

The Application of Least Square Support Vector Machine as a Mathematical Algorithm for Diagnosing Drilling Effectivity in Shaly Formations

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ABSTRACT

The problem of slow drilling in deep shale formations occurs worldwide causing significant expenses to the oil industry. Bit balling which is widely considered as the main cause of poor bit performance in shales, especially deep shales, is being drilled with water-based mud. Therefore, efforts have been made to develop a model to diagnose drilling effectivity. Hence, we arrived at graphical correlations which utilized the rate of penetration, depth of cut, specific energy, and cation exchange capacity in order to provide a tool for the prediction of drilling classes.

This paper describes a robust support vector regression (SVR) methodology that offers superior performance for important drilling engineering problems. Using the amount of cation exchange capacity of the shaly formations and correlating them to drilling parameters such as the normalized rate of penetration, depth of cut, and specific energy, the model was developed. The method incorporates hybrid least square support vector regression into the coupled simulated annealing (CSA) optimization technique (LSSVM-CSA) for the efficient tuning of SVR hyper parameters. Also, we performed receiver operating characteristic as a performance indicator used for the evaluation of classifiers. The performance analysis shows that LSSVM classifier noticeably performs with high accuracy, and adapting such intelligence system will help petroleum industries deal with the well drilling consciously.

Keywords: Support Vector Regression, Shaly Formations, Coupled Simulated Annealing, Drilling Region

INTRODUCTION

The remarkable portion of footage drilled occurs in shales; moreover, the drilling operation is performed at high ROP because shales are not rigid and stiff [10]. Due to chemical and mechanical factors, the cuttings stick together or to the bit. Therefore, the bit performance decreased which subsequently caused the drilling rate to decline

[10,40,41,37]; this phenomenon is called “bit balling.” The agglomeration and compaction of clay-rich cuttings to the bit, junk slots of a bit, or bottom hole assembly surfaces are regarded as balling, and they deteriorate the overall performance [39,48]. Smith and his coworkers [39,40,41,42] deduced that when clay-rich shale is drilled with water-based mud, the main reason for low rate of

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penetration (ROP) is global balling. Therefore, whatever prevents or minimizes the global balling can improve and optimize the drilling performance.

Bit Balling Investigations Review

Numerous research studies have considered the framework and the effect of bit balling, and drilling ineffectivity has subsequently been taken into account when drilling a shale formation. The bit balling study has been divided into mechanical and chemical approaches [5,7,8,10,14,31,34,46, 47]; the mechanical explanations ascribe balling to two problems [3]: (I) the difficulty in preserving fluid between the cutter and the cuttings lead to differential sticking of the cuttings to the bit (cutter), and (II) the dilatancy in the shear zone of the cuttings causes a drop in pore pressure within the cuttings, which leads to differential sticking. In addition, the chemical approach can be explained via two strategies [3]: (I) the tendency of drilling fluid to wet the surface of the bit, and (II) sticking of the cuttings by virtue of swelling, because hydrophilic cuttings try to imbibe water. This water imbibition is due to [3]: (1) cohesion among cuttings, and (2) adhesion to bit surfaces.

Furthermore, the effect of other possible parameters on bit balling was also surveyed by exploring shale properties (such as cation exchange capacity (CEC)) [12,14,31], mud properties [5,7,8, 10,12,15,34,44,46,47,56], down-hole pressure [5, 7, 10, 12, 34, 46], and bit and cutter design [51, 56]. Other studies [1,3,6,8,17,21,22,26,27,29, 35,39,40,43,50,51,56] have been developed and proposed several normalized, dimensionless, and bit operating parameters for characterizing and diagnosing bit performance.

In this paper, in addition to the normalized rate

of penetration (ROP_n), other parameters such as specific energy (E_s) and depth of cut (D_{cut}) are also used to represent drilling performance. The field data used in the correlation are obtained from the southern Iranian oil field drilling wells at the time of drilling.

EXPERIMENTAL PROCEDURES

The Normalized Rate of Penetration

For making a comparison among the combined data from various drilled intervals, normalizing the ROP has been suggested [25]. The normalization is implemented by the following model[15]:

$$ROP_n = \frac{ROP_{actual}}{\left(\frac{WOB}{d_b}\right)^2 \left(\frac{rpm}{60}\right)} \quad (1)$$

where, ROP_{actual} , ROP_n , WOB , d_b , and rpm are the actual rate of penetration, normalized rate of penetration, weight on bit, bit diameter, and rotary speed respectively.

Specific Energy

Pessier and Fear (1992) defined specific energy as the work done per unit volume of rock drilled. In the clean drilling, the specific energy decreases gradually, whereas in the balling region, the specific energy increases gradually. In general, a relatively low value implies efficient drilling and/or weak rock, and a high value denotes ineffective drilling and/or strong rock [25]. The equation used by Pessier and Fear (1992) to express specific energy is defined by:

$$E_s = \frac{WOB}{(Borehole\ Area)} + \frac{120\pi \times rpm \times Torque}{(Borehole\ Area) \times ROP} \quad (2)$$

where E_s , WOB , rpm , $Torque$, and ROP are correspondingly specific energy, weight on bit, rotary speed, bottom hole torque, and the rate of

penetration.

A balled or worn bit requires higher specific energy than a new and/or clean bit for drilling the same rock under identical conditions. The difference between total torque and torque off-bottom is used to estimate bottom hole torque and to subsequently calculate the specific energy for all bit runs[25].

Depth of Cut

Smith (1998) defined the depth of cut as a supplementary parameter for surveying drilling performance:

$$D_{cut} = \frac{ROP}{5 \times rpm} \quad (3)$$

where D_{cut} , ROP , and rpm represent the depth of cut, rate of penetration, and rotary speed respectively.

Cation Exchange Capacity

The cation exchange capacity (CEC) is a tool to describe the electrolytic cation absorbability of a clay-rich rock onto pore surfaces. CEC measurement in oil and gas studies is usually used for shaliness evaluation of sedimentary formations [52]. However, the CEC of rocks in bore hole cannot directly and continuously be measured. The measurement of CEC is subject to laboratory or empirical correlations developed from logs. Typically, the oil and gas industries measure the CEC with an API-recommended methylene blue capacity test [33], but by taking the advantage of the logs derived, using correlations is a beneficial way. In the Appendix, the corresponding calculation and relationship for empirical correlations are described.

Support Vector Machines

Support vector machines (SVM) on the basis of statistical learning theory and structural risk minimization were introduced by Vapnik in 1995 [48]. The SVM was constructed to maximize the minimum distance between the data which leads to an optimum hyper-plane. Assuming the objective is $f(x) = \omega \cdot x + b$, where the training set is given by $\{(x_i, y_i)\}_{i=1,2,\dots,l}$, $x_i \in \mathbf{R}$ is the input and $y_i \in \{-1, 1\}$ is the output. For the linear separable case, SVM formulations appear to be:

$$\begin{cases} w^T x_i + b \geq +1 & \text{if } y_i = +1 \\ w^T x_i + b \leq -1 & \text{if } y_i = -1 \end{cases} \quad (4)$$

And for the non-separable case,

$$\begin{cases} w^T \phi(x_i) + b \geq +1 & \text{if } y_i = +1 \\ w^T \phi(x_i) + b \leq -1 & \text{if } y_i = -1 \end{cases} \quad (5)$$

where, $\phi(x)$ maps the input data into a higher dimensional featurespace. Support vector machines for multi-classification have been developed in different supervised classification applications for various issues [4,13,16,19,24,30,32,54,55,57].

A nonlinear kernel function computes the hyper-plane with a maximum margin of $\frac{2}{\|w\|}$ between the classes. Standard SVM model utilizes the quadratic programming problem in the following equation:

$$\begin{aligned} \min & \frac{1}{2} w^T w + C \sum_{i=1}^l \xi_i \\ \text{s.t.} & y_i (w^T \phi(x_i) + b) = 1 - \xi_i, \xi_i \geq 0, i = 1, \dots, l \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

where, C is the representative of the trade-off parameter.

By implementing Karush-Kuhn-Tucker (KKT) and using Lagrangian multipliers, α_i , the quadratic programming problem can be solved. Consequently, w can be obtained by using

$$w = \sum_{j=1}^s \alpha_{t_j} y_{t_j} \phi(x_{t_j}) \quad \text{where, } \alpha_i \text{ is support}$$

vector (SV) used to specify decision boundary. Let denote t_j ($j=1, \dots, s$) to the s support vectors.

Then, one can rewrite:

$$w = \sum_{j=1}^S \alpha_{t_j} y_{t_j} \phi(x_{t_j}) \quad (7)$$

By taking the dual problem into account, the quadratic programming problem would be solved.

$$\max Q(\alpha) = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^l \alpha_i \alpha_j y_i y_j K(x_i, x_j) \quad (8)$$

$$s.t. \begin{cases} 0 \leq \alpha_i \leq C, \forall_i \\ \sum_{j=1}^l \alpha_j y_j = 0 \end{cases}$$

According to Mercer theorem, the kernel is similar to the following equation:

$$K(x_i, x_j) = \phi(x_i)^T \phi(x_j) \quad (9)$$

The general formulation for SVM is represented by:

$$y(x) = \text{sign} \left(\sum_{j=1}^l \alpha_j y_j K(x_i, x_j) + b \right) \quad (10)$$

Least Square Support Vector Machines

Suykens and Vandewalle proposed a modified version of SVM called least square SVM (LS-SVM) [45]. Like SVM, LS-SVM has application in both regression and classification cases. LS-SVM has reduced the run time and shown more adaptivity. Moreover, LS-SVM draws attention because it employs an equality constraint-based formulation instead of using quadratic programming methods.

In LS-SVMs, the regression appears as:

$$\min \frac{1}{2} w^T w + C \sum_{i=1}^l e_i^2 \quad (11)$$

$$s.t. \quad y_i (w^T \phi(x) + b) = 1 - e_i, \quad i \geq 0, i = 1, \dots, l$$

The Lagrangian equation is defined as follows:

$$L(w, b, e; \alpha) = \frac{1}{2} w^T w + C \sum_{i=1}^l e_i^2 - \sum_{i=1}^l \alpha_i \{ y_i (w^T \phi(x) + b) - 1 + e_i \} \quad (12)$$

where, Lagrangian multipliers $\alpha_i \in \mathbf{R}$; if Lagrangian equation is differentiated with respect to $w, b, \alpha,$

and $e,$ and the conditions are applied, one may obtain:

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dL}{dw} = 0 \rightarrow w = \sum_{i=1}^l \alpha_i y_i \phi(x_i) \\ \frac{dL}{db} = 0 \rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^l \alpha_i y_i = 0 \\ \frac{dL}{de_i} = 0 \rightarrow \alpha_i = C e_i, \quad i = 1, \dots, l \\ \frac{dL}{d\alpha_i} = 0 \rightarrow y_i = y_i (w^T \phi(x_i) + b) - 1 + e_i, \quad i = 1, \dots, l \end{cases} \quad (13)$$

Omitting e and w results in a KKT system:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & Y^T \\ Y & \Omega + C^{-1}I \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (14)$$

where, C is a positive constant, and b is the bias.

$$y = (y_1, \dots, y_l)^T$$

$$\bar{1} = (1, \dots, 1)$$

$$\alpha = (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_l)$$

$$\Omega_{ij} = y_i y_j \phi(x_i)^T \phi(x_j) = y_i y_j K(x_i, x_j), \quad 1 \leq i, j \leq l \quad (15)$$

By applying the Mercer condition, the final result would be:

$$y(x) = \text{sign} \left(\sum_{j=1}^l \alpha_j y_j K(x_i, x_j) + b \right) \quad (16)$$

The most common kernel functions used in SVM are defined as follows [2,9]:

$$1. \text{ Linear kernel: } K(x_i, x_j) = x_i x_j \quad (17)$$

2. Polynomial kernel:

$$K(x_i, x_j) = (x_i x_j + C)^d \quad \text{for } d \in \Theta, c \geq 0 \quad (18)$$

3. Gaussian (RBF) kernel:

$$K(x_i, x_j) = \exp \left(-\frac{\|x_i - x_j\|^2}{2\sigma^2} \right) \quad (19)$$

Coupled Simulated Annealing

Coupled simulated annealing (CSA) method was proposed by Xavier de Souza et al. in 2010 [53]. CSA features a new form of acceptance probability function that can be applied to an ensemble of optimizers. This approach considers several current states which are coupled together by their

energies in their acceptance probability function. Moreover, as it is distinct from classical simulated annealing (SA) techniques [1,29], parallelism is an inherent characteristic of this class of methods. The objective of creating coupled acceptance probability functions that comprise the energy of many current states, or solutions, is to generate more information when deciding to accept less favorable solutions.

The following equation describes the acceptance probability function A with coupling term ρ :

$$A_{\theta}(\rho, x_i \rightarrow y_i) = \frac{\exp\left(\frac{-E(y_i)}{T_k^{\infty}}\right)}{\exp\left(\frac{-E(y_i)}{T_k^{\infty}}\right) + \rho} \quad (20)$$

where, $A_{\theta}(\rho, x_i \rightarrow y_i)$ is the acceptance probability for every $x_i \in \Theta$, $y_i \in \Upsilon$ and $\Upsilon \subset \Theta$. Υ denotes the set of all possible states, and the set $\Theta \equiv \{x_i\}_{i=1}^q$ is presented as the set of current states of q minimizers; moreover, T_k^{ac} is the acceptance temperature parameter at time instant k . The variance σ^2 of A_{θ} is equal to:

$$\frac{1}{q} \sum_{\forall x \in \Theta} A_{\theta}^2 - \frac{1}{q^2} \quad (21)$$

The coupling term ρ is given by:

$$\rho = \sum_{x_j \in \Theta} \exp\left(\frac{-E(y_i)}{T_k^{\infty}}\right) \quad (22)$$

Hence, CSA considers many current states in the set Θ , which is a subset of all possible solutions Υ , and accepts a probing state y_i based not only on the corresponding current state x_i but by considering also the coupling term, which depends on the energy of all other elements of Υ .

Performance Evaluation: Receiver Operating Characteristic (ROC)

The ROC curve [18,21] shows the separation abilities of a binary classifier; by setting different

possible classifier thresholds, the data set is tested on misclassifications. If the plot has an area under the curve equal to 1 for the test data, a perfectly separating classifier is found (on that particular dataset); if the area is equal to 0.5, the classifier has no discriminative power at all.

The receiver operating characteristic (ROC) curve can be used to measure the performance of a classifier. ROC utilizes sensitivity and specificity analyses as given by:

$$\text{Sensitivity} = \frac{TP}{TP + FN} (\%) \quad (23)$$

$$\text{Specificity} = \frac{TN}{FP + TN} (\%) \quad (24)$$

where TP , TN , FP , and FN denote true positives, true negatives, false positives, and false negatives respectively.

True Positive (TP): An input is detected Effective as diagnosed by field observation, Effective.

True Negative (TN): An input is detected Ineffective as diagnosed by field observation, Ineffective.

False Positive (FP): An input is detected Effective, but it is experimentally labeled Ineffective.

False Negative (FN): An input is detected Ineffective, but it is experimentally labeled Effective.

Cation Exchange Capacity Measurement

The API-recommended methylene blue test (MBT) is carried out by providing one gram of finely ground dried shale. Then, the powdered shale is dispersed in water with a small amount of sulfuric acid and hydrogen peroxide (acting as a dispersant). Afterwards, it boils gently for a few minutes, and then it cools to reach room temperature. Subsequently, it is titrated by a methylene blue solution. When a drop of the sample suspension is placed on a filter paper, and the result is a faint

blue halo surrounding the dyed solids, the end point is reached. Also, the CEC analyses can be performed at the well site with a minimum amount of equipment.

Results and Discussions

The data have been gathered from a shaly formation in one of the southern Iranian oilfields. The formations were drilled by a PDC bit using water-based mud. For evaluating and training the proposed model, the dataset was divided into two categories. A randomly 12 datasets were selected for the testing stage, and the remaining datasets were used for training the diagnostic model. The method for measuring CEC is described in the preceding section. The input parameters to LS-SVM classifier include cation exchange capacity, normalized rate of penetration, depth of cut, and specific energy, whereas the output parameter represents the drilling effectivity/ineffectivity. Furthermore, in the present study, it is tried to correlate CEC with the normalized rate of penetration, depth of cut, and specific energy in order to develop such classifications. It means that the effectivity/ineffectivity of drilling operations can be assessed by relating the aforementioned parameters.

In a separate study, the same dataset was exposed to the LS-SVR algorithm only (without the CSA algorithm), and the different parameters were optimized based on an exhaustive search. It was found out that it was not possible to reach the best solutions starting from arbitrary initial conditions. In particular, it is difficult to obtain the optimum choices of σ^2 and γ after starting with some discrete values. The solutions frequently become stuck in sub optimal local minima. These experiments

justified the use of a hybrid technique for LS-SVR parameter tuning. Then, these data were exposed to the hybrid CSA-LSSVM model. Figure 2 depicts the flowchart of the developed CSA-based hyper parameter determination approach for SVM.

The k -fold method presented by Salzberg was applied to the experiments using a k value of 10 [38,20]. Thus, the dataset was split into 10 parts, with each part of the data sharing the same proportion of each class of data.

Due to fewer parameters to set and an excellent overall performance, the RBF is an effective option for kernel function [49,26]. Through an initial experiment without feature selection, the parameter values of the proposed CSA-LS-SVM approach were set as follows: T_0 and T_k^{ac} were set to 1.0, and the range of the parameters of RBF kernel is selected arbitrary: $\sigma^2 = [0.001, 10^3]$ and $C = [0.01, 10^4]$. The optimal parameters for each pair of the inputs are listed in Table 1.

Table 1: Optimal values of categories optimized by CSA optimization technique.

	C	σ^2
D_{cut} -CEC	1.6889	1.1384
$1/[E_s]$ -CEC	2.5756	2.4853
$ROP_{Normalized}$ -CEC	1.2435	1.7996

As shown in Figure 1, in the case of D_{cut} versus CEC, the classifier divided the plane area into two parts: effective and ineffective drilling region. One pattern represents minimally effective bit cleaning or reversible balling, and the other pattern represents ineffective drilling or irreversible balling.

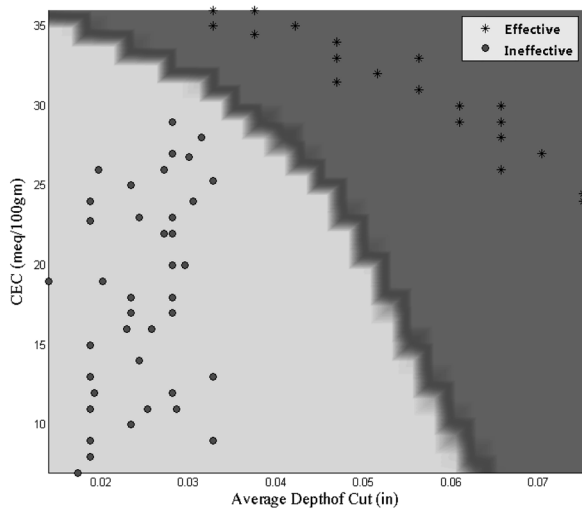


Figure 1: LSSVM model classifies the drilling data into effective and ineffective for inputs of CEC- D_{cut} .

As D_{cut} and CEC increase simultaneously, effective drilling can be achieved. In other word, at low depth of cut, when the CEC is high, the drilling will be effective. Correlating CEC versus reciprocal of specific energy (Figure 2) shows a same trend as one described for D_{cut} vs. CEC. Since, specific energy is related to the strength of the rock being drilling and subsequently efficiency of the drilling operation, therefore a low value of specific energy implies an effective drilling operation, while high values shows an ineffective drilling process.

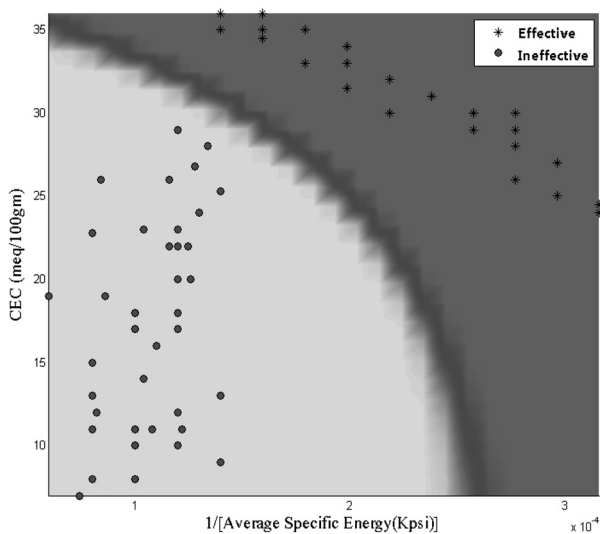


Figure 2: LS-SVM model classifies the drilling data into effective and ineffective for the inputs of CEC- $1/E_s$.

As can be seen in Figure 3, the normalized rate of penetration was employed to distinguish effective bit cleaning from an ineffective drilling pattern.

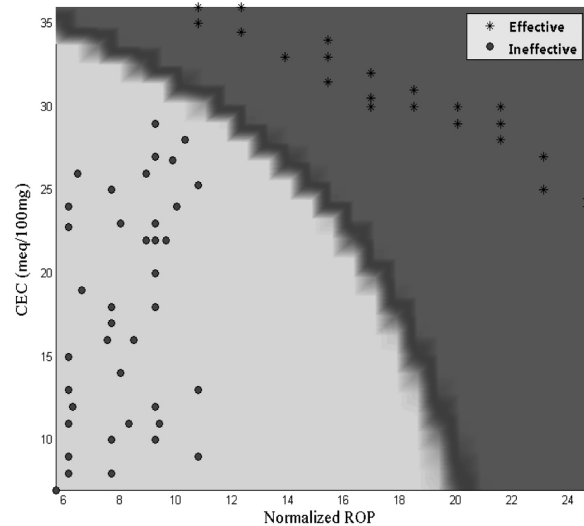


Figure 3: LS-SVM model classifies the drilling data into effective and ineffective for the inputs of CEC- ROP_n .

Figures 4-6 represent a general template detecting drilling ineffectivity. In addition, they can be used as a graphical correlation which utilizes $ROP_{normalized}$, D_{cut} , and the reciprocal of E_s as tools for determining the functionality of drilling.

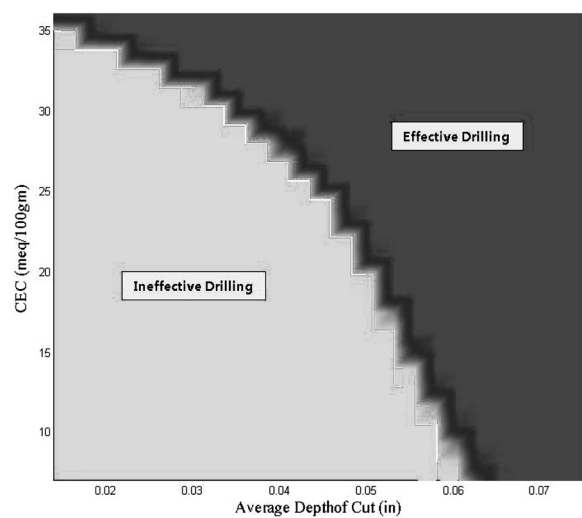


Figure 4: General template or graphical correlation for diagnosing drilling effectivity by inputs of CEC- D_{cut} .

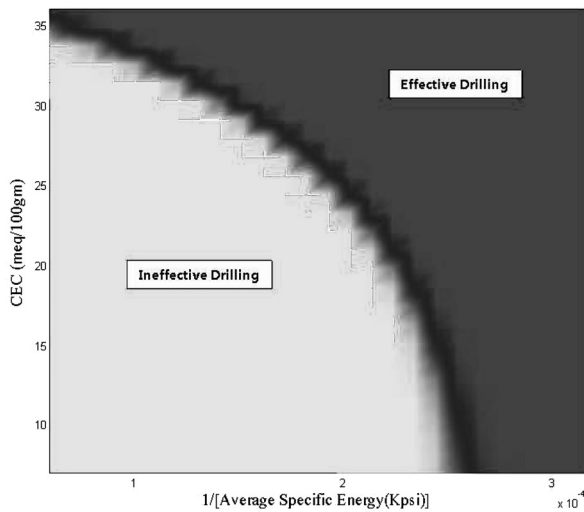


Figure 5: General template or graphical correlation for diagnosing drilling effectivity by inputs of CEC-1/Es.

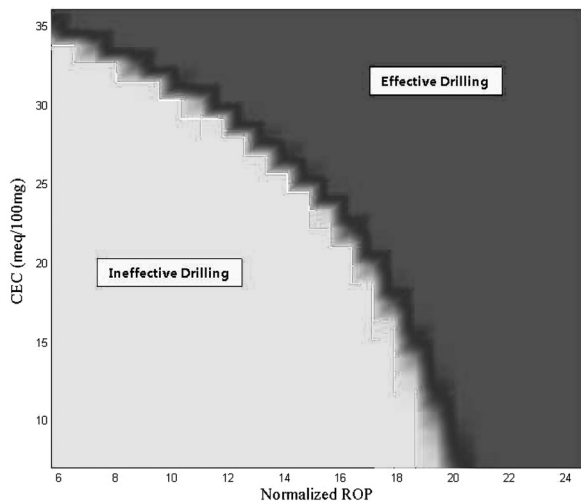


Figure 6: General template or graphical correlation for diagnosing drilling effectivity by inputs of CEC-ROP_n.

Table 2 performs a comparison between the observed and simulated drilling manner, where the inputs are D_{cut} -CEC. The predicted data show good agreement with the observed data with no false prognostication.

Table 2: Making a comparison between the observed and simulated drilling effectively for the inputs of D_{cut} -CEC.

NO.	D_{cut}	CEC	Drilling Observed	Drilling Simulated
1	0.037535	36	Effective	Effective
2	0.023459	11	Ineffective	Ineffective
3	0.023459	8	Ineffective	Ineffective
4	0.037535	35	Effective	Effective
5	0.05161	30	Effective	Effective
6	0.028151	10	Ineffective	Ineffective
7	0.029324	22	Ineffective	Ineffective
8	0.032843	35	Effective	Effective
9	0.042226	33	Effective	Effective
10	0.070377	25	Effective	Effective
11	0.030028	26.8	Ineffective	Ineffective
12	0.032843	9	Ineffective	Ineffective
13	0.05161	30.5	Effective	Effective

Also, Table 3 shows a comparison between the observed and simulated drilling effectively for the inputs of $1/[E_s]$ -CEC.

Table 3: A comparison between the observed and simulated drilling effectively for the inputs of $1/[E_s]$ -CEC.

NO.	$1/[E_s]$	CEC	Drilling Observed	Drilling Simulated
1	0.000277	28	Effective	Effective
2	0.000238	33	Effective	Effective
3	0.00012	27	Ineffective	Ineffective
4	9.8E-05	16	Ineffective	Ineffective
5	0.000159	36	Effective	Effective
6	8.01E-05	24	Ineffective	Ineffective
7	8.01E-05	9	Ineffective	Ineffective
8	8.01E-05	9	Ineffective	Ineffective
9	0.000238	30	Effective	Effective
10	0.000218	32	Effective	Effective
11	0.000218	30.5	Effective	Effective
12	0.0001	25	Ineffective	Ineffective

Moreover, Table 4 shows a comparison between the observed and simulated drilling effectively for the inputs of 1/[Es]-CEC.

Table 4: A comparison between the observed and simulated drilling effectively for the inputs of $ROP_{Normalized}$ -CEC.

NO.	$ROP_{Normalized}$	CEC	Drilling-Observed	Drilling-Simulated
1	21.58898	26	Effective	Effective
2	12.33656	35	Effective	Effective
3	12.33656	36	Effective	Effective
4	13.87863	35	Effective	Effective
5	18.50484	33	Effective	Effective
6	15.4207	34	Effective	Effective
7	9.25242	17	Ineffective	Ineffective
8	6.16828	15	Ineffective	Ineffective
9	4.62621	19	Ineffective	Ineffective
10	9.715041	20	Ineffective	Ineffective
11	10.79449	9	Ineffective	Ineffective
12	7.71035	11	Ineffective	Ineffective

Furthermore, this comparison has been performed for 1/[Es]-CEC and $ROP_{normalized}$. For both, the results elucidate the high powerful ability of LS-SVM classifier.

ROC curves are used to exhibit the performance and accuracy profile of classifications. The x-axis was set to (1-specificity), while y-axis was assigned to be sensitivity. As stated by Equations 19 and 20, one may obtain the following relations at the upper left-corner:

$$Sensitivity = \frac{TP}{TP + FN} = 1 \quad \text{Then} \rightarrow FN = 0 \quad (26)$$

$$1 - Specificity = 1 - \frac{TN}{FP + TN} = 0 \quad \text{Then} \rightarrow FP = 0 \quad (27)$$

Hence, whatever profile approaches the upper-left corner, false negative and false positive come near zero, and the classifier acts ideally and preferably. As displayed in Figures 7-9, the receiver operating characteristic (ROC) profile headway closes to upper-left corner and proves the high accuracy and reliable behavior of LS-SVM classifier.

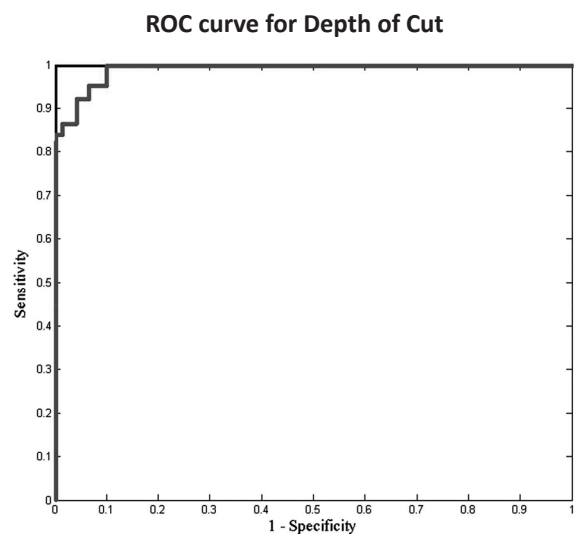


Figure 7: Receiver Operating Characteristic curve for analysis of model performance for CEC- D_{cut} .

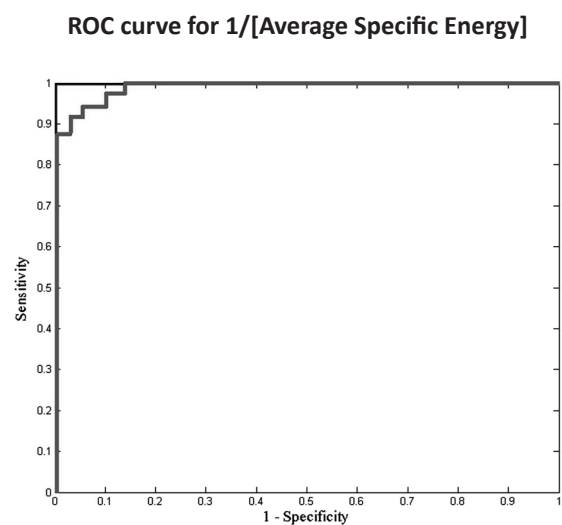


Figure 8: Receiver Operating Characteristic curve for analysis of model performance for CEC-1/Es.

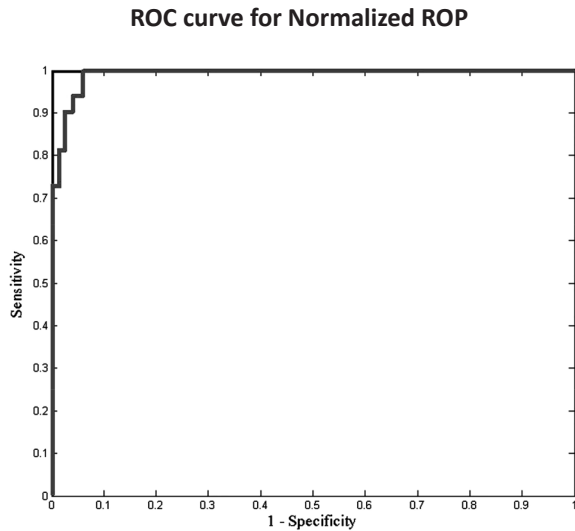


Figure 9: Receiver Operating Characteristic curve for analysis of model performance for CEC-ROP_n.

CONCLUSIONS

This study presents a CSA-based approach capable of searching for the optimal parameters of SVM to diagnose drilling ineffectivity. Four parameters (in three pairs) were employed as tools to develop graphical correlations. The data were collected from Iranian oilfields drilled by PDC bit with water-based mud. For evaluating CSA-LS-SVM model, receiver operating characteristic (ROC) was adapted to monitor the model behavior. In addition, a comparison of the obtained results with the observed results demonstrates that the proposed CSA-LS-SVM works functionally and practically. Furthermore, CSA-LS-SVM is an intelligent system with a self-adapting attribute which helps drilling industry to upgrade drilling performance.

APPENDIX

To calculate CEC using log data, R_{sh} , ρ_{ma} , ϕ_t , F_{sh} and temperature (T) have to be estimated. First, one should calculate the counterion concentration, Q_v (meq/cc pore volume) as follows:

$$Q_v = \frac{F_{sh}}{R_{sh} B_{max}} \quad (1)$$

B_{max} can be calculated using the following correlation derived from the experimental data collected by Waxman and Thomas (1975)[52]

$$B_{max} = -0.0003T^2 + 0.205T - 0.0929 \quad (2)$$

where, $T(^{\circ}C)$ is the temperature of the zone of interest, and B_{max} (mho/m/(meq/cc)) is the maximum equivalent counterion conductance.

Q_v is related to cation exchange capacity by:

$$CEC = Q_v \frac{100\phi_t}{(1-\phi)\rho_{ma}} \quad (3)$$

where, ϕ_t ($\phi_t = \phi_e + \phi_b$) is the total porosity, and ϕ_e is the effective porosity; ϕ_b is the fractional volume of water bound to shale, and ρ_{ma} (gr./cc) is the density of rock matrix containing shale, and CEC (meq/100 gr.) is the cation exchange capacity. Using the approximation adapted in the dual water model, the total porosity is calculated as an average of density and neutron porosity, i.e.:

$$\phi_t = \frac{\phi_{Neutron} + \phi_{Density}}{2} \quad (4)$$

The shale formation factor is then calculated by:

$$F_{sh} = \phi_t^{-2} \quad (5)$$

ρ_{ma} can be obtained from a core or cutting analysis if it is available; otherwise, the analyst will have to select a representative value. F_{sh} and R_{sh} are the shale formation resistivity factor and resistivity respectively.

NOMENCLATURES

CEC	: Cation Exchange Capacity
CSA	: Coupled Simulated Annealing
d_b	: Bit Diameter.
Es	: Specific Energy (kpsi)
FN	: False Negative
FP	: False Positive
KKT	: Karush-Kuhn-Tucker
MBT	: Methylene Blue Test
ROC	: Receiver Operating Characteristic
ROP	: Rate of Penetration [L/T]
ROP _n	: Normalized Rate of Penetration
rpm	: Rotary Speed [L/T]
SVR	: Support Vector Regression
TN	: True Negative
TP	: True Positive
WOB	: Weight on Bit

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