Iris Classification

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Project Overview:-

This project focuses on classifying Iris flower species based on petal and sepal dimensions using machine learning. The model is trained, evaluated, and deployed via a Flask web application. Visualization and exploratory analysis help in understanding feature importance and patterns.

1. Problem Statement:-

• Objective: To classify iris flowers into Setosa, Versicolor, or Virginica species.
• Deliverables:
  - Trained classification model using KNN
  - Visualizations for EDA
  - Flask-based interactive web app for classification

2. Dataset Details:-

• Source: UCI Machine Learning Repository
• Format: CSV
• Features:
  - SepalLengthCm, SepalWidthCm
  - PetalLengthCm, PetalWidthCm
  - Species (Target)

3. Data Preprocessing & Feature Engineering:-

• Label encoded species column to convert it into numeric.
• Used StandardScaler to normalize the feature space.
• Split dataset into 80% train and 20% test sets.

4. Exploratory Data Analysis:-

• Pairplots were used to visualize class separation.
• Boxplots showed feature distribution across species.
• Correlation heatmaps were used to find important features.

5. Machine Learning Model:-

• Model Used: K-Nearest Neighbors (KNN)
• Hyperparameters tuned using GridSearchCV
• Final model: KNeighborsClassifier(n_neighbors=9)

6. Model Evaluation:-

• Accuracy achieved: ~100.0%
• Evaluation Metrics: Confusion matrix and accuracy score

7. Web Application (Flask):-

• Inputs: Sepal length, Sepal width, Petal length, Petal width
• Outputs:
  - Predicted species
  - Data visualization plots (pairplot, boxplot, heatmap)
• Backend: Flask
• Frontend: HTML form + Matplotlib image rendering

8. Key Insights & Takeaways:-

• Petal measurements are the most important features.
• KNN performs well for this classification task with high accuracy.
• Web deployment makes the solution user-friendly and interactive.

File Structure:-

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project/
├── app.py
├── Iris.csv
├── templates/
│   └── index.html
├── static/
│   ├── boxplot_petal_length.png
│   ├── boxplot_petal_width.png
│   ├── boxplot_petal_width.png
│   ├── boxplot_sepal_length.png
│   ├── boxplot_sepal_width.png
│   ├── confusion_matrix.png
│   ├── correlation_heatmap.png
│   ├── pairplot.png
│   ├── knn_model.pkl
│   ├── label_encoder.pkl
│   └── scaler.pkl
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