

ASSIGNMENT 2 PART2 (CLASSIFICATION)

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1. Problem Overview

In this assignment, we build a binary classification problem using a provided dataset. The primary objective was to train and compare the performance of various classification algorithms and visualize their evaluation metrics.

The target variable (target) has two classes:

0: No heart disease

1: Have heart disease

We will compare 4 different models { }

2. Data Preprocessing

After loading the dataset, we renamed the target column from "condition" to "target" for clarity. To understand the data, we previewed the first few rows using df.head() and examined its structure.

The dataset contains 297 entries and 14 columns (features), all of which are numeric (either int64 or float64). No missing values were found, so no imputation or removal was necessary. Typically, if missing values exist, we might drop the rows, fill them with the mean/median/mode, or use interpolation, but this was not required here.

We also checked descriptive statistics using df.describe(). We noticed that some features had higher standard deviations than others, indicating varying value ranges across features.

Since several machine learning models, such as {Logistic Regression, SVM, and k-NN} perform better when features are scaled to a similar range, we applied feature scaling using StandardScaler after splitting the data into 80% training and 20% test sets.

| | age | sex | ср | trestbps | chol | fbs | restecg | thalach | exang | oldpeak | slope | ca | thal | target |
|---|-----|-----|----|----------|------|-----|---------|---------|-------|---------|-------|----|------|--------|
| 0 | 69 | 1 | 0 | 160 | 234 | 1 | 2 | 131 | 0 | 0.1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| 1 | 69 | 0 | 0 | 140 | 239 | 0 | 0 | 151 | 0 | 1.8 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| 2 | 66 | 0 | 0 | 150 | 226 | 0 | 0 | 114 | 0 | 2.6 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 3 | 65 | 1 | 0 | 138 | 282 | 1 | 2 | 174 | 0 | 1.4 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| 4 | 64 | 1 | 0 | 110 | 211 | 0 | 2 | 144 | 1 | 1.8 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Display first 5 rows

| | age | sex | ср | trestbps | chol |
|-------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| count | 297.000000 | 297.000000 | 297.000000 | 297.000000 | 297.000000 |
| mean | 54.542088 | 0.676768 | 2.158249 | 131.693603 | 247.350168 |
| std | 9.049736 | 0.468500 | 0.964859 | 17.762806 | 51.997583 |
| min | 29.000000 | 0.000000 | 0.000000 | 94.000000 | 126.000000 |
| 25% | 48.000000 | 0.000000 | 2.000000 | 120.000000 | 211.000000 |
| 50% | 56.000000 | 1.000000 | 2.000000 | 130.000000 | 243.000000 |
| 75% | 61.000000 | 1.000000 | 3.000000 | 140.000000 | 276.000000 |
| max | 77.000000 | 1.000000 | 3.000000 | 200.000000 | 564.000000 |
| | | | | | |

summary statistics

| age | 0 |
|------------|----|
| sex | 0 |
| ср | 0 |
| trestbps | 0 |
| chol | 0 |
| fbs | 0 |
| restecg | 0 |
| thalach | 0 |
| exang | 0 |
| oldpeak | 0 |
| slope | 0 |
| ca | 0 |
| thal | 0 |
| target | 0 |
| dtype: int | 64 |
| | |

missing values

| Rang | eIndex: 29 | 7 entries, 0 to | 296 | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------|---------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| _ | Data columns (total 14 columns): | | | | | | | | | |
| # | | Non-Null Count | • | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| 0 | age | 297 non-null | int64 | | | | | | | |
| 1 | sex | 297 non-null | int64 | | | | | | | |
| 2 | ср | 297 non-null | int64 | | | | | | | |
| 3 | trestbps | 297 non-null | int64 | | | | | | | |
| 4 | chol | 297 non-null | int64 | | | | | | | |
| 5 | fbs | 297 non-null | int64 | | | | | | | |
| 6 | restecg | 297 non-null | int64 | | | | | | | |
| 7 | thalach | 297 non-null | int64 | | | | | | | |
| 8 | exang | 297 non-null | int64 | | | | | | | |
| 9 | oldpeak | 297 non-null | float64 | | | | | | | |
| 10 | slope | 297 non-null | int64 | | | | | | | |
| 11 | ca | 297 non-null | int64 | | | | | | | |
| 12 | thal | 297 non-null | int64 | | | | | | | |
| 13 | target | 297 non-null | int64 | | | | | | | |
| dtyp | dtypes: float64(1), int64(13) | | | | | | | | | |
| memory usage: 32.6 KB | | | | | | | | | | |

data info

3. Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA)

First, we summarized the data by target (df.groupby('target').mean()) to see average feature values for patients with and without heart disease. For example, patients with disease tend to have higher cholesterol and lower max heart rate. This helps understand group differences for prediction.

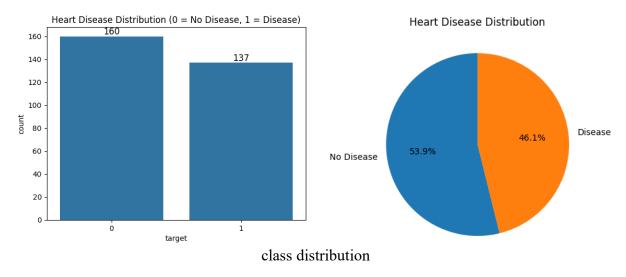
Then, we checked the class distribution. It's nearly balanced: 53.9% no disease, 46.1% disease so no need for special imbalance handling.

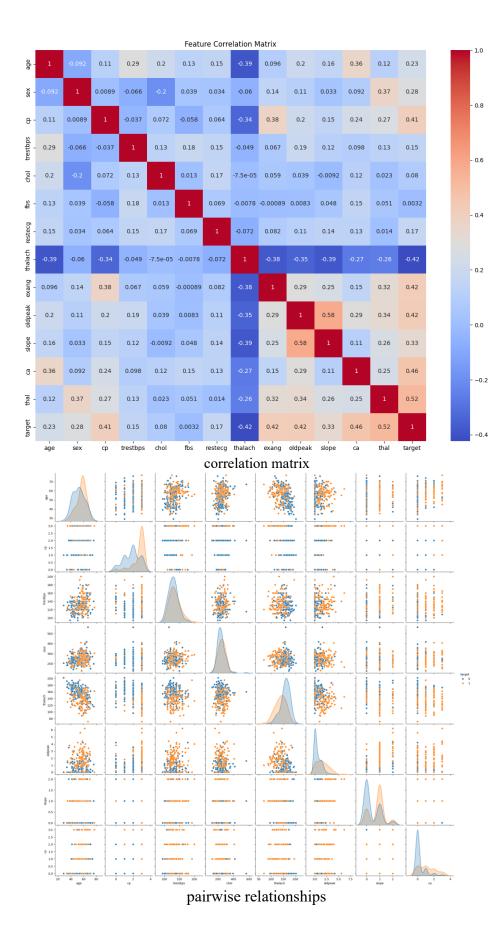
Next, we computed the correlation matrix. Most features have low correlation with each other (good). The most correlated features with the target are thal, ca, oldpeak, exang, and cp.

Finally, we used a pairplot to visualize relationships between features and the target. It helps spot patterns and differences between classes and guides us on choosing suitable models and decision boundaries.

| target | age | sex | ср | trestbp s | chol | fbs | restecg | thalach | exang | oldpeak | slope | ca | thal |
|--------|-----|-----|-----|--------------|------|-----|---------|---------|-------|---------|-------|---------|------|
| 0 | 52 | 0.5 | 1.7 | 129 | 243 | 0.1 | 0.8 | 158 | 0.1 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0. 2 | 0.3 |
| 1 | 56 | 0.8 | 2.5 | 134.6 | 25 | 0.1 | 1.1 | 139 | 0.5 | 1.5 | 0.8 | 1. 1 | 1.3 |

Summary statistics grouped by target





| Feature | Correlation | | | |
|----------|-------------|--|--|--|
| reature | to target | | | |
| target | 1.000000 | | | |
| thal | 0.520516 | | | |
| ca | 0.463189 | | | |
| oldpeak | 0.424052 | | | |
| exang | 0.421355 | | | |
| ср | 0.408945 | | | |
| slope | 0.333049 | | | |
| sex | 0.278467 | | | |
| age | 0.227075 | | | |
| restecg | 0.166343 | | | |
| trestbps | 0.153490 | | | |
| chol | 0.080285 | | | |
| fbs | 0.003167 | | | |
| thalach | -0.423817 | | | |

Correlation with target

4. Feature Selection / Engineering

We first drop features with low correlation to target (means they don't affect the prediction much).

From above, "fbs" has the lowest correlation (0.003) and gets dropped.

You might think "thalach" (-0.42) is lower because it's negative, but only correlations close to 0 (like |0.003| < 0.05) are weak.

Strong negative or positive values (like -0.42) still matter for prediction.

Next, we check for highly correlated features (above 0.8), since they bring redundant info, but in our case, no pairs passed that, so nothing removed.

So the new selected features will be "13" since we remove "fbs"

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['age', 'sex', 'cp', 'trestbps', 'chol', 'restecg', 'thalach', 'exang',
  'oldpeak', 'slope', 'ca', 'thal', 'target']
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5. Model Selection and Training

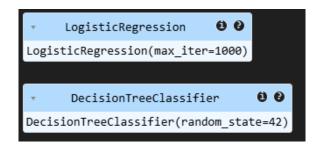
After preprocessing and feature engineering, we move to building models. In this assignment, we use 4 classification models: Logistic Regression, Decision Tree, k-NN, and SVM.

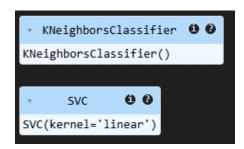
These models are suitable because we need to classify the target as 0 or 1.

- Logistic Regression: predicts probability of heart disease (good for linear relations).
- **Decision Tree:** captures non-linear relations between features and target.
- k-NN: makes predictions based on similar patient records.
- **SVM:** separates patients into two groups with the best boundary.

We initialize and train these models using the training data we split earlier, for k-NN, we choose k to be 5.

Even though this section is called Model Selection, we didn't actually select one model yet — we're trying multiple models first to compare their performance later.





6. Model Evaluation

This is the main part of the assignment. Here we evaluate the models we trained, using known evaluation metrics: Accuracy, Precision, Recall, F1-Score, and ROC AUC.

- We first start by making predictions on test data.

For **Logistic Regression** and **Decision Tree** we use the normal test data X_test (without scaling).

But for k-NN and SVM, we use the scaled data X test scaled.

As we said before, this is because **k-NN** is very sensitive to unscaled data, and its performance drops without it. SVM is sensitive too, but less than k-NN. ^^

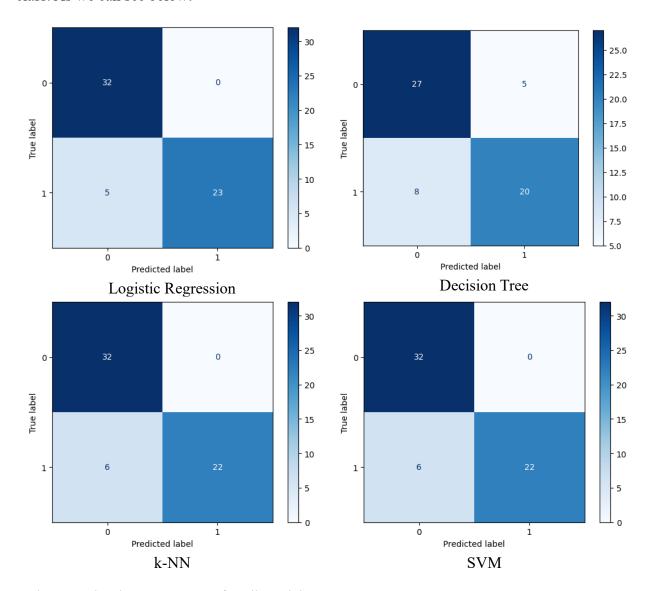
- Then we compute the evaluation metrics.

By the way, they measure how good the model's predictions are compared to the true values.

- After that, we get the evaluation results, shown in the table below.

| Model | Accuracy | Precision | Recall | F1-score |
|---------------------|----------|-----------|---------|----------|
| Logistic Regression | 0.91667 | 0.92793 | 0.91667 | 0.91560 |
| Decision Tree | 0.78333 | 0.78476 | 0.78333 | 0.78205 |
| k-NN | 0.90000 | 0.91579 | 0.90000 | 0.89829 |
| SVM | 0.90000 | 0.91579 | 0.90000 | 0.89829 |

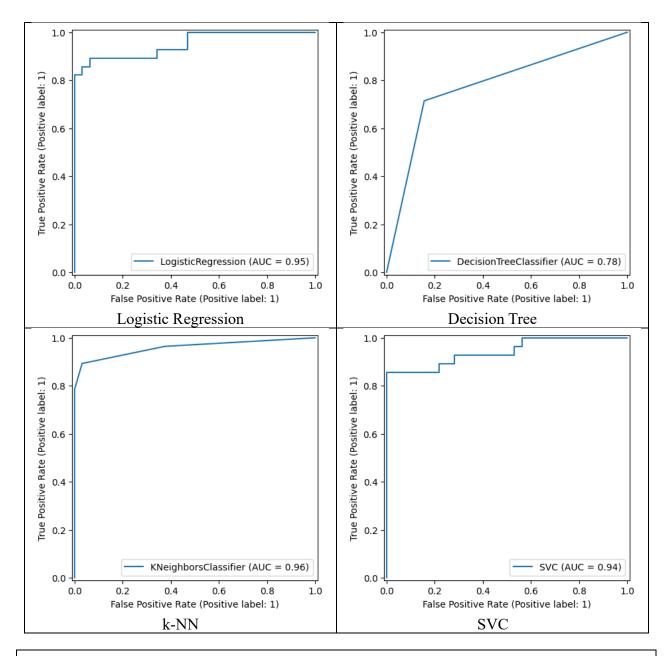
- We use confusion matrices to visualize how many predictions were correct and wrong for each class. As we can see below:



- Also, we plot the ROC curves for all models.

The ROC curve shows the trade-off between **True Positive** Rate and **False Positive** Rate.

We use it here to visualize how well the model separates the two classes.



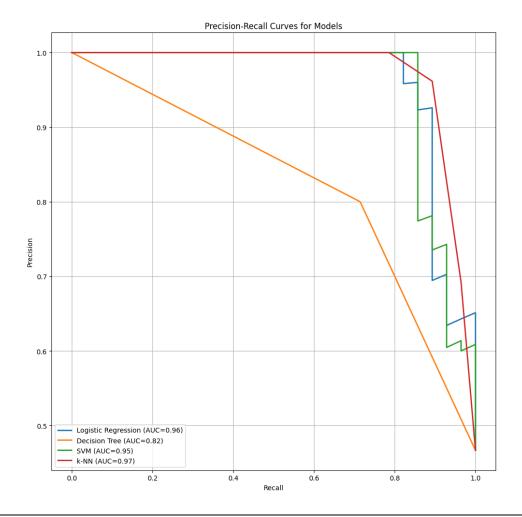
k-NN (0.96) and Logistic Regression (0.95) performed best.

SVM (0.94) is close behind.

Decision Tree (0.78) performed worst.

Overall: k-NN, Logistic, and SVM are good, Decision Tree is weaker.

- We also compute and plot **the Precision-Recall** curves for all models. Precision-Recall focuses on the positive class performance. It lets us understand how well the model finds positive cases without too many false alarms, as we can see in the figure.



k-NN (0.97) and Logistic Regression (0.96) performed best.

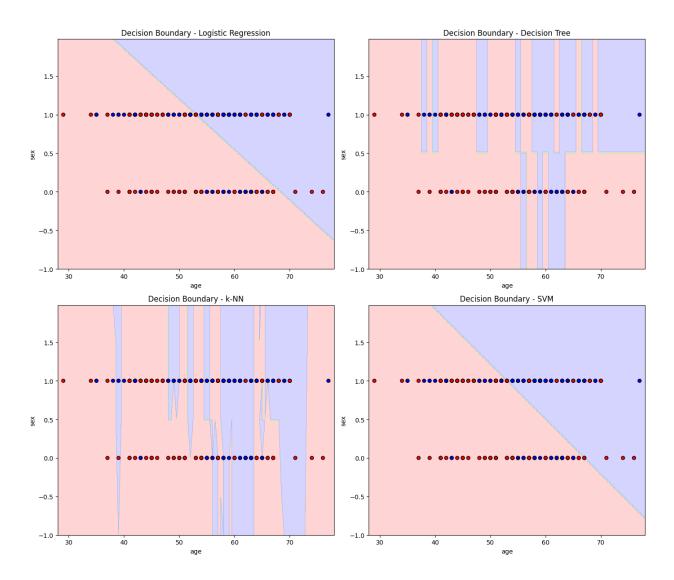
SVM (0.95) also strong.

Decision Tree (0.82) weakest.

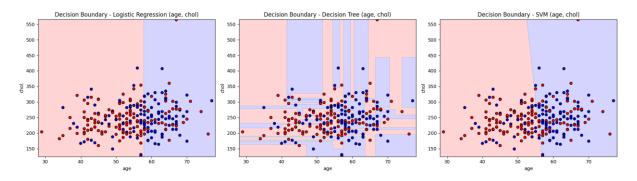
Overall: nearly same for k-NN, Logistic, and SVM good, Decision Tree weaker.

- As a final step, we visualized some features vs target and features vs features in a 2D plane and drew the decision boundaries between the classes.

As we can see below:



We removed **k-NN** from this part because it took too long to compute (around **20 minutes**)!!!. and that's because k-NN needs to compare each test point to all training points, which is slow for large or complex data.



6. Conclusion

From the results, **Logistic Regression** performed the best overall, with the highest **accuracy** (91.67%), **F1-score** (91.56%), and **AUC** (0.95). It also showed a clean confusion matrix with only 5 false negatives.

k-NN and SVM gave very similar good results (accuracy 90%, AUC ~0.94-0.96), but k-NN was slow to compute for the decision boundary plots, so it was excluded there.

Decision Tree had the weakest performance (accuracy 78.33%, AUC 0.78), misclassifying more cases in the confusion matrix.

In summary, Logistic Regression is the best model for this dataset, being simple, fast, and highly accurate.