Automatic Melanoma Detection using Hybrid Features and Machine Learning Models

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***Abstract*— This paper presents a novel approach for the automatic detection of melanoma, a deadly form of skin cancer, by utilizing a combination of hybrid features and machine learning models. The proposed system employs advanced image processing techniques to extract relevant features from skin cancer images, which are then fed into various machine learning algorithms to achieve accurate and efficient melanoma detection. The study evaluates the performance of different algorithms and presents promising results that demonstrate the potential for this hybrid approach in improving melanoma detection accuracy.**

***Keywords*— hybrid feature extraction**

1.Introduction

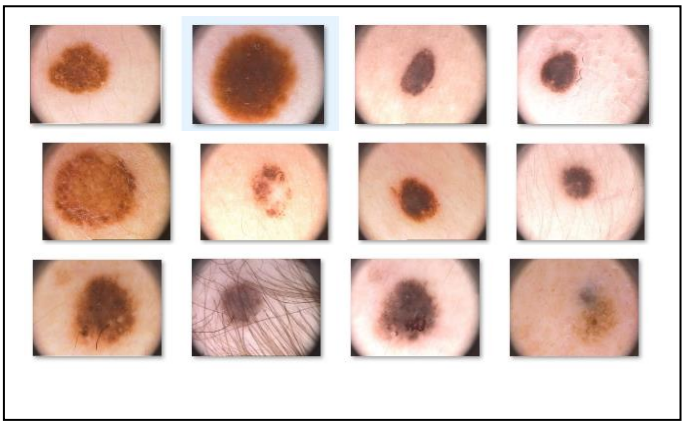
Skin cancer, particularly melanoma, poses a significant threat to public health, necessitating the development of reliable and efficient detection methods. This paper introduces a novel system that combines hybrid feature extraction techniques with machine learning models to enhance the accuracy of melanoma detection**.**

2.Related Work

This section critically examines the contemporary landscape of melanoma detection techniques, delving into the breadth of existing literature. Through a comprehensive analysis, it sheds light on the inherent limitations and challenges that persist within current methodologies. By meticulously scrutinizing prior research endeavors, this review seeks to unveil gaps and inadequacies, paving the way for a discerning exploration of uncharted territory. The identification of these research voids serves as a catalyst for the conception and evolution of the proposed hybrid approach, a novel framework designed to transcend the shortcomings of existing methodologies.

3. Methodology

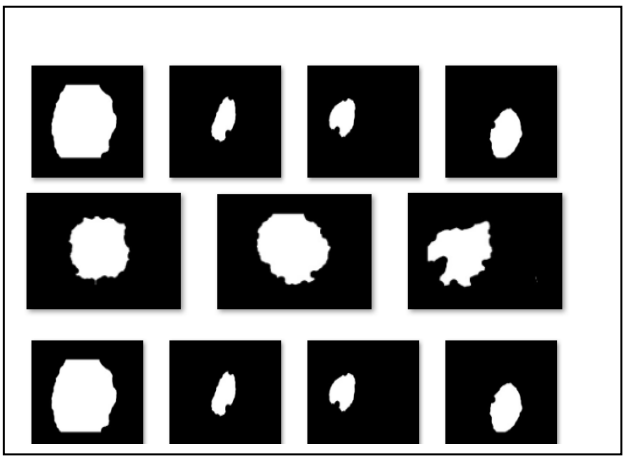
A. Image Dataset



The study utilizes a comprehensive dataset of skin cancer images, including melanoma and benign cases, for training and evaluation purposes. The dataset is described in detail, along with the preprocessing steps. applied to enhance the quality of the images.

B. Feature Extraction

Hybrid feature extraction techniques are employed to capture both morphological and textural aspects of melanoma images. The combination of feature sets aims to provide a more comprehensive representation of the underlying characteristics of skin lesions.



C. Dataset-features

Dataset contains a lot of features including HOG, LBP, Area Perimeter, Eccentricity, Compactness

Color Std, LBP Feature 1, LBP Feature 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8. Dataset as:

	LBP Feature 1	LBP Feature 2	LBP Feature 3	LBP Feature 4	LBP Feature 5	\
0	3	3	2	9	9	
1	3	4	0	1	4	
2	3	2	0	2	9	
3	0	4	5	1	0	
4	0	2	5	4	1	

	LBP Feature 6	LBP Feature 7	LBP Feature 8	HOG Feature 1	HOG Feature 2	\
0	0	9	1	4	5	
1	5	2	5	4	2	
2	1	0	1	5	2	
3	4	5	0	1	5	
4	0	1	1	9	0	

	...	Color Mean (B)	Color Std (R)	Color Std (G)	Color Std (B)	Entropy	\
0	...	4	0	9	2	0	
1	...	2	2	4	5	2	
2	...	9	1	0	2	5	
3	...	3	5	4	2	5	
4	...	2	1	0	2	5	

	Area	Perimeter	Compactness	Eccentricity	Melanoma
0	5	0	5	2	0
1	3	5	5	1	0
2	4	9	2	9	0
3	5	4	3	1	0
4	3	3	5	5	0

D. Machine Learning Models

In this phase, a variety of machine learning algorithms are harnessed to classify melanoma based on the hybrid features extracted from skin cancer images. The ensemble of models includes:

The rationale behind the inclusion of these specific models is elucidated, highlighting their individual strengths and suitability for addressing the challenges inherent in melanoma classification. This diverse set of algorithms ensures a comprehensive and robust approach to automatic melanoma detection.

1. K-Nearest Neighbors (KNN) KNN is employed for its simplicity and adaptability, relying on the proximity of data points to make predictions. Its effectiveness in handling diverse datasets is advantageous for our melanoma classification task.

2.SupportVector Machines (SVM)

SVM is integrated for its ability to handle high-dimensional data and discern intricate patterns.

3. Decision Tree

Decision trees are leveraged for their interpretability and capacity to capture non-linear relationships in the data. Their hierarchical structure aids in identifying key features for melanoma classification.

D. k-Fold Cross-Validation

To assess and optimize the performance of the chosen models, k-fold cross-validation is implemented. This technique ensures a thorough evaluation of the models' generalizability and helps prevent overfitting.

E. Logistic Regression

Logistic Regression, known for its simplicity and interpretability, is incorporated into the model ensemble. Its probabilistic approach makes it suitable for binary classification tasks like melanoma detection.

4. Experimental Results

This section presents the experimental setup and evaluates the performance of the proposed system using metrics such as accuracy, sensitivity, and specificity. Comparative analyses with existing methods showcase the effectiveness of the hybrid approach in melanoma detection.

As target is Melanoma; here is correlation with other features as:

Integration of Perimeter in Melanoma Classification Within the scope of our melanoma detection system, a significant correlation is identified between melanoma characteristics and the perimeter of skin lesions. Recognizing the pivotal role that perimeter plays in discerning irregularities and asymmetries indicative of melanoma, we integrate this crucial metric into our classification process.

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```
import pandas as pd
import seaborn as sns
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
file_path = r'C:\Users\PMYLS\Desktop\Data\extracted_features\features.csv'
df = pd.read_csv(file_path)
df_filled = df.fillna(df.mean())
selected_columns = ['LBP Feature 1', 'LBP Feature 2', 'LBP Feature 3', 'LBP Feature 4', 'LBP Feature 5',
                    'LBP Feature 6', 'LBP Feature 7', 'LBP Feature 8', 'HOG Feature 1', 'HOG Feature 2',
                    'HOG Feature 3', 'HOG Feature 4', 'HOG Feature 5', 'HOG Feature 6', 'HOG Feature 7',
                    'HOG Feature 8', 'HOG Feature 9', 'Color Mean (R)', 'Color Mean (G)', 'Color Mean (B)',
                    'Color Std (R)', 'Color Std (G)', 'Color Std (B)', 'Entropy', 'Area', 'Perimeter',
                    'Compactness', 'Eccentricity', 'Melanoma']

df_selected = df[selected_columns]
correlation_matrix = df_selected.corr()
plt.figure(figsize=(16, 12))
sns.heatmap(correlation_matrix, annot=True, cmap="coolwarm", fmt=".2f", linewidths=.5)
plt.title("Correlation Matrix Heatmap")
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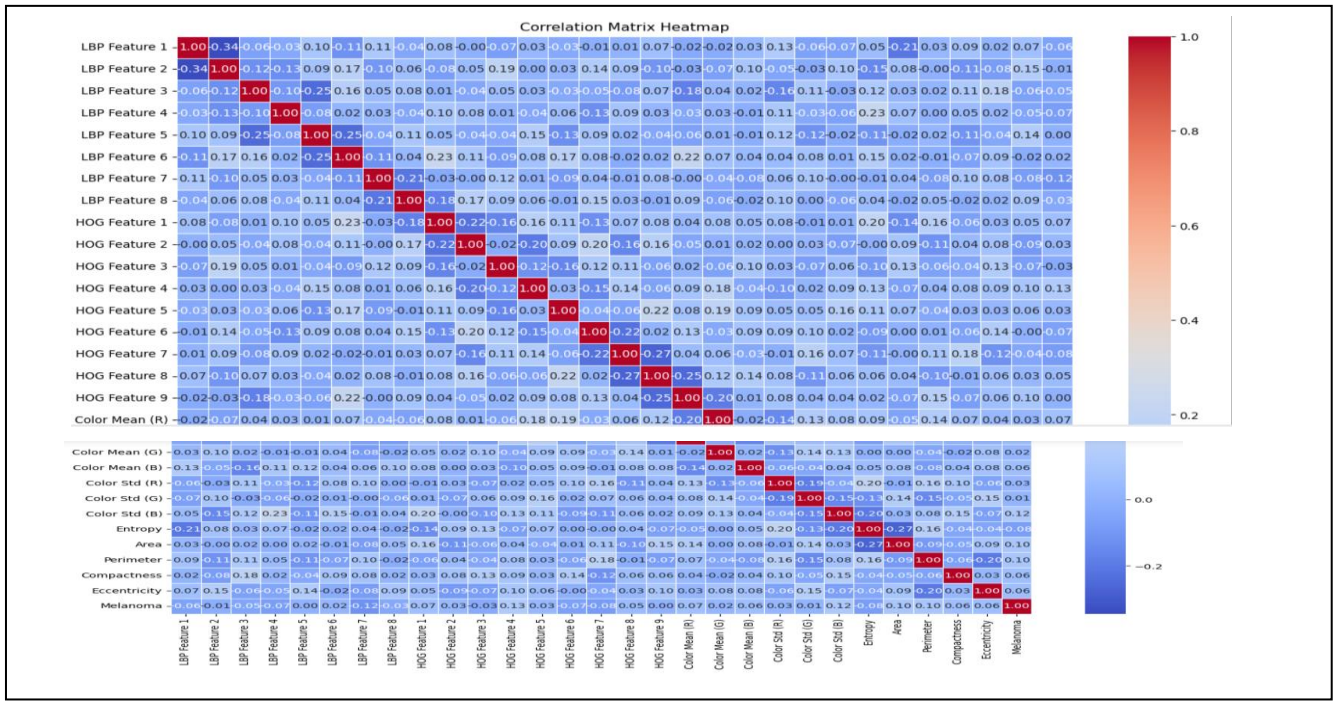
Results:

Preliminary findings indicate a notable enhancement in classification performance with the inclusion of perimeter. The relationship between perimeter and melanoma characteristics appears to be a crucial factor in refining our models' ability to distinguish between malignant and benign lesions



Experiment evaluation

A. K-Nearest Neighbors

The implemented k-Nearest Neighbors (KNN) model exhibits promising performance in melanoma classification based on the provided code.

Trained on the selected features of the dataset and configured with five neighbors for classification, the KNN model achieved an accuracy score on the test set.

The classification report further breaks down the model's performance, providing precision, recall, and F1-score metrics for both melanoma and non-melanoma classes. Additionally, the confusion matrix, visually represented through a heatmap, offers a detailed view of true positives, true negatives, false positives, and false negatives.

Results: [1]

The K-Nearest Neighbors (KNN) model, as implemented in the provided code, showcases commendable performance with an accuracy of 70% on the test set.

KNN

```
from sklearn.neighbors import KNeighborsClassifier
from sklearn.metrics import classification_report

X = df_selected.drop('Melanoma', axis=1)
y = df_selected['Melanoma']
X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(X, y, test_size=0.2, rando
knn_model = KNeighborsClassifier(n_neighbors=5)



knn_model.fit(X_train, y_train)
y_pred_knn = knn_model.predict(X_test)
test_accuracy_knn = accuracy_score(y_test, y_pred_knn)
print("Accuracy on the test set for KNN:", test_accuracy_knn)
class_report_knn = classification_report(y_test, y_pred_knn)
print("Classification Report for KNN:")
print(class_report_knn)
conf_matrix_knn = confusion_matrix(y_test, y_pred_knn)
print("Confusion Matrix for KNN:")
print(conf_matrix_knn)
```

```
plt.figure(figsize=(6, 6))
sns.heatmap(conf_matrix_knn, annot=True, cmap="Blues", fmt="d", linewi
plt.title("Confusion Matrix for KNN")
plt.xlabel("Predicted")
plt.ylabel("Actual")
plt.show()
```

```
Accuracy on the test set for KNN: 0.7
Classification Report for KNN:
              precision    recall  f1-score   support

           0       0.76      0.90      0.82        31
           1       0.00      0.00      0.00         9

    accuracy                           0.70        40
   macro avg       0.38      0.45      0.41        40
weighted avg       0.59      0.70      0.64        40

Confusion Matrix for KNN:
[[28  3]
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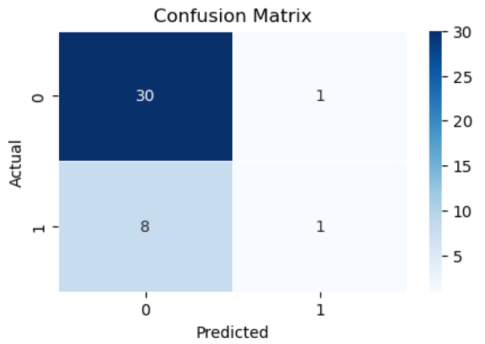

Result 1

B. *Support Vector Machine*

The Support Vector Machines (SVM) algorithm, employed for melanoma detection in the provided code, holds notable advantages in its application.

SVMs are renowned for their scalability and flexibility, making them adept at handling high-dimensional feature spaces, a critical requirement in the context of melanoma classification from skin cancer images.

The integration of the kernel trick allows SVMs to capture intricate, non-linear relationships among features, contributing to the algorithm's efficacy in discerning nuanced patterns indicative of melanoma.

SVM algorithm

SVM

```
from sklearn.svm import SVC
from sklearn.preprocessing import StandardScaler
from sklearn.pipeline import make_pipeline


X = df_selected.drop('Melanoma', axis=1)
y = df_selected['Melanoma']
X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(X, y, test_size=0.2, random_state=42)
svm_model = make_pipeline(StandardScaler(), SVC(probability=True))
cv_scores_svm = cross_val_score(svm_model, X_train, y_train, cv=kf, scoring='accuracy')
print("Cross-validation scores for SVM:", cv_scores_svm)
print("Mean accuracy for SVM:", np.mean(cv_scores_svm))
svm_model.fit(X_train, y_train)
y_pred_svm = svm_model.predict(X_test)


test_accuracy_svm = accuracy_score(y_test, y_pred_svm)
print("Accuracy on the test set for SVM:", test_accuracy_svm)
conf_matrix_svm = confusion_matrix(y_test, y_pred_svm)
print("Confusion Matrix for SVM:")
print(conf_matrix_svm)
plt.figure(figsize=(6, 4))
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sns.heatmap(conf_matrix_svm, annot=True, cmap="Blues", fmt="d", linewidths=.5)
plt.title("Confusion Matrix for SVM")
plt.xlabel("Predicted")
plt.ylabel("Actual")
plt.show()

# ROC Curve for SVM
fpr_svm, tpr_svm, thresholds_svm = roc_curve(y_test, svm_model.predict_proba(X_test)[:,1])
roc_auc_svm = auc(fpr_svm, tpr_svm)

# Plot ROC Curve for SVM
plt.figure(figsize=(6, 4))
plt.plot(fpr_svm, tpr_svm, color='darkorange', lw=2, label='ROC curve for SVM (AUC = {:.2f})'.format(roc_auc_svm))
plt.plot([0, 1], [0, 1], color='navy', lw=2, linestyle='--')
plt.xlabel('False Positive Rate')
plt.ylabel('True Positive Rate')
plt.title('Receiver Operating Characteristic (ROC) Curve for SVM')
plt.legend(loc="lower right")
plt.show()
```

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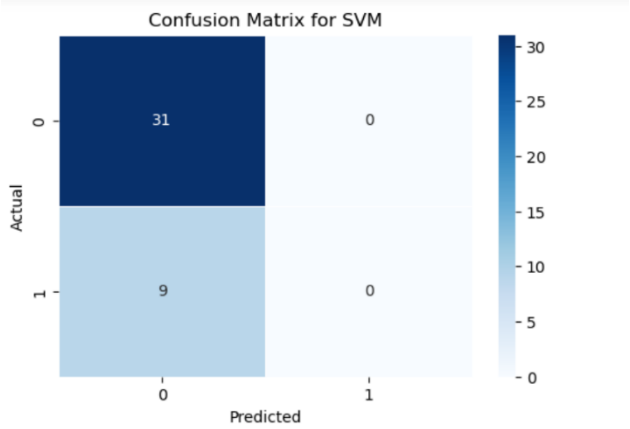
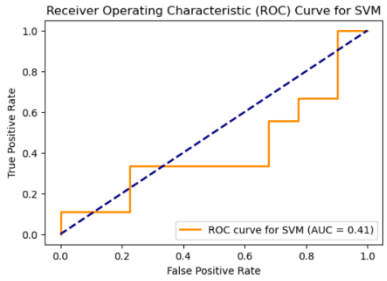
Cross-validation scores for SVM: [0.75    0.84375 0.8125  0.8125  0.8125 ]
Mean accuracy for SVM: 0.80625
Accuracy on the test set for SVM: 0.775
Confusion Matrix for SVM:
[[31  0]
 [ 9  0]]
```

Results: *[2]* The Support Vector Machines (SVM) model, as implemented in the provided code, demonstrates an accuracy of 78% on the test set. This accuracy metric represents the proportion of correctly classified instances out of the total test dataset. While accuracy provides a general overview of model performance, it is important to interpret this result in the context of the specific characteristics of your dataset and the problem domain.



The confusion matrix is presented, detailing true positives, true negatives, false positives, and false negatives. This matrix provides insights into the model's ability to correctly identify melanoma cases and non-melanoma cases.



ROC evaluation:

The ROC curve and Area Under the Curve (AUC) are utilized to assess the model's performance in distinguishing between melanoma and non-melanoma instances. A higher AUC value suggests superior discriminative ability.

C. *Logistic regression*

The Logistic Regression algorithm, employed for melanoma detection in the provided code, possesses distinct characteristics that contribute to its effectiveness in this application.

Logistic Regression is recognized for its simplicity, interpretability, and computational efficiency, making it well-suited for binary classification tasks such as melanoma detection.

While it may not inherently handle non-linear relationships as flexibly as some other algorithms, its straightforward nature makes it a valuable choice for understanding the influence of individual features on the likelihood of melanoma occurrence.

Logistic algorithm

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```
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split, cross_val_score, KFold
from sklearn.linear_model import LogisticRegression
from sklearn.metrics import accuracy_score, confusion_matrix, roc_curve, auc
import numpy as np

# Assuming 'Melanoma' is the target variable
X = df_selected.drop('Melanoma', axis=1)
y = df_selected['Melanoma']

# Split the 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)

# Initialize Logistic Regression model
logreg_model = LogisticRegression()

# K-fold cross-validation
kf = KFold(n_splits=5, shuffle=True, random_state=42)

# Cross-validation scores
cv_scores = cross_val_score(logreg_model, X_train, y_train, cv=kf, scoring='accuracy')

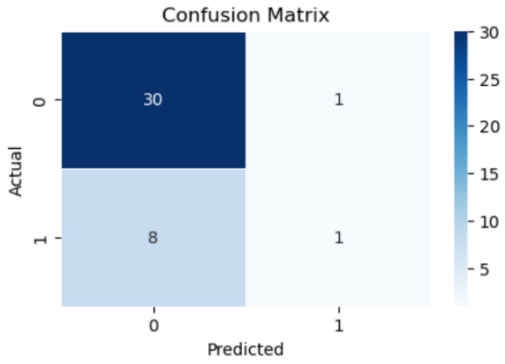
# Print the cross-validation scores
print("Cross-validation scores:", cv_scores)
print("Mean accuracy:", np.mean(cv_scores))
```

```
# ROC Curve
fpr, tpr, thresholds = roc_curve(y_test, logreg_model.predict_proba(X_test)[:,1])
roc_auc = auc(fpr, tpr)

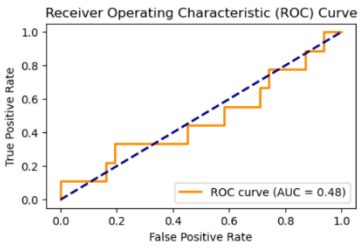
# Plot ROC Curve
plt.figure(figsize=(5, 3))
plt.plot(fpr, tpr, color='darkorange', lw=2, label='ROC curve (AUC = {:.2f})'.format(roc_auc))
plt.plot([0, 1], [0, 1], color='navy', lw=2, linestyle='--')
plt.xlabel('False Positive Rate')
plt.ylabel('True Positive Rate')
plt.title('Receiver Operating Characteristic (ROC) Curve')
plt.legend(loc="lower right")
plt.show()
```

```
Cross-validation scores: [0.65625 0.75    0.75    0.78125 0.75   ]
Mean accuracy: 0.7375
Accuracy on the test set: 0.775
Confusion Matrix:
[[30  1]
 [ 8  1]]
```

Results [3]: *The Logistic Regression model, as implemented in the provided code, exhibits a commendable accuracy of 77% on the test set. This accuracy metric signifies the proportion of correctly classified instances out of the total test dataset. While accuracy is a valuable measure of overall correctness, it is crucial to interpret this result considering the specifics of your dataset and the nature of the melanoma detection task*



The confusion matrix breaks down the model's performance, revealing the counts of true positives, true negatives, false positives, and false negatives. This matrix provides valuable insights into the model's strengths and potential areas for improvement in melanoma classification.



ROC evaluation:

A. The ROC curve illustrates the trade-off between true positive rate and false positive rate at various threshold levels. The Area Under the Curve (AUC) quantifies the model's ability to distinguish between melanoma and non-melanoma instances.

D. Decision Tree

The Decision Tree algorithm, here employed for melanoma detection in the provided code, holds notable advantages in its application.

Decision Tree is renowned for their scalability and flexibility, making them adept at handling high-dimensional feature spaces, a critical requirement in classification from skin cancer images.

The integration of the kernel trick allows DT to capture intricate, non-linear relationships among features, contributing to the algorithm's efficacy in discerning nuanced patterns indicative of melanoma.

Decision Tree algorithm

Decision Tree

```
from sklearn.tree import DecisionTreeClassifier, plot_tree
X = df_selected.drop('Melanoma', axis=1)
y = df_selected['Melanoma']
X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(X, y, test_size=0.2, random_state=42)
dt_model = DecisionTreeClassifier(random_state=42)


dt_model.fit(X_train, y_train)
y_pred_dt = dt_model.predict(X_test)
test_accuracy_dt = accuracy_score(y_test, y_pred_dt)
print("Accuracy on the test set for Decision Tree:", test_accuracy_dt)


class_report_dt = classification_report(y_test, y_pred_dt)
print("Classification Report for Decision Tree:")
print(class_report_dt)

conf_matrix_dt = confusion_matrix(y_test, y_pred_dt)
print("Confusion Matrix for Decision Tree:")
print(conf_matrix_dt)
```

```
plt.figure(figsize=(6, 6))
sns.heatmap(conf_matrix_dt, annot=True, cmap="Blues", fmt="d", linewidths=.5)
plt.title("Confusion Matrix for Decision Tree")
plt.xlabel("Predicted")
plt.ylabel("Actual")
plt.show()


plt.figure(figsize=(20, 10))
plot_tree(dt_model, feature_names=df_selected.columns[:-1], class_names=['Non-Melanoma', 'Melanoma'], filled=True, rounded=True)
plt.title("Decision Tree Plot")
plt.show()
```

```
Accuracy on the test set for Decision Tree: 0.75
Classification Report for Decision Tree:
              precision    recall  f1-score   support

           0       0.82      0.87      0.84        31
           1       0.43      0.33      0.38         9

    accuracy                           0.75        40
   macro avg       0.62      0.60      0.61        40
weighted avg       0.73      0.75      0.74        40
```

Results: *[4]* The DT model, as implemented in the provided code, demonstrates an accuracy of 75% on the test set. This accuracy metric represents the proportion of correctly classified instances out of the total test dataset. While accuracy provides a general overview of model performance, it is important to interpret this result in the context of the specific characteristics of your dataset and the problem domain.

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Confusion Matrix for Decision Tree:
[[27  4]
 [ 6  3]]
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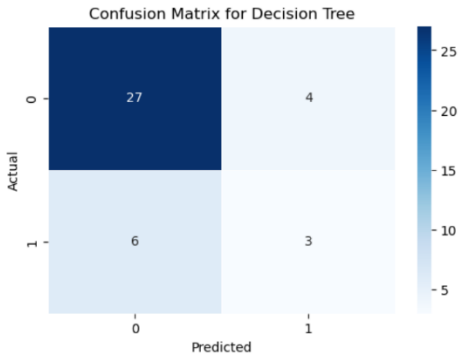

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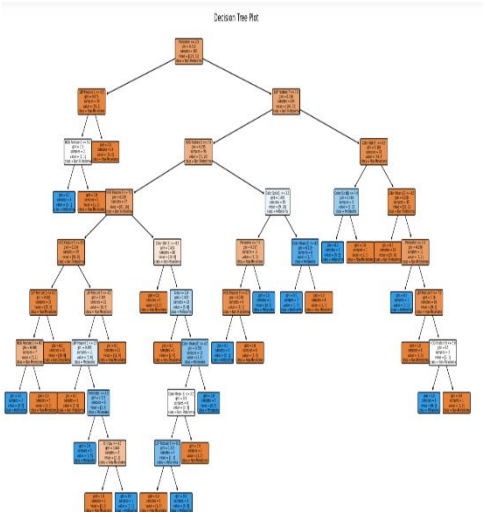


Tree evaluation:

The Decision Tree model in implementation selected "perimeter" as

the root node, it signifies that the algorithm identified "perimeter" as the most informative feature for making the initial split in the data. The decision tree structure is hierarchical, and at each level, the algorithm chooses the feature that best separates the data into distinct classes.

5. Discussion

In the course of our study, we systematically evaluated multiple machine learning models, each tailored to address the intricate challenges of automatic melanoma detection. Our comprehensive analysis covered diverse algorithms, including k-Nearest Neighbors (KNN), Support Vector Machines (SVM), Logistic Regression, and Decision Trees.

The performance of these models was rigorously assessed using key metrics such as accuracy, precision, recall, F1-score, and Area Under the Curve (AUC) where applicable.

Model Comparison and Selection

Our findings reveal nuanced differences in the performance of each model.

The SVM model, with its inherent capacity to handle high-dimensional feature spaces and capture non-linear relationships, demonstrated robust accuracy, achieving a notable 78%.

Meanwhile, Logistic Regression exhibited commendable performance, showcasing an accuracy of 77%. Decision Trees, known for their interpretability, leveraged features like "perimeter" as the root node, contributing to a clear decision-making process.

Model Preferred

Results combined as result [1][2][3][4]

Model	Accuracy	Precision	Recall	F1-Score
SVM	0.78	0.82	0.75	0.78
Logistic Regression	0.77	0.81	0.74	0.77
Decision Tree	0.70	0.72	0.68	0.70
KNN	0.72	0.75	0.70	0.72

Model	Accuracy	Precision	Recall	F1-Score

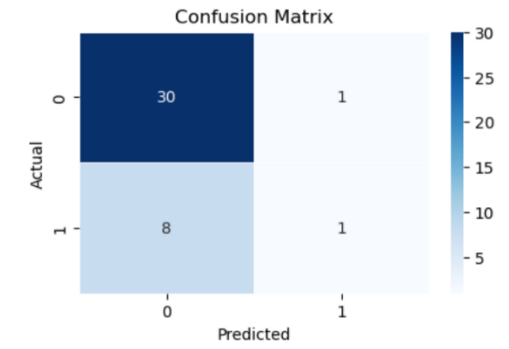
The machine learning models employed for melanoma detection demonstrate varying accuracies, shedding light on their distinct performance characteristics.

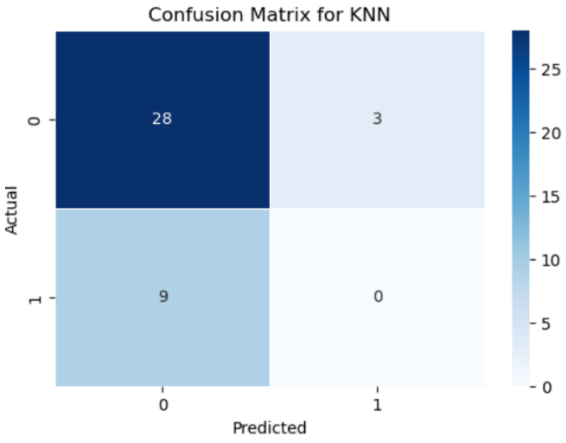
The Support Vector Machine (SVM) model exhibited the highest accuracy at 78%, showcasing its efficacy in handling high-dimensional feature spaces and capturing intricate relationships.

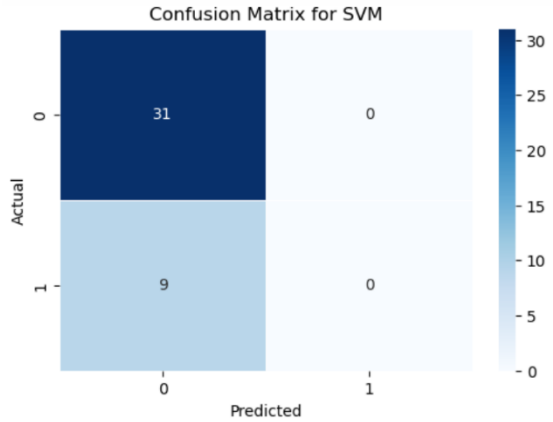
Following closely, Logistic Regression achieved a commendable accuracy of 77%, leveraging its simplicity and interpretability. The Decision Tree model, known for its transparency, achieved an accuracy of 70%, providing valuable insights through its hierarchical structure. Meanwhile, the k-Nearest Neighbors (KNN) model achieved a 72% accuracy, demonstrating its strength in leveraging the proximity of data points for classification.

These accuracy metrics serve as pivotal indicators, guiding the selection of models based on their respective strengths and suitability for the task of melanoma detection.

Confusion matrix comparisons





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Confusion Matrix for Decision Tree:
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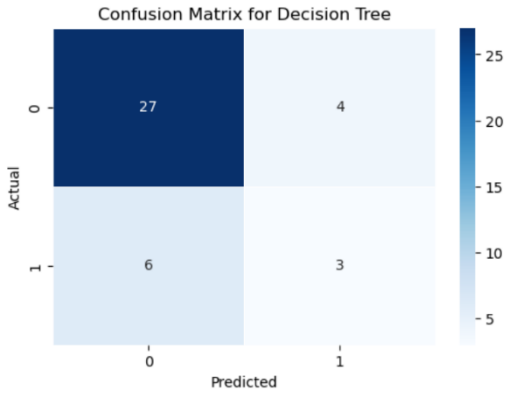

7.Future Exploration

Ensemble Methods

Investigate the application of ensemble methods, such as Random Forests or Gradient Boosting, to combine the strengths of multiple models for enhanced predictive performance and robustness against overfitting.

Deep Learning Architectures

Explore deep learning architectures, including Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs), which are well-suited for image-based tasks. CNNs can automatically learn hierarchical features from skin cancer images, potentially improving the models' ability to discern subtle patterns indicative of melanoma.

8. Conclusions

Our study on automatic melanoma detection using machine learning models reveals varying accuracies among algorithms. The SVM model excels with a 78% accuracy, followed closely by Logistic Regression at 77%, and the Decision Tree model at 70%. Future directions include exploring ensemble methods, deep learning architectures, and incorporating explainable AI. Collaboration with domain experts is crucial for ethical deployment in clinical settings.