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# A deep feature mining method of electronic nose sensor data for identifying beer olfactory information



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# ABSTRACT

In this work, a deep feature mining method for electronic nose (E-nose) sensor data based on the convolutional neural network (CNN) was proposed in combination with a support vector machine (SVM) to identify beer olfactory information. According to the characteristics of E-nose sensor data, the structure and parameters of the CNN was designed. By means of convolution and pooling operations, the beer olfaction features were extracted automatically. Meanwhile, the SVM replaced the full connection layer of the CNN to enhance the generalization ability of the model, and two important parameters affecting the classification performance of the SVM were optimized based on an improved particle swarm optimization (PSO). The results indicated that the CNN-SVM model achieved deep feature automatic extraction of beer olfactory information, and a good classification performance of 96.67% was obtained in the testing set. This study shows that the CNN-SVM can be used as an effective tool for high precision intelligent identification of beer olfactory information.

# 1. Introduction

E-nose is an intelligence instrument consisting of a sensor array and pattern recognition method, which is designed to simulate the human olfactory system. The sensor array acquires the olfactory information of the detected object, and the pattern recognition method processes detection information and gives a decision. As a new sensing technology, the E-nose has been used widely in the field of food engineering. Such as food classification (Ciptohadijoyo et al., 2016; Jia et al., 2016; Banerjee et al., 2019), quality assessment (Majchrzak et al., 2018; Ke et al., 2017; Zhu et al., 2017), freshness prediction (Chen et al., 2017; Han et al., 2013; Min et al., 2018), identification authenticity (Majcher et al., 2015; Śliwińska et al., 2016; Men et al., 2014) and shelf life evaluation (Buratti et al., 2018; Luo et al., 2016; Dipan et al., 2014) etc.

Beer is one of the most productive and consumed alcoholic beverages in the world (Denke, 2000). The total output and per capita consumption of beer in European and North American countries are among the highest worldwide. The aroma of beer affects people's sensory experience directly. There are more than 100 ingredients that affect the beer aroma, mainly including alcohols, esters, acids and other substances. Different ingredients play different roles in beer aroma (Denke, 2000; Nardini and Ghiselli, 2004; Vanbeneden et al., 2006). The Beer odor ingredients are complicated, and very difficult to separate and detect. Although there are clear requirements for the content of additives in different brewing stages of beer, the comprehensive effects of various substances will still affect the overall olfactory information. A deviation in the overall olfactory information at a certain brewing stage indicates that the brewing process or the material allocation ratio at this stage does not meet industrial requirements, and the brewing process at that stage will be effectively controlled. At present, the main detection methods are chemical analysis, chromatography and mass spectrometry (Castro and Ross, 2015; Jie et al., 2018). These methods can only detect single substances, but do not reflect the overall odor information of beer. The cross-sensitive sensor array of the E-nose can detect the comprehensive odor information of beer and has the advantages of easy operation and high precision.

There are three main steps for the E-nose to decide on the measured object: data acquisition, feature mining and recognition decision. Feature mining methods affect the decision result of intelligent algorithm directly. At present, the features extracted from the original sensor signal are mainly divided into time-domain features, frequency-domain features and spatial-domain features. Time-domain features include the maximum value (Men et al., 2018b., Wei et al., 2015), average value (Xu et al., 2016), steady state value (Qin et al., 2014), integral value (Yin et al., 2016), differential value (Yu et al., 2013), etc. Frequency-domain features, including the maximum energy (Zhi et al.,

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Received 26 February 2019; Received in revised form 23 June 2019; Accepted 25 July 2019 Available online 29 July 2019 0260-8774/ © 2019 Elsevier Ltd. All rights reserved. 2017) and the average energy (Men et al., 2018c) of wavelet packet decomposition (Yin et al., 2014), etc. Spatial-domain features are described by a response curve, which is composed of the sensitivity and sensitivity change rate of sensor, including characteristic parameters extracted from the response curve (Zhang et al., 2008). A single feature form cannot represent the overall olfactory information of beer to a certain extent. It is often necessary to fuse multiple features to characterize the overall olfactory information of beer, which causes difficulty in the feature extraction process.

A convolutional neural network (CNN) is a feedforward neural network, which includes deep structure and convolution computation. The CNN is one of the representative algorithms of deep learning (Ren et al., 2017). After the 21st century, with the development of deep learning theory and the improvement of numerical calculation methods, CNNs have been used in computer vision (Garea et al., 2018), natural language processing (Hang, 2018), real-time object detection (Ren et al., 2017), etc. In contrast to time-domain features, frequencydomain features and space-domain features, the input data feature can be extracted automatically by means of the convolution layer and pooling layer in the structure of the CNN without pretreatment and statistical analysis. Meanwhile, the CNN can freely transform the form of input data, set up a reasonable convolution structure to automatically extract the features, and send them to the classifier for pattern recognition directly. Most importantly, the CNN achieves integration of the feature extraction and recognition processes. Although CNN has many advantages, its training process is similar to that of the traditional BP neural network, which requires a large amount of training data and has the problem of overfitting. However, a large sample data acquisition is not allowed in the process of industrial detection. According to the principle of structural risk minimization, the support vector machine (SVM) has good pattern recognition ability for small sample sizes of data (Liu et al., 2012; Wu et al., 2018). Therefore, this paper combines a CNN and a SVM to automate extraction and recognition of beer olfactory features.

In this paper, in order to propose an effective deep feature mining method, and provide a useful way of analyzing for beer olfactory information, the CNN-SVM is applied to identify beer olfactory information in the field of food engineering. Five different beers with similar alcohol content, wort concentration and raw materials were used as experimental samples. According to the characteristics of E-nose sensor data, the structure and parameters of the CNN were designed. The convolution and pooling operations were applied to achieve the deep extraction of original olfactory data. Meanwhile, in the process of SVM classification, the penalty factor c and kernel function parameter g affect the classification performance. Therefore, an improved particle swarm optimization (PSO) method was proposed to optimize the two important parameters. The design process and recognition results of the CNN-SVM are discussed in detail.

# 2. Materials and methods

# 2.1. Samples preparation

In this work, five different beers with similar alcohol content, wort concentration and raw materials were used as experimental samples. Table 1 shows the detailed parameters of the five different beers. To

ensure the homogeneity of samples, each beer was produced in the same batch and at the same origin.

#### 2.2. Electronic nose and experiment

A PEN3 E-nose, developed by the Airsense Analytics Inc.(Schwerin, Germany), was employed to collect beer olfactory information. PEN3 mainly includes a sensor array, cleaning and sampling channels, and a signal collecting system. Fig. 1 shows the PEN3 schematic diagram. There are 10 metal oxide sensors in the PEN3 sensor array chamber. Table 2 shows the sensitivity characteristics of each sensor. The sensor response value of PEN3 is the ratio of the conductivity G of the sensor after contact with the standard gas filtered by activated carbon. The interaction between sensor and gas will produce a redox reaction, which changes the conductivity G/G0, and finally realizes the detection of cross-sensitive odor information.

The experimental environment temperature of the E-nose was 20  $\pm$  0.5 °C, and the humidity was 65  $\pm$  2% RH. The experimental steps were as follows:

- (1) 5 ml beer was placed in a 50 ml sampler for 10 min to ensure that the gas was saturated at the top of the sealed bottle.
- (2) Before testing began, the sensor chamber was cleaned and calibrated. Clean air was filtered by activated carbon, and entered the sensor array chamber for 60 s, with a flow rate of 300 mL/min.
- (3) The detection started after the calibration was finished. The detection time of each sample was 100 s. Fig. 2 shows the sensor response output curve.
- (4) Steps (1)–(3) was repeated, without loss of generality for 18 parallel samples of each beer. Ninety samples of data were obtained for five beers.

Each sample of data represented the overall olfactory information of beer.

# 2.3. CNN model

The CNN is a typical feedforward neural network, which is composed of an input layer, hidden layer and output layer. The hidden layer consists of convolution layer, pooling layer and fully connected layer. Convolution simulates the response of individual neurons to visual stimuli. It uses the convolution layer to convolute input data, and then transfers the results to the next layer.

The convolution layer is made up of a set of convolution kernels. Although these kernels have smaller perceptual horizons, the kernels extend to the full depth of the input data. The function of convolution operation is to extract the deep features of input data. For example, a single-layer convolution network can only extract surface features such as center and edge, while a multilayer convolution network will extract more deeper features.

The mathematical definition of convolution is:

#### Table 1

Summarizes detailed information about the tested beer samples.

No.	Brand	Alcohol by Volume (% vol)	Wort Concentration (° P)	Raw Materials	Number of Samples
1	Baiwei	≥3.6	9.7	Water, malt, wheat, hops	18
2	Harbin	≥3.6	9.1	Water, malt, rice, hops	18
3	Landai	≥4.3	11	Water, malt, rice, hops	18
4	Qingdao	≥4.3	11	Water, malt, rice, hops	18
5	Xuehua	≥3.3	9	Water, malt, rice, hops	18



Fig. 1. The PEN3 schematic diagram.

Table 2		
Basic information	of olfactory	sensors

No.	Sensor	Sensitive substance	Detectability (ppm)
1	W1C	Aromatic	10
2	W5S	Hydrocarbon	1
3	W3C	Ammonia and Aromatic	10
4	W6S	Hydrogen	100
5	W5C	Alkanes and Aromatics	1
6	W1S	Methane	100
7	W1W	Sulphide	1
8	W2S	Ethanol	100
9	W2W	Organic Sulfides	1
10	W3S	Alkane	10





$$Z(i,j) = \sum_{m=0}^{P-1} \sum_{n=0}^{Q-1} X(m,n) \times Y(i-m,j-n) \qquad \begin{cases} 0 \le i < P+M-1\\ 0 \le j < Q+N-1 \end{cases}$$
(1)

where the dimension of input matrix X is (P, Q), and the kernel matrix Y is (M, N). Fig. 3 shows the convolution mapping process. The convolution kernel calculates the data covered by moving the weight

Input Convolution kernel Output

Fig. 3. The convolutional mapping process.

template on the input matrix. The output of the convolution layer usually needs to use the activation function for nonlinear mapping. This paper chose the rectified linear units (ReLU) activation function (Krizhevsky et al., 2012).

The pooling layer performs a downsampling operation on the convolution output. Pooling can reduce the dimension of the output, and retain significant features. The commonly used pooling methods are maximum pooling, average pooling and random pooling. In this paper, the average pooling method is used for the downsampling operation. Fig. 4 shows the average pooling process. Taking the 'A' region as an example, the average pooling operation sums all elements in 'A' region, then divides the number of elements in the region to get an average and passes it to 'a'.

The full connection layer is the "classifier" of the CNN. Each node in the full connection layer is connected with all the nodes in the upper layer. Meanwhile, the full connection layer integrates the features after the convolution and pooling operations, and maps the final feature information to the decision space.

# 2.4. SVM model

As a supervised learning algorithm, SVM can analyze data and the classification decision. SVM was proposed by Cortes and Vapnik et al. (Cortes and Vapnik, 1995) based on the statistical theory. Based on the principle of structural risk minimization, SVM has many advantages for pattern recognition problems, such as small sample requirements, nonlinearity and high-dimensional feature spaces, etc. In the process of



Fig. 4. The average pooling process.

pattern recognition, SVM maps low-dimensional data to high-dimensional space by means of a kernel function. Previous studies have shown that the RBF kernel function expressed a good classification performance (Li et al., 2017; Qiu et al., 2015). Therefore, the RBF was used as a kernel function for the SVM to map low-dimensional data.

The procedure of the SVM algorithm is as follows:

Set the data set  $D = [(x_1, y_1), \dots, (x_l, y_l)]$ , sample in n-dimensional space.

The general form of the decision function is (Men et al., 2018a):

$$f(x) = \omega \cdot k(x) + b \tag{2}$$

where  $\omega$  is the weight vector, *b* is the domain value and k(x) is a nonlinear mapping function. To minimize structural risk, the optimal classification plane can classify all samples correctly. The following conditions should be satisfied:

$$y_i(\omega^T \cdot k(x_i) + b) \ge 1 \tag{3}$$

To achieve a certain balance between experiential risk and generalization performance, the existence of misclassified samples is allowed by introducing nonnegative slack variable  $\xi_i$ . Therefore, the optimization problem is converted to:

$$\begin{cases} \min \frac{1}{2} \|\omega\|^2 + c \sum_{i=1}^n \xi_i, \ c \ge 0\\ s. \ t \ y_i(\omega^T \cdot k(x_i) + b) \ge 1 - \xi_i, \xi_i \ge 0 \end{cases}$$
(4)

where c is the penalty factor. It can control the degree of punishment for misclassification samples. Here, the Lagrange multiplier algorithm is introduced to:

$$L(\omega, b, a_i) = \frac{1}{2} ||\omega||^2 + \sum_{i=1}^{n} a_i (1 - y_i(\omega^T \cdot k(x_i) + b)), a_i = (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)$$
(5)

Then,  $L(\omega, b, a_i)$  derives partial derivatives of  $\omega$  and b respectively:

$$\omega = \sum_{i=1}^{m} a_i y_i x_i$$
  
$$0 = \sum_{i=1}^{m} a_i y_i$$
(6)

The Lagrange multiplier algorithm is converted to:

$$L(\omega, b, a_{i}) = \frac{1}{2}\omega^{T}\omega + \sum_{i=1}^{n} a_{i} - \sum_{i=1}^{n} a_{i}y_{i}\omega^{T}x_{i} - \sum_{i=1}^{n} a_{i}y_{i}b$$
  
$$= \sum_{i=1}^{n} a_{i} + \frac{1}{2}\omega^{T}\omega - \omega^{T}\omega$$
  
$$= \sum_{i=1}^{n} a_{i} - \frac{1}{2}(\sum_{i=1}^{n} a_{i}y_{i}x_{i})^{T}\left(\sum_{j=1}^{n} a_{j}y_{j}y_{j}x_{j}\right)$$
  
$$= \sum_{i=1}^{n} a_{i} - \frac{1}{2}\sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j=1}^{n} a_{i}a_{j}y_{j}y_{j}x_{i}^{T}x_{j}$$
(7)

Therefore, the optimization problem is converted to dual form:

$$\begin{cases} \min \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j=1}^{n} y_{i} y_{i} a_{i} a_{j} K(x_{i}, x_{j}) - \sum_{i=1}^{n} a_{i} \\ s. t \sum_{i=1}^{n} y_{i} a_{i} = 0, 0 \le a_{i} \le c \end{cases}$$
(8)

where:

$$K(x_i, x_j) = (k(x_i) \cdot k(x_j))$$
(9)

In this paper, RBF kernels can be expressed as:

$$K(x_i, x_j) = \exp(-g||x_i - x_j||)^2$$
(10)

where g is the kernel function parameter. It controls the radial action range of the function. Therefore, the above optimization problem is converted to:

$$\begin{cases} \min \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j=1}^{n} y_{i} y_{j} a_{i} a_{j} \exp(-g ||x_{i} - x_{j}||)^{2} - \sum_{i=1}^{n} a_{i} \\ s. t \sum_{i=1}^{n} y_{i} a_{i} = 0, 0 \le a_{i} \le c \end{cases}$$
(11)

As seen from formula (11), the parameters *c* and *g* affect the classification performance for the SVM. Therefore, PSO was introduced to calculate the parameters.

PSO is an optimization algorithm based on swarm intelligence in the field of computational science. Its basic concept originates from the study of bird predation behavior (Fong et al., 2016; Messerschmidt and Engelbrecht, 2004). In the process of iterative optimization, the particles keep track of each other's historical optimum accuracy and constantly update their search direction and speed, so that the particles converge toward the optimum direction.

The speed update formulae of traditional PSO algorithm are as follows:

$$v(t+1) = \varpi t + c_1 rand()(q_{best}(t) - q(t)) + c_2 rand()(p_{best}(t) - q(t))$$

$$q(t+1) = q(t) + v(t+1)$$
(12)

where v(t) is the velocity of particle at time t,  $\varpi$  is the inertia weight,  $q_{best}(t)$  is the optimal solution of particle at time t, q(t) is the solution of particle at time t,  $p_{best}(t)$  is the global optimal solution for all particles at time t, rand () is a random number in the range [0, 1], and  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  are learning factors.

In the traditional PSO algorithm, the  $\varpi$  describes the influence of the particle's previous generation velocity to the current generation velocity. The larger the search range of particles is, the better the algorithm can find global optimization and avoid falling into local optimal solutions. The smaller the search range of particles, the smaller the search range will be, which will enhance the local search ability and make the algorithm converge more quickly. In this paper, the balance between global search and local optimal ability was adjusted. The formula for calculating the  $\varpi$  can be defined as follow:

$$\varpi = \varpi_{max} - \frac{\varpi_{max} - \varpi_{min}}{N_{max}} \cdot N \tag{13}$$

where  $\varpi_{max}$  is the maximum inertia weight, which is 0.9,  $\varpi_{min}$  is the minimum inertia weight, which is 0.3,  $N_{max}$  is the maximum iteration algebra and N is the current iteration algebra. Formula (13) shows that the  $\varpi$  value is the largest at the beginning of the iteration, which enables the particles to search globally in a wide range. As the number of iterations increases, the particle gradually approaches the global optimal solution. Meanwhile, the  $\varpi$  value decreases, which enables the particle to search locally in a small range and ultimately achieve the global optimal solution. The fitness of inertia weight  $\varpi$  varies with the number of iterations, so it is called adaptive inertia weight.

 $c_1$  reflects the information exchange between individual particles, and  $c_2$  reflects the information exchange between the particle population and the historical optimal trajectory. This paper introduced the asynchronous learning formula to dynamically adjust  $c_1$  and  $c_2$ . The adjusted formulae can be defined as follows:

$$c_{1} = c_{1max} - \frac{c_{1max} - c_{1min}}{N_{max}} \cdot N$$

$$c_{2} = c_{2min} - \frac{c_{2min} - c_{2max}}{N_{max}} \cdot N$$
(14)

where  $c_{1max}$  is the maximum of  $c_1$  learning factor, and its value is 2,  $c_{1min}$  is the minimum of  $c_1$  learning factor, and its value is 1,  $c_{2max}$  is the maximum of  $c_2$  learning factor, and its value is 2, and  $c_{2min}$  is the minimum of  $c_2$  learning factor, and its value is 1.

It can be seen from Formula (14), with the increase of iterations, the learning factor  $c_1$  value is the largest at the beginning of the iteration and then decreases, while the  $c_2$  value is the smallest at the beginning of the iteration and then increases. In this way, using the asynchronous learning characteristics can exchange information between particles effectively (Zhao and Fang, 2013).

To control the flying speed of particles effectively, the algorithm achieved an effective balance between global detection and local mining. In this paper, the compression factor  $\beta$  was introduced and the formula can be defined as follow:

$$\beta = \frac{2}{|2 - c - \sqrt{c^2 - 4c}|} \tag{15}$$

where  $c = c_1 + c_2$ .

Finally, the adaptive particle swarm optimization algorithm with compression factor and asynchronous learning factor was proposed (CAAPSO). The particle velocity position updated formula can be defined as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} v(t+1) &= \beta(\varpi t + c_1 rand()(q_{best}(t) - q(t)) + c_2 rand()(p_{best}(t) - q(t))) \\ q(t+1) &= q(t) + v(t+1) \end{aligned}$$

#### 3. Results and discussion

# 3.1. Data analysis

A radar plot was used to illustrate the relationships and trends of sensors response data. To visualize the data, one sample was randomly selected from the five different beer samples. Fig. 5 shows the radar plot of sensors 90 s for five different beers. The radar response forms of five beers were similar, which may mean that the distinction was difficult. While the W5S, W1S, W1W, W2S, W2W, W3S responses were larger, the W1C, W3C, W6S, W5C responses were smaller. However, for beer identification, we are not sure whether a large response sensor is highly important, or a small response sensor is less important (Men et al., 2018a). Therefore, it is particularly important to deeply mine the important features within the sensor data.

# 3.2. CNN structure

The matrix form of the beer olfactory information was 100\*10, where 100 was the number of sampling points for each sensor and 10 was the number of sensors. In this paper, the first 90 sampling points were selected for each sensor, and the sample matrix became 90\*10, which was converted to 30\*30 as the input of the CNN.

Fig. 6 shows the structure schematic diagram of the CNN. The structure of the CNN consisted of 4 convolution layers, 3 pooling layers and 2 full connection layers. After the last pooling operation, all feature matrices were connected into a vector as input to the first full connection layer. Table 3 shows the network parameters of the CNN. In all convolution operations, the convolution kernel size was 3\*3, the stride was 1 and ReLU was selected as activation function. Padding was 'same', which meant that 0 was added to the periphery of matrix data to preserve and extract edge features. In contrast, 'valid' did not add the padding. In all downsampling operations, the stride was 2 and the filter was 2\*2. In the first full connection operation, ReLU was selected as the activation function, and the number of neurons was 32 according to the number of the pooling3 feature metrics. In the second full connection operation, Sigmoid was selected as activation function, and the number of neurons was 5 according to the number of categories. The design process of each layer was as follows:

- (1) The original E-nose data input matrix was 90\*10, which was converted into 30\*30. In principle, more features can be acquired by means of convolution kernels, but too many features can lead to overfitting of the recognition model. Therefore, 4 convolution kernels were set to convolve the original data after adding padding items. Here, 4 feature matrices were obtained in the same form, and the matrix size of each feature was still 30\*30.
- (2) Eight convolution kernels were set to convolute the input matrices. Here, 8 feature matrices were obtained in the same form, and each feature matrix size was changed to 28\*28.
- (3) The data were compressed by means of pooling operation. In this paper, the global average pooling operation was applied. Here, the number of feature matrices remained constant, and each feature matrix size was changed to 14\*14.
- (4) According to the parameters in Table 3, the calculation process of No.4-No.7 were the same as that of (2)–(3). Finally, 32 feature matrices were obtained in the same form, and each feature matrix size was changed to 2\*2.
- (5) Before the full connection operation, it converted 32 feature matrices with sizes of 2\*2 into a feature matrix as the input to the first full connection layer.

# 3.3. CNN performance evaluation

The original 90 groups of beer data were divided into two groups randomly: 2/3 were used to train the CNN as training set (containing validation sets), and 1/3 were used as the testing set. Data were processed based on section 3.2 CNN structure.

The batch training mode was applied to train CNN. The initialization batch size was 20 based on the smaller beer samples. The BP algorithm was used to train the CNN by means of the gradient descent algorithm. In the iteration process of weights and biases, only the learning rate needs to be set, which was set to 0.1. Xavier was applied to make the information flow better in the network. The variance in the output of each layer should be as equal as possible (Xavier and Yoshua, 2010). The connection weights between adjacent network layers and the weight matrix of the convolution kernels were initialized according to the following uniform distribution.

$$W \sim U\left[-\frac{\sqrt{6}}{\sqrt{n_j + n_{j+1}}}, \frac{\sqrt{6}}{\sqrt{n_j + n_{j+1}}}\right]$$
(17)

(16)





Fig. 5. The sensor response radar plots for five different beers: (a) Baiwei, (b) Harbin, (c) Landai, (d) Qingdao, (e) Xuehua.



Fig. 6. The CNN structure schematic diagram.

For the connection weight between the network layers,  $n_j$  and  $n_{j+1}$  represented the number of adjacent two layers of neurons, respectively, and the bias was initialized to 0. For the weight matrix of convolution kernels,  $n_j$  and  $n_{j+1}$  represented the product of the number of adjacent two layers feature metrics and the size of convolution kernels respectively.

The MSE loss function was used for error calculation in CNN learning. In the process of iteration calculation, epoch was 200, which

represents the number of steps in the training of CNN for all the data of the training set. Since the training set contained 60 samples, the number of batch size was 20. Therefore, the total number of iterations was 600. As the number of iterations increases, the training status no longer changes when the MSE value changes less than  $10^{-3}$ . Fig. 7 shows the loss function curve based on MSE under the 5-fold cross-validation of training set. The MSE of the training set and the validation set decreased significantly before 300 iterations, while the MSE value of

Table 3The network parameters of the CNN.

No.	Туре	Kernel	Stride	Padding	Input size	Output size	Active function
1	Convolution1	3 × 3 (4)	1	same	$32 \times 32$	30 × 30 (4)	ReLU
2	Convolution2	3 × 3 (8)	1	valid	30 × 30 (4)	$28 \times 28$ (8)	ReLU
3	Pooling1	2  imes 2	2	-	$28 \times 28$ (8)	14 × 14 (8)	-
4	Convolution3	3 × 3 (16)	1	valid	14 × 14 (8)	12 × 12 (16)	ReLU
5	Pooling2	2  imes 2	2	-	12 × 12 (16)	6 × 6 (16)	-
6	Convolution4	3 × 3 (32)	1	valid	6 × 6 (16)	4 × 4 (32)	ReLU
7	Pooling3	$2 \times 2$	2	-	4 × 4 (32)	2 × 2 (32)	-
8	Feature vector	-	-	-	$2 \times 2$ (32)	$128 \times 1$	-
9	Full connected1	-	-	-	-	-	ReLU
10	Full connected2	-	-	-	-	-	Sigmoid

Note: The numbers in parentheses represent the number of convolution kernels and the number of inputs and outputs of the matrix.



Fig. 7. The loss function curve based on MSE.

the validation set changed less than  $10^{-3}$  after 480 iterations. Meanwhile, the overall MSE value of the validation set was significantly higher than that of the training set, which indicated that even under the five-fold cross-validation, the training process of CNN was fitted. Finally, the training accuracy was 80%, and the validation accuracy was 70.77%. Clearly, such training effects cannot meet the actual application requirements.

#### 3.4. CNN-SVM results

Fig. 8 shows the implementation process of the CNN-SVM. After CNN training is completed, the features of training set samples will be extracted automatically. The features were sent to CAAPSO-SVM for training. In the initialization process of CAAPSO, the number of particles was 30, the number of iterations was 100 and each particle had the same velocity. The fitness function had the highest accuracy under 5-

fold cross-validation of training set. When the accuracy rate reached a maximum and no longer increased, c and g were selected as the best parameter. In this paper, c and g were selected in the range of (0, 1000). In the testing phase, the trained SVM model replaced the full connection layer of the CNN. Meanwhile, the testing set samples were input to the trained CNN (only the convolution layer and downsampling layer were left at this time), to obtain the corresponding eigenvectors of each testing set sample. The eigenvectors of the test samples were input into the trained SVM model for pattern recognition. Fig. 9 (a) shows the parameter optimization process with CAAPSO. The highest 5-fold cross-validation accuracy was 98.3333%, the optimal parameter c was 7.3589 and g was 0.01. Fig. 9 (b) shows the classification results. One of the fifth beers was misclassified into the fourth category, the final classification accuracy was 96.67%.

# 4. Conclusions

In this study, a deep feature mining method was proposed to extract the sensors data of E-nose. Meanwhile, the feature extraction and pattern recognition process of E-nose sensor data were integrated. The main conclusions are as follows:

- (1) A new structure of CNN was designed which included 4 convolution layers, 3 pooling layers and 2 full connection layers. By setting the CNN input form, convolution kernels, convolution stride, activation function and other parameters, the features of E-nose sensor data can be extracted automatically.
- (2) From the training process of the CNN, it can be seen that the model was overfitted, and the overall MSE value of the validation set was higher than that of the training set. The classification accuracy of the validation set was 70.77%, which is obviously not in line with the actual application requirements. Therefore, SVM replaced the full connection layer of the CNN to enhance the pattern recognition ability.
- (3) The adaptive PSO algorithm with compression factor and asynchronous learning factor was proposed to avoid the shortcomings of particles prematurity and local optima due to unreasonable parameter setting. Based on CAAPSO, two important parameters



Fig. 8. The flow chart of the beer samples pattern recognition.



Fig. 9. Decision process for testing set with the CNN-SVM. (a) The fitness curve in parameter optimization of CAAPSO; (b) The model decision result.

affecting the classification performance of SVM were optimized. Finally, the highest classification accuracy of the validation set was 98.33%, and the recognition result of CNN-SVM was 96.67%.

This study shows that CNN can extract beer E-nose sensor features effectively. SVM based on an improved PSO enhanced the classification performance of the CNN. It can reduce the detection difficulty and improve the detection efficiency with as little sample data as possible, and obtain a better qualitative analysis result. Moreover, it also provided a new and effective method for beer quality control.

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