

# Attribute Reduction and Cost Optimization using Machine Learning methods to Predict Breast Cancer

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**Abstract:** In this paper, Wisconsin breast cancer dataset is taken from UCI to minimize its features. It has thirty input variables and one output variable. In earlier, the prediction of breast cancer is made by machine learning algorithms like linear regression, neural network, decision tree, SVM and so on. Here, the features or input variables are reduced to eleven input features from thirty-two through similarity measure and optimization method. For this, first Pearson correlation is applied between the variables and the attributes are reduced when its pair has a 90% correlation. Then, Cost Optimization based Machine Learning algorithm is applied to the constraint pairs. From this result, it has observed that we can predict breast cancer with only two input features. The error rate and accuracy of various classifiers are also presented here.

**Index Terms:** Accuracy, Classification, Cost optimization, Machine learning.

## I. INTRODUCTION

The second most deaths causing cancer in women referred to breast cancer. This type of cancer arises at a rate of 1 in 37 people or 2.7%. After advanced screening and treatment, the survival rates have gradually increased. There are more than five million women in the world who survived breast cancer. The awareness of the symptoms, the need for screening in advances is essential in predicting breast cancer. Here, the diagnostic Wisconsin breast cancer from Olvi L. Mangasarian [1] has 569 instances with 32 attributes as features (ID, diagnosis, 30 real-valued input features). The diagnosis has two unique class distribution stating of 357 benign, 212 malignant. By considering this dataset, the machine learning algorithms [2 – 10] uses the feature attributes, to predict the diagnosis of breast cancer. Before ML and mining method, the researcher or data scientist applies statistics and similarity measure [11 – 13] to identify the primary features. This paper aims to deal with the prediction by reducing 30 to 2 input attributes (only one input from the actual dataset and the other is from machine learning output y as input). The efficiency for predicting is nearby to actual efficiency as shown in the experimental results section at step 5.

## II. RELATED WORK

### A. Pearson correlation

Here the strength of association or relation r among the attributes x and y is measured.

$$r = \frac{m(\sum xy) - (\sum x)(\sum y)}{\sqrt{[m\sum x^2 - (\sum x)^2][m\sum y^2 - (\sum y)^2]}}$$

### B. Machine learning algorithm

Broadly, ML [14] is classified into supervised, unsupervised and reinforcement. Mostly, supervised is smeared to classification or regression-based predictions.

## III. PROPOSED METHOD

1. Firstly, we will reduce the thirty input data or features affecting Breast Cancer into eleven input variables as they have a high correlation between them.
2. Again, we reduce eleven input variables into two input variables by using the Pearson correlation coefficient method.
3. By using cost optimization Machine Learning algorithm, we can predict the two more input variables as  $y_1$  and  $y_2$ . These are learned machine inputs.
4. From these four input variables, we can predict breast cancer, which is two from dataset features and two from machine learned inputs.
5. The error rate is slightly increased as 3% more for these four input features when compared with the thirty input features.
6. Now, we can predict the Breast Cancer within two input features from their body measurements.

## IV. EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS

1. The error rate for the thirty input features is mentioned in the matrix form as Decision Tree Model on this dataset while taking all thirty input attributes as shown in Table I. The overall error is 7%, and averaged classification error is 8.75%.

**Table I. Evaluation of Decision Tree Model using all thirty input attributes**

Actual/ Predicted	B	M	Error Rate
<b>B</b>	5	1	1.9
<b>M</b>	5	2	15.6

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2. After analyzing the highly effective inputs, we can find the Pearson’s correlated matrix for 11 input variables as in the following Fig. 1.

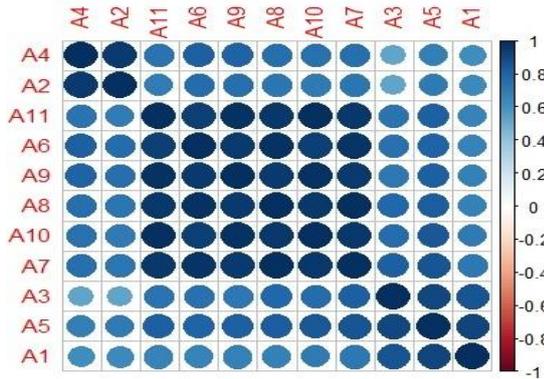


Fig. 1. Correlation Matrix

3. By using Pearson correlation, we can reduce the eleven input feature attributes into two input feature attributes by this analysis, which provides insights into the independence of the numeric input variables. They are a. Concavity\_Mean and b. Texture\_Mean. By Decision Tree model we can plot the graph with valid statements with these two input attributes for prediction as malignant or benign.

**For Malignant**

- i. if Concavity\_Mean is < 0.12 and Texture\_Mean > 17 then it is Malignant.
- ii. If Concavity\_Mean > 0.12 then it is Malignant.

**For Benign**

- i. if Concavity\_Mean < 0.072 then it is Benign.
- ii. if Concavity\_Mean > 0.072 then it is Benign.

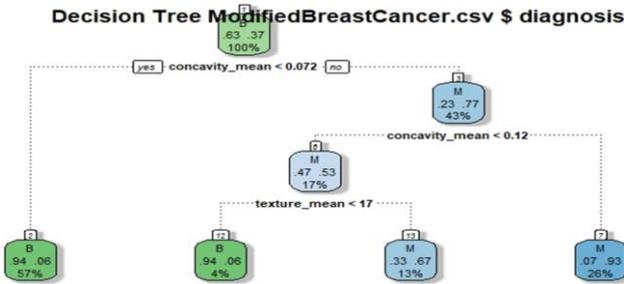


Fig. 2. Decision Tree

Table II. Cost Optimization of A<sub>1</sub> and A<sub>2</sub>.

	A <sub>1</sub>	A <sub>2</sub>
<b>Attributes</b>	<b>Concavity_mean</b>	<b>Concavity_mean vs. Area_worst</b>
<b>Pearson r</b>	0.66	0.54
<b>Optimized, θ<sub>0</sub>, θ<sub>1</sub></b>	0.4519, 4.8279	0.0882, 0.921
<b>b = r * Std y / Std x</b>	384.959	0.1183
<b>a = ȳ - b * x̄</b>	234.416	0.0421

4. By using the Cost Optimization Machine Learning algorithm, we can make the machine to learn two more input variables; they are y<sub>1</sub> and y<sub>2</sub> as shown in Table III. Here the optimized θ<sub>0</sub>, θ<sub>1</sub> values are obtained by Linear Regression as shown in Table II.

Table III. Linear Regression of y<sub>1</sub> and y<sub>2</sub> from the Concavity Mean

Attribute	y=a + bx
Concavity_mean vs.	y <sub>1</sub> =234.416 + 384.959 x
Area_worst vs.	y <sub>2</sub> =0.0421 + 0.1183x

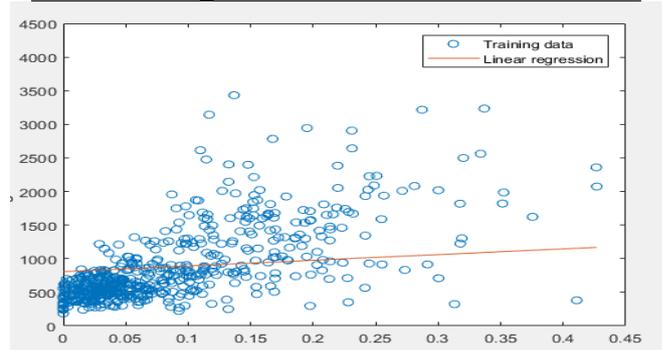


Fig. 3. Y<sub>1</sub>s, θ<sub>0</sub>, θ<sub>1</sub>

In the above Table III, the equation y<sub>1</sub> and y<sub>2</sub> are obtained from the Table II variables such as Pearson r, θ<sub>0</sub>, θ<sub>1</sub>, b and a. They are y<sub>1</sub>, and y<sub>2</sub> which are machine learned inputs by Cost Optimization Machine Learning Algorithm [3]. Where x is the input numerical taken from Concavity\_Mean and θ<sub>0</sub>, θ<sub>1</sub> are theta values obtained by Linear Regression.

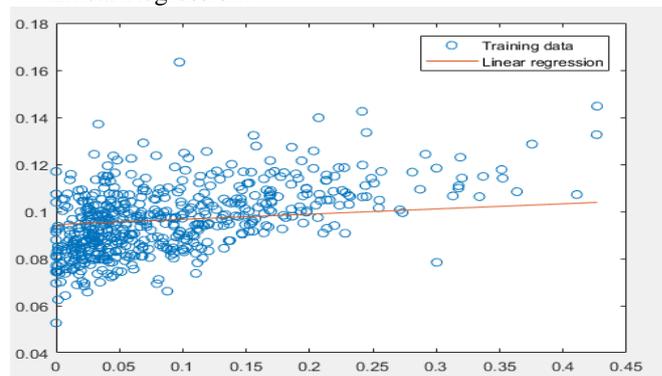


Fig. 4. Y<sub>2</sub>s, θ<sub>0</sub>, θ<sub>1</sub>

5. Now, the Error Matrix is calculated between two input variables, from all the four input feature variables in which two of them are real input features, and the remaining two are machine learned input features.

Table 4. Error Rate using Concavity\_Mean and y<sub>1</sub>

Actual/ Predicted	B	M	Error Rate
<b>B</b>	4	7	13.2
<b>M</b>	2	3	6.2

The overall error is 10.6%, and an Averaged class error is 9.7%.



**Table 5. Error Rate using Concavity\_Mean and  $y_2$**

Actual/ Predicted	B	M	Error Rate
B	4	7	13.2
M	2	3	6.2

The overall error is 10.6%, and the Averaged class error is 9.7%.

**Table 6. Error Rate using  $y_1$  and  $y_2$**

Actual/ Predicted	B	M	Error Rate
B	4	7	13.2
M	2	3	6.2

The overall error is 10.6%, and the Averaged class error is 9.7%.

**Table 7. Error rate using Concavity\_Mean and Texture\_mean**

Actual/ Predicted	B	M	Error Rate
B	4	8	15.1
M	2	3	6.2

The overall error is 11.8%, and the Averaged class error is 10.65%.

**Table 8. Error rate using Texture\_mean and  $y_1$**

Actual/ Predicted	B	M	Error Rate
B	4	8	15.1
M	2	3	6.2

The overall error is 11.8%, and an Averaged class error is 10.65%.

**Table 9. Error rate using Texture\_Mean and  $y_2$**

Actual/ Predicted	B	M	Error Rate
B	4	8	15.1
M	2	3	6.2

The overall error is 11.8%, and the Averaged class error is 10.65%.

From the above results, we can find the optimized result for prediction of breast cancer by one of the two input variables from  $y_1$ ,  $y_2$ , and Concavity\_mean. Since the first three cases of above Step 5 has been holding with less error rate, i.e., 9.7%. Whereas the other cases of Step 5 hold with 10.65% error rate only.

## V. CONCLUSION

From this analysis, we can able to predict breast cancer by reducing the input attributes. While considering all 30 input feature variables we got an overall error rate is 7% in which benign 1.9% and Malignant is 15.6 %. When we reduced the attributes to four and compared the Overall error rate is 10.6% where benign 13.2% and Malignant is 6.2 %. These error rate results are obtained between  $y_1$  (or)  $y_2$ , Concavity\_mean or  $y_1$  (or)  $y_2$ . Hence we can predict the Breast Cancer Result from two input feature variable, as the error rate increases by just 3%. Now, Breast cancer prediction can be made with two

input feature variables which reduce from 30 to 2 input features.

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