Predicting Heart Disease in Patients Using Machine Learning

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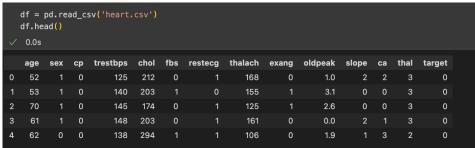
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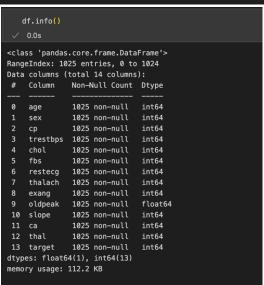
Introduction:

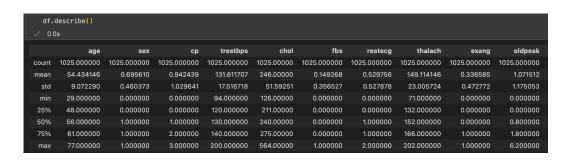
The objective of this project is to evaluate different machine learning models to predict the presence of heart disease in patients based on various features. This report outlines the data analysis, preprocessing steps, model selection, hyperparameter tuning, and performance evaluation.

1. Data Exploration and Visualization:

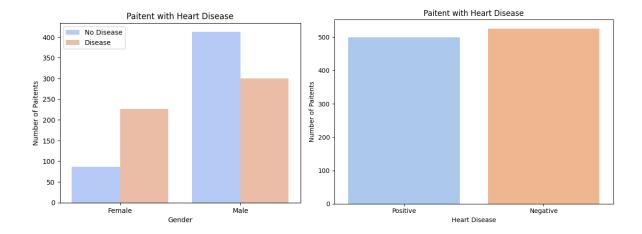
The dataset contains 13 predicting features such as age, gender, cholesterol levels, resting blood pressure, and more. Target variable is Binary series with '0' and '1' entries as negative and positive disease labels. Visualized data distribution and target variable distribution.







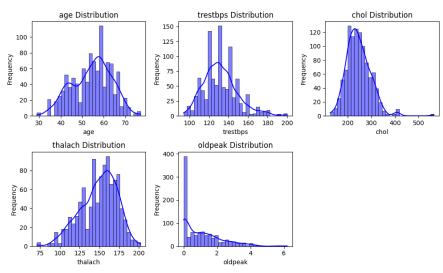
Distribution of Patients with respect to genders and disease



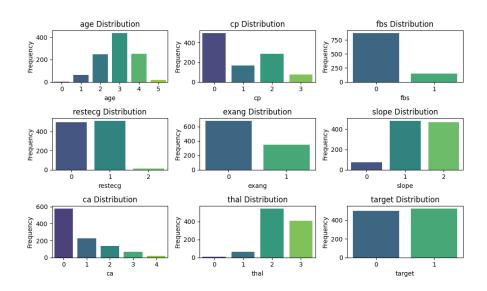
EDA applied on Dataset which includes identification of null values, outliers, discretization, and the distribution of data.

Data visualization techniques, including histograms, boxplots, and count plots, were used to understand the distribution and relationships between different variables.

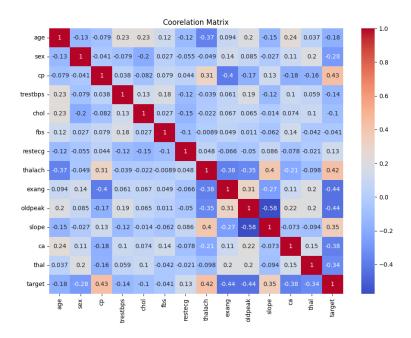
Histograms for Numeric Variables. All features are almost uniformly distributed and there is not much of skewness.



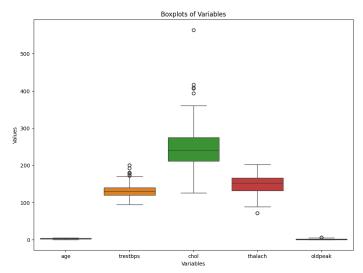
Distribution of Categorical features.



Heatmap plot is used to check the Correlation among features. Key insights:

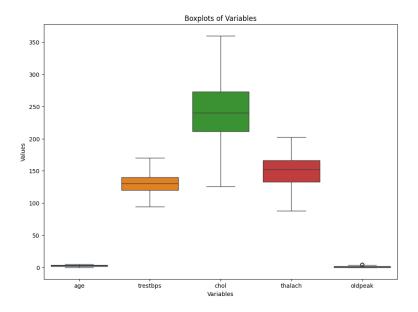


The dataset comprises both numerical and binary features. Some features exhibit outliers, shown in the plot below.



Outliers are removed using statistical techniques and alimented data points those lie outside the min and maximum values.

After removing outliers.



2. Data Preprocessing:

Standardization and label encoding applied to prepare the data for model training.

The dataset splited into training and testing with stratified random sampling and sets to evaluate model performance.

3. Model Selection and Training:

Three machine learning models were chosen: Logistic Regression, Support Vector Machine (SVM), and Random Forest Classifier.

Each model was trained on the training dataset, and its performance was evaluated using accuracy metrics.

K-Fold CV is used to select the best model, which in our case is Random Forest Classifier based on the mean accuracy score. RFC achieved 99.4% accuracy.

4. Feature Selection and Hyperparameter Tuning:

Selected 50% features for final model.

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Selecting Random Forest as a Best Model

Feature Selection and Testing

from sklearn.feature_selection import SelectFromModel

clf = RandomForestClassifier(random_state=42)

selector = SelectFromModel(estimator = clf)
selector.fit(X_train, y_train)

# Get the selected features
selected_features = X_train.columns[selector.get_support()]

# Transform the training and test sets with selected features
X_train_selected = selector.transform(X_train)
X_test_selected = selector.transform(X_test)
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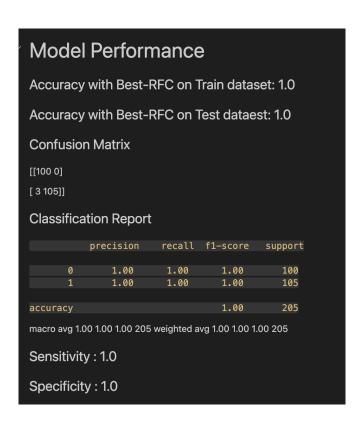
Random search technique is used to identify the best hyperparameters for the Random Forest Classifier. The selected hyperparameters are used to train the final model.

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param_grid = {
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        'max_depth': [5, 10, 15, None],
        'min_samples_split': [2, 5, 10],
        'min_samples_leaf': [1, 2, 4],
        'max_features': ['sqrt', 'log2', None]
}
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5. Model Evaluation:

The final Random Forest Classifier achieved an accuracy of 100% on train dataset and an accuracy of 100% on the test dataset.

Confusion matrix, classification report, sensitivity, and specificity metrics were used to assess model performance. See figure below.



6. Conclusion:

The Random Forest Classifier demonstrated outstanding performance in predicting heart disease in patients.s

7. Future Work:

Investigate additional machine learning algorithms, ensemble methods and deep learning algorithms to further enhance predictive performance.

Explore the use of advanced techniques such as feature engineering and dimensionality reduction using PCA and t-SNE to improve model efficiency.