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Predictive Modelling for Parkinson's Disease Diagnosis Using Biomedical Voice Features

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Problem Statement and Motivation

- Parkinson's Disease (PD) is a long-term neurodegenerative problem which has a profound impact on motor abilities and speech.
- Early diagnosis is problematic because the very early symptoms are often subtle and subjective clinical examinations are expensive. Voice-based biomarkers are an interesting non-invasive diagnostic approach, but robust models are required to interpret subtle variations in the voice. An accurate, interpretable and computationally efficient AI system for early PD revelation based on voice recordings.

Motivation

- Parkinson's disease is difficult to detect early with traditional methods.
- Voice analysis offers a non-invasive, low-cost diagnostic alternative.

Existing System

❑ Clinical Diagnosis:

1. Conventional method grounded in physical examination and subjective evaluations from neurologists.
2. Often results in delayed, or even wrong diagnosis, particularly in an early stage.

❑ Machine Learning Approaches:

1. Algorithms used: Support Vector Machines, Decision Trees, Logistic Regression, Random Forest, XGBoost, AdaBoost and Ensemble Methods.
2. Features: jitter; shimmer; RPDE; PPE; DFA; (Voice signal biomarkers).
3. Random Forest & XGBoost: ~94.8% accuracy

Objectives

- ❑ To develop an accurate and interpretable system for early detection of Parkinson's disease using vocal biomarkers.
- ❑ To evaluate and compare the performance of traditional machine learning models and ensemble techniques for PD classification, with LightGBM.
- ❑ To implement and optimize TabNet, a deep learning model tailored for tabular data, to improve diagnostic accuracy.

Abstract

- Parkinson's Disease (PD) is a neurodegenerative disorder with challenges in early diagnosis due to subtle symptoms and reliance on subjective clinical evaluations. This project proposes a hybrid system that combines traditional machine learning models and LightGBM, along with TabNet, a deep learning architecture designed for tabular data. Using the UCI PD dataset based on vocal biomarkers, the models were preprocessed and trained with hyperparameter tuning for optimal performance. The system emphasizes model interpretability and clinical applicability, supporting early, accurate, and non-invasive detection of PD.

Proposed System

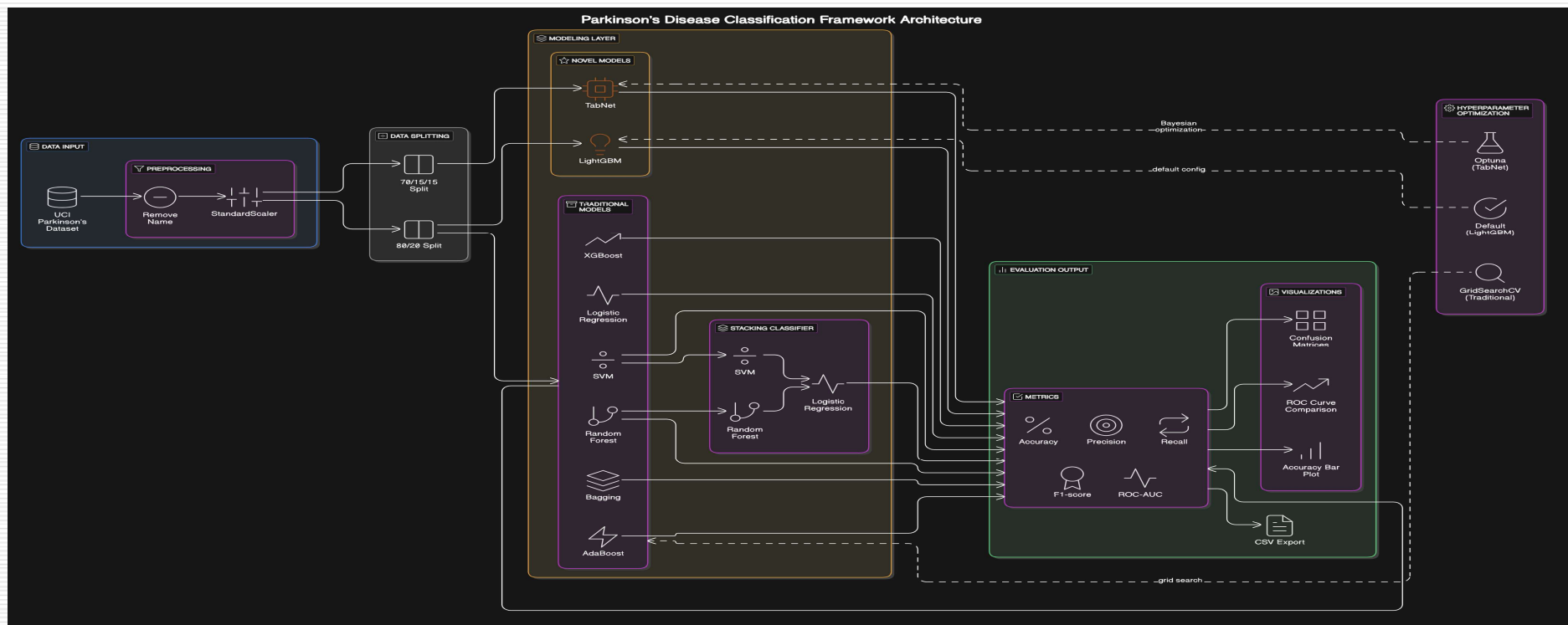
1. LightBGM: Efficient implementation of decision tree-based learning.

Key Features : Fast training, low memory usage, supports categorical features.

2. TabNet: Uses attention-based neural networks, designed specifically for tabular data. Key Features: Interpretable, flexible, and efficient.

Optimization: Hyperparameter tuning via **Optuna** to achieve best model performance.

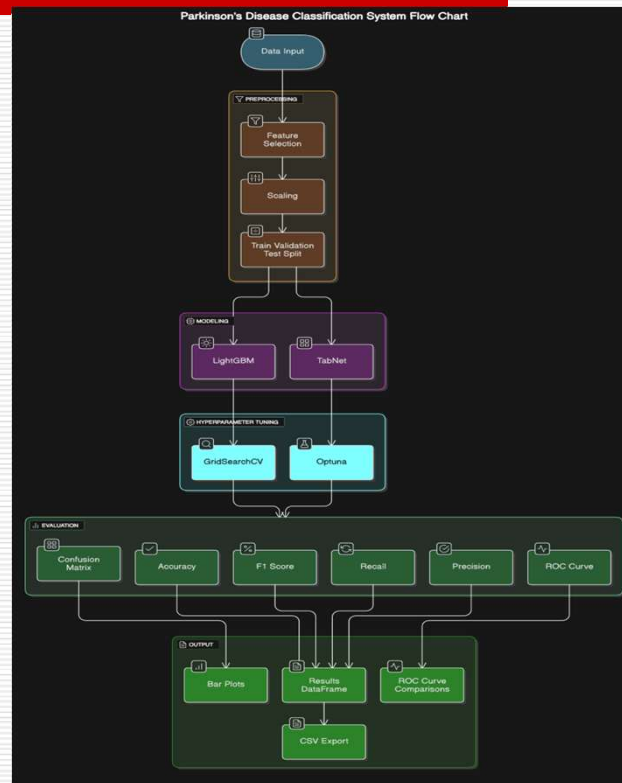
System Architecture

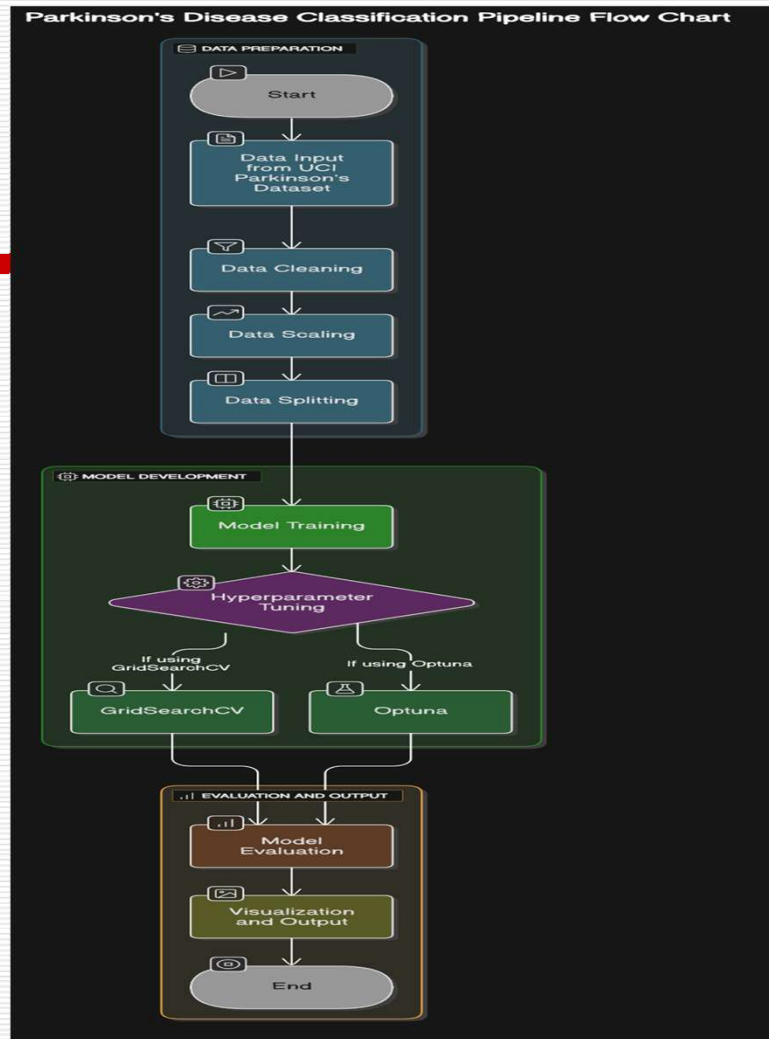


List of Modules

- ❑ **Data Input & Preprocessing:** Loads and preprocesses the dataset, splits data into training, validation, and test sets, and applies feature scaling.
- ❑ **Modeling:** Implements various classifiers including Logistic Regression, Random Forest, SVM, XGBoost, LightGBM, AdaBoost, Bagging, and Stacking, TabNet.
- ❑ **Hyperparameter Tuning:** Uses GridSearchCV for traditional models and Optuna for TabNet to find the best hyperparameters.
- ❑ **Model Evaluation:** Evaluates models using accuracy, precision, recall, F1-score, confusion matrix, and ROC curve, Output & Visualization.

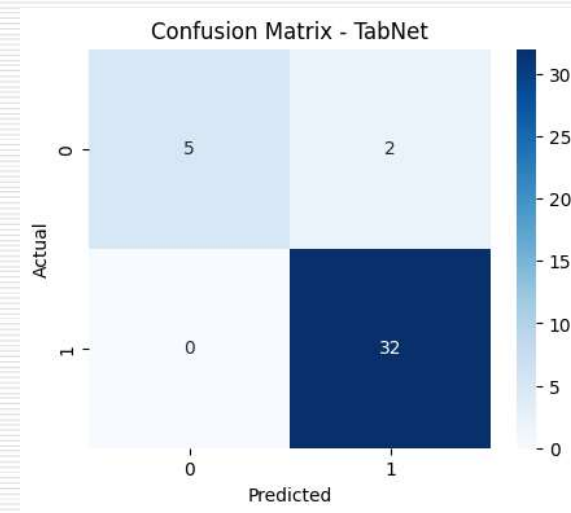
Functional Description for each modules with DFD and Activity Diagram



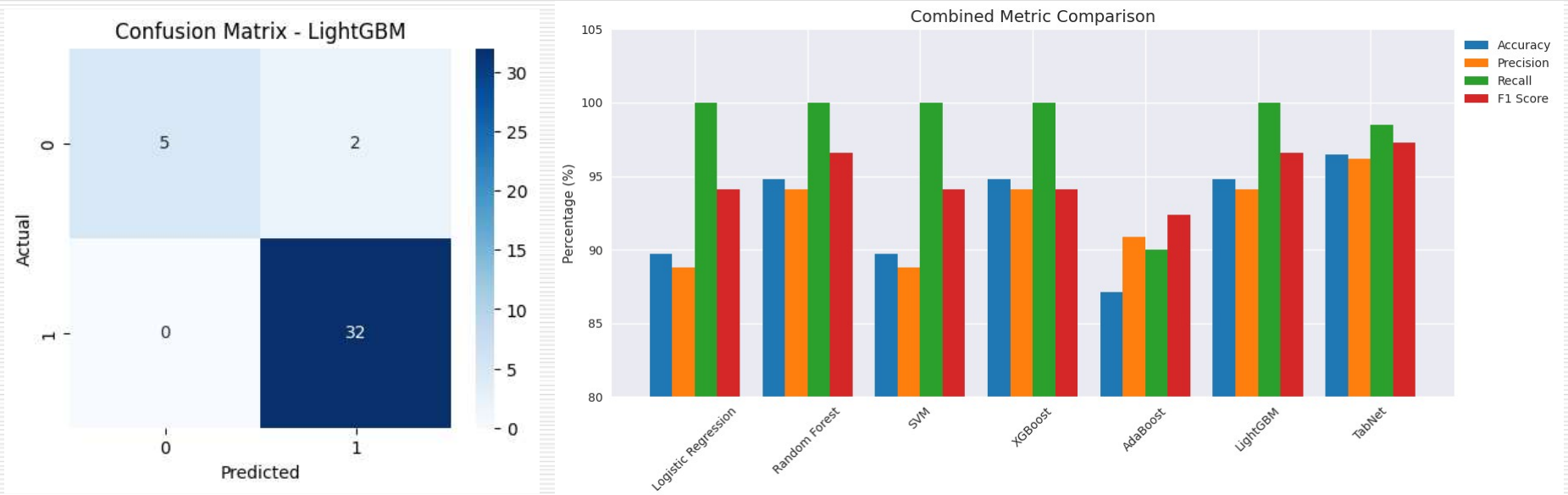


Implementation & Results of Module

Model	Accuracy	Precision	Recall (%)	F1 Score
Logistic Regression	89.7	88.8	100	94.1
Random Forest	94.8	94.1	100	96.6
SVM	89.7	88.8	100	94.1
XGBoost	94.8	94.1	100	94.1
AdaBoost	87.1	90.9	90	92.4
LightGBM	94.8	94.11	100	96.6
TabNet	96.5	96.2	98.5	97.3



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Conclusion & Future Work

- Machine learning models, particularly TabNet, show great promise in enhancing Parkinson's disease diagnosis by achieving high accuracy and providing interpretable insights. Future advancements in feature engineering, raw signal processing, and ensemble architectures can further improve model precision and clinical utility.
- 1. Advanced Feature Engineering with TabNet
- 2. Class Imbalance Mitigation
- 3. Hierarchical Ensemble Architectures
- 4. Longitudinal Data Integration

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