

# **BREAST CANCER DETECTION USING MACHINE LEARNING**

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# PROJECT OVERVIEW - DATASETS, RESEARCH QUESTIONS, AND REQUIREMENTS

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## DATASETS

- UCI Breast Cancer Wisconsin (Diagnostic)
- CBIS-DDSM Mammogram Images

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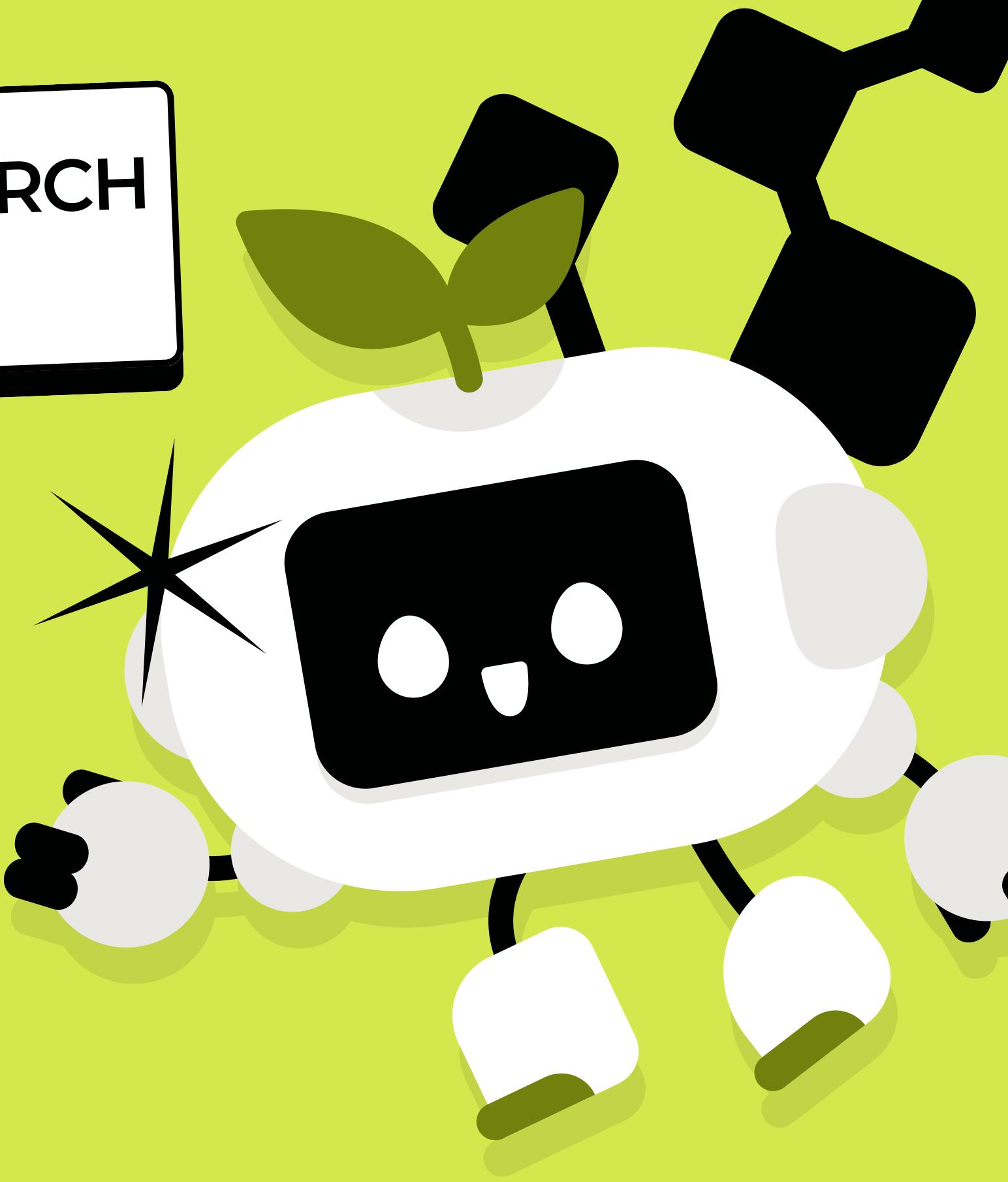
## RESEARCH QUESTIONS

- Performance of classical ML models on UCI dataset
- Deep learning model performance on CBIS-DDSM

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## COURSEWORK REQUIREMENTS (R1-R4)

- R1: Define topic and objectives using datasets
- R2: Data cleaning, EDA, clustering
- R3: Baseline ML training and evaluation
- R4: Neural Networks (MLP, CNN)



# UCI DATASET (DATA EXPLORATION & PREPROCESSING)

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## WHY THIS DATASET?

- Clean, structured medical dataset
- 569 samples, 30 numerical diagnostic features
- No missing values → reliable baseline
- Ideal for classical ML evaluation → helps answer RQ1

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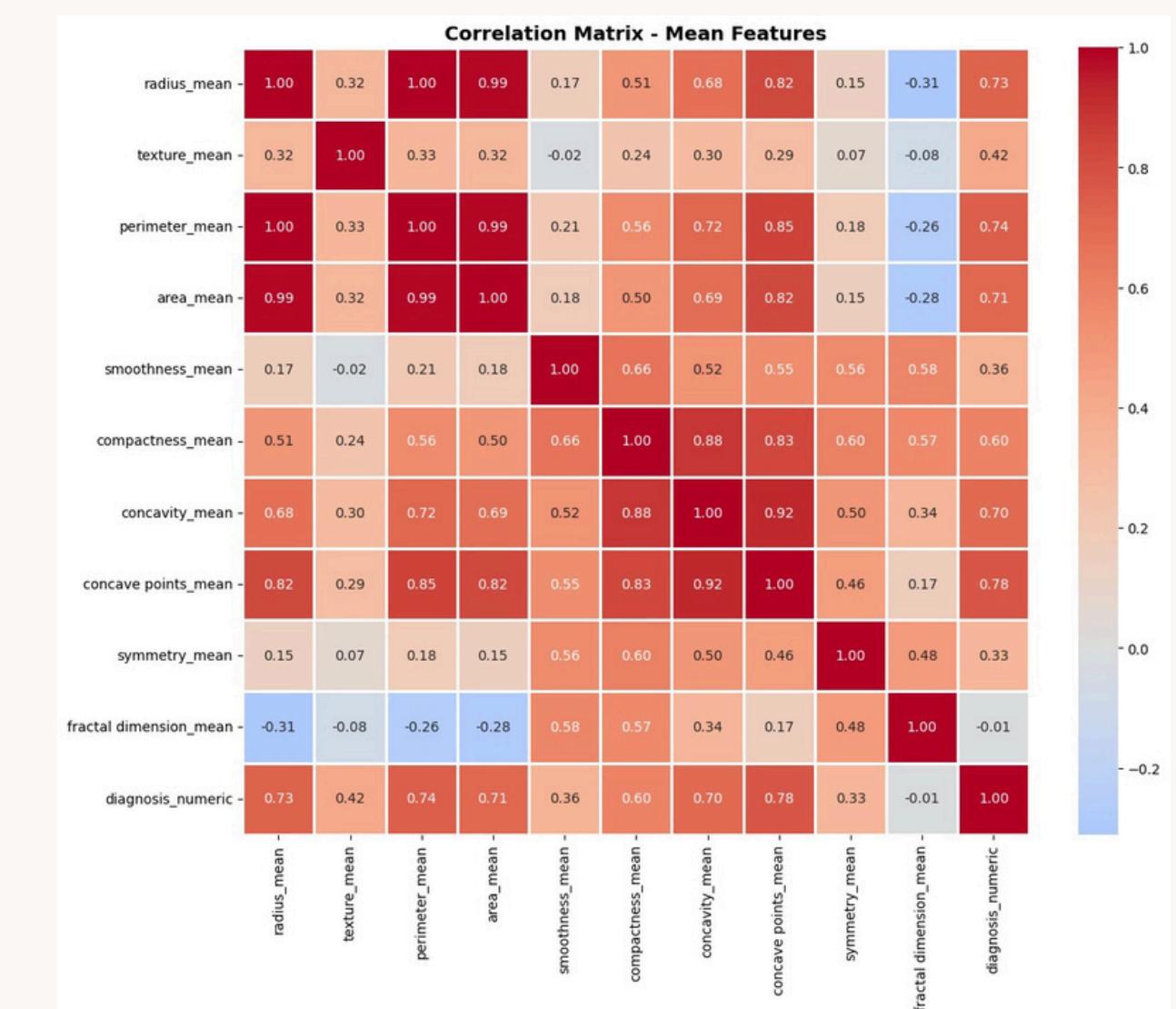
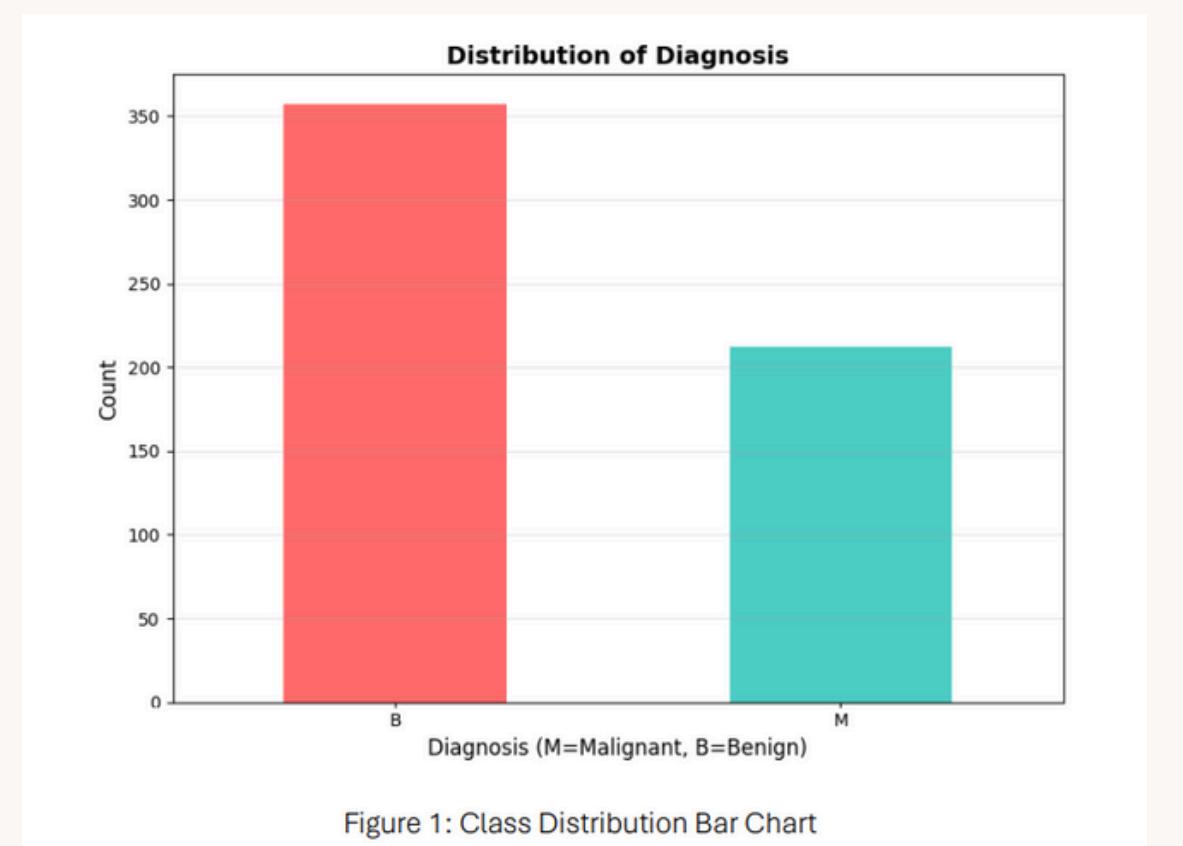
## EXPLORATORY DATA ANALYSIS (EDA)

- Class imbalance: 63% benign / 37% malignant
- Correlation heatmap: strong multicollinearity (radius, perimeter, area)
- Feature distributions consistent with known tumour characteristics

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## PREPROCESSING STEPS

- StandardScaler applied (different feature scales)
- Label encoding (M = 1, B = 0)
- Stratified 80/20 train-test split



# CBIS-DDSM (DATA EXPLORATION & PREPROCESSING)

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## WHY THIS DATASET?

- Real mammogram images used in screening
- Allows testing CNNs on clinical imaging
- Essential for answering RQ2 (image-based classification)

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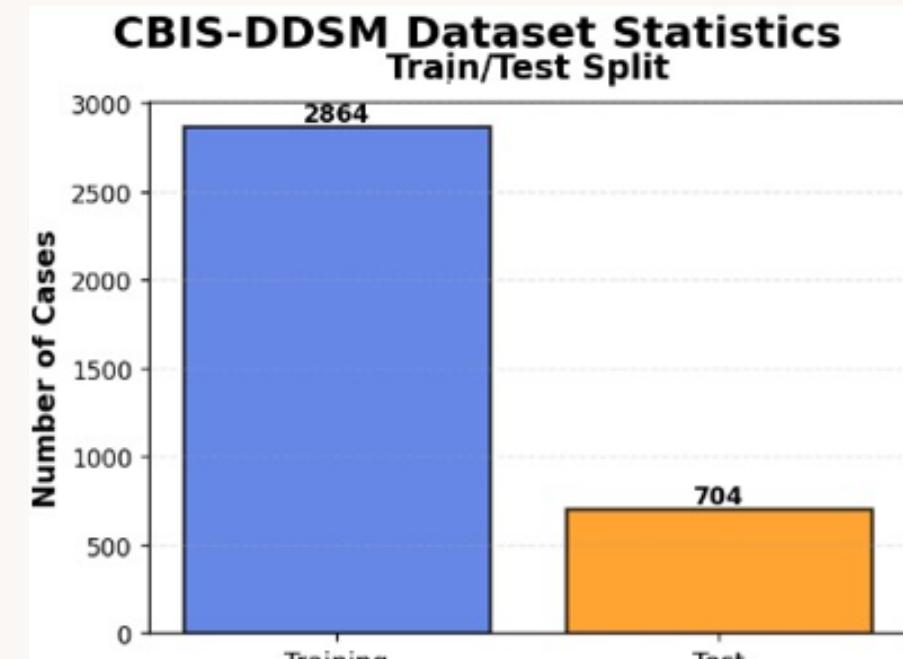
## EXPLORATORY DATA ANALYSIS (EDA)

- High variation in image sizes and lighting
- Clear visible tumour regions that need careful resizing
- JPEG version used (lighter than DICOM → easier to process)

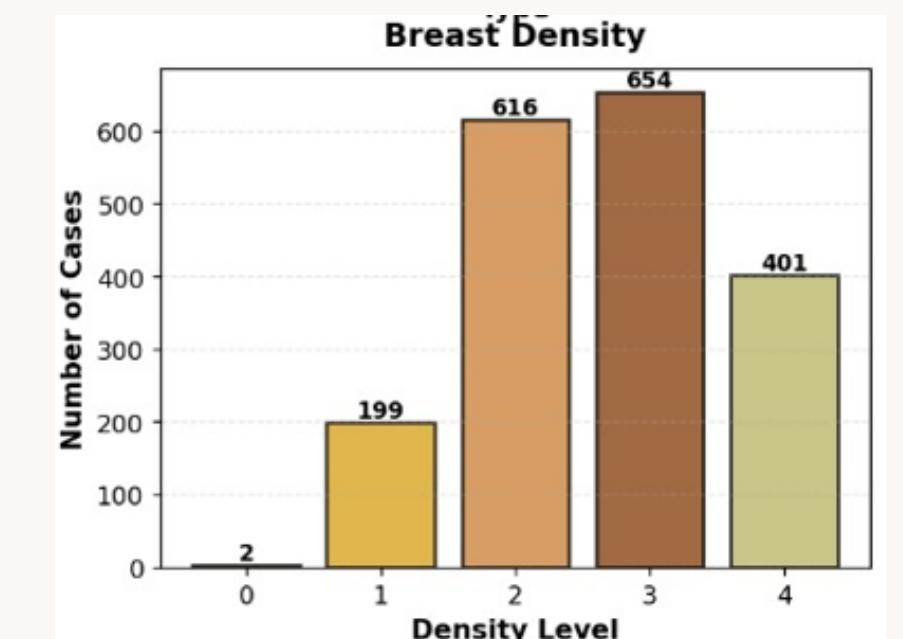
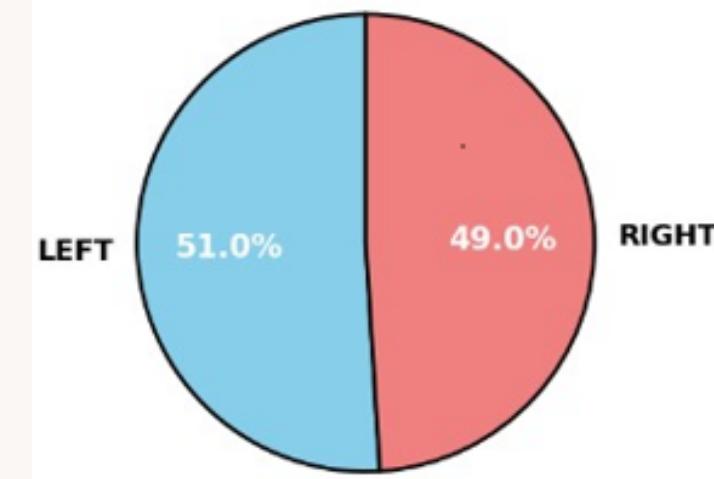
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## PREPROCESSING STEPS

- Convert to RGB (for ImageNet weights)
- Resize all images to 224×224 (ResNet input size)
- Label consolidation: malignant = 1, benign = 0
- Save as NumPy arrays for faster training
- Stratified 80/20 split to maintain balance



**Left vs Right Breast**



# TABULAR MODELS TRAINING

## MODELS IMPLEMENTED

- Logistic Regression
- Support Vector Machine
- Random Forest (100 trees)
- Decision Tree
- Naïve Bayes
- K-Means Clustering  
(unsupervised)

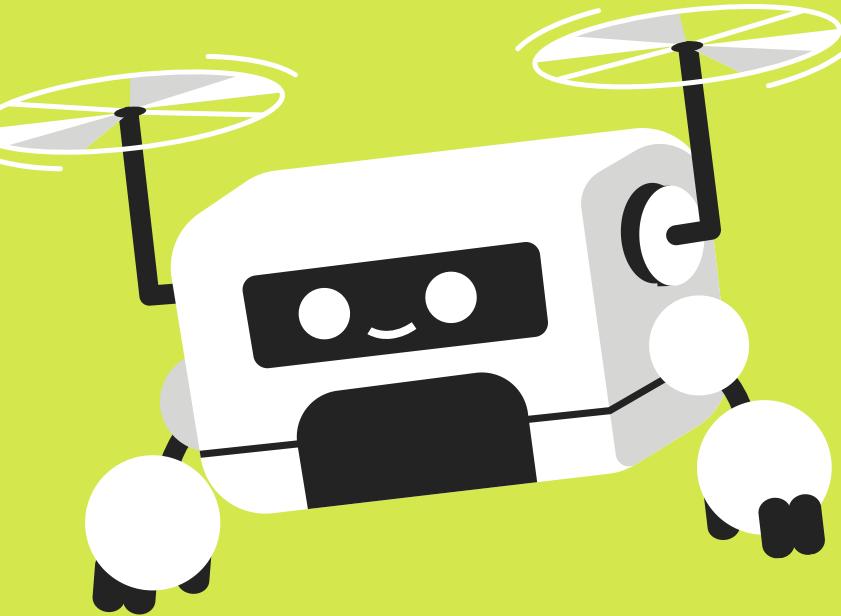
## TRAINING METHODOLOGY

- StandardScaler normalization
- Train-test split (80-20)
- Hyperparameter tuning via Grid Search
- 5-fold cross-validation
- Optimization metric: F1-score

## KEY DESIGN CHOICES

- SVM: RBF kernel for non-linear boundaries
- Random Forest with 100 trees
- Decision Tree: Max depth=5 to prevent overfitting
- Feature standardization critical for SVM & Logistic Regression

## IMAGE MODELS IMPLEMENTED



### 1. MLP (MULTI-LAYER PERCEPTRON)

- ARCHITECTURE:  $16,384 \rightarrow 512 \rightarrow 256 \rightarrow 2$
- FLATTENED  $128 \times 128$  GRayscale IMAGES
- BASELINE MODEL

### 2. CNN

- PRE-TRAINED ON IMAGENET
- FINE-TUNED FINAL CLASSIFICATION LAYERS
- ARCHITECTURE: 50 LAYERS WITH SKIP CONNECTIONS

# RESULT & KEY FINDINGS

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## CLASSICAL MODELS (UCI TABULAR)

- Top models: SVM (97.37%, 100% precision), Random Forest (~97%), Logistic Regression (~96%, best recall)
- Others: Naïve Bayes (~94%), Decision Tree (~93%, interpretable)
- K-Means: Silhouette 0.343; clear natural split (9% vs 90% malignant clusters)

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## IMAGE MODELS (CBIS-DDSM)

- CNN: 74.6% accuracy, balanced precision/recall
- MLP: 52.7% accuracy, very high recall (92%) but many false positives
- CNN outperforms MLP by +22%

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## KEY INSIGHTS

- Tabular models outperform image models (97% vs 75%)
- Precision vs recall trade-off:
- SVM → no false positives
- Logistic regression → highest recall
- MLP → catches most cancers but over-flags benign cases

# CONCLUSIONS

- Classical ML models achieved 97%+ accuracy on UCI diagnostic features
- Logistic Regression showed highest malignant recall, important clinically
- CNN (ResNet-18) achieved best image performance: 0.746 accuracy
- MLP achieved high recall but poor precision: unsuitable for clinical use
- Structured data = easy to model; images = require deeper architectures.



## LIMITATIONS

- CBIS-DDSM is large, high-resolution, and computationally demanding
- Limited compute / time-restricted hyperparameter tuning and epochs
- MLP and baseline CNN attempts showed overfitting without augmentation



## MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS

- Each member implemented different ML models + report sections
- Weekly syncs to merge code, review plots, ensure consistent methods
- Shared debugging for CNN/MLP training issues & dataset organisation
- Final report and slides compiled collaboratively for coherence