

A Data-science Report on:

# “Data science in healthcare and Medical imaging”

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## **JUST A SMALL GUIDE TO THE REPORT.**

### **In 1st chapter:**

I have practically implemented data analysis on a data set on heart patients to show the data cycles and all the machine learning algo's to predict the Heart attack on the patients.

(And got the result as 88.5% accuracy.)

1. Used data set from Kaggle website
2. jupyter notebook (App for running the python code and machine learning algorithms easily).
3. all screenshots are added in the report.

### **In 2nd chapter:**

Was not comfortable with the 2d data so didn't implement practically but theoretical explanation is given in here.

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# Data science in Health care

Data Science helps in advancing healthcare facilities and processes. It helps boost productivity in diagnosis and treatment and enhance the workflow of healthcare systems. The ultimate goals of the healthcare system are as follows:

- To ease the workflow of the healthcare system
- To reduce the risk of treatment failure
- To provide proper treatment on time
- To avoid unnecessary emergency due to the non-availability of doctors
- To reduce the waiting time of patients

## Data science applications In healthcare

- 1.Data Management and Data Governance
- 2.Workflow Optimization and Process Improvements
- 3.Medical Image Analysis
- 4.Genetics/ Genomics - Treatment personalization
- 5.Predictive Analytics and Healthcare

Medicine and healthcare are two of the most crucial aspects of our life as humans. Medicine has traditionally relied completely on the discretion advised by doctors. A doctor, for example, would have to recommend appropriate therapies depending on a patient's symptoms. This wasn't always the case, and it was prone to human mistake. It is now possible to gather precise diagnostic measures thanks to advances in computers and, in particular, Data Science. Data science is used in a variety of sectors in healthcare, including medical imaging, drug development, genomics, predictive diagnosis, and many others. We'll go over each field with examples one by one.

# Chapter 1

## Data science Life cycle data analysis on heart patients and predicting the stroke attack

### 1.1 Introduction

The data life cycle, also known as the information life cycle, relates to the duration of data storage in your system. This life cycle describes all of the stages that your data goes through from the time it is first captured to the time it is destroyed. It includes like data collection and data preparation and data analysis and visualization. and others in this chapter we are going analyse the data of a heart patient and try to build the machine learning model which predicts the stroke attach. with following all the data life cycle processes.

### 1.2 Practical implementation and showing the data cycle on heart petient dataset

For the for the analysis

we have taken data from kaggle website of heart certain patient information and we are going to analysis the data in jupiter notebook using python 3.

#### 1.2.1 Data collection and reading the data

Here the data is collected from kaggle website which is the data of certain heart patients.the data looks like this. Where here he data has the 14 columns and the the column names are as in the image

before that i have imported some of the necessary files as pandas , numpy and seaborn etc...

now lets move to the next step of data cycle

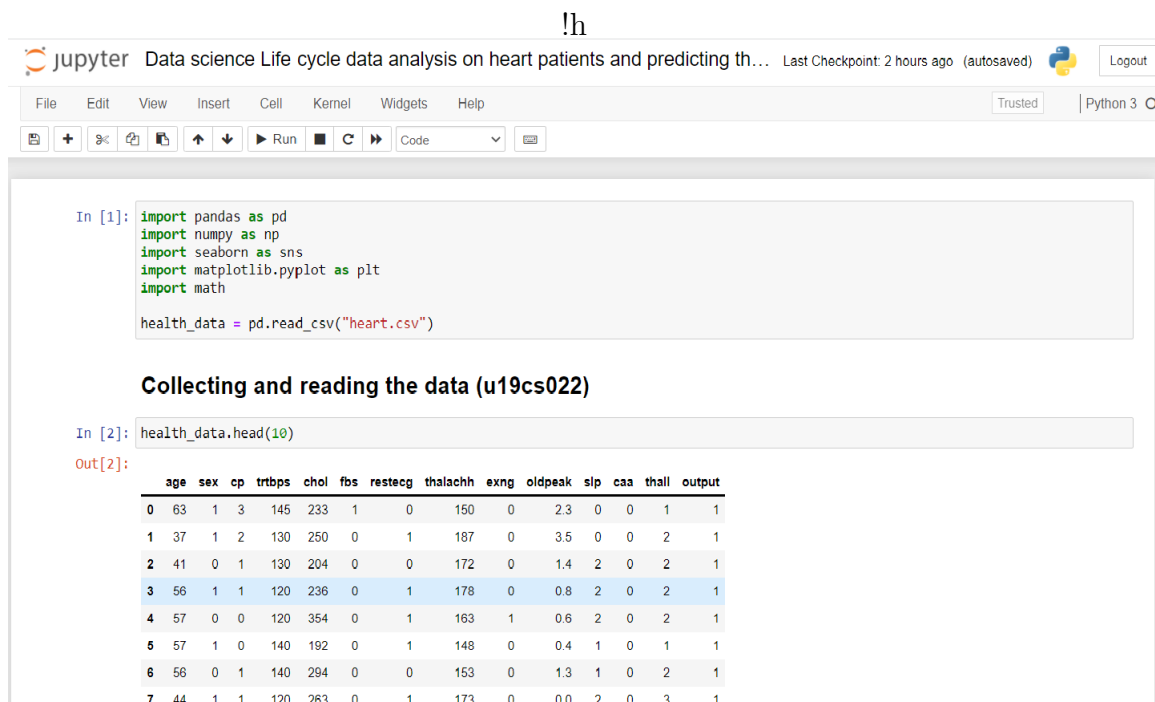


Figure 1.1: Hearth patients data

## 1.3 Data Preperation

A data scientist must first examine the data to identify any gaps or data that do not add any value. During this process, you must go through several steps, including:

- Data Integration: Resolve any conflicts in the dataset and eliminate redundancies
- Data Transformation: Normalize, transform and aggregate data using ETL (extract, transform, load) methods
- Data Reduction: Using various strategies, reduce the size of data without impacting the quality or outcome
- Data Cleaning: Correct inconsistent data by filling out missing values and smoothing out noisy data

Lets see this data preperation method added in our project..

For that a bit data analysis is required as to know the attributes of the column and the datatype of the columps and the number of null values and then all.

### 1.3.1 data analysis

Here we are going to check the shape of the data frame..

and checking the null values

Checking For datatypes of the attributes(u19cs022)

Cheaking for duplicate rows

## Data preparation (u19cs022)

```
In [4]: ##Checking the shape of DataFrame
print('Number of rows are',health_data.shape[0], 'and number of columns are ',health_data.shape[1])

Number of rows are 303 and number of columns are 14

In [5]: ##Checking for null values
health_data.isnull().sum()/len(health_data)*100

Out[5]: age      0.0
sex      0.0
cp       0.0
trtbps   0.0
chol     0.0
fbs      0.0
restecg  0.0
thalachh 0.0
exng     0.0
oldpeak  0.0
slp      0.0
caa      0.0
thall    0.0
output   0.0
dtype: float64
```

!h

Figure 1.2: Checking the null values

```
In [6]: ##Checking For datatypes of the attributes(u19cs022)
health_data.info()

<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
RangeIndex: 303 entries, 0 to 302
Data columns (total 14 columns):
#   Column      Non-Null Count  Dtype
---  ---
0    age        303 non-null    int64
1    sex        303 non-null    int64
2    cp         303 non-null    int64
3    trtbps     303 non-null    int64
4    chol       303 non-null    int64
5    fbs        303 non-null    int64
6    restecg    303 non-null    int64
7    thalachh   303 non-null    int64
8    exng       303 non-null    int64
9    oldpeak    303 non-null    float64
10   slp        303 non-null    int64
11   caa        303 non-null    int64
12   thall      303 non-null    int64
13   output     303 non-null    int64
dtypes: float64(1), int64(13)
memory usage: 33.3 KB
```

!h

Figure 1.3: Checking the datatype of all variables

```
In [9]: ##Cheaking for duplicate rows
health_data[health_data.duplicated()]

Out[9]:
```

	age	sex	cp	trtbps	chol	fbs	restecg	thalachh	exng	oldpeak	slp	caa	thall	output
164	38	1	2	138	175	0	1	173	0	0.0	2	4	2	1

!h

Figure 1.4: Checking for duplicates



### 1.3.2 data analysis by plotting the graph to show the relationship between the different variables or columns

1. graph on how many males have got the stroke the compare to the females.

```
In [12]: ##data analysis
sns.countplot(x="sex",data=health_data)
Out[12]: <AxesSubplot:xlabel='sex', ylabel='count'>
```

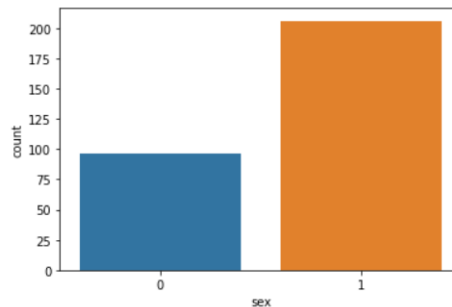


Figure 1.5: Male and Female (Comparison)

here the female number is looking because as of getting stroke so in the collected data females numbers are double than the males...

2. A histogram graph to show the age group of getting stroke

```
In [13]: health_data["age"].plot.hist()
Out[13]: <AxesSubplot:ylabel='Frequency'>
```

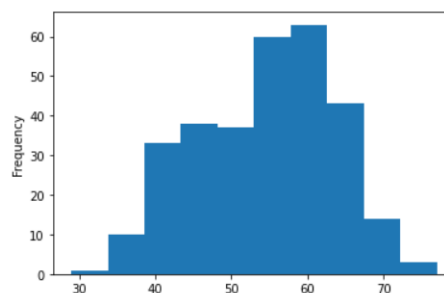


Figure 1.6: Age historigraph of patients

From the image you can conclude that the age between 55 and 65 has the higher chance of getting stroke.

3. Breaking down the ecg data of the patients

here the

1 151

0 147

2 4

Name: restecg, dtype: int64

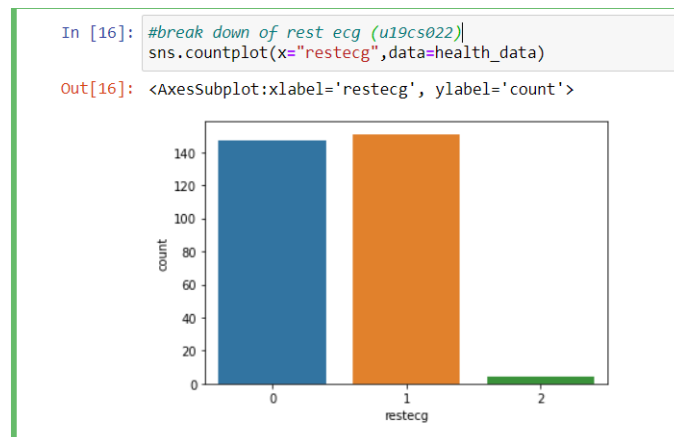


Figure 1.7: Rest ECG graph of patient

## 1.4 Data Wrangling

CLEAN THE DATA BY REMOVING THE NAN VALUES AND UNNECESARY COLUMNS INTHE DATASET.

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### Checking the null values

#### Data Wrangling

```
In [14]: health_data.isnull()

Out[14]:
```

	age	sex	cp	trtbps	chol	fbs	restecg	thalachh	exng	oldpeak	slp	caa	thall	output
0	False	False	False	False	False	False	False	False	False	False	False	False	False	False
1	False	False	False	False	False	False	False	False	False	False	False	False	False	False
2	False	False	False	False	False	False	False	False	False	False	False	False	False	False
3	False	False	False	False	False	False	False	False	False	False	False	False	False	False
4	False	False	False	False	False	False	False	False	False	False	False	False	False	False
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
298	False	False	False	False	False	False	False	False	False	False	False	False	False	False
299	False	False	False	False	False	False	False	False	False	False	False	False	False	False
300	False	False	False	False	False	False	False	False	False	False	False	False	False	False
301	False	False	False	False	False	False	False	False	False	False	False	False	False	False
302	False	False	False	False	False	False	False	False	False	False	False	False	False	False

302 rows x 14 columns

Figure 1.8: Finding the null values

from the above information we can see there is no element where there is null value so we cannot clean the data here.

Now checking any duplicate values are there in the dataset.

```
In [9]: ##Checking for duplicate rows
health_data[health_data.duplicated()]

Out[9]:
```

	age	sex	cp	trtbps	chol	fbs	restecg	thalachh	exng	oldpeak	slp	caa	thall	output
164	38	1	2	138	175	0	1	173	0	0.0	2	4	2	1

Figure 1.9: Finding the duplicate value

Checking from the above image there is a duplicate value which we have to remove or you can say cleaning the data.

```
In [10]: ##Data wrangling
##removing the duplicated data
health_data.drop_duplicates(keep='first',inplace=True)

In [11]: ##checking new shape of data
print('Number of rows are',health_data.shape[0], 'and number of columns are ',health_data.shape[1])

Number of rows are 302 and number of columns are 14
```

Figure 1.10: Checking the data shape after data cleaning

With datacleaning we removed the duplicated data and checked the new shaped dataset.

For the other columns like for sex we could have changed from female to give some numerical values for the ease of operation but all those things are already done so no need to some extra unnecessary cleaning process.

so from here Data wrangling completes.

## 1.5 Data Visualization

Data visualization is the graphical representation of information and data. By using visual elements like charts, graphs, and maps, data visualization tools provide an accessible way to see and understand trends, outliers, and patterns in data.

In the world of Big Data, data visualization tools and technologies are essential to analyze massive amounts of information and make data-driven decisions.

### Breakdown for chest pain

Checking for how many people got the stroke who where havign the certain value of chest pain.//

### Data visualization

In [18]: *#Breakdown for chest pain*

```
x=(health_data.cp.value_counts())  
print(x)  
p = sns.countplot(data=health_data, x="cp")  
plt.show()
```

```
0    143  
2     86  
1     50  
3     23  
Name: cp, dtype: int64
```

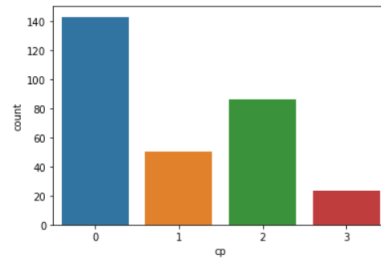


Figure 1.11: On Chest pain

In [19]: *#Breakdown of FBS*

```
x=(health_data.fbs.value_counts())  
print(x)  
p = sns.countplot(data=health_data, x="fbs")  
plt.show()
```

```
0    257  
1     45  
Name: fbs, dtype: int64
```

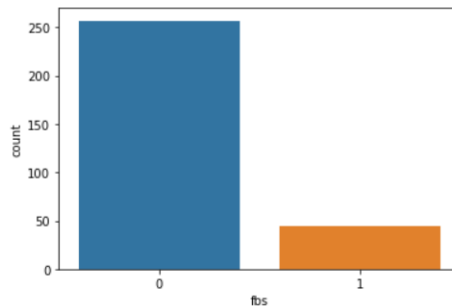


Figure 1.12: On FBS

With the graphs we can observe that.

1.It can be observed people have chest pain of type 0 i.e 'Typical Angina' is the highest.

2.It can be observed people have chest pain of type 3 i.e 'Asymptomatic' is the lowest

3.It can also be observed people with chest pain of type 0 is almost 50  
these are the conclusion made with the above graph which looks quite generes  
now lets continue the visualizing the data with other vaiarbles.

## Breakdown for Exercise Induced Angina

```
In [10]: #Breakdown for Exercise Induced Angina
x=(health_data.exng.value_counts())
print(x)
p = sns.countplot(data=health_data, x="exng")
plt.show()
```

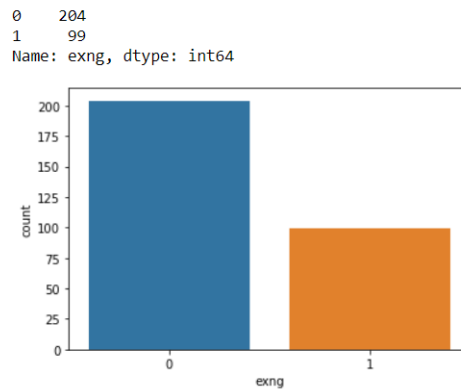


Figure 1.13: Exercise Induced Angina

FBS with value 0 is significantly higher than value 1.

## Thalium stress test

```
In [9]: #Breakdown for Thalium Stress Test
x=(health_data.thall.value_counts())
print(x)
p = sns.countplot(data=health_data, x="thall")
plt.show()
```

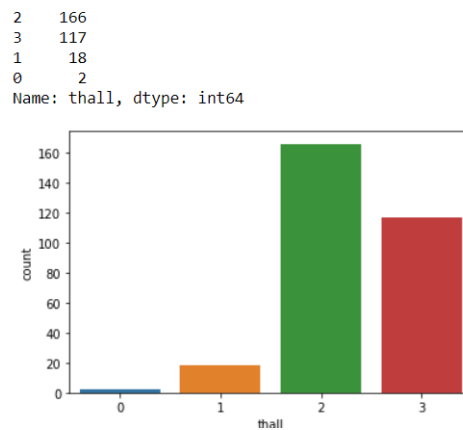


Figure 1.14: Thalium stress tes

With observing the above graph..

EXNG count is more than double for type 0

## Density distribution for Age

```
In [11]: #Density distribution for Age
plt.figure(figsize=(10,10))
sns.displot(health_data.age, color="red", label="Age", kde=True)
plt.legend()
```

Out[11]: <matplotlib.legend.Legend at 0x1c8a96993d0>

<Figure size 720x720 with 0 Axes>

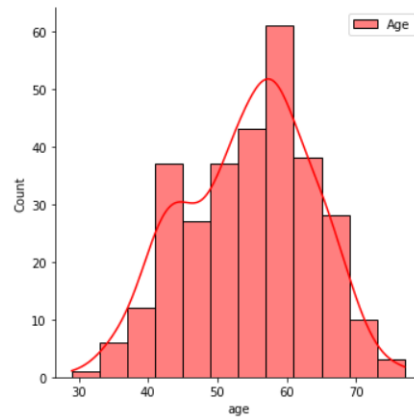


Figure 1.15: density distribution of age

Density distribution is highest for age group 55 to 60.

## Resting blood pressure

```
In [12]: #Density distribution is highest for age group 55 to 60
plt.figure(figsize=(20,20))
sns.displot(health_data.trtbps, color="green", label="Resting Blood Pressure", kde=True)
plt.legend()
```

Out[12]: <matplotlib.legend.Legend at 0x1c8a97affd0>

<Figure size 1440x1440 with 0 Axes>

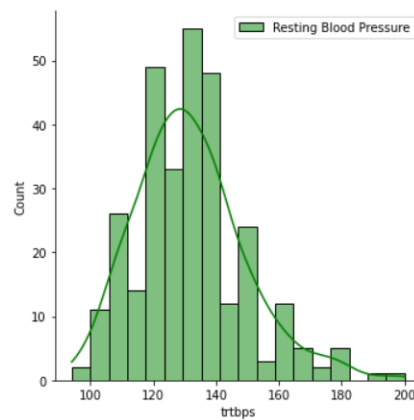


Figure 1.16: Blood pressure Vs heart attack

the heart attack is more for the ones who blood pressure in above 130.

## Heart Attack Vs Age

```
#Heart Attack Vs Age
plt.figure(figsize=(10,10))
sns.distplot(health_data[health_data['output'] == 0]['age'], color='green',kde=True,)
sns.distplot(health_data[health_data['output'] == 1]['age'], color='red',kde=True)
plt.title('Attack versus Age')
plt.show()
```

Figure 1.17: Code

Checking all graphs of different parameters with the age.

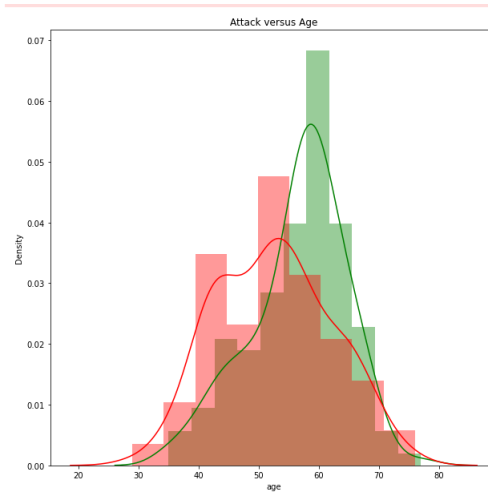


Figure 1.18: Heart attack Vs Age

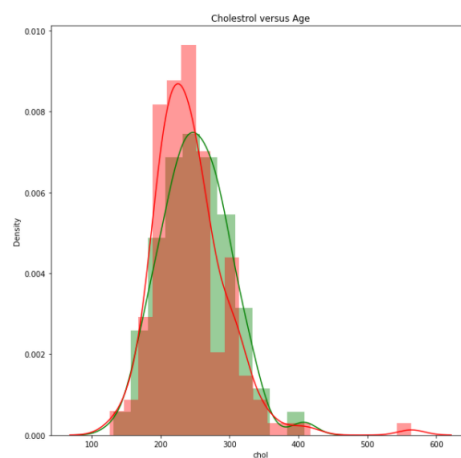


Figure 1.19: Cholestrol Vs Age

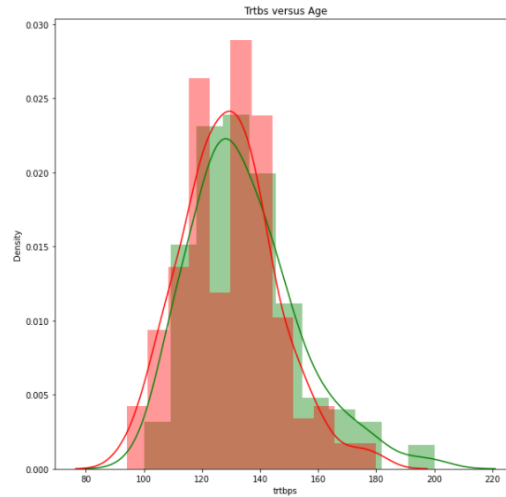


Figure 1.20: Trtbbs Vs Age

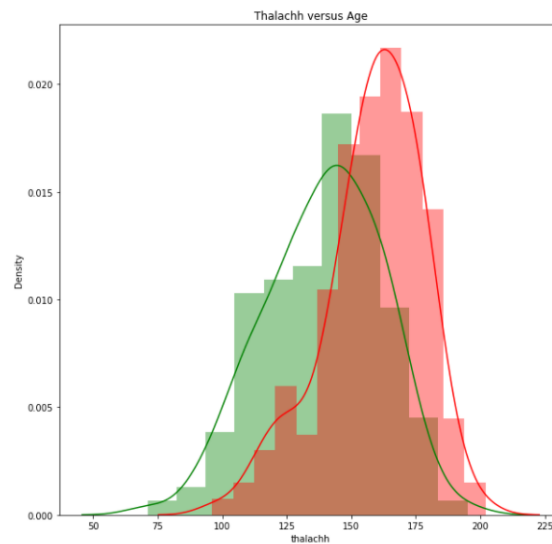


Figure 1.21: Thalachh Vs Age

By plotting all the graphs with different parameters with age so that we can analyse which disease are more common at which age which are cause most for the heart attack.

we got to see that the most vulnerable age for the heart attack is 50 to 60.

with this the data visualization is complete from now on we are going to do Data preprocessing.



## 1.6 Data Preprocessing

Data preprocessing is a process of preparing the raw data and making it suitable for a machine learning model. It is the first and crucial step while creating a machine learning model.

When creating a machine learning project, it is not always a case that we come across the clean and formatted data. And while doing any operation with data, it is mandatory to clean it and put in a formatted way. So for this, we use data preprocessing task. Lets do Data preprocessing one by one.

### Step 1

There's no need for categorical encoding..

as all data are in numerical format so we don't have to encode for categorical data..

### Step 2

#### Splitting the dataset into training and testing data

Importing necessary modules.

```
In [22]: #U19CS022
#Importing necessary modules

from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
from sklearn.preprocessing import StandardScaler
from sklearn.svm import SVC
from sklearn.linear_model import LogisticRegression

from sklearn.metrics import accuracy_score
from sklearn.neighbors import KNeighborsClassifier
from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestRegressor
from sklearn.neighbors import KNeighborsClassifier
from sklearn.naive_bayes import BernoulliNB
from sklearn.naive_bayes import GaussianNB
from sklearn.metrics import confusion_matrix
import warnings
warnings.filterwarnings("ignore", category=DeprecationWarning)
```

Figure 1.22: Importing necessary modules

The splitted data showing..

```
In [23]: #U19CS022
x_train, x_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(x, y, test_size=0.2, random_state=0)
print('Shape for training data', x_train.shape, y_train.shape)
print('Shape for testing data', x_test.shape, y_test.shape)

Shape for training data (242, 12) (242,)
Shape for testing data (61, 12) (61,)
```

Figure 1.23: Data splitting in test and train data

## feature scaling

```
In [4]: #WUCS022  
#feature scaling
```

```
scaler = StandardScaler()  
x_train = scaler.fit_transform(x_train)  
X_test = scaler.transform(X_test)
```

```
In [25]: x_train,x_test
```

```
Out[25]: (array([[ -1.43641607,   0.98584243, -0.57412513, ..., -0.66169316,  
                  -0.70710678,   0.46472917],  
                [-1.43641607,   0.98584243,   0.83186608, ..., -0.66169316,  
                 0.25516504,   0.45472917],  
                [ 0.69617712,   0.98584243,   0.47976828, ..., 0.95577901,  
                 -0.70710678, -0.46472917],  
                ... ,  
                [ 0.69617712,   1.94813791, -0.69122439, ..., -0.66169316,  
                 -0.70710678,   1.14190596],  
                [ 0.69617712,   0.98584243,   0.36266901, ..., 0.95577901,  
                 -0.70710678, -0.46472917],  
                [ 0.69617712,   0.83154696, -0.69122439, ..., -0.66169316,  
                 -0.70710678, -0.46472917]]),  
 array([[ 0.69617712, -0.92274852,  0.77251645, -1.36354075, -0.41803981,  
          0.90163613, -1.67375658,  1.40984195,  1.29080049, -2.27916533,  
          -0.70710678,  1.14190596],  
        [ 0.69617712,  1.94813791,  2.23625729, -0.3703119, -0.41803981,  
         -0.97936664,  0.22375805, -0.70929937, -0.38883987, -0.66169316,  
         -0.70710678,  1.14190596],  
        [ 0.69617712,  0.98584243,  0.47976828,  0.95577901, -0.66169316,
```

Figure 1.24: feature scaling

## 1.7 USING ALL MACHINE LEARNING ALGO'S TO PREDICT THE DATA

As we are all set as tested and trained the data.

It's the time to use the different machine learning algorithms to predict the outcome to complete our assignment for predicting the outcome whether a patient can have a heart attack or not.

### 1.7.1 1. Logistic Regression

```
In [26]: #U19CS022
#LogisticRegression

model = LogisticRegression()
model.fit(x_train, y_train)
predicted=model.predict(x_test)
conf = confusion_matrix(y_test, predicted)
print ("Confusion Matrix : \n", conf)
print()
print()
print ("The accuracy of Logistic Regression is : ", accuracy_score(y_test, predicted)*100, "%")

Confusion Matrix :
[[21  6]
 [ 4 30]]

The accuracy of Logistic Regression is : 83.60655737704919 %
```

Figure 1.25: Logistic Regression

The accuracy of Logistic Regression is : 83.60655737704919  
This accuracy is very good. lets check with ather algorithms.

## 1.7.2 2. Gaussian Naive Bayes

```
In [27]: #U19CS022
model = GaussianNB()
model.fit(x_train, y_train)
predicted = model.predict(x_test)
print("The accuracy of Gaussian Naive Bayes model is : ", accuracy_score(y_test, predicted)*100, "%")
The accuracy of Gaussian Naive Bayes model is : 86.88524590163934 %

In [ ]:
```

Figure 1.26: Gaussian Naive Bayes

The accuracy of Gaussian Naive Bayes model is : 86.88524590163934 percentage

## 1.7.3 3. Bernoulli Naive Bayes

```
In [28]: #U19CS022
model = BernoulliNB()
model.fit(x_train, y_train)
predicted = model.predict(x_test)
print("The accuracy of Gaussian Naive Bayes model is : ", accuracy_score(y_test, predicted)*100, "%")
The accuracy of Gaussian Naive Bayes model is : 88.52459016393442 %

In [ ]:
```

Figure 1.27: Bernoulli Naive Bayes

The accuracy of Gaussian Naive Bayes model is : 88.52459016393442 percentage  
True Positive + True Negative : 54  
False Positive + False Negative : 7

## 1.7.4 4. Support Vector Machine

```
In [29]: #U19CS022
model = SVC()
model.fit(x_train, y_train)
predicted = model.predict(x_test)
print("The accuracy of SVM is : ", accuracy_score(y_test, predicted)*100, "%")
The accuracy of SVM is : 86.88524590163934 %

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```

Figure 1.28: Support Vector Machine

The accuracy of SVM is : 86.88524590163934 percentage

## 1.7.5 5. Random Forest

```
In [31]: #U19CS022

model = RandomForestRegressor(n_estimators = 100, random_state = 0)
model.fit(x_train, y_train)
predicted = model.predict(x_test)
print("The accuracy of Random Forest is : ", accuracy_score(y_test, predicted.round()*100, "%"))

The accuracy of Random Forest is : 85.24590163934425 %

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Figure 1.29: Random Forest

The accuracy of Random Forest is : 85.24590163934425 percentage

## 1.7.6 6. K Nearest Neighbours

```
In [32]: #U19CS022

model = KNeighborsClassifier(n_neighbors = 1)
model.fit(x_train, y_train)
predicted = model.predict(x_test)

print(confusion_matrix(y_test, predicted))
print("The accuracy of KNN is : ", accuracy_score(y_test, predicted.round()*100, "%"))

[[22  5]
 [ 8 26]]
The accuracy of KNN is : 78.68852459016394 %
```

Figure 1.30: K Nearest Neighbours

The accuracy of KNN is : 78.68852459016394 percentage

## Optimizing the KNN

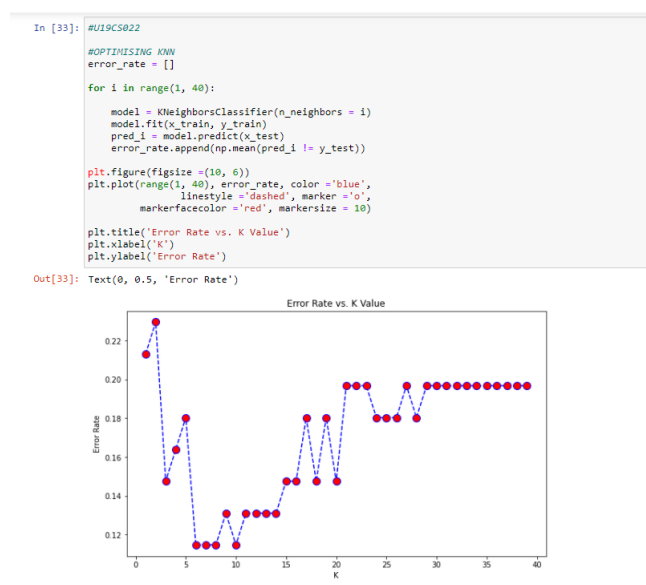


Figure 1.31: Finding the errors

With k=7 as it hovers after that

## Checking the Knn accuracy again

```
In [34]: #U19C5022

model = KNeighborsClassifier(n_neighbors = 7)
model.fit(x_train, y_train)
predicted = model.predict(x_test)

print('Confusion Matrix :')
from sklearn.metrics import classification_report, confusion_matrix
print(confusion_matrix(y_test, predicted))

print()
print()
print("The accuracy of KNN is : ", accuracy_score(y_test, predicted.round())*100, "%")

Confusion Matrix :
[[23  4]
 [ 3 31]]

The accuracy of KNN is : 88.52459016393442 %

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Figure 1.32: Checking the Knn accuracy again

The accuracy of KNN is : 88.52459016393442 percentage

## 1.8 Conclusion

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1. Most of the models are performing really well.
2. OPTIMIZED KNN is performing the best for the given dataset. (88.5)

With the accuracy of 88.5 percentage our model not can predict the heart attack of patients. Here our data ends were we took a data of heart patients and now with using all the datacycles and machine learning models we are ending this chapter.

# Chapter 2

## Medical imaging from Data science

Medical imaging, also known as radiology, is the field of medicine in which medical professionals recreate various images of parts of the body for diagnostic or treatment purposes. Medical imaging procedures include non-invasive tests that allow doctors to diagnose injuries and diseases without being intrusive.

Medical imaging is a central part of the improved outcomes of modern medicine. Different types of medical imaging procedures include:

- X-rays
- Magnetic resonance imaging (MRI)
- Ultrasounds
- Endoscopy
- Tactile imaging
- Computerized tomography (CT scan)

Other beneficial medical imaging procedures include nuclear medicine functional imaging techniques, such as positron emission tomography (PET) scans. Other uses of medical imaging include scans to see how well your body is responding to a treatment for a fracture or illness.

### 2.1 Types of medical data

Medical data (images) are produced by interaction of different forms of radiation with tissue and it can range from a simple chest X-ray to more complex images produced by functional magnetic resonance imaging (fMRI). Different techniques of medical imaging such as radiology, nuclear medicine, or optical imaging, provide images with different spatial and temporal resolutions.

#### 2.1.1 Radiography

X-ray is a form of electromagnetic radiation which consists of photons. It was discovered by Wilhelm Konrad Röntgen while he was studying cathode tubes. He found out that the tube was emitting light as well as a new mysterious kind of radiation which he called X-rays. Soon he discovered that this radiation can travel through different material and also be captured on a photographic plate. Before

long, x-rays were being used for medical purposes.<sup>9</sup> The resolution of the images produced by radiographic systems depends on several parameters including the size of the focal spot, thickness of the body part, and the light scattering properties of the fluorescent screen.<sup>10</sup> X-ray photons by nature carry some quantum noise. The noise amplitude is corresponding to the square root of the signal amplitude and the signal-to-noise ratio (SNR) behaves as the square root of the signal amplitude. Therefore, dose reduction is not unpunished in image quality. Some conversions during imaging process also add noise and reduce the SNR.

### 2.1.2 X-ray Computed Tomography

Computed tomography (CT) became feasible only after the development of modern computers. It is a tool that reconstructs images from measured data.<sup>11</sup> Tomographic imaging consists of capturing x-ray images of an object from multiple orientations and measuring the decrease in intensity along several linear paths. Then, an algorithm reconstructs the distribution of X-ray attenuation in the volume that is scanned.<sup>12</sup> CT data consists of a sequence (thousands) of images which can be visualized using different 2D or 3D image processing tools. Volume rendering and isosurfacing are the two standard modes of 3D visualization of CT data. CT values are the gray-level numbers in images. Volume rendering involves mapping each CT value to a color and an opacity. Some phases can be rendered transparent, revealing the internal structure. Isosurfacing is defining 3D contour surfaces distinguishing the boundaries between CT numbers, separating the elevation values on a topographic map.

### 2.1.3 Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI)

In magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), a powerful magnet is used to generate images that cannot be captured using X-rays or CT such as joints, cartilage, ligaments, and tendons.<sup>14</sup> The MRI machine is used to create a static electromagnetic field to align the proton spins of hydrogen atoms in blood. A short radio frequency wave reorients the nuclei of the atoms and the atoms absorb this energy. When the interfering wave stops, the protons gradually return to their aligned spin and release the energy that is stored in them. This produces a radio signal that is measured by the scanner and interpreted into images. Protons in different tissues generate different signals which are used to distinguish various types of tissue.<sup>15</sup> The MRI data is captured at a very high rate (multiple slices per second). The trade-off for this high speed is a low spatial resolution. MRI data also suffers from a variety of distortions because of the effect of magnetic field inhomogeneities. Furthermore,

### 2.1.4 Functional MR Imaging (fMRI)

Regardless of any external stimuli, live brains show activity unceasingly. The neurons with higher activity consume more oxygen. Functional MRI is a non-invasive method that locates and measures the fluctuations in blood-oxygen-level dependent fluctuations and provides a map of the functional connectivity in brain.<sup>17</sup> The signal that is measured is complex valued. Both real and imaginary components are measured with independent error that is normally distributed. The reconstructed voxel data is also complex valued since Fourier Transform is a linear operation. In

most studies, the phase portion is discarded and only magnitude is used since it carries most of the useful information. It is important to know the behavior of the signal and noise presented in fMRI data to be able to properly model the components.<sup>18</sup> Neural activity unfolds in time and space. Therefore, spatial and temporal resolution of data can result in some limitations in deriving conclusions. Temporal resolution aids distinguishing brain events in time and spatial resolution, across spatial locations. The nature of fMRI experiments prevent having ideal spatial and temporal resolution at the same time. Therefore, it is important to find the perfect balance between the spatial and temporal resolution requirements for each specific experiment.<sup>19</sup> MRI and fMRI can use either Arterial Spin Labeling (ASL) or Blood Oxygen Level Dependent (BOLD) signals. The method is selected based on the required sensitivity and other specifications of the experiment

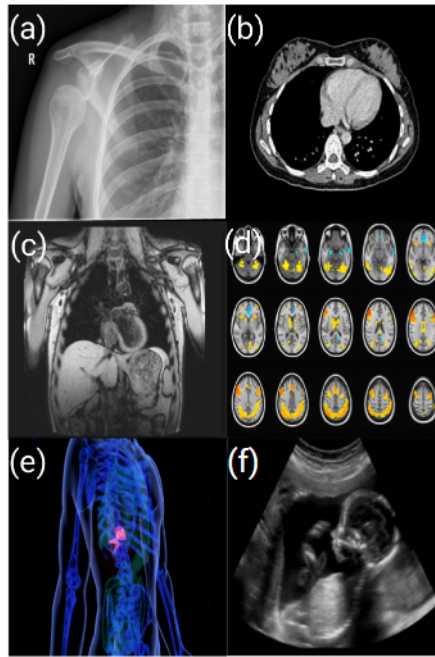


Figure 2.1: scanning images

(f)Figure 2.1. (a) An inferior shoulder dislocation radiology. (b) CT lung cancer screening. (c) Chest MRI. (d) fMRI brainscans of functional connectivity. (e) A sample nuclear medicine image of torso on the human body. (f ) Fetal ultrasound. during scans are the other substantial source of noise in MRI data sets. Even slight movements can result in a big change in the captured signal. For this reason, realignment is often one of the primary step in analyzing this data

## 2.2 Nuclear Medicine Imaging

The method of observing the radiation from different parts of the body after a radioactive tracer is injected or orally given to the patient, is nuclear medicine imaging which is used for observing tumors, infections, and thyroid or bone scintigraphy. It is ensured that the radiation exposure to patients is as low as possible. The two common types of nuclear medicine imaging are Single Photon Emission Computed To-



mography (SPECT) and Positron Emission Tomography (PET). PET and SPECT both produce three dimensional images and the main difference is in the radiotracer that is used in the process. Comparing to SPECT, PET is more costly but it produces better contrast and spatial resolution. PET data can be captured dynamically or statically. Dynamic acquisition lets us observe the long-term behavior of the tracer in the tissue and is a great way to get quantitative measurements of the target area. Static acquisition provides semi-quantitative information and it works by specifying one time frame over the course of imaging. Static images can also be obtained from dynamic data by finding the average of radioactivity over a set of time frames.<sup>21</sup> In SPECT, the camera moves around the patient and the images are captured from at least 180 degrees. After the scan, reconstruction is done by filtered-back projection methods. The images are viewed in the transverse, sagittal or coronal planes or as three dimensional models. The useful property of SPECT is that the reconstructed images can be viewed in multiple planes and it is possible to separate overlapping structures.

## 2.3 Ultrasound

Ultrasound is a widely available, safe, and non-invasive method for producing real-time images of the structures inside of the body or the blood flow, by using sound waves. In ultrasound scanning or sonography, high frequency sound waves are transmitted into the body and the transducer collects the reflected signal to create an image. Ultrasound can produce images of thin sections of the body. However, it is possible to create three dimensional images from the acquired data

## 2.4 Analysis

### 2.4.1 Preprocessing

Medical images, similar to most real-world data, suffer from issues that if not treated, can increase the inaccuracy of the results of analyzing the images. Contrast adjusting, noise reduction, physiological artifacts removal, and handling the missing data are some of the reasons for performing preprocessing steps, prior to analysis, in order to validate model assumptions.

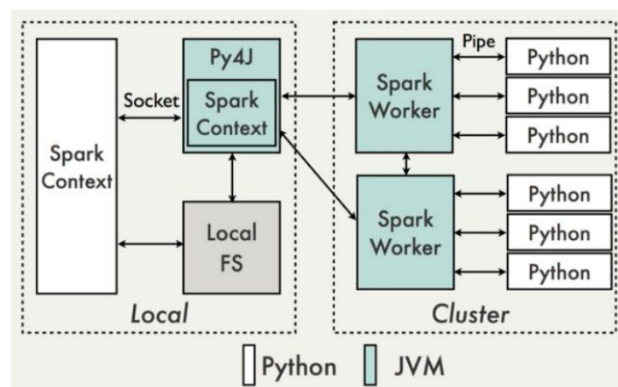


Figure 2.2: pyspark dataflow

Figure 2.2. An illustration of PySpark data flow. The Python environments were shaded in white and the Java environments were shaded in blue.

### 2.4.2 segmentation

Segmentation is partitioning the image into sets of regions to extract the areas of interest. Regions can be defined by a particular shape, border, color, or texture. Classical clustering methods that perform segmentation by finding pixels similar in intensity values, RGB values, texture, and more, include Iterative K-means and Iso-date clustering. Histogram methods and different variations of it such as Ohlander's Recursive Histogram technique assume that the homogeneous objects in the image can be extracted as clusters on the histogram.<sup>31</sup> Region growing is the other method for segmentation. In this method, the algorithm starts from one point in the image (usually the top left corner) and grows the region until the pixels are too different from the current region and form a set of connected pixels with same population mean and variance.<sup>32</sup> The other type of region-based segmentation algorithm is Threshold Segmentation which directly divides the gray scale information based on the value of different targets. For images that include several touching objects, the Watershed Segmentation methods could be applied. The watershed transform seeks catchment basins and watershed ridge lines in an image to distinguish between foreground and background and the region that each pixel belongs to

### 2.4.3 Region of Interest (ROI)

ROI analysis involves extracting the signal from specified regions by selecting clusters of pixels or voxels in the image and it can be used for analysis within one subject or across multiple ones. Using ROI techniques reduce the type I errors that can occur in analysis, by limiting the number of statistical tests to a few ROIs.<sup>34</sup> In analyzing medical images, loss of data results in loss of vital information. ROI is mainly used for medical images. Each image is divided into two parts, foreground; the areas that carry diagnostically important information, and background; the rest of the image. To preserve the quality of the diagnostic part, lossless compression techniques are favorable. Additionally, the diagnostic part has higher priority in transmissions.<sup>35</sup> Exploratory ROIs are spheres of the same diameter, placed at the local maxima in the statistical map. The locations of the ROIs can be selected based on anatomical templates such as Talairach atlas for brains, or functionally based on the data from images produced by techniques such as fMRI, or based on previous studies.<sup>34</sup> For different types of medical images, there are several tools that help with placing and analyzing ROIs such as SPM by Wellcome Trust Centre for Neuroimaging for brain images or Matlab for different types of medical images. After extracting all the ROI coordinates, a value should be calculated for each point of interest. The simplest way of calculating this value is finding the mean for each point. However, the mean can be easily affected by outliers in which case.

#### 2.4.4 Fourier Transform

The Fourier Transform is suitable for image processing including filtering, compression, and reconstruction, to decompose the image into sine and cosine components which represent the image. The Discrete Fourier Transform (DFT) provides a sample of all frequencies in the image that is large enough to fully represent the geometric characteristics of a spatial domain image. DFT can provide a good representation of signal changes and behavior for discrete time signals.<sup>42</sup> The characteristics that change with time cannot be represented using DFT since it can only be used for slices (windows) of the signals that have a fixed time duration

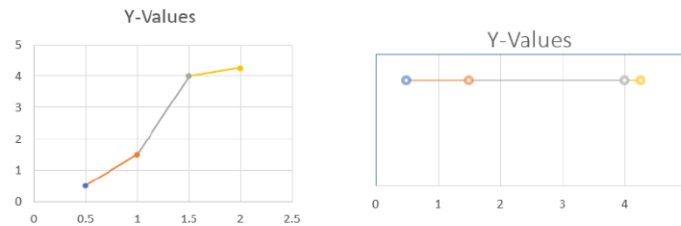


Figure 2.3: PCA Transformation

Figure 2.3. PCA Transformation of a 2D (left) to a 1D line graph (right) - In this dataset, the value of X is barely informative since the distances are regular. By removing the X values and projecting the Y values onto a 1D chart, we can observe the variances more visibly

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