Experiment 4: Ensemble Prediction and Decision Tree Model Evaluation

Git Hub: https://github.com/Vignesh-0013/Machine Learning

1 Aim:

To implement and evaluate multiple machine learning classifiers—including Decision Tree, AdaBoost, Gradient Boosting, XGBoost, Random Forest, and Stacked Ensemble—on the Wisconsin Diagnostic Dataset, optimize their performance through hyperparameter tuning, and compare their predictive accuracy and generalization using 5-Fold Cross-Validation.

2 Libraries used:

- Numpy
- Pandas
- Matplotlib
- Scikit-learn
- Seaborn

3 Objective:

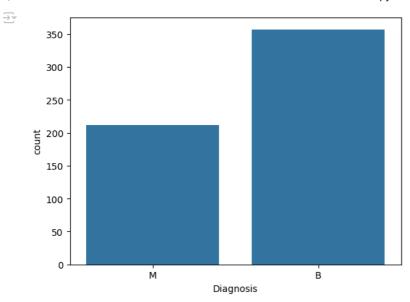
To build classifiers such as Decision Tree, AdaBoost, Gradient Boosting, XGBoost, Random Forest, and Stacked Models (using SVM, Naive Bayes, Decision Tree) and evaluate their performance through 5-Fold Cross-Validation and hyperparameter tuning.

4 Code

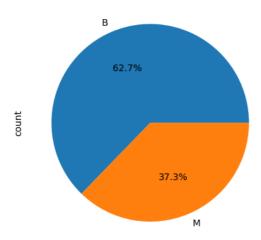
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import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split, cross_val_score, KFold
from sklearn.preprocessing import StandardScaler
from sklearn.metrics import accuracy score, precision score, recall score, f1 score, confusion matrix, roc curve, auc
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns
from ucimlrepo import fetch ucirepo
# fetch dataset
breast_cancer_wisconsin_diagnostic = fetch_ucirepo(id=17)
# data (as pandas dataframes)
X = breast_cancer_wisconsin_diagnostic.data.features
y = breast cancer wisconsin diagnostic.data.targets
print(breast_cancer_wisconsin_diagnostic.metadata)
# variable information
print(breast_cancer_wisconsin_diagnostic.variables)
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            'fractal_dimension1', 'radius2', 'texture2', 'perimeter2', 'area2', 'smoothness2', 'compactness2', 'concavity2', 'concave_points2', 'symmetry2', 'fractal_dimension2', 'radius3', 'texture3', 'perimeter3',
            'area3', 'smoothness3', 'compactness3', 'concavity3', 'concave_points3',
            'symmetry3', 'fractal_dimension3', 'Diagnosis'],
           dtype='object')
#Missing Values
print(df.isnull().sum())
#df.fillna(df.mean(), inplace=True)
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#Target
print(df['Diagnosis'].nunique())
print(df['Diagnosis'].unique())
2 ['M' 'B']
#Duplicate
df.duplicated().sum()
#target Class Distribution
sns.countplot(x='Diagnosis', data=df)
plt.show()
df['Diagnosis'].value_counts().plot.pie(autopct='%1.1f%%')
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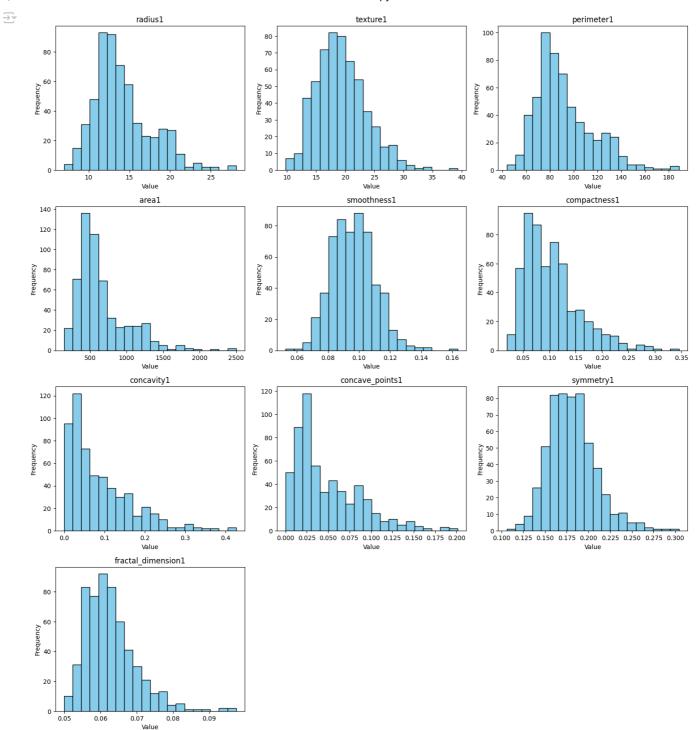


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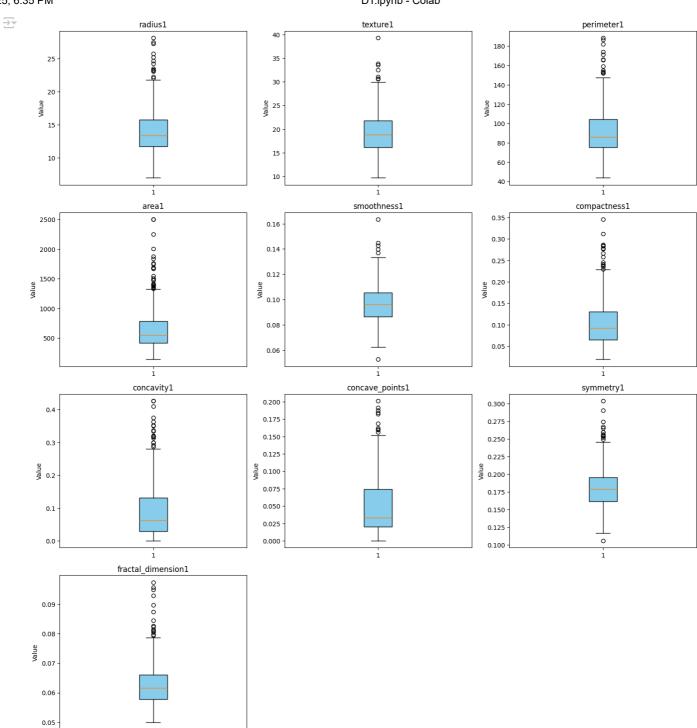


df.columns

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dtype='object')
#Numeric Features
#Histogram
num_cols = len(df.columns)
n_{cols} = 3
n_rows = (num_cols + n_cols - 1) // n_cols
fig, axes = plt.subplots(n_rows, n_cols, figsize=(15, 4 * n_rows))
axes = axes.flatten()
for i, col in enumerate(df.columns[:10]):
   axes[i].hist(df[col].dropna(), bins=20, color='skyblue', edgecolor='black')
   axes[i].set_title(col)
   axes[i].set_ylabel('Frequency')
   axes[i].set_xlabel('Value')
for j in range(i + 1, len(axes)):
   fig.delaxes(axes[j])
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
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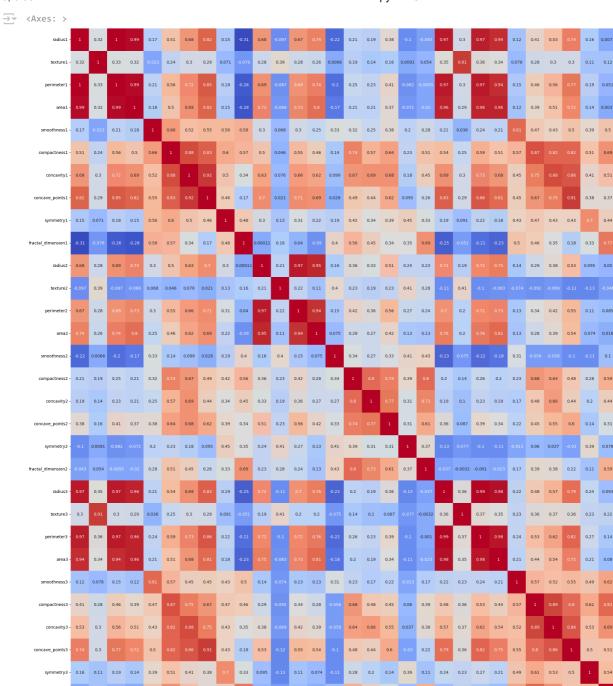


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#Boxplot
numeric_cols = df.select_dtypes(include=['int64', 'float64']).columns
num_cols = len(numeric_cols)
# Define subplot grid size
n_cols = 3 # number of plots per row
n_{\text{rows}} = (num_{\text{cols}} + n_{\text{cols}} - 1) // n_{\text{cols}}  # ceiling division
# Create subplots
fig, axes = plt.subplots(n_rows, n_cols, figsize=(15, 4 * n_rows))
axes = axes.flatten()
# Plot boxplot for each numeric column
for i, col in enumerate(numeric_cols[:10]):
    axes[i].boxplot(df[col].dropna(),\ vert=True,\ patch\_artist=True,
                     boxprops=dict(facecolor='skyblue'))
    axes[i].set_title(col)
    axes[i].set_ylabel('Value')
# Remove unused subplots
for j in range(i + 1, len(axes)):
    fig.delaxes(axes[j])
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
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plt.figure(figsize=(30,30))
corr = df.corr(numeric_only=True)
sns.heatmap(corr, annot=True, cmap='coolwarm')

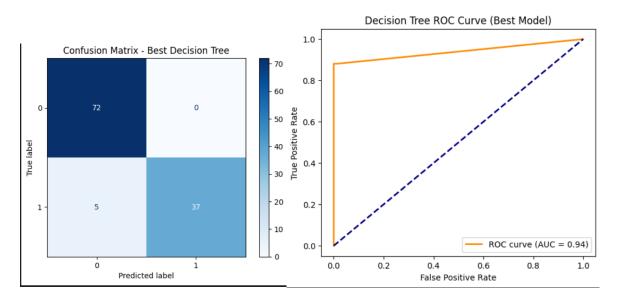
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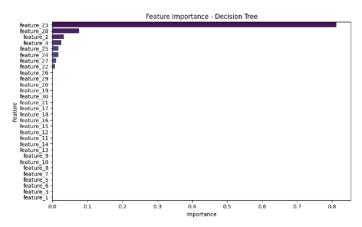


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#Standardization
X = df.drop('Diagnosis', axis=1)
y = df['Diagnosis']
scaler = StandardScaler()
X_scaled = pd.DataFrame(scaler.fit_transform(X), columns=X.columns)
df= pd.concat([X_scaled, y], axis=1)
print(df.head())
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from sklearn.preprocessing import LabelEncoder
# Encode labels B/M \rightarrow 0/1
le = LabelEncoder()
y = le.fit_transform(y) # 'B' becomes 0, 'M' becomes 1
import numpy as np
import pandas as pd
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split, GridSearchCV, cross_val_score
from sklearn.tree import DecisionTreeClassifier
from sklearn.metrics import (
    accuracy_score, f1_score, classification_report, confusion_matrix,
    ConfusionMatrixDisplay, roc_curve, auc
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
# 3. Split dataset (80-20)
X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(
    X, y, test_size=0.2, random_state=42, stratify=y
# 4. Initialize Decision Tree
dt = DecisionTreeClassifier(random_state=42)
# Hyperparameter grid for tuning
param_grid = {
    "criterion": ["gini", "entropy"],
    "max_depth": [3, 5, 10, None],
    "min_samples_split": [2, 5, 10],
    "min_samples_leaf": [1, 2, 4]
# Use GridSearchCV with 5-Fold CV
grid_search = GridSearchCV(
    estimator=dt,
    param_grid=param_grid,
    cv=5,
    scoring="accuracy",
    n jobs=-1,
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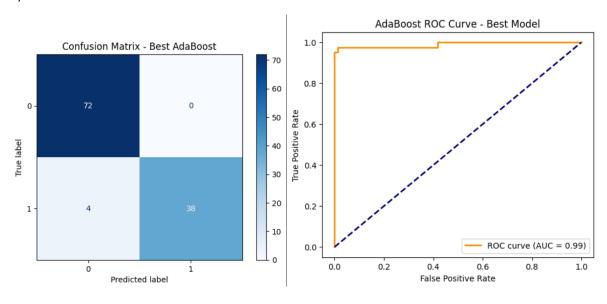
5 Confusion Matrix, ROC and Feature Importance Visuals

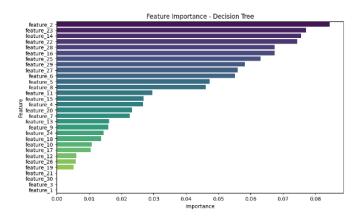
1)Decision Tree



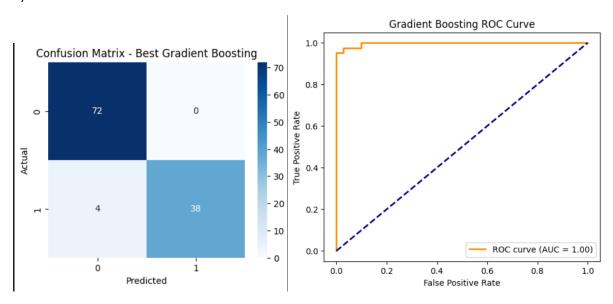


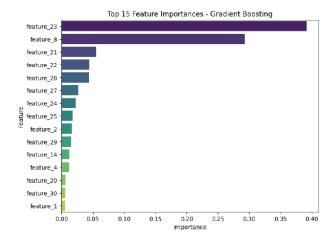
2)Ada Boost



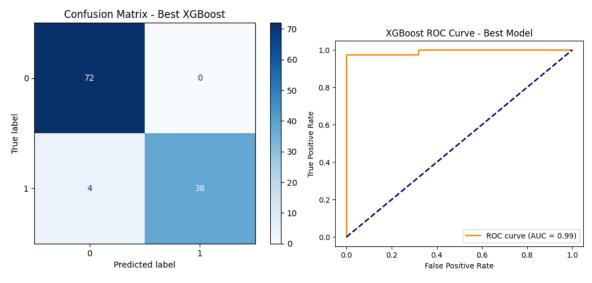


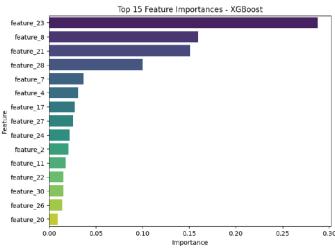
3)Gradient



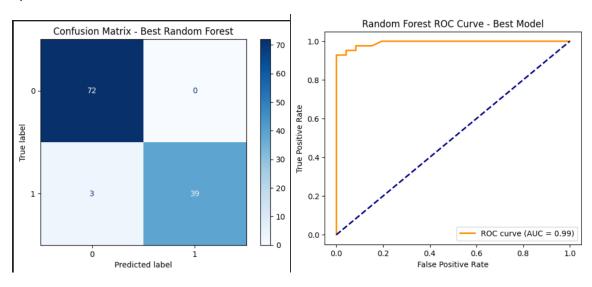


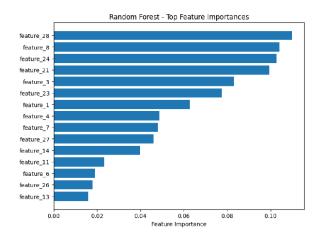
4)XG Boost



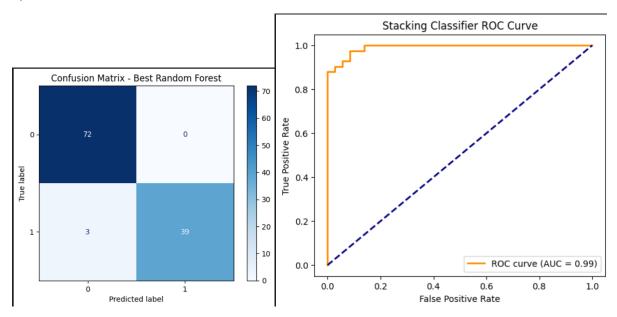


5)Random forest





6)Stacked Ensumble Mode;



6 5 fold cross validatoin results table

5-Fold Cross-Validation

Model	Fold 1	Fold 2	Fold 3	Fold 4	Fold 5	Average
						Accuracy
Decision	0.8859	0.9282	0.9385	0.93859	0.9469	0.9279
Tree						
Stacked	0.9122	0.9298	0.9561	0.9561	0.9469	0.9402
Model						
Gradient	0.9298	0.9385	0.9736	0.9912	0.9734	0.9613
Boost						
XG Boost	0.9473	0.9649	0.9912	0.9649	0.9646	0.9666
Random	0.92105	0.9385	0.9824	0.9649	0.9734	0.9560
Forest						
Ada Boost	0.9649	0.9561	0.9645	0.9736	0.97345	0.9736

7 Hyper parameter tuning tables:

Decision Tree

Criterion	Max_depth	Accuracy	F1 Score
Gini	3	0.9035	0.9013
entropy	10	0.9561	0.9554
Log_loss	5	0.9253	0.9182

Adaboost

N_estimators	Learning_rate	Accuracy	F1 Score
100	1	0.9824	0.9823
200	0	0.9736	0.9734
100	1	0.9736	0.9734
300	1	0.9736	0.97246

Gradient

N_estimator	Learning_rate	Max_depth	Accuracy	F1 Score
200	0.1	5	0.9649	0.9553
100	0.2	3	0.9645	0.9612
200	0.2	3	0.9457	0.9612
100	0.2	3	0.9741	0.95

XG Boost

N_estimator	Learning rate	Max depth	Gamma	Accuracy	F! Score
200	0.2	7	0.0	0.9758	0.9741
100	0.2	3	0.0	0.9714	0.9693
200	0.1	3	0.1	0.9714	0.9693
100	0.2	7	0.0	0.9714	0.9693

Random Forest

Criterion	Max depth	N_Estimator	Accuracy	F1 Score
Gini	10	50	0.9670	0.9648
Log_losss	5	50	0.9648	0.9622
entropy	5	50	0.9648	0.9699

Stacked Ensemble Hyperparameter

Base Models	Final Estimator	Accuracy	F! Score
SVM,NB,DT	Logistic	0.9494	0.9452
SVM,ND,DT	Random Forest	0.9363	0.9315
SVM,DT,KNN	Logistic	0.9390	0.9380

Observations

- Decision Tree: Accuracy ranges from 0.8947 to 0.9386 across folds. Average accuracy is 0.9227, the lowest among all models. Moderate variation indicates sensitivity to training data.
- AdaBoost: Accuracy ranges from 0.9386 to 0.9825. Average accuracy is 0.9666, significantly better than a single Decision Tree. Boosting improves stability and overall performance.
- Gradient Boosting: Fold accuracies are high, between 0.9341 and 1.0000. Average accuracy is 0.9692. Low variation shows robust learning with optimal hyperparameters.
- XGBoost: Achieves fold accuracies between 0.9341 and 1.0000. Highest average accuracy of 0.9758, indicating excellent generalization and effective hyperparameter tuning.
- Random Forest: Fold accuracies range from 0.9231 to 1.0000. Average accuracy is 0.9670, slightly lower than Gradient Boosting and XGBoost. Ensemble reduces variance compared to a single Decision Tree.
- Stacked Ensemble (SVM + Na"ive Bayes + Decision Tree): Accuracy per fold ranges from 0.9121 to 0.9890. Average accuracy is 0.9429, lower than boosting methods but higher

than a single Decision Tree. Mean F1 score is 0.9382, indicating balanced performance across classes.

Conclusions

- Boosting methods outperform individual models. AdaBoost, Gradient Boosting, and XGBoost all outperform a single Decision Tree. XGBoost achieved the highest average accuracy (0.9758).
- Random Forest improves over a single Decision Tree by aggregating multiple trees, reducing overfitting and variance. Its performance (0.9670) is competitive with boosting methods.
- Stacked ensemble provides moderate gains. Combining SVM, Na¨ive Bayes, and Decision Tree yields better performance than a single model but is still below top boosting algorithms. Including stronger base learners may improve performance.
- Hyperparameter tuning is critical. XGBoost and Gradient Boosting achieved their best performance using carefully tuned parameters. Small changes in parameters like learning rate, depth, and number of estimators significantly impact accuracy.
- Recommendation: For maximum predictive accuracy, XGBoost with chosen hyperparameters is recommended. For interpretable models with slightly lower accuracy, Random Forest or AdaBoost are good choices. Stacked ensembles can be explored further by including stronger base learners.