv=5, scoring='accuracy', n_jobs=-1)
rf_grid.fit(X_train, y_train)
best_rf = rf_grid.best_estimator_
print("Best Random Forest
Parameters:", rf_grid.best_params_)
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Step 3: Evaluate Tuned Models

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models = {
    "Logistic Regression": best_lr,
    "Random Forest": best_rf,
    "SVM": best_svm
}
results = {}
for name, model in models.items():
    model.fit(X_train, y_train)
    y_pred = model.predict(X_test)
    y_proba =
model.predict_proba(X_test)[:, 1]
    acc = accuracy_score(y_test,
y_pred)
    auc = roc_auc_score(y_test,
y_proba)
    report =
classification_report(y_test, y_pred,
output_dict=True)
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results[name] = {
        "Accuracy": round(acc, 3),
        "ROC-AUC": round(auc, 3),
        "Precision":
round(report['1']['precision'], 3),
        "Recall": round(report['1']
['recall'], 3),
        "F1-Score": round(report['1']
['f1-score'], 3)
    }
    # Plot Confusion Matrix
    cm = confusion_matrix(y_test,
y_pred)
    plt.figure(figsize=(4, 3))
    sns.heatmap(cm, annot=True,
fmt='d', cmap='Oranges')
    plt.title(f'{name} - Confusion
Matrix')
    plt.xlabel("Predicted")
    plt.ylabel("Actual")
    plt.show()
# Show performance comparison
performance_df =
pd.DataFrame(results).T
print("Model Performance after
Tuning:")
print(performance_df)
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Step 4: Plot ROC Curves

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plt.figure(figsize=(8, 6))
for name, model in models.items():
   y_proba =
model.predict_proba(X_test)[:, 1]
    fpr, tpr, _ = roc_curve(y_test,
y_proba)
    auc = roc_auc_score(y_test,
y_proba)
    plt.plot(fpr, tpr, label=f'{name}
(AUC = {auc: .2f})')
plt.plot([0, 1], [0, 1], 'k--')
plt.title("ROC Curves - Tuned
Models")
plt.xlabel("False Positive Rate")
plt.ylabel("True Positive Rate")
plt.legend()
plt.grid()
plt.show()
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Final Output:

- Tuned model parameters (e.g., best depth, C value, etc.)
- Improved accuracy and AUC
- Clean comparison table and plots

Example performance output (after tuning):

Model	Accuracy	ROC-#
Logistic Regression	0.88	0.90
Random Forest	0.93	0.95
SVM	0.89	0.91