

DecissionTree

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1 Decision Tree with BREAST CANCER dataset as example

1.1 Section 1: Imports

```
[1]: import numpy as np
import pandas as pd
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

from sklearn.datasets import load_breast_cancer
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split, GridSearchCV
from sklearn.tree import DecisionTreeClassifier, plot_tree, export_text
from sklearn.metrics import accuracy_score, confusion_matrix, \
    classification_report
```

1.2 Section 2: Load Data

```
[2]: data = load_breast_cancer()
X = pd.DataFrame(data.data, columns=data.feature_names)
y = data.target

print("Shape:", X.shape)
print("Target classes:", np.unique(y))
```

Shape: (569, 30)

Target classes: [0 1]

1.3 Section 3: Train-Test Split

```
[3]: X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(X, y, test_size=0.2, \
    random_state=42, stratify=y)
```

1.4 Section 4: Baseline Decision Tree

```
[4]: dt_base = DecisionTreeClassifier(random_state=42)
dt_base.fit(X_train, y_train)

y_pred_base = dt_base.predict(X_test)
print("Baseline Accuracy:", round(accuracy_score(y_test, y_pred_base), 4))
```

```
print("Baseline Confusion Matrix:\n", confusion_matrix(y_test, y_pred_base))
```

Baseline Accuracy: 0.9123

Baseline Confusion Matrix:

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[[39  3]
 [ 7 65]]
```

1.5 Section 5: Hyperparameter Tuning

```
[5]: param_grid = {
    "max_depth": [3, 4, 5, 6, None],
    "min_samples_split": [2, 5, 10],
    "min_samples_leaf": [1, 2, 4, 8],
    "criterion": ["gini", "entropy"]
}

grid = GridSearchCV(
    DecisionTreeClassifier(random_state=42),
    param_grid=param_grid,
    scoring="f1",
    cv=5,
    n_jobs=-1
)
grid.fit(X_train, y_train)

best_dt = grid.best_estimator_
y_pred_best = best_dt.predict(X_test)

print("Best Params:", grid.best_params_)
print("Tuned Accuracy:", round(accuracy_score(y_test, y_pred_best), 4))
print("Classification Report:\n", classification_report(y_test, y_pred_best))
```

Best Params: {'criterion': 'gini', 'max_depth': 5, 'min_samples_leaf': 1, 'min_samples_split': 5}

Tuned Accuracy: 0.9211

Classification Report:

	precision	recall	f1-score	support
0	0.87	0.93	0.90	42
1	0.96	0.92	0.94	72
accuracy			0.92	114
macro avg	0.91	0.92	0.92	114
weighted avg	0.92	0.92	0.92	114

1.6 Section 6: Cost-Complexity Pruning (ccp_alpha)

```
[6]: path = best_dt.cost_complexity_pruning_path(X_train, y_train)
    ccp_alphas = path.ccp_alphas

    alpha_scores = []
    for alpha in ccp_alphas:
        dt_alpha = DecisionTreeClassifier(
            random_state=42,
            ccp_alpha=alpha,
            max_depth=grid.best_params_["max_depth"],
            min_samples_split=grid.best_params_["min_samples_split"],
            min_samples_leaf=grid.best_params_["min_samples_leaf"],
            criterion=grid.best_params_["criterion"]
        )
        dt_alpha.fit(X_train, y_train)
        alpha_scores.append((alpha, dt_alpha.score(X_test, y_test)))

    best_alpha, best_alpha_score = max(alpha_scores, key=lambda x: x[1])
    print("Best ccp_alpha:", best_alpha)
    print("Best pruned accuracy:", round(best_alpha_score, 4))
```

Best ccp_alpha: 0.003956043956043957

Best pruned accuracy: 0.9474

1.7 Section 7: Feature Importance and Rule Export

```
[7]: dt_final = DecisionTreeClassifier(
    random_state=42,
    ccp_alpha=best_alpha,
    max_depth=grid.best_params_["max_depth"],
    min_samples_split=grid.best_params_["min_samples_split"],
    min_samples_leaf=grid.best_params_["min_samples_leaf"],
    criterion=grid.best_params_["criterion"]
)
dt_final.fit(X_train, y_train)

importances = pd.Series(dt_final.feature_importances_, index=X.columns)
print(importances.sort_values(ascending=False).head(10))

print("\nTop rules (depth limited):")
print(export_text(dt_final, feature_names=list(X.columns), max_depth=3))
```

worst radius	0.735871
worst concave points	0.122414
texture error	0.045930
worst texture	0.044306
worst concavity	0.017216

```

worst smoothness      0.013369
worst symmetry        0.011318
area error            0.009577
mean compactness      0.000000
mean smoothness       0.000000
dtype: float64

```

Top rules (depth limited):

```

|--- worst radius <= 16.80
|   |--- worst concave points <= 0.14
|   |   |--- area error <= 91.56
|   |   |   |--- class: 1
|   |   |   |--- area error > 91.56
|   |   |   |--- class: 0
|   |--- worst concave points > 0.14
|   |   |--- worst texture <= 25.62
|   |   |   |--- worst smoothness <= 0.18
|   |   |   |   |--- class: 1
|   |   |   |   |--- worst smoothness > 0.18
|   |   |   |   |--- class: 0
|   |   |--- worst texture > 25.62
|   |   |   |--- worst symmetry <= 0.27
|   |   |   |   |--- class: 1
|   |   |   |   |--- worst symmetry > 0.27
|   |   |   |   |--- class: 0
|--- worst radius > 16.80
|   |--- texture error <= 0.47
|   |   |--- class: 1
|   |--- texture error > 0.47
|   |   |--- worst concavity <= 0.19
|   |   |   |--- worst texture <= 30.98
|   |   |   |   |--- class: 1
|   |   |   |   |--- worst texture > 30.98
|   |   |   |   |--- class: 0
|   |   |--- worst concavity > 0.19
|   |   |   |--- class: 0

```

1.8 Graph 1: Train vs Test Accuracy by Depth

```

[8]: depths = list(range(1, 16))
     train_scores = []
     test_scores = []

     for d in depths:
         model = DecisionTreeClassifier(max_depth=d, random_state=42)
         model.fit(X_train, y_train)

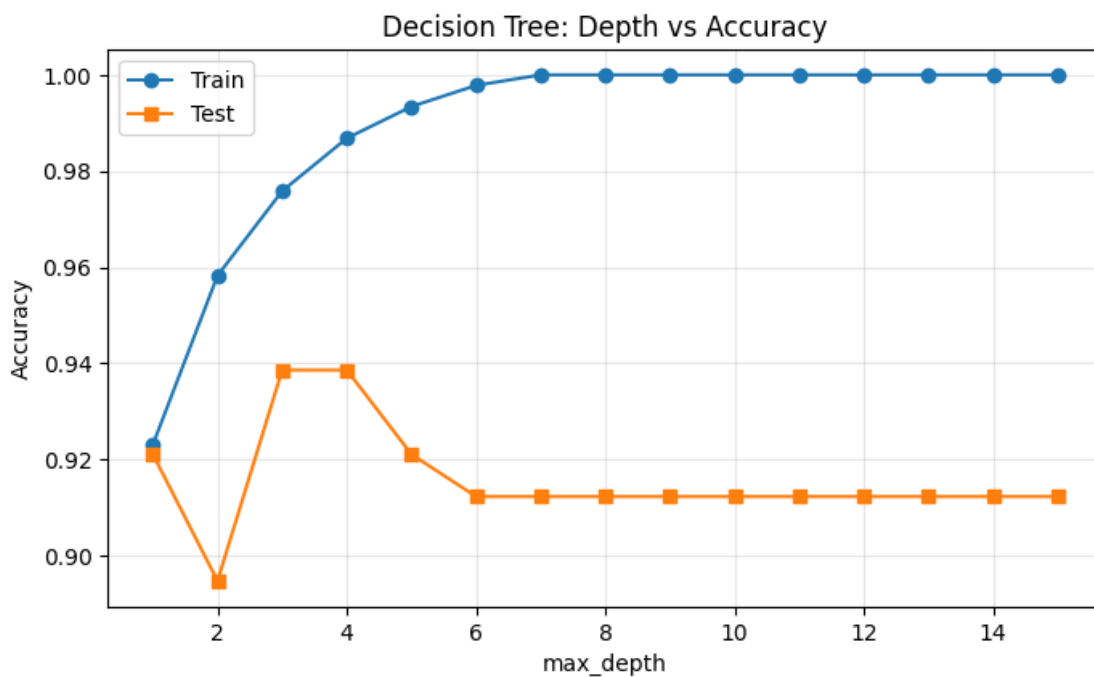
```

```

train_scores.append(model.score(X_train, y_train))
test_scores.append(model.score(X_test, y_test))

plt.figure(figsize=(8, 4.5))
plt.plot(depths, train_scores, marker="o", label="Train")
plt.plot(depths, test_scores, marker="s", label="Test")
plt.xlabel("max_depth")
plt.ylabel("Accuracy")
plt.title("Decision Tree: Depth vs Accuracy")
plt.legend()
plt.grid(alpha=0.3)
plt.show()

```



1.9 Graph 2: Pruning Curve (ccp_alpha vs Test Accuracy)

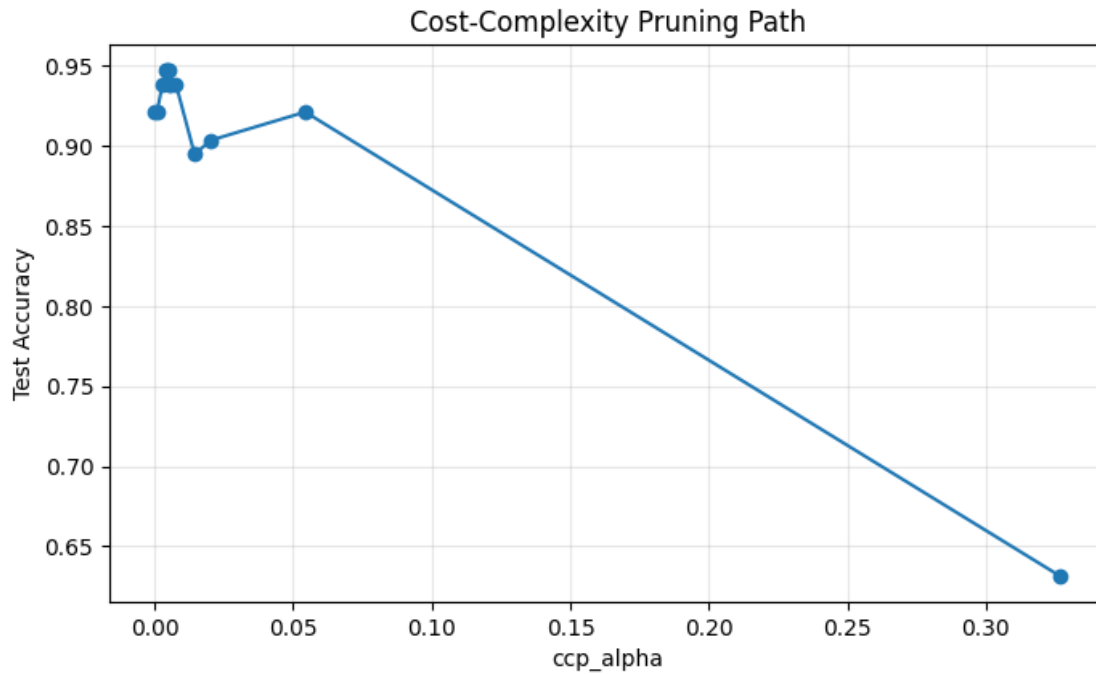
```

[9]: alphas = [a for a, _ in alpha_scores]
     scores = [s for _, s in alpha_scores]

plt.figure(figsize=(8, 4.5))
plt.plot(alphas, scores, marker="o")
plt.xlabel("ccp_alpha")
plt.ylabel("Test Accuracy")
plt.title("Cost-Complexity Pruning Path")
plt.grid(alpha=0.3)

```

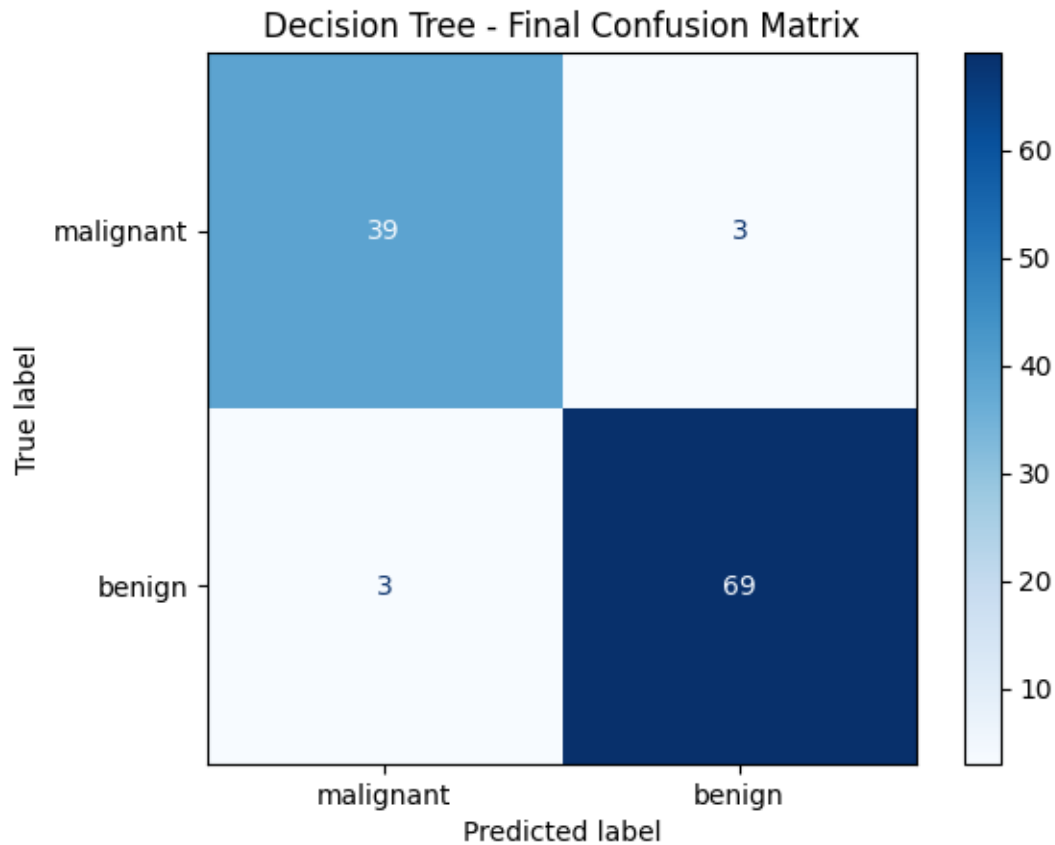
```
plt.show()
```



1.10 Graph 3: Confusion Matrix of Final Pruned Tree

```
[10]: from sklearn.metrics import ConfusionMatrixDisplay

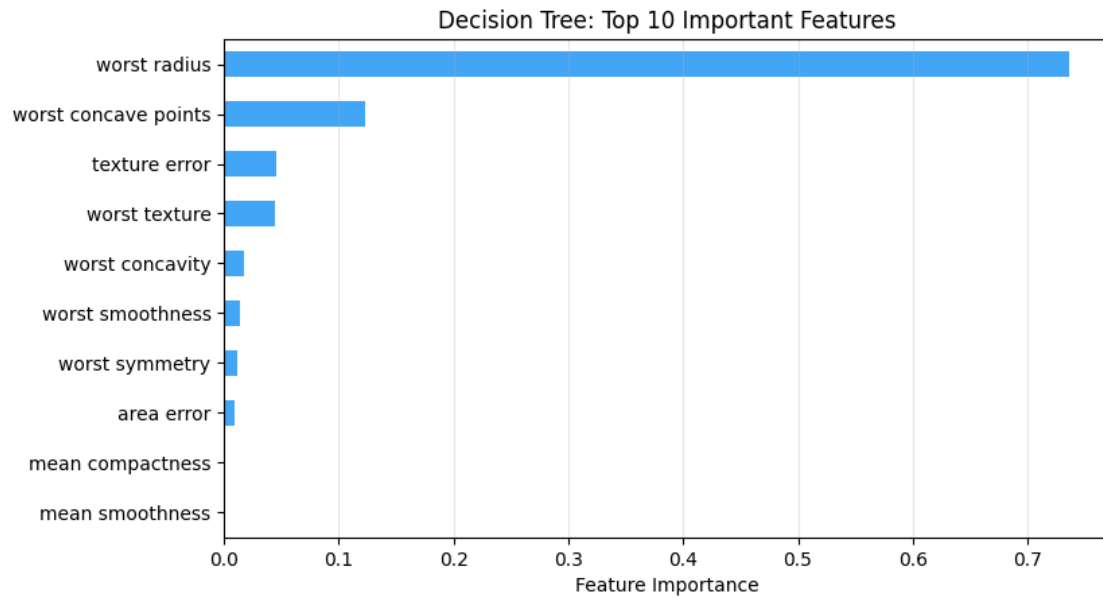
y_pred_final = dt_final.predict(X_test)
ConfusionMatrixDisplay.from_predictions(
    y_test, y_pred_final, display_labels=data.target_names, cmap="Blues",
    ↪ values_format="d"
)
plt.title("Decision Tree - Final Confusion Matrix")
plt.show()
```



1.11 Graph 4: Top Feature Importances (Same Dataset)

```
[14]: importances = pd.Series(dt_final.feature_importances_, index=X.columns)
top10 = importances.sort_values(ascending=False).head(10)

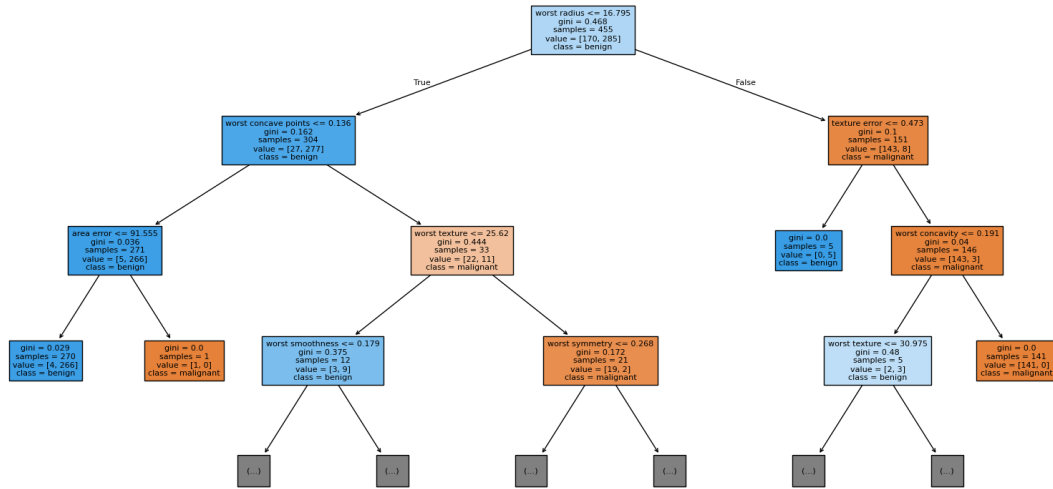
plt.figure(figsize=(8.5, 4.8))
top10.sort_values().plot(kind="barh", color="#42a5f5")
plt.xlabel("Feature Importance")
plt.title("Decision Tree: Top 10 Important Features")
plt.grid(axis="x", alpha=0.3)
plt.show()
```



1.12 Graph 5: Tree Structure (Top Levels)

```
[11]: plt.figure(figsize=(20, 10))
plot_tree(
    dt_final,
    feature_names=X.columns,
    class_names=data.target_names,
    filled=True,
    max_depth=3,
    fontsize=8
)
plt.title("Decision Tree Structure (depth limited for readability)")
plt.show()
```

Decision Tree Structure (depth limited for readability)



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