Extreme Learning Machine based on Capped &1 Regularization and Pinball Loss Function

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ABSTRACT

Extreme Learning Machines (ELM) traditionally employ the squared loss function as the training criterion. However, this function is highly sensitive to outliers, which can amplify their impact on training outcomes of the model, causing the model to deviate from the true data distribution and reducing robustness of the model. Additionally, traditional ELM may encounter overfitting issues when dealing with highdimensional dataset. To tackle these issues, this study introduces an innovative ELM frameworkthat integrates capped \$\emsilon 1\$ regularization with pinball loss function, termed as Cl1-PELM. The capped \$\ell\$1 regularization helps prevent overfitting, and the pinball loss function, due to its linear relationship with the error, effectively mitigates the adverse effects of outliers on model training. This paper employs an iterative reweighting algorithm to optimize the objective function, ensuring rapid convergence of the model during the training process. Experimental results on 18 real-world datasets demonstrate that Cl1-PELM exhibits superior robustness, generalization performance, and stability in comparison to other advanced algorithms, particularly in environments with outliers.

General Terms

Machine Learning, Neural Network, Algorithms, Modeling

Keywords

Extreme learning machine; Capped £1 regularization; Pinball loss function; Robustness

1. INTRODUCTION

ELM [1-2] generate random connection weights for the input and hidden layers, along with the biases for the neurons in the hidden layer, which remain unchanged during the training process. By determining the number of hidden layer neurons, the output weights can be calculated by applying the Moore-Penrose inverse matrix method to obtain the unique optimal solution. Compared with traditional training algorithms, ELM stands out for its simple implementation, quick training, and excellent generalization performance. It has gained significant attention and found application in multiple areas, including face recognition [3], electricity market forecasting [4], and fuel cell system [5]. However, outliers in the datasets may lead to overfitting of the model. ELM typically uses the squared loss function, which performs best when the errors are normally distributed, but the actual error distribution may

not meet this assumption. To minimize the influence of outliers on model accuracy while maintaining the training speed and generalization advantages of ELM, constructing a robust ELM model in the field of machine learning is particularly necessary and significant.

Currently, improvements to robustness of ELM are primarily focused on two aspects. Firstly, the optimization of the loss function. Wang et al. [6]introduced the pinball loss function into ELM to minimize quantile errors, effectively suppressing the impact of outliers on the decision function. Yang et al. [7]applied the maximum mixed correlation entropy criterion to semi-supervised ELM, enhancing ability of the modelto resist outliers in the dataset, thereby improving robustnessthe model.Secondly, the introduction of regularization terms in ELM is aimed at preventing overfitting. Bala et al. [8]introduced an online sequential ELM based on £21 norm regularization, suitable for real-time data processing, reducing the time and memory consumption required for the model retraining each time new data is added. Dai et al. [9] proposed a novel regularization method to address the needs of multidimensional output tasks in ELM. This method extends the traditional $\ell 1/2$ regularization to $\ell 2,1/2$ regularization. Through this extension, it is possible to enhance robustness of the model to outliers while maintaining model performance.

This paper presents an innovative ELM model that integrates capped $\,\ell\,1\,$ regularization and pinball loss function, solved through an iterative reweighting method, with the aim of enhancing robustness of the model in the face of outliers in the dataset. The organization of the paper is as follows: the second section offers a concise overview of the theoretical foundations of ELM; the third section outlines the proposed algorithm; the fourth section offers experimental descriptions and result analysis; finally, summarizes the paper.

2. RELATED WORKS

2.1 Capped l1 Regularization

Capped $\ell 1$ regularization [10,11] is an improved method over the traditional $\ell 1$ regularization[12], designed to more effectively approximate the $\ell 0$ regularization[13]. The mathematical formulation of capped $\ell 1$ regularization is as follows:

$$\delta_{u}(\beta_{i}) = \min(u, |\beta_{i}|) \qquad (1)$$

Where u is threshold and u>0. As depicted in Figure 1, when the absolute value of the output weight is less than the threshold u, capped $\ell 1$ regularization behaves identically to $\ell 1$ regularization; when the absolute value of the output weight exceeds the threshold u, the capped $\ell 1$ regularization is capped at the threshold u. This approach effectively balances complexity of the modeland its robustness against outliers.

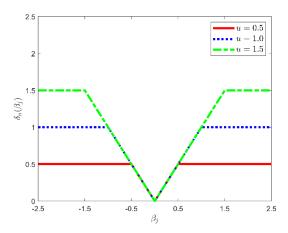


Figure 1: Capped £1 Regularization

2.2 Pinball Loss Function

Pinball loss function [14] is the loss function designed for quantile regression, which can effectively reduce sensitivity of the model to outliers. It is defined as follows:

$$l_{p}(e_{i}) = \begin{cases} pe_{i}, & e_{i} \ge 0, \\ (p-1)e_{i}, & e_{i} < 0 \end{cases}$$

Where p denotes the quantile. By adjusting the value of p, it is possible to estimate different quantiles. As depicted in Figure 2, the pinball loss function exhibits linearity and asymmetry. When the error e_i is greater than 0, the growth rate of the squared loss function increases more rapidly than that of the pinball loss function with the increase in error; the converse is also true.

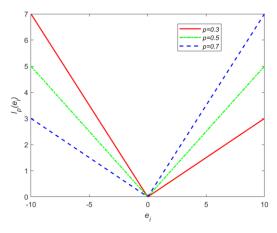


Figure2: Pinball loss function

2.3 Iterative Reweighted Robust Regularization ELM

To tackle the sensitivity of the squared loss function to outliers, this paper employs a reweighting approach to incorpo-

rate the L1 loss function into ELM to enhance the robustness of the model. This model can be realized by addressing the following optimization problem:

$$\min_{\beta} \quad \frac{1}{2} \Box \beta \Box_{2}^{2} + C \sum_{i=1}^{N} ||e_{i}||_{1}
\text{s.t.} \quad h(x_{i})\beta = y_{i} - e_{i}, \quad i = 1, ..., N$$
(3)

Where *C* represents the regularization parameter, which is utilized to control the complexity of themodel. Lagrangian function for equation (3) is constructed as follows:

$$L_{\ell_{2}}(\beta, e_{i}, \alpha_{i}) = \frac{1}{2} \Box \beta \Box_{2}^{2} + C \sum_{i=1}^{N} ||e_{i}||_{1} - \sum_{i=1}^{N} \alpha_{i}(h(x_{i})\beta - y_{i} + e_{i})$$
(4)

Where α_i is Lagrange multiplier. This paper employs an iterative reweighting method to solve equation (4). Each iteration is akin to tackling a weighted least squares problem, where the weights are determined by the errors from the previous iteration. Utilize the Karush-Kuhn-Tucker (KKT) conditions to obtain the best solution:

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial L_{\ell_{2}}(\beta_{j}, e_{i}, \alpha_{i})}{\partial \beta_{j}} = 0 \Rightarrow \beta_{j} = h(x_{i})^{T} \alpha_{i} \\ \frac{\partial L_{\ell_{2}}(\beta, e_{i}, \alpha_{i})}{\partial e_{i}} = 0 \Rightarrow \alpha_{i} = Cw(e_{i})e_{i} \\ \frac{\partial L_{\ell_{2}}(\beta, e_{i}, \alpha_{i})}{\partial \alpha_{i}} = 0 \Rightarrow h(x_{i})\beta - y_{i} + e_{i} = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$(5)$$

Where $w(\cdot)$ represents the weight function for $\ell 1$ norm, specifically $w(e_i) = 1/\max(|e_i|, 10^{-6})$. From equation (5), the output weights can be derived as follows:

$$\beta = \begin{cases} \left(\frac{\mathbf{I}}{C} + \mathbf{H}^{\mathsf{T}} W_{N} \mathbf{H}\right)^{-1} \mathbf{H}^{\mathsf{T}} W_{N} Y, & N \geq L, \\ \mathbf{H}^{\mathsf{T}} \left(\frac{\mathbf{I}}{C} + W_{N} \mathbf{H} \mathbf{H}^{\mathsf{T}}\right)^{-1} W_{N} Y, & N < L. \end{cases}$$
(6)

Where

$$H = [h(x_1), ..., h(x_N)]^T$$

 $W_N = diag\{w(e_1),...,w(e_N)\}$.

3. ELM WITH CAPPED & REGULARIZATION AND PINBALL LOSS FUNCTION

To improve the generalization performance of ELM, this paper proposes $C\ell 1$ -PELM. The optimization problem of it is formulated as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} & \min_{\beta, e_i} & & \sum_{j=1}^{L} \delta_u(\beta_j) + C \sum_{i=1}^{N} l_p(e_i) \\ & \text{s.t.} & & & h(x_i)\beta = y_i - e_i, i = 1, ..., N \end{aligned} \tag{7}$$

The optimal solution is obtained by constructing the Lagrangian function and employing KKT conditions.

$$\beta = \begin{cases} \left(\frac{W_{L}}{C} + \mathbf{H}^{T} W_{N} \mathbf{H}\right)^{-1} \mathbf{H}^{T} W_{N} Y & N \ge L \\ W_{L}^{-1} \mathbf{H}^{T} \left(W_{N} \mathbf{H} W_{L}^{-1} \mathbf{H}^{T} + \frac{I}{C}\right)^{-1} W_{N} Y & N < L \end{cases}$$
(8)

Where W_L represents the weight function for capped $\ell 1$ regularization, specifically

$$W_{L} = diag\{w_{L}(\beta_{1}), w_{L}(\beta_{2}), ..., w_{L}(\beta_{L})\}$$
(9)

$$w_{L}(\beta_{j}) = \begin{cases} 0, & |\beta_{j}| \ge u, \\ 1/\max\{|\beta_{j}|, 10^{-6}\}, & |\beta_{j}| < u. \end{cases}$$
(10)

And W_N represents the weight function for pinball loss function, specifically

$$W_N = diag\{w_N(e_1), w_N(e_2), ..., w_N(e_N)\}$$
 (11)

$$w_N(e_i) = \begin{cases} p / \max(e_i, 10^{-6}), & e_i \ge 0, \\ (p-1) / e_i, & e_i < 0. \end{cases}$$

The algorithm of Cl1-PELM is as follows:

Input: $\{(x_i, y_i)\}_{i=1}^N, L, C, p, u, t_{\text{max}}, H, \eta;$

Step 1: Initialize $W_N^{(0)} = I; W_L^{(0)} = I; t = 1;$

Step 2: Calculate the output weightsusing Equations (6).

Step 3: Compute errors $e_i = h(x_i)\beta^{(t)} - y_i$;

Step 4: Update W_L and W_N using Equations (10) and (12).

Step 5: Update the output weights $\beta^{(t+1)}$ using Equation(8).

Step 6: If $^{t>t_{max}}$ or $\|\beta^{^{(t+1)}}-\beta^{^{(t)}}\|<\eta$, stop the iteration and obtain the solution $\beta=\beta^{^{(t+1)}}$. Otherwise $\beta^{^{(t)}}=\beta^{^{(t+1)}}$, return to Step 3.

Output: The weights β .

4. EXPERIMENTS

this study compares $C\ell 1$ -PELM with the regularized extreme learning machine (RELM) [15], weighted regularized extreme learning machine (WELM) [16], iteratively reweighted robust regularized extreme learning machine (£1ELM, £1- £1ELM) [17], and pinball loss-based extreme learning machine (PELM) [6] to validate the effectiveness of it. Parameters C, p, u are picked from sets (2^-19 2^-18 2^-17...2^17 2^18 2^19), (0.05 0.1 0.15...0.9 0.95 1), (0.0001 0.001 0.01 0.1 1 10 100 1000 10000), respectively. η is set to 0.001. RMSE is used to assess the performance of each model. All algorithms employ the Sigmoid function as the activation function, with a maximum iteration limit of 20. For each parameter configuration, the experiments are conducted independently 10 times to obtain the average test RMSE. The optimal parameters are determined based on the lowest average RMSE. The values of all datasets are normalized to the range (-1,1). The experimental hardware platform features an Intel Core i7-12700 processor running at 4.70 GHz, 16 GB of RAM, and a 64-bit Windows 10 OS. The programming environment is MATLAB R2020b.

4.1 Robustness Experimental Analysis

To verify the robustness of Cl1-PELM in handling dataset containing outliers, this paper employed a random sampling method to generate outliers, and randomly sampled values between the minimum and maximum outputs of the training samples and added these values to the designated outputs to create outliers [17]. Table 1 presents detailed information of

18 real-world datasets, including the dimensionality of the datasets, the sizes of the training and test sets. Experiments were conducted on datasets with outlier ratios of 0%, 10%, and 20%, respectively. Table 2 presents the experimental findings, with the best results emphasized in bold.

As shown in Table 2, $C\ell 1$ -PELM achieved the lowest RMSE on 11 datasets under the scenario with no outliers (0%). When

Table 1. Information on 18 real-world datasets

datasets	Feature dimension	Training set	Testing set	
Machine	6	140	69	
Diabetes	2	20	23	
Cooling	8	400	368	
Mpg	7	200	192	
Yacht	6	200	108	
ВН	13	300	206	
Concrete	8	600	430	
NO2	7	300	200	
Pollution	15	40	20	
Pyrim	27	40	34	
ENBC	8	400	368	
Triazines	60	120	66	
Servo	4	120	47	
Bodyfat	14	160	92	
Abalone	7	2000	2177	
Airfoil	5	1000	503	
MG	6	700	685	
Space_ga	6	1800	1307	

the outlier ratio increased to 10%, C ℓ 1-PELM attained the optimal prediction accuracy on 14 datasets. Even when the outlier ratio further increased to 20%, C ℓ 1-PELM maintained the best prediction accuracy on 16 datasets. It is not difficult to observe that C ℓ 1-PELM is suitable for datasets containing outliers, and as the proportion of outliers increases, the robustness and stability of the model improve.

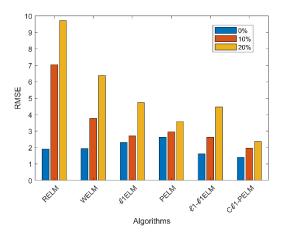
It is noteworthy that, compared to the other five algorithms, the RMSE of Cl1-PELM exhibits only minimal fluctuation with the increase in the ratio of outliers, as shown in Figure 3 (a). RELM uses the squared loss function demonstrates the poorest performance on datasets containing outliers. WELM, which employs aniterative reweighting method, experiences a significant increase in RMSE as the ratio of outliers grows. ℓ1ELM that utilizes an ℓ1 loss functionshows better performance due to ability of the \$\ell\$1 norm to somewhat mitigate the impact of outliers. \$\ell 1- \ell 1ELM, which uses the \$\ell 1\$ norm for both the loss function and regularization term, further enhances robustness of \$\ell\$1- \$\ell\$1ELM. The PELM, which employs the pinball loss function, can adapt to datasets with outliers by adjusting the quantile parameter p, thus demonstrating relatively good performance. However, when compared with the Cℓ1-PELM proposed in this paper, these algorithms all exhibit greater fluctuations in response to changes in the ratio of outliers, and their RMSE values are not as optimal as those of the $C\ell 1\text{-PELM}. The phenomenon in Figure 3 (a) is the same$

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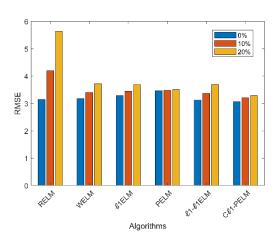
Table 2 Comparison of RMSE experimental results on real-world datasets

datasets	Outlier ratio	RELM	WELM	€1ELM	PELM	ℓ1- ℓ1ELM	Cl1-PELM
Diabetes	0%	0.6171	0.6185	0.6244	0.6202	0.6008	0.5902
	10%	0.6874	0.6463	0.6481	0.6444	0.6112	0.6096
	20%	0.7227	0.6445	0.6535	0.6328	0.6163	0.6134
Mpg	0%	2.7911	2.7873	2.8082	2.8007	2.7939	2.7825
	10%	4.0918	2.8401	2.8815	2.8789	2.8577	2.8427
	20%	5.3817	3.2517	3.0269	2.9305	3.0336	2.9167
Yacht	0%	1. 9021	1. 9360	2. 3088	2. 6243	1.6115	1. 4117
	10%	7. 0368	3. 7690	2. 7096	2. 9632	2. 6337	1. 9675
	20%	9. 7171	6. 3775	4. 7369	3. 5731	4. 4640	2. 3636
Concrete	0%	6. 4257	6. 5276	6. 7397	6. 9040	6. 7773	6. 7361
	10%	9. 2527	7. 4908	7. 5653	7. 6599	7. 5582	7. 3435
	20%	11. 9875	8. 4785	8. 4698	7. 9129	8. 5101	7. 6945
Pollution	0%	41. 2155	40. 0596	41. 9972	41. 4652	41. 4997	40.8425
	10%	48. 5809	44. 5537	45. 1348	45. 0374	43. 6350	43. 5461
	20%	53. 6576	48. 2616	47. 3794	45. 6842	45. 5953	44. 3591
ВН	0%	3. 8803	4. 0380	4. 0233	3. 9963	4. 0033	3. 9814
	10%	4. 9008	4. 1636	4. 1711	4. 1548	4. 1312	4. 1166
	20%	6. 4469	4. 4858	4. 3243	4. 2542	4. 3508	4. 1977
NO2	0%	0. 5135	0. 5168	0. 5226	0. 5227	0. 5223	0. 5222
	10%	0. 5895	0. 5235	0. 5334	0. 5250	0. 5330	0. 5248
	20%	0. 7242	0. 5466	0. 5552	0. 5252	0. 5568	0. 5230
Pyrim	0%	0.0864	0. 0833	0.0818	0.0808	0.0802	0. 0789
1 yl 1m	10%	0. 0990	0.0816	0. 0828	0. 0828	0. 0811	0.0819
	20%	0. 1095	0. 0936	0. 0893	0.0832	0. 0817	0. 0805
ENBC	0%	1. 4003	1. 4071	1. 4875	1. 5554	1. 4322	1. 4233
	10%	3. 3833	1.8603	1. 6957	1. 6987	1. 6358	1. 5908
	20%	4. 9116	2. 6779	2. 2271	1. 7866	2. 2397	1. 6901
Machine	0%	57. 3521	55. 8167	55. 2525	55. 2559	56. 4308	53. 3809
	10%	93. 8634	62. 7115	57. 1769	56. 8396	59. 378	54. 5161
	20%	126. 0512	67. 4567	59. 4492	58. 1149	63. 3377	56. 7770
Triazines	0%	0. 1350	0. 1362	0. 1339	0. 1330	0. 1328	0. 1324
	10%	0. 1408	0. 1382	0. 1396	0. 1345	0. 1379	0. 1335
	20%	0. 1464	0. 1454	0.1444	0. 1365	0. 1410	0. 1343
Servo	0%	0. 5942	0. 5712	0. 6004	0. 5931	0. 6079	0. 5944
	10%	0. 9802	0. 7562	0. 6805	0. 6598	0. 6893	0. 6062
	20%	1. 1891	0.8974	0. 7565	0.6633	0. 7565	0. 6285
Bodyfat	0%	0.0034	0. 0028	0. 0028	0. 0028	0.0029	0. 0028
-	10%	0.0074	0.0033	0. 0029	0. 0029	0.0030	0. 0029
	20%	0. 0137	0.0047	0.0031	0. 0029	0.0033	0.0030
Abalone	0%	2. 1793	2. 1900	2. 1964	2. 1765	2. 1926	2. 1722
	10%	2.6630	2. 1743	2. 1759	2. 1792	2. 1716	2. 1722
	20%	3. 6169	2. 2320	2. 2044	2. 1820	2. 2018	2. 1782
MG	0%	0. 2265	0. 2265	0. 2267	0. 2265	0. 2266	0. 2265
	10%	0. 2265	0. 2266	0. 2272	0. 2265	0. 2279	0. 2266
	20%	0. 2264	0. 2268	0. 2270	0. 2265	0. 2269	0. 2266
Cooling	0%	2. 1686	2. 2153	2. 3265	2. 3738	2. 2673	2. 2431
Cooling	10%	3. 7425	2. 5159	2. 5011	2. 5151	2. 4196	2. 3354
	20%	5. 1184	3. 2732	2. 9698	2. 6084	2. 9362	2. 4921

Airfoil	0%	3. 1448	3. 1784	3. 2834	3. 4680	3. 1225	3. 0628
	10%	4. 2038	3. 4038	3. 4498	3. 4878	3. 3746	3. 2130
	20%	5. 6325	3. 7226	3. 6950	3. 5089	3. 6851	3. 2896
Space_ga	0%	0. 2000	0. 2000	0. 2000	0. 2000	0. 2001	0. 2000
	10%	0. 2583	0. 2010	0. 2201	0. 2010	0. 2055	0. 2000
	20%	0. 3673	0. 2077	0. 2386	0. 2019	0. 2170	0. 2000



a) Yacht dataset



(b) Airfoil dataset

Figure 3: The RMSE of RELM, WELM, £1ELM, PELM, £1-£1ELM and C£1-PELM algorithms under (a) Yacht, (b) Airfoil datasets with 0%, 10%, and 20% levels of outliers

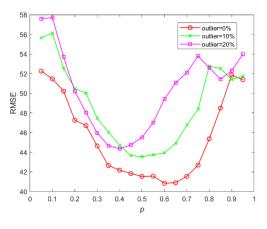
4.2 Parameter Analysis

4.2.1 Parameter p Analysis

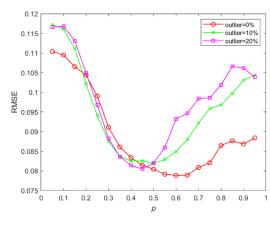
In the model proposed in this paper, the pinball loss function offers the advantage of mitigating the adverse effects of outliers by setting different quantile parameters p. To identify the optimal parameter p, this study employed a grid search approach across each real dataset. The objective of this method is to train the model to achieve the most effective output weights across each realdatasets, thereby enhancing the predictive accuracy and robustness of model. By doing so, we ensure that the model remains efficient and stable even when confronted with challenging data characteristics.

To investigate the impact of p on the performance of $C\ell 1$ -PELM, we conducted experimental on Pollution and Pyrim

datasets under varying outlier ratios,as illustrated in Figure 4, the experimental outcomes are displayed. It is evident that for Pollution dataset, the optimal p values corresponding to the lowest RMSE were 0.6, 0.5, and 0.4 at outlier ratios of 0%, 10%, and 20%, respectively. For Pyrim dataset, the optimal p values were 0.65, 0.5, and 0.45 at outlier ratios of 0%, 10%, and 20%. This finding indicates that C ℓ 1-PELM can effectively control the rate of error growth through p tuning. Moreover, the results reveal that when datasets contain a higher ratioof outliers, selecting smaller parameter values is a more appropriate.



(a) Pollution dataset



(b) Pyrim dataset

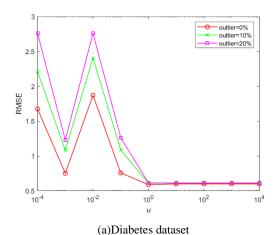
Figure.4 Influence of parameters on RMSE

4.2.2 Parameter u Analysis

This paper employs the capped $\ell 1$ norm as a regularization term for the model. The capped $\ell 1$ regularization term includes a threshold parameter u, which allows for the restriction of output weights to a fixed size u when they exceed the threshold parameter u. This effectively limits the excessive increase of output weights, thereby preventing model overfit-

ting. During the experimental evaluation on real datasets, a grid search method was utilized to determine the optimal parameter u. By employing this approach, the predictive performance and robustness of modelare enhanced.

To investigate the impact of u on the performance of $C\ell1$ -PELM, we selected Diabetes and NO2 datasets and conducted experiments under varying outlier ratios. The results of the experiments are depicted in Figure 5. Figure 5(a) illustrates RMSE trends of $C\ell1$ -PELM on Diabetes dataset at different outlier ratios. It can be observed that as the parameter u increases, the RMSE initially decreases, then increases, and finally decreases again to stabilize, reaching its minimum value at u=100 and remaining constant thereafter. Figure 5(b) shows RMSE trends on NO2 dataset with three different outlier ratios. The results indicate that RMSE decreases to a minimum value and then stabilizes as u increases. Overall, under different outlier ratios, RMSE of $C\ell1$ -PELM can be effectively regulated by appropriately selecting u, thereby enhancing predictionaccuracyof the model.



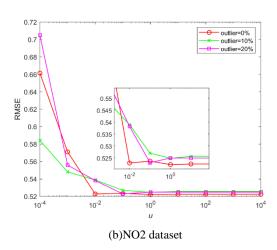


Figure.5 Influence of parameters on RMSE

5. CONCLUSION

This paper proposes a novelELM regression model that integrates capped $\ell 1$ regularization and pinball loss function. Compared with traditional regularized ELM models, Capped $\ell 1$ regularization mitigates overfitting by limiting the magnitude of u, thereby reducing the model complexity. To address the issue of outliers in datasets, the model employs pinball loss function with different quantile parameters to reduce the adverse effects of outliers on its performance. The model is

solved using an iterative reweighting algorithm to accelerate the model training speed. Experiments were conducted on 18 real-world datasets with varying ratios of outliers to validate robustness of the proposed C ℓ 1-PELM and compare it with RELM, WELM, PELM, ℓ 1ELM, and ℓ 1- ℓ 1ELM. The results demonstrate the C ℓ 1-PELM outperformed other algorithms in terms of robustness and stability in most cases.

In future research, the model proposed in this paper holds broad application potential. Particularly within the context of naive bayes models, the introduction of the pinball loss function is expected to further enhance classification accuracy. This improvement will be especially beneficial when dealing with imbalanced datasets, as it will optimize model performance more effectively.

6. DATA AVAILABILITY

No new datasets were generated in the course of this study. All datasets utilized in this research are available from the authors upon request.

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8. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

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