$$\mathcal{D}_1: [m{X}][m{Y}_1] \longrightarrow h_1: \mathcal{D}_1 
ightarrow \hat{m{Y}}_1$$

$$\mathcal{D}_2: [m{X}][m{Y}_2] \longrightarrow h_2: \mathcal{D}_2 
ightarrow \hat{m{Y}}_2$$

$$\vdots$$

$$\mathcal{D}_m: [m{X}][m{Y}_m] \longrightarrow h_m: \mathcal{D}_m 
ightarrow \hat{m{Y}}_m$$

SVR Flow Diagram. Firstly, the multi-target dataset is divided into m ST datasets,  $\mathcal{D}_1, \mathcal{D}_2, \ldots, \mathcal{D}_m$ . Then m models,  $h_1, h_2, \ldots, h_m$ , are independently trained for each ST dataset.

## Multi-Target Support Vector Regression (SVR)

```
Input: Training dataset \mathcal{D}
Output: ST models h_j, j = 1, \ldots, m

1: for j = 1 to m do

2: \mathcal{D}_j = \{X, Y_j\} \triangleright Get ST data

3: h_j : X \to \mathbb{R} \triangleright Build ST model for the j^{th} target

4: end for
```

## Build Chained Model

```
Input: Training dataset \mathcal{D}, random chain C
Output: A chained model h_i, j = \{1, ..., m\}
 1: \mathcal{D}_1 = \{X, Y_{C_1}\}
                                                                    \triangleright Initialize first dataset
 2: for j = 1 to m do
                                                             \triangleright For each target in chain C
         h_i: \mathcal{D}_i \to \mathbb{R}
                                                   > Train model on appended dataset
 4:
         if j < m then
             \mathcal{D}_{j+1} = \{\mathcal{D}_j, \mathbf{Y}_{C_i}\}
                                             ▶ Append new target in chain to dataset
 5:
 6:
         end if
 7: end for
```

$$\begin{aligned} & \min_{\boldsymbol{w},b,\boldsymbol{\xi}} \ \frac{1}{2} ||\boldsymbol{w}||^2 + C \sum_{I} \xi_{I}, & \max_{\boldsymbol{\alpha}} \sum_{I} \alpha_{I} - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{I} \sum_{K \in I} \alpha_{I} \alpha_{K} Y_{I} Y_{K} \mathcal{K} \left(\boldsymbol{x}_{s_{I}}, \boldsymbol{x}_{s_{K}}\right) \\ & \text{s.t. } Y_{I}(\langle \boldsymbol{w}, \boldsymbol{x}_{s_{I}} \rangle + b) \geq 1 - \xi_{I}, \ \forall I \in \{1, \dots, n\}, & \text{s.t. } \sum_{I} \alpha_{I} Y_{I} = 0, \\ & \xi_{I} \geq 0, \ \forall I \in \{1, \dots, n\}, & 0 \leq \alpha_{I} \leq C, \ \forall I \in \{1, \dots, n\}, \\ & s_{I} = \underset{i \in I}{\operatorname{argmax}} (\langle \boldsymbol{w}, \boldsymbol{x}_{i} \rangle + b), \ \forall I \in \{1, \dots, n\}. & s_{I} = \underset{i \in I}{\operatorname{argmax}} (\boldsymbol{o}_{I}), \ \forall I \in \{1, \dots, n\}. \end{aligned}$$

SVRRC Flow Diagram on a dataset with three targets. SVRRC first builds the six random chains of the target's indices (three examples are shown). It then constructs a chained model by proceeding recursively over the chain, building a model, and appending the current target to the input space to predict the next target in the chain.

### Multi-Target SVR with Random-Chains (SVRRC)

**Input:** Training dataset  $\mathcal{D}$ , c random chains  $\mathcal{C}$ 

**Output:** An ensemble of chained models  $h_{\mathcal{C}}$ 

- 1: for each  $C \in \mathcal{C}$  do
- ▶ For each random chain
- $h_{\boldsymbol{C}} \leftarrow \mathtt{buildChainedModel}(\mathcal{D}, \boldsymbol{C}) \triangleright \mathtt{Build}$  a chained model for chain  $\boldsymbol{C}$
- 3: end for

$$\mathcal{D}: [\boldsymbol{X}][\boldsymbol{Y}_{1}\boldsymbol{Y}_{2}\boldsymbol{Y}_{3}] \xrightarrow{generate\ maximum\ correlation\ chain}} [1,2,3] \xrightarrow{\boldsymbol{\mathrm{E}}[(Y_{i}-\mu_{i})(Y_{j}-\mu_{j})]} [1,2,3]$$

$$\sqrt{\boldsymbol{\mathrm{E}}[(Y_{i}-\mu_{i})(Y_{i}-\mu_{i})]\boldsymbol{\mathrm{E}}[(Y_{j}-\mu_{j})(Y_{j}-\mu_{j})]}}$$

$$(h_{1}: [\boldsymbol{X}] \to \hat{\boldsymbol{Y}}_{1} \longrightarrow h_{2}: [\boldsymbol{X}\boldsymbol{Y}_{1}] \to \hat{\boldsymbol{Y}}_{2} \longrightarrow h_{3}: [\boldsymbol{X}\boldsymbol{Y}_{1}\boldsymbol{Y}_{2}] \to \hat{\boldsymbol{Y}}_{3}$$

SVRCC Flow Diagram on a sample dataset with three targets. SVRCC first finds the direction of maximum correlation among the targets and uses that order as the only chain. It then constructs the chained model, as done in SVRRC.

#### Multi-Target SVR with max-Correlation Chain (SVRCC)

- ▶ Find correlation coefficient matrix for target 1:  $\mathbf{P} = corrcoef(\mathbf{Y})$ variables
- 2:  $C = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \mathbf{P}_{ij}, \forall j = 1, \dots, m$
- ▶ Sum rows of the correlation matrix
- 3:  $C = \operatorname{sort}(C, \operatorname{decreasing})$   $\triangleright$  Sort sums in decreasing order
- model
- 4:  $h_C = \text{buildChainedModel}(\mathcal{D}, C)$   $\triangleright$  Build a max-correlation chained

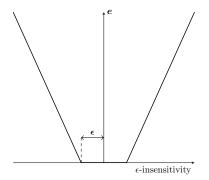


Figure 1: Vapnik's  $\epsilon$ -insensitivity loss function.

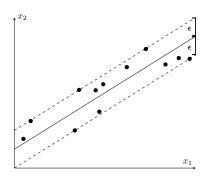


Figure 2: Linear support vector regression example solution on a toy 2D dataset.

$$\min_{(\boldsymbol{w},b)\in\mathcal{H}_o\times\mathbb{R}} R = \frac{1}{2}||\boldsymbol{w}||^2 + C\sum_{i=1}^n L(y_i, o_{(\boldsymbol{w},b)}(\boldsymbol{x}_i))$$
(1)

$$L(y_i, o_{(w,b)}(\mathbf{x}_i)) = \max\{0, 1 - y_i o_{(w,b)}(\mathbf{x}_i)\}$$
(2)

$$\min_{(\boldsymbol{w},b)\in\mathcal{H}_o\times\mathbb{R}} R = \frac{1}{2}||\boldsymbol{w}||^2 + C\sum_{i=1}^n (|y_i - o_{(\boldsymbol{w},b)}(\boldsymbol{x_i})|_{\epsilon})$$
(3)

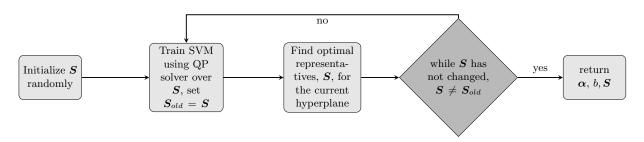
$$L(y_i, o_{(w,b)}(\boldsymbol{x}_i)) = \begin{cases} 0 & if|y_i - o_{(w,b)}(\boldsymbol{x}_i)| \le \epsilon \\ |y_i - o_{(w,b)}(\boldsymbol{x}_i)| - \epsilon & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$
(4)

# Average Relative Root Mean Square Error (aRRMSE) for MT regressors

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Datasets	MORF	ST	MTS	MTSC	RC	ERC	ERCC	SVR	SVRRC	SVRCC
Slump	0.6939	0.6886	0.6690	0.6938	0.7019	0.7022	0.6886	0.5765	0.5545	0.5560
Polymer	0.6159	0.5971	0.5778	0.6493	0.6270	0.6544	0.6131	0.5573	0.5253	0.5116
Andro	0.5097	0.5979	0.5155	0.5633	0.5924	0.5885	0.5666	0.4856	0.4651	0.4455
EDM	0.7337	0.7442	0.7413	0.7446	0.7449	0.7452	0.7443	0.7058	0.7070	0.6978
Solar Flare 1	1.3046	1.1357	1.1168	1.0758	0.9951	1.0457	1.0887	0.9917	0.9455	0.9320
Jura	0.5969	0.5874	0.5906	0.5892	0.5910	0.5896	0.5880	0.5952	0.5764	0.5885
Enb	0.1210	0.1165	0.1231	0.1211	0.1268	0.1250	0.1139	0.0977	0.0910	0.0899
Solar Flare 2	1.4167	1.1503	0.9483	1.0840	1.0092	1.0522	1.0928	1.0385	1.0253	1.0298
Wisconsin Cancer	0.9413	0.9314	0.9308	0.9336	0.9305	0.9313	0.9323	0.9555	0.9483	0.9427
California Housing	g 0.6611	0.6447	0.6974	0.6630	0.7131	0.6690	0.6146	0.6130	0.5945	0.5852
Stock	0.1653	0.1844	0.1787	0.1803	0.1802	0.1789	0.1752	0.1364	0.1337	0.1388
SCPF	0.8273	0.8348	0.8436	0.8308	0.8263	0.8105	0.8290	0.8164	0.8037	0.8013
Puma8NH	0.7858	0.8142	0.8118	0.8311	0.8199	0.8205	0.8207	0.7655	0.7744	0.7676
Friedman	0.9394	0.9214	0.9231	0.9210	0.9231	0.9209	0.9204	0.9218	0.9208	0.9196
Puma32H	0.9406	0.8713	0.8727	0.8791	0.8752	0.8729	0.8740	0.9364	0.9367	0.9319
Water Quality	0.8994	0.9085	0.9109	0.9093	0.9121	0.9097	0.9057	0.9343	0.9310	0.9045
M5SPEC	0.5910	0.5523	0.5974	0.5671	0.5552	0.5542	0.5558	0.2951	0.2935	0.2925
MP5SPEC	0.5522	0.5120	0.5683	0.5133	0.5145	0.5143	0.5119	0.2484	0.2323	0.2358
MP6SPEC	0.5553	0.5152	0.5686	0.5119	0.5198	0.5187	0.5109	0.2850	0.2669	0.2623
ATP7d	0.5563	0.5308	0.5141	0.5142	0.5558	0.5397	0.5182	0.5455	0.5371	0.5342
OES97	0.5490	0.5230	0.5229	0.5217	0.5239	0.5237	0.5222	0.4641	0.4618	0.4635
Osales	0.7596	0.7471	0.7086	0.7268	0.8318	0.7258	0.7101	0.7924	0.7924	0.7811
ATP1d	0.4173	0.3732	0.3733	0.3712	0.3790	0.3696	0.3721	0.3773	0.3707	0.3775
OES10	0.4518	0.4174	0.4176	0.4171	0.4178	0.4180	0.4166	0.3570	0.3555	0.3538
Average	0.6910	0.6625	0.6551	0.6589	0.6611	0.6575	0.6536	0.6039	0.5935	0.5893
Ranks	7.5000	5.7708	5.9375	6.1667	7.4375	6.3750	4.9792	4.7708	3.2708	2.7917

Run Time (seconds) for MT regressors

Datasets I	MORF	ST	MTS	MTSC	RC	ERC	ERCC	SVR	SVRRC	SVRCC
Slump	38.1	2.6	9.9	15.9	1.8	11.1	50.5	0.6	1.9	0.7
Polymer	7.6	2.7	9.1	15.5	1.9	14.9	80.5	0.5	2.6	0.5
Andro	25.7	4.4	15.0	34.2	3.4	33.2	197.9	1.1	6.2	1.1
EDM	24.8	2.8	9.4	18.1	2.1	5.8	19.0	0.9	1.0	0.9
Solar Flare 1	34.1	3.5	13.6	26.7	2.7	17.7	86.9	2.3	9.3	2.6
Jura	64.3	7.9	31.8	74.3	6.4	43.5	254.2	4.7	18.7	5.3
Enb	71.4	6.6	26.1	63.6	$\bf 5.4$	15.6	69.6	11.3	17.7	15.9
Solar Flare 2	55.4	7.4	30.7	68.0	6.3	42.9	241.5	9.4	53.5	15.6
Wisconsin Cancer	51.4	6.1	21.9	53.7	4.9	14.8	61.6	2.0	2.4	2.0
California Housing	93.0	9.7	34.8	75.9	8.2	21.3	102.0	15.8	25.2	23.6
Stock	93.7	11.7	46.8	96.7	11.0	75.4	427.3	18.5	90.5	26.3
SCPF	66.3	19.3	65.9	176.3	15.0	104.2	734.2	32.8	162.8	48.8
Puma8NH	130.4	29.7	106.7	288.6	27.9	201.6	1227.7	94.1	516.6	177.1
Friedman	79.5	27.0	81.2	258.3	25.0	273.7	2871.6	12.3	322.3	18.8
Puma32H	93.9	68.1	181.0	635.0	87.7	667.9	6087.0	32.2	1018.7	53.1
Water Quality	108.4	93.1	262.1	912.3	127.2	925.4	10993.3	110.2	2567.9	189.5
M5SPEC	89.8	68.9	166.3	604.6	73.7	262.3	3132.1	39.2	546.7	45.1
MP5SPEC	84.5	94.6	221.2	888.3	91.5	557.0	6864.1	49.3	1132.1	58.4
MP6SPEC	90.3	93.4	212.6	871.0	89.1	557.6	6761.3	47.2	1227.1	58.5
ATP7d	70.5	262.6	452.1	2319.8	242.1	1779.2	24373.8	80.0	1897.4	136.5
OES97	83.4	485.3	1146.6	4928.9	499.8	5315.0	58072.1	148.2	3759.1	342.6
Osales	92.0	1094.8	2340.7	8322.2	986.5	11361.2	122265.3	437.0	4830.1	843.6
ATP1d	70.7	272.9	476.5	2568.9	261.9	2138.9	26768.9	95.0	2127.8	174.4
OES10	90.0	738.9	1633.6	6682.9	688.5	7150.8	83533.1	229.1	5419.4	577.1
Average	71.2	142.2	316.5	1250.0	136.2	1316.3	14803.2	61.4	1073.2	117.4
Ranks	5.5	3.71	6.0	8.29	3.0	7.08	9.92	1.88	6.71	2.92



A summary of the steps performed by MIRSVM. The representatives are first randomly initialized and continuously updated according to the current hyperplane. Upon completion, the model is returned along with the optimal bag-representatives.

## Multi-Instance Representative SVM (MIRSVM)

```
Input: Training dataset \mathcal{D}, SVM Parameters C and \sigma
Output: SVM model parameters \alpha and b, Bag Representative IDs S
 1: for I \in \{1, ..., n\} do
             S_I \leftarrow \operatorname{rand}(|\mathcal{B}_I|, 1, 1)
                                                                                                                                                  ▷ Assign each bag a random instance
 2:
 3: end for
 4: while S \neq S_{old} do
             oldsymbol{S}_{old} \leftarrow oldsymbol{S}
 5:
             oldsymbol{X}_S \leftarrow oldsymbol{X}(oldsymbol{S}), \, oldsymbol{Y}_S \leftarrow oldsymbol{Y}(oldsymbol{S})
                                                                                                                                                  ▷ Initialize the representative dataset
 6:
 7:
             G \leftarrow (Y_S \times Y_S) \cdot \mathcal{K}(X_S, X_S, \sigma)
                                                                                                                                                                                \triangleright Build Gram matrix
             \alpha \leftarrow \text{ quadprog}(\boldsymbol{G}, -\mathbf{1}^n, \boldsymbol{Y}_{\!S}, \mathbf{0}^n, \mathbf{0}^n, \boldsymbol{C}^n)
 8:
                                                                                                                                                                                 \triangleright Solve QP Problem
             sv \leftarrow \text{find} (0 < \alpha \leq C)
 9:
                                                                                                                                                           \triangleright Get the support vector indices
             n_{sv} \leftarrow \text{count} (0 < \alpha \leq C)
                                                                                                                                                   ▷ Get the number of support vectors
10:
             \begin{array}{l} b \leftarrow \frac{1}{n_{sv}} \sum_{i=1}^{n_{sv}} \left( \boldsymbol{Y_{sv}} - \boldsymbol{G_{sv}} * (\boldsymbol{\alpha_{sv}} \cdot \boldsymbol{Y_{sv}}) \right) \\ \text{for } I \in \{1, \dots, n\} \text{ do} \end{array}
                                                                                                                                                                        \triangleright Calculate the bias term
11:
12:
                   G_I \leftarrow (Y_I \times Y_S) \cdot \mathcal{K}(\mathcal{B}_I, X_S, \sigma)
13:
                    S_I \leftarrow \operatorname{argmax}_{i \in I} (G_I * \alpha + b)
                                                                                                                                                    ▷ Select optimal bag-representatives
14:
             end for
15:
16: end while
```