

Breast Cancer Forecasting Using Machine Learning Algorithms

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ABSTRACT

Some of the most prevalent and significant causes for malignancies in women is breast cancer. It is presently a widespread health problem, and it has recently become more frequent. The greatest method for managing breast cancer symptoms is early identification. The only kind of cancer that primarily affects women globally is breast cancer, which has the potential to be a major cause of mortality. Early detection of breast cancer is crucial in order to properly treat it and save many lives. This paper covers the results and analyses of several machine learning algorithms for identifying breast cancer. Several machine learning models used the information once it was analyzed. In this paper the Random forests and SVC algorithms were applied and compare the performance of these algorithms. The dataset was taken from UCI repository. Analyze and compare the classifiers' performance in terms of accuracy, precision, and f1-Score in addition. For implementing the ML algorithms, the dataset was split among training and testing phases. The notebook application Jupyter was used to implement these models. When compared to the other two models, it was successfully proven that the SVC model offers the best results. SVC's accuracy of 93% is greater than the method described earlier in that regard. The method used by this model, which will classify cancer into benign and malignant categories, yields the best results.

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1. INTRODUCTION

It is the most well-known form of cancer across the world, along with lung and bronchus cancer, cancer of the breast and prostate, malignancy of the colon, and malignancy of the pancreas. The cancer of the breast may be an ordinary cause of fatalities and is the most common form of malignant tumour affecting women generally [1]. The study [2] of genetics obesity hormonal substances, treatment with radiation, and even reproductive health conditions are among the many of the many possible causes of breast cancer. Breast carcinoma is one of the most prevalent medical conditions across individuals, with an estimated 2.5 million new occurrences being identified every year, according to the International Health Organization's report on the year from 2023. In [3] ninety-five of the nations in the entire world, carcinoma of the breast is the throughout the process or second factor in cancer-related fatalities for women. The rates of recurrence for breast tumours vary significantly between and across nation-states, nevertheless. In nations with low to middle incomes, both cervical and breast cancer fatalities constitute more than eighty per cent of all cases.

The proper diagnosis and classification of carcinoma of the breast into both malignant and benign classifications is now an established field of investigation [4]. Machine learning (ML) techniques [5] have been frequently employed to recognize cancers in women and extrapolate additional ideas from information

trends in the course of the twentieth century. The use of machine learning is commonly employed to classify and classify breast tumours[6].

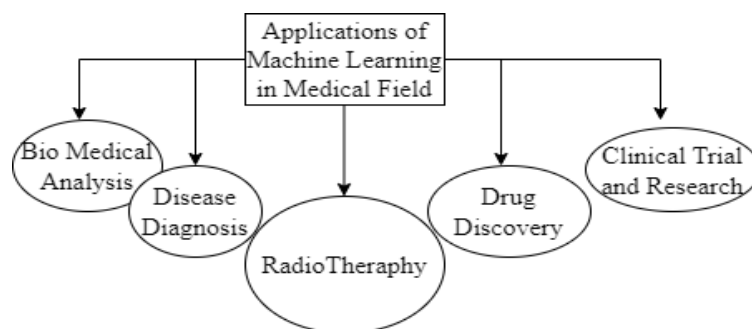


Figure 1 displays the most common applications of machine learning in the medical industry.

Screening radiography can be performed on individuals who have low-risk groups carcinoma symptoms in order to identify unconventional cancer of the breast tissue. Since it involves the assessment of possible cancerous regions [7,8], this approach is inadequate unless there are several images. As reported by an investigation [9], almost fifty percent of carcinomas of the breast have been overlooked in examinations of women with particularly in thickness tissue in their breasts.

A computational technique that has been gaining popular increasingly for identifying numerous medical conditions is a form of machine learning [10]. It includes the process of extracting knowledge from information and discovering hidden coincidences. Whereas other investigations employed mammographic images or individual biopsy information to construct their forecasts, certain studies [11] simply utilized demographics risk indicators (lifestyle and scientific data) for forecasting breast cancer. Others demonstrated how genetic information could be employed to predict the development of breast cancer. The establishment of an approach that takes into account all recognized risk factors is an essential challenge regarding predicting the likelihood cancer of the breast [12].

2. LITERATURE REVIEW

In accordance with the research conducted of, the single most widespread carcinoma within Indian women is breast carcinoma; exhibiting an age-adjusted number of cases of 25.7 every 100,000 women with an overall mortality rate of 12.8 every 110,000 women. For the purpose to evaluate occurrence and death rates, an investigation encompassing several of the latest national cancer surveillance systems contrasted information reporting. Specific geographical regions distinguished notably due to their age-adjusted prevalence levels of carcinoma of the breast, with Delhi, India holding the greatest incidence rate at 40 in 110,000 women, being followed by Chennai (37.9), Bengaluru (34.4), then Trivandrum Region (33.7). Many Population-Based Cancer Registration Systems (PBCRs), such Bengaluru (annual proportion modification: 2.84%), Barshi (1.87%), Chennai (2.00%), Delhi (2.44%), Mumbai (1.44%), and Bhopal (1.42%), possessed an important increase in the age-adjusted rate during 1983 and 2015. The numbers of fatalities to occurrence proportion numerous reaching substantial in countryside records at 68 and considerably lower in those in cities at 8. Furthermore, especially Indian women, growing younger has grown into an important risk indicator of breast cancer. According to estimates, there could be a substantial rise in the total number of scenarios of breast cancer diagnosed throughout the nation by the end of the decade, with an estimated maximum around 1,798,900 cases. An enhanced medical atmosphere could originate through improved awareness of health concerns in combination with the accessibility of early detection of breast cancer detection programmes as well as effective treatment programmes across the nation [13].

Conducted at Bengaluru's ICMR National Centre for Disease Informatics and Research, the study utilized data from the National Cancer Registry Programme (NCRP) spanning 2020 to 2022. Its objective was to assess India's cancer burden in 2025. According to the findings, it is anticipated that one out of every nine Indians will likely develop cancer during their lifespan, reaching this point around the age of 74.

Carcinoma of the breast, with had the greatest overall prevalence of every one of the common malignancies [14] among women, was promptly followed by malignancies of the cervical region, ovary, as well as corpus uteri. Lung, oral tradition, and the tongue malignancies remained widespread among men as well as demonstrated significant correlations between cigarette smoking as well as additional tobacco-related behaviours.

A research assistant educator in the Laboratory of Cancer Radiation Oncology at the All India University of Medical Sciences in Patna, Punjab divulged that demonstrating data recommended that there would be approximately two million cases of breast cancer would occur by the year 2030, regardless of the reality that the paper failed to provide specific figures for the number of cases of the breasts, the cervical cavity, ovary, and uterine tumours in India. In the Indian subcontinent, there are at present 183,000 scenarios of breast cancer have been reported.

From the survey of WHO, Breast cancer is a condition characterized by the uncontrolled growth of abnormal cells in the breast, forming tumours that can become life-threatening if not treated. These cancerous cells typically originate in the breast's milk ducts or lobules, and the earliest form, known as in situ, is generally not lethal. However, as cancer progresses, it can invade nearby breast tissue, leading to the development of lumps or thickening [15,16].

Invasive breast cancers have the potential to spread to nearby lymph nodes or other organs, a process called metastasis, which can be fatal. The treatment approach [17] for breast cancer depends on various factors, including the individual's health, the type of cancer, and its extent. Common treatments include surgery, radiation therapy, and medications.

Here are some key points about breast cancer:

- In 2020, breast cancer claimed the lives of 685,000 people worldwide.
- Approximately half of all breast cancer cases occur in women without specific risk factors, other than being female and aging.
- Breast cancer can affect women in every country across the globe.
- While breast cancer is more common in women, around 0.5% to 1% of cases occur in men.

By the conclusion of the year in question, 7.9 million women were newly confirmed to have carcinoma of the breast around the world, thus becoming one of the most prevalent illnesses in the world as a whole. In the year 2020 there were approximately 2.4 million novel cases of mammary tumour discovered in women, keeping it the cancer with the greatest incidence in the entire world. [10] Women are susceptible to cancer of the breast at any develop after teenage years, nevertheless hazards tend to become bigger with increasing age. Deaths from breast cancer were very low and stable from the 1931s to the 1971s when the primary treatment was surgery (radical mastectomy). Significant improvements in survival rates started to emerge in the 1990s, coinciding with the establishment of breast cancer early detection programs in various countries. These programs were closely linked to comprehensive treatment approaches that included effective medical therapies.

Machine learning is a modelling technique used to extract knowledge from data and uncover hidden relationships, and it has gained significant traction in the field of healthcare, particularly in predicting various diseases [18]. In recent years, there have been studies focused on predicting breast cancer using different approaches. Some of these studies have exclusively relied on demographic risk factors such as lifestyle and laboratory data to make predictions, while others have used mammographic patterns or patient biopsy data [19]. Additionally, genetic information has been applied in certain cases to predict breast cancer risk.

The establishment of a comprehensive framework that incorporates into consideration all recognized factors that increase risk is one of the main problems in cancer prevention and prediction [20]. Current forecasting techniques typically involve demography factors for risk or the examination of mammographic images, possibly disregarding additional significant variables. The administration of frequently received examinations and disruptive treatments like MRI, which stands for magnetic resonance imaging and ultrasonography, could come from these types of models, regardless of whether treatments have been successful at identifying people at increased risk, weighing down individuals both economically and emotionally. Effective breast cancer risk prediction requires the inclusion of various factors, including demographic data, laboratory results, and mammographic risk factors [21]. Therefore, models that incorporate multiple risk factors in their analysis can offer more precise assessments of breast cancer risk. This current study aims to predict breast cancer using diverse machine learning approaches while taking into account a wide range of factors in the modelling process.

3. METHODOLOGY

This section encompasses all approaches and resources used, as well as the description of the dataset, block diagrams, flowcharts, and evaluation grids.

3.1. Dataset

The investigation was conducted using the Wisconsin Breast Cancer Diagnostic (WBCD) data source. The dataset taken from well-known UCI-Repository. The repository for machine learning has a

simplified size of 569 samples and contains 32 features). From this data source we take only 500 samples and 5 major features to prepare the model. The atomic features of one needle aspirations (FNAs) taken from patients' exhibited breasts make up the example dataset. A tiny needle is placed into a body Kuid or tissue that appears aberrant to receive an instance for the purpose to determine the cause or forecast illness of tumour tissue. There are no errors in Figure 2, which shows the total number of malignant and benign data from the dataset.

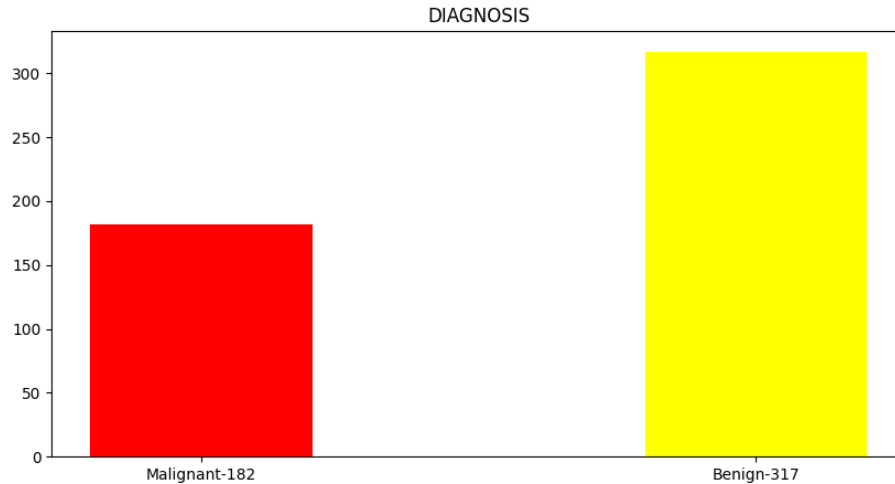


Figure 2. Total number of cancerous and normal cells

We are merely employing five basic characteristics for forecasting the development of breast cancer in this study. `symmetry_mean`, `area_mean`, `perimeter_mean`, `Radius_mean`, and `concave points_mean` are the most significant parameters. Finding the median for each of these features makes it possible to forecast the likelihood of the presence or absence of malignant tumours in an illustration with simplicity. The five features we selected for the present project are displayed in Figure 3.

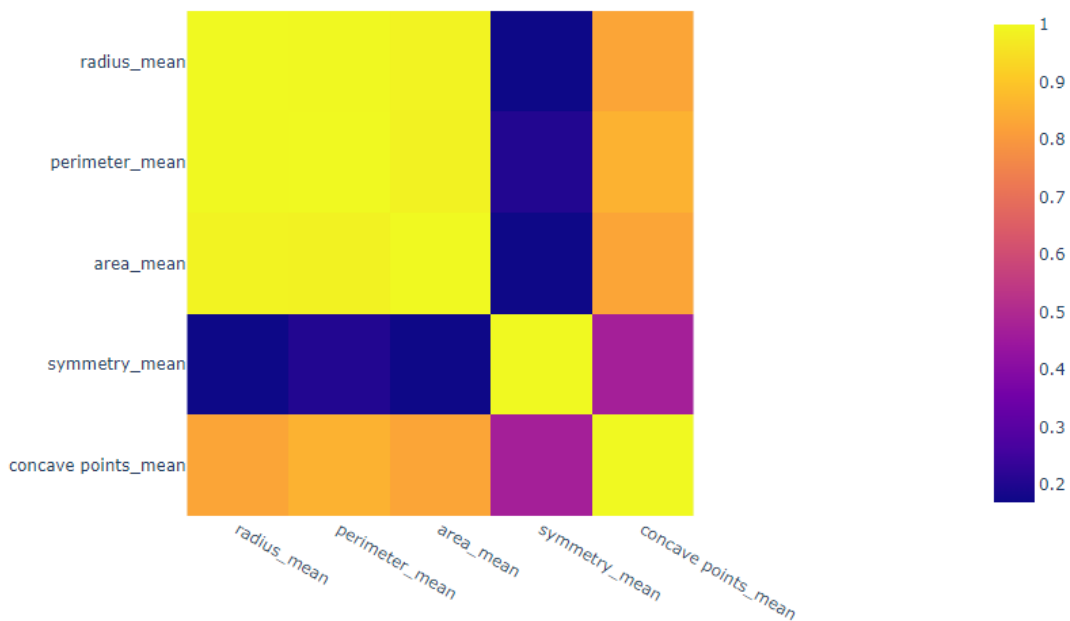


Figure 3. Correlation diagram for the proposed system

3.2. Classifier using random forests

As a non-parametric technique, Random Forest (RF) employs a classification methodology. With each dataset, RF rapidly carries out categorization and employs numerous decision trees. Within each tree, an assorted set of input variables is present, and subsequently, all these trees are amalgamated to enhance inference drawn from the variables.

3.3. SVC Classifier

In the realm of machine learning, support vector machines operate as supervised models. These machines establish a plane with multi-dimension of classification of objects. This multi-dimension plane, essentially a line within a plane, serves to differentiate between the two classes. An SVC training approach generates a classification model employing a number of experiment specimens that were previously categorized into one of the two distinct groups. This model becomes the deterministic multimodal linear classification system as soon as it assigns fresh instances to a single of the two groups. While SVCs are inherently non-probabilistic, techniques like Platt scaling can be employed to apply SVC within a probabilistic classification context. These novel examples are then projected into the same feature space, and based on which side of the divide they land on, their classification is anticipated.

4. PROPOSED METHODOLOGY

Employing a set of data taken from the state of Wisconsin information sets, this suggested approach evaluates the outcomes of a number of machine learning techniques, including SVC (Support Vector Classifier) and random forest modelling (RF). The information set has been divided into testing and training sets in order to use different machine learning methods, which enabled an in-depth assessment of every one of the algorithms. The approach that generates the most favourable outcomes will be employed as an accurate prediction model when predicting cancer of the breast in the future. The dataset in question that consists of 5 multimodal practical problems characteristics can be obtained from the UCI Machine Learning Data Portal. Only 498 points of information from an aggregate of 571 circumstances were used for developing the model that we used. The system that has been suggested can be observed in the image below.

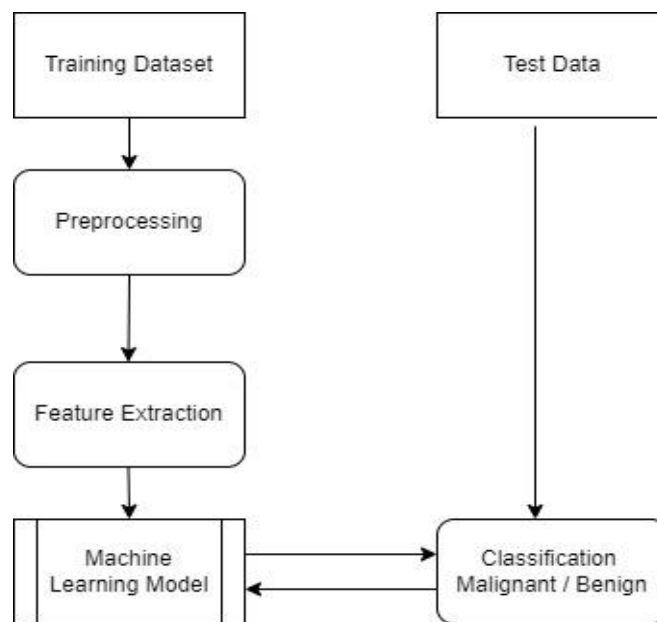


Figure 4. Histogram of the proposed system

Here we are providing a simplified outline of the key steps occupied in the Random Forest algorithm:

Data Preparation:

- Input dataset
- Split into training and testing datasets

Random Sampling (Bootstrap) selection:

- We can Randomly select subsets of data for each and every tree

Growing Decision Trees:

- For each subset of data and features we can create following steps:
 - Build a decision tree (binary tree)
 - Split all the nodes based on best feature
 - Repeat until a stopping criterion is met

Ensemble Creation:

- Next we Combine the outcome from individual trees

Based on the outcome for classification, we are taking use majority voting

Prediction:

Use the ensemble to make predictions on new data

Evaluation:

Assess the performance of the Random Forest on the testing dataset

Repeat:

Repeat steps 2-7 for a specified number of times (n_estimators)

Final Prediction:

Before getting output mergethe predictions from all trees for the final result

Output:

Finally, we find the final prediction or classification results

A table of information labelled a matrix of confusion is frequently employed for proving how effectively a model of classification performs when used with an array of test information who’s the true values have been established. In this section we represent ourselves as the matrix of uncertainty corresponding to the randomly generated forest approach for the information we have within the graph.

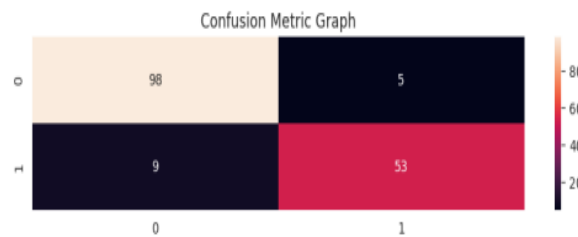


Figure 5. Confusion matrix for random forest

For the Random Forest approach, the suggested system correctly predicted 98(TP) benign and 53(TN) malignant. It mislabeled benign 5(FP) as malignant and malignant 9(FN) as benign. Out of 165 datasets, this method predicted 151 records.

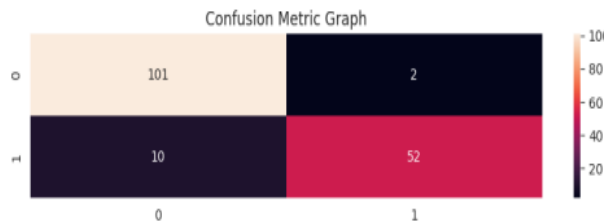


Figure6. Confusion matrix for SVC

SVC classified 153 records as TP and TN; it misclassified 12 (FP and FN) records. This model accurately classified 93% of the records. The accuracy of SVC is higher since the misclassification is lower than in the Random Forest model.

5. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

For comparing the performance of these two algorithms we have to use some parameters to calculate the performances. The Performance metrics are

- Accuracy
- Precision
- F1-Score
- Recall

5.1. Accuracy

The effectiveness of an algorithm for classification whenever utilized with an array of test outcomes whose accurate values have been established is frequently displayed in a matrix of confusion, which constitutes a tabular. In this section individuals represent the data as the data set for the random forest technique in the picture that was provided as a confusion matrix. As a result, it may not be the ideal method

for comparing various classifiers but can perform a general overview of classification performance. Therefore, accuracy can be calculated with below given equation:

$$\text{Accuracy} = (\text{TP} + \text{TN}) / (\text{TP} + \text{FP} + \text{FN} + \text{TN})$$

In the above equation:

- True Positives (TP) are situations that were accurately categorized as positive.
- True Negatives (TN) are situations that were appropriately categorised as negative.
- False Positives (FP) are situations that are mislabelled as positive.
- False Negatives (FN) are situations that are wrongly labelled as negative.

5.2. Precision

Precision, often called confidence, measures the proportion of correctly identified true positives out of all instances classified as positives. It indicates the classifier's effectiveness in handling positive observations but doesn't provide substantial insights into its performance regarding negative ones. Precision can be calculated as:

$$\text{Precision} = \text{TP} / (\text{TP} + \text{FP})$$

5.3. F1-score

The most important metrics is f1-score to compare the prediction power of those algorithms. The weighted harmonic mean of Precision and Recall is the F1-Score. This score consequently considers both false positive and false negative results. F1-Score is equal to two times the product of recall and precision. We can calculate the f1-score by using the below equation,

$$\text{F1-Score} = 2 * (\text{Recall} * \text{Precision}) / (\text{Recall} + \text{Precision})$$

5.4. Recall

The percentage of actual events that are beneficial that a model for prediction effectively identifies into the positive category is referred to as recall, which is additionally known as sensitivity. Here a valuable metric, particularly in fields like healthcare, as it tells us how well the model detects the actual positive cases. In this context, recall is essentially about the accuracy of positive predictions. The equation is,

$$\text{Recall} = \text{TP} / (\text{TP} + \text{FN})$$

The below images will show the comparison results of all the metrics for two algorithms.

Table 1. Classification report of random forest

Features	Recall	Precision	F1-score
Malignant	0.85	0.91	0.88
Benign	0.95	0.92	0.93

Table 2. Classification report of SVC

Features	Recall	Precision	F1-score
Malignant	0.84	0.96	0.90
Benign	0.91	0.91	0.94

Table 3. The comparison result of proposed algorithms

Algorithms	Accuracy
SVC	93%
RF	92%

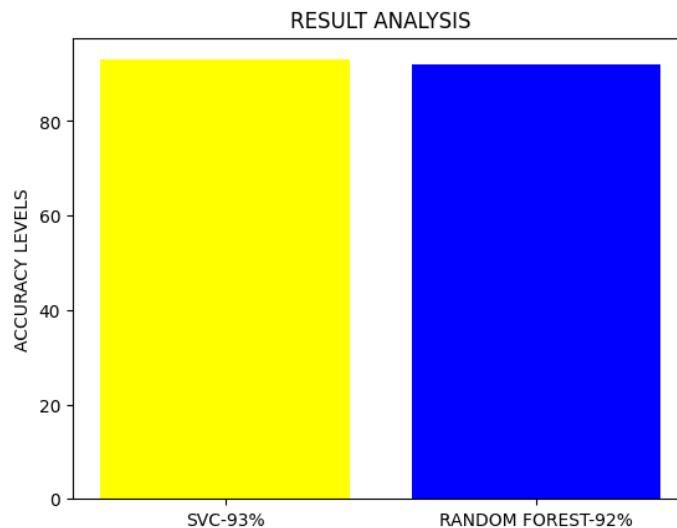


Figure 9. The comparison Result of SVC and Random Forest

In the proposed system the Support Vector Classifier (SVC) achieved an accuracy rate of 93%, its strongly signifying the capability to correctly catalogue the data points in a specified dataset. This high accuracy suggests that SVC is more effective in distinguishing between altered classes or categories in the data. The Random Forest model achieved an accuracy of 92%, exposing its potential to make clear-cut predictions. Random Forest is an ensemble investigating method that fuses multiple decision trees, making it robust and suitable for a wide range of tasks. Its 92% accuracy signifies its effectiveness in handling complex datasets. These accuracy percentages reflect the performance of the two models in terms of their ability to make correct predictions, with the Support Vector Classifier having a slightly higher accuracy than the Random Forest in this comparison. The below table will portray the accuracy level of two algorithms.

6. CONCLUSION

Nearly every nation in every continent suffers cancer of the breast. Every year the count of breast cancer diagnosis was increasing rapidly irrespective of the risk factors age and gender. In this work nearly 500 records were taken with various attributes. The cancer of the breast is capable of being treated when it is identified earlier. The present investigation evaluates techniques using machine learning to recognize cancer of the breast with specific features. The basic principles associated with the mammary are outlined through these distinctive features. To anticipate the disease, predictive machine learning algorithms employing randomly generated forests and SVC were developed. By comparing the accuracy and F1-score of these two models SVC gives the higher accuracy and F1-score. This SVC model will diagnose breast cancer through the basic features of the breast with maximum accuracy. Breast cancer awareness should be taken to all the people through education and social media. Because the breast cancer detection at the early stage is much important.

7. FUTURE ENHANCEMENT

Nowadays to diagnose the breast cancer various machine learning algorithms are used to build the machine learning model. In future we will take the important features of the malignant cells based on the experts (Doctors) suggestion. For that dataset we can apply Ensemble methods to get higher accuracy in Prediction model.

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