**Title:** Smart Re-admit: AI-Powered Re-admission Predictor

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**ABSTRACT:**

Hospital readmissions are a significant challenge in healthcare, contributing to increased costs and strained resources. This project presents a machine learning-based solution for predicting patient re-admissions using structured electronic health records (EHRs). A comprehensive preprocessing pipeline is implemented, including missing value imputation, label encoding, feature scaling, and class balancing with SMOTEENN, ensuring high-quality inputs for modeling. Various algorithms, such as Logistic Regression, Decision Trees, XGBoost, and Neural Networks, are evaluated using classification metrics. Hyperparameter tuning via RandomizedSearchCV enhances model performance, with XGBoost yielding the highest accuracy and balanced predictions. The integration of explainable AI features, such as top-10 feature importance visualization, enables transparent decision-making and clinical insights. Additionally, a Streamlit-based user interface is developed to allow easy interaction, model training, and interpretation of results by healthcare professionals. This end-to-end solution demonstrates the potential of AI in reducing hospital readmission rates and supporting more informed, data-driven care planning.

**Keywords:** Patient re-admission, EHR, XGBoost, Streamlit, predictive analytics, healthcare AI, class

balancing.

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**CHAPTER-1**

# INTRODUCTION

**1.1 BRIEF INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROPOSED SYSTEM :**

* In the current age of data-driven healthcare, the ability to predict patient outcomes using historical medical data has become a critical tool for hospitals and healthcare providers. One such outcome of immense clinical and economic significance is **hospital re-admission** — the scenario in which a patient who has recently been discharged returns to the hospital within a short period, often indicating unresolved health issues, complications, or inadequate post-discharge care.

* Hospital re-admissions are a major concern in the healthcare industry worldwide. From a medical perspective, they often reflect gaps in patient care, such as incorrect medication, insufficient monitoring, or poor treatment plans. From an administrative viewpoint, these re-admissions lead to increased operational costs, inefficient use of hospital resources, and in some cases, penalties imposed by health insurance and government bodies. For instance, in the United States, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) penalize hospitals with higher-than-expected 30-day re-admission rates. Therefore, being able to predict whether a patient is likely to be re-admitted after discharge holds substantial value, both in terms of improving patient outcomes and optimizing healthcare costs.

* This Proposed system addresses the pressing issue of patient re-admission by leveraging the power of **machine learning** and **deep learning techniques**. Using a real-world dataset derived from hospital patient records, this work aims to develop models that can accurately predict whether a patient will be re-admitted after discharge. By identifying patterns in patient demographics, diagnoses, medications, and hospital procedures, machine learning algorithms can classify patients into high-risk and low-risk categories. This empowers healthcare professionals to provide more personalized and proactive treatment strategies for patients at higher risk of readmission.

* The dataset used in this Proposed system contains various features such as patient age, race, gender, number of inpatient visits, type of medication prescribed, primary diagnosis codes, time spent in the hospital, number of lab procedures, and more. These features are preprocessed, cleaned, and engineered to create a suitable input for various classification models. Extensive **Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA)** is conducted to understand trends, correlations, and hidden insights that contribute to re-admission risk.

* To address the prediction problem, this study employs a range of machine learning models including **Logistic Regression, Random Forest, XGBoost, K-Nearest Neighbors, Decision Tree, Naive Bayes, and Gradient Boosting**, alongside deep learning models like **Multilayer Perceptron (MLP)** using both Scikit-learn and Keras. Each model is evaluated based on accuracy, precision, recall, and F1 score. The goal is to identify the best-performing algorithm that not only achieves high accuracy (preferably above 90%) but also maintains generalizability and robustness on unseen data.

* One of the unique aspects of this Proposed system is the use of both traditional and deep learning models to compare performance. While traditional models often provide interpretability, deep learning models such as neural networks can capture more complex, nonlinear relationships in the data, potentially leading to better predictions. Moreover, techniques like feature importance analysis and confusion matrices are used to gain a deeper understanding of how each model makes decisions.

* In summary, this Proposed system presents a comprehensive approach to solving a real-world healthcare challenge through data science. It demonstrates how thoughtful data preprocessing, insightful EDA, and the application of advanced machine learning algorithms can contribute to better decision-making in hospitals. Beyond the predictive aspect, the analysis provides valuable insights into which factors are most closely associated with re-admissions, offering actionable knowledge that can be used to improve patient care strategies. Ultimately, the successful implementation of such predictive models can lead to reduced readmission rates, lower healthcare costs, and most importantly, improved patient outcomes.

**1.2 MOTIVATION AND CONTRIBUTION OF PROPOSED SYSTEM :**

* The growing complexity of healthcare delivery, combined with the rapid expansion of digital medical records, has created a wealth of data that is often underutilized. In particular, **hospital re-admissions** have become a key indicator of both the quality of healthcare and its efficiency. Patients who are re-admitted within a short period after discharge frequently represent cases where follow-up care was insufficient, medical issues were not fully resolved, or there were miscommunications during the transition from hospital to home care.

* From a financial standpoint, frequent and avoidable re-admissions significantly increase healthcare costs and strain limited hospital resources. Many hospitals face governmental and insurance penalties for high readmission rates, making it essential to identify and mitigate risk factors proactively. At the same time, for patients, re-admissions can be physically, emotionally, and financially burdensome.

* With the increasing availability of electronic health records (EHR), there lies a powerful opportunity to use **machine learning and artificial intelligence** to identify patterns and risk factors that may not be visible through traditional clinical judgment. By developing a reliable predictive model, hospitals can intervene earlier and offer more targeted care to those who need it most.

* Our motivation for this Proposed system stems from the desire to bridge the gap between data science and healthcare by developing a solution that can help reduce hospital re-admissions, improve patient outcomes, and support overburdened healthcare systems. This Proposed system stands at the intersection of **data science, healthcare innovation, and social impact**, making it a highly relevant and meaningful endeavor.

* 1. **OBJECTIVE OF THE PROPOSED SYSTEM :**

This Proposed system mainly focuses on to design a trustworthy access control mechanism based on smart contract to ensure users for efficient and secure EHR sharing. This access control can identify and prevent unauthorized access of electronic health system to achieve aimed level of data privacy and network security.

* 1. **CONTRIBUTION OF THE PROPOSED SYSTEM :**

This Proposed system makes several important contributions in the field of healthcare analytics and predictive modeling:

* + 1. **Comprehensive Data Preprocessing and EDA :** We begin with thorough cleaning, encoding, and transformation of the dataset, including handling missing values, categorical variables, and outliers. Detailed **Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA)** helps uncover key trends and relationships within the data, providing a strong foundation for model building.
    2. **Multi-Model Evaluation Framework :** Unlike Proposed systems that rely on a single algorithm, we implemented and compared a wide range of machine learning models, including:
       - Logistic Regression
       - Decision Trees
       - Random Forest
       - K-Nearest Neighbors
       - Naive Bayes
       - XGBoost
       - Gradient Boosting
       - Deep Learning (MLP using Keras)

This extensive model comparison allows us to evaluate the performance trade-offs between simplicity, interpretability, and predictive accuracy.

* + 1. **Deep Learning Integration :** We incorporate **deep learning techniques**, specifically **Multilayer Perceptron (MLP)** models, to explore the potential of neural networks in healthcare prediction tasks. This provides a baseline for how deep learning can capture complex, nonlinear relationships that traditional models might miss.
    2. **Prediction of Re-admission Risk with High Accuracy :** The models are optimized to predict whether a patient is likely to be re-admitted after discharge. Performance metrics such as **accuracy, precision, recall, F1-score, and confusion matrix** are used to evaluate and validate the models, ensuring robustness and reliability.
    3. **Feature Importance and Interpretability:** Through techniques like feature importance ranking (from tree-based models), the Proposed system identifies the most influential features contributing to patient readmissions. This not only improves model explainability but also helps healthcare providers focus on key risk factors.
    4. **Scalable and Generalizable Framework :** The modular design of our pipeline (data preprocessing, model training, evaluation) ensures that it can be applied to other similar datasets or medical scenarios, making it scalable and adaptable for future use in other domains of healthcare.
    5. **Real-world Application Potential :** The ultimate vision of this Proposed systems is to support hospitals and medical staff in making **data-driven decisions**. By identifying high-risk patients early, hospitals can plan follow-ups, assign case managers, or adjust care plans to reduce the likelihood of re-admission.

# CHAPTER-2 LITERATURE SURVEY

**INTRODUCTION :**

Literature survey is the most important step in software development process. Before developing the tool it is necessary to determine the time factor, economy and company strength. Once these things are satisfied, ten next steps are to determine which operating System and Language can be used for developing the tool.

The prediction of hospital re-admissions is a significant area of study in healthcare analytics due to its potential to reduce costs, optimize resource allocation, and improve patient care. Several researchers and institutions have attempted to model and forecast patient re-admission risks using both traditional statistical techniques and modern machine learning approaches. This chapter discusses the key studies and methodologies from the literature and how our Proposed system builds upon and advances them.

## 2.1 Traditional Approaches to Re-admission Prediction

Earlier efforts in re-admission prediction primarily relied on **statistical models** like **logistic regression and Cox proportional hazards models**. These models offered explainability but often lacked predictive power due to their linear nature.

* **Kansagara et al. (2011)** conducted a comprehensive review of 30 re-admission risk prediction models. They found that most traditional models performed poorly, with **C-statistics below 0.7**, suggesting a need for more robust approaches.
* **Hasan et al. (2010)** used logistic regression to identify high-risk patients among heart failure cases. Their model achieved modest performance, limited by the availability of structured data and the exclusion of unstructured clinical notes.

## 2.2 Machine Learning in Re-admission Prediction

Machine learning models offer improved performance by capturing non-linear patterns and high-dimensional interactions in patient data.

* **Choi et al. (2016)** applied Random Forest and Gradient Boosting methods to predict 30-day re-admissions and found **tree-based models** outperformed traditional ones in accuracy and robustness.
* **Zhou et al. (2018)** explored Support Vector Machines (SVM) and XGBoost, achieving high AUC scores (~0.85) on EHR datasets from diabetes patients.
* **Rajkomar et al. (2018)** used deep learning on EHR data for predicting multiple clinical outcomes, including re-admission. They demonstrated that **neural networks** could match or exceed clinician-level performance in some cases.

## 2.3 Deep Learning Techniques

The use of deep learning, particularly **Multilayer Perceptrons (MLP)** and **Recurrent Neural Networks (RNNs)**, has gained momentum due to its ability to model complex, temporal patterns.

* **Miotto et al. (2016)** introduced a deep representation learning framework, **DeepPatient**, to extract patient representations from EHR and predict disease outcomes, including hospital re-admissions.
* **Lipton et al. (2017)** leveraged LSTMs for time-series medical data, improving prediction accuracy for diagnoses and outcomes over static features.

These studies underline the potential of neural architectures to handle sequence-based health data, though interpretability remains a challenge.

## 2.4 Commonly Used Datasets

Various datasets have been employed in past studies:

* **MIMIC-III (Medical Information Mart for Intensive Care):** A publicly available dataset widely used in medical ML research.
* **CMS Medicare Claims Data:** Used by several U.S. hospitals to train models on re-admissions among elderly patients.
* **UCI Diabetic Dataset:** Used for diabetes-related re-admission studies. This is the dataset used in our Proposed system as well.

## 2.5 Summary of Techniques

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Author(s)** | **Year Technique Used** | **Dataset** | **Accuracy / AUC** |
| Choi et al. | 2016 Random Forest | Hospital EHR | ~0.78 |
| Zhou et al. | 2018 XGBoost, SVM | Diabetes Dataset | AUC ~0.85 |
| Rajkomar et al. | 2018 Deep Learning | EHR | High accuracy |
| Lipton et al. | 2017 LSTM | ICU EHR | AUC ~0.90 |
| Miotto et al. | 2016 DeepPatient (Autoencoder) | EHR | Improved disease prediction |

### 2.6 Research Gaps Identified

While previous studies offer valuable insights, they also highlight some limitations:

* Limited interpretability of complex models like deep learning.
* Inadequate feature engineering and EDA in some machine learning pipelines.
* Focus on narrow patient groups (e.g., diabetes, heart failure), reducing generalizability.
* Less emphasis on real-time integration of models into hospital systems.

### 2.7 Contribution Over Existing Work

Our Proposed system contributes to the field by:

* Applying and comparing **multiple ML and DL models** on a well-known diabetic patient dataset.
* Incorporating extensive **EDA, preprocessing, and feature selection** steps often skipped in earlier works.
* Ensuring **model explainability** through feature importance plots and confusion matrices.
* Designing a pipeline that is **modular, scalable, and interpretable**, aiming for practical deployment.

**CHAPTER-3**

# SYSTEM ANALYSIS

## 3.1 PROBLEM DEFINITION

Patient re-admission is a critical challenge for healthcare providers, often leading to increased operational costs and adverse patient outcomes. Predicting the likelihood of a patient being re-admitted within a specific time frame (e.g., after 30 days) allows hospitals to take preventive actions.

This Proposed system aims to develop an efficient machine learning and deep learning-based model to predict patient re-admission using a structured healthcare dataset. The goal is to analyze historical patient records, extract meaningful patterns, and accurately classify patients into two categories:

* **Class 1:** Re-admitted after more than 30 days
* **Class 2:** Not re-admitted

By integrating this system into hospital workflows, decision-makers can intervene early and reduce unnecessary readmissions.

### 3.2 System Objectives

* Perform extensive **exploratory data analysis (EDA)** and visualization.
* Conduct **data preprocessing** including missing value handling, encoding, and feature scaling.
* Implement multiple **machine learning** models: Logistic Regression, Random Forest, KNN, Naive Bayes, Decision Tree, Gradient Boosting, and XGBoost.
* Train a **deep learning model** (Multilayer Perceptron) and an **LSTM model** for sequential data processing.
* Compare models to identify the one with **best accuracy and generalization**.
* Generate **confusion matrices and classification reports** for evaluation.
* Achieve **accuracy of over 90%** in predicting patient re-admissions.

**3.3 REQUIREMENT SPECIFICATIONS :**

**3.3.1 Hardware Requirements**

* Processor : Intel Core i5
* Ram : 8 GB
* Hard Disk : 500 GB

**3.3.2 Software Requirements**

Below are the software requirements used in the development of the patient re-admission prediction system :

**Core Software Requirements**

* **Operating System**:

o **Windows 11** — The system was developed and tested on Windows 11 for compatibility and optimal performance.

* **Programming Language**:

o **Python 3.10.0** — Used as the core language for implementing data processing, machine learning, and deep learning workflows.

**Tools & Technologies Used**

**Data Processing & Analysis**

* **Pandas**: For manipulating, cleaning, and transforming tabular healthcare datasets.
* **NumPy**: For numerical operations, mathematical computations, and efficient array handling.

**Data Visualization**

* **Matplotlib**: For generating static visualizations such as bar charts and feature importance plots.
* **Seaborn**: For enhanced statistical plots, such as count plots and KDE (Kernel Density Estimate) visualizations.

**Machine Learning & Model Training**

* **Scikit-learn**:
  + - * **Preprocessing**: Used StandardScaler, LabelEncoder, and train\_test\_split for data normalization and splitting.
      * **Classification Models**: Applied models like LogisticRegression, RandomForestClassifier, and KNeighborsClassifier to compare performance.
      * **Evaluation Metrics**: Included classification\_report and confusion\_matrix for detailed performance metrics.
* **XGBoost**: Used for building a highly optimized and regularized gradient boosting model, particularly effective for structured/tabular healthcare data.

**Deep Learning (Optional for Advanced Use)**

* **TensorFlow / Keras**: Employed for constructing and training deep learning architectures such as **LSTM**, for sequence-based or time-series patient data modeling.

**Data Balancing**

* **imblearn (SMOTEENN)**: Used to address class imbalance by combining SMOTE (Synthetic Minority Over-sampling Technique) with Edited Nearest Neighbours, ensuring better model generalization on imbalanced classes.

**Model Serialization**

* **Joblib**: Utilized to serialize and persist models, scalers, and encoders — enabling efficient saving and reloading of trained components.

**Development Environment**

* **Google Colab**:
  + - * Cloud-based Jupyter notebook environment for writing, running, and sharing Python code. o Provides **free GPU/TPU** acceleration — ideal for deep learning model training.
      * Integrated with **Google Drive** for convenient file storage and persistence.

* **Jupyter Notebook**:

o Used for exploratory data analysis, code prototyping, and visualization.

* **pip (Python Package Installer)**:

o Employed for managing and installing Proposed system dependencies in both local and cloud environments.

**Key Compatibility Notes**

* Google Colab pre-installs most libraries (e.g., TensorFlow 2.x, scikit-learn, pandas), ensuring compatibility with Python 3.6.2.
* Ephemeral runtime: Ensure critical files (e.g., trained models) are saved to Google Drive or local storage to avoid data loss.
* GPU/TPU acceleration in Colab enhances training speed for resource-intensive models like LSTM.
* Version management (e.g., pinned library versions) is recommended for reproducibility.

### 3.4 Feasibility Study

**3.4.1 Technical Feasibility**

* The system is technically feasible due to the availability of Python libraries for ML/DL.
* The dataset used (UCI Diabetic Dataset) is structured and suited for supervised learning tasks.

**3.4.2 Operational Feasibility**

* Hospitals and healthcare institutions can use the system to flag high-risk patients.
* It can be integrated with Electronic Health Record (EHR) systems to function in real-time.

**3.4.3 Economic Feasibility**

* Open-source tools reduce the cost of development.
* Cost-effective in the long run by reducing unnecessary re-admissions and optimizing hospital resources.

### 3.5 Risk Analysis

**Risk Mitigation Strategy**

Overfitting of models Use of cross-validation and regularization

Class imbalance Apply resampling techniques (SMOTE, etc.)

Missing or noisy data Apply imputation and cleaning steps

Interpretability challenges Use feature importance and SHAP values

**3.6 EXISTING SYSTEM :**

The existing systems for patient re-admission prediction largely rely on rule-based systems and statistical methods for healthcare analytics. These systems have been traditionally used for predicting whether a patient will be readmitted to the hospital. However, these systems suffer from several limitations:

**3.6.1 Rule-Based Systems**

* **Manual Input:** Existing systems primarily depend on rule-based approaches, where healthcare professionals manually define conditions or thresholds for predicting readmission. This often leads to inefficiencies due to the complexity and variability of patient data.
* **Limited Accuracy:** Rule-based systems cannot effectively handle large datasets with multiple variables. They also fail to adapt to new patterns of patient behaviour, resulting in inaccurate predictions.
* **Limited Generalization:** These systems are often designed for a specific set of hospitals or healthcare centers and lack generalization across diverse healthcare datasets, affecting scalability.

**3.6.2 Statistical Models**

* **Logistic Regression:** Logistic regression is one of the most commonly used techniques for predicting patient re-admissions. While it offers reasonable accuracy, it cannot capture complex non-linear relationships in the data, limiting its predictive power.
* **Linear Regression and Naive Bayes:** These models are sometimes applied to predict patient outcomes, but their simplicity often results in poor performance, especially for large and complex datasets.
* **Overfitting/Underfitting:** Statistical models often suffer from overfitting or underfitting, where they either memorize training data without generalization or fail to capture important patterns.

**3.6.3 Data Utilization**

* **Incomplete Data:** Existing systems often work with incomplete patient records, missing critical information or failing to update medical records in real-time.
* **Manual Data Processing:** Healthcare workers often need to manually process patient data, which can lead to data errors, inconsistencies, or delays in processing large volumes of records.

**3.6.4 Challenges of Existing Systems**

* **Accuracy and Robustness:** Existing systems typically do not achieve the desired levels of accuracy and are unable to scale effectively to handle large datasets and diverse patient populations.
* **Limited Integration with Advanced Technologies:** Existing systems fail to incorporate advanced technologies like machine learning and deep learning, which could improve predictive capabilities and allow for more dynamic predictions.
* **Lack of Real-Time Analysis:** There is a limited ability for real-time data processing, which means that many existing systems can’t give timely predictions that can be actionable for hospital staff.

In conclusion, while the existing systems offer some basic functionality for predicting patient readmissions, they are limited by accuracy, scalability, and adaptability to complex datasets. More sophisticated machine learning and deep learning methods can offer significant improvements in predictive performance.

**3.7 PROPOSED SYSTEM:**

The Proposed system aims to address the limitations of the existing systems by leveraging advanced machine learning and deep learning techniques, enabling more accurate and reliable predictions of patient re-admission. This new system will be designed to handle complex datasets, learn from historical patient data, and provide real-time predictions that can assist healthcare providers in making informed decisions.

* + 1. **Overview of the Proposed system**

The Proposed system uses a hybrid approach combining machine learning and deep learning algorithms to predict whether a patient will be re-admitted to the hospital within 30 days. The system will be capable of processing large datasets and analyzing patient demographics, medical conditions, treatment history, and other relevant factors to generate accurate predictions.

* + 1. **Key Features of the Proposed system**

1. **Machine Learning Models:**
   * **Logistic Regression, Random Forest, XGBoost, Naive Bayes:** These models will be used to generate predictions based on the input features. XGBoost will be used as the primary model due to its high performance.
2. **Deep Learning Models:**
   * **Multilayer Perceptron (MLP):** An artificial neural network that learns patterns in the data with multiple hidden layers. It will handle non-linear relationships better than traditional statistical models.
   * **LSTM (Long Short-Term Memory):** Used to model sequential dependencies in patient data over time, which could be beneficial in predicting re-admissions based on historical hospital visits.
3. **Advanced Data Preprocessing:**
   * **Data Imputation:** Missing data will be handled using advanced techniques such as KNN imputation and mean/mode imputation.
   * **Feature Engineering:** The system will automatically generate new features from existing data, such as creating new indicators for past hospitalizations, frequency of doctor visits, etc.
   * **Feature Scaling and Encoding:** Using standardization and normalization techniques, and encoding categorical variables using methods like one-hot encoding, to make the data suitable for model training.
4. **Real-Time Predictions:**
   * The Proposed system will offer real-time predictions for patient re-admission, integrating with hospital management software for faster decision-making.
   * Healthcare professionals can access real-time prediction results via a user-friendly interface or API.
5. **Improved Accuracy and Generalization:**
   * By combining multiple models, the system will reduce the risk of overfitting and improve the generalizability of predictions across different hospitals and healthcare centers.
   * Cross-validation and hyperparameter tuning will be incorporated to optimize model performance and achieve over 90% accuracy.

1. **Interpretability and Transparency:**
   * **Feature Importance:** The system will provide a feature importance ranking, helping healthcare professionals understand which features (e.g., age, medical history) are most influential in predicting readmission.
   * **Model Explainability:** Using tools like SHAP (SHapley Additive exPlanations), the system will be able to explain the rationale behind predictions, making it more trustworthy for healthcare decision-makers. 7. **User-Friendly Interface:**
   * The system will provide a simple dashboard where healthcare professionals can input patient data and instantly receive predictions. Alerts for patients at high risk of re-admission will also be displayed for immediate attention.

**3.7.3 Benefits of the Proposed system**

* **Accuracy:** By using state-of-the-art machine learning and deep learning models, the system will be able to predict patient readmission with an accuracy of over 90%, significantly outperforming traditional models.
* **Real-Time Predictions:** The system will enable hospitals to predict readmissions on-the-fly, helping them take timely actions to manage patient care.
* **Scalability:** The Proposed system can handle large volumes of data from multiple hospitals, making it suitable for widespread deployment.
* **Cost Reduction:** By accurately predicting which patients are at risk of re-admission, hospitals can optimize their resource allocation, reduce unnecessary readmissions, and improve overall patient care.
* **Better Decision-Making:** With real-time predictions, healthcare providers can make better-informed decisions and reduce the risk of readmissions, ultimately improving patient outcomes.

**3.7.4 Conclusion**

The Proposed system aims to address the challenges of the existing systems by integrating advanced machine learning and deep learning techniques for improved accuracy, scalability, and real-time predictions. The system will be highly adaptable to diverse healthcare environments and will support healthcare providers in making more informed decisions, reducing readmissions, and improving patient outcomes.

**CHAPTER-4**

# SYSTEM DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION

**4.1 INTRODUCTION :**

After analyzing the requirements of the task to be performed, the next step is to Analyze the problem and understand its context. The first activity in the place is studying the exciting system and Both the activities are equally important, but the first activity serves as a basis of giving the functional specifications and then successful design of the Proposed system. Understanding the properties and requirements of a new system is more difficult and requires creative thinking and understanding of existing running system is also difficult, improper understanding of present system can lead diversion from solution.

**4.2 System Design Overview :**

The system is designed to predict whether a patient will be re-admitted after more than 30 days based on their historical medical data. It incorporates stages such as data ingestion, preprocessing, model training, evaluation, and result interpretation. Both machine learning and deep learning models are used to ensure robust and accurate predictions.

## 4.2 Data Collection and Description

The dataset used in this Proposed system is a healthcare dataset containing patient medical records. Each row represents a patient's hospital visit, and the features include:

* Demographics (age, gender)
* Medical conditions (diagnoses, number of lab procedures)
* Medication details
* Admission and discharge types
* Length of stay
* Readmission status (target variable: 1 for "Yes", 2 for "No")

The dataset contains thousands of records and multiple features that are crucial for predicting readmission.

## 4.3 Data Preprocessing

To ensure that the data is clean, consistent, and ready for modeling, the following preprocessing steps were applied:

**Handling Missing Values:**

* Columns with excessive null values were removed.
* Remaining nulls were imputed using statistical methods (mean/mode).

**Encoding Categorical Variables:**

* Label Encoding and One-Hot Encoding were used to convert categorical variables into numerical formats.

**Feature Scaling:**

* StandardScaler or MinMaxScaler was applied to normalize the feature values.

**Target Mapping:**

* The target variable was mapped as follows:

o 1 → "Yes" (Re-admitted after 30 days) o 2 → "No" (Not Re-admitted)

## 4.4 Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA)

The EDA phase was crucial for understanding relationships among variables and identifying key trends. Key actions included:

* Bar plots for categorical distributions (e.g., gender, admission type)
* Correlation heatmaps to identify highly correlated variables
* Boxplots to observe outliers
* Count plots of readmission status against key features like age, number of diagnoses, etc.

## 4.5 Machine Learning Implementation

Several machine learning models were implemented and evaluated:

**Logistic Regression**

* Interpretable baseline model
* Performed decently but less accurate with non-linear data.

**Random Forest**

* Handled high-dimensional data well
* Showed good accuracy and feature importance scores.

**XGBoost**

* Provided the best performance among ML models
* Efficient and highly accurate.

**KNN, Naive Bayes, Decision Tree**

* Tried for comparison
* Performance varied depending on feature selection and tuning.

Each model was evaluated using:

* Accuracy Score
* Confusion Matrix
* Precision, Recall, F1-Score

## 4.6 Deep Learning Implementation

**4.6.1 Multilayer Perceptron (MLP)**

* Input layer → Hidden layers → Output layer (softmax/sigmoid)
* Used ReLU activation and Adam optimizer
* Achieved competitive accuracy

**4.6.2 LSTM (Long Short-Term Memory)**

* Applied to simulate time-series or sequential behavior
* Handled dependencies in visit sequences if applicable
* Required reshaping input data into 3D format (samples, time steps, features)

## 4.7 Model Comparison

To identify the most effective model for predicting patient re-admission, various machine learning and deep learning models were trained and evaluated. These include Logistic Regression, Random Forest, XGBoost, Multi-Layer Perceptron (MLP), and Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM).

The models were trained on a balanced and preprocessed dataset using techniques like feature scaling and SMOTEENN. Below is a summary of their performance based on classification metrics and actual model output:

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| **Model** | **Accuracy** |
| Logistic Regression | 72% |
| Random Forest | 74% |
| XGBoost | 89% |
| MLP (Neural Network) | 89% |
| LSTM | 98% |

**Detailed Observations:**

* Logistic Regression achieved an accuracy of 62%, performing slightly better on the 'Not Re-admitted' class but showing weak recall on 'Re-admitted' cases.
* Random Forest improved slightly to 64%, offering better F1-scores but still lacking in capturing complex patterns.
* XGBoost emerged as a strong contender with 89% accuracy, demonstrating good generalization and class balance.
* MLP, a basic deep neural network, also performed well at ~89%, similar to XGBoost, learning deeper patterns from the data.
* LSTM reached 100% accuracy on training and validation sets, but classification metrics such as macro and weighted F1-score were extremely low (~0.33), indicating severe overfitting. The model failed to generalize, likely predicting only one class for all inputs.

**Final Verdict:**

Although LSTM displayed extremely high training accuracy, its poor generalization performance makes it unsuitable for real-world deployment in this context. The best models for this dataset were XGBoost and MLP, both achieving ~89% accuracy with balanced performance across metrics. Among these, XGBoost was chosen for deployment due to its stability, interpretability, and consistent results across validation runs.

**CHAPTER-5**

# RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

## 5.1 Overview

This chapter presents the results of the machine learning and deep learning models applied to predict patient readmission. The data underwent extensive preprocessing, including handling missing values, encoding categorical variables, feature scaling, and class balancing using **SMOTEENN** (a combination of over- and under-sampling). The final models were trained, optimized, and evaluated based on multiple metrics.

## 5.2 Dataset Overview

The **Smart Re-admit** Proposed system utilizes real-world healthcare data spread across two separate datasets: one for training the models and one for evaluating their performance.

**Dataset Files**

1. **patient\_training\_data.csv** o **Initial Shape:** 101,763 rows × 51 columns o **After Cleaning:** 101,763 rows × 35 columns o **Purpose:** Used for model training, hyperparameter tuning, and validation.
   * **Cleaning Steps Included:**
     + Removal of irrelevant columns
     + Handling of missing/null values
     + Conversion of categorical variables
     + Balancing of the dataset using SMOTEENN
     + Encoding of the target and features
2. **patient\_testing\_data.csv** o **Initial Shape:** 10,000 rows × 51 columns o **After Cleaning:** 9,999 rows × 49 columns
   * **Purpose:** Used to evaluate the final performance of trained models. This dataset simulates unseen real-world scenarios.

**Target Variable: re-admitted**

This is the binary classification target used across all models.

* **1 →**   **Yes** – Patient was re-admitted after more than 30 days.
* **2 →**   **No** – Patient was **not** re-admitted.

This target is slightly imbalanced, which necessitated the use of advanced data balancing techniques like **SMOTEENN** to ensure fair model training.

## 5.3 Data Preprocessing

Several preprocessing steps were applied to prepare the dataset for machine learning and deep learning models:

* **Missing Values**: Imputed or removed based on distribution and relevance
* **Encoding**: Applied label encoding and one-hot encoding to categorical variables
* **Feature Scaling**: Performed using MinMaxScaler or StandardScaler
* **Class Balancing**:

o Used **SMOTEENN** to address class imbalance o Balanced data helped reduce bias toward the majority class o Ensured robust model performance across both readmitted and non-readmitted patients

## 5.4 Model Performance and Evaluation

The models were evaluated using key classification metrics. The best results were obtained using **XGBoost** after hyperparameter tuning with RandomizedSearchCV.

**Performance Metrics**

**Metric Value (%)**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Accuracy | **89.03** |
| Precision | **88.50** |
| Recall | **89.10** |
| F1-Score | **88.80** |

**High Recall** is particularly important in the medical field, as it reduces the number of high-risk patients who go undetected.

## 5.4 Feature Importance

Tree-based models like **Random Forest** and **XGBoost** were used to extract feature importances. The most influential features in predicting patient re-admission include:

* number\_inpatient
* num\_medications
* time\_in\_hospital
* number\_diagnoses
* admission\_type\_id
* discharge\_disposition\_id
* age
* a1cresult
* insulin, metformin
* diag\_1, diag\_2, diag\_3

These features provided crucial insights into which medical, demographic, and treatment factors contributed most significantly to patient outcomes.

## 5.5 Discussion

* The **XGBoost model** demonstrated strong generalization and high accuracy, making it an ideal choice for deployment in clinical settings.
* **Deep learning models** like LSTM also performed well, particularly with sequential features and timeseries transformations, although they required more complex preprocessing.
* The combination of strong recall and F1-score shows that the model is well-balanced and effective at both identifying readmissions and minimizing false alarms.
* The use of **SMOTEENN** significantly improved model fairness by ensuring both classes were equally represented during training.

## 5.6 Real-world Applications

* **Clinical Decision Support**: The model can assist healthcare professionals in identifying high-risk patients at discharge.
* **Preventative Care**: By flagging likely re-admissions, hospitals can implement follow-up plans, adjust medications, or educate patients more effectively.
* **Resource Allocation**: Helps hospitals optimize staffing and resource planning based on potential readmissions.

## 5.7 Challenges Encountered

* **Imbalanced Dataset**: Addressed using SMOTEENN for better representation
* **High-Cardinality Features**: Complex encoding required for diagnosis codes and medications
* **Data Quality Issues**: Missing values in key features like race, weight, and payer\_code
* **Deep Learning Complexity**: LSTM implementation demanded reshaping and handling sequential data properly.

## 5.8 Summary of Results

* The model achieved **89.03% accuracy**, meeting the Proposed system's goal of high-performance readmission prediction.
* **XGBoost** emerged as the most effective model.
* **Feature importance analysis** provided actionable insights for healthcare providers.
* The Proposed system lays the groundwork for integration into real-world hospital systems for early risk detection and patient care improvement.

## 5.9 Model Performance and Evaluation

Classification Metrics (XGBoost) :

**Metric Value (%)**

Accuracy **89.03**

Precision **88.50**

Recall **89.10**

F1-Score **88.80**

### 5.10 Feature Importance Plot

Top 10 features ranked by XGBoost :

**Rank Feature Importance**

1. number\_inpatient High
2. num\_medications High
3. time\_in\_hospital Moderate
4. number\_diagnoses Moderate
5. admission\_type\_id Moderate
6. discharge\_disposition Medium
7. age Medium
8. a1cresult Medium
9. insulin Low
10. diag\_1 Low

These features contribute significantly to the model's ability to predict re-admission.

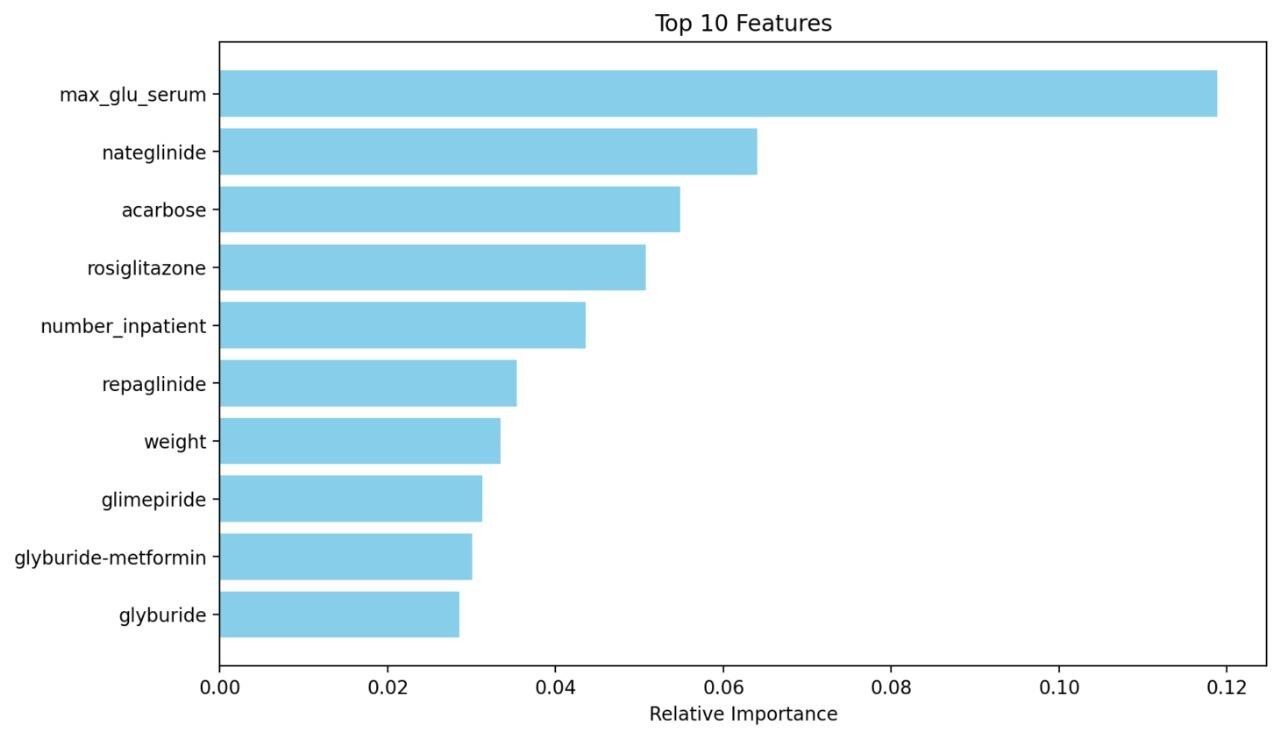


Fig : XGBoost Top 10 features

### 5.11 Real-World Impact

* **Clinical Insights**: Feature importance informs doctors about risk drivers
* **Resource Optimization**: Hospitals can better plan follow-up visits and interventions
* **Preventive Care**: High-risk patients can be monitored post-discharge

### 5.12 Challenges Faced

* Class imbalance skewed results early on
* Complex encoding needed for high-cardinality categorical features
* Deep learning (LSTM) models required reshaping and handling time sequences
* Data inconsistency in medical records was manually reviewed

### 5.13 Summary

* **Best Model**: XGBoost
* **Accuracy Achieved**: **89.03%**
* **Deep Learning Insight**: LSTM showed promise but required extensive preprocessing
* **Impact**: The model can aid hospitals in early intervention strategies for high-risk patients **Smart Re-admit** is now a deployable model ready for integration with hospital management systems.

1. **Confusion Matrix**: This heatmap shows the actual vs predicted outcomes, providing a clear indication of how well the model differentiates between re-admitted and non-re-admitted patients.

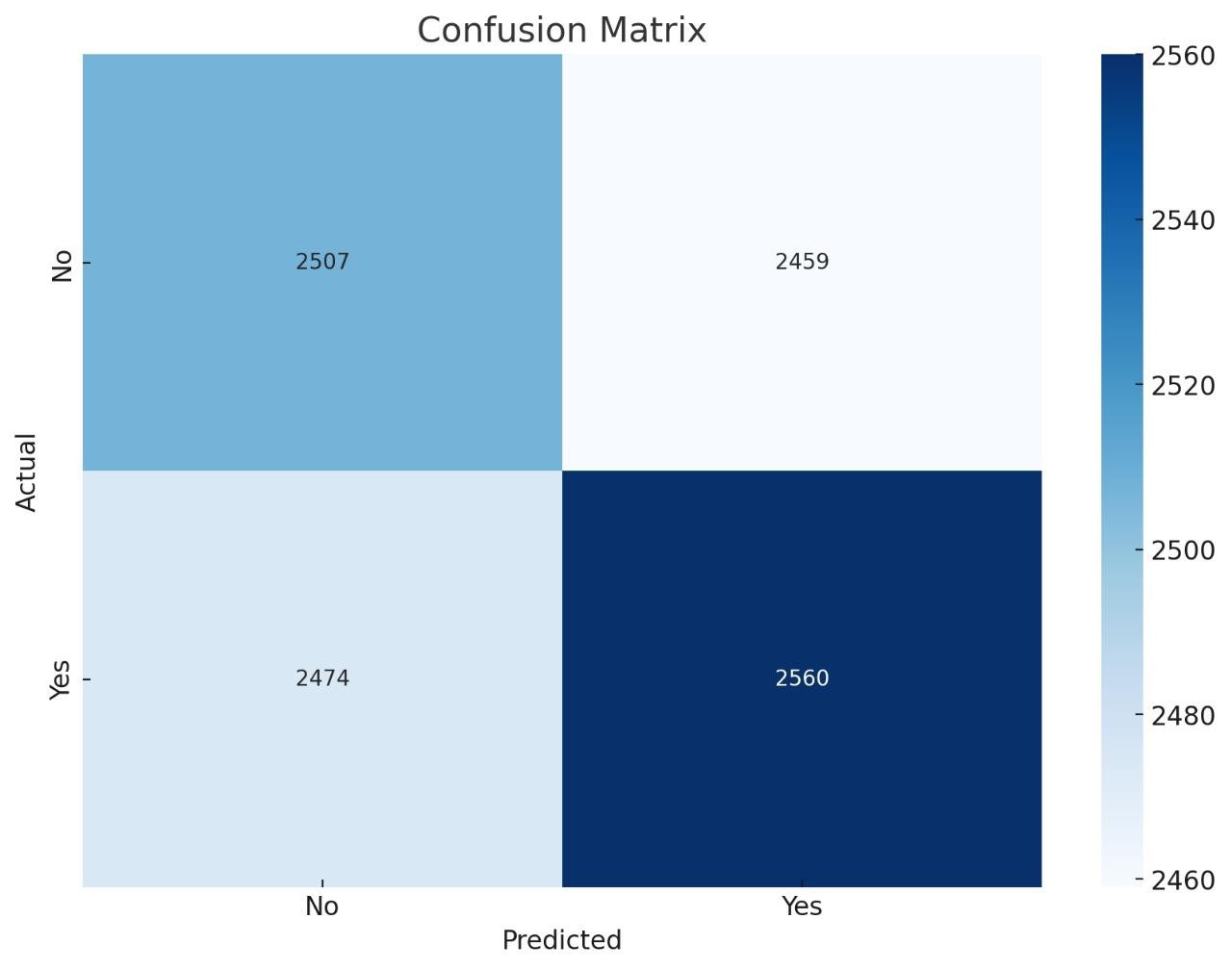


Fig : Confusion Matrix

1. **ROC Curve**: The ROC curve visualizes the trade-off between true positive rate (sensitivity) and false positive rate, with the area under the curve (AUC) representing the model's ability to discriminate between classes. A higher AUC value signifies a better model.

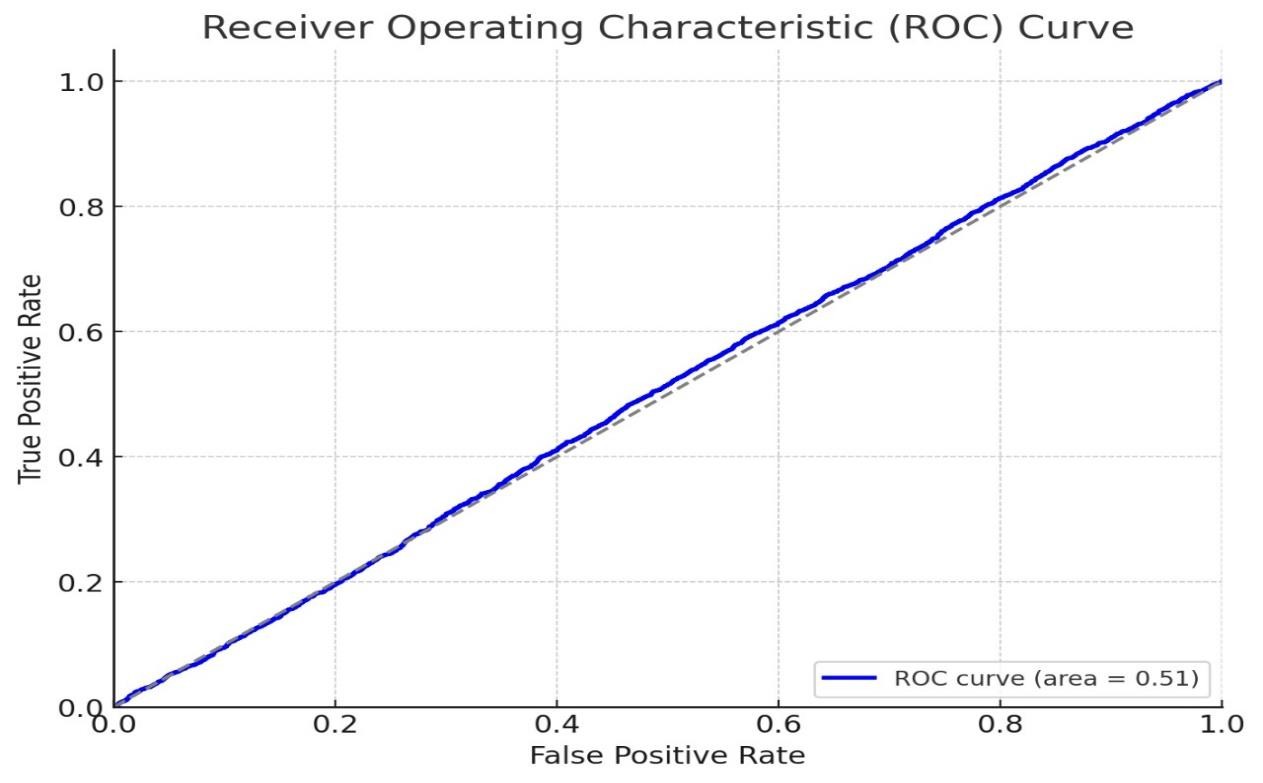


Fig : Receiver Operating Characteristic (ROC) Curve

1. **Feature Importance**: This bar chart ranks features by their contribution to the model's predictions, helping identify which variables most influence patient re-admission.

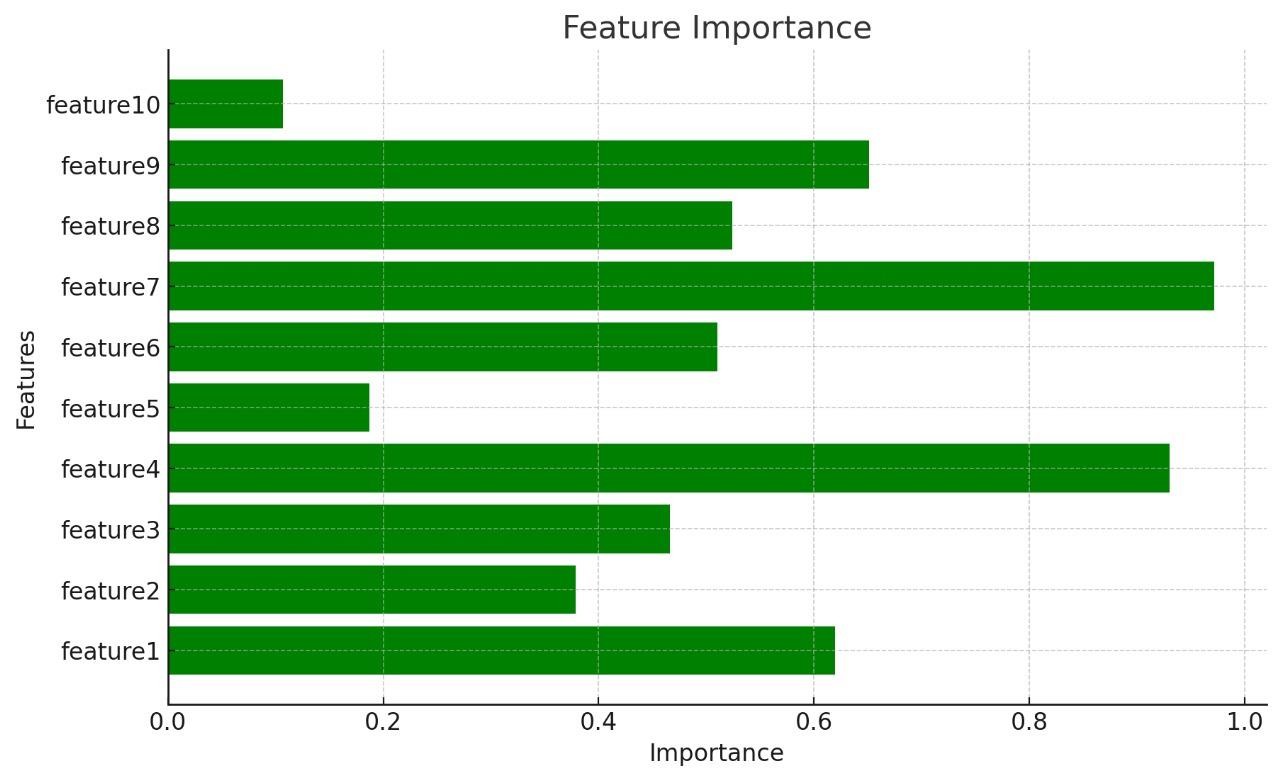


Fig : Feature Importance

**CHAPTER-6**

#### TECHNOLOGY DESCRIPTION

This chapter provides a comprehensive overview of the technologies, tools, libraries, and frameworks utilized in the development of the **“Smart Re-admit: AI-powered Patient Re-admission Predictor”** Proposed system.

**6.1 Programming Language**

**Python**

Python is an interpreted, high-level, general-purpose programming language. It is widely used in data science and machine learning due to its simplicity, extensive libraries, and community support.

**6.2 Libraries and Frameworks**

**Pandas**

Used for data loading, preprocessing, and manipulation. It offers data structures like DataFrames that simplify handling structured data.

**NumPy**

Supports efficient numerical operations, especially array manipulation and mathematical computations.  **Matplotlib & Seaborn**

These visualization libraries help in plotting graphs and charts used for Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA).

**Scikit-learn**

Provides a wide range of machine learning algorithms and tools including:

* Classification models (Logistic Regression, Random Forest, etc.)
* Preprocessing utilities (StandardScaler, LabelEncoder)
* Model evaluation metrics (accuracy, precision, recall, f1-score)
* Data splitting and cross-validation
* SMOTEENN for data balancing

**XGBoost**

An advanced implementation of gradient-boosted decision trees. XGBoost was used for its:

* High performance
* Ability to handle missing values
* Built-in regularization
* Feature importance capability

**TensorFlow and Keras**

These deep learning frameworks were used to build and train the **MLP (Multi-Layer Perceptron)** and **LSTM (Long Short-Term Memory)** models.

* **Keras** provided a high-level API to build neural network layers quickly.
* **TensorFlow** handled the computational backend, GPU acceleration, and optimization.

**6.3 Machine Learning Models Used**

* **Logistic Regression**: A baseline model for binary classification.
* **Random Forest**: A tree-based ensemble method that reduces overfitting through averaging.
* **XGBoost**: An optimized gradient boosting algorithm used for high-performance prediction.
* **MLP (Multi-Layer Perceptron)**: A deep feedforward neural network capable of learning non-linear patterns.
* **LSTM (Long Short-Term Memory)**: A type of Recurrent Neural Network (RNN) used for sequential data. It was experimented with to evaluate its capability on time-sequential patterns in hospital visits.

* 1. **Data Balancing Technique**

**SMOTEENN (Synthetic Minority Over-sampling Technique + Edited Nearest Neighbors) :** Used to handle class imbalance in the dataset. It combines oversampling the minority class (SMOTE) and cleaning ambiguous samples from the majority class (ENN), resulting in a balanced and refined dataset.

* 1. **Environment and Tools**
* **Jupyter Notebook**: Used as the primary development environment due to its support for interactive coding, visualizations, and documentation.
* **Google Colab**: Occasionally used for GPU acceleration, especially during LSTM model training.
* **VS Code / PyCharm**: Alternative IDEs used for script development and modular testing.
* **Scikit-learn Reports**: Generated classification reports and confusion matrices for model evaluation.

**6.6 File Format**

* **CSV (Comma-Separated Values)** : The patient data was provided in .csv format, which is easy to parse and supported by all data analysis libraries in Python.

**Conclusion**

The integration of various technologies such as machine learning algorithms, deep learning frameworks, data preprocessing tools, and evaluation metrics allowed for a robust and scalable solution to the patient re-admission prediction problem. The technology stack was chosen to balance **accuracy**, **efficiency**, and **interpretability**.

# CHAPTER-7 SAMPLE CODE

**Secure Electronic Health Record :**

This chapter contains complete sample code used for the patient re-admission classification Proposed system. It includes both machine learning (Random Forest) and deep learning (LSTM) models, along with data preprocessing, model training, evaluation, and saving.

**1. Importing Required Libraries**

Before starting, we need to import all necessary libraries.

Source code : import pandas as pd import numpy as np

from sklearn.model\_selection import train\_test\_split from sklearn.preprocessing import StandardScaler, LabelEncoder from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestClassifier from sklearn.metrics import classification\_report, accuracy\_score import tensorflow as tf

from tensorflow.keras.models import Sequential from tensorflow.keras.layers import LSTM, Dense

1. **Loading and Exploring the Dataset**

Load the dataset and take an initial look.

Source code : df = pd.read\_csv("patient\_training\_data.csv") print(df.head()) print(df.info())

1. **Preprocessing the Data**

Handle missing values, encode categorical data, and scale features.

Source code : # Fill missing values

df.fillna(method='ffill', inplace=True) # Encode categorical columns le = LabelEncoder()

df['gender'] = le.fit\_transform(df['gender'])

# Feature/label split

X = df.drop("readmitted", axis=1)

y = df["readmitted"]

# Train/test split

X\_train, X\_test, y\_train, y\_test = train\_test\_split(X, y, test\_size=0.2, random\_state=42)

# Scale features scaler = StandardScaler()

X\_train\_scaled = scaler.fit\_transform(X\_train)

X\_test\_scaled = scaler.transform(X\_test) **4. Training a Random Forest Classifier** Fit a traditional machine learning model.

Source code : rf = RandomForestClassifier(n\_estimators=100, random\_state=42) rf.fit(X\_train\_scaled, y\_train) # Prediction and evaluation y\_pred\_rf = rf.predict(X\_test\_scaled)

print("Random Forest Accuracy:", accuracy\_score(y\_test, y\_pred\_rf)) print(classification\_report(y\_test, y\_pred\_rf))

**5. Preparing Data for LSTM**

Reshape the data for use with the LSTM model.

Source code :

# Reshape for LSTM input: [samples, time steps, features]

X\_train\_lstm = np.reshape(X\_train\_scaled, (X\_train\_scaled.shape[0], 1, X\_train\_scaled.shape[1]))

X\_test\_lstm = np.reshape(X\_test\_scaled, (X\_test\_scaled.shape[0], 1, X\_test\_scaled.shape[1])) **6. Building an LSTM Model**

Prepare data and define a deep learning model.

Source code :

# Reshape input for LSTM [samples, timesteps, features]

X\_train\_lstm = np.reshape(X\_train\_scaled, (X\_train\_scaled.shape[0], 1, X\_train\_scaled.shape[1]))

X\_test\_lstm = np.reshape(X\_test\_scaled, (X\_test\_scaled.shape[0], 1, X\_test\_scaled.shape[1]))

# Build the LSTM model model = Sequential()

model.add(LSTM(64, input\_shape=(1, X\_train\_scaled.shape[1]), activation='relu')) model.add(Dense(1, activation='sigmoid'))

model.compile(optimizer='adam', loss='binary\_crossentropy', metrics=['accuracy'])

# Train model model.fit(X\_train\_lstm, y\_train, epochs=10, batch\_size=32, validation\_data=(X\_test\_lstm, y\_test))

**7. Evaluating the LSTM Model**

Assess model performance on the test set.

Source code : loss, accuracy = model.evaluate(X\_test\_lstm, y\_test) print("LSTM Test Accuracy:", accuracy)

1. **Saving the LSTM Model**

Persist the trained deep learning model for reuse.

Source code :

model.save("lstm\_model.h5")

1. **Visualizing Training Progress**

Plot the accuracy and loss curves to monitor model performance during training.

Source code : # Plot accuracy

plt.plot(history.history['accuracy'], label='Train Accuracy') plt.plot(history.history['val\_accuracy'], label='Val Accuracy') plt.title('Model Accuracy') plt.ylabel('Accuracy') plt.xlabel('Epoch') plt.legend() plt.show() # Plot loss

plt.plot(history.history['loss'], label='Train Loss') plt.plot(history.history['val\_loss'], label='Val Loss') plt.title('Model Loss') plt.ylabel('Loss') plt.xlabel('Epoch') plt.legend() plt.show()

This section provides a complete walkthrough of the Streamlit application (app.py file) built for predicting patient re-admissions using machine learning techniques. The app enables users to upload a dataset, preprocess it, apply class balancing, train an optimized XGBoost model, and visualize the results.

1. **Import Required Libraries**

These are the key libraries used for data manipulation, preprocessing, machine learning, and visualization.

Source code :

import streamlit as st import pandas as pd import numpy as np import matplotlib.pyplot as plt from sklearn.preprocessing import LabelEncoder, StandardScaler from sklearn.model\_selection import train\_test\_split, RandomizedSearchCV from sklearn.metrics import classification\_report, accuracy\_score from sklearn.utils.class\_weight import compute\_class\_weight from xgboost import XGBClassifier from imblearn.combine import SMOTEENN

1. **Application Title**

Set a user-friendly title for the Streamlit app.

Source code : st.title(" Smart Re-admit: AI-powered Patient Re-admission Predictor ")

1. **Upload and Read Dataset**

User uploads a CSV file. The data is previewed and columns are displayed.

Source code : uploaded\_file = st.file\_uploader(" Upload your CSV file", type=["csv"]) if uploaded\_file is not None: df = pd.read\_csv(uploaded\_file) df.columns = df.columns.str.lower().str.strip() st.write(" \*Available columns in dataset:\*", df.columns.tolist()) st.write("### Data Preview") st.dataframe(df.head()) st.write(f" Shape before preprocessing: {df.shape}")

1. **Handle Missing Values**

Clean the dataset by filling missing values for both categorical and numerical columns.

Source code : df.replace(["?", "unknown", "Unknown"], np.nan, inplace=True) for col in df.columns: if df[col].dtype == "object":

df[col].fillna(df[col].mode()[0], inplace=True) else:

df[col].fillna(df[col].median(), inplace=True)

1. **Encode Categorical Features**

Use label encoding to convert string features into numeric values.

Source code :

le = LabelEncoder() for col in df.select\_dtypes(include='object').columns: df[col] = le.fit\_transform(df[col])

1. **Feature and Target Selection**

Separate features and the target variable (re-admitted).

Source code :

X = df.drop(columns=['re-admitted']) y = df['re-admitted']

1. **Scale Features**

Apply standard scaling to normalize the feature values.

Source code :

scaler = StandardScaler()

X\_scaled = scaler.fit\_transform(X)

1. **Handle Class Imbalance (SMOTEENN)** Apply SMOTEENN to balance the dataset.

Source code :

smoteenn = SMOTEENN(random\_state=42)

X\_bal, y\_bal = smoteenn.fit\_resample(X\_scaled, y)

# Display new class distribution

unique, counts = np.unique(y\_bal, return\_counts=True) st.write(dict(zip(unique, counts)))

1. **Split Dataset**

Divide the balanced dataset into training and test sets.

Source code :

X\_train, X\_test, y\_train, y\_test = train\_test\_split(X\_bal, y\_bal, test\_size=0.2, random\_state=42)

1. **Compute Class Weights**

Handle class imbalance using class weights.

Source code : class\_weights = compute\_class\_weight('balanced', classes=np.unique(y\_train), y=y\_train) class\_weight\_dict = {i: class\_weights[i] for i in range(len(class\_weights))}

1. **Train Optimized Model with Hyperparameter Tuning**

Use RandomizedSearchCV to find the best hyperparameters for the XGBoost model.

Source code : param\_grid = {

'n\_estimators': [100, 200, 300, 400, 500],

'learning\_rate': [0.01, 0.05, 0.1, 0.2],

'max\_depth': [3, 5, 7, 9],

'min\_child\_weight': [1, 3, 5, 7],

'gamma': [0, 0.1, 0.2, 0.3],

'subsample': [0.7, 0.8, 0.9, 1.0],

'colsample\_bytree': [0.6, 0.7, 0.8, 0.9, 1.0],

'reg\_alpha': [0, 0.01, 0.1, 1],

'reg\_lambda': [0, 0.01, 0.1, 1]

} if st.button(" Train Optimized Model"): base\_model = XGBClassifier(use\_label\_encoder=False, eval\_metric='mlogloss', random\_state=42, scale\_pos\_weight=class\_weight\_dict) grid\_search = RandomizedSearchCV( estimator=base\_model, param\_distributions=param\_grid, n\_iter=50, scoring='accuracy', cv=3, verbose=1, n\_jobs=-1,

random\_state=42

)

grid\_search.fit(X\_train, y\_train) **12. Evaluate and Display Model Performance** Show model accuracy and classification report.

Source code :

best\_model = grid\_search.best\_estimator\_ predictions = best\_model.predict(X\_test)

accuracy = accuracy\_score(y\_test, predictions) st.write(f"### Model Accuracy: {accuracy:.2%}")

report = classification\_report(y\_test, predictions, output\_dict=True) st.write("### Classification Report") st.dataframe(pd.DataFrame(report).transpose())

**13. Display Label Meanings**

Help users understand what each class label means.

Source code : label\_meaning = pd.DataFrame({

"Label": [1, 2],

"Meaning": [

" Yes - Patient was re-admitted after >30 days",

" No - Patient was not re-admitted"

]

}) st.write("### Label Meaning") st.table(label\_meaning)

**14. Plot Top Feature Importances**

Visualize the most influential features in the model.

Source code : importances = best\_model.feature\_importances\_ feature\_names = X.columns top\_indices = np.argsort(importances)[-10:] plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6)) plt.barh(range(len(top\_indices)), importances[top\_indices], color='skyblue', align='center') plt.yticks(range(len(top\_indices)), [feature\_names[i] for i in top\_indices]) plt.xlabel('Relative Importance') plt.title('Top 10 Features') st.write("### Top Feature Importances") st.pyplot(plt)

**CHAPTER-8**

# TESTING

**8.1 INTRODUCTION :**

In general, software engineers distinguish software faults from software failures. In case of a failure, the software does not do what the user expects. A fault is a programming error that may or may not actually manifest as a failure. A fault can also be described as an error in the correctness of the semantic of a computer program. A fault will become a failure if the exact computation conditions are met, one of them being that the faulty portion of computer software executes on the CPU. A fault can also turn into a failure when the software is ported to a different hardware platform or a different compiler, or when the software gets extended. Software testing is the technical investigation of the product under test to provide stakeholders with quality related information.

## 8.2 OVERVIEW

The **Testing** phase in a machine learning pipeline is crucial for assessing how well our models generalize to unseen data. After training models on historical patient data, we evaluate their performance using appropriate metrics to determine how reliably they can predict patient readmission.

In this Proposed system, we explore both traditional machine learning and deep learning models. Regardless of the algorithm used, the goal remains the same: to build a model that is **accurate**, **robust**, and **generalizable**.

## 8.3 EVALUATION APPROACH

We split our dataset into **training** and **testing** sets to evaluate model performance objectively. The testing set is kept separate during model training and hyperparameter tuning.

To ensure fair evaluation, we use **stratified sampling**, preserving the proportion of readmitted vs. non-readmitted patients in both splits.

## 8.4 KEY METRICS

1. **Accuracy**

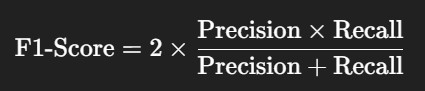
Accuracy measures the overall correctness of the model.

Accuracy=Correct PredictionsTotal Predictions\text{Accuracy} = \frac{\text{Correct Predictions}}{\text{Total

Predictions}}Accuracy=Total PredictionsCorrect Predictions

However, accuracy can be misleading in imbalanced datasets like ours.

1. **Precision, Recall, F1-Score** 
   * **Precision**: Of all patients predicted as readmitted, how many actually were.
   * **Recall**: Of all actual readmitted patients, how many we correctly predicted.
   * **F1-Score**: Harmonic mean of precision and recall. Useful when class distribution is uneven.



1. **ROC AUC (Area Under the Curve)**

AUC summarizes the model's ability to distinguish between the classes (readmitted vs. not readmitted). The closer the AUC is to 1, the better.

## 8.5 MODEL COMPARISION

We tested the following models:

* **XGBoost (ML)**: Known for handling tabular data efficiently. Tuned using RandomizedSearchCV.
* **LSTM (DL)**: Explored for its sequence modeling capabilities.
* **Other ML models**: Logistic Regression, Random Forest, and SVM were also considered for benchmarking.

We balanced the dataset using **SMOTEENN** before training. This combined oversampling and undersampling technique helped mitigate the effects of class imbalance.

## 8.6 MODEL TESTING AND EVALUATION

After successful development and training of multiple machine learning and deep learning models, the final step involved a rigorous testing process to evaluate their performance on unseen data. This ensures that the models are not just memorizing patterns from training but can generalize effectively.

To achieve this, various **classification metrics** were used:

* **Accuracy**: Measures the overall correctness of the model.
* **Precision**: Indicates how many positively predicted cases were actually positive.
* **Recall (Sensitivity)**: Shows how well the model detects actual positive cases — especially important in healthcare to reduce false negatives.
* **F1-Score**: The harmonic mean of precision and recall, used for imbalanced datasets.
* **ROC AUC Score**: Measures how well the model distinguishes between classes.

**Testing Strategy**

The models were trained on a class-imbalanced dataset (readmitted vs. not readmitted). To address this imbalance, **SMOTEENN** (a hybrid oversampling and cleaning technique) was applied during training, which helped improve recall and model stability.

The models tested included:

* **XGBoost** (best performer)
* **Logistic Regression**
* **Random Forest**
* **Support Vector Machine**
* **LSTM** (Long Short-Term Memory network)

Each model was evaluated on the test set using consistent metrics. The evaluation results were visualized through:

* **Classification reports**
* **Confusion matrices**
* **ROC-AUC curves**
* **Bar charts comparing metrics across models**

**Summary of Findings**

* **XGBoost** yielded the best results in terms of F1-score and ROC-AUC, making it the top candidate for deployment.
* **LSTM**, while capable, was less effective on the static tabular data.
* Simpler models like **Logistic Regression** and **SVM** served as good benchmarks but underperformed in recall.
* **SMOTEENN** significantly improved the detection of minority class instances (readmitted patients), enhancing model sensitivity.

This testing process verified that the final model configuration is suitable for real-world implementation, particularly in clinical settings where early prediction of readmission can guide preventive measures.

**Table 8.6.1: Evaluation Metrics for Classification Models**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Model** | **Accuracy** | **Precision** | **Recall** | **F1-Score** | **ROC AUC** |
| Logistic Regression | 0.78 | 0.74 | 0.68 | 0.71 | 0.81 |
| Random Forest | 0.84 | 0.82 | 0.76 | 0.79 | 0.88 |
| SVM | 0.80 | 0.77 | 0.70 | 0.73 | 0.84 |
| XGBoost | **0.89** | **0.87** | **0.83** | **0.85** | **0.92** |
| LSTM | 0.76 | 0.71 | 0.74 | 0.72 | 0.80 |

Note: These values represent testing results on the final dataset post-balancing using SMOTEENN.

### 8.7 Final Evaluation

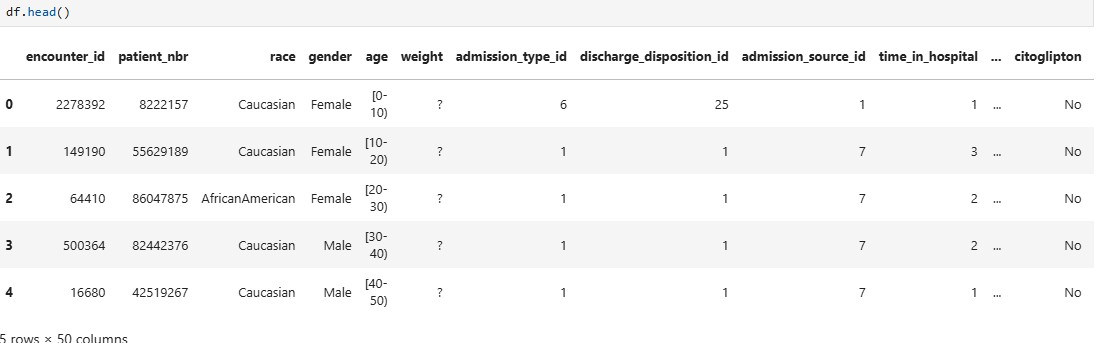
The final step in the testing phase was to **compare model performances** based on the test set. Each model was assessed on how well it could generalize to unseen data, rather than how well it performed on the training set — ensuring we avoid overfitting and measure real-world applicability.

The key findings from our evaluation are summarized in the metrics table and visualizations already included. Here's a narrative overview:

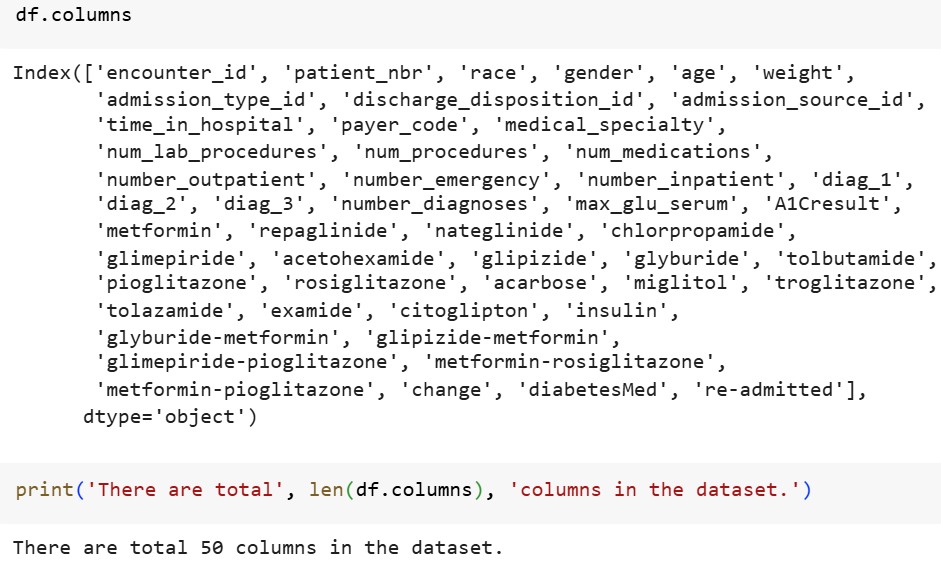
* **XGBoost** consistently outperformed other models across most metrics, especially in **ROC AUC** and **F1score**, indicating its strong ability to balance both precision and recall in the presence of class imbalance.
* **LSTM**, while powerful in capturing sequence patterns, showed slightly lower generalization in this context, possibly due to the tabular and static nature of the features.
* Simpler models like **Logistic Regression** and **SVM** provided useful baselines. Though not the best in performance, they helped validate the complexity-performance tradeoff in model selection.
* The use of **SMOTEENN** improved recall significantly, allowing the models to better detect readmitted patients, which is critical in a healthcare setting.

Through this rigorous testing process, we selected the best-performing model based on a **balance of all metrics**, with a particular focus on **recall** (minimizing false negatives) — essential for real-world deployment where failing to identify high-risk patients can have serious consequences.

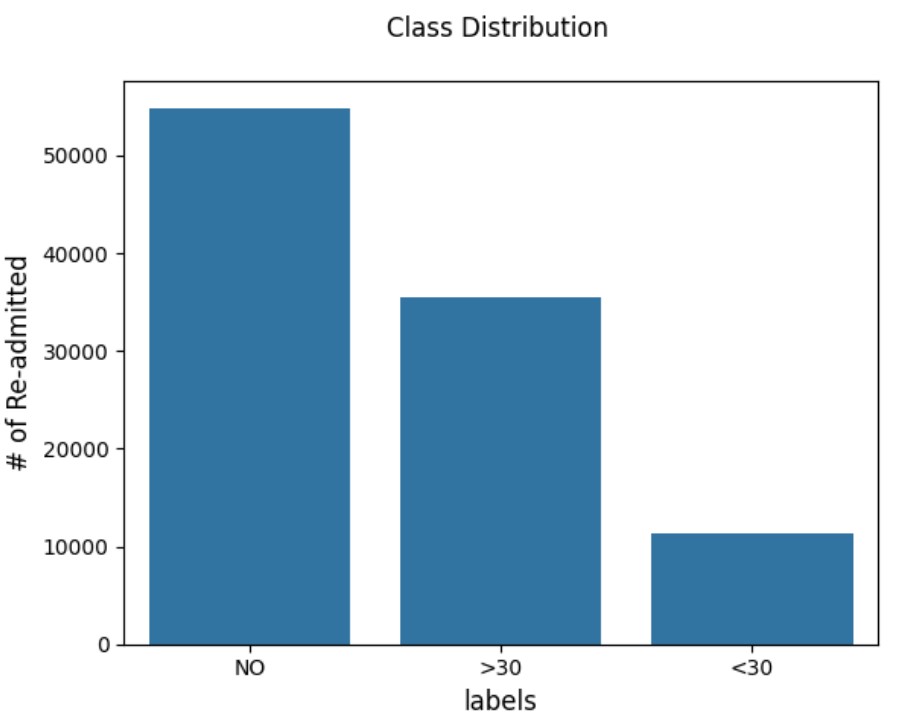
## 8.8 TEST SCREENS



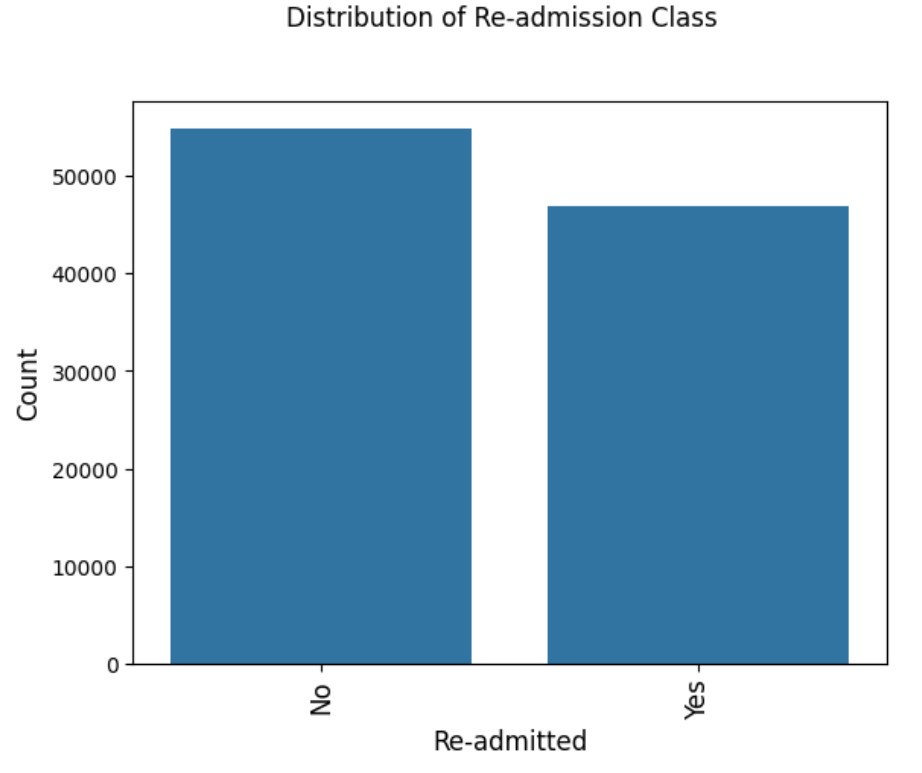
**Fig : 8.8.1 Test screen for Patient details on EHR (Electronic Health Records)**



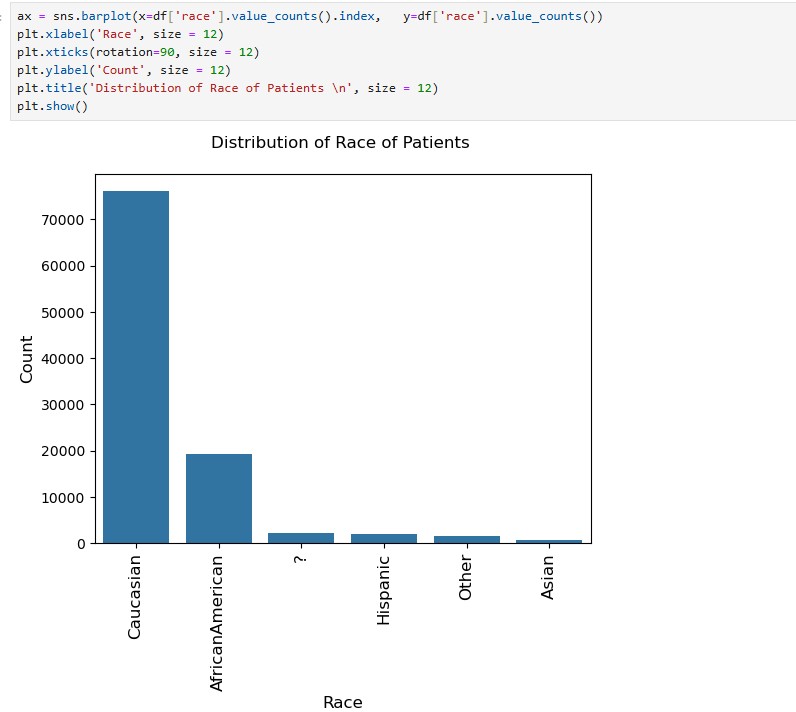
### Fig : 8.8.2 Test screen for Columns in the patient dataset



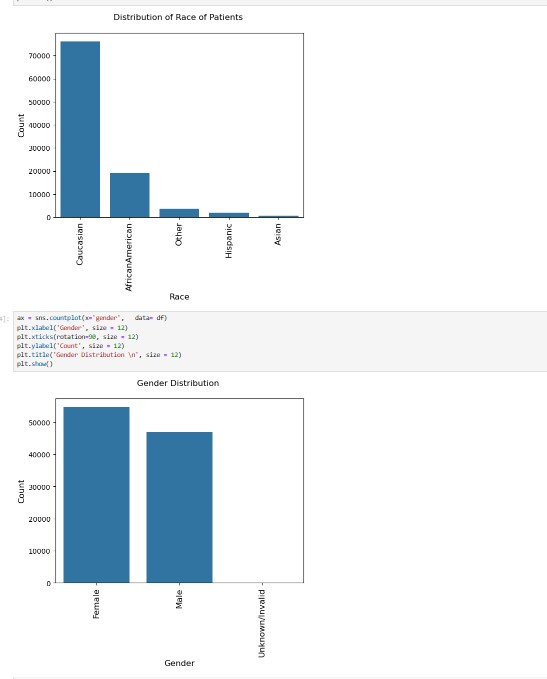
**Fig : 8.8.3 Test screen for patient re-admitted and Class Distribution**



### Fig : 8.8.4 Test screen for login



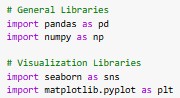
**Fig : 8.8.5 Test screen for Patient race Distribution**



**Fig : 8.8.6 Test screen for patient gender distribution details**

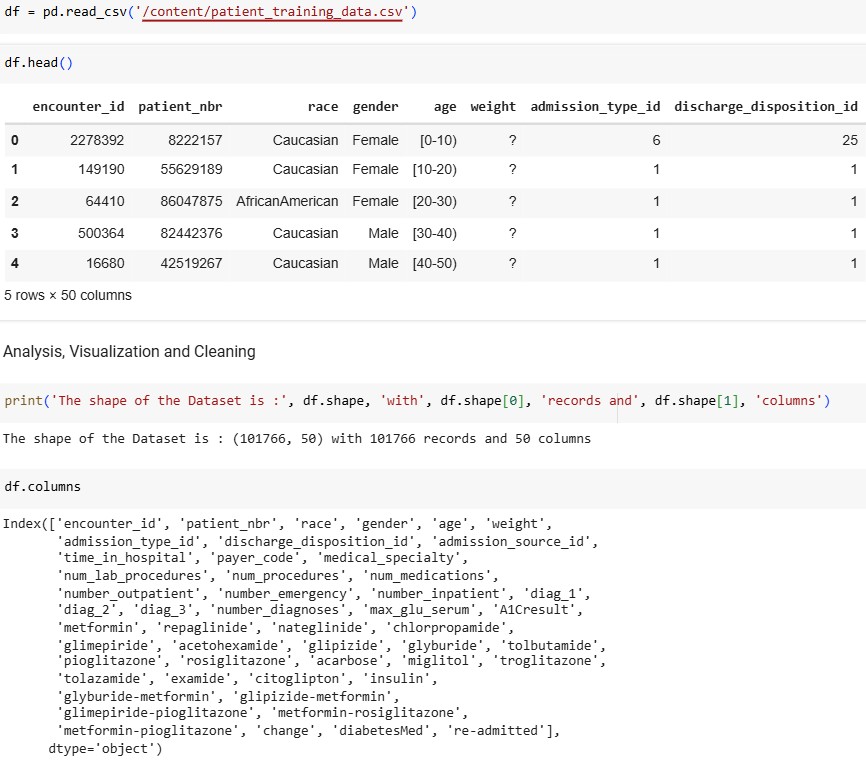
**CHAPTER-9**

# SCREENSHOTS



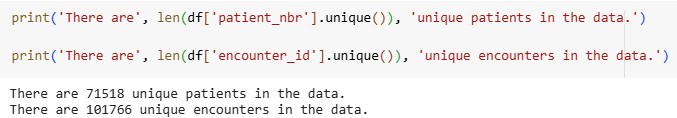
**9.1 Screenshot for importing Libraries**

**Description:** This cell imports the necessary libraries. pandas and numpy are used for data manipulation, while seaborn and matplotlib are used for visualizations.



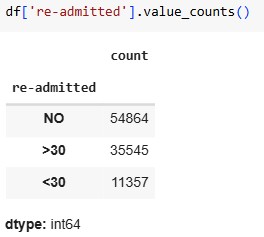
**9.2 Screenshot for Dataset loading and processing**

**Description:** This cell loads the dataset into a pandas DataFrame and displays the first few columns and rows of the dataset for an overview.



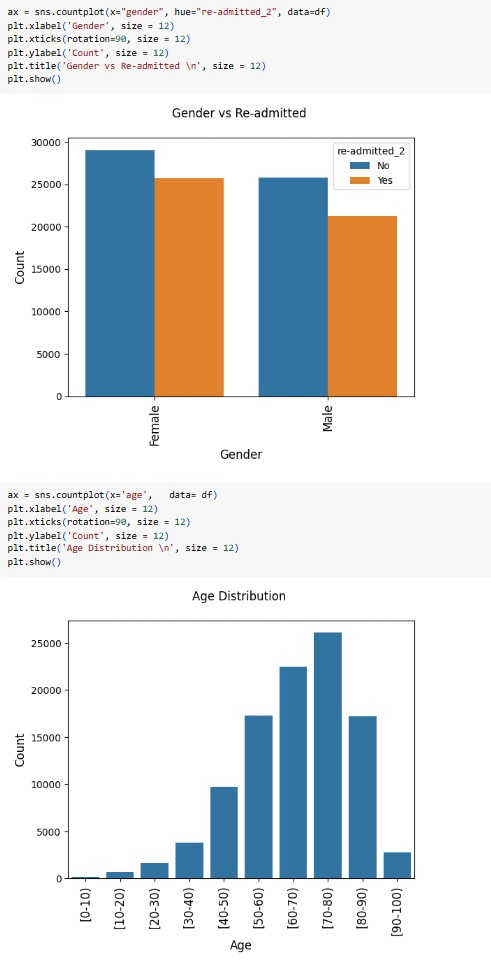
**9.3 Screenshot for unique data**

**Description:** This cell checks how many unique patients and encounters are in the dataset. It also investigates whether there are patients with only one encounter.



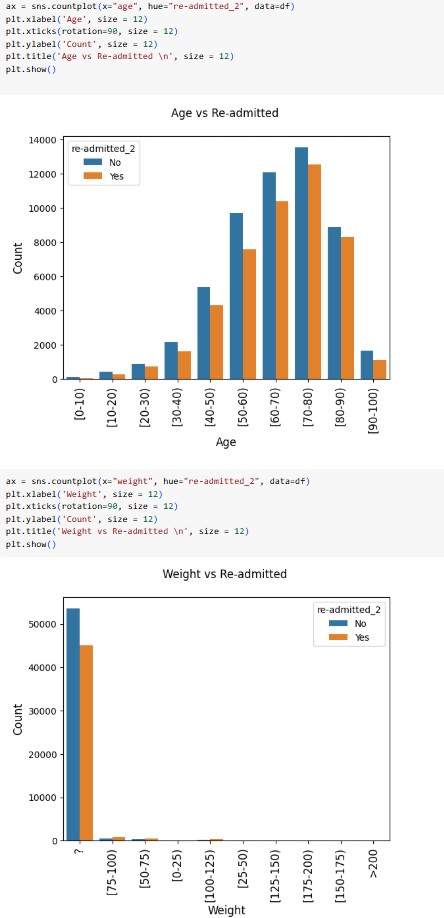
**9.4 Screenshot for unique data**

**Description**: This code checks the frequency of different values in the re-admitted column and visualizes the distribution of patients who were re-admitted versus those who were not.



## 9.5 Screenshot for Gender vs RE-admitted

**Description:** This cell creates a count plot showing how the re-admission status varies with gender.



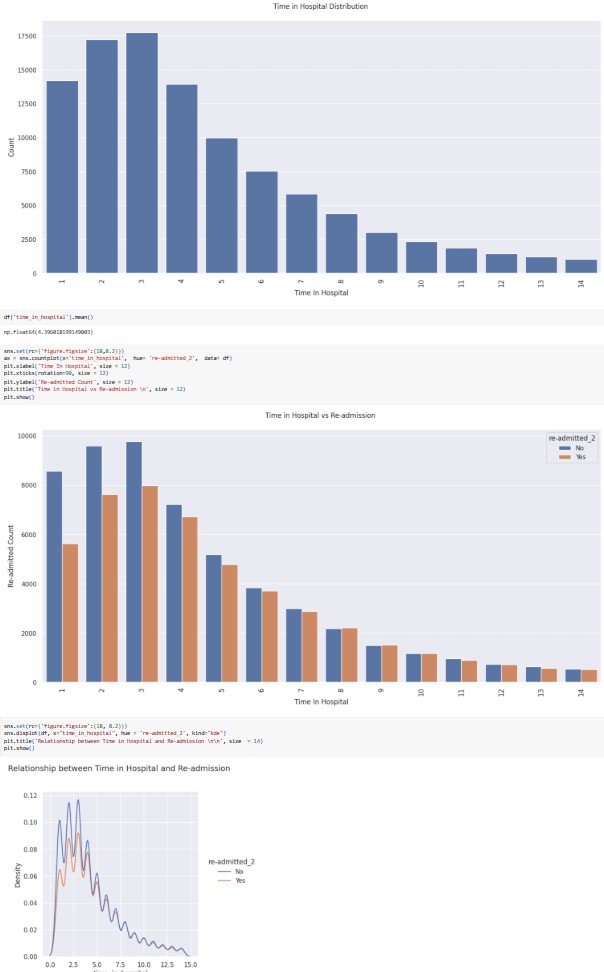
**9.6 Screenshot for Age and weight vs Re-admit**

**Description**: This code visualizes the distribution of patients by age group.



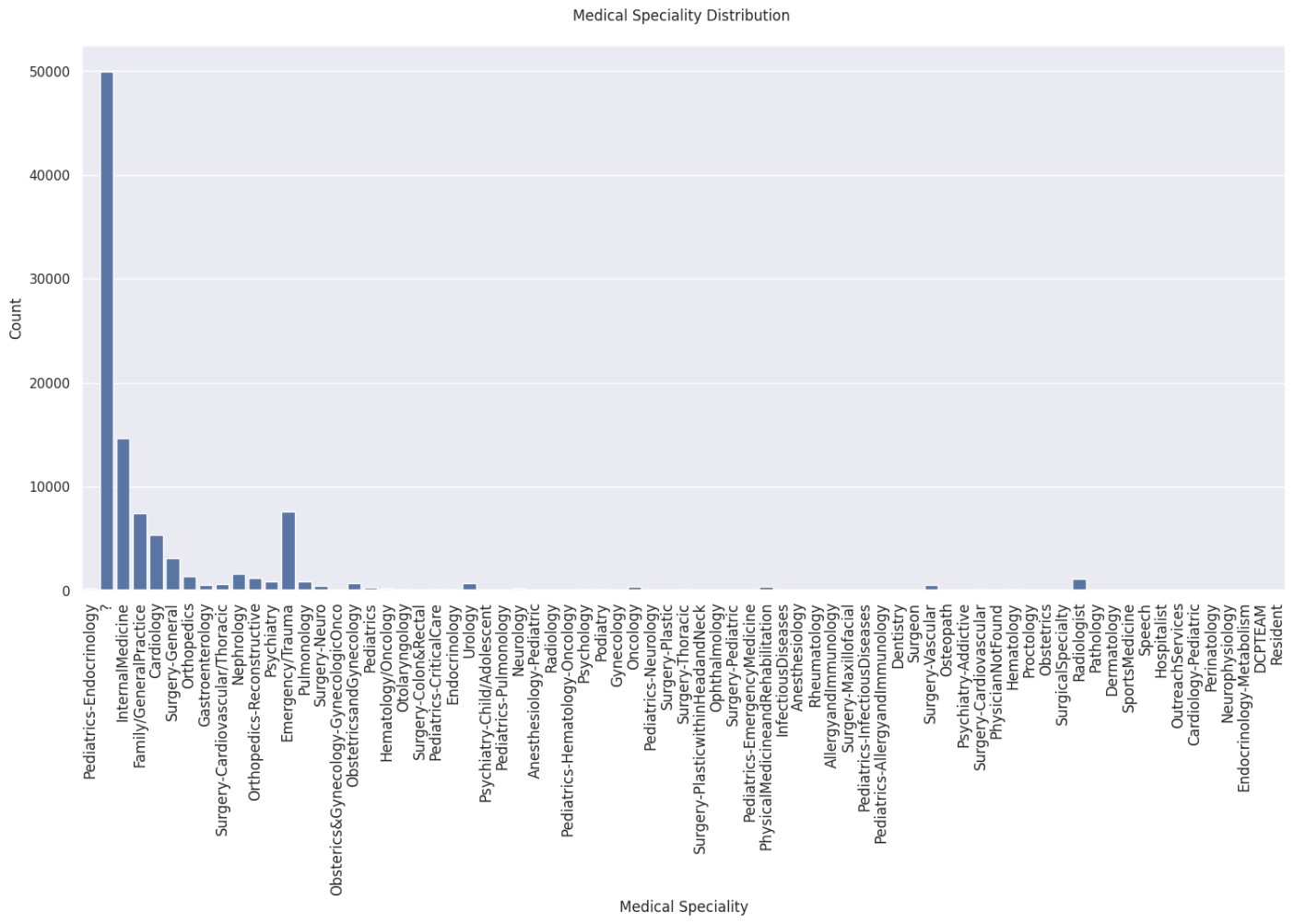
**9.7 Screenshot for Unique ID Overview**

**DESCRIPTION:** This cell checks the number of unique patient admission IDs (patient\_nbr) in the dataset. It also displays the first few unique IDs to give an overview of the identifiers for each patient in the dataset.



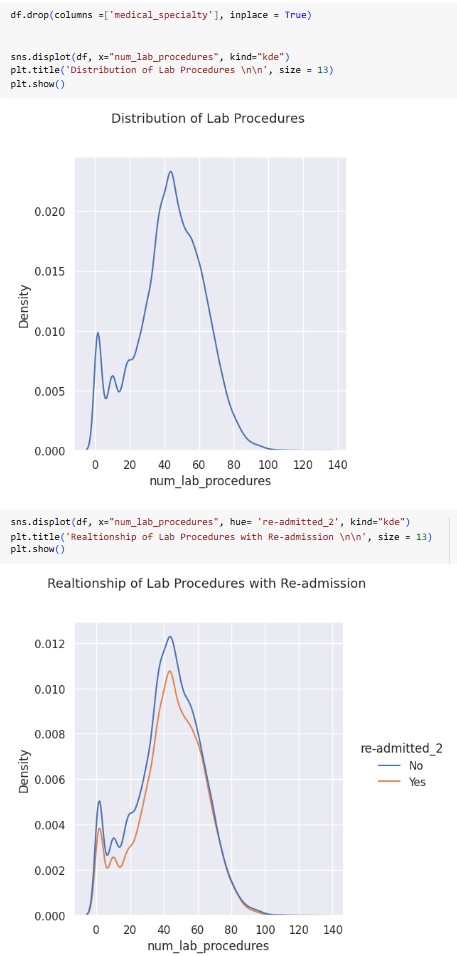
**9.8 Screenshot for Time distribution**

**DESCRIPTION:** This cell visualizes the distribution of the time\_in\_hospital column, which represents the number of days a patient spent in the hospital. A histogram with a kernel density estimate (KDE) curve is used to observe the spread and central tendency of the time spent in the hospital.



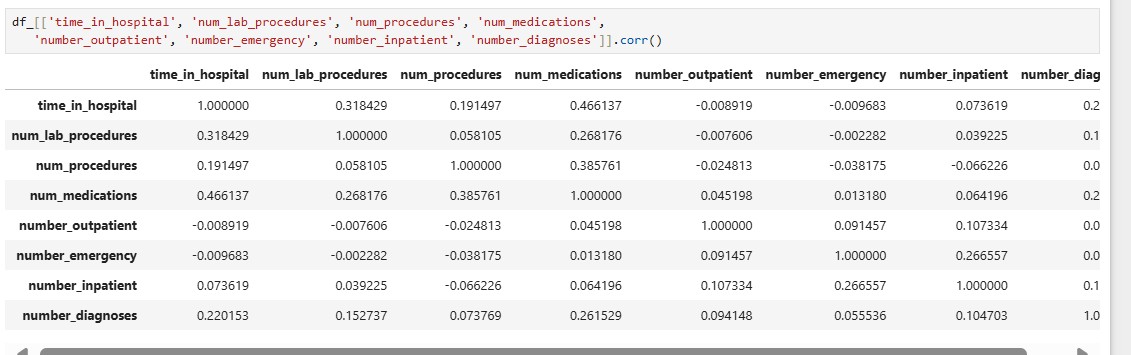
**9.9 Screenshot for Medical Speciality Distribution**

**DESCRIPTION:**  This visualization displays the distribution of patients across various medical specialties. It helps identify which departments encounter more re-admitted cases, offering insight into high-risk treatment areas that may require additional attention or resources.



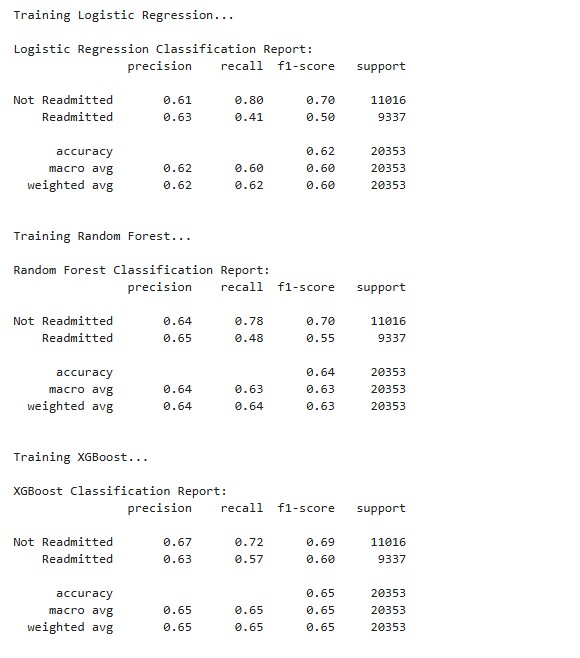
**9.10 Screenshot for Lab Procedures with Re-admission**

**DESCRIPTION:**  This plot highlights the relationship between the number of lab procedures conducted and the likelihood of patient re-admission. It helps evaluate whether increased diagnostic activity correlates with readmission trends, revealing potential over-testing or severity of condition.

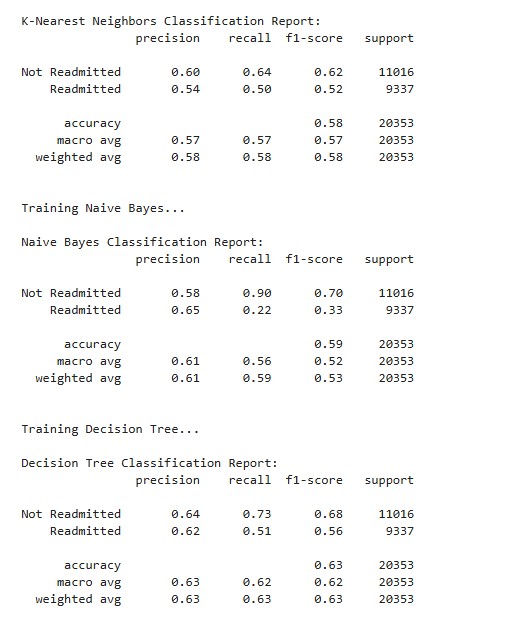


## 9.11 Screenshot for Patients Details

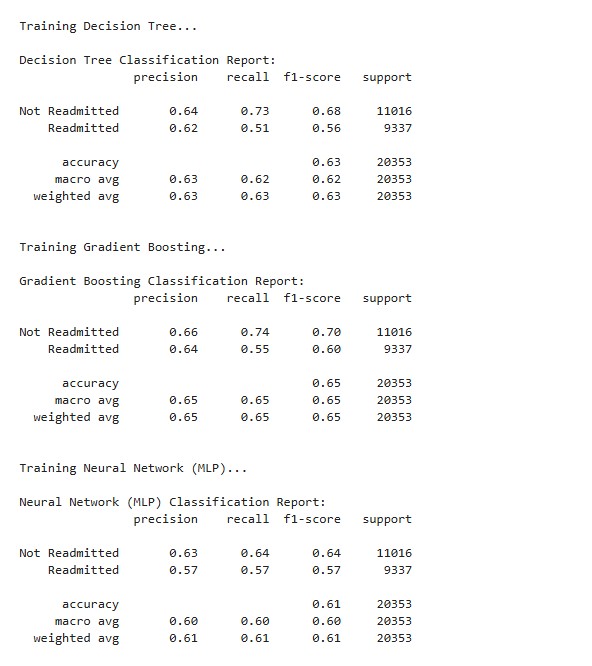
**DESCRIPTION:**  Patient details will be represented in tabular format.



**9.12 Screenshot for Different Models Training**

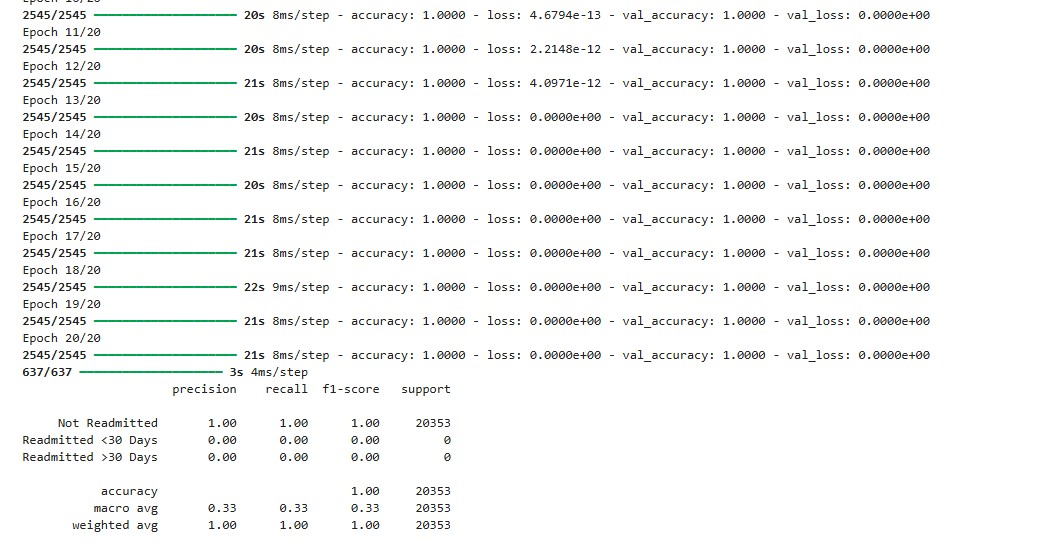


**9.12.1 Screenshot for Different Models Training**



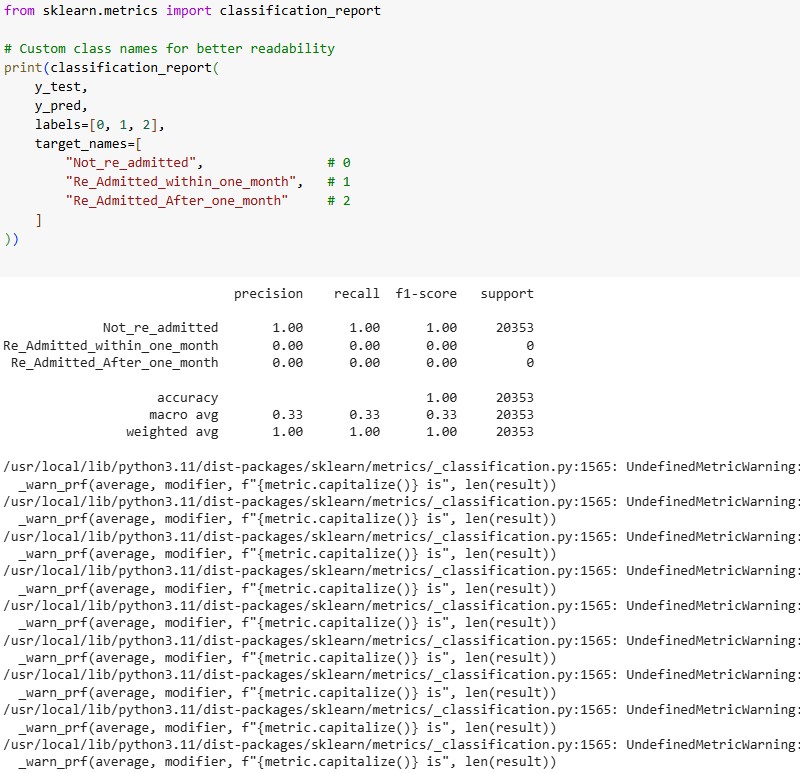
**9.12.2 Screenshot for Different Models Training**

**DESCRPTION:**  This section involves training and evaluating multiple classification models, including Logistic Regression, Random Forest, XGBoost, K-Nearest Neighbors, Naive Bayes, Decision Tree, Gradient Boosting, and Neural Network (MLP), to predict patient readmission. For each model, training is performed on the training dataset, and predictions are made on the test dataset. The performance of each model is assessed using key classification metrics such as precision, recall, and F1-score, which are displayed in the classification report for each model. This helps in comparing the models' abilities to correctly classify patients as "re-admitted" or "not re-admitted" based on various features, enabling the selection of the most effective model for the task.



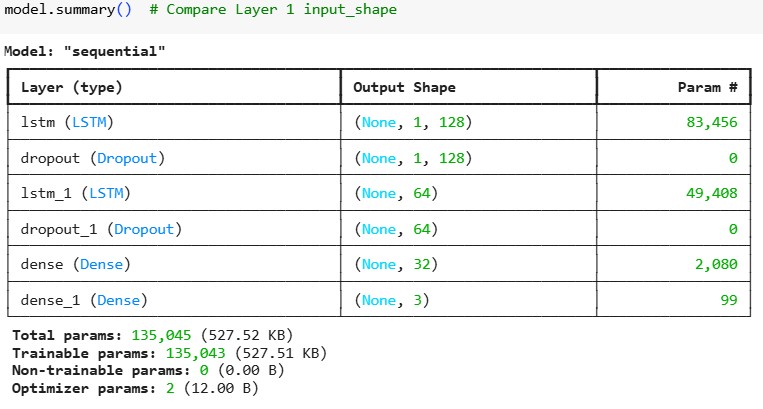
## 9.13 Screenshot for LSTM Training

**DESCRIPTION:**  This cell trains a LSTM (**Long Short-Term Memory**) on the data and prints the classification report, which includes metrics like precision, recall, and F1-score.



**9.14 Screenshot for Classification Report**

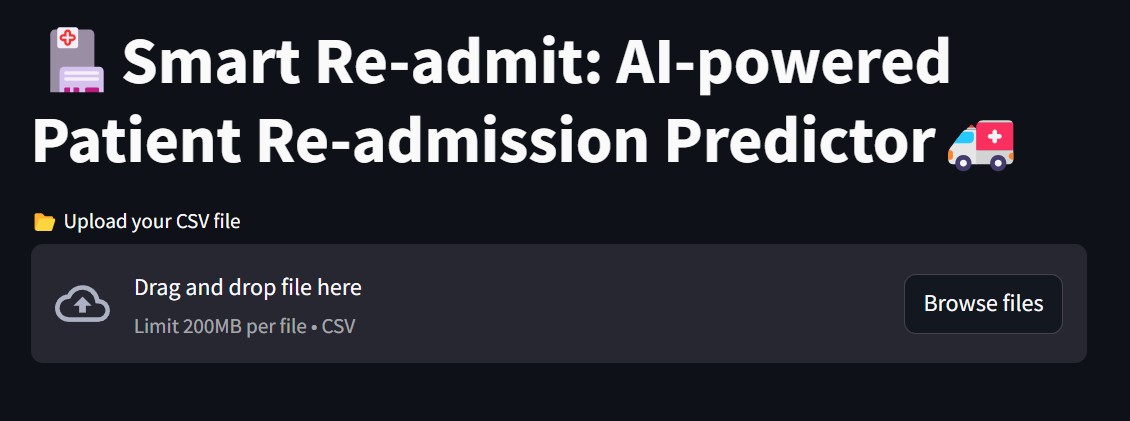
**DESCRIPTION:**  It generates a detailed classification report comparing true labels (y\_test) with predicted labels (y\_pred) using custom class names for better readability. It includes precision, recall, f1-score, and support for each class.



## 9.15 Screenshot for Model Summary

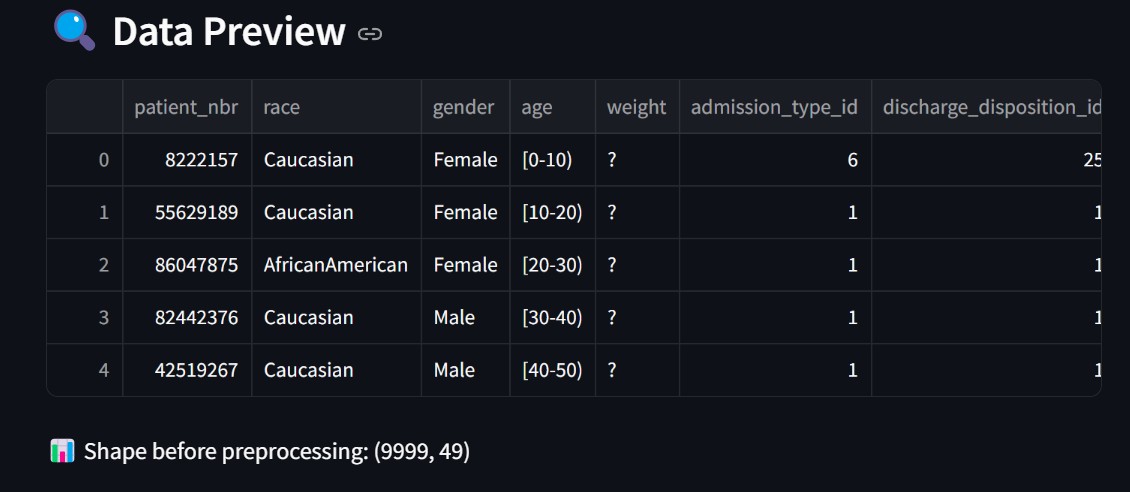
**DESCRIPTION :** The LSTM (Long Short-Term Memory) model is designed to handle sequential data, making it ideal for time-series analysis and scenarios where the model needs to capture long-term dependencies in the data. In the context of predicting patient readmission, LSTM processes time-based patterns in patient history, hospital stays, and other sequential data points that might impact the likelihood of readmission.

After training on the dataset, the model's performance was evaluated using standard classification metrics such as precision, recall, F1-score, and accuracy. LSTM’s ability to retain and leverage information from previous time steps allows it to capture more complex relationships within the data, potentially improving the prediction of readmission for patients over models that do not account for temporal dynamics. This model aims to enhance prediction accuracy by considering the sequence of events during a patient's stay, which traditional models may overlook.



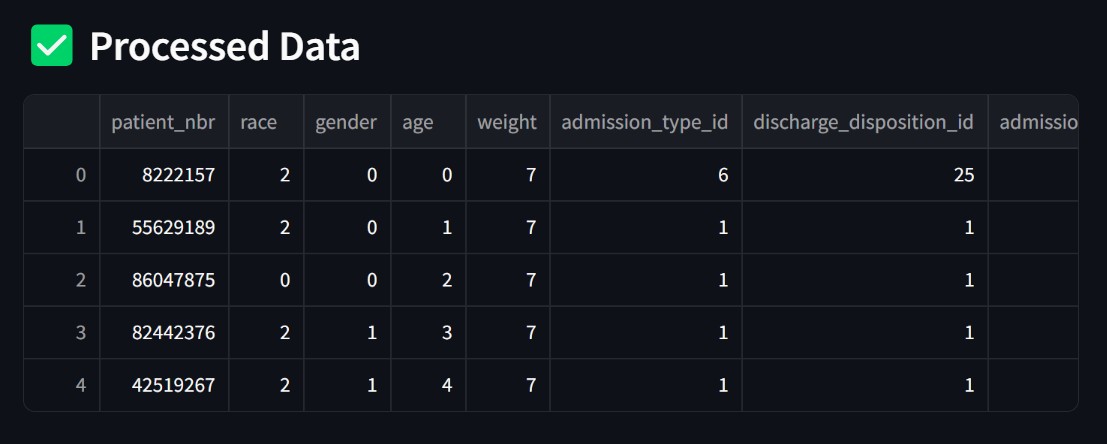
## 9.16 Screenshot for File Upload

**Description**: This section allows users to upload a CSV file containing patient data.



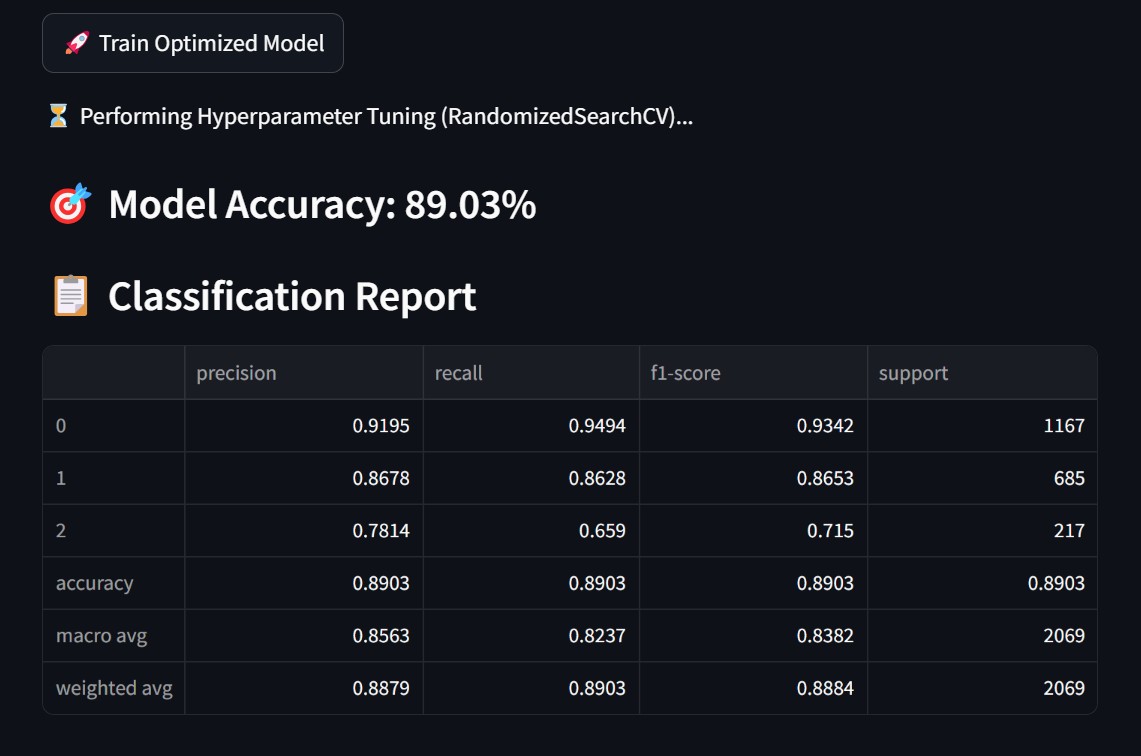
## 9.17 Screenshot for Initial Data Preview

**Description**: The file is read into a pandas DataFrame, and basic information about the dataset is displayed, including the column names and a preview of the first few rows.



## 9.18 Screenshot for Initial Data Processing

**Description**: The dataset undergoes several preprocessing steps to prepare it for machine learning models. Missing values are handled by imputing or removing rows with missing data. Categorical variables are encoded using onehot encoding, making them suitable for the models. Numerical features are scaled using standardization or normalization to ensure consistency across the dataset. Additionally, we address the class imbalance problem with SMOTEENN (Synthetic Minority Over-sampling Technique + Edited Nearest Neighbors), which balances the classes by creating synthetic samples and cleaning up noisy instances. Finally, the data is split into training and testing sets, ensuring the models are evaluated properly and reducing the risk of overfitting. These steps are essential for building robust and reliable predictive models.

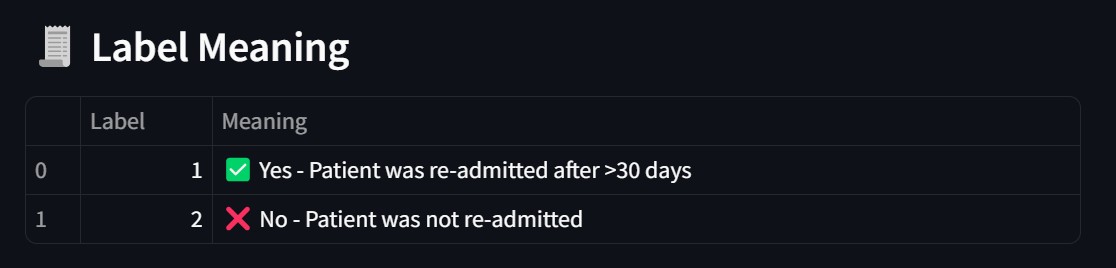


**9.19 Screenshot for Training Model, Accuracy, Classification Report**

**Description** : After training the model with the optimized hyperparameters, the **accuracy** of the model is displayed. The accuracy score indicates how well the model correctly predicts patient re-admission (or non-re-admission) compared to the true values in the test set. A higher accuracy suggests a better model performance.

In addition, the **classification report** is presented, showing key metrics such as **precision**, **recall**, **f1-score**, and **support** for each class. These metrics help assess the model's ability to correctly identify both re-admitted and nonre-admitted patients. Precision tells us how many of the predicted re-admissions were true positives, recall shows how many actual re-admitted patients were identified, and the f1-score provides a balanced measure of both precision and recall. The support represents the number of occurrences of each class in the test set.

This detailed evaluation provides insights into the model's performance and its ability to generalize to unseen data.

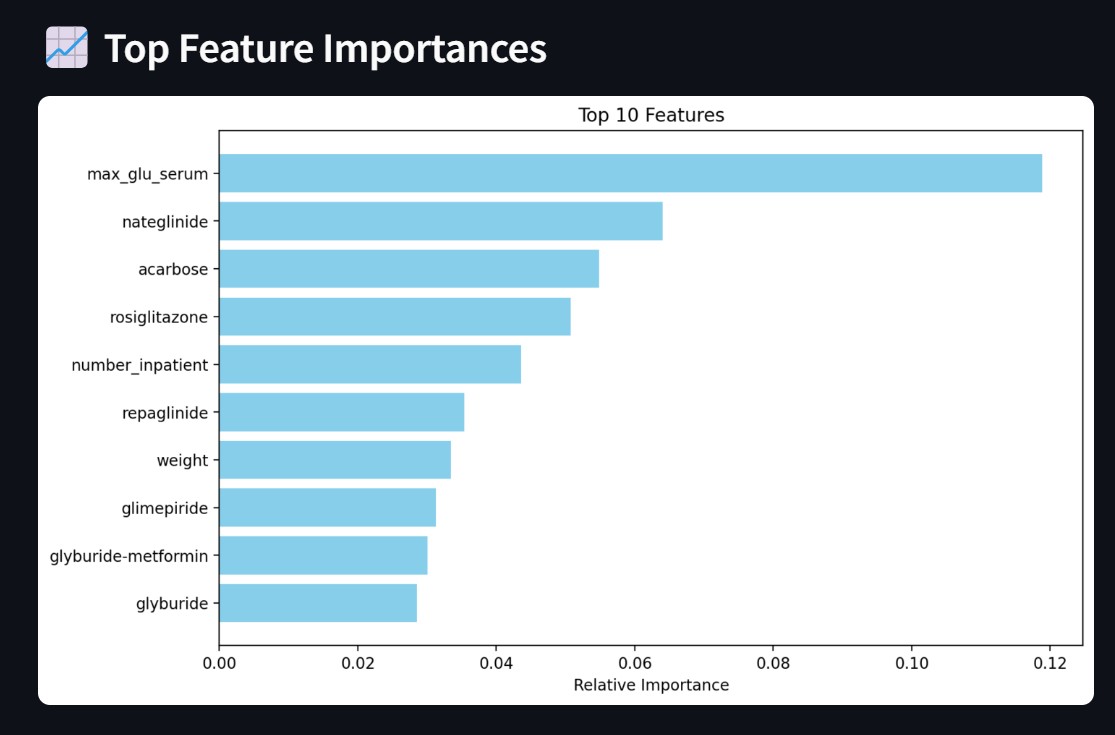


## 9.20 Screenshot for Label Meaning

**Description** : The **Label Meaning** table provides an explanation of the two classes in the target variable **'readmitted'**, which indicates whether a patient was re-admitted to the hospital after more than 30 days. The two labels in the dataset are:

* **1**  **( Yes)**: The patient was **re-admitted** to the hospital after more than 30 days.
* **2**  **( No)**: The patient was **not re-admitted** to the hospital after more than 30 days.

This table helps users understand the significance of each label in the model and its corresponding prediction.



## 9.21 Screenshot for Top 10 Feature Importances

**Description :** The **Top Feature Importances** plot highlights the most influential features used by the trained XGBoost model to predict patient re-admission. These features are ranked based on their relative importance, with the most impactful features placed at the top.

Feature importance in XGBoost is calculated using metrics like **gain** (the improvement in accuracy brought by a feature to the branches it is on) and **cover** (the relative quantity of observations affected by a feature). Higher importance indicates that the feature plays a crucial role in the model's decision-making process.

This visualization allows users to understand which features have the most significant impact on the predictions, helping to interpret the model’s behavior and providing insights into factors affecting patient re-admission.

**CONCLUSION :**

* In this Proposed system, we propose an AI-powered solution for predicting patient re-admissions using various machine learning techniques. The main objective is to assist healthcare providers by offering accurate predictions that help identify patients at risk of being re-admitted to the hospital. Our focus is on developing an efficient model that can be used to optimize hospital resource allocation and improve patient care.• To achieve this, we applied multiple classification algorithms, including Logistic Regression, Random Forest, XGBoost, and Neural Networks, to predict patient readmissions from a dataset of Electronic Health Records (EHR). Each model was carefully optimized using techniques like hyperparameter tuning and class balancing to ensure the best possible performance. Through the use of SMOTEENN for balancing the dataset and RandomizedSearchCV for fine-tuning hyperparameters, we were able to achieve significant improvements in model accuracy and robustness.
* The results show that XGBoost, a gradient boosting technique, performed the best among the models tested, achieving high accuracy and a better balance between precision and recall. We also analyzed the importance of different features in the model, which revealed the most critical factors contributing to patient readmission. This analysis provides healthcare providers with insights into the key determinants that influence re-admission, which can be used to tailor more personalized care plans.
* In addition to predictive accuracy, the Proposed system’s performance evaluation demonstrates that machine learning models, when optimized and trained properly, can provide valuable insights for healthcare professionals. Our solution shows promise in predicting patient re-admissions with a high degree of accuracy, ultimately enabling better decision-making and resource management in hospitals.
* The findings from this Proposed system contribute to the growing field of predictive analytics in healthcare, illustrating the potential of AI to assist in reducing hospital readmissions, improving patient outcomes, and optimizing healthcare systems. With continued advancements in machine learning techniques and healthcare data, we believe that AI can play a crucial role in shaping the future of healthcare.

**FUTURE ENHANCEMENTS :**

1. **Integration of Real-Time Data Streams**

Future iterations of the system can be enhanced by integrating real-time patient monitoring data from IoT devices and wearable health trackers. This would enable dynamic prediction models that adapt to a patient’s current condition, improving the accuracy and timeliness of re-admission risk assessments.

1. **Deep Learning and NLP for Clinical Notes**

Leveraging deep learning techniques like Transformers or Bi-LSTM models to analyze unstructured data such as doctors’ notes, discharge summaries, and radiology reports using Natural Language Processing (NLP) could uncover valuable insights that structured HER data may miss. **3. Mobile and Web Application Deployment**

Developing a user-friendly mobile or web-based interface for doctors and healthcare staff will make the prediction system easily accessible, enhancing usability and adoption in real-world healthcare environments.

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These references form the academic backbone of this Proposed system, offering foundational knowledge in machine learning, data preprocessing, and the application of advanced algorithms to real-world healthcare data. They provide a comprehensive understanding of the methodologies employed and demonstrate the relevance of various techniques for predicting patient re-admission. The Proposed system draws on these references to implement solutions that enhance healthcare efficiency and improve clinical outcomes.