

Analysing biomarkers to determine the presence of liver cirrhosis.

ASDS 6302 final project

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The aim of this project is to develop Logistic Regression and Support Vector Machine models that can predict the presence of liver cirrhosis on the basis of certain biomarkers. **The original research that produced the dataset also sought to investigate the gender-based disparity in the study of the disease, leading to marked difference in patient treatment and outcomes. Hence, the "imbalance" between data available for male and female patients is a key feature of the dataset.**

```
In [ ]: import pandas
import numpy

import seaborn
import matplotlib.pyplot as plot

from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
from sklearn.linear_model import LogisticRegression
from sklearn.svm import SVC

from sklearn.metrics import accuracy_score, confusion_matrix, roc_curve, roc_auc_score
```

```
In [ ]: # Load the dataset and assign column names
liver_data = pandas.read_csv("./dataset/ilpd.csv")
liver_data.columns = ["Age",
                      "Gender",
                      "TB",
                      "DB",
                      "Alkphos",
                      "Sgpt",
                      "Sgot",
                      "TP",
                      "ALB",
                      "AGRatio",
                      "Target"]

liver_data.head()
```

```
Out[ ]: 
```

| | Age | Gender | TB | DB | Alkphos | Sgpt | Sgot | TP | ALB | AGRatio | Target |
|---|-----|--------|------|-----|---------|------|------|-----|-----|---------|--------|
| 0 | 62 | Male | 10.9 | 5.5 | 699 | 64 | 100 | 7.5 | 3.2 | 0.74 | 1 |
| 1 | 62 | Male | 7.3 | 4.1 | 490 | 60 | 68 | 7.0 | 3.3 | 0.89 | 1 |
| 2 | 58 | Male | 1.0 | 0.4 | 182 | 14 | 20 | 6.8 | 3.4 | 1.00 | 1 |
| 3 | 72 | Male | 3.9 | 2.0 | 195 | 27 | 59 | 7.3 | 2.4 | 0.40 | 1 |
| 4 | 46 | Male | 1.8 | 0.7 | 208 | 19 | 14 | 7.6 | 4.4 | 1.30 | 1 |

Descriptive statistics and data overview

Checking for any NA or otherwise missing values in the dataset:

```
In [ ]: liver_data.isna().sum()
```

```
Out[ ]: Age      0
Gender    0
TB        0
DB        0
Alkphos   0
Sgpt      0
Sgot      0
TP        0
ALB       0
AGRatio   4
Target    0
dtype: int64
```

There appear to be no missing values in the dataset, except for the `AGRatio` column. Upon inspection, we see:

```
In [ ]: liver_data.loc[pandas.isna(liver_data["AGRatio"]), ]
```

```
Out[ ]:      Age  Gender  TB  DB  Alkphos  Sgpt  Sgot  TP  ALB  AGRatio  Target
208    45   Female  0.9  0.3    189    23    33  6.6  3.9     NaN        1
240    51     Male  0.8  0.2    230    24    46  6.5  3.1     NaN        1
252    35   Female  0.6  0.2    180    12    15  5.2  2.7     NaN        2
311    27     Male  1.3  0.6    106    25    54  8.5  4.8     NaN        2
```

```
In [ ]: seaborn.set_theme("paper")
seaborn.set_style("whitegrid")
```

```
In [ ]: exclude = ["Gender", "Target"]
continuous = [col for col in liver_data.columns if col not in exclude]

figure, axes = plot.subplots(len(continuous), 2, figsize=(15, 3 * len(continuous)))
axes = axes.flatten()

for i, axes in enumerate(axes):
    # Plot boxplot
    if i % 2 == 0:
        seaborn.boxplot(x=liver_data[continuous[i // 2]], ax=axes, palette = 'YlGnBu', y="Gender")
        axes.set_title(f'Boxplot for {continuous[i // 2]}', fontdict={'fontweight': 'bold'})
    # Plot histogram
    else:
        seaborn.histplot(x=liver_data[continuous[i // 2]], ax=axes, kde=True, hue="Gender", palette = 'YlGnBu')
        axes.set_title(f'Histogram for {continuous[i // 2]}', fontdict={'fontweight': 'bold'})

plot.subplots_adjust(hspace=0.5) # Adjust the spacing between rows
```

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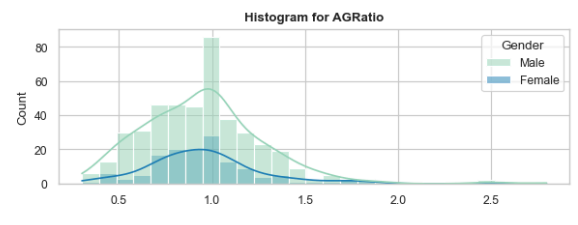
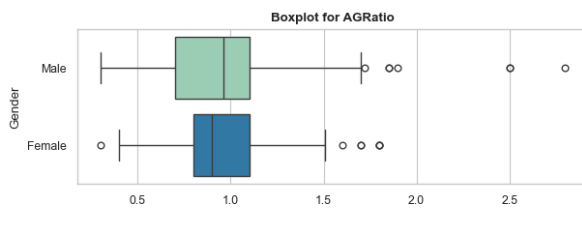
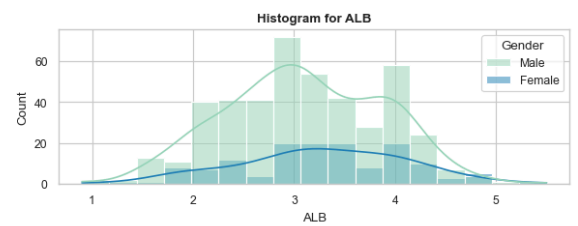
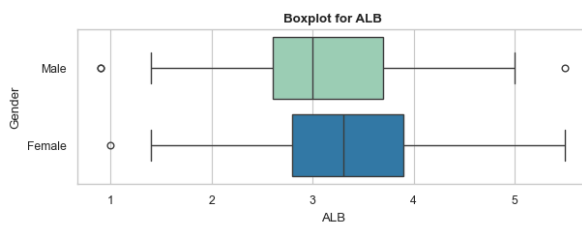
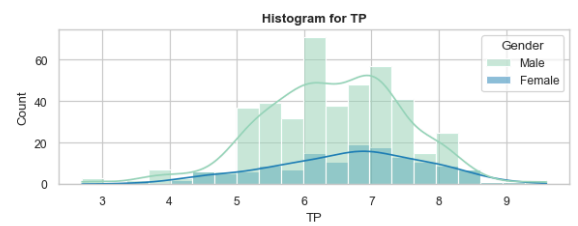
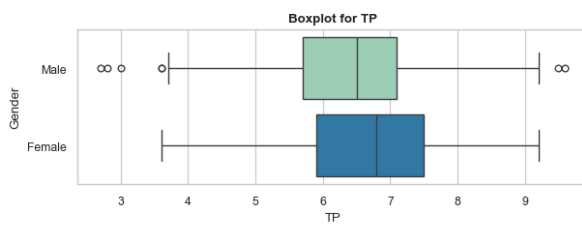
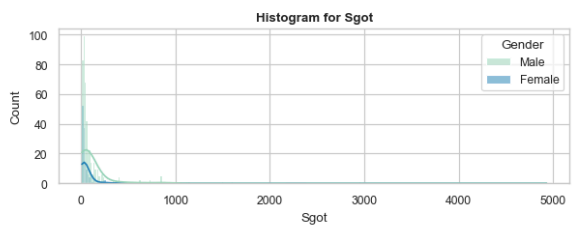
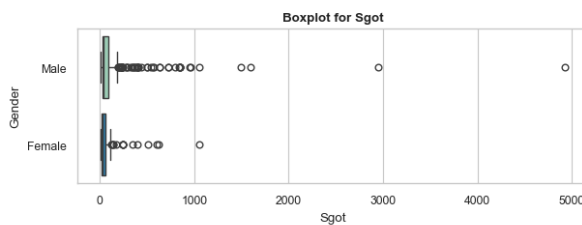
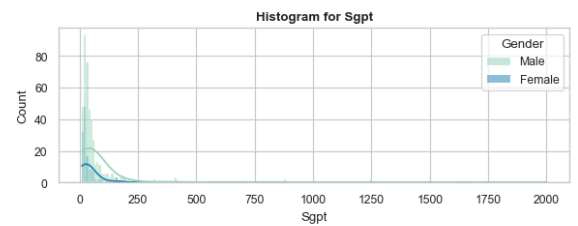
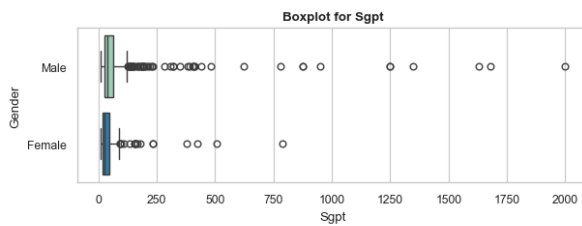
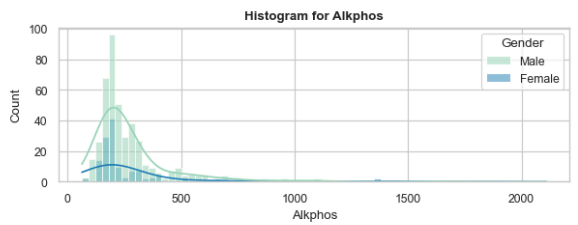
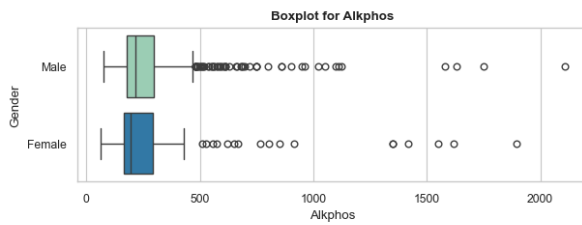
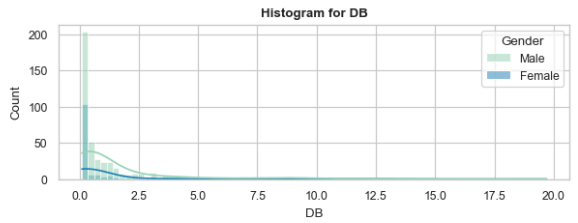
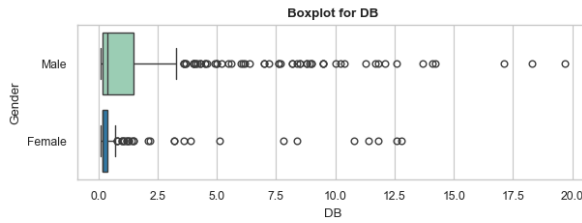
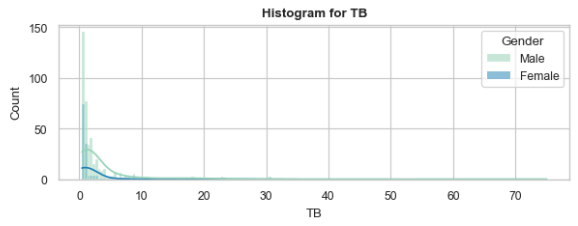
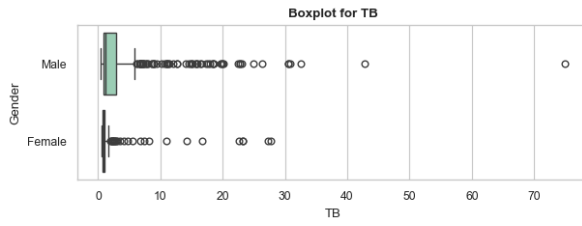
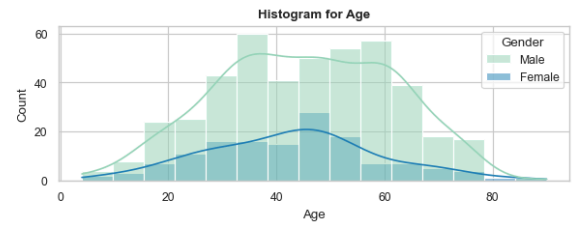
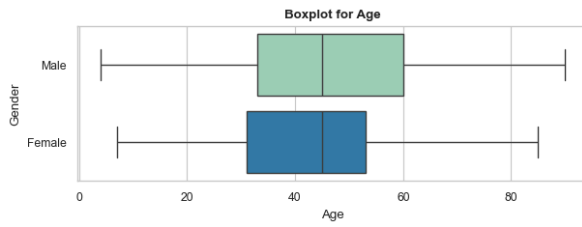
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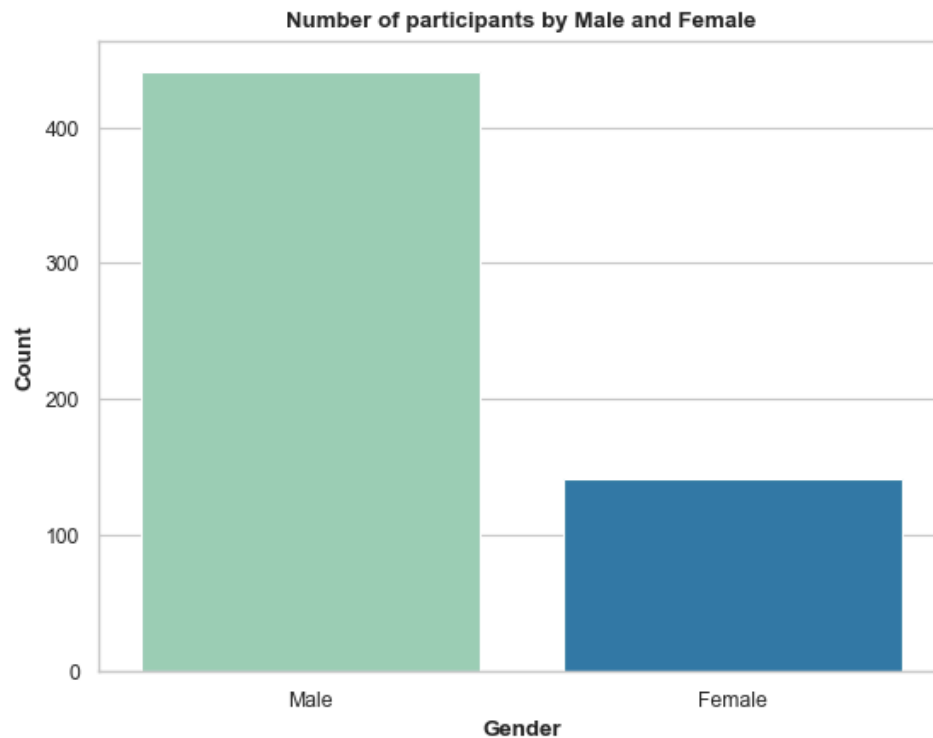
```
In [ ]: gender_countplot = seaborn.countplot(data = liver_data, x = "Gender", palette = "YlGnBu")
gender_countplot.set_title("Number of participants by Male and Female", fontdict={"fontweight": "bold"})
gender_countplot.set_ylabel("Count", fontdict={"fontweight": "bold"})
gender_countplot.set_xlabel("Gender", fontdict={"fontweight": "bold"})
```

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```
gender_countplot = seaborn.countplot(data = liver_data, x = "Gender", palette = "YlGnBu")
```

```
Out[ ]: Text(0.5, 0, 'Gender')
```



```
In [ ]: liver_data.loc[liver_data['Target'] == 2, 'Target'] = 0 # healthy
liver_data.loc[liver_data['Target'] == 1, 'Target'] = 1
```

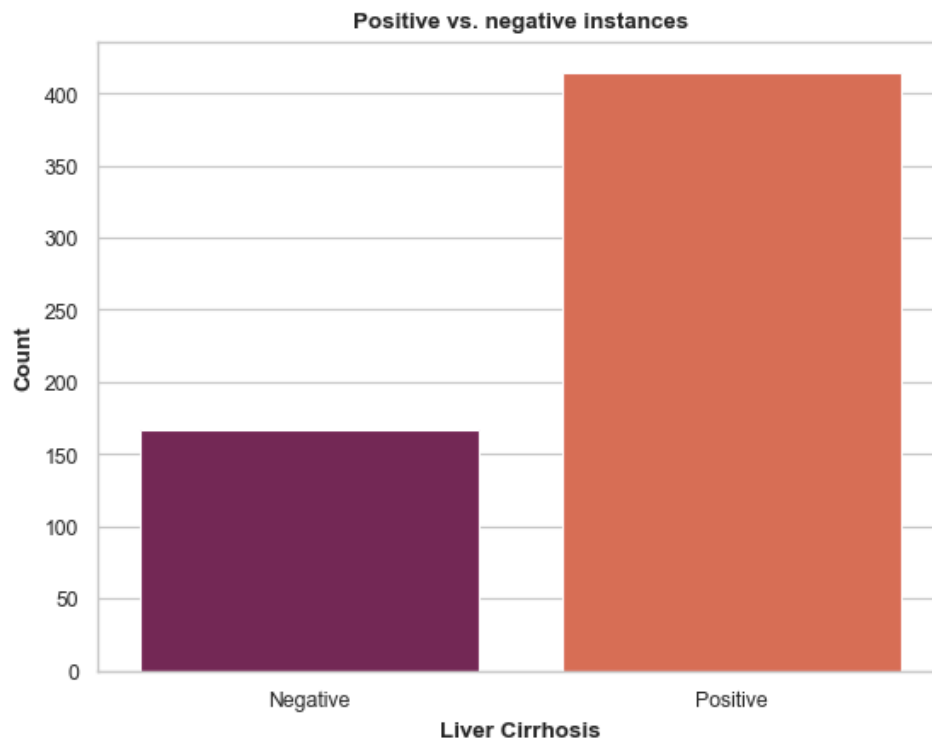
```
In [ ]: target_countplot = seaborn.countplot(data = liver_data, x = "Target", palette = "rocket")
target_countplot.set_title("Positive vs. negative instances", fontdict={"fontweight": "bold"})
target_countplot.set_ylabel("Count", fontdict={"fontweight": "bold"})
target_countplot.set_xlabel("Liver Cirrhosis", fontdict={"fontweight": "bold"})
target_countplot.set_xticklabels(["Negative", "Positive"])
```

C:\Users\utkar\AppData\Local\Temp\ipykernel_20640\158615405.py:1: FutureWarning:

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```
target_countplot = seaborn.countplot(data = liver_data, x = "Target", palette = "rocket")
C:\Users\utkar\AppData\Local\Temp\ipykernel_20640\158615405.py:5: UserWarning: set_ticklabels() should only be used with a fixed number of ticks, i.e. after set_ticks() or using a FixedLocator.
target_countplot.set_xticklabels(["Negative", "Positive"])
```

```
Out[ ]: [Text(0, 0, 'Negative'), Text(1, 0, 'Positive')]
```



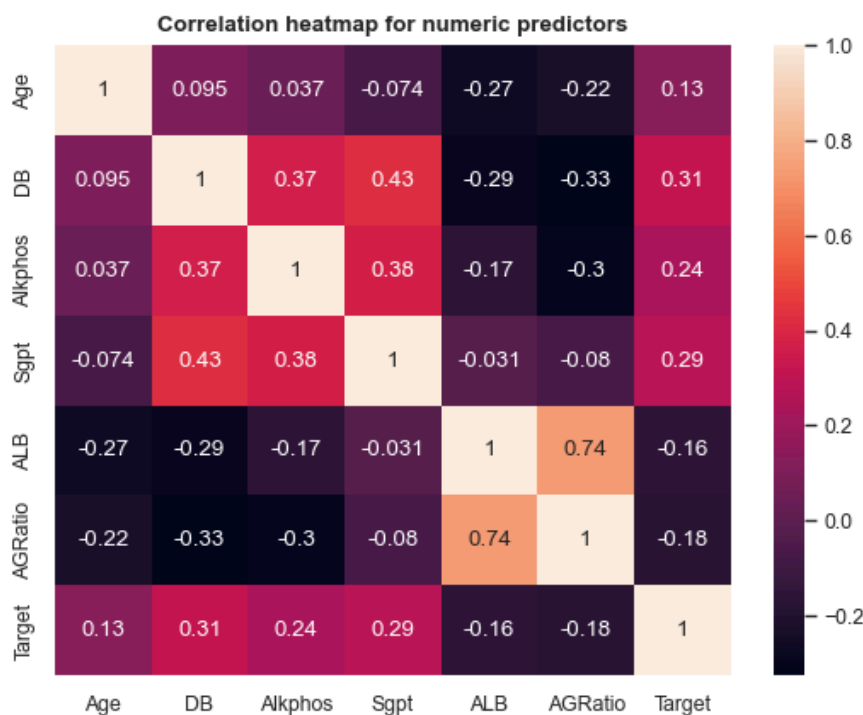
In this case, even though *significant* outliers exist in almost all features, we will not remove them as they are likely to be genuine data points. Imputing or removing outliers tends to "skew" data towards an "average" representation, which may dilute the disparity between sexes that we are trying to capture.

Correlation analysis + picking significant predictors

```
In [ ]: import matplotlib.pyplot as plot

correlation = liver_data.corr(numeric_only=True)
heatmap = seaborn.heatmap(correlation, annot=True, cmap="rocket")
heatmap.set_title("Correlation heatmap for numeric predictors", fontdict={"fontweight": "bold"})
```

```
Out[ ]: Text(0.5, 1.0, 'Correlation heatmap for numeric predictors')
```



Between the features, we see that `TB` and `DB` are highly correlated, as are `TP` and `ALB`. This is expected, as the former pair are both measures of bilirubin levels, while the latter pair are measures of protein levels. We must drop *one* feature in either pair from our model, in order to reduce redundant information. Hence, we drop `TB` and `TP` from the respective pairs since they are less correlated with `Target` as their counterparts. Similarly, between `Sgpt` and `Sgot`, we drop `Sgot` as it is less correlated with `Target`.

```
In [ ]: liver_data.drop(['TB', 'TP', 'Sgot'], axis = 1, inplace = True)
liver_data.head()
```

```
Out [ ]:
```

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Data preprocessing

All features are continuous, and have no missing values. Hence, very little pre-processing is required. The only preprocessing needed is the label encoding of the `Gender` feature, which has the labels, "Male" and "Female".

```
In [ ]: # encode male as 1 and female as 0
liver_data.loc[liver_data["Gender"] == "Male", "Gender"] = 1
liver_data.loc[liver_data["Gender"] == "Female", "Gender"] = 0
```

```
In [ ]: # validating our encoding was successful
liver_data["Gender"].value_counts()
```

```
Out [ ]: Gender
1      441
0      141
Name: count, dtype: int64
```

Since 2 observations are *Male* and 2 are *Female* participants, we can safely drop these observations from the dataset for simplicity.

```
In [ ]: liver_data.dropna(subset=["AGRatio"], inplace=True)
```

We can also impute the outliers in our features, so as to base our modelling and analysis *only* on the underlying distributions for each continuous variable. Due to the lack of subject-matter expertise and the simple scope, we cannot determine the "true" values of these outliers, and hence we will impute them with the upper and lower "thresholds".

```
In [ ]: # imputing outliers

for column in continuous:
    Q1 = numpy.quantile(liver_data[column], 0.25)
    Q3 = numpy.quantile(liver_data[column], 0.75)
    IQR = Q3 - Q1
    lower_bound = Q1 - 1.5 * IQR
    upper_bound = Q3 + 1.5 * IQR
    liver_data.loc[liver_data[column] < lower_bound, column] = lower_bound
    liver_data.loc[liver_data[column] > upper_bound, column] = upper_bound
```

```
C:\Users\utkar\AppData\Local\Temp\ipykernel_20640\36010521.py:9: FutureWarning: Setting an item of incompatible dtype is deprecated and will raise an error in a future version of pandas. Value '-8.875' has dtype incompatible with int64, please explicitly cast to a compatible dtype first.
liver_data.loc[liver_data[column] < lower_bound, column] = lower_bound
C:\Users\utkar\AppData\Local\Temp\ipykernel_20640\36010521.py:9: FutureWarning: Setting an item of incompatible dtype is deprecated and will raise an error in a future version of pandas. Value '-33.375' has dtype incompatible with int64, please explicitly cast to a compatible dtype first.
liver_data.loc[liver_data[column] < lower_bound, column] = lower_bound
```

Scaling the data

```
In [ ]: from sklearn.preprocessing import StandardScaler

scaler = StandardScaler()
liver_data[continuous] = scaler.fit_transform(liver_data[continuous])

liver_data.head()
```

```
Out[ ]:
```

| | Age | Gender | DB | Alkphos | Sgpt | ALB | AGRatio | Target |
|---|----------|--------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------|
| 0 | 1.064979 | 1 | 2.073315 | 2.098953 | 0.470077 | 0.077750 | -0.676143 | 1 |
| 1 | 1.064979 | 1 | 2.073315 | 2.098953 | 0.350730 | 0.203630 | -0.171698 | 1 |
| 2 | 0.818065 | 1 | -0.486781 | -0.637668 | -1.021760 | 0.329510 | 0.198229 | 1 |
| 3 | 1.682266 | 1 | 1.119554 | -0.519130 | -0.633882 | -0.929292 | -1.819551 | 1 |
| 4 | 0.077321 | 1 | -0.185594 | -0.400593 | -0.872576 | 1.588312 | 1.207119 | 1 |

Training and testing the models

Splitting the data into training and testing sets

```
In [ ]: X = liver_data.drop("Target", axis = 1)
y = liver_data["Target"]

X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(X, y, test_size = 0.3, random_state = 8093)
```

Logistic Regression

```
In [ ]: logisticRegression = LogisticRegression()
logisticRegression.fit(X_train, y_train)

y_pred_lr = logisticRegression.predict(X_test)
```

Accuracy

```
In [ ]: accuracy_lr = accuracy_score(y_test, y_pred_lr)
accuracy_lr
```

```
Out[ ]: 0.6954022988505747
```

The accuracy of the logistic regression model is 70.11%. The confusion matrix is as follows:

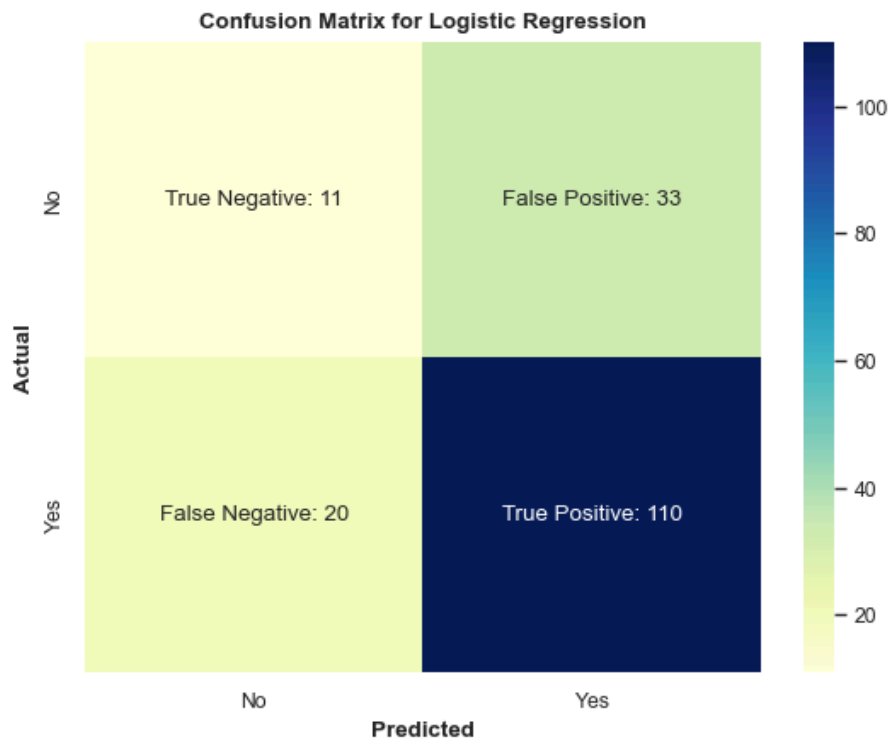
Confusion matrix

```
In [ ]: confusion_matrix_lr = confusion_matrix(y_test, y_pred_lr)
labels = numpy.reshape([f"True Negative: {confusion_matrix_lr[0, 0]}",
                        f"False Positive: {confusion_matrix_lr[0, 1]}",
                        f"False Negative: {confusion_matrix_lr[1, 0]}",
                        f"True Positive: {confusion_matrix_lr[1, 1]}"], (2, 2))
```



```
In [ ]: conf_heatmap_lr = seaborn.heatmap(confusion_matrix_lr,
      annot=labels,
      cmap="YlGnBu",
      fmt="",
      xticklabels=["No", "Yes"],
      yticklabels=["No", "Yes"])
conf_heatmap_lr.set_xlabel("Predicted", fontdict={'fontweight': 'bold'})
conf_heatmap_lr.set_ylabel("Actual", fontdict={'fontweight': 'bold'})
conf_heatmap_lr.set_title("Confusion Matrix for Logistic Regression", fontdict={'fontweight': 'bo
```

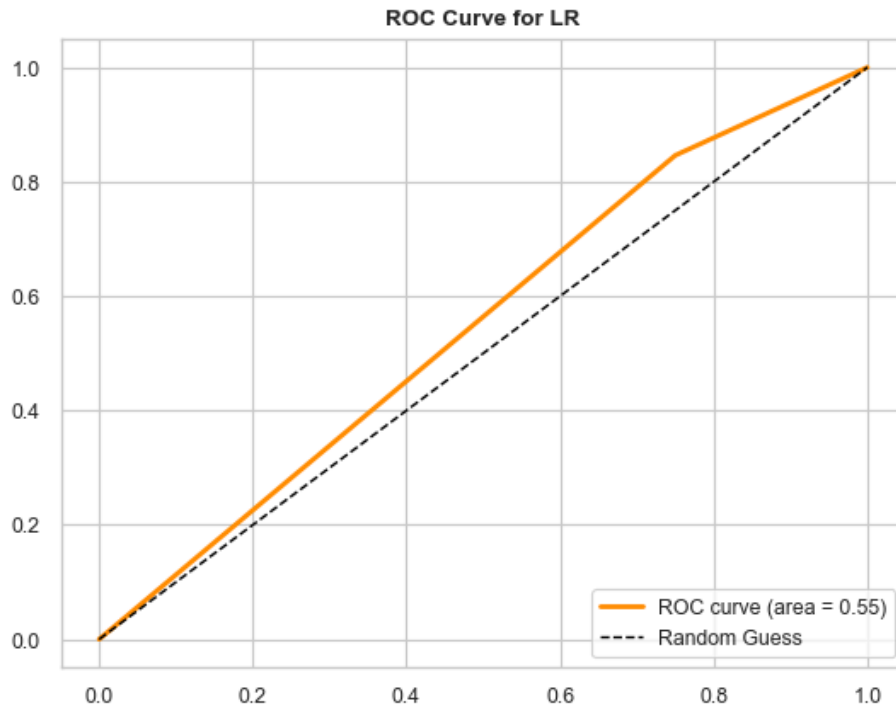
```
Out[ ]: Text(0.5, 1.0, 'Confusion Matrix for Logistic Regression')
```



ROC Curve and AuC metric

```
In [ ]: fpr, tpr, thresholds = roc_curve(y_test, y_pred_lr)
roc_auc = roc_auc_score(y_test, y_pred_lr)

plot.figure()
plot.plot(fpr, tpr, color='darkorange', lw=2, label='ROC curve (area = %0.2f)' % roc_auc)
plot.plot([0, 1], [0, 1], color='black', lw=1, linestyle='--', label='Random Guess')
plot.legend(loc='lower right')
plot.grid(True)
plot.title("ROC Curve for LR", fontdict = {"fontweight": "bold"})
plot.show()
```



Support Vector Machine

```
In [ ]: svm = SVC(kernel="rbf")
svm.fit(X_train, y_train)

y_pred_svm = svm.predict(X_test)
```

Accuracy

```
In [ ]: accuracy_svm = accuracy_score(y_test, y_pred_svm)
accuracy_svm
```

```
Out[ ]: 0.7126436781609196
```

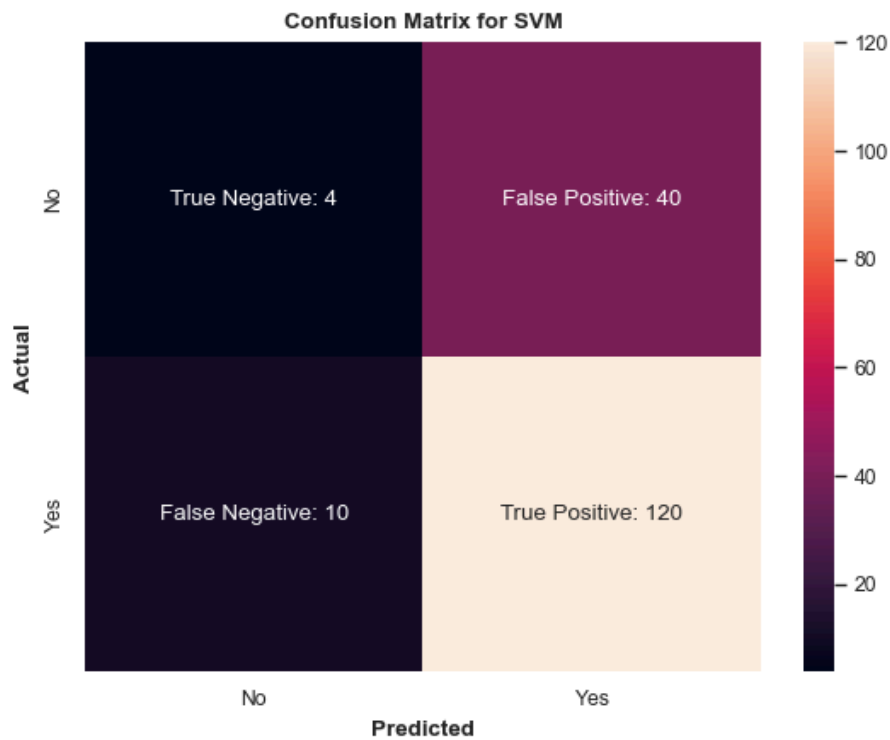
The accuracy of the logistic regression model is 71.2%. The confusion matrix is as follows:

Confusion matrix

```
In [ ]: confusion_matrix_svm = confusion_matrix(y_test, y_pred_svm)
labels = numpy.reshape([f"True Negative: {confusion_matrix_svm[0, 0]}",
                        f"False Positive: {confusion_matrix_svm[0, 1]}",
                        f"False Negative: {confusion_matrix_svm[1, 0]}",
                        f"True Positive: {confusion_matrix_svm[1, 1]}"], (2, 2))
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In [ ]: conf_heatmap_svm = seaborn.heatmap(confusion_matrix_svm,
      annot=labels,
      cmap="rocket",
      fmt="",
      xticklabels=["No", "Yes"],
      yticklabels=["No", "Yes"])
conf_heatmap_svm.set_xlabel("Predicted", fontdict={'fontweight': 'bold'})
conf_heatmap_svm.set_ylabel("Actual", fontdict={'fontweight': 'bold'})
conf_heatmap_svm.set_title("Confusion Matrix for SVM", fontdict={'fontweight': 'bold'})
```

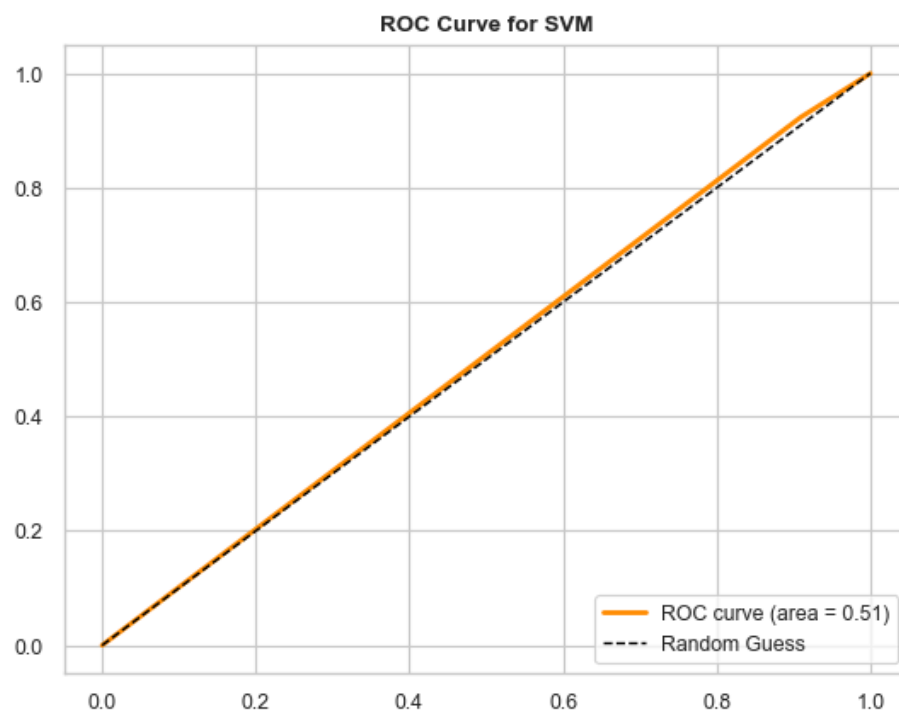
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Out[ ]: Text(0.5, 1.0, 'Confusion Matrix for SVM')
```



ROC Curve and AuC metric

```
In [ ]: fpr, tpr, thresholds = roc_curve(y_test, y_pred_svm)
roc_auc_svm = roc_auc_score(y_test, y_pred_svm)

plot.figure()
plot.plot(fpr, tpr, color='darkorange', lw=2, label='ROC curve (area = %0.2f)' % roc_auc_svm)
plot.plot([0, 1], [0, 1], color='black', lw=1, linestyle='--', label='Random Guess')
plot.legend(loc='lower right')
plot.grid(True)
plot.title("ROC Curve for SVM", fontdict = {"fontweight": "bold"})
plot.show()
```



Conclusion

As we can see from the above modelling, in its current form, the ILP Dataset results in models that are *average* in accuracy. The data appears to be linearly separable, due to which Logistic Regression and SVM (RBF kernel) models result in the same accuracy. **It is noteworthy that the AUC for the SVM model is slightly worse at 0.51!**

This indicates that unintentional class-imbalance in clinical data collection - such as in this dataset - might often result in biased or inconclusive evidence for treatments and patient outcomes. To combat this, we can employ techniques like SMOTE to oversample the minority class (*Female* participants), which might lead to improvements in model performance.

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Appendix: individual plots for the presentation

```
In [ ]: exclude = ["Gender", "Selector"]
continuous = [col for col in liver_data.columns if col not in exclude]

for column in continuous:
    figure, axes = plot.subplots(1, 2, figsize=(16, 4))
    axes = axes.flatten()
    for i, axes in enumerate(axes):
        # Plot boxplot
        if i % 2 == 0:
            seaborn.boxplot(x=liver_data[column], ax=axes, palette = 'YlGnBu', y="Gender", data=liver_data)
            axes.set_title(f'Boxplot for {column}', fontdict={'fontweight': 'bold'})
        else:
            seaborn.histplot(x=liver_data[column], ax=axes, kde=True, hue="Gender", palette = 'YlGnBu')
            axes.set_title(f'Histogram for {column}', fontdict={'fontweight': 'bold'})

# figure, axes = plot.subplots(len(continuous), 2, figsize=(15, 3 * len(continuous)))
# axes = axes.flatten()

# for i, axes in enumerate(axes):
#     # Plot boxplot
#     if i % 2 == 0:
#         seaborn.boxplot(x=liver_data[continuous[i // 2]], ax=axes, palette = 'YlGnBu', y="Gender", data=liver_data)
#         axes.set_title(f'Boxplot for {continuous[i // 2]}', fontdict={'fontweight': 'bold'})
#     # Plot histogram
#     else:
#         seaborn.histplot(x=liver_data[continuous[i // 2]], ax=axes, kde=True, hue="Gender", palette = 'YlGnBu')
#         axes.set_title(f'Histogram for {continuous[i // 2]}', fontdict={'fontweight': 'bold'})

# plot.subplots_adjust(hspace=0.5) # Adjust the spacing between rows
```

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