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Experiment 4: Binary Classification using Linear and Kernel-Based Models

Objective

To classify emails as spam or ham using Logistic Regression and Support Vector Machine (SVM) classifiers and to analyze the effect of hyperparameter tuning on classification performance.

Dataset

The **Spambase** dataset contains numerical features extracted from email content and a binary label indicating spam or non-spam (ham).

Dataset Links (for reference):

- Kaggle: https://www.kaggle.com/datasets/somesh24/spambase

Code

[2]:
```
import pandas as pd
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import numpy as np
import seaborn as sns
```

[3]:
```
df = pd.read_csv('spambase_csv.csv')
df
```

[3]:

	word_freq_make	word_freq_address	word_freq_all	word_freq_3d	\
0	0.00	0.64	0.64	0.0	
1	0.21	0.28	0.50	0.0	
2	0.06	0.00	0.71	0.0	
3	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0	
4	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0	
...	...	...	...	...	
4596	0.31	0.00	0.62	0.0	
4597	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0	
4598	0.30	0.00	0.30	0.0	
4599	0.96	0.00	0.00	0.0	
4600	0.00	0.00	0.65	0.0	

```
      word_freq_our  word_freq_over  word_freq_remove  word_freq_internet  \
0              0.32            0.00              0.00                0.00
1              0.14            0.28              0.21                0.07
2              1.23            0.19              0.19                0.12
3              0.63            0.00              0.31                0.63
4              0.63            0.00              0.31                0.63
...             ...             ...               ...                 ...
4596           0.00            0.31              0.00                0.00
4597           0.00            0.00              0.00                0.00
4598           0.00            0.00              0.00                0.00
4599           0.32            0.00              0.00                0.00
4600           0.00            0.00              0.00                0.00

      word_freq_order  word_freq_mail  ...  char_freq_%3B  char_freq_%28  \
0                0.00            0.00  ...          0.000          0.000
1                0.00            0.94  ...          0.000          0.132
2                0.64            0.25  ...          0.010          0.143
3                0.31            0.63  ...          0.000          0.137
4                0.31            0.63  ...          0.000          0.135
...               ...             ...  ...            ...            ...
4596             0.00            0.00  ...          0.000          0.232
4597             0.00            0.00  ...          0.000          0.000
4598             0.00            0.00  ...          0.102          0.718
4599             0.00            0.00  ...          0.000          0.057
4600             0.00            0.00  ...          0.000          0.000

      char_freq_%5B  char_freq_%21  char_freq_%24  char_freq_%23  \
0               0.0          0.778          0.000          0.000
1               0.0          0.372          0.180          0.048
2               0.0          0.276          0.184          0.010
3               0.0          0.137          0.000          0.000
4               0.0          0.135          0.000          0.000
...             ...            ...            ...            ...
4596            0.0          0.000          0.000          0.000
4597            0.0          0.353          0.000          0.000
4598            0.0          0.000          0.000          0.000
4599            0.0          0.000          0.000          0.000
4600            0.0          0.125          0.000          0.000

      capital_run_length_average  capital_run_length_longest  \
0                          3.756                          61
1                          5.114                         101
2                          9.821                         485
3                          3.537                          40
4                          3.537                          40
...                          ...                         ...
```

```
4596                        1.142                           3
4597                        1.555                           4
4598                        1.404                           6
4599                        1.147                           5
4600                        1.250                           5

      capital_run_length_total  class
0                          278      1
1                         1028      1
2                         2259      1
3                          191      1
4                          191      1
...                        ...    ...
4596                        88      0
4597                        14      0
4598                       118      0
4599                        78      0
4600                        40      0

[4601 rows x 58 columns]
```

[5]:
```
df.shape
```

[5]:
```
(4601, 58)
```

[6]:
```
df.columns
```

[6]:
```
Index(['word_freq_make', 'word_freq_address', 'word_freq_all', 'word_freq_3d',
       'word_freq_our', 'word_freq_over', 'word_freq_remove',
       'word_freq_internet', 'word_freq_order', 'word_freq_mail',
       'word_freq_receive', 'word_freq_will', 'word_freq_people',
       'word_freq_report', 'word_freq_addresses', 'word_freq_free',
       'word_freq_business', 'word_freq_email', 'word_freq_you',
       'word_freq_credit', 'word_freq_your', 'word_freq_font', 'word_freq_000',
       'word_freq_money', 'word_freq_hp', 'word_freq_hpl', 'word_freq_george',
       'word_freq_650', 'word_freq_lab', 'word_freq_labs', 'word_freq_telnet',
       'word_freq_857', 'word_freq_data', 'word_freq_415', 'word_freq_85',
       'word_freq_technology', 'word_freq_1999', 'word_freq_parts',
       'word_freq_pm', 'word_freq_direct', 'word_freq_cs', 'word_freq_meeting',
       'word_freq_original', 'word_freq_project', 'word_freq_re',
       'word_freq_edu', 'word_freq_table', 'word_freq_conference',
       'char_freq_%3B', 'char_freq_%28', 'char_freq_%5B', 'char_freq_%21',
       'char_freq_%24', 'char_freq_%23', 'capital_run_length_average',
       'capital_run_length_longest', 'capital_run_length_total', 'class'],
      dtype='object')
```

[4]:
```
X = df.drop('class', axis=1)
y = df['class']
```

[5]:
```
df.dtypes.value_counts()
```

[5]:
```
float64    55
int64       3
Name: count, dtype: int64
```

[6]:
```
df.isnull().sum()
```

[6]:
```
word_freq_make              0
word_freq_address           0
word_freq_all               0
word_freq_3d                0
word_freq_our               0
word_freq_over              0
word_freq_remove            0
word_freq_internet          0
word_freq_order             0
word_freq_mail              0
word_freq_receive           0
word_freq_will              0
word_freq_people            0
word_freq_report            0
word_freq_addresses         0
word_freq_free              0
word_freq_business          0
word_freq_email             0
word_freq_you               0
word_freq_credit            0
word_freq_your              0
word_freq_font              0
word_freq_000               0
word_freq_money             0
word_freq_hp                0
word_freq_hpl               0
word_freq_george            0
word_freq_650               0
word_freq_lab               0
word_freq_labs              0
word_freq_telnet            0
word_freq_857               0
word_freq_data              0
word_freq_415               0
word_freq_85                0
word_freq_technology        0
```

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word_freq_1999                0
word_freq_parts               0
word_freq_pm                  0
word_freq_direct              0
word_freq_cs                  0
word_freq_meeting             0
word_freq_original            0
word_freq_project             0
word_freq_re                  0
word_freq_edu                 0
word_freq_table               0
word_freq_conference          0
char_freq_%3B                 0
char_freq_%28                 0
char_freq_%5B                 0
char_freq_%21                 0
char_freq_%24                 0
char_freq_%23                 0
capital_run_length_average    0
capital_run_length_longest    0
capital_run_length_total      0
class                         0
dtype: int64
```

[7]:
```
X = df.drop('class', axis=1)
y = df['class']
```

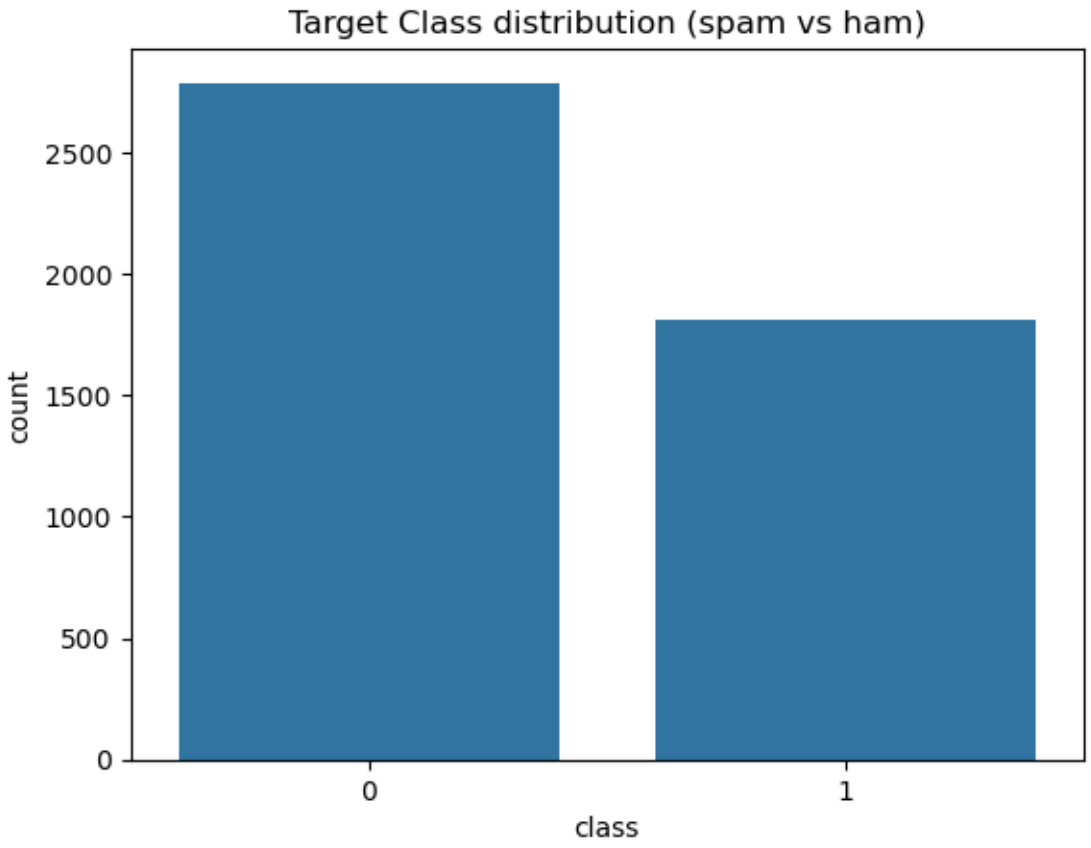
[8]:
```
# we standardize the values to ensure model is not dominate
from sklearn.preprocessing import StandardScaler

scaler = StandardScaler()
X_scaled = scaler.fit_transform(X)
```

[9]:
```
# Target distribution
y.value_counts()
```

[9]:
```
class
0    2788
1    1813
Name: count, dtype: int64
```

[16]:
```
plt.figure()
sns.countplot(x=y)
plt.title("Target Class distribution (spam vs ham)")
plt.show()
```



Dataset is moderately balanced, no need of any more class balancing techniques

[17]:
```
# Correlation
df.corr()['class'].sort_values(ascending=False).head(10)
```

[17]:
```
class                      1.000000
word_freq_your             0.383234
word_freq_000              0.334787
word_freq_remove           0.332117
char_freq_%24              0.323629
word_freq_you              0.273651
word_freq_free             0.263215
word_freq_business         0.263204
capital_run_length_total   0.249164
word_freq_our              0.241920
Name: class, dtype: float64
```

[10]:
```
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split

X = df.drop('class', axis=1)
```

```
y = df['class']

X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(
    X, y,
    test_size=0.2,
    random_state=42,
    stratify=y
)
```

[11]:
```
from sklearn.preprocessing import StandardScaler

scaler = StandardScaler()

X_train_scaled = scaler.fit_transform(X_train)
X_test_scaled = scaler.transform(X_test)
```

[12]:
```
from sklearn.linear_model import LogisticRegression
from sklearn.metrics import accuracy_score, precision_score, recall_score,␣
↪f1_score
import time

start_time = time.time()

log_reg = LogisticRegression(max_iter=1000)  # max_iter Ensures convergence␣
↪after standardization
log_reg.fit(X_train_scaled, y_train)

train_time = time.time() - start_time
```

[13]:
```
y_pred_lr = log_reg.predict(X_test_scaled)

accuracy = accuracy_score(y_test, y_pred_lr)
precision = precision_score(y_test, y_pred_lr)
recall = recall_score(y_test, y_pred_lr)
f1 = f1_score(y_test, y_pred_lr)

accuracy, precision, recall, f1, train_time
```

[13]:
```
(0.9294245385450597,
 0.9209039548022598,
 0.8980716253443526,
 0.9093444909344491,
 0.12021231651306152)
```

[14]:
```
# Hyper parameter tuning for Logistic Regression
param_grid_lr = {
    'C': [0.01, 0.1, 1, 10, 100],
```

```
    'penalty': ['l1', 'l2'],
    'solver': ['liblinear', 'saga']
}
```

[15]:
```
from sklearn.model_selection import GridSearchCV

log_reg = LogisticRegression(max_iter=1000)

grid_search_lr = GridSearchCV(
    estimator=log_reg,
    param_grid=param_grid_lr,
    cv=5,
    scoring='accuracy',
    n_jobs=-1
)

grid_search_lr.fit(X_train_scaled, y_train)
```

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ConvergenceWarning: The max_iter was reached which means the coef_ did not
converge
  warnings.warn(
```

[15]:
```
GridSearchCV(cv=5, estimator=LogisticRegression(max_iter=1000), n_jobs=-1,
             param_grid={'C': [0.01, 0.1, 1, 10, 100], 'penalty': ['l1', 'l2'],
                         'solver': ['liblinear', 'saga']},
             scoring='accuracy')
```

[16]:
```
grid_search_lr.best_params_
```

[16]:
```
{'C': 10, 'penalty': 'l1', 'solver': 'saga'}
```

[17]:
```
grid_search_lr.best_score_
```

[17]:
```
np.float64(0.923913043478261)
```

[19]:
```
best_lr = grid_search_lr.best_estimator_

y_pred_lr_tuned = best_lr.predict(X_test_scaled)

accuracy_lr = accuracy_score(y_test, y_pred_lr_tuned)
precision_lr = precision_score(y_test, y_pred_lr_tuned)
recall_lr = recall_score(y_test, y_pred_lr_tuned)
f1_lr = f1_score(y_test, y_pred_lr_tuned)

best_lr, accuracy_lr, precision_lr, recall_lr, f1_lr
```

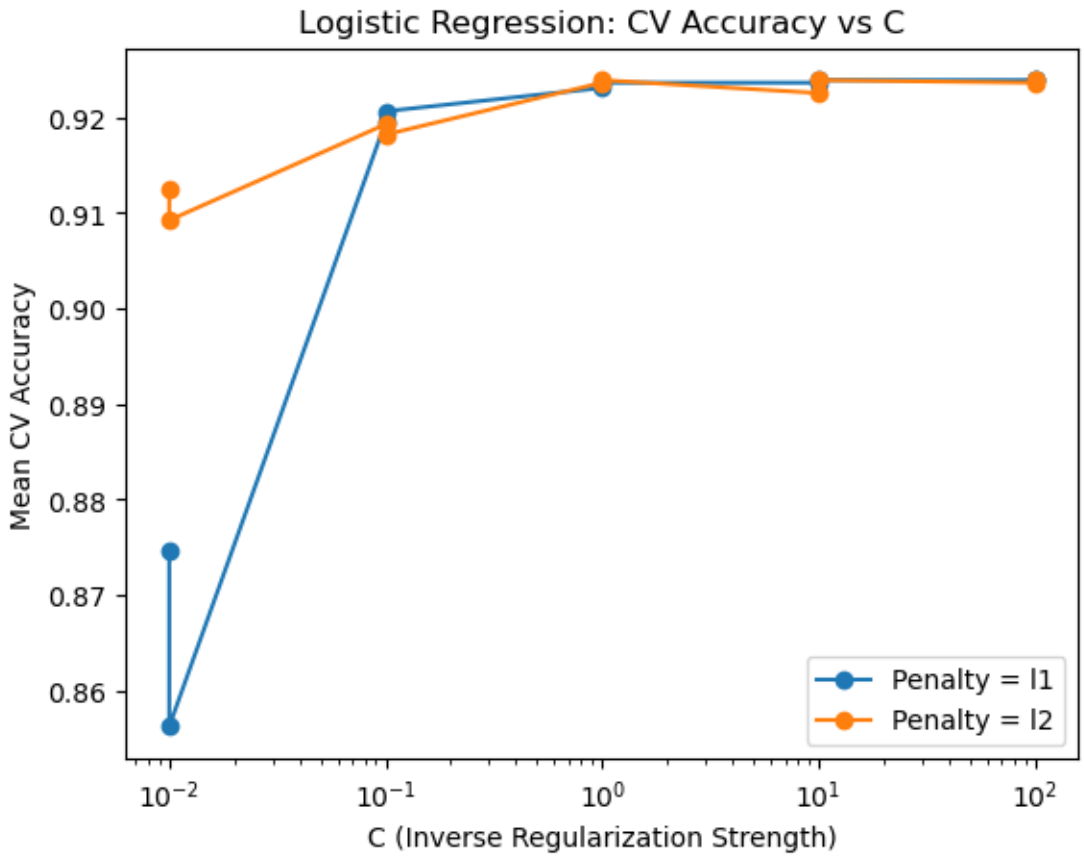
[19]:
```
(LogisticRegression(C=10, max_iter=1000, penalty='l1', solver='saga'),
 0.9305103148751357,
 0.9211267605633803,
 0.9008264462809917,
 0.9108635097493036)
```

[38]:
```
lr_results = pd.DataFrame(grid_search_lr.cv_results_)

plt.figure()

for penalty in lr_results['param_penalty'].unique():
    subset = lr_results[lr_results['param_penalty'] == penalty]
    plt.plot(
        subset['param_C'],
        subset['mean_test_score'],
        marker='o',
        label=f'Penalty = {penalty}'
    )

plt.xscale('log')
plt.xlabel('C (Inverse Regularization Strength)')
plt.ylabel('Mean CV Accuracy')
plt.title('Logistic Regression: CV Accuracy vs C')
plt.legend()
plt.show()
```



[26]:
```
# SVM
from sklearn.svm import SVC
from sklearn.metrics import accuracy_score, precision_score, recall_score,␣
 ↪f1_score
import time
```

[21]:
```
start = time.time()

svm_linear = SVC(kernel='linear')
svm_linear.fit(X_train_scaled, y_train)

time_linear = time.time() - start
y_pred_linear = svm_linear.predict(X_test_scaled)

acc_linear = accuracy_score(y_test, y_pred_linear)
f1_linear = f1_score(y_test, y_pred_linear)
```

[22]:
```
# Polynonmial kernel
```

```
start = time.time()

svm_poly = SVC(kernel='poly', degree=3)
svm_poly.fit(X_train_scaled, y_train)

time_poly = time.time() - start
y_pred_poly = svm_poly.predict(X_test_scaled)

acc_poly = accuracy_score(y_test, y_pred_poly)
f1_poly = f1_score(y_test, y_pred_poly)
```

[23]:
```
# RBF kernel

start = time.time()

svm_rbf = SVC(kernel='rbf')
svm_rbf.fit(X_train_scaled, y_train)

time_rbf = time.time() - start
y_pred_rbf = svm_rbf.predict(X_test_scaled)

acc_rbf = accuracy_score(y_test, y_pred_rbf)
f1_rbf = f1_score(y_test, y_pred_rbf)
```

[24]:
```
# sigmoid kernel

start = time.time()

svm_sigmoid = SVC(kernel='sigmoid')
svm_sigmoid.fit(X_train_scaled, y_train)

time_sigmoid = time.time() - start
y_pred_sigmoid = svm_sigmoid.predict(X_test_scaled)

acc_sigmoid = accuracy_score(y_test, y_pred_sigmoid)
f1_sigmoid = f1_score(y_test, y_pred_sigmoid)
```

[25]:
```
print("Linear   :", acc_linear, f1_linear, time_linear)
print("Poly     :", acc_poly, f1_poly, time_poly)
print("RBF      :", acc_rbf, f1_rbf, time_rbf)
print("Sigmoid  :", acc_sigmoid, f1_sigmoid, time_sigmoid)
```

```
Linear   : 0.9294245385450597 0.9093444909344491 0.6027734279632568
Poly     : 0.7795874049945711 0.6219739292364991 0.6716008186340332
RBF      : 0.9272529858849077 0.9055007052186178 0.36237120628356934
Sigmoid  : 0.8849077090119435 0.8527777777777777 0.3351321220397949
```

[40]:
```
# Hyperparameter Tuning for SVM

param_grid_svm = {
    'kernel': ['linear', 'rbf', 'poly', 'sigmoid'],
    'C': [0.1, 1, 10, 100],
    'gamma': ['scale', 'auto'],
    'degree': [2, 3]   # used only for polynomial kernel
}
```

[41]:
```
# grid search with k=5 folds
from sklearn.model_selection import GridSearchCV
from sklearn.svm import SVC

svm = SVC()

grid_search_svm = GridSearchCV(
    estimator=svm,
    param_grid=param_grid_svm,
    cv=5,
    scoring='accuracy',
    n_jobs=-1
)

grid_search_svm.fit(X_train_scaled, y_train)
```

[41]:
```
GridSearchCV(cv=5, estimator=SVC(), n_jobs=-1,
             param_grid={'C': [0.1, 1, 10, 100], 'degree': [2, 3],
                         'gamma': ['scale', 'auto'],
                         'kernel': ['linear', 'rbf', 'poly', 'sigmoid']},
             scoring='accuracy')
```

[42]:
```
grid_search_svm.best_params_
```

[42]:
```
{'C': 10, 'degree': 2, 'gamma': 'scale', 'kernel': 'rbf'}
```

[43]:
```
grid_search_svm.best_score_
```

[43]:
```
np.float64(0.9331521739130435)
```

[48]:
```
best_svm = grid_search_svm.best_estimator_

y_pred_svm_tuned = best_svm.predict(X_test_scaled)

acc_svm = accuracy_score(y_test, y_pred_svm_tuned)
prec_svm = precision_score(y_test, y_pred_svm_tuned)
rec_svm = recall_score(y_test, y_pred_svm_tuned)
f1_svm = f1_score(y_test, y_pred_svm_tuned)
```

```
print("Best kernel: ",best_svm.get_params()['kernel'])
print("Best values in SVM")
best_svm, acc_svm, prec_svm, rec_svm, f1_svm
```

```
Best kernel:  rbf
Best values in SVM
```

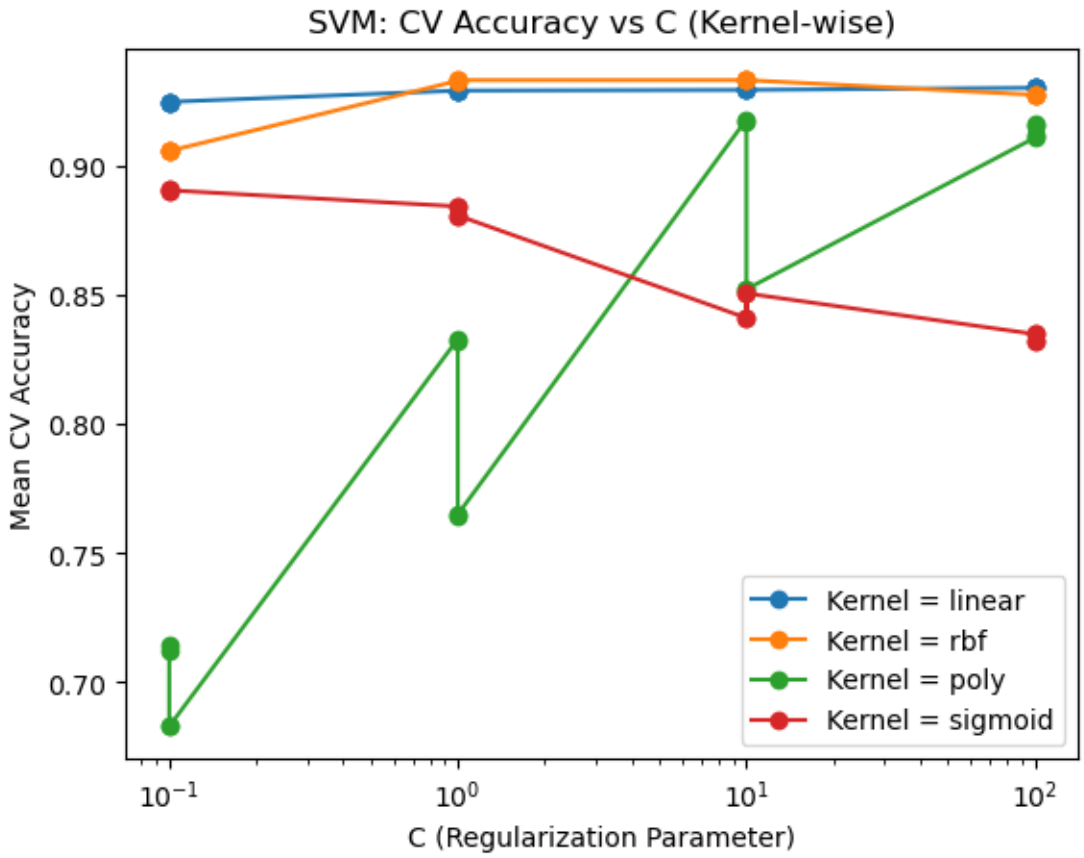
[48]:
```
(SVC(C=10, degree=2),
 0.9207383279044516,
 0.9142857142857143,
 0.8815426997245179,
 0.8976157082748948)
```

[46]:
```
svm_results = pd.DataFrame(grid_search_svm.cv_results_)

plt.figure()

for kernel in svm_results['param_kernel'].unique():
    subset = svm_results[svm_results['param_kernel'] == kernel]
    plt.plot(
        subset['param_C'],
        subset['mean_test_score'],
        marker='o',
        label=f'Kernel = {kernel}'
    )

plt.xscale('log')
plt.xlabel('C (Regularization Parameter)')
plt.ylabel('Mean CV Accuracy')
plt.title('SVM: CV Accuracy vs C (Kernel-wise)')
plt.legend()
plt.show()
```



[32]:
```
# Cross-Validation for Logistic Regression

from sklearn.model_selection import cross_val_score

cv_lr = cross_val_score(
    best_lr,
    X_train_scaled,
    y_train,
    cv=5,
    scoring='accuracy'
)

cv_lr
```

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```

```
converge
  warnings.warn(
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converge
  warnings.warn(
```

[32]:
```
array([0.94021739, 0.91576087, 0.92255435, 0.91711957, 0.92527174])
```

[33]:
```
cv_lr.mean()
```

[33]:
```
np.float64(0.9241847826086957)
```

[35]:
```
# Cross-Validation for SVM

cv_svm = cross_val_score(
    best_svm,
    X_train_scaled,
    y_train,
    cv=5,
    scoring='accuracy'
)

cv_svm
```

[35]:
```
array([0.94293478, 0.93206522, 0.93342391, 0.92119565, 0.9361413 ])
```

[36]:
```
cv_svm.mean()
```

[36]:
```
np.float64(0.9331521739130435)
```

Hyperparameter Tuning Results

Model	Search Method	Best Parameters	Best CV Accuracy
Logistic Regression	Grid / Random	c = 10	0.9305
SVM	Grid / Random	c = 10	0.9207

Logistic Regression Performance

Metric	Value
Accuracy	0.9305
Precision	0.9211
Recall	0.9008
F1 Score	0.9108
Training Time (s)	0.1202

SVM Kernel-wise Performance

Kernel	Accuracy	F1 Score	Training Time (s)
Linear	0.9294	0.9093	0.6027
Polynomial	0.7795	0.6219	0.6716
RBF	0.9272	0.9055	0.3623
Sigmoid	0.8849	0.8527	0.3351

K-Fold Cross-Validation Results (K = 5)

Fold	Logistic Regression	SVM
Fold 1	0.9402	0.9429
Fold 2	0.9157	0.9320
Fold 3	0.9225	0.9334
Fold 4	0.9171	0.9211
Fold 5	0.9252	0.9361
Average	0.9241	0.9331

Comparative Analysis

Criterion	Logistic Regression	SVM
Accuracy	0.9305	0.9294
Model Complexity	Low	High
Training Time	Low	High
Interpretability	High	Low

Observations

- The Support Vector Machine (SVM) with RBF kernel was identified as the best-performing classifier, achieving higher accuracy and F1-score than Logistic Regression.
- Hyperparameter tuning showed that a regularization strength of C = 10 produced optimal performance for both Logistic Regression and SVM, effectively controlling overfitting.
- Kernel-wise analysis of SVM indicated that the RBF kernel captured non-linear patterns in the data better than linear, polynomial, and sigmoid kernels.
- The tuned SVM demonstrated a better bias–variance trade-off, offering strong generalization on unseen test data.

Learning Outcomes

- Understood probabilistic and margin-based classifiers.
- Applied hyperparameter tuning.
- Evaluated classification models.
- Interpreted experimental results.

References

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