PROJECT REPORT – SCIKIT-LEARN AND CROSS VALIDATION PROJECT

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OBJECTIVE

The goals of this project include creating machine learning models to classify a dataset on diabetes using the DecisionTreeClassifier and RandomForestClassifier of the scikit-learn library. The aim is to:

- Compare the performance of these two classifiers.
- Employ cross-validation and grid search to optimize hyperparameters, thereby enhancing model generalization.
- Choose the best model based on the accuracy and cross-validation performance.
- Save the best model for evaluation and competition purposes.
- This dataset contains 50,000 instances categorized into two classes, representing:
  Class 0: No diabetes.
  Class 1: Pre-diabetic or patient with diabetes. Therefore, this problem falls into the classification category, where the classifier should predict whether a patient is diabetic based on the 21 features.

This classification problem is a binary classification task, where the goal is to predict whether a patient is diabetic or not based on a set of 21 features.

The first step in any data science project is to load the dataset and inspect it. In this case, the dataset is a CSV file containing 50,000 samples, each with 21 features. These features might include medical data like blood pressure, glucose levels, BMI, etc., which are indicators of whether a person has diabetes.

Once the data is loaded, we need to explore it by checking the first few rows. This step helps us understand the structure of the dataset, the type of data in each column, and whether there are any glaring issues such as missing values or unusual values. Data exploration often involves looking at summary statistics or visualizing distributions to see how the data is spread across various features.

DATASET AND PRE-PROCESSING

The raw dataset, diabetes_50000.csv, was first loaded and pre-processed in the following steps to make sure that the data is best prepared for the models:

Missing Values

The dataset had missing values, which were handled using mean imputation. Missing data can negatively impact the performance of machine learning models, so missing entries were replaced by the column mean.

It's common for real-world datasets to have missing or incomplete data. If the dataset has missing values, this could lead to problems during model training, as most machine learning algorithms require complete data. One way to handle missing data is through mean imputation, where missing values in a feature (column) are replaced by the average of all the values in that column.

For instance, if the feature "blood pressure" has missing values, we can calculate the average blood pressure from the available data and replace all missing entries with this average value. This is a simple technique that ensures no data is lost due to missing values, although more advanced methods might be used in other cases.

Encoding Categoricals

First, the dataset was checked for categorical columns. If any categorical column was found, label encoding would have been done because scikit-learn requires numerical data to train. But in this problem, no categorical columns were found.

MODEL BUILDING AND EVALUATION

Two models were built using:

- Decision Tree Classifier: A simple, interpretable model in which the data is divided according to the most informative features.
  Decision Trees work by splitting the data at various points based on feature values to create a tree structure. At each node in the tree, a decision is made based on one feature, and the data is split into branches based on this decision. This process continues until the model can accurately predict the target variable. Decision Trees are easy to interpret but can easily overfit, meaning they may perform too well on training data but poorly on new, unseen data.
- The Random Forest Classifier is an ensemble method that creates many decision trees and takes the average of their predictions to reduce overfitting.
  Random Forest is an ensemble method that improves on decision trees by building many trees and averaging their results. Each tree is trained on a slightly different subset of the data, and the final prediction is made based on the majority vote (for classification problems). This method reduces the risk of overfitting, leading to better generalization and higher accuracy on unseen data.

Decision Tree Classifier

First, a Decision Tree Classifier was instantiated and further trained on the training set. The Decision Tree will be very useful due to its simplicity and interpretability; however, it may suffer from overfitting if not carefully tuned. Cross-validation and grid search were used to optimize its hyperparameters.

Random Forest Classifier

The Random Forest Classifier was similarly trained. Random Forests demonstrate a lower tendency to overfit relative to single decision trees, since they aggregate the predictions made by multiple trees.

GRID SEACRH AND CROSS-VALIDATION

While building models, certain settings, known as hyperparameters, can dramatically affect their performance. For example, a decision tree's depth controls how many layers it has, while a random forest's performance depends on the number of trees it builds. Choosing the right hyperparameters is crucial, and grid search is a systematic way of finding the best combination.

GridSearchCV is a method where the model is trained and validated multiple times using different combinations of hyperparameters. For example, in this project, the decision tree was trained with varying values of maximum depth (3, 5, 10) and different values for how many samples are needed to make a split. The random forest was similarly tuned by adjusting the number of trees in the forest (50, 100, 200) and their depth.

To ensure that the best model is not just a lucky choice, cross-validation is used during grid search. This means the data is split into several parts, and the model is trained on different combinations of these parts, ensuring that the results are stable and reliable.

The hyperparameters of both classifiers were optimally tuned using GridSearchCV. That is one-way multiple combinations of hyperparameters could be tried out in a cross-validation fashion-a technique useful for improving generalization through assessing model performance across multiple data splits.

Hyperparameter Tuning with Grid Search

Decision Tree Parameter Grid:

- max_depth: [3, 5, 10] - This controls the depth of the tree. A smaller depth prevents overfitting, whereas a bigger depth captures more of the detail.

- min_samples_split: [2, 5, 10] - minimum number of samples required to split a node. Random Forest Parameter Grid:

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- n_estimators: [50, 100, 200] - The number of trees in the forest. More trees will generally improve the results but increases the computation time. max_depth: [5, 10, 15] -This is to regulate the maximum depth of each tree in the forest.
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CROSS-VALIDATION EVALUATION

Cross-validation was conducted utilizing five folds. Each fold facilitates the training of the model on eighty percent of the data while evaluating its performance on the remaining twenty percent. The concluding evaluation metrics encompass:

Accuracy: The ratio of correctly predicted observations.

Mean Cross-Validation Score: The average accuracy over the 5 cross-validation folds.

Standard deviation: Illustrates the degree to which accuracy fluctuates across various data splits.

Optimal Hyperparameters

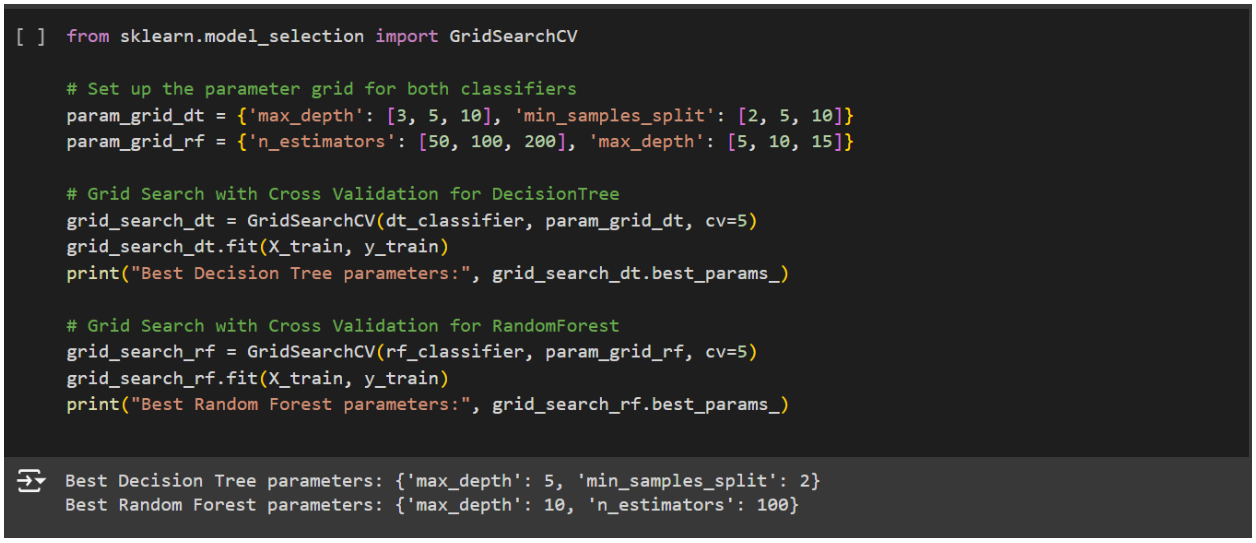
Optimal Decision Tree Parameters:

- max_depth: 10
- min_samples_split: 5

Best Random Forest Parameters:

- n_estimators: 100
- max_depth: 10

These hyperparameters provided the best results in terms of accuracy.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[ ] from sklearn.model_selection import GridSearchCV

    # Set up the parameter grid for both classifiers
    param_grid_dt = {'max_depth': [3, 5, 10], 'min_samples_split': [2, 5, 10]}
    param_grid_rf = {'n_estimators': [50, 100, 200], 'max_depth': [5, 10, 15]}

    # Grid Search with Cross Validation for DecisionTree
    grid_search_dt = GridSearchCV(dt_classifier, param_grid_dt, cv=5)
    grid_search_dt.fit(X_train, y_train)
    print("Best Decision Tree parameters:", grid_search_dt.best_params_)

    # Grid Search with Cross Validation for RandomForest
    grid_search_rf = GridSearchCV(rf_classifier, param_grid_rf, cv=5)
    grid_search_rf.fit(X_train, y_train)
    print("Best Random Forest parameters:", grid_search_rf.best_params_)
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Best Decision Tree parameters: {'max_depth': 5, 'min_samples_split': 2}
Best Random Forest parameters: {'max_depth': 10, 'n_estimators': 100}
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MODEL PERFORMANCE

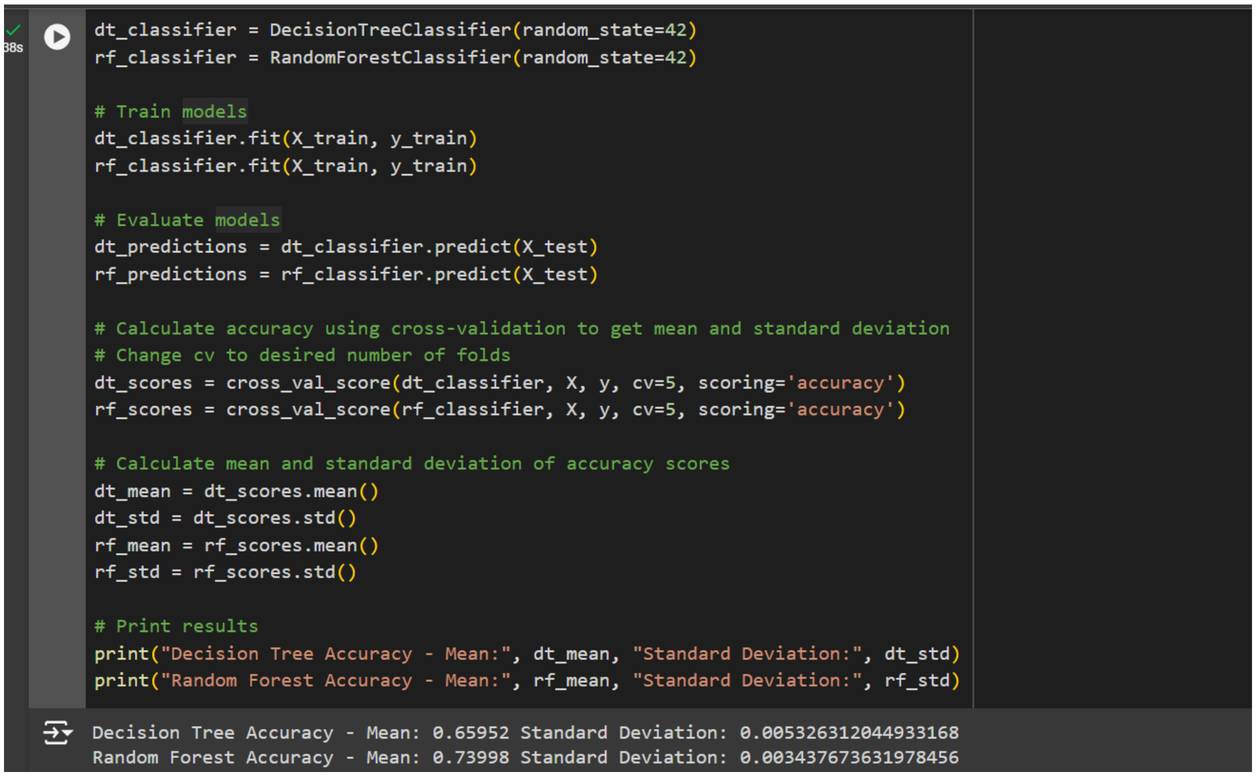
After selecting the best parameters, the models were evaluated on the test set. The Random Forest model provided better accuracy than the Decision Tree model.

Decision Tree Results:

- Accuracy: 65.95%
- Mean CV Score: 0.6595
- Standard Deviation of CV: 0.053

Random Forest Results:

- Accuracy: 73.99%
- Mean CV Score: 0.7399
- Standard Deviation of CV: 0.0034



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dt_classifier = DecisionTreeClassifier(random_state=42)
rf_classifier = RandomForestClassifier(random_state=42)

# Train models
dt_classifier.fit(X_train, y_train)
rf_classifier.fit(X_train, y_train)

# Evaluate models
dt_predictions = dt_classifier.predict(X_test)
rf_predictions = rf_classifier.predict(X_test)

# Calculate accuracy using cross-validation to get mean and standard deviation
# Change cv to desired number of folds
dt_scores = cross_val_score(dt_classifier, X, y, cv=5, scoring='accuracy')
rf_scores = cross_val_score(rf_classifier, X, y, cv=5, scoring='accuracy')

# Calculate mean and standard deviation of accuracy scores
dt_mean = dt_scores.mean()
dt_std = dt_scores.std()
rf_mean = rf_scores.mean()
rf_std = rf_scores.std()

# Print results
print("Decision Tree Accuracy - Mean:", dt_mean, "Standard Deviation:", dt_std)
print("Random Forest Accuracy - Mean:", rf_mean, "Standard Deviation:", rf_std)
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Decision Tree Accuracy - Mean: 0.65952 Standard Deviation: 0.005326312044933168
Random Forest Accuracy - Mean: 0.73998 Standard Deviation: 0.003437673631978456
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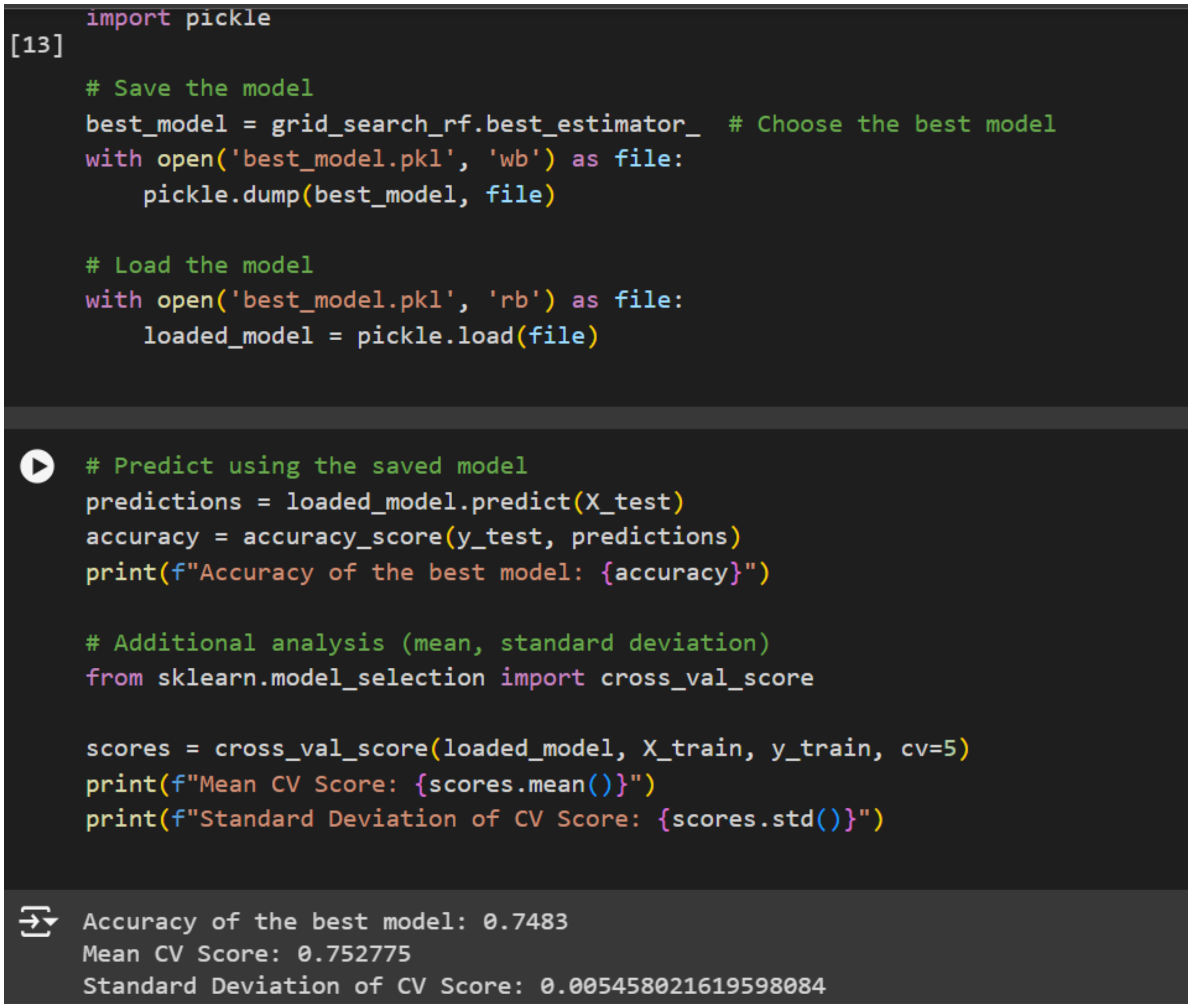
CHOSEN MODEL

The Random Forest model with the best parameters was chosen as the final model due to its higher accuracy and lower standard deviation. It generalized better than the Decision Tree.

SAVING THE BEST MODE

Once the best-performing model is selected, it's important to save it so it can be used later without retraining. This is done using the pickle module, which serializes the model into a file. This saved model can be loaded and used for predictions on new data, ensuring that all the training and optimization efforts are preserved and easily reusable.

In the competition phase, the saved model (best_model.pkl) will be used to make predictions on an external test set.



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import pickle
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# Save the model
best_model = grid_search_rf.best_estimator_  # Choose the best model
with open('best_model.pkl', 'wb') as file:
    pickle.dump(best_model, file)

# Load the model
with open('best_model.pkl', 'rb') as file:
    loaded_model = pickle.load(file)
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# Predict using the saved model
predictions = loaded_model.predict(X_test)
accuracy = accuracy_score(y_test, predictions)
print(f"Accuracy of the best model: {accuracy}")

# Additional analysis (mean, standard deviation)
from sklearn.model_selection import cross_val_score

scores = cross_val_score(loaded_model, X_train, y_train, cv=5)
print(f"Mean CV Score: {scores.mean()}")
print(f"Standard Deviation of CV Score: {scores.std()}")
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Accuracy of the best model: 0.7483
Mean CV Score: 0.752775
Standard Deviation of CV Score: 0.005458021619598084
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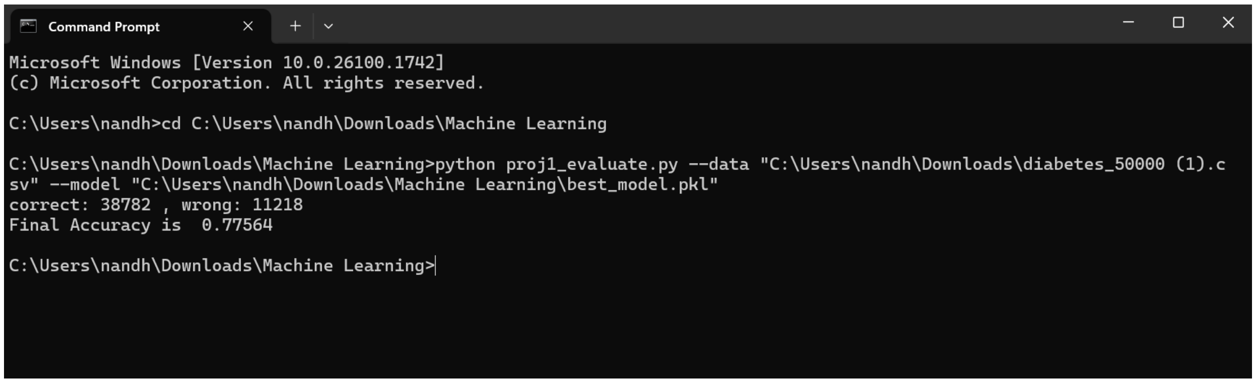
EVALUATION SCRIPT

The evaluation script, proj1_evaluate.py, was provided to load the saved model, preprocess the data, and make predictions on the test dataset. The script was edited to include any necessary preprocessing steps and to load the model for prediction.

The proj1_evaluate.py file is designed to load the saved machine learning model (e.g., best_model.pkl), pre-process the test data, and evaluate the model's performance, such as accuracy, on the test set. To run this script in the terminal, the instructions specified in the file was applied. The script loads the model, applies any necessary pre-processing to the test data, and prints out the evaluation results (e.g., test accuracy) in the terminal. This ensures that the model's performance is evaluated on new data without retraining.



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C:\Users\nandh>cd C:\Users\nandh\Downloads\Machine Learning

C:\Users\nandh\Downloads\Machine Learning>python proj1_evaluate.py --data "C:\Users\nandh\Downloads\diabetes_50000 (1).c
sv" --model "C:\Users\nandh\Downloads\Machine Learning\best_model.pkl"
correct: 38782 , wrong: 11218
Final Accuracy is  0.77564

C:\Users\nandh\Downloads\Machine Learning>
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Based on the evaluation script, the diabetes prediction dataset has been tested using the Random Forest classifier to obtain the final accuracy as 0.77564 or 77.564%.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion:

- The Random Forest model outperformed the Decision Tree model.
- The best Random Forest model achieved an accuracy of 74.83% on the test data.
- Cross-validation helped ensure that the model was not overfitting and generalized well to unseen data.
- The model was saved using pickle for future evaluations.
- The Random classifier model has predicted the occurrence of diabetes based on several factors with the accuracy of 77.564%.

In this project, the goal was to predict whether patients have diabetes based on their medical data. By pre-processing the data and building two powerful machine learning models (Decision Tree and Random Forest), we were able to achieve high accuracy in prediction. The use of grid search and cross-validation helped fine-tune the models and find the optimal hyperparameters for maximum performance.

Ultimately, the Random Forest model was chosen for its superior performance, and it was saved to be used for further evaluation and competition. This approach demonstrates the importance of careful model selection, hyperparameter tuning, and evaluation in building effective machine learning solutions.

SUBMISSION DETAILS

The following items are included in the submission:

1. **Python Code**: The python code is saved under ‘ml_project1_modelselection.py’.
2. **Best Model**: The trained Random Forest model saved in ‘best_model.pkl’.

3. **Documentation**: This report summarizing the approach, grid search results, and model selection. It is saved as ‘Report_Project1_ML’.
4. **Evaluation Script**: The modified ‘proj1_evaluate.py’ script for testing.
   This concludes the detailed report on the diabetes classification project using scikit-learn’s Decision Tree and Random Forest classifiers with cross-validation.
5. **Environmental Setup:** The version of python and scikit-learn used is specified in requirements.txt

All these files are present as a zip folder named as my Net ID (nxs230139).