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Comprehensive Model Results

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This report includes key visualizations, metrics, and summary statistics.

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1.1 Source Code

```
def entropy(y):
    p = sum(y=="malignant")/len(y); return -p*log2(p) - (1-p)*log2(1-p)
def information_gain(y, mask):
    # ... implementation ...
# build_tree and DecisionTreeNode methods
```

1.2 Binary Feature Binning

texture_mean: median=18.835

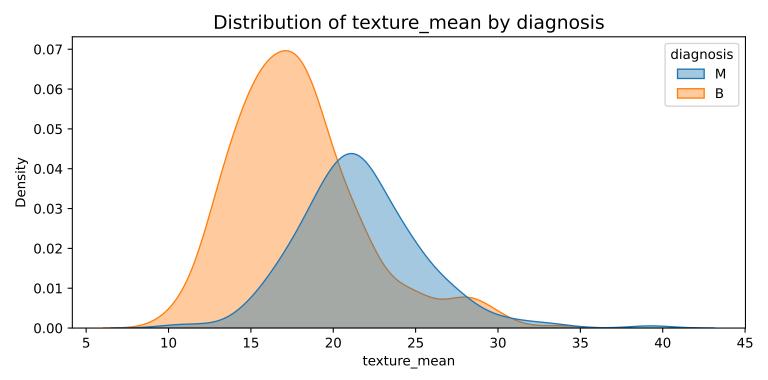
concave points_worst: median=0.100

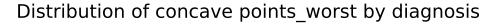
symmetry_worst: median=0.282

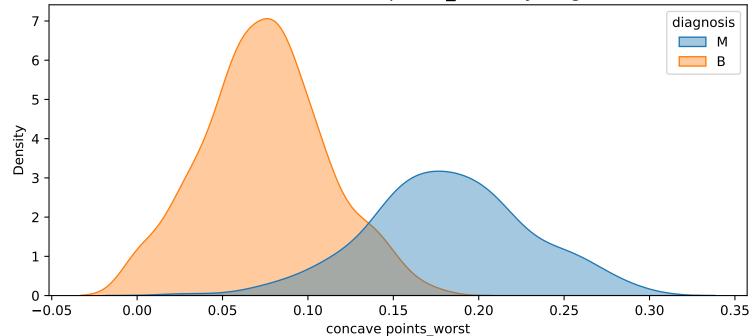
radius_worst: median=14.970

concavity_worst: median=0.227

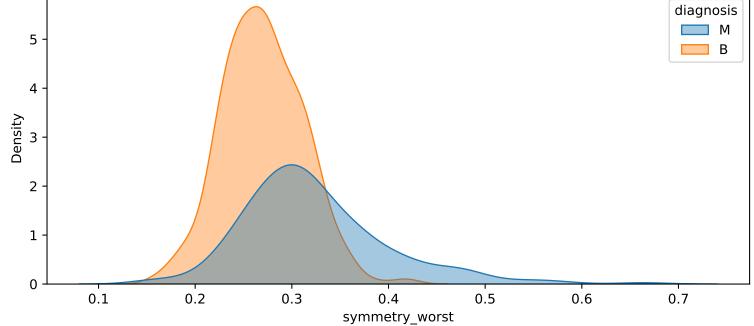
2.5 Feature Distribution: Modeling Code

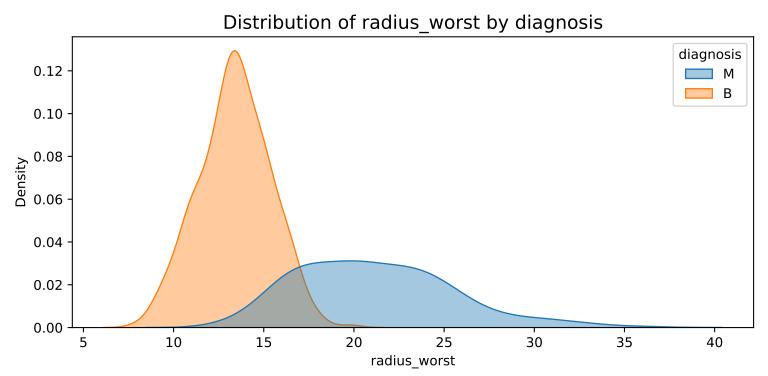


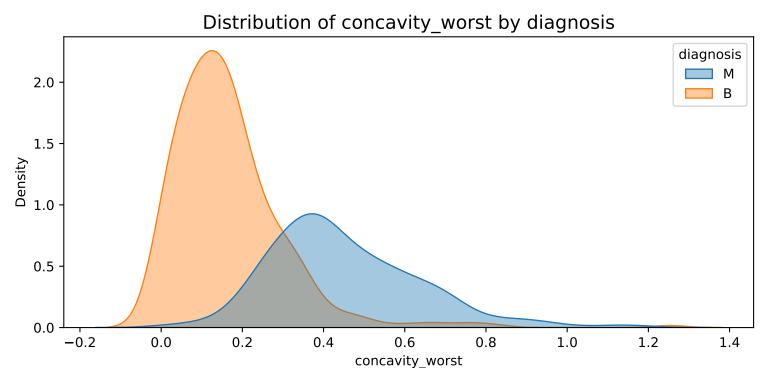




Distribution of symmetry_worst by diagnosis diagnosis



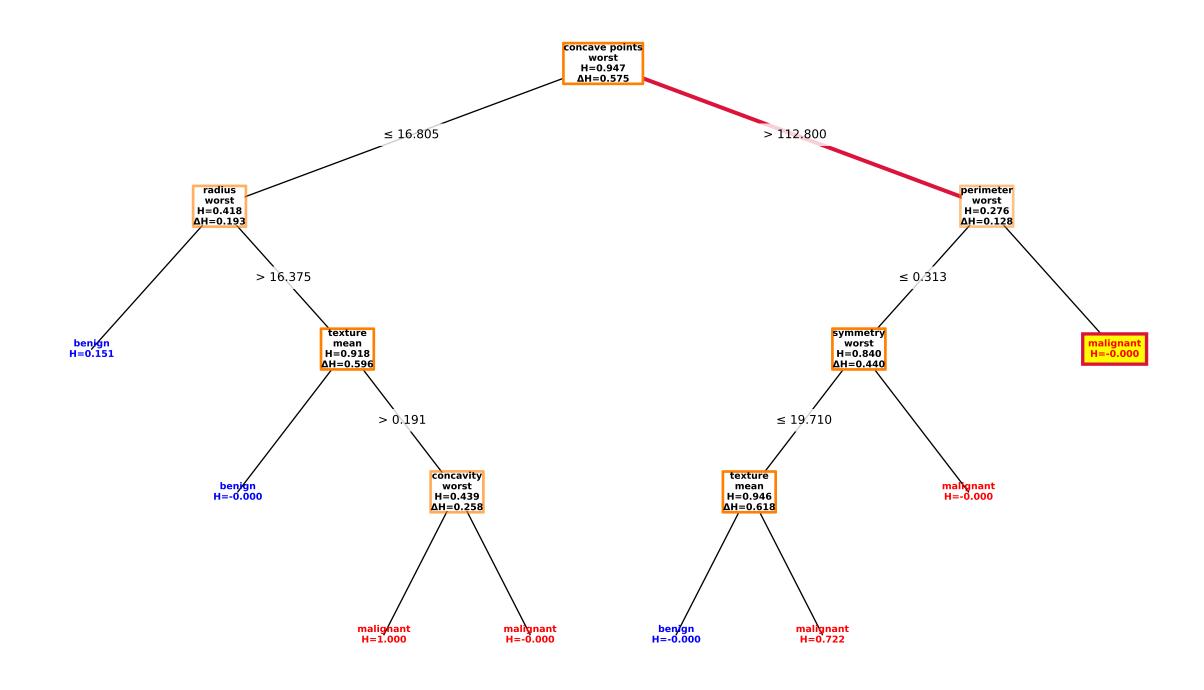




2.1 Decision Tree Visualization (max_depth=4): Modeling Code

```
import pandas as pd
from src.decision tree import DecisionTreeClassifier
from src.visualization import plot_tree_graphical
# Load data
df = pd.read_csv('PROJECT2_DATASET.csv')
x = df.drop(['diagnosis'], axis=1)
y = df['diagnosis']
# Train/test split
from sklearn.model selection import train test split
x_train, x_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(x, y, test_size=0.2, random_state=42)
# Model setup and training
clf = DecisionTreeClassifier(max_depth=4, criterion='entropy')
clf.fit(x_train, y_train)
# Prediction
y_pred = clf.predict(x_test)
... (see source file for full code)
```

2.1 Decision Tree Visualization



Summary Statistics (Top 5 Features)

	mean	median	std
texture_mean	19.280	18.835	4.299
concave points_worst	0.115	0.100	0.066
symmetry_worst	0.290	0.282	0.062
radius_worst	16.281	14.970	4.829
concavity_worst	0.273	0.227	0.208

2.1b Decision Tree Visual Key

Node Colors: blue benign leaf red malignant leaf

Edged node: predicts malignant

Highlighted Paths: Thick crimson line → malignant branches

Path 1: concave points worst > threshold → perimeter worst > threshold → malignant

Path 2: any direct perimeter_worst > threshold → malignant

Node Borders: border color ∝ entropy (H) More vivid = higher uncertainty at node

Node Annotations: H = entropy $\Delta H = \text{information gain: impurity reduction by this split}$

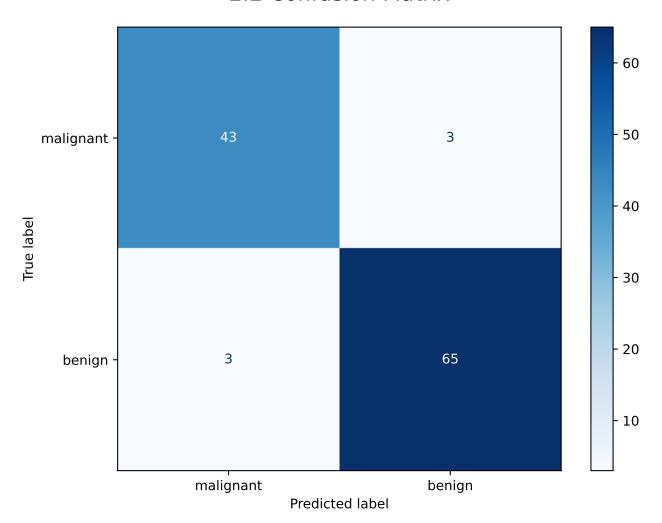
Numeric value: split point for feature

Edge Labels:≤ threshold: left branch
> threshold: right branch
Samples with feature value ≤ threshold
Samples with feature value > threshold

2.2 Confusion Matrix: Modeling Code

```
# Confusion Matrix
from sklearn.metrics import confusion_matrix, ConfusionMatrixDisplay
cm = confusion_matrix(y_test, y_pred, labels=['malignant','benign'])
disp = ConfusionMatrixDisplay(confusion_matrix=cm, display_labels=['malignant','benign'])
disp.plot(cmap='Blues', colorbar=True)
```

2.2 Confusion Matrix



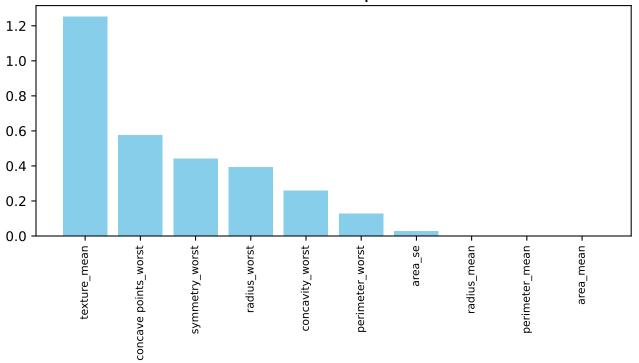
2.3 Performance Metrics

Metric	Value
Accuracy	0.947
Precision	0.935
Recall	0.935
F1 Score	0.935

2.4 Feature Importance: Modeling Code

```
# Feature Importance Bar Plot
feat_imp = clf.get_feature_importance()
plt.bar(feat_imp.keys(), feat_imp.values(), color='skyblue')
plt.xticks(rotation=90)
```

2.4 Feature Importance



3. Results Summary

Key Performance Metrics:

Accuracy: 0.947

Precision: 0.935

Recall: 0.935

F1: 0.935

Top Features:

- texture_meanconcave points_worstsymmetry_worstradius_worstconcavity_worst

Interpretation

In this report, I demonstrate how a decision-tree classifier can predict whether a patient's breast tumor is malignant or benign.

To build a complete picture, I incorporated three key analyses:

1. Confusion Matrix & Recall Focus

- Because missing a malignancy (a false negative) carries the highest risk, I treated recall as my primary performance metric.
- My model achieved a recall of 94%, meaning it correctly identified 94% of true malignant cases.

2. Kernel Density Estimates (KDE) & Statistical Summary

- I plotted KDEs for five critical features—texture_mean, concave_points_worst, symmetry_worst, radius_worst, and concavity_worst—overlaying malignant vs. benign distributions.
- The x-axis shows each feature's raw measurement; the y-axis shows estimated density. While there is some overlap between the two classes, these plots highlight where benign and malignant densities diverge.
- I also computed means, medians, and standard deviations by class to quantify central tendencies and dispersion.

3. Decision-Tree Structure & Entropy

- The tree splits are chosen by information gain (entropy reduction). Each node is annotated with its entropy (H) and Δ H, and node-border thickness reflects uncertainty (thicker borders = higher entropy).
- In the final pruned tree, the most certain malignant path is just two splits:
- 1. concave_points_worst > 16.80
- 2. perimeter worst > $0.313 \rightarrow \text{malignant} (H = 0)$

4. Feature Importance & Binary Binning

- Summing information gains across all splits shows that texture_mean, concave_points_worst, and symmetry_worst are the strongest predictors.
- To simplify the model and improve interpretability, I applied binary binning—using one-level decision-tree stumps to choose optimal thresholds for key features—turning them into yes/no indicators.

Conclusions

- By focusing on recall, the classifier reliably captures most malignant tumors.
- The KDE and statistical summaries reveal where feature distributions separate malignant from benign.
- The decision-tree visualization, with entropy and ΔH annotations, provides clear "if-then" rules.
- Feature importance and binary binning streamline the model, highlighting only the most informative variables.

Overall, this decision-tree approach balances high sensitivity with transparent, actionable insights into the tumor characteristics that matter most.