

## Performance Analysis of SVM and Random Forest Algorithms in the Case of the Influence of Music on Mental Health

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Submitted: 16/02/2025	<p>Mental health disorders are conditions that impress a person's behavior, mindset, and emotions. According to WHO data, the rate of mental disorders in Asia has increased significantly in the past two decades, with about one-fifth of the world's adolescent population experiencing stress each year. Music has long been known to have a positive influence on mental health, and music therapy is used as one approach to assist individuals in improving social, mental, and physical conditions. In this study, the authors used data mining techniques to identify relevant patterns regarding the influence of music on mental health. Two classification algorithms, namely the Support Vector Machine (SVM) and Random Forest, is used to analyze and characterize the data. SVM is known to excel at managing high-dimensional data, while Random Forest is effective at handling data with missing outliers and features. This study purpose to oppose the performance of the two algorithms in classifying the influence of music on mental health to identify the superior algorithm in this context. The Random Forest algorithm gets 93% accuracy and SVM gets 95% accuracy, the hyperparameter tuning on the SVM algorithm has a better performance than Random Forest with an accuracy score of 97% for SVM, while for Random Forest it gets an accuracy score of 94%. The results of the study are expected to provide insight into the use of music as a mental health therapy tool.</p>
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## INTRODUCTION

Mental health disorders are conditions that impact the way a person behaves, thinks, and feels emotions. From data sourced from WHO (2012), the rate of mental disorders cases in Asia has increased in the last two decades. In a global context, the World Health Organization reports that about one-fifth of the world's adolescent population experiences

stress each year (Fadilah et al., 2024). In more serious situations, this circumstance can increase the risk of developing a tendency to end one's own life (Sub'haan et al., 2023). Triggering factors for mental health disorders come from internal factors such as character, physical health, mindset, and how to cope with stress, as well as internal factors that include social, economic, and environmental conditions around the individual (Aanda et al., 2022).

Music has a highly expressive quality, unique motivation, and a means to build relationships (Allyssa et al., 2023). Music therapy is a way that can be used to help individuals of different ages to be better socially, mentally, and physically (Fadilah et al., 2024). This study refers to the theory of data mining. A semi-automated method that utilizes various techniques, including statistics, mathematical science, machine learning and also machine learning, to draw out discover valuable information and also knowledge from big database (Zai, 2022). Data mining can also collect information and process information sourced from big data obtained through databases, social media, or other sources. The purpose of data mining is to identify patterns, trends in data, and uniqueness that are useful as tools for business decision-making. Data mining has stages, namely data preprocessing, data exploration, model making, and evaluation (Rahman Wahid et al., 2023).

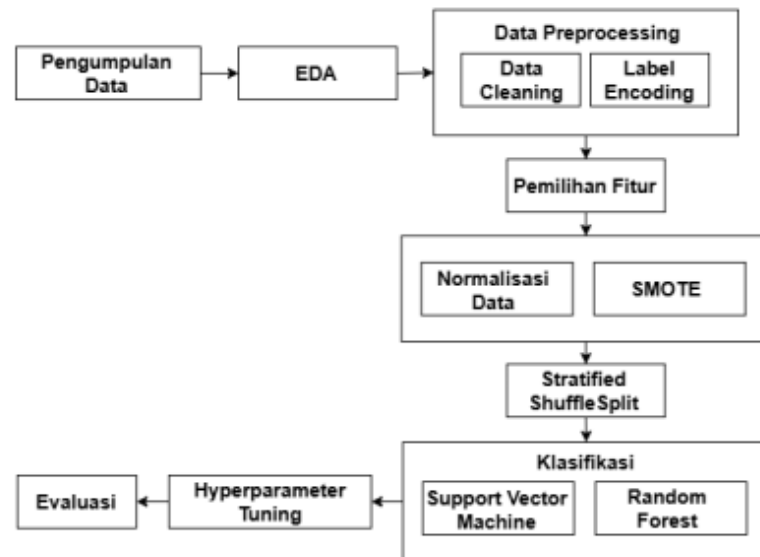
Classification is the process of grouping data that has similar characteristics into a predetermined class. In general, the data classification process is represented by classes whose characteristics have been determined (Sephtha et al., 2023). The classification process utilizes methods such as Support Vector Machine (SVM) and Random Forest. These techniques offer advantages, particularly in handling large data. Support Vector Machine (SVM) is a method approach that relies on kernel functions in large data attribute space and is trained using optimization algorithms. Its accuracy is affected by the kernel function and the parameters used. SVM is known to be fast and effective for text classification (Isnain et al., 2021). Various studies have proven that SVM is capable of generating predictions with an excellent level of accuracy (Dessy Kusumaningrum & Imah, 2020).

Among the various classification methods, Random Forest is a very suitable choice to apply in the field of fault diagnosis (Sebayang et al., 2023). Random Forest is an algorithm that combines many decision trees to improve classification accuracy. This algorithm has low errors, is efficient in handling big data, and is able to overcome missing data with bootstrap methods (Intan Permata & Esther Sorta Mauli Nababan, 2023). Random Forest has several advantages that can improve high-accuracy results on lost data and resampling outliers (Rahayu et al., 2023). In the research (Rahayu et al., 2023), (Rijal et al., 2024) using the Random Forest algorithm for classification shows the best performance. Therefore, the Random Forest algorithm was implemented in this study.

One way to maximize algorithm performance is by hyperparameter tuning, which is a variable whose value has an impact on the learning process and model parameters. GridSearchCV is a method that works to search for optimal combinations of hyperparameters. This method works by evaluating various combinations of hyperparameters to find the best configuration (Misriati Point, 2024). This process is often combined with k-fold cross-validation to identify optimal combinations of hyperparameters, and this method is known as Grid Search Cross-Validation or GridSearchCV (Khusna et al., 2024). Some commonly used techniques in hyperparameter tuning are grid search, Bayesian optimization, and also random searching (Purnama, 2024). Based on the problems that have been presented, this study compares the Support Vector Machine (SVM) and Random Forest algorithms with hyperparameter tuning in classifying the influence of music on mental health. This study's purpose is to identify the most superior algorithms and provide academic insights into the application of classifications upon the field of mental health.

## RESEARCH METHODS

The study used the *Support Vector Machine (SVM)* and *Random Forest algorithms* to classify the effects of music on mental health. The analysis was conducted based on the type of music, frequency of listening, as well as the individual's mental health condition. The model was evaluated using accuracy, precision, recall, and F1-score metrics, while literature studies supported understanding of music therapy, mental health, and the classification methods used. In this research method, there are a number of stages that need to be implemented. The flow of the research method can be seen in the figure below:



**Figure 1. Research Flow**

The research process consist of several key stages. First, data collection is conducted through literature review and the use of the `mxmh_survey_result` dataset from Kaggle, which contains information about the impact of music on mental health. Next, Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA) is performed to examine the data characteristics before preprocessing. During the preprocessing stage, data is cleaned by removing null values and converted using label encoding techniques. After that, feature selection is carried out using the correlation matrix method to determine the relevant variables.

The next step involves data normalization using `MinMaxScaler` and the application of SMOTE techniques to address class imbalance. Once the data is prepared, the dataset is split for training and also examined using `StratifiedShuffleSplit` method. The design is then built using the Support Vector Machine (SVM) algorithm by different kernel types and Random Forest on specific parameters. To increase model performance, hyperparameter tuning is conducted by applying the `RandomizedSearchCV` method. Finally, the model is evaluated using a confusion matrix and performance metrics such as accuracy, fidelity, withdrawal, and F1-score to assess its effectiveness.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

### Data Preprocessing

The preprocessing process is brought out to spotless and improve the quality of the data that will be used for modeling. The data used comes from a `mxmh_survey_results` dataset in Kaggle, which has gone through a *data cleaning* process by removing *null values* and *encoding labels* to turn categorical data into numerical.

### Feature Selection

This correlation analysis aims to find factors that show a strong relationship with the 'Music effects' feature. Figure 2 shows that the correlation of each feature with the

target of 'Music effects' does not have a strong correlation. From the results of the correlation analysis, because the 34 features have a low correlation, it was decided to use all features, except 'Timestamp' and 'Permissions'.

```
While working      0.146556
Exploratory        0.144517
Anxiety            0.120924
Frequency [R&B]    0.116698
Fav genre          0.115240
Frequency [Gospel] 0.095802
Instrumentalist     0.090223
Frequency [Pop]     0.082634
Frequency [K pop]   0.082255
Composer           0.078434
Frequency [Country] 0.077789
Frequency [Lofi]    0.076136
Frequency [EDM]     0.059854
BPM                0.059445
Age                0.059195
OCD                0.052105
Frequency [Rap]     0.049186
Frequency [Jazz]    0.048376
Primary streaming service 0.042288
Hours per day       0.041468
Frequency [Hip hop] 0.039574
Frequency [Classical] 0.036409
Frequency [Metal]   0.026720
Frequency [Latin]   0.025410
Foreign languages   0.016577
Frequency [Video game music] 0.016214
Frequency [Rock]    0.010445
Depression          0.009313
Insomnia            0.008440
Frequency [Folk]    0.005147
Permissions         NaN
Name: Music effects, dtype: float64
```

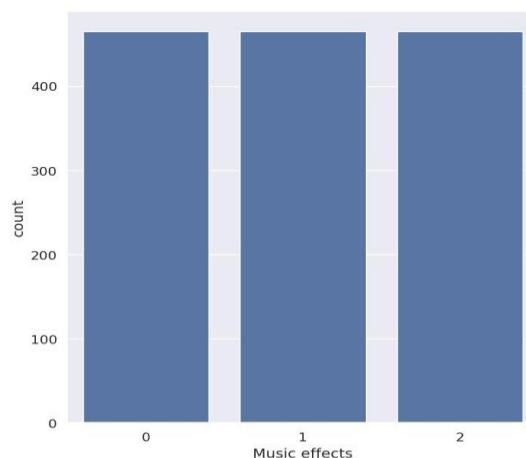
**Figure 2. Correlation Analysis**

### Data Balancing

After seeing the unbalanced distribution of data, the data normalization process was carried out before the SMOTE process. Figure 4 represents the result of a balanced data distribution after the SMOTE process.

```
Music effects
0      465
1      136
2       15
Name: count, dtype: int64
```

**Figure 3. Data Sharing Before SMOTE**



**Figure 4. Data Sharing After SMOTE**

## SVM Model Creation

In this study, the *Support Vector Machine* (SVM) model is created using a library from `sklearn.svm` with parameters `c=10`, kernels `rbf`, `linear`, `poly`, `sigmoid` and `class_weight='balanced'`, then fit `X_train` and `y_train` by adding `.values.ravel()` to adjust the target according to machine learning needs.

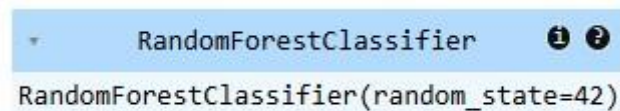
**Table 1. SVM Evaluation Results**

SVM	Accuracy	Precision	Recall	F1-Score
RBF	95%	95%	95%	95%
Linear	76%	75%	75%	75%
Polynomial	89%	90%	89%	89%
Sigmoid	43%	49%	43%	40%

Performance measurements of the SVM model were performed before hyperparameter tuning using the accuracy and *confusion matrix* from the `sklearn.metrics` library. From table 1, the highest accuracy of the SVM kernel `rbf` model is 95%, precision 95%, recall 95%, and f1-score 95%. From these results, the SVM kernel `rbf` model will be hyperparameter tuned and its performance will be compared with the *Random Forest model*.

## Creating a Random Forest Model

In figure 5, the creation of the Random Forest specimen utilizes the `sklearn.ensemble` library with parameters `n_estimators=100` and `random_state=42`, and then fits it with `X_train` and `y_train`.



```

from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestClassifier
rf = RandomForestClassifier(random_state=42)

```

**Figure 5. Development of the Random Forest Model**

## Hyperparameter Tuning SVM

This study applies hyperparameter tuning to the *Support Vector Machine* (SVM) specimen of the `rbf` kernel using the *GridSearchCV* technique from the `sklearn.model_selection` library.

```

Parameter hyperparameter terbaik: {'C': 10, 'gamma': 1, 'kernel': 'rbf'}
Estimator hyperparameter terbaik: SVC(C=10, gamma=1)

```

**Figure 6. SVM's Best Parameters and Estimators**

Figure 4.10 shows the best parameter and estimator configuration results during the hyperparameter process on the SVM model. The best parameter was obtained: `{'C': 10, 'gamma': 1, 'kernel': 'rbf'}` and the best estimator: `SVC(C=10, gamma=1)`.

## Hyperparameter Random Forest

In this process, parameters `n_estimators`, `max`, `depth`, `min_samples_split`, `bootstrap`, `criterion` are used with a predetermined range of values. The parameter `n_iter=100` is set to specify many combinations to be evaluated randomly. The `cv=5` parameter serves to set many 5-folds on the cross-validation process.



**Table 2. Best Hyperparameter Random Forest**

Parameters	Best Hyperparameters
n_estimators	200
max_depth	40
min_samples_split	2
min_samples_leaf	1
Bootstrap	False
Criterion	Gini

Table 4.16 is the result of the execution of the *Random Forest hyperparameter process* by obtaining the best combination of hyperparameters: {'n\_estimators': 200, 'min\_samples\_split': 2, 'min\_samples\_leaf': 1, 'max\_depth': 40, 'criterion': 'gini', 'bootstrap': False}.

## Evaluation

After performing hyperparameter process on the *Support Vector Machine* and *Random Forest models*, the next stage is to visualize the evaluation by applying a confusion matrix. In Figure 4.11, the confusion matrix visualization on the SVM model is obtained, obtaining the result of 91 positive correct data in class 0 and obtaining the result of predicting 1 incorrect data which should be class 1. Furthermore, the model obtained the results of 86 positive true data of class 1, and 7 false data which should be class 0. Meanwhile, in class 2, the model got positive correct prediction results of 93 data.

Evaluasi Hyperparameter Tuning model SVM :

Accuracy: 0.967741935483871

Classification Report:

	precision	recall	f1-score	support
0	0.93	0.98	0.95	93
1	0.99	0.92	0.96	93
2	0.99	1.00	0.99	93
accuracy			0.97	279
macro avg	0.97	0.97	0.97	279
weighted avg	0.97	0.97	0.97	279

**Figure 7. Classification Report Hyperparameter SVM**

Evaluasi Model Random Forest dengan Hyperparameter Tuning

Accuracy: 0.9354838709677419

Classification Report:

	precision	recall	f1-score	support
0	0.86	0.98	0.91	93
1	0.97	0.83	0.90	93
2	0.99	1.00	0.99	93
accuracy			0.94	279
macro avg	0.94	0.94	0.93	279
weighted avg	0.94	0.94	0.93	279

**Figure 8. Classification Report Hyperparameter Random Forest**

From figure 4.12, it can be seen that the results of the visualization of the hyperparameter tuning evaluation in *Random Forest* are 91 positive results, predicting class 1 as class 0 by 15 false positive data, predicting class 0 as class 1 by 2. In class 1,

the model gets the correct class prediction result of 77 data, estimated as class 0 of 15 data. Meanwhile, in grade 2, the correct prediction results were obtained of 93 data and 1 data was estimated as class 1.

**Table 3. Comparison of Methods Before Hyperparameter**

Method	Accuracy	Precision	Recall	F1-Score
SVM kernel rbf	95%	95%	95%	95%
SVM linear kernel	76%	75%	75%	75%
SVM polynomial kernel	89%	90%	89%	89%
SVM kernel sigmoid	43%	49%	43%	40%
Random Forest	93%	93%	93%	93%

**Table 4. Comparison of Methods After Hyperparameter**

Method	Accuracy	Precision	Recall	F1-Score
SVM	97%	97%	97%	97%
Random Forest	94%	94%	94%	93%

In table 3, a comparison of methods before the hyperparameter tuning process is presented, it can be seen that the SVM kernel rbf method is better at processing data, it can be seen from the accuracy, precision, recall, and f1-score that are better than *Random Forest*. Based on the output listed in table 4, that shall be concluded that the *Support Vector Machine* kernel rbf model gets better performance results than the *Random Forest Classifier* model. This is evidenced by the higher accuracy, precision, recall, and f1score values of SVM kernel rbf in the *Random Forest Classifier model*.

## CONCLUSIONS AND SUGGESTIONS

### Conclusion

After conducting studies and research that discussed the performance analysis of SVM algorithms and *Random Forest* In the case of the influence of music on mental health, this study obtained several results described in the following conclusions:

Based on the results of the research, after the selection of features using 30 features, the two algorithms get an increase in performance. *The Random Forest* algorithm got 93% accuracy, 93% precision, 93% recall, 93% f1-score and SVM kernel rbf got 95% accuracy, 95% precision, 95% recall, 95% f1-score from these results, the SVM kernel rbf algorithm was superior in classifying the influence of music on mental health.

The hyperparameter tuning in the SVM kernel rbf algorithm has a better performance than *Random Forest* in classifying the influence of music on mental health with an accuracy score of 97% for SVM, while for Random Forest it gets an accuracy value of 94%.

This study concludes that the application of hyperparameter tuning to the SVM kernel rbf and *Random Forest* algorithms gets an improvement in performance in the built model. The SVM kernel rbf algorithm consistently provides better performance results than *Random Forest*, both in implementations with default parameters and after hyperparameter optimization.

### Suggestion

Considering that there are still shortcomings in the research carried out, the author provides several suggestions that can serve as a reference in conducting similar studies in the future, as follows:

Evaluation in the study will be better if other evaluation methods, such as AUC-ROC.

Exploring more about different preprocessing techniques, for example the use of dimension subtraction techniques such as PCA (Principal Component Analysis).

To see the results of the study clearly such as informative and interesting visualizations, it is considered to use graphs that represent the comparison of the performance of the models used in addition to using heatmaps for *matrix confusion*.

To get more accurate and representative analysis results, the amount of data needs to be increased.

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