Machine Learning for Heart Disease Prediction



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Problem Recognition

Why is it Worth Solving?



Our Goals

- To find whether an individual has had an incidence of heart disease.
- To identify which machine learning algorithm is best for identifying heart disease.
- 3. To determine which dataset features are the most relevant re: predictive power

Data Description

Data Source: Kaggle

Key Variables: BMI, Age, HighBP, Stroke, GenHlth, etc.

Response variable: HeartDiseaseorAttack(Indicates whether the individual has had a heart disease or heart attack)



Kaggle Dataset: https://www.kaggle.com/datasets/bhaveshmisra/heart-disease-indicators/data

Predictive Modeling

Which Model is best for the Predict?

- 1. K-Nearest Neighbors (KNN)
- 2. Logistic Regression
- 3. Support Vector Machine (SVM)
- 4. Decision Tree
- 5. Random Forest



Exploratory data analysis



Problem of Data Set



Heavy Class Imbalance!

Solution; Pre-Modeling Data Treatment

Train-Validation-Test Split



Due to heavy class imbalance (low incidence of heart disease), We had to perform class balancing via oversampling



K-Nearest Neighbors (KNN)

Hyperparameter: K = 19 (Find the best Recall score)



K-Nearest Neighbors (KNN)

True label

- Hyperparameter Grid Search based on 'recall'
 - Optimal k = **19**

- Results:
 - *AUC:* 0.77
 - Accuracy: 0.70
 - Precision: 0.20
 - *Recall:* 0.72



Logistic Regression

- Hyperparameter Grid Search based on 'recall'
 - Optimal C = **280**

- Results:
 - *AUC:* 0.86
 - Accuracy: 0.76
 - Precision: 0.25

True label



Support Vector Machine (SVM)

- Hyperparameter Grid Search based on 'linear kernel'
 - Optimal C = **20**
- Results:
 - AUC: 0.27
 - Accuracy: 0.76
 - *Precision:* 0.14
 - *Recall:* 0.29



Decision Tree

- Hyperparameter Grid Search based on "recall "
 - Criterion = "entropy"
 - Max_depth = 10
- Result
 - AUC: 0.84
 - Accuracy: 0.74
 - Precision: 0.24
 - *Recall: 0.80*









Random Forest

- Hyperparameter Grid Search based on "recall "
 - criterion = "entropy"
 - n_estimators=200
 - max_depth = 10
- Result
 - AUC: 0.86
 - Accuracy: 0.74
 - Precision: 0.24
 - Recall: 0.83



0.0

0.2

0.4

False Positive Rate (Positive label: 1)

0.6

0.8

1.0

Feature Importances for Predicting Heart Disease/Attack Based on Random Forest



Model Results



Which is the best choice among the top 3 recall scores?

Conclusion



Our analysis shows that logistic regression, decision tree, and random forest models demonstrate comparable performance in our dataset.

Discussion

- Seeking the best Recall Score often leads to more false positives. Further research is needed to balance accuracy, recall, and precision, considering doctors' needs.
- In the further research, implementing feature selection could be beneficial.
 With numerous variables, feature selection can help reduce code running time.