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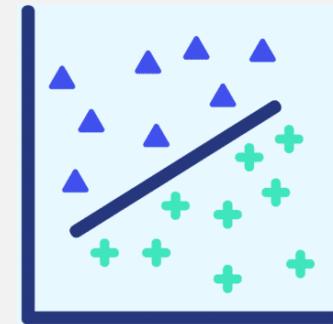
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ABSTRACT

In this paper, a new support vector machines (SVM) parameter tuning scheme that uses the fruit fly optimization algorithm (FOA) is proposed. Termed as FOA-SVM, the scheme is successfully applied to medical diagnosis. In the proposed FOA-SVM, the FOA technique effectively and efficiently addresses the parameter set in SVM. Additionally, the effectiveness and efficiency of FOA-SVM is rigorously evaluated against four well-known medical datasets, including the Wisconsin breast cancer dataset, the Pima Indians diabetes dataset, the Parkinson dataset, and the thyroid disease dataset, in terms of classification accuracy, sensitivity, specificity, AUC (the area under the receiver operating characteristic (ROC) curve) criterion, and processing time. Four competitive counterparts are employed for comparison purposes, including the particle swarm optimization algorithm-based SVM (PSO-SVM), genetic algorithm-based SVM (GA-SVM), bacterial foraging optimization-based SVM (BFO-SVM), and grid search technique-based SVM (Grid-SVM). The empirical results demonstrate that the proposed FOA-SVM method can obtain much more appropriate model parameters as well as significantly reduce the computational time, which generates a high classification accuracy. Promisingly, the proposed method can be regarded as a useful clinical tool for medical decision making.

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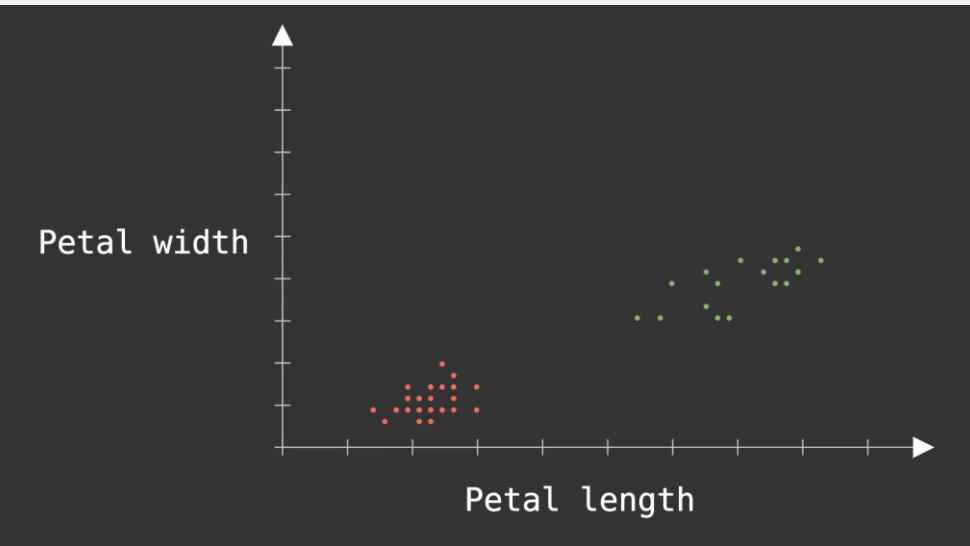
- SVM performance depends heavily on parameter tuning (C, γ).
- Traditional tuning (grid-search, gradient-descent) is slow and prone to local minima.
- Metaheuristics (GA, PSO, BFO) are effective but complex and costly.
- FOA: a simple and fast nature-inspired optimizer.
- Goal: use FOA to optimize SVM (FOA-SVM) for medical datasets.



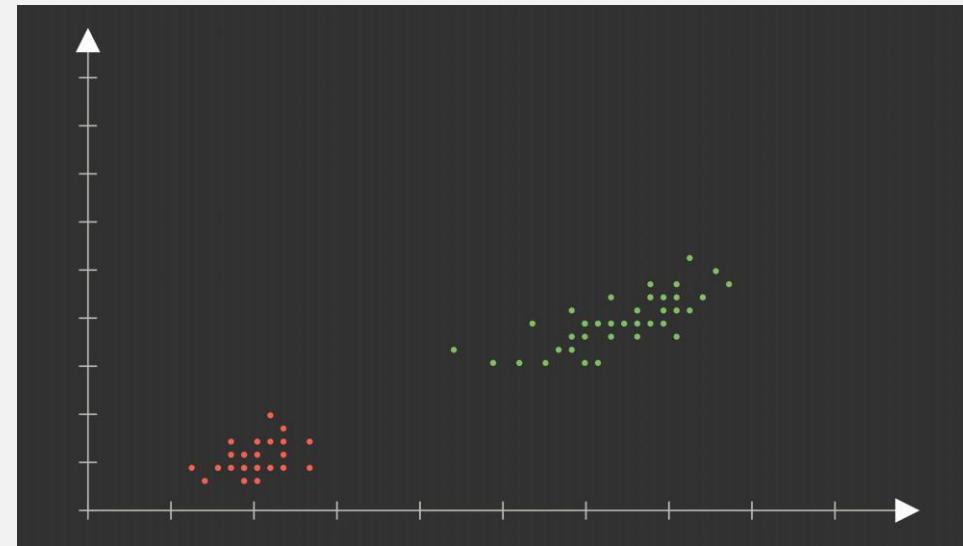
➤ FOA: Applications and Improved Versions

- Widely used for parameter optimization in ML models
(SVM, forecasting models, etc)
- Applied in real-world prediction and engineering problems
(electric load forecasting, satisfaction detection, power load modeling, steel casting)
- Many enhanced FOA variants developed
(bFOA, MFOA, IFOA, AM-FOA, CFOA, nFOA, etc)

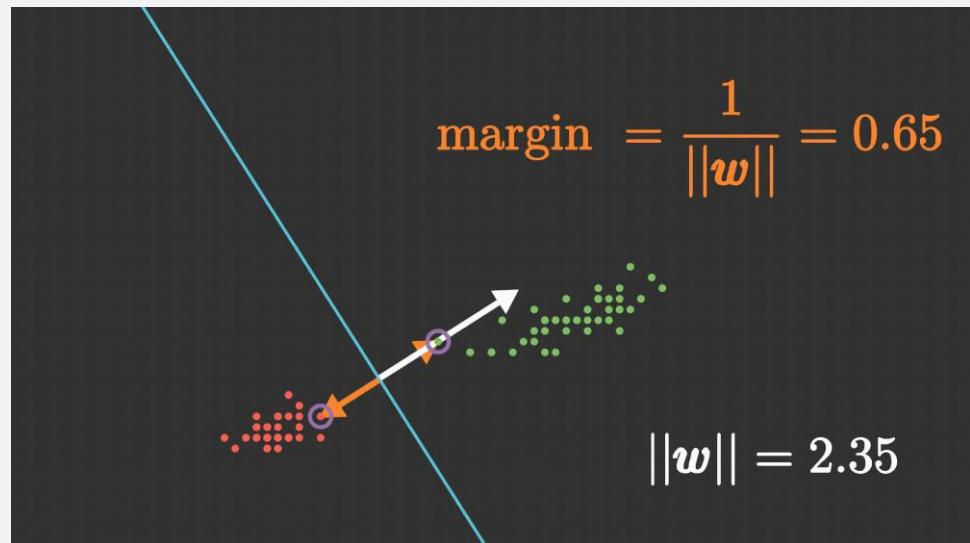
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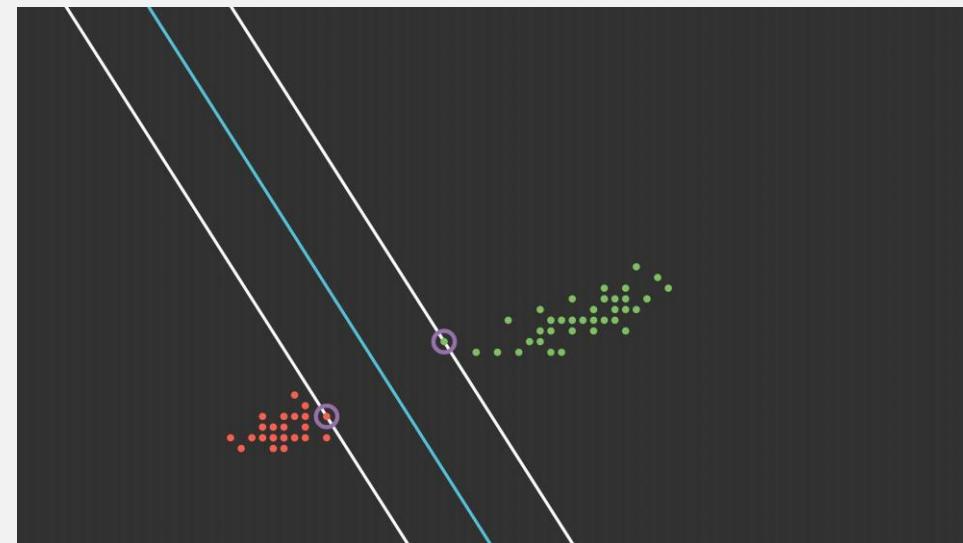
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➤ Support vector machines (SVM)

$$h: \mathbf{X} \rightarrow \{-1, +1\}$$

$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x}_+ + b \geq 1 & (y = +1) \\ \mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x}_- + b \leq -1 & (y = -1) \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

$$\Rightarrow y_i (\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x}_i + b) - 1 \geq 0, \forall i$$

$$\text{Ming}(\mathbf{w}, \xi) = \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{w}\|^2 + C \sum_{i=1}^n \xi_i \quad (2)$$

$$s.t., y_i(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}_i + b) \geq 1 - \xi_i, \xi_i \geq 0$$

$$\max_{\alpha} \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n \alpha_i \alpha_j y_i y_j \mathbf{x}_i^T \mathbf{x}_j \quad (3)$$

$$s.t., \alpha_i \geq 0, i = 1, \dots, n, \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i y_i = 0$$

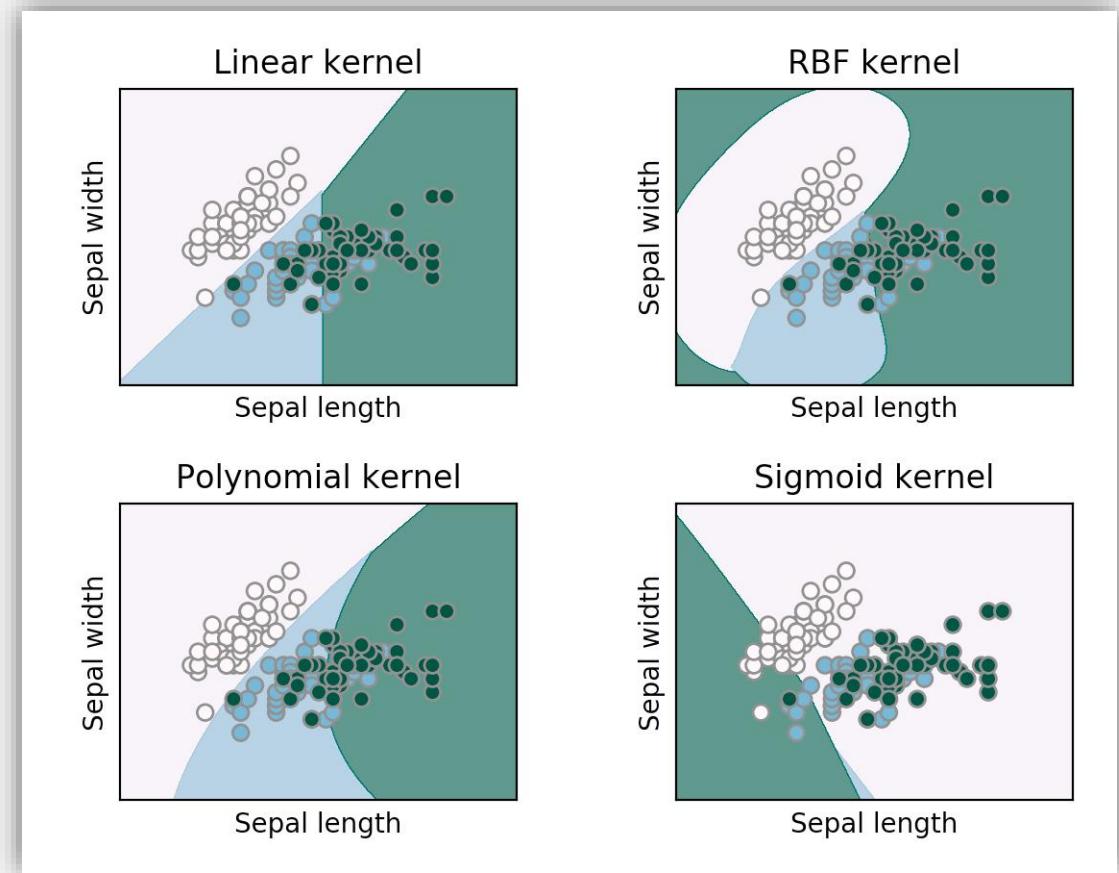
$$g(\mathbf{x}) = \text{sgn} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i y_i \mathbf{x}_i^T \mathbf{x} + b \right) \quad (4)$$

➤ Support vector machines (SVM)

$$g(\mathbf{x}) = \text{sgn} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i y_i \phi(\mathbf{x}_i)^T \phi(\mathbf{x}) + b \right) \quad (5)$$

$$g(\mathbf{x}) = \text{sgn} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i y_i K(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}) + b \right) \quad (6)$$

Kernel types	Kernel functions
Linear kernel	$K(x, x_i) = (x^T x_i)$
Polynomial kernel	$K(x, x_i) = ((x^T x_i) + 1)^d$
Radial based kernel (RBF)	$K(x, x_i) = \exp(-\gamma \ x - x_i\ ^2)$
Sigmoid kernel	$K(x, x_i) = \tanh((x^T x_i) + b)$



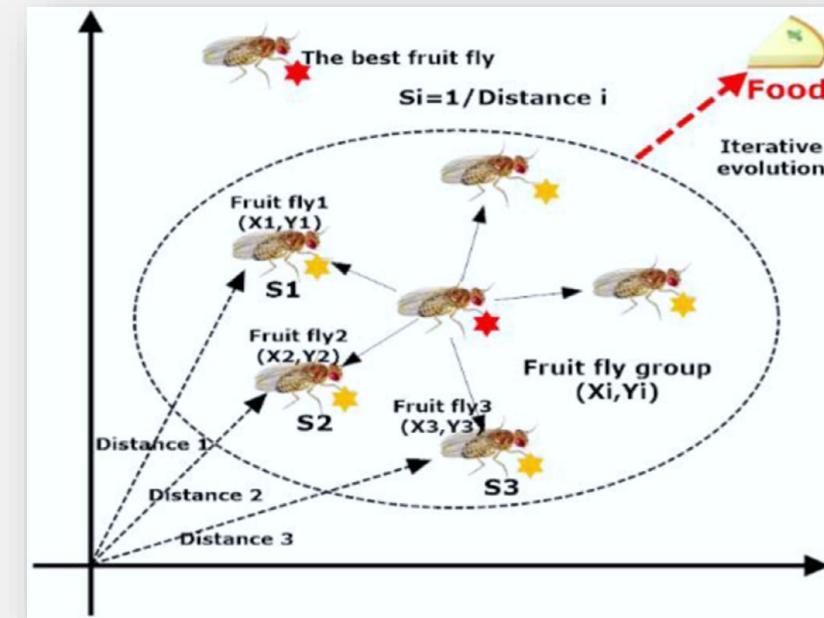
- **What FOA Is Inspired By**

Inspired by fruit-fly foraging behavior

- **Core Idea**

- **Why FOA?**

- i. Fast convergence
- ii. Easy to implement compared to GA/PSO/BFO
- iii. Very simple, few parameters
- iv. Effective for parameter optimization tasks



- **Step 1:** Parameters initialization

$$X_axis = \text{rands}(1, 2)$$

$$Y_axis = \text{rands}(1, 2)$$

- **Step 2:** Population initialization

$$X_i = X_axis + RandomValue$$

$$Y_i = Y_axis + RandomValue$$

- **Step 3:** Population evaluation

$$D_i = \sqrt{X_i^2 + Y_i^2}$$

$$S_i = 1/D_i$$

- **Step 4:** Replacement

$$Smell_i = \text{Function}(S_i)$$

- **Step 5:** Find the maximal smell concentration

$$[bestSmell, bestIndex] = \max(Smell)$$

- **Step 6:** Keep the maximal smell concentration

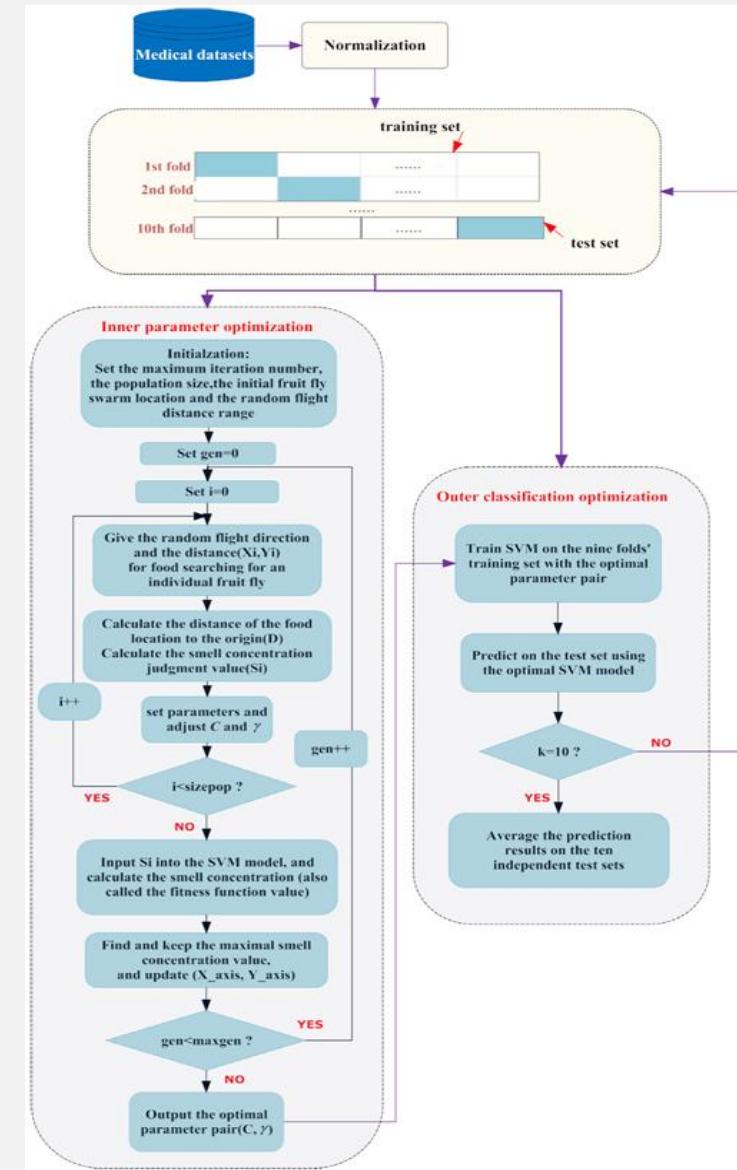
$$Smellbest = bestSmell$$

$$X_axis = X(bestIndex)$$

$$Y_axis = Y(bestIndex)$$

- **Step 7:** Iterative optimization

- Flowchart of the proposed FOA-SVM method



➤ Datasets & evaluation metrics

- Accuracy = $TP+TN/(TP+FP+FN+TN) \times 100\%$
- Sensitivity = $TP/(TP+FN) \times 100\%$
- Specificity = $TN/(FP+TN) \times 100\%$
- AUC

No.	Datasets	# of classes	# of instances	# of features	Miss.
1	Wisconsin breast cancer (Wisconsin)	2	699	9	Yes
2	Pima Indians diabetes (Pima)	2	768	8	No
3	Parkinson	2	195	22	No
4	Thyroid	3	215	5	No

➤ 1. Breast cancer diagnosis problem

- 699 instances and 9 attributes
- The goal is to discriminate between the benign and malignant samples.
- Statistical test (Paired t-test):
 - $p < 0.05$
 - $p \geq 0.05$

Attribute	Description	Domain
F_1	Clump thickness	1-10
F_2	Uniformity of cell size	1-10
F_3	Uniformity of cell shape	1-10
F_4	Marginal adhesion	1-10
F_5	Single epithelial cell size	1-10
F_6	Bare nuclei	1-10
F_7	Bland chromatin	1-10
F_8	Normal nucleoli	1-10
F_9	Mitoses	1-10

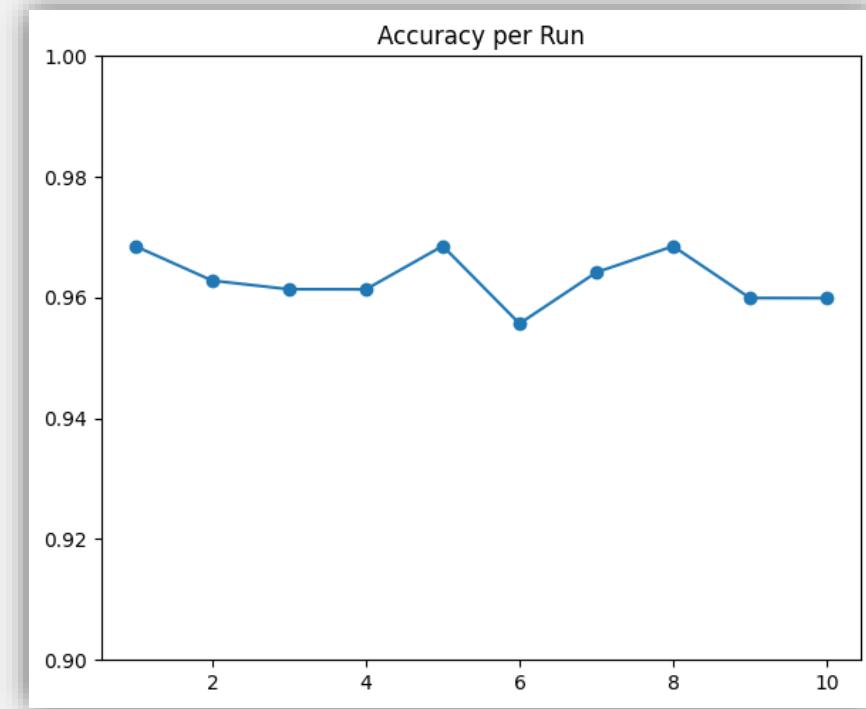
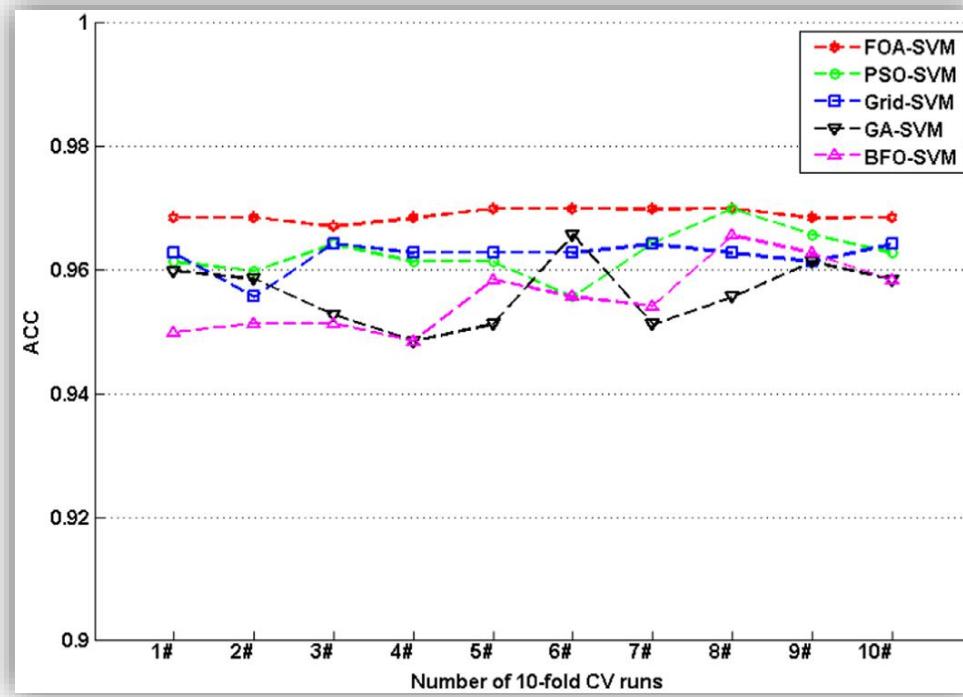
Metrics	<i>t</i> -value (significance)			
	PSO-SVM	Grid-SVM	GA-SVM	BFO-SVM
ACC	5.038(0.001)	7.916(0.000)	7.416(0.000)	7.990(0.000)
AUC	4.486(0.002)	7.617(0.000)	8.078(0.000)	5.717(0.000)
Sensitivity	2.732(0.023)	3.736(0.005)	3.664(0.005)	9.993(0.000)
Specificity	1.430(0.187)	6.786(0.000)	8.228(0.000)	-3.469(0.007)

- Performance Comparison on Wisconsin Dataset

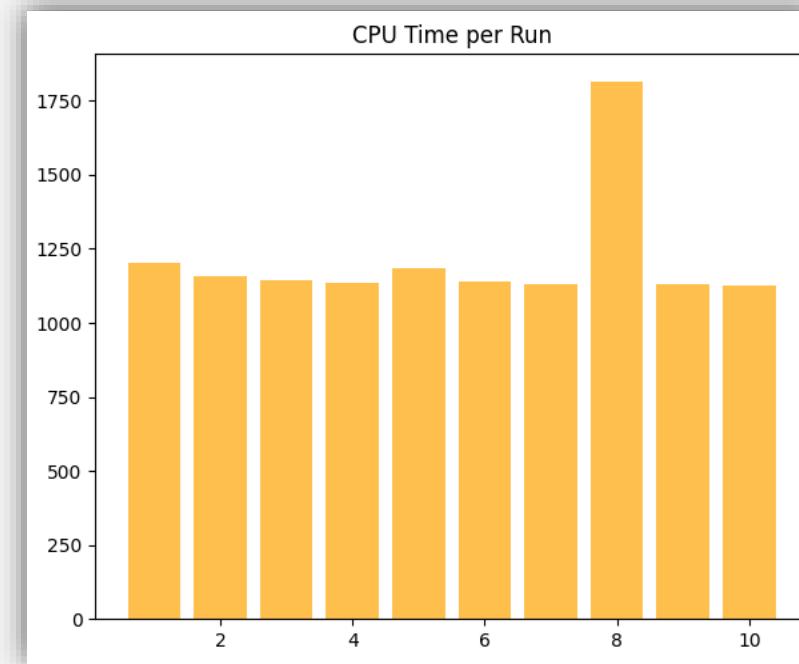
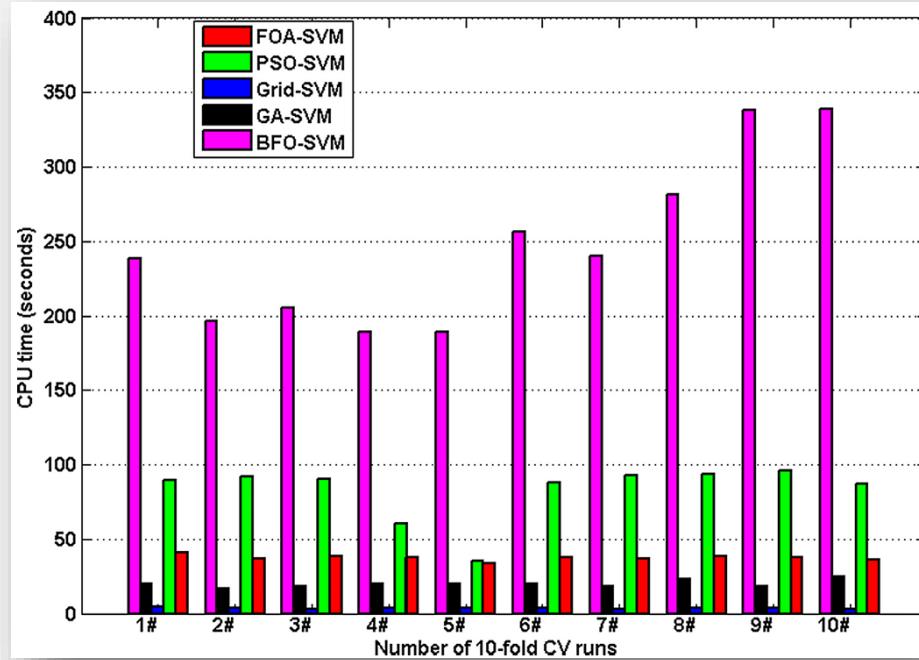
Metrics	Methods				
	PSO-SVM	Grid-SVM	GA-SVM	BFO-SVM	FOA-SVM
ACC	0.9627 ± 0.0038	0.9624 ± 0.0025	0.9564 ± 0.0054	0.9557 ± 0.0056	0.9690 ± 0.0010
AUC	0.9626 ± 0.0042	0.9602 ± 0.0032	0.9529 ± 0.0063	0.9609 ± 0.0044	0.9687 ± 0.0009
Sensitivity	0.9624 ± 0.0070	0.9662 ± 0.0024	0.9627 ± 0.0050	0.9457 ± 0.0082	0.9686 ± 0.0014
Specificity	0.9659 ± 0.0068	0.9545 ± 0.0060	0.9432 ± 0.0099	0.9761 ± 0.0059	0.9689 ± 0.0018

Accuracy: 0.9631 ± 0.0224
AUC: 0.9939 ± 0.0078
Sens: 0.9461 ± 0.0461
Spec: 0.9721 ± 0.0284

- Accuracy Across 10 Runs



- CPU Time Comparison – Wisconsin Breast Cancer Dataset



➤ 2. Diabetes disease diagnosis problem

- 768 instances (500 normal, 268 diabetes) and 8 attributes
- FOA-SVM achieves the best overall performance
- Lowest computation time among metaheuristic methods

Attribute no.	Attribute
1	Number or times pregnant (NTP)
2	Plasma glucose concentration (PGC)
3	Diastolic blood pressure (mmHg) (DBP)
4	Triceps skin-fold thickness (mm) (TSFT)
5	2-h serum insulin (mu U/mL) (H2SI)
6	Body mass index (kg/m ²) (BMI)
7	Diabetes pedigree function (DPF)
8	Age

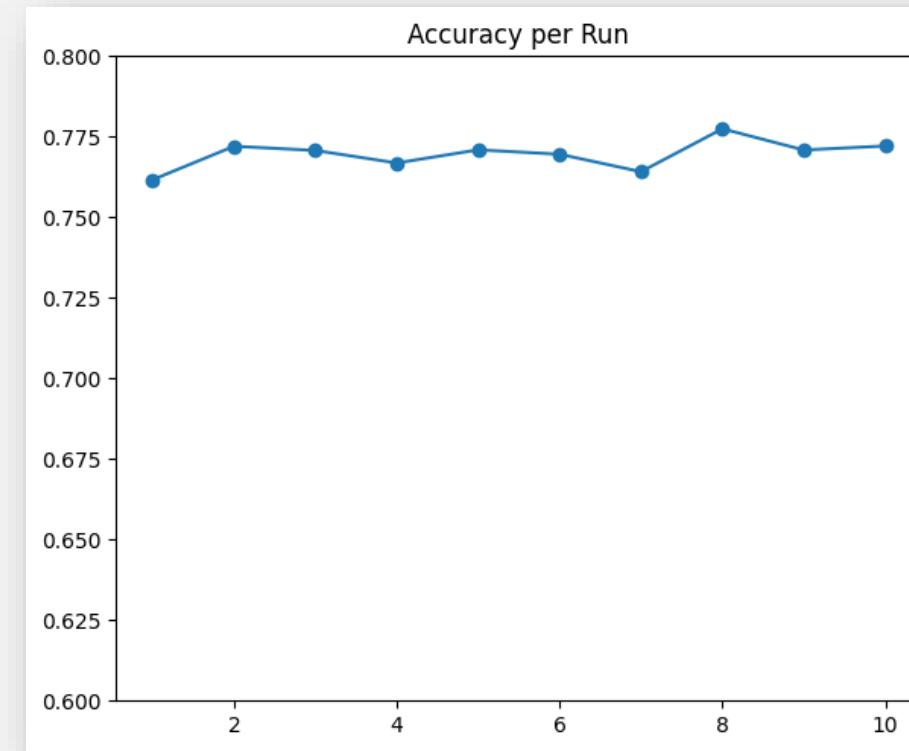
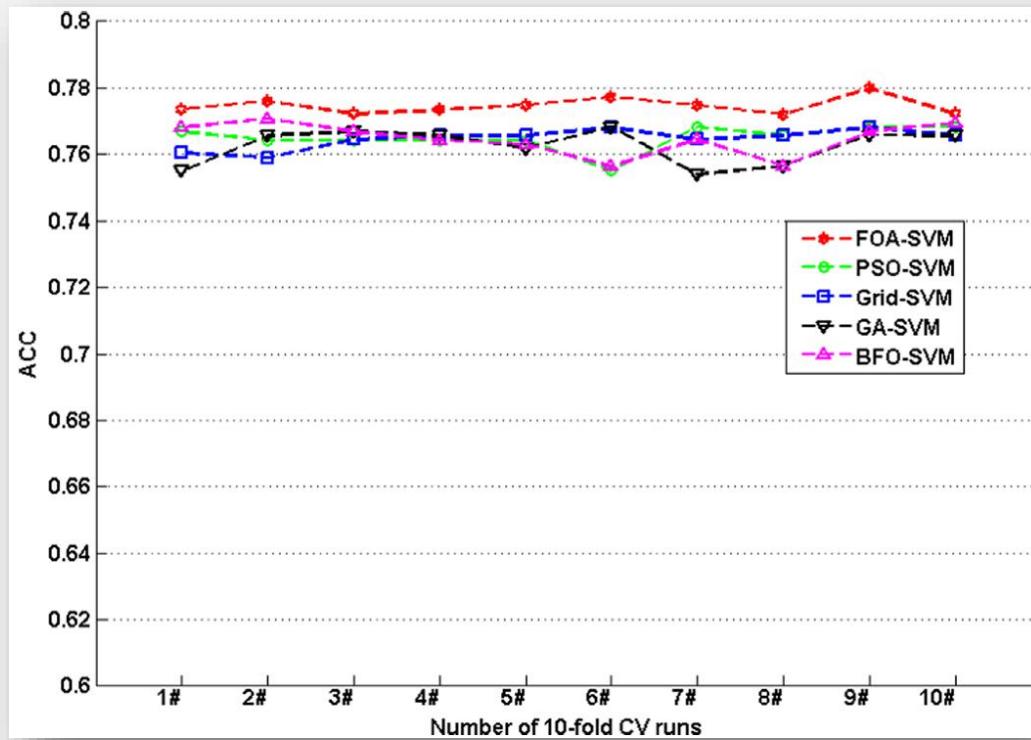
Metrics	t-value (significance)			
	PSO-SVM	Grid-SVM	GA-SVM	BFO-SVM
ACC	5.985(0.000)	9.425(0.000)	7.372(0.000)	5.596(0.000)
AUC	5.566(0.000)	5.928(0.000)	6.898(0.000)	6.167(0.000)
Sensitivity	1.965(0.081)	2.707(0.024)	2.934(0.017)	3.476(0.007)
Specificity	3.971(0.003)	3.580(0.006)	5.690(0.000)	3.285(0.009)

- Performance Comparison on Pima Dataset

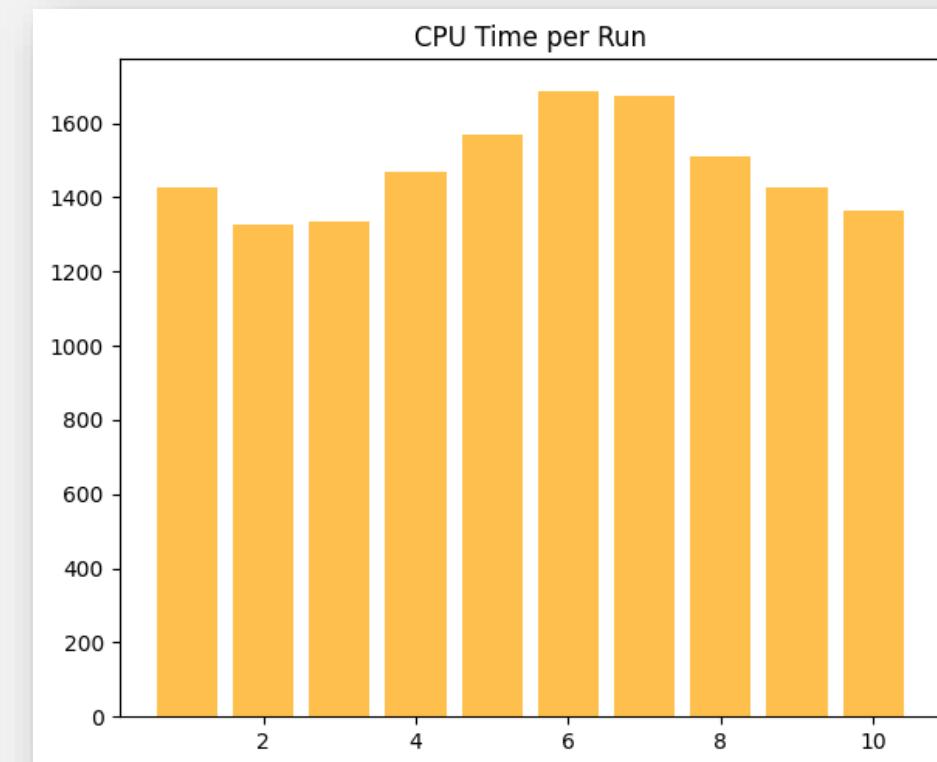
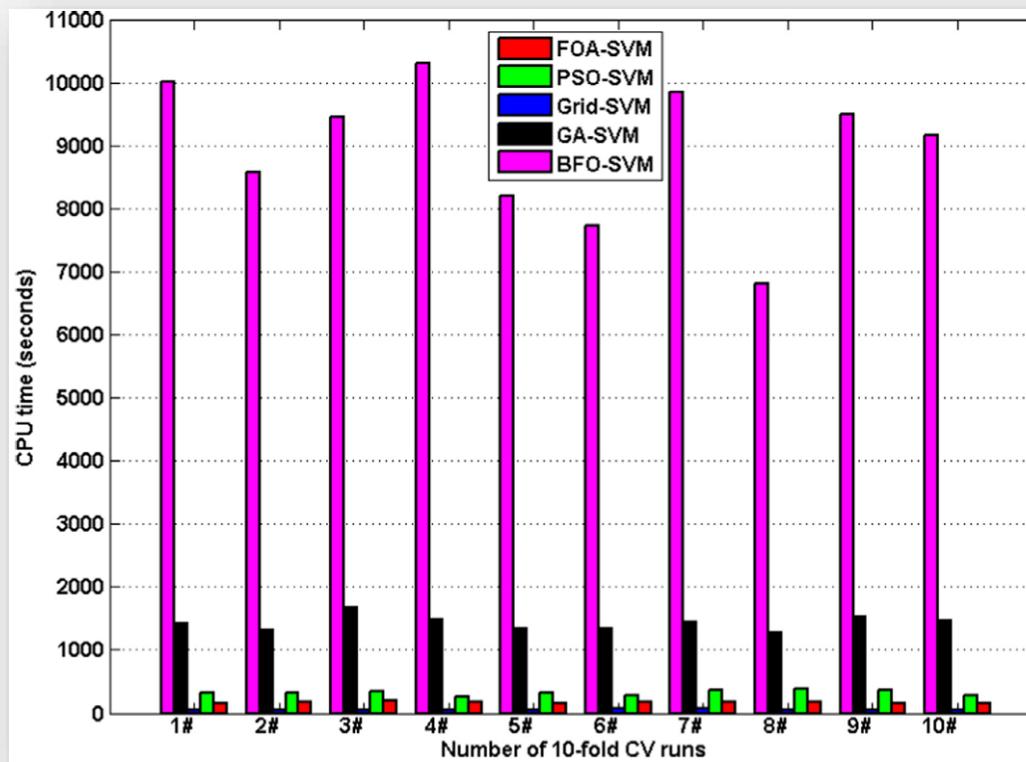
Metrics	Methods				
	PSO-SVM	Grid-SVM	GA-SVM	BFO-SVM	FOA-SVM
ACC	0.7650 ± 0.0039	0.7648 ± 0.0029	0.7626 ± 0.0053	0.7647 ± 0.0049	0.7746 ± 0.0026
AUC	0.7146 ± 0.0046	0.7119 ± 0.0032	0.7114 ± 0.0062	0.7121 ± 0.0074	0.7234 ± 0.0045
Sensitivity	0.5418 ± 0.0135	0.5359 ± 0.0082	0.5412 ± 0.0113	0.5382 ± 0.0131	0.5507 ± 0.0121
Specificity	0.8874 ± 0.0071	0.8880 ± 0.0058	0.8816 ± 0.0074	0.8861 ± 0.0067	0.8962 ± 0.0040

Accuracy: 0.7696 ± 0.0449
AUC: 0.7628 ± 0.2071
Sens: 0.5563 ± 0.0980
Spec: 0.8840 ± 0.0468

- Accuracy Across 10 Runs



- CPU Time Comparison – Pima Indians diabetes Dataset



➤ 3. Parkinson's disease diagnosis problem

- 195 instances (23 PD patients + 8 healthy controls) and 22 attributes
- Each subject produced ~6 vowel phonations, each lasting 36 seconds

Metrics	t-value (significance)			
	PSO-SVM	Grid-SVM	GA-SVM	BFO-SVM
ACC	2.397(0.040)	5.846(0.000)	3.023(0.014)	4.953(0.001)
AUC	0.703(0.500)	3.902(0.004)	1.204(0.259)	0.886(0.399)
Sensitivity	6.047(0.000)	8.009(0.000)	7.023(0.000)	6.873(0.000)
Specificity	-.741(0.478)	2.192(0.056)	-.317(0.759)	−1.069(0.313)

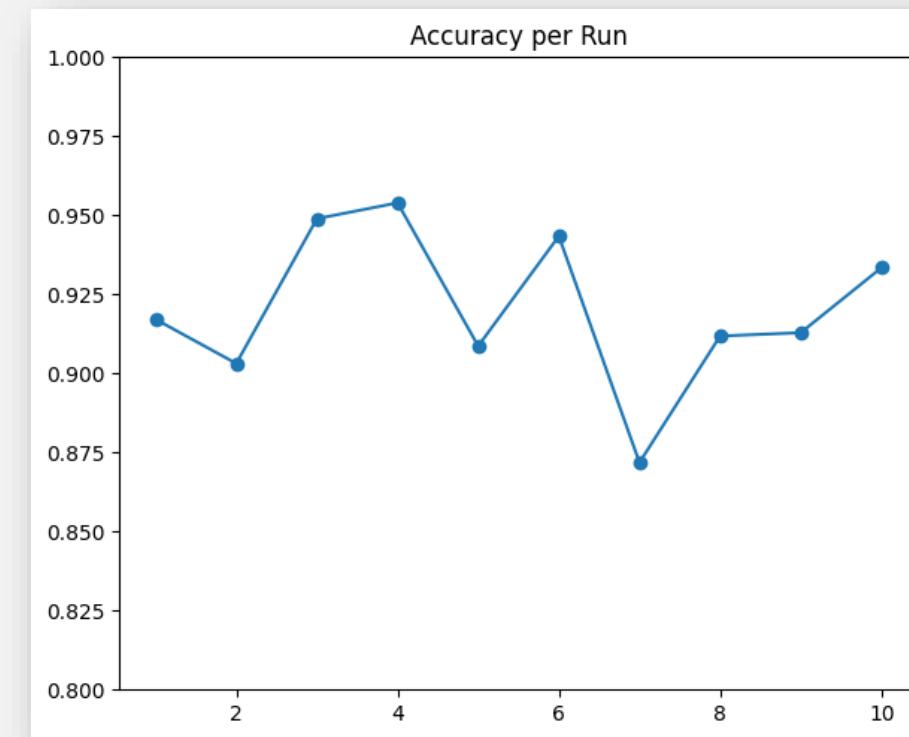
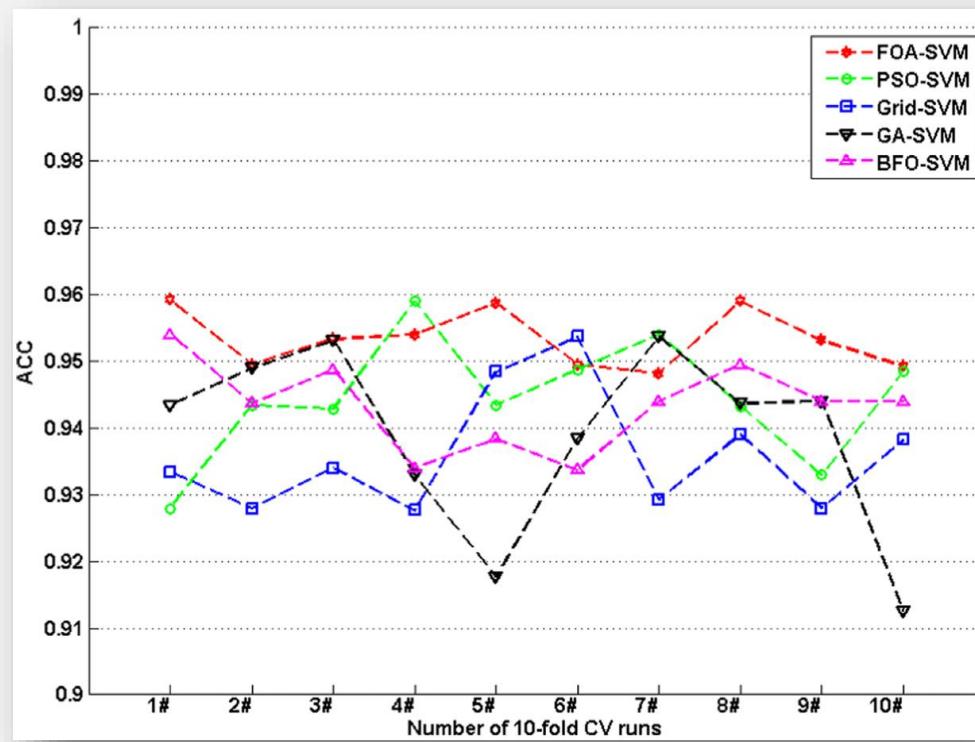
Label	Attribute	Description
F1	MDVP:Fo (Hz)	Average vocal fundamental frequency
F2	MDVP:Fhi (Hz)	Maximum vocal fundamental frequency
F3	MDVP:Flo (Hz)	Minimum vocal fundamental frequency
F4	MDVP:Jitter (%)	Several measures of variation in fundamental frequency
F5	MDVP:Jitter (Abs)	
F6	MDVP:RAP	
F7	MDVP:PPQ	
F8	Jitter:DDP	
F9	MDVP:Shimmer	Several measures of variation in amplitude
F10	MDVP:Shimmer (dB)	
F11	Shimmer:APQ3	
F12	Shimmer:APQ5	
F13	MDVP:APQ	
F14	Shimmer:DDA	
F15	NHR	Two measures of ratio of noise to tonal components in the voice
F16	HNR	
F17	RPDE	Two nonlinear dynamical complexity measures
F18	D2	
F19	DFA	Signal fractal scaling exponent
F20	Spread1	Three nonlinear measures of fundamental frequency variation
F21	Spread2	
F22	PPE	

- Performance Comparison on Parkinson Dataset

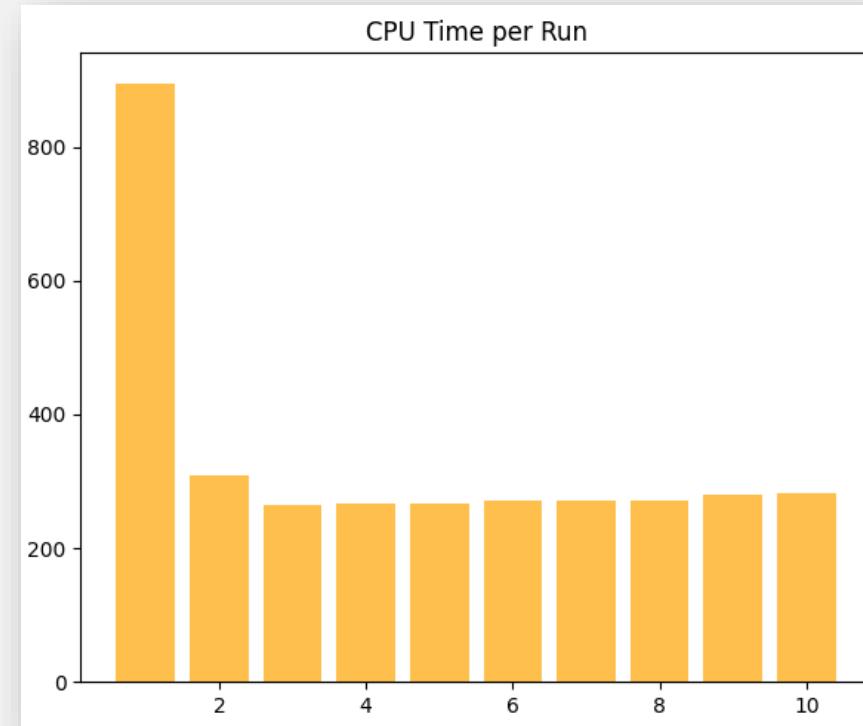
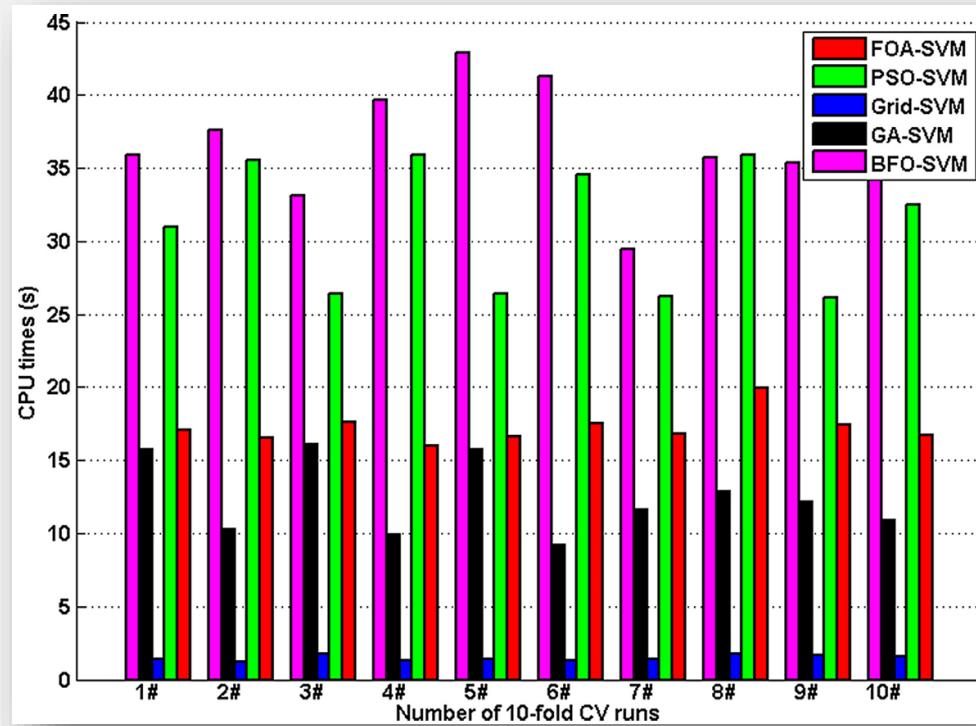
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Specificity	0.9659 \pm 0.0068	0.9545 \pm 0.0060	0.9432 \pm 0.0099	0.9761 \pm 0.0059	0.9689 \pm 0.0018

Accuracy: 0.9205 \pm 0.0627
 AUC: 0.9530 \pm 0.0697
 Sens: 0.9662 \pm 0.0499
 Spec: 0.7810 \pm 0.2164

- Accuracy Across 10 Runs



- CPU Time Comparison – Parkinson Dataset



➤ 4. Thyroid disease diagnosis problem

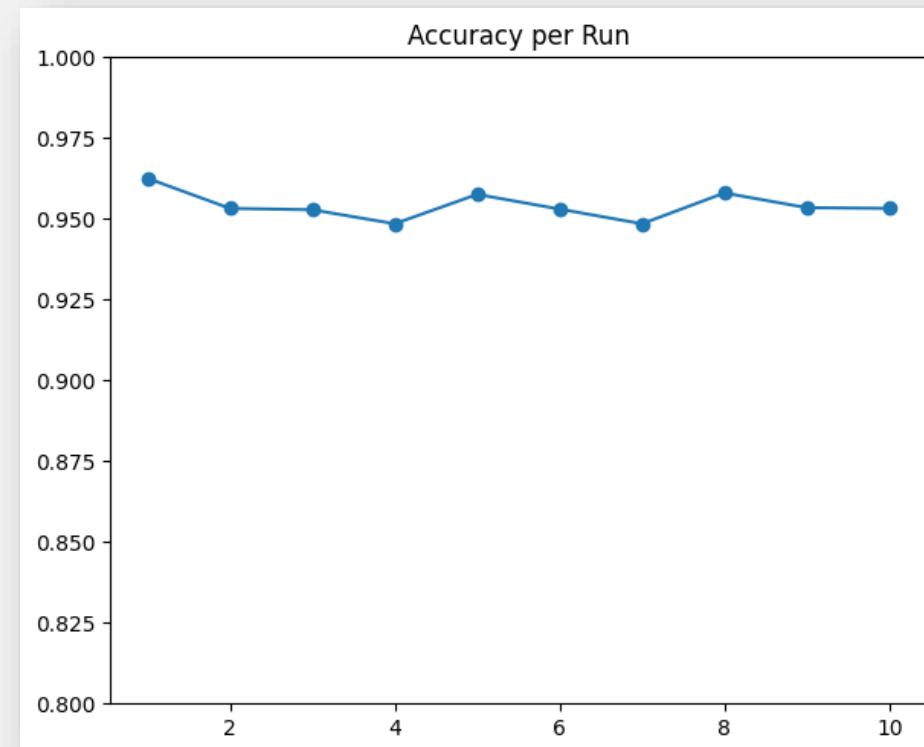
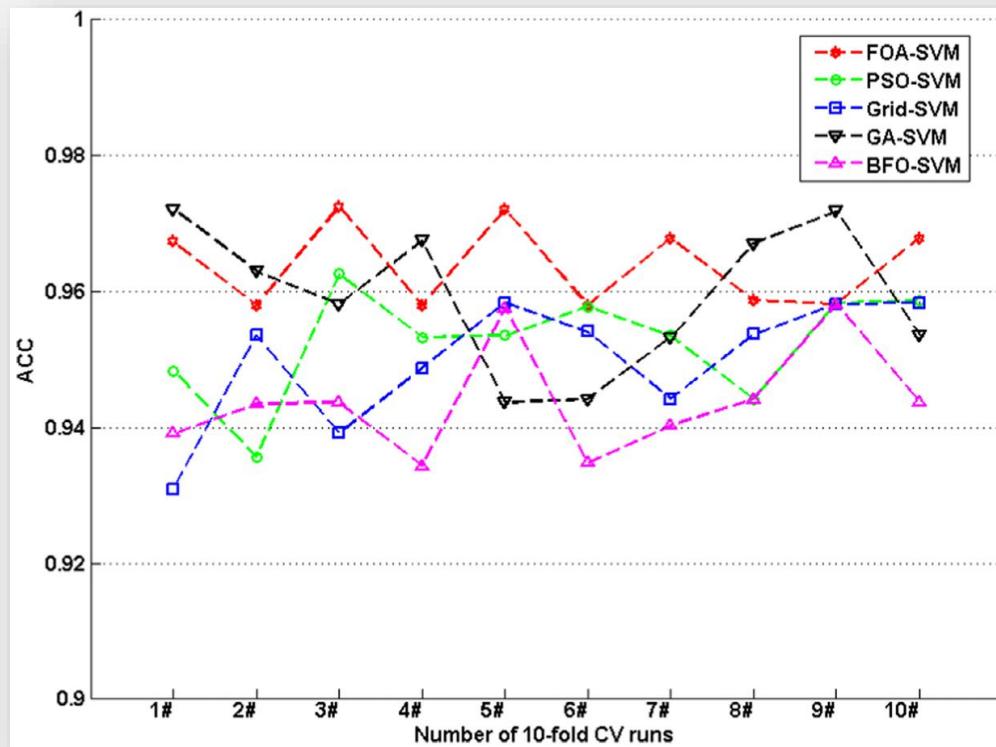
- 215 instances and 5 attributes:
- Class 1: euthyroidism (150) , Class 2: hyper (35) , Class 3: hypo (30)

Attributes	Description
F ₁	T3-resin uptake test (a percentage).
F ₂	Total serum thyroxin as measured by the isotopic displacement method.
F ₃	Total serum triiodothyronine as measured by radioimmunoassay.
F ₄	Basal thyroid-stimulating hormone (TSH) as measured by radioimmunoassay.
F ₅	Maximal absolute difference of TSH value after injection of 200 mg of thyrotropin-releasing hormone as compared to the basal value.

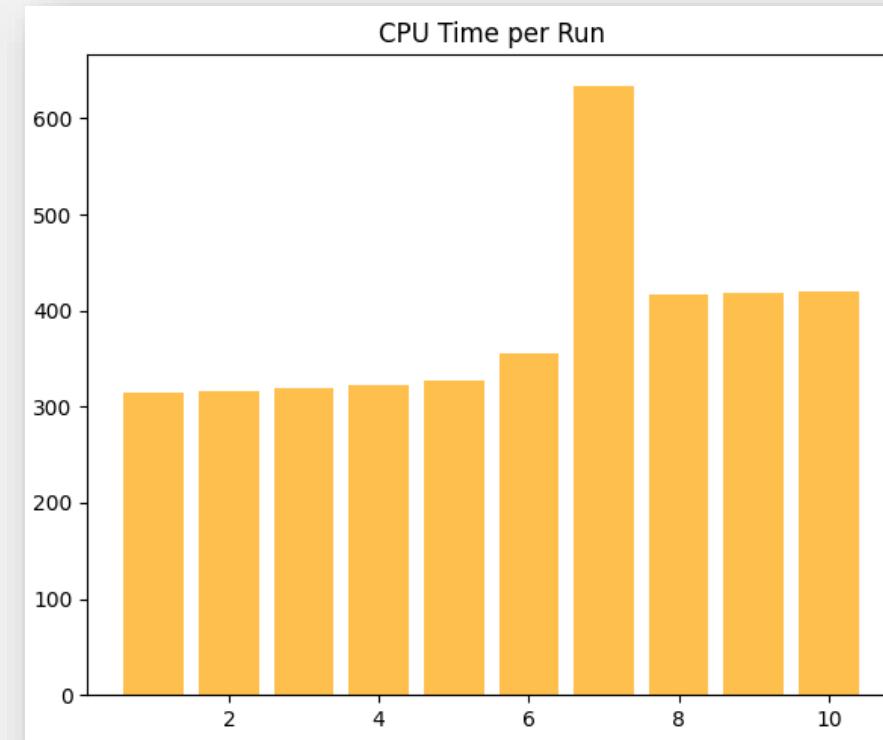
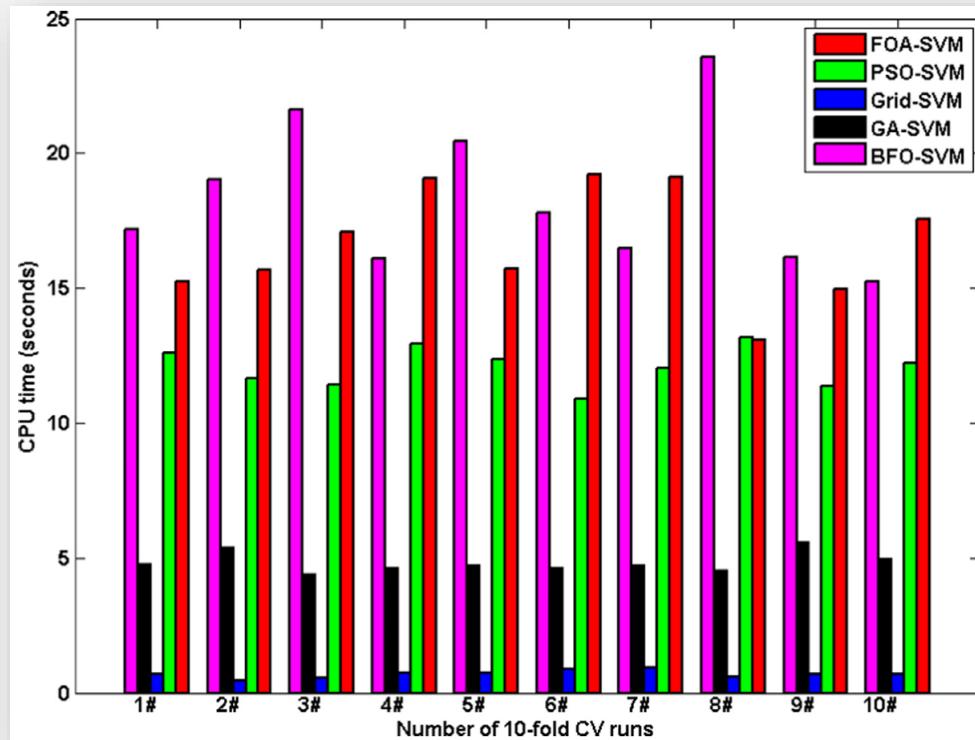
Metrics	Methods				
	PSO-SVM	Grid-SVM	GA-SVM	BFO-SVM	FOA-SVM
ACC	0.9526 ± 0.0080	0.9499 ± 0.0092	0.9594 ± 0.0106	0.9440 ± 0.0082	0.9638 ± 0.0062

Accuracy: 0.9541 ± 0.0409

- Accuracy Across 10 Runs



- CPU Time Comparison – Thyroid Dataset



- FOA-SVM achieves higher accuracy and more stable performance than other methods.
- Significantly lower CPU time compared to PSO, GA, and BFO.
- FOA provides an effective and simple approach for SVM parameter tuning.
- A strong candidate for medical data classification tasks.

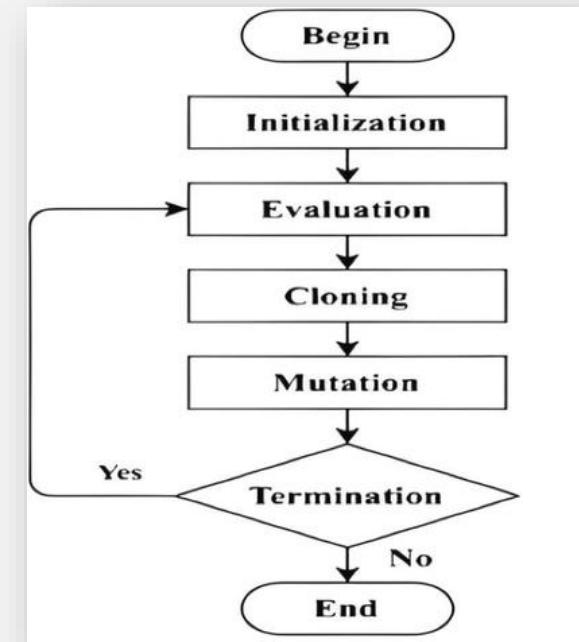


Improvement

➤ Clonal Selection Algorithm (CSA)

- CSA is an immune-inspired population-based optimization algorithm
- Candidate solutions (antibodies) are evaluated using an affinity measure
- High-affinity individuals are selected and cloned
- Adaptive mutation is applied with inverse relation to affinity

$$\text{Mutation} \propto 1/\text{Affinity}$$



Improvement

- Breast cancer diagnosis problem

	FOA-SVM	Implemented FOA-SVM	Implemented CSA-SVM
ACC	0.9690 ± 0.0010	0.9631 ± 0.0224	0.9637 ± 0.0218
AUC	0.9687 ± 0.0009	0.9939 ± 0.0078	0.9938 ± 0.0081
Sensitivity	0.9686 ± 0.0014	0.9461 ± 0.0461	0.9527 ± 0.0385
Specificity	0.9689 ± 0.0018	0.9721 ± 0.0284	0.9695 ± 0.0285

Improvement

- Diabetes disease diagnosis problem

	FOA-SVM	Implemented FOA-SVM	Implemented CSA-SVM
ACC	0.7746 ± 0.0026	0.7696 ± 0.0217	0.7663 ± 0.0459
AUC	0.7234 ± 0.0045	0.7628 ± 0.0207	0.7630 ± 0.0205
Sensitivity	0.5507 ± 0.0121	0.5563 ± 0.0980	0.5469 ± 0.0993
Specificity	0.8962 ± 0.0040	0.8840 ± 0.0468	0.8838 ± 0.0479

Improvement

➤ Parkinson's disease diagnosis problem

	FOA-SVM	Implemented FOA-SVM	Implemented CSA-SVM
ACC	0.9690 ± 0.0010	0.9205 ± 0.0627	0.9477 ± 0.0404
AUC	0.9687 ± 0.0009	0.9530 ± 0.0697	0.9844 ± 0.0251
Sensitivity	0.9686 ± 0.0014	0.9662 ± 0.0499	0.9722 ± 0.0420
Specificity	0.9689 ± 0.0018	0.9716 ± 0.2164	0.8720 ± 0.1312

➤ Thyroid disease diagnosis problem

	FOA-SVM	Implemented FOA-SVM	Implemented CSA-SVM
ACC	0.9638 ± 0.0062	0.9541 ± 0.0409	0.9588 ± 0.0382

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Any Questions?