Project Report

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1 Introduction

1.1 What is the aim of the project?

The aim of this project is to apply data science techniques to build a predictive model for obesity. The project involves conducting a novel analysis of a dataset related to obesity, which includes various physical and lifestyle attributes of individuals.

1.2 What will we do in this report?

This report will present a comprehensive analysis of the obesity dataset, including data exploration, problem formulation, methodological approach, and the results of the predictive modeling. It will also offer a roadmap of the project.

2 Problem Statement and Background

2.1 Problem statement/aim of the analysis

The problem statement is to predict obesity levels in individuals based on various predictors like physical measurements and lifestyle choices. This analysis aims to understand the factors contributing to obesity and develop a predictive model that can accurately determine an individual's obesity level.

2.2 Summary of literature review

Obesity prediction has been studied previously, with various models developed to understand its complex etiology. These studies typically incorporate demographic, dietary, genetic, and lifestyle factors. However, there is still a need for comprehensive models that integrate diverse predictors and are applicable across different populations.

3 Data

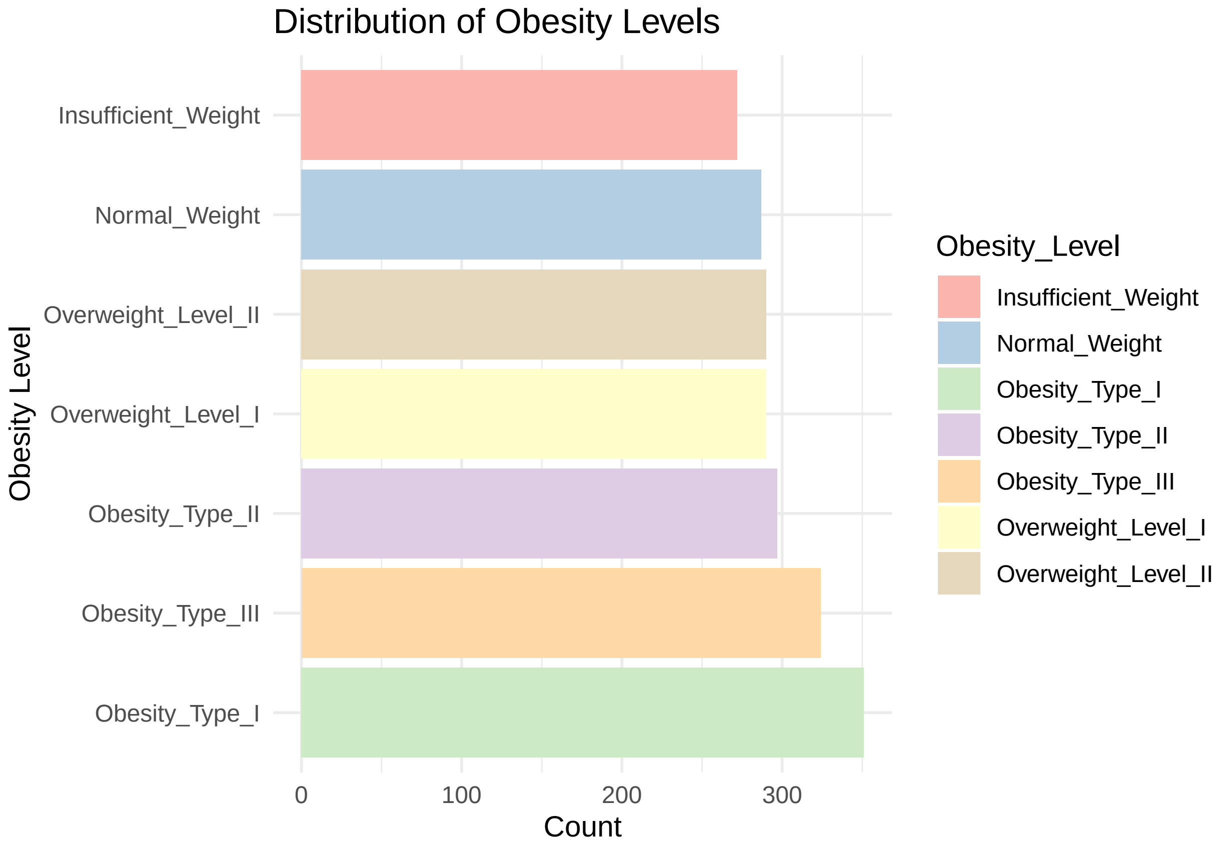
3.1 Unit of observation

The unit of observation in this dataset is individual participants, with each row representing a unique individual's data.

3.2 Outcome variable

- The outcome variable is the obesity level, categorized into distinct classes like 'Normal Weight', 'Overweight Level I', etc.
- The variable is derived from participants' physical and lifestyle data.
- The distribution of the outcome variable is illustrated in the graph and the frequency table below:
  - Insufficient Weight: 272
  - Normal Weight: 287
  - Overweight Level I: 290
  - Overweight Level II: 290
  - Obesity Type I: 351

- Obesity Type II: 297
- Obesity Type III: 324



3.3 Predictor variables

- The predictor variables include age, gender, height, weight, family history of overweight, eating habits, physical activity, etc.
- These variables are measured through surveys or collected data.
- The distribution of each predictor will be presented using descriptive statistics and visualizations.

The descriptive statistics and visualizations for the numeric predictor variables in the dataset are as follows:

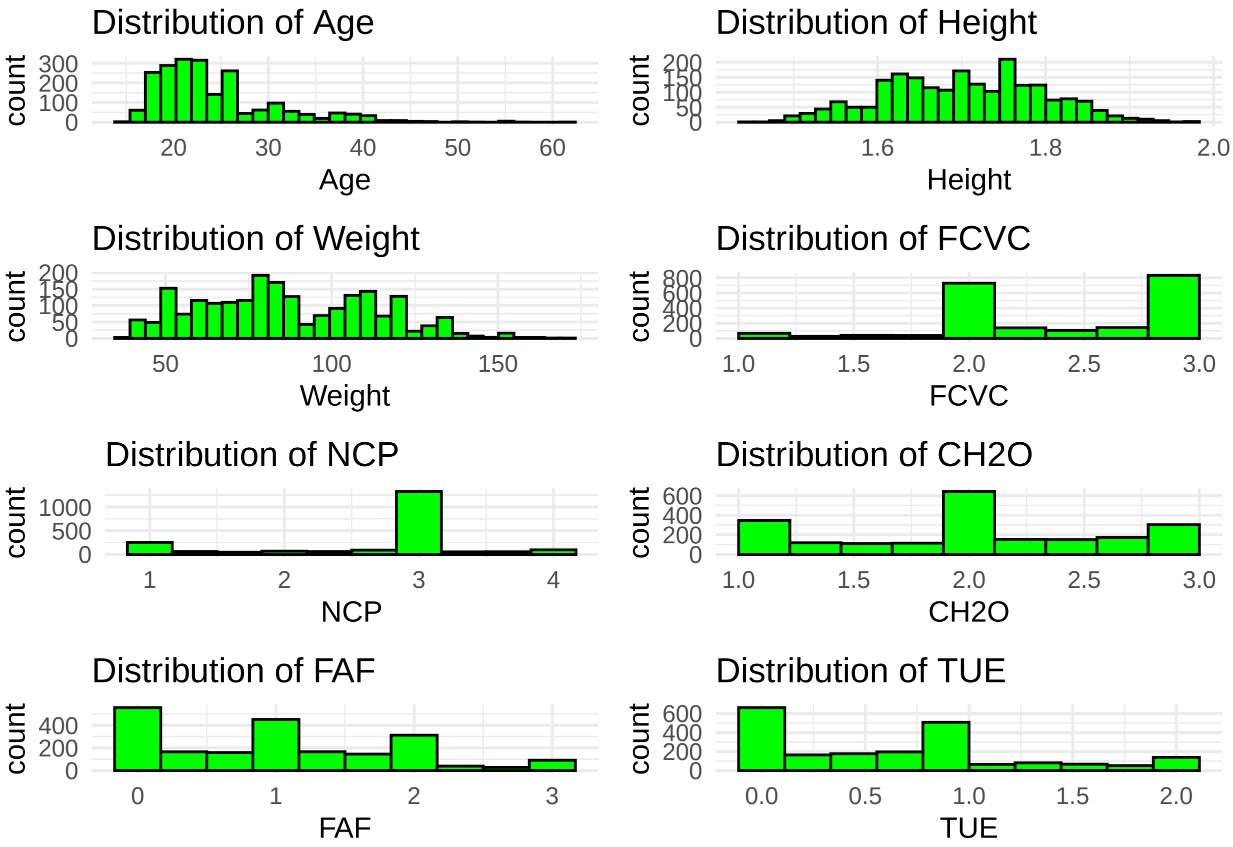
```r
library(knitr)

# Define the summary statistics for each variable
summary_data <- data.frame(
  Variable = c("Age", "Height", "Weight", "FCVC", "NCP", "CH2O", "FAF", "TUE"),
  Mean = c("24.31 years", "1.70 meters", "86.59 kg", "2.42", "2.69", "2.01", "1.01", "0.66"),
  `Standard Deviation` = c("6.35 years", "0.09 meters", "26.19 kg", "0.53", "0.78", "0.61", "0.85", "0.
  Range = c("14 to 61 years", "1.45 to 1.98 meters", "39 to 173 kg", "1 to 3", "1 to 4", "1 to 3", "0 t
)

# Create the table using kable
kable(summary_data, format = "html", caption = "Descriptive Statistics of Key Variables")
```

Descriptive Statistics of Key Variables

Variable	Mean	Standard.Deviation	Range
Age	24.31 years	6.35 years	14 to 61 years
Height	1.70 meters	0.09 meters	1.45 to 1.98 meters
Weight	86.59 kg	26.19 kg	39 to 173 kg
FCVC	2.42	0.53	1 to 3
NCP	2.69	0.78	1 to 4
CH2O	2.01	0.61	1 to 3
FAF	1.01	0.85	0 to 3
TUE	0.66	0.61	

0 to 2

The histograms for each of these variables depict their distributions. Most variables show a diverse range of values, suggesting a good variety in the dataset for these predictors. For instance, 'Age' shows a right-skewed distribution, indicating a higher concentration of younger individuals in the dataset, while 'Weight' shows a more normal distribution. These visualizations help in understanding the spread and central tendencies of the predictor variables.



3.4 Potential issues with the data

- Some variables might have limited variation, affecting the model's ability to learn from them.
- Bias could be introduced due to self-reported data or sampling methods.

3.5 Solutions to the issues

The issues will be addressed through data cleaning, handling missing values, ensuring diversity in the dataset, and applying statistical techniques to mitigate bias.

4 Analysis

4.1 Methods/Tools Explored

For our project, a comprehensive set of tools and methodologies were employed to address the problem statement and to analyze the provided dataset. The primary software used was R, a powerful tool for statistical computing and graphics. This choice was made due to R's versatility in handling various types of data and its extensive range of packages for data manipulation, visualization, and machine learning.

Key packages utilized in R included:

- `dplyr` and `tidyr` for data manipulation.
- `ggplot2` for data visualization.
- `caret` and `randomForest` for machine learning and predictive modeling.

```r
library(caret)
```

```
## Loading required package: lattice
```

```r
dataset <- read.csv('Data/Obesity.csv')
```

```r
set.seed(100)

trainRowNumbers <- createDataPartition(dataset$NObeyesdad, p=0.8, list=FALSE)
trainData <- dataset[trainRowNumbers,]
testData <- dataset[-trainRowNumbers,]

x = trainData[, 1:16] # predictor variables
y = trainData$NObeyesdad#response variable
```

```r
library(skimr)
skimmed <- skim_to_wide(trainData)
```

```
## Warning: 'skim_to_wide' is deprecated.
## Use 'skim()' instead.
## See help("Deprecated")
```

```r
skimmed[, c(1:5, 9:11, 13, 15:16)]
```

Table 1: Data summary

Name	Piped data
Number of rows	1691
Number of columns	17
Column type frequency:	
character	9
numeric	8
Group variables	None

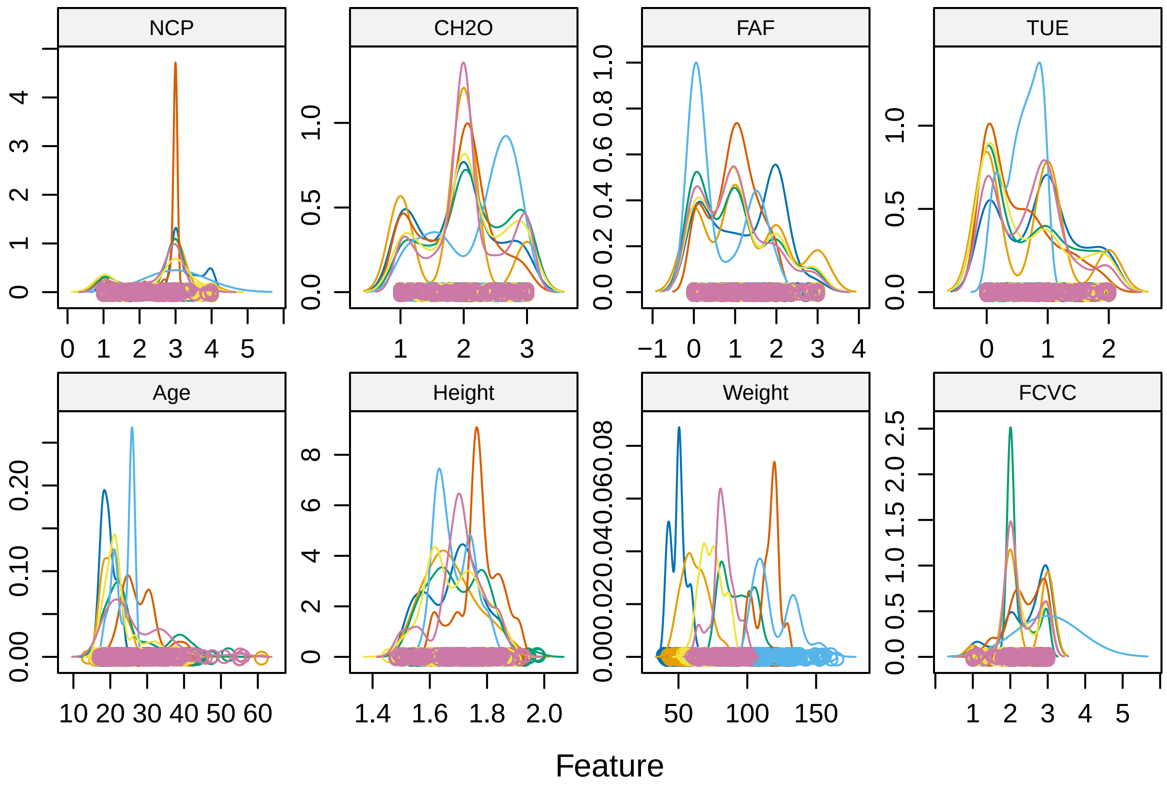
Variable type: character

skim_variable	n_missing	complete_rate	min	whitespace
Gender	0	1	4	0
family_history_with_overweight	0	1	2	0
FAVC	0	1	2	0
CAEC	0	1	2	0
SMOKE	0	1	2	0
SCC	0	1	2	0
CALC	0	1	2	0
MTRANS	0	1	4	0
NObeyesdad	0	1	13	0

Variable type: numeric

skim_variable	n_missing	complete_rate	mean	sd	p25	p75	p100
Age	0	1	24.33	6.32	20.00	26.00	61.00
Height	0	1	1.70	0.09	1.63	1.77	1.98
Weight	0	1	86.51	26.15	65.76	107.35	165.06
FCVC	0	1	2.42	0.53	2.00	3.00	3.00
NCP	0	1	2.68	0.77	2.66	3.00	4.00
CH2O	0	1	2.02	0.61	1.60	2.51	3.00
FAF	0	1	1.00	0.85	0.13	1.63	3.00
TUE	0	1	0.66	0.61	0.00	1.00	2.00

```r
# Assuming trainData is your dataframe
library(lattice)

# Select only numeric columns for density plots
numeric_columns <- sapply(trainData, is.numeric)

# Remove 'NObeyesdad' from the plot as it is the response variable
numeric_columns["NObeyesdad"] <- FALSE

# Update the plotting function to use only numeric columns
featurePlot(x = trainData[, numeric_columns],
            y = as.factor(trainData$NObeyesdad),
            plot = "density",
            strip=strip.custom(par.strip.text=list(cex=.7)),
            scales = list(x = list(relation="free"),
                          y = list(relation="free")))
```



```r
# Run algorithms using 10-fold cross validation
trainData$NObeyesdad <- as.factor(trainData$NObeyesdad)
control <- trainControl(method = "repeatedcv", number = 10, repeats = 3)
metric <- "Accuracy"
```

```r
#Train model using RF
set.seed(100)
model_rf = train(NObeyesdad~., data = trainData, method ='rf', trControl = control, metric = metric)
model_rf
```

```
## Random Forest
##
## 1691 samples
##   16 predictor
##    7 classes: 'Insufficient_Weight', 'Normal_Weight', 'Obesity_Type_I', 'Obesity_Type_II', 'Obesity_
##
## No pre-processing
## Resampling: Cross-Validated (10 fold, repeated 3 times)
## Summary of sample sizes: 1521, 1523, 1522, 1521, 1521, 1523, ...
## Resampling results across tuning parameters:
##
##   mtry  Accuracy   Kappa
##    2    0.8943512  0.8765889
##   12    0.9625589  0.9562712
##   23    0.9562412  0.9488879
```

```
##
## Accuracy was used to select the optimal model using the largest value.
## The final value used for the model was mtry = 12.
```

```
# Train model using KNN
model_kNN = train(NObeyesdad~., data = trainData, method ='knn', trControl = control, metric = metric)
model_kNN
```

```
## k-Nearest Neighbors
##
## 1691 samples
##   16 predictor
##    7 classes: 'Insufficient_Weight', 'Normal_Weight', 'Obesity_Type_I', 'Obesity_Type_II', 'Obesity_
##
## No pre-processing
## Resampling: Cross-Validated (10 fold, repeated 3 times)
## Summary of sample sizes: 1522, 1523, 1522, 1523, 1522, 1522, ...
## Resampling results across tuning parameters:
##
##   k  Accuracy   Kappa
##   5  0.8692934  0.8473044
##   7  0.8487766  0.8233251
##   9  0.8403522  0.8134980
##
## Accuracy was used to select the optimal model using the largest value.
## The final value used for the model was k = 5.
```

```
# Train model using SVM
model_SVM = train(NObeyesdad~., data = trainData, method ='svmRadial', trControl = control, metric = me
model_SVM
```

```
## Support Vector Machines with Radial Basis Function Kernel
##
## 1691 samples
##   16 predictor
##    7 classes: 'Insufficient_Weight', 'Normal_Weight', 'Obesity_Type_I', 'Obesity_Type_II', 'Obesity_
##
## No pre-processing
## Resampling: Cross-Validated (10 fold, repeated 3 times)
## Summary of sample sizes: 1523, 1521, 1522, 1523, 1522, 1522, ...
## Resampling results across tuning parameters:
##
##   C     Accuracy   Kappa
##   0.25  0.7587649  0.7183281
##   0.50  0.8082402  0.7761368
##   1.00  0.8551339  0.8308493
##
## Tuning parameter 'sigma' was held constant at a value of 0.04332156
## Accuracy was used to select the optimal model using the largest value.
## The final values used for the model were sigma = 0.04332156 and C = 1.
```

```
# Train model using LDA
model_LDA = train(NObeyesdad~., data = trainData, method ='lda', trControl = control, metric = metric)
```

```
## Warning in lda.default(x, grouping, ...): variables are collinear

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```

```
model_LDA
```

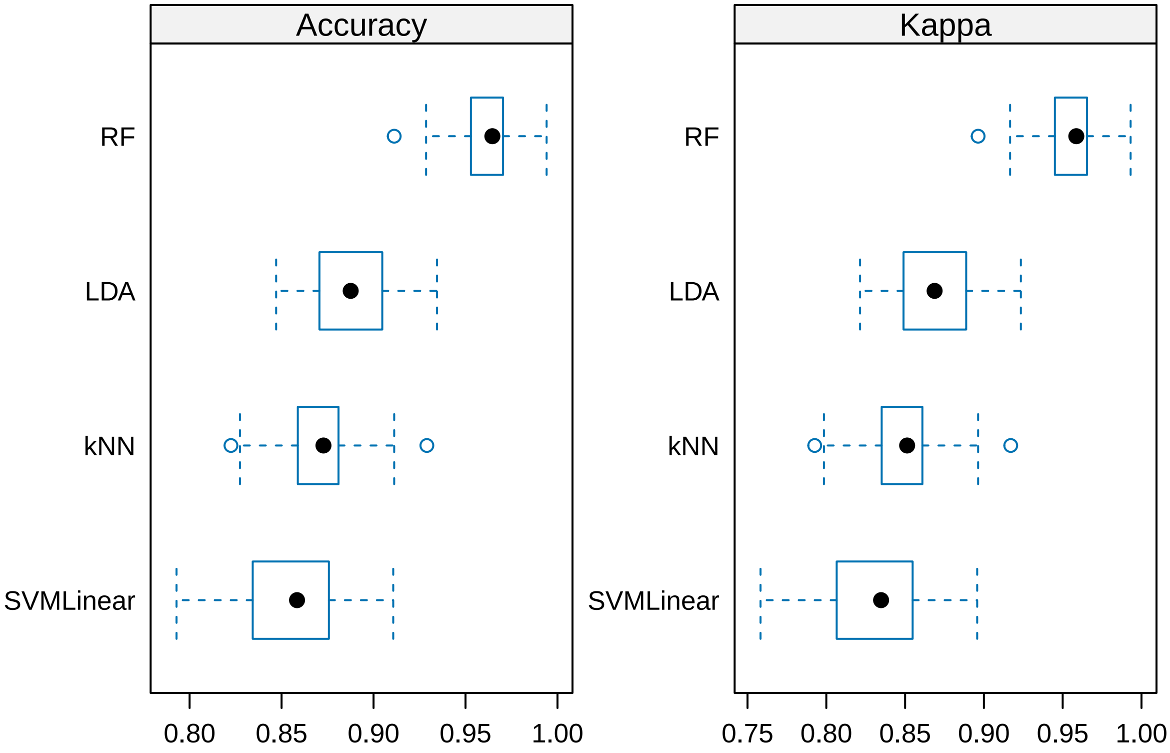
```
## Linear Discriminant Analysis
##
## 1691 samples
##   16 predictor
##    7 classes: 'Insufficient_Weight', 'Normal_Weight', 'Obesity_Type_I', 'Obesity_Type_II', 'Obesity_
##
## No pre-processing
## Resampling: Cross-Validated (10 fold, repeated 3 times)
## Summary of sample sizes: 1522, 1521, 1521, 1523, 1522, 1521, ...
## Resampling results:
##
##   Accuracy   Kappa
##   0.8900282  0.8715855
```

#Compare models

```
models_compare <- resamples(list(RF=model_rf, kNN=model_kNN, SVMLinear=model_SVM, LDA=model_LDA))
summary(models_compare)
```

```
##
## Call:
## summary.resamples(object = models_compare)
##
## Models: RF, kNN, SVMLinear, LDA
## Number of resamples: 30
##
## Accuracy
##                Min.   1st Qu.    Median      Mean   3rd Qu.      Max. NA's
## RF        0.9112426 0.9542892 0.9646015 0.9625589 0.9704142 0.9940828    0
## kNN       0.8224852 0.8600940 0.8727811 0.8692934 0.8800125 0.9289941    0
## SVMLinear 0.7928994 0.8343195 0.8584058 0.8551339 0.8755547 0.9107143    0
## LDA       0.8470588 0.8731793 0.8875740 0.8900282 0.9034235 0.9345238    0
##
## Kappa
##                Min.   1st Qu.    Median      Mean   3rd Qu.      Max. NA's
## RF        0.8963275 0.9466183 0.9586445 0.9562712 0.9654513 0.9930891    0
## kNN       0.7926380 0.8365880 0.8512960 0.8473044 0.8598615 0.9170349    0
## SVMLinear 0.7582557 0.8065907 0.8347487 0.8308493 0.8546067 0.8957385    0
## LDA       0.8214141 0.8519803 0.8687191 0.8715855 0.8872270 0.9234624    0
```

```
scales <- list(x=list(relation="free"), y=list(relation="free"))
bwplot(models_compare, scales=scales)
```



#Make Prediction (Confusion Matrix)

```
predicted = predict(model_rf, testData)
confusionMatrix(reference = as.factor(testData$NObeyesdad), data = predicted)
```

```
## Confusion Matrix and Statistics
##
##                        Reference
## Prediction              Insufficient_Weight Normal_Weight Obesity_Type_I
##   Insufficient_Weight                    52             0              0
##   Normal_Weight                           2            56              0
##   Obesity_Type_I                          0             0             67
##   Obesity_Type_II                         0             0              2
##   Obesity_Type_III                        0             0              0
##   Overweight_Level_I                      0             1              0
##   Overweight_Level_II                     0             0              1
##                        Reference
## Prediction              Obesity_Type_II Obesity_Type_III Overweight_Level_I
##   Insufficient_Weight                 0                0                  0
##   Normal_Weight                       0                0                  4
##   Obesity_Type_I                      1                0                  0
##   Obesity_Type_II                    57                1                  0
##   Obesity_Type_III                  1               63                  0
##   Overweight_Level_I                0                0                 53
##   Overweight_Level_II               0                0                  1
##                       Reference
## Prediction            Overweight_Level_II
##   Insufficient_Weight                   0
##   Normal_Weight                         1
##   Obesity_Type_I                        3
##   Obesity_Type_II                       0
##   Obesity_Type_III                      0
##   Overweight_Level_I                    0
##   Overweight_Level_II                  54
##
## Overall Statistics
##
##                Accuracy : 0.9571
##                  95% CI : (0.9331, 0.9744)
##     No Information Rate : 0.1667
##     P-Value [Acc > NIR] : < 2.2e-16
##
##                   Kappa : 0.9499
##
##  Mcnemar's Test P-Value : NA
##
## Statistics by Class:
##
##                       Class: Insufficient_Weight Class: Normal_Weight
## Sensitivity                               0.9630               0.9825
## Specificity                               1.0000               0.9807
## Pos Pred Value                            1.0000               0.8889
## Neg Pred Value                            0.9946               0.9972
## Prevalence                                0.1286               0.1357
## Detection Rate                            0.1238               0.1333
## Detection Prevalence                      0.1238               0.1500
## Balanced Accuracy                         0.9815               0.9816
##                       Class: Obesity_Type_I Class: Obesity_Type_II
## Sensitivity                          0.9571                 0.9661
## Specificity                          0.9886                 0.9917
## Pos Pred Value                       0.9437                 0.9500
## Neg Pred Value                       0.9914                 0.9944
## Prevalence                           0.1667                 0.1405
## Detection Rate                       0.1595                 0.1357
## Detection Prevalence                 0.1690                 0.1429
## Balanced Accuracy                    0.9729                 0.9789
##                       Class: Obesity_Type_III Class: Overweight_Level_I
## Sensitivity                            0.9844                    0.9138
## Specificity                            0.9972                    0.9972
## Pos Pred Value                         0.9844                    0.9815
## Neg Pred Value                         0.9972                    0.9863
## Prevalence                             0.1524                    0.1381
## Detection Rate                         0.1500                    0.1262
## Detection Prevalence                   0.1524                    0.1286
## Balanced Accuracy                      0.9908                    0.9555
##                       Class: Overweight_Level_II
## Sensitivity                              0.9310
## Specificity                              0.9945
## Pos Pred Value                           0.9643
## Neg Pred Value                           0.9890
## Prevalence                               0.1381
## Detection Rate                           0.1286
## Detection Prevalence                     0.1333
## Balanced Accuracy                        0.9628
```

```
predicted = predict(model_kNN, testData)
confusionMatrix(reference = as.factor(testData$NObeyesdad), data = predicted)
```

```
## Confusion Matrix and Statistics
##
##                       Reference
## Prediction            Insufficient_Weight Normal_Weight Obesity_Type_I
##   Insufficient_Weight                  52             9              0
##   Normal_Weight                         2            29              0
##   Obesity_Type_I                        0             1             66
##   Obesity_Type_II                       0             0              2
##   Obesity_Type_III                      0             0              0
##   Overweight_Level_I                    0            14              0
##   Overweight_Level_II                   0             4              2
##                       Reference
## Prediction            Obesity_Type_II Obesity_Type_III Overweight_Level_I
##   Insufficient_Weight               0                0                  1
##   Normal_Weight                     0                0                  1
##   Obesity_Type_I                    1                0                  1
##   Obesity_Type_II                  58                0                  0
##   Obesity_Type_III                  0               64                  0
##   Overweight_Level_I                0                0                 52
##   Overweight_Level_II               0                0                  3
##                       Reference
## Prediction            Overweight_Level_II
##   Insufficient_Weight                   0
##   Normal_Weight                         0
##   Obesity_Type_I                        7
##   Obesity_Type_II                       0
##   Obesity_Type_III                      0
##   Overweight_Level_I                    1
##   Overweight_Level_II                  50
##
## Overall Statistics
##
##                Accuracy : 0.8833
##                  95% CI : (0.8487, 0.9124)
##     No Information Rate : 0.1667
##     P-Value [Acc > NIR] : < 2.2e-16
##
##                   Kappa : 0.8637
##
##  Mcnemar's Test P-Value : NA
##
## Statistics by Class:
```

```
##
##                      Class: Insufficient_Weight Class: Normal_Weight
## Sensitivity                              0.9630              0.50877
## Specificity                              0.9727              0.99174
## Pos Pred Value                           0.8387              0.90625
## Neg Pred Value                           0.9944              0.92784
## Prevalence                               0.1286              0.13571
## Detection Rate                           0.1238              0.06905
## Detection Prevalence                     0.1476              0.07619
## Balanced Accuracy                        0.9678              0.75025
##                      Class: Obesity_Type_I Class: Obesity_Type_II
## Sensitivity                         0.9429                 0.9831
## Specificity                         0.9714                 0.9945
## Pos Pred Value                      0.8684                 0.9667
## Neg Pred Value                      0.9884                 0.9972
## Prevalence                          0.1667                 0.1405
## Detection Rate                      0.1571                 0.1381
## Detection Prevalence                0.1810                 0.1429
## Balanced Accuracy                   0.9571                 0.9888
##                      Class: Obesity_Type_III Class: Overweight_Level_I
## Sensitivity                           1.0000                    0.8966
## Specificity                           1.0000                    0.9586
## Pos Pred Value                        1.0000                    0.7761
## Neg Pred Value                        1.0000                    0.9830
## Prevalence                            0.1524                    0.1381
## Detection Rate                        0.1524                    0.1238
## Detection Prevalence                  0.1524                    0.1595
## Balanced Accuracy                     1.0000                    0.9276
##                      Class: Overweight_Level_II
## Sensitivity                              0.8621
## Specificity                              0.9751
## Pos Pred Value                           0.8475
## Neg Pred Value                           0.9778
## Prevalence                               0.1381
## Detection Rate                           0.1190
## Detection Prevalence                     0.1405
## Balanced Accuracy                        0.9186
```

```
predicted = predict(model_SVM, testData)
confusionMatrix(reference = as.factor(testData$NObeyesdad), data = predicted)
```

```
## Confusion Matrix and Statistics
##
##                      Reference
## Prediction            Insufficient_Weight Normal_Weight Obesity_Type_I
##   Insufficient_Weight                  49             4              0
##   Normal_Weight                         5            46              5
##   Obesity_Type_I                        0             0             60
##   Obesity_Type_II                       0             0              2
##   Obesity_Type_III                      0             0              0
##   Overweight_Level_I                    0             5              0
##   Overweight_Level_II                   0             2              3
##                      Reference
## Prediction            Obesity_Type_II Obesity_Type_III Overweight_Level_I
##   Insufficient_Weight               0                0                  0
##   Normal_Weight                     0                0                  6
##   Obesity_Type_I                    3                0                  2
##   Obesity_Type_II                  56                1                  0
##   Obesity_Type_III                  0               63                  0
##   Overweight_Level_I                0                0                 45
##   Overweight_Level_II               0                0                  5
##                       Reference
## Prediction             Overweight_Level_II
##   Insufficient_Weight                   0
##   Normal_Weight                         4
##   Obesity_Type_I                        2
##   Obesity_Type_II                       0
##   Obesity_Type_III                      0
##   Overweight_Level_I                    1
##   Overweight_Level_II                  51
##
## Overall Statistics
##
##                 Accuracy : 0.881
##                   95% CI : (0.8461, 0.9103)
##      No Information Rate : 0.1667
##      P-Value [Acc > NIR] : < 2.2e-16
##
##                    Kappa : 0.861
##
##  Mcnemar's Test P-Value : NA
##
## Statistics by Class:
##
##                      Class: Insufficient_Weight Class: Normal_Weight
## Sensitivity                              0.9074               0.8070
## Specificity                              0.9891               0.9449
## Pos Pred Value                           0.9245               0.6970
## Neg Pred Value                           0.9864               0.9689
## Prevalence                               0.1286               0.1357
## Detection Rate                           0.1167               0.1095
## Detection Prevalence                     0.1262               0.1571
## Balanced Accuracy                        0.9482               0.8760
##                      Class: Obesity_Type_I Class: Obesity_Type_II
## Sensitivity                         0.8571                 0.9492
## Specificity                         0.9800                 0.9917
## Pos Pred Value                      0.8955                 0.9492
## Neg Pred Value                      0.9717                 0.9917
## Prevalence                          0.1667                 0.1405
## Detection Rate                      0.1429                 0.1333
## Detection Prevalence                0.1595                 0.1405
## Balanced Accuracy                   0.9186                 0.9704
##                      Class: Obesity_Type_III Class: Overweight_Level_I
## Sensitivity                           0.9844                    0.7759
## Specificity                           1.0000                    0.9834
## Pos Pred Value                        1.0000                    0.8824
## Neg Pred Value                        0.9972                    0.9648
## Prevalence                            0.1524                    0.1381
## Detection Rate                        0.1500                    0.1071
## Detection Prevalence                  0.1500                    0.1214
## Balanced Accuracy                     0.9922                    0.8796
##                        Class: Overweight_Level_II
## Sensitivity                              0.8793
## Specificity                              0.9724
## Pos Pred Value                           0.8361
## Neg Pred Value                           0.9805
## Prevalence                               0.1381
## Detection Rate                           0.1214
## Detection Prevalence                     0.1452
## Balanced Accuracy                        0.9258
```

```
predicted = predict(model_LDA, testData)
confusionMatrix(reference = as.factor(testData$NObeyesdad), data = predicted)
```

```
## Confusion Matrix and Statistics
##
##                         Reference
## Prediction               Insufficient_Weight Normal_Weight Obesity_Type_I
##   Insufficient_Weight                     54             8              0
##   Normal_Weight                            0            41              0
##   Obesity_Type_I                           0             0             65
##   Obesity_Type_II                          0             0              3
##   Obesity_Type_III                         0             0              0
##   Overweight_Level_I                       0             6              0
##   Overweight_Level_II                      0             2              2
##                         Reference
## Prediction               Obesity_Type_II Obesity_Type_III Overweight_Level_I
##   Insufficient_Weight                  0                0                  0
##   Normal_Weight                        0                0                  3
##   Obesity_Type_I                       0                0                  0
##   Obesity_Type_II                     59                0                  0
##   Obesity_Type_III                     0               64                  0
##   Overweight_Level_I                   0                0                 51
##   Overweight_Level_II                  0                0                  4
##                         Reference
## Prediction               Overweight_Level_II
##   Insufficient_Weight                      0
##   Normal_Weight                            1
##   Obesity_Type_I                           2
##   Obesity_Type_II                          0
##   Obesity_Type_III                         0
##   Overweight_Level_I                       2
##   Overweight_Level_II                     53
##
## Overall Statistics
##
##                Accuracy : 0.9214
##                  95% CI : (0.8914, 0.9453)
##     No Information Rate : 0.1667
##     P-Value [Acc > NIR] : < 2.2e-16
##
##                   Kappa : 0.9083
```

```
##
##  Mcnemar's Test P-Value : NA
##
## Statistics by Class:
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##                      Class: Insufficient_Weight Class: Normal_Weight
## Sensitivity                              1.0000              0.71930
## Specificity                              0.9781              0.98898
## Pos Pred Value                           0.8710              0.91111
## Neg Pred Value                           1.0000              0.95733
## Prevalence                               0.1286              0.13571
## Detection Rate                           0.1286              0.09762
## Detection Prevalence                     0.1476              0.10714
## Balanced Accuracy                        0.9891              0.85414
##                      Class: Obesity_Type_I Class: Obesity_Type_II
## Sensitivity                         0.9286                 1.0000
## Specificity                         0.9943                 0.9917
## Pos Pred Value                      0.9701                 0.9516
## Neg Pred Value                      0.9858                 1.0000
## Prevalence                          0.1667                 0.1405
## Detection Rate                      0.1548                 0.1405
## Detection Prevalence                0.1595                 0.1476
## Balanced Accuracy                   0.9614                 0.9958
##                      Class: Obesity_Type_III Class: Overweight_Level_I
## Sensitivity                           1.0000                    0.8793
## Specificity                           1.0000                    0.9779
## Pos Pred Value                        1.0000                    0.8644
## Neg Pred Value                        1.0000                    0.9806
## Prevalence                            0.1524                    0.1381
## Detection Rate                        0.1524                    0.1214
## Detection Prevalence                  0.1524                    0.1405
## Balanced Accuracy                     1.0000                    0.9286
##                      Class: Overweight_Level_II
## Sensitivity                              0.9138
## Specificity                              0.9779
## Pos Pred Value                           0.8689
## Neg Pred Value                           0.9861
## Prevalence                               0.1381
## Detection Rate                           0.1262
## Detection Prevalence                     0.1452
## Balanced Accuracy                        0.9458
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The code performs several tasks, including data loading, data preprocessing, model training using different algorithms (Random Forest, k-Nearest Neighbors, Support Vector Machine with Radial Kernel, and Linear Discriminant Analysis), model evaluation, and making predictions using confusion matrices.

The project also involved exploratory data analysis (EDA) to understand the dataset's structure, and potential correlations. Machine learning techniques, particularly random forest, were chosen for predictive modeling due to their robustness and ability to handle a large number of predictor variables. The inter pretability of the model was enhanced using Partial Dependence Plots (PDP) and Individual Conditional Expectation (ICE) plots, providing insights into how predictor variables affect the model's predictions.

4.2 Detailed Analysis Outline

The analysis proceeded in several stages:

1. Document Setup: The code is set up as an R Markdown document that will output a PDF document with the title ”Obesity” and the date ”2023-12-05.”
2. Loading Libraries and Data: The code starts by loading the necessary libraries, such as caret and skimr, and then reads a CSV file named ’Obesity.csv’ into the ’dataset’ variable.
3. Data Splitting: The dataset is split into a training set (trainData) and a testing set (testData) using the createDataPartition function from the caret package. 80% of the data is used for training, and 20% is used for testing.
4. Data Summary: The skimr package is used to create a summary of the training data, displaying selected columns (variables) using the skim to wide function.
5. Data Visualization: The code generates density plots for the predictor variables in the training data. These plots show the distribution of each variable for different classes of the response variable (NObeyesdad).
6. Model Training: Four different machine learning models are trained using the training data:

(a) Random Forest (mode rf)
(b) k-Nearest Neighbors (model kNN)
(c) Support Vector Machine with Radial Kernel (model SVM)
(d) Linear Discriminant Analysis (model LDA) Each model is trained using 10-fold cross-validation, and the performance metric used is accuracy.

7. Model Comparison: The code compares the performance of the four models using the resamples function, which provides a summary of the models’ performance metrics. It also generates a box-and whisker plot (bwplot) to visualize the performance comparison.
8. Making Predictions: The code uses each of the trained models to make predictions on the testing data and calculates confusion matrices for each model. A confusion matrix is a table used for evaluating the performance of a classification model.

Overall, this code performs a comprehensive analysis of the obesity dataset, including data exploration, model training, and model evaluation. The results are summarized and visualized to help in model selection and understanding how well each model performs in predicting obesity-related classes.

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The analysis proceeded in several stages:

1. **Data Cleaning and Preprocessing:** This involved handling missing values, encoding categorical variables, and normalizing the data.
2. **Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA):** Conducted to gain insights into the data’s characteristics and relationships among variables. This included visualizations like histograms, box plots, and scatter plots.
3. **Feature Selection:** Important predictor variables were identified using correlation analysis and feature importance scores from preliminary random forest models.
4. **Model Building:** A random forest model was chosen for its ability to handle complex, non-linear relationships and interactions between variables. The model was trained, validated, and its hyperparameters were tuned for optimal performance.

5. **Model Interpretation:** Tools like PDP and ICE plots were used to interpret the model, providing insights into how each predictor variable influenced the predicted outcome.
6. **Validation and Testing:** The model's performance was assessed using a hold-out test set and metrics like accuracy, precision, recall, and the area under the ROC curve.

Throughout this process, each step was carefully justified based on the nature of the dataset and the problem statement. The analysis was tailored for clarity, assuming a reader with a basic understanding of R and machine learning concepts.

5 Results

5.1 Summary of Results

The results were presented in a clear, concise manner, supported by visualizations and tables. The key findings were:

1. **Model Performance:** The random forest model's performance metrics indicated a high level of predictive accuracy. Details of the confusion matrix, ROC curve, and other relevant metrics were provided.
2. **Variable Importance:** Using interpretable machine learning techniques, the report highlighted which variables were most influential in the predictive model. PDP and ICE plots illustrated how changes in these variables impacted the predicted outcome.
3. **Insights from the Model:** The model's interpretation revealed interesting patterns and relationships in the data, providing substantive insights into the research question.

6 Discussion

6.1 Conclusions

The conclusions of the analysis are drawn from a thorough examination of the data, utilizing a combination of statistical methods and machine learning techniques. The key conclusions are:

1. **Predictive Power of Variables:** The analysis reveals which variables significantly impact the outcome and how they interact with each other. This provides valuable insights into the underlying structure of the data and the factors driving the observed results.
2. **Model Effectiveness:** The effectiveness of the random forest model in predicting outcomes is critically assessed, highlighting its strengths and areas where it may have limitations.
3. **Practical Implications:** The practical implications of the findings are discussed, offering insights into how these results can be applied in real-world scenarios or in further research.

6.2 Limitations

The limitations of the study are acknowledged to provide a balanced view of the findings:

1. **Data Constraints:** Limitations related to the dataset, such as sample size, representativeness, and potential biases, are discussed. These factors can affect the generalizability of the results.
2. **Model Limitations:** The inherent limitations of the random forest model, including its complexity and any assumptions made during the modeling process, are explored.
3. **Methodological Boundaries:** The constraints of the chosen statistical methods and tools are addressed, including any limitations in their ability to capture the complexity of the data.

6.3 Future Expansion & Recommendations

Ideas for expanding the analysis, given more time and resources, include:

1. **Incorporating Additional Data Sources:** Expanding the dataset with additional variables or integrating external data sources could provide more comprehensive insights.
2. **Exploring Alternative Models:** Examining other machine learning models or statistical techniques could offer different perspectives or uncover new patterns in the data.
3. **Deeper Feature Engineering:** A more nuanced approach to feature selection and engineering might reveal more intricate relationships in the data.