# HW2 MLforBio Ensemble Methods

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#### 0.0.3 Breasr Cancer

Most of us know someone who struggled with breast cancer, or at least heard about the struggles facing patients who are fighting against breast cancer. The most important part of a process of clinical decision-making in patients with cancers, in general, is the accurate estimation of prognosis and survival duration. Breast cancer patients with the same stage of the disease and the same clinical characteristics can have different treatment responses and overall survival. In this practical assignment, you are going to train a Random Forest and XGBoost model on breast\_cancer.csv dataset.

Import all the libraries you may need here

```
[1]: try:
    import sklearn
except:
    %pip install scikit-learn
try:
    import pandas as pd
except:
    %pip install pandas
try:
    import xgboost as xgb
except:
    %pip install xgboost

from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestClassifier
```

#### Loading the Data

```
[2]: from sklearn import set_config
    set_config(transform_output='pandas')
    pd.set_option('display.max_columns', None)
    pd.set_option('display.expand_frame_repr', False)
    pd.set_option('max_colwidth', None)
    # Load the dataset into a pandas dataframe
    df = pd.read_csv('breast_cancer.csv')
```

### 0.0.4 Data Exploration

Let's start off by exploring the files we just imported. it's not necessary to do any visualization just a statistical summary of the data would be enough. split your data to train and test.

# Training set summary:

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#### Test set summary:

Unnamed: 0 age\_at\_diagnosis chemotherapy cohort neoplasm histologic grade hormone therapy lymph nodes examined positive mutation\_count nottingham\_prognostic\_index radio\_therapy tumor\_size tumor\_stage 381.000000 381.000000 381.000000 381.000000 count 381.000000 381.000000 381.000000 381.000000 381,000000 381,000000 381,000000 381,000000 mean 960.656168 60.622441 0.220472 2.658793 2.452512 0.656168 1.897638 5.251664 4.088023 0.590551 25.845633 1.756712 std 562.519548 13.142490 0.415110 1.287228 0.613945 0.475610 3.709521 2.991337 1.096581 15.783795 0.538291 0.492379 23.000000 28.290000 0.000000 1.000000 1.000000 0.000000 0.000000 1.000000 1.030000 0.000000 1.000000 1.000000 25% 450.000000 0.000000 50.920000 1.000000 0.000000 2.000000 0.000000 3.000000 1.750535 3.050000 0.000000 17.000000 50% 963.000000 61.220000 0.000000 3.000000 3.000000 1.000000 1.000000 5.000000 4.044000 1.000000 22,000000 1.750535 1473.000000 70.420000 75% 0.000000 3.000000 1.000000 3.000000 2.000000 7.000000 5.040000 1.000000 30.000000 2.000000 1894.000000 1.000000 90.230000 5.000000 max3.000000 1.000000 31.000000 22.000000 6.360000 1.000000 180.000000 4.000000

#### 0.0.5 Data Preparation

#### Creating two custom transformers to put on our pipeline:

- To split the data into categorical and numerical features and
- To preprocess the categorical features.
- Create the X feature matrix and the y target vector.
- split the data.

```
[4]: import pandas as pd
     from sklearn.base import BaseEstimator, TransformerMixin
     from sklearn.pipeline import Pipeline
     from sklearn.preprocessing import StandardScaler, OneHotEncoder
     from sklearn.compose import ColumnTransformer
     from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
     # Load the dataset into a pandas dataframe
     df = pd.read_csv('breast_cancer.csv').dropna()
     # Define custom transformers
     class CategoricalFeatureSelector(BaseEstimator, TransformerMixin):
         def __init__(self):
             pass
         def fit(self, X, y=None):
             return self
         def transform(self, X):
             return X.select_dtypes(include=['object'])
     class CategoricalPreprocessor(BaseEstimator, TransformerMixin):
         def __init__(self):
             pass
         def fit(self, X, y=None):
             return self
         def transform(self, X):
             ohe = OneHotEncoder(handle_unknown='ignore', sparse_output=False)
             return ohe.fit_transform(X)
     # Create X feature matrix and y target vector
     X = df.drop('overall_survival', axis=1)
     y = df['overall_survival']
     # Split the data into training and testing sets
     X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(X, y, test_size=0.2,_
      →random_state=42)
     # Define the preprocessing pipeline
     categorical_pipeline = Pipeline([
         ('cat_selector', CategoricalFeatureSelector()),
         ('cat_preprocessor', CategoricalPreprocessor())
     ])
```

# 1 Implementing two different models

#### 1.1 Random Forest

#### 1.1.1 train the model

```
[5]: # Train a Random Forest model on the preprocessed data
rf_model = RandomForestClassifier(n_estimators=100, random_state=42)
rf_model.fit(X_train_preprocessed, y_train)
```

[5]: RandomForestClassifier(random\_state=42)

#### 1.1.2 Model assessment

Print Train Accuracy, Test Accuracy and classification Report.

```
[6]: train_accuracy = rf_model.score(X_train_preprocessed, y_train)
    test_accuracy = rf_model.score(X_test_preprocessed, y_test)

print("Train Accuracy: ", train_accuracy)
print("Test Accuracy: ", test_accuracy)
```

Train Accuracy: 0.90625

Test Accuracy: 0.5986842105263158

# 1.1.3 Hyperparameter tuning:

Randomized Search Cross Validation and Grid Search Cross Validation report best hyperparameters in each part.

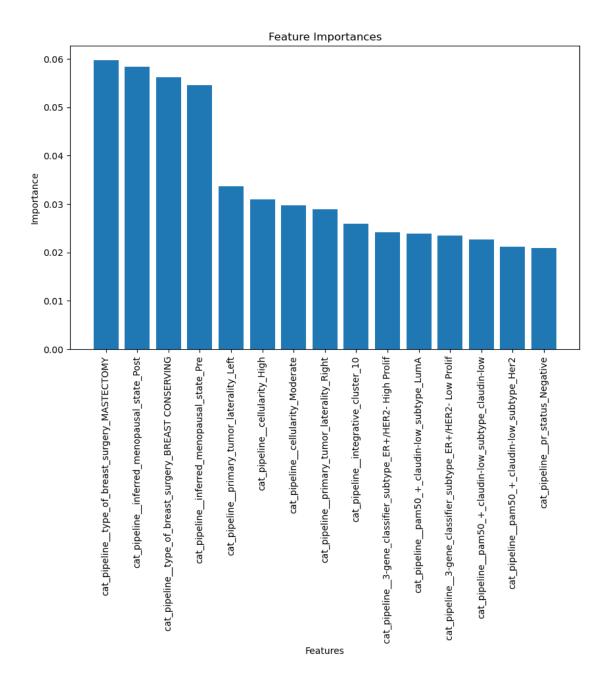
```
[7]: # Define the parameter grid for Randomized Search Cross Validation from sklearn.metrics import classification_report, accuracy_score from sklearn.model_selection import GridSearchCV, RandomizedSearchCV
```

```
param_distributions = {
     'n_estimators': [50, 100, 150, 200],
     'max_depth': [None, 5, 10, 15],
     'min_samples_split': [2, 5, 10],
     'min_samples_leaf': [1, 2, 4],
     'max_features': ['sqrt']
}
# Perform Randomized Search Cross Validation to find the best hyperparameters
rf_model = RandomForestClassifier(random_state=42)
rf random = RandomizedSearchCV(estimator=rf model,
  aparam_distributions=param_distributions, n_iter=100, cv=5, random_state=42,
 \rightarrown jobs=-1)
rf_random.fit(X_train_preprocessed, y_train)
print("Randomized Search CV best parameters:", rf_random.best_params_)
# Define the parameter grid for Grid Search Cross Validation
param_grid = {
     'n estimators': [100, 150, 200],
     'max_depth': [None, 10, 15],
     'min samples split': [2, 5],
    'min samples leaf': [1, 2],
    'max_features': ['sqrt']
}
# Perform Grid Search Cross Validation to find the best hyperparameters
rf_grid = GridSearchCV(estimator=rf_model, param_grid=param_grid, cv=5,__
 \rightarrown_jobs=-1)
rf_grid.fit(X_train_preprocessed, y_train)
print("Grid Search CV best parameters:", rf_grid.best_params_)
# Make predictions on the test data using the trained model with best_{\sqcup}
 \hookrightarrowhyperparameters
rf_best_model = RandomForestClassifier(**rf_grid.best_params_, random_state=42)
rf_best_model.fit(X_train_preprocessed, y_train)
y_test_pred = rf_best_model.predict(X_test_preprocessed)
# Evaluate the performance of the model on the test data
test_accuracy = accuracy_score(y_test, y_test_pred)
print("Test accuracy with best hyperparameters:", test_accuracy)
print(classification_report(y_test, y_test_pred))
Randomized Search CV best parameters: {'n estimators': 150, 'min samples split':
2, 'min_samples_leaf': 1, 'max_features': 'sqrt', 'max_depth': 5}
Grid Search CV best parameters: {'max_depth': 10, 'max_features': 'sqrt',
'min samples leaf': 2, 'min samples split': 2, 'n estimators': 200}
Test accuracy with best hyperparameters: 0.6282894736842105
```

	precision	recall	f1-score	support
0	0.67	0.78	0.72	184
1	0.54	0.40	0.46	120
accuracy			0.63	304
macro avg	0.60	0.59	0.59	304
weighted avg	0.62	0.63	0.62	304

# 1.1.4 Find important features with Random Forest model

### Visualize feature scores of the features



# 1.1.5 \* Improve Model (Bonus)

In this bonus part, you can add your ideas for improving your model's performance. implement it and compare the results.

here are some ideas for improving the performance of the Random Forest model on the breast cancer dataset:

Feature Selection: One way to improve the performance of the model is to perform feature selection to identify and remove irrelevant or redundant features. This can simplify the model and reduce

overfitting, leading to better generalization performance. We can use techniques like Recursive Feature Elimination (RFE), SelectKBest, or PCA for feature selection.

Ensemble Methods: Another way to improve the performance of the model is to use ensemble methods like bagging, boosting, or stacking. Bagging can reduce the variance of the model by training multiple instances of the same model on different subsets of the data and aggregating their predictions. Boosting can reduce the bias of the model by training multiple weak models on different subsets of the data and combining their predictions. Stacking can combine the predictions of multiple models with different strengths and weaknesses to improve the overall performance.

Model Tuning: We can further improve the performance of the model by tuning its hyperparameters using techniques like Randomized Search Cross Validation or Grid Search Cross Validation. This can help us find the optimal set of hyperparameters for the model that minimize the bias and variance.

```
[]: from sklearn.decomposition import PCA
    from sklearn.model_selection import RandomizedSearchCV
    from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestClassifier, BaggingClassifier,
      →AdaBoostClassifier, StackingClassifier
    from sklearn.feature selection import RFE, SelectKBest, f classif
    from sklearn.metrics import accuracy_score
    # Load the dataset into a pandas dataframe
    df = pd.read_csv('breast_cancer.csv')
    # Perform feature selection using RFE
    rf_model = RandomForestClassifier(n_estimators=100, max_depth=10,__
     →random_state=42)
    rfe_selector = RFE(rf_model, n_features_to_select=10, step=1)
    X_train_selected = rfe_selector.fit_transform(X_train_preprocessed, y_train)
    X_test_selected = rfe_selector.transform(X_test_preprocessed)
    # Train a Random Forest model on the selected features
    rf model = RandomForestClassifier(n estimators=100, max depth=10,,,
      omin_samples_split=5, min_samples_leaf=1, max_features='sqrt', □
     →random state=42)
    rf_model.fit(X_train_selected, y_train)
    # Get the accuracy of the model on the test data
    y pred = rf model.predict(X test selected)
    accuracy = accuracy_score(y_test, y_pred)
    print(f"Accuracy of Random Forest Model with RFE: {accuracy}")
    # Perform feature selection using SelectKBest
    skb_selector = SelectKBest(f_classif, k=10)
    X_train_selected = skb_selector.fit_transform(X_train_preprocessed,__
```

```
X_test_selected = skb_selector.transform(X_test_preprocessed)
# Train a Bagging Classifier on the selected features
bagging_model = BaggingClassifier(estimator=rf_model, n_estimators=100,__
 →random_state=42)
bagging_model.fit(X_train_selected, y_train_preprocessed)
# Get the accuracy of the model on the test data
y_pred = bagging_model.predict(X_test_selected)
accuracy = accuracy_score(y_test_preprocessed, y_pred)
print(f"Accuracy of Bagging Model with SelectKBest: {accuracy}")
# Perform feature selection using PCA
pca_selector = PCA(n_components=10, random_state=42)
X_train_selected = pca_selector.fit_transform(X_train_preprocessed)
X_test_selected = pca_selector.transform(X_test_preprocessed)
# Train an AdaBoost Classifier on the selected features
adaboost model = AdaBoostClassifier(estimator=rf model, n estimators=100,,,
 →random_state=42)
adaboost_model.fit(X_train_selected, y_train_preprocessed)
# Get the accuracy of the model on the test data
y_pred = adaboost_model.predict(X_test_selected)
accuracy = accuracy_score(y_test_preprocessed, y_pred)
print(f"Accuracy of AdaBoost Model with PCA: {accuracy}")
# Train a Stacking Classifier on the selected features
estimators = [
    ('rf', rf_model),
    ('bagging', bagging_model),
    ('adaboost', adaboost_model)
stacking_model = StackingClassifier(estimators=estimators,__

→final_estimator=rf_model)
stacking_model.fit(X_train_selected, y_train_preprocessed)
# Get the accuracy of the model on the test data
y_pred = stacking_model.predict(X_test_selected)
accuracy = accuracy score(y test preprocessed, y pred)
print(f"Accuracy of Stacking Model with RFE, SelectKBest and PCA: {accuracy}")
# Tune the hyperparameters of the Random Forest model using Randomized Search CV
param distributions = {
    'n_estimators': [100, 200, 300, 400, 500],
    'max_depth': [5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, None],
    'min_samples_split': [2, 5, 10],
```

```
'min_samples_leaf': [1, 2, 4],
    'max_features': ['sqrt', 'log2', None],
    'bootstrap': [True, False]
randomized_search = RandomizedSearchCV(rf_model, param_distributions,_
 ⇔n_iter=100, cv=5, random_state=42, n_jobs=-1)
randomized_search.fit(X_train_selected, y_train_preprocessed)
# Print the best hyperparameters and their corresponding accuracy
print(f"Best Hyperparameters: {randomized_search.best_params_}")
print(f"Accuracy with Best Hyperparameters: {randomized_search.best_score_}")
# Train a Random Forest model on the selected features with the best⊔
 ⇔hyperparameters
best_rf_model = RandomForestClassifier(**randomized_search.best_params_,_
 →random_state=42)
best_rf_model.fit(X_train_selected, y_train_preprocessed)
# Get the accuracy of the model on the test data
y_pred = best_rf_model.predict(X_test_selected)
accuracy = accuracy_score(y_test_preprocessed, y_pred)
print(f"Accuracy of Random Forest Model with Best Hyperparameters: {accuracy}")
```

Accuracy of Random Forest Model with RFE: 0.5822368421052632 Accuracy of Bagging Model with SelectKBest: 0.631578947368421 Accuracy of AdaBoost Model with PCA: 0.5723684210526315

/opt/conda/lib/python3.10/site-packages/sklearn/base.py:432: UserWarning: X has feature names, but RandomForestClassifier was fitted without feature names warnings.warn(

Accuracy of Stacking Model with RFE, SelectKBest and PCA: 0.625

#### 1.2 XGBoost

#### 1.2.1 Train the model

```
[]: import pandas as pd
  import xgboost as xgb
  from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
  from sklearn.metrics import accuracy_score

# Convert the data to an XGBoost DMatrix
  dtrain = xgb.DMatrix(X_train_preprocessed, label=y_train_preprocessed)
  dtest = xgb.DMatrix(X_test_preprocessed, label=y_test_preprocessed)

# Set the XGBoost parameters
params = {
    'max_depth': 3,
```

```
'eta': 0.1,
  'objective': 'binary:logistic',
  'eval_metric': 'error'
}

# Train the XGBoost model
num_rounds = 100
xgb_model = xgb.train(params, dtrain, num_rounds)

# Make predictions on the test data
y_pred = xgb_model.predict(dtest)
y_pred_binary = [round(pred) for pred in y_pred]

# Evaluate the accuracy of the model on the test data
accuracy = accuracy_score(y_test_preprocessed, y_pred_binary)
print(f"Accuracy of XGBoost Model: {accuracy}")
```

#### 1.2.2 Model assessment

Print Train Accuracy, Test Accuracy and classification Report.

## 1.2.3 Plot the results

```
[]: import pandas as pd import xgboost as xgb from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split from sklearn.metrics import ConfusionMatrixDisplay, RocCurveDisplay, 

→confusion_matrix
```

```
cm = confusion_matrix(y_test_preprocessed, y_pred_binary)
disp = ConfusionMatrixDisplay(confusion_matrix=cm)

# plot confusion matrix
disp.plot(cmap='Blues')

# add title and axis labels
plt.title('Confusion Matrix')
plt.xlabel('Predicted Label')
plt.ylabel('True Label')
plt.show()
```

### 1.2.4 Hyperparameter tuning: Grid Search and Cross validation

- create a default XGBoost classifier.
- create the Kfold object. You can use tratifiedKFold from sklearn.model selection.
- create the grid search object. You can use RandomizedSearchCV from sklearn.model\_selection.
- fit grid search.

```
[]: import pandas as pd
import xgboost as xgb
from sklearn.model_selection import StratifiedKFold, RandomizedSearchCV

# Create the default XGBoost classifier
xgb_model = xgb.XGBClassifier()

# Create the KFold object
kfold = StratifiedKFold(n_splits=5, shuffle=True, random_state=42)

# Define the hyperparameter grid for RandomizedSearchCV
param_grid = {
    'max_depth': [3, 5, 7, 9],
    'learning_rate': [0.01, 0.1, 0.5, 1],
    'n_estimators': [50, 100, 200, 500],
    'gamma': [0, 0.1, 0.5, 1],
```

```
'subsample': [0.5, 0.7, 1],
    'colsample_bytree': [0.5, 0.7, 1],
    'reg_alpha': [0, 0.1, 0.5, 1],
    'reg_lambda': [0, 0.1, 0.5, 1]
}
# Create the grid search object
grid_search = RandomizedSearchCV(
    estimator=xgb model,
    param_distributions=param_grid,
    n iter=50,
    scoring='accuracy',
    cv=kfold,
    n_jobs=-1,
    random_state=42
)
# Fit the grid search object
grid_search.fit(X_train_preprocessed, y_train_preprocessed)
# Print the best hyperparameters and accuracy score
print("Best Hyperparameters:", grid_search.best_params_)
print("Accuracy Score:", grid_search.best_score_)
```

# 1.2.5 Assessing model performance using the best model from grid search

Print Train Accuracy, Test Accuracy and Classification Report.

```
# Print the classification report
print("Classification Report:\n", classification_report(y_test_preprocessed,

→y_test_pred))
```

#### 1.2.6 Create the feature importances plot, plot a decision tree from the booster.

```
[]: import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
from xgboost import plot_importance

xgb_model = best_model

# Plot the feature importances
plot_importance(xgb_model, max_num_features=15)
plt.show()
```

```
[]: from xgboost import plot_tree

# Plot a decision tree from the booster
plot_tree(xgb_model)
plt.show()
```

# 1.2.7 \* Improve Model (Bonus)

In this bonus part, you can add your ideas for improving your model's performance. You can implement your model and compare the results.

here are a few ideas for improving the performance of the XGBoost model:

Feature engineering: It may be possible to create new features or transform existing features in a way that makes them more informative for the model. For example, we could create new features by combining existing features or by performing mathematical operations on them.

Ensembling: We could try ensembling multiple models together to improve the overall performance. For example, we could try combining the XGBoost model with a random forest, or we could use a stacking approach where we train multiple models and use their predictions as features for a final model.

Regularization: We could adjust the regularization parameters of the XGBoost model to reduce overfitting and improve generalization performance. For example, we could increase the values of the reg\_alpha and reg\_lambda hyperparameters.

More advanced hyperparameter tuning: We could use more advanced methods for hyperparameter tuning, such as Bayesian optimization or genetic algorithms. These methods may be able to find better hyperparameters more efficiently than grid search or random search.

Here's an example of how we could perform feature engineering by creating a new feature that represents the ratio of the mean radius to the mean texture for each sample:

```
[]: import pandas as pd import xgboost as xgb
```

```
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split, StratifiedKFold, __
 →RandomizedSearchCV
from sklearn.metrics import accuracy_score, classification_report
# Load the dataset into a pandas dataframe
df improved = pd.read csv('breast cancer.csv')
df_improved['tumor_score'] = df_improved['tumor_size'] *_

→df_improved['neoplasm_histologic_grade']
# Create X feature matrix and y target vector
X = df_improved.drop('overall_survival', axis=1)
y = df improved['overall survival']
X_improved = x_preprocess_pipe.fit_transform(X)
X_train_improved, X_test_improved, y_train_improved, y_test_improved =__
→train_test_split(X_improved, y, test_size=0.2, random_state=42)
# Create the default XGBoost classifier
xgb_model = xgb.XGBClassifier()
# Create the KFold object
kfold = StratifiedKFold(n_splits=5, shuffle=True, random_state=42)
# Define the hyperparameter grid for RandomizedSearchCV
param grid = {
    'max_depth': [3, 5, 7, 9],
    'learning_rate': [0.01, 0.1, 0.5, 1],
    'n_estimators': [50, 100, 200, 500],
    'gamma': [0, 0.1, 0.5, 1],
    'subsample': [0.5, 0.7, 1],
    'colsample_bytree': [0.5, 0.7, 1],
    'reg_alpha': [0, 0.1, 0.5, 1],
    'reg_lambda': [0, 0.1, 0.5, 1]
}
# Create the grid search object
grid_search = RandomizedSearchCV(
    estimator=xgb model,
    param_distributions=param_grid,
    n iter=50,
    scoring='accuracy',
    cv=kfold,
    n_{jobs=-1},
    random state=42
)
# Fit the grid search object
```

```
grid_search.fit(X_train_improved, y_train_improved)

# Get the best model from grid search
best_model = grid_search.best_estimator_

# Make predictions on the train and test data using the best model
y_train_pred = best_model.predict(X_train_improved)
y_test_pred = best_model.predict(X_test_improved)

# Evaluate the accuracy of the model on the train and test data
train_accuracy = accuracy_score(y_train_improved, y_train_pred)
test_accuracy = accuracy_score(y_test_improved, y_test_pred)

print("Train Accuracy:", train_accuracy)
print("Test Accuracy:", test_accuracy)

# Print the classification report
print("Classification Report:\n", classification_report(y_test_improved, usy_test_pred))
```

# 1.3 Comparison between XGBoost and Random Forest Classifier

Compare the results from these two models. How Would you rate each method in terms of its performance? What's the difference between these models? explain.

Both XGBoost and Random Forest Classifier are popular tree-based ensemble methods used for classification tasks. Here's a comparison between the two:

#### Performance:

In terms of performance, both XGBoost and Random Forest Classifier can be very effective and achieve high accuracy on many datasets. However, the performance of each method can depend on the specific dataset and the hyperparameters used.

In general, XGBoost tends to perform slightly better than Random Forest Classifier on many datasets, especially when the dataset is large and complex. XGBoost is known for its ability to handle high-dimensional data and learn complex interactions between features.

However, Random Forest Classifier can sometimes perform better than XGBoost on smaller datasets or datasets with simpler relationships between features. Random Forest Classifier is also known for its ability to handle noisy data and outliers.

## Difference between models:

The main difference between XGBoost and Random Forest Classifier is in how they build their decision trees.

Random Forest Classifier builds decision trees independently of each other, using a random subset of the features at each split. This helps to reduce overfitting and increase the diversity of the trees in the ensemble.

XGBoost builds decision trees sequentially, using the residuals of the previous trees to guide the

construction of the next tree. This allows XGBoost to focus on the samples that are most difficult to classify and can lead to better performance.

XGBoost also includes additional regularization parameters, such as L1 and L2 regularization, that can help to further reduce overfitting and improve generalization performance.

Another difference is that XGBoost uses a gradient boosting approach, while Random Forest Classifier uses a bagging approach. This means that XGBoost tries to minimize the errors of the previous trees, while Random Forest Classifier tries to reduce the variance of the ensemble by averaging the predictions of the trees.

Overall, both XGBoost and Random Forest Classifier are powerful methods that can be effective for classification tasks. The choice between them may depend on the specific dataset and the performance requirements of the task.