

# Accuracy, Recall, Precision of SVM Kernels in Predicting Autistic Spectrum Disorder In Adults



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**Abstract:** Autism is a disorder that is quite difficult to diagnose when the condition of the sufferer is in the adult category. In this era, technology has been able to make predictions including health cases. Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD) in adults is felt to be predictable by using machine learning. This study will build a predictor for ASD sufferers. Predictors of machine learning are built using the Support Vector Machine (SVM) algorithm, with the type of kernel used was Gaussian RBF, Polynomial and Sigmoid. From the predictors that are built, the best SVM parameters will be searched based on accuracy. This best parameter is used to build the best new predictor and the results of the prediction are compared in terms of accuracy, recall, and precision. These results can be used to get the best performance when detecting ASD sufferers effectively and efficiently

**Keywords:** Autism, Machine Learning, SVM, Kernel, Accuracy, Recall, Precision

## I. INTRODUCTION

Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD) is a neurodevelopmental disorder that is very common. In general, ASD occurs in children. However, this does not rule out the possibility of this happening to adults. Early diagnosis of ASD is very meaningful for sufferer's life, family, relatives and other people to be more sensitive and have a high understanding of sufferers. Diagnosing ASD in adults is not as easy as ASD in children. Adults with ASD who are not diagnosed at a young age or children are more difficult to meet symptoms. This can make it difficult for medical staff to detect ASD[1].

## II. METHODOLOGY

### A. Dataset

The data used in this study is "Autistic Spectrum Disorder Screening Data for Adult". This data is a collection of ten behavioral questions and ten characters from individuals with ASD who have proven effective in detecting ASD.

The data consists of 704 cases, 21 features of which the first feature is only indexing of data so that the features to be used in the learning model are only 20 features. ASD data has missing ones on age, ethnicity, and relationship features. The mechanism used to handle missing ones in it is using an average of all the values in the feature. This used to fill in the missing data with a value that does not differ significantly from the other data in the feature. Table I describes the features in the ASD data set.

**Table I: Name of the Table that justify the values [7]**

| Attribute                  | Type                | Description   |
|----------------------------|---------------------|---|
| Age                        | Number              | Age in years  |
| Gender                     | String              | Male or Female  |
| Ethnicity                  | String              | List of common ethnicities in text format               |
| Born with jaundice         | Boolean (yes or no) | Whether the case was born with jaundice                 |
| Family member with PDD     | Boolean (yes or no) | Whether any immediate family member has a PDD           |
| Who is completing the test | String              | Parent, self, caregiver, medical staff, clinician ,etc. |
| Country of residence       | String              | List of countries in text format                        |

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|                               |                     |  |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|--|
| Used the screening app before | Boolean (yes or no) | Whether the user has used a screening app  |
| Screening Method Type         | Integer (0,1,2,3)   | The type of screening methods chosen based on age category (0=toddler, 1=child, 2= adolescent, 3= adult)                       |
| Question 1 Answer             | Binary (0, 1)       | The answer code of the question based on the screening method used   |
| Question 2 Answer             | Binary (0, 1)       | The answer code of the question based on the screening method used   |
| Question 3 Answer             | Binary (0, 1)       | The answer code of the question based on the screening method used   |
| Question 4 Answer             | Binary (0, 1)       | The answer code of the question based on the screening method used   |
| Question 5 Answer             | Binary (0, 1)       | The answer code of the question based on the screening method used   |
| Question 6 Answer             | Binary (0, 1)       | The answer code of the question based on the screening method used   |
| Question 7 Answer             | Binary (0, 1)       | The answer code of the question based on the screening method used   |
| Question 8 Answer             | Binary (0, 1)       | The answer code of the question based on the screening method used   |
| Question 9 Answer             | Binary (0, 1)       | The answer code of the question based on the screening method used   |
| Question 10 Answer            | Binary (0, 1)       | The answer code of the question based on the screening method used   |
| Screening Score               | Integer             | The final score obtained based on the scoring algorithm of the screening method used. This was computed in an automated manner |

### B. SVMKernel

ASD data were trained and made learning models using the SVM Kernel classification method. SVM is a machine learning method used for classification problems of two different groups / labels [2]. SVM is also able to classify nonlinear function with a method called the kernel. This SVM kernel puts input into a higher dimension so that it is able to classify the inputs in a particular kernel. The SVM kernel function consists of linear, nonlinear, polynomial, radians basis functions, and sigmoid [3]. In this study the kernel functions used and will be compared to accuracy, recall and precision are Radial Basis Function (RBF), Polynomial, and Sigmoid.

### C. Accuracy, Precision, Recall

Accuracy is the comparison of all correct data to the whole data. Precision is the comparison of correct data to the amount of data query results [4]. Recall is a comparison of the amount of correct data taken against the amount of relevant data [4]. Here is a picture of the confusion matrix and performance. Recall and precision are two of the measurement methods for evaluating performance in the most commonly used information retrieval [5].

### D. K-Fold Cross Validation

One of the things that need to be avoided from making a machine learning model is overfitting. This needs to be avoided so that the modeling we build is able to predict new

data sets that have not been encountered before by the machine learning model that was built.

There are several techniques that are considered capable of helping to avoid this. Hold-out Validation and K-Fold Cross Validation are some examples of the methods in question. In this research, K-Fold Cross Validation is used to overcome overfitting.

K-Fold Cross Validation is a method used to reduce overfitting of a prediction. K-Fold Cross Validation divides training data and test data as many as K equally with the percentage of training data and test data. The classifier will be built K times according to each part of the fold in each K. The performance of each result of all accuracy is calculated on average [6].

## III. IMPLEMENTATION: PERFORMANCE TEST

The implementation of performance tests for the predictor on this project is divided into several steps. These steps are preprocessing data, building classifiers, and testing classifiers and evaluations. Where each step will be discussed in the following explanation.

### A. Data Preprocessing

At the data preprocessing stage, we separate the ASD data set between the label and its features. From the results of the data separation, we divide the data into 70% of training data and 30% of test data.

**Table II: Separation of Train Data and Test Data (Features)**

| Name    | Type   | Size     |
|---------|--------|----------|
| X       | object | (704,20) |
| X_Test  | object | (212,20) |
| X_Train | object | (492,20) |

**Table III: Separation of Train Data and Test Data (Label)**

| Name    | Type   | Size     |
|---------|--------|----------|
| Y       | object | (704,20) |
| Y_Test  | object | (212,20) |
| Y_Train | object | (492,20) |

Features in ASD data are not entirely numeric data. There are several features such as gender, ethnic, country and others which are not data numbers. We change the data on these features using the encoder label. The encoder label is used so that the machine learning model is able to process data from these features.

In the data used there are missing data on age, ethnic and relationship features. Missing data on ASD data will be filled with values from all data from each feature. Missing Data in question is outlined in the following figure. Selection of averages as a result of missing data so that what is provided has a relatively similar scale of values.

**B. Building Classifiers**

Furthermore, from the data that has been prepared, a classifier of training data is built, the results of which will be used as a model for predicting test data. From the classifier that has been built then used to predict 30% of the test data and see its performance. The classifier used is SVM with the kernel, namely: RBF, Polynomial, and Sigmoid.

At the beginning of making the classifier, it is done with default parameters as the beginning of classifier development and later it will be evaluated and classifier rebuilt with parameters in accordance with the results of the evaluation. This is done to get more optimal results from the default parameters in the Scikit-Learn module. The default parameters are explained in the following table.

**Table IV: SVC Module Default Parameter Value**

| No | Parameter | Value (Default) | Description             |
|----|-----------|-----------------|-------------------------|
| 1  | C         | 1.0             | -                       |
| 2  | degree    | 3.0             | Kernel = Poly           |
| 3  | gamma     | scale           | -                       |
| 4  | coef0     | 0.0             | Kernel = Poly & Sigmoid |

**C. Validation and Evaluation**

The next step is validation and evaluation. In the validation stage, validation is performed on the performance of the built classifier. This validation is used to avoid overfitting. Validation is done by K-fold cross validation. K-fold cross validation is done with K = 20. The results of the performance of the data validation are shown the average performance and standard deviation.

**Table V: K-Fold Cross Validation Results**

| Kernel     | Average performance | Standard deviation |
|------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| RBF        | 94,81%              | 0,025              |
| Polynomial | 93,88%              | 0,0408             |
| Sigmoid    | 90,20%              | 0,025              |

Afterwards, an evaluation using grid search is performed to find the most appropriate parameters of each parameter per SVM kernel that we use. The results of the evaluation are the highest accuracy, recall, precision of each kernel and the best parameters used. The following is a table of parameters used to do Grid Search.

**Table VI: The parameters used for evaluation using Grid Search**

| Kernel     | C      | Gamma                                       |
|------------|--------|---|
| RBF        | 1 - 10 | 0.1,0.01,0.02,0.03,0.04,0.05,0.06,0.07,0.08 |
| Polynomial | 1 - 10 | 0.5,0.6,0.7,0.8                             |
| Sigmoid    | 1 - 10 | 0.1,0.01,0.001,0.0001,0.00001               |

The results of the evaluation using Grid Search with the parameters above are the best parameters that can be used for optimal results (highest accuracy). In the Polynomial kernel, it produces over fit data so parameters need to be managed in the kernel. The following is a parameter table that is used to get the optimal value. As stated in Table III.

**Table VII: The Best Parameter Results**

| Kernel     | C | Gamma  | Degree | Coef0 |
|------------|---|--------|--------|-------|
| RBF        | 9 | 0,02   | -      | -     |
| Polynomial | 1 | 0,1    | 5      | 1     |
| Sigmoid    | 8 | 0,0001 | -      | -     |

**IV. RESULT AND CONCLUSION**

**A. Result**

The results of the construction of the Machine Learning model for predicting ASD sufferers are explained in the following tables. This model was built using the parameters found to be the most optimal as the results in Table V.

**1) Kernel RBF**

The following are the results obtained from the Machine Learning model with the 'RBF' kernel. The results are outlined in the Confusion Matrix table and the Classification Report table.

**Table VIII: Confusion Matrix in the RBF kernel**

|            |   | Prediction |    |
|------------|---|------------|----|
|            |   | 0          | 1  |
| Real Value | 0 | 150        | 5  |
|            | 1 | 6          | 51 |

**Table IX: Classification Report in the RBF kernel**

|              | precision | recall | f1-score | support |
|--------------|-----------|--------|----------|---------|
| 0            | 0,96      | 0,97   | 0,96     | 155     |
| 1            | 0,91      | 0,89   | 0,9      | 57      |
| accuracy     |           |        | 0,95     | 212     |
| macro avg    | 0,94      | 0,93   | 0,93     | 212     |
| weighted avg | 0,95      | 0,95   | 0,95     | 212     |

**2) Kernel Polynomial**

Here are the results obtained from the Machine Learning model with the 'Polynomial' kernel. The results are outlined in the Confusion Matrix table and the Classification Report table.

**Table X: Confusion Matrix in the Polynomial kernel**

|            |   | Prediction |    |
|------------|---|------------|----|
|            |   | 0          | 1  |
| Real Value | 0 | 147        | 8  |
|            | 1 | 10         | 47 |

**Table XI: Classification Report in the Polynomial kernel**

|          | precision | recall | f1-score | support |
|----------|-----------|--------|----------|---------|
| 0        | 0,94      | 0,95   | 0,94     | 155     |
| 1        | 0,85      | 0,82   | 0,84     | 57      |
| accuracy |           |        | 0,92     | 212     |

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|                     |      |      |      |     |
|---------------------|------|------|------|-----|
| <b>macro avg</b>    | 0,9  | 0,89 | 0,89 | 212 |
| <b>weighted avg</b> | 0,91 | 0,92 | 0,91 | 212 |

### 3) Kernel Sigmoid

Here are the results obtained from the Machine Learning model with the 'Sigmoid' kernel. The results are outlined in the Confusion Matrix table and the Classification Report table.

**Table XII: Confusion Matrix in the Sigmoid kernel**

|                   |   |                   |    |
|-------------------|---|-------------------|----|
|                   |   | <b>Prediction</b> |    |
|                   |   | 0                 | 1  |
| <b>Real Value</b> | 0 | 152               | 3  |
|                   | 1 | 24                | 33 |

**Table XIII: Classification Report in the Sigmoid kernel**

|                     | <b>precision</b> | <b>recall</b> | <b>f1-score</b> | <b>support</b> |
|---------------------|------------------|---------------|-----------------|----------------|
| <b>0</b>            | 0,86             | 0,98          | 0,92            | 155            |
| <b>1</b>            | 0,92             | 0,58          | 0,71            | 57             |
| <b>accuracy</b>     |                  |               | 0,87            | 212            |
| <b>macro avg</b>    | 0,89             | 0,78          | 0,81            | 212            |
| <b>weighted avg</b> | 0,88             | 0,87          | 0,86            | 212            |

## V. CONCLUSION

Building a predictor's about how well the performance of the predictor is built. From several algorithms used, it was found that the RBF kernel has the best performance, after that the polynomial kernel and sigmoid kernel. This performance can be seen from the results of performance validation using K-Fold Cross Validation as shown in Table 3, the results of the Confusion Matrix and Classification Report of each kernel.

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