

Supervised Machine Learning – Iris Flower Classification

1. Introduction

A botanical research centre aims to automate the identification of Iris flower species based on physical measurements. Manual identification is time-consuming, error-prone, and not scalable. This project implements supervised machine learning algorithms to classify Iris flowers automatically.

2. Dataset Description

The Iris dataset contains 150 samples equally distributed among three classes: Setosa, Versicolor, and Virginica. Each sample has four numerical features: Sepal Length, Sepal Width, Petal Length, and Petal Width.

3. Data Preprocessing

- Removed unnecessary columns
- Encoded categorical target labels
- Split data into 50% training and 100% testing
- Standardized features where required

4. Models Implemented

- K-Nearest Neighbours (KNN)
- Logistic Regression
- Naive Bayes

5. Evaluation Metrics

Models were evaluated using accuracy, precision, recall, F1-score, and confusion matrices.

6. Results

KNN achieved the highest accuracy, followed by Logistic Regression and Naive Bayes. All models performed well due to the clean and balanced nature of the dataset.

7. Conclusion

This project demonstrates the effectiveness of supervised learning algorithms for classification problems. KNN was selected as the best model based on performance metrics.

8. References

- Scikit-learn Documentation
- Fisher, R. A. (1936). *The use of multiple measurements in taxonomic problems*.