

Improving signal detection accuracy at FC of a CRN using machine learning and fuzzy rules

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ABSTRACT

The performance of a cognitive radio network (CRN) mainly depends on the faithful signal detection at fusion center (FC). In this paper, the concept of weighted fuzzy rule in Iris data classification, as well as, four machine learning techniques named fuzzy inference system (FIS), fuzzy c-means clustering (FCMC), support vector machine (SVM) and convolutional neural network (CNN) are applied in signal detection at FC taking signal-to-interference plus noise ratio of secondary users as parameter. The weighted fuzzy rule gave the detection accuracy of 86.6%, which resembles the energy detection model of majority rule of FC; however, CNN gave an accuracy of 91.3% at the expense of more decision time. The FIS, FCMC and SVM gave some intermediate results; however, the combined method gave the best result compared to that of any individual technique.

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1. INTRODUCTION

In Cognitive Radio Network (CRN), there exists two types of users such as Primary User (PU) called licensed user and Secondary User (SU) called unlicensed user. A PU can access a traffic channel of the network when the channel is free; however, a SU is an opportunist user who can access a channel when the channel is not occupied by any PU. Moreover, a SU in service has to release the channel when it is claimed by a PU. Therefore, the detection accuracy of the presence of a PU is a key factor to avoid any misdetection and false alarm. Hence, the concept of co-operative CRN comes forth where the received signals of several SUs are combined at a Fusion Center (FC) to expedite the detection accuracy,

In contemporary works, Fuzzy logic and various machine learning techniques are used at a FC to improve the detection accuracy. The weighted Fuzzy rule or Fuzzy system is widely used in data classification problem of combined Membership Functions (MF) of input variables. It is used to classify Iris data where the weight of an input variable is determined from the range of a variable and its non-overlapping parts [1]. Since accuracy depends on labels, authors found the classification accuracy of 96.7% under 11 labels. The Fuzzy rule-based classification of coronary artery disease data is analyzed in [2]; where trapezoidal MFs are used as input variables. It is found that classification accuracy is varied on weighting rules with a maximum of 92.8% and a minimum of 71.8%. A simulation work is done with relayed link communication to generate input data instead of importing them from a database. Seven different methods and Fuzzy c-Means Clustering [FCMC] are applied in magnetic resonance brain image classification problem and found a moderate performance [3]. A similar algorithm is applied for the classification of farms

according to their financial health [4]. An image segmentation method based on Fuzzy clustering with cellular automata and feature weighting is proposed in [5]. A comparison is made among the proposed method, FCMC, K-means and Kernel FCMC.

Application of Support Vector Machine (SVM) for the classification of hand movement intentions is examined in [6]; where authors classified upto 52 hand movement intentions based on electromyography signals. It is shown that SVM based system gives a better result than that of least square twin SVM based system [7]. Four kernels named linear, polynomial, radial basis and sigmoid basis kernel are used to classify biomedical data among various diseases groups [8]. Author found the mean accuracy of 78.44%, 62.8%, 65.9% and 63.5% for linear, polynomial, radial basis and sigmoid basis kernel, respectively. Still, a research gap of SVM regarding its application in CRN is evident.

The application of SVM in spectrum sensing of CRN is found in [9]. The received signal is inputted to a tunable band pass filter and the output becomes a digital signal, which is then applied to an SVM. The performance of energy detection is compared with SVM on the plane of probability of false alarm and detection. A similar analysis is found in [10]. Two hypothesis model of CRN is used to determine the covariance matrix of received signal in [11]. Therefore, N Eigen values determined from co-variance matrix are applied to kernel based SVM. The profile of probability of false alarm and misdetection against Signal-to-Noise Ratio (SNR) are shown taking the number of antenna elements and input data as parameters. Instead of N -dimensional energy vector, a low-dimensional probability vector is derived from multivariate Gaussian distribution function in [12], which is applied to SVM based classification. The authors claim that the probability vector of linear SVM has a better detection accuracy than the energy vector of previous work; however, K -means clustering performs slightly worse. A similar analysis and graphical result are also found in [13]. Still, we can use three level hypothesis with weighted Fuzzy rule or deep learning to observe the detection accuracy and processing time.

In [14], a 3-Dimensional Convolutional Neural Network (3-DCNN) is applied to age estimation in magnetic resonance imaging of human brain. The work makes a comparison with Principal Component Analysis, local features and 2-DCNN, and shows that 3-DCNN gives the best accuracy. The concept of CNN is also applied to sound classification over spectrograms [15]. The network is trained with a dataset consists of 6,776 spectrograms of different sounds, and the experiment gives an accuracy of 95% on training data set and an accuracy of 85% on test data set.

The concept of Deep Q-Network (DQN) to evaluate the capacity of a network is found in [16]; where SNR and Shannon formula are taken as input parameters, and data packets are divided in equal time slot keeping PU and SU synchronized. The variation of system capacity against time slot is plotted both for learning case *i.e.*, DQN and for without learning case; where DQN gives a better result. However, the work ignores the fading model, as well as, the spectrum sensing model. The concept of FC is not considered either. The performance of CRN is determined at FC using the idea of co-operative spectrum sensing in OFDM system [17]. The probability of false alarm and detection is plotted against SNR for 16-QAM under Additive White Gaussian Noise (AWGN). The CNN is applied to spectrum sensing and the impact of size and number of convolution layer, pooling layer and fully connected layer on time complexity are also analyzed. Still, we have the scope of using CNN under different fading environment to get a more realistic scenario for CRN.

In this paper, four popular machine learning methods *i.e.*, FIS, FCMC, SVM and CNN along with Fuzzy weighted rule are applied in detecting the presence of PUs at FC; where the FC takes 16-QAM signal under AWGN and Rayleigh fading channel. Two conventional hypothesis models for signal detection are used in each method and finally, the accuracy levels of five methods are combined using Entropy.

The rest of the paper is organized as follows: Section 2 gives some basic theory of machine learning techniques to recognize the signal at FC, Section 3 deals with results based on the analysis of Section 2 and finally, Section 4 concludes entire analysis.

2. THEORY OF DATA CLASSIFICATION

In this section, we consider the basic theory of five data classification techniques: Fuzzy weighted rule, FIS, FCMC, SVM and CNN.

2.1. Fuzzy weighted rule

Here, Fuzzy weighted rule is explained with the help of two numerical examples. First of all, we take simulation data under two categories called H_0 and H_1 as shown in Table 1. For each category, four input parameters such as SU_1 , SU_2 , SU_3 and SU_4 , and their corresponding output are shown explicitly in Table 2. In this paper, we use Fuzzy rules with five Membership Functions (MFs) as shown in Figure 1.

Table 1. Input parameters and output type of the SU data from simulation

Hypothesis H_0					Hypothesis H_1				
SU_1	SU_2	SU_3	SU_4	Output	SU_1	SU_2	SU_3	SU_4	Output
0.064	1.688	0.824	0.314	1	2.820	2.151	3.224	5.221	2
0.889	0.664	1.152	1.902	1	3.653	2.412	1.356	4.122	2
0.553	0.079	0.221	0.981	1	4.312	3.443	3.089	1.209	2
0.763	1.306	1.514	0.320	1	3.438	1.121	2.667	2.072	2
0.453	0.919	0.231	1.331	1	2.494	3.411	4.108	3.109	2

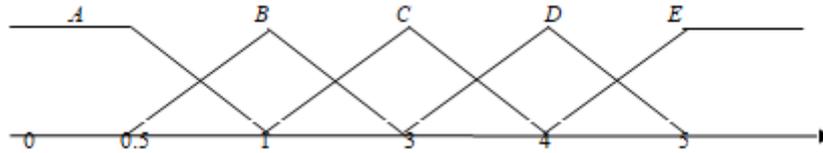


Figure 1. The MFs of the fuzzy system

Table 2. Input parameters and output type simulation data

Hypothesis H_0					Hypothesis H_1				
SU_1	SU_2	SU_3	SU_4	Output	SU_1	SU_2	SU_3	SU_4	Output
A	B	B	A	1	C	C	C	E	2
B	A	B	B	1	D	C	C	B	2
A	A	A	B	1	D	C	C	C	2
B	B	B	A	1	C	B	C	C	2
A	B	A	B	1	C	C	D	C	2

Now, the rule for H_0 is $R_0 = ((\{A, B\}, \{A, B\}, \{A, B\}, \{A, B\}), H_0)$ and the rule for H_1 is $R_1 = ((\{C, D\}, \{B, C\}, \{B, C, D\}, \{C, B, D, E\}), H_1)$. We will explain the Fuzzy weighted rule through data validation techniques in a different way, specially using line diagrams and numerical examples.

2.1.1. Numerical example-1

Show that $(SU_1, SU_2, SU_3, SU_4) \equiv (0.72, 0.83, 1.71, 0.134)$ belongs to output H_0 .

From the membership function of SU signal, we get $(0.72, 0.83, 1.71, 0.134) \leftrightarrow (\{A\}, \{B\}, \{B\}, \{A\})$. Considering the sets of rule $R_0, A \in \{A, B\}, B \in \{A, B\}, B \in \{A, B\}$, and $A \in \{A, B\}$. Therefore, $(0.72, 0.83, 1.71, 0.134)$ belongs to the class H_0 .

Using the theoretical analysis of [1, 2], we determine the Fuzzy weight factors. From the input of Table 1, the range of SU_1 for output H_0 is 0.064 to 0.889 and for output H_1 is 2.494 to 4.312 as shown in Figure 2(a). For the convenience of analysis, the range of input data can be shown by line diagram as follows.

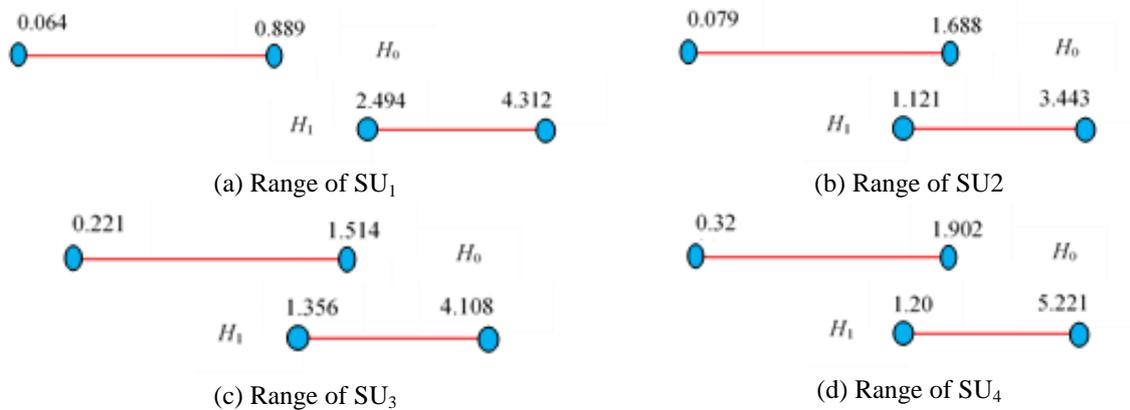


Figure 2. Range of input parameters of Table 1

For input parameter of SU_1 , the line diagram becomes Figure 2(a). There is no overlapping part; therefore, the entire range S and non-overlapping part, S_n will be the same. Now, $S = (0.064 - 4.312) = S_n = 4.248$; therefore, the ratio becomes, $V_1 = 4.248/4.248 = 1$. For SU_2 of Figure 2(b), the sum of non-overlapping part, $S_n = (1.121-0.079) + (3.443-1.688) = 2.797$. The entire range is $S = (3.443 - 0.079) = 3.364$. Then the ratio becomes, $V_i = S_n/S \Rightarrow V_2 = 2.797/3.364 = 0.831$. With similar calculations of Figure 2(c) and Figure 2(d), we get $V_3 = 3.729/3.887 = 0.96$ for SU_3 , and $V_4 = 4.208/4.901 = 0.85$ for SU_4 , respectively.

Now, $V_{Max} = \text{Max}(V_1, V_2, V_3, V_4) = \text{Max}(1, 0.831, 0.96, 0.85) = 1$. From the theory, we know that, $W_i = \{V_i / \text{Max}(V_1, V_2, V_3, V_4)\}^2$. Therefore, $W_1 = (1/1)^2 = 1$, $W_2 = (0.831/1)^2 = 0.69$, $W_3 = (0.96/1)^2 = 0.92$, and $W_4 = (0.85/1)^2 = 0.722$

2.1.2. Numerical example-2

We take test data as $(SU_1, SU_2, SU_3, SU_4) \equiv \{(0.92, 0.51, 1.61, 1.72), 1\}$. From the membership function of SL,

- $\Psi_{01}(SU_1=0.92) = 0.62 \leftrightarrow B \in \{A, B\}$ i.e., B belongs to the first set of R_0
 - $\Psi_{02}(SU_2=0.51) = 0.91 \leftrightarrow A \in \{A, B\}$ i.e., A belongs to the second set of R_0
 - $\Psi_{03}(SU_3=1.61) = 0.74 \leftrightarrow B \in \{A, B\}$ i.e., B belong to the third set of R_0
 - $\Psi_{04}(SU_4=1.72) = 0.78 \leftrightarrow B \in \{A, B\}$ i.e., B belong to the fourth set of R_0
- The weighted co-variance of Fuzzy rule R_0 ,

$$R = \sum_{i=1}^4 \Psi_{0i}(X_i)W_i = 1*0.62 + 0.69*0.91 + 0.92*0.74 + 0.722*0.78 = 2.49$$

- $\Psi_{11}(SU_1=0.92) = 0.62 \leftrightarrow B \notin \{C, D\}$ i.e., B does not belong to the first set of R_1
 - $\Psi_{12}(SU_2=0.51) = 0.91 \leftrightarrow A \notin \{B, C\}$ i.e., A does not belong to the second set of R_1
 - $\Psi_{13}(SU_3=1.61) = 0.74 \leftrightarrow B \in \{B, C, D\}$ i.e., B belong to the third set of R_1
 - $\Psi_{14}(SU_4=1.72) = 0.78 \leftrightarrow B \in \{C, B, D, E\}$ i.e., B belong to the fourth set of R_1
- The weighted co-variance of Fuzzy rule R_1 ,

$$R = \sum_{i=1}^4 \Psi_{1i}(X_i)W_i = 0 + 0 + 0.92*0.74 + 0.722*0.78 = 1.24$$

The maximum value of R is found for rule R_0 ; therefore, $(0.92, 0.51, 1.61, 1.72)$ supports R_0 i.e., the testing data is under hypothesis H_0 , which is found to be correct.

2.2. Fuzzy inference system

Fuzzy Inference System (FIS) relates input vectors $\mathbf{X} = [C_0 C_1 C_2 \dots C_k]$, each of size k , to output variable Y using Fuzzy logic. A FIS consists of three blocks named Fuzzification block, Inference engine and De-fuzzifier block as explained in [18-21] for different applications. In this paper, we use the following steps to relate the signals of SUs at FC with the decision of hypothesis H_0 or H_1 .

- a) Take M samples from the signal $s(t)$ of each of SUs at FC.
- b) Apply recurrent discrete wavelet transform on the sample vector until reducing it to a size of 4 as $\mathbf{V} = [C_0 C_1 C_2 C_3]$
- c) Apply vectors \mathbf{V} to FIS
- d) Generate crisp output Y as 0 or 1 against the hypothesis H_0 or H_1

The result section reveals the signal vector \mathbf{V} and corresponding output Y in a tabular form.

2.3. Fuzzy c-means clustering

Here, data is separated into several clusters, which may be overlapping or non-overlapping. The distance between the center of a cluster and the point under consideration governs the grade of a MF. The shorter the distance, the higher the grade of a MF. The steps of Fuzzy c -Means Clustering algorithm is available in [22-24]. In this paper, we take the received signal of PUs at FC under three categories: Hypothesis H_0 (absence of PU), Hypothesis H_1 (presence of PU) and Hypothesis H_0^+ (intermediate result, usually applicable to malicious attack); where SUs are used as the relay stations. Next, we apply Fuzzy c -Means Clustering algorithm to get the scatterplot of data after convergence of three degree of belongings: $U_1(k)$, $U_2(k)$ and $U_3(k)$ of three hypotheses.

2.4. Support vector machine

A Support Vector Machine (SVM) is a machine learning model for the classification of response data of a system. The basic concept of SVM is to construct a linear or non-linear hyperplane to separate the data points under different conditions. As an example, let us consider a set of data $\{x_i\}$, $i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, (N-1)$, and corresponding desired response of a system is, $d_i \in \{+1, -1\}$, which is represented as the set of ordered pair, $\{(x_i, d_i)\}_{i=0}^{N-1}$. The equation of hyperplane, $\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x} + b = 0$ (where \mathbf{x} is input vector, \mathbf{w} is weight vector and b is a bias) satisfies, $\mathbf{w}^T x_i + b \geq 0$ for $d_i = +1$ and $\mathbf{w}^T x_i + b < 0$ for $d_i = -1$. Higher degree polynomial or even a special function like Gaussian Radial Basis Function is used as a hyperplane to segregate complex data [10-11]. We also consider three types of data under hypothesis H_0 , hypothesis H_1 and hypothesis H_0^+ . Here, the input vector is SINR at FC and we determine SINR at receiving end as a random variable using the concept of [25-26].

2.5. Convolutional neural network

A Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) is one kind of Deep Neural Network (DNN) that acquires an immense popularity in object recognition. The main functional block of a CNN is convolutional layer in which a Linear Time Invariant (LTI) system is activated as $y(t) = x(t) * h(t)$; where $x(t)$ is input signal, $h(t)$ is impulse response of LTI system and $y(t)$ is output of the system. If LTI system is a filter, then the convolutional operation provides filtered signal. In CNN, we use the term “convolutional filter” or “kernel” against the impulse response $h(t)$ and feature map for output signal $y(t)$.

Each convolutional layer is followed by a pooling layer and we consider an average pooling technique. Next, the Rectified Linear Unit (ReLU) works as an activation function like the threshold of signal. The output of the ReLU is connected to a fully connected NN to produce feature corresponding to hypothesis H_0 and H_1 as shown in Figure 3. The received signal at FC from several SUs are converted into an image. The noisy image is applied to CNN to take the decision about the presence or absence of a PU taking the expression as shown in (4) and (8) of SINR of single user and multiuser model of [27-28].

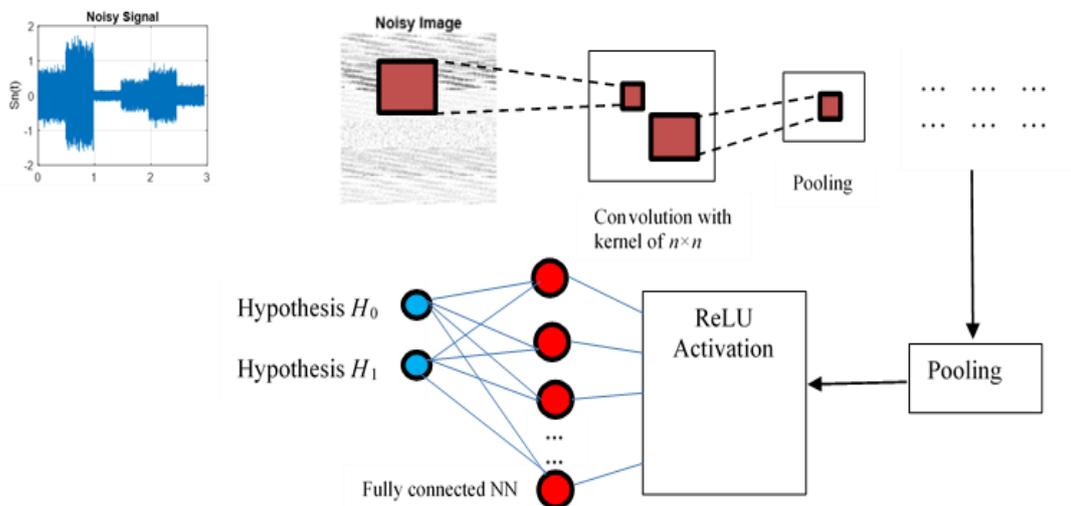


Figure 3. Basic building block of CNN to recognize signal at FC

2.5.1. Simulation algorithm

- a) Set the link parameters as mention in result section and $\varepsilon = 2$
- b) Assign the transmitted power, $P = \text{rand}()$; % average power of 0.5 under H_0
- c) $N = 49$; % size of image is 49×49
 - for $i = 1:N$
 - for $j = 1:N$
 - Store SINR for multi user as, $\text{Gamma}_m(i, j)$ using eq. (8) of [27]
 - Store SINR for single user as, $\text{Gamma}_s(i, j)$ using eq. (4), of [27] as mentioned before
 - end
 - end

- d) Repeat step c taking, $P = \text{rand}()+5$; % average Power of 5 under H_1
- e) Repeat step a to d for $\epsilon = 2.25$ and 2.5
- f) Create image for matrices **Gamma_s** and **Gamma_m**
- g) Store 10 images for each category in a folder
- h) Apply the image to a CNN taking appropriate parameter of NN.
- i) Acquire the features of the image and take decision about hypothesis H_0 or H_1

3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

First, we concentrate on the results of Fuzzy weighted rule. However, our prime focus is on the results of four machine learning techniques. Here, we consider four SUs as relay station under a FC. Only a few received data under hypothesis H_1 and H_0 are shown in Table 1. About 100 data sets representing the received signal under a Rayleigh fading channel along with AWGN like [29] are taken for simulation. Working on 12 data set (each data set contains 100 records like Table 1), we get the outcome of Fuzzy weighted rule for five different experiments on simulated signal as shown in Table 3.

The next part of the experiment deals with FIS. The signal vectors corresponding to section 2.2 are shown in Table 4 for both H_0 and H_1 using 16-QAM signal with AWGN and Rayleigh fading of [30] at FC, and simulation is done 500 times for each hypothesis and only 9 of them are shown. The verification of Fuzzy rules is carried out against H_0 and H_1 with three numerical values for vector \mathbf{V} as $\mathbf{V}_1 = [1 \ 0.0198 \ 0.0588 \ 0.1806]$ and Output ≈ 0 (H_0); $\mathbf{V}_2 = [1 \ 0.8039 \ 0.6069 \ 0.4168]$ and Output ≈ 1 (H_1); and $\mathbf{V}_3 = [0.6082 \ 0.1989 \ 1 \ 0.3649]$ and Output ≈ 0 (H_0), respectively.

Table 3. Signal detection with Fuzzy weighted rule

Experiment No.	Detection of H_0 (2 SUs at FC)	Detection of H_1 (2 SUs at FC)	Detection of H_0 (4 SUs at FC)	Detection of H_1 (4 SUs at FC)
1	0.832	0.858	0.873	0.892
2	0.803	0.869	0.886	0.883
3	0.838	0.876	0.865	0.874
4	0.847	0.811	0.869	0.867
5	0.823	0.832	0.847	0.881

Table 4. Signal vectors for FIS

C_0	C_1	C_2	C_3	H_1	C_0	C_1	C_2	C_3	H_0
0.1500	0.1445	1.0000	0.0426	1	1.0000	0.0198	0.0588	0.1806	0
0.2140	0.8811	0.6402	1.0000	1	1.0000	0.0233	0.1348	0.1856	0
1.0000	0.0148	0.2177	0.0845	1	0.9467	0.2660	0.0756	1.0000	0
0.2458	0.1493	1.0000	0.5703	1	1.0000	0.0881	0.0381	0.4125	0
1.0000	0.8039	0.6069	0.4168	1	1.0000	0.0684	0.4053	0.1556	0
1.0000	0.0571	0.2505	0.2533	1	0.6082	0.1989	1.0000	0.3649	0
0.1565	0.3330	0.4324	1.0000	1	1.0000	0.0293	0.6662	0.0993	0
1.0000	0.3667	0.1601	0.1698	1	0.9793	0.0692	0.0430	1.0000	0
1.0000	0.0111	0.3373	0.1485	1	0.6517	0.5511	0.7855	1.0000	0

Now, the experiment deals with Fuzzy c -Means Clustering (FCMC). The scatterplot of data set of H_0 , H_1 and H_0^+ under FCMC is shown in Figure 4. After 61 iterations, we get three distinct regions on scatterplot; where the function $U(k)$ takes the numerical values of $U(56)=594.730209$, $U(57)=594.730207$, $U(58)=594.730205$, $U(59)=594.730204$, $U(60)=594.730203$, $U(61)=594.730202$, which are very close. We run simulation 50 times in Matlab v.18 and get the detection accuracy of 78.246% as the best case and of 73.215% as the worst case. If we use two hypothesis model *i.e.*, excluding the data set of intermediate level H_0^+ , then we get the detection accuracy of 94.113% as the best case and of 88.512% as the worst case.

Next, we apply SVM on the simulated random data of SINR and the corresponding scatterplot is shown in Figure 5(a) and the region of H_0 , H_1 and H_0^+ is shown in Figure 5(b). The SVM seems to be more successful approach than that of FCMC. The success rate for 200 random data is of 96.234% as the best case and of 92.678% as the worst case.

Finally, we apply CNN on received signal under Rayleigh fading and AWGN channel captured at FC. We consider 16-QAM signal and the duration of six consecutive symbols as time slot. The fading signal of length 4900 (one time slot) is converted to an image of 49×49 using the algorithm of section 2.5.1. The signal of a time slot and the corresponding images are shown in Figure 6(a) and 6(b) under hypothesis H_1 and H_0 , respectively. We make 100 images for each category, and then apply deep learning algorithm *e.g.*, CNN. Running CNN several times, we measure the accuracy of detection for three cases as shown in Figure 7.

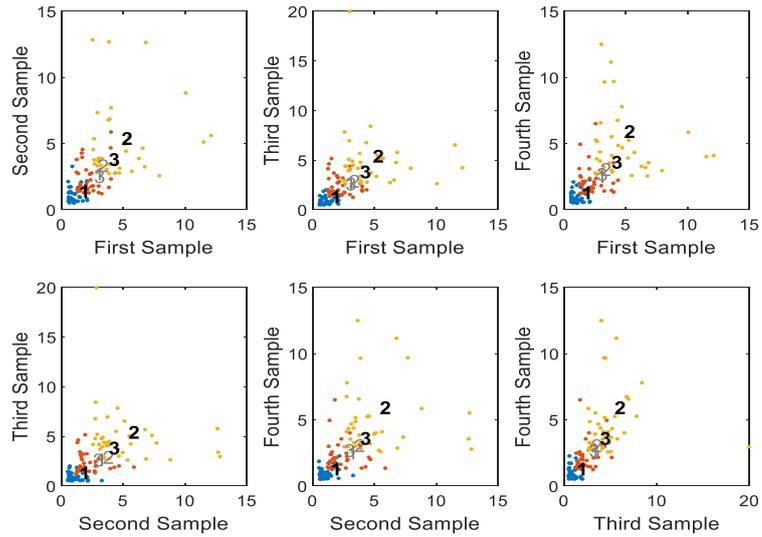
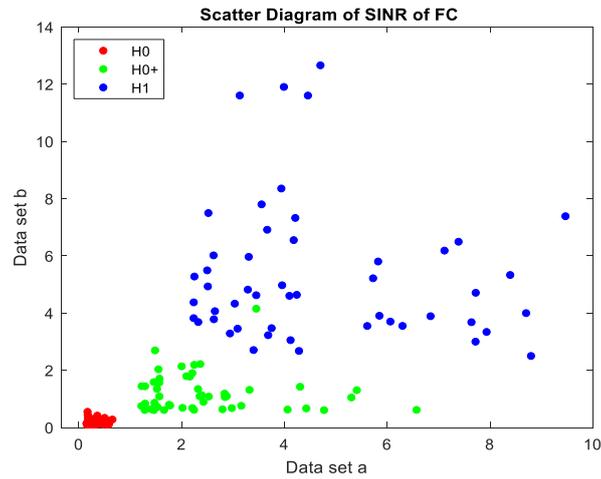
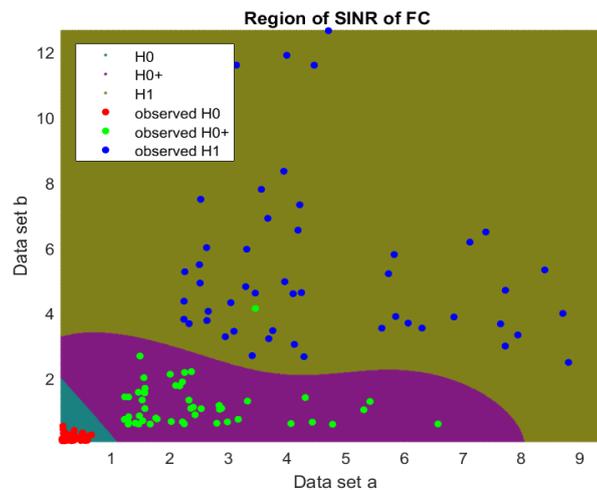


Figure 4. Scatterplot of Fuzzy c-mean clustering with three distinct region



(a) Scatter plot of data set



(b) Region using SVM

Figure 5. Scatterplot of two hypothesis model under SVM

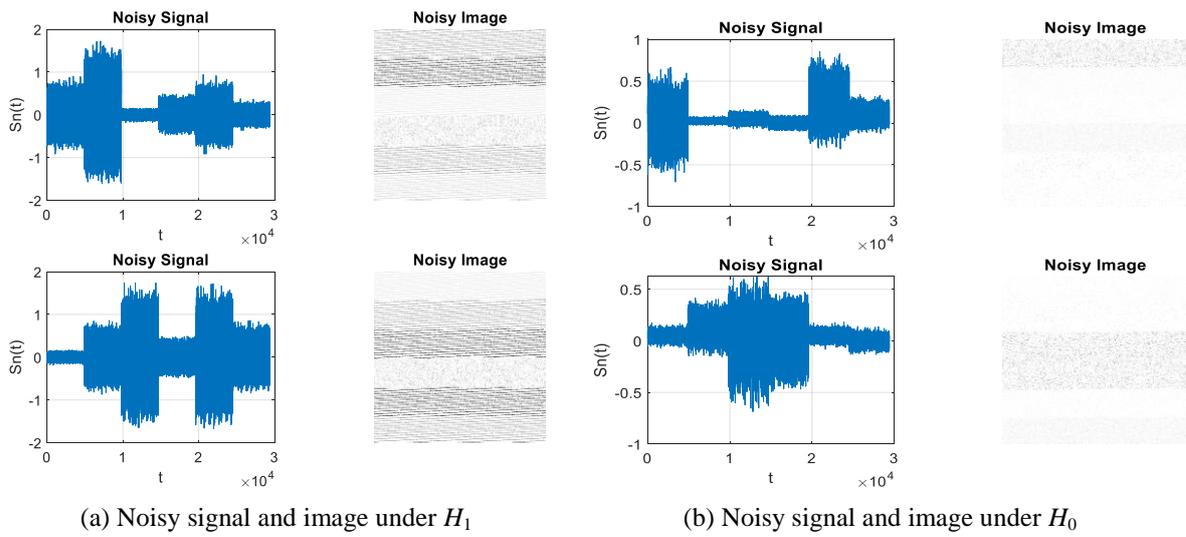


Figure 6. 16-QAM signal and corresponding image at FC

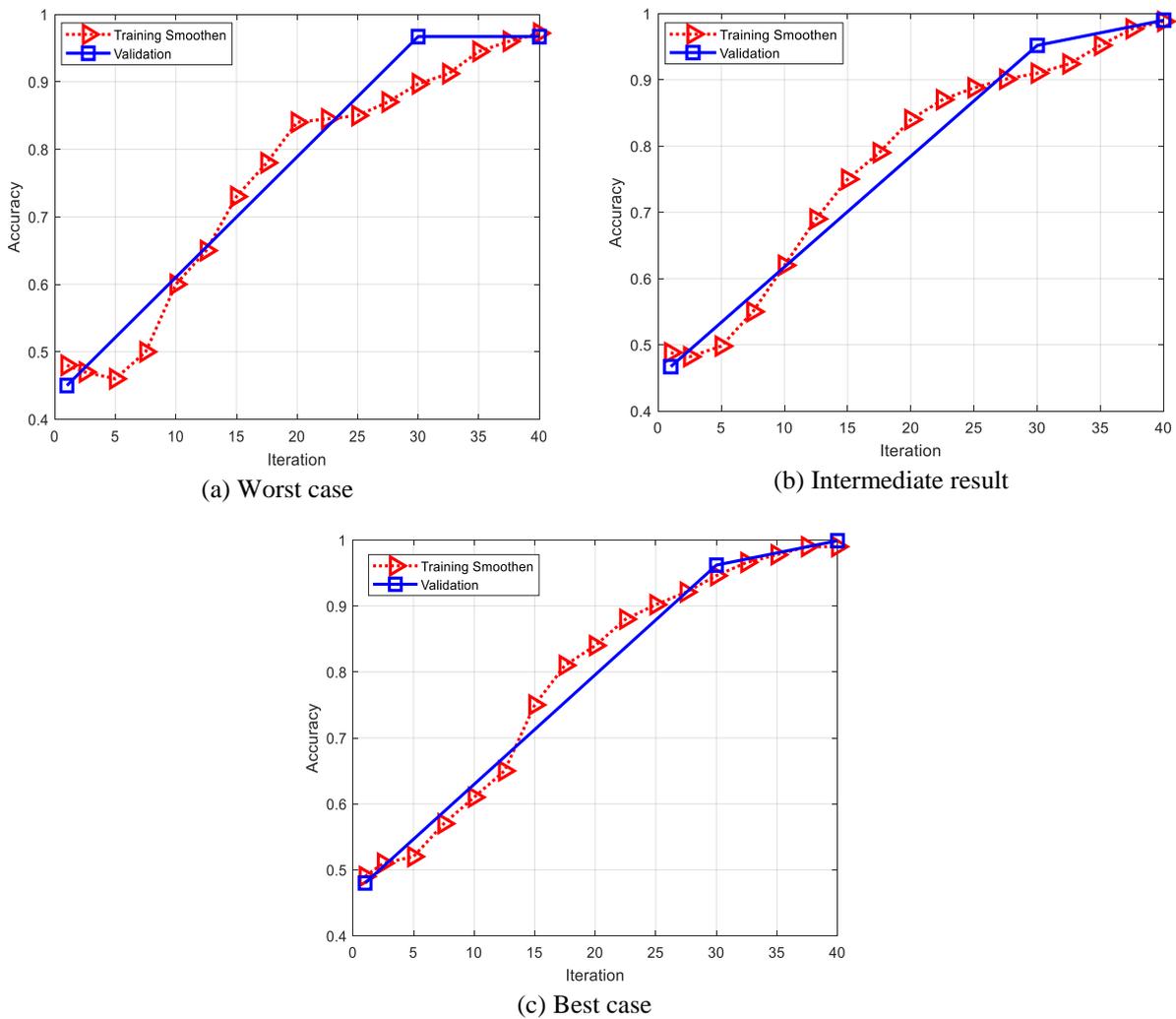


Figure 7. Accuracy of detection from CNN

Finally, the outcomes of five different methods are combined together to achieve a decision about the presence or absence of a PU in CRN. To combine five methods, we use the following algorithm based on the idea of [29]:

- a) If the accuracy of recognition of i th method (for example SVM) is a_i , then the accuracy vector of 5 methods is $\mathbf{V}_a = [a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4, a_5]$.
- b) Normalize the accuracy vector as, $\mathbf{V}_n = [a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4, a_5] / \sum_{i=1}^5 a_i = [b_1, b_2, b_3, b_4, b_5]$
- c) Determine the entropy of elements of \mathbf{V}_n , $E = \sum_{i=1}^5 b_i \log_2 \left(\frac{1}{b_i} \right)$, which has the maximum value of 2.3219.
- d) If $E > 2.2$ and majority of the methods (3 out of five) has $a_i > 0.75$, we consider the detection is correct.
- e) Repeat all steps M time and determine the ratio of correct decision and M, which the accuracy of combined method.
- f) The correct decision about H_0 and H_1 are averaged.

The combined result of above algorithm is shown in Table 5, where we found that the combined method gives a better result than that of any individual classification technique.

Table 5. Comparison of experimental results

Experiment Number	Weighted Fuzzy System	FIS	Fuzzy c -Means Clustering	SVM	CNN	Combined
1	0.836	0.873	0.782	0.763	0.894	0.962
2	0.811	0.849	0.765	0.724	0.873	0.958
3	0.829	0.881	0.791	0.783	0.901	0.967
4	0.802	0.847	0.752	0.772	0.843	0.925
5	0.866	0.891	0.787	0.782	0.913	0.971

4. CONCLUSION

In this paper, Fuzzy system and four different machine learning techniques are used at FC to detect the presence or absence of a PU. Here, CNN shows the best result among all classification techniques whereas SVM shows the worst. However, the combined method gives the best classification outcome with an accuracy of detection about 96.7%. Still, we have the scope to observe the performance of other machine learning algorithms such as Principal Component Analysis, Linear Discriminant Analysis, Speeded-Up Robust Features, Scale-Invariant Feature Transform, etc. In future, we will include malicious user attack into CRN using three hypothesis model under different machine learning algorithms.

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