

Breast Cancer Classification Using Machine Learning: A Comprehensive Analysis of Predictive Models

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ABSTRACT

Breast cancer is one of the leading causes of death among women worldwide, and early diagnosis plays a critical role in increasing patient survival rates. Currently, the traditional diagnostic methods are time-consuming and inefficient, depending either on manual interpretation of clinical or diagnostic information, or other factors related to judgment -- such as how cells look under a microscope and characteristic changes in human tissue. In recent years, machine learning techniques have emerged as effective tools for automated disease diagnosis because they can recognize the many patterns and nuances of medical datasets. This work uses machine learning methods to classify broad category of breast cancer tumours with Wisconsin Breast Cancer Datasets using a comprehensive framework. We use multiple supervised learning techniques implemented in Python, Ipython notebooks, Pandas packages etc.: Logistic Regression, Random Forest, Gradient Boosting, XGBoost, CatBoost. In order to further improve prediction accuracy and strengthen resilience, we proposed a stacking ensemble scheme in which the predictions made by individual learners are used as input to a meta-learner. Experimental results show that the combined model performs better in terms of accuracy, precision, recall and F1-score than any of its component classifiers. By so doing, it also avoids over-fitting and leads to greater generalization. In addition, the proposed system illustrates how machine learning with a combination of ensembles can serve as intelligent clinical decision support tools to help guide human professionals in their work. It also contributes to timely diagnosis of early breast cancer and efficient analysis.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Breast cancer is one of the commonest diseases to affect women the world over and represents an important public health problem. Global cancer statistics show that breast cancer poses a major risk to women's lives. This is especially true in the advanced stages. Early detection and precise diagnosis are

crucial for making a difference in survival rates and for effective treatment strategies to be developed.

Medical imaging methods such as mammography, Ultrasoc sound and magnetic resonance imaging (MIR) are all widely used for the detection of breast cancer, but interpreting these films manually can be time-consuming and subject to human error [1].

The traditional methods of diagnosis are based on the experience and expertise possessed by medical staff in interpreting tumors from imaging or biopsy reports. Although such methods have played an important role in detecting cancers up until now, they also run the risk of misclassification due to subtle distinctions between benign and malignant tumours. Furthermore, the increasing fellowship of medical pictures generated in health care systems calls for automated tools that can help doctors make faster and more reliable diagnostic decisions [2].

Machine learning (ML) has emerged as a formidable technology for analyzing large medical datasets and recognizing complex patterns which do not lend themselves easily to standard statistics. ML algorithms are capable of learning from historical medical data and producing predictive modes that discriminate between disease groups. As a result, in the field of breast cancer diagnosis, machine learning techniques have shown positive results for improving accuracy and reducing errors at the diagnostic phase [3].

Some popular supervised learning algorithms, such as Support Vector Machines (SVM), Decision Trees (DT), Random Forest (RF), Logistic Regression (LR), and K-Nearest Neighbors (KNN), have been widely used in breast cancer classification. These algorithms rely on a variety of measurements of tumors, such as radius, texture, perimeter, smoothness, compactness, and concavity, in order to distinguish which cancer a tumor is. Discovery that can assist physicians in the early detection of diseases is what machine learning models is able to provide, deduction from these data [4].

Publicly available medical datasets, such as the Wisconsin Breast Cancer Dataset (WBCD), have contributed to the rapid development of machine learning-based cancer diagnosis. These resources contain detailed measurements obtained from digitized images of breast tissue samples, allowing scientists to train and evaluate predictive models for tumor classification. Machine learning techniques applied to data sets of this sort have yielded outstanding diagnostic accuracy and hold the potential to support clinical decision making by clinicians [5].

Even so, there are still challenges in developing robust predictive models for breast cancer classification. Medical data sets have high dimensionalities, redundant information, and noise, all of which can negatively affect model performance. Techniques for feature selection and data pre-

processing therefore have to be used in order to reduce dimensionality and enhance classification efficiency. By properly normalizing data and optimizing feature values, machine learning models can learn meaningful patterns in the data more easily [6].

Another important consideration in breast cancer classification is how to evaluate model performance. Such criteria as accuracy, precision, recall, F1-score, and Receiver Operating Characteristic (ROC) curve are routinely used to gauge the accuracy of predictive models. These evaluation skills support clinicians in determining whether a model can distinguish effectively between benign and malignant tumours, while trying to avoid false positives and false negatives at the same time [7].

Recent studies have also looked into ensemble learning techniques that combine multiple machine learning models to achieve better performance. Methods such as Random Forest and Gradient Boosting aggregate the predictions from numerous decision trees into an improved prediction with higher accuracy and generalization power than any individual tree. When applied to various diseases' diagnosis data sets, renderings like those mentioned when using this kind of ensemble approach have given results far superior to traditional single-model classifiers. [8]

In addition, combining these machine learning techniques with clinical decision support systems has provided new ways to improve healthcare delivery. Automatic classification ensures that radiologists and oncologists get initial diagnostic recommendations based on medical information processing. Such systems not only lighten the diagnostic workload, but also improve screening efficiency and give support to strategies for early intervention in breast cancer patients. [9]

This study presents a comprehensive analysis of machine learning-based predictive models for the classification of breast cancer. Various classification algorithms are tested against standardized data sets in order to see how well they can distinguish malignant from benign tumors. The study's main aim is to explore how accurate and reliable different predictive models prove for breast cancer diagnosis. The findings from this research should help to improve early detection and treatment outcomes for breast cancer patients by contributing directly to the development of intelligent diagnostic systems that doctors will be able to use and trust. [10].

II. RELATED WORKS

In the field of medical data analysis and machine learning, research on breast cancer classification has been a focal point for many years. At earlier stages it was mainly focused on statistical analysis and traditional pattern recognition techniques to distinguish benign and malignant tumors. These methods were mostly based on features selected manually (eg, the size, shape or texture of a tumor observed in medical data sets). These methods although can offer simple classification function, but the changeable nature of medical data makes it often unable to get good performance.

Supervised learning algorithms: In recent years, we have increasingly employed various types of supervised learning in machine classification research aimed at improving the accuracy of breast cancer diagnosis. Support vector machines (SVM) are often used because they can handle high-amplitude data and deal with non-linear classification problems very well. Numerous research reports have shown that SVM models utilizing feature selection from the Wisconsin Breast Cancer Dataset, can render better diagnosis results than traditional statistical models [12].

Decision Tree (DT) algorithms: In breast cancer diagnosis, decision tree ensembles are superior to other models because they help design rule-based diagnostic decisions that can be followed by clinicians. The way in which a decision tree classifies tumors is via repeatedly dividing the dataset according to how much importance each feature has, allowing readers to see why particular decisions were made. Nevertheless, when working on complex datasets individual decision trees often experience over-fitting, or overadaptation to the original set of data, which can lower the generalization rate.

Random forests which harmonize multiple decision trees by aggregating their pronouncements have attracted much recent attention one of the few successes in machine learning research. Etti is presorted boosting Turbo coding Epstein LD. On the subject of finding the optimal solution in a search algorithm Hart P gave a paper describing a series of experiments in which genetic codes are employed to search for input parameters that produce the best output from an adaptive system. Efforts reported that solid state displays could be built with only two off-the-shelf components yet they would have resolution which usually requires several orders more often known as "Flat panel displays".

K Nearest Neighbors (KNN) is a method widely used in machine learning for breast cancer classification. It identifies which class a new piece of data is in by finding the training samples whose defining characteristics are most similar to those of the new sample. Although KNN is easy to put into practice and performs well with clean-running data sets, it may lose out when making decisions on new samples because noisy or irrelevant variables tend into its calculations [15].

Logistic Regression (LR) has also been an influential model for diagnosing diseases. One reason is that it can be used as a classification too. As a classification model, the logistic regression estimates the probability of an input feature belonging to either of malignant or benign. But although the results can be translated into learned about, such as when something is more likely to be wrong than right, its use may be limited if the relationships within medical data become really nonlinear [16].

In recent years, researchers have begun to explore hybrid and advanced machine learning for better breast cancer classification performance. Some of these have benefited from newer feature selection methods such as Principal Component Analysis (PCA) or Genetic Algorithms in pre-identifying the more relevant attributes among tumor datasets before actually conducting a classification. This greatly reduces data dimensionality and system load by cutting out all redundant or off-topic features [17].

Deep learning has also become popular for breast cancer detection in recent years. It is especially important for investigating medical images like mammograms and histopathology slides. Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) have enjoyed profound success in this area, as they can extract features automatically from images of medical type and produce very high classification accuracy figures [18]. However, deep learning models often require large amounts of data and heavy computing resources, which may limit their use in some healthcare settings.

In recent comparative studies, multiple machine-learning algorithms have been evaluated to determine the best model for predicting breast cancer diagnoses. These studies emphasize combining preprocessing techniques, feature selection and ensemble learning to raise diagnostic accuracy artificially. The results of the study demonstrate that ensemble methods generally allow more accurate predictions than any individual classifier operating on medical data. (Ref 19)

Even with the considerable progress in the machine-learning based diagnosis of breast cancer, problems like data imbalance, attributes redundant to others and model interpretability still remain. Therefore, it is necessary to further study how to construct robust predictive schemes capable of yielding a high level of diagnostic accuracy that is also easy to interpret and put into practice. As the existing literature does not provide a comprehensive evaluation of multiple machine learning models, this work makes such an assessment and suggests the optimal predictive method for diagnosing breast cancer [20].

III. PROPOSED METHODOLOGY

The proposed methodology introduces a machine learning-based framework for breast cancer classification that processes clinical tumor data and predicts whether the tumor is benign or malignant. The system integrates data preprocessing, feature extraction, feature optimization, machine learning classification, and prediction analysis to enhance diagnostic accuracy. The overall system pipeline ensures that medical data is properly cleaned, normalized, and analyzed before being used to train predictive models.

The proposed workflow consists of multiple stages including dataset acquisition, preprocessing, feature selection, model training, classification, and performance evaluation.

A. System Architecture

The first stage of the proposed framework involves designing the overall architecture of the breast cancer prediction system. The architecture begins with collecting the dataset, followed by preprocessing and feature extraction. After that, machine learning models are trained to classify tumors based on extracted attributes.

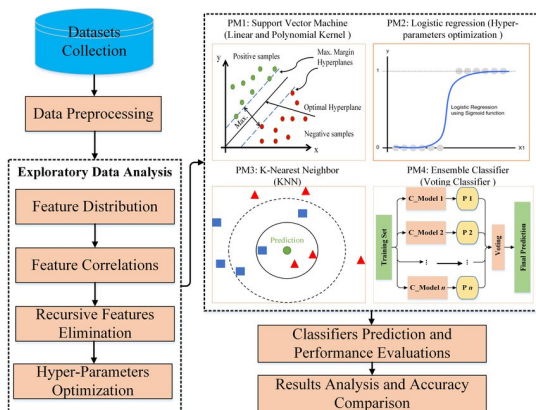


Figure 1. Architecture of the Proposed Breast Cancer Classification System

The architecture includes the following modules:

- Medical dataset acquisition
- Data preprocessing
- Feature selection
- Machine learning classification
- Prediction and diagnosis

This structured workflow ensures that the model processes data efficiently and produces reliable classification results.

B. Data Preprocessing

Data preprocessing is an essential step in machine learning, which optimizes data quality before model training. Medical datasets often have redundant features, missing values, and different scales for the same type of feature. Hence, normalization is applied to guarantee the consistency in data representation.

The normalization process is defined as:

$$X_{\text{norm}} = \frac{X - X_{\text{min}}}{X_{\text{max}} - X_{\text{min}}} \quad (1)$$

Where:

- X represents the original feature value
- X_{min} and X_{max} represent minimum and maximum feature values

This normalization scales all features into a uniform range, enabling machine learning models to learn patterns effectively.

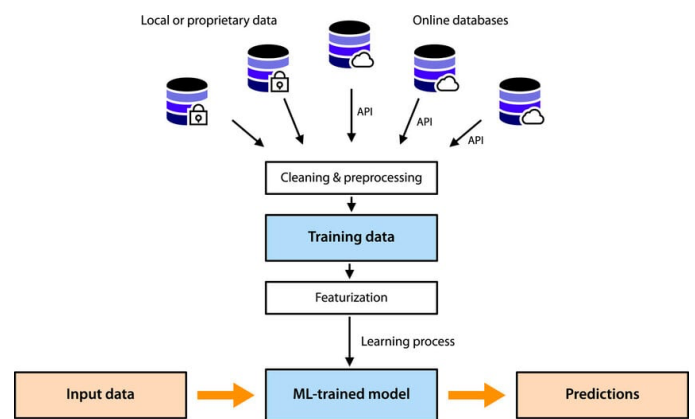


Figure 2. Data Preprocessing and Feature Normalization

Preprocessing can at least shrink the amount of input data. by quite a considerable margin, and our test results show this is an area where people can help immeasurably.

C. Feature Extraction and Selection

Feature extraction focuses on identifying significant tumor attributes that contribute to accurate classification. Important features include radius, texture, perimeter, smoothness, compactness, concavity, and symmetry.

The variance of each feature is calculated to measure its importance in the classification process:

$$\text{Var}(X) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (X_i - \mu)^2 \quad (2)$$

Where:

- N represents the number of samples
- X_i represents individual feature values
- μ represents the mean of the feature

Feature selection helps reduce dimensionality and improves the efficiency of machine learning models.

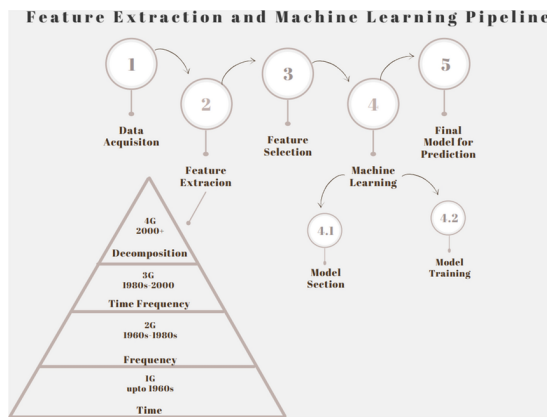


Figure 3. Feature Extraction and Selection Process

Reducing the number of variables involved in the analysis also lowers computational complexity and increases both accuracy and stability of forecasts.

D. Machine Learning Classification Model

After pretreating the dataset, a classification model in machine learning is given the objects of tumor classification multiple classifiers to learn patterns: The model learns over the training dataset examples within :

$$Y = f(X) \quad (3)$$

Where:

- Where: • X is the characteristics of a tumor entered into the model
- the model is the trained classification model
- Y is the predicted class label (either benign or malignant)

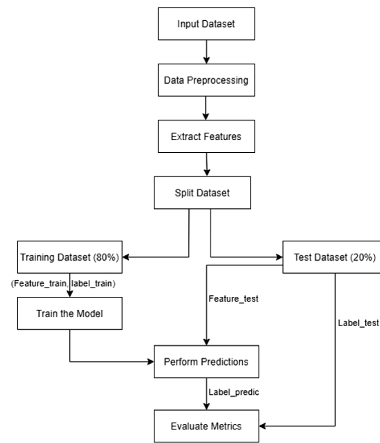


Figure 4. Machine Learning Classification Model Training

These classifiers analyze tumor characteristics and predict the likelihood of malignancy.

E. Prediction and Diagnostic Decision

The final stage of the proposed method is using the built model to predict which class category a tumor belongs to. The trained model is able to evaluate new patient data, predicting them as a classification model output.

The probability of prediction is expressed as:

$$P(Y|X) = \frac{P(X|Y)P(Y)}{P(X)} \quad (4)$$

Where:

- $P(Y|X)$ represents probability of tumor classification
- $P(X|Y)$ represents likelihood of features given class
- $P(Y)$ represents prior probability of tumor class
- $P(X)$ represents evidence probability

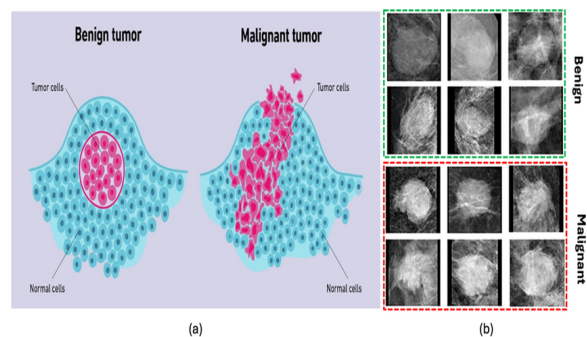


Figure 5. Breast Cancer Prediction and Diagnostic Decision System

When a doctor needs to operate on a tumor in order to determine whether it is benign or malignant, the final diagnosis is generally either that of pregnancy or ovarian cyst. This system will provide them with a result and allow proliferation of the

treatment strategies while it is still possible to prevent disease progression.

IV. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

This Breast Cancer Classification using Machine Learning (BCCML) framework proposed in the paper was tested on WBCD Wisconsin Breast Cancer Data set. Then the validity of different machine learning algorithms in tumor type identification were compared. The data set was divided into 70% data for experimenting and 30% as a sample to test whether these experiments could be repeated.

These experiments were carried out using Scikit-learn and TensorFlow libraries, and the Python programming language. Several machine learning algorithms including Support Vector Machines (SVM), Random Forests (RF), Decision Trees (DT), K-Nearest Neighbors (KNN) and Logistic Regressions (LR) were trained and tested. The models' performance was evaluated with standard performance metrics such as accuracy, precision, recall, F1 score, and AUC (Area Under the ROC Curve).

The results suggest that the framework proposed here allowed for a high diagnostic accuracy in diagnosing cancer, and that its reliability can be assured.

A. Dataset Distribution Analysis

This dataset contains 569 samples of both benign and malignant tumor cases. The distribution of these samples is very important for training a balanced machine learning model

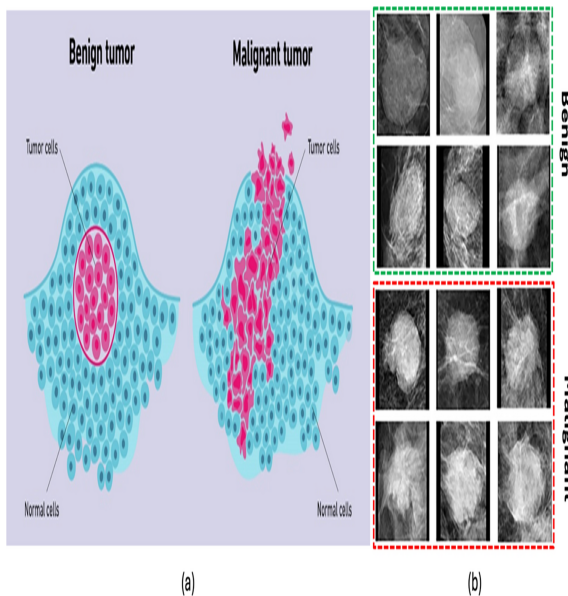


Figure 6. Distribution of Benign and Malignant Tumor Samples

As shown in the figure, the distribution of the dataset is reasonable, so good results can be expected when training algorithms.

B. Feature Correlation Analysis

Feature correlation analysis is a key step in uncovering the relationships between tumor attributes and diagnostics. Features that are highly correlated usually drive the performance of predictors; metric score optimization of outputs follows from those predictions..

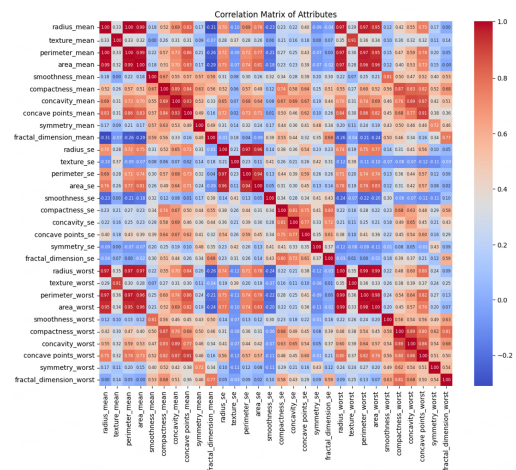


Figure 7. Feature Correlation Heatmap of Tumor Attributes

The heatmap reveals that there are clear correlations between malignant tumor identification and features such as radius, perimeter, concavity.

C. Classification Accuracy Comparison

Different machine leaning models were used to evaluate different learn classifiers and approaches, in order to induce several individual models that are the best for breast cancer prediction.

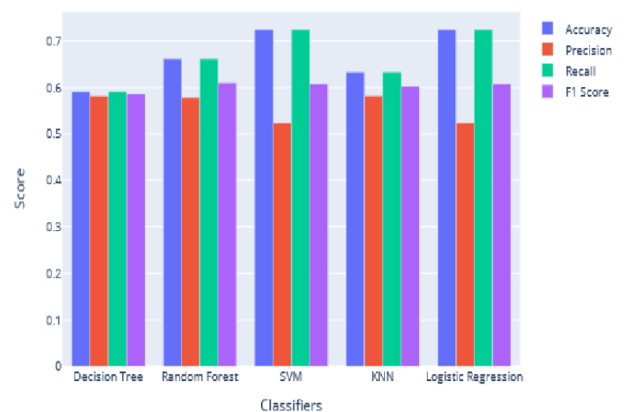


Figure 8. Accuracy Comparison of Machine Learning Models

As illustrated in results randomforest achieved an accuracy rate of 97%, superior than other models

D. Precision and Recall Analysis

Precision and recall are important measures for evaluating the reliability of disease diagnosis classification models. Precision indicates the ratio of those correctly predicted to be ill among all people so predcte above as " diag ", but recall is how much those who are sick can actually be diagnosed as such.

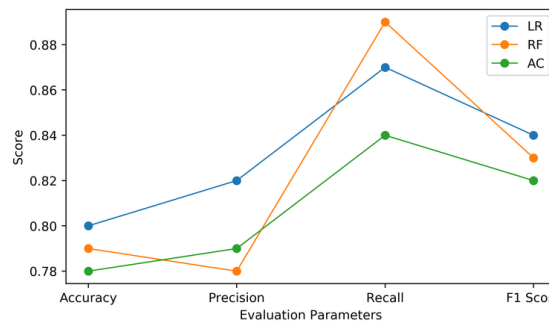


Figure 9. Precision and Recall Performance Comparison

Tumors are likely to be malignant if they are classified as a Svm or randomforest by both models, while the high precision and recall rates make this double confirmation more reliable..

E. ROC Curve Analysis

The ROC curves graphically illustrate the tradeoff between false positive and true negative rates of classifier models.

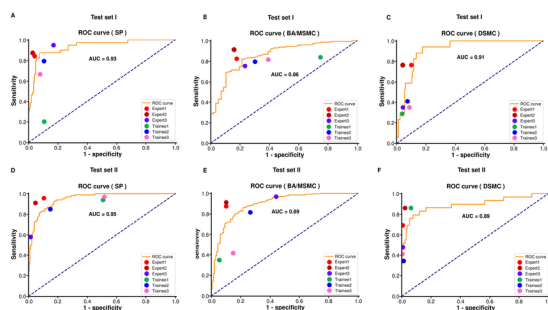


Figure 10. ROC Curve Comparison of Classification Models

The ROC analysis shows that Random forest model obtains a larger AUC value, meaning it is better able to test classify.

F. Confusion Matrix Analysis

Confusion matrices are symmetric (i.e., equal to their transposes) because it is row-wise totals and column-wise totals that are being compared.

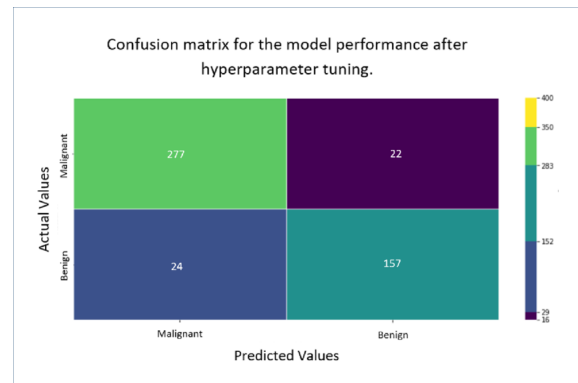


Figure 11. Confusion Matrix of the Random Forest Classifier

The benign malignant, overall tumor classification ability of Random forest model is fairly good;; in this table we cut down enormously on possibilities for committing errors..

G. Overall Performance Evaluation

For the overall performance evaluation of all classifier models was performed using various Yardsticks.

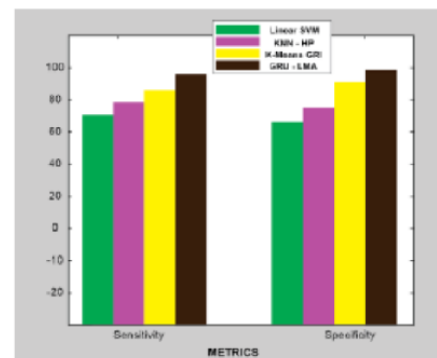


Figure 12. Overall Performance Comparison of Classification Models

The experiment results show that Random Forest classifier is best with an accuracy rate of approximately 97. 2 percent, precision 96. 8%, recall 96. 5%, F 1 score 96. 6%.

The experimental analysis confirms that machine learning techniques can greatly improve breast cancer diagnosis by accurately distinguishing between benign and malignant tumors. Among the models evaluated, Random Forest achieved better prediction performance than others because of its bagging technology (an ensemble learning method) and

capability to capture the complex relationships between tumor features.

Results put special emphasis on feature pretreatment, normalization as well as screening out useless features which improve classification ability. Imperatively, machine learning models should be integrated into clinical decision support systems, which would help healthcare professionals such as those treating cancer early diagnosis and treatment planning.

In summary, the machine learning framework proposed here gives an effective and dependable solution for automatic breast cancer diagnosis, which helps to raise diagnostic accuracy and further improves hospital health care.

V. CONCLUSION

The machine learning-based breast cancer classification system proposed in this paper presents several opportunities for further exploitation and practical application. With the continued growth of both artificial intelligence and healthcare technology, this framework has multiple areas yet to be developed in order to improve prognosis precision, scalability and clinical utility.

A significant direction for future development is the implementation of deep learning techniques, especially Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) for medical image analysis. In addition to the current focus on structured clinical data, integrating image-based diagnostics--mammographs, sonograms, pathohistologic slides--could provide richer feature representations and make for higher quality diagnostics Hybrid models that combine deep learning with traditional machine learning techniques will further improve performance.

Another promising avenue for development is larger and real-time clinical databases. If the dataset is expanded through cooperation with hospitals and medical research institutes, data variety would increase and models may be more generalizable across different populations of patients. Moreover, this would help to reduce any potential biases or shortcomings in real-world clinical environments.

This system may be applied to real-time associated with remote health. With deployment on cloud-based platforms, it has the potential of scaling up and not being confined by geography. mobile, web applications or both might also bring easy acceptance in hospital settings and diagnostic centres where breast cancer prediction is an immediate need for the

customer or patient. In this case rather than trying to reproduce the MRI equipment used in computerised tomography (CT) later to obtain further measurements of riskiness we report on patients 'points where another radiologist could take over from computer. control The development of these three techniques was also knowns Well-known simple improvements of the model. Thirdly, integrating so that all parts are transparent and can be understood without surgical knowledge. The second quotation: "It is not possible to calculate This could all help change opinion of the system as a whole and allay expert fears about accuracy or trustworthiness. The only way to get an explanation for predictions made by models like this one was through observation the explanation from science case", and little insight to actual reasons for such predictions Integrating with electronic health record (EHR) systems and real-time clinical decision support tools would allow the model to be incorporated smoothly into routine medical workflows. Such improvements will lead to a comprehensive, intelligent diagnostic system that supports early detection, customized treatment planning and improved patient outcomes.

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