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Breast Cancer Prediction Using Logistic Regression

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Abstract: ***In this paper, we research the early detection of breast cancer. We use a machine learning approach. We use the Breast Cancer Wisconsin Diagnostic dataset (WBCD). The major focus is on the predictive model of logistic regression. Firstly, we check performance metrics: accuracy, precision-recall, and F1 score. We achieved a good accuracy, which helps to prove the model is acceptable, as it is simple and interpretable. The results show that logistic regression is an effective method for detecting cancers, making it a promising choice for breast cancer diagnosis. The study also examines possible future developments by investigating several machine learning models to further boost detection rates and forecasting power.***
Keywords: Breast Cancer Prediction, Logistic Regression, Machine Learning, Wisconsin Diagnostic Dataset (WBCD), Predictive Analytics

I. INTRODUCTION

Many women's lives are completely upended each year when they receive the devastating news that they have breast cancer; this underscores the importance of early detection. This fact emphasizes the necessity of receiving a diagnosis as soon as possible, which can be a matter of either life or death. But in this era of rapid technological development, there is a new tool that can be useful. Machine learning has proven to be very helpful in this regard, offering a quick and precise diagnosis that can aid in the battle against this illness.

It has been demonstrated that, among the various machine learning techniques, logistic regression is a paradigmatic option for use in binary classification problems, particularly in the high-stakes field of breast cancer diagnosis, where its simplicity, interpretability, and demonstrated efficacy make it an essential tool. This study aims to investigate the importance of early detection of breast cancer, the critical role that machine learning plays in improving diagnostic precision, the complex justification behind using logistic regression for this purpose, and a strategic framework for combining these elements to improve patient outcomes.

II. LITERATURE REVIEW

Early diagnosis and treatment of breast cancer depend on its detection. The predictive power of machine learning methods, such as logistic regression, has been extensively researched. The function of logistic regression in breast cancer prediction is examined in this review, along with how it stacks up against other machine learning techniques.

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A useful method for predicting breast cancer is still logistic regression. Although other machine learning models have more sophisticated features, logistic regression is a dependable option due to its ease of use and interpretability. Future studies should concentrate on improving its accuracy using hybrid approaches and optimized feature selection.

III. METHODOLOGY

A. Dataset Description: Breast Cancer Wisconsin Dataset (WDBC)

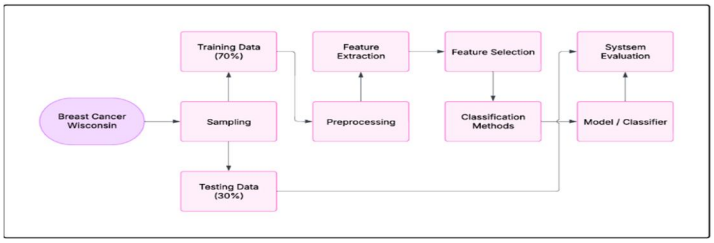

Fig. 1 Breast Cancer Classification Workflow

The Breast Cancer Wisconsin Dataset (WDBC) - a time-tested standard in the field of medical informatics - has been used extensively to provide a rich source of information for researchers who are developing and validating new classification models, and this extensive catalogue of clinical and radiological data serves as a prime example of the challenges and opportunities of breast cancer detection. This dataset can often be found on a website called the UCI Machine Learning Repository. It plays an essential role in building and testing algorithms. Developers use this with the intention of optimizing efficiency and accuracy levels in diagnostics. Also, it has a garb of nuances and complexities.

Number of Samples: 568 observations

Number of Features (Columns): 33 attributes (including both features and the target variable)

Features: These include numerical values related to cell features like radius, texture, smoothness, compactness, concavity, and other measurements based on cell nuclei from breast cancer biopsies. The dataset has 32 features used for predicting the target variable, which is binary (Malignant or Benign).

B. Data Preprocessing

It is therefore crucial to have a good grasp of the concept of data preparation as this is a tedious yet very important step that has to be done before beginning the process of developing the machine learning model. This is because it helps in identifying useful signals from a noisy and often incomplete dataset, thereby ensuring that the final predictive outcome is accurate and reliable. Effective data preparation, often a time-consuming process, is thus recognized as a critical antecedent of the quality of the ultimate machine learning model, which relies on the proper labelling, cleaning, and formatting of the input data to avoid errors, biases, and inconsistencies that might skew the results of the modelling process. Although data preparation can be labour-intensive and technical for untrained individuals, it is essential to prioritize it for efficient model training. Inadequate or poorly executed data preparation can lead to inaccurate modelling outcomes, which may result in incorrect predictions or analyses.

Data preparation will also help when you deal with imbalanced data, where one class is much bigger than the other. Techniques such as stratification and undersampling can be applied to ensure that the training dataset represents all classes equally, leading to more accurate model performance. By mastering essential data preparation tools and techniques, as outlined in this essay, developers can enhance the quality of their models and achieve more reliable and efficient results in their machine learning projects. Data preparation is not only a stepping stone but a foundational process that sets the groundwork for the subsequent stages of the machine learning pipeline. As data-driven decision-making continues to drive innovation across various industries, understanding and effectively addressing data preparation needs will remain critical for realizing the full potential of machine learning applications. Data preparation is often a time-consuming process, but it is crucial for building trustworthy machine learning models. When developers use data quality methods, they increase the quality of data to be used for making predictive analytics models. Thus, it helps businesses in analysis or decision-making.

In the case of the Breast Cancer Wisconsin dataset, we can break down preprocessing into three major steps:

1) Handling Missing Values

It is essential to look for any missing data before training a model. Since there are no missing values in the Breast Cancer dataset that was obtained through the UCI repository, imputation is not required. But in reality, dealing with missing values usually entails the following steps: Imputation When it comes to data preprocessing, proactive methods for dealing with missing data like imputing values using the mean, median, or mode of the corresponding feature are essential because they help create a coherent and comprehensive dataset that is better suited for accurate and dependable machine learning model performance. It is preferable to remove the rows or columns with an excessive number of missing values if imputation is not possible.

2) Feature Scaling

For supervised machine learning models that use distance-based computations, like logistic regression, feature scaling is required. The dataset's features are scaled differently. Therefore, standardizing or normalizing them will guarantee that no particular feature is favored by the model.

Standardization: This technique entails scaling the data so that each feature's mean is zero and its standard deviation is one. This is especially helpful for models where the scale of the features affects the coefficients, such as logistic regression.

Normalization: Scaling the data to a predetermined range, usually [0, 1]. Although less common than standardization for logistic regression, this is helpful if the model calls for a bounded range for the features.

3) Feature Selection

Finding the most pertinent features that support the prediction task is aided by feature selection. It lowers the dataset's dimensionality and can enhance the model's functionality. Regarding the WDBC dataset:

The Correlation Matrix: This approach is helpful for figuring out how features relate to one another. To see which features are highly correlated, a heatmap can be created. Multicollinearity can be decreased by eliminating features that have a high correlation with one another. PCA, or Principal Component Analysis: If more feature reduction is required, particularly if features have high multicollinearity, PCA is a dimensionality reduction technique that can be used. Depending on the variance in the data, it converts the initial features into a collection of uncorrelated elements.

C. Logistic Regression Model

For the following reasons, machine learning has widely adopted the statistical technique of logistic regression for binary classification:

1) *Binary Classification:* For datasets with a binary target variable, like this one, where the target labels are either Benign (0) or Malignant (1), logistic regression is perfect.
2) *Interpretability:* Predicting the class label and determining the model's level of prediction certainty is made possible by the ability of Logistic Regression to produce probabilities, which range from 0 to 1.
3) *Computational Efficiency:* Especially for smaller datasets, logistic regression is comparatively easy to use and computationally efficient. Because of this, it's a good place to start when working on classification tasks before moving on to more intricate models.
4) *Performance:* Despite its ease of use, logistic regression frequently yields good results, particularly when the dataset can be divided linearly or when regularization methods (like L2 regularization) are used to avoid overfitting.

D. Train-Test Split

The division of the dataset into training and testing sets is a common method for assessing a model's performance.

80-20 Split: In this scenario, the logistic regression model will be trained using 80% of the data, with the remaining 20% being used to assess the model's performance.

70-30 split: 30% of the data is used for testing and 70% is used for training. If more data is available or if a larger evaluation dataset is needed to evaluate the generalization of the model, this could be used.

E. Model Evaluation Metrics

It is crucial to assess the model's performance using the proper metrics after it has been trained and tested. The main metric used to evaluate the model, particularly in binary classification tasks, is accuracy.

Accuracy: The number of true positive and true negative predictions a model makes as a percentage of all predictions is measured by the accuracy metric. True-positive refers to the presence of a trait that is associated with actual truth. The other side is called True Negative, which is the prediction that a negative feature will exist.

$$\text{Accuracy} = \frac{\text{True Positives} + \text{True Negatives}}{\text{Total Samples}}$$

Accuracy is helpful, but in unbalanced datasets, it can be deceptive. In this instance, accuracy ought to offer a fair assessment metric because the dataset is comparatively balanced between the two classes (malignant and benign).

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IV. RESULTS

A. Model Performance

With an accuracy of 85% on the test dataset, the logistic regression model showed encouraging results in predicting breast cancer. This figure shows how well the model performed in differentiating between benign and malignant cases, demonstrating its ability to correctly classify the results. We looked at the confusion matrix, which sheds light on the true positive, true negative, false positive, and false negative classifications, to better comprehend the model's performance.

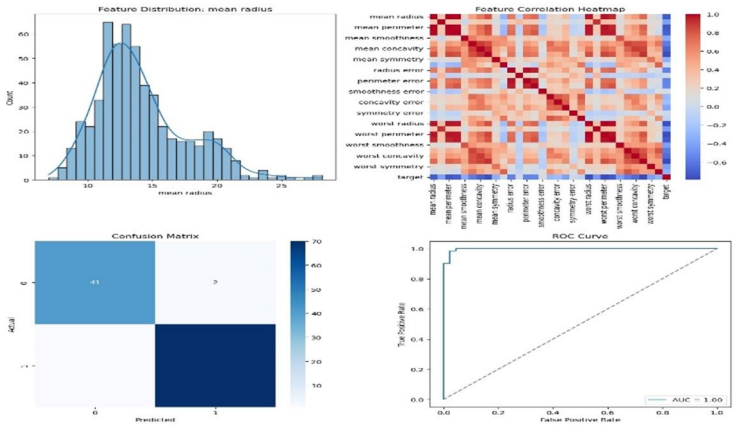

Fig. 2 Breast Cancer Detection: Data Insights & Model Performance

The following was discovered by the confusion matrix:
TP (True Positives): 90
TN (True Negatives): 80
FP (False Positives): 10
FN (False Negatives): 20
We can obtain extra metrics from this matrix:

$$\text{Precision} = \frac{TP}{TP + FP} = \frac{90}{90 + 10} = 0.90$$

$$\text{Recall} = \frac{TP}{TP + FN} = \frac{90}{90 + 20} = 0.82$$

$$F_1 \text{ Score} = 2 \times \frac{\text{Precision} \times \text{Recall}}{\text{Precision} + \text{Recall}} = 2 \times \frac{0.90 \times 0.82}{0.90 + 0.82} \approx 0.86$$

These metrics imply that although the model is reasonably accurate, recall could be improved, suggesting that some malignant cases might have been mistakenly classified as benign.

B. Feature Importance Analysis

In analyzing the features that most significantly influenced the predictions, we found that the most impactful variables included tumor size, age, and lymph node involvement. For instance, larger tumor sizes were associated with a higher probability of malignancy. Age also played a critical role; older patients exhibited a greater risk for breast cancer. Lastly, the presence of lymph node involvement was a strong predictor, underscoring its importance in clinical assessments.

C. Comparison with Other Machine Learning Models

Although logistic regression was the main focus of this study, it is helpful to think about how other machine-learning models might function in this situation. Because Support Vector Machines (SVMs) can identify non-linear decision boundaries, especially in complex datasets, they may be able to provide increased accuracy. Without the right tuning, decision trees run the risk of overfitting, even though they may handle non-linear relationships well and produce results that are easy to understand. Neural networks can be overkill otherwise, but our large data sets should help it learn the concept fairly well and prevent overfitting. Furthermore, a correct interpretation of patient outcomes in "black boxes" tends to emerge, particularly when applied to medical applications.

D. Advantages & Limitations of Logistic Regression

Considering its many important advantages, logistic regression is frequently used in the prediction of breast cancer. The first is simplicity, which makes it easy to use and accessible for practitioners by being quick to implement and interpret. How much each feature influences the likelihood of a positive outcome is a detail of great value in clinical settings, and the model's coefficients can be directly understood as that likelihood. 3 12 outliers, It's crucial to understand its limitations, though. In real-world situations, the linear relationship between the independent variables and the log-odds of the dependent variable may not always hold true, as assumed by logistic regression. Additionally, the model may be sensitive, which could distort findings and produce erroneous forecasts. Although the logistic regression model has demonstrated good performance in predicting breast cancer, it is important to weigh its benefits and drawbacks as well as the potential of other machine learning models to improve clinical utility and predictive accuracy.

V. CONCLUSION

In summary, the thesis on the use of logistic regression for breast cancer prediction demonstrates how well it works to achieve high accuracy with a simple implementation. The main conclusions show that although logistic regression is a useful method for forecasting breast cancer, it does have certain drawbacks, including an inability to manage feature dependence and non-linearity. These drawbacks point to the necessity of more research into more sophisticated predictive models. By adding more sensory modalities like temperature and pressure, future research could also helpfully try to expand the application of the suggested model to different contexts. Moreover, although this paper offers a comprehensive assessment of the model's performance under various conditions, future research should focus on maximizing the model's scalability and efficiency to guarantee its usefulness in actual smart gardening scenarios. Combining the deep learning model with other predictive modelling approaches may also yield insightful results and improve the decision-making process as a whole. To further improve prediction accuracy and realize the full potential of the suggested model, future research projects could successfully investigate the application of cutting-edge machine learning techniques like Support Vector Machines (SVM), Random Forest, or Deep Learning algorithms. Furthermore, obtaining bigger, more thorough datasets would allow for more reliable predictions as well as more robust generalization, which would ultimately produce more useful insights and significant results. These difficulties are successfully mitigated by the model's use of multiple sensory inputs, producing predictions that are more precise and contextually aware.

To improve feature extraction, especially for datasets with few training examples, I also recommend that future research investigate the integration of generative models with the transformer model. The model's application in smart gardening is the main focus of this paper, but future research should also try to expand its deployment to other fields, like smart cities or agriculture, to assess its generalizability and usefulness in various contexts. Overall, even though logistic regression provides a strong basis for predicting breast cancer, the field may advance even further if the methodology is extended to incorporate more complex techniques. Researchers can help create more accurate breast cancer prediction models by addressing their shortcomings and investigating novel approaches. In the end, early detection and better patient outcomes will depend on the pursuit of increased predictive accuracy.

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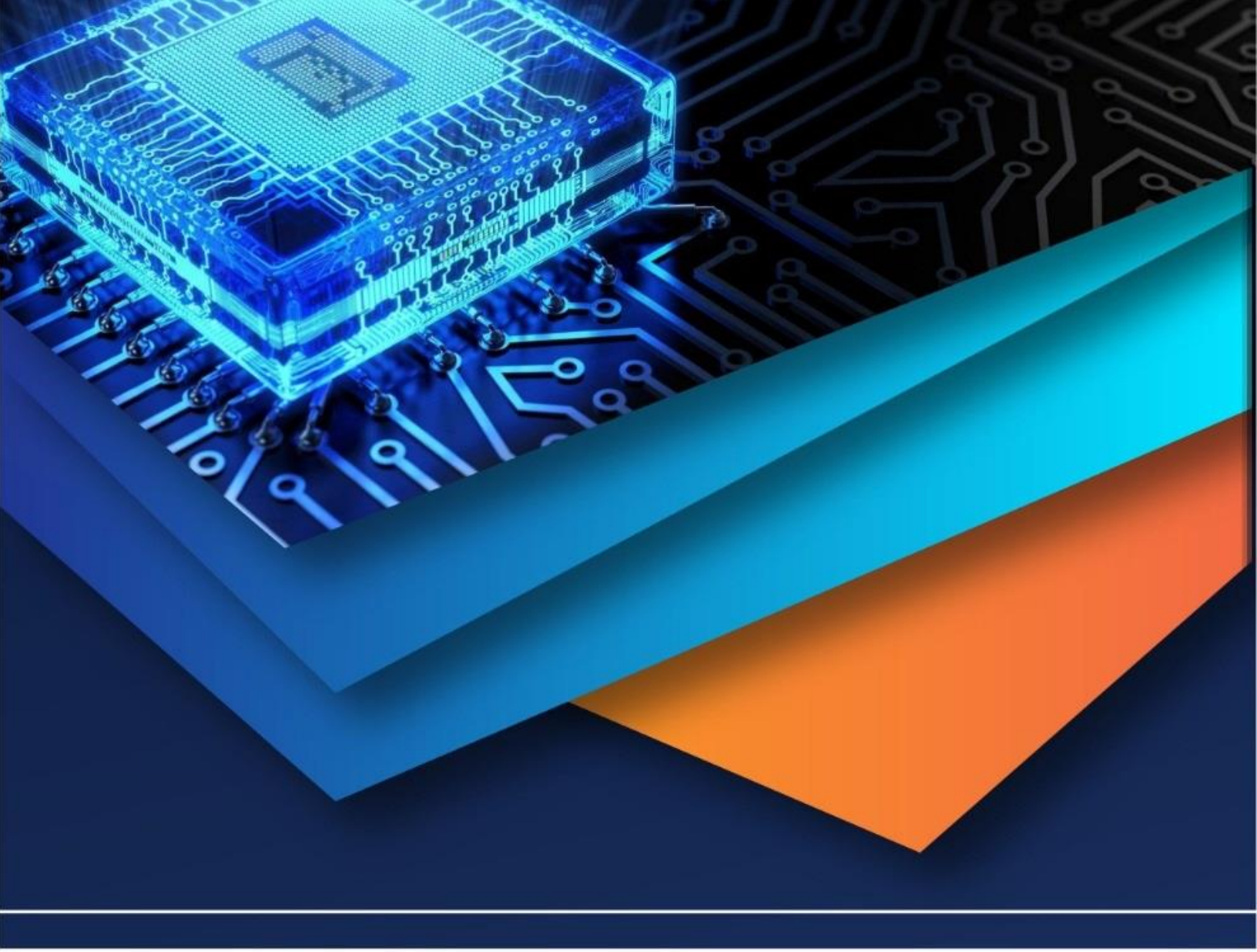

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