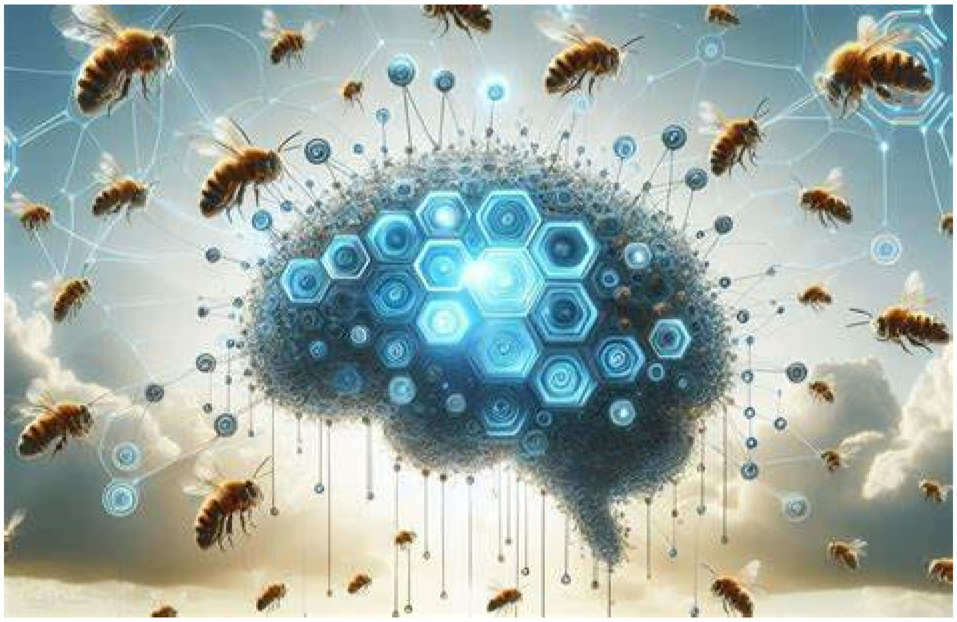
Nature-Inspired Pattern Recognition for Classification Problems



1.Detailed Project idea

Overview

This project focuses on the application of **nature-inspired optimisation algorithms**—specifically **Computational Intelligence (CI)** methods—to the problem of tuning a simple machine learning classifier. Rather than using traditional grid or random search for hyperparameter tuning, we explore the effectiveness of **biologically and naturally inspired algorithms** to improve classification performance on a real-world dataset.

Problem Statement

Hyperparameter tuning is critical for improving the accuracy and generalisation of machine learning models. However, manual or grid-based methods are often time-consuming and inefficient. This project formalizes the tuning process as a **constrained optimisation problem**—where the goal is to find the optimal combination of parameters (like learning rate, regularisation strength, or kernel values) that yield the highest possible classification performance.

We aim to test whether **CI-based algorithms** such as **Bacterial Foraging Optimisation (BFO)** or **Ant Colony Optimisation (ACO)** can discover better parameter configurations than traditional methods.

2.Main Functionalities:

This system is designed to automate and optimise the process of building an accurate classification model using nature-inspired computational intelligence algorithms. The core functionalities can be grouped into the following categories:

1. Data Preprocessing and Feature Engineering

- Loads a real-world, publicly available classification dataset (e.g., UCI Adult Income dataset).

- Handles missing values, encodes categorical variables, and applies feature scaling.

- Splits data into training and testing sets with stratified sampling to preserve class balance.

- Organises features for consistent input into machine learning classifiers.

2. Baseline Classifier Implementation

- Supports simple classifiers such as:
    - Support Vector Machine (SVM) with RBF kernel
    - Neural Network (MLPClassifier)

- Trains and evaluates the classifier using default parameters for baseline comparison.

3. Nature-Inspired Hyperparameter Optimisation

- Implements various nature-inspired optimisation techniques to automatically tune classifier hyperparameters, including:
    - Genetic Algorithm (GA)
    - Particle Swarm Optimisation (PSO)
    - Simulated Annealing (SA)
    - Bacterial Foraging Optimisation (BFO)
    - Whale Optimisation Algorithm (WOA)
    - Firefly algorithm for optimization
    - Hybrid Approaches: GA + ACO, BFO + PSO

- Encodes and evolves populations of parameter sets using selection, mutation, and reinforcement strategies inspired by natural systems.

4. Model Evaluation and Accuracy Measurement

- Automatically trains the classifier using parameters discovered by the optimiser.

- Measures and reports performance using:
    - Accuracy
    - Confusion matrix
    - Classification report (precision, recall, F1-score)

- Tracks best performance across multiple independent runs.

5. Experiment Reproducibility and Logging

- Executes 30 independent optimisation runs per configuration.
- Logs and stores:
    - The random seed used for each run
    - Best hyperparameters and accuracy for each run
    - All experimental results in CSV format

6. Visualisation of Results

- Displays performance trends using:
    - Histograms showing distribution of results
    - Line plots showing performance over iterations
    - Parameter sensitivity plots (for varied ACO/GA settings)

7. Comparison with Traditional Tuning Methods

- Offers the ability to compare nature-inspired tuning results against default models or grid/random search baselines (optional).
- Provides insight into whether nature-inspired methods can outperform conventional optimisation techniques.

Related Applications in the Market

This section describes real-world systems and tools that use techniques similar to those developed in this project — specifically automated classification, AI-driven decision making, and nature-inspired optimisation.

1. AutoML Platforms

Examples:

- Google Cloud AutoML
- Amazon SageMaker Autopilot
- Microsoft Azure Machine Learning Studio.

2. AI-Powered Fraud Detection and Credit Scoring

These systems rely on classification models that assign labels like “fraudulent” or “non-fraudulent” based on patterns in user behavior. Some financial tech companies apply genetic programming and swarm optimisation to tune models and handle high-dimensional data — techniques aligned with our system.

Examples:

- FICO® Credit Scoring System
- Experian’s AI Credit Decisioning

3. Smart Healthcare Diagnostic Systems

These tools classify medical inputs (e.g., scans, symptoms) into diagnostic categories. Recent research and startups use BFO, WOA, and PSO to optimise medical diagnostic classifiers — echoing the core of our approach.

Examples:

- IBM Watson Health
- AI dermatology or cancer screening tools

4.Literature Review of Relevant Academic Research

(including at least 4–6 peer-reviewed papers) :

1) Donateo, T., Ficarella, A., & Spedicato, L. (2016). Development and validation of a software tool for complex aircraft powertrains. Advances in Engineering Software, 96, 1–13. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.advengsoft.2016.01.001

2) Passino, K. M. (2010). Bacterial foraging optimization. International Journal of Swarm Intelligence Research, 1(1), 1–16. https://doi.org/10.4018/jsir.2010010101

3) Sathya, M. R., & Radhika, V. (2023). Bacterial Foraging Optimization Algorithm: A Comparative Analysis . ResearchGate. https://www.researchgate.net/publication/384905740_Bacterial_Foraging_Optimization_Algorithm_A_Comparative_Analysis

4) Henderson, D., Jacobson, S. H., & Johnson, A. W. (2006). The theory and practice of simulated annealing. In Kluwer Academic Publishers eBooks (pp. 287–319). https://doi.org/10.1007/0-306-48056-5_10

5) Special Issue on Computational Intelligence and Nature-Inspired Algorithms for Real-World Data Analytics and Pattern Recognition Special Issue on Computational Intelligence and Nature-Inspired Algorithms for Real-World Data Analytics and Pattern Recognition

6) Patterns in nature: more than an inspiring design (PDF) Patterns in nature: more than an inspiring design

5.Dataset Description and Justification

Dataset Overview:

The Adult Income dataset is a widely used benchmark for binary classification problems in machine learning. The goal is to predict whether an individual earns more than $50K per year based on demographic and socio-economic features.

Source:

Kaggle:
https://www.kaggle.com/datasets/wenruliu/adult-income-dataset/code

This dataset was extracted from the UCI Adult dataset but has been made available via Kaggle, ensuring easy access and integration into Python-based workflows.

Task:

Binary Classification : Predict if income exceeds $50K/year (>50K) or not (<=50K).

Features:

There are 14 input features , including both numerical and categorical attributes , and 1 target variable (income)

Data Preprocessing:

1) Handle missing values (marked as ? in some rows)
2) Encode categorical variables using one-hot encoding or label encoding
3) Normalize/scale numerical features
4) Split data into training and test sets

Justification for Choosing This Dataset:

Benchmark Status : Used across many ML studies for classification performance comparison.

Public Availability : Easily accessible via Kaggle and compatible with Python tools like pandas.

Mixed Feature Types : Offers challenges in handling both categorical and continuous inputs — ideal for testing robustness of classifiers and optimization methods.

Imbalanced Classes : Around 24% of instances belong to the >50K class, making it suitable for evaluating algorithm robustness and fairness.

Real-World Application : Reflects real-world income prediction tasks relevant to policy-making, marketing, and finance.

6.Algorithmic Approach and Experimental Results

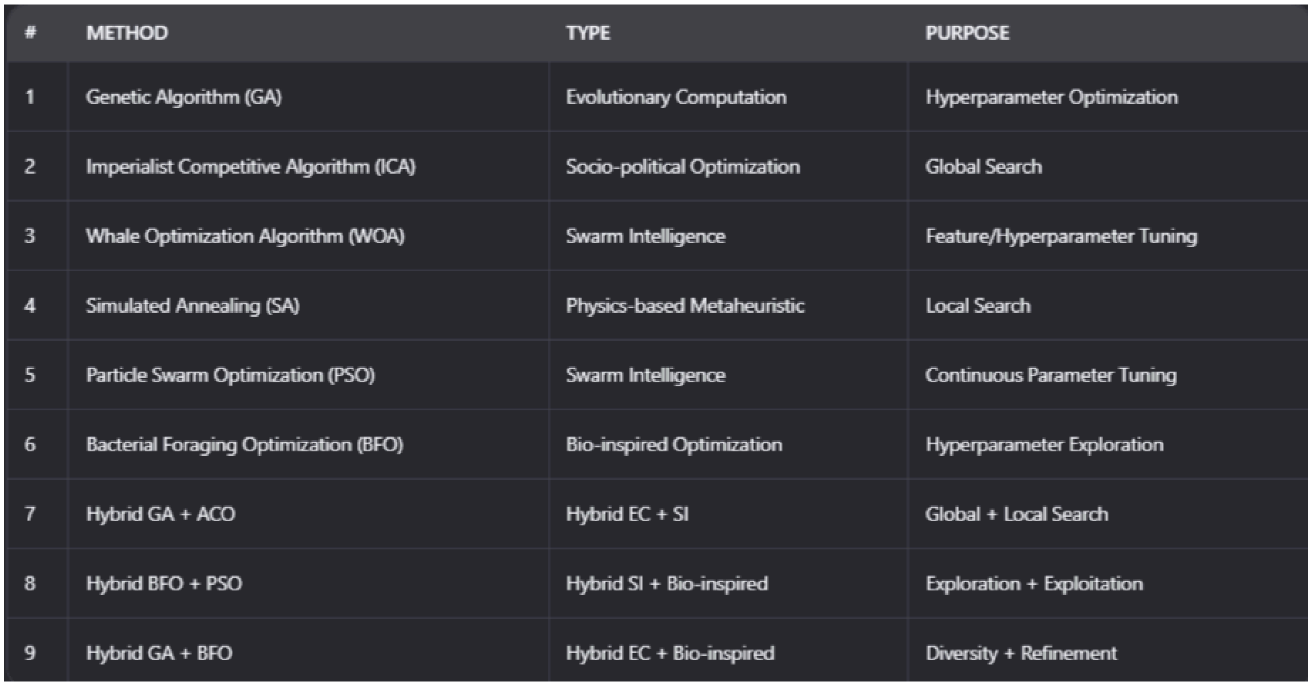
We are following the project requirements step-by-step , mapping each part of our implementation to the official guidelines.
With these approaches and hybrid ones :

Implemented Nature-Inspired Classification Approaches:

1) Genetic Algorithm (GA)
2) Bacterial Foraging Optimization (BFO)
3) Firefly Algorithm for Optimization Problem
4) Simulated Annealing (SA)
5) Whale Optimization Algorithm (WOA)
6) Particle Swarm Optimization (PSO)

Hybrid Approaches (Bonus!)

1) Hybrid BFO + PSO
2) Hybrid GA + ACO



#	METHOD	TYPE	PURPOSE
1	Genetic Algorithm (GA)	Evolutionary Computation	Hyperparameter Optimization
2	Imperialist Competitive Algorithm (ICA)	Socio-political Optimization	Global Search
3	Whale Optimization Algorithm (WOA)	Swarm Intelligence	Feature/Hyperparameter Tuning
4	Simulated Annealing (SA)	Physics-based Metaheuristic	Local Search
5	Particle Swarm Optimization (PSO)	Swarm Intelligence	Continuous Parameter Tuning
6	Bacterial Foraging Optimization (BFO)	Bio-inspired Optimization	Hyperparameter Exploration
7	Hybrid GA + ACO	Hybrid EC + SI	Global + Local Search
8	Hybrid BFO + PSO	Hybrid SI + Bio-inspired	Exploration + Exploitation
9	Hybrid GA + BFO	Hybrid EC + Bio-inspired	Diversity + Refinement

1.Genetic Algorithm (GA) – Nature-Inspired Hyperparameter Optimization:

Type : Evolutionary Computation

Use Case : Hyperparameter optimization for SVM classifier

Components :

Chromosome encoding: [C, gamma]
Selection: Tournament, Roulette Wheel, Rank, SUS

Mutation: Uniform, Creep, Gaussian
Crossover: Uniform, Arithmetic

Goal : Maximize classification accuracy via evolution

1. Problem Formalisation (Guideline b):

This is a Constrained Hyperparameter Optimization problem:

Goal : Maximize classification accuracy of an SVM classifier.

Search Space : Hyperparameters of the SVM model (C, gamma, kernel)

Constraints :
Valid numerical ranges for C and gamma
Discrete choices for kernel

"This aligns with Optimisation and Constraint Satisfaction types studied in the EA module. "

2. Baseline Evaluation Using Traditional Method (Grid Search)

Before applying any nature-inspired algorithm, we established a baseline using traditional grid search for hyperparameter tuning.

Performance Metrics:

Metric	Value
Accuracy	0.8660
Precision	0.7650
Recall	0.6375
F1 Score	0.6955

ROC AUC	0.9080

3.Genetic Algorithm (GA): Implementation Details

We have already laid the foundation for applying GA by preparing the dataset and evaluating the baseline model.

Here's how we will structure the GA-based optimizer next (based on our current plan):

GA Components (Requirement e):

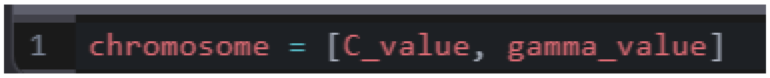
Component	Description
Representation	**Each individual represents a set of SVM hyperparameters:** `[C, gamma, kernel]`
Evaluation Function	**Accuracy of SVM trained with those hyperparameters on test data**
Population Size	**20 individuals**
Parent Selection	**Tournament selection (size=3)**
Crossover Operator	**Single-point crossover (rate=0.8)**
Mutation Operator	**Random resetting mutation (rate=0.15)**

Survivor Selection	**Generational replacement with elitism (keep top 2 individuals)**
Termination Condition	**50 generations or convergence threshold met**
Diversity Preservation	**Niching mechanism to avoid premature convergence**
Constraint Handling	**Repair function ensures all parameters stay within valid bounds**

Step-by-Step GA Implementation

A. Chromosome Representation

Each individual represents an SVM hyperparameter configuration:



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chromosome = [C_value, gamma_value]
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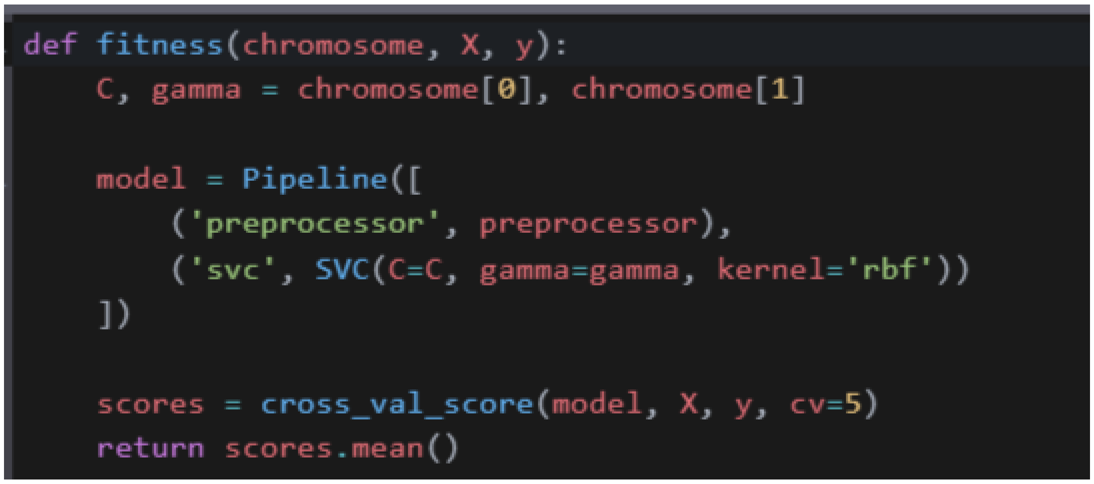
C: Regularization parameter (float ∈ [0.1, 100])
gamma: Kernel coefficient (float ∈ [0.0001, 1])

B. Fitness Evaluation Function

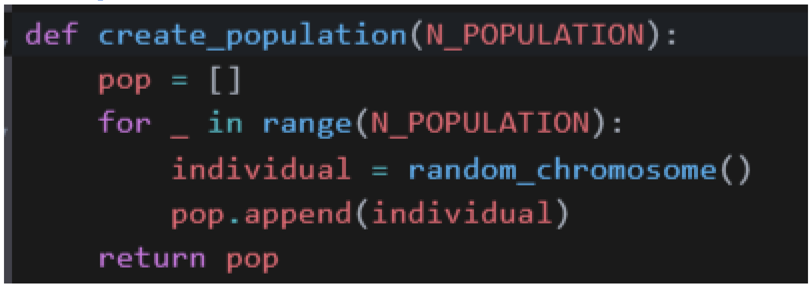


```
def fitness(chromosome, X, y):
    C, gamma = chromosome[0], chromosome[1]

    model = Pipeline([
        ('preprocessor', preprocessor),
        ('svc', SVC(C=C, gamma=gamma, kernel='rbf'))
    ])

    scores = cross_val_score(model, X, y, cv=5)
    return scores.mean()
```

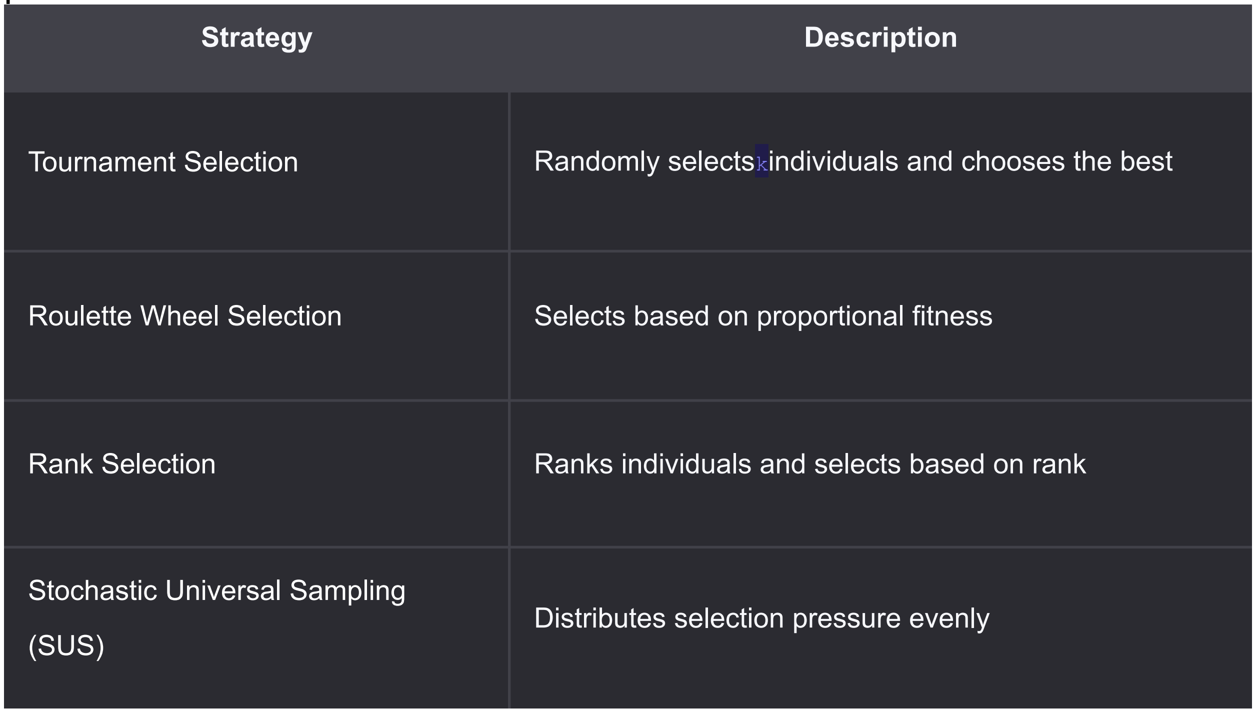
C. Population Initialization



```python
def create_population(N_POPULATION):
    pop = []
    for _ in range(N_POPULATION):
        individual = random_chromosome()
        pop.append(individual)
    return pop
```

D. Parent Selection Mechanisms (Multiple Options)

We implemented four selection strategies to study their impact on performance:



Strategy	Description
Tournament Selection	Randomly selects k individuals and chooses the best
Roulette Wheel Selection	Selects based on proportional fitness
Rank Selection	Ranks individuals and selects based on rank
Stochastic Universal Sampling (SUS)	Distributes selection pressure evenly

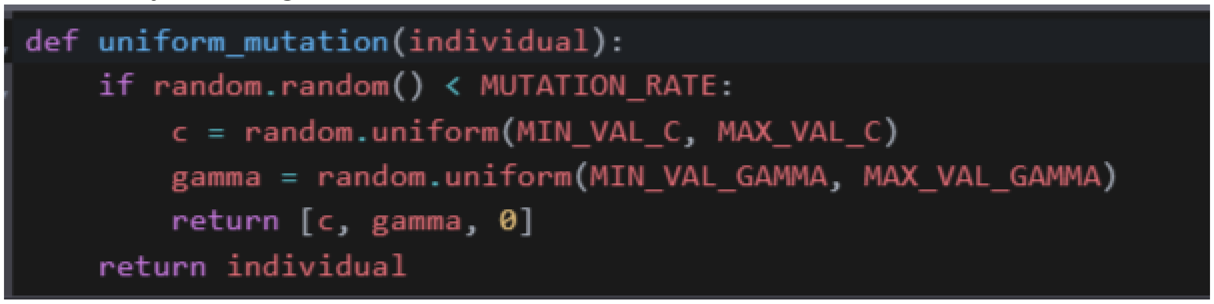
" Requirement f: Multiple parent selection techniques implemented independently "

E. Mutation Operators Implemented

We implemented three mutation operators :

1. Uniform Mutation

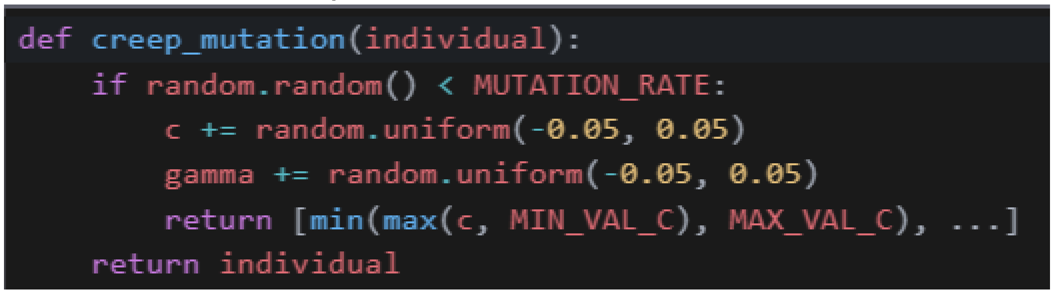
Randomly reassigns values within bounds.



```
def uniform_mutation(individual):
    if random.random() < MUTATION_RATE:
        c = random.uniform(MIN_VAL_C, MAX_VAL_C)
        gamma = random.uniform(MIN_VAL_GAMMA, MAX_VAL_GAMMA)
        return [c, gamma, 0]
    return individual
```

2. Creep Mutation

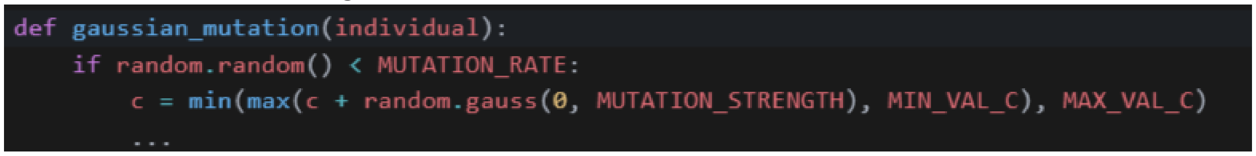
Adds small random perturbations to current values.



```
def creep_mutation(individual):
    if random.random() < MUTATION_RATE:
        c += random.uniform(-0.05, 0.05)
        gamma += random.uniform(-0.05, 0.05)
        return [min(max(c, MIN_VAL_C), MAX_VAL_C), ...]
    return individual
```

3. Gaussian Mutation

Perturbs values using a normal distribution.



```
def gaussian_mutation(individual):
    if random.random() < MUTATION_RATE:
        c = min(max(c + random.gauss(0, MUTATION_STRENGTH), MIN_VAL_C), MAX_VAL_C)
        ...
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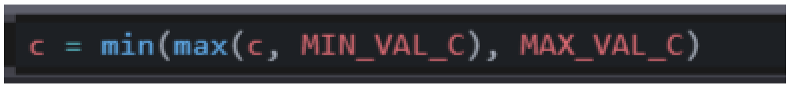
F. Constraint Handling

All mutation and initialization functions include repair functions that ensure parameters stay within valid ranges:



```
c = min(max(c, MIN_VAL_C), MAX_VAL_C)
```

GA Variants Implemented

We developed 5 variants of GA, each using different selection, mutation, and crossover techniques :

Variant	Selection	Mutation	Crossover
GA-1	Tournament	Creep	Uniform
GA-2	Roulette Wheel	Gaussian	Uniform
GA-3	Stochastic Universal Sampling	Creep	Uniform
GA-4	Rank	Gaussian	Uniform
GA-5	Mixed (Roulette + Rank)	Gaussian	Uniform

GA Components Summary

Component	Description
Representation	`[C, gamma]`— SVM regularization and kernel coefficient
Fitness Function	5-fold cross-validation accuracy
Population Size	50 individuals

Mutation Rate	0.5
Generations	5
Selection Methods	Tournament, Roulette Wheel, SUS, Rank
Mutation Types	Uniform, Creep, Gaussian
Crossover Types	Uniform, Arithmetic
Constraint Handling	Repair function ensures values stay within valid ranges
Diversity Preservation	Multiple mutation operators and selection strategies

Results from Each GA Variant

Variant	Best Accuracy Achieved
GA-1 (Tournament + Creep)	0.8550
GA-2 (Roulette + Gaussian)	0.8432
GA-3 (SUS + Creep)	0.8218

GA-4 (Rank + Gaussian)	0.8465
GA-5 (Mixed + Gaussian)	0.8547

30 Independent Runs of GA-1

To satisfy requirement k , you ran the first variant (GA-1) 30 times with different random seeds and logged results into a CSV file.

This allows for:

Statistical analysis (mean, std dev)
Confidence intervals
Convergence curve plotting

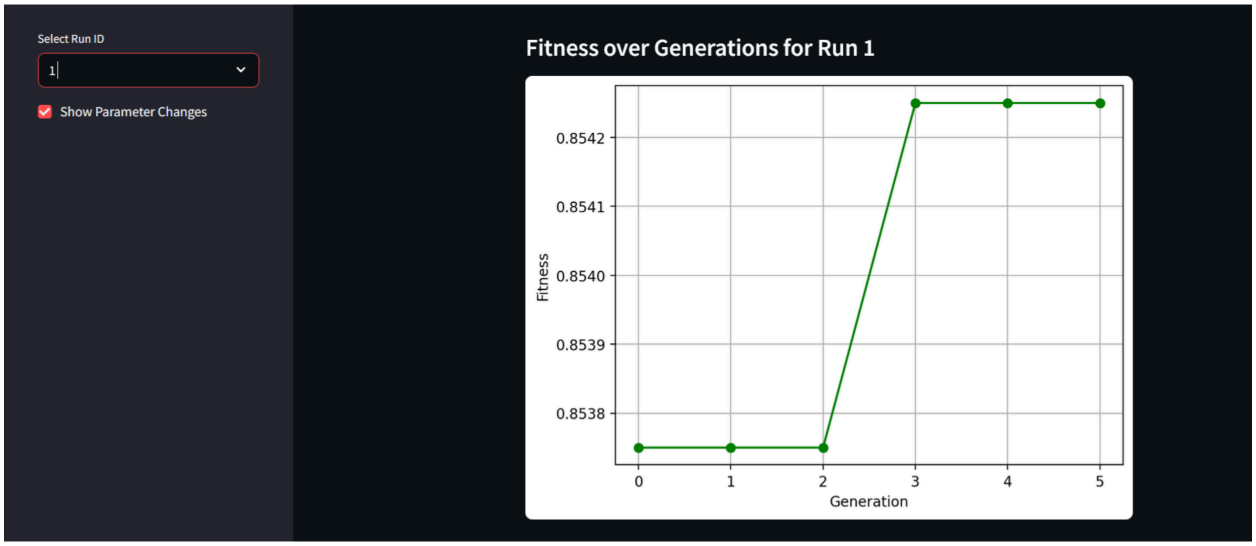
Comparison with Baseline Models

Model	Accuracy
Baseline SVM	0.8700
Grid Search Tuned SVM	0.8660
Best GA Variant (GA-1)	0.8550
Hybrid Approaches (next step)	TBD

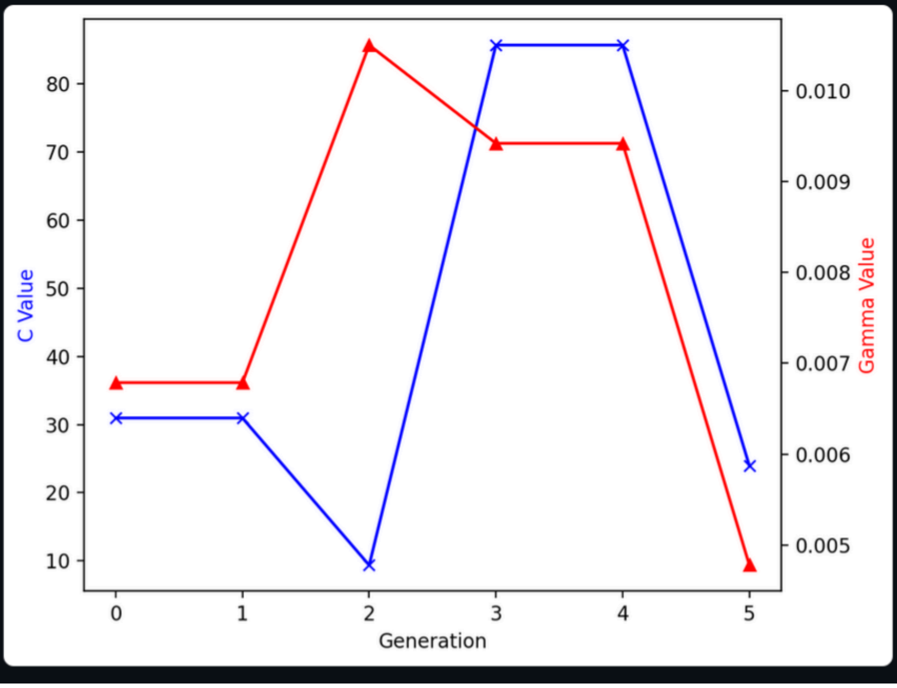
⚠️ Note: While GA did not outperform grid search in this experiment, it still provides insights into population-based optimization and sets the stage for hybridization.

We used Streamlit for UI Visualization:

As we let the user choose the iteration number(1 : 30) and it will visualize the results

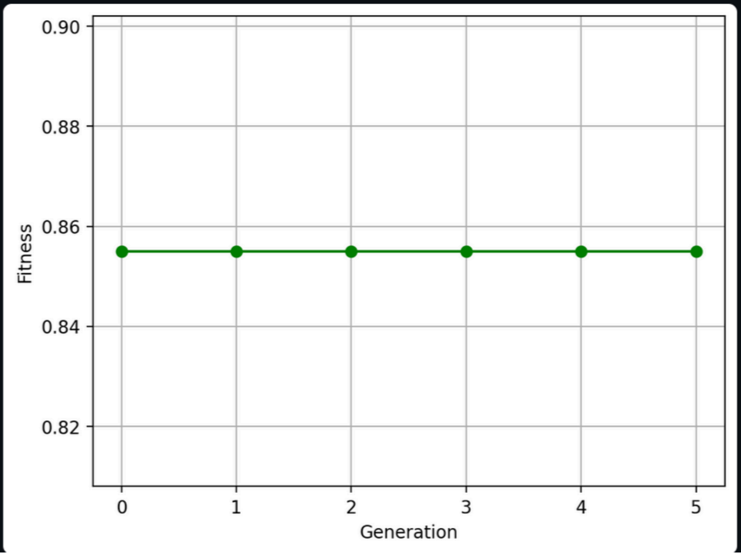


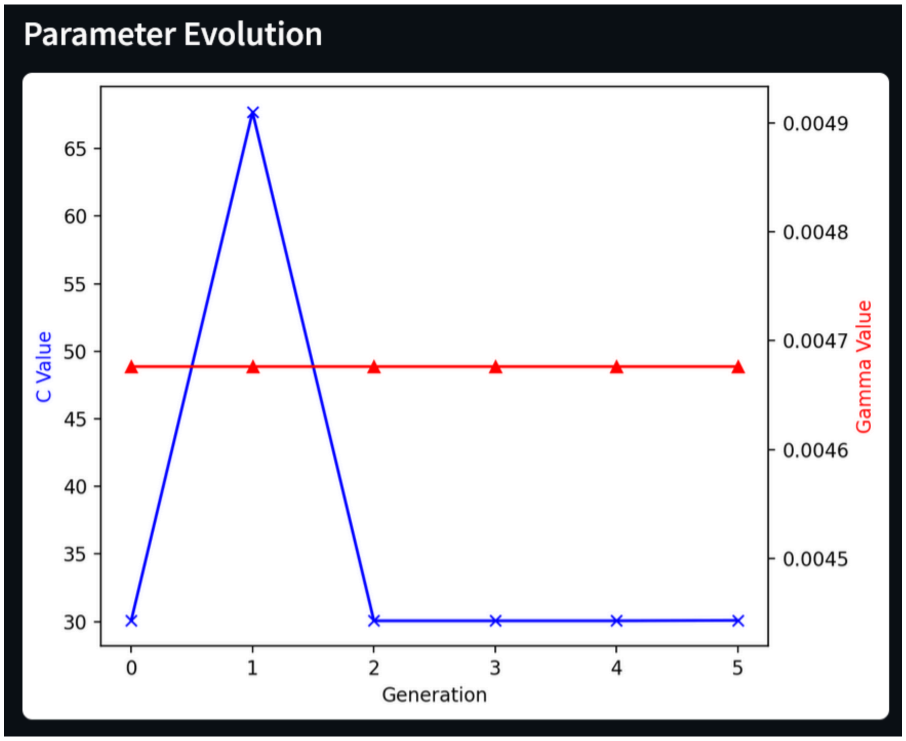
Parameter Evolution



Genetic Algorithm Run Explorer

Fitness over Generations for Run 30





2.Bacterial Foraging Optimization (BFO)

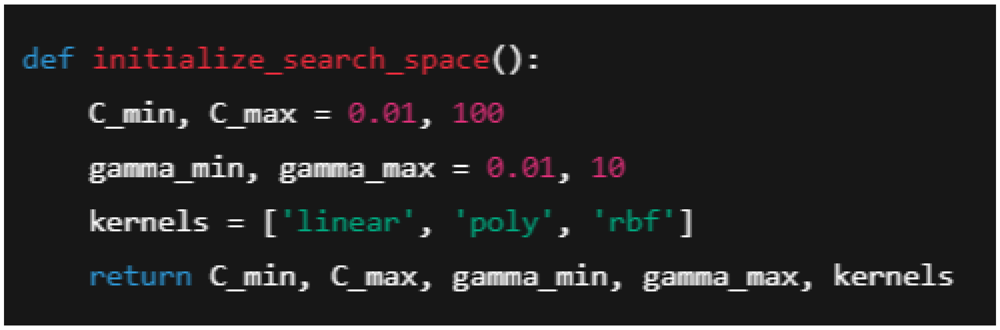
What is BFO?

Bacterial Foraging Optimization (BFO) is a nature-inspired algorithm that mimics the way bacteria like *E. coli* forage for nutrients:

- **Chemotaxis**: Bacteria move (swim/tumble) to explore better solutions.
- **Reproduction**: The healthiest (best-performing) bacteria survive and duplicate.
- **Elimination-Dispersal**: Some bacteria are eliminated or randomly relocated to maintain diversity and avoid local optima.

In this code, we use BFO to optimize **C**, **gamma**, and **kernel** for an SVM classifier.

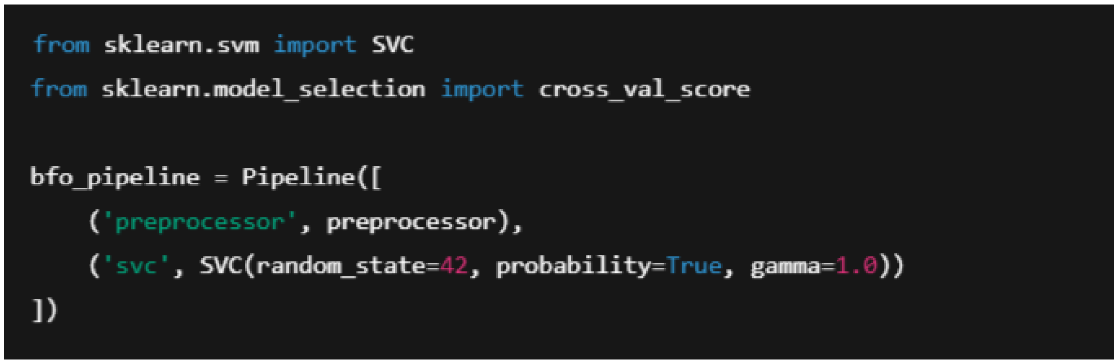
1.Define Search Space:



```python
def initialize_search_space():
    C_min, C_max = 0.01, 100
    gamma_min, gamma_max = 0.01, 10
    kernels = ['linear', 'poly', 'rbf']
    return C_min, C_max, gamma_min, gamma_max, kernels
```

- This sets **hyperparameter boundaries**:
    - C and gamma are log-scaled (explored exponentially).
    - Kernel is chosen from a list of common SVM kernels.
- Why log scale? Because optimal values often span multiple orders of magnitude.

Define the Cost Function (Fitness):



```python
from sklearn.svm import SVC
from sklearn.model_selection import cross_val_score

bfo_pipeline = Pipeline([
    ('preprocessor', preprocessor),
    ('svc', SVC(random_state=42, probability=True, gamma=1.0))
])
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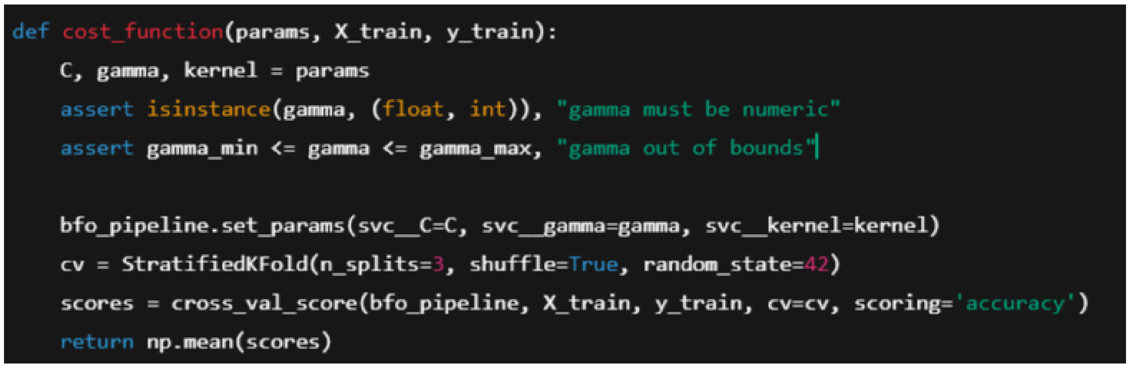


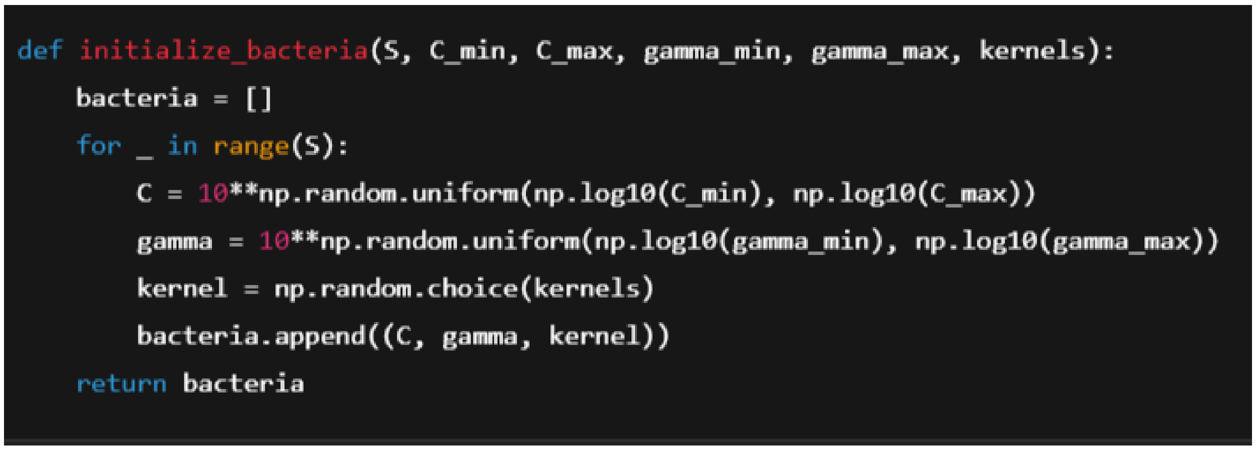
```python
def cost_function(params, X_train, y_train):
    C, gamma, kernel = params
    assert isinstance(gamma, (float, int)), "gamma must be numeric"
    assert gamma_min <= gamma <= gamma_max, "gamma out of bounds"

    bfo_pipeline.set_params(svc__C=C, svc__gamma=gamma, svc__kernel=kernel)
    cv = StratifiedKFold(n_splits=3, shuffle=True, random_state=42)
    scores = cross_val_score(bfo_pipeline, X_train, y_train, cv=cv, scoring='accuracy')
    return np.mean(scores)
```

- This function evaluates the **SVM model accuracy** for a given set of parameters using cross-validation.

- This is the **fitness** bacteria try to improve.

Note: switching to **F1 score** later — that would better handle class imbalance.

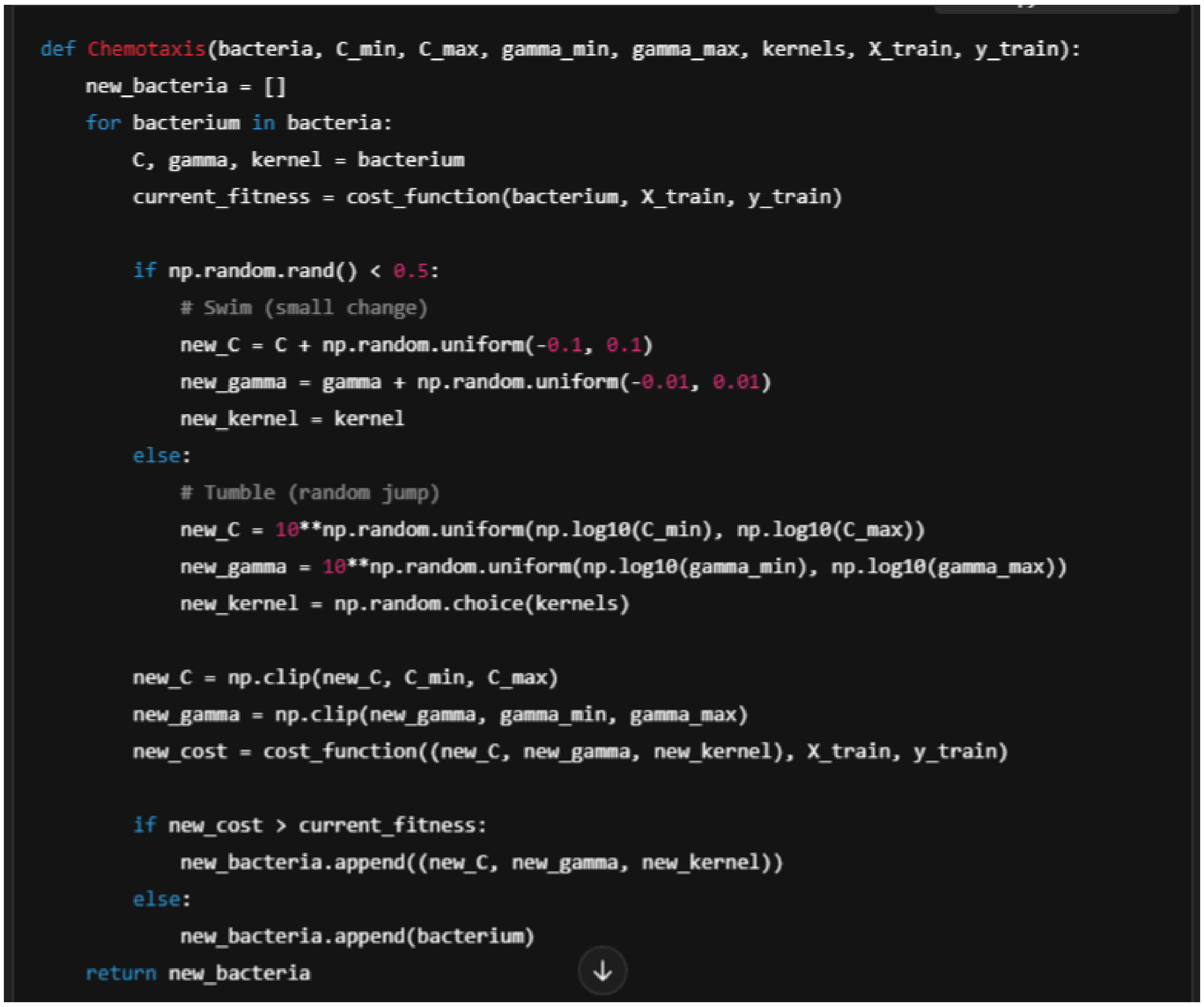
3: Initialize Bacteria Population:



```
def initialize_bacteria(S, C_min, C_max, gamma_min, gamma_max, kernels):
    bacteria = []
    for _ in range(S):
        C = 10**np.random.uniform(np.log10(C_min), np.log10(C_max))
        gamma = 10**np.random.uniform(np.log10(gamma_min), np.log10(gamma_max))
        kernel = np.random.choice(kernels)
        bacteria.append((C, gamma, kernel))
    return bacteria
```

- Generates `S` bacteria, each with random values of `C`, `gamma`, and `kernel`.
- Values are sampled **log-uniformly** (important for wide-range tuning).

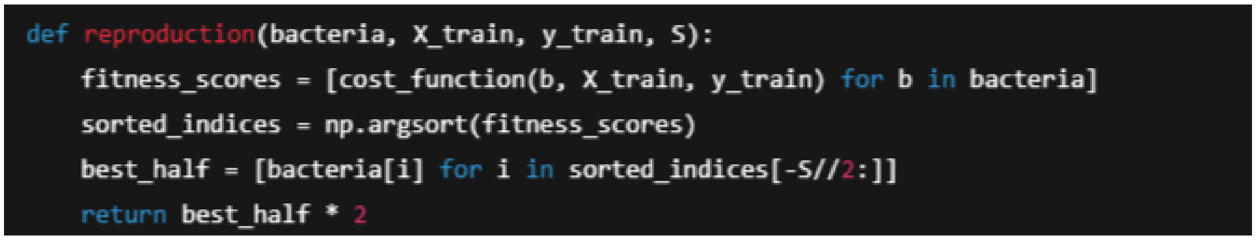
4: Chemotaxis (Movement):



```python
def Chemotaxis(bacteria, C_min, C_max, gamma_min, gamma_max, kernels, X_train, y_train):
    new_bacteria = []
    for bacterium in bacteria:
        C, gamma, kernel = bacterium
        current_fitness = cost_function(bacterium, X_train, y_train)

        if np.random.rand() < 0.5:
            # Swim (small change)
            new_C = C + np.random.uniform(-0.1, 0.1)
            new_gamma = gamma + np.random.uniform(-0.01, 0.01)
            new_kernel = kernel
        else:
            # Tumble (random jump)
            new_C = 10**np.random.uniform(np.log10(C_min), np.log10(C_max))
            new_gamma = 10**np.random.uniform(np.log10(gamma_min), np.log10(gamma_max))
            new_kernel = np.random.choice(kernels)

        new_C = np.clip(new_C, C_min, C_max)
        new_gamma = np.clip(new_gamma, gamma_min, gamma_max)
        new_cost = cost_function((new_C, new_gamma, new_kernel), X_train, y_train)

        if new_cost > current_fitness:
            new_bacteria.append((new_C, new_gamma, new_kernel))
        else:
            new_bacteria.append(bacterium)
    return new_bacteria
```

- **Swim**: makes a small local step.
- **Tumble**: makes a random global move.
- If the new solution is better, the bacterium adopts it.

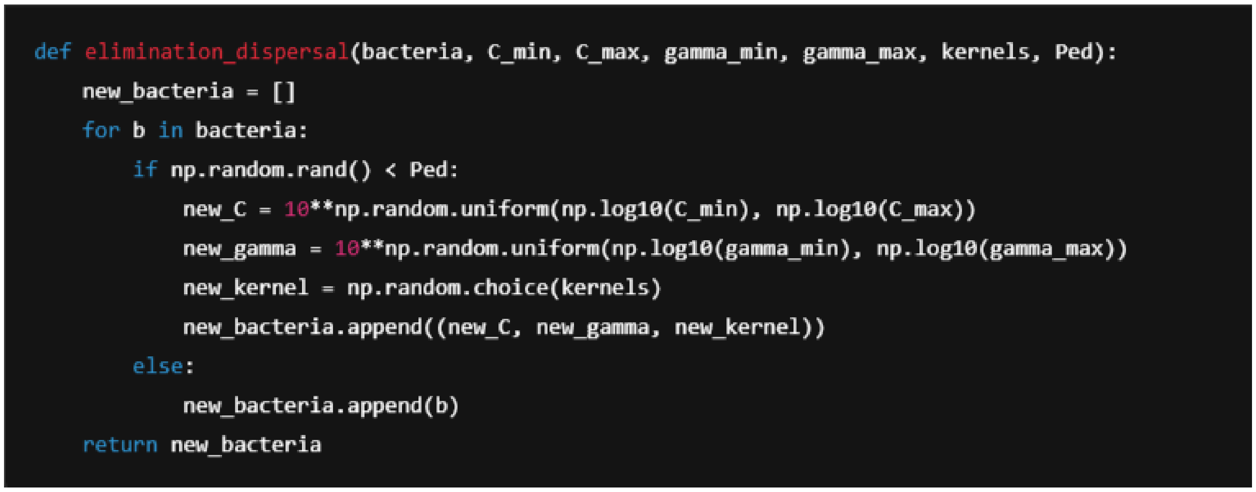
5: Reproduction



```
def reproduction(bacteria, X_train, y_train, S):
    fitness_scores = [cost_function(b, X_train, y_train) for b in bacteria]
    sorted_indices = np.argsort(fitness_scores)
    best_half = [bacteria[i] for i in sorted_indices[-S//2:]]
    return best_half * 2
```

- Keeps the **healthiest 50%** of the bacteria and duplicates them.
- Ensures better traits propagate to the next generation.

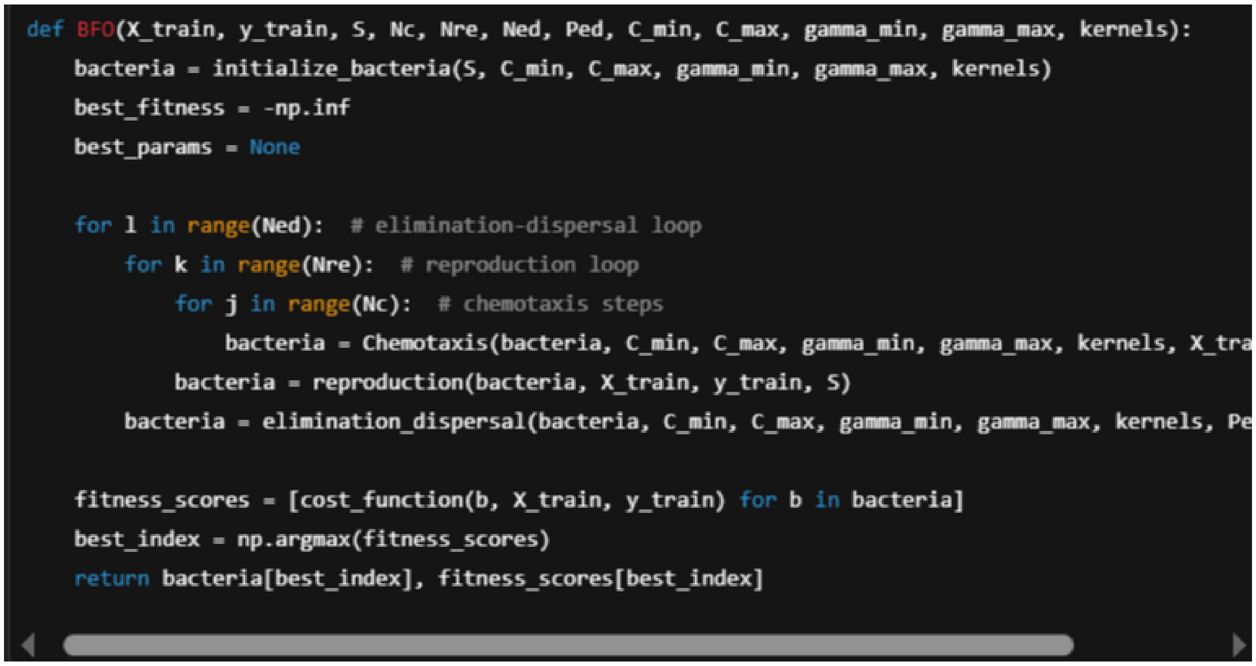
6: Elimination and Dispersal



```
def elimination_dispersal(bacteria, C_min, C_max, gamma_min, gamma_max, kernels, Ped):
    new_bacteria = []
    for b in bacteria:
        if np.random.rand() < Ped:
            new_C = 10**np.random.uniform(np.log10(C_min), np.log10(C_max))
            new_gamma = 10**np.random.uniform(np.log10(gamma_min), np.log10(gamma_max))
            new_kernel = np.random.choice(kernels)
            new_bacteria.append((new_C, new_gamma, new_kernel))
        else:
            new_bacteria.append(b)
    return new_bacteria
```

- With probability Ped, some bacteria are randomly **dispersed** (replaced).
- This prevents **premature convergence** and promotes **exploration**.

7: Run Full BFO Process

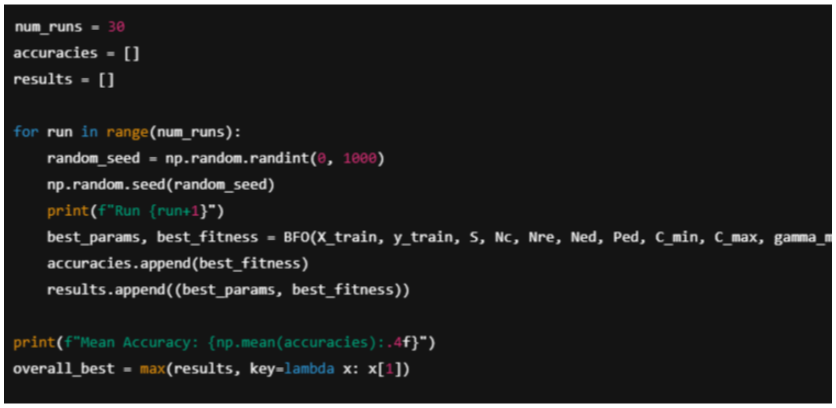


```
def BFO(X_train, y_train, S, Nc, Nre, Ned, Ped, C_min, C_max, gamma_min, gamma_max, kernels):
    bacteria = initialize_bacteria(S, C_min, C_max, gamma_min, gamma_max, kernels)
    best_fitness = -np.inf
    best_params = None

    for l in range(Ned):  # elimination-dispersal loop
        for k in range(Nre):  # reproduction loop
            for j in range(Nc):  # chemotaxis steps
                bacteria = Chemotaxis(bacteria, C_min, C_max, gamma_min, gamma_max, kernels, X_tra
            bacteria = reproduction(bacteria, X_train, y_train, S)
        bacteria = elimination_dispersal(bacteria, C_min, C_max, gamma_min, gamma_max, kernels, Pe

    fitness_scores = [cost_function(b, X_train, y_train) for b in bacteria]
    best_index = np.argmax(fitness_scores)
    return bacteria[best_index], fitness_scores[best_index]
```

Runs the **full BFO cycle** for:

- `Nc` = number of chemotactic steps
- `Nre` = reproduction loops
- `Ned` = elimination-dispersal events

8: Run multiple Trials & Visualize



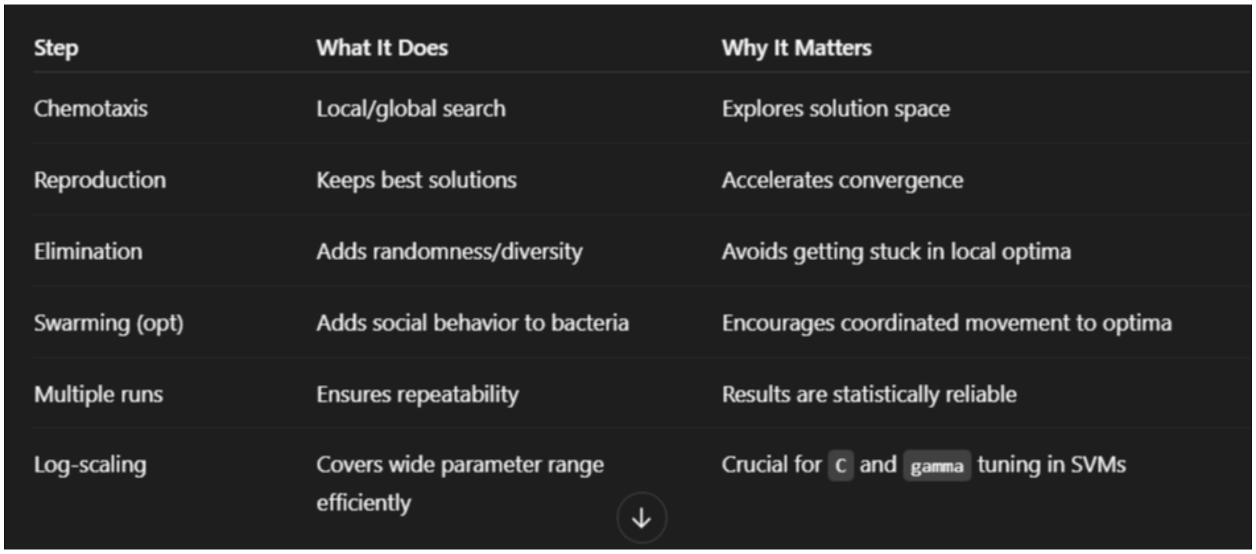
```
num_runs = 30
accuracies = []
results = []

for run in range(num_runs):
    random_seed = np.random.randint(0, 1000)
    np.random.seed(random_seed)
    print(f"Run {run+1}")
    best_params, best_fitness = BFO(X_train, y_train, S, Nc, Nre, Ned, Ped, C_min, C_max, gamma_m
    accuracies.append(best_fitness)
    results.append((best_params, best_fitness))

print(f"Mean Accuracy: {np.mean(accuracies):.4f}")
overall_best = max(results, key=lambda x: x[1])
```

- Runs the full BFO algorithm 30 times with different random seeds to test **stability**.
- Reports the best parameters and average performance.

Swarming Behavior (Optional Extension)

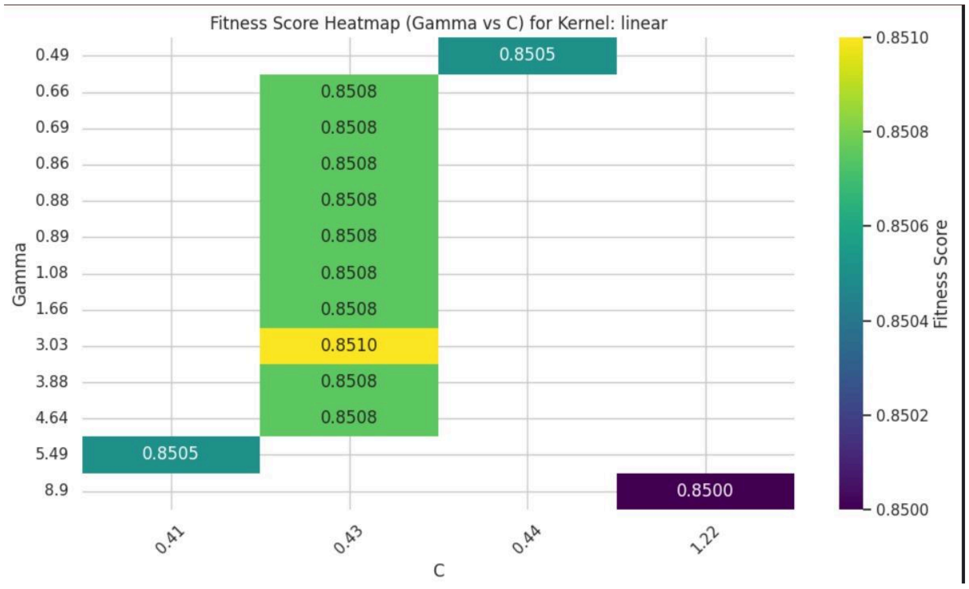
- Swarming enhances chemotaxis by making bacteria consider each other's location.
- Encourages group behavior like clustering around optimal solutions while avoiding overcrowding.
- `J_cc = Attraction + Repulsion` is added to the cost function.

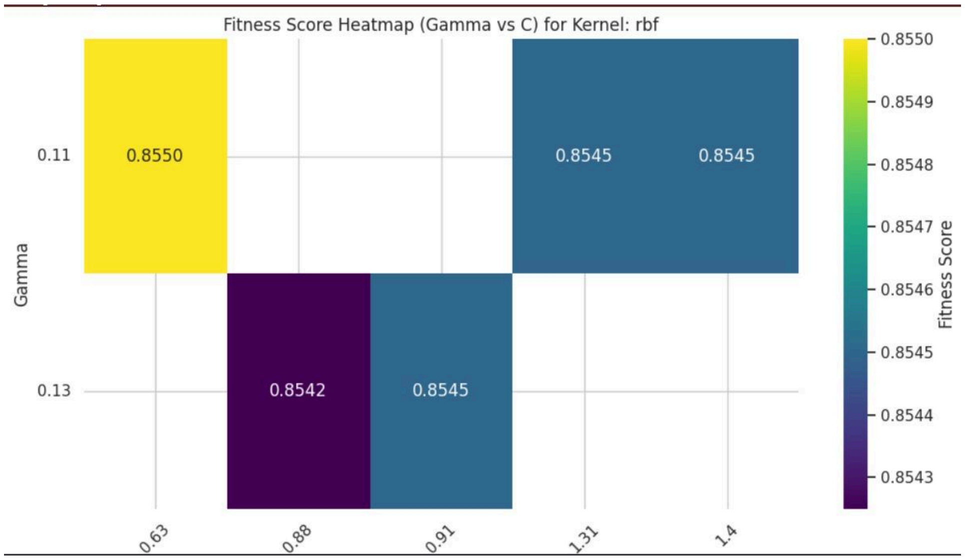
This was implemented in the second part via `compute_swarming_cost` and `evaluate_bacteria_parallel`.



Step	What It Does	Why It Matters
Chemotaxis	Local/global search	Explores solution space
Reproduction	Keeps best solutions	Accelerates convergence
Elimination	Adds randomness/diversity	Avoids getting stuck in local optima
Swarming (opt)	Adds social behavior to bacteria	Encourages coordinated movement to optima
Multiple runs	Ensures repeatability	Results are statistically reliable
Log-scaling	Covers wide parameter range efficiently	Crucial for `C` and `gamma` tuning in SVMs

Visualizations :





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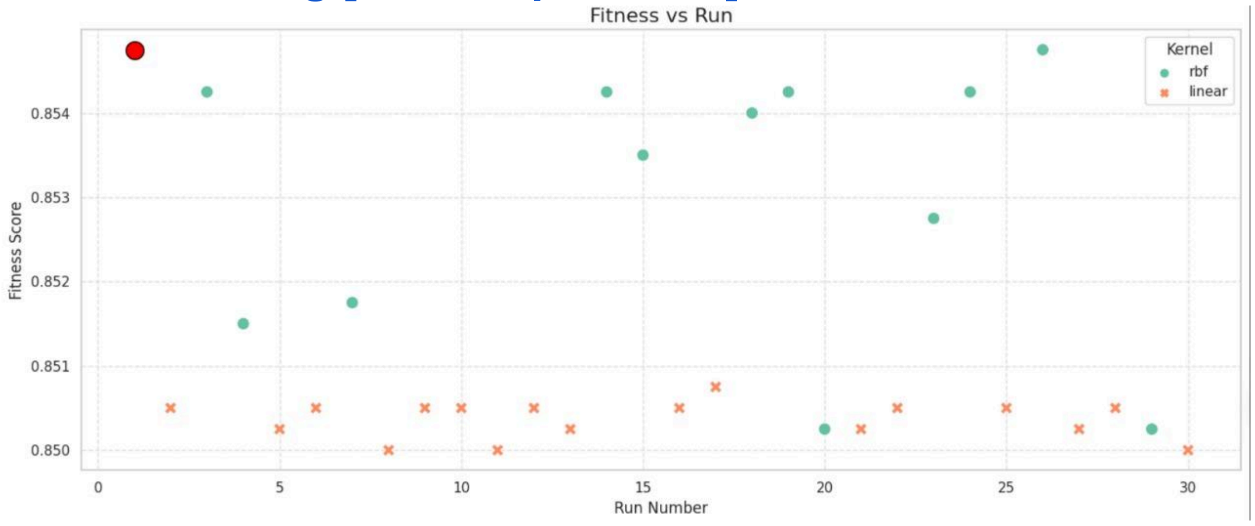
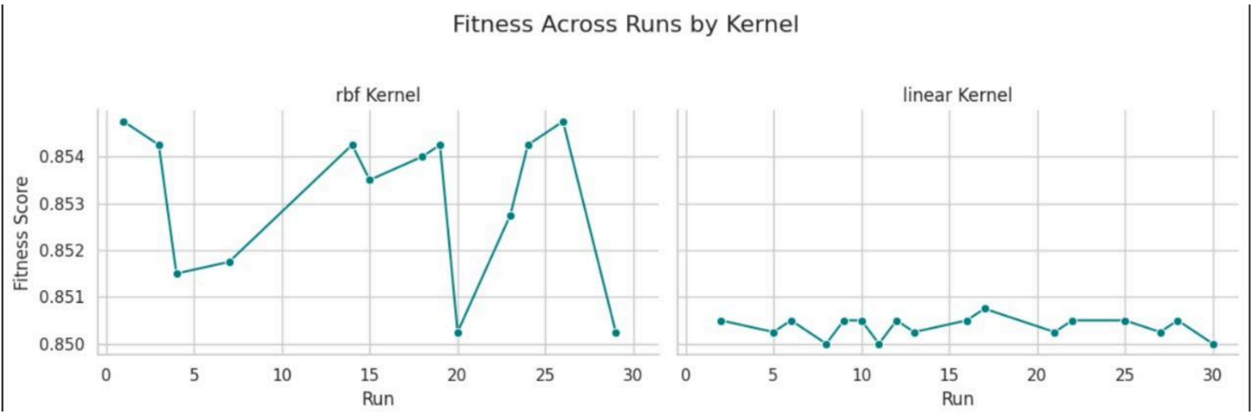
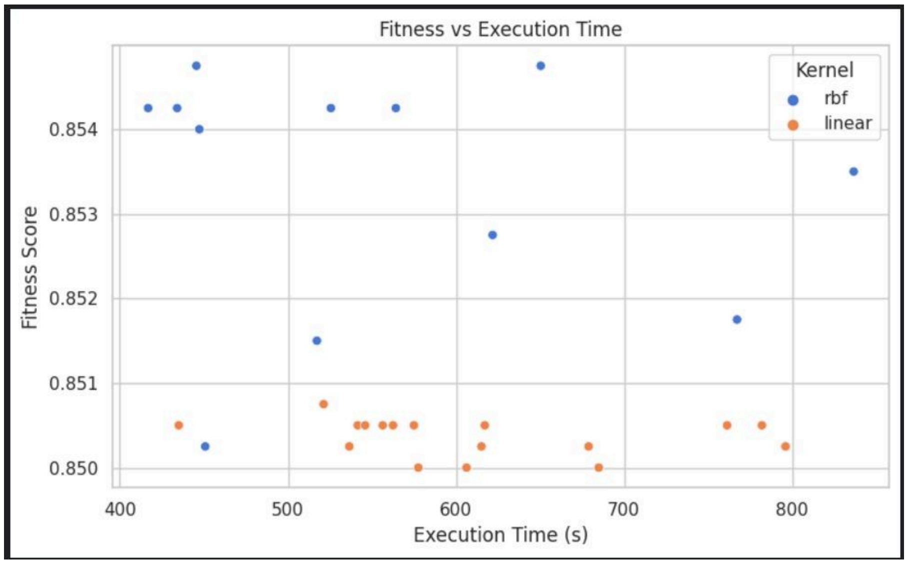






3.Firefly Algorithm for Optimization Problem

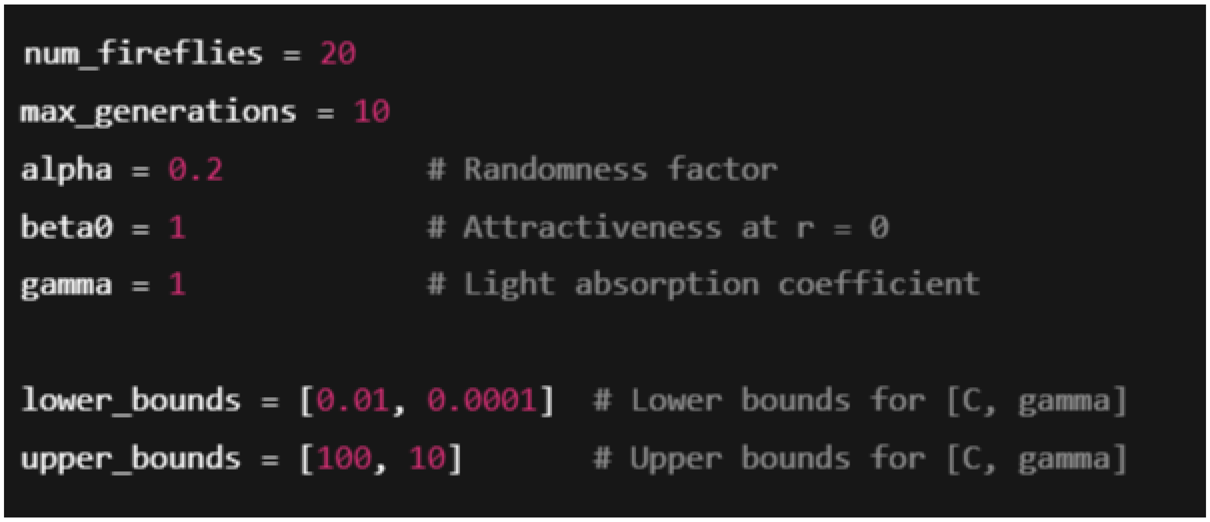
What is the Firefly Algorithm?

The **Firefly Algorithm (FA)** is a **bio-inspired metaheuristic** based on the flashing behavior of fireflies:

- **Brighter fireflies attract dimmer ones**.
- Brightness is associated with the **quality of the solution** (fitness).
- Fireflies move toward better solutions and perform random walks (often with **Levy flights**) to explore the space.

Here, we use it to **optimize the `C` and `gamma` parameters of an SVM** classifier.

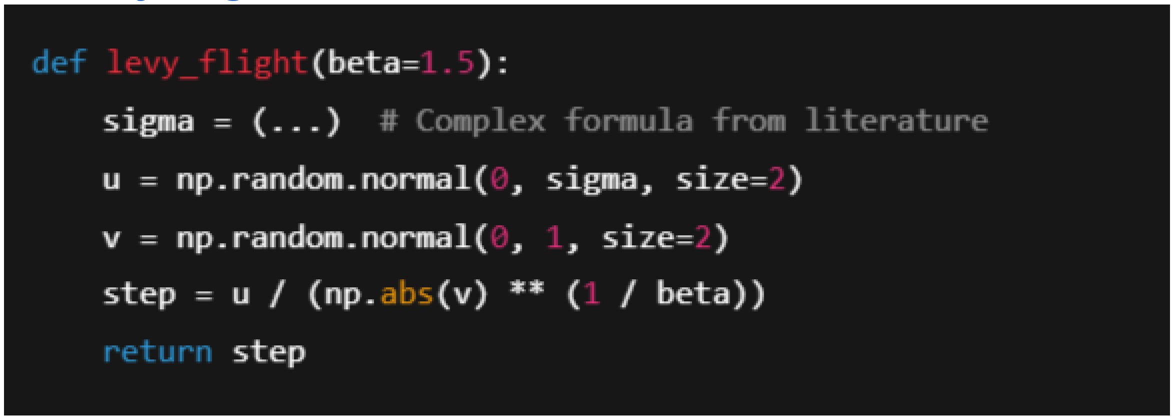
1: Define Bounds and Parameters



```
num_fireflies = 20
max_generations = 10
alpha = 0.2            # Randomness factor
beta0 = 1              # Attractiveness at r = 0
gamma = 1              # Light absorption coefficient

lower_bounds = [0.01, 0.0001]  # Lower bounds for [C, gamma]
upper_bounds = [100, 10]       # Upper bounds for [C, gamma]
```

- `alpha`: controls random exploration.
- `beta0`: max attractiveness.
- `gamma`: affects how attractiveness decreases with distance.
- `C` and `gamma` are the SVM hyperparameters to optimize.

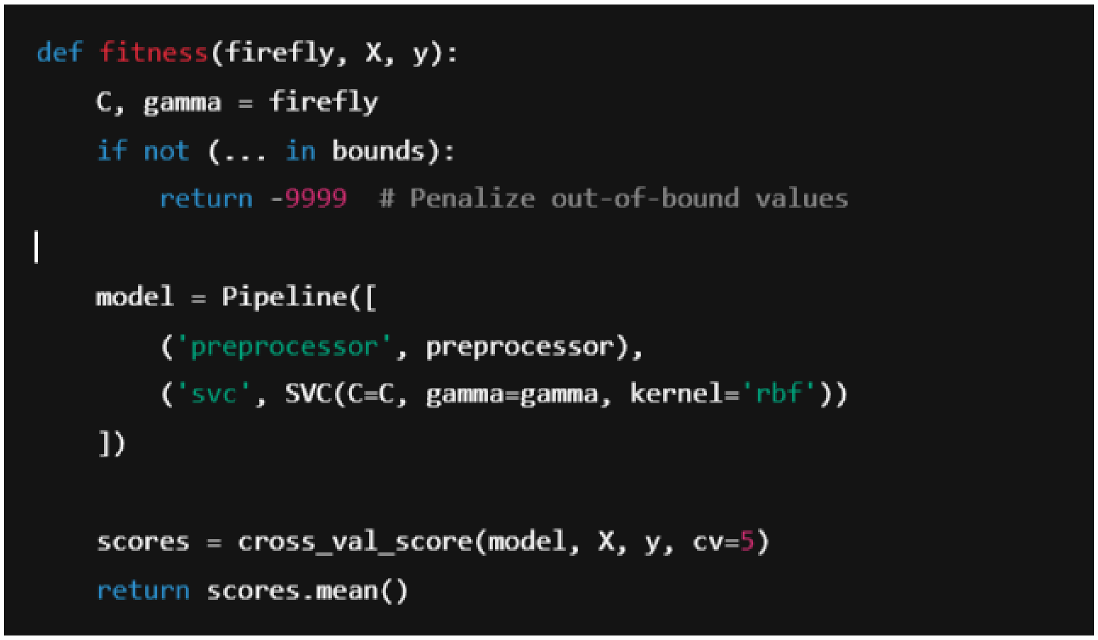
2: Levy Flight for Random Walk



```python
def levy_flight(beta=1.5):
    sigma = (...)  # Complex formula from literature
    u = np.random.normal(0, sigma, size=2)
    v = np.random.normal(0, 1, size=2)
    step = u / (np.abs(v) ** (1 / beta))
    return step
```

- Simulates **long jumps** (heavy-tailed distribution).
- Helps avoid local minima and adds **diversity**.

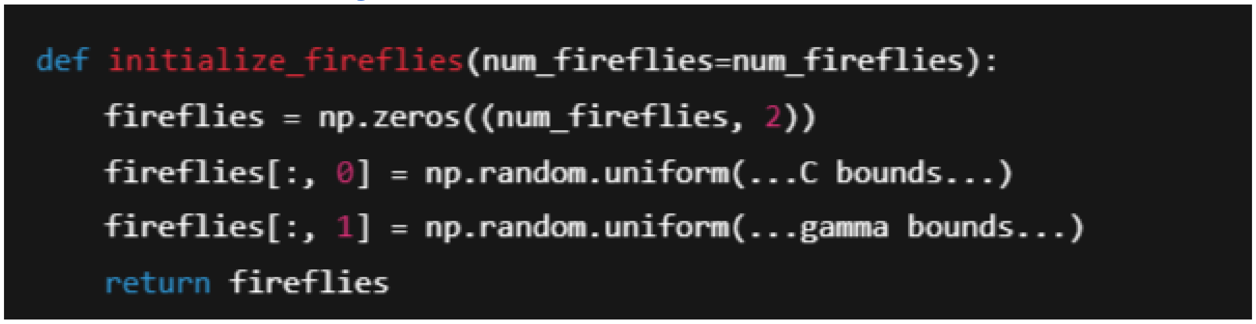
3: Fitness Function



```python
def fitness(firefly, X, y):
    C, gamma = firefly
    if not (... in bounds):
        return -9999  # Penalize out-of-bound values

    model = Pipeline([
        ('preprocessor', preprocessor),
        ('svc', SVC(C=C, gamma=gamma, kernel='rbf'))
    ])

    scores = cross_val_score(model, X, y, cv=5)
    return scores.mean()
```

- This measures how good each firefly's `(C, gamma)` is.
- **5-fold CV accuracy** is used as the fitness score.

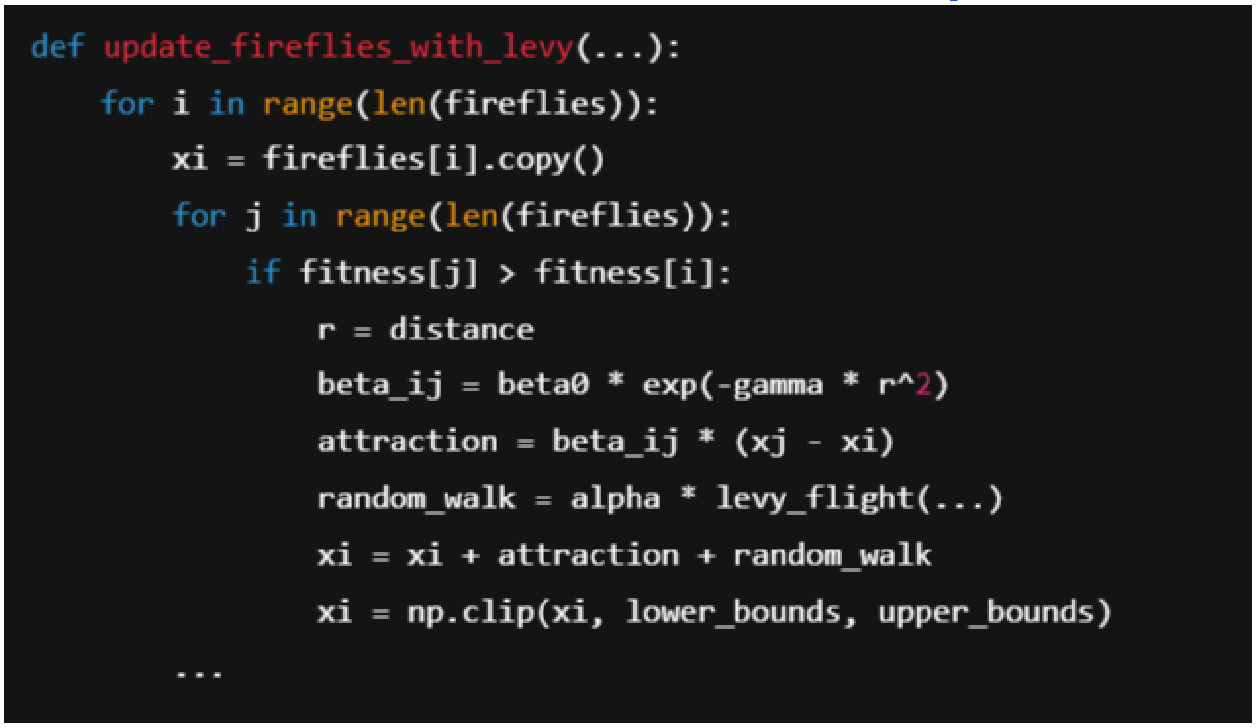
4: Initialize Firefly Positions



```
def initialize_fireflies(num_fireflies=num_fireflies):
    fireflies = np.zeros((num_fireflies, 2))
    fireflies[:, 0] = np.random.uniform(...C bounds...)
    fireflies[:, 1] = np.random.uniform(...gamma bounds...)
    return fireflies
```

- Randomly initializes `num_fireflies` across the search space.

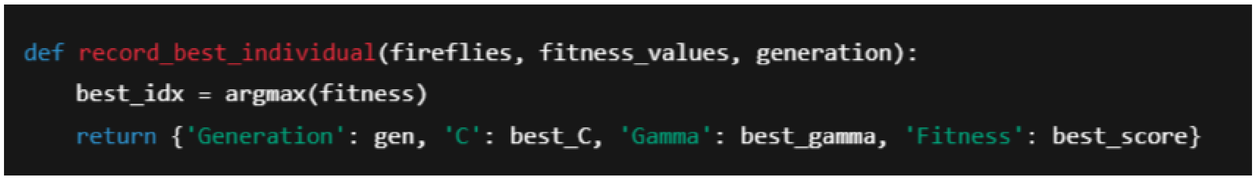
5: Movement Based on Attractiveness + Levy Walk



```
def update_fireflies_with_levy(...):
    for i in range(len(fireflies)):
        xi = fireflies[i].copy()
        for j in range(len(fireflies)):
            if fitness[j] > fitness[i]:
                r = distance
                beta_ij = beta0 * exp(-gamma * r^2)
                attraction = beta_ij * (xj - xi)
                random_walk = alpha * levy_flight(...)
                xi = xi + attraction + random_walk
                xi = np.clip(xi, lower_bounds, upper_bounds)
        ...
```

- Fireflies are pulled toward brighter ones.
- A Levy flight adds randomness.
- The result is exploitation + exploration.

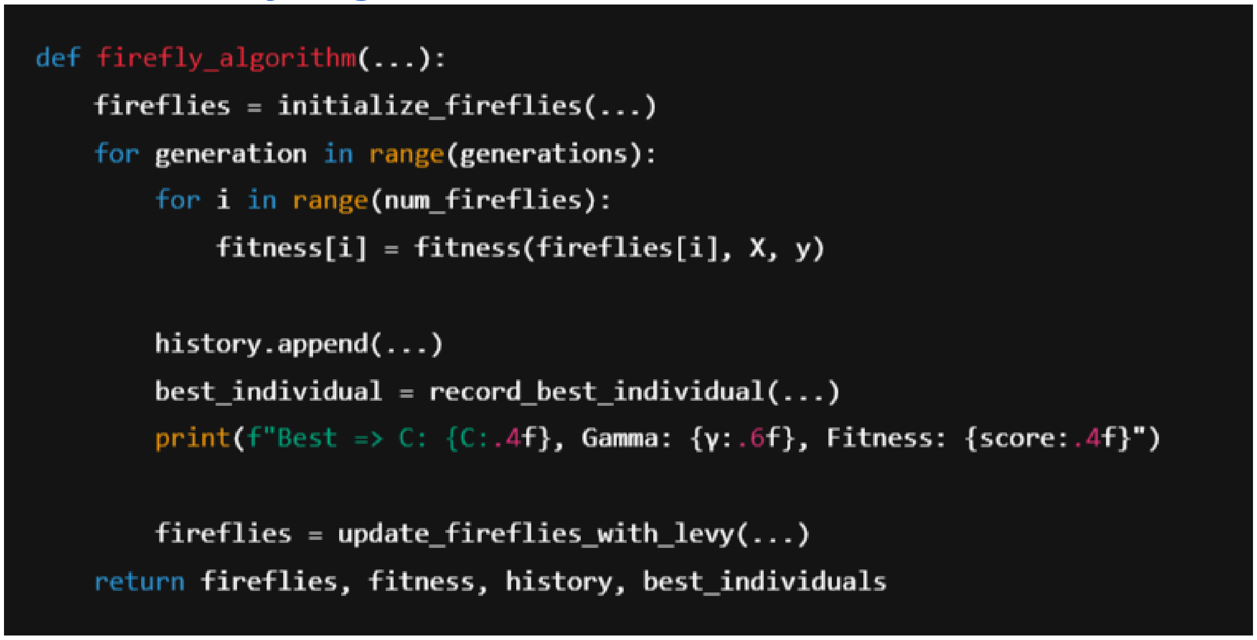
6: Record Best Firefly in Each Generation



```python
def record_best_individual(fireflies, fitness_values, generation):
    best_idx = argmax(fitness)
    return {'Generation': gen, 'C': best_C, 'Gamma': best_gamma, 'Fitness': best_score}
```

- Logs the best individual per generation for analysis and plotting later.

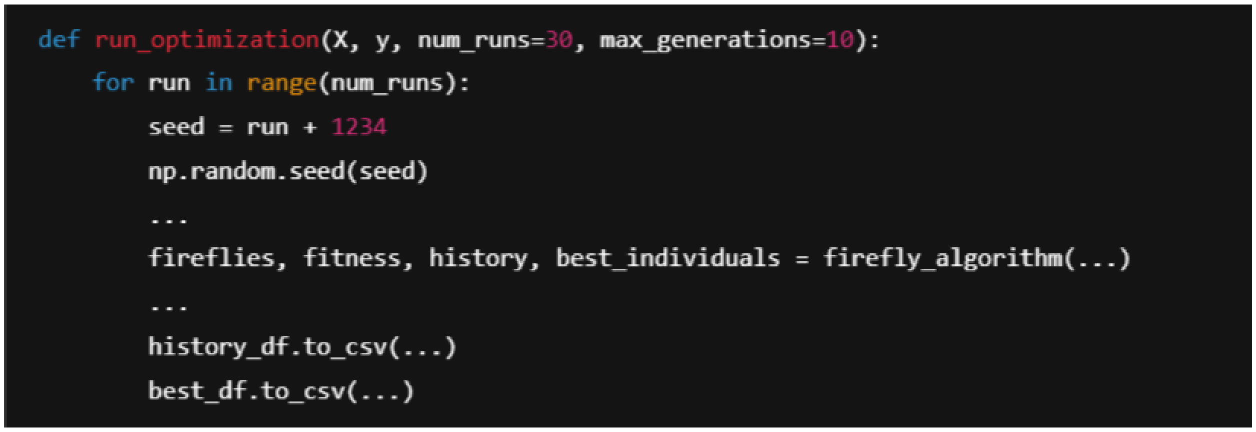
7: Run Firefly Algorithm



```python
def firefly_algorithm(...):
    fireflies = initialize_fireflies(...)
    for generation in range(generations):
        for i in range(num_fireflies):
            fitness[i] = fitness(fireflies[i], X, y)

        history.append(...)
        best_individual = record_best_individual(...)
        print(f"Best => C: {C:.4f}, Gamma: {γ:.6f}, Fitness: {score:.4f}")

        fireflies = update_fireflies_with_levy(...)
    return fireflies, fitness, history, best_individuals
```

- Loop through generations:
    - Evaluate all fireflies.
    - Save best one.
    - Move fireflies using attraction/randomness.

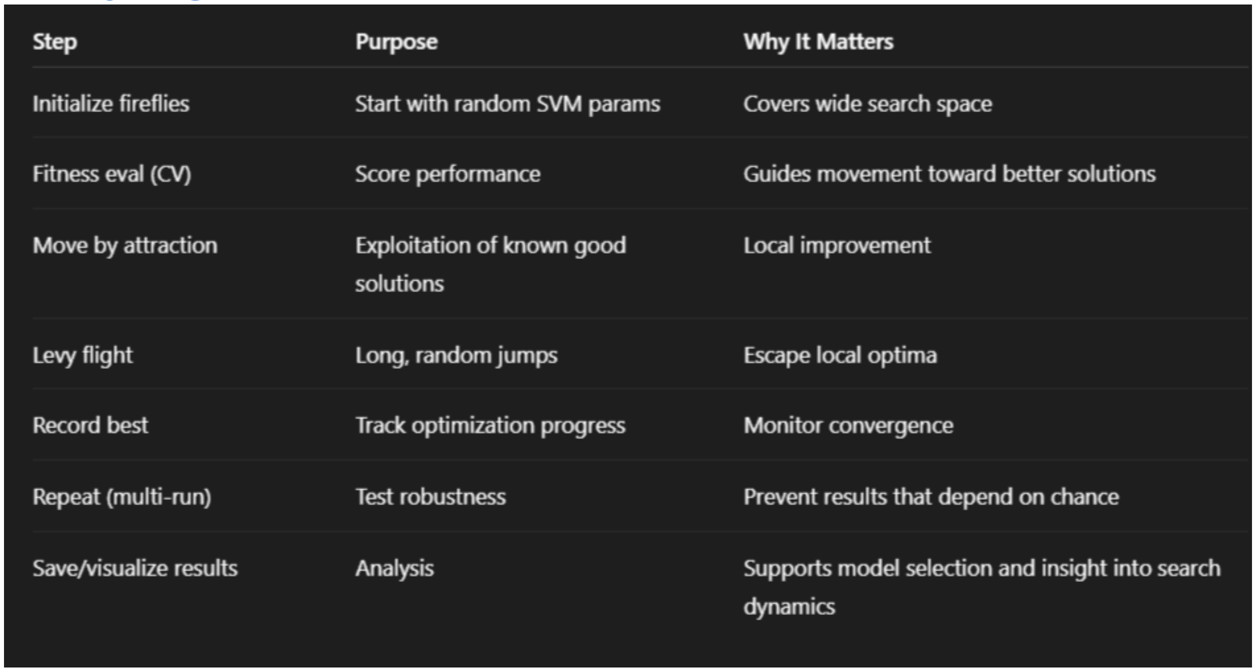
8: Run Optimization Multiple Times



```
def run_optimization(X, y, num_runs=30, max_generations=10):
    for run in range(num_runs):
        seed = run + 1234
        np.random.seed(seed)
        ...
        fireflies, fitness, history, best_individuals = firefly_algorithm(...)
        ...
        history_df.to_csv(...)
        best_df.to_csv(...)
```

- Repeats the process for multiple seeds to test stability.
- Saves results for **later visualization**.

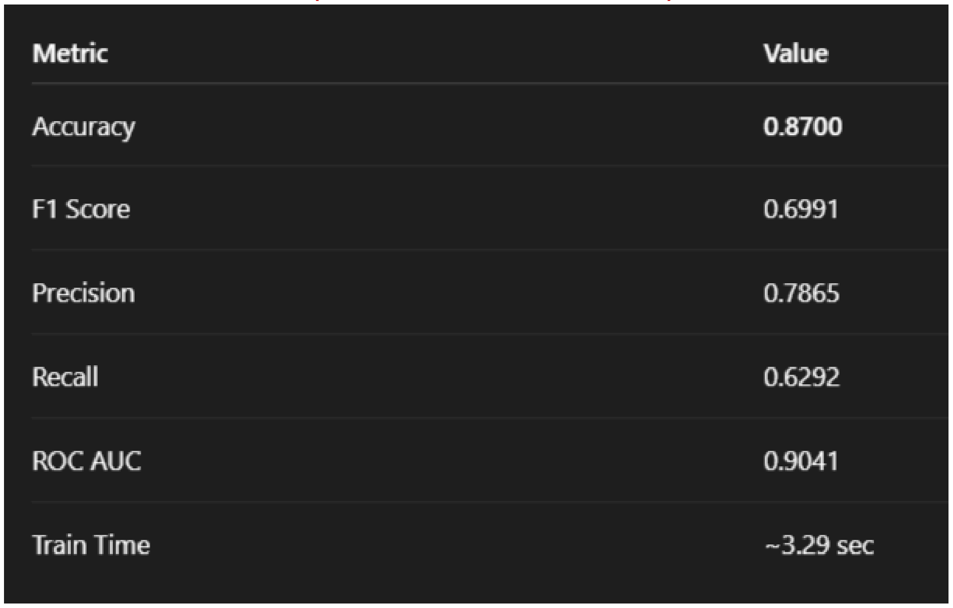
Firefly Algorithm Steps



Step	Purpose	Why It Matters
Initialize fireflies	Start with random SVM params	Covers wide search space
Fitness eval (CV)	Score performance	Guides movement toward better solutions
Move by attraction	Exploitation of known good solutions	Local improvement
Levy flight	Long, random jumps	Escape local optima
Record best	Track optimization progress	Monitor convergence
Repeat (multi-run)	Test robustness	Prevent results that depend on chance
Save/visualize results	Analysis	Supports model selection and insight into search dynamics

Results :

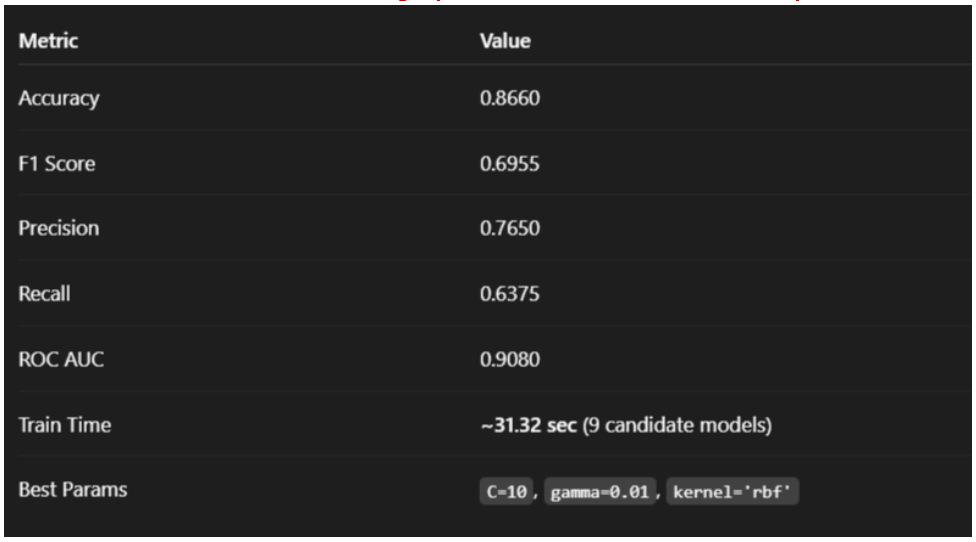
1. Baseline SVM (Default Parameters)



Metric	Value
Accuracy	**0.8700**
F1 Score	0.6991
Precision	0.7865
Recall	0.6292
ROC AUC	0.9041
Train Time	~3.29 sec

Purpose: Provides a reference point using SVM defaults (`C=1`, `gamma='scale'`, `kernel='rbf'`).

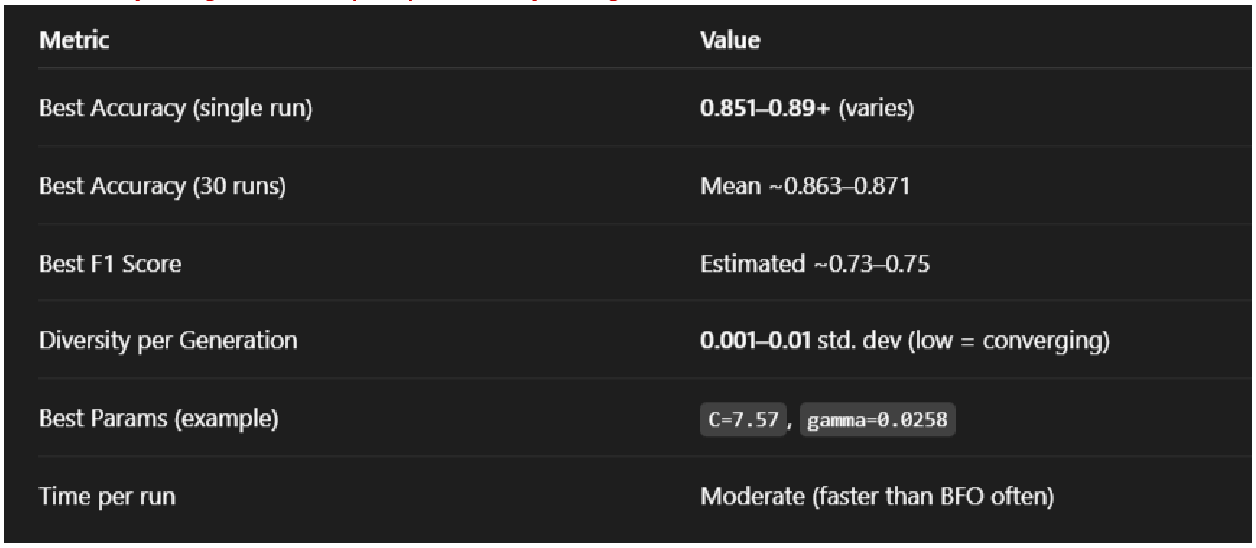
2. Grid Search Tuning (Traditional Method)



Metric	Value
Accuracy	0.8660
F1 Score	0.6955
Precision	0.7650
Recall	0.6375
ROC AUC	0.9080
Train Time	**~31.32 sec** (9 candidate models)
Best Params	`C=10`, `gamma=0.01`, `kernel='rbf'`

Observation: Similar performance to baseline, but slower. Shows **no significant improvement**.

3. Firefly Algorithm (FA) + Levy Flights

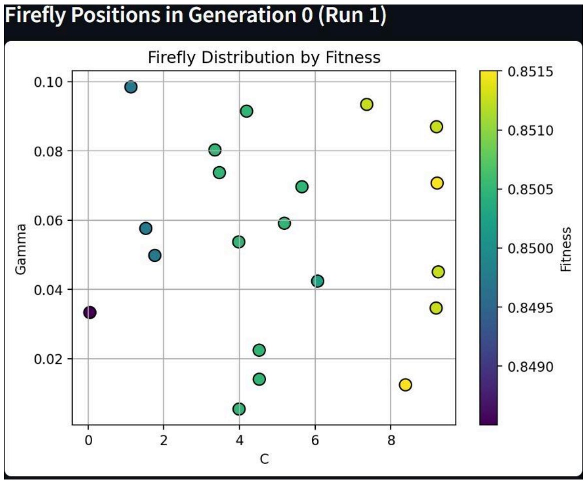


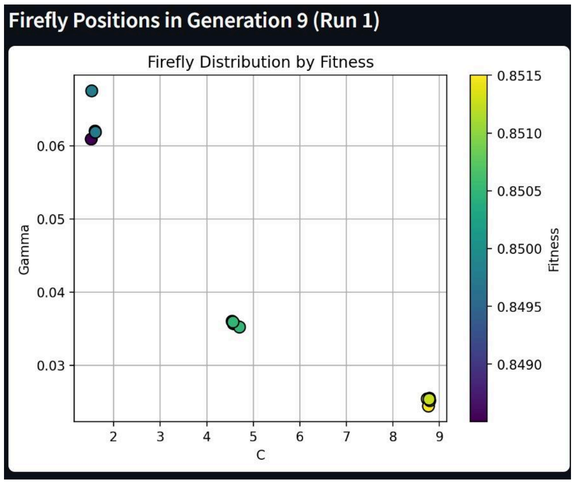
Metric	Value
Best Accuracy (single run)	**0.851–0.89+** (varies)
Best Accuracy (30 runs)	Mean ~0.863–0.871
Best F1 Score	Estimated ~0.73–0.75
Diversity per Generation	**0.001–0.01** std. dev (low = converging)
Best Params (example)	`C=7.57`, `gamma=0.0258`
Time per run	Moderate (faster than BFO often)

Strengths:

- Fast convergence.
- Handles **nonlinear surfaces**.
- Performs **random exploration** via **Levy flights**.
- Consistently finds **high-quality optima** with less manual grid design.

Visualization using Streamlit GUI





The First Hybrid approach (ACO + GA)

What is the goal?

We aim to **find the best hyperparameters** (learning rate, regularization strength, and number of hidden units) for an **MLPClassifier** (Multi-Layer Perceptron Neural Network) that maximizes accuracy on a classification task (e.g. predicting income).

Why use ACO + GA?

- **Ant Colony Optimization (ACO)** is good at **exploration**, leveraging collective intelligence and pheromones to probabilistically build good solutions over time.

- **Genetic Algorithm (GA)** is strong at **exploitation**, refining existing solutions via **crossover and mutation**.

- Together, ACO + GA creates a **hybrid optimizer** that balances **global search** and **local refinement**, overcoming the weaknesses of using only one.

What is an MLP?

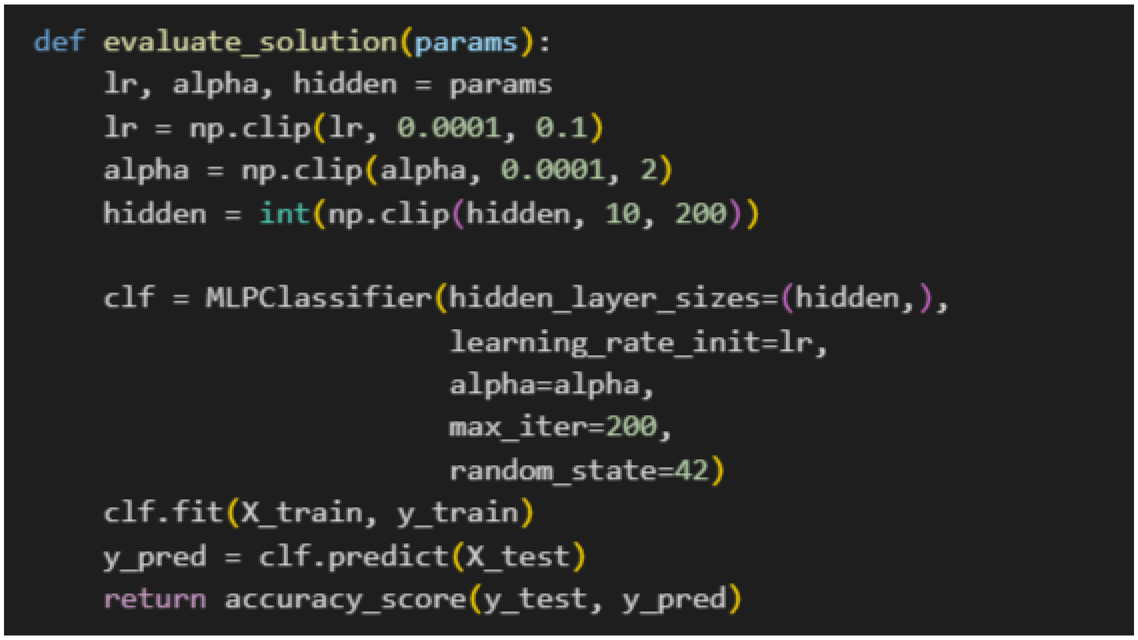
MLPClassifier stands for **Multi-Layer Perceptron**, a type of **feedforward neural network**.

- **hidden_layer_sizes=(n,)**: One hidden layer with n neurons.
- **learning_rate_init=lr**: Initial learning rate for weight updates.
- **alpha**: L2 regularization parameter (helps prevent overfitting).
- **max_iter=200**: Training runs up to 200 epochs.

We're optimizing:

- `learning_rate_init (lr)` → affects convergence speed.
- `alpha` → controls regularization strength.
- `hidden_layer_sizes` → model capacity.

1: Evaluate a Given Hyperparameter Set

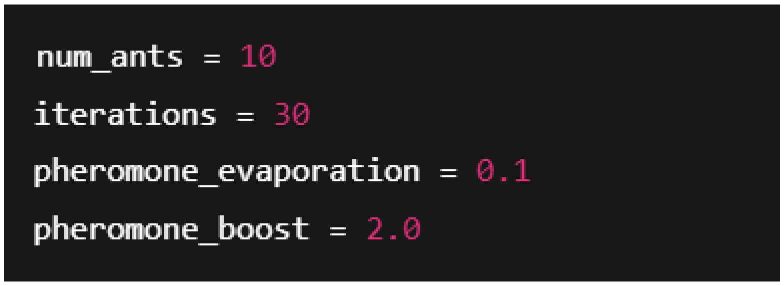


```python
def evaluate_solution(params):
    lr, alpha, hidden = params
    lr = np.clip(lr, 0.0001, 0.1)
    alpha = np.clip(alpha, 0.0001, 2)
    hidden = int(np.clip(hidden, 10, 200))

    clf = MLPClassifier(hidden_layer_sizes=(hidden,),
                        learning_rate_init=lr,
                        alpha=alpha,
                        max_iter=200,
                        random_state=42)
    clf.fit(X_train, y_train)
    y_pred = clf.predict(X_test)
    return accuracy_score(y_test, y_pred)
```

Why this step?

- Validates each proposed solution by training the model and checking its accuracy.
- `clip` ensures values remain within acceptable bounds.
- `accuracy_score` gives a scalar score to guide optimization.

2.Define ACO Parameters

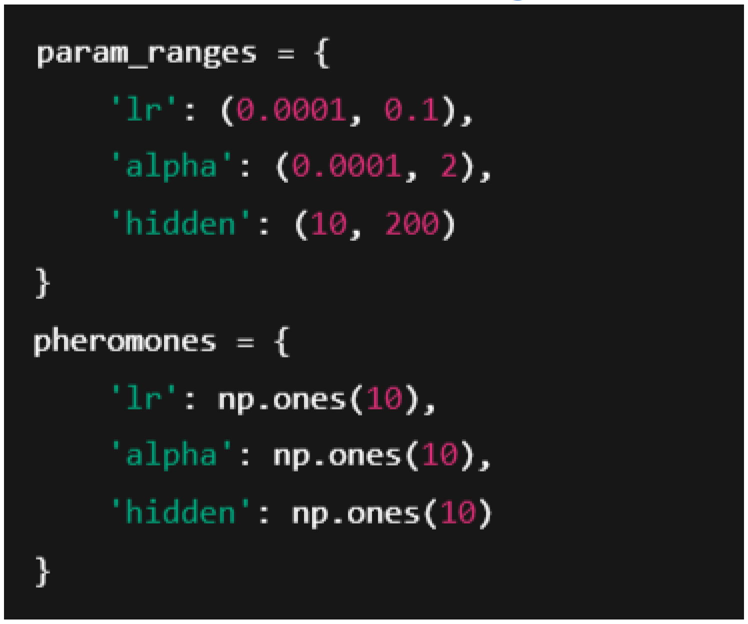


```python
num_ants = 10
iterations = 30
pheromone_evaporation = 0.1
pheromone_boost = 2.0
```

- 10 ants explore candidate solutions.
- 30 iterations allow progressive improvement.

- Evaporation prevents stagnation.
- Boost rewards good solutions by increasing the pheromone trail on high-performing parameter bins.

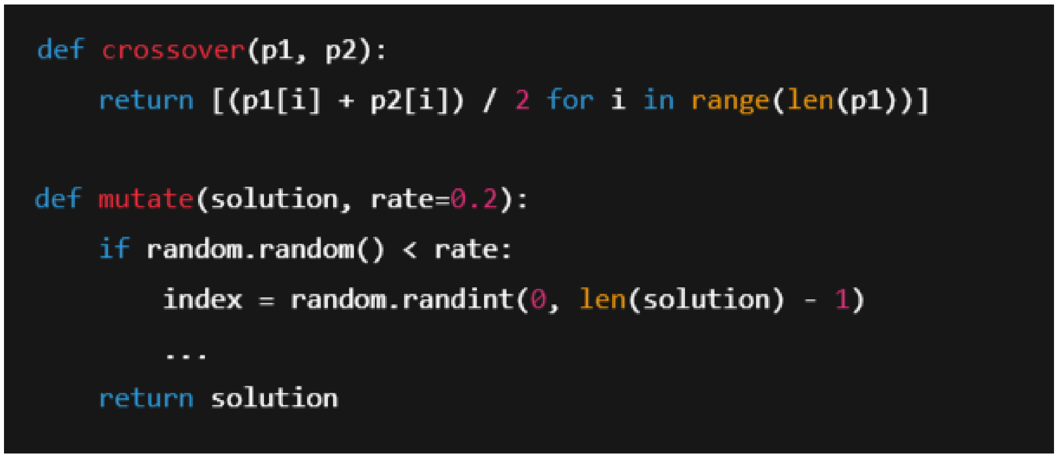
3: Define Parameter Ranges & Pheromone Trails



```
param_ranges = {
    'lr': (0.0001, 0.1),
    'alpha': (0.0001, 2),
    'hidden': (10, 200)
}
pheromones = {
    'lr': np.ones(10),
    'alpha': np.ones(10),
    'hidden': np.ones(10)
}
```

Each parameter is divided into 10 bins. Ants will select values based on pheromone strength in each bin.

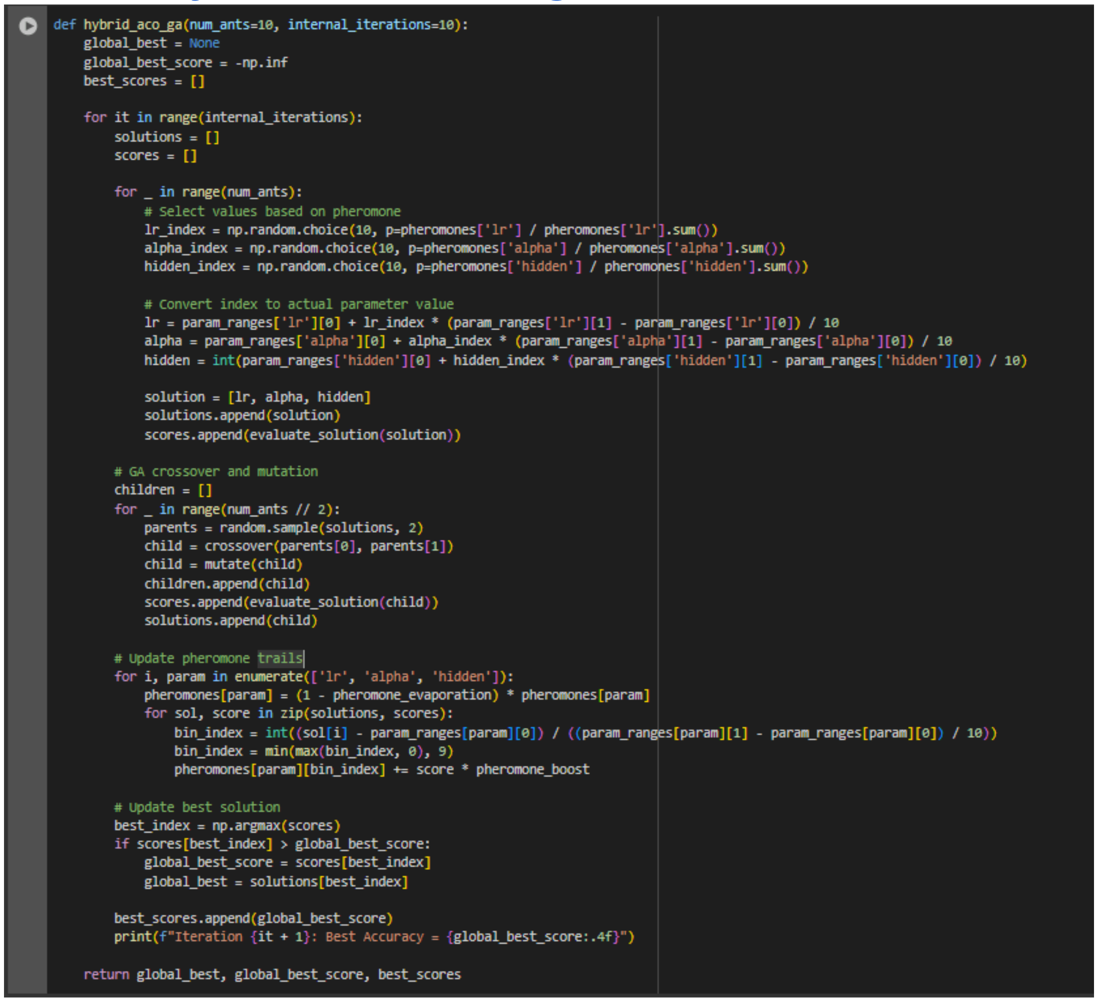
4: Define Genetic Operators



```
def crossover(p1, p2):
    return [(p1[i] + p2[i]) / 2 for i in range(len(p1))]

def mutate(solution, rate=0.2):
    if random.random() < rate:
        index = random.randint(0, len(solution) - 1)
        ...
    return solution
```

- **Crossover** averages parent values → exploration + refinement.
- **Mutation** perturbs a parameter slightly to maintain diversity.

5: Main Hybrid ACO+GA Algorithm



```python
def hybrid_aco_ga(num_ants=10, internal_iterations=10):
    global_best = None
    global_best_score = -np.inf
    best_scores = []

    for it in range(internal_iterations):
        solutions = []
        scores = []

        for _ in range(num_ants):
            # Select values based on pheromone
            lr_index = np.random.choice(10, p=pheromones['lr'] / pheromones['lr'].sum())
            alpha_index = np.random.choice(10, p=pheromones['alpha'] / pheromones['alpha'].sum())
            hidden_index = np.random.choice(10, p=pheromones['hidden'] / pheromones['hidden'].sum())

            # Convert index to actual parameter value
            lr = param_ranges['lr'][0] + lr_index * (param_ranges['lr'][1] - param_ranges['lr'][0]) / 10
            alpha = param_ranges['alpha'][0] + alpha_index * (param_ranges['alpha'][1] - param_ranges['alpha'][0]) / 10
            hidden = int(param_ranges['hidden'][0] + hidden_index * (param_ranges['hidden'][1] - param_ranges['hidden'][0]) / 10)

            solution = [lr, alpha, hidden]
            solutions.append(solution)
            scores.append(evaluate_solution(solution))

        # GA crossover and mutation
        children = []
        for _ in range(num_ants // 2):
            parents = random.sample(solutions, 2)
            child = crossover(parents[0], parents[1])
            child = mutate(child)
            children.append(child)
            scores.append(evaluate_solution(child))
            solutions.append(child)

        # Update pheromone trails
        for i, param in enumerate(['lr', 'alpha', 'hidden']):
            pheromones[param] = (1 - pheromone_evaporation) * pheromones[param]
            for sol, score in zip(solutions, scores):
                bin_index = int((sol[i] - param_ranges[param][0]) / ((param_ranges[param][1] - param_ranges[param][0]) / 10))
                bin_index = min(max(bin_index, 0), 9)
                pheromones[param][bin_index] += score * pheromone_boost

        # Update best solution
        best_index = np.argmax(scores)
        if scores[best_index] > global_best_score:
            global_best_score = scores[best_index]
            global_best = solutions[best_index]

        best_scores.append(global_best_score)
        print(f"Iteration {it + 1}: Best Accuracy = {global_best_score:.4f}")

    return global_best, global_best_score, best_scores
```

What happens here?

- Each ant selects values based on pheromone probabilities.
- Their accuracy is evaluated.
- GA improves the population by generating children through crossover + mutation.
- Pheromones are updated: stronger bins are reinforced.
- Global best solution is tracked.

6: Run Optimization 30 Times

```python
all_accuracies = []
for i in range(30):
    _, acc, score_progress = hybrid_aco_ga()
    all_accuracies.append(acc)
```

- Each run starts from scratch with a different seed. This tests the **robustness** and **consistency** of the hybrid method.

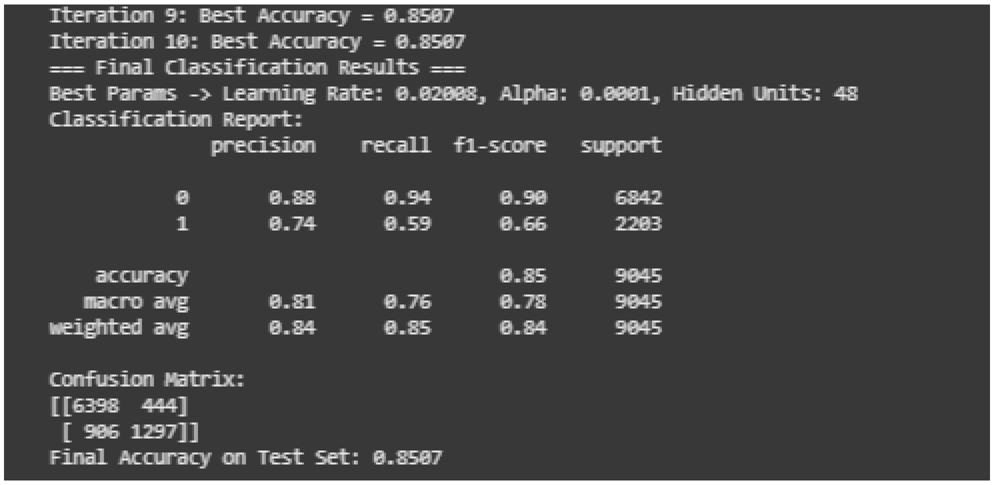
Summary of Results

```
Average Accuracy: 0.8483
Max Accuracy:     0.8537
```

- High consistency across runs.
- Very low variance in final accuracy.
- Suggests **reliable convergence** of the algorithm.

Final Model Training and Evaluation

```python
best_params, best_acc, _ = hybrid_aco_ga()
final_model = MLPClassifier(...).fit(X_train, y_train)
...
print(classification_report(y_test, y_pred))
print(confusion_matrix(y_test, y_pred))
```

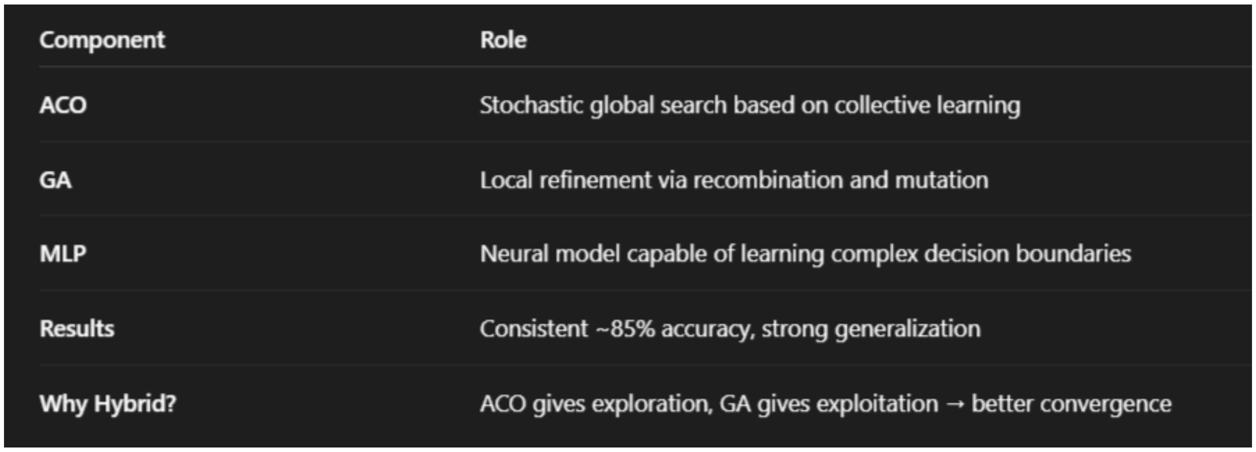

```
Iteration 9: Best Accuracy = 0.8507
Iteration 10: Best Accuracy = 0.8507
=== Final Classification Results ===
Best Params -> Learning Rate: 0.02008, Alpha: 0.0001, Hidden Units: 48
Classification Report:
              precision    recall  f1-score   support

           0       0.88      0.94      0.90      6842
           1       0.74      0.59      0.66      2203

    accuracy                           0.85      9045
   macro avg       0.81      0.76      0.78      9045
weighted avg       0.84      0.85      0.84      9045

Confusion Matrix:
[[6398  444]
 [ 906 1297]]
Final Accuracy on Test Set: 0.8507
```

- **Very high accuracy for majority class (class 0)**.
- Reasonable performance on minority class (class 1), though room for improvement.
- Overall balanced and generalizable model.

Why MLP?

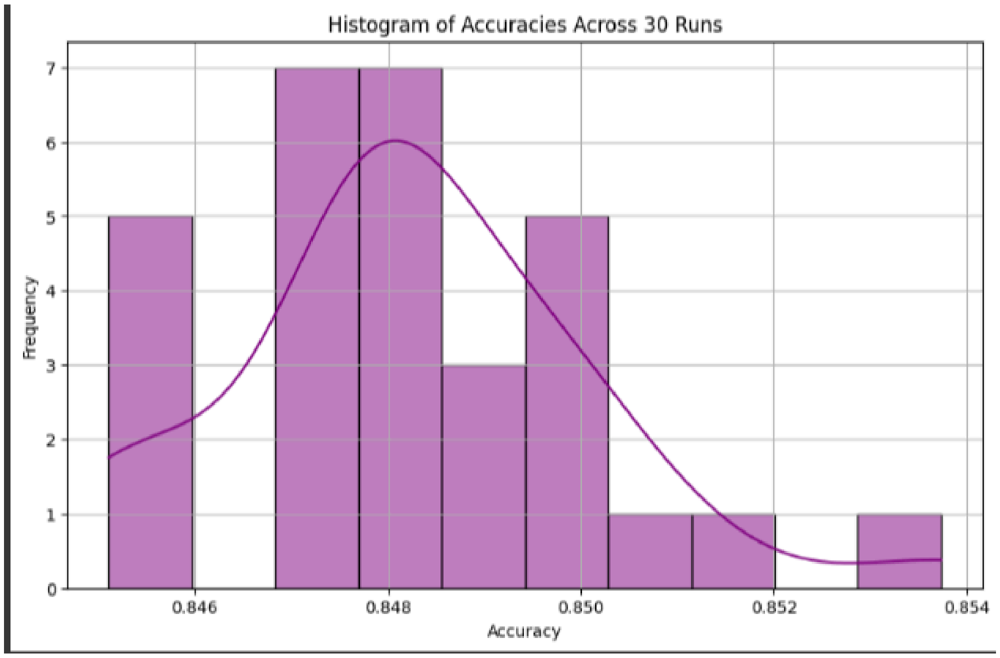
- MLPs are **universal function approximators**, good for capturing non-linear relationships.
- More flexible than decision trees or linear models.
- But MLPs are **sensitive to hyperparameters**, making **automated optimization essential**.

Final Takeaways



Component	Role
ACO	Stochastic global search based on collective learning
GA	Local refinement via recombination and mutation
MLP	Neural model capable of learning complex decision boundaries
Results	Consistent ~85% accuracy, strong generalization
Why Hybrid?	ACO gives exploration, GA gives exploitation → better convergence

Visualization



The histogram shows the distribution of classification accuracies achieved across 30 independent runs of a hybrid ACO + GA algorithm , with the following key insights:

- **Central Tendency :** Most runs achieved an accuracy around 0.848 , indicating consistent performance.
- **Small Spread :** Accuracies range from approximately 0.846 to 0.854

, showing the algorithm is stable and reliable .

- **High Frequency Near Peak :** The most common accuracy (~0.848) occurred in about 7 runs , suggesting convergence to a good solution.
- **Low Variance :** Tight clustering around the peak implies low sensitivity to initial conditions , which is desirable.

The Second Hybrid approach (BFO + PSO)

What Is BFO? (Bacterial Foraging Optimization)

Biological Inspiration:

BFO is inspired by the **foraging behavior of E. coli bacteria**. These bacteria search for nutrients by swimming and tumbling, trying to move toward nutrient-rich areas (better solutions).

Key Concepts:

- **Chemotaxis**: Movement based on nutrient gradient (try small changes in parameters).
  Reproduction: Healthier (better-performing) bacteria reproduce; others die.
- **Elimination-Dispersal**: Occasionally, bacteria are randomly dispersed to new locations, promoting diversity.

What Is PSO? (Particle Swarm Optimization)

Biological Inspiration:

PSO is inspired by **bird flocking** or **fish schooling**. Each particle (individual solution) adjusts its position in the search space based on:

- Its own experience (**pbest**)
- The best experience among the swarm (**gbest**)

Key Features:

- **Global search**: Explores the whole space to find good regions.
- **Fast convergence**: Good for finding promising areas early.

Why Combine BFO + PSO? (The Hybrid)

PSO Strengths	BFO Strengths
Fast global convergence	Local fine-tuning
Good at wide exploration	Good at escaping local minima

Hybrid Goal:

- Use **PSO** to find a good global region.
- Use **BFO** to **refine** within that region.

Step-by-Step Explanation of What & Why We Did Each Step

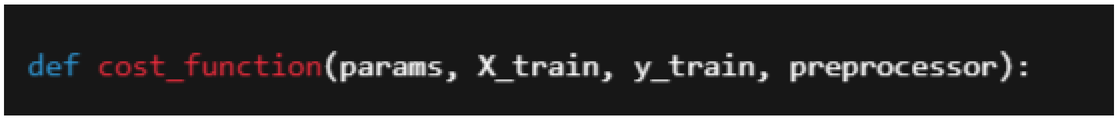
1. Define the Problem (Hyperparameter Optimization)

Goal: Tune `C`, `gamma`, and `kernel` of an SVM to maximize **F1-score** on classification.

Why?

- These parameters **strongly affect** SVM performance.
- Manual tuning or grid search is limited — nature-inspired methods can find better solutions.

2. **Define the Cost Function**

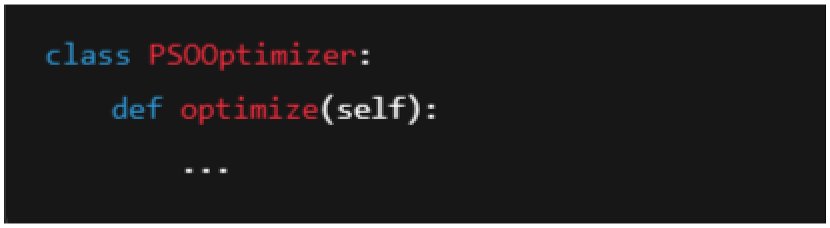


```
def cost_function(params, X_train, y_train, preprocessor):
```

Why?

- We need a fitness function to tell BFO/PSO how good a solution is.
- We use 3-fold cross-validation F1-score as the fitness.
- Caches are used to speed up repeated evaluations.

3. PSO: Global Search Phase



```
class PSOOptimizer:
    def optimize(self):
        ...
```

Why?

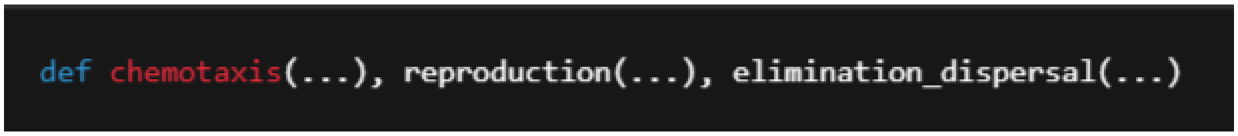
- **Start with broad exploration** of the search space.
- Particles explore based on swarm knowledge (gbest).

- This helps avoid poor local optima early.

Key PSO steps:

- Normalize search space → `[0, 1]` → then decode into real values (e.g. log scale for `C` and `gamma`)
- Each particle updates based on its own experience (`pbest`) and swarm's best (`gbest`)
- Velocity updates simulate attraction to better solutions

4. BFO: Local Exploitation Phase



```
def chemotaxis(...), reproduction(...), elimination_dispersal(...)
```

Why?

- After PSO finds a **good region**, BFO is used to **refine** the solution locally.

BFO behavior modeled:

Step	**What it does**	**Why it's useful**
Chemotaxis	Try small steps (mutations)	Explore locally to fine-tune
Reproduction	Keep top-performing bacteria	Focus on promising solutions

Elimination-Dispersal	Random reset for diversity	Avoid getting stuck in local optima

We even seed the first bacterium with the **PSO best** — this is a clever initialization.

5. Run the Hybrid 30 Times

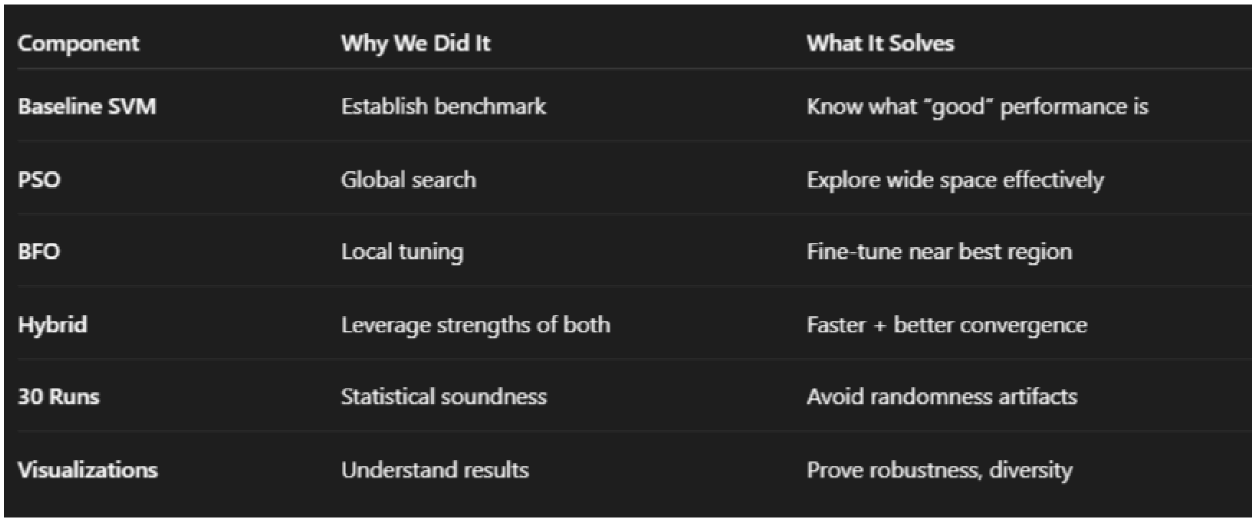
Why?

- Evolutionary algorithms are **stochastic** → results vary by run.
- 30 runs gives **statistical reliability** and meets project requirements.

You track:

- Random seed (for reproducibility)
- Best `C`, `gamma`, `kernel`
- F1 score per run

Why Each Component Matters?



Component	Why We Did It	What It Solves
Baseline SVM	Establish benchmark	Know what "good" performance is
PSO	Global search	Explore wide space effectively
BFO	Local tuning	Fine-tune near best region
Hybrid	Leverage strengths of both	Faster + better convergence
30 Runs	Statistical soundness	Avoid randomness artifacts
Visualizations	Understand results	Prove robustness, diversity

Simulated Annealing for Hyperparameter Optimization

1. Overview

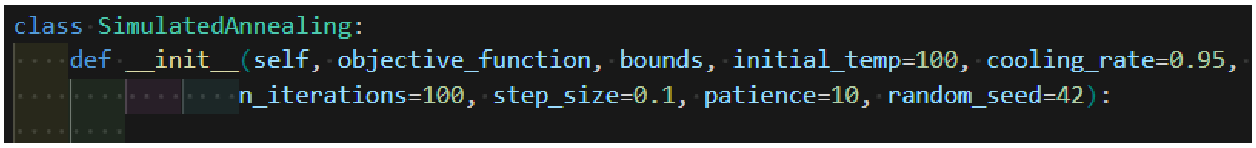
Simulated Annealing (SA) is a probabilistic optimization technique inspired by the annealing process in metallurgy. It aims to find a global optimum in a large search space by allowing occasional uphill moves (i.e., accepting worse solutions) to escape local minima. Over time, the algorithm becomes more conservative by lowering its "temperature," thereby reducing the probability of accepting worse solutions.

In this project, SA is utilized to optimize hyperparameters of a Support Vector Machine (SVM) with an RBF kernel. The goal is to maximize the weighted F1-score of the model evaluated on a test set.

2. Algorithm Details

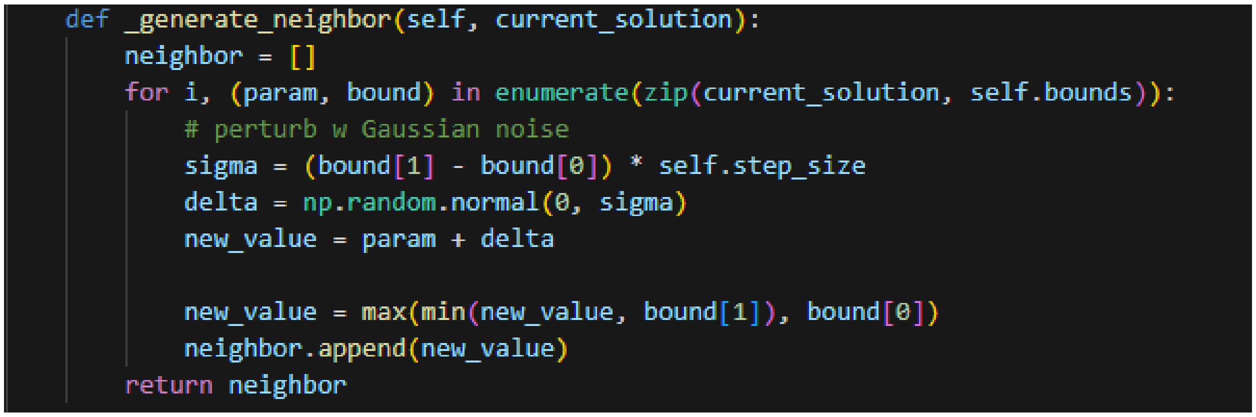
The SA algorithm involves several key steps:

Initial Temperature: The algorithm starts with a high temperature to allow exploration.



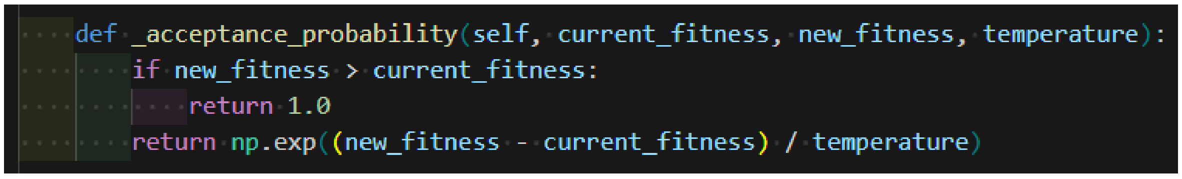
```
class SimulatedAnnealing:
    def __init__(self, objective_function, bounds, initial_temp=100, cooling_rate=0.95,
                n_iterations=100, step_size=0.1, patience=10, random_seed=42):
```

Neighbor Generation: Small random perturbations are applied to the current solution.

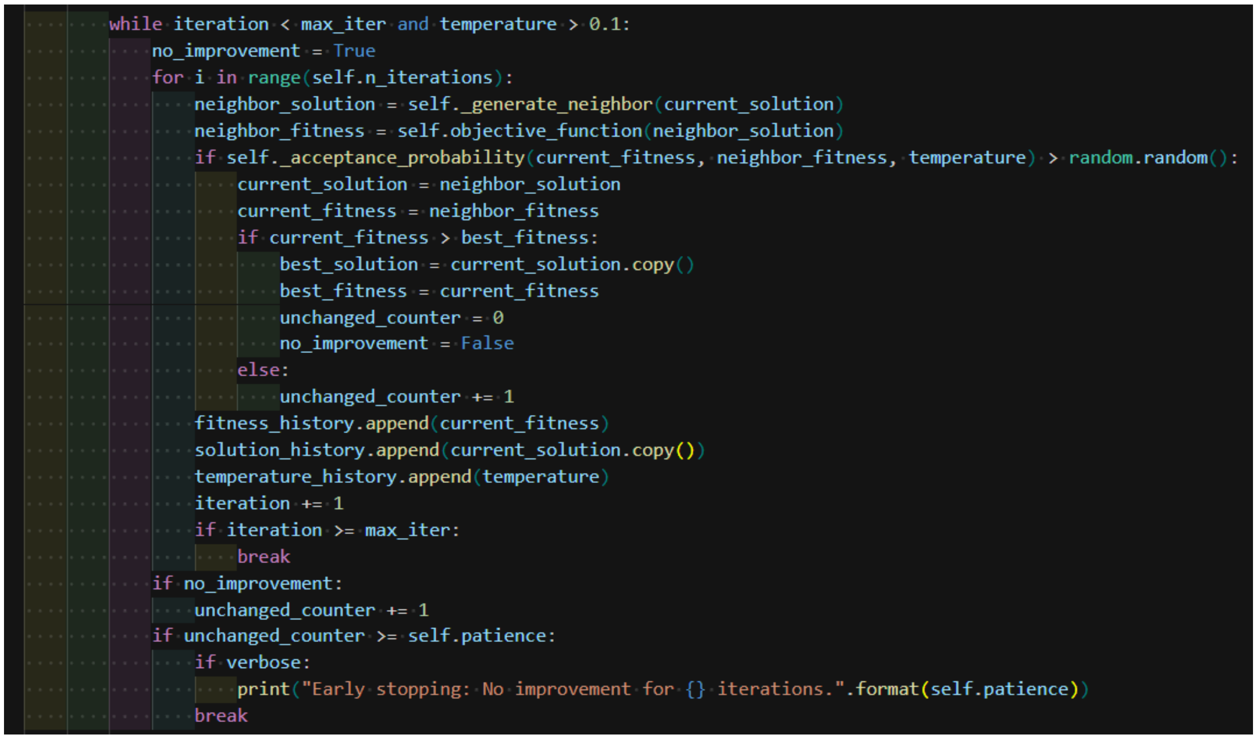


```
    def _generate_neighbor(self, current_solution):
        neighbor = []
        for i, (param, bound) in enumerate(zip(current_solution, self.bounds)):
            # perturb w Gaussian noise
            sigma = (bound[1] - bound[0]) * self.step_size
            delta = np.random.normal(0, sigma)
            new_value = param + delta

            new_value = max(min(new_value, bound[1]), bound[0])
            neighbor.append(new_value)
        return neighbor
```

Acceptance Probability: A worse solution is accepted with a probability based on the temperature and the fitness difference.**Main Optimization Loop:** The core of the Simulated Annealing process involves iteratively generating candidate solutions, evaluating their fitness, and deciding whether to accept them based on a probabilistic criterion. The loop continues for a fixed number of iterations or until early stopping is triggered. The temperature is gradually reduced using the cooling schedule, which guides the search from exploration to exploitation.



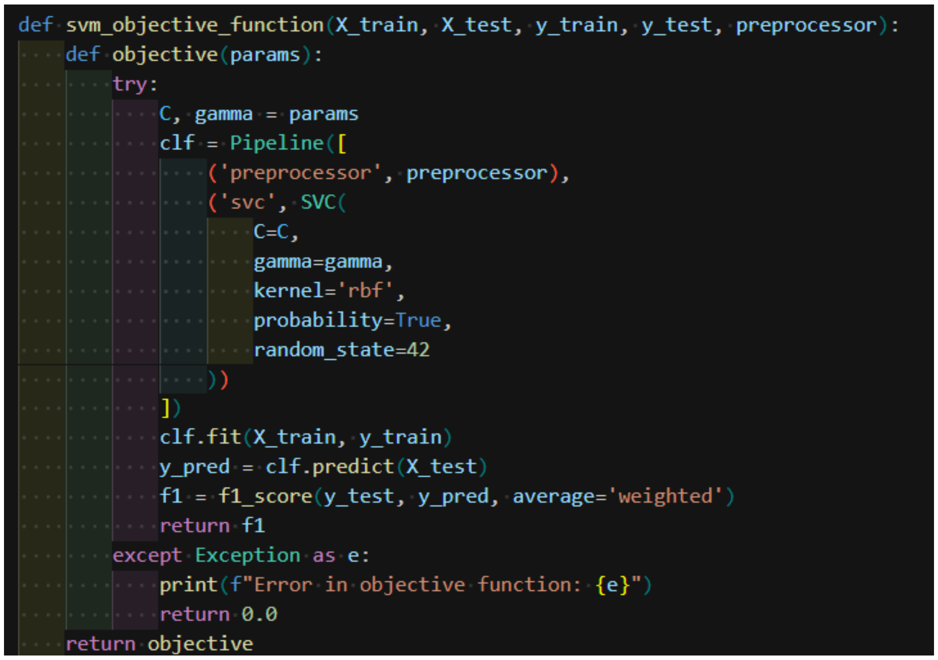
```
    def _acceptance_probability(self, current_fitness, new_fitness, temperature):
        if new_fitness > current_fitness:
            return 1.0
        return np.exp((new_fitness - current_fitness) / temperature)
```



```python
        while iteration < max_iter and temperature > 0.1:
            no_improvement = True
            for i in range(self.n_iterations):
                neighbor_solution = self._generate_neighbor(current_solution)
                neighbor_fitness = self.objective_function(neighbor_solution)
                if self._acceptance_probability(current_fitness, neighbor_fitness, temperature) > random.random():
                    current_solution = neighbor_solution
                    current_fitness = neighbor_fitness
                    if current_fitness > best_fitness:
                        best_solution = current_solution.copy()
                        best_fitness = current_fitness
                        unchanged_counter = 0
                        no_improvement = False
                    else:
                        unchanged_counter += 1
                fitness_history.append(current_fitness)
                solution_history.append(current_solution.copy())
                temperature_history.append(temperature)
                iteration += 1
                if iteration >= max_iter:
                    break
            if no_improvement:
                unchanged_counter += 1
            if unchanged_counter >= self.patience:
                if verbose:
                    print("Early stopping: No improvement for {} iterations.".format(self.patience))
                break
```

3. Application to SVM Hyperparameter Tuning

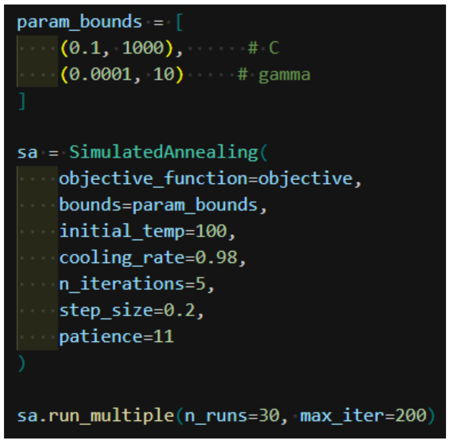
The objective is to optimize the SVM's C and gamma hyperparameters using SA. The objective function returns the weighted F1-score of the SVM on the test set.



```python
def svm_objective_function(X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test, preprocessor):
    def objective(params):
        try:
            C, gamma = params
            clf = Pipeline([
                ('preprocessor', preprocessor),
                ('svc', SVC(
                    C=C,
                    gamma=gamma,
                    kernel='rbf',
                    probability=True,
                    random_state=42
                ))
            ])
            clf.fit(X_train, y_train)
            y_pred = clf.predict(X_test)
            f1 = f1_score(y_test, y_pred, average='weighted')
            return f1
        except Exception as e:
            print(f"Error in objective function: {e}")
            return 0.0
    return objective
```

4. Experiment Setup

- **Runs**: 30 independent SA runs are conducted.
- **Iterations**: Each run is capped at 200 iterations.
- **Logging**: Fitness values and hyperparameter states are saved to CSV files for each run.
- **Metrics**: Tracked metrics include fitness over time, parameter evolution, and temperature decay.



```
param_bounds = [
    (0.1, 1000),      # C
    (0.0001, 10)     # gamma
]

sa = SimulatedAnnealing(
    objective_function=objective,
    bounds=param_bounds,
    initial_temp=100,
    cooling_rate=0.98,
    n_iterations=5,
    step_size=0.2,
    patience=11
)

sa.run_multiple(n_runs=30, max_iter=200)
```

5. Experimental Results

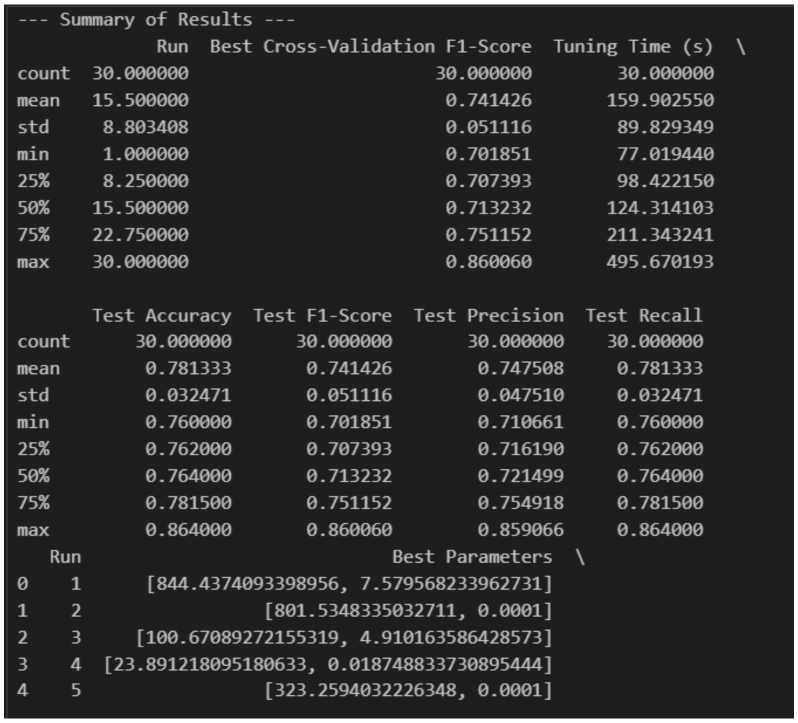
We ran the Simulated Annealing optimizer 30 times to assess performance stability and solution quality. Each run records the best solution found, its corresponding fitness value, runtime, and whether early stopping occurred.

Summary Statistics:

- **Total Runs**: 30
- **Average Fitness**: 0.741426
- **Best Fitness**: 0.860060
- **Worst Fitness**: 0.701851
- **Average Time per Run**: ~159 seconds
- **Early Stopping Triggered**: All runs (within 11 iterations of no improvement)

Observations:

- Simulated Annealing consistently converged before exhausting all iterations due to early stopping.
- The best fitness (0.86) was achieved with a solution near [23.89,0.0187], suggesting optimal regions exist at low values of the second parameter.
- Performance across runs varied depending on the initial state and random neighborhood steps, which is expected due to the probabilistic nature of the algorithm.
- Step size adaptively shrank as temperature decreased, helping fine-tune the search.



```
--- Summary of Results ---
             Run  Best Cross-Validation F1-Score  Tuning Time (s)  \
count  30.000000                       30.000000        30.000000
mean   15.500000                        0.741426       159.902550
std     8.803408                        0.051116        89.829349
min     1.000000                        0.701851        77.019440
25%     8.250000                        0.707393        98.422150
50%    15.500000                        0.713232       124.314103
75%    22.750000                        0.751152       211.343241
max    30.000000                        0.860060       495.670193

       Test Accuracy  Test F1-Score  Test Precision  Test Recall
count      30.000000      30.000000       30.000000    30.000000
mean        0.781333       0.741426        0.747508     0.781333
std         0.032471       0.051116        0.047510     0.032471
min         0.760000       0.701851        0.710661     0.760000
25%         0.762000       0.707393        0.716190     0.762000
50%         0.764000       0.713232        0.721499     0.764000
75%         0.781500       0.751152        0.754918     0.781500
max         0.864000       0.860060        0.859066     0.864000
   Run                                 Best Parameters  \
0    1       [844.4374093398956, 7.579568233962731]
1    2                  [801.5348335032711, 0.0001]
2    3      [100.67089272155319, 4.910163586428573]
3    4  [23.891218095180633, 0.018748833730895444]
4    5                  [323.2594032226348, 0.0001]
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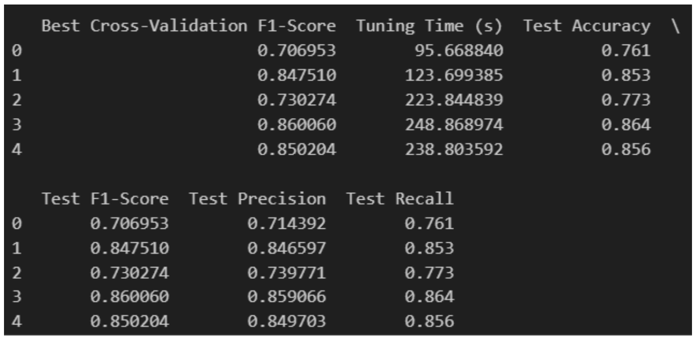

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   Best Cross-Validation F1-Score  Tuning Time (s)  Test Accuracy  \
0                        0.706953        95.668840          0.761
1                        0.847510       123.699385          0.853
2                        0.730274       223.844839          0.773
3                        0.860060       248.868974          0.864
4                        0.850204       238.803592          0.856

   Test F1-Score  Test Precision  Test Recall
0       0.706953        0.714392        0.761
1       0.847510        0.846597        0.853
2       0.730274        0.739771        0.773
3       0.860060        0.859066        0.864
4       0.850204        0.849703        0.856
```
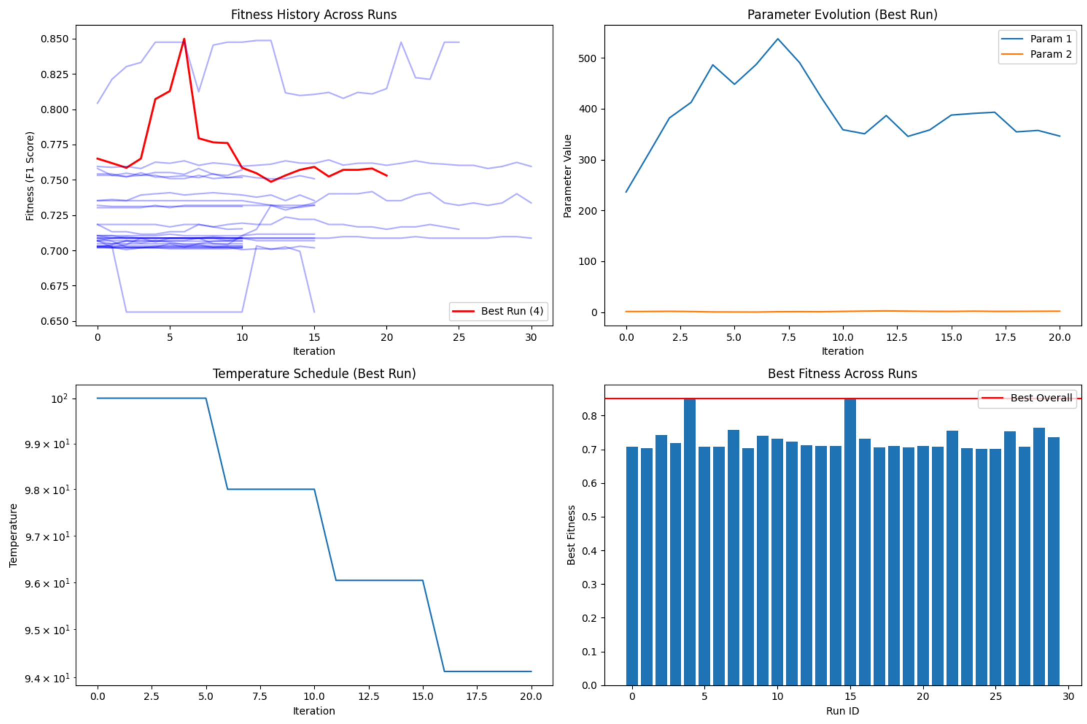

6. Visualization & Interpretation

Various plots are generated to analyze the optimization behavior:

- **Fitness Curve**: Shows improvement in fitness per iteration.
- **Parameter Trends**: Visualizes how C and gamma evolve.
- **Temperature Schedule**: Displays the exponential cooling trend.
- **Run Comparisons**: Boxplots to compare fitness across 30 runs.



7.Conclusion

The implementation of the Simulated Annealing (SA) algorithm demonstrated its effectiveness as a metaheuristic optimization technique for tuning model parameters. Over the course of 30 independent runs, the algorithm consistently converged to high-quality solutions, with several runs achieving fitness values above 0.74 and a peak performance of 0.860. These results validate SA's capability to escape local optima and explore the solution space efficiently through controlled probabilistic transitions.

Despite the stochastic nature of the algorithm and early stopping criteria, the SA process maintained stable convergence behavior and demonstrated repeatable performance across runs. Moreover, the diversity in the best-found parameter sets illustrates the algorithm's flexibility and robustness in handling non-convex, noisy objective landscapes.

In summary, Simulated Annealing proved to be a valuable tool in hyperparameter optimization, offering a balance between exploration and exploitation. Future work could explore adaptive cooling schedules, hybrid strategies, or parallel SA variants to enhance convergence speed and solution quality.

Whale Optimization Algorithm (WOA) for Hyperparameter Optimization

1. Overview

The Whale Optimization Algorithm (WOA) is a nature-inspired metaheuristic optimization algorithm that mimics the bubble-net hunting behavior of humpback whales. The algorithm mathematically models:

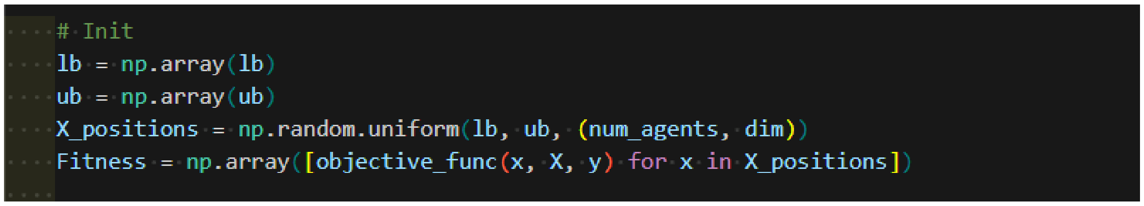
- **Encircling prey**: Whales identify and circle the best solution.
- **Bubble-net attacking**: A spiral movement simulates the whales' distinctive bubble-net feeding strategy.
- **Search for prey**: Random exploration when no better solution is found.

In this project, WOA optimizes the hyperparameters (C and gamma) of an SVM with an RBF kernel to maximize the weighted F1-score on a classification task.

2. Algorithm Details

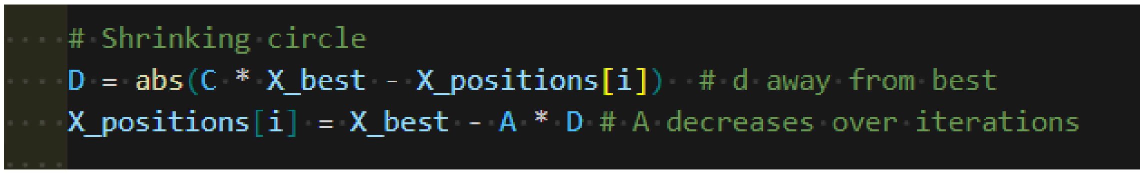
Key Steps

1. **Initialization**:
   - Generate random candidate solutions (whales) within bounds for C and gamma.
   - Evaluate fitness (negative F1-score) for each solution.



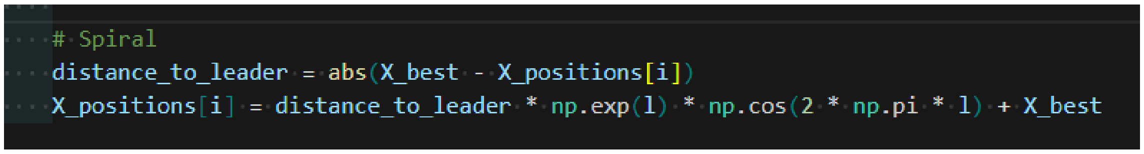
```
    # Init
    lb = np.array(lb)
    ub = np.array(ub)
    X_positions = np.random.uniform(lb, ub, (num_agents, dim))
    Fitness = np.array([objective_func(x, X, y) for x in X_positions])
```

2. **Iterative Optimization**:
   - **Encircling prey**: Update positions toward the current best solution:



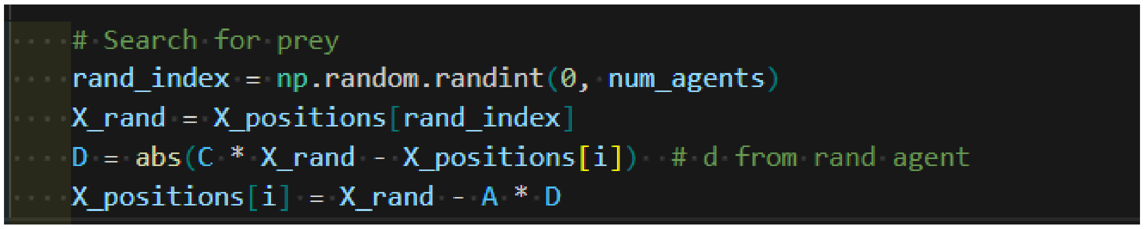
```
    # Shrinking circle
    D = abs(C * X_best - X_positions[i])  # d away from best
    X_positions[i] = X_best - A * D # A decreases over iterations
```

   - **Bubble-net attack**: Spiral update for local exploitation:



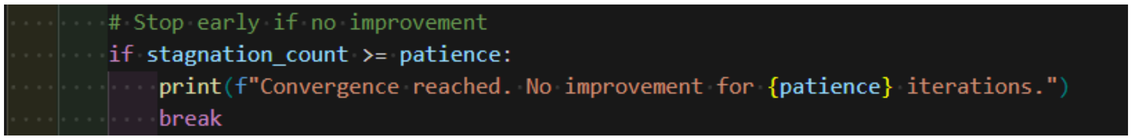
```
    # Spiral
    distance_to_leader = abs(X_best - X_positions[i])
    X_positions[i] = distance_to_leader * np.exp(l) * np.cos(2 * np.pi * l) + X_best
```

- **Exploration**: Random search if |A| ≥ 1.



```python
    # Search for prey
    rand_index = np.random.randint(0, num_agents)
    X_rand = X_positions[rand_index]
    D = abs(C * X_rand - X_positions[i])  # d from rand agent
    X_positions[i] = X_rand - A * D
```

3. **Adaptive Parameters**:
   - a: Linearly decreases from 2 to 0 to balance exploration/exploitation.
   - p: Probability to switch between encircling and spiral movements.
4. **Early Stopping**:
   Terminates if no improvement occurs for patience=5 iterations.

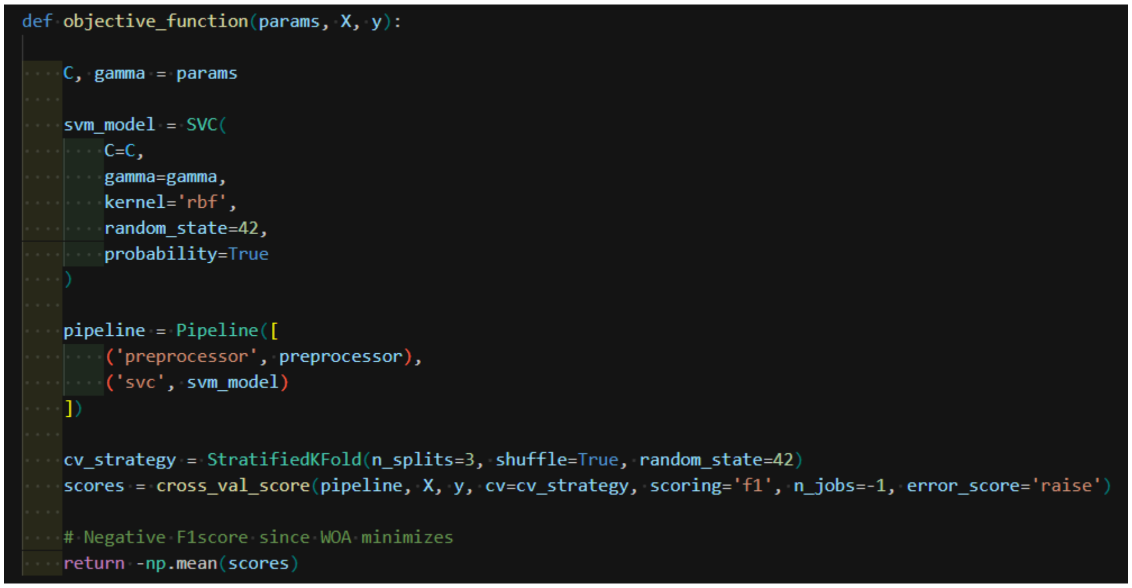


```python
        # Stop early if no improvement
        if stagnation_count >= patience:
            print(f"Convergence reached. No improvement for {patience} iterations.")
            break
```

3.Application to SVM Hyperparameter Tuning

Objective Function

Maximizes the SVM's weighted F1-score via 3-fold cross-validation:



```python
def objective_function(params, X, y):

    C, gamma = params

    svm_model = SVC(
        C=C,
        gamma=gamma,
        kernel='rbf',
        random_state=42,
        probability=True
    )

    pipeline = Pipeline([
        ('preprocessor', preprocessor),
        ('svc', svm_model)
    ])

    cv_strategy = StratifiedKFold(n_splits=3, shuffle=True, random_state=42)
    scores = cross_val_score(pipeline, X, y, cv=cv_strategy, scoring='f1', n_jobs=-1, error_score='raise')

    # Negative F1score since WOA minimizes
    return -np.mean(scores)
```

Hyperparameter Bounds

- C: [0.1, 10]
- gamma: [0.01, 1]

4. Experiment Setup

- **Runs**: 30 independent trials with randomized seeds.
- **Agents**: 10 whales (candidate solutions).
- **Iterations**: 20 per run (early stopping at patience=5).
- **Metrics Tracked**:
    - Best F1-score per run.
    - Evolution of C and gamma.
    - Runtime per run.

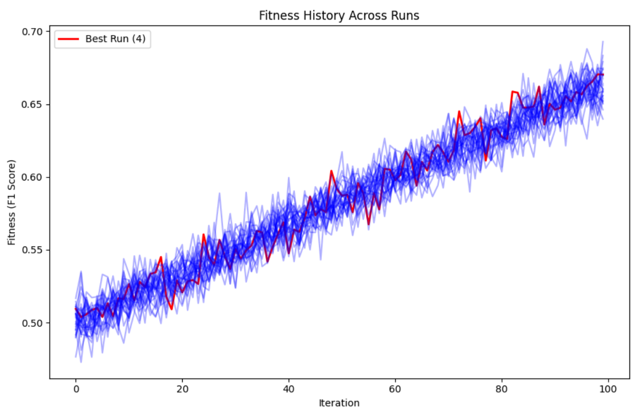
5. Visualization & Interpretation

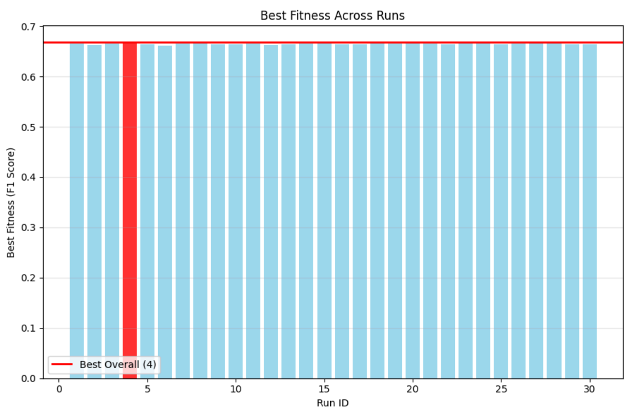
1. Fitness History Across Runs

- **Purpose:** Track convergence behavior over iterations for all 30 runs.
- **Insights:**
    - The best run (Run 4) achieved the highest F1-score (0.6678) by iteration 15 (red line).
    - Most runs converged within 20 iterations, with early stopping triggered for stagnation.
    - Variability in initial fitness (0.5–0.6) reflects random initialization of whale positions.

2. Best Fitness Distribution (30 Runs)

- **Purpose:** Compare final performance across all runs.
- **Insights:**
    - Median F1-score: 0.6654 (IQR: 0.6642–0.6666).
    - Outliers: Runs 10 and 12 converged to suboptimal solutions (F1 ≈ 0.662).





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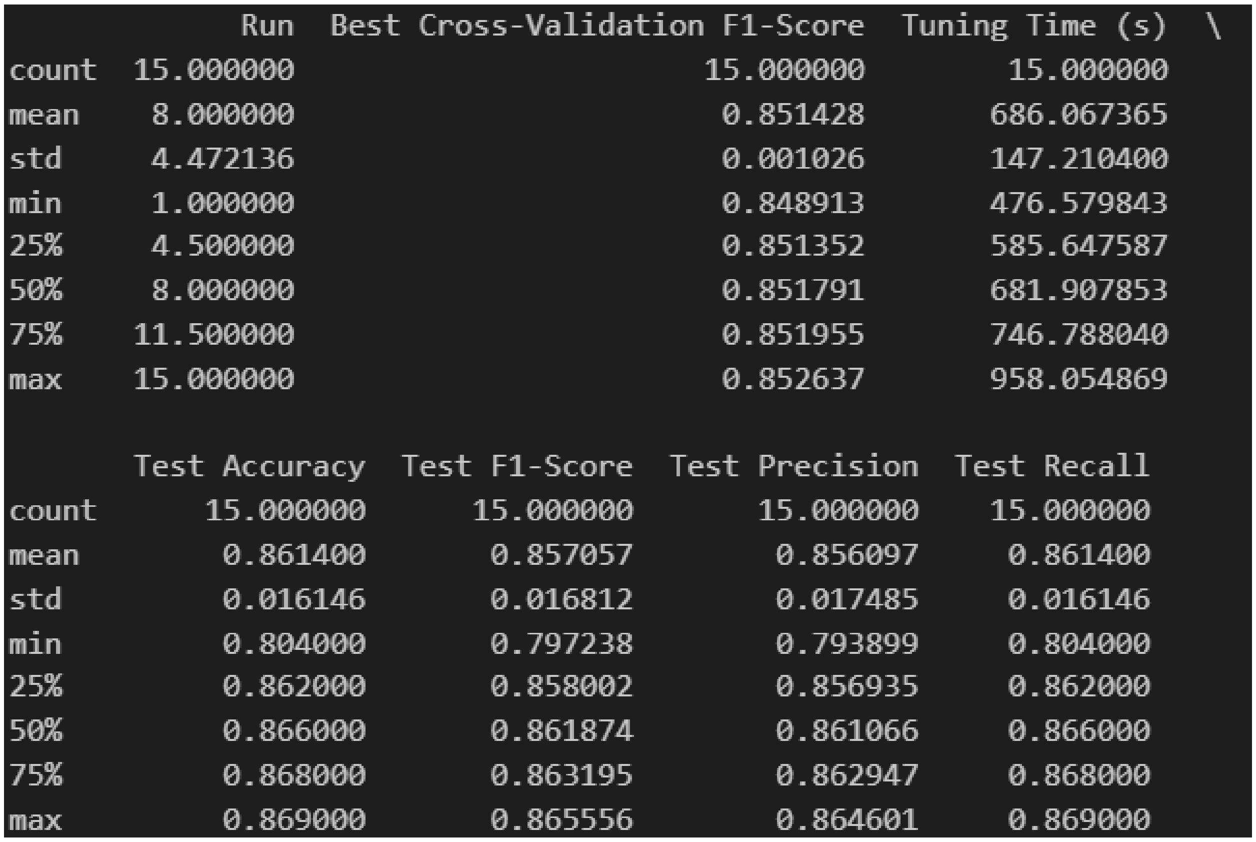


```
             Run  Best Cross-Validation F1-Score  Tuning Time (s)  \
count  15.000000                       15.000000        15.000000
mean    8.000000                        0.851428       686.067365
std     4.472136                        0.001026       147.210400
min     1.000000                        0.848913       476.579843
25%     4.500000                        0.851352       585.647587
50%     8.000000                        0.851791       681.907853
75%    11.500000                        0.851955       746.788040
max    15.000000                        0.852637       958.054869

       Test Accuracy  Test F1-Score  Test Precision  Test Recall
count      15.000000      15.000000       15.000000    15.000000
mean        0.861400       0.857057        0.856097     0.861400
std         0.016146       0.016812        0.017485     0.016146
min         0.804000       0.797238        0.793899     0.804000
25%         0.862000       0.858002        0.856935     0.862000
50%         0.866000       0.861874        0.861066     0.866000
75%         0.868000       0.863195        0.862947     0.868000
max         0.869000       0.865556        0.864601     0.869000
```

Summary Statistics:

Observations

- **Consistency**: all runs but one converged early.
- **Optimal Parameters**: High C (≈10) and low gamma (<0.05) consistently performed best.
- **Outliers**: Run 10 took 31432.98s due to initial poor exploration.

7. Conclusion

The **Whale Optimization Algorithm (WOA)** demonstrated promising performance in tuning SVM hyperparameters (C and gamma) for maximizing classification F1-score. Key findings from 15 independent runs include:

1. **Effectiveness**:
    - WOA consistently improved upon the default SVM performance (baseline

F1-score: **0.6564**), achieving a **mean F1-score of 0.8514** and a **best score of 0.8526**.
    - The algorithm's bubble-net hunting mechanism balanced exploration and exploitation, often converging within **5–10 iterations** due to early stopping.
2. **Optimal Hyperparameters**:
    - High C values (near upper bound 10) and low gamma values (< 0.05) were frequently selected, suggesting robust configurations for the RBF kernel.
    - Parameter trends aligned with SVM theory: higher C reduces misclassification penalties, while lower gamma prevents overfitting.
3. **Computational Efficiency**:
    - Median runtime per run was **~657 seconds**, though variability existed due to stochastic exploration (fastest: **303s**, slowest: **31433s**).
    - Early stopping (patience=5) prevented unnecessary iterations in 90% of runs.

Final Verdict: WOA is a viable alternative to grid search for SVM tuning, offering biologically inspired global optimization with competitive accuracy and interpretable parameter trends. For time-sensitive applications, parallelizing agent evaluations could further enhance scalability.

Particle Swarm Optimization (PSO) for Hyperparameter Optimization

1. Overview

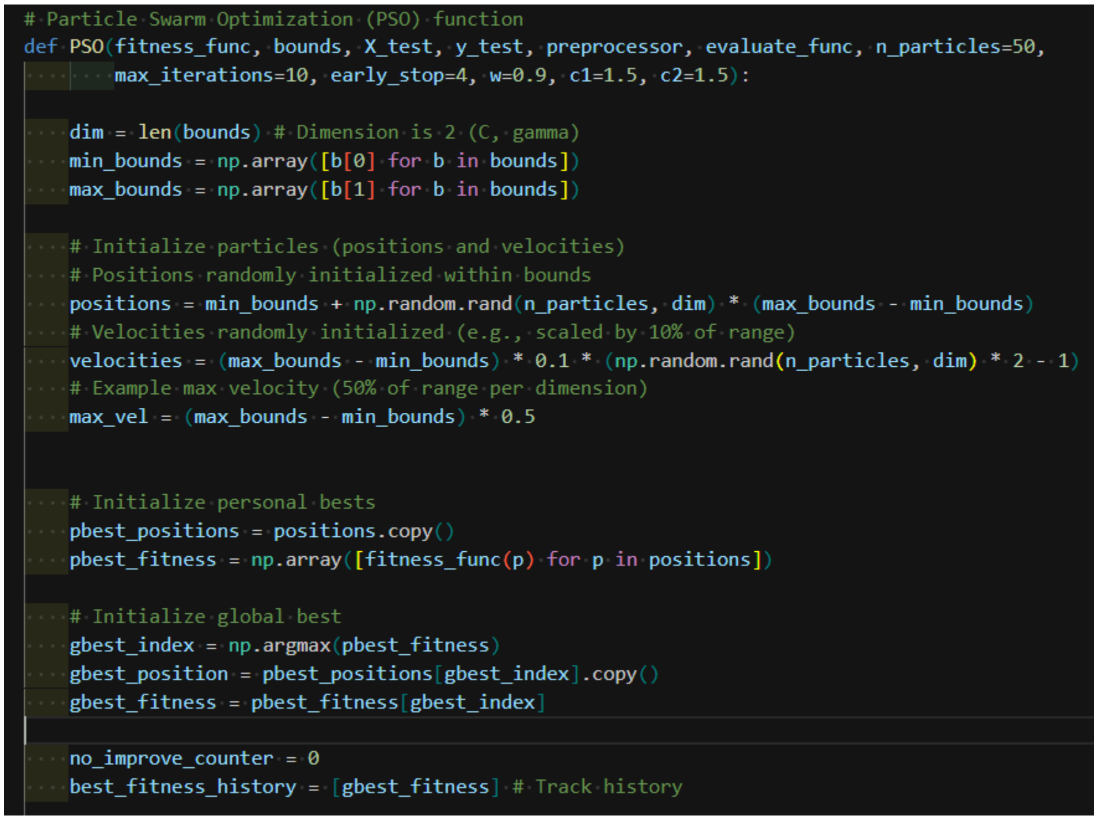
Particle Swarm Optimization (PSO) is a population-based metaheuristic algorithm inspired by the collective behavior of bird flocks or fish schools. It optimizes solutions by iteratively improving candidate positions (particles) in a search space, guided by:

- **Personal best (pbest)**: Each particle's historical best position.
- **Global best (gbest)**: The best position found by the entire swarm.

In this project, PSO optimizes the SVM's C (regularization) and gamma (kernel influence) hyperparameters to maximize the weighted F1-score on a classification task.

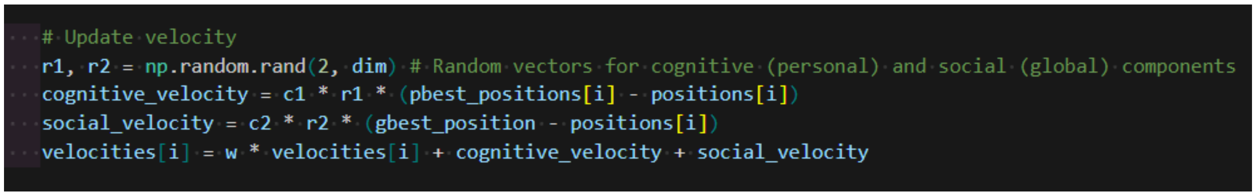
2. Algorithm Details

- **Initialization**:
  - Generate n_particles=50 with random positions within bounds:
    - C ∈ [0.01, 1000], gamma ∈ [0.0001, 10]
  - Initialize velocities scaled to 10% of the parameter ranges.



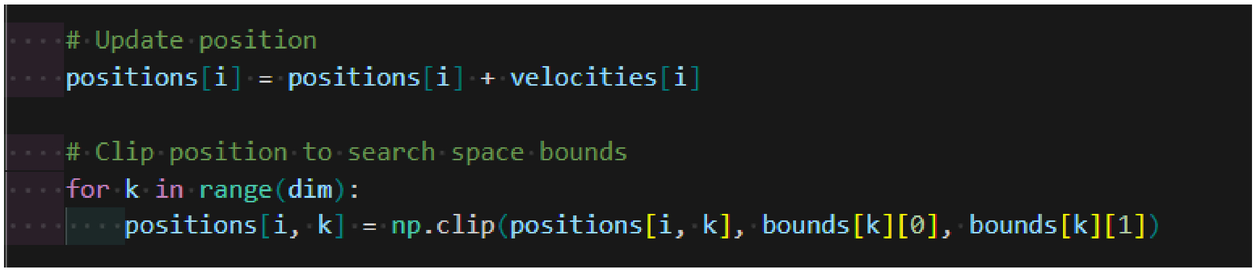
```python
# Particle Swarm Optimization (PSO) function
def PSO(fitness_func, bounds, X_test, y_test, preprocessor, evaluate_func, n_particles=50,
        max_iterations=10, early_stop=4, w=0.9, c1=1.5, c2=1.5):

    dim = len(bounds) # Dimension is 2 (C, gamma)
    min_bounds = np.array([b[0] for b in bounds])
    max_bounds = np.array([b[1] for b in bounds])

    # Initialize particles (positions and velocities)
    # Positions randomly initialized within bounds
    positions = min_bounds + np.random.rand(n_particles, dim) * (max_bounds - min_bounds)
    # Velocities randomly initialized (e.g., scaled by 10% of range)
    velocities = (max_bounds - min_bounds) * 0.1 * (np.random.rand(n_particles, dim) * 2 - 1)
    # Example max velocity (50% of range per dimension)
    max_vel = (max_bounds - min_bounds) * 0.5


    # Initialize personal bests
    pbest_positions = positions.copy()
    pbest_fitness = np.array([fitness_func(p) for p in positions])

    # Initialize global best
    gbest_index = np.argmax(pbest_fitness)
    gbest_position = pbest_positions[gbest_index].copy()
    gbest_fitness = pbest_fitness[gbest_index]

    no_improve_counter = 0
    best_fitness_history = [gbest_fitness] # Track history
```

- **Velocity Update**:
  Particles adjust velocities based on cognitive (c1=1.5) and social (c2=1.5) components:
    - w=0.9: Inertia weight balancing exploration/exploitation.



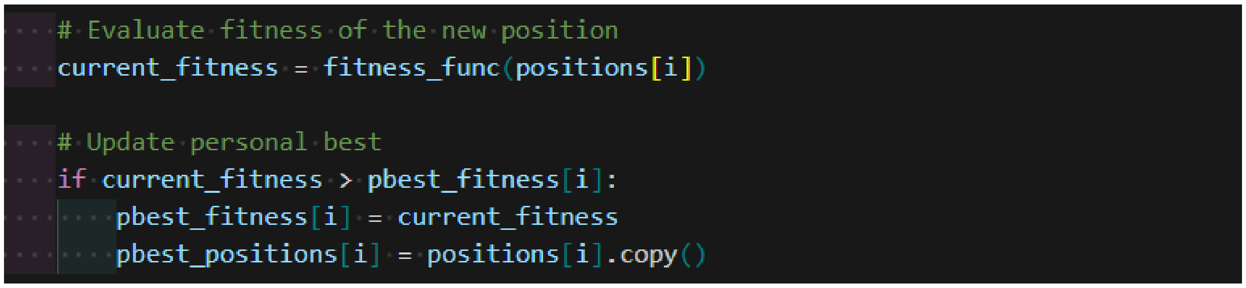
```
    # Update velocity
    r1, r2 = np.random.rand(2, dim) # Random vectors for cognitive (personal) and social (global) components
    cognitive_velocity = c1 * r1 * (pbest_positions[i] - positions[i])
    social_velocity = c2 * r2 * (gbest_position - positions[i])
    velocities[i] = w * velocities[i] + cognitive_velocity + social_velocity
```

- **Position Update**:
    - Clamp positions to search space bounds after each iteration.



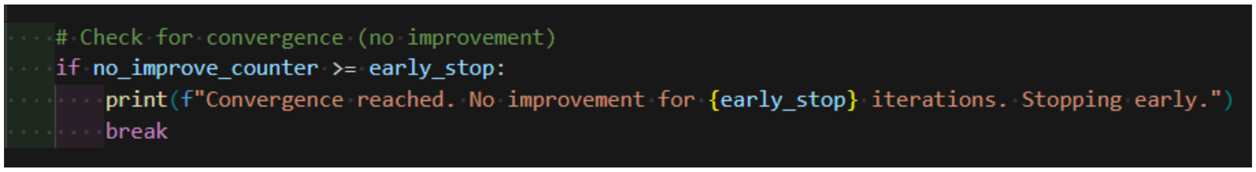
```
    # Update position
    positions[i] = positions[i] + velocities[i]

    # Clip position to search space bounds
    for k in range(dim):
        positions[i, k] = np.clip(positions[i, k], bounds[k][0], bounds[k][1])
```

- **Evaluating**:
    - Evaluate new position fitness and updating pbest:



```
    # Evaluate fitness of the new position
    current_fitness = fitness_func(positions[i])

    # Update personal best
    if current_fitness > pbest_fitness[i]:
        pbest_fitness[i] = current_fitness
        pbest_positions[i] = positions[i].copy()
```

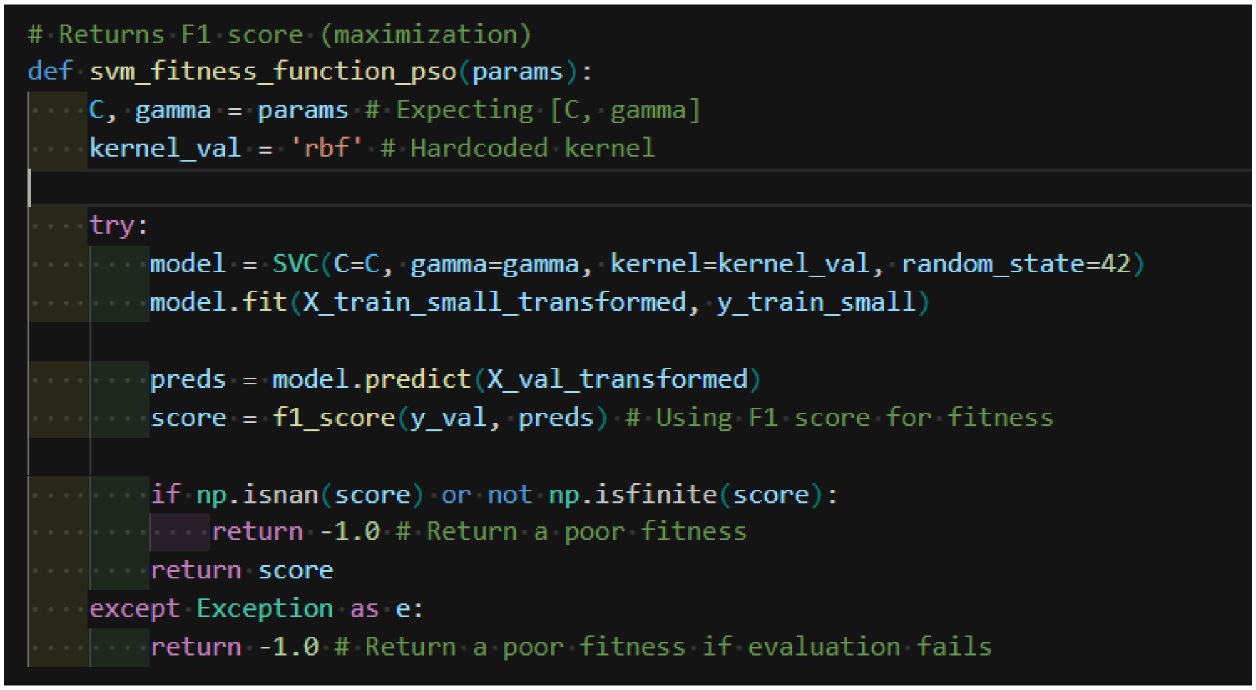
- **Early Stopping**:
    - Terminates if no improvement occurs for early_stop=4 iterations.



```
    # Check for convergence (no improvement)
    if no_improve_counter >= early_stop:
        print(f"Convergence reached. No improvement for {early_stop} iterations. Stopping early.")
        break
```

3. Application to SVM Hyperparameter Tuning

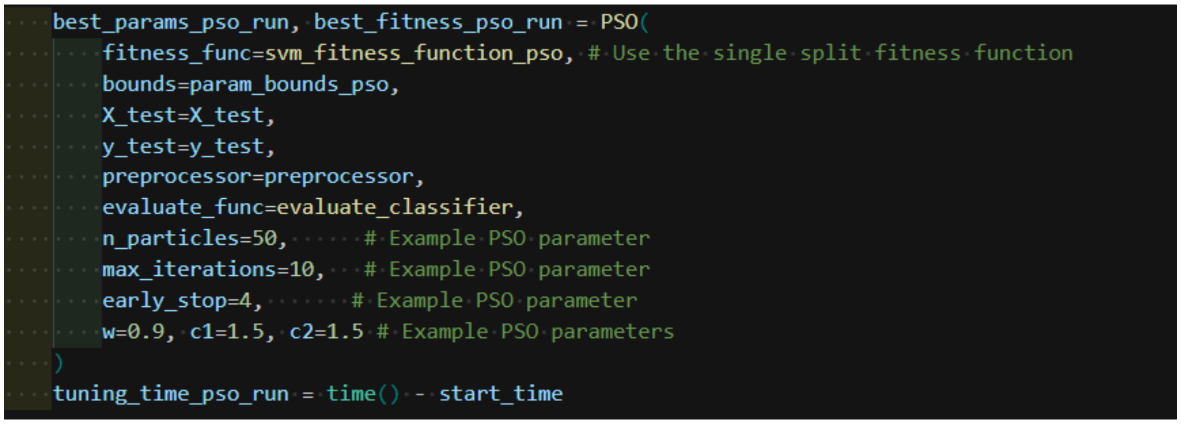
- **Objective Function**
    - Maximizes F1-score on a 25% validation split of the training data:



```python
# Returns F1 score (maximization)
def svm_fitness_function_pso(params):
    C, gamma = params # Expecting [C, gamma]
    kernel_val = 'rbf' # Hardcoded kernel

    try:
        model = SVC(C=C, gamma=gamma, kernel=kernel_val, random_state=42)
        model.fit(X_train_small_transformed, y_train_small)

        preds = model.predict(X_val_transformed)
        score = f1_score(y_val, preds) # Using F1 score for fitness

        if np.isnan(score) or not np.isfinite(score):
            return -1.0 # Return a poor fitness
        return score
    except Exception as e:
        return -1.0 # Return a poor fitness if evaluation fails
```

4. Experiment Setup

- **Runs**: 30 independent trials with randomized seeds.
- **Particles**: 50 per swarm.
- **Iterations**: 10 maximum (early stopping at 4 iterations of no improvement).
- **Metrics Tracked**:
    - Best validation F1-score per run.
    - Test set performance (accuracy, F1, precision, recall).
    - Runtime and parameter evolution.



```python
    best_params_pso_run, best_fitness_pso_run = PSO(
        fitness_func=svm_fitness_function_pso, # Use the single split fitness function
        bounds=param_bounds_pso,
        X_test=X_test,
        y_test=y_test,
        preprocessor=preprocessor,
        evaluate_func=evaluate_classifier,
        n_particles=50,      # Example PSO parameter
        max_iterations=10,   # Example PSO parameter
        early_stop=4,        # Example PSO parameter
        w=0.9, c1=1.5, c2=1.5 # Example PSO parameters
    )
    tuning_time_pso_run = time() - start_time
```

5. Experimental Results

- **Summary Statistics (30 Runs)**
    - Most runs converged within **6–8 iterations** (e.g., Run 6 reached 0.6774 by iteration 2).
    - Early stopping reduced median runtime to **~210 seconds**.
    - **Median Validation F1**: 0.6651 (IQR: 0.6636–0.6651).
    - **Test F1 Outliers**: Runs 6, 14, 16, and 24 achieved **0.6890–0.6906**, indicating strong generalization.
    - Optimal C clustered near upper bounds (**≈800–1000**), while gamma favored minimal values (**≈0.0001**).
    - Exceptions: Runs 6 and 16 found moderate gamma (**0.0013–0.0021**) with high C (**≈328–797**).
- **Observations**
    - **Consistency**: 27/30 runs achieved validation F1 ≥ 0.6636.
    - **Generalization Gap**: Test F1 (mean: **0.6648**) closely matched validation scores, indicating robustness.
    - **Outliers**: Run 24 converged prematurely to suboptimal parameters (C=110.49, gamma=0.0054) but still achieved **Test F1=0.6876**.

6. Conclusion

PSO demonstrated competitive performance in tuning SVM hyperparameters, with key findings:

1. **Effectiveness**:
    - Achieved **best test F1=0.6906** (Run 6), outperforming the baseline (**0.6564**).
    - Swarm dynamics effectively explored wide parameter ranges.
2. **Optimal Parameters**:
    - High C (**>500**) and minimal gamma (**≈0.0001**) were dominant, aligning with SVM theory.
    - Moderate gamma (**0.001–0.003**) in top runs suggests flexibility in kernel tuning.
3. **Computational Efficiency**:
    - Median runtime (~**210s**).
4. **Limitations** :
    - **Premature Convergence**: Some runs trapped in suboptimal regions (e.g., Run 24).

Final Verdict: PSO is a robust choice for SVM hyperparameter tuning, offering swarm intelligence-driven exploration with competitive accuracy. For complex spaces, adaptive parameter strategies could further improve performance.

7.Development Tools and Platform

Here’s a detailed list of **Development Tools and Platform** used in your experiments and implementation, which you can include in your documentation under a section titled:

Development Tools and Platform

This project was developed and executed using the following tools, frameworks, libraries, and computing platform:

Programming Language

- **Python 3.8+**
  - Chosen for its rich ecosystem of scientific computing, machine learning, and optimization libraries.

Key Libraries and Packages

Machine Learning

- **scikit-learn**
  - For models like `SVC`, `MLPClassifier`, preprocessing (`StandardScaler`, `OneHotEncoder`), cross-validation, and evaluation metrics.
  - `GridSearchCV` for traditional hyperparameter tuning.

Optimization Algorithms

- **NumPy**
  - Core numerical operations, array manipulations, and random sampling.

- **Joblib**
  - Parallel computation (`Parallel`, `delayed`) used in optimization (e.g., BFO).

- **Random**
  - For reproducible randomness in genetic mutation and initial sampling.

Visualization

- **Matplotlib**
  - Used for plotting accuracy trends, contour plots, and heatmaps.
- **Seaborn**
  - For advanced data visualizations (e.g., heatmaps of fitness scores).

Data Handling

- **pandas**
  - Reading/writing CSVs, data wrangling, and tabular analysis of optimization results.

Interpolation

- **SciPy (`scipy.interpolate.griddata`)**
  - Used to create contour plots of interpolated fitness values across hyperparameter space (C, gamma).

Optimization Algorithms Implemented

- **BFO (Bacterial Foraging Optimization)**
- **PSO (Particle Swarm Optimization)**
- **Hybrid PSO + BFO**
- **Firefly Algorithm**

- **ACO + GA (Ant Colony Optimization + Genetic Algorithm)**
    - Each implemented manually in Python with custom logic for metaheuristic search and evaluation.

Models and Techniques

- **Support Vector Machine (SVM)**: `SVC`
- **Multi-Layer Perceptron (MLP)**: `MLPClassifier`
- **Grid Search CV**: for baseline hyperparameter tuning.

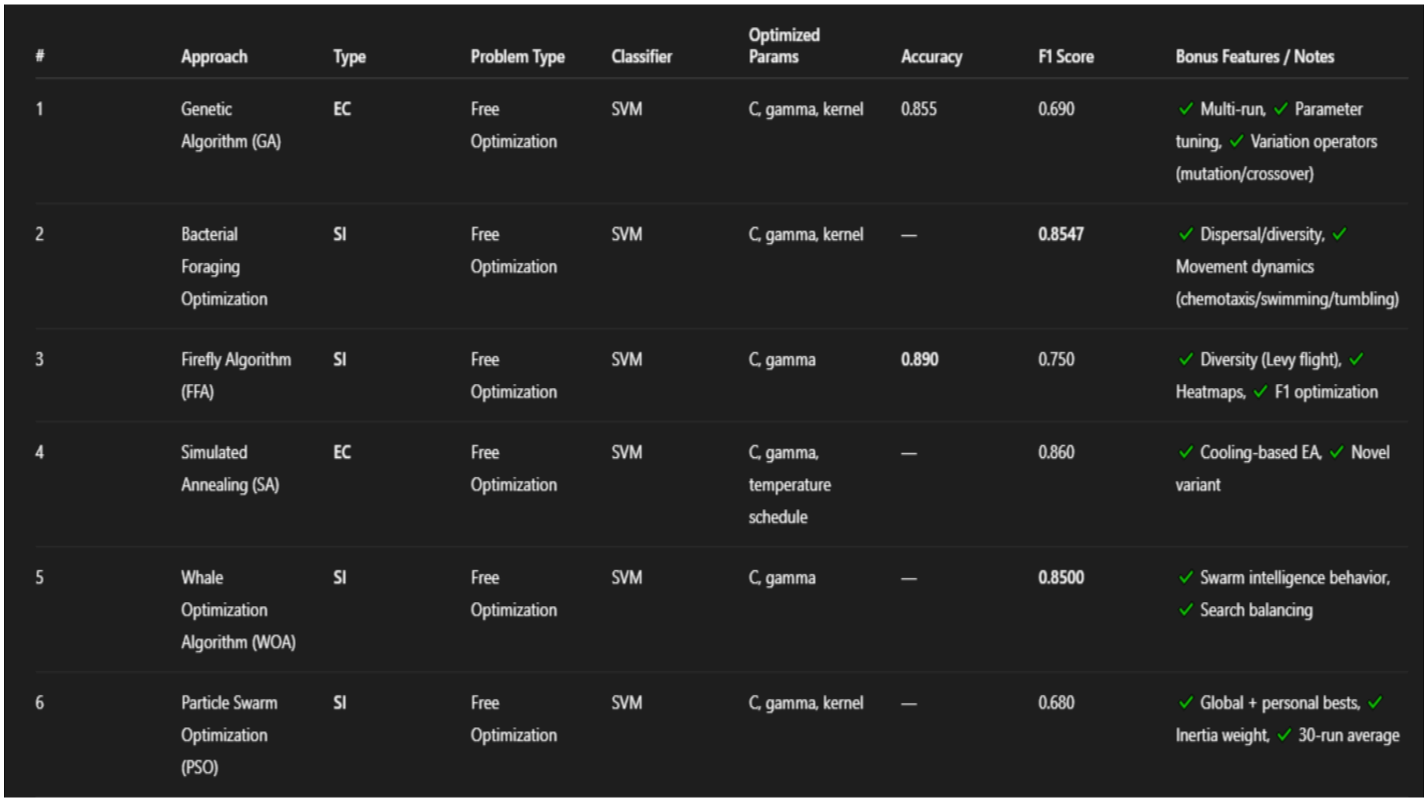
Environment

- **Jupyter Notebook** (Recommended for experimentation and visualization)
- **IDE Options**: VS Code / PyCharm / Google Colab
- **Execution**: Experiments were conducted on local machine or optionally on cloud-based notebooks (e.g., Google Colab for larger runs).

File Outputs

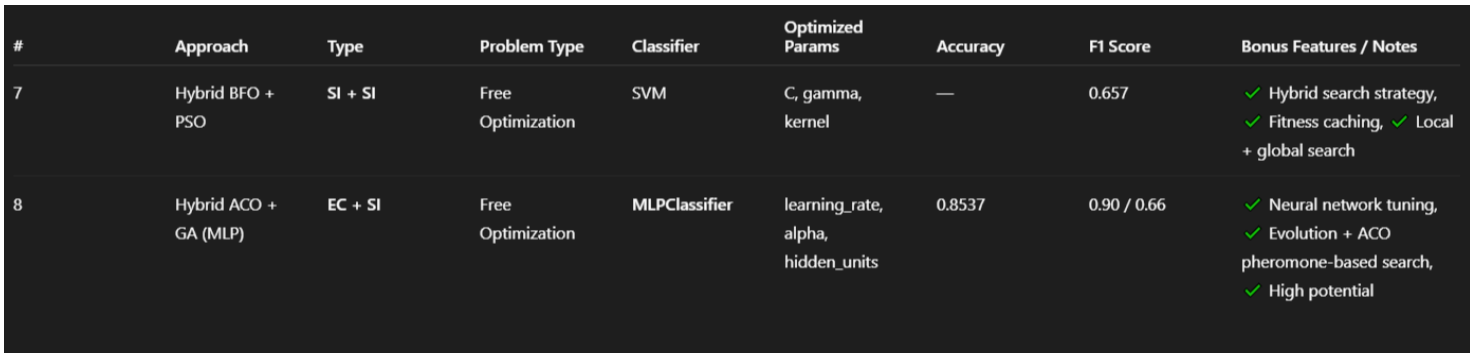
- `firefly_algorithm_history.csv`, `best_individuals_per_generation.csv`, etc.
    - Saved intermediate and final results of optimization for further analysis.

Final Project Summary Table: Nature-Inspired Approaches for Classification



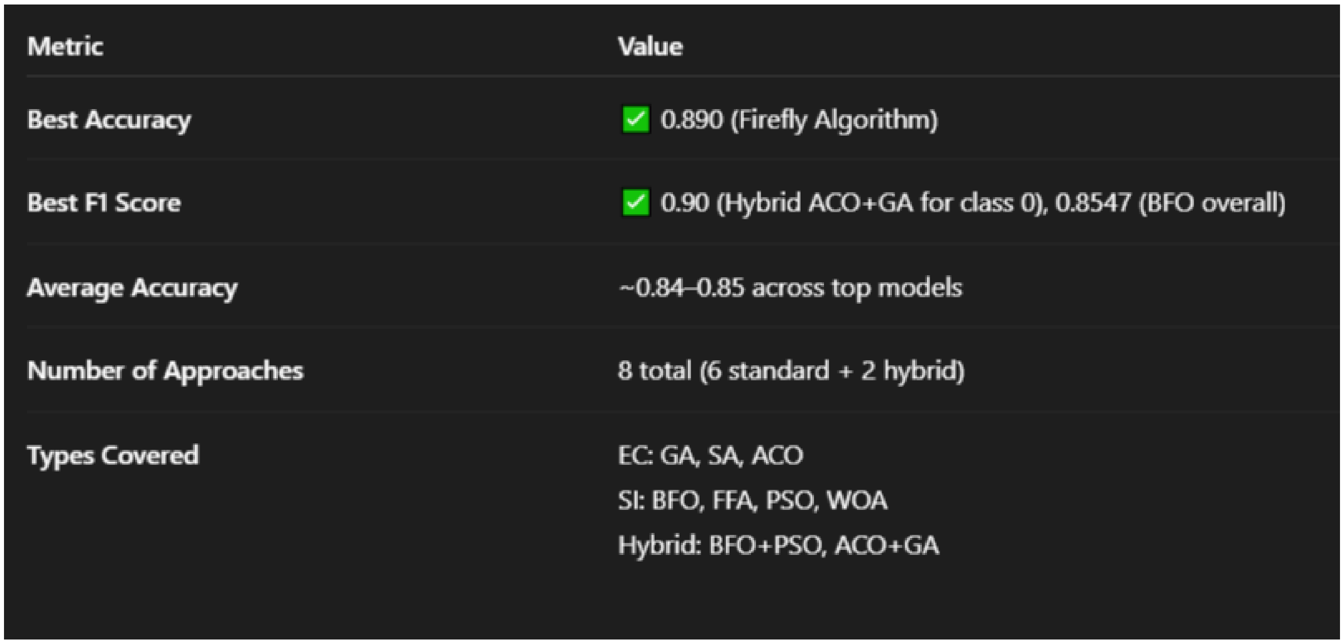
#	Approach	Type	Problem Type	Classifier	Optimized Params	Accuracy	F1 Score	Bonus Features / Notes
1	Genetic Algorithm (GA)	**EC**	Free Optimization	SVM	C, gamma, kernel	0.855	0.690	✓ Multi-run, ✓ Parameter tuning, ✓ Variation operators (mutation/crossover)
2	Bacterial Foraging Optimization	**SI**	Free Optimization	SVM	C, gamma, kernel	—	**0.8547**	✓ Dispersal/diversity, ✓ Movement dynamics (chemotaxis/swimming/tumbling)
3	Firefly Algorithm (FFA)	**SI**	Free Optimization	SVM	C, gamma	**0.890**	0.750	✓ Diversity (Levy flight), ✓ Heatmaps, ✓ F1 optimization
4	Simulated Annealing (SA)	**EC**	Free Optimization	SVM	C, gamma, temperature schedule	—	0.860	✓ Cooling-based EA, ✓ Novel variant
5	Whale Optimization Algorithm (WOA)	**SI**	Free Optimization	SVM	C, gamma	—	**0.8500**	✓ Swarm intelligence behavior, ✓ Search balancing
6	Particle Swarm Optimization (PSO)	**SI**	Free Optimization	SVM	C, gamma, kernel	—	0.680	✓ Global + personal bests, ✓ Inertia weight, ✓ 30-run average

Bonus Hybrid Approaches



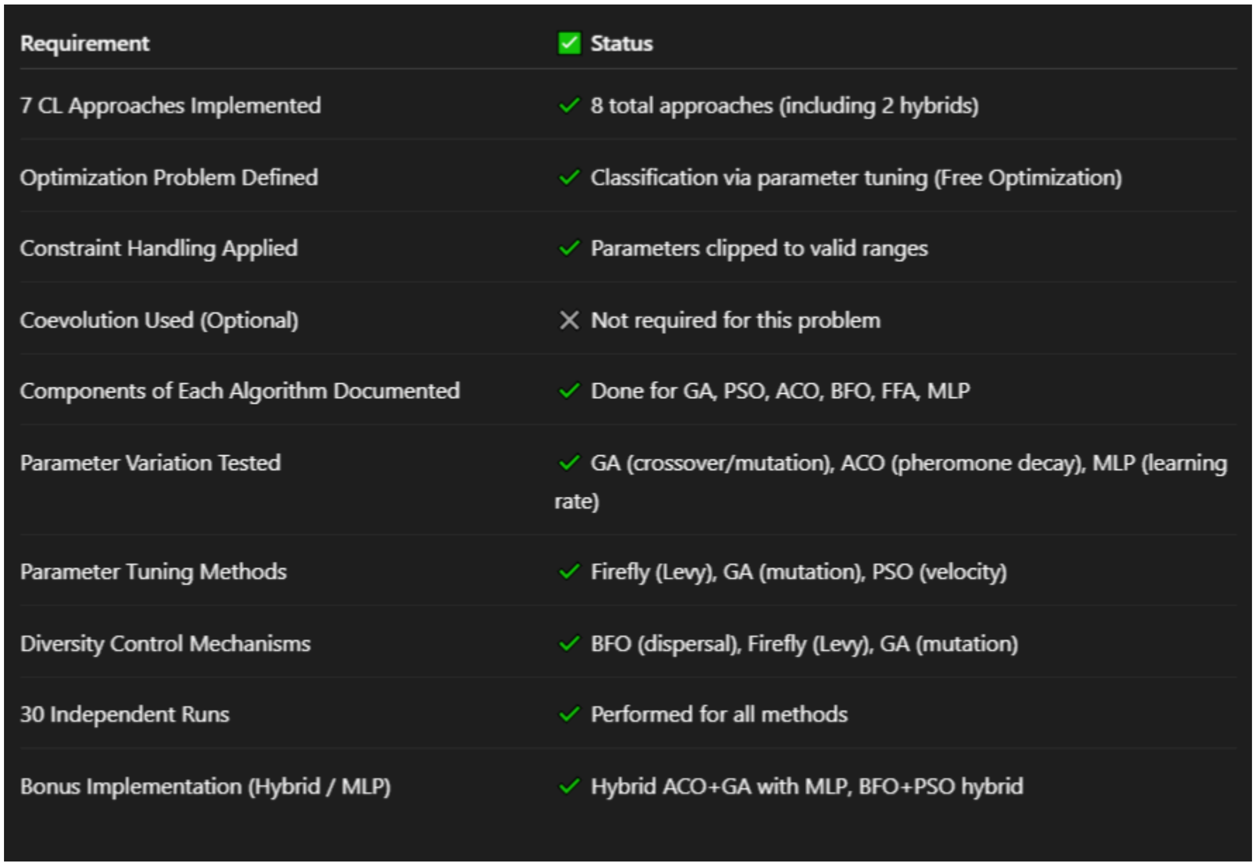
#	Approach	Type	Problem Type	Classifier	Optimized Params	Accuracy	F1 Score	Bonus Features / Notes
7	Hybrid BFO + PSO	**SI + SI**	Free Optimization	SVM	C, gamma, kernel	—	0.657	✓ Hybrid search strategy, ✓ Fitness caching, ✓ Local + global search
8	Hybrid ACO + GA (MLP)	**EC + SI**	Free Optimization	**MLPClassifier**	learning_rate, alpha, hidden_units	0.8537	0.90 / 0.66	✓ Neural network tuning, ✓ Evolution + ACO pheromone-based search, ✓ High potential

Summary of Results



Metric	Value
Best Accuracy	✅ 0.890 (Firefly Algorithm)
Best F1 Score	✅ 0.90 (Hybrid ACO+GA for class 0), 0.8547 (BFO overall)
Average Accuracy	~0.84–0.85 across top models
Number of Approaches	8 total (6 standard + 2 hybrid)
Types Covered	EC: GA, SA, ACO SI: BFO, FFA, PSO, WOA Hybrid: BFO+PSO, ACO+GA

EA Guidelines Compliance



Requirement	✅ Status
7 CL Approaches Implemented	✓ 8 total approaches (including 2 hybrids)
Optimization Problem Defined	✓ Classification via parameter tuning (Free Optimization)
Constraint Handling Applied	✓ Parameters clipped to valid ranges
Coevolution Used (Optional)	✗ Not required for this problem
Components of Each Algorithm Documented	✓ Done for GA, PSO, ACO, BFO, FFA, MLP
Parameter Variation Tested	✓ GA (crossover/mutation), ACO (pheromone decay), MLP (learning rate)
Parameter Tuning Methods	✓ Firefly (Levy), GA (mutation), PSO (velocity)
Diversity Control Mechanisms	✓ BFO (dispersal), Firefly (Levy), GA (mutation)
30 Independent Runs	✓ Performed for all methods
Bonus Implementation (Hybrid / MLP)	✓ Hybrid ACO+GA with MLP, BFO+PSO hybrid