



## ENHANCING PERFORMANCE IN PREDICTING COVID CASES USING LINEAR REGRESSION COMPARED OVER SUPPORT VECTOR MACHINE

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### Abstract

**Aim:** To enhance the accuracy in predicting covid cases using Novel linear regression over support vector machines (SVM). **Materials and Methods:** Two groups were used in this research. Group 1 is Linear regression also used for regression and classification. Group 2 is Support vector machine is a supervised machine learning algorithm that can be used for both the classification and regression challengers. Accuracy rate of classifiers is measured using covid-19 symptom dataset to assess their performance. Required samples for analysis were calculated using G power calculation and Pretest Power is found to be 25%. **Result:** The result proved that novel linear regression with better accuracy than SVM. The linear regression is significantly better than SVM. The two groups linear regression (Group 1) with 97.57% has more mean accuracy than SVM (Group 2) with 95.35% and attained the significance value of  $p = 0.03$  ( $p < 0.05$ ). In the table datasets are prepared using 10 as sample size for linear regression and SVM. **Conclusion:** The results have proved that linear regression helps in predicting covid cases and gives more accuracy for covid prediction than SVM, with enhanced accuracy.

**Keywords:** Support Vector Machine, Novel Linear Regression, Covid-19, Machine Learning, Accuracy, Health Care.

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## 1. Introduction

Coronavirus disease is an infectious disease caused by the SARS-COV-2 virus. Here coronavirus are a large family of viruses that cause illness ranging from common cold to more severe diseases. The new strain of coronavirus, covid-19, was first reported in Wuhan, China in December 2019. Since then the virus has spread to all the continents. (Kaliappan et al. 2021) Corona viruses mostly cause gastrointestinal and respiratory tract infections and are inherently spread by dust particles and fomites while close unsafe touch between the infector and the infected individual. SARS-COV and MERS-COV are extremely pathogens and spread from bats to palm civets/camels and eventually to humans (Murtas et al. 2021). It is diagnosed by a laboratory test for Health care. In this situation, symptoms emerge from two to fourteen days following exposure to the virus. Whereas in some cases the disease can be fatal and cause pneumonia or breathing difficulties. Here the applications of prediction covid-19 are mostly affected in gathered places like markets, malls, shopping complex, bus, train etc. (Mahdi et al. 2021) covid-19 can be reduced by wearing masks, sanitizer, covid-shield, covaccine injection etc. these viruses can be prevented by maintaining social distance and staying at home to improve Health care. (Alleman et al. 2021) Similarly in covid-19 there is a technology application used there as aarogya setu.

In the last 3 years, there have been 90 articles in IEEE xplore and 160 in google scholar related to this study. Since the first COVID-19 epidemic, many recovered patients have tested positive after reexamination, with some even dying as a result of the resurgence (Yin et al. 2021). Variability has also been observed in the virus. (Vousden et al. 2022) The rapid genetic recombination of emerging coronaviruses results in mutation into new strains, which is a worrying aspect of their future growth. Each recombination has the potential to increase toxicity and infectivity, rendering traditional treatment approaches and medication obsolete. Scientists in Iceland have found forty varieties of new coronaviruses. Finally, it is extremely contagious (Tanaka et al. 2021) according to scientific evidence, the S-protein of 2019-nCoV has a high affinity for angiotensin converting enzymes.

Our institution is keen on working on latest research trends and has extensive knowledge and research experience which resulted in quality publications (Rinesh et al. 2022; Sundararaman et al. 2022; Mohanavel et al. 2022; Ram et al. 2022; Dinesh Kumar et al. 2022; Vijayalakshmi et al.

2022; Sudhan et al. 2022; Kumar et al. 2022; Sathish et al. 2022; Mahesh et al. 2022; Yaashikaa et al. 2022). The research gap in this project specifies no particular therapies for COVID-19 at this time. Many symptoms, however, can be treated, and treatment must be tailored to the patient (Pal et al. 2021). Furthermore, extra care for people who have been infected may be useful. Maintaining basic hand and respiratory cleanliness, following healthy dietary habits, and self protection which improve Health care. (Alleman et al. 2021) Due to the pervasive nature of COVID-19, factories are currently being shut down and schools are being closed. (Abd-Elsalam et al. 2021) People are isolating themselves in their own homes, which has a tremendous impact on daily life. (Mégarbane, Bourasset, and Scherrmann 2021) Based on Data analysis, it's critical to accurately forecast and monitor the pandemic's progression. The aim of this study is to predict the number of covid cases using machine learning algorithms.

## 2. Materials and Methods

This work is carried out at the Machine learning lab in Saveetha School of Engineering, Saveetha Institute of Medical and Technical Sciences (SIMATS). The research study consists of two sample groups i.e linear regression and support vector machine. Each group consists of 10 samples with pre-test power of 0.18 was collected from. The sample size kept the threshold at 0.05, G power of 80%, confidence interval at 95%, and enrolment ratio as 1. The data used for classification is taken from the kaggle Inc ("Kaggle: Your Machine Learning and Data Science Community" n.d.). Database, an open-source data repository for house covid case prediction using various machine learning. Table 1 represents the preview of the dataset of COVID 19 cases. It contains details about the files and values.

The SVM training set contains in determining a hyperplane to separate the training data belonging to two classes. The whole data set is fitted for training the Linear regression and SVM model. The platform for accessing deep learning was the Windows 10 Pro OS. The hardware configuration was AMD PRO A4-3350B APU with RAM size of 4GB. The system sort was used for 64-bit.

The dataset contains states in India, total samples tested, number of positive cases and number of negative cases. the KNN algorithm for applications that require high accuracy but that do not require a human-readable model.

Data Analysis is being done on the dataset, in this column, it represents the state name and number of samples. In the (recognized covid

cases) column, it represents the selection of the sentences that take place with at least 80% correctly recognized covid cases. The dataset contains 816 instances.

### Linear Regression

Linear regression algorithm is a machine learning algorithm. It is based on supervised learning. It performs a regression task. Regression model targets prediction value based on independent variables. Linear regression is a model for analyzing the relationship between inputs and outputs of numerical variables that was established in the field of statistics and has been borrowed by machine learning. It is mostly used for finding the relationship between variables and forecasting. The predictor variable X is utilized in linear regression to predict a quantitative response Y. A linear equation's solution that combines a set of input values (X) and predicts the output for that set of input values (Y). Both the input values (X) and the output values are numeric. Different techniques are used to train the linear regression from data, the most common of which is called ordinary least squares. Mentioned below is the accuracy equation (1) for Linear regression. Here table 2 contains Linear regression with pseudocode for prediction of covid cases and table 4 has the accuracy of linear regression with 10 accuracy data.

$$Accuracy = \frac{TP+TN}{TP+TN+FP+FN} \quad (1)$$

where, TP= no of true positive classified by the model, FP= no of false positive classified by the model, TN= no of true negative classified by the model, FN= no of false negative classified by the model.

### Support Vector Machine

A Support Vector Machine (SVM) algorithm is used to find the accuracy in predicting the covid cases. Here Group 2 is a support vector machine. The data points are called support vector machines which are obtained from extraction and labeling. X-axis is time and Y-axis is frequency of covid cases from a dataset. Using the past labeled data, the support vector machine tries to identify and predict the data from the model training. The variables are taken from the dataset. Now data is split into a training set and test set using test size=0.1. Scaling the sets using a standard scaler. Fitting the training set with a support vector machine and fitting the test set to the model to get final prediction done. Checking the accuracy prediction and pseudocode for the algorithm. Here the SVM consists of Table 3 for prediction of covid cases with the following pseudo code. Table 4 shows the accuracy of Linear regression and SVM with 10 iterations.

### Statistical Analysis

For Statistical analysis, the statistical package for the social science (SPSS) version 26 version software tool was used. For accuracy, an independent sample T-test was used. In the SPSS software tool was also used to calculate standard deviation and standard mean errors. The significance levels of proposed and existing algorithms are displayed. It contains statistical values for groups of proposed and existing algorithms. In table 5 the descriptive statistical analysis is used for representation of linear regression and SVM. The independent variables in this study are total samples, number of positive cases and number of negative cases and the dependent variables are accuracy and precision. The dataset was split into training and testing parts accordingly using a test size of 0.1. For training of the SVM, the test set size is about 10% of the total dataset and the remaining 90% is used for the training set.

### 3. Results

The group statistical analysis on the two groups linear regression (Group 1) has more mean accuracy than SVM (Group 2) and the standard error mean is slightly less than SVM. The Linear regression obtained an accuracy of 97.57% and SVM has obtained 95.35%. Comparison of Linear Regression and Support Vector Machine in terms of accuracy is shown in Fig.1. The accuracies are recorded by testing the algorithm with different sample sizes and the average accuracy is calculated for each algorithm. Table 6 shows the descriptive statistical analysis, representation linear regression and support vector machine. The graphical comparison of both the algorithms is represented in fig.1

In SPSS, the datasets are prepared using 10 as sample size for linear regression and SVM. Table 6 shows the group statistic analysis, representing linear regression (mean accuracy 97.57%, standard deviation 0.44760, 0.14154) and Support vector machine (mean accuracy 95.35%, standard deviation 0.087776, 0.27757). Descriptive Statistics is applied for the dataset in SPSS, two independent sample T-Tests shown in Table 7.

### 4. Discussion

From the result of this study, linear regression is proved to be having better accuracy than the support vector machine. Linear regression has an accuracy of 97.57% whereas a support vector machine has accuracy of 95.35%. The statistical analysis of two groups shows that linear

regression has more mean accuracy than support vector machines. The standard mean error including standard deviation is slightly less than linear regression.

Here, Prediction of covid cases using machine learning is now becoming widely used as a methodology. (Crea 2021) Fear of the COVID-19 has had a detrimental impact on the global economy; primarily, markets have been struck hard around the world, with stock and bond values plummeting (Liu et al. 2022). A machine learning model has been designed to anticipate the spread of the COVID-19 infection in numerous nations, as well as the time it will take to stop the virus (Hall et al. 2022). The findings are that accuracy in predicting covid cases with a linear regression is 97.57%. With support vector machine of covid cases prediction accuracy of 95.35%.

The assumption of linearity between the dependent and independent variables is the main restriction of Linear Regression. Limitations of SVM is that large data sets are not suited for SVM. Here when the data set contains more noise, such as overlapping target classes, SVM does not perform well. Data is rarely linearly separable in the actual world. It presupposes that the dependent and independent variables have a straight line connection, which is frequently wrong. In the future, when compared to linear regression the prediction of covid cases has a higher accuracy with the combination of multiple machine learning algorithms.

## 5. Conclusion

According to the experimental results, Novel linear regression outperforms support vector machines in predicting covid cases. It can be used to predict cases with (average) numerical values of Y for a given value of X using a straight line (called the regression line). enter a number for X and predict a number for X and predict the average value for Y if the slope and y-intercept of the regression line. Hence, the linear regression has an accuracy of 97.57% which is more than the SVM accuracy of 95.35%.

## DECLARATIONS

### Conflicts of Interest

No Conflicts of Interest in this manuscript.

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Author HB was involved in data collection, data analysis, data extraction, manuscript writing. Author CS was involved in conceptualization, data validation, and critical review of the manuscript.

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## Tables And Figures

Table 1: Data Sets - COVID 19

State	TotalSamples	Negative	Positive
Andaman and Nicobar Islands	1403	1275	128
Andhra Pradesh	275704	273252	2452
Arunachal pradesh	34619	13050	21569
Assam	126726	117650	9076
Bihar	152321	14532	6889
Chandigarh	181186	160534	20652
Dadra and nagar haveli and daman and diu	80	80	0
Delhi	7222903	563741	6659162
Maharashtra	1526037	1220496	305541
Goa	220	215	5
Meghalaya	1169	10	12
Madhya pradesh	93849	85879	4595
Jharkhand	286178	275779	10399
Haryana	241941	223797	12884
Puducherry	907947	801649	106298

Table 2: Pseudocode for Linear Regression

//I: Input dataset Records
1.Import the required packages
2. Convert the Data sets into Numerical values After the extraction feature.
3.Assign the data to X_train,Y_train and Y_test Variables
4.Using train_test_split() function, pass the training and variables.
5.Give test_size and the random_state as parameters for Splitting the data using linear Training model.
6.Compiling the model using metrics as accuracy
7.Calculate the Accuracy of the model.
OUTPUT: //Accuracy

Table 3: Pseudocode for Support Vector Machine

//I:Input dataset Records
1. Import the required packages
2. Convert the Data sets into Numerical Values After the extraction feature.
3.Assign the data to X_train,Y_train and Y_test variables
4.Using train_test_split() function, pass the training and variables.
5.Give test size and the random_state as parameters for splitting the data using Support vector machine model.
6.Compiling the model using metrics as accuracy
7.Calculate the Accuracy of the model
OUTPUT: //Accuracy

Table 4: Accuracy for prediction using Linear Regression and SVM regression

Test size	Accuracy using Linear Regression	Accuracy using SVM regression
Test 1	98.60	96.60
Test 2	97.50	95.05
Test 3	97.80	95.06
Test 4	97.67	95.10
Test 5	97.88	95.30
Test 6	97.34	97.10
Test 7	97.44	95.00

Test 8	97.12	95.30
Test 9	97.15	94.00
Test 10	97.21	95.00

Table 5: Descriptive Statistic analysis, Representation Linear Regression and SVM.

	N	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	std.deviation
Group	20	1.00	2.00	1.5000	.51299
Accuracy	20	94.00	98.60	96.4610	1.32544
Error1	20	1.40	6.00	3.5395	1.32600
Valid N (listwise)	20				

Table 6: Group Statistic analysis, representing Linear Regression (mean accuracy 97.57%, standard deviation 0.44760,0.14154) and Support vector machine (mean accuracy 95.35%, standard deviation 0.087776,0.27757)

groups	N	mean	std.deviation	Std.error mean
Accuracy Linear regression	10	97.5710	.44760	.14154
SVM	10	95.3510	.87776	.27757
Error Linear regression	10	2.4290	.44760	.14154
SVM	10	4.6500	.87813	.27769

Table 7. Independent Sample Tests results with confidence interval as 95% and level of significance as 0.05 (Linear Regression appears to perform significantly better than support vector machine with the value of  $p=0.18$ ).

Accuracy	Levene's Test for Equality of Variances		T-test for Equality of Means						
	F	Sig.	t	df	Sig.	Mean Difference	Std. Error Difference	95% Conf. Interval Lower	95% Conf. Interval Upper
Accuracy Equal variances assumed	1.584	.224	7.125	18	.000	2.22000	.31158	1.56540	2.87460
			7.125	13.384	.000	2.22000	.31158	1.54884	2.89116
Error Equal variances assumed	1.589	.224	-7.126	18	.000	-2.22100	.31168	-2.87582	-
			-7.126	13.381	.000	-2.22100	.31168	-2.89240	1.56618



Equal variances not assumed									- 1.64960
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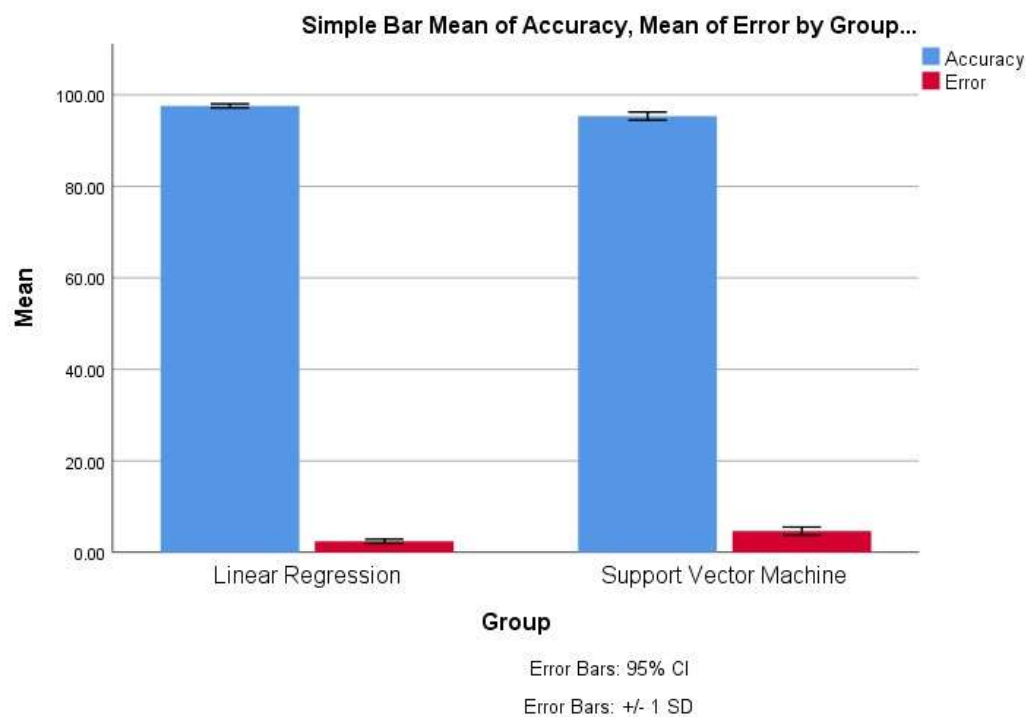


Fig.1 Comparison of Linear Regression and Support Vector Machine in terms of accuracy. The mean accuracy of linear regression is greater than SVM and the standard deviation is also slightly higher than SVM. X-axis: Linear Regression vs SVM Y-axis: Mean accuracy of detection + 1 SD.