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عالية في تعزيز دقة النموذج في التنبؤ. تم تدريب نماذج التعلم الفوقي باستخدام بيانات تدريب بنسبة 80% من مجموع البيانات، واختباره على بيانات الاختبار بنسبة 20% من البيانات. أما في المرحلة الثانية، فقد تم تدريب نماذج التصنيف بالاعتماد على البيانات الناتجة من المرحلة الأولى، والتي تمثل مخرجات أفضل نموذج تنبؤي، تم استخدام نسبة 70% من البيانات لتدريب النماذج، واختباره بنسبة 30% من بيانات الاختبار. تم قياس أداء نماذج التعلم الفوقي باستخدام مقاييس عدة.

أبرزت النتائج أن الطريقة الهجينة أدت إلى تحقيق نتائج أفضل في تحسين دقة النموذج على التنبؤ لذلك تم اعتمادها لاختيار الميزات في مجاميع البيانات، حققت نتائج تنفيذ النماذج الثلاثة دقة متباينة على مجاميع البيانات، لكن نموذج التعلم باللقطات القليلة اثبت فعاليته لكون لديه القدرة على التعلم من بيانات محدودة. إذ حققت النماذج دقة بنسبة تتراوح بين (98%-1.00%) على مستوى الفئة باستثناء نموذج LR، وحققت دقة بنسبة تتراوح بين (98%-99%) على مستوى الدالة لمجموعة البيانات DTOS1 باستثناء نموذج LR إذ كان الأقل أداءً من بين النماذج المستخدمة، لكن مجموعة البيانات DTOS4، DTOS3 كانت أفضل في تحقيق نتائج مثالية، فقد تم تحقيق دقة مثالية بنسبة 1.00% على مستوى الفئة ومستوى الدالة لاغلب النماذج باستثناء نموذج LR. مجموعة البيانات DTOS2 هي الأقل نتائج فقد حققت دقة بنسبة تتراوح بين (95%-98%) على مستوى الفئة، وحققت نسبة (98%-99%) على مستوى الدالة باستثناء نموذج LR. مرحلة تصنيف انواع اعادة الهيكلة اثبت النموذجان RF,SVM كفاءتهم فقد تم تحقيق دقة مثالية لجميع البيانات على مستوى الفئة والدالة باستثناء مجموعة البيانات DTOS2 فقد حققت دقة بنسبة 87% على مستوى الدالة.

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ABSTRACT

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Algorithm (SOA), and a proposed hybrid method (SMOA), which combines the Spider Monkey Algorithm and the Negative Optimization Algorithm. The proposed hybrid method demonstrated high effectiveness in enhancing the model's prediction accuracy. The overlearning models were trained using training data representing 80% of the dataset and tested on test data representing 20% of the dataset. In the second phase, classification models were trained using the data from the first phase, which represented the output of the best predictive model. 70% of the data was used to train the models, and 30% of the test data was used to test them. The performance of the meta-learning models was measured using several metrics.

The results showed that the hybrid approach led to better results in improving the model's prediction accuracy, and therefore was adopted for feature selection in the datasets. The results of implementing the three models achieved varying accuracies on the datasets, but the few-shot learning model proved effective due to its ability to learn from limited data. The models achieved accuracies ranging from 1.00% to 98% at the class level, with the exception of the LR model. They achieved accuracies ranging from 99% to 98% at the method level for the DTOS1 dataset, with the exception of the LR model, which was the lowest-performing model. However, the DTOS4 and DTOS3 datasets performed better, achieving optimal results, with most models achieving an accuracy of 1.00% at the class and method levels, with the exception of the LR model. The DTOS2 dataset performed poorly, achieving an accuracy rate of 98%-95% at the class level and 99%-98% at the method level, with the exception of the LR model. In the Refactoring case classification phase, the RF and SVM models proved their efficiency, achieving perfect accuracy for all datasets at the class and function levels, with the exception of the DTOS2 dataset, which achieved an accuracy rate of 87% at the method level.

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