# **CP610 PROJECT REPORT**

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

Cancer remains one of the most formidable health challenges worldwide, affecting millions of lives annually. Among the various types of cancer, breast cancer is particularly prevalent, impacting millions of women globally. It is characterized by the uncontrolled growth of abnormal cells in the breast tissue, which can metastasize to other parts of the body if not detected and treated early. Timely and accurate diagnosis is paramount for effective treatment and improved patient outcomes. Early detection and accurate diagnosis significantly enhance survival rates and the effectiveness of treatment.

In the realm of medical diagnostics, machine learning algorithms have emerged as vital tools in assisting healthcare professionals with early detection and classification of diseases, including cancer. These algorithms analyze complex datasets to identify patterns and anomalies that may indicate the presence of cancer. The Breast Cancer Wisconsin (Original) dataset, which includes features from fine needle aspirate (FNA) samples of breast masses, is a valuable resource for developing and testing these diagnostic algorithms. By leveraging machine learning techniques, it is possible to enhance the accuracy and efficiency of breast cancer diagnosis, ultimately contributing to better patient care and outcomes. This report aims to explore the application of machine learning models to this dataset, with the goal of improving the prediction and classification of benign and malignant breast tumors.

## 2. DATASET INTRODUCTION

The Breast Cancer Wisconsin (Original) dataset is a widely utilized dataset in medical research and machine learning, particularly in the field of breast cancer diagnosis. Collected by Dr. William H. Wolberg at the University of Wisconsin Hospitals, Madison, from 1989 to 1991, it comprises 699 instances of fine needle aspirate (FNA) samples from breast masses. Each instance is characterized by 30 features, including attributes like clump thickness, uniformity of cell size and shape, marginal adhesion, and bare nuclei. The goal is to classify these samples into benign or malignant categories. This dataset has been instrumental in developing and testing various algorithms for accurate and early detection of breast cancer.

Samples arrive periodically as Dr. Wolberg reports his clinical cases. The database therefore reflects this chronological grouping of the data. This grouping information appears immediately below, having been removed from the data itself:

Group 1: 367 instances (January 1989)

Group 2: 70 instances (October 1989)

Group 3: 31 instances (February 1990)

Group 4: 17 instances (April 1990)

Group 5: 48 instances (August 1990)

Group 6: 49 instances (Updated January 1991)

Group 7: 31 instances (June 1991)

Group 8: 86 instances (November 1991)

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Total: 699 points (as of the donated database on 15 July 1992)

## 3. OBJECTIVES

The primary objective of this project is to conduct a prediction analysis on the Breast Cancer Wisconsin (Original) dataset. In this notebook, we aim to:

- 1. Showcase the steps involved in data preprocessing, model training, evaluation, and interpretation.
- 2. Provide insights into feature importance and model performance metrics relevant to cancer diagnosis.
- 3. Demonstrate the practical implementation of machine learning models like Random Forest Classifier, Logistic Regression, SVM, etc.

#### Our steps:

Initially, the dataset will be downloaded and meticulously cleaned to address missing values, duplicates, and anomalies. Following this, a stratified random split will be performed to divide the data into training and test sets in an 80/20 ratio, ensuring preserving the benign and malignant sample distribution.

Next, four different machine learning models (Random Forest Classifier, Logistic Regression, SVM, KNN Classifier) will be applied, and 5-fold cross-validation will be utilized to determine the optimal hyperparameters for each model. These fine-tuned models will then be trained on the training set and evaluated on the test set, using accuracy as the primary metric for assessing the prediction of benign or malignant samples.

Finally, the analysis will conclude with a thorough examination of the process, supported by solid data evidence, to draw insights such as identifying key features that enhance

classification accuracy, comparing model performances, and evaluating the impact of various data manipulation techniques. Visualizations will be employed throughout the project to communicate findings and improve the overall analysis effectively.

## 4. DATA PREPROCESSING

#### a. Import libraries

```
import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns
import warnings
from sklearn.exceptions import FitFailedWarning
import plotly.express as px
from sklearn.preprocessing import StandardScaler
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split, RandomizedSearchCV
from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestClassifier
from sklearn.neighbors import KNeighborsClassifier
from sklearn.linear_model import LogisticRegression
from sklearn.svm import SVC
from scipy.stats import randint
from sklearn.metrics import accuracy score
```

#### b. Load dataset

column\_names=['Sample code number', 'Clump thickness', 'Uniformity of
cell size', 'Uniformity of cell shape', 'Marginal adhesion', 'Single
epithelial cell size', 'Bare\_nuclei', 'Bland chromatin', 'Normal
nucleoli', 'Mitoses', 'Class']

df = pd.read\_csv('breast\_cancer\_wisconsin\_original/breast-cancerwisconsin.data', header=None, names=column\_names)
display(df)

	Sample code number	Clump thickness	Uniformity of cell size	Uniformity of cell shape	Marginal adhesion	Single epithelial cell size	Bare_nuclei	Bland chromatin	Normal nucleoli	Mitoses	Class
0	1000025	5	1	1	1	2	1	3	1	1	2
1	1002945	5	4	4	5	7	10	3	2	1	2
2	1015425	3	1	1	1	2	2	3	1	1	2
3	1016277	6	8	8	1	3	4	3	7	1	2
4	1017023	4	1	1	3	2	1	3	1	1	2
				***	***						
694	776715	3	1	1	1	3	2	1	1	1	2
695	841769	2	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	2
696	888820	5	10	10	3	7	3	8	10	2	4
697	897471	4	8	6	4	3	4	10	6	1	4
698	897471	4	8	8	5	4	5	10	4	1	4

699 rows × 11 columns

df.info()

<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
RangeIndex: 699 entries, 0 to 698
Data columns (total 11 columns):

#	Column	Non-Null Count	Dtype
0	Sample code number	699 non-null	int64
1	Clump thickness	699 non-null	int64
2	Uniformity of cell size	699 non-null	int64
3	Uniformity of cell shape	699 non-null	int64
4	Marginal adhesion	699 non-null	int64
5	Single epithelial cell size	699 non-null	int64
6	Bare_nuclei	699 non-null	object
7	Bland chromatin	699 non-null	int64
8	Normal nucleoli	699 non-null	int64
9	Mitoses	699 non-null	int64
10	Class	699 non-null	int64

dtypes: int64(10), object(1)

#Drop irrelevant variable
df.drop("Sample code number", axis=1, inplace = True)
df.describe()

*	Clump thickness ‡	Uniformity of cell size ‡	Uniformity of cell shape ‡	Marginal adhesion ‡	Single ep:
count	699.000000	699.000000	699.000000	699.000000	
mean	4.417740	3.134478	3.207439	2.806867	
std	2.815741	3.051459	2.971913	2.855379	
min	1.000000	1.000000	1.000000	1.000000	
25%	2.000000	1.000000	1.000000	1.000000	
50%	4.000000	1.000000	1.000000	1.000000	
<b>75</b> %	6.000000	5.000000	5.000000	4.000000	
may	10 00000	10 00000	10 00000	10 00000	

#Dataset mentioned the missing values in the "Bare nuclei" variable column. Let's figure it out

print(df['Bare nuclei'].unique())

## ['1' '10' '2' '4' '3' '9' '7' '?' '5' '8' '6']

#Bare\_nuclei has missing value which denoted as '?'
df['Bare\_nuclei'].value\_counts()

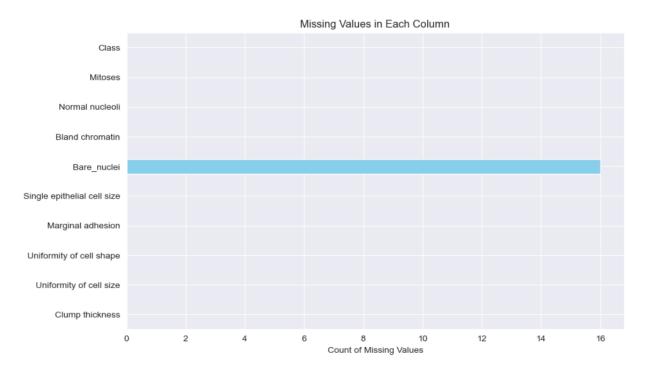
```
1
       402
  10
       132
  2
        30
  5
        30
  3
        28
  8
        21
  4
        19
  ?
        16
  9
         9
  7
         8
  6
         4
  Name: count, dtype: int64
#Query in dataframe
df.query("Bare nuclei == '?'")
```

Bare\_nuclei

	Clump thickness	Uniformity of cell size	Uniformity of cell shape	Marginal adhesion	Single epithelial cell size	Bare_nuclei	Bland chromatin	Normal nucleoli	Mitoses	Class
23	8	4	5	1	2	?	7	3	1	4
40	6	6	6	9	6	?	7	8	1	2
139	1	1	1	1	1	?	2	1	1	2
145	1	1	3	1	2	?	2	1	1	2
158	1	1	2	1	3	?	1	1	1	2
164	5	1	1	1	2	?	3	1	1	2
235	3	1	4	1	2	?	3	1	1	2
249	3	1	1	1	2	?	3	1	1	2
275	3	1	3	1	2	?	2	1	1	2
292	8	8	8	1	2	?	6	10	1	4
294	1	1	1	1	2	?	2	1	1	2
297	5	4	3	1	2	?	2	3	1	2
315	4	6	5	6	7	?	4	9	1	2
321	3	1	1	1	2	?	3	1	1	2
411	1	1	1	1	1	?	2	1	1	2
617	1	1	1	1	1	?	1	1	1	2

```
#Replace '?' with NaN
df['Bare_nuclei'].replace('?', pd.NA, inplace=True)
```

```
#Bar plot of missing values
missing_values_count = df.isnull().sum()
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
missing_values_count.plot(kind='barh', color='skyblue')
plt.title('Missing Values in Each Column')
plt.xlabel('Count of Missing Values')
plt.show()
```



#Convert 'Bare nuclei" columns to numeric, forcing errors to NaN
df['Bare\_nuclei'] = pd.to\_numeric(df['Bare\_nuclei'], errors='coerce')
df.info()

<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
RangeIndex: 699 entries, 0 to 698
Data columns (total 10 columns):

#	Column	Non-Null Count	Dtype
0	Clump thickness	699 non-null	int64
1	Uniformity of cell size	699 non-null	int64
2	Uniformity of cell shape	699 non-null	int64
3	Marginal adhesion	699 non-null	int64
4	Single epithelial cell size	699 non-null	int64
5	Bare_nuclei	683 non-null	float64
6	Bland chromatin	699 non-null	int64
7	Normal nucleoli	699 non-null	int64
8	Mitoses	699 non-null	int64
9	Class	699 non-null	int64

dtypes: float64(1), int64(9)

memory usage: 54.7 KB

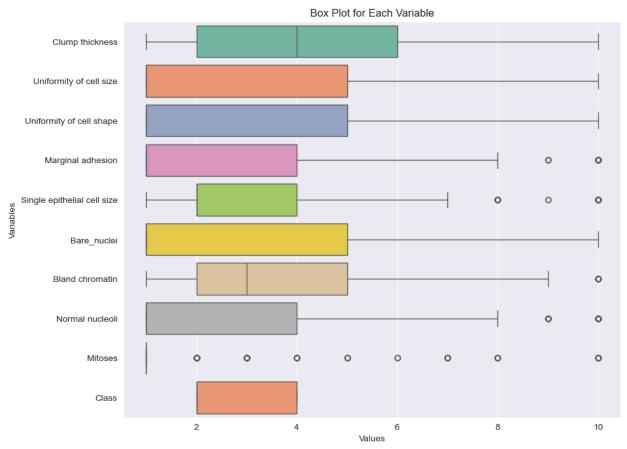
```
#Fill missing values with the mean of each column
df['Bare_nuclei'] = df['Bare_nuclei'].fillna(df['Bare_nuclei'].mean())
df['Bare_nuclei'].value_counts()
```

#### Bare\_nuclei 1.000000 402 10.000000 132 2.000000 30 5.000000 30 28 3.000000 21 8.000000 4.000000 19 3.544656 16 9 9.000000 7.000000 8 6.000000 4

Name: count, dtype: int64

## c. Exploratory data analysis

```
#Suppress specific warning
warnings.simplefilter(action='ignore', category=FutureWarning)
#Crate a box plot for each variable in the dataset
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 8))
sns.boxplot(data=df, palette='Set2', orient='h')
plt.title('Box Plot for Each Variable')
plt.xlabel('Values')
plt.ylabel('Variables')
plt.show()
```



```
#Detect outliers
for var in df.columns:
    # Calculate quartiles and IQR
    q1 = df[var].quantile(0.25)
    q3 = df[var].quantile(0.75)
    iqr = q3 - q1
    # Calculate lower and upper bounds
    lower bound = q1 - (1.5 * iqr)
    upper bound = q3 + (1.5 * iqr)
    # Detect outliers
    outliers = df[(df[var] < lower bound) | (df[var] > upper bound)]
    # Display count of outliers
    print(f"Number of outliers for variable {var}: {len(outliers)}")
  Number of outliers for variable Clump thickness: 0
  Number of outliers for variable Uniformity of cell size: 0
  Number of outliers for variable Uniformity of cell shape: \theta
  Number of outliers for variable Marginal adhesion: 60
  Number of outliers for variable Single epithelial cell size: 54
  Number of outliers for variable Bare_nuclei: 0
  Number of outliers for variable Bland chromatin: 20
  Number of outliers for variable Normal nucleoli: 77
  Number of outliers for variable Mitoses: 120
  Number of outliers for variable Class: 0
```

```
data = df
data.head(10)
```

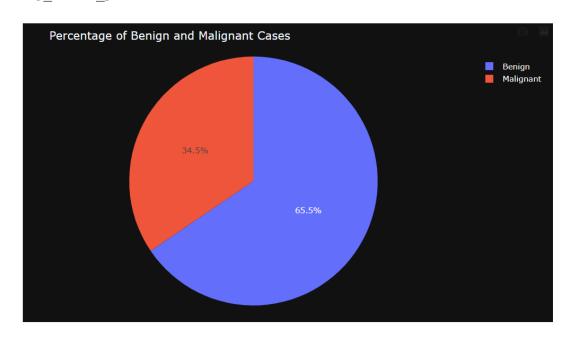
<b>‡</b>	Clump thickness ‡	Uniformity of cell size ‡	Uniformity of cell shape ‡	Marginal adhesion ‡	Single ep:
0	5	1	1	1	
1	5	4	4	5	
2	3	1	1	1	
3	6	8	8	1	
4	4	1	1	3	
5	8	10	10	8	
6	1	1	1	1	
7	2	1	2	1	

```
#To ensure all columns are of numeric type
data = data.apply(pd.to_numeric, errors='coerce')
data['Class'] = data['Class'].map({2: 'Benign', 4: 'Malignant'})

#Count the occurrences of each class
class_counts = data['Class'].value_counts().reset_index()
class_counts.columns = ['Class', 'Count']

fig_class_pie = px.pie(
    class_counts,
    names='Class',
    values='Count',
    title='Percentage of Benign and Malignant Cases',
    color_discrete_map={'Malignant': 'red', 'Benign': 'skyblue'})

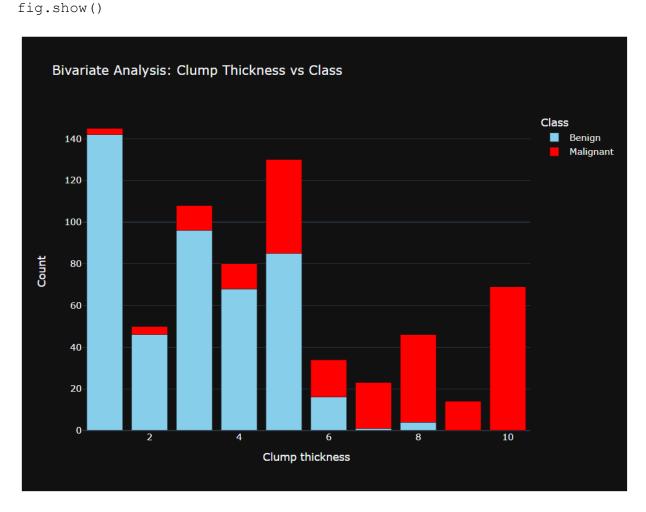
fig_class_pie.update_layout(
    margin=dict(t=50, l=25, r=25, b=25)
)
fig_class_pie.show()
```



The pie chart indicates the percentage of Benign and Malignant cases in the dataset. Compared to the "Benign" which stands at 65.5%, the rate of "Malignant" class is lower (34.5%).

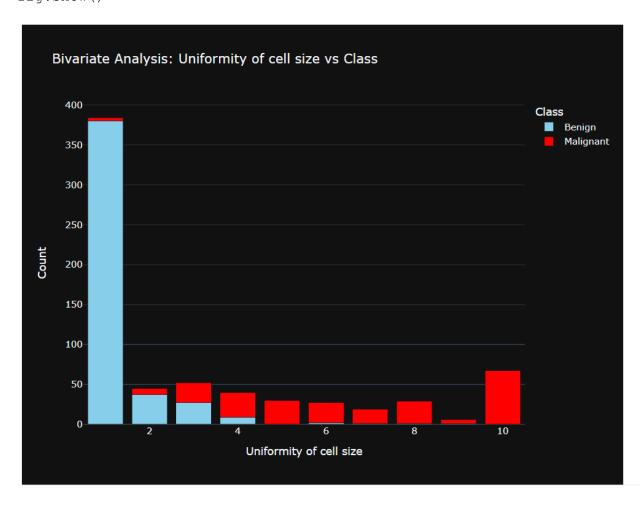
```
#Group the data by Clump_Thickness and Class and count the occurrences
count_data = data.groupby(['Clump thickness',
    'Class']).size().reset_index(name='Count')

fig = px.bar(
    count_data,
    x='Clump thickness',
    y='Count',
    color='Class',
    title='Bivariate Analysis: Clump Thickness vs Class',
    labels={'Clump_Thickness': 'Clump Thickness', 'Count': 'Count',
    'Class': 'Class'},
    color_discrete_map={'Malignant': 'red', 'Benign': 'skyblue'},
    barmode='stack',
    height = 600)
```



In the "Bivariate Analysis: Clump Thickness vs Class" bar chart, we can see that the increased clump thickness is associated to the higher risk of malignancy.

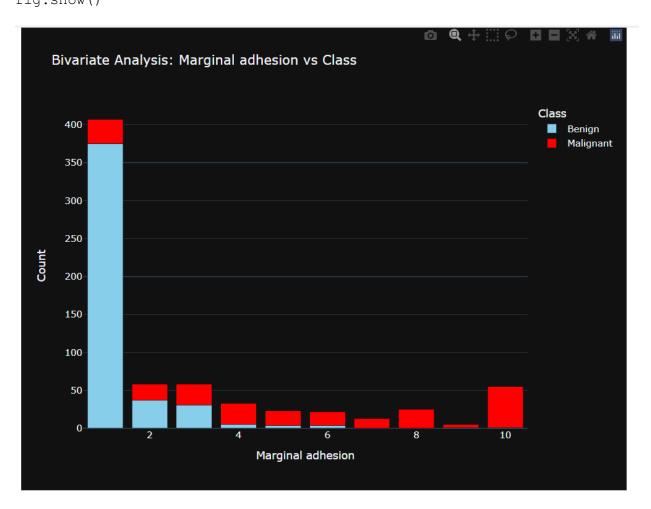
```
#Group the data by Uniformity of cell size and Class and count the
occurrences
count data = data.groupby(['Uniformity of cell size',
'Class']).size().reset index(name='Count')
fig = px.bar(
    count data,
    x='Uniformity of cell size',
    y='Count',
    color='Class',
    title='Bivariate Analysis: Uniformity of cell size vs Class',
    labels={'Uniformity of cell size': 'Uniformity of cell size',
'Count': 'Count', 'Class': 'Class'},
    color discrete map={'Malignant': 'red', 'Benign': 'skyblue'},
    barmode='stack',
    height = 600)
fig.show()
```



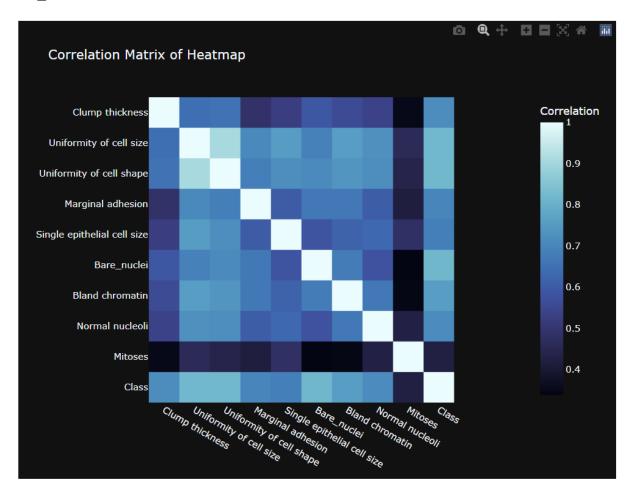
Similarly to the "Bivariate Analysis: Uniformity of cell size vs Class" bar chart, the increase of uniformity of cell size is associated to the higher risk of malignancy.

```
#Group the data by Marginal adhesion and Class and count the occurrences
count_data = data.groupby(['Marginal adhesion',
'Class']).size().reset_index(name='Count')

fig = px.bar(
    count_data,
    x='Marginal adhesion',
    y='Count',
    color='Class',
    title='Bivariate Analysis: Marginal adhesion vs Class',
    labels={'Marginal adhesion': 'Marginal adhesion', 'Count': 'Count',
'Class': 'Class'},
    color_discrete_map={'Malignant': 'red', 'Benign': 'skyblue'},
    barmode='stack',
    height = 600)
```



The "Bivariate Analysis: Marginal adhesion vs Class" bar chart also show the higher risk of malignancy when the marginal adhesion rises from 0 to 10.



The picture illustrates the correlation matrix of heatmap.

The variable "clump thickness" shows the highest positive correlation with the "class" variable (0.7160), indicating that increased clump thickness is associated with a higher likelihood of malignancy.

Similarly, "size\_uniformity" and "shape\_uniformity" have strong positive correlations with the "class" variable (0.8179 and 0.8189, respectively), suggesting that larger and more irregularly shaped cells are more likely to be malignant.

Additionally, variables such as "bare nuclei," "bland chromatin," and "normal nucleoli" exhibit moderate positive correlations with the "class" variable, highlighting their influence on tumor classification.

In contrast, the variable "mitoses" has a lower positive correlation with the "class" variable (0.4231), indicating a weaker association.

## d. Data features and data targets

```
#Data features and data targets
data_features = df.iloc[:,0:9]
display(data_features)

data_targets = df.iloc[:,9]
display(data_targets)
```

	Clump thickness	Uniformity of cell size	Uniformity of cell shape	Marginal adhesion	Single epithelial cell size	Bare_nuclei	Bland chromatin	Normal nucleoli	Mitoses
0	5	1	1	1	2	1.0	3	1	1
1	5	4	4	5	7	10.0	3	2	1
2	3	1	1	1	2	2.0	3	1	1
3	6	8	8	1	3	4.0	3	7	1
4	4	1	1	3	2	1.0	3	1	1
694	3	1	1	1	3	2.0	1	1	1
695	2	1	1	1	2	1.0	1	1	1
696	5	10	10	3	7	3.0	8	10	2
697	4	8	6	4	3	4.0	10	6	1
698	4	8	8	5	4	5.0	10	4	1

## e. Train/test split

```
#Stratified train-test-split
X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(X, y, test_size=0.2,
stratify=y, random state=42)
```

#### f. Data standardization

```
scaler = StandardScaler()
X_train = scaler.fit_transform(X_train)
X test = scaler.transform(X test)
```

## 5. MODEL TRAINING AND EVALUATION

#### a. Random Forest Classifier

```
#Ignore UserWarning
warnings.filterwarnings("ignore", category=UserWarning)
#Ignore FitFailedWarning
warnings.filterwarnings("ignore", category=FitFailedWarning)
#Initial model
rf = RandomForestClassifier()
#Hyperparameter tuning using RandomizedSearchCV with 5-fold cross-
validation
n estimators rf = [int(x) for x in np.linspace(start = 10, stop = 500,
num = 50)1
max depth rf = [int(x) for x in np.linspace(start = 8, stop = 80, num =
max depth rf.append(None)
bootstrap rf = [True, False]
min samples leaf rf = range(1, 10, 1)
min samples split rf = range (2, 10, 1)
param dist rf = {
'n estimators': n estimators rf,
'max features': ['auto', 'sqrt', 'log2'],
'max depth': max depth rf,
'criterion': ['gini', 'entropy'],
'bootstrap': bootstrap rf,
'min samples leaf': min samples leaf rf,
'min samples split': min samples split rf
}
rcv rf = RandomizedSearchCV(rf, param distributions=param dist rf,
n iter=500, cv=5, scoring='accuracy', random state=42, n jobs=-1)
#Fit model
rcv rf.fit(X train, y train)
```

```
#Best estimator
best rcv rf = rcv rf.best estimator
#Prediction
y pred rcv rf = best rcv rf.predict(X test)
#Evaluate model
accuracy rcv rf = accuracy score(y test, y pred rcv rf)
#Print result
print(f"Best Random Forest Classifier parameters (RandomizedSearchCV):
{rcv rf.best params }")
print("Random Forest Classifier Test Accuracy
(RandomizedSearchCV): %.2f" %accuracy rcv rf)
 print(f"Best Random Forest Classifier parameters (RandomizedSeachCV): {rcv_rf.best_params_}")
 print("Random Forest Classifier Test Accuracy (RandomizedSeachCV): %.2f" %accuracy_rcv_rf)
 Best Random Forest Classifier parameters (RandomizedSeachCV): {'n_estimators': 100, 'min_samples_split': 2,
 'min_samples_leaf': 1, 'max_features': 'sqrt', 'max_depth': 8, 'criterion': 'entropy', 'bootstrap': True}
 Random Forest Classifier Test Accuracy (RandomizedSeachCV): 0.96
      b. Logistic Regression
# Ignore UserWarning
warnings.filterwarnings("ignore", category=UserWarning)
# Ignore FitFailedWarning
warnings.filterwarnings("ignore", category=FitFailedWarning)
#Initial model
log reg = LogisticRegression()
# Hyperparameter tuning using GridSearchCV with 5-fold cross-validation
param grid log reg = {
    \overline{C}: [\overline{x} / \overline{10.0} \text{ for x in range}(100)],
    'solver': ['liblinear', 'saga']
cv log reg = GridSearchCV(log reg, param grid log reg, cv=5,
scoring='accuracy')
#Fit model
cv log reg.fit(X train, y train)
#Best estimator
best log reg = cv_log_reg.best_estimator_
#Prediction
y pred log reg = best log reg.predict(X test)
#Evaluate model
accuracy log reg = accuracy score(y test, y pred log reg)
```

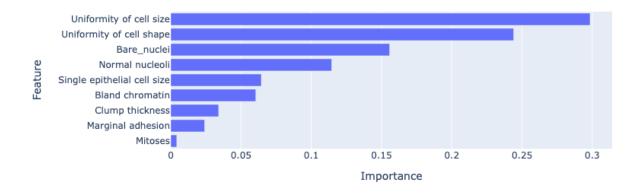
```
#Print result
print(f"Best Logistic Regression parameters: {cv log reg.best params }")
print("Logistic Regression Test Accuracy: %.5f" %accuracy log reg)
 print(f"Best Logistic Regression parameters: {cv_log_reg.best_params_}")
 print("Logistic Regression Test Accuracy: %.5f" %accuracy_log_reg)
 Best Logistic Regression parameters: {'C': 1, 'solver': 'liblinear'}
 Logistic Regression Test Accuracy: 0.95000
      c. Support Vector Machine (SVM)
# Ignore UserWarning
warnings.filterwarnings("ignore", category=UserWarning)
# Ignore FitFailedWarning
warnings.filterwarnings("ignore", category=FitFailedWarning)
#Initial model
svm = SVC()
# Hyperparameter tuning using GridSearchCV with 5-fold cross-validation
param grid svm = {
    'C': [x / 10.0 \text{ for } x \text{ in range}(100)],
    'gamma': [x / 1000.0 \text{ for } x \text{ in range}(1000)],
    'kernel': ['linear', 'rbf']
cv svm = GridSearchCV(svm, param grid svm, cv=5, scoring='accuracy',
n jobs=-1)
#Fit model
cv svm.fit(X train, y train)
#Best estimator
best svm = cv svm.best estimator
#Prediction
y pred svm = best svm.predict(X test)
#Evaluate result
accuracy svm = accuracy score(y test, y pred svm)
#Print result
print(f"Best SVM parameters: {cv svm.best params }")
print("SVM Test Accuracy: %.5f" %accuracy svm)
print(f"Best SVM parameters: {cv_svm.best_params_}")
 print("SVM Test Accuracy: %.5f" %accuracy_svm)
 Best SVM parameters: {'C': 10, 'gamma': 1, 'kernel': 'linear'}
 SVM Test Accuracy: 0.95714
```

#### 6. FEATURE IMPORTANCE VISUALIZATION

```
#Feature importance from Random Forest model
feature_importance = best_rcv_rf.feature_importances_
feature_names = X.columns
importance_df = pd.DataFrame({'Feature': feature_names, 'Importance':
feature_importance})
importance_df = importance_df.sort_values(by='Importance',
ascending=False)

#Visualization
fig_feature_impt = px.bar(importance_df, x='Importance', y='Feature',
orientation='h', title='Feature Importance - Random Forest')
fig_feature_impt.update_layout(yaxis={'categoryorder':'total ascending'})
fig_feature_impt.show()
```

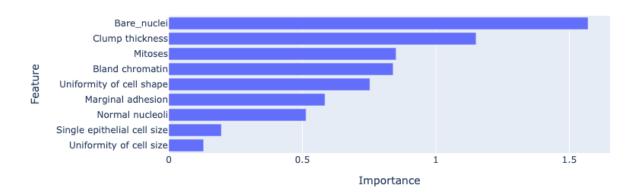
#### Feature Importance - Random Forest



```
#Feature importance from Logistic Regression model
coefficients = best_log_reg.coef_.flatten()
feature_names = X.columns
importance_df_logistic = pd.DataFrame({'Feature': feature_names,
'Importance': coefficients})
importance_df_logistic =
importance_df_logistic =
importance_df_logistic.sort_values(by='Importance', ascending=False)

#Visualization
fig_feature_impt_logistic = px.bar(importance_df_logistic,
x='Importance', y='Feature', orientation='h', title='Feature Importance -
Logistic Regression')
fig_feature_impt_logistic.update_layout(yaxis={'categoryorder':'total
ascending'})
fig_feature_impt_logistic.show()
```

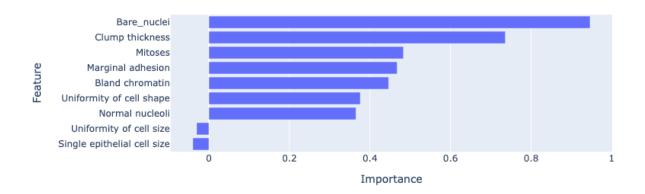
#### Feature Importance - Logistic Regression



```
#Feature importance from SVM model
coefficients = best_svm.coef_.flatten()
feature_names = X.columns
importance_df_svm = pd.DataFrame({'Feature': feature_names, 'Importance':
coefficients})
importance_df_svm = importance_df_svm.sort_values(by='Importance',
ascending=False)

#Visualization
fig_feature_impt_svm = px.bar(importance_df_svm, x='Importance',
y='Feature', orientation='h', title='Feature Importance - SVM (Linear
Kernel)')
fig_feature_impt_svm.update_layout(yaxis={'categoryorder':'total
ascending'})
fig_feature_impt_svm.show()
```

#### Feature Importance - SVM (Linear Kernel)



## 7. CONCLUSION

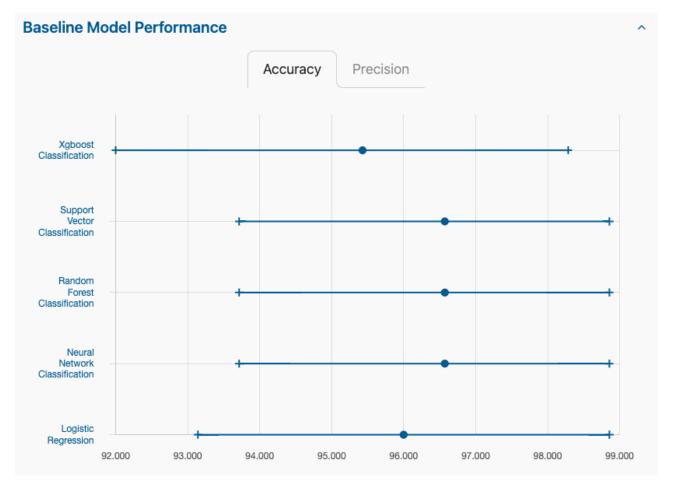
In this project, we have explored Dr. Wolberg's dataset on breast cancer, consisting of 699 samples of breast masses, with each sample being characterized by 30 features - 10 of which are used to describe samples, as noted by Wolberg (1990). By using this dataset, we attempted to train several models to predict whether a sample of breast mass is benign (non-cancerous) or malignant (cancerous).

Through examining the dataset, we have found the column "Sample code number" to be irrelevant to our task, as it is not part of the samples' characteristics, and as such have dropped the column. We have also discovered that for 16 samples, the value of the feature "Bare nuclei" is "?". To rectify this issue, we have converted those values into numeric values by replacing them with "NaN" values, before filling them with the mean of the feature. Additionally, we attempted to detect outliers in each feature using the Inter-quartile (IQR) measurement. However, after careful consideration, we have decided not to remove any outliers, as human bodies are diverse, and as such, all samples are critical for our models to learn, in order to better identify future breast samples. Also, the number of outlier samples is not minor, and outliers are not specific enough to carry on a further deep-dive analysis. So, we leave them intact.

After cleaning the dataset, we proceeded to select and train three models: random forest classifier, logistic regression, and Support Vector Machine (SVM). To prepare the training and testing data, using stratified random split, we've split the data such that 80% of the data is used as training data, and the remaining 20% as testing data. For each model, we used 5-fold cross-validation to determine the optimal hyperparameters, before training them on the training dataset and evaluating them on the testing dataset. Each model's performance is evaluated based on accuracy. The results are as follows:

- Random Forest Classifier (params: {'n\_estimators': 100, 'min\_samples\_split': 2, 'min\_samples\_leaf': 1, 'max\_features': 'sqrt', 'max\_depth': 8, 'criterion': 'entropy', 'bootstrap': True}): 0.96
- Logistic Regression (params: {'C': 1, 'solver': 'liblinear'}): **0.95**
- SVM (params: {'C': 10, 'gamma': 1, 'kernel': 'linear'}): 0.95714

Also, we compared our results to the baseline model performance to have the better evaluation on our models.



As can be seen from the results above and the "baseline model performance" line chart, the models performed reasonably well, falling within our expectations.

Breaking down the importance of each feature to each model, the feature "Bare\_nuclei" seems to be consistently one of the most important features, ranking within the top two for each model.

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