

Team Cinco presents

Analyzing Breast Cancer

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Problem Statement

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- 1 in 8 women in the U.S suffers from Breast cancer.
- About 86% of the patients can be cured if treated in the early stages.
- Currently women can only undergo screening tests which are just physical examinations
- If any abnormalities are found, then they have to undergo a bunch of very expensive tests for diagnosis.
- Our objective is to find the main factors that can help identify cancerous tumors.
- We then build a model to identify if the tumor cell is cancerous.

Data Set



Data Set collected by:

University of Wisconsin Hospitals, Madison from Dr. William H. Wolberg

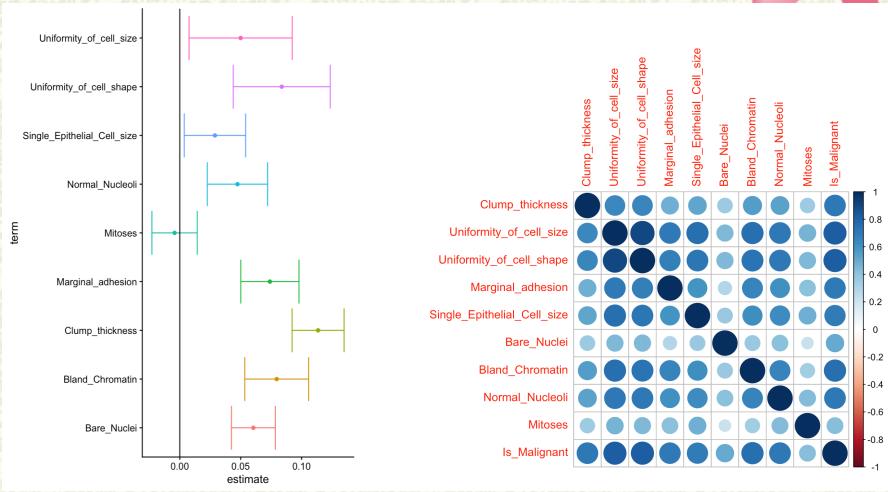
Stored in UCI Machine Learning Repository

https://archive.ics.uci.edu/ml/machine-learning-databases/breast-cancer-wisconsin/breast-cancer-wisconsin.data

- **Data Set Description**
- The data was taken from Cytology laboratory tests
- There are 9 attributes and one class- whether the tumour is malignant or not.
- We had a total of 699 observations out of which 16 had missing values (we dropped those because they constituted < 2.5% of the data)
- The data was collected from women who had undergone laboratory test to find out whether the lump formed in their chest is a Benign or a Malignant tumor.
- Each of the 9 predictor variable is scaled from 1-10. Higher the value, greater the chance of it being malignant.

Variables





Understanding Predictors

Clump thickness:

Benign cells tend to be grouped in monolayers, while cancerous cells are often grouped in multilayers.

Uniformity of cell shape:

Cancer cells tend to vary in size and shape. So uniformity of cell size/shape points in a benign direction.

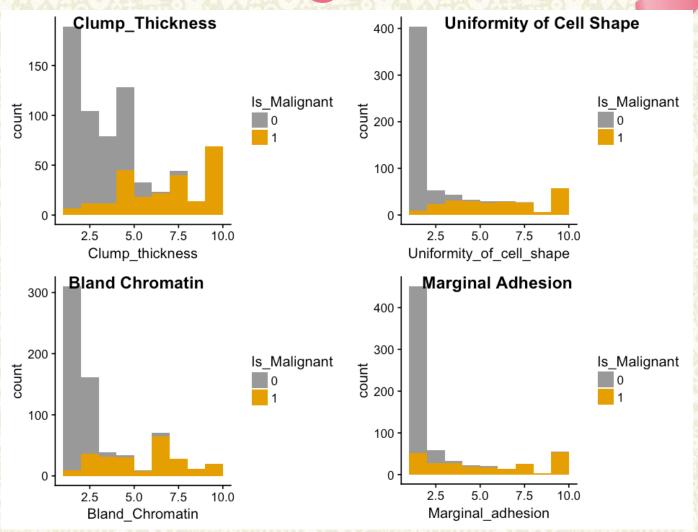
Bland Chromatin:

Describes a uniform "texture" of the nucleus seen in benign cells. In cancer cells the chromatin tends to be coarser.

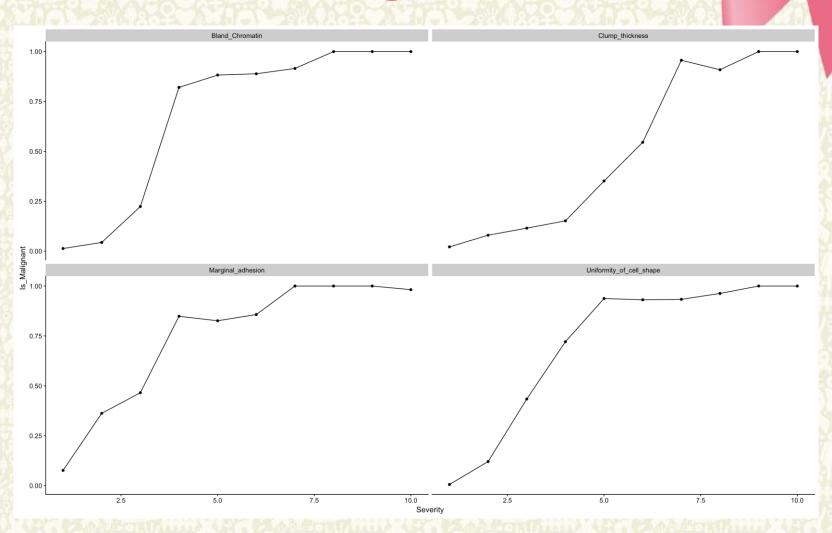
Marginal adhesion:

Normal cells stick together while cancer cells lose their ability to do so. So loss of adhesion is a sign of malignancy.

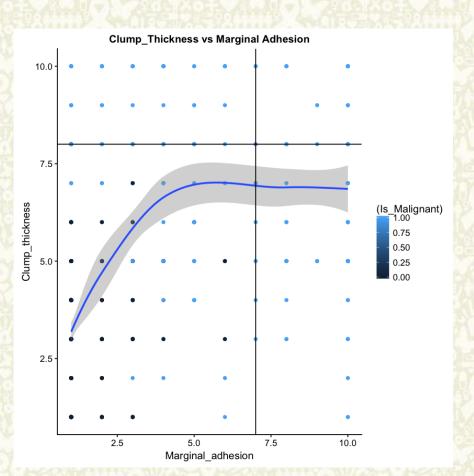
Cases of Benign and Malignant

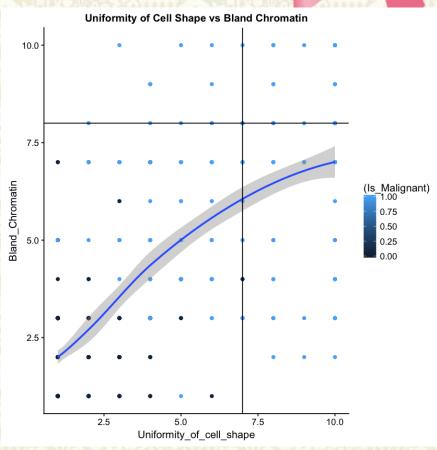


Average change in malignance

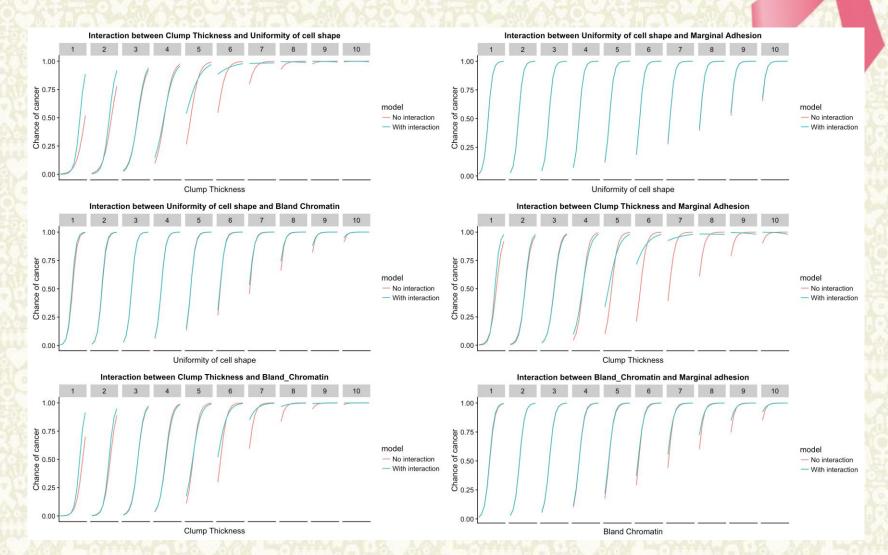


Predictor interactions

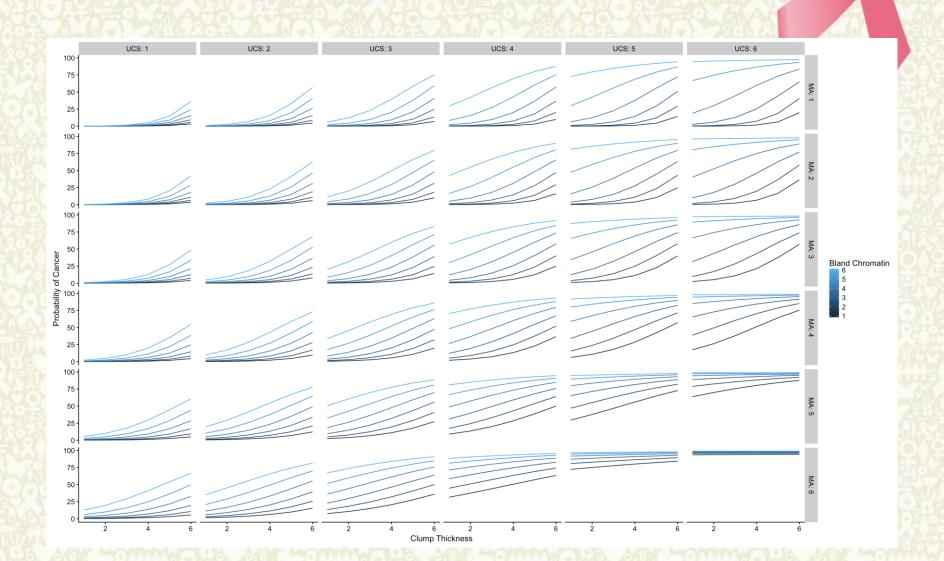




Checking for Interactions to include in the model



All Predictors' Interaction



Scope and Limitations

- We have done a detailed analysis of which of the attributes can be more helpful in determining if a tumor is cancerous.
- There is scope for R&D focusing on methods to measure these attributes precisely and with cheaper methods.
- We built a model as a preliminary test of breast cancer. We only explored laboratory
 data and drew inferences from that. We require real life data in-order to showcase any
 kind of accuracy or loss.
- This is a faster way of classifying the tumor and probably more reliable than physical examination but it is highly advised to go for further tests once a malignant tumor is detected.

