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Secondly, it is difficult to select the appropriate parameter values of the SVM model, which have a great impact on the generalization capability and model accuracy. Researchers proposed many optimization methods to solve the problem, such as genetic algorithm, particles swarm optimization (PSO) algorithm, etc. [17]. But these methods involve too many human factors or requirements, for example, the kernel function should be continuously differentiable, and the results of SVM classifier are prone to falling into the local minimum.

In order to overcome above shortcomings, we propose a new scheme to improve the classification performance of electronic system fault diagnosis. This scheme includes two parts: One is to design an appropriate multi-classification SVMs model using several multi-kernel SVMs, which depends on the characteristics of electronic system fault diagnosis and can mine the information in the data more effectively. The other one is to improve the chaotic particles swarm optimization (CPSO) algorithm to optimize the parameters of the classifier, which can avoid the premature stagnation and ensure to obtain the best parameters values combination. The feasibility and efficiency of the proposed scheme for electronic system fault diagnosis are verified via application experiments.

The remainder of the paper will be structured as follows: Section 2 gives a brief introduction of SVM and stander PSO algorithm; Section 3 proposes the scheme of electronic fault diagnosis with multi-kernel SVM and the improved CPSO algorithm; Section 4 shows application experiments of electronic system fault diagnosis; and Section 5 gives the conclusions.

2. Related work review

2.1. Support vector machines

As a machine-learning algorithm, SVM integrates the optimal separating hyper-plane with the kernel method. Its resolution has good generalization capability, and the generalization capability is independence of the particular sample distribution. The performance of SVM is mainly referred to its generalization capability, namely the capability of recognizing the new data, and availability to the situation of small samples [9, 15, 30] SVM is more suitable for electronic system fault diagnosis, because electronic system always shows non-linear, complexity and diversity features.

Consider \( n \) training data \( x_i \) and the corresponding labels \( y_i \) (\( i = 1, 2, ..., n \)). In the simplest form, SVM will yield a hyper-plane that separates the training data by a maximal margin. The data lying on one side of the hyper-plane are labeled as +1, and the other data lying on the other side are labeled as −1. The training data that lie closest to the hyper-plane are called support vectors. In the case of linearly data, it is possible to determine the hyper-plane \( w^T x + b = 0 \) that separates the given data, where \( w \) and \( b \) are used to define the position of the separating hyper-plane. It is easy to find that the parameter pair \((w, b)\) corresponding to the optimal hyper-plane is the solution to the following optimization problem:

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{minimize} & : \quad L(w) = \frac{1}{2} \|w\|^2 \\
\text{subject to} & : \quad y_i (w^T x_i + b) \geq 1 \quad i = 1, 2, ..., n
\end{align*}
\]

(1)

For linearly non-separable cases, there is no such a hyper-plane that is able to classify every training sample correctly. So the optimization idea is generalized via the concept of soft margin. The new optimization problem thus becomes:

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{minimize} & : \quad L(w, \xi) = \frac{1}{2} \|w\|^2 + C \sum_{i=1}^{n} \xi_i \\
\text{subject to} & : \quad y_i (w^T x_i + b) \geq 1 - \xi_i \quad i = 1, 2, ..., n
\end{align*}
\]

(2)

where \( \xi_i \) is called slack variables related to the soft margin, and \( C \) is the tuning parameter used to balance the margin and training error. Both optimization problems (see Eq. (1) and Eq.(2)) can be solved by the Lagrange multipliers \( \alpha_i \) that transform them to quadratic programming problems.

For the applications, linear SVM does not meet satisfactory performance, non-linear SVM is more often applied. The basic idea of designing a non-linear SVM model is to map the input vector \( x \in \mathbb{R}^n \) into a high-dimensional feature space to solve a non-linear classification problem. Here the mapping function \( \phi(x) \), called kernel function, is selected in advance. The kernel function can perform a non-linear mapping to a high-dimensional feature space by replacing the inner product for non-linear pattern problem, which performs the non-linear mapping. The kernel functions are Mercer functions which meet Mercer condition, and the approximating feature map for the Mercer kernel is \( k(x, y) = \phi(x)^T \phi(y) \). The main basis kernel functions are listed as follows:

(1) Linear kernel function: \( k(x, y) = \langle x, y \rangle \)

(2) Polynomial kernel function: \( k(x, y) = (s(x \cdot y) + 1)^d \)

(3) RBF kernel function: \( k(x, y) = \exp\left(-\frac{\|x-y\|^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) \)

(4) Sigmoid kernel function: \( k(x, y) = \tanh(s(x \cdot y) + \gamma) \)

The learning algorithm for a non-linear classifier SVM follows the design of an optimal separating hyper-plane in a feature space. The procedure is the same as associated with hard and soft margin classifier SVMs in the \( x \)-space. Using the chosen kernel function, the Lagrangian is maximized in the corresponding high-dimensional feature space as follows:

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{maximize} & : \quad L(\alpha) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \alpha_i - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j=1}^{n} \alpha_i \alpha_j y_i y_j k(x_i, x_j) \\
\text{subject to} & : \quad \sum_{i=1}^{n} \alpha_i y_i = 0, \quad \alpha_i \geq 0, \quad i = 1, 2, ..., n
\end{align*}
\]

(3)

where the constraints must be revised by a non-linear soft margin classifier SVM. The unique difference between these constraints
and the separable non-linear classifiers is in the upper bound \( c \) and the Lagrangian multipliers \( \alpha_i \). The constraints of the optimization problem become as follows:

\[
\text{subject to: } \sum_{i=1}^{n} \alpha_i y_i = 0, \quad c \geq \alpha_i \geq 0, \quad i = 1, 2, ..., n
\]  

(4)

This way, the influences of the training data will be limited and remained on the wrong side of a separating non-linear hyper-plane. The non-linear SVM classifier is described below:

\[
f(x) = \text{sgn} \left( \sum_{i=1}^{n} \alpha_i y_i K(x, x_i) + b \right)
\]

(5)

where \( l \) presents the number of support vectors.

### 2.2. Stander particles swarm optimization algorithm

Compared with the other optimization algorithms, PSO algorithm is a kind of global search algorithm with many merits, such as simple concept, fast convergence rate, etc. It has been successfully applied in many fields. [6, 28] The stander PSO algorithm was proposed by James Kennedy and Eberhart, which is derived from the simulations of the birds in finding foods [12, 25, 32]. The basic idea of the stander PSO algorithm is to optimize the solution to every problem as a particle which searches the optimal value by sharing the historical information and the social information amount the particle individually. Each particle flies with a certain speed in the \( D \)-dimensional search space, and uses the fitness function to judge the merits of particles, particle flying experience of its own and other particles flying experiences. Then the speeds and best location of the particle group are adjusted dynamically, finally the optimal solution of optimization problems is given.

Assume \( m \) particles and form themselves into a particles swarm in a \( D \)-dimensional search space, \( x_i = (x_{i1}, x_{i2}, ..., x_{in}) \) denotes the position of the \( i \)-th particle, and \( v_i = (v_{i1}, v_{i2}, ..., v_{in}) \) denotes the velocity of the \( i \)-th particle. The best position of a particle is \( p_i = (p_{i1}, p_{i2}, ..., p_{in}) \), and the best position of the whole swarm is \( p_s = (p_{s1}, p_{s2}, ..., p_{sn}) \). Therefore the position and velocity of the particles in the particles swarm can be expressed as follows:

\[
\begin{align*}
    x_i(k + 1) & = x_i(k) + v_i(k + 1) \\
    v_i(k + 1) & = w \cdot v_i(k) + \text{rand}(0, c_1) \cdot [p_i(k) - x_i(k)] + \text{rand}(0, c_2) \cdot [p_s(k) - x_i(k)]
\end{align*}
\]

(6)

where \( c_1 \) and \( c_2 \) are acceleration constants which, respectively, stand for the weights of the accelerations, and by which, a particle flies towards the individual local best position or the best global position; \( \text{rand}(0, c_1) \) and \( \text{rand}(0, c_2) \) are the random numbers evenly distributed in \( [0, c_1] \) and \( [0, c_2] \) respectively. If \( c_1 = 0 \), the particle only has self-experience which means that its convergence rate may be fast, and it is easy to fall into the local optimum. If \( c_2 = 0 \), the particle only has social experience which means that all particles in a swarm become moving by themselves without interaction, and the probability of finding a solution is very low. The velocity \( v_{id} \) is generally condition by \( v_{id} \in [-v_{max}, v_{max}] \) to prevent the particles from flying out of the solution area. \( \omega \) is an inertial weight which denotes the influence of the previous velocity of a particle upon its current velocity. The bigger \( \omega \) means the bigger velocity \( v_{id} \) and search space for the particles, which helps to find the new solution space. The smaller \( \omega \) means the smaller velocity \( v_{id} \), which helps to find a better solution in the current solution space. \( \omega \) is always defined as follows [35]:

\[
\omega = \frac{\omega_{max} - \omega_{min}}{\text{Iter}_{max}} \times \text{Iter}
\]

(7)

where \( \omega_{max} \) is the initial inertia weight factor, \( \omega_{min} \) is the final inertia weight factor, \( \text{Iter} \) is the current iteration number, and \( \text{Iter}_{max} \) is the maximum iteration number.

### 3. Optimization multi-kernel SVM by improved CPSO

For SVM, the penalization parameter \( c \), kernel function and its parameters are the main factors which influence the classification performance [3, 29]. Therefore, in order to obtain good generalization capability of SVM, one of the main issues is to select the appropriate \( c \), kernel function and its parameters. In this section, aiming at the characters of electronic fault diagnosis, we apply multi-kernel SVM to enhance the generalization capability and exploit more discriminative information in sample data. In addition, we propose an improved CPSO, called ICPSO, to jointly optimize the parameters of multi-kernel SVM.

### 3.1. Improved CPSO algorithm

According to Ref. [7], the performance of standard PSO algorithm mainly depends on the number of particles and initial parameters. We can see from Eq.(6) that current individual local position is attracted not only by its own current local best position but also by the best global position. If both of the local best position and the best global position are local optima, the particles will repeat the same search path, called premature stagnation. The Eq. (6) doesn’t offer a method of jumping out of the premature stagnation. In this paper, an improved CPSO (ICPSO) algorithm is proposed to enhance the search diversity and to overcome the premature stagnation.

#### 3.1.1. Initialization of particles

The initialization of the particles of stander PSO algorithm always adopts a random distribution strategy, but it is difficult to ensure better ergodicity of the initial particles swarm. Chaos is an universal phenomenon of non-linear systems [18]. In general, chaotic motion is not haphazard, and the chaotic variable has three main properties, such as ergodicity, randomness and sensitivity to initial conditions. Using these characteristics, the chaos optimization algorithm is utilized to solve the problem of the particles initialization.

Different chaos map functions have great different influences on chaotic optimization search. Logistic map is more often used in research and application currently. Ref. [2, 19, 20, 24] point out that Tent map has better ergodic homogeneity and higher iterative evolution velocity than Logistic map via mathematical analysis and simulation verification. In this paper, we modify stander Tent map function and use it for the chaotic search. The stander equations of Tent map function are shown as follows:
\[
x_{n+1} = \begin{cases} 
2(x_n + 0.1 \times \text{rand}(0,1)) & 0 \leq x_n \leq 0.5 \\
2(1 - x_n + 0.1 \times \text{rand}(0,1)) & 0.5 < x_n \leq 1 
\end{cases}
\] (8)

Here we modify Eq.(8) with the following constrained condition. If \( x_n = \{0, 0.25, 0.5, 0.75\} \) or \( x_n = x_{\text{rand}} \), \( m = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\} \), then \( x_n \rightarrow x_n + 0.1 \times \text{rand}(0,1) \). In practice, because the optimization ranges of every parameters are different, we will carry interval \([0, 1]\) of the chaotic variables to define the range of the particles swarm solution vectors.

### 3.1.2. Judgment of premature stagnation

In the iteration process of each particle, if the premature stagnation happens, i.e., the best global position of the whole swarm \( p_g \) is unchanged within \( N \) times iterations, which means that the particles swarm has already or will be fall into local optima. Here, the value of \( N \) can be set in advance according to the scale of the problem or the experimental results. Generally, the bigger \( N \) means the standard of the judgment of premature stagnation is more lax. Base on this idea, some researchers[8] applied to embed a premature stagnation counter, called \( K \), into the PSO algorithm, \( K \) is used to count the number of stagnation. If \( p_g \) is same as the previous value, then \( K \) adds 1, otherwise \( K \) is cleared to zero. When \( K \) is up to the limit time \( N \), a mechanism will run to help the particles to jump out of the local optimum. Obviously, this process will consume more computation time in practice, thus we propose to leave this judgment process out, this means that \( p_g \) will be replaced by a new value at each iteration process step.

According to the Eq.(6), the next location of particles depends on the current position and speed. The current speed is the key of the particles swarm optimization since it makes the particles to have better movement and enhance the diversity of the particles swarm. The current speed depends on three main factors, called previous speed, the best position of each particle \( p_i \) and the global best position \( p_g \). It is obvious that \( p_i \) plays a vital role in information exchange among the particles and the convergence rate increase. With the pulling of \( p_g \), the standard PSO algorithm may lose their diversity of the particles swarm and the premature convergence is more likely to happen during the evolutionary process. In order to enhance the diversity of the particles swarm and avoid premature convergence. We develop \( p_g \) as follows at each evolution step.

\[
p_g \rightarrow \overline{p}_g = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^{m} p_i
\] (9)

Eq.(9) indicates that the global best place \( p_g \) will be replaced by the center of all individual best places \( \overline{p}_g \). Then the new equations of the position and velocity of the particles in the swarm are shown as follows:

\[
\begin{align*}
\{v_{n+1}(k+1) &= \omega \cdot v_n(k) + \text{rand}(0, 1) \cdot \{p_n(k) - x_n(k)\} + \text{rand}(0, 2) \cdot \{\overline{p}_n(k) - x_n(k)\}, \\
x_{n+1}(k+1) &= x_n(k) + v_n(k+1) \quad d = 1, 2, \ldots, D
\end{align*}
\] (10)

From Eq.(10), we can see that the new improved algorithm not only remains the simplicity of the standard PSO algorithm, but also makes the particles to have the capability of jumping out of local optimal position. \( \overline{p}_n \) improves the diversity of the particles swarm, and it plays the same effect as the \( p_n \).

### 3.2. Optimization of multi-kernel SVM

#### 3.2.1. Multi-kernel SVM

The kernel function and corresponding kernel parameters are the key issue affecting the model prediction accuracy. An efficient kernel function should represent sample data adaptively. General kernel methods use a single kernel function and choose consistent parameters for the whole sample data sets. In reality, the distributions of the sample data in the different mapping space are different. So MKL was proposed by Lanckriet et al. [13].

MKL is an active research topic in the field of machine learning and it provides a more flexible framework than a single kernel. MKL mines information in data more adaptively and effectively, especially in enhancing the interpretability of the classification function and improving its performance.

In the MKL framework, a combined kernel function is defined as the weighted sum of the individual basis kernels. MKL aims to optimize combining weights while training the SVM-based methods [11, 31]. Though researchers proposed a variety of methods of integrate multiple kernels, linear convex combination of basis kernels is still one of the most frequently used approaches. With this method, each basis kernel can exploit the full set of features, or use a subset of features. So, using the equations described by Sonnenburg et al. [26], we consider the combined kernel as follows:

\[
k(x_p, x_q) = \sum_{j=1}^{m} \mu_j k_j(x_p, x_q)
\] (11)

subject to:

\[
\sum_{j=1}^{m} \mu_j = 1, \quad \mu_j \geq 0, \quad j = 1, 2, \ldots, m
\]

where \( m \) is the number of basis kernels, \( \mu_j \) is the combining weight of the \( j \)-th basis kernel. According to the properties of kernel function[22], \( k \) is Symmetric Positive Semidefinite Matrix, i.e., \( k \geq 0 \). Afterward, all kernel matrices \( k_j \) are normalized by replacing \( k_j(x_p, x_q) \) by the following equation to get unit diagonal matrices:

\[
k_j(x_p, x_q) = \sqrt{k_j(x_p, x_p) k_j(x_q, x_q)}
\]

Based on MKL and Schur complement lemma [11, 27], the solution problem of \( \mu_j \) can be cast to the form of quadratically constrained
quadratic program (QCQP). The objective of QCQP is convex in \( \mu_i \) and Lagrange multipliers \( \alpha_i \). Such a QCQP problem can be solved efficiently by the interior point methods. The obtained dual variables can be used to solve the optimal kernel coefficients.

Although some reported optimization software packages, such as MOSEK [1], can solve the primal and dual problems simultaneously, it is also complex and not unfit for application. In this paper, because the combination of several basis kernels is a linear combination, we propose to use joint optimization method to determine the combining weights of the new multi-kernel. This way can not only reduce the computation complexity comparing with MOSEK, but also obtain the best parameters’ values combination.

3.2.2. Optimization steps of multi-kernel SVM

In the ICPSO algorithm, the chaotic sequence is used to initiate individual position, which strengthens the diversity of search, and the stander PSO algorithm with new global best place is mainly used to perform a global search. The process of ICPSO is given below. Step 1: Initialize each parameter, such as population size \( m \), the stopping criterion (maximum number of iterations) \( \operatorname{Iter}_\text{max} \), displacement genes \( c_1 \) and \( c_2 \), weight \( \omega_{\text{max}} \) and \( \omega_{\text{min}} \) maximum velocity \( v_{\text{max}} \). Let the maximum iteration counter \( J = 0 \);

Step 2: Assign the initial location and velocity with the Eq. (8) randomly;

Step 3: Evaluate the fitting degree of each particle, and let initial individual best position to be \( P_i \) and let initial global best position to be \( P_g \);

Step 4: Update the position and speed of each particle based on Eq. (6) and Eq. (7);

Step 5: Calculate the new fitting degree of each particle and replace \( P_g \) by \( P_i \) according to Eq. (9);

Step 6: The maximum iteration counter \( J \) plus one, and if \( J < \operatorname{Iter}_\text{max} \), return to step 4. Otherwise, end the iteration computation and output the current \( P_g \).

4. Application experiments of electronic system fault diagnosis

4.1. Case representation

Electronic system faults always exist multiple fault modes simultaneously. A local circuit of a certain electronic system is shown in Fig. 1. In order to obtain the sample data for information fusion, we measure 7 voltage values with many times at the measuring points called A, B, C, D, E, F and G (with pentagrams representation). In this case, F1 indicates normal mode, F2, F3, and F4 indicate three fault modes respectively: circuit board damaged mode, chip burned mode and pins broken mode.

4.2. Design and optimization of multi-classification SVMs

Because the extension of SVM to multi-classification problems is not straightforward, multi-classification SVMs should be designed in this case. Ref. [37] addressed the existing representative multi-class classification methods with SVM and compared their merits and defects systematically. The popular methods applying SVMs to multi-classification problems decompose the multi-classification problems into many binary-class classification problems and incorporate many binary-class SVM [14, 23, 33]. For example, an \( N \)-class classification problem needs \( N(N−1)/2 \) binary-class classification SVMs with the “one-against-one” approach, while \( N \) SVMs for the “one-against-Rest” approach. Although the “one-against-one” approach demonstrates superior performance, it may require prohibitively-expensive computing resources in many real-world problems. The “one-against-rest” approach shows less accuracy, and demands heavy computing resources, especially for the real-time applications.

Based the conclusions of Ref. [37], we establish a multilayered classification structure in this paper. Firstly, we classify the normal mode and fault modes using SVM1 to achieve the purpose of fault detection, and then we use the “DDAG” approach to execute fault pattern recognition, such as recognizing circuit board damaged mode and chip burned mode via SVM2, recognizing chip burned mode and pins broken mode via SVM3, recognizing chip burned mode and pins broken mode via SVM4. The multi-classification SVMs model is shown in Fig. 2.

Based on Fig. 2, we choose appropriate basis kernel functions firstly, and then use the proposed ICPSO algorithm to achieve the optimal parameters’ values combination of the multi-kernel SVM. Here we choose the average test set accuracy (TSA) [11] for the sample data as evaluation criteria (fitting function). The TSA is defined as follows:

\[
\sigma = \frac{y_t}{y_t + y_f}
\]  

where \( y_t \) and \( y_f \) represent the number of true and false classification respectively. That SVM has higher TSA means the model is a better model. The main steps of fault diagnosis are shown as follows:

Step 1: Choose sample data via unitary processing and divide them into two parts: training set and testing set;

Step 2: Jointly optimize the parameters of each multi-kernel SVM using the ICPSO algorithm and establish the multi-classification multi-kernel SVMs;

Step 3: Train each multi-kernel SVM of multi-classification SVMs;
Step 4: Verify fault diagnosis accuracy of the multi-classification multi-kernel SVMs using the testing set.

4.3. Experiments and discussion

We collect 1000 voltage values as the sample data from the seven test points (see Fig.1). After unitary processing, we divide them into two parts: 500 data as training set and 500 data as testing set. The number of each fault mode is shown in Tab.1.

In this study, we perform two experiments. Experiment I compares the multi-classification multi-kernel SVMs on fault detection rate (FDR) and fault detection accuracy (FDA) using ICPSO, CPSO and GA respectively. Here we choose one linear kernel function which represents global information and one RBF function which represent local information [36] as basis kernel functions. Experiment II compares single RBF SVM with multi-kernel SVM on FDR and FDA. The multi-kernel SVM has same basis kernel functions as experiment I. Their parameters are optimized by ICPSO in experiment II.

The same set of parameters is assigned for the two experiments: \( n = 20, D = 4 \) (represent the two combination coefficients of the Multi-kernel, the penalization parameter \( c \) and the width of RBF \( \sigma \) respectively), \( \omega_{\max} = 1.2, \omega_{\min} = 0.2, c1 = c2 = 2, v_{rms} = 15 \) and \( Ier_{\max} = 300 \). The results are reported in Tab. 2 and Tab. 3.

Table 1. Number of the fault modes in the sample data

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In many reality cases, the parameters of SVM and its kernel function have great impact with the classification accuracy and generalization capabilities. In order to attain satisfactory fault diagnosis results of electronic system, we design a multi-classification multi-kernel SVMs model to perform classification. We propose an improved CPSO algorithm to achieve the optimal parameters’ values combination of the electronic fault diagnosis model. In the ICPSO algorithm, a modified Tent map chaotic sequence is used to initiate individual position, and a new scheme is embedded into the stander PSO algorithm to avoid premature stagnation. The feasibility and efficiency of the proposed scheme have been verified via the application experiments.

5. Conclusions

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Table 3. Results of fault diagnosis experiment II (compare with RBF and multi-kernel)

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