

Support Vector Machines (SVMs) use **kernels** to handle non-linear relationships by implicitly mapping data into higher-dimensional spaces. Choosing the right kernel can have a big impact on performance. Here are the most common SVM kernels:

**1. Linear Kernel** ([Read More](#))

- Pros
  - Fast and memory-efficient
  - Less risk of overfitting
  - Works well with many features
- Cons
  - Cannot capture complex, non-linear patterns

**2. Polynomial Kernel** ([Read More](#))

- Pros
  - Can model interactions between features
  - More flexible than linear
- Cons
  - Higher degrees can overfit
  - Computationally more expensive

**3. RBF (Gaussian) Kernel** ([Read More](#))

- Pros
  - Very flexible
  - Works well for many real-world problems
- Cons
  - Sensitive to hyperparameters
  - Can overfit if  $\gamma$  is too large

**4. Sigmoid Kernel** ([Read More](#))

- Pros
  - Can mimic neural network decision boundaries
- Cons
  - Not always a valid kernel for all parameters
  - Often performs worse than RBF