



FUZZY LOGIC BASED IMPROVED SUPPORT VECTOR MACHINE (F-ISVM) CLASSIFIER FOR HEART DISEASE CLASSIFICATION

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ABSTRACT

Classification is the major research topic in data mining. Typically classification represents the data to be categorized based on its features or characteristics. This proposed research work aims in developing fuzzy logic based improved support vector machine classifier. Support vector machine is a type of supervised machine learning technique and once when the dataset is given as input it performs the classification task by itself. The proposed classifier aims in improving the classification accuracy of the support vector machine by making use of fuzzy logic. The proposed classifier has been tested on two different datasets namely PIMA Indian diabetes dataset and Z-AlizadehSani dataset in order to classify the occurrence of heart disease among the patients. Performance metrics sensitivity, specificity and classification accuracy are taken for comparison of the proposed fuzzy logic based improved support vector machine classifier (F-ISVM) with several classification algorithms. Results showed that the proposed F-ISVM classifier gives better classification accuracy than that of support vector machine, naive bayes, neural networks, sequential minimal optimization (SMO) and bagging SMO classifiers.

Keywords: fuzzy, classification, naive bayes, neural network, bagging SMO, SMO, SVM, I-SVM, F-ISVM, PIMA, Z-AlizadehSani, sensitivity, specificity, classification accuracy.

1. INTRODUCTION

Data mining is the methodology used for discovering hidden information from the existing data. Knowledge discovery in data (KDD) is the trivial process involved in data mining for extracting the hidden knowledge from the data. Several conventional data mining algorithms are there which performs several tasks such as neighbourhood selection, classification, clustering, pattern matching, and information retrieval and so on. Broadly data mining can be classified as supervised data mining and unsupervised data mining. Supervised mechanisms are the one that has the ability to perform classification and prediction tasks. In recent years, machine learning algorithms are used as a supplement to perform data mining. Healthcare industry has abundant research problems that can be solved using data mining. Data mining using machine learning algorithms are used in order to undertake the research problem of classification in medical dataset which has several inputs. Fuzzy rule-based classification systems (FRBCSs) (Ishibuchi *et al.*, 2004), (Kuncheva, 2000) are useful and well-known tools in the machine learning framework, since they can provide an interpretable model for the end user (Jin *et al.*, 1999; Ho *et al.*, 2004; Wang *et al.*, 2005; Zhang *et al.*, 2011). Support vector machine is one such machine learning algorithm and can be used for classification in data mining. Support vector machine can be trained from the historical / past data with the anticipation that it will determine hidden dependencies and that it will be able to use them for classification. The healthcare industry has volumes data and that need to be mined to discover hidden information for effective decision making. This research work aims to

improve the performance of the support vector machine classifier by making the classical simplex method (SM) to modified simplex method (MSM). This paper is organized as the follows. This section introduces the scope of the research. Section 2 discusses on the related works pertaining to the chosen research problem. Section 3 discusses on the proposed work. Section 4 details on the chosen dataset with the results and discussions. Section 5 describes the concluding remarks.

2. LITERATURE REVIEW

Bo Jin *et al.*, 2007 presented a genetic fuzzy feature transformation method for support vector machines (SVMs) to do more accurate data classification. Authors used Genetic algorithms to optimize the fuzzy feature transformation so as to use the newly generated features to help SVMs do more accurate biomedical data classification under uncertainty. In Khatibi and Montazer, (2010), a novel inference engine named fuzzy-evidential hybrid inference engine has been proposed using Dempster-Shafer theory of evidence and fuzzy sets theory. Tsipouras *et al.*, (2008) presented a fuzzy rule-based decision support system (DSS) for the diagnosis of coronary artery disease (CAD). It automatically generates an initial annotated dataset, using a four stage methodology: 1) induction of a decision tree from the data; 2) extraction of a set of rules from the decision tree, in disjunctive normal form and formulation of a crisp model; 3) transformation of the crisp set of rules into a fuzzy model; and 4) optimization of the parameters of the fuzzy model. Anooj (2012) proposed a weighted fuzzy rule-based clinical decision support system (CDSS) for the



diagnosis of heart disease, automatically obtaining knowledge from the patient's clinical data. Kai Li and Xiaoxia Lu., (2011), presented a double margin (rough margin) based fuzzy support vector machine (RFSVM) algorithm by introducing rough set into fuzzy support vector machine which combines the notion of rough set with the fuzzy support vector machine to deal with the sensitivity problem of fuzzy support vector machine. Abidin *et al.*, (2009) studied how to evaluate the ability of fuzzy neural network model to predict the likelihood of coronary heart disease for individuals based on knowledge of their biomarkers, risk habits and demographic profiles. Padmakumari K. N. Anooj., (2011) developed a machine learning techniques to gain knowledge automatically from examples or raw data. Weighted fuzzy rule-based clinical decision support system (CDSS) is presented for the diagnosis of heart disease, automatically obtaining the knowledge from the patient's clinical data. Roohallah Alizadehsania *et al.*, (2013) studied and applied several algorithms ZAlizadehSanidataset (which utilizes several effective features.).

3. PROPOSED WORK

3.1 Fuzzy logic for improved-SVM

It is assumed that the training set $\mathbf{X} = \{\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{x}_3, \dots, \mathbf{x}_N\}$ contains patient's health record, and each of them is either normal or prone to heart problems. Each record is represented by a distinct feature vector with positive numeric values. The set of features generated from all data are assumed to be:

$$\mathbf{F} = \{\mathbf{f}_1, \mathbf{f}_2, \mathbf{f}_3, \dots, \mathbf{f}_N\} \quad (1)$$

We denote the set $\mathbf{L} = \{l_1, l_2, \dots, l_p\}$ as P possible data classes. In order to avoid the crisp definition of a row in the dataset belonging to one of the classes, fuzzy technique is involved. Firstly, we will try to divide the N into P classes and each class is represented by its centroid, which is an element of $\mathbf{C} = \{\mathbf{c}_1, \mathbf{c}_2, \dots, \mathbf{c}_p\}$. In addition, a membership partition matrix U of size $(N \times P)$ is used to measure each of the class centers. The membership matrix elements are defined by:

$$u_{iq} = \frac{\|\mathbf{f}_i, \mathbf{c}_q\|^{-\beta}}{\sum_{q=1}^P \|\mathbf{f}_i, \mathbf{c}_q\|^{-\beta}}, \quad 1 \leq i \leq N, \quad 1 \leq q \leq P \quad (2)$$

where u_{iq} of a value between 0 and 1 is the membership grade of the input data connection i in the class q , β ($\beta > 1$) is the weighting exponent representing the degree of the

fuzziness for the membership grades, and $\|\mathbf{f}_i, \mathbf{c}_q\|$ represents the Mahalanobis distance between the data feature vector \mathbf{f}_i and the centroid \mathbf{c}_q of class q and is defined as:

$$\|\mathbf{f}_i, \mathbf{c}_q\| = \sqrt{(\mathbf{f}_i - \mathbf{c}_q)^T \Sigma_q^{-1} (\mathbf{f}_i - \mathbf{c}_q)} \quad (3)$$

where Σ_q is the covariance matrix of the centroid vector of class q . Equation (3) becomes the Euclidean distance when Σ_q is the unity matrix.

The centroid of class q is further defined as:

$$\mathbf{c}_q = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N u_{iq}^\beta \mathbf{f}_i}{\sum_{i=1}^N u_{iq}^\beta} \quad \forall q = 1, 2, \dots, P \quad (4)$$

The class centroids are iteratively optimized by minimizing the following dissimilarity function $J(U, C)$:

$$J(U, C) = \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{q=1}^P u_{iq}^\beta \|\mathbf{f}_i, \mathbf{c}_q\|^2$$

Subject to : $\sum_{q=1}^P u_{iq} = 1, \forall i$ (5)

With the fuzzy technique we keep on upgrading \mathbf{c}_q and u_{iq} iteratively until the dissimilarity function $J(U, C)$ is minimized. The optimal class centroids \mathbf{c}_q for the fuzzy classifier are found when the iteration stops with $\max_{i,q} |u_{iq}^{(\eta+1)} - u_{iq}^{(\eta)}| < \varepsilon$, where ε is a pre-selected threshold between 0 and 1, and η is the number of iterations. The initial values of the class centroids in (2) are obtained from the labelled training data directly. Therefore, the iterations in (2)-(5) normally can converge quickly. Since the class information of the labelled training data is used in the proposed algorithm, the learning process is considered to be semi-supervised. The next section makes use of the above said fuzzy logic technique.

3.2 Improved SVM

The learning process in SVM involves the solution, which offers the architecture and parameters of a decision function representing the largest possible margin. Such parameters are represented by the vectors in the class boundary and their associated Lagrange multipliers. In order to take into account nonlinearities, a higher



dimension space is obtained; this is done by transforming data vectors $\mathbf{x}_i \in \mathcal{R}^n$ through a function $\phi(\mathbf{x})$. In this transformation, explicit calculation of $\phi(\mathbf{x})$ is not necessary; instead of that, just the inner product between mapped vectors is required. For this inner product, kernel functions fulfilling the Mercer condition are usually used. An example of a kernel function is given in (6).

$$k(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j) = \phi(\mathbf{x}_i)^T \phi(\mathbf{x}_j) \quad (6)$$

$$\text{Max}_{\alpha} \sum_{i=1}^l \alpha_i - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j=1}^l \alpha_i \alpha_j y_i y_j k(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j) \quad (7)$$

$$\text{Subject To} \quad \sum_{i=1}^l y_i \alpha_i = 0, \quad (8)$$

$$0 \leq \alpha_i \leq \zeta \quad i = 1, \dots, l \quad (9)$$

where y_i, y_j are labels for data vectors i, j respectively and α_i are the Lagrange multipliers introduced to transform the original formulation of the problem with linear inequality constraints into the above representation. The ζ parameter controls the misclassification level on the training data and therefore the margin. A large ζ corresponds to assign a higher penalty to the errors, decreasing the margin, while a small ζ tolerates more errors, growing the margin.

Once a solution is obtained, a decision rule used to classify data is defined as in (10):

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = \text{sign} \left[\sum_{i=1}^{nsv} \alpha_i y_i k(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}) + b \right] \quad (10)$$

Where nsv defines the number of support vectors, b is the projection \mathbf{x}_i onto the hyperplane that separates the classes, and only non-zero α_i Lagrange multipliers counts for the decision rule. Consequently, just the data vectors associated to these multipliers are called support vectors. As a result, there is a solution to divide the problem in smaller subproblems, which are easier to manage and solve. However, an important disadvantage of this approach is that random selection of data vectors to build subproblems, can affect the performance, giving an inferior learning rate.

To perform kernel functions analysis, an improved performance based approach is developed. This approach includes the common stages of the SVM training process:

- Reading and Modelling data vectors using a kernel function,
- Learning (Training), solving QPP obtained with data, and

- Classification (where a classifier is built with Support Vectors found in the training stage).

This classifier is used to classify new data. In the proposed research the learning stage is achieved using the method derived using the equations (11) to (13):

$$\text{Min} \quad f(\alpha) = \sum_{j=1}^l c_j \alpha_j + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^l \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_j q_{ij} \alpha_i \quad (11)$$

$$\text{Subject To} \quad g(\alpha) = \sum_{j=1}^l a_{ij} \alpha_j - b_i \leq 0, \quad i = 1, \dots, m \quad (12)$$

$$h_j(\alpha) = -\alpha_j \leq 0, \quad j = 1, \dots, l \quad (13)$$

Transforming it into the Equivalent Linear Model (14) to (19):

$$\text{Min} \quad \sum_{j=1}^l V_j \quad (14)$$

$$\text{Subject To} \quad c_j + \sum_{i=1}^m q_{ij} \alpha_i + \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i a_{ij} - u_j + V_j = 0, \quad j = 1, \dots, l \quad (15)$$

$$\sum_{j=1}^l a_{ij} \alpha_j + Y_i = b_i, \quad i = 1, \dots, m \quad (16)$$

$$\alpha_j \geq 0, u_j \geq 0, V_j \geq 0, \lambda_i \geq 0, \quad j = 1, \dots, l, i = 1, \dots, m \quad (17)$$

where V_j are artificial variables and Y_i are slack variables which are unrestricted in sign for $i=1, \dots, m$. In addition, the complementary slackness conditions (13) and (14) will be fulfilled.

$$\lambda_i Y_i = 0, \quad i = 1, \dots, m \quad (18)$$

$$u_j \alpha_j = 0, \quad j = 1, \dots, l. \quad (19)$$

The transformation into an Equivalent Linear Model allows using a variation of the classical Simplex Method (SM), and it is named Modified Simplex Method (MSM). Due to, MSM is based on SM, the former inherits a very important feature from later, which is that guarantees the global optimum solution (if it exists), and has been used in many practical problems. MSM is different to SM, mainly in the pivoting rule, particularly



the way that the incoming variable is selected. In any iteration, a variable is a candidate to be the next incoming variable if it is a non-basic variable and it can potentially improve the objective function in the next iteration. In the λ -Y case, the selection process is as follows: If λ_i is an incoming variable candidate, it can be selected as the incoming one only if Y_i (i.e. the Y variable with the same index) is not in the basis. MSM indicates those columns (or variables) that are active (i.e. the basic variables) and inactive in the problem solution. On the other hand, if Y_i is an incoming variable candidate, it can be selected as the incoming one only if λ_i is not in the basis. Similar conditions must be fulfilled for variables a_j and u_j . Once when the dataset has been given as the input the classification task is performed and the results are conceived and it is presented in the next section.

4. ABOUT DATASET

A dataset is a collection of data. This research work uses PIMA dataset and Z-AlizadehSani dataset for evaluating and comparing with existing algorithms.

4.1 PIMA dataset

This multivariate data set is used for diabetes detection, and is the result of a research survey carried out in the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases, United States on the female patients of Pima Indian heritage having age greater than 21. This dataset is commonly used among researchers who used machine learning method for diabetes disease classification, so it provides us to compare the performance of our method with that of others. The class distribution is: Class 1: normal (500), Class 2: Pima Indian diabetes (268) (SantiWulanPurnami, *et al.*, 2010). The dataset contains 768 samples and two classes. All patients in this database are Pima-Indian women at least 21 years old and living near Phoenix, Arizona, USA. It has got 768 tuples and contains 9 numeric-valued attributes including the class. The class attribute has got two values,

namely “tested negative for diabetes” and “tested positive for diabetes” and denoted by values ‘0’ and ‘1’ respectively. Many constraints were added for selecting the tuples from a large database (SoumadipGhosh *et al.*, 2014).

4.2 Z-AlizadehSani dataset

The Z-AlizadehSani dataset contains the records of 303 patients, each of which have 54 features. All features can be considered as indicators of CAD for a patient, according to medical literature (Polat and Gunes, 2007; RoohallahAlizadehsania *et al.*, 2013). However, some of them have never been used in data mining based approaches for CAD diagnosis. The features are arranged in four groups: demographic, symptom and examination, ECG, and laboratory and echo features. Each patient could be in two possible categories CAD or Normal. A patient is categorized as CAD, if his/her diameter narrowing is greater than or equal to 50%, and otherwise as Normal. Some of the features are HTN identifies history of hypertension, DM is history of Diabetes Mellitus, Current Smoker is current consumption of cigarettes, Ex-Smoker is history of previous consumption of cigarettes, and FH is history of heart disease in first-degree relatives.

5. RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

The sensitivity, specificity and classification accuracy are the performance metrics used to evaluate the performance of this research work namely F-ISVM. The classification is performed on two datasets namely PIMA Indian diabetes dataset and Z-AlizadehSani dataset. The classification accuracy, sensitivity and specificity can be calculated using the following metrics.

- True Positive
- True Negative
- False Positive
- False Negative

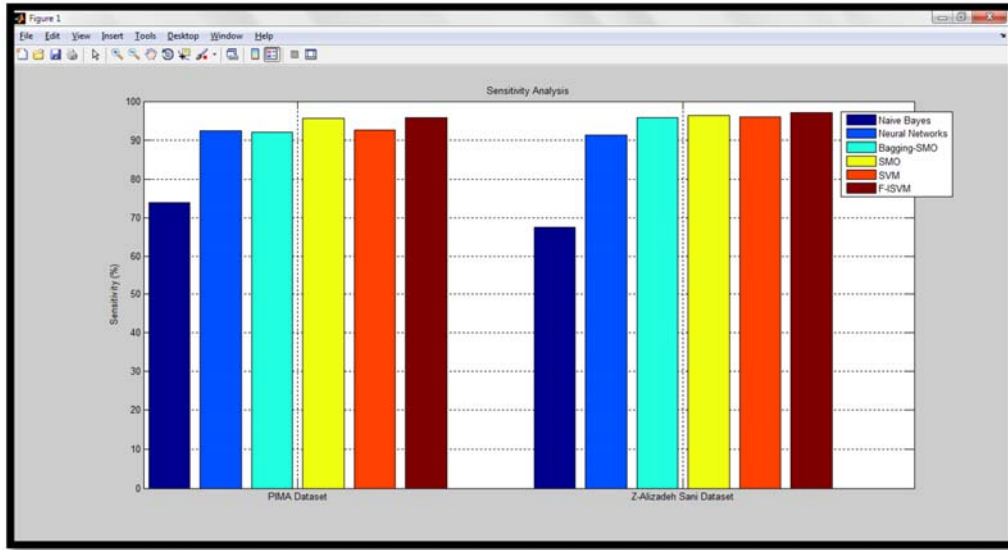


Figure-1. Sensitivity analysis.

Figure-1 depicts Sensitivity Analysis of F-ISVM on PIMA Indian diabetes dataset and Z-AlizadehSani dataset. It can be clearly understood that the proposed work F-ISVM provides better results than Naive Bayes, Neural Network, Bagging SMO, SMO and SVM. Corresponding numerical values of the results are provided in Table-1.

Table 1. Sensitivity analysis.

Algorithms	PIMA dataset	AlizadehSani dataset
Naive Bayes	73.91	67.59
Neural Network	92.42	91.2
Bagging SMO	92.09	95.83
SMO	95.59	96.3
SVM	92.48	95.93
F-ISVM	95.77	97.16

Table-1 depicts Sensitivity Analysis of Naive Bayes, Neural Network, Bagging SMO, SMO, SVM and F-ISVM on PIMA Indian diabetes dataset and Z-AlizadehSani dataset. It can be clearly understood that the proposed work F-ISVM provides better results.

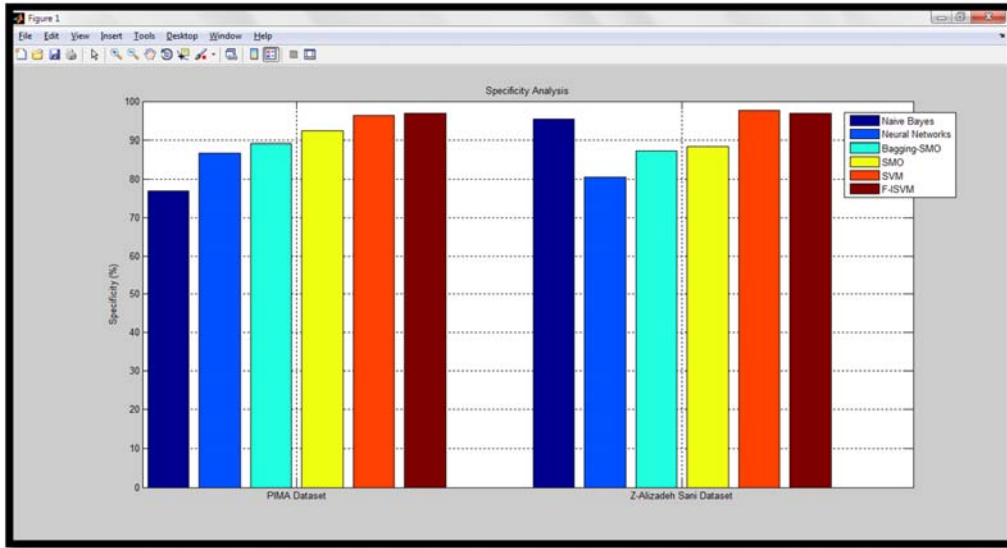


Figure-2. Specificity analysis.

Figure-2 depicts Specificity Analysis of F-ISVM on PIMA Indian diabetes dataset and Z-AlizadehSani dataset. It can be clearly understood that the proposed work F-ISVM provides better results than Naive Bayes, Neural Network, Bagging SMO, SMO and SVM. Corresponding numerical values of the results are provided in Table-2.

Table-2. Specificity analysis.

Algorithms	PIMA dataset	AlizadehSani dataset
Naive Bayes	76.92	95.4
Neural Network	86.76	80.46
Bagging SMO	89.15	87.36
SMO	92.42	88.51
SVM	96.3	97.71
F-ISVM	96.83	96.85

Table-2 depicts Specificity Analysis of Naive Bayes, Neural Network, Bagging SMO, SMO, SVM and F-ISVM on PIMA Indian diabetes dataset and Z-AlizadehSani dataset. It can be clearly understood that the proposed work F-ISVM provides better results.

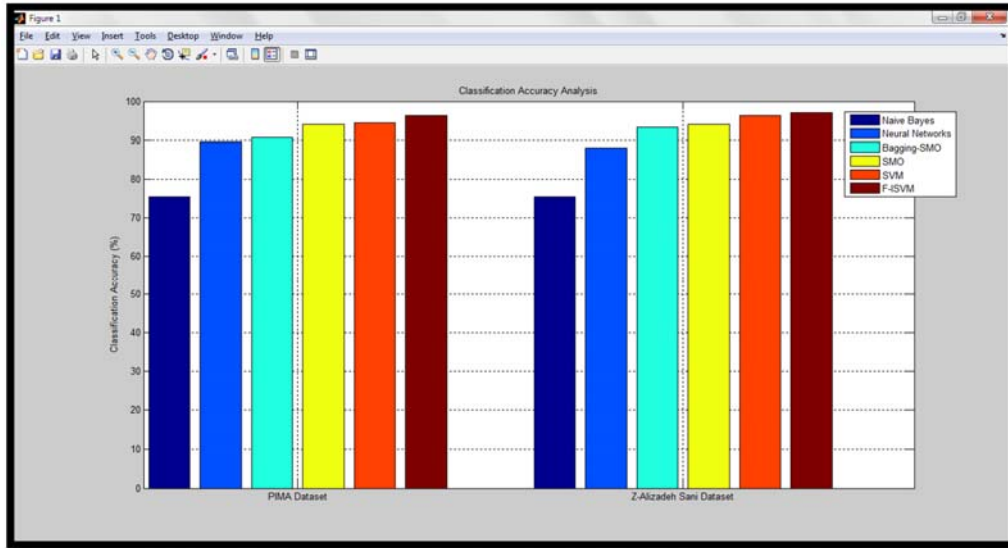


Figure-3. Classification accuracy analysis.

Figure-3 depicts Classification Accuracy Analysis of F-ISVM on PIMA Indian diabetes dataset and Z-AlizadehSani dataset. It can be clearly understood that the proposed work F-ISVM provides better results than Naive Bayes, Neural Network, Bagging SMO, SMO and SVM. Corresponding numerical values of the results are provided in Table-3.

Table-3. Classification accuracy analysis.

Algorithms	PIMA dataset	AlizadehSani dataset
Naive Bayes	75.37	75.51
Neural Network	89.55	88.11
Bagging SMO	90.67	93.4
SMO	94.03	94.08
SVM	94.4	96.37
F-ISVM	96.27	97.03

Table-3 depicts Classification Accuracy Analysis of Naive Bayes, Neural Network, Bagging SMO, SMO, SVM and F-ISVM on PIMA Indian diabetes dataset and Z-AlizadehSani dataset. It can be clearly understood that the proposed work F-ISVM provides better results.

6. CONCLUSIONS AND FUTURE RESEARCH DIMENSIONS

The proposed research work presents fuzzy logic based improved support vector machine (F-ISVM) classifier. F-ISVM classifier considers the conventional simplex method as the modified simplex method. Fuzzy logic is introduced in order to avoid the crisp definition of a row in the dataset belonging to one of the classes, fuzzy

technique is involved. The F-ISVM is evaluated using the performance metrics sensitivity, specificity and classification accuracy. Two datasets were chosen for evaluating the performance of the proposed F-ISVM classifier with naive bayes, neural network, SMO, bagging SMO and support vector machine algorithms. From the results it is evident that the proposed F-ISVM achieves better classification accuracy than rest of the algorithms.

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