Big Data Analytics Project - Initial Results

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1 Reading Data

Thyroid cancer data is retrived from Kaggle website: https://www.kaggle.com/datasets/ankushpanday1/thyroid-cancer-risk-prediction-dataset/data

```
[]: #Mount google drive
from google.colab import drive
drive.mount('/content/drive')
```

Mounted at /content/drive

```
Patient_ID
               Age
                    Gender Country Ethnicity Family_History
                      Male
                             Russia Caucasian
0
            1
                66
1
                29
                      Male
                            Germany
                                      Hispanic
2
            3
                86
                      Male
                            Nigeria Caucasian
                                                            No
                   Female
            4
                              India
3
                75
                                          Asian
                                                            No
4
                35
                    Female Germany
                                        African
                                                           Yes
```

```
Radiation_Exposure Iodine_Deficiency Smoking Obesity Diabetes
                                                                      TSH_Level
                  Yes
                                       No
                                               No
                                                        No
                                                                  No
                                                                            9.37
0
                  Yes
1
                                       No
                                               No
                                                        No
                                                                  No
                                                                            1.83
```

| 2 | | No | | No | No | No | No | 6.26 |
|---|----------|----------|-------------|--------|-----------|-------|-----------|------|
| 3 | | No | | No | No | No | No | 4.10 |
| 4 | | Yes | | No | No | No | No | 9.10 |
| | | | | | | | | |
| | T3_Level | T4_Level | Nodule_Size | Thyroi | .d_Cancer | _Risk | Diagnosis | |
| 0 | 1.67 | 6.16 | 1.08 | | | Low | Benign | |
| 1 | 1.73 | 10.54 | 4.05 | | | Low | Benign | |
| 2 | 2.59 | 10.57 | 4.61 | | | Low | Benign | |
| 3 | 2.62 | 11.04 | 2.46 | | Me | edium | Benign | |
| 4 | 2.11 | 10.71 | 2.11 | | | High | Benign | |

2 Preprocessing

Dataset is explored to know attributes name, shape of the data frame, data types, missing values and regional location of thyroid cancer patients.

3 Variable attributes, Data Types and Missing Values

The dataset contains many features such as risk factors, demographic variables and thyroid hormone related variables. The risk factors are family history of thyroid cancer, exposed to radiation, iodine deficiency, smoking habit, obesity and diabetes with a response yes or no. The dataset has demographics variables age, gender, country and ethnicity with thyroid hormone related variables - thyroid simulating hormone (TSH), thyroxine (T4) and triiodothyronine (T3). Also, the dataset contains thyroid nodule size and cancer risk factor (low, medium or high) along with the response of thyroid cancer (benign or malignant). There is no missing values in any of 17 features; a total of 212,691 observation from different geographical regions such as Russia, Germany, Nigeria, India, UK, South Korea, Brazil, China, Japan and USA are present in the dataset.

```
[]: # Display the column names of the DataFrame
    print("Column names in the DataFrame:")
    print(thyroid_data.columns)

#Display the shape of the DataFrame
    print("Shape of the DataFrame:")
    print(thyroid_data.shape)

#Display the data types of the columns
    print("Data types of the columns:")
    print(thyroid_data.dtypes)

#Display the missing values in the DataFrame
    missing_values = thyroid_data.isnull().sum()
    print("Missing values in the DataFrame:", missing_values)

#Different countries in the dataset
    countries = thyroid_data['Country'].unique()
    print("Countries in the dataset:", countries)
```

```
Column names in the DataFrame:
Index(['Patient_ID', 'Age', 'Gender', 'Country', 'Ethnicity', 'Family_History',
       'Radiation_Exposure', 'Iodine_Deficiency', 'Smoking', 'Obesity',
       'Diabetes', 'TSH_Level', 'T3_Level', 'T4_Level', 'Nodule_Size',
       'Thyroid_Cancer_Risk', 'Diagnosis'],
      dtype='object')
Shape of the DataFrame:
(212691, 17)
Data types of the columns:
Patient_ID
                         int64
                         int64
Age
Gender
                        object
Country
                        object
Ethnicity
                        object
Family_History
                        object
Radiation_Exposure
                        object
Iodine_Deficiency
                        object
Smoking
                        object
Obesity
                        object
Diabetes
                        object
TSH Level
                       float64
T3 Level
                       float64
T4_Level
                       float64
Nodule_Size
                       float64
Thyroid_Cancer_Risk
                       object
Diagnosis
                        object
dtype: object
Missing values in the DataFrame: Patient_ID
                                                         0
Age
Gender
                       0
Country
                       0
Ethnicity
                       0
Family_History
                       0
Radiation_Exposure
                       0
Iodine Deficiency
                       0
Smoking
                       0
                       0
Obesity
Diabetes
                       0
TSH_Level
                       0
T3_Level
                       0
T4_Level
                       0
Nodule_Size
                       0
Thyroid_Cancer_Risk
                       0
                       0
Diagnosis
dtype: int64
Countries in the dataset: ['Russia' 'Germany' 'Nigeria' 'India' 'UK' 'South
Korea' 'Brazil' 'China'
 'Japan' 'USA']
```

4 Thyroid Cancer Distribution by Region, Gender and Ethnicity

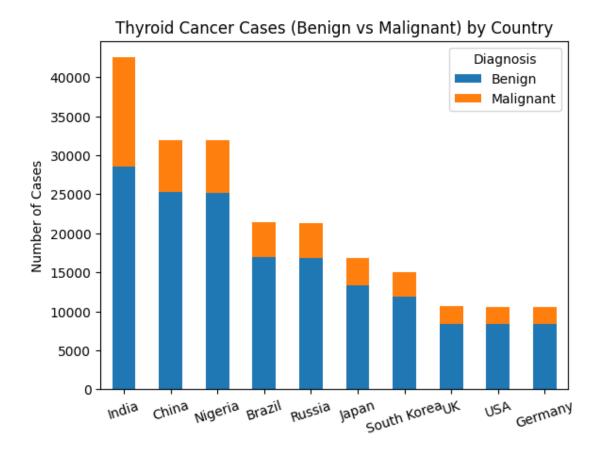
Following the graphical representation of thyroid cancer patients by country, ethnicity and gender (below figures), it is observed that the highest number of malignant thyroid cancer patients are identified in India followed by China and Nigeria. Asian ethnic patients are more identified as having malignant thyroid cancer followed by African ethnicity than Caucasian. Female patients are more identified with malignant thyroid cancer than the male patients; this supports the Canadian cancer society reporting: in 2024 more female was diagnosed with thyroid cancer than male.

```
[]: def myPlot(data, var):
         plt.figure(figsize=(6, 5))
         sorted_data = thyroid_data.groupby([var, 'Diagnosis']).size().unstack().
      →fillna(0)
         sorted data['Total'] = sorted data.sum(axis=1)
         sorted_data = sorted_data.sort_values(by='Total', ascending=False).

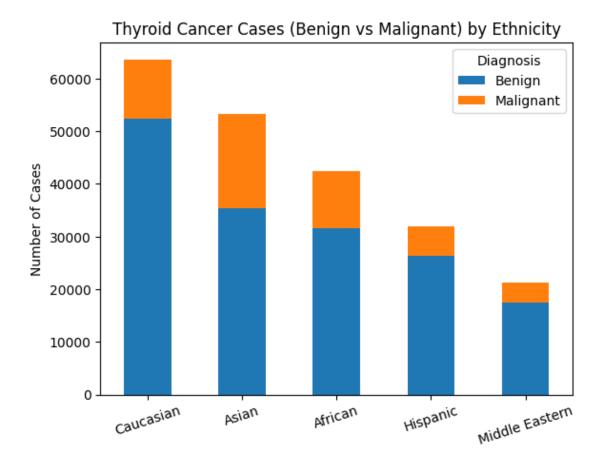
drop(columns='Total')

         sorted_data.plot(kind='bar', stacked=True)
         plt.title('Thyroid Cancer Cases (Benign vs Malignant) by '+var)
         plt.xlabel(' ')
         plt.ylabel('Number of Cases')
         plt.xticks(rotation=18)
         plt.legend(title='Diagnosis')
         plt.show()
     myPlot(thyroid_data, 'Country')
     myPlot(thyroid_data, 'Ethnicity')
     myPlot(thyroid_data, 'Gender')
```

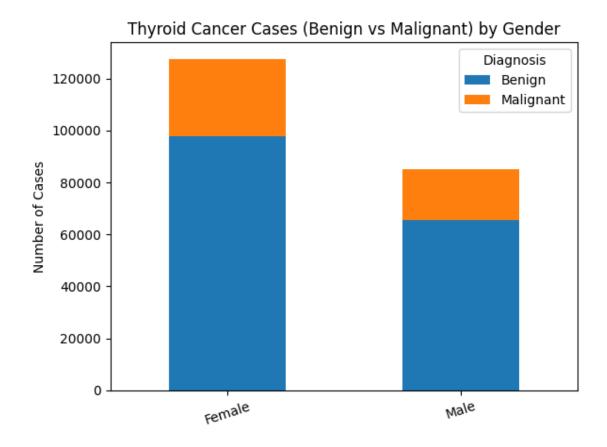
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5 Summary Statistics

Percentage of patients for each categorical variables rounded to 2 decimal places are shown below. From the summary statistics, it is found that the dataset has 60% female and 40% male patients. The percentages of patients to smoking and diabetes as yes vs. no are 20% vs. 80% for both attaributes. There are 30% patients without obesity whereas obese patients are 70% in total.

Proportion by categorical variables (rounded to 2 decimal places):

Gender:

Gender

Female 60.0 Male 40.0

Name: proportion, dtype: float64 Country: Country 20.0 India China 15.0 Nigeria 15.0 Brazil 10.0 Russia 10.0 Japan 8.0 South Korea 7.0 UK 5.0 USA 5.0 5.0 Germany Name: proportion, dtype: float64 Ethnicity: Ethnicity Caucasian 30.0 25.0 Asian African 20.0 Hispanic 15.0 10.0 Middle Eastern Name: proportion, dtype: float64 Family_History: Family_History 70.0 No 30.0 Yes Name: proportion, dtype: float64 Radiation_Exposure: Radiation_Exposure No 85.0 Yes 15.0 Name: proportion, dtype: float64 Iodine_Deficiency: Iodine_Deficiency Nο 75.0 25.0 Yes Name: proportion, dtype: float64 Smoking: Smoking No 80.0 Yes 20.0

Name: proportion, dtype: float64

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Obesity: Obesity
```

No 70.0 Yes 30.0

Name: proportion, dtype: float64

Diabetes:

Diabetes

No 80.0 Yes 20.0

Name: proportion, dtype: float64

Thyroid_Cancer_Risk:

Thyroid_Cancer_Risk

Low 51.0 Medium 34.0 High 15.0

Name: proportion, dtype: float64

Diagnosis:

Diagnosis

Benign 77.0 Malignant 23.0

Name: proportion, dtype: float64

Finding the summary statistics of all continuous variables rounded to 2 decimal places, the minimum age of patients in the dataset is found 15 years, and maximum age is 89 years with a mean age 51.92 years and standard deviation 21.63 years.

| | Age | TSH_Level | T3_Level | T4_Level | Nodule_Size |
|-------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------------|
| count | 212691.00 | 212691.00 | 212691.00 | 212691.00 | 212691.00 |
| mean | 51.92 | 5.05 | 2.00 | 8.25 | 2.50 |
| std | 21.63 | 2.86 | 0.87 | 2.16 | 1.44 |
| min | 15.00 | 0.10 | 0.50 | 4.50 | 0.00 |
| 25% | 33.00 | 2.57 | 1.25 | 6.37 | 1.25 |
| 50% | 52.00 | 5.04 | 2.00 | 8.24 | 2.51 |
| 75% | 71.00 | 7.52 | 2.75 | 10.12 | 3.76 |
| max | 89.00 | 10.00 | 3.50 | 12.00 | 5.00 |

The continuous variables have different scales/units; for example, age has unit years while thyroid related hormones have unit milliliter (ml). Thus, before we fit any machine learning algorithm, it is important to scale the variables to have the same scale. The MinMax scaling function is chosen

from Python library **sklearn.preprocessing**, which scales the continuous variables to have mean 0 with standard deviation 1.

```
[]: from sklearn.preprocessing import MinMaxScaler
     scaler = MinMaxScaler()
     # Fit and transform the continuous variables
     scaled_df = scaler.fit_transform(thyroid_data[continuous_columns_except_id])
     # Create a new DataFrame with the scaled data
     scaled_data = pd.DataFrame(scaled_df, columns=continuous_columns_except_id)
     # Print the scaled data
     print(scaled_data.head())
            Age TSH_Level T3_Level T4_Level
                                                Nodule Size
      0.689189
                  0.936364 0.390000 0.221333
                                                       0.216
    1 0.189189
                  0.174747 0.410000 0.805333
                                                      0.810
    2 0.959459
                  0.622222 0.696667
                                      0.809333
                                                      0.922
    3 0.810811
                  0.404040 0.706667
                                      0.872000
                                                      0.492
      0.270270
                  0.909091 0.536667
                                      0.828000
                                                      0.422
    Merge the scaled data back into the original Thyroid data frame.
[]: thyroid_data = pd.concat([thyroid_data.
      drop(columns=continuous_columns_except_id), scaled_data], axis=1)
     # Print the head of the merged DataFrame
     print(thyroid_data.head())
       Patient_ID Gender Country Ethnicity Family_History Radiation_Exposure
    0
                1
                     Male
                            Russia Caucasian
                                                           No
                                                                             Yes
                2
                     Male Germany
    1
                                     Hispanic
                                                          No
                                                                             Yes
    2
                3
                     Male Nigeria Caucasian
                                                          Nο
                                                                              No
    3
                  Female
                             India
                                        Asian
                                                                              No
                                                          No
    4
                  Female Germany
                                      African
                                                          Yes
                                                                             Yes
      Iodine_Deficiency Smoking Obesity Diabetes Thyroid_Cancer_Risk Diagnosis
    0
                     No
                             No
                                     No
                                               No
                                                                  Low
                                                                         Benign
    1
                     No
                             No
                                     No
                                               No
                                                                  Low
                                                                         Benign
    2
                     No
                             No
                                     No
                                              No
                                                                  Low
                                                                         Benign
    3
                                                              Medium
                     No
                             No
                                     No
                                              No
                                                                         Benign
    4
                     No
                             No
                                     No
                                              No
                                                                 High
                                                                         Benign
                 TSH Level
                            T3 Level T4 Level Nodule Size
      0.689189
                  0.936364 0.390000 0.221333
                                                      0.216
    1 0.189189
                  0.174747
                            0.410000 0.805333
                                                      0.810
    2 0.959459
                  0.622222 0.696667 0.809333
                                                      0.922
```

0.492

0.404040 0.706667 0.872000

3 0.810811

6 Predictive Analysis

The structure of predictive analysis - split the data as train and test, select a model, training the model, evaluate the model, and deploy the model for prediction.

7 Split the data into training and testing sets

Using a random state for reproducibility, the dataset is splitted as train and test data; 80% of the data is kept a train data on which the machine learning algorithms will be fitted, and the rest of the 20% data is kept as test data for evaluation of model performance and accuracy of prediction.

X_train shape: (170152, 28)
X_test shape: (42539, 28)
y_train shape: (170152,)
y_test shape: (42539,)

8 K-Nearest Neighbour

Since grid search automates the process of testing multiple K values along with other hyperparameters, we use GridSearchCV from Python library **sklearn.model_selection** to search through different combinations of K values and evaluate the performance using cross-validation. This process is very long time consuming - the optimal value of K is found to be 5.

```
[]: from sklearn.neighbors import KNeighborsClassifier #import library
knn = KNeighborsClassifier(n_neighbors=5) #initialize algorithm
knn.fit(X_train, y_train) # fit model on train data

y_pred = knn.predict(X_test) #predict on test data

accuracy = accuracy_score(y_test, y_pred) #find prediction accuracy
```

Accuracy: 0.7214320976045511

| | precision | recall | f1-score | support |
|--------------|-----------|--------|----------|---------|
| | | | | |
| Benign | 0.77 | 0.91 | 0.83 | 32615 |
| Malignant | 0.24 | 0.09 | 0.13 | 9924 |
| | | | | |
| accuracy | | | 0.72 | 42539 |
| macro avg | 0.50 | 0.50 | 0.48 | 42539 |
| weighted avg | 0.64 | 0.72 | 0.67 | 42539 |

Confusion Matrix:

| []: | | | Predicted Benign | Predicted | Malignant |
|-----|--------|-----------|------------------|-----------|-----------|
| | Actual | Benign | 29832 | | 2783 |
| | Actual | Malignant | 9067 | | 857 |

K-nearest neighbour classification algorithm has 72.14% accuracy on test data to predict thyroid cancer patients as malignant or benign. The algorithm has shown 77% precision on begnign patients while on malignant patients this precision is 24%.

9 Logistic Regression

```
# Display the confusion matrix as a table
print("Confusion Matrix:")
cm_df
```

Logistic Regression Accuracy: 0.8250546557276852

| | precision | recall | f1-score | support |
|--------------|-----------|--------|----------|---------|
| Benign | 0.85 | 0.94 | 0.89 | 32615 |
| Malignant | 0.69 | 0.45 | 0.54 | 9924 |
| accuracy | | | 0.83 | 42539 |
| macro avg | 0.77 | 0.69 | 0.72 | 42539 |
| weighted avg | 0.81 | 0.83 | 0.81 | 42539 |

Confusion Matrix:

| []: | | | Predicted Benign | Predicted Ma | lignant |
|-----|--------|-----------|------------------|--------------|---------|
| | Actual | Benign | 30657 | | 1958 |
| | Actual | Malignant | 5484 | | 4440 |

Logistic Regession algorithm has 82.50% accuracy on test data, and the precision of logistic regression is 85% on begnign patients and 69% on malignant patients.

10 Decision Tree

The optimization of decision tree classifier is performed by pre-pruning; maximum depth of the tree is used as a control variable for pre-pruning. Also, the attribute selection measure 'entropy' is used as control parameter.

```
# Display the confusion matrix as a table
print("Confusion Matrix:")
cm_df
```

Decision Tree Accuracy: 0.8250546557276852 precision recall f1-score support Benign 0.85 0.94 0.89 32615 Malignant 0.69 0.45 0.54 9924 accuracy 0.83 42539 0.72 macro avg 0.77 0.69 42539 weighted avg 0.83 0.81 0.81 42539

Confusion Matrix:

| []: | | | Predicted Benign | Predicted Ma | lignant |
|-----|--------|-----------|------------------|--------------|---------|
| | Actual | Benign | 30657 | | 1958 |
| | Actual | Malignant | 5484 | | 4440 |

Decision tree algorithm has 82.50% accuracy on test data, and the precision of decision tree is 85% on benign patients and 69% on malignant patients. This is the same accuracy and precision found from Logistic regression algorithm.

11 Random Forest

```
[]: from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestClassifier
     # Train the Random Forest Classifier
     rf_classifier = RandomForestClassifier()
     rf_classifier.fit(X_train, y_train)
     # Make predictions on the test set
     y_pred_rf = rf_classifier.predict(X_test)
     # Evaluate the model
     accuracy_rf = accuracy_score(y_test, y_pred_rf)
     print(f"Random Forest Accuracy: {accuracy_rf}")
     print(classification_report(y_test, y_pred_rf))
     cm=confusion_matrix(y_test, y_pred_rf)
     cm df = pd.DataFrame(cm, index=['Actual Benign', 'Actual Malignant'],
                          columns=['Predicted Benign', 'Predicted Malignant'])
     # Display the confusion matrix as a table
     print("Confusion Matrix:")
     cm_df
```

Random Forest Accuracy: 0.8246315146101225

| | precision | recall | f1-score | support |
|--------------|-----------|--------|----------|---------|
| Benign | 0.85 | 0.94 | 0.89 | 32615 |
| Malignant | 0.70 | 0.44 | 0.54 | 9924 |
| accuracy | | | 0.82 | 42539 |
| macro avg | 0.77 | 0.69 | 0.72 | 42539 |
| weighted avg | 0.81 | 0.82 | 0.81 | 42539 |

Confusion Matrix:

| []: | | | Predicted Benign | Predicted | Malignant |
|-----|--------|-----------|------------------|-----------|-----------|
| | Actual | Benign | 30693 | | 1922 |
| | Actual | Malignant | 5538 | | 4386 |

First an instance of the Random forest model with the default parameters is created. Then fit the model on train data. After that both the features and the target variable are passed into the model so that the model can learn to predict. Random forest algorithm has shown an accuracy of 82.46% on test data, and precision of 85% on benign and 70% on malignant patients.

12 Principal Component Analysis

Since the dataset has both the continuous and categorical feature variables; the principal component analysis will be based on the FAMD() function from Python library **Prince**. The FAMD () function implements the principal component method dedicated to explore data with both continuous and categorical variables.

```
[]: import prince # prompt: PCA using prince library
pca = prince.PCA(n_components=2) # Reduce to 2 principal components
pca = pca.fit(X_train)
X_train_pca = pca.transform(X_train)
X_test_pca = pca.transform(X_test)

# You can now use X_train_pca in your models
print(X_train_pca.head())
```

```
    component
    0
    1

    117332
    -0.983684
    0.420102

    63420
    0.634109
    1.414092

    179948
    0.438161
    1.863838

    187371
    -1.053475
    1.168609

    103129
    0.339955
    -0.111860
```

From the PCA analysis, two eigenvectors (principal components) that explains the majority of variances are found. Then both the train and test data are transformed onto the principal component space. Below, in transformed space, the machine learning algorithms are fitted to evaluate model accuracy on test data.

KNN after PCA

KNN Accuracy with PCA: 0.7980206398834011

| | precision | recall | f1-score | support |
|--------------|-----------|--------|----------|---------|
| Benign | 0.83 | 0.92 | 0.87 | 32615 |
| Malignant | 0.60 | 0.39 | 0.47 | 9924 |
| accuracy | | | 0.80 | 42539 |
| macro avg | 0.72 | 0.66 | 0.67 | 42539 |
| weighted avg | 0.78 | 0.80 | 0.78 | 42539 |

Confusion Matrix:

| []: | | | Predicted Benign | Predicted | Malignant |
|-----|--------|-----------|------------------|-----------|-----------|
| | Actual | Benign | 30064 | | 2551 |
| | Actual | Malignant | 6041 | | 3883 |

Prediction accuracy with KNN after PCA: After finding the principal components and transforming data onto the transformed space, we re-apply KNN algorithm to evaluate model accuracy; it shows that KNN algorithm now has an accuracy of 79.80%, which is bit higher than what is found (72.14%) found from the dataset without any PCA transformation.

Decision Tree after PCA

```
# Display the confusion matrix as a table
print("Confusion Matrix:")
cm_df
```

Decision Tree Accuracy with PCA: 0.825007640047956 precision recall f1-score support Benign 0.85 0.94 0.89 32615 9924 Malignant 0.69 0.45 0.54 42539 accuracy 0.83 macro avg 0.77 0.69 0.72 42539 weighted avg 0.81 0.83 0.81 42539

Confusion Matrix:

| []: | | | Predicted Benign | Predicted | Malignant |
|-----|--------|-----------|------------------|-----------|-----------|
| | Actual | Benign | 30653 | | 1962 |
| | Actual | Malignant | 5482 | | 4442 |

Prediction accuracy with decision Tree after PCA: The prediction accuracy is the same 82.50% from the decision tree regardless of whether the full dataset or PCA transformed data is fitted into the model.

Random Forest after PCA

Random Forest Accuracy with PCA: 0.8036155057711747 precision recall f1-score support Benign 0.83 0.93 0.88 32615 Malignant 0.63 0.39 0.48 9924 accuracy 0.80 42539

```
macro avg 0.73 0.66 0.68 42539 weighted avg 0.79 0.80 0.79 42539
```

Confusion Matrix:

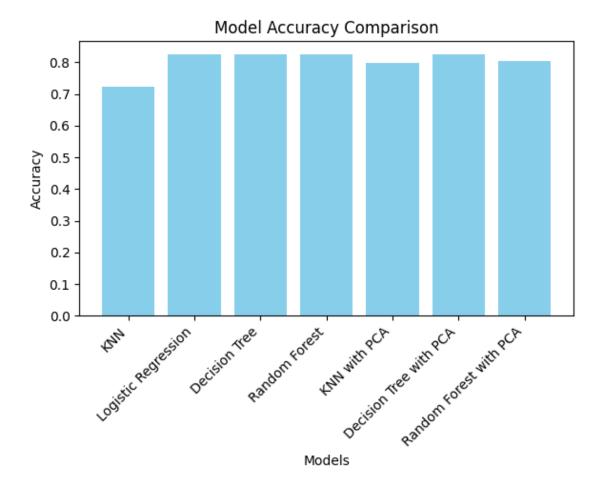
| []: | | | Predicted Benign | Predicted | Malignant |
|-----|--------|-----------|------------------|-----------|-----------|
| | Actual | Benign | 30288 | | 2327 |
| | Actual | Malignant | 6027 | | 3897 |

Prediction accuracy with Random Forest after PCA: The prediction accuracy from PCA transformed data is 80.30% using random forest algorithm, which is a bit lower than what is found (82.46%) on full dataset.

13 Model Performance Comparison

Below a bar chart of all the accuracies found from different machine learning algorithms is generated.

```
[]: accuracies = {
         'KNN': accuracy,
         'Logistic Regression': accuracy_logreg,
         'Decision Tree': accuracy_dtree,
         'Random Forest': accuracy_rf,
         'KNN with PCA': accuracy_knn_pca,
         'Decision Tree with PCA': accuracy_dtree_pca,
         'Random Forest with PCA': accuracy_rf_pca
     }
     models = list(accuracies.keys())
     accuracy_values = list(accuracies.values())
     plt.figure(figsize=(6, 5))
     plt.bar(models, accuracy_values, color='skyblue')
     plt.xlabel("Models")
     plt.ylabel("Accuracy")
     plt.title("Model Accuracy Comparison")
     plt.xticks(rotation=45, ha='right') # Rotate x-axis labels for better
      \rightarrow readability
     plt.tight_layout() # Adjust layout to prevent labels from overlapping
     plt.show()
```



```
[]: df = pd.DataFrame(list(accuracies.items()), columns=['Model', 'Accuracy']) df
```

```
[]:
                          Model
                                  Accuracy
     0
                                  0.721432
                             KNN
     1
           Logistic Regression
                                  0.825055
     2
                                  0.825055
                  Decision Tree
     3
                  Random Forest
                                  0.824632
     4
                   KNN with PCA
                                  0.798021
     5
        Decision Tree with PCA
                                  0.825008
        Random Forest with PCA
                                  0.803616
```

Discussion: Comparing the model performance on prediction accuracy, it is observed that KNN has the lowest prediction accuracy among all the machine learning algorithms that have been used in this analysis (Ref. bar chart). Logistic regression, Decision Tree and Random Forest have almost the same prediction accuracy (Ref. bar chart), but these prediction accurices decrease on PCA transformed data except KNN algorithm. The KNN algorithm performs better prediction accuracy on PCA transformed dataset than the original dataset.