

Comprehensive Machine Learning Full Pipeline on Heart Disease UCI Dataset

1. General Description of the Task:

This project aims to analyze, predict, and visualize heart disease risks using machine learning. The workflow involves data preprocessing, feature selection, dimensionality reduction (PCA), model training, evaluation, and deployment. Classification models like Logistic Regression, Decision Trees, Random Forest, and SVM will be used, alongside K-Means and Hierarchical Clustering for unsupervised learning. Additionally, a Streamlit UI will be built for user interaction, deployed via Ngrok, and the project will be hosted on GitHub.

1.1 Objectives:

- Perform Data Preprocessing & Cleaning (handle missing values, encoding, scaling).
- Apply Dimensionality Reduction (PCA) to retain essential features.
- Implement Feature Selection using statistical methods and ML-based techniques.
- **Train Supervised Learning Models** (Logistic Regression, Decision Trees, Random Forest, SVM) for classification.
- Apply Unsupervised Learning (K-Means, Hierarchical Clustering) for pattern discovery.
- Optimize Models using Hyperparameter Tuning (GridSearchCV, RandomizedSearchCV).
- Deploy a Streamlit UI for real-time user interaction. [Bonus]
- Host the application using Ngrok [Bonus] and upload the project to GitHub for accessibility.

1.2 Tools to be Used:

- Programming Languages: Python
- **Libraries:** Pandas, NumPy, Scikit-learn, Matplotlib, Seaborn, TensorFlow/Keras (optional)
- Dimensionality Reduction & Feature Selection: PCA, RFE, Chi-Square Test
- Supervised Models: Logistic Regression, Decision Trees, Random Forest, SVM
- Unsupervised Models: K-Means, Hierarchical Clustering
- Model Optimization: GridSearchCV, RandomizedSearchCV
- Deployment Tools: Streamlit [Bonus], Ngrok [Bonus], GitHub



2. Requirements & Steps

2.1 Data Preprocessing & Cleaning

Steps:

- 1. Load the **Heart Disease UCI dataset** into a Pandas DataFrame.
- Handle missing values (imputation or removal).
- 3. Perform **data encoding** (one-hot encoding for categorical variables).
- 4. Standardize numerical features using MinMaxScaler or StandardScaler.
- 5. Conduct Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA) with histograms, correlation heatmaps, and boxplots.

Deliverable:

✓ Cleaned dataset ready for modeling

2.2 Dimensionality Reduction - PCA (Principal Component Analysis)

Steps:

- 1. Apply **PCA** to reduce feature dimensionality while maintaining variance.
- Determine the optimal number of principal components using the explained variance ratio.
- 3. Visualize PCA results using a scatter plot and cumulative variance plot.

Deliverable:

- ✓ PCA-transformed dataset
- ✓ Graph showing variance retained per component

2.3 Feature Selection

Steps:

- 1. Use Feature Importance (Random Forest / XGBoost feature importance scores) to rank variables.
- 2. Apply Recursive Feature Elimination (RFE) to select the best predictors.
- Use Chi-Square Test to check feature significance.
- 4. Select only the most relevant features for modeling.



Deliverable:

- ✓ Reduced dataset with selected key features
- ✓ Feature importance ranking visualization

2.4 Supervised Learning - Classification Models

Steps:

- 1. Split the dataset into training (80%) and testing (20%) sets.
- 2. Train the following models:
 - Logistic Regression
 - o Decision Tree
 - Random Forest
 - Support Vector Machine (SVM)
- 3. Evaluate models using:
 - o Accuracy, Precision, Recall, F1-score
 - ROC Curve & AUC Score

Deliverable:

✓ Trained models with performance metrics

2.5 Unsupervised Learning - Clustering

Steps:

- 1. Apply **K-Means Clustering** (elbow method to determine K).
- 2. Perform Hierarchical Clustering (dendrogram analysis).
- 3. Compare clusters with actual disease labels.

Deliverable:

✓ Clustering models with visualized results

2.6 Hyperparameter Tuning

Steps:

- Use GridSearchCV & RandomizedSearchCV to optimize model hyperparameters.
- 2. Compare optimized models with baseline performance.



Deliverable:

✓ Best performing model with optimized hyperparameters

2.7 Model Export & Deployment

Steps:

- 1. Save the trained model using joblib or pickle (.pkl format).
- 2. Ensure reproducibility by saving **model pipeline** (preprocessing + model).

Deliverable:

✓ Model exported as .pkl file

2.8 Streamlit Web UI Development [Bonus]

Steps:

- 1. Create a **Streamlit UI** to allow users to input health data.
- 2. Provide **real-time prediction output** based on user inputs.
- 3. Add data visualization for users to explore heart disease trends.

Deliverable:

✓ Functional Streamlit UI for user interaction

2.9 Deployment using Ngrok [Bonus]

Steps:

- 1. Deploy the Streamlit app locally.
- 2. Use Ngrok to create a public access link.
- 3. Share the **Ngrok link** for live access to the web application.

Deliverable:

✓ Publicly accessible Streamlit app via Ngrok link



2.10 Upload the Project to GitHub

Steps:

- 1. Create a **GitHub repository** for the project.
- 2. Push the following files:
 - Data preprocessing scripts
 - Trained models in .pk1 format
 - Notebook files for each step
 - Streamlit UI source code
 - README file with instructions
- 3. Add **requirements.txt** for easy environment setup.
- 4. Include **deployment steps for Ngrok** in documentation.

Deliverable:

✓ GitHub repository with all project files and documentation

3. Final Deliverables

- ✓ Cleaned dataset with selected features
- ✓ Dimensionality reduction (PCA) results
- ✓ Trained supervised and unsupervised models
- ✓ Performance evaluation metrics
- ✓ Hyperparameter optimized model
- ✓ Saved model in .pkl format
- ✓ GitHub repository with all source code
- ✓ Streamlit UI for real-time predictions [Bonus]
- ✓ Ngrok link to access the live app [Bonus]



4. File Structure

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Heart_Disease_Project/
|-- data/
    --- heart_disease.csv
|-- notebooks/
   — 01_data_preprocessing.ipynb
   --- 02_pca_analysis.ipynb
   - 03_feature_selection.ipynb
   —— 04_supervised_learning.ipynb
    -- 05_unsupervised_learning.ipynb
    -- 06_hyperparameter_tuning.ipynb
-- models/
    --- final_model.pkl
|-- ui/
  --- app.py (Streamlit UI)
|-- deployment/
   --- ngrok_setup.txt
- results/
   --- evaluation_metrics.txt
- README.md
- requirements.txt
|-- .gitignore
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5. Dataset Link

★ Heart Disease UCI Dataset