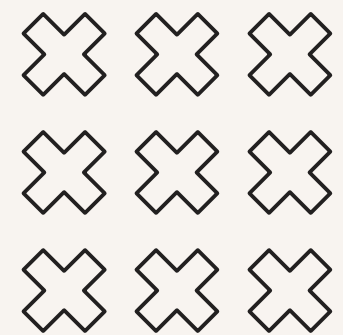




Unlocking the Power of Support Vector Machines: A Comprehensive Guide

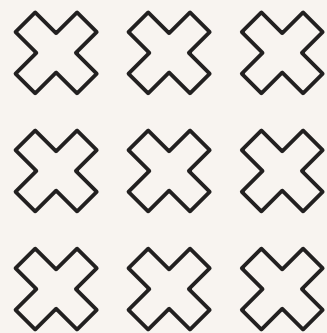


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Introduction to SVM

Support Vector Machines (SVM) are powerful **supervised learning** models used for classification and regression tasks. They work by finding the optimal **hyperplane** that separates data points of different classes. This guide will explore the principles, applications, and advantages of SVM.



What is SVM?

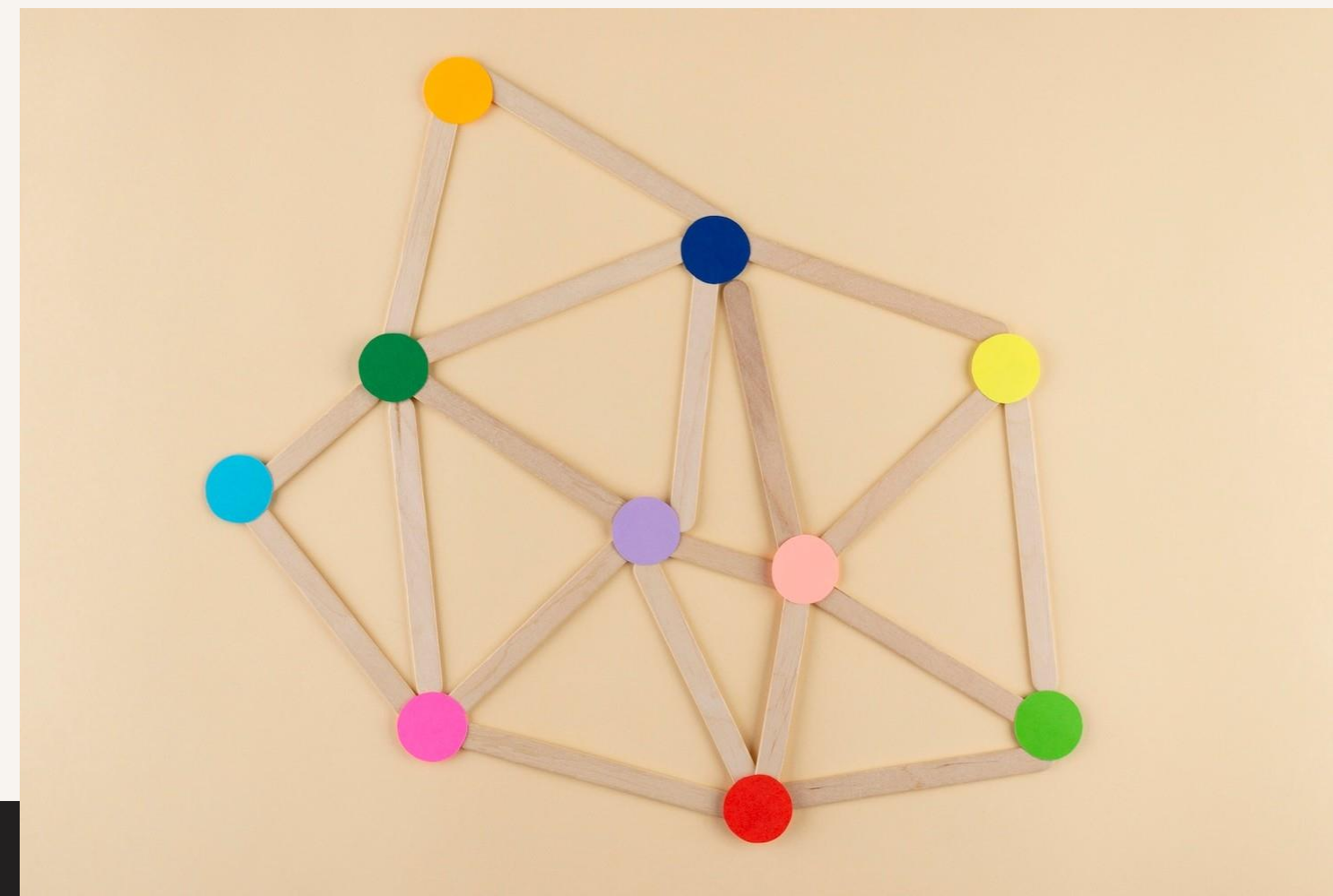
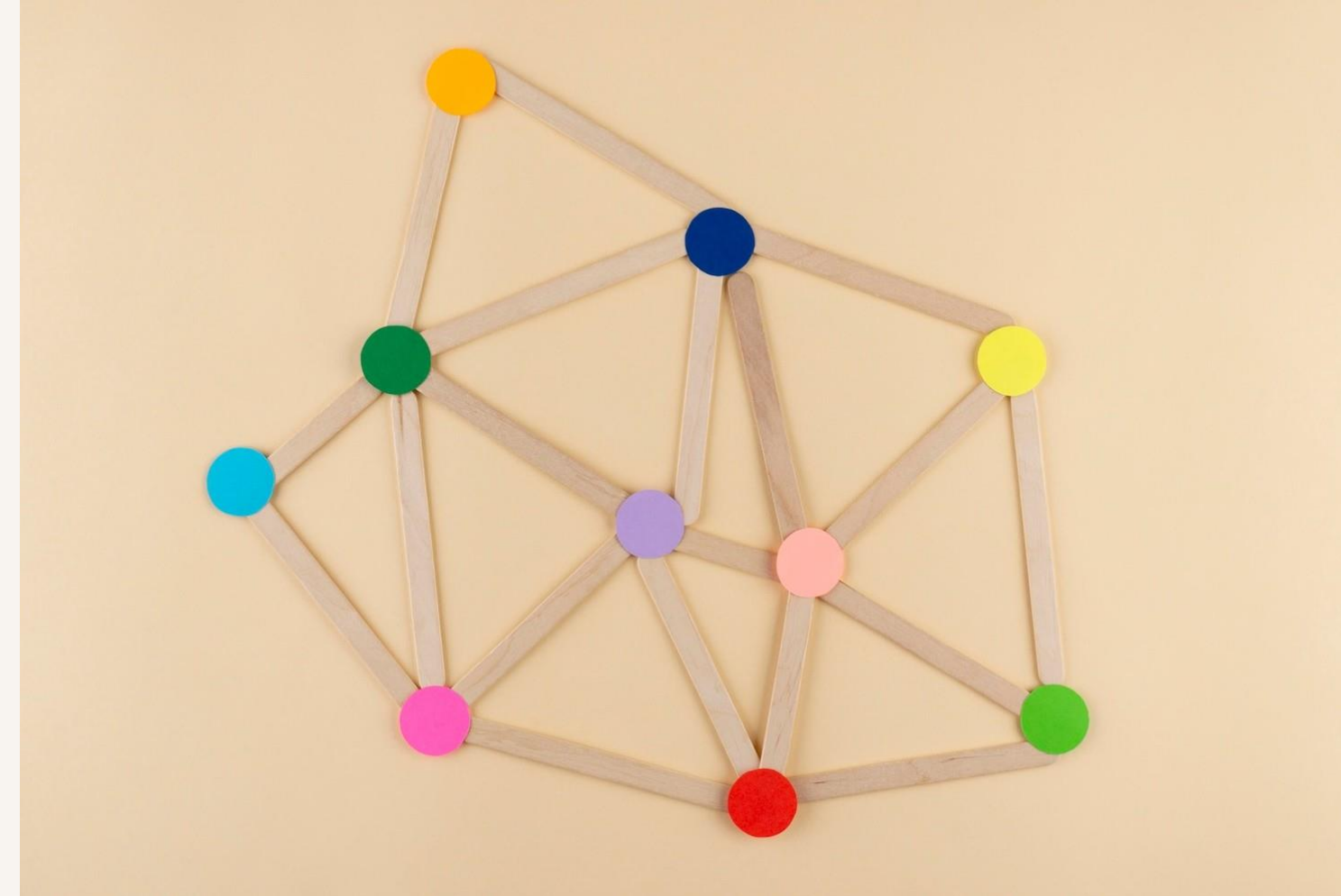
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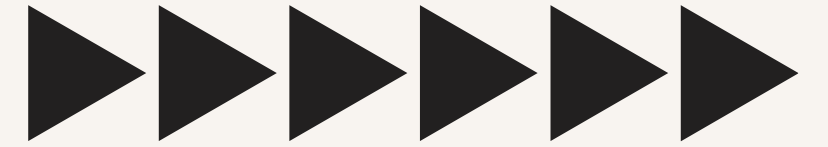
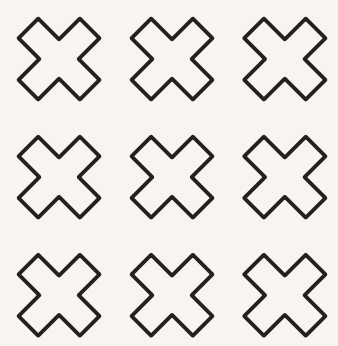




Key Concepts

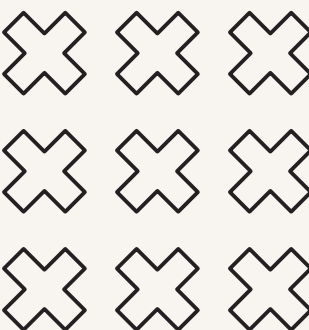
The main concepts behind SVM include **support vectors**, **margin**, and **kernel functions**. Suppose we have a set of data points that we want to classify into two classes. The margin is the distance between the two classes, and the support vectors are the data points that are closest to the decision boundary. Kernels allow SVM to operate in high-dimensional spaces.





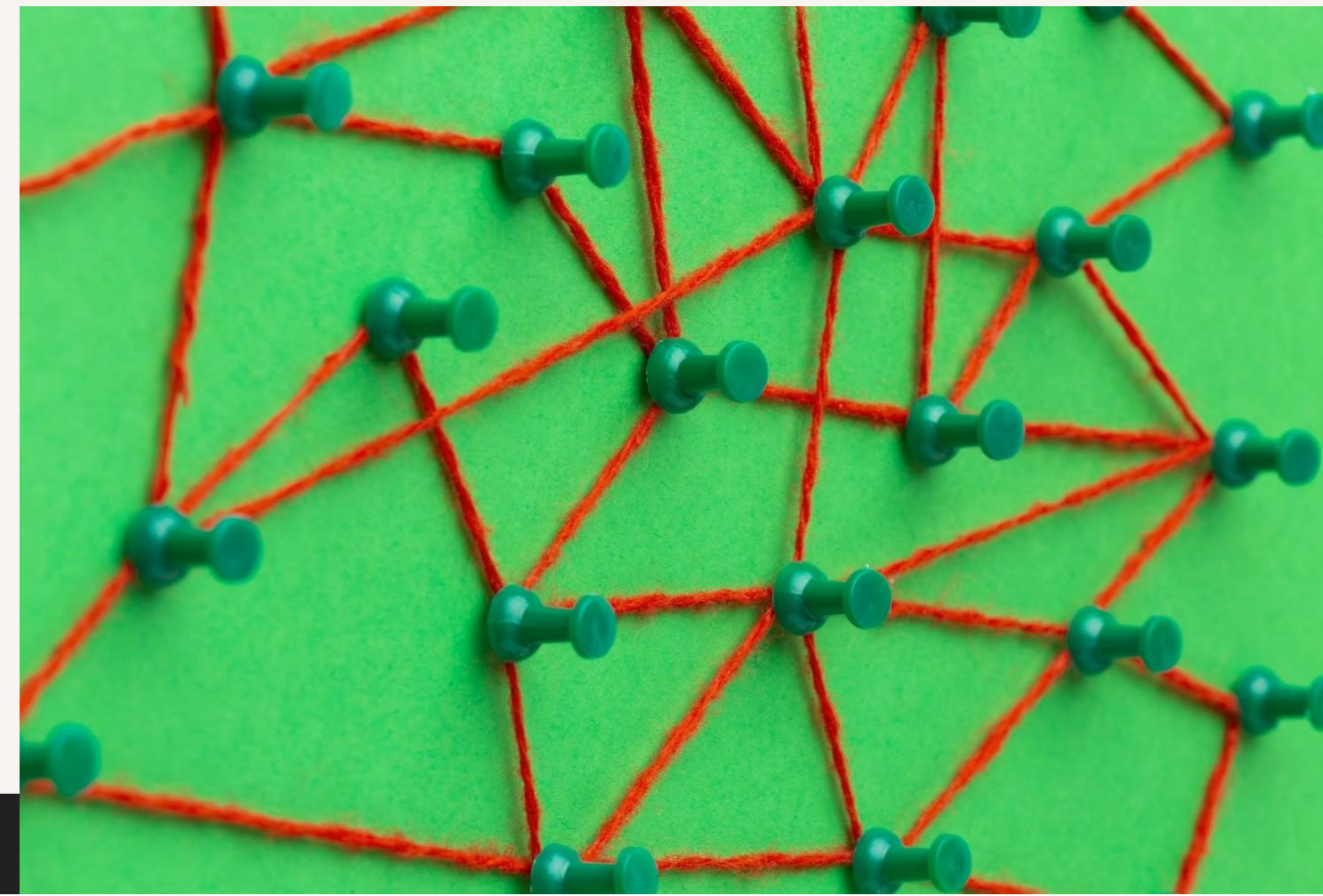
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Kernel Functions

Kernel functions play a crucial role in SVM by transforming data into a high-dimensional space. Common kernels include **linear**, **polynomial**, and **RBF (Radial Basis Function)**. Choosing the right kernel is vital for achieving optimal performance in different datasets.





Advantages of SVM

SVM offers several advantages, including robustness to **overfitting**, effectiveness in high-dimensional spaces, and versatility in handling different types of data. Its ability to model complex relationships makes it a popular choice for many **real-world applications**.

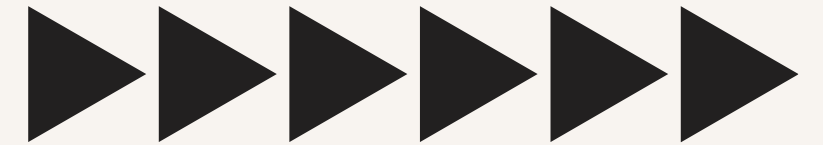
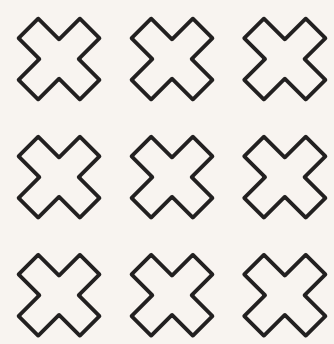




Applications of SVM

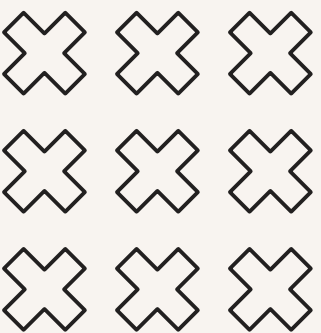
Support Vector Machines are widely used in various fields such as **image recognition**, **text classification**, and **bioinformatics**. Their ability to classify complex datasets makes them suitable for tasks like spam detection and disease prediction.





Challenges in SVM

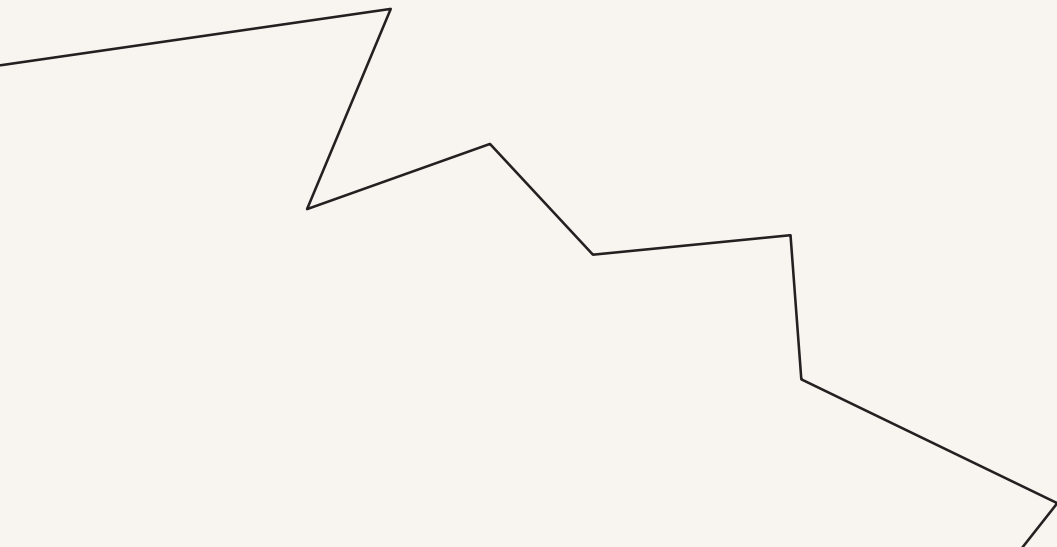
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Best Practices

To successfully use SVM, it is crucial to properly preprocess data, choose an appropriate kernel, and perform hyperparameter tuning. Utilizing techniques like **cross-validation** can help in optimizing the model for better accuracy and generalization.



Conclusion

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