

Support vector machine

HW3

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Discuss About the SVM

In HW3, I learned a lot about SVM. This was my first time using open-source software to complete my homework. There were different platforms and programming languages available to implement SVM, but I chose to use Python for this homework.

First, c-SVM is a conventional support vector machine classifier that seeks to classify data by finding a hyperplane that maximizes the margin between classes. It balances the tradeoff between training error and model complexity through the regularization parameter C . Larger C values can make the classifier more prone to overfitting the training data, while smaller C values lead to a simpler model.

Second, nu-SVM is a kernel-based support vector machine classifier that uses a parameter called ν to balance the tradeoff between training error and model complexity. Unlike C , ν limits both training error and the number of support vectors. ν can be viewed as an upper bound on training error while limiting the number of support vectors.

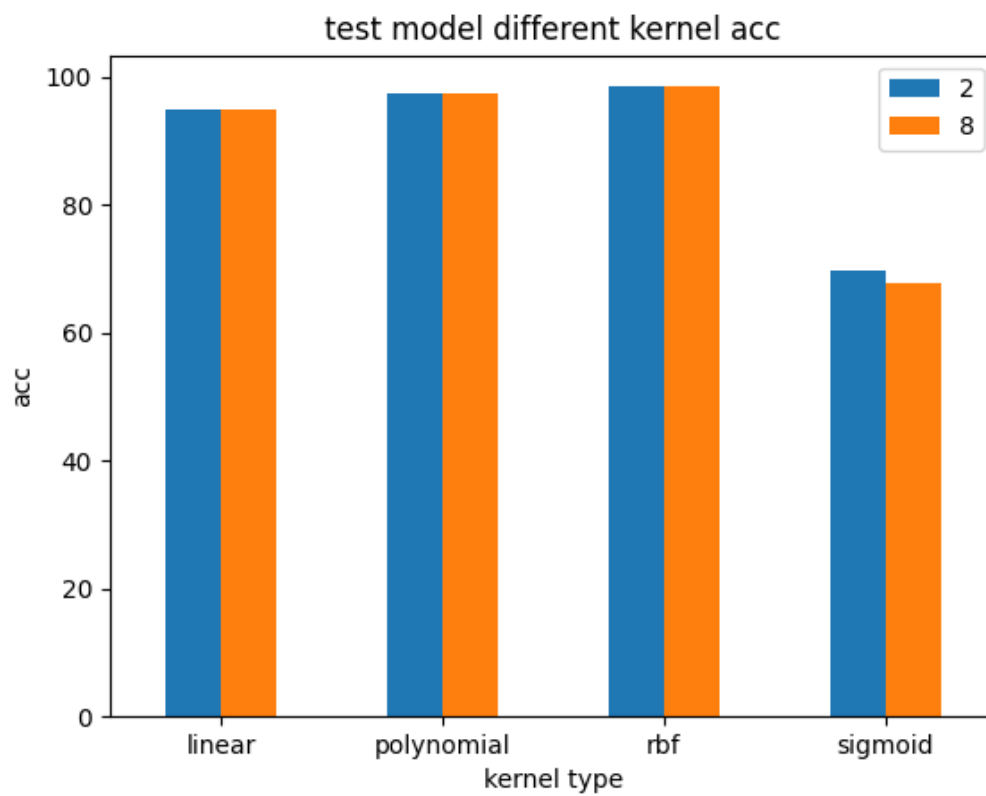
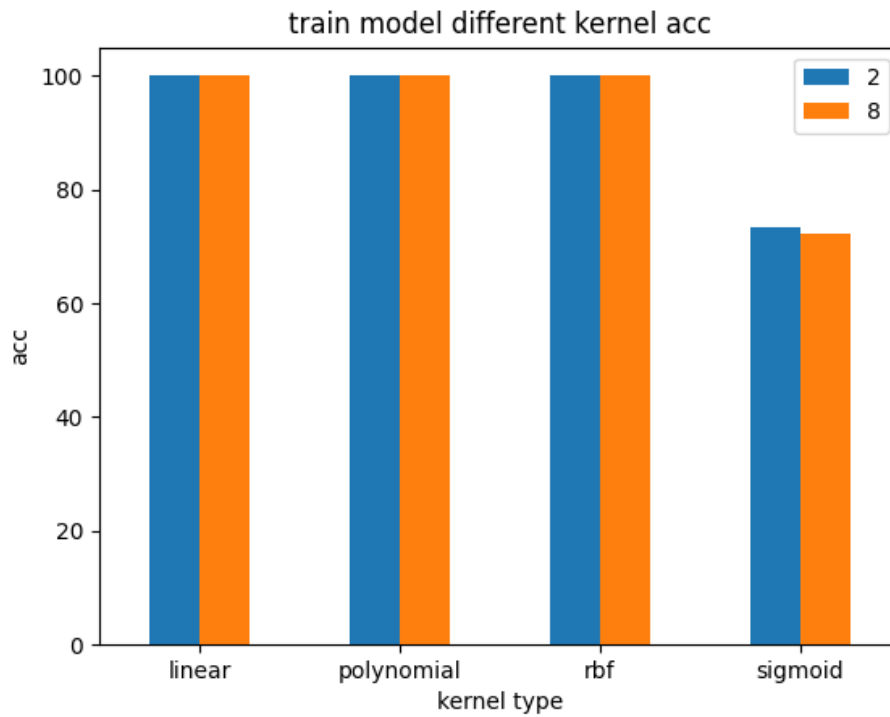
In practice, c-SVM is typically used for binary classification problems, while nu-SVM is more suitable for multi-class problems. Additionally, c-SVM has faster training times for large datasets, while nu-SVM is better suited for smaller datasets as it can reduce the number of support vectors while maintaining an upper bound on training error.

In order to find the best C value for c-SVM, I used `easy.py` to explore all the parameters of c-SVM. I found that with a gamma value of 0.03125 and C value of 8, the prediction accuracy on the training data was 100%. With a C value of 2, the prediction accuracy was around 98%.

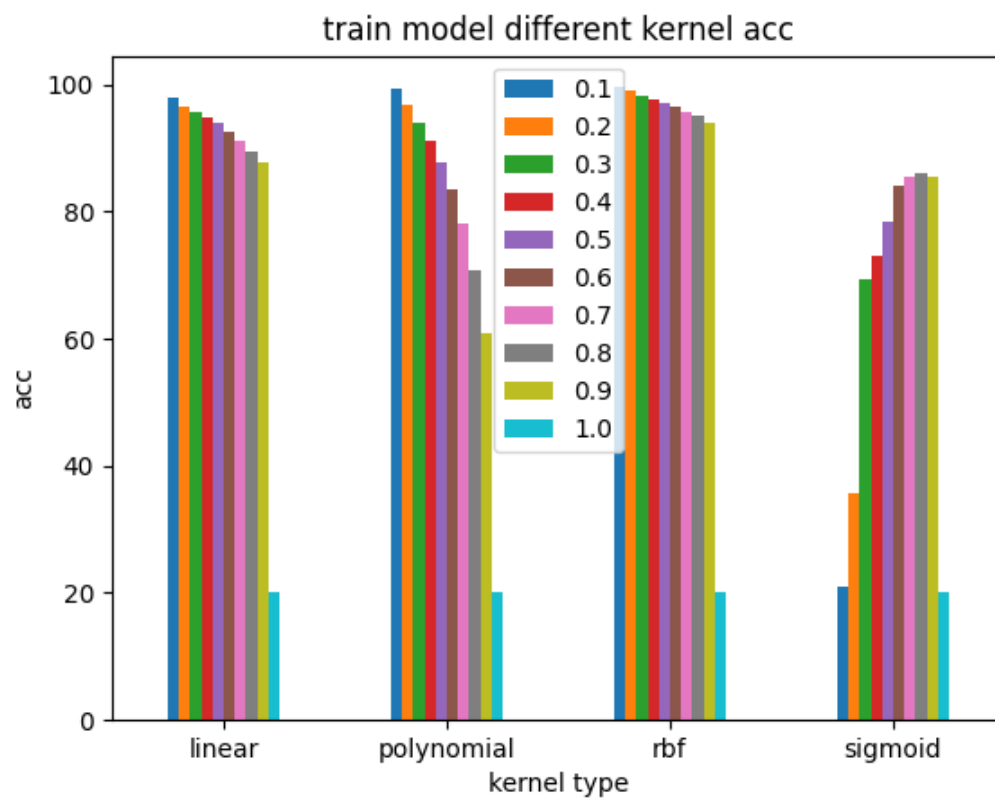
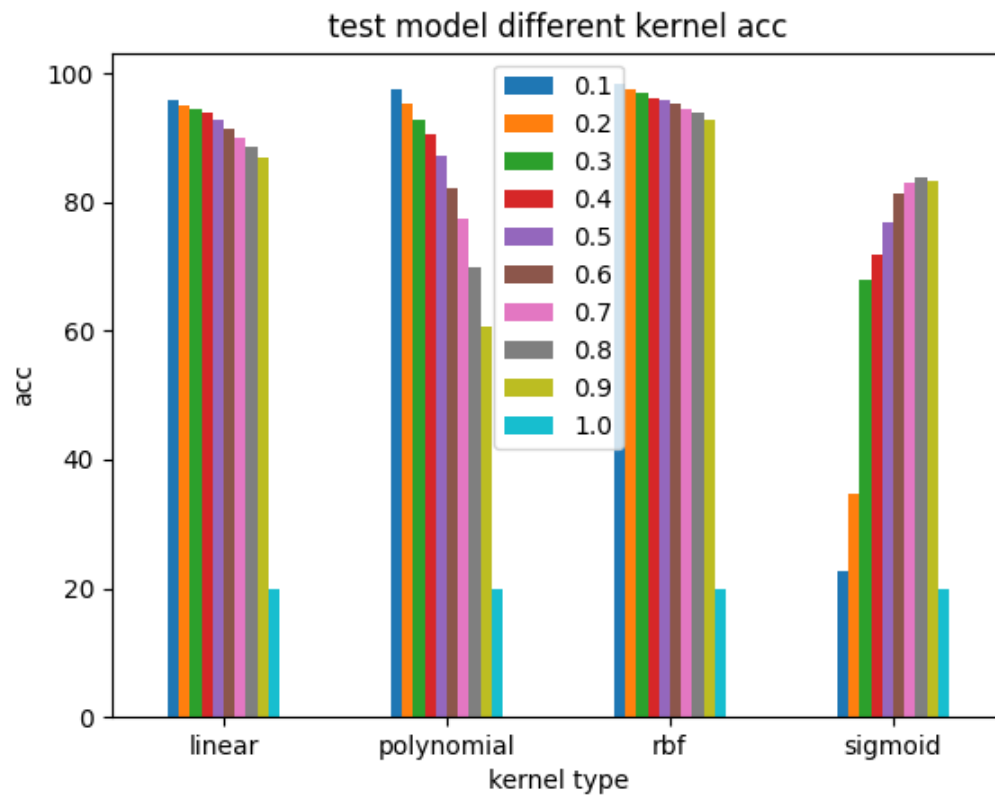
For nu-SVM, I was unsure of the best ν value, so I wrote code to automatically train the model and find the best parameter. After training the nu-SVM model, I found that the Python version could not run the command `"svm_prediction"`. I suspected that the Python version had a bug, so I wrote a mini Python function to call the `"svm-predict"` application to obtain accuracy.

ACCURACY :

- *c-SVM (C in 2 and 8)(find in easy.py)*

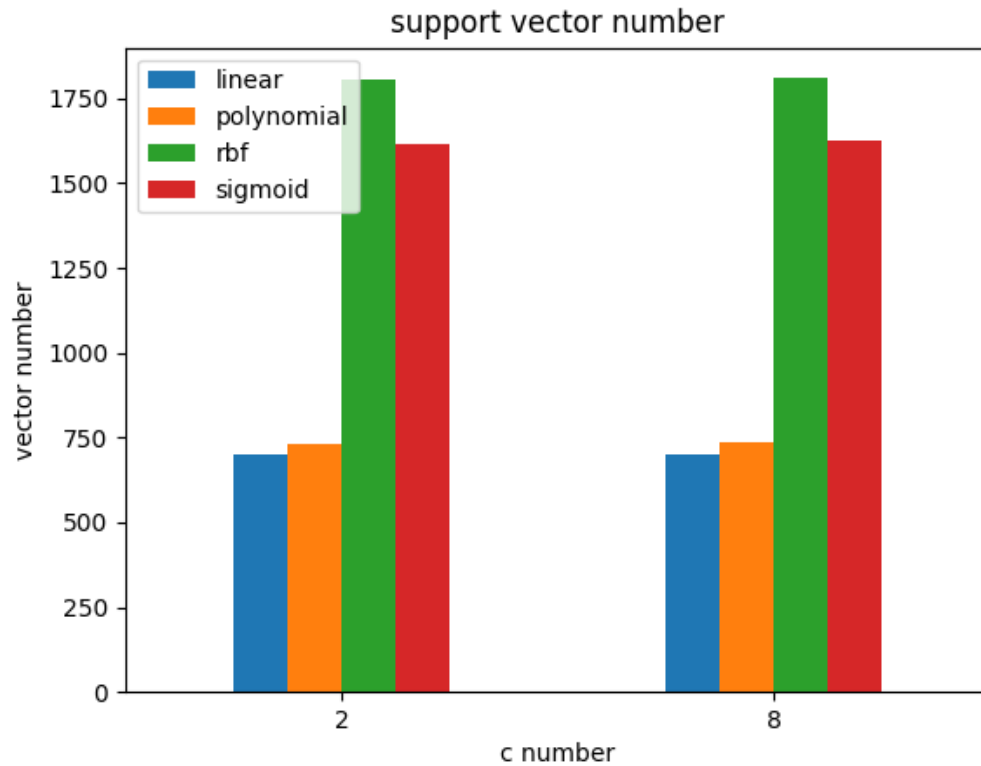


- *nu-SVM* (*n* number range in 0.1 to 1.0)

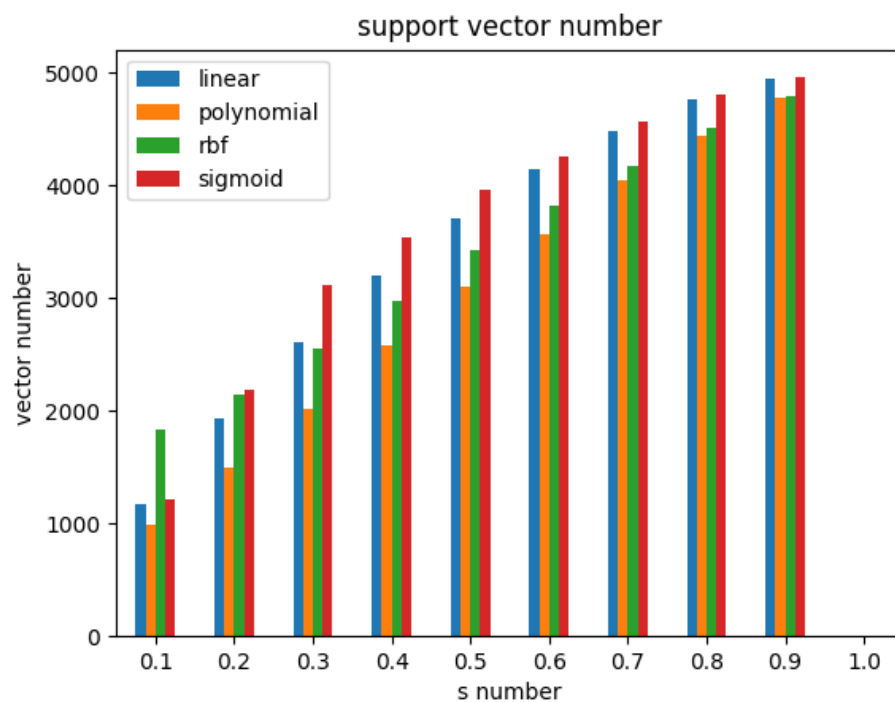


NUMBER OF USE SUPPER VECTOR:

– *c-SVM*:



– *nu-SVM*:



Best Model suggestion:

– *c-SVM*

- $c=2$
- $\gamma = 0.03125$
- kernel function use polynomial , when need less support vector, else using RBF.

– *nu-SVM*

- $\nu=0.1$
- $\gamma = 0.03125$
- kernel function use polynomial , when need less support vector, else using linear.

This suggest is find in the graph, about the support vector, I save in “svm_c_auto_train/support_vector” and “svm_s_auto_train/support_vector”, file name is “svm_c2_polynomial_support_vector.txt” and “svm_nu.1_polynomial_support_vector.txt”