ProjectDataAnalysis

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1 Reading Data

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

```
[4]: #Mount google drive from google.colab import drive drive.mount('/content/drive')
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```
Patient_ID
               Age Gender Country Ethnicity Family_History
                      Male
                             Russia Caucasian
0
            1
                66
            2
                                      Hispanic
1
                29
                      Male
                            Germany
2
            3
                86
                      Male
                           Nigeria Caucasian
                                                            No
            4
                75 Female
                              India
                                         Asian
3
                                                            No
4
                35
                    Female Germany
                                       African
                                                           Yes
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Radiation_Exposure Iodine_Deficiency Smoking Obesity Diabetes
                                                                      TSH_Level
                  Yes
                                      No
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                                                                           9.37
0
                  Yes
                                                                           1.83
1
                                      No
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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 thyroid 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

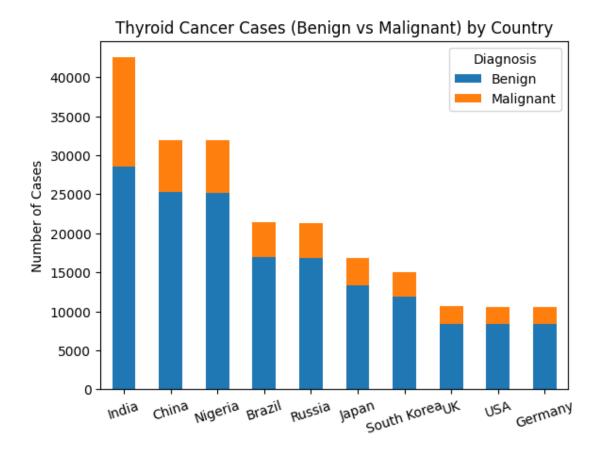
Following the graphical representation of thyroid cancer patients by country, ethnicity and gender (below figures), it is observed that the highest number of malignant thyroid cancer patients are identified in India followed by China and Nigeria. Asian ethnic patients are more identified as having malignant 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 that 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).

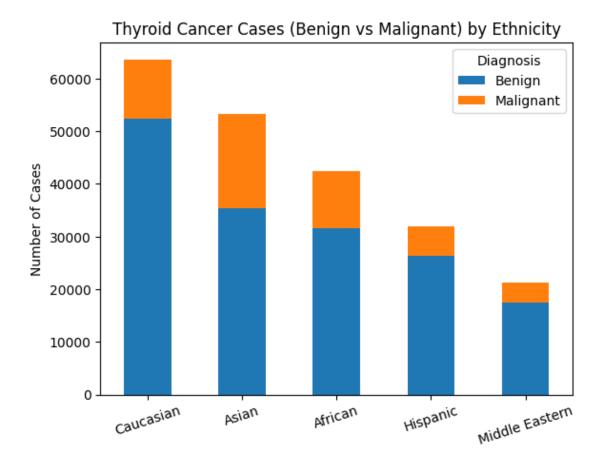
drop(columns='Total')

         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')
```

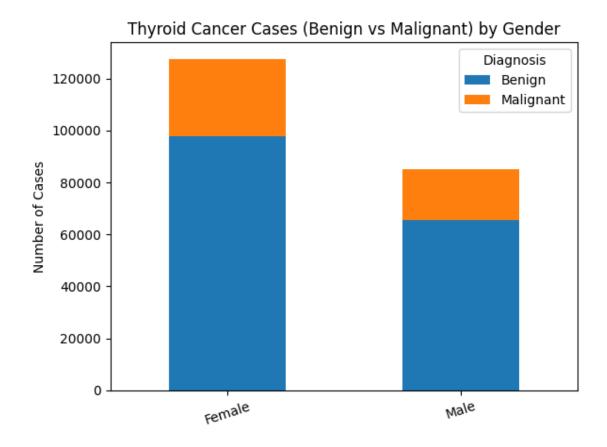
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5 Summary Statistics

Percentage of patients for each categorical variables rounded to 2 decimal places are shown below. Dataset has 60% female and 40% male patients. The percentage of patients to smoking and diabetes as yes vs. no is 20% vs. 80%. Percetage of patients with obesity no vs. yes is 30% vs. 70%.

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

Gender: Gender

Female 60.0 Male 40.0

Name: proportion, dtype: float64

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Country:
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India 20.0 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 Germany 5.0

Name: proportion, dtype: float64

Ethnicity:

Ethnicity

Caucasian 30.0
Asian 25.0
African 20.0
Hispanic 15.0
Middle Eastern 10.0

Name: proportion, dtype: float64

${\tt Family_History:}$

Family_History

No 70.0 Yes 30.0

Name: proportion, dtype: float64

Radiation_Exposure:

Radiation_Exposure

No 85.0 Yes 15.0

Name: proportion, dtype: float64

Iodine_Deficiency:

Iodine_Deficiency

No 75.0 Yes 25.0

Name: proportion, dtype: float64

Smoking:

Smoking

No 80.0 Yes 20.0

Name: proportion, dtype: float64

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Obesity:
Obesity
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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

Summary statistics of all continuous variables rounded to 2 decimal places is shown below. The minimum age of patients in the dataset is 15 years, and maximum age is 89 years with a mean age of 51.92 years and standard deviation of 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.

```
[12]: 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())
                  TSH_Level T3_Level T4_Level
                                                 Nodule_Size
     0 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
                                                       0.492
                                       0.872000
     4 0.270270
                   0.909091 0.536667 0.828000
                                                       0.422
     Merge the scaled data back into the original Thyroid data frame.
[13]: 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())
                    Gender Country Ethnicity Family_History Radiation_Exposure \
        Patient ID
                      Male
     0
                 1
                             Russia Caucasian
                                                                              Yes
     1
                 2
                      Male Germany
                                      Hispanic
                                                           No
                                                                              Yes
     2
                      Male Nigeria Caucasian
                                                                               No
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     3
                 4 Female
                              India
                                         Asian
                                                           No
                                                                              Nο
     4
                 5 Female Germany
                                                                              Yes
                                       African
                                                           Yes
       Iodine Deficiency Smoking Obesity Diabetes Thyroid Cancer Risk Diagnosis
                              No
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                      No
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                  TSH_Level T3_Level T4_Level Nodule_Size
     0 0.689189
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     4 0.270270
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                                                       0.422
```

6 Predictive Analysis

The structure of predictive analysis - first we split the data as train and test, then choose 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 splited 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.

```
[7]: 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
print(f"Accuracy: {accuracy}")
print(classification_report(y_test, y_pred))
```

Accuracy: 0.7214320976045511

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

Confusion Matrix:

[7]:			Predicted	Benign	Predicted	Malignant
Ac	tual	Benign		29832		2783
Ac	tual	Malignant		9067		857

K-nearest neighbour classification algorithm has 72.46% 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 25%.

9 Logistic Regression

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		

[15]:			Predicted Benign	Predicted Malignant
	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.

```
[17]: from sklearn.tree import DecisionTreeClassifier
      # Create Decision Tree classifer object
      dtree = DecisionTreeClassifier(criterion="entropy", max_depth=3)
      # Train Decision Tree Classifer
      dtree.fit(X_train,y_train)
      #Predict the response for test dataset
      y_pred_dtree = dtree.predict(X_test)
      # Evaluate the model
      accuracy_dtree = accuracy_score(y_test, y_pred_dtree)
      print(f"Decision Tree Accuracy: {accuracy_dtree}")
      print(classification_report(y_test, y_pred_dtree))
      cm=confusion_matrix(y_test, y_pred_dtree)
      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	
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Decision Tree	Accuracy:	0.82505465	57276852	
	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

[17]:			Predicted Benign	Predicted Malignant
	Actual	Benign	30657	1958
	Actual	Malignant	5484	4440

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

11 Random Forest

```
[18]: 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

[18]:			Predicted Benign	Predicted	Malignant
	Actual	Benign	30693		1922
	Actual	Malignant	5538		4386

We first create an instance of the Random forest model with the default parameters. Then we fit the model to train data. After that we pass both the features and the target variable so 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.

```
[20]: 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())
```

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    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
```

```
[21]: from sklearn.neighbors import KNeighborsClassifier #import library
knn_pca = KNeighborsClassifier(n_neighbors=5)
knn_pca.fit(X_train_pca, y_train)
y_pred_knn_pca = knn_pca.predict(X_test_pca)
accuracy_knn_pca = accuracy_score(y_test, y_pred_knn_pca)
print(f"KNN Accuracy with PCA: {accuracy_knn_pca}")
print(classification_report(y_test, y_pred_knn_pca))
```

```
KNN Accuracy with PCA: 0.7980206398834011

precision recall f1-score
```

	precision	recarr	II SCOLE	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

[21]:			Predicted Benign	Predicted	Malignant
	Actual	Benign	30064		2551
	Actual	Malignant	6041		3883

Prediction accuracy with KNN after PCA: We transform the data on two principal components that explains the majority of the varianaces. The principal components (eigenvectors) are shown above. After finding the principal components and transforming data on to it, we re-apply KNN algorithm on PCA transformed data. Below it shows that KNN algorithm has now an accuracy of 79.80%, which is bit higher accuracy than the accuracy 72.14% found from the dataset without any PCA transformation.

Decision Tree Accuracy with PCA: 0.825007640047956 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

[22]:			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 Accuracy with PCA: 0.8036155057711747

	precision	recall	f1-score	support
Benign	0.83	0.93	0.88	32615
${ t Malignant}$	0.63	0.39	0.48	9924
			0.00	40530
accuracy			0.80	42539
macro avg	0.73	0.66	0.68	42539
weighted avg	0.79	0.80	0.79	42539

Confusion Matrix:

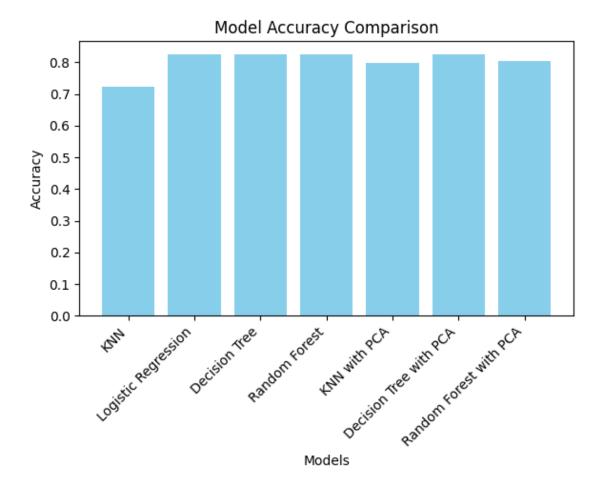
[23]:			Predicted Benign	Predicted	Malignant
	Actual	Benign	30288		2327
	Actual	Malignant	6027		3897

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 when the full dataset is used to predict the accuracy. On full dataset the accuracy is found to be 82.46%.

13 Model Performance Comparison

Below we generate a bar chart of all the accuracies found from different machine learning algorithms.

```
[24]: 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_
       \hookrightarrow readability
      plt.tight_layout() # Adjust layout to prevent labels from overlapping
      plt.show()
```



```
= pd.DataFrame(list(accuracies.items()), columns=['Model', 'Accuracy'])
[25]:
      df
[25]:
                                   Accuracy
                           Model
      0
                                   0.721432
                             KNN
      1
            Logistic Regression
                                   0.825055
      2
                                   0.825055
                   Decision Tree
      3
                   Random Forest
                                   0.824632
```

0.798021

0.825008

0.803616

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KNN with PCA

Decision Tree with PCA

Random Forest with PCA

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.