

Breast Cancer Classification

For this task, classification approaches will be used to evaluate categorical results. The breast_cancer_data set from the sklearn datasets will serve as the foundation for this analysis. The primary aim is to assess how well different classification techniques perform, relying on predefined metrics. The methods encompass Support Vector Machines, Advanced Decision Tree Classifiers like Gradient Boosting and Random Forest, and Generalized Additive Models (GAM).

The breast_cancer_data dataset in sklearn is a built-in dataset. It comprises measurements from digitized images of breast cancer biopsies and includes various features computed from these images. The dataset contains information on characteristics such as the radius, texture, perimeter, area, smoothness, compactness, concavity, symmetry, fractal dimension, among others, which are derived from cell nuclei present in the images. Each instance in the dataset represents a biopsy, with features providing quantitative measures about the cells' properties.

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In [ ]: import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
from sklearn.metrics import roc_curve, auc, confusion_matrix, accuracy_score, precision_score, recall_score, f1_score,
from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestClassifier, GradientBoostingClassifier
from sklearn.model_selection import GridSearchCV, train_test_split
from sklearn.svm import SVC
from sklearn.preprocessing import StandardScaler
import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
from imblearn.over_sampling import SMOTE
import seaborn as sns
import warnings

# Settings to ignore warnings
warnings.filterwarnings('ignore')
```

After importing the necessary libraries, we are going to load the dataset, print a description of the dataset to get a better understanding of our data and do some preprocessing by scaling the features in our dataset. Also we will plot the distribution of our classes and see the distribution of our features using histograms.

```
In [2]: # Load the dataset
data = datasets.load_breast_cancer()
X = data.data
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y = data.target #212(M),357(B)

# Convert to DataFrame for easier visualization
df = pd.DataFrame(X, columns=data.feature_names)
df['target'] = y

print(data.DESCR)
```

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.. _breast_cancer_dataset:
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Breast cancer wisconsin (diagnostic) dataset
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***Data Set Characteristics:**
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:Number of Instances: 569
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:Number of Attributes: 30 numeric, predictive attributes and the class
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:Attribute Information:
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- radius (mean of distances from center to points on the perimeter)
- texture (standard deviation of gray-scale values)
- perimeter
- area
- smoothness (local variation in radius lengths)
- compactness ($\text{perimeter}^2 / \text{area} - 1.0$)
- concavity (severity of concave portions of the contour)
- concave points (number of concave portions of the contour)
- symmetry
- fractal dimension ("coastline approximation" - 1)

The mean, standard error, and "worst" or largest (mean of the three worst/largest values) of these features were computed for each image, resulting in 30 features. For instance, field 0 is Mean Radius, field 10 is Radius SE, field 20 is Worst Radius.

- class:
 - WDBC-Malignant
 - WDBC-Benign

```
:Summary Statistics:
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	Min	Max
radius (mean):	6.981	28.11
texture (mean):	9.71	39.28
perimeter (mean):	43.79	188.5
area (mean):	143.5	2501.0
smoothness (mean):	0.053	0.163
compactness (mean):	0.019	0.345
concavity (mean):	0.0	0.427

concave points (mean):	0.0	0.201
symmetry (mean):	0.106	0.304
fractal dimension (mean):	0.05	0.097
radius (standard error):	0.112	2.873
texture (standard error):	0.36	4.885
perimeter (standard error):	0.757	21.98
area (standard error):	6.802	542.2
smoothness (standard error):	0.002	0.031
compactness (standard error):	0.002	0.135
concavity (standard error):	0.0	0.396
concave points (standard error):	0.0	0.053
symmetry (standard error):	0.008	0.079
fractal dimension (standard error):	0.001	0.03
radius (worst):	7.93	36.04
texture (worst):	12.02	49.54
perimeter (worst):	50.41	251.2
area (worst):	185.2	4254.0
smoothness (worst):	0.071	0.223
compactness (worst):	0.027	1.058
concavity (worst):	0.0	1.252
concave points (worst):	0.0	0.291
symmetry (worst):	0.156	0.664
fractal dimension (worst):	0.055	0.208
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:Missing Attribute Values: None

:Class Distribution: 212 – Malignant, 357 – Benign

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:Donor: Nick Street

:Date: November, 1995

This is a copy of UCI ML Breast Cancer Wisconsin (Diagnostic) datasets.
<https://goo.gl/U2Uwz2>

Features are computed from a digitized image of a fine needle aspirate (FNA) of a breast mass. They describe characteristics of the cell nuclei present in the image.

Separating plane described above was obtained using Multisurface Method-Tree (MSM-T) [K. P. Bennett, "Decision Tree

Construction Via Linear Programming." Proceedings of the 4th Midwest Artificial Intelligence and Cognitive Science Society, pp. 97–101, 1992], a classification method which uses linear programming to construct a decision tree. Relevant features were selected using an exhaustive search in the space of 1–4 features and 1–3 separating planes.

The actual linear program used to obtain the separating plane in the 3-dimensional space is that described in:

[K. P. Bennett and O. L. Mangasarian: "Robust Linear Programming Discrimination of Two Linearly Inseparable Sets", Optimization Methods and Software 1, 1992, 23–34].

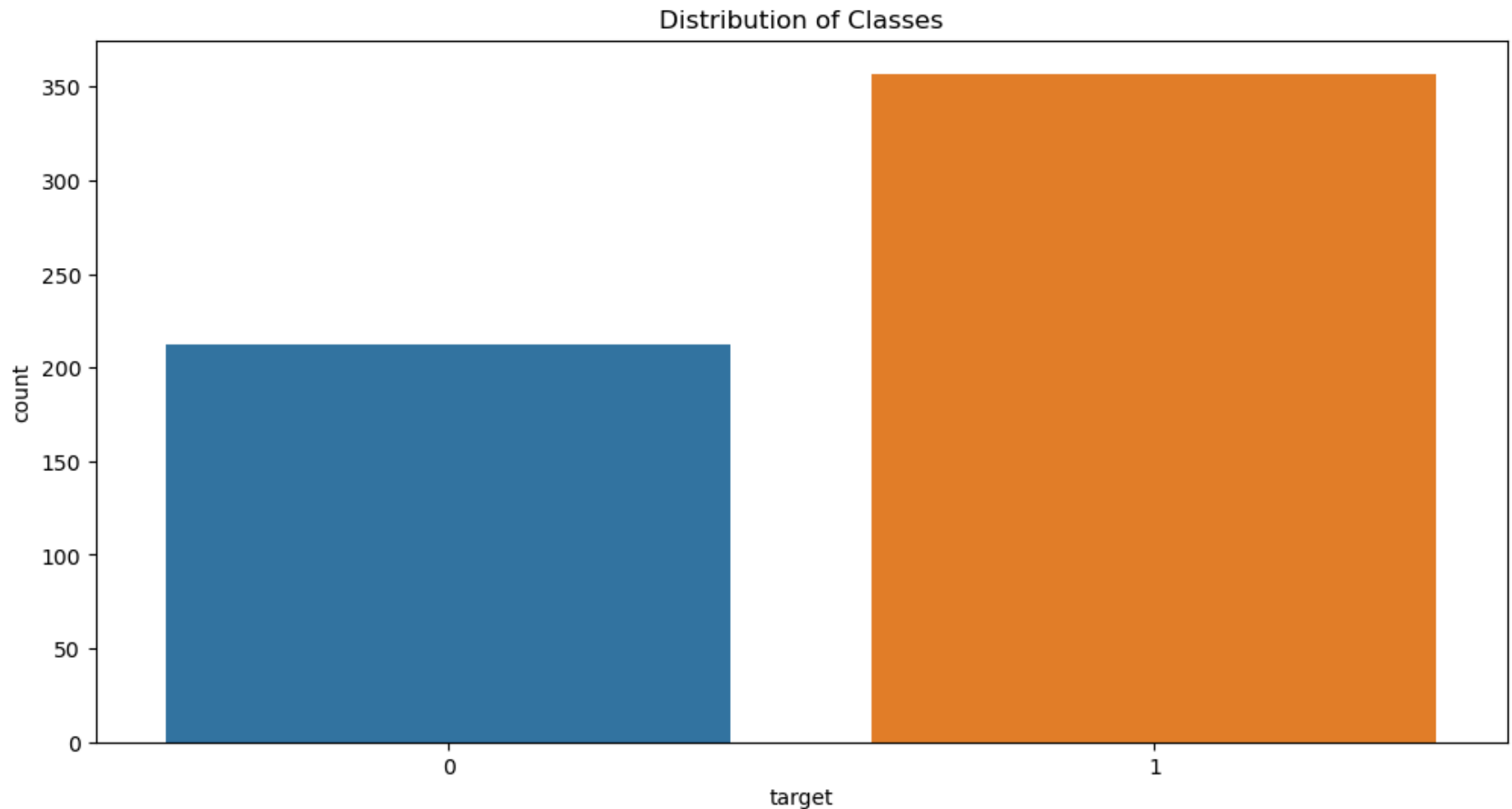
This database is also available through the UW CS ftp server:

```
ftp ftp.cs.wisc.edu
cd math-prog/cpo-dataset/machine-learn/WDBC/
```

.. dropdown:: References

- W.N. Street, W.H. Wolberg and O.L. Mangasarian. Nuclear feature extraction for breast tumor diagnosis. IS&T/SPIE 1993 International Symposium on Electronic Imaging: Science and Technology, volume 1905, pages 861–870, San Jose, CA, 1993.
- O.L. Mangasarian, W.N. Street and W.H. Wolberg. Breast cancer diagnosis and prognosis via linear programming. Operations Research, 43(4), pages 570–577, July–August 1995.
- W.H. Wolberg, W.N. Street, and O.L. Mangasarian. Machine learning techniques to diagnose breast cancer from fine-needle aspirates. Cancer Letters 77 (1994) 163–171.

```
In [3]: # EDA: Visualizing the distribution of classes and features
plt.figure(figsize=(12, 6))
sns.countplot(x='target', data=df)
plt.title('Distribution of Classes')
plt.show()
```



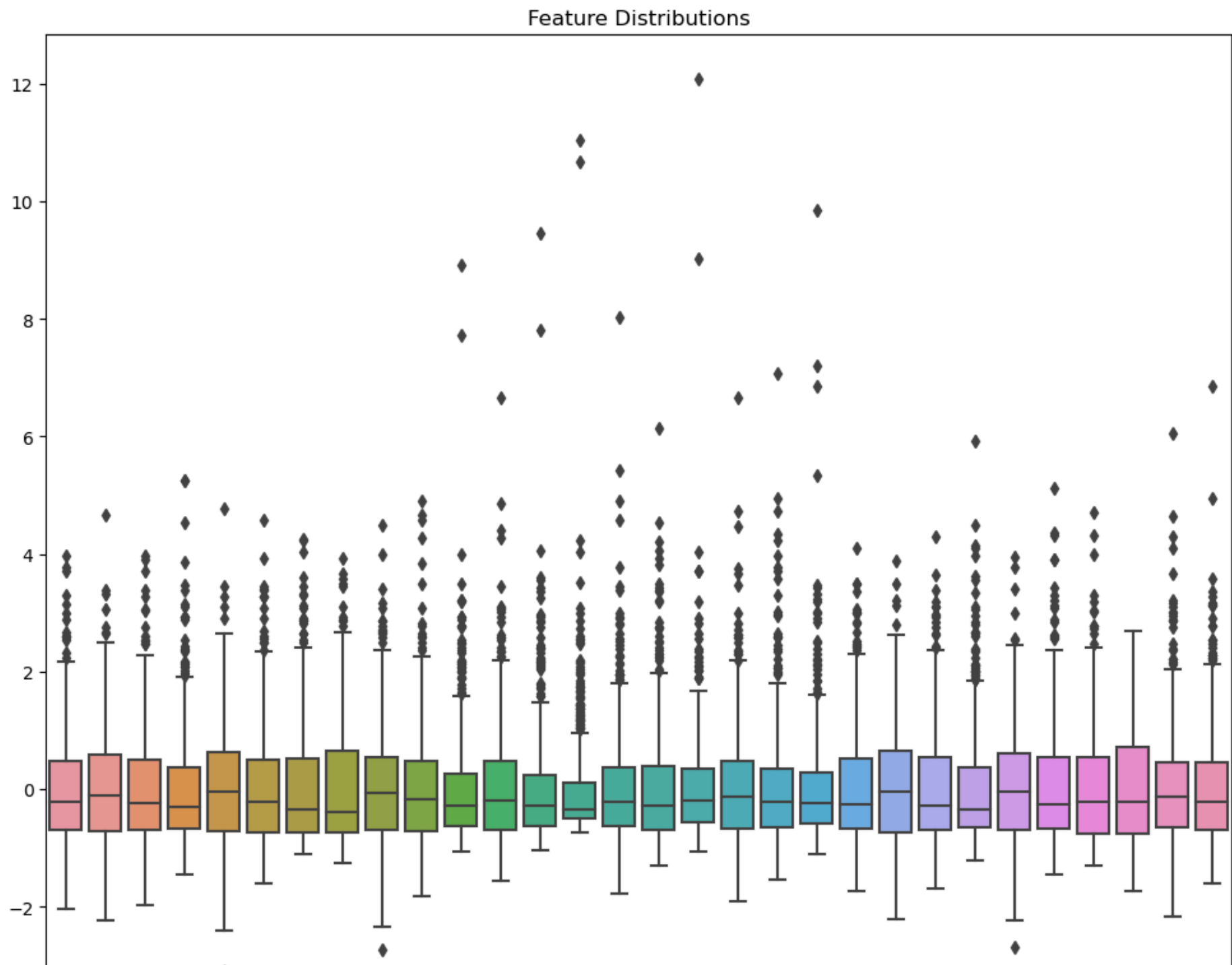
Here we can see the distribution of our classes. The value "0" represents the malignant cases while "1" represents the benign cases. The dataset contains 569 instances with 219 being **Malignant** and 357 being **Benign** and has 0 NULL values as we can see below.

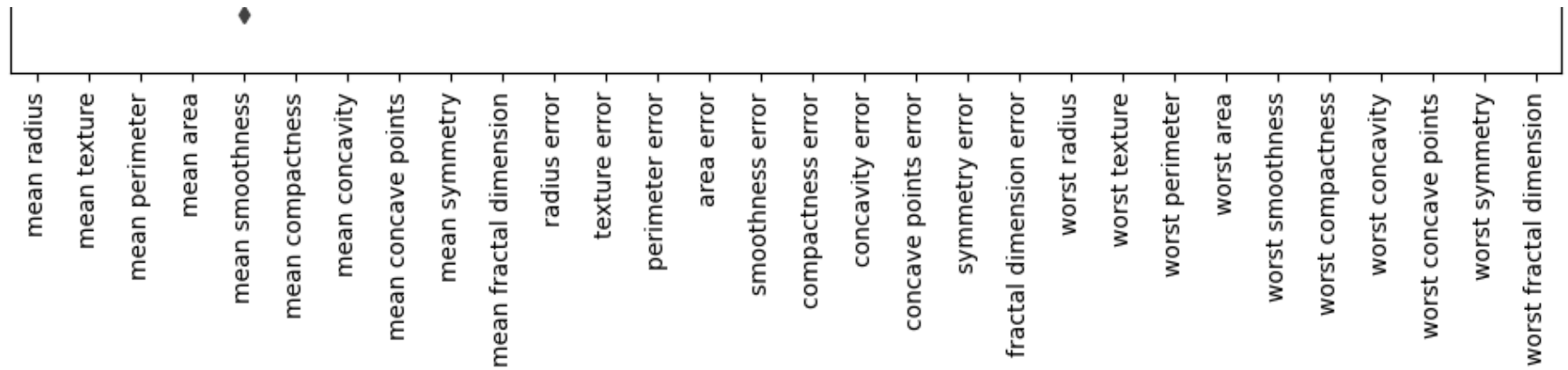
```
In [4]: # Preprocessing: Scaling features
scaler = StandardScaler()
X_scaled = scaler.fit_transform(X)

x_df = pd.DataFrame(X_scaled, columns=data.feature_names)

plt.figure(figsize=(12, 10))
sns.boxplot(x_df)
```

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plt.xticks(rotation=90)
plt.title('Feature Distributions')
plt.show()
```





From the boxplot above we can identify the presence of many outliers. Most of them appear to be above the "whisker" which means they are displaying much higher values compared to the rest of the data's distribution, while we see a few below the "whisker" which means they are displaying much lower values compared to the rest of the data's distribution.

In [5]: `df.shape`

Out[5]: (569, 31)

In [6]: `df.info()`

```
<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
```

```
RangeIndex: 569 entries, 0 to 568
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```
Data columns (total 31 columns):
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#	Column	Non-Null Count	Dtype
0	mean radius	569 non-null	float64
1	mean texture	569 non-null	float64
2	mean perimeter	569 non-null	float64
3	mean area	569 non-null	float64
4	mean smoothness	569 non-null	float64
5	mean compactness	569 non-null	float64
6	mean concavity	569 non-null	float64
7	mean concave points	569 non-null	float64
8	mean symmetry	569 non-null	float64
9	mean fractal dimension	569 non-null	float64
10	radius error	569 non-null	float64
11	texture error	569 non-null	float64
12	perimeter error	569 non-null	float64
13	area error	569 non-null	float64
14	smoothness error	569 non-null	float64
15	compactness error	569 non-null	float64
16	concavity error	569 non-null	float64
17	concave points error	569 non-null	float64
18	symmetry error	569 non-null	float64
19	fractal dimension error	569 non-null	float64
20	worst radius	569 non-null	float64
21	worst texture	569 non-null	float64
22	worst perimeter	569 non-null	float64
23	worst area	569 non-null	float64
24	worst smoothness	569 non-null	float64
25	worst compactness	569 non-null	float64
26	worst concavity	569 non-null	float64
27	worst concave points	569 non-null	float64
28	worst symmetry	569 non-null	float64
29	worst fractal dimension	569 non-null	float64
30	target	569 non-null	int64

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dtypes: float64(30), int64(1)
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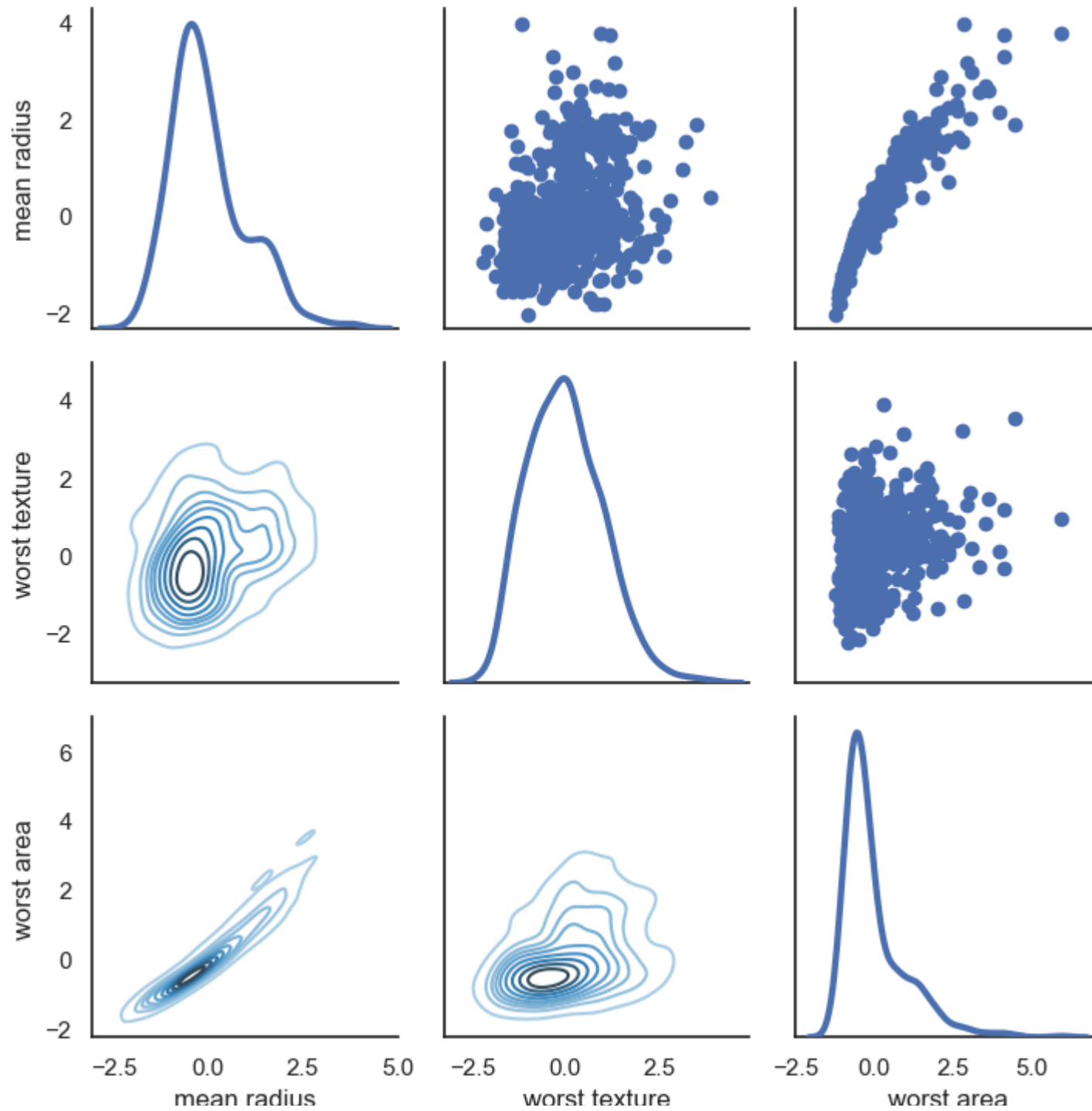
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memory usage: 137.9 KB
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We can see we have 0 null values!

```
In [7]: sns.set(style="white")
        dd = x_df.loc[:,['mean radius','worst texture','worst area']]
```

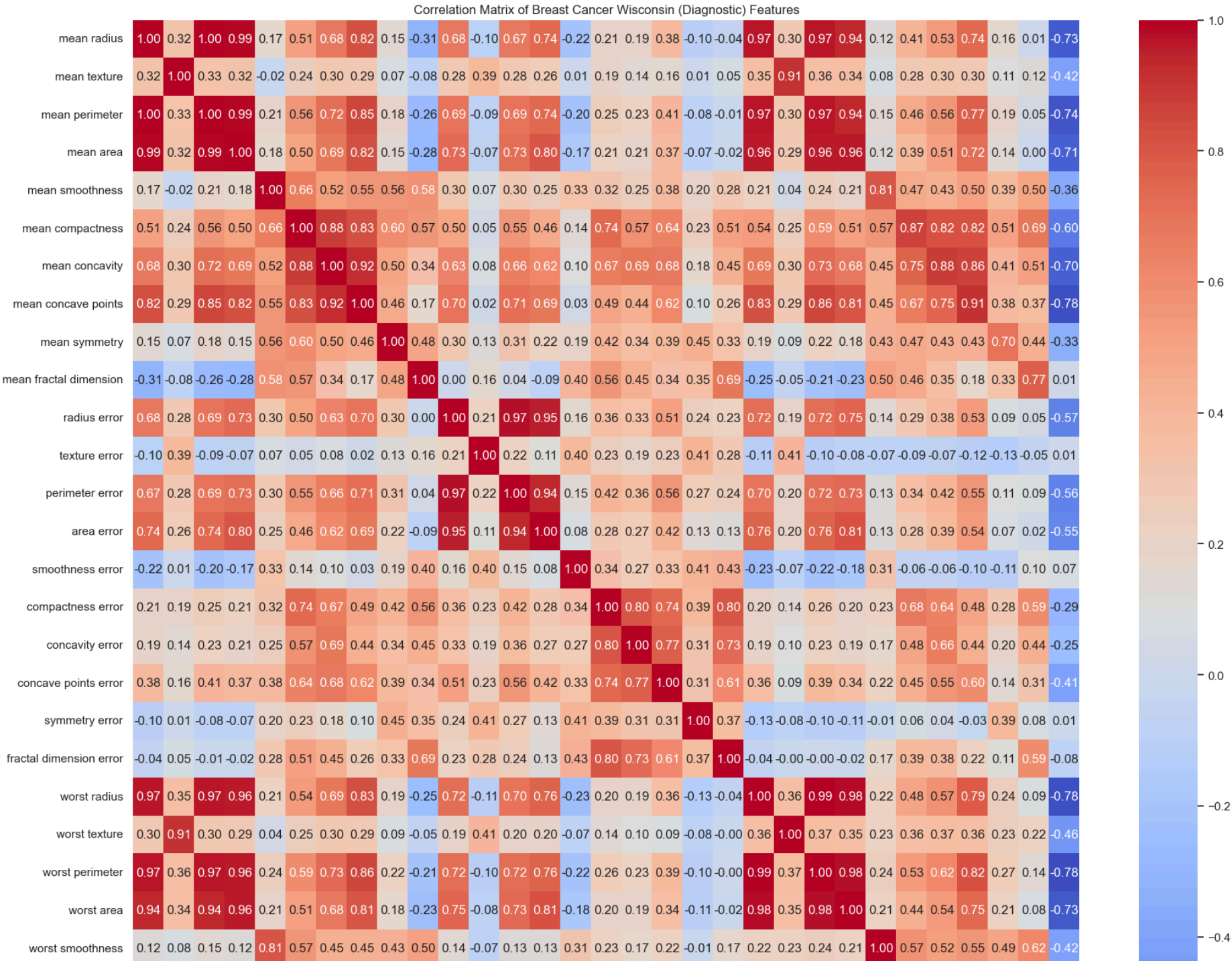
```
g = sns.PairGrid(dd, diag_sharey=False)
g.map_lower(sns.kdeplot, cmap="Blues_d")
g.map_upper(plt.scatter)
g.map_diag(sns.kdeplot, lw=3)
```

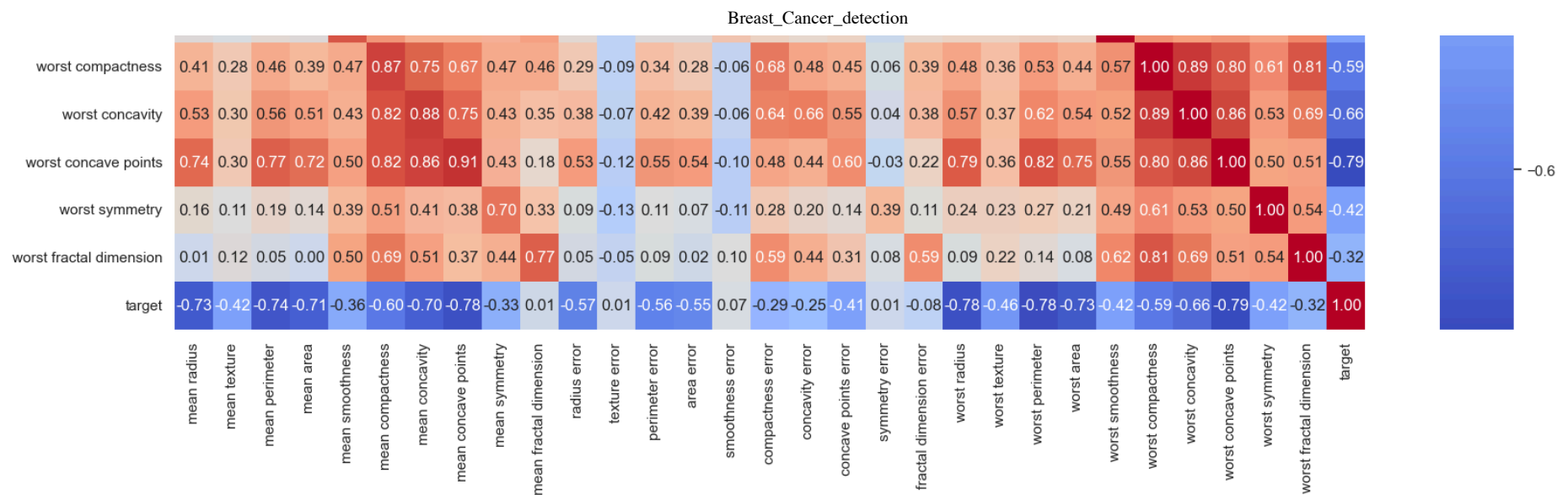
Out[7]: <seaborn.axisgrid.PairGrid at 0x147873510>



```
In [8]: # Perform correlation analysis
correlation_matrix = df.corr()

# Plotting the correlation matrix
plt.figure(figsize=(20, 20))
sns.heatmap(correlation_matrix, annot=True, fmt=".2f", cmap='coolwarm')
plt.title('Correlation Matrix of Breast Cancer Wisconsin (Diagnostic) Features')
plt.show()
```





Above we see the correlation between our features in the dataset. It's evident that numerous features exhibit strong positive correlations with each other. Notably, it's worth highlighting that nearly all the features display a negative correlation with our target variable, except for "mean fractal dimension," "texture error," "smoothness error," and "symmetry error."

Removing the outliers

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In [9]: # Function to remove outliers using IQR
def remove_outliers_iqr(df, feature_names):
    for feature in feature_names:
        Q1 = df[feature].quantile(0.25)
        Q3 = df[feature].quantile(0.75)
        IQR = Q3 - Q1
        lower_bound = Q1 - 1.5 * IQR
        upper_bound = Q3 + 1.5 * IQR
        df = df[(df[feature] >= lower_bound) & (df[feature] <= upper_bound)]
    return df

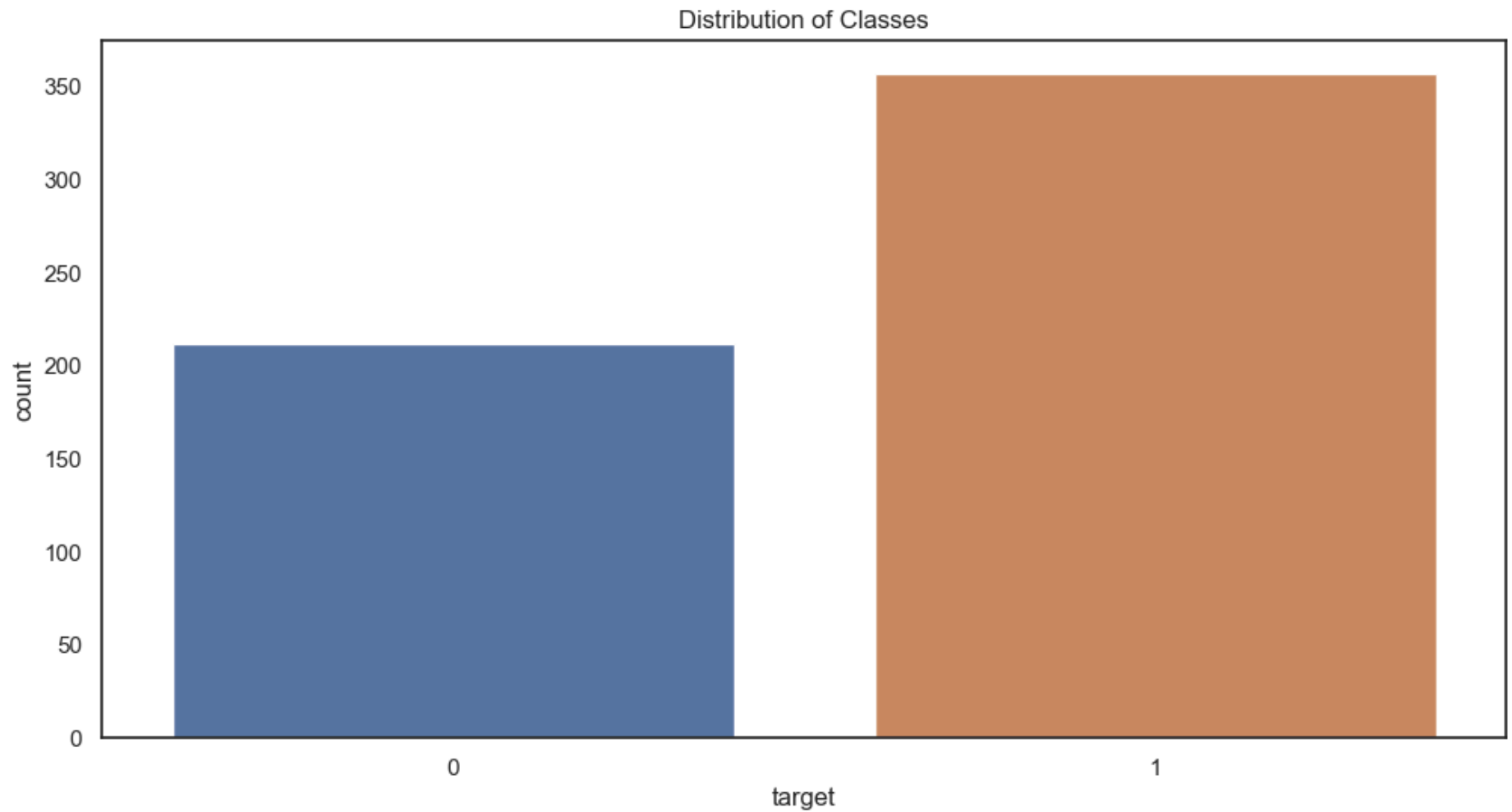
# Remove outliers from all features except the target column
features = data.feature_names
df_cleaned = remove_outliers_iqr(df, features)

# Check the shape of the original and cleaned dataset
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print("Original dataset shape:", df.shape)  
print("Cleaned dataset shape:", df_cleaned.shape)
```

```
Original dataset shape: (569, 31)  
Cleaned dataset shape: (277, 31)
```

```
In [10]: plt.figure(figsize=(12, 6))  
sns.countplot(x='target', data=df)  
plt.title('Distribution of Classes')  
plt.show()
```




```
In [ ]: # Train-test split
X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(X, y, test_size=0.3, stratify=y, random_state=42)

# Print class distribution before SMOTE
print("Class distribution before SMOTE:")
print(Counter(y_train))

# Apply SMOTE for oversampling the minority class in the training set
smote = SMOTE(random_state=42)
X_train_smote, y_train_smote = smote.fit_resample(X_train, y_train)

# Print class distribution after SMOTE
print("\nClass distribution after SMOTE:")
print(Counter(y_train_smote))

# Normalize the features using StandardScaler
scaler = StandardScaler()
X_train_smote = scaler.fit_transform(X_train_smote) # Apply scaling to training data
X_test = scaler.transform(X_test) # Apply the same scaling to test data

# Outputs for confirmation
print("\nShapes after SMOTE and scaling:")
print("X_train_smote shape:", X_train_smote.shape)
print("y_train_smote shape:", y_train_smote.shape)
print("X_test shape:", X_test.shape)
print("y_test shape:", y_test.shape)
```

Class distribution before SMOTE:
Counter({1: 250, 0: 148})

Class distribution after SMOTE:
Counter({1: 250, 0: 250})

Shapes after SMOTE and scaling:
X_train_smote shape: (500, 30)
y_train_smote shape: (500,)
X_test shape: (171, 30)
y_test shape: (171,)

In this step, we used the SMOTE (Synthetic Minority Over-sampling Technique) algorithm to address the class imbalance in the training dataset. Before applying SMOTE, we observed the class distribution in the training set, which revealed an imbalance between the classes. SMOTE works by generating synthetic samples for the minority class, thereby rebalancing the dataset. After applying SMOTE, we confirmed

the improved class distribution. Additionally, we normalized the features using StandardScaler, which ensures that all the features have the same scale, making the model training more efficient and stable. The final datasets, both for training and testing, were then ready for model development.

SVM

```
In [ ]: # Define the parameter grid for each kernel
param_grids = {
    'linear': {'kernel': ['linear'], 'C': [0.1, 1, 10, 20]},
    'poly': {'kernel': ['poly'], 'C': [0.1, 1, 10, 20], 'degree': [2, 3, 4, 5]},
    'rbf': {'kernel': ['rbf'], 'C': [0.1, 1, 10, 20], 'gamma': [0.1, 1, 2, 'auto']}
}

best_models = {} # To store the best model for each kernel

# GridSearchCV for hyperparameter tuning for each kernel
for kernel, param_grid in param_grids.items():
    svm_model = SVC(probability=True)
    grid_search = GridSearchCV(svm_model, param_grid, cv=5, scoring='accuracy')

    # Fit the grid search on the resampled and scaled training data (X_train_smote)
    grid_search.fit(X_train_smote, y_train_smote)

    best_models[kernel] = grid_search.best_estimator_ # Store the best model

    # Displaying the best hyperparameters for each kernel
    print(f"Best hyperparameters for {kernel.capitalize()} kernel:", grid_search.best_params_)

# Dictionary to store results and predictions
svm_results = {}
y_predSVM = {"linear": [], "poly": [], "rbf": []}

# Evaluating the best models on the test set for each kernel
for kernel, model in best_models.items():
    # Predict using the model on the scaled test set
    y_pred = model.predict(X_test)

    # Evaluation metrics for each kernel's best model
    accuracy = accuracy_score(y_test, y_pred)
    precision = precision_score(y_test, y_pred)
    recall = recall_score(y_test, y_pred)
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f1 = f1_score(y_test, y_pred)
roc_auc = roc_auc_score(y_test, y_pred)

y_predSVM[kernel] = y_pred # Store predictions for each kernel
svm_results[kernel] = { # Store evaluation metrics
    'Accuracy': accuracy,
    'Precision': precision,
    'Recall': recall,
    'F1 Score': f1,
    'ROC-AUC': roc_auc
}

# Displaying the evaluation results in a DataFrame
pd.DataFrame(svm_results)

```

Best hyperparameters for Linear kernel: {'C': 0.1, 'kernel': 'linear'}

Best hyperparameters for Poly kernel: {'C': 20, 'degree': 3, 'kernel': 'poly'}

Best hyperparameters for Rbf kernel: {'C': 1, 'gamma': 'auto', 'kernel': 'rbf'}

Out[]:

	linear	poly	rbf
Accuracy	0.970760	0.941520	0.976608
Precision	0.981132	0.980198	0.990476
Recall	0.971963	0.925234	0.971963
F1 Score	0.976526	0.951923	0.981132
ROC-AUC	0.970356	0.946992	0.978169

In [17]: *# Only for linear kernel because for others
data is transformed by kernel method to another space.*

```

def f_importances(coef, names):
    imp = coef
    imp, names = zip(*sorted(zip(imp, names)))
    plt.barh(range(len(names)), imp, align='center')
    plt.yticks(range(len(names)), names)
    plt.show()

svm = SVC(kernel='linear', C=0.1)
svm.fit(X_train_smote, y_train_smote)

importances = pd.Series(svm.coef_[0], index=data.feature_names)

```

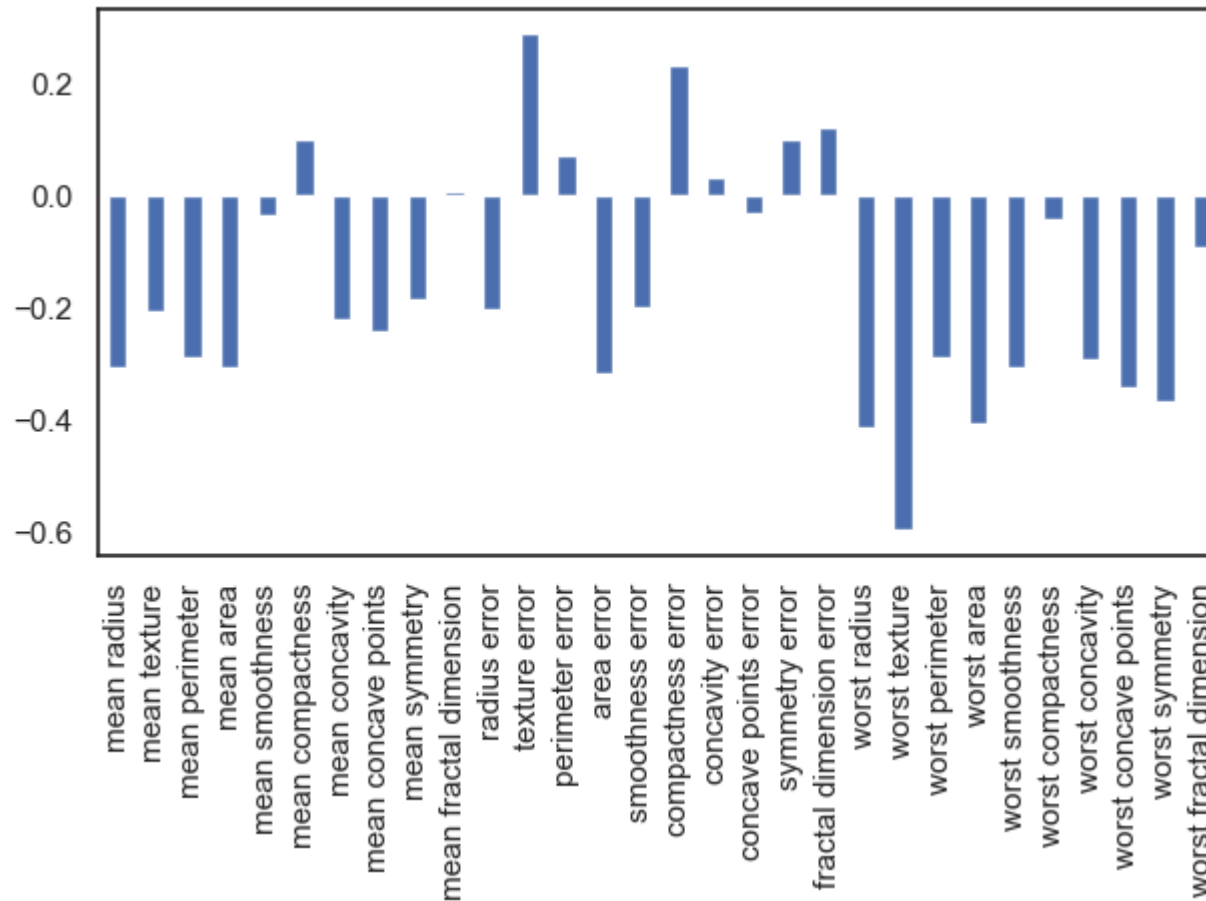
```
fig, ax = plt.subplots()
importances.plot.bar( ax=ax)
fig.tight_layout()

# Extracting feature importances and displaying in a table in descending order
importances = pd.Series(svm.coef_[0], index=data.feature_names)
importances_df = pd.DataFrame(importances, columns=['Importance'])
importances_df = importances_df.sort_values(by='Importance', ascending=False)

# Printing the importance values in a table
print("Feature Importances Table:")
print(importances_df)
```

Feature Importances Table:

	Importance
texture error	0.287460
compactness error	0.231538
fractal dimension error	0.121748
symmetry error	0.099308
mean compactness	0.098949
perimeter error	0.071575
concavity error	0.031831
mean fractal dimension	0.008182
concave points error	-0.031408
mean smoothness	-0.036220
worst compactness	-0.043237
worst fractal dimension	-0.092667
mean symmetry	-0.185549
smoothness error	-0.199107
radius error	-0.203632
mean texture	-0.206417
mean concavity	-0.223293
mean concave points	-0.241595
mean perimeter	-0.290232
worst perimeter	-0.291219
worst concavity	-0.291427
worst smoothness	-0.307726
mean area	-0.307877
mean radius	-0.309091
area error	-0.318675
worst concave points	-0.344048
worst symmetry	-0.368808
worst area	-0.408381
worst radius	-0.415279
worst texture	-0.597179



Analysis of feature importance employing a linear kernel SVM unveils the comparative importance of each feature in shaping the model's predictions. The bar chart visually represents the scale and orientation of influence for each feature. Longer bars denote greater influence on the classification outcome, with positive values signaling a leaning toward one class and negative values toward the other. In our case we can see that **compactness error, fractal and dimension error texture error** are the most influential for choosing Benign (Represents non-cancerous tumours) while **mean concave points, worst symmetry and worst texture** for choosing Malignant (Represents cancerous tumours).

Classification with Advanced Decision Trees

```
In [ ]: # Classification with Advanced Decision Trees
# Random Forest
rf = RandomForestClassifier(random_state=42)
rf_params = {
    'n_estimators': [100, 200, 400],
    'max_depth': [5, 10, 30, None]
}
rf_grid = GridSearchCV(rf, rf_params, cv=5)
rf_grid.fit(X_train_smote, y_train_smote)
rf_best = rf_grid.best_estimator_
y_pred_rf = rf_best.predict(X_test)

# Gradient Boosting
gb = GradientBoostingClassifier(random_state=42)
gb_params = {
    'n_estimators': [100, 200, 400],
    'learning_rate': [0.01, 0.1, 0.2],
    'max_depth': [3, 10, 30]
}
gb_grid = GridSearchCV(gb, gb_params, cv=5)
gb_grid.fit(X_train_smote, y_train_smote)
gb_best = gb_grid.best_estimator_
y_pred_gb = gb_best.predict(X_test)

# Metrics for Random Forest and Gradient Boosting
rf_metrics = {
    'Accuracy': accuracy_score(y_test, y_pred_rf),
    'Precision': precision_score(y_test, y_pred_rf),
    'Recall': recall_score(y_test, y_pred_rf),
    'F1 Score': f1_score(y_test, y_pred_rf),
    'ROC-AUC': roc_auc_score(y_test, y_pred_rf)
}

gb_metrics = {
    'Accuracy': accuracy_score(y_test, y_pred_gb),
    'Precision': precision_score(y_test, y_pred_gb),
    'Recall': recall_score(y_test, y_pred_gb),
    'F1 Score': f1_score(y_test, y_pred_gb),
    'ROC-AUC': roc_auc_score(y_test, y_pred_gb)
}

# Combine results into a DataFrame
```

```
results = {'Random Forest': rf_metrics, 'Gradient Boosting': gb_metrics}
pd.DataFrame(results)
```

Out[]:

	Random Forest	Gradient Boosting
Accuracy	0.947368	0.953216
Precision	0.962264	0.954128
Recall	0.953271	0.971963
F1 Score	0.957746	0.962963
ROC-AUC	0.945386	0.946919

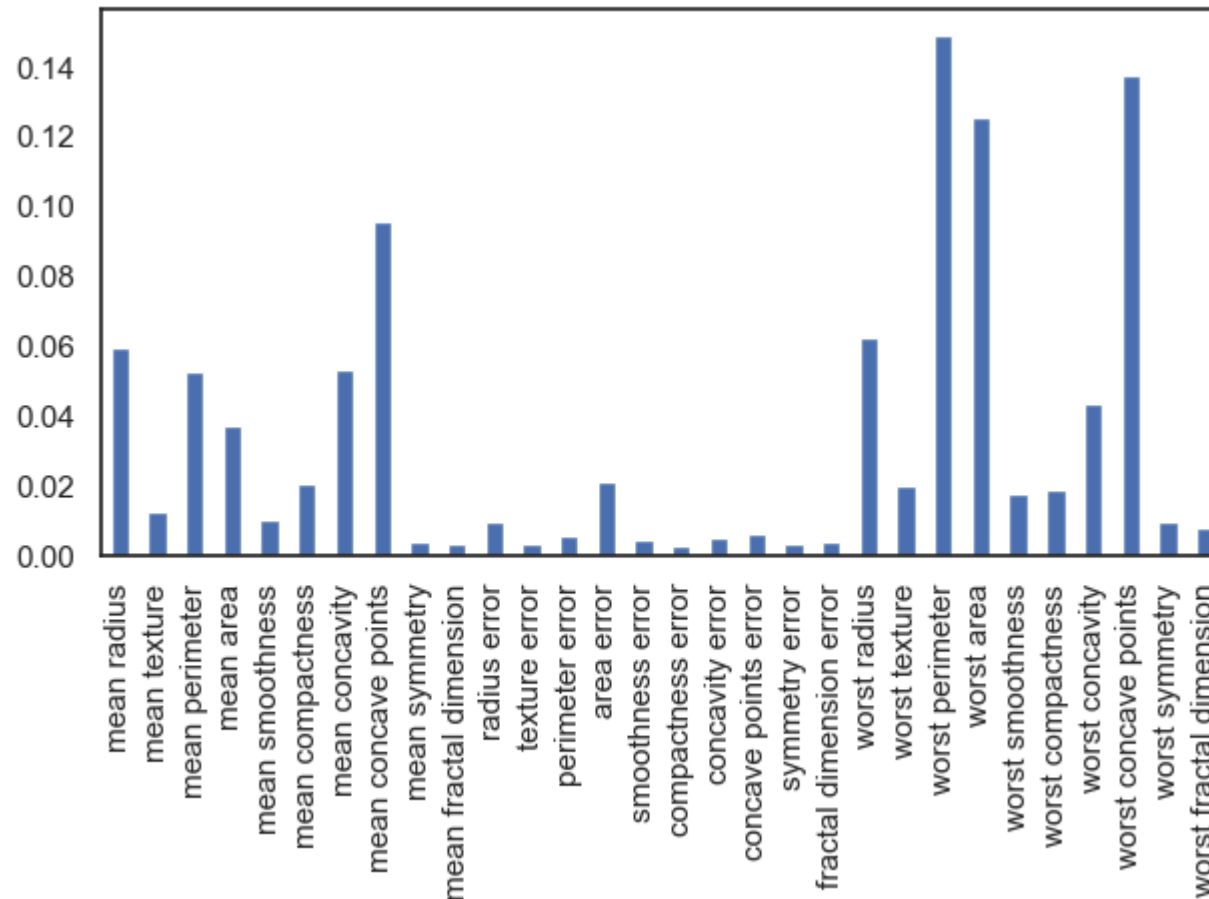
```
In [19]: importances = pd.Series(rf_best.feature_importances_, index=data.feature_names)

fig, ax = plt.subplots()
importances.plot.bar( ax=ax)
fig.tight_layout()

# Creating a DataFrame for feature importances and printing as a table
importance_table = pd.DataFrame(importances, columns=['Importance'])
importance_table = importance_table.sort_values(by='Importance', ascending=False)
print("Feature Importances Table:")
print(importance_table)
```


Feature Importances Table:

	Importance
worst perimeter	0.148623
worst concave points	0.137304
worst area	0.125166
mean concave points	0.095234
worst radius	0.062326
mean radius	0.059385
mean concavity	0.053166
mean perimeter	0.052325
worst concavity	0.043244
mean area	0.036713
area error	0.021108
mean compactness	0.020389
worst texture	0.019539
worst compactness	0.018630
worst smoothness	0.017338
mean texture	0.012176
mean smoothness	0.009937
worst symmetry	0.009301
radius error	0.009267
worst fractal dimension	0.007788
concave points error	0.006258
perimeter error	0.005408
concavity error	0.005072
smoothness error	0.004412
mean symmetry	0.004029
fractal dimension error	0.003794
texture error	0.003157
symmetry error	0.003126
mean fractal dimension	0.003005
compactness error	0.002778



The features contribute more significantly to the model's decision-making process is **worst concave points, worst area, and mean concave points** have relatively higher importance values, On the other hand, features with lower importance values, such as **texture error, concave points error and mean symmetry** have less influence on the model's predictions.

Model Comparison and Analysis

We saw how different parameters affected each model, now we are going to compare the models to see which one performed the best.

```
In [20]: # Combine results
results = {'Random Forest': rf_metrics,
          'Gradient Boosting': gb_metrics,
```

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        'SVM_linear':svm_results['linear'],
        'SVM_poly':svm_results['poly'],
        'SVM_RBF':svm_results['rbf']
    }
pd.DataFrame(results)
```

Out[20]:

	Random Forest	Gradient Boosting	SVM_linear	SVM_poly	SVM_RBF
Accuracy	0.947368	0.953216	0.970760	0.941520	0.976608
Precision	0.962264	0.954128	0.981132	0.980198	0.990476
Recall	0.953271	0.971963	0.971963	0.925234	0.971963
F1 Score	0.957746	0.962963	0.976526	0.951923	0.981132
ROC-AUC	0.945386	0.946919	0.970356	0.946992	0.978169

Comparative Analysis of Model Performance

In this analysis, we compare the performance of multiple machine learning models—**Support Vector Machines (SVM)** with linear, polynomial, and radial basis function (RBF) kernels, and **ensemble methods** such as **Random Forest** and **Gradient Boosting**—on a rebalanced dataset using **SMOTE** (Synthetic Minority Over-sampling Technique) for handling class imbalance.

1. Model Accuracy and Precision

- **Accuracy** measures the proportion of correct predictions over all predictions. Among the models, **SVM with RBF kernel** achieved the highest accuracy at **97.66%**, followed by **Gradient Boosting** with **95.32%** and **Random Forest** with **94.74%**. The **linear** and **polynomial SVM kernels** lagged slightly behind, with accuracies of **97.08%** and **94.15%**, respectively.
- **Precision** (the ratio of true positive predictions to total positive predictions) followed a similar trend. **SVM with RBF kernel** again topped the chart with **99.05%**, showing strong performance in correctly identifying the minority class, followed by **Random Forest** (**96.23%**) and **Gradient Boosting** (**95.41%**).

2. Recall and F1-Score

- **Recall** (the ratio of true positives to actual positives) reflects the model's ability to capture the minority class (often the more important class in imbalanced datasets). **Gradient Boosting** excelled in this area with a recall of **97.20%**, followed closely by **SVM with linear and RBF kernels** at **97.20%** and **97.20%** as well. The **polynomial kernel** achieved a slightly lower recall of **92.52%**.

- **F1-Score**, which balances both precision and recall, shows **SVM with RBF kernel** performing best with an F1 of **98.11%**. This was closely followed by **Gradient Boosting (96.30%)** and **Random Forest (95.77%)**. The **polynomial kernel** again exhibited the lowest F1 score at **95.19%**.

3. ROC-AUC (Receiver Operating Characteristic - Area Under Curve)

- **ROC-AUC** evaluates the ability of the model to distinguish between classes. A higher score suggests that the model can better differentiate between positive and negative classes. The **SVM with RBF kernel** performed best with a **ROC-AUC of 97.82%**, followed by **SVM with linear kernel (97.04%)** and **Gradient Boosting (94.69%)**. **Random Forest** had a slightly lower ROC-AUC score of **94.54%**, while the **polynomial kernel** scored **94.70%**.

4. Feature Importance and Interpretability

- In terms of **feature importance**, **Random Forest** and **Gradient Boosting** provided valuable insights. **Random Forest** highlighted features such as **worst perimeter**, **worst concave points**, and **worst area** as the most critical predictors of the target variable. Similarly, **Gradient Boosting** emphasized **worst perimeter**, **worst concave points**, and **worst area** in its decision-making process.
- The feature importance rankings reveal that **both Random Forest and Gradient Boosting** were effective in leveraging relevant features, particularly those related to geometric properties like **area**, **perimeter**, and **concave points**.

5. Model Robustness and Performance Trade-Offs

- **SVM (with RBF kernel)** consistently outperformed other models across all metrics (accuracy, precision, recall, F1-score, and ROC-AUC). This suggests that **SVM** with RBF is highly effective at distinguishing between the two classes, likely due to its ability to handle non-linear decision boundaries. However, **SVM models are less interpretable** compared to **Random Forest** and **Gradient Boosting**, which are inherently more transparent, especially in terms of feature importance.
- **Random Forest** and **Gradient Boosting** showed competitive performance with strong precision and recall, particularly in identifying positive cases (class 1), making them solid choices for imbalanced datasets. These models are also more robust to overfitting, especially with the tuning of hyperparameters (like **n_estimators**, **max_depth**, etc.).

6. Class Imbalance Handling via SMOTE

- The use of **SMOTE** has effectively rebalanced the class distribution, as evidenced by the change in class distribution from the original dataset (with a significant imbalance between class 0 and class 1) to the rebalanced dataset, where both classes had equal

representation. The models were able to train on this balanced dataset, which contributed to the improvement in the performance metrics, particularly for models like **Random Forest** and **Gradient Boosting**.

- The performance improvements observed across all models post-SMOTE indicate the importance of addressing class imbalance, as it directly impacts the model's ability to generalize and make accurate predictions for both classes.

Conclusion

The **SVM with RBF kernel** achieved the highest overall performance across most metrics, particularly **accuracy** and **ROC-AUC**, which makes it the best choice for this problem. However, **Random Forest** and **Gradient Boosting** are competitive alternatives, particularly when interpretability and feature importance are important considerations. SMOTE played a crucial role in enhancing the models' ability to handle the class imbalance, ensuring that both classes were adequately represented during training. Each of the models has its strengths and trade-offs, and the choice of model should depend on the specific requirements of the problem, such as the need for accuracy, interpretability, or the ability to handle complex decision boundaries.

Bellow you can see the plotted ROC curves and confusion matrices!

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In [ ]: def plot_confusion_matrix(y_true, y_pred, title, ax):
    conf_mat = confusion_matrix(y_true, y_pred)
    sns.heatmap(conf_mat, annot=True, fmt='d', cmap='Blues', cbar=False,
                xticklabels=['FALSE', 'TRUE'],
                yticklabels=['FALSE', 'TRUE'], ax=ax)
    ax.set_xlabel('Predicted labels')
    ax.set_ylabel('True labels')
    ax.set_title(title)

def plot_roc_curve_single_model(y_true, y_probs, label, linestyle='-', ax=None):
    fpr, tpr, thresholds = roc_curve(y_true, y_probs)
    roc_auc = auc(fpr, tpr)
    ax.plot(fpr, tpr, linestyle, label=f'{label} (ROC= {roc_auc:.6f})')
    ax.plot([0, 1], [0, 1], linestyle='--', color='gray')
    ax.set_xlabel('False Positive Rate')
    ax.set_ylabel('True Positive Rate')
    ax.set_title(f'Receiver Operating Characteristic (ROC) Curve - {label}')
    ax.legend()
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In [22]: for kernel, y_pred in y_predSVM.items():
    fig, axs = plt.subplots(1, 2, figsize=(12, 6))
    plot_roc_curve_single_model(y_test, y_pred, f'SVM ({kernel})', ax=axs[0])
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plot_confusion_matrix(y_test, y_pred, f'SVM Confusion Matrix {kernel}', ax=axes[1])

plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()

fig, axes = plt.subplots(1, 2, figsize=(12, 6))

plot_roc_curve_single_model(y_test, y_pred_rf, 'Random Forest', ax=axes[0])
plot_confusion_matrix(y_test, y_pred_rf, 'Random Forest Confusion Matrix', ax=axes[1])

plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()

fig, axes = plt.subplots(1, 2, figsize=(12, 6))

plot_roc_curve_single_model(y_test, y_pred_gb, 'Gradient Boosting', ax=axes[0])
plot_confusion_matrix(y_test, y_pred_gb, 'Gradient Boosting Confusion Matrix', ax=axes[1])

plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
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