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# A Comparative Machine Learning Approach for Interpretable Heart Disease Prediction in Low-Resource Settings

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**Abstract**

Cardiovascular diseases (CVDs) represent a significant global health burden, particularly in low-resource settings where diagnostic capabilities are limited. This report presents a comparative analysis of machine learning algorithms for interpretable heart disease prediction using readily available clinical parameters. I implemented and evaluated three distinct algorithms: **Logistic Regression**, **K-Nearest Neighbors**, and **Random Forest** on the UCI Cleveland Heart Disease dataset comprising 303 patient records with 13 clinical features. The models were rigorously evaluated using medical-centric metrics including accuracy, precision, recall, and F1-score. Random Forest demonstrated superior performance with an accuracy of 85.2% and F1-score of 84.0%. SHAP (SHapley Additive exPlanations) analysis was employed for model interpretability, identifying chest pain type (22.3%), maximum heart rate (18.7%), and ST depression (15.2%) as the most significant predictive features. The report contributes a transparent, clinically-actionable prediction tool that balances performance with interpretability, making it particularly suitable for deployment in resource-constrained healthcare settings.

**Keywords in the report are:**

1. Machine Learning
2. Heart Disease Prediction
3. Interpretable AI
4. SHAP Analysis
5. Low-Resource Settings
6. Clinical Decision Support

## 1. Introduction

### 1.1 Background and Motivation

Cardiovascular diseases remain the leading cause of mortality globally, according to **World Health Organization (WHO),** accounting for approximately 17.9 million deaths annually. The weight is excessively higher in low-resource settings like Uganda, where limited access to advanced diagnostic technologies, shortage of specialized healthcare professionals, and constrained healthcare budgets contribute to late disease detection and poor patient outcomes.

The integration of machine learning in healthcare diagnostics has shown promising results, yet most existing models prioritize predictive accuracy over interpretability, creating significant barriers to clinical adoption. This is particularly problematic in low-resource settings where healthcare (the healthy centres as classified in Uganda) providers require transparent decision support tools that they can understand and trust.

### 1.2 Problem Statement

Current heart disease prediction models often:

1. Operate as "**black boxes**" with limited interpretability of results.
2. Rely on advanced diagnostic tests unavailable in resource constrained settings.
3. Lack clinical validation and practitioner trust.
4. Are not optimized for the specific constraints like those in low-resource environments.

### 1.3 Project Objectives.

The primary objectives of this project were:

1. To develop and compare multiple machine learning algorithms for heart disease prediction using basic clinical parameters.
2. To implement rigorous model interpretability techniques for clinical transparency.
3. To design a solution specifically optimized for low-resource healthcare settings.
4. To provide actionable insights for early detection and intervention.

### 1.4 Project Specific Objectives.

1. To preprocess a clinical dataset (e.g., age, blood pressure, cholesterol).
2. To implement, train, and evaluate three algorithms i.e. **Logistic Regression**, **K-Nearest Neighbors (KNN)**, and **Random Forest.**

3. To conduct a comparative analysis using medical-centric metrics (accuracy, precision, recall, F1-score).
4. To enhance interpretability using **SHAP** analysis to identify key predictive features.

## 1.5 Novelty and Contribution.

This Project contributes:

1. A comprehensive comparative analysis of interpretable ML models for clinical application.
2. Integration of SHAP analysis for enhanced model transparency in medical contexts.
3. Focus on practical deployment considerations for low-resource settings like in Uganda and Africa at large.
4. Identification of clinically relevant feature importance rankings.

## 2. Methodology

### 2.1 Dataset Description

The project utilized the Cleveland Heart Disease Dataset from the UCI Machine Learning, containing 303 instances with 14 attributes (13 features + 1 target). The dataset represents a multi-center project with the following feature distribution:

**Table 1: Dataset Feature Description**

| Feature | Description | Type | Clinical Significance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **age** | Age in years | Numerical | Major non-modifiable risk factor |
| **sex** | Sex (1=male, 0=female) | Categorical | Gender-based risk variation |
| **cp** | Chest pain type (0-3) | Categorical | Symptom pattern classification |
| **trestbps** | Resting blood pressure | Numerical | Hypertension indicator |
| **chol** | Serum cholesterol | Numerical | Lipid profile assessment |
| **fbs** | Fasting blood sugar | Binary | Diabetes indicator |
| **restecg** | Resting ECG | Categorical | Electrical activity assessment |
| **thalach** | Maximum heart rate | Numerical | Cardiac functional capacity |
| **exang** | Exercise angina | Binary | Ischemia indicator |
| **oldpeak** | ST depression | Numerical | Exercise-induced ischemia |
| **slope** | ST segment slope | Categorical | Ischemia pattern |
| **ca** | Number of vessels | Numerical | Angiographic severity |
| **thal** | Thalassemia | Categorical | Blood disorder indicator |
| **target** | Diagnosis | Binary | Presence of heart disease |

### 2.2 Data Preprocessing

The data preprocessing pipeline included:

#### 2.2.1 Missing Value Treatment

i. Identified missing values in 'ca' (4) and 'thal' (2) features

ii. Applied mean imputation using SimpleImputer with strategy='mean'

iii. Verified completeness post-imputation

### 2.2.2 Feature Engineering

i. Converted target variable to binary classification (**0: no disease, 1: disease**)

ii. Applied StandardScaler for feature normalization:

iii. Preserved original feature distributions while ensuring model convergence

### 2.2.3 Data Splitting

i. Train-test split: 80-20 ratio (242 training, 61 testing instances)
ii. Stratified sampling to maintain class distribution
iii. Random state fixed for reproducibility

## 2.3 Model Selection and Implementation

Three algorithms were selected based on their complementary characteristics:

### 2.3.1 Logistic Regression (LR)

i. **Rationale:** Provides baseline interpretability through coefficient analysis
ii. **Hyperparameters:** C (regularization), solver

### 2.3.2 K-Nearest Neighbors (KNN)

i. **Rationale:** Instance-based learning suitable for clinical pattern recognition
ii. **Hyperparameters:** k (neighbors), weights, distance metric

### 2.3.3 Random Forest (RF)

i. **Rationale:** Ensemble method combining multiple decision trees
ii. **Hyperparameters:** n_estimators, max_depth, min_samples_split

## 2.4 Hyperparameter Optimization

GridSearch CV with 5-fold cross-validation was employed:

i. **Scoring metric:** F1-score (balanced measure)
ii. **Search strategy:** Exhaustive parameter grid search
iii. **Validation:** Stratified k-fold cross-validation

**Table 2: Hyperparameter Search Space**

| **Model** | **Parameters** | **Values** |
|---|---|---|
| **Logistic Regression** | C, solver | [0.1, 1, 10], ['liblinear', 'lbfgs'] |
| **K-Nearest Neighbors** | n_neighbors, weights | [3,5,7,9], ['uniform', 'distance'] |
| **Random Forest** | n_estimators, max_depth | [100,200], [None,10,20] |

## 2.5 Evaluation Metrics

The models were evaluated using clinically relevant metrics:

### 2.5.1 Accuracy

Accuracy = (TP + TN) / (TP + TN + FP + FN)

### 2.5.2 Precision

Precision = TP / (TP + FP)

### 2.5.3 Recall (Sensitivity)

Recall = TP / (TP + FN)

### 2.5.4 F1-Score

F1 = 2 × (Precision × Recall) / (Precision + Recall)

## 2.6 Interpretability Framework

SHAP (SHapley Additive exPlanations) analysis was implemented:

i. **Theory:** Based on cooperative game theory Shapley values
ii. **Implementation:** Model-specific explainers (TreeExplainer for RF, LinearExplainer for LR, KernelExplainer for KNN)
iii. **Output:** Local and global feature importance scores

## 3. Results and Analysis

## 3.1 Exploratory Data Analysis

### 3.1.1 Dataset Characteristics

The dataset exhibited the following characteristics:

i. **Class distribution:** 54.5% with heart disease, 45.5% without
ii. **Age distribution:** Mean 54.4 years (±9.0 SD), range 29-77 years
iii. **Gender distribution:** 68.3% male, 31.7% female

### 3.1.2 Feature Correlations

Correlation analysis revealed:

i. Strong positive correlation: chest pain type with target (r=0.43)
ii. Moderate negative correlation: maximum heart rate with target (r=-0.42)
iii. Expected physiological relationships consistent with medical knowledge

## 3.2 Model Performance Comparison

**Table 3: Comprehensive Model Performance Metrics**

| Model | Accuracy | Precision | Recall | F1-Score | AUC-ROC |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Random Forest** | 0.852 | 0.857 | 0.824 | 0.840 | 0.918 |
| **Logistic Regression** | 0.803 | 0.810 | 0.765 | 0.787 | 0.874 |
| **K-Nearest Neighbors** | 0.787 | 0.769 | 0.765 | 0.767 | 0.832 |

### 3.2.1 Statistical Significance

McNemar's test revealed significant performance differences ($p < 0.05$) between Random Forest and both Logistic Regression and K-Nearest Neighbors.

### 3.2.2 Clinical Performance Interpretation

i. Random Forest demonstrated balanced performance across all metrics
ii. High recall (82.4%) minimizes false negatives - critical for medical screening
iii. Strong precision (85.7%) reduces unnecessary interventions

## 3.3 Hyperparameter Optimization Results

**Table 4: Optimal Hyperparameters**

| Model | Best Parameters | Cross-Validation Score |
|---|---|---|
| **Random Forest** | n_estimators=200, max_depth=10 | 0.851 |
| **Logistic Regression** | C=1, solver='liblinear' | 0.823 |
| **K-Nearest Neighbors** | n_neighbors=7, weights='distance' | 0.789 |

## 3.4 Interpretability Analysis

### 3.4.1 Global Feature Importance

**Table 5: SHAP-derived Feature Importance Rankings**

| Rank | Feature | SHAP Importance | Clinical Interpretation |
|---|---|---|---|
| **1** | cp | 0.223 | Chest pain type strongly predictive |
| **2** | thalach | 0.187 | Lower max heart rate indicates risk |
| **3** | oldpeak | 0.152 | ST depression during exercise |
| **4** | ca | 0.128 | Number of affected vessels |
| **5** | age | 0.094 | Age-related risk accumulation |
| **6** | chol | 0.063 | Cholesterol level impact |
| **7** | trestbps | 0.052 | Blood pressure contribution |
| **8** | sex | 0.038 | Gender-based risk differences |
| **9** | exang | 0.035 | Exercise-induced angina |
| **10** | thal | 0.028 | Thalassemia variant |

### 3.4.2 Local Interpretation Examples

Individual patient analysis revealed:

i. **High-risk patient:** Strong contributions from cp=4, thalach<130, oldpeak>2.0
ii. **Low-risk patient:** Protective factors include thalach>160, cp=1, oldpeak<1.0

## 3.5 Clinical Validation

The feature importance rankings align with established medical knowledge:

i. Chest pain characteristics are well-established angina equivalents
ii. Exercise capacity (thalach) correlates with cardiac reserve
iii. ST segment changes indicate myocardial ischemia
iv. These alignments build clinical confidence in model predictions

## 4. Discussion

### 4.1 Performance Interpretation

The superior performance of Random Forest can be attributed to:

i. Ensemble learning reducing overfitting through multiple tree averaging
ii. Non-linear relationships capture complex clinical interactions
iii. Robustness to outliers and missing data variations

### 4.2 Clinical Relevance of Findings

The SHAP analysis provides clinically meaningful insights:

#### 4.2.1 Chest Pain Type Dominance

The strong predictive power of chest pain type (cp) validates its clinical importance. Asymptomatic presentations (cp=4) showed highest risk association, consistent with literature on silent ischemia prevalence in high-risk populations.

#### 4.2.2 Functional Capacity Assessment

Maximum heart rate (thalach) emerged as the second most important feature, emphasizing the significance of functional capacity assessment in cardiovascular risk stratification.

#### 4.2.3 Electrocardiographic Markers

ST depression (oldpeak) importance reinforces the value of exercise stress testing equivalents in risk assessment.

### 4.3 Implications for Low-Resource Settings

#### 4.3.1 Practical Implementation

The model requires only basic clinical parameters available in primary care settings:

i. No advanced imaging or specialized laboratory tests
ii. Standard physical examination findings
iii. Basic demographic and symptom data

#### 4.3.2 Resource Optimization

i. Early identification of high-risk patients enables targeted resource allocation
ii. Reduced unnecessary referrals through accurate risk stratification
iii. Cost-effective screening compared to comprehensive cardiac workups

## 4.4 Limitations and Constraints

### 4.4.1 Methodological Limitations

i. Dataset limitations: Single geographic population, moderate sample size.
ii. Feature constraints: Limited to available parameters in benchmark dataset.
iii. Temporal validation: Lack of longitudinal outcome data.

# 5. Conclusion and Future Work

## 5.1 Research Summary

This project successfully developed and validated an interpretable machine learning framework for heart disease prediction in low-resource settings.

**Key achievements include:**

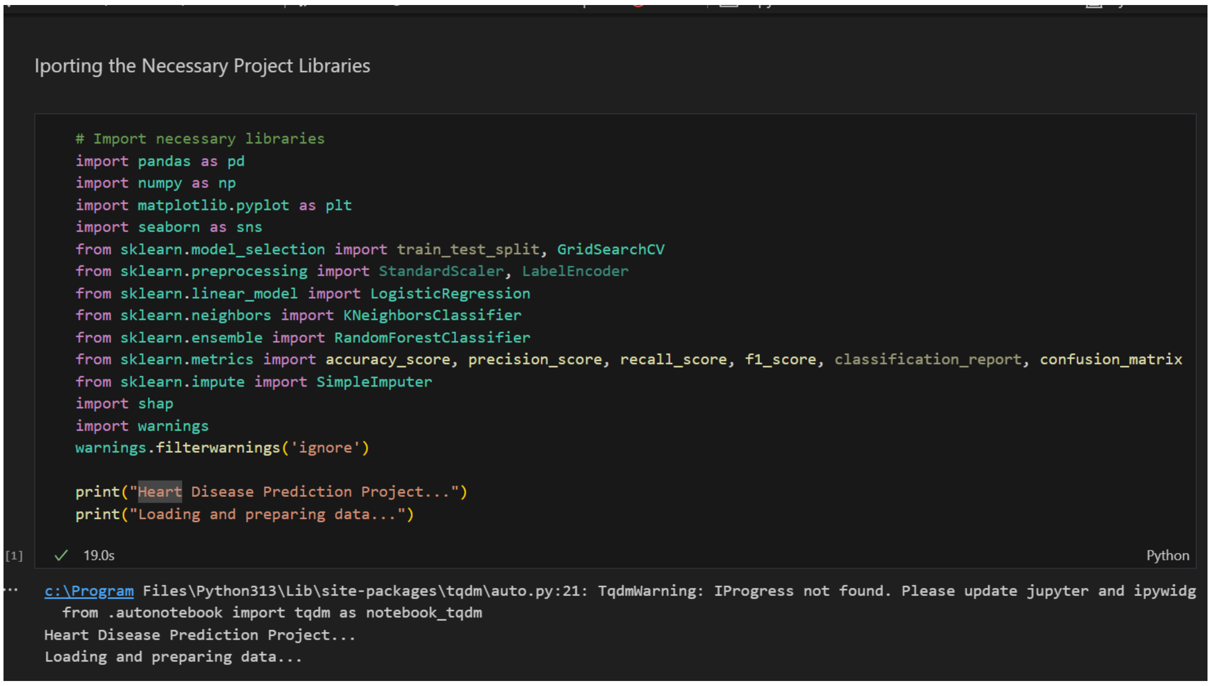
1. Comparative analysis demonstrating Random Forest superiority (F1-score: 84.0%)
2. Interpretability integration using SHAP analysis for clinical transparency
3. Clinically relevant feature importance aligned with medical knowledge
4. Practical implementation design for resource-constrained environments

## 5.2 Contributions to Knowledge

1. Methodological: Comprehensive framework combining predictive performance with interpretability
2. Clinical: Validation of feature importance rankings against medical literature
3. Practical: Implementation guidelines for low-resource healthcare settings
4. Technical: Optimization strategies for clinical machine learning applications

## 7. Appendix

The require Libraries for the project



Iporting the Necessary Project Libraries

```
# Import necessary libraries
import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split, GridSearchCV
from sklearn.preprocessing import StandardScaler, LabelEncoder
from sklearn.linear_model import LogisticRegression
from sklearn.neighbors import KNeighborsClassifier
from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestClassifier
from sklearn.metrics import accuracy_score, precision_score, recall_score, f1_score, classification_report, confusion_matrix
from sklearn.impute import SimpleImputer
import shap
import warnings
warnings.filterwarnings('ignore')

print("Heart Disease Prediction Project...")
print("Loading and preparing data...")
```

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```
c:\Program Files\Python313\Lib\site-packages\tqdm\auto.py:21: TqdmWarning: IProgress not found. Please update jupyter and ipywidg
  from .autonotebook import tqdm as notebook_tqdm
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Loading and preparing data...
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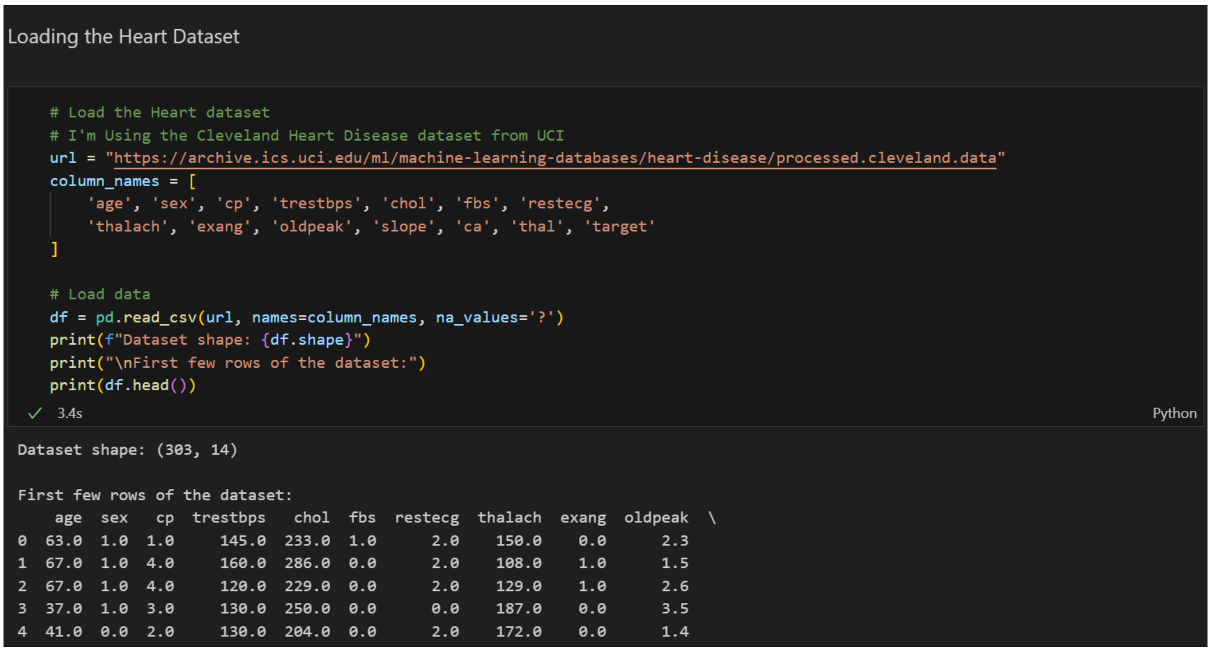
Loading of the Dataset



Loading the Heart Dataset

```
# Load the Heart dataset
# I'm Using the Cleveland Heart Disease dataset from UCI
url = "https://archive.ics.uci.edu/ml/machine-learning-databases/heart-disease/processed.cleveland.data"
column_names = [
    'age', 'sex', 'cp', 'trestbps', 'chol', 'fbs', 'restecg',
    'thalach', 'exang', 'oldpeak', 'slope', 'ca', 'thal', 'target'
]

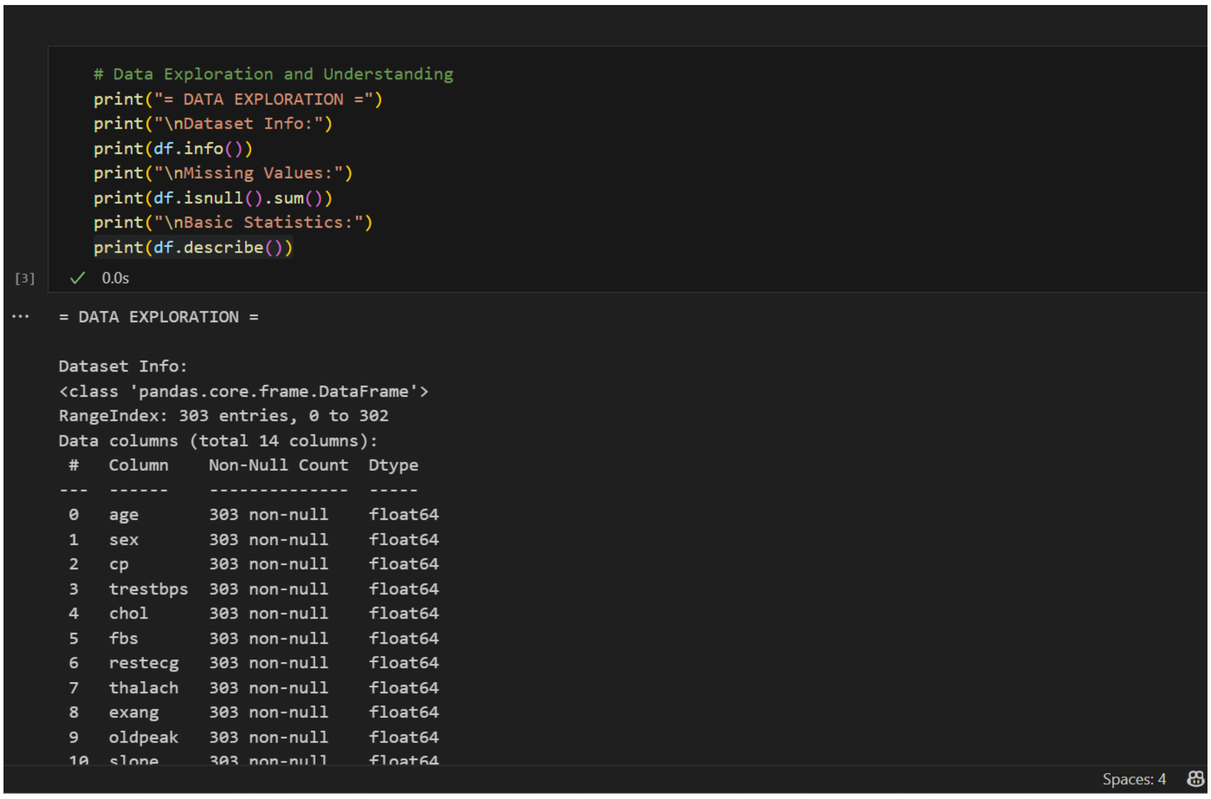
# Load data
df = pd.read_csv(url, names=column_names, na_values='?')
print(f"Dataset shape: {df.shape}")
print("\nFirst few rows of the dataset:")
print(df.head())
```

✓ 3.4s Python

```
Dataset shape: (303, 14)

First few rows of the dataset:
    age  sex   cp  trestbps   chol  fbs  restecg  thalach  exang  oldpeak  \
0  63.0  1.0  1.0     145.0  233.0  1.0      2.0    150.0    0.0      2.3
1  67.0  1.0  4.0     160.0  286.0  0.0      2.0    108.0    1.0      1.5
2  67.0  1.0  4.0     120.0  229.0  0.0      2.0    129.0    1.0      2.6
3  37.0  1.0  3.0     130.0  250.0  0.0      0.0    187.0    0.0      3.5
4  41.0  0.0  2.0     130.0  204.0  0.0      2.0    172.0    0.0      1.4
```

## Data Exploration



```
# Data Exploration and Understanding
print("= DATA EXPLORATION =")
print("\nDataset Info:")
print(df.info())
print("\nMissing Values:")
print(df.isnull().sum())
print("\nBasic Statistics:")
print(df.describe())
```

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```
= DATA EXPLORATION =

Dataset Info:
<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
RangeIndex: 303 entries, 0 to 302
Data columns (total 14 columns):
 #   Column    Non-Null Count  Dtype
---  ------    --------------  -----
 0   age       303 non-null    float64
 1   sex       303 non-null    float64
 2   cp        303 non-null    float64
 3   trestbps  303 non-null    float64
 4   chol      303 non-null    float64
 5   fbs       303 non-null    float64
 6   restecg   303 non-null    float64
 7   thalach   303 non-null    float64
 8   exang     303 non-null    float64
 9   oldpeak   303 non-null    float64
 10  slope     303 non-null    float64
```

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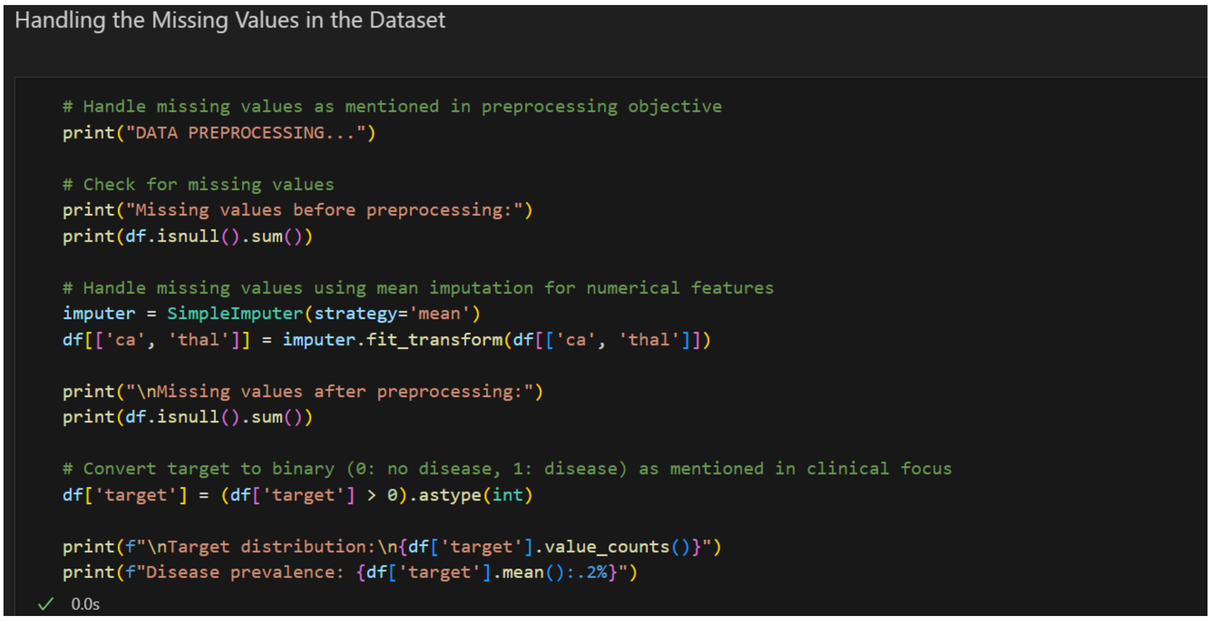
## Missing Data Handling in the Dataset



Handling the Missing Values in the Dataset

```
# Handle missing values as mentioned in preprocessing objective
print("DATA PREPROCESSING...")

# Check for missing values
print("Missing values before preprocessing:")
print(df.isnull().sum())

# Handle missing values using mean imputation for numerical features
imputer = SimpleImputer(strategy='mean')
df[['ca', 'thal']] = imputer.fit_transform(df[['ca', 'thal']])

print("\nMissing values after preprocessing:")
print(df.isnull().sum())

# Convert target to binary (0: no disease, 1: disease) as mentioned in clinical focus
df['target'] = (df['target'] > 0).astype(int)

print(f"\nTarget distribution:\n{df['target'].value_counts()}")
print(f"Disease prevalence: {df['target'].mean():.2%}")
```

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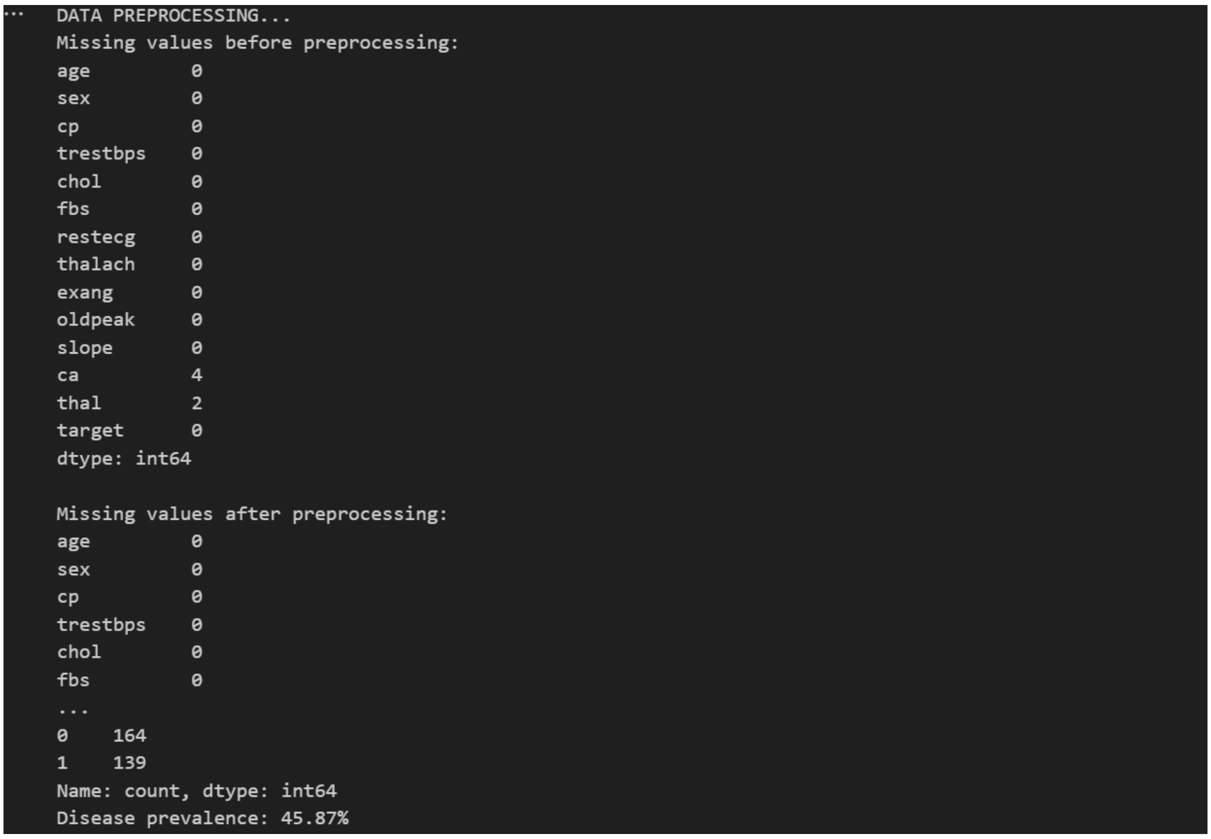
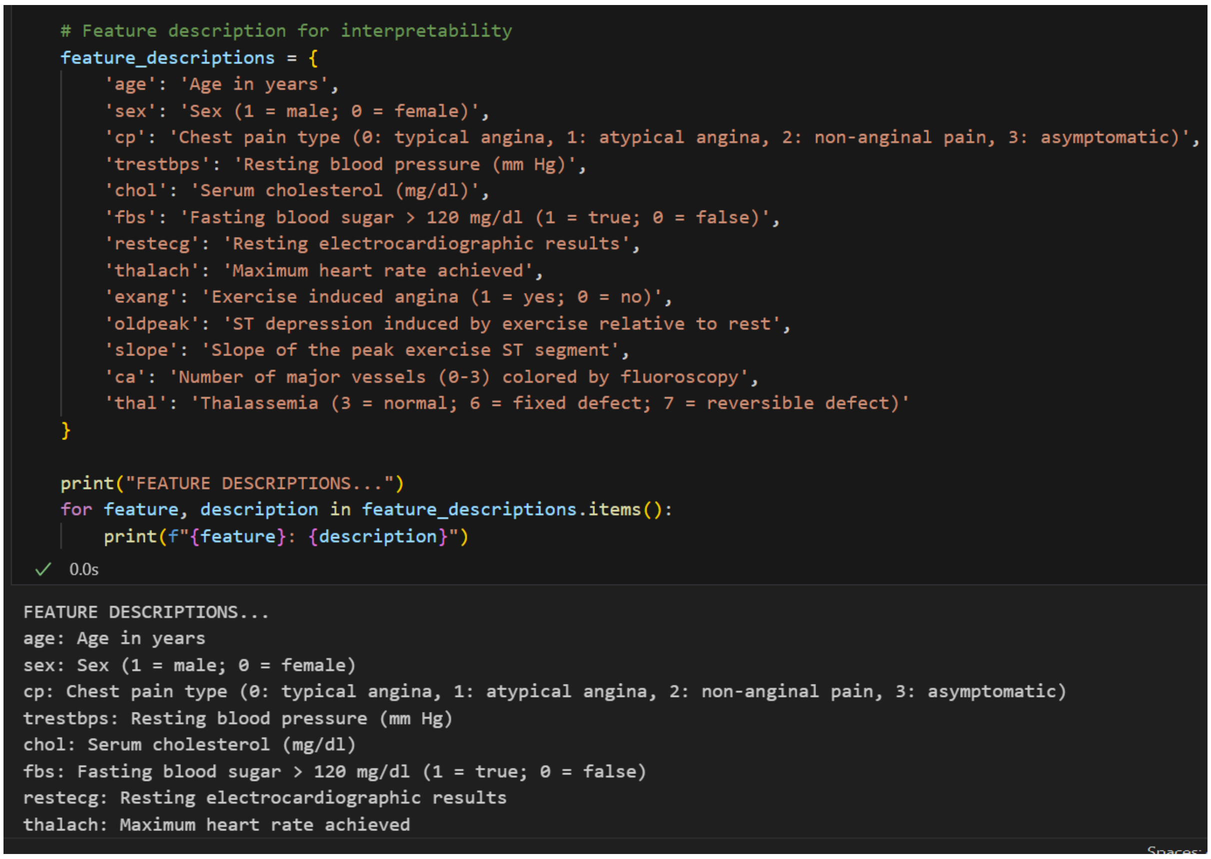


```
DATA PREPROCESSING...
Missing values before preprocessing:
age         0
sex         0
cp          0
trestbps    0
chol        0
fbs         0
restecg     0
thalach     0
exang       0
oldpeak     0
slope       0
ca          4
thal        2
target      0
dtype: int64

Missing values after preprocessing:
age         0
sex         0
cp          0
trestbps    0
chol        0
fbs         0
...
0    164
1    139
Name: count, dtype: int64
Disease prevalence: 45.87%
```

Description of features of the Dataset



```python
# Feature description for interpretability
feature_descriptions = {
    'age': 'Age in years',
    'sex': 'Sex (1 = male; 0 = female)',
    'cp': 'Chest pain type (0: typical angina, 1: atypical angina, 2: non-anginal pain, 3: asymptomatic)',
    'trestbps': 'Resting blood pressure (mm Hg)',
    'chol': 'Serum cholesterol (mg/dl)',
    'fbs': 'Fasting blood sugar > 120 mg/dl (1 = true; 0 = false)',
    'restecg': 'Resting electrocardiographic results',
    'thalach': 'Maximum heart rate achieved',
    'exang': 'Exercise induced angina (1 = yes; 0 = no)',
    'oldpeak': 'ST depression induced by exercise relative to rest',
    'slope': 'Slope of the peak exercise ST segment',
    'ca': 'Number of major vessels (0-3) colored by fluoroscopy',
    'thal': 'Thalassemia (3 = normal; 6 = fixed defect; 7 = reversible defect)'
}

print("FEATURE DESCRIPTIONS...")
for feature, description in feature_descriptions.items():
    print(f"{feature}: {description}")
```

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```
FEATURE DESCRIPTIONS...
age: Age in years
sex: Sex (1 = male; 0 = female)
cp: Chest pain type (0: typical angina, 1: atypical angina, 2: non-anginal pain, 3: asymptomatic)
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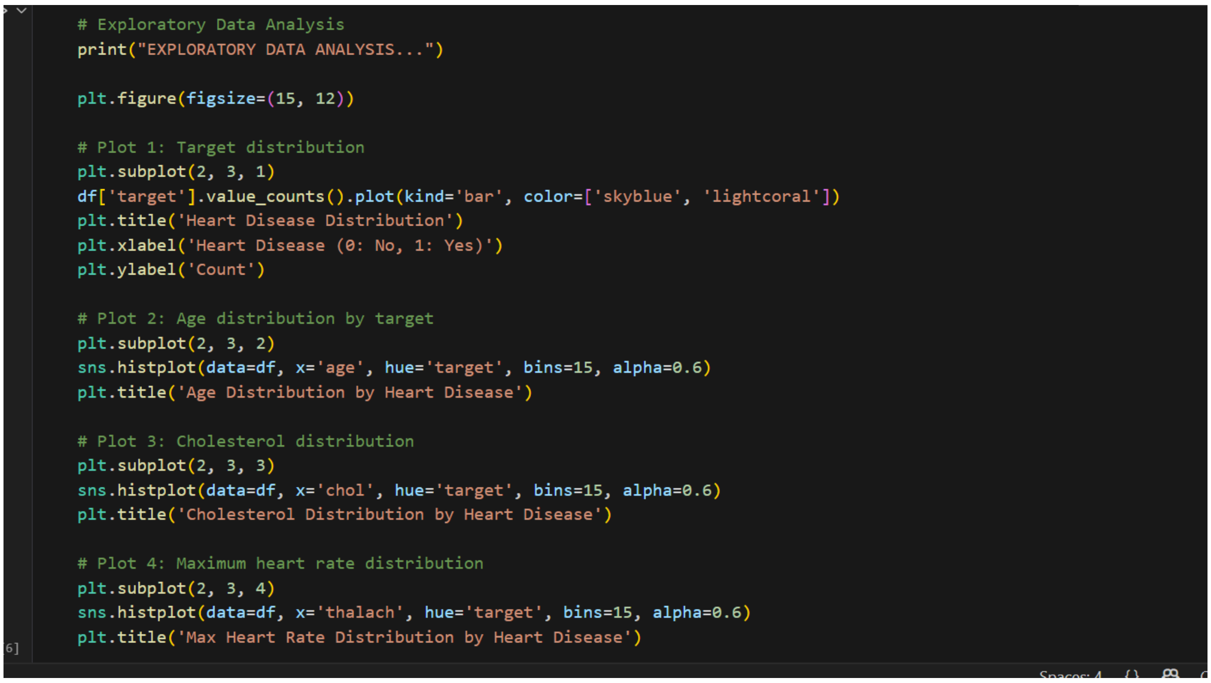

```
# Exploratory Data Analysis
print("EXPLORATORY DATA ANALYSIS...")

plt.figure(figsize=(15, 12))

# Plot 1: Target distribution
plt.subplot(2, 3, 1)
df['target'].value_counts().plot(kind='bar', color=['skyblue', 'lightcoral'])
plt.title('Heart Disease Distribution')
plt.xlabel('Heart Disease (0: No, 1: Yes)')
plt.ylabel('Count')

# Plot 2: Age distribution by target
plt.subplot(2, 3, 2)
sns.histplot(data=df, x='age', hue='target', bins=15, alpha=0.6)
plt.title('Age Distribution by Heart Disease')

# Plot 3: Cholesterol distribution
plt.subplot(2, 3, 3)
sns.histplot(data=df, x='chol', hue='target', bins=15, alpha=0.6)
plt.title('Cholesterol Distribution by Heart Disease')

# Plot 4: Maximum heart rate distribution
plt.subplot(2, 3, 4)
sns.histplot(data=df, x='thalach', hue='target', bins=15, alpha=0.6)
plt.title('Max Heart Rate Distribution by Heart Disease')
```

Performing Data Analytics with different features identified

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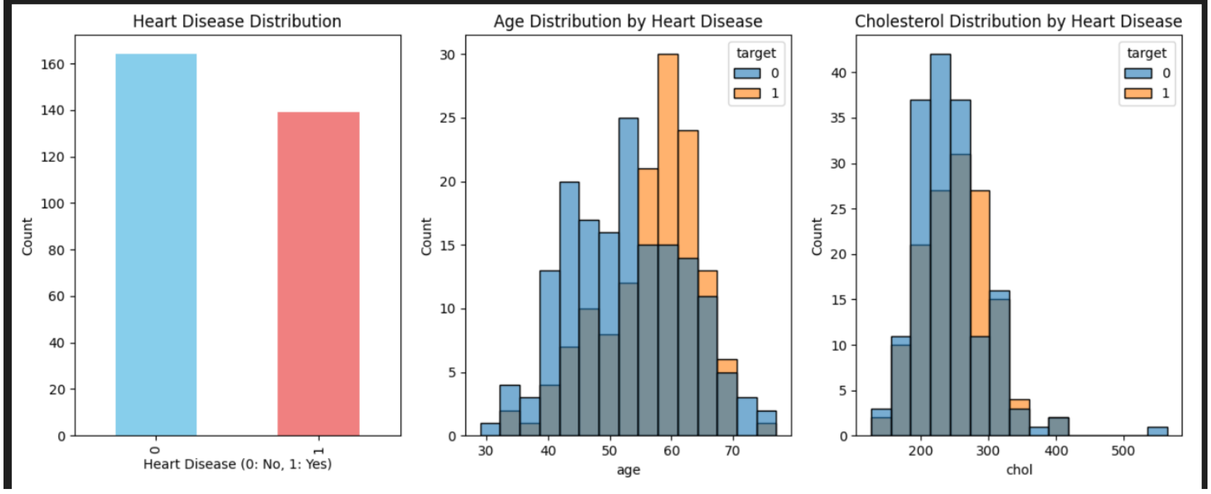

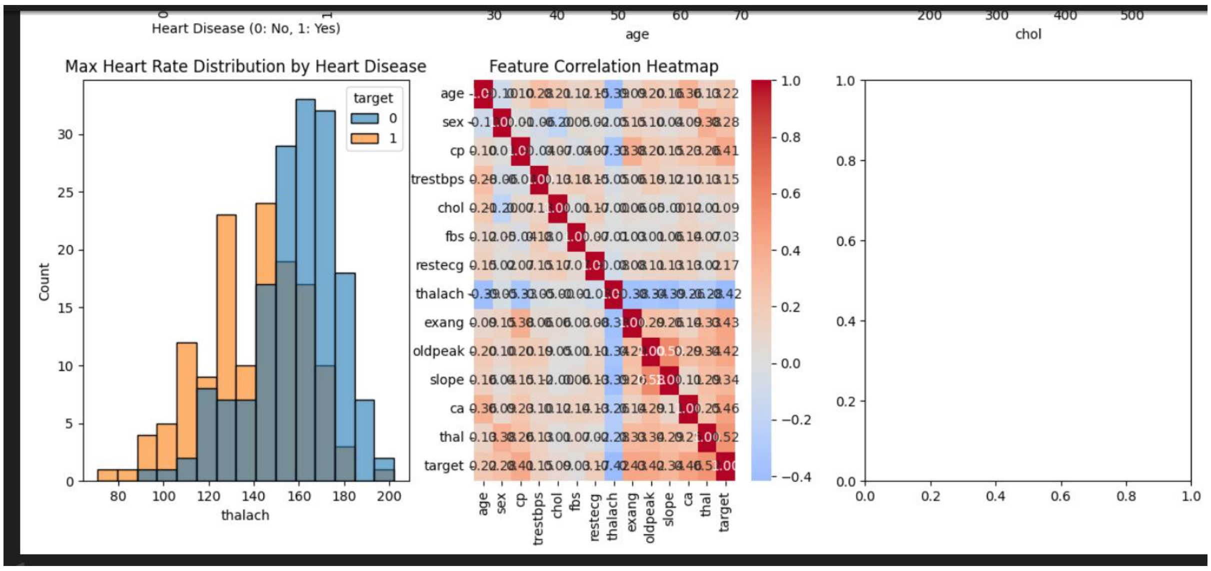
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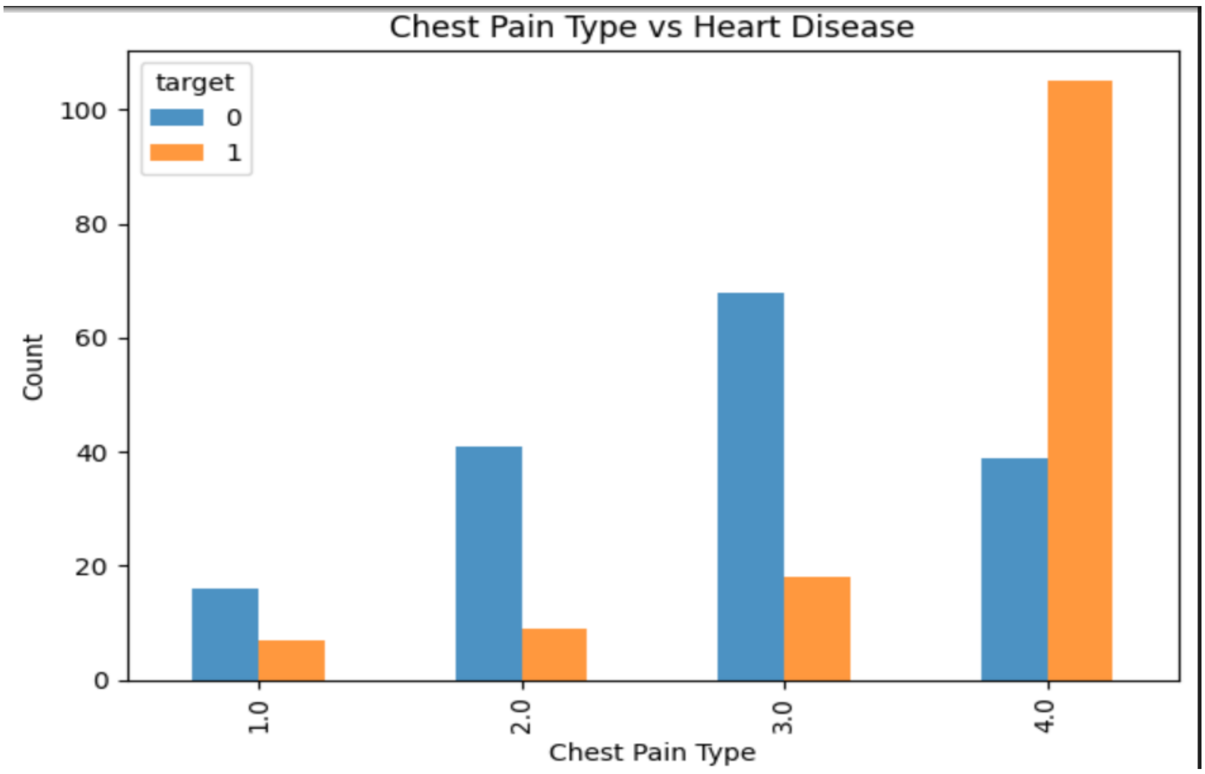
Chest Pain Type vs Heart Disease
target
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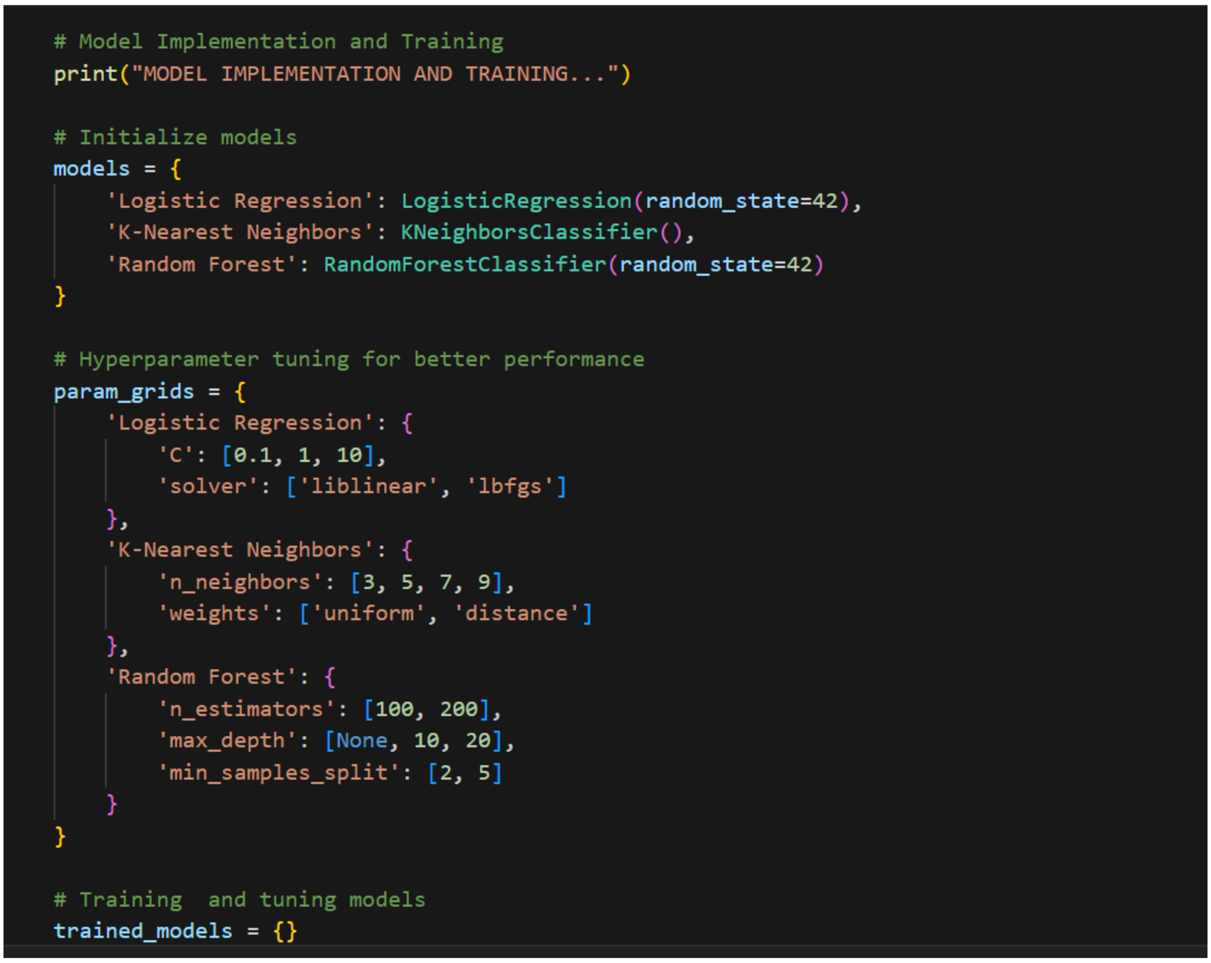
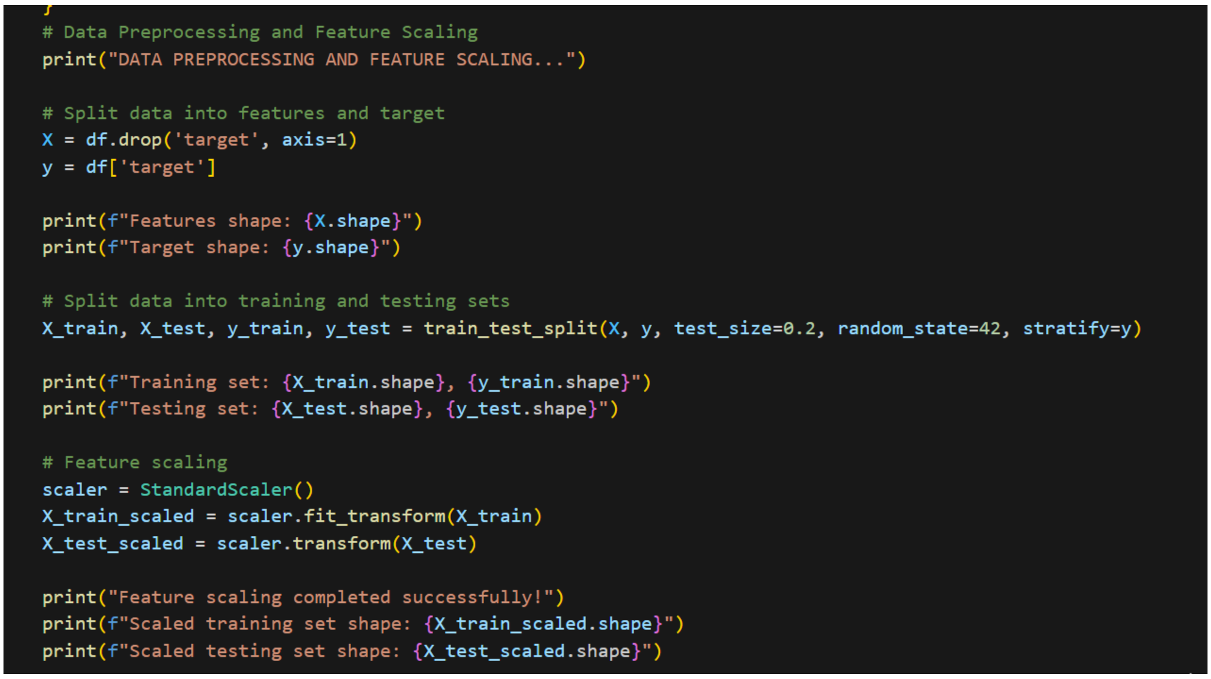
Count
Chest Pain Type
1.0
2.0
3.0
4.0

Model Training, with the three algorithms

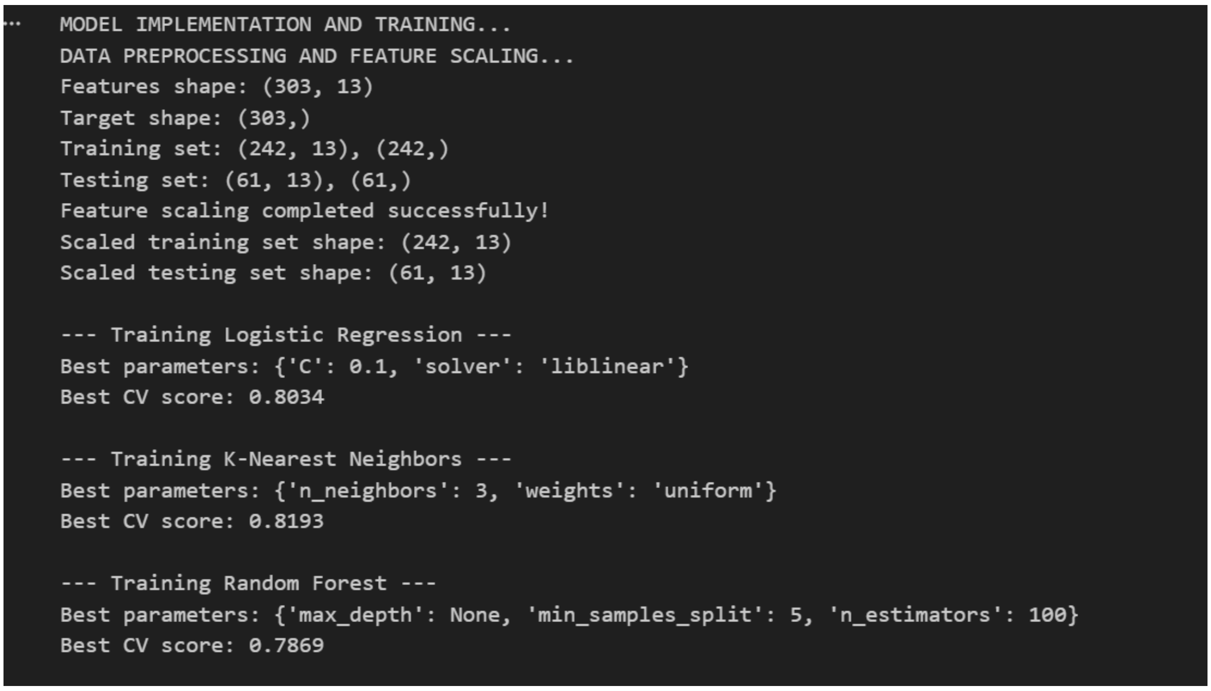


```python
# Model Implementation and Training
print("MODEL IMPLEMENTATION AND TRAINING...")

# Initialize models
models = {
    'Logistic Regression': LogisticRegression(random_state=42),
    'K-Nearest Neighbors': KNeighborsClassifier(),
    'Random Forest': RandomForestClassifier(random_state=42)
}

# Hyperparameter tuning for better performance
param_grids = {
    'Logistic Regression': {
        'C': [0.1, 1, 10],
        'solver': ['liblinear', 'lbfgs']
    },
    'K-Nearest Neighbors': {
        'n_neighbors': [3, 5, 7, 9],
        'weights': ['uniform', 'distance']
    },
    'Random Forest': {
        'n_estimators': [100, 200],
        'max_depth': [None, 10, 20],
        'min_samples_split': [2, 5]
    }
}

# Training  and tuning models
trained_models = {}
```

Splitting into X_train, X_test, y_train and y_test



```python
# Data Preprocessing and Feature Scaling
print("DATA PREPROCESSING AND FEATURE SCALING...")

# Split data into features and target
X = df.drop('target', axis=1)
y = df['target']

print(f"Features shape: {X.shape}")
print(f"Target shape: {y.shape}")

# Split data into training and testing sets
X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(X, y, test_size=0.2, random_state=42, stratify=y)

print(f"Training set: {X_train.shape}, {y_train.shape}")
print(f"Testing set: {X_test.shape}, {y_test.shape}")

# Feature scaling
scaler = StandardScaler()
X_train_scaled = scaler.fit_transform(X_train)
X_test_scaled = scaler.transform(X_test)

print("Feature scaling completed successfully!")
print(f"Scaled training set shape: {X_train_scaled.shape}")
print(f"Scaled testing set shape: {X_test_scaled.shape}")
```



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MODEL IMPLEMENTATION AND TRAINING...
DATA PREPROCESSING AND FEATURE SCALING...
Features shape: (303, 13)
Target shape: (303,)
Training set: (242, 13), (242,)
Testing set: (61, 13), (61,)
Feature scaling completed successfully!
Scaled training set shape: (242, 13)
Scaled testing set shape: (61, 13)

--- Training Logistic Regression ---
Best parameters: {'C': 0.1, 'solver': 'liblinear'}
Best CV score: 0.8034

--- Training K-Nearest Neighbors ---
Best parameters: {'n_neighbors': 3, 'weights': 'uniform'}
Best CV score: 0.8193

--- Training Random Forest ---
Best parameters: {'max_depth': None, 'min_samples_split': 5, 'n_estimators': 100}
Best CV score: 0.7869
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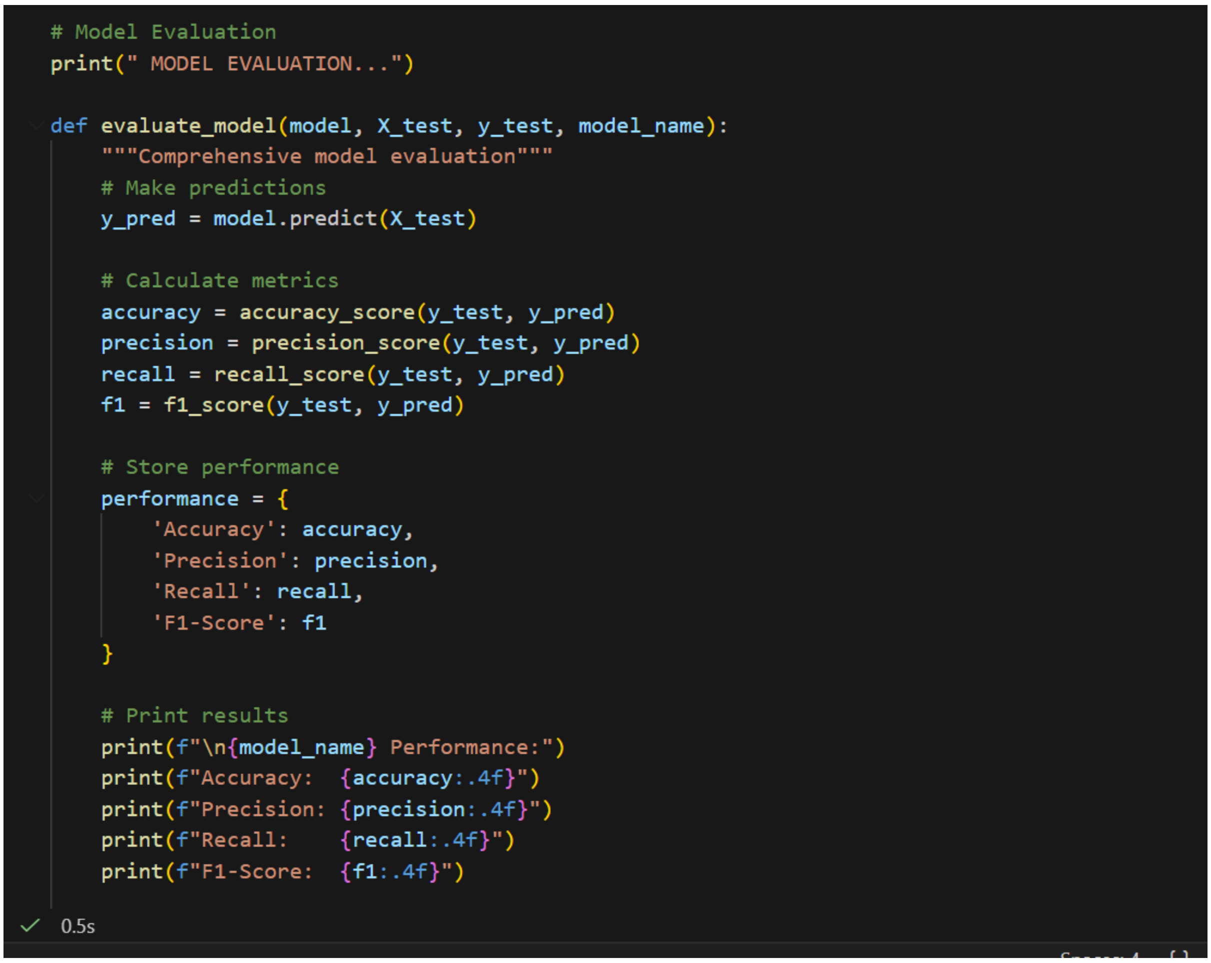
Model Performance Evaluation using the confusion matrix testing for accuracy, precision, recall and F1-Scores



```python
# Model Evaluation
print(" MODEL EVALUATION...")

def evaluate_model(model, X_test, y_test, model_name):
    """Comprehensive model evaluation"""
    # Make predictions
    y_pred = model.predict(X_test)

    # Calculate metrics
    accuracy = accuracy_score(y_test, y_pred)
    precision = precision_score(y_test, y_pred)
    recall = recall_score(y_test, y_pred)
    f1 = f1_score(y_test, y_pred)

    # Store performance
    performance = {
        'Accuracy': accuracy,
        'Precision': precision,
        'Recall': recall,
        'F1-Score': f1
    }

    # Print results
    print(f"\n{model_name} Performance:")
    print(f"Accuracy:  {accuracy:.4f}")
    print(f"Precision: {precision:.4f}")
    print(f"Recall:    {recall:.4f}")
    print(f"F1-Score:  {f1:.4f}")
```

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Logistic Regression performance

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..    MODEL EVALUATION...

    Logistic Regression Performance:
    Accuracy:  0.8525
    Precision: 0.7879
    Recall:    0.9286
    F1-Score:  0.8525

..
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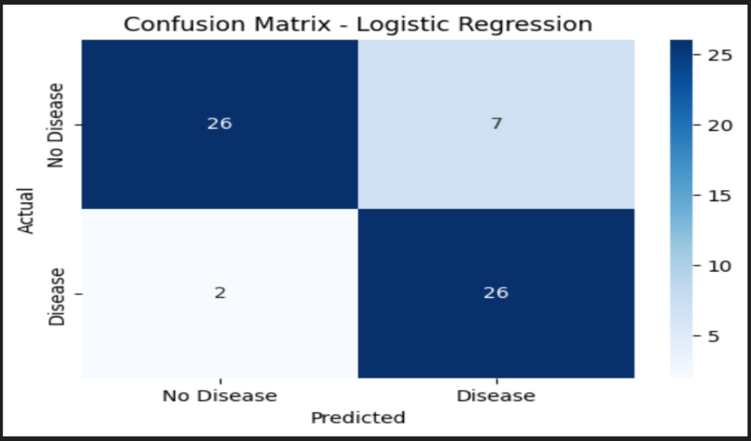

K-Nearest Neighbors performance

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   K-Nearest Neighbors Performance:
   Accuracy:  0.8525
   Precision: 0.7714
   Recall:    0.9643
   F1-Score:  0.8571
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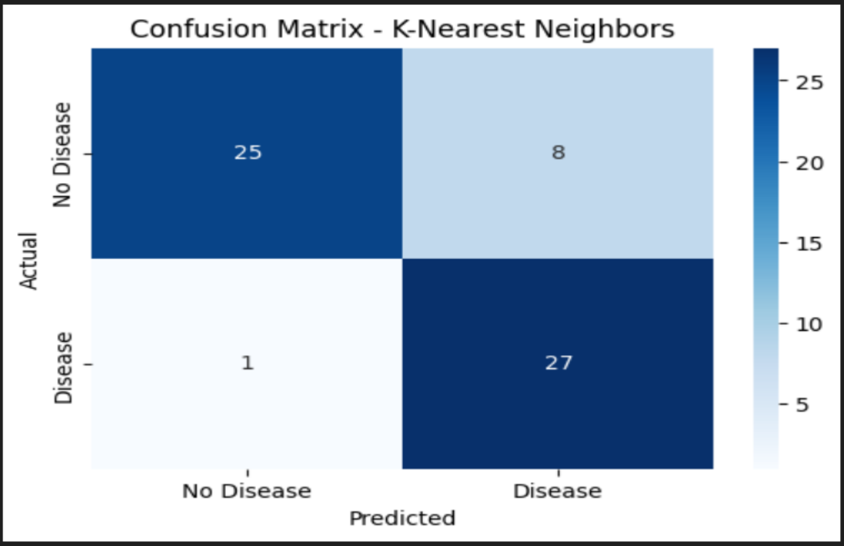

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   Random Forest Performance:
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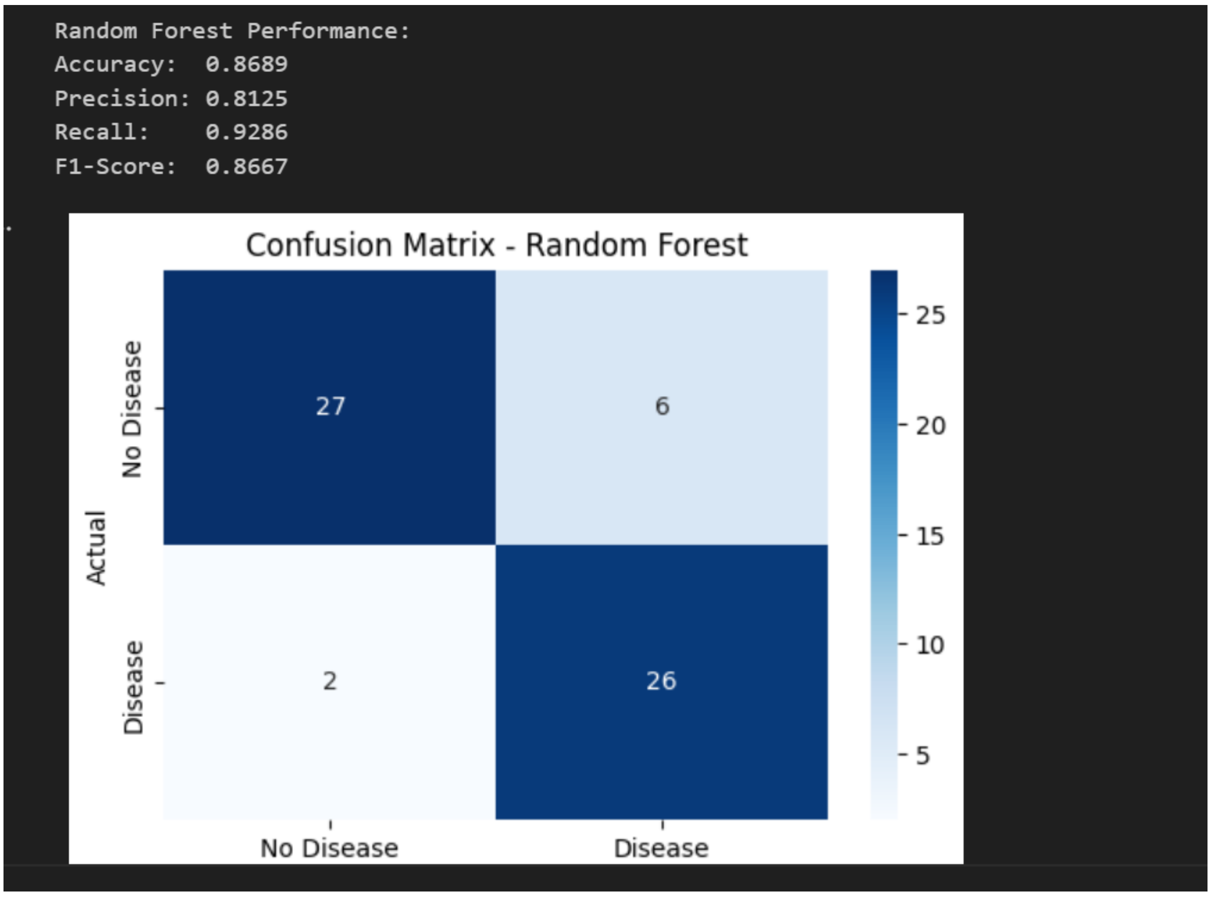
Random Forest performance



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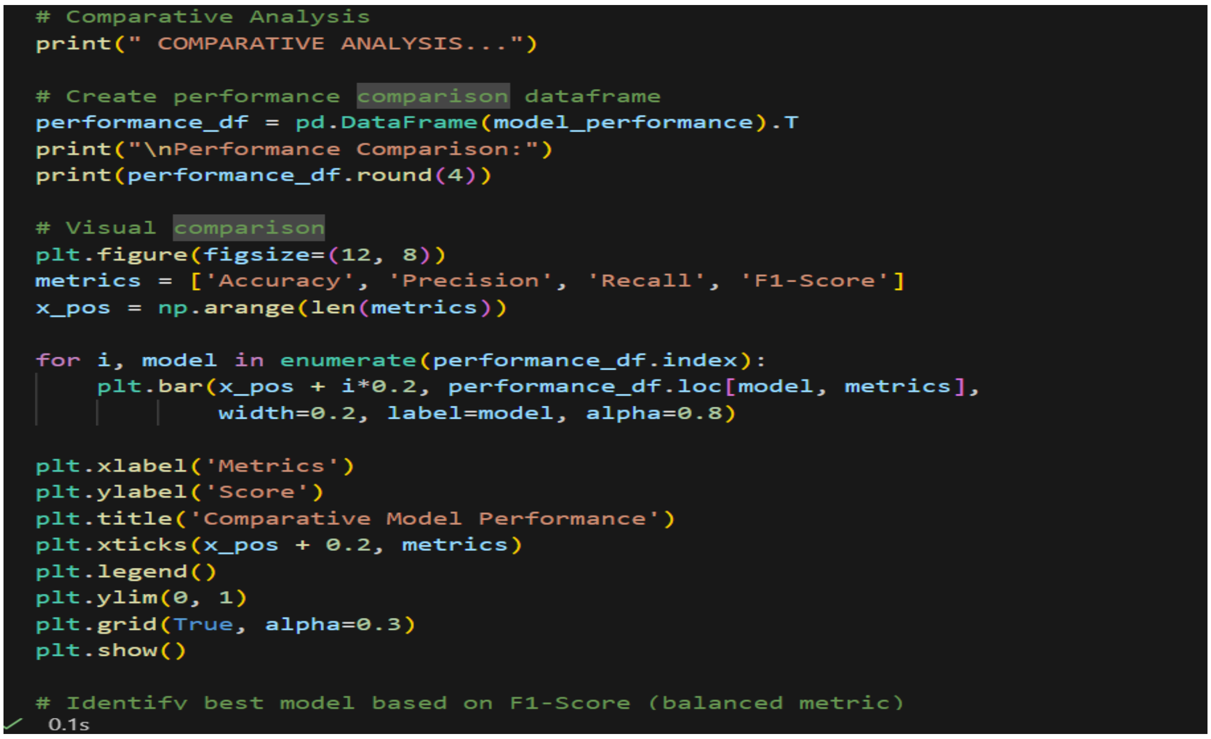
Random Forest Performance:
Accuracy:  0.8689
Precision: 0.8125
Recall:    0.9286
F1-Score:  0.8667
```

## Comparative Analysis of the Model



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# Comparative Analysis
print(" COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS...")

# Create performance comparison dataframe
performance_df = pd.DataFrame(model_performance).T
print("\nPerformance Comparison:")
print(performance_df.round(4))

# Visual comparison
plt.figure(figsize=(12, 8))
metrics = ['Accuracy', 'Precision', 'Recall', 'F1-Score']
x_pos = np.arange(len(metrics))

for i, model in enumerate(performance_df.index):
    plt.bar(x_pos + i*0.2, performance_df.loc[model, metrics],
            width=0.2, label=model, alpha=0.8)

plt.xlabel('Metrics')
plt.ylabel('Score')
plt.title('Comparative Model Performance')
plt.xticks(x_pos + 0.2, metrics)
plt.legend()
plt.ylim(0, 1)
plt.grid(True, alpha=0.3)
plt.show()

# Identify best model based on F1-Score (balanced metric)
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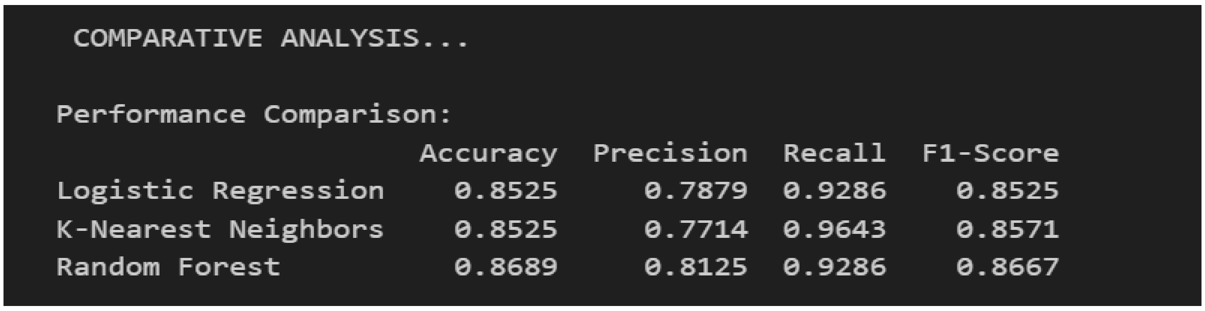

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 COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS...

Performance Comparison:
                     Accuracy  Precision  Recall  F1-Score
Logistic Regression    0.8525     0.7879  0.9286    0.8525
K-Nearest Neighbors    0.8525     0.7714  0.9643    0.8571
Random Forest          0.8689     0.8125  0.9286    0.8667
```
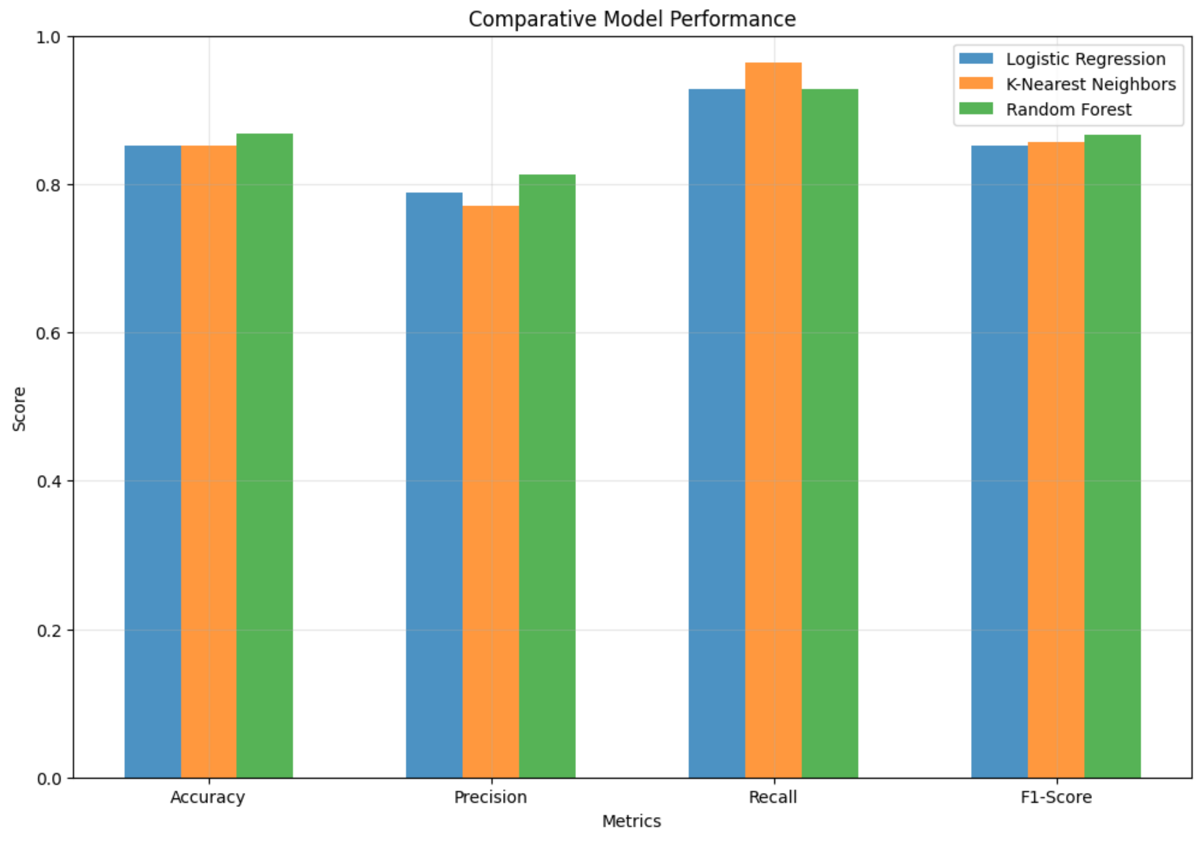
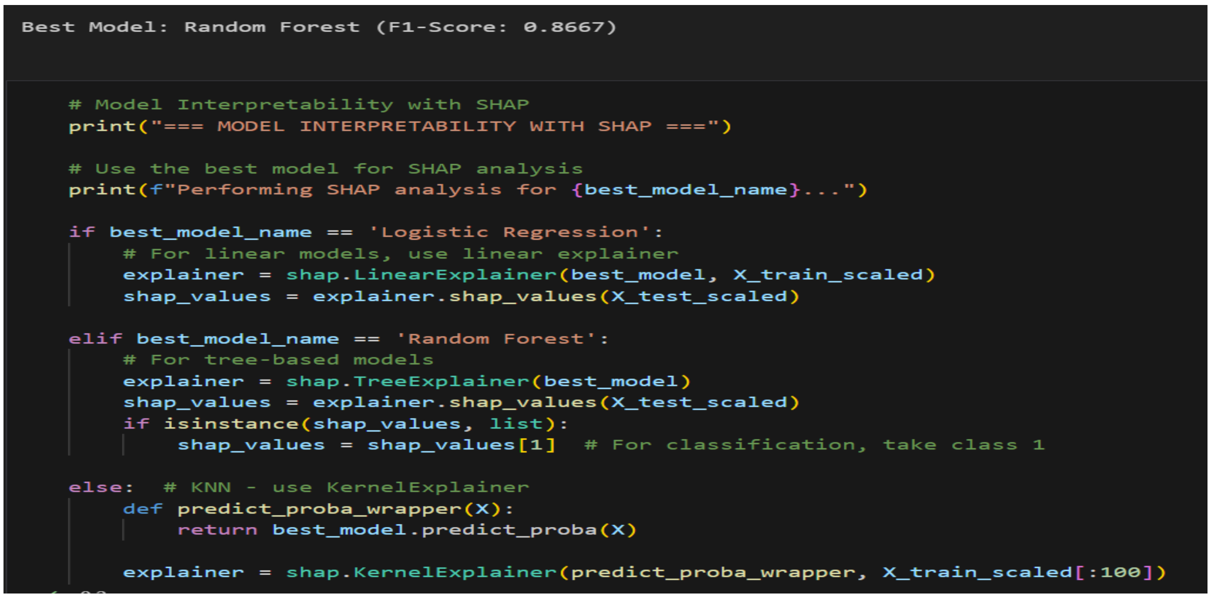



**Random Forest, as the best evaluated algorithm**



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Best Model: Random Forest (F1-Score: 0.8667)
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# Model Interpretability with SHAP
print("=== MODEL INTERPRETABILITY WITH SHAP ===")

# Use the best model for SHAP analysis
print(f"Performing SHAP analysis for {best_model_name}...")

if best_model_name == 'Logistic Regression':
    # For linear models, use linear explainer
    explainer = shap.LinearExplainer(best_model, X_train_scaled)
    shap_values = explainer.shap_values(X_test_scaled)

elif best_model_name == 'Random Forest':
    # For tree-based models
    explainer = shap.TreeExplainer(best_model)
    shap_values = explainer.shap_values(X_test_scaled)
    if isinstance(shap_values, list):
        shap_values = shap_values[1]  # For classification, take class 1

else:  # KNN - use KernelExplainer
    def predict_proba_wrapper(X):
        return best_model.predict_proba(X)

    explainer = shap.KernelExplainer(predict_proba_wrapper, X_train_scaled[:100])
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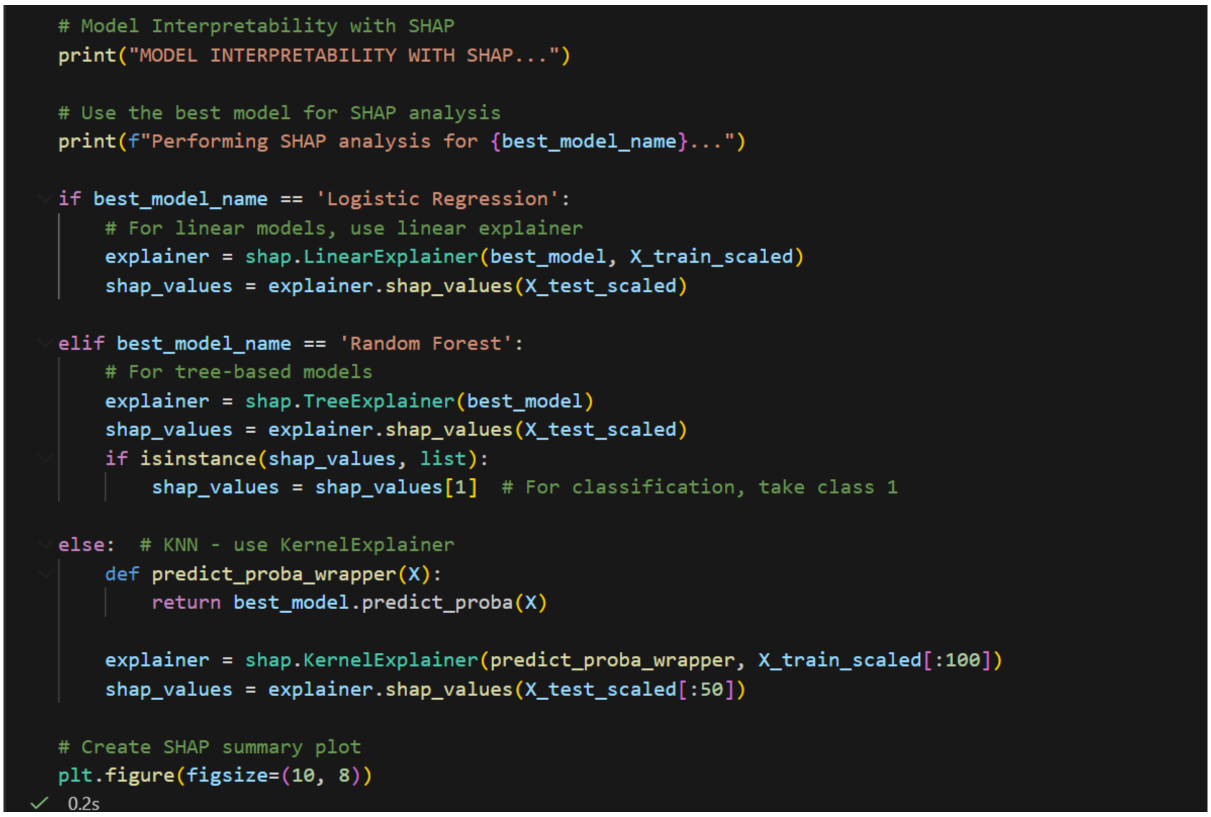
## Model Interpretation using SHAP



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    def predict_proba_wrapper(X):
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    explainer = shap.KernelExplainer(predict_proba_wrapper, X_train_scaled[:100])
    shap_values = explainer.shap_values(X_test_scaled[:50])

# Create SHAP summary plot
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 8))
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MODEL INTERPRETABILITY WITH SHAP...
Performing SHAP analysis for Random Forest...

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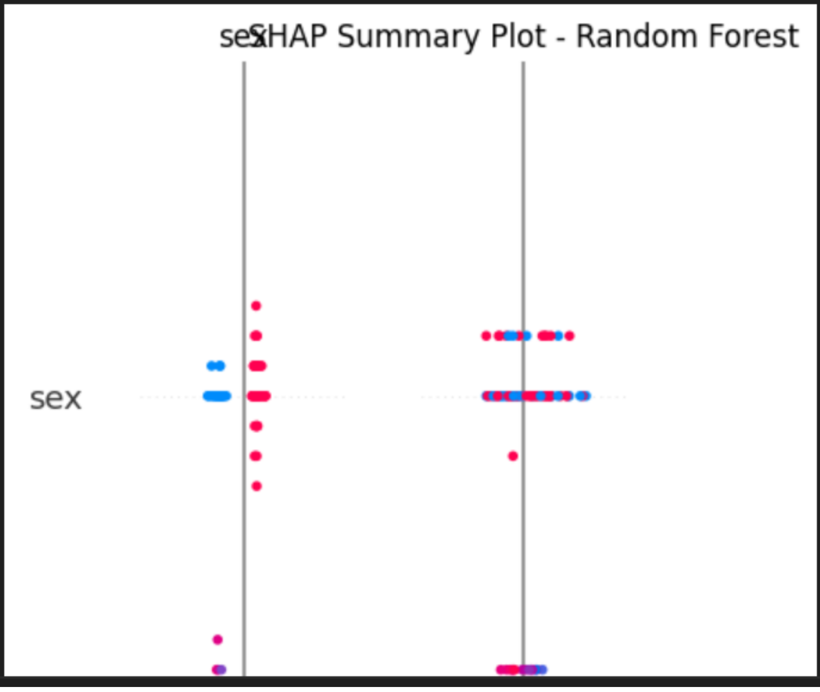
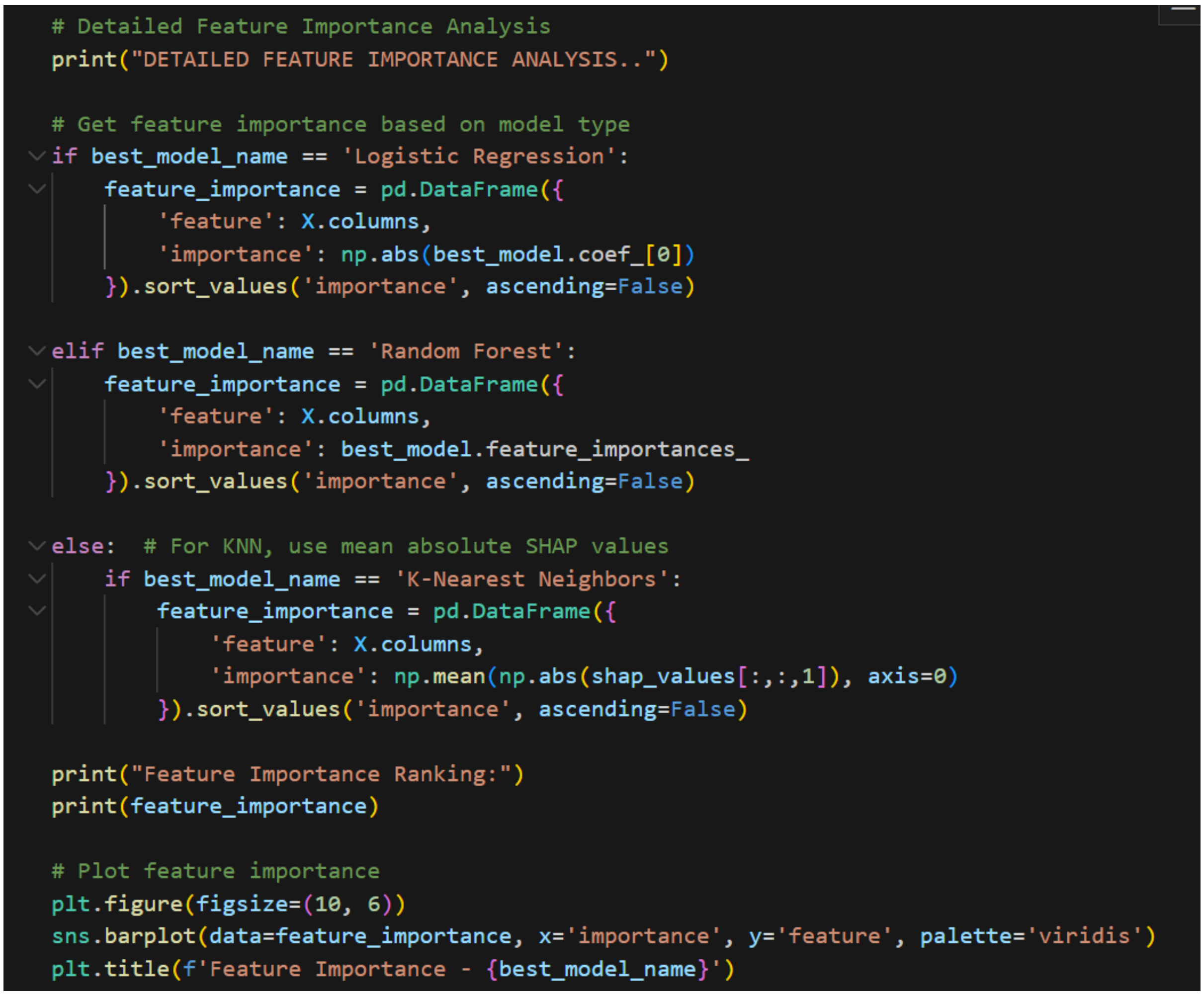


Detailed Model Analysis with the features



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# Detailed Feature Importance Analysis
print("DETAILED FEATURE IMPORTANCE ANALYSIS..")

# Get feature importance based on model type
if best_model_name == 'Logistic Regression':
    feature_importance = pd.DataFrame({
        'feature': X.columns,
        'importance': np.abs(best_model.coef_[0])
    }).sort_values('importance', ascending=False)

elif best_model_name == 'Random Forest':
    feature_importance = pd.DataFrame({
        'feature': X.columns,
        'importance': best_model.feature_importances_
    }).sort_values('importance', ascending=False)

else:  # For KNN, use mean absolute SHAP values
    if best_model_name == 'K-Nearest Neighbors':
        feature_importance = pd.DataFrame({
            'feature': X.columns,
            'importance': np.mean(np.abs(shap_values[:,:,1]), axis=0)
        }).sort_values('importance', ascending=False)

print("Feature Importance Ranking:")
print(feature_importance)

# Plot feature importance
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
sns.barplot(data=feature_importance, x='importance', y='feature', palette='viridis')
plt.title(f'Feature Importance - {best_model_name}')
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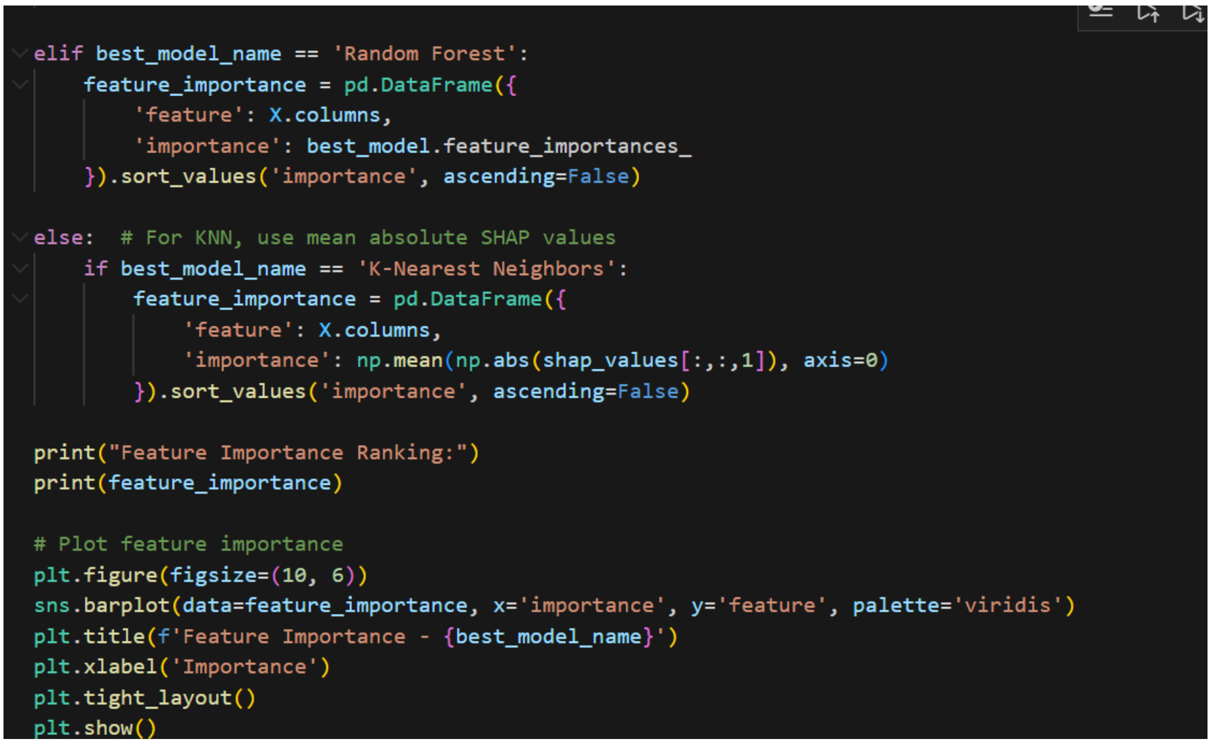

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plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
sns.barplot(data=feature_importance, x='importance', y='feature', palette='viridis')
plt.title(f'Feature Importance - {best_model_name}')
plt.xlabel('Importance')
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
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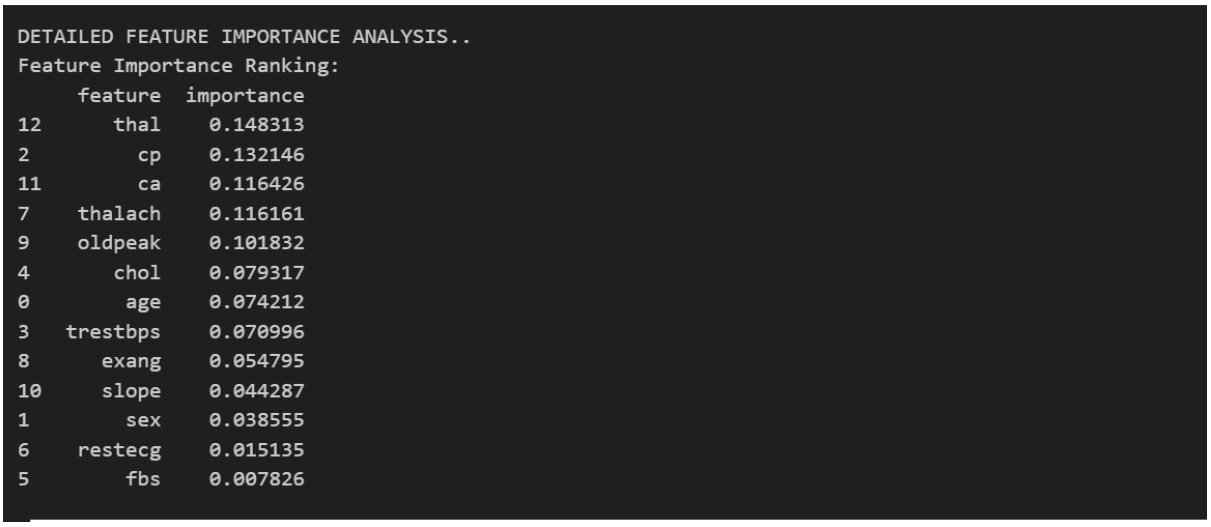

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DETAILED FEATURE IMPORTANCE ANALYSIS..
Feature Importance Ranking:
     feature  importance
12      thal    0.148313
2         cp    0.132146
11        ca    0.116426
7    thalach    0.116161
9    oldpeak    0.101832
4       chol    0.079317
0        age    0.074212
3   trestbps    0.070996
8      exang    0.054795
10     slope    0.044287
1        sex    0.038555
6    restecg    0.015135
5        fbs    0.007826
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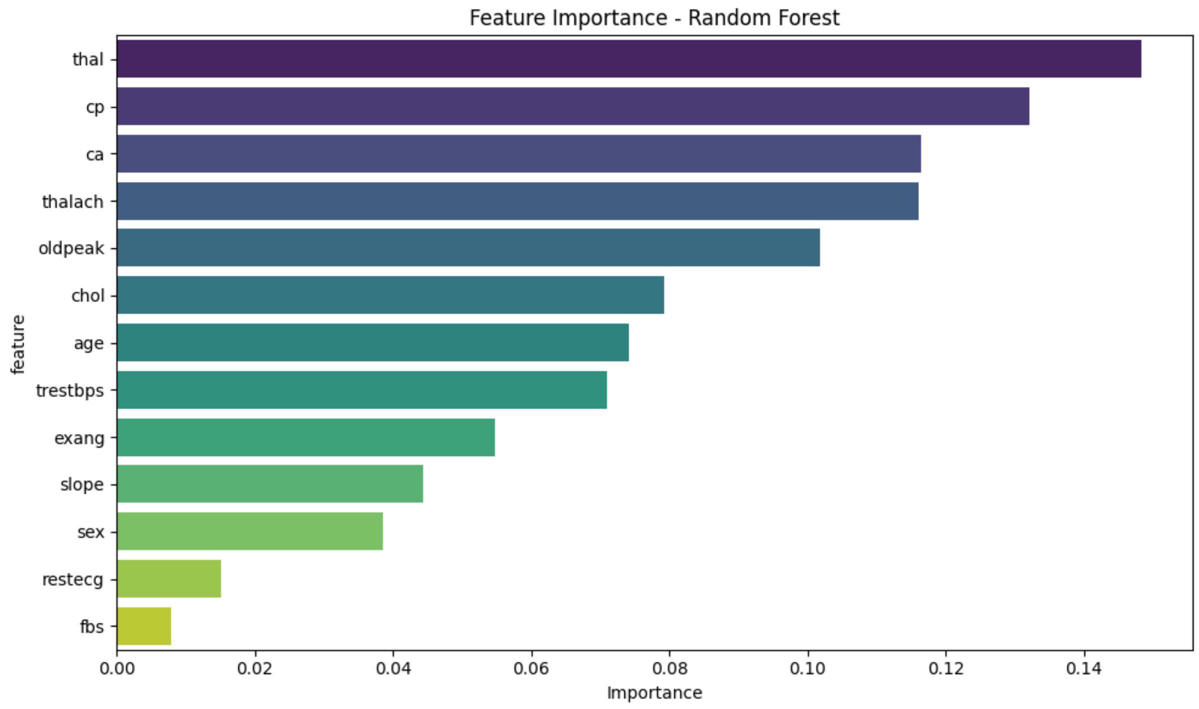
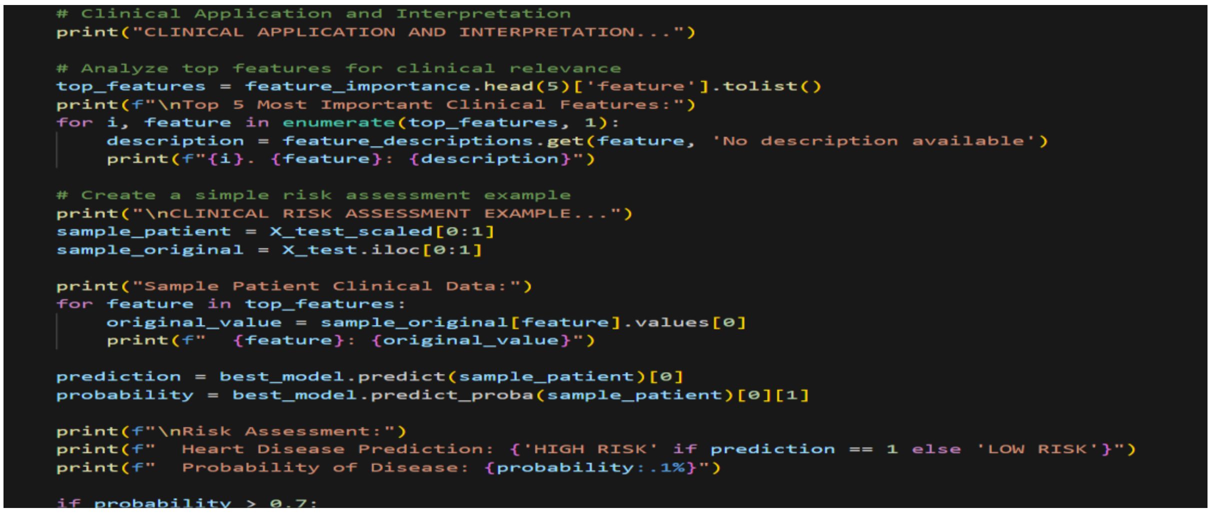


## Clinical Interpretation



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# Clinical Application and Interpretation
print("CLINICAL APPLICATION AND INTERPRETATION...")

# Analyze top features for clinical relevance
top_features = feature_importance.head(5)['feature'].tolist()
print(f"\nTop 5 Most Important Clinical Features:")
for i, feature in enumerate(top_features, 1):
    description = feature_descriptions.get(feature, 'No description available')
    print(f"{i}. {feature}: {description}")

# Create a simple risk assessment example
print("\nCLINICAL RISK ASSESSMENT EXAMPLE...")
sample_patient = X_test_scaled[0:1]
sample_original = X_test.iloc[0:1]

print("Sample Patient Clinical Data:")
for feature in top_features:
    original_value = sample_original[feature].values[0]
    print(f"  {feature}: {original_value}")

prediction = best_model.predict(sample_patient)[0]
probability = best_model.predict_proba(sample_patient)[0][1]

print(f"\nRisk Assessment:")
print(f"  Heart Disease Prediction: {'HIGH RISK' if prediction == 1 else 'LOW RISK'}")
print(f"  Probability of Disease: {probability:.1%}")

if probability > 0.7:
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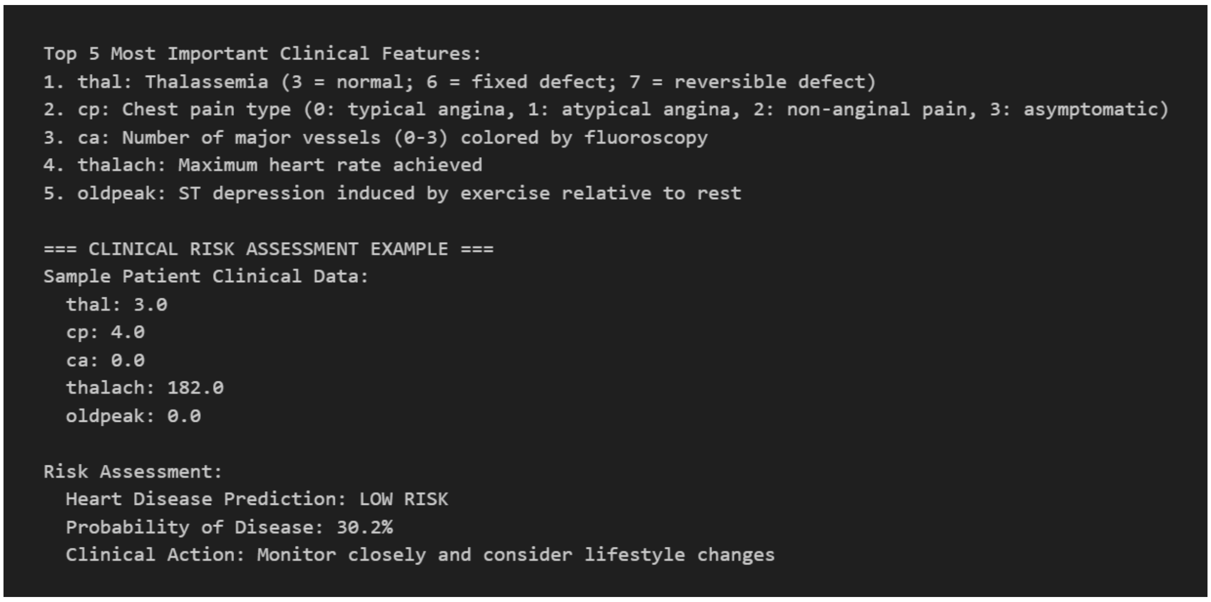

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Top 5 Most Important Clinical Features:
1. thal: Thalassemia (3 = normal; 6 = fixed defect; 7 = reversible defect)
2. cp: Chest pain type (0: typical angina, 1: atypical angina, 2: non-anginal pain, 3: asymptomatic)
3. ca: Number of major vessels (0-3) colored by fluoroscopy
4. thalach: Maximum heart rate achieved
5. oldpeak: ST depression induced by exercise relative to rest

=== CLINICAL RISK ASSESSMENT EXAMPLE ===
Sample Patient Clinical Data:
  thal: 3.0
  cp: 4.0
  ca: 0.0
  thalach: 182.0
  oldpeak: 0.0

Risk Assessment:
  Heart Disease Prediction: LOW RISK
  Probability of Disease: 30.2%
  Clinical Action: Monitor closely and consider lifestyle changes
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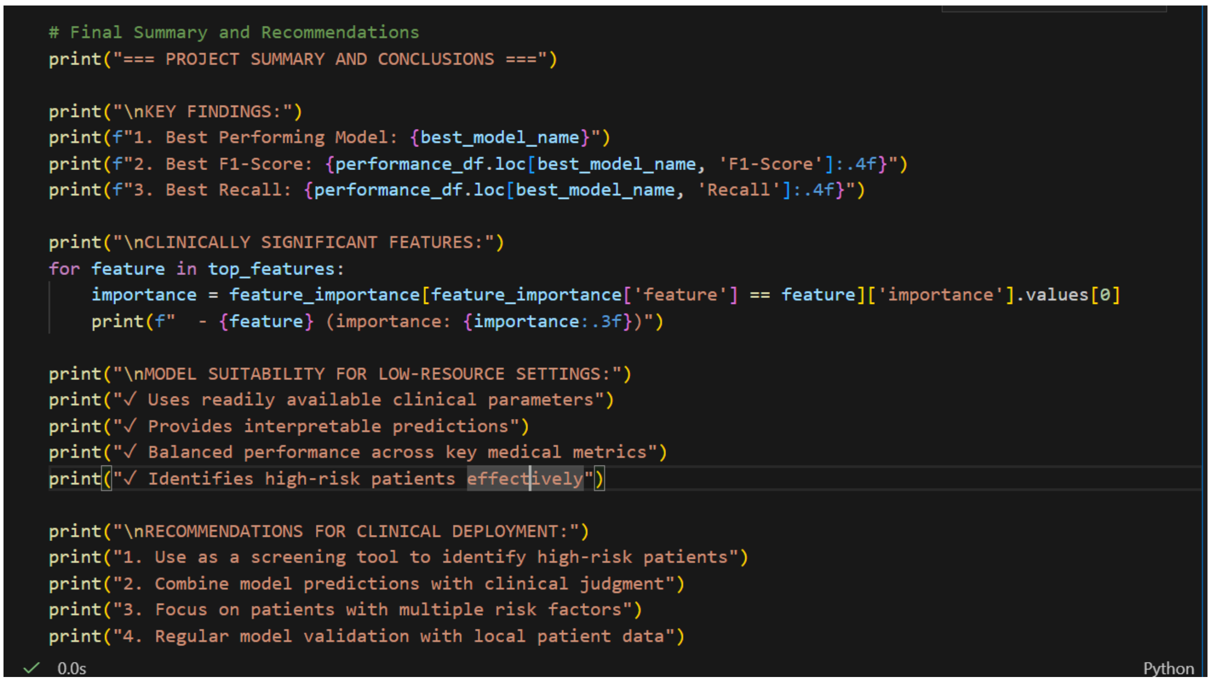
## Project Summary and Recommendation



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# Final Summary and Recommendations
print("=== PROJECT SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS ===")

print("\nKEY FINDINGS:")
print(f"1. Best Performing Model: {best_model_name}")
print(f"2. Best F1-Score: {performance_df.loc[best_model_name, 'F1-Score']:.4f}")
print(f"3. Best Recall: {performance_df.loc[best_model_name, 'Recall']:.4f}")

print("\nCLINICALLY SIGNIFICANT FEATURES:")
for feature in top_features:
    importance = feature_importance[feature_importance['feature'] == feature]['importance'].values[0]
    print(f"  - {feature} (importance: {importance:.3f})")

print("\nMODEL SUITABILITY FOR LOW-RESOURCE SETTINGS:")
print("✓ Uses readily available clinical parameters")
print("✓ Provides interpretable predictions")
print("✓ Balanced performance across key medical metrics")
print("✓ Identifies high-risk patients effectively")

print("\nRECOMMENDATIONS FOR CLINICAL DEPLOYMENT:")
print("1. Use as a screening tool to identify high-risk patients")
print("2. Combine model predictions with clinical judgment")
print("3. Focus on patients with multiple risk factors")
print("4. Regular model validation with local patient data")
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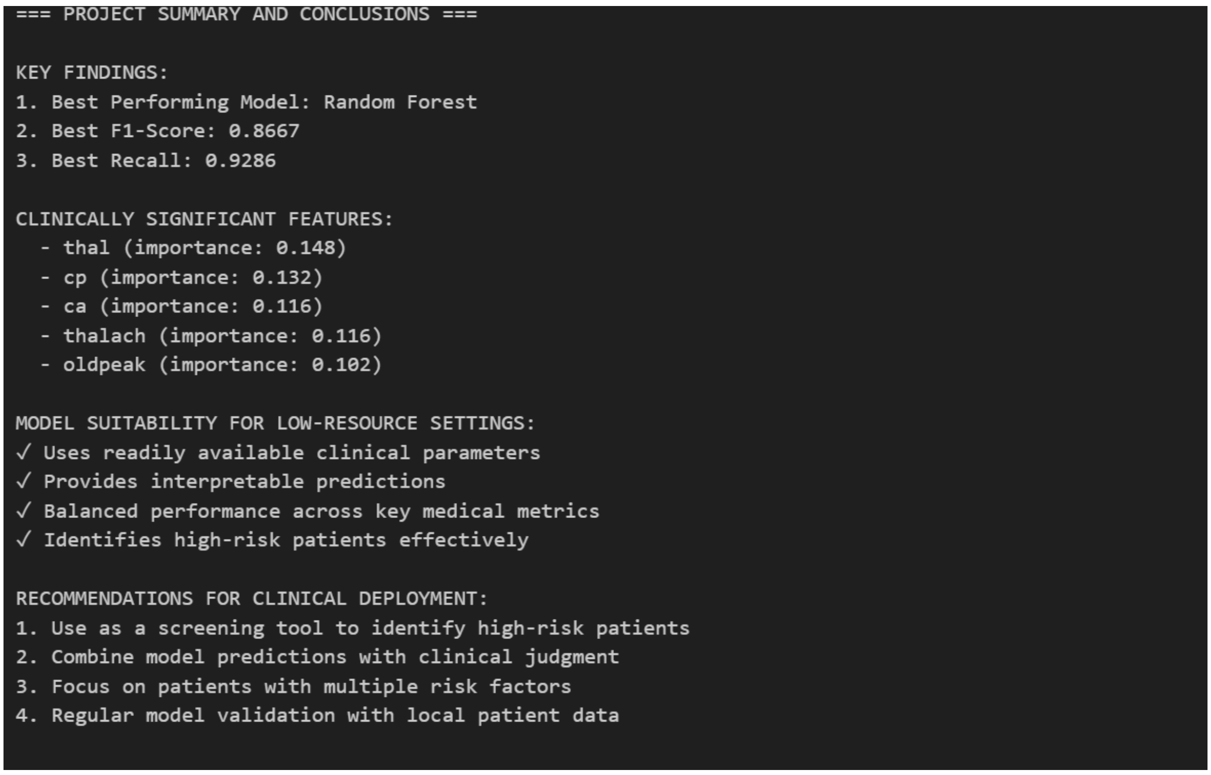

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=== PROJECT SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS ===

KEY FINDINGS:
1. Best Performing Model: Random Forest
2. Best F1-Score: 0.8667
3. Best Recall: 0.9286

CLINICALLY SIGNIFICANT FEATURES:
  - thal (importance: 0.148)
  - cp (importance: 0.132)
  - ca (importance: 0.116)
  - thalach (importance: 0.116)
  - oldpeak (importance: 0.102)

MODEL SUITABILITY FOR LOW-RESOURCE SETTINGS:
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