B.TECH INDEPENDENT PROJECT(IP)

Membrane Permeability Prediction using Machine Learning Algorithms

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Introduction

The aim of this project is to predict membrane permeability using machine learning algorithms and comparing the score on various models to find which is the best model for given datasets of SMILES and logP or Energy Gap, thereby enhancing our understanding of biological concepts. Cell Membrane permeability prediction is crucial in pharmaceutical research for assessing the ability of drugs to cross biological membranes based on different factors associated with the physico-chemical properties of the materials used in that drug, impacting drug efficacy and toxicity.

Objective

The objective of this study is to compare the results of predictive models for membrane permeability of chemicals by utilizing machine learning techniques, based on their unique SMILE structures and other physico-chemical properties. We aim to collect and organize data for various chemicals, including their structural and physico-chemical characteristics, and train a machine learning model to identify patterns that correlate with membrane permeability. By comparing the model's predictions based on SMILE structures alone, physico-chemical properties alone, and a combination of both, we will determine the most accurate method for predicting membrane permeability.

Methodology

Data Collection and Exploration:

 Curated datasets from public repositories like github and research papers like pubmed and google scholar.

```
# Columns format:
    # 1) SMILES string.
   # 2) Martini unimer representation.
  # 3) Delta_G_water/octanol predicted from ALOGPS [kcal/mol].
# 4) Delta_G_water/octanol of the Martini unimer [kcal/mol].
    # 5) apKa. NOT indicates that the compound has a apKa higher than 20.
    # 6) bpKa. NOT indicates that the compound has a bpKa lower than -10.
   # 7) Acidity of the compound: acidic (A), basic (B), zwitterionic (Z), neutral (N).
   # We consider as neutral all compounds presenting an apKa larger than 16
       and a bpKa smaller than -2.
    # 8) Logarithm of the permeability coefficient log_10(P). NOT indicates the
    # impossibility of predicting the permeability coefficient of zwitterionic
        compounds that map to coarse-grained unimers.
    CC C5 -1.977 -1.656 NOT NOT N 0.269
   CN P2 1.455 0.920 NOT 10.08 B -4.686
    CO P3 1.894 2.106 15.78 -2.46 A -2.865
   CF Na -0.549 -0.595 NOT NOT N -1.005
33 FF N0 -1.304 -1.009 NOT NOT N -0.191
34 C=C N0 -1.235 -1.009 NOT NOT N -0.191
    C=O P2 0.947 0.920 NOT -8.09 N -2.012
    O=O P3 1.784 2.106 NOT NOT N -2.865
   C#C P1 0.041 0.540 NOT NOT N -1.574
38 CCC C3 -3.006 -2.930 NOT NOT N 0.023
   CCN P1 0.275 0.540 NOT 10.23 B -4.391
    CCO P1 0.549 0.540 16.47 -2.16 N -1.574
  CCF C5 -1.386 -1.656 NOT NOT N 0.269
                                                                  Ln 11, Col 38 Spaces: 4 UTF-8 CRLF Plain Text
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Since, parameters other than SMILES and logP were not essential from a permeability point of view. Hence removed the rest of the columns and turned the existing text file into csy file to handle it better.

```
test > Codes > Lazy Predict >  data_ip.csv >  data

1   SMILES,Column8

2   CC,0.269

3   CN,-4.686

4   CO,-2.865

5   CF,-1.005

6   FF,-0.191

7   C=C,-0.191

8   C=O,-2.865

10   C#C,-1.574
```

• Explored public databases like Kaggle and literature sources such as PubMed for relevant datasets and research articles.

```
test > Codes > Lazy Predict > III input_data.csv > 🗋 data
   1 SMILES, Energygap
   2 Cc1ccc(cc1)C(F)(F)F,197.7494212
3 OC(=0)CCCC1,247.4939422
   4 CC(C)(Oc1ccc(CCNC(=0)c2ccc(C1)cc2)cc1)C(=0)0,164.7123274
   5 Nc1ccc(C1)c(C1)c1,169.0277068
   6 C[C@@H](CCO)CCC=C(C)C,209.5698082
   7 OC(C=C)C=C,210.9791935
   8 O=N(=0)c1ccc(C1)c(c1)N(=0)=0,168.833179
  9 0=CC1CCCCC1,213.4515789
10 COc1ccc(cc1)C#C,171.1919853
  11 Brc1cncnc1,188.3449438
  12 COc1ccc(cc1[C@]12C[C@H]3C[C@H](C[C@H](C3)C1)C2)c1ccc2cc(ccc2c1)C(=0)0,139.4927407
  13 N[C@@H](CC(=0)0)C(=0)0,218.3248138
  14 CCC#CCC,230.1295131
  15 Cc1cccc2cc[nH]c12,170.4672124
  16 CC(=0)c1cccc(C)c1,174.692858
       Nc1ccccc1C(=0)c1ccccc1,142.0234845
     N#Cc1sccc1,175.4414763
  19 Clc1cccc1C(=0)c1ccccc1,168.8990674
  20 CC(=C)C(=O)N,207.8416485
```

Feature Engineering:

• Identified key features influencing membrane permeability, including chemical nature, SMILE structure, and physico-chemical properties.

```
canonical_smiles(['C=CCC']) and canonical_smiles(['CCC=C']) For both, Output will be ['C=CCC'] as both of them are representations of the same molecule.
```

• Utilized RDKit and Mordred libraries to calculate molecular descriptors.

```
%pip install rdkit-pypi
%pip install mordred
```

- Molecular descriptors are a number of numerical features from the SMILES string
 which comes from physico-chemical properties like molecular weights, number of
 valence electrons, the magnitude of partial charges, number of bonds, number of
 atoms of a particular element, etc.
- Molecular descriptors can be very useful as predictive features for models. In the RDKit package, there are 200 such descriptors which can automatically be generated using smiles.

 Generated fingerprints (e.g., Morgan Fingerprints) as descriptors for predictive modeling.

```
def morgan_fpts(data):
    Morgan_fpts = []
    for i in data:
        mol = Chem.MolFromSmiles(i)
        fpts = AllChem.GetMorganFingerprintAsBitVect(mol,2,2048)
        mfpts = np.array(fpts)
        Morgan_fpts.append(mfpts)
    return np.array(Morgan_fpts)
```

Model Development:

- Explored various machine learning algorithms such as LASSO regression and Multi-Layer Perceptron (MLP) to analyze the result of cell membrane permeability prediction.
 The multi-layer perceptron (MLP) is another artificial neural network process containing a number of layers.
- Implemented regularization techniques to reduce model complexity and overfitting.
 Regularization techniques prevent overfitting in machine learning models and improve their generalization ability. They can help reduce a model's complexity by penalizing parameters that are too large and encouraging models to use simpler and more interpretable structures.
- Used Lazy Predict tool for evaluating model accuracy and computational efficiency.
- With the help of Rdkit libraries, more than 200 descriptors can be found based on SMILE structure of the molecule, for example molecular weight, heavy atomic molecular weight or exact molecular weight.
- Using Mordred, we can obtain descriptors more than 1800 based on SMILES structure.

RDKit

	MaxEStateIndex	MinEStateIndex	MaxAbsEStateIndex	MinAbsEStateIndex	qed	MolWt	HeavyAtomMolWt	ExactMolWt
0	12.550510	-5.076351	12.550510	1.008796	0.546828	160.138	153.082	160.049985
1	10.676844	-3.333333	10.676844	1.840718	0.569323	122.551	115.495	122.013457
2	13.050084	-4.111425	13.050084	0.722809	0.790287	361.825	341.665	361.108086
3	7.402685	-0.449630	7.402685	0.074321	0.582519	162.019	156.979	160.979905
4	8.095237	-4.484184	8.095237	1.886963	0.606746	156.269	136.109	156.151415
2868	9.505488	-3.873136	9.505488	0.973292	0.373065	398.426	374.234	398.135324
2869	7.651157	-0.170718	7.651157	0.017477	0.625891	213.099	208.059	211.929533
2870	13.017078	-3.813937	13.017078	0.325694	0.823664	247.294	230.158	247.120843
2871	7.592407	-0.348333	7.592407	0.030556	0.519376	134.203	128.155	134.019021
2872	7.522616	-2.919676	7.522616	0.821250	0.557704	122.167	112.087	122.073165
873 rows × 208 columns								

Mordred

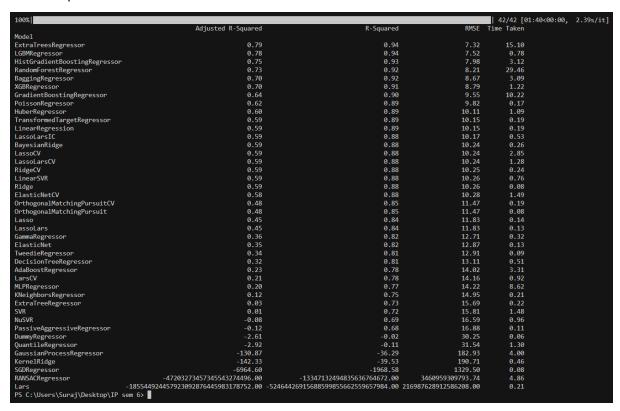


Biological Insights:

- Explored cell membrane structure, permeability factors, and experimental methods.
- Identified main physio-chemical properties determining permeability and molecular descriptors as predictive features.

Results and Analysis:

- Predicted membrane permeability using machine learning models.
- Analyzed model performance metrics such as R-squared, adjusted R-squared, RMSE, and computational time.



 Based on the results provided, the ExtraTreesRegressor is the best performing model, with the highest Adjusted R-Squared (0.79) and R-Squared (0.94) values, and a relatively low RMSE (7.32). Additionally, it has a reasonable computation time (15.10 seconds). overview and analysis of the top performing models listed, highlighting their strengths, weaknesses, and typical use cases.

1. ExtraTreesRegressor

• Theoretical Details:

- > Type: Ensemble learning method
- Algorithm: Uses multiple decision trees to build a model (similar to Random Forest).
- > Working: Each tree is trained on a random subset of the data, and splits in each tree are determined by random subsets of features.

Strengths:

- > Reduces overfitting due to averaging multiple trees.
- > Handles high-dimensional data well.
- Robust to noisy data and outliers.

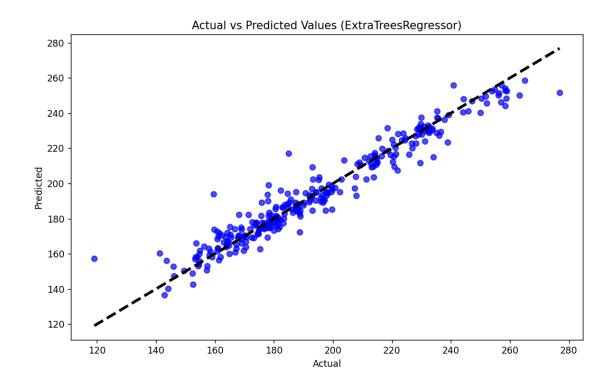
Weaknesses:

- > Computationally intensive, especially with a large number of trees.
- > Can be less interpretable than single decision trees.
- > Typical Use Cases: Any regression task where model performance is more critical than model interpretability.

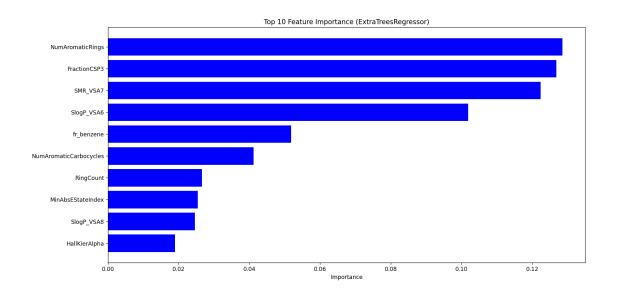
Analysis:

- ➤ Performance: Highest R-Squared (0.94) and Adjusted R-Squared (0.79), indicating excellent fit to the data.
- > RMSE: 7.32, which is low, suggesting accurate predictions.
- ➤ Time Taken: 15.10 seconds, which is relatively high but reasonable given the model's complexity.
- > Scatter Plot: Actual vs Predicted Values

• Scatter Plot: Actual vs Predicted Values



• Feature importance plot



2. LGBMRegressor (LightGBM)

• Theoretical Details:

- > Type: Gradient Boosting Framework
- ➤ Algorithm: Uses tree-based learning algorithms, optimized for faster training and lower memory usage.
- ➤ Working: Builds trees leaf-wise (best-first), which tends to converge faster and achieve higher accuracy.

Strengths:

- > Fast training speed and high efficiency.
- > Capable of handling large datasets.
- Supports parallel and GPU learning.

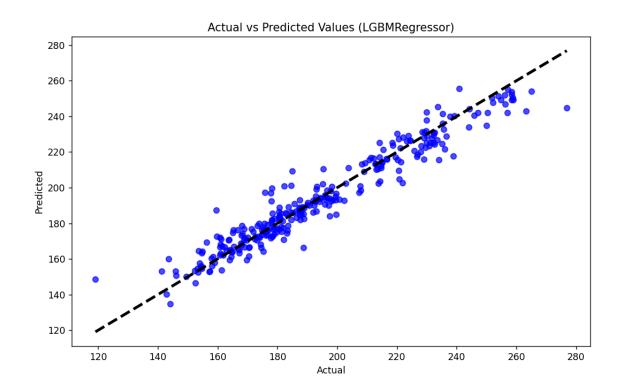
Weaknesses:

- > Sensitivity to hyperparameters.
- > Can overfit if not properly tuned.
- > Typical Use Cases: Large datasets, high-dimensional data, and when training speed is critical.

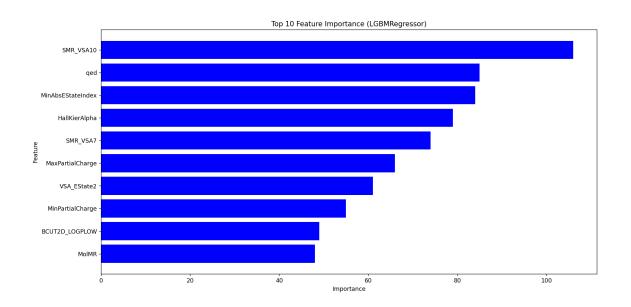
Analysis:

- > Performance: High R-Squared (0.94) and Adjusted R-Squared (0.78).
- > RMSE: 7.52, slightly higher than ExtraTrees but still low.
- > Time Taken: 0.78 seconds, significantly faster, making it highly efficient.

• Scatter Plot: Actual vs Predicted Values



• Feature importance plot



3. HistGradientBoostingRegressor

• Theoretical Details:

- > Type: Gradient Boosting variant
- > Algorithm: Uses histogram-based gradient boosting for faster computations.
- Working: Discretized continuous features into bins, reducing the number of splitting points.

• Strengths:

- > Faster training time with large datasets.
- > Efficient memory usage.
- > Can handle categorical features directly.

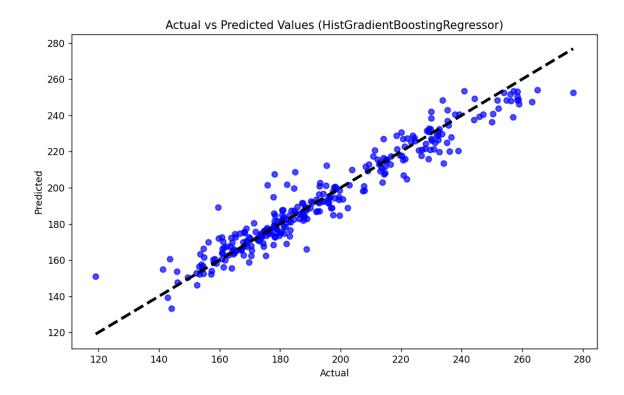
• Weaknesses:

- Can be less interpretable than simpler models.
- > Still requires careful tuning of hyperparameters.
- > Typical Use Cases: Large datasets, especially when speed and memory efficiency are crucial.

Analysis:

- ➤ Performance: R-Squared (0.93) and Adjusted R-Squared (0.75), indicating very good fit.
- > RMSE: 7.98, higher than ExtraTrees and LGBM but still reasonable.
- > Time Taken: 3.12 seconds, a good balance between speed and performance.

Scatter Plot: Actual vs Predicted Values



• Feature importance plot

HistGradientBoostingRegressor does not support feature importances.

4. RandomForestRegressor

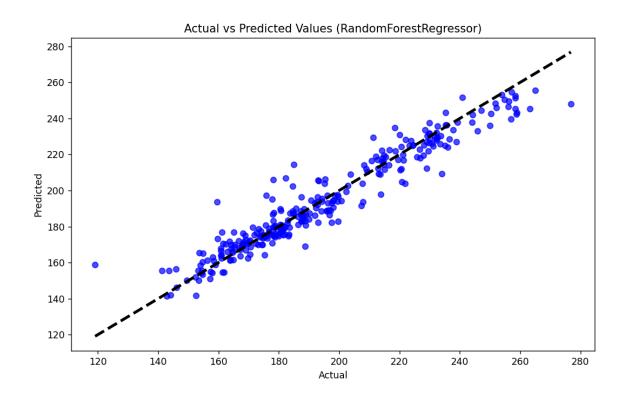
- Theoretical Details:
 - > Type: Ensemble learning method
 - ➤ Algorithm: Constructs a multitude of decision trees during training and outputs the average prediction.
 - ➤ Working: Each tree is trained on a bootstrap sample of the data and considers a random subset of features for splitting.
- Strengths:
 - > Reduces overfitting compared to single decision trees.
 - > Easy to parallelize.
 - > Robust to outliers and noise.

• Weaknesses:

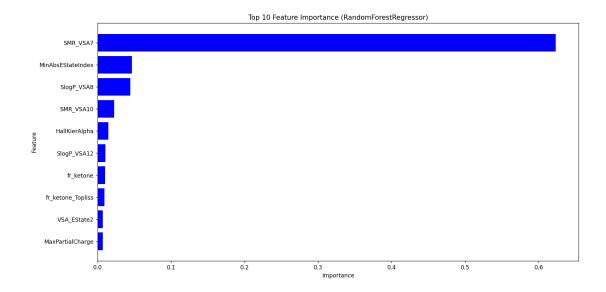
- > Computationally expensive with large datasets and many trees.
- > Less interpretable than single decision trees.
- > Typical Use Cases: General-purpose regression tasks where accuracy is important.

Analysis:

- > Performance: R-Squared (0.92) and Adjusted R-Squared (0.73).
- > RMSE: 8.21, which is slightly higher but still acceptable.
- ➤ Time Taken: 29.46 seconds, the longest among the top models, indicating a trade-off between time and performance.
- Scatter Plot: Actual vs Predicted Values



• Feature importance plot



5. BaggingRegressor

- Theoretical Details:
 - > Type: Ensemble learning method
 - > Algorithm: Uses bootstrap aggregating (bagging) to reduce variance.
 - ➤ Working: Trains multiple instances of a base estimator on different subsets of the training data and averages their predictions.
- Strengths:
 - > Reduces overfitting.
 - Improves stability and accuracy.
- Weaknesses:
 - Can be computationally expensive.
 - > Dependent on the performance of the base estimator.
 - > Typical Use Cases: Situations where reducing variance is crucial and the base estimator is prone to overfitting.
- Analysis:
 - ➤ Performance: R-Squared (0.92) and Adjusted R-Squared (0.70).
 - > RMSE: 8.67, higher than the top models but still reasonable.
 - > Time Taken: 3.09 seconds, fairly efficient.

6. XGBRegressor (XGBoost)

• Theoretical Details:

- > Type: Gradient Boosting Framework
- > Algorithm: Implements gradient boosting with decision trees.
- > Working: Optimized for speed and performance using techniques like tree pruning, parallel processing, and handling sparse data.

Strengths:

- > High performance and accuracy.
- > Regularization to prevent overfitting.
- > Flexibility to handle different types of data.

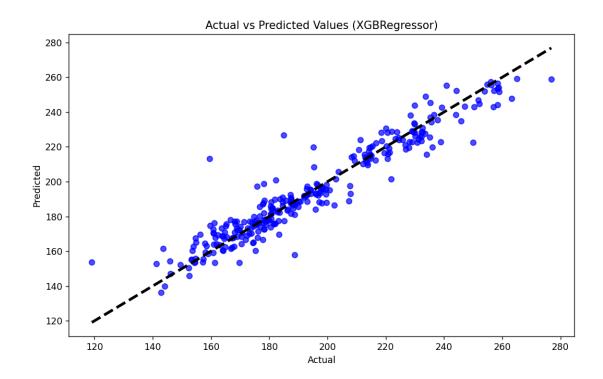
Weaknesses:

- > Complexity in hyperparameter tuning.
- > Higher memory usage.
- > Typical Use Cases: Competitions and applications where prediction accuracy is critical.

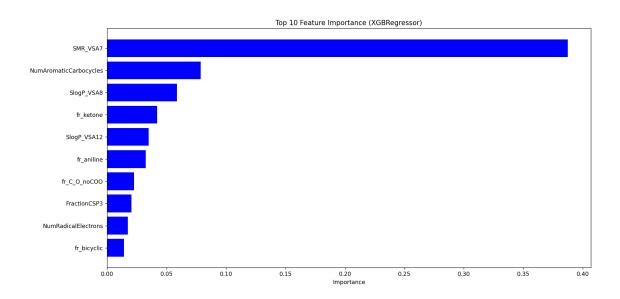
• Analysis:

- ➤ Performance: R-Squared (0.91) and Adjusted R-Squared (0.70).
- ➤ RMSE: 8.79, indicating good accuracy.
- > Time Taken: 1.22 seconds, fast and efficient.

• Scatter Plot: Actual vs Predicted Values



• Feature importance plot



Summary

- The top models each have unique strengths and trade-offs:
 - ExtraTreesRegressor: Best overall performance but computationally expensive.
 - ❖ LGBMRegressor: High performance and extremely efficient.
 - HistGradientBoostingRegressor: Balanced performance with good speed.
 - ❖ RandomForestRegressor: Robust with good performance but slowest.
 - ❖ BaggingRegressor: Effective variance reduction, efficient.
 - ❖ XGBRegressor: High accuracy, efficient, but complex to tune.

Choosing the right model depends on the specific requirements of the task, including the need for speed, interpretability, and handling large datasets.

Code Snippets

Canonical SMILES:

```
def canonical_smiles(smiles):
    mols = [Chem.MolFromSmiles(smi) for smi in smiles]
    smiles = [Chem.MolToSmiles(mol) for mol in mols]
    return smiles
```

Calculating Molecular Descriptors using RDKit:

```
def RDkit_descriptors(smiles):
    mols = [Chem.MolFromSmiles(i) for i in smiles]
    calc = MoleculeDescriptors.MolecularDescriptorCalculator([x[0] for x
in Descriptors._descList])
    desc_names = calc.GetDescriptorNames()

Mol_descriptors =[]
    for mol in mols:
        mol=Chem.AddHs(mol)
        descriptors = calc.CalcDescriptors(mol)
        Mol_descriptors.append(descriptors)
    return Mol_descriptors, desc_names
```

Calculating Molecular Descriptors using Mordred:

```
def All_Mordred_descriptors(data):
    calc = Calculator(descriptors, ignore_3D=False)
    mols = [Chem.MolFromSmiles(smi) for smi in data]

# pandas df

df = calc.pandas(mols)
    return df
```

Predicting with Lazy Predict:

```
from lazypredict.Supervised import LazyRegressor
from sklearn.utils import shuffle
import pandas as pd

# Load dataset
df1 = pd.read_csv('input_data.csv')
df2 = pd.read_csv("descriptors.csv")

X = df2.iloc[1:, :] # Features
y = df1.iloc[1:, -1] # Target variable
```

```
# Shuffle dataset
X, y = shuffle(X, y, random_state=42)

# Split data into training and testing sets

offset = int(X.shape[0] * 0.9)
X_train, y_train = X[:offset], y[:offset]
X_test, y_test = X[offset:], y[offset:]

# Initialize LazyRegressor and fit models

reg = LazyRegressor(verbose=0, ignore_warnings=False, custom_metric=None)

models, predictions = reg.fit(X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test)

print(models)
```

Conclusion

Through this project, we successfully developed a predictive model for membrane permeability using machine learning algorithms. By leveraging molecular descriptors and biological insights, our model demonstrates promising accuracy in predicting membrane permeability, thereby contributing to drug discovery and development processes.

Future Work

- Explore additional machine learning algorithms and ensemble techniques for improved predictive performance.
- Incorporate advanced molecular descriptors and biological features for enhanced model robustness.
- Validate the model on diverse datasets and conduct rigorous external validation for real-world applicability.

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