



Machine Learning and Synthetic Minority Oversampling Techniques for Imbalanced Data: Improving Machine Failure Prediction

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Abstract: Prediction of machine failure is challenging as the dataset is often imbalanced with a low failure rate. The common approach to handle classification involving imbalanced data is to balance the data using a sampling approach such as random undersampling, random oversampling, or Synthetic Minority Oversampling Technique (SMOTE) algorithms. This paper compared the classification performance of three popular classifiers (Logistic Regression, Gaussian Naïve Bayes, and Support Vector Machine) in predicting machine failure in the Oil and Gas industry. The original machine failure dataset consists of 20,473 hourly data and is imbalanced with 19945 (97%) ‘non-failure’ and 528 (3%) ‘failure data’. The three independent variables to predict machine failure were pressure indicator, flow indicator, and level indicator. The accuracy of the classifiers is very high and close to 100%, but the sensitivity of all classifiers using the original dataset was close to zero. The performance of the three classifiers was then evaluated for data with different imbalance rates (10% to 50%) generated from the original data using SMOTE, SMOTE-Support Vector Machine (SMOTE-SVM) and SMOTE-Edited Nearest Neighbour (SMOTE-ENN). The classifiers were evaluated based on improvement in sensitivity and F-measure. Results showed that the sensitivity of all classifiers increases as the imbalance rate increases. SVM with radial basis function (RBF) kernel has the highest sensitivity when data is balanced (50:50) using SMOTE (Sensitivity_{test} = 0.5686, F_{test} = 0.6927) compared to Naïve Bayes (Sensitivity_{test} = 0.4033, F_{test} = 0.6218) and Logistic Regression (Sensitivity_{test} = 0.4194, F_{test} = 0.621). Overall, the Gaussian Naïve Bayes model consistently improves sensitivity and F-measure as the imbalance ratio increases, but the sensitivity is below 50%. The classifiers performed



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better when data was balanced using SMOTE-SVM compared to SMOTE and SMOTE-ENN.

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1 Introduction

Predictive analytics have shown great potential in Oil and Gas activities such as process monitoring of the machine, production, and gas quality. Proper data management and data analytics can identify problems such as missing data, outliers, and anomalies. An efficient data analytics and data-driven decision platform will empower engineers and senior management to make data-driven decisions and solutions in a timely manner. Big data technology enables the collection of massive amounts of data in real-time. Big data analytics using machine learning and deep learning can turn information from data into meaningful insights for actionable solutions. Machine learning (ML) involves data science, computational and algorithmic skills combined with statistical theory and reasoning. In recent years, a novel approach to data exploration, data modelling methods, and machine learning algorithms has emerged that focus on effective computing for insights from data rather than establishing theory. Even though these machine learning methods for making predictive models can be useful and powerful, they must be used with a thorough understanding of each method's pros and cons, as well as an essential understanding of bias and variance, overfitting and underfitting, outliers, missing values, types of data, and imbalanced data.

Imbalanced data sets are often encountered in classification problems [1–4] in which the distribution of classes of the target variable varies greatly. In most cases, there are two classes: the majority (or negatives) and the minority (or positives). Statistical and machine learning classification algorithms normally require a balanced training set to have good prediction performance, and imbalanced data will cause the model to be biased towards the majority (negative) class. Computer system and hardware failure [5,6], auto-insurance claim [7], insurance fraud detection [8,9], cancer diagnosis [10,11], customer churn prediction [12], face re-identification [13] and dengue outbreak prediction [14] are some real-world applications where the data is imbalanced.

Machine learning classifiers such as logistic regression, decision trees, naïve bayes, support vector machine (SVM), and artificial neural network (ANN) are not efficient when the data is imbalanced. Since the event of interest is the prediction of the minority class, the classifier's sensitivity will be very low or close to zero, while its specificity will be close to one hundred percent when data is imbalanced. The high specificity will result in high classification accuracy and thus is misleading in reflecting the classifier's performance as the model failed to predict the minority class accurately. The minority class is frequently misclassified [1–3,15].

Machine failure in the industry often occurs without warning, with varying degrees of indirect damage to health, safety, the environment, business, and reputation. According to experts in the oil and gas fields, machine failure can occur between days and weeks, weeks and months, or months and years [16]. Unanticipated machine failure in industrial processes results in high maintenance costs and output delays. Therefore, understanding and predicting critical situations before they occur can be a valuable way to avoid unexpected breakdowns and save costs associated with failure [17]. One application of machine failure prediction is rescheduling the plan based on the forecast results. Many research findings have been compiled on the topic of dynamic rescheduling strategy under mechanical fault. The two-stage particle swarm optimization can be used to solve the machine failure prediction

scheduling problem by considering possible machine breakdowns [18]. However, using prediction methods to predict machine failure should be explored and encouraged for practical implementation to avoid downtime and failure costs.

Many machine learning classifiers have been used to classify machine failure data using oversampling techniques in an imbalanced dataset [19,20]. Recent studies also applied the synthetic minority over-sampling (SMOTE) technique to cater to imbalanced datasets [21]. Since the SMOTE technique has shown impressive performance, many innovations have been made to enhance the method, such as borderline-SMOTE, SMOTE-Tomek, SMOTE-Edited Nearest Neighbour (SMOTE-ENN), and SMOTE-Support Vector Machine (SMOTE-SVM). These variants of SMOTE have been applied and tested in various fields to evaluate the performance of ML classifiers [22–26].

Big Data Analytics has demonstrated potential in the oil and gas industry, including downstream (forecasting crude oil prices, predicting market volatility), midstream (predictive maintenance, shipping performance, energy efficiency), and upstream (analyzing seismic data, drilling performance, hazard events, and damage prediction) activities [27–29]. Predictive maintenance predicts failure and allows early interventions and corrective actions. Therefore, it can lead to significant cost savings, higher predictability, and efficient maintenance of the machine and systems. In addition, predictive maintenance minimizes downtime and optimizes periodic maintenance operations. Predictive maintenance can be formulated using the classification approach to predict the possibility of failure or the regression approach to estimate the time to the subsequent failure (or Remaining Useful Life).

In this paper, we focused on data related to the upstream stage of predictive maintenance of the Oil and Gas pumping system using a classification approach. A clean time series data called the Produced Water Re-injection (PWRI) dataset was obtained with permission from an Oil and Gas company in Malaysia for research purposes. The aim is to evaluate machine failure prediction using machine learning classifiers. Due to the presence of imbalanced data, we used the SMOTE techniques (SMOTE, SMOTE-SVM, SMOTE-ENN) to create different imbalance ratios and compared the classification performance of logistic regression, Gaussian Naïve Bayes, and SVM. This study aims to find out which SMOTE techniques are better at improving the performance of machine learning classifiers for predicting machine failure under different imbalance rates.

The paper is structured as follows. Section 2 presents a review of SMOTE techniques for balancing the data and machine learning classifiers. Section 3 covers a description of the methodology and evaluation of the classifiers. The results are presented in Section 4, and Section 5 concludes the paper with recommendations for future work.

2 Literature Review

2.1 SMOTE Techniques

The three approaches for handling imbalanced data are resampling at the data level, algorithms, and cost-sensitive methods. The most common way to deal with unbalanced data is to use resampling methods, like random undersampling or oversampling, which try to rebalance the majority and minority classes. This is because these methods are easy to use. In addition to simple random oversampling of the minority class, new methods like SMOTE [30] were created.

Meanwhile, some common algorithms are the Bagging and Boosting (Gradient Boosting (XGBoost) and Adaptive Boosting (AdaBoost)) algorithms. Also, algorithms for large and imbalanced datasets include decision-tree-based ensemble machine learning classifiers like XGBoost [31], XGBoost and AdaBoost by [32], and enhanced AdaBoost [33].

Cost-sensitive methods combine algorithm and data approaches to incorporate different misclassification costs for each class in the learning phase. AdaCost [34,35] and cost-sensitive boosting (CSB) [36,37] are two extensions of AdaBoost that incorporate the misclassification cost of an instance in order to provide more accurate classifications.

Random undersampling of majority cases causes loss of data samples while oversampling or duplication of minority cases could lead to overfitting of minority classes [15,38]. Synthetic Minority Oversampling Technique (SMOTE), which is a technique that increases synthetic data based on the closest k-Nearest Neighbor (k-NN) of each instance of the minority class [30], overcomes the issue of overfitting in oversampling [39]. However, although SMOTE is the standard in the learning framework for imbalanced data [15], this technique is known to produce noise, thereby risking synthetic data samples of the minority class from being recognized as part of the majority [40–42].

SMOTE oversampling technique only works for the dataset with all continuous features. SMOTE-Nominal and Continuous (SMOTE-NC) can be used for a dataset with a mix of categorical and continuous features. SMOTEBoost [43], SMOTE-Tomek, SMOTE-ENN [44], Borderline-SMOTE [45], Adaptive Synthetic (ADASYN) [46], and SMOTE-SVM [47] are some variants of SMOTE. A summary of some SMOTE techniques is given in Table 1.

Table 1: Summary of oversampling technique for imbalanced data set

Author	Year	Method
[30]	2002	Synthetic minority oversampling techniques (SMOTE, SMOTE-N (Nominal), SMOTE-NC (Nominal Continuous))
[43]	2003	SMOTEBoost
[44]	2004	SMOTE-tomek and SMOTE-ENN
[45]	2005	Borderline-SMOTE
[46]	2008	Adaptive synthetic sampling approach (ADASYN)
[47]	2009	SVM-SMOTE
[48]	2010	Cluster-ensemble-SMOTE (CE-SMOTE)
[49]	2010	Edge-detection-SMOTE
[50]	2011	Cluster based synthetic oversampling (CBSO)
[51]	2011	Synthetic minority oversampling based on sample density (SMOBD)
[52]	2011	Evolutionary SMOTE (ESMOTE)
[53]	2012	Density-based-SMOTE (DSMOTE)
[54]	2015	SMOTE particle swarm optimization (SMOTE-PSO)
[55]	2015	Restricted boltzmann machine SMOTE (RBM-SMOTE)
[56]	2016	Genetic algorithm SMOTE (GASMOTE)
[57]	2016	Automatic neighbourhood determination smote (ANDSMOTE)
[58]	2017	Clustering using representatives SMOTE (CURE-SMOTE)
[59]	2018	Adaptive multi-objective swarm crossover optimization (AMSCO)
[60]	2019	Geometric SMOTE (G-SMOTE)
[61]	2020	Limiting radius SMOTE (LR-SMOTE)
[62]	2021	SMOTE encoded nominal and continuous (SMOTE-ENC)
[63]	2022	Deep learning SMOTE (DeepSMOTE)
[64]	2022	Parameter free SMOTE (PF-SMOTE)

Unlike the random oversampling (ROS) approach, the Synthetic Minority Oversampling Techniques (SMOTE) and SMOTEBoost were developed to perform more intelligent oversampling or improvised ROS. SMOTE, proposed by Chawla et al. [30], solved the limitation of ROS, an overfitting issue, by generating artificial instances in the minority class using the concept of interpolation and the k-nearest neighbour technique, as shown in Fig. 1.

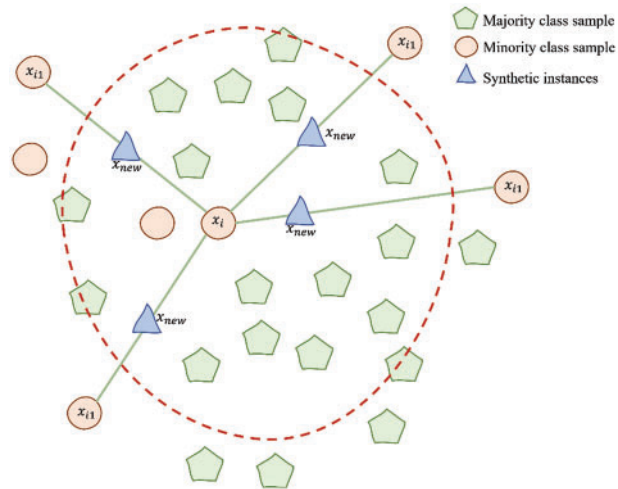


Figure 1: An illustration of how to generate artificial instances using SMOTE algorithm

A x_i positive instance from the minority class is selected to generate new synthetic data points. Then, based on a distance metric, several Nearest Neighbor (NN) of the same class (points x_{i1} to x_{i4}) are chosen from the training set. Finally, a randomized interpolation is carried out to obtain new instances r_1 to r_4 .

The flow of SMOTE algorithm starts with setting the total amount of oversampling N . Next, an iterative process is carried out which is composed of several steps. First, a positive instance from a minority class is selected at random from the training set. Then, its k -NN is obtained. Finally, N of these k instances are randomly chosen to compute the new instances by interpolation. The difference between the feature vector (sample) under consideration and each neighbour is taken. This difference is multiplied by a random number drawn between 0 and 1, and then added to the previous feature vector. SMOTE generates instances only within or between the available examples and never creates instances outside the border. Therefore, SMOTE never creates new regions of minority instances. This approach was found considerably effective in handling the issue of oversampling in an imbalanced dataset using C4.5 as the classifier [43].

Despite the limitations, SMOTE overcomes random oversampling by generalizing the decision region for the minority class as it does not necessarily cause overfitting [30]. The success of SMOTE has led to new variants, such as borderline-SMOTE, in which only instances close to the borderline or decision boundary are chosen for oversampling [45]. This approach differs from the existing oversampling, in which all minority examples or random subsets of the minority class are oversampled.

Batista et al. [44] presented another upscale method, hybridizations of undersampling and oversampling, where SMOTE is a hybrid with the Tomek Link (TLink) approach. This method works as follows: SMOTE was used to oversample the minority class. Then, the TLink approach was used to detect and eliminate the redundant observations in the majority class. This approach

has shown promising results in handling imbalanced datasets. Then, [44] proposed SMOTE-ENN, which generated synthetic examples for the minority class and then used ENN (Edited Nearest Neighbour) method to delete some observations that have different classes between the observation's class and its K-nearest neighbours majority class. The Edited-Nearest Neighbor (ENN) method first finds the k-nearest neighbour of each observation and then checks whether the majority class from the observation's k-nearest neighbour is the same as the observation's class or not. If the majority class of the observation's K-nearest neighbour and the observation's class are different, then the observation and its K-nearest neighbour are deleted from the dataset. By default, the number of nearest neighbours used in ENN is $k = 3$. Thus, SMOTE-ENN combined the SMOTE ability to generate synthetic examples for minority class and ENN ability to delete some observations, thus producing better synthetic samples. Meanwhile, SVM-SMOTE [47] balances class distribution by generating new minority class instances near borderlines with SVM. Here, the SVM algorithm was used instead of k-NN to identify misclassified examples on the decision boundary.

Due to imbalanced data, failure prediction has evolved to hybrid methods, such as combining sampling techniques with machine learning classifiers. It is important to understand the type of data (nominal or continuous) that can be used for SMOTE and variants of SMOTE techniques.

2.2 Logistic Regression

Logistic Regression (LR) is one statistical model for classifying a binary (0, 1) dependent variable. The event of interest is $Y = 1$ and 0 otherwise, such as $Y = 1$ (failure) and $Y = 0$ (non-failure). The independent variables can be a mixture of nominal, ordinal, or continuous variables. In simple mathematical form, the logistic regression model [65] with k independent variable is written as:

$$\log \left[\frac{p}{1-p} \right] = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_1 + \beta_2 X_2 + \dots + \beta_k X_k \quad (1)$$

where $p = P(Y = 1)$ is the probability of the event occurring, β_0 is the intercept, β_j is the coefficient for $X_j, j = 1, 2, 3, \dots, k$. X_j which are the predictor or independent variables. The predicted class of a case (or customer) is 1 if $p(Y = 1) > 0.5$, otherwise the predicted class is 0. The odds-ratio (e^{β_j}) provides information on the effect of X_j on the event $Y = 1$. If the odds-ratio for a continuous independent variable is greater than 1 then the likelihood of event $Y = 1$ increases as X increases. The odds ratio for a binary categorical independent variable (A, B) is the ratio of two odds: $\frac{\frac{p}{1-p}}{\frac{q}{1-q}}$ or $\frac{p(1-q)}{q(1-p)}$. If the odds-ratio is greater than, the odd of failure is higher for pump A , and if the odds-ratio is less than 1, the odds of failure is higher for pump B . If the odds-ratio is equal to 1, then the odd of failure is equally likely for both pumps. p is the proportion of failure for pump A while q is the proportion of failure for pump B .

The simulation study by [4] showed that the imbalanced data affected the parameter estimate of the logistic regression model. The severity of imbalance on parameter estimates of the logistic regression model depends on sample size and imbalance ratio (IR). The estimates are biased for IR less than 30%, 20%, and 10% when the sample size is 100, 500, and 1000 respectively. While for larger samples, the estimates are biased when IR is 5% and below. Machine learning techniques such as logistic regression, decision trees, naïve bayes, and support vector machines have low sensitivity when imbalanced data [14].

2.3 Naïve Bayes and Gaussian Naïve Bayes

Naïve Bayes is a classification technique based on Bayes Theorem with an assumption of independence among predictors. Naïve Bayes involves the calculation of the posterior probability $P(Y|X)$ from $P(Y)$, $P(X|Y)$, and $P(X)$ [66,67]. The Y is the dependent or target variable, and X is the independent variable. The Y and X must be categorical variables. Thus, the algorithm will convert the continuous variable into categorical variables.

The posterior probability of Y given X is then calculated as follows [67]:

$$P(Y|X) = \frac{P(X|Y) \cdot P(Y)}{P(X)} \quad (2)$$

where:

Y = Target variable or class for which the case i belongs

$P(Y|X)$ = Probability of Y given information on X

$P(Y)$ = Prior probability for Y

$P(X|Y)$ = Probability X given information on Y

$P(X)$ = Probability of X

For k covariates, the posterior probability is obtained as follows:

$$P(Y|X_1 X_2 \dots X_k) = \frac{P(X_1 X_2 \dots X_k | Y) P(Y)}{P(X_1 X_2 \dots X_k)}$$

However, Gaussian Naïve Bayes (GNB) is used when the independent variables are continuous, and we do not wish to convert them into categories. GNB assumes that X follows a Gaussian or normal distribution and requires the mean and variance of X for class c of Y .

For a given feature value X , the probability density assuming that X is in a category C is $P(X|C) \sim N(\mu_c, \sigma_c^2)$, where $P(X|Y=c) \sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu_c)^2}{2\sigma^2}}$. The estimate of probability for observation (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) as the product of the densities $P((x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) | c_j) \sim N(x_1, \mu_{1c}, \sigma_{1c}^2, \dots, x_n, \mu_{nc}, \sigma_{nc}^2)$. Then the Bayes formula to invert the conditional probabilities is $P(c_j | (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)) = \frac{P((x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) | c_j) P(c_j)}{P(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)}$. However, the denominator does not depend on the category c_j , thus $P(c_j | (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)) \sim P((x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) | c_j) P(c_j)$. Then the highest value is selected from this equation [67].

2.4 Support Vector Machine

Cortes et al. [68] introduced the Support Vector Machine (SVM) for classification problems. Support vector machines (SVM) are based on statistical learning theory and belong to the class of kernel-based methods. It can handle the classification of linear and non-linear separation. SVM algorithm attempts to find a linear separator (or hyperplane) between the data points of two classes in multidimensional space. Such a hyperplane is called the optimal hyperplane. A set of instances closest to the optimal hyperplane is called a support vector. Finding the optimal hyperplane provides a linear classifier. SVMs are well suited for dealing with interactions among features and redundant features [69]. There are a few kernels in SVM types, including linear, polynomial, sigmoid and radial

basis function (RBF). Table 2 lists the kernel functions commonly used in SVM applications for classification problems [67].

Table 2: Kernels in SVM classifier

Function	Kernels	parameters	source
Linear	$K(x_i, x_j) = (\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{x}_j)^1$		[70,71]
Polynomial	$K(x_i, x_j) = (\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{x}_j)^d$	d	
Gaussian/radial basis	$K(x_i, x_j) = e^{-\frac{\ x-x_j\ ^2}{2\sigma^2}}$	σ	

The linear kernel is usually one-dimensional and useful when there are many features. The linear kernel is mostly preferred for text-classification problems as most classification problems can be linearly separated.

For a binary classification problem shown in Fig. 2, the decision boundary of a linear classifier is written as: $\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x} + b = 0$, where w and b are the model’s parameters.

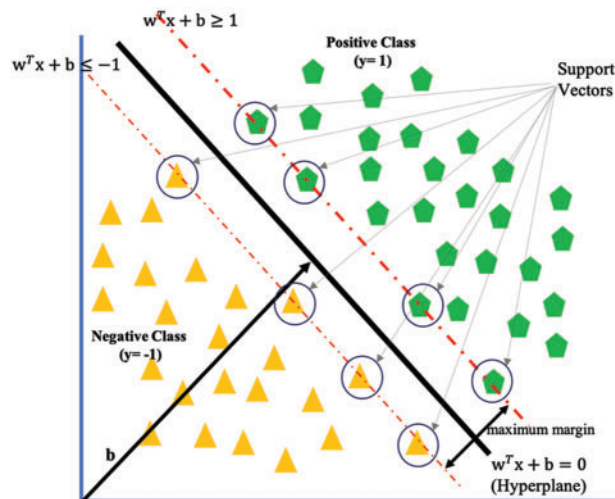


Figure 2: SVM hyperplane for binary classification

The case \mathbf{z} is classified as follows:

$$y = f(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } \mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{z} + b > 0 \\ -1, & \text{if } \mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{z} + b < 0 \end{cases}$$

where $\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b}$. Furthermore, the SVM can be formulated as an optimization which $max_w = \frac{2}{\|2\|}$

$$\text{subject to } \mathbf{w}^T x_i + b \begin{cases} \geq 1 & \text{if } y_i = +1 \\ \leq -1 & \text{if } y_i = -1 \end{cases}$$

This is a quadratic optimization problem subject to linear constraints and is known as a convex optimization problem and can be solved using the Lagrange multiplier method [67].

The radial basis is the most preferred and used kernel functions in SVM. It is usually chosen for non-linear data. It helps to make proper separation when there is no prior knowledge of data.

In general, given a training set of N data points $\{y_k, x_k\}_{k=1}^N$, where $x_k \in R^n$ is the k^{th} input pattern and $y_k \in R$ is the k^{th} output pattern, the support vector method approach aims at constructing a classifier of the form:

$$y(x) = \text{sign} \left[\sum_{k=1}^N a_k y_k \Psi(x, x_k) + b \right] \tag{3}$$

where a_k are positive real constants and b is a real constant. The kernel for SVM are: $\Psi(x, x_k) = x_k^T x$ (linear SVM); $\Psi(x, x_k) = (x_k^T x + 1)^d$ (polynomial SVM of degree d); $\Psi(x, x_k) = \exp \left\{ - \frac{\|x - x_k\|_2^2}{\sigma^2} \right\}$ (RBF SVM); $\Psi(x, x_k) = \tanh [Kx_k^T x + \theta]$ (two layer neural SVM), where σ , K and θ are constants [67,72].

The classifier is constructed as follows. One assumes that

$$\{w^T \varphi(x_k) + b \geq 1, w^T \varphi(x_k) + b \leq -1, \begin{cases} \text{if } y_k = +1 \\ \text{if } y_k = -1 \end{cases} \tag{4}$$

which is equivalent to

$$y_k [w^T \varphi(x_k) + b] \geq 1 = 1, \dots, N \tag{5}$$

where $\varphi(\cdot)$ is a nonlinear function which maps the input space into a higher dimensional space [67].

3 Methodology

In this paper, we use a cleaned sample of time series data called the Produced Water Re-injection (PWRI) dataset, which was obtained with permission from a local Oil and Gas company in Malaysia for research purposes. The aim is to develop a predictive model for machine failure prediction. The minority class (failure) only made up 3% of the total sample data, resulting in a severely imbalanced dataset. When data is imbalanced, the machine learning algorithm usually ignores the proportion of the negative classes and predicts 97% accuracy, but only based on “non-failure.” Hence, machine learning will have very low or zero sensitivity as it will fail to classify the minority samples. The methodology flowchart is presented in Fig. 3.

3.1 Description of Variables

The dataset consists of three continuous independent variables which are Pressure Indicator (PI), Flow Indicator (FI), and Level Indicator (LI) and one dependent variable which is failure status (Failure/Non-Failure). The data are hourly data collected from the pump system as in Table 3.

The original dataset consists of 20,473 which is made up of 19,945 ‘non-failure’ data and 528 ‘failure data’. The data was highly imbalanced, with a ratio of 97:3 in terms of percentage.

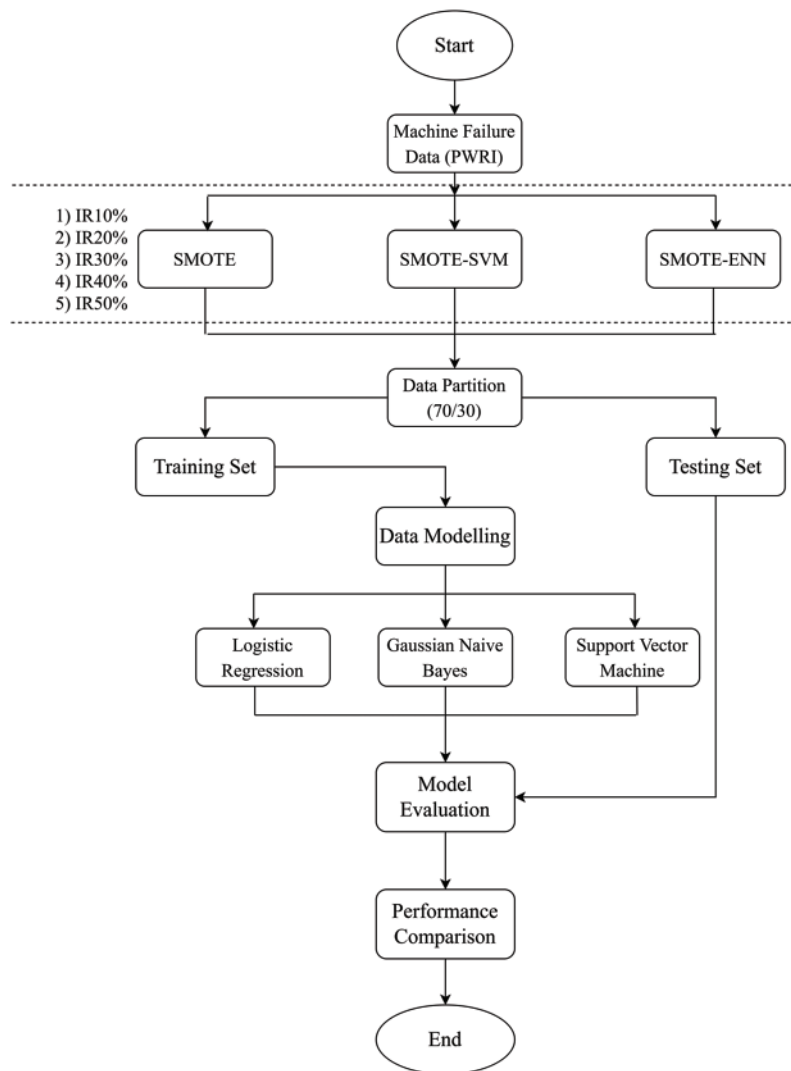


Figure 3: Flowchart of research process

Table 3: Metadata table

Parameter	Parameter description	Unit	Frequency
PI	Pressure indicator	kg/cm ²	Hourly
FI-PV	Flow indicator (Process value)	m ³ /hr	Hourly
LI-PV	Level indicator (Process value)	m	Hourly

3.2 Creating Data Sets Using SMOTE, SMOTE-SVM and SMOTE-ENN

Using the original imbalance data, we used the SMOTE technique to create “synthetic” examples of the minority samples. The minority class is over-sampled by taking each minority class sample

and introducing synthetic examples along the line segments joining any or all of the k-minority class nearest neighbours. From the original imbalanced dataset, using SMOTE, we create different sets of imbalanced data with 10%, 20%, 30%, 40%, and 50% failure class proportions. This process of creating datasets with different imbalance ratios was repeated using SMOTE-SVM and then SMOTE-ENN. The proportion of failure and non-failure samples for the five different datasets generated is shown in Table 4.

Table 4: Imbalance ratios and sample for train and test samples

Imbalance ratio	10%		20%		30%		40%		50%	
Status	F	NF	F	NF	F	NF	F	NF	F	NF
TRAIN	1535	13955	3488	13955	6000	13955	9349	13955	13955	13955
TEST	658	5990	1497	5990	2575	5990	4013	5990	5990	5990

Note: F-Failure; NF-Non-Failure.

Each of the five datasets with different imbalanced ratios generated was partitioned randomly into 70% training and 30% testing samples, and the sample size details are shown in Table 4.

In the model development and evaluation stage, the three classifiers (logistic regression, Gaussian Naïve Bayes, and Support Vector Machine using RBF kernel) were developed using the training sample and validated using the testing sample. The classifiers were then evaluated based on accuracy, sensitivity, specificity, precision, and F-Measure.

3.3 Classification Performance Measures

The classifiers were evaluated based on accuracy, sensitivity, specificity, precision, and F-measure. The confusion matrix in Table 5 was used to obtain the accuracy, sensitivity, specificity, precision, and F-Measure.

Table 5: Confusion matrix

Actual Y	Predicted Y	
	Y = 1 (Positive)	Y = 0 (Negative)
Y = 1 (Positive)	True positive (TP)	False negative (FN)
Y = 0 (Negative)	False positive (FP)	True negative (TN)

The true positive indicates positive cases predicted correctly, while the false positive indicates negative cases predicted incorrectly. Similarly, the true negative is the negative case predicted correctly, while the false negative is the positive case predicted incorrectly. In summary,

$$\text{Accuracy (proportion of cases which are accurately predicted)} = \frac{TP + TN}{TP + FP + TN + FN}$$

$$\text{Sensitivity (proportion of positive cases that are correctly predicted)} = \frac{TP}{TP + FN}$$

$$\text{Specificity (proportion of negative cases that are correctly predicted)} = \frac{TN}{TN + FP}$$

$$\text{Precision (proportion of predicted positive cases that are actual positives)} = \frac{TP}{TP + FP}$$

$$F - \text{measure} = \frac{2 * (\text{Precision} * \text{Recall})}{\text{Precision} + \text{Recall}}$$

4 Results and Discussion

The section presents the results and findings of the study. The logistic regression results (Table 6) for the original data show that all variables are significant predictors of machine failure. Machine failure is more likely to occur when pressure indicator (PI) ($b_1 = -0.0149$) and Level Indicator ($b_3 = -0.0897$) decreases, and when Flow Indicator increases ($b_2 = 0.0401$). The odds-ratios using exp (b) are 0.9852, 1.0409 and 0.9142 respectively. Similar findings were obtained when logistic regression models were developed using the data which was balanced using SMOTE, SMOTE-SVM, and SMOTE-ENN. The results in Table 6 confirmed that the imbalanced ratio of logistic regression affects the coefficients and odds ratio. The odds-ratio value changes when the imbalance rate changes. The odds-ratio was obtained using the exponentiation of the coefficients [4].

Table 6: Odds-ratio (logistic regression)

	Variable/IR	10%	20%	30%	40%	50%
SMOTE	PI	0.9851	0.9878	0.9924	0.9949	0.9967
	FI-PV	1.0417	1.0359	1.0285	1.0241	1.0206
	LI-PV	0.9482	0.966	0.9773	0.9861	0.9941
SMOTE-SVM	PI	0.9801	0.9817	0.9854	0.9895	0.9926
	FI-PV	1.0564	1.0555	1.0496	1.0424	1.0368
	LI-PV	0.9488	0.9655	0.9754	0.9829	0.9896
SMOTE-ENN	PI	0.982	0.9868	0.9919	0.9951	0.9977
	FI-PV	1.0513	1.0412	1.0321	1.026	1.0209
	LI-PV	0.9325	0.9642	0.9755	0.9854	0.9943

We then compared the performance of the three models (Model 1: Gaussian Naïve Bayes, Model 2: Logistic Regression and Model 3: SVM). The classifier performance results using SMOTE are shown in Table 7. The Receiver Operating Characteristic (ROC) curves in Fig. 4 illustrate the classifier performance under SMOTE. The green curve for model 3 (SVM) is higher than the blue curve (Model 2: logistic regression) and orange curve (Model 1: GNB). SVM (RBF) has higher sensitivity for IR 30% and above. Under SMOTE, Naïve Bayes has higher sensitivity when data IR is 10% and 20%, while SVM has higher sensitivity than NB and logistic regression when IR is 30% and above. Next, we compared the performance of the classifiers under different SMOTE techniques.

Table 7: Classifier performance results (SMOTE)

Model	Failure rate	Sample	Accuracy	Precision	Sensitivity	Specificity	F-measure	
NB	Original 3%	Training	0.9568	0.0963	0.0771	0.9805	0.0857	
		Testing	0.9606	0.1121	0.0855	0.9828	0.0970	
	10%	Training	0.7958	0.2103	0.3850	0.8410	0.2720	
		Testing	0.7966	0.2089	0.3784	0.8426	0.2692	
	20%	Training	0.7480	0.3719	0.3776	0.8406	0.3747	
		Testing	0.7500	0.3764	0.3814	0.8421	0.3789	
	30%	Training	0.7015	0.5048	0.3787	0.8403	0.4327	
		Testing	0.7069	0.5166	0.3934	0.8417	0.4466	
	40%	Training	0.6650	0.6281	0.4046	0.8395	0.4922	
		Testing	0.6645	0.6282	0.4012	0.8409	0.4897	
	50%	Training	0.6243	0.7178	0.4096	0.8390	0.5216	
		Testing	0.6218	0.7163	0.4033	0.8402	0.5161	
	Model			Accuracy	Precision	Sensitivity	Specificity	F-measure
	LogReg	Original 3%	Training	0.9738	0.0000	0.0000	1.0000	0.0000
Testing			0.9753	0.0000	0.0000	1.0000	0.0000	
10%		Training	0.9008	0.0000	0.0000	0.9999	0.0000	
		Testing	0.9010	0.0000	0.0000	1.0000	0.0000	
20%		Training	0.8003	0.5758	0.0054	0.9990	0.0107	
		Testing	0.7998	0.2500	0.0007	0.9995	0.0013	
30%		Training	0.7259	0.5862	0.3003	0.9088	0.3971	
		Testing	0.7104	0.5420	0.2381	0.9135	0.3308	
40%		Training	0.6674	0.6319	0.4098	0.8401	0.4971	
		Testing	0.6702	0.6366	0.4147	0.8414	0.5022	
50%		Training	0.6177	0.6991	0.4134	0.8221	0.5196	
		Testing	0.6210	0.7029	0.4194	0.8227	0.5253	
Model				Accuracy	Precision	Sensitivity	Specificity	F-measure
SVM		Original 3%	Training	0.9738	0.0000	0.0000	1.0000	0.0000
	Testing		0.9753	0.0000	0.0000	1.0000	0.0000	
	10%	Training	0.9042	0.8148	0.0430	0.9989	0.0817	
		Testing	0.9013	0.5556	0.0152	0.9987	0.0296	
	20%	Training	0.8175	0.8861	0.1003	0.9968	0.1802	
		Testing	0.8125	0.8661	0.0735	0.9972	0.1355	
	30%	Training	0.7469	0.6104	0.4377	0.8799	0.5098	
		Testing	0.7433	0.6092	0.4074	0.8876	0.4882	
	40%	Training	0.7085	0.6794	0.5175	0.8364	0.5875	
		Testing	0.7197	0.6916	0.5437	0.8376	0.6088	
	50%	Training	0.6715	0.7421	0.5256	0.8173	0.6154	
		Testing	0.6927	0.7562	0.5686	0.8167	0.6491	

The spider chart in Fig. 5 and bar chart in Figs. 6–8 show the machine learning performance for three types of SMOTE. The spider chart in Fig. 5 and bar chart in Fig. 6 show that NB consistently has higher sensitivity and F-measure under SMOTE-SVM. The sensitivity and F-measure for logistic

regression (Fig. 7) and SVM (Fig. 8) are higher under SMOTE-SVM except when IR is 30% where the performance is higher under SMOTE-ENN.

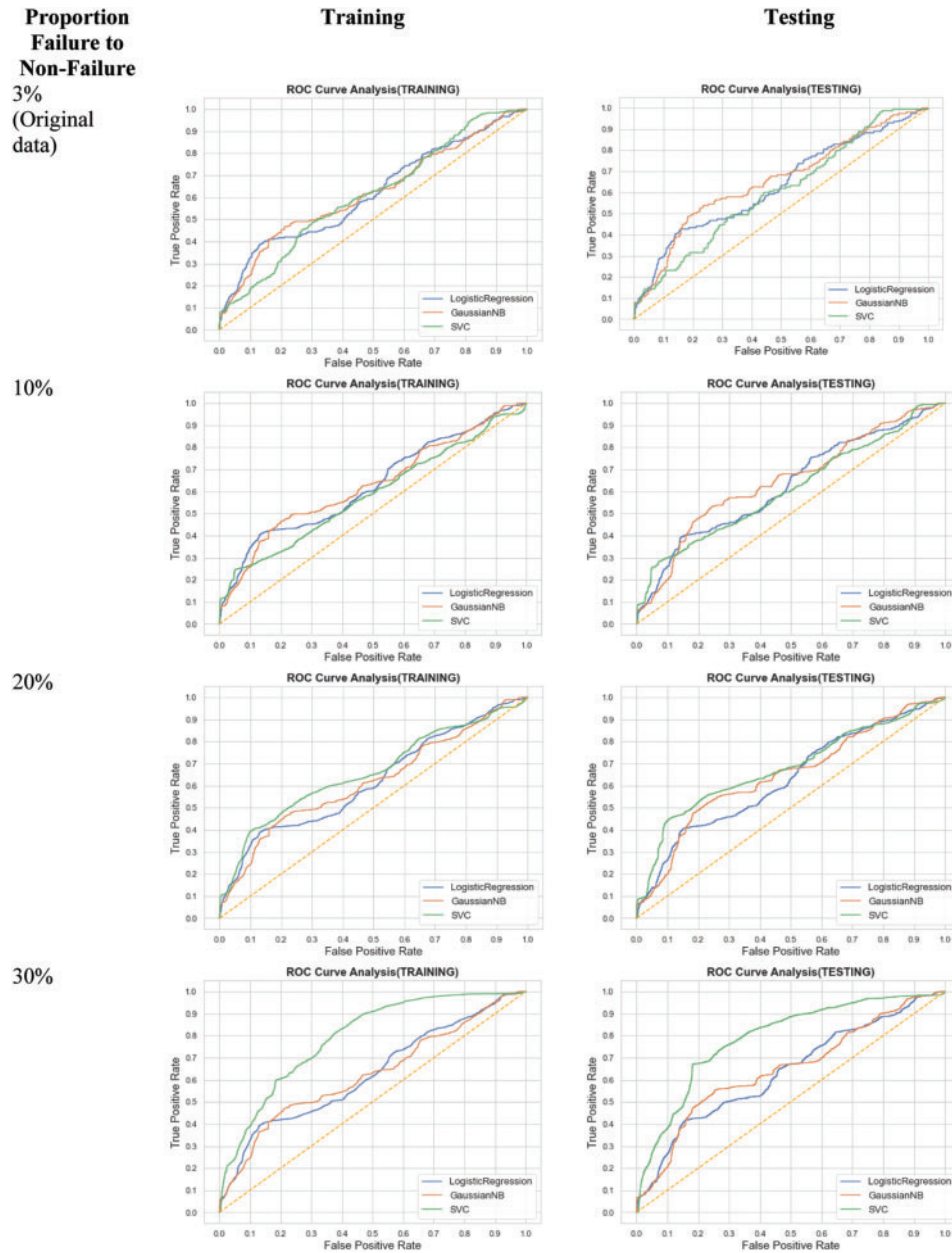


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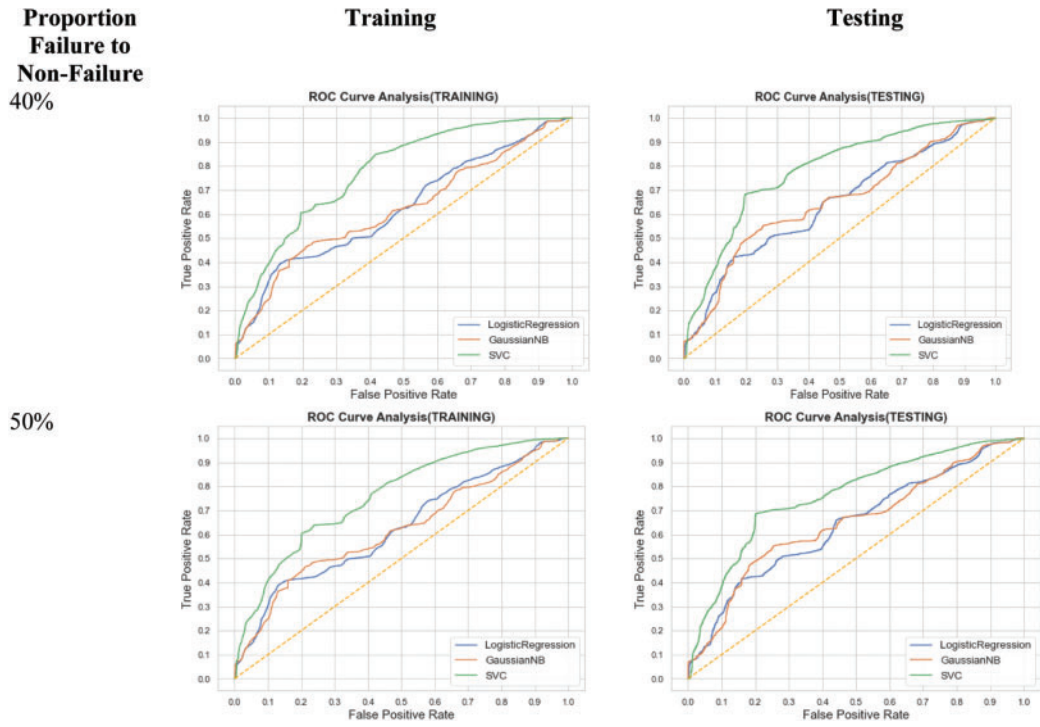


Figure 4: ROC curves for different imbalance ratios using SMOTE

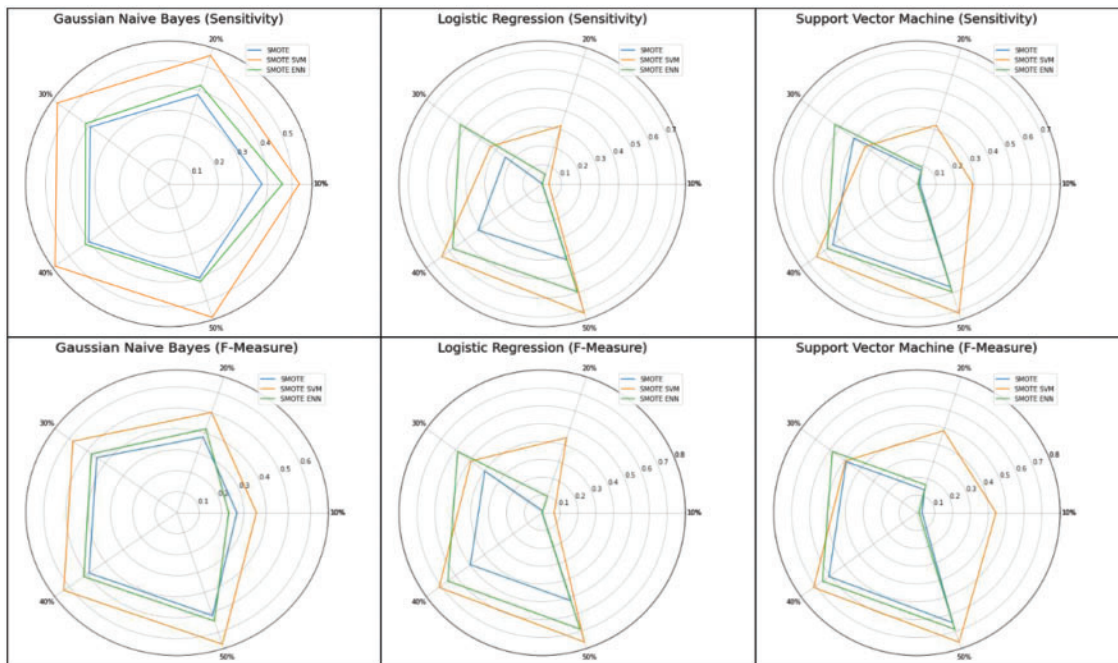


Figure 5: Classifier performance for different SMOTE techniques

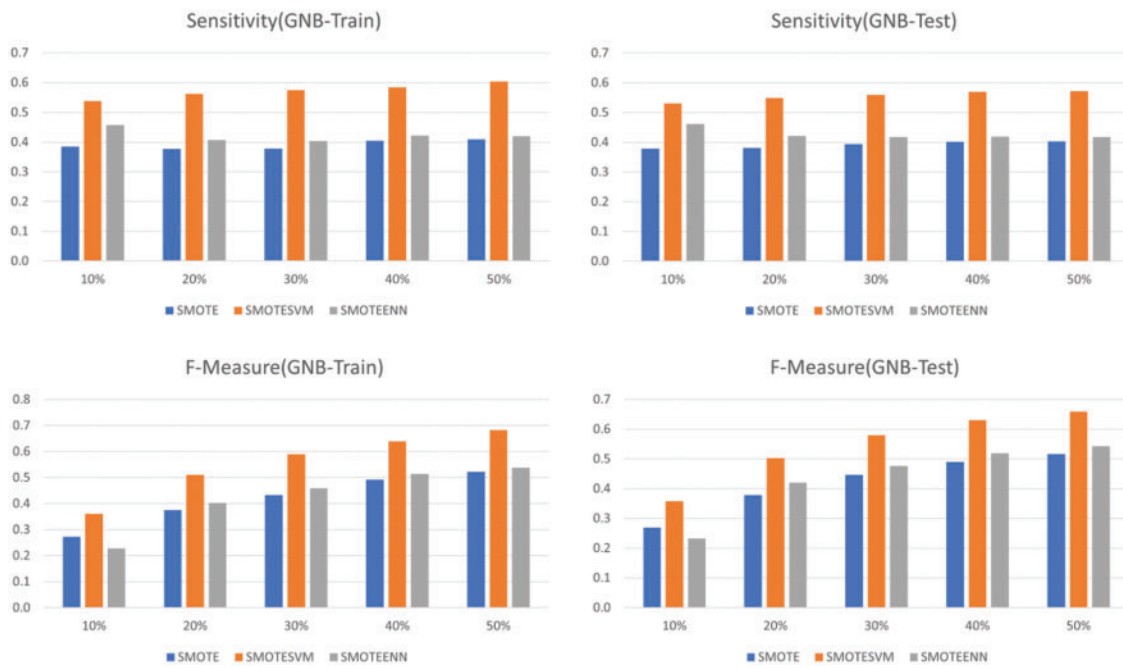


Figure 6: GNB performance using SMOTE, SMOTE-SVM and SMOTE-ENN

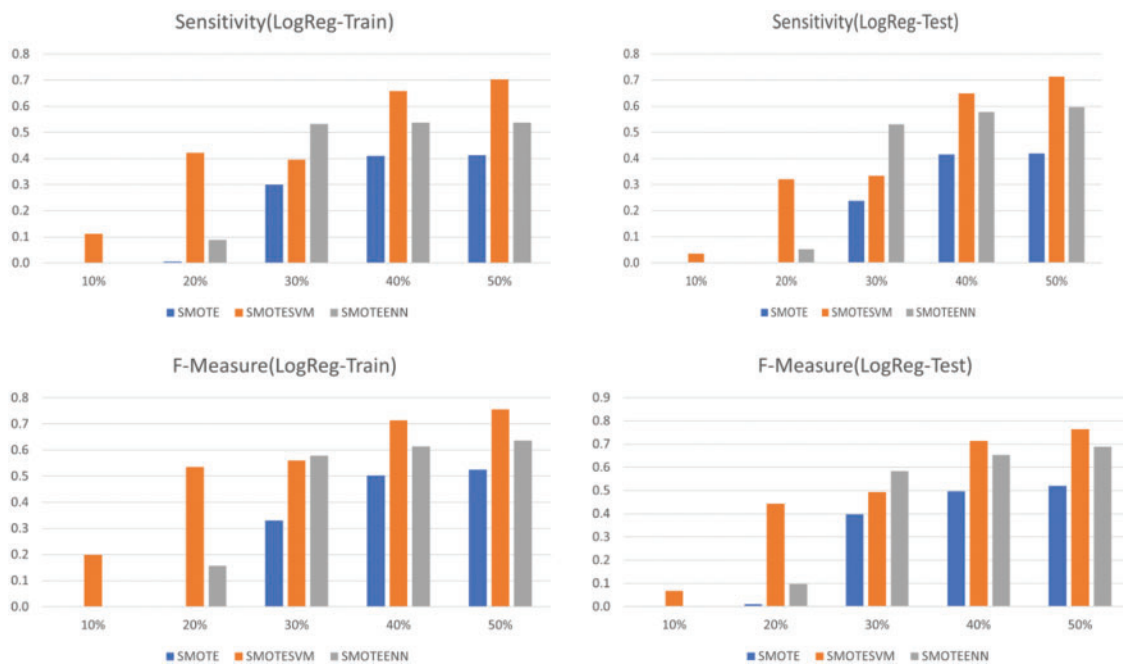


Figure 7: Logistic regression performance using SMOTE, SMOTE-SVM and SMOTE-ENN

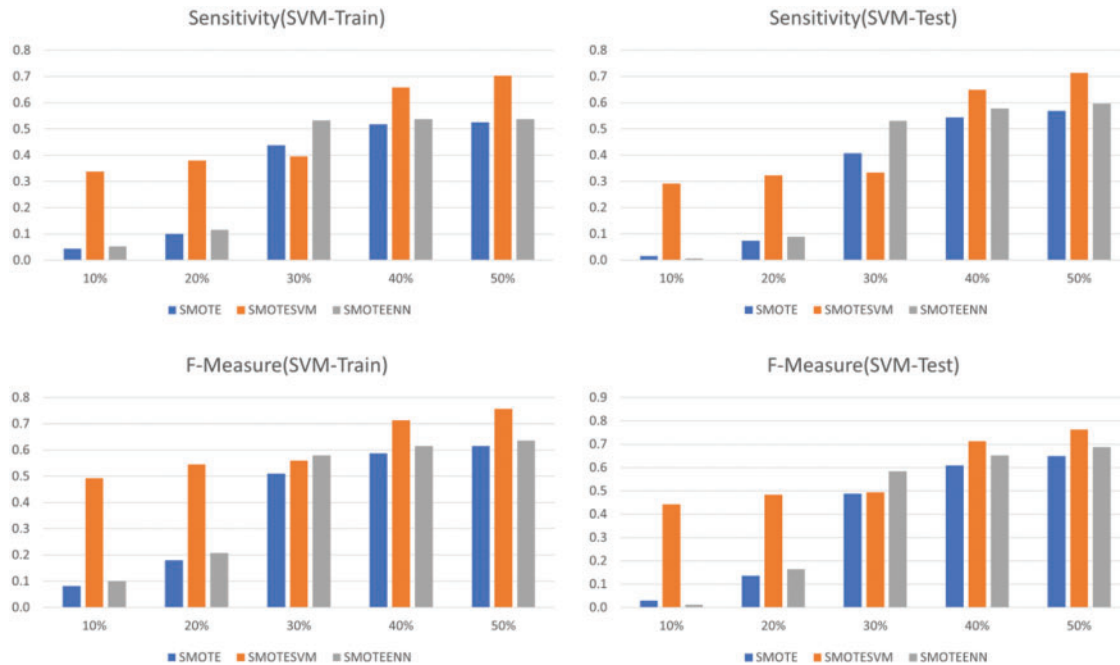


Figure 8: SVM performance using SMOTE, SMOTE-SVM and SMOTE-ENN

Overall, SVM (RBF) under SMOTE-SVM has higher performance than GNB and LogReg when IR is 30% and above. Results of this study support that SMOTE techniques especially can improve classifiers’ performance for imbalanced data [9–10,73,74]. There is also no overfitting issue. It is important to note that SMOTE tends to oversample uninformative samples or noisy samples [73] while SMOTE-ENN could delete noisy samples [44,74]. The advantage of SMOTE-SVM [47] is that it focuses on generating new minority class instances near borderlines with SVM and thus produces better synthetic samples when balancing the data.

5 Conclusion

This paper investigates the performance of logistic regression Gaussian Naïve Bayes and Support Vector Machine using the SMOTE technique to balance data imbalance for machine failure prediction. Results showed that Gaussian Naïve Bayes consistently improves sensitivity and precision as the imbalance ratio increases from 10% to 50% under SMOTE. However, the sensitivity of Gaussian Naïve Bayes is still below 50% when data is balanced. Logistic regression and SVM have close to zero sensitivity when IR is 10% and 20%. The sensitivity and F-measure for SVM are higher than GNB and Logistic regression when IR is 30% to 50%. Regarding evaluation of SMOTE techniques, the sensitivity and F-measure for the logistic regression model and SVM are higher under SMOTE-SVM except when the imbalance rate is 30%, where performance is higher using SMOTE-ENN. The SVM sensitivity and F-measure are the highest for SMOTE-SVM and lowest under SMOTE, while for Gaussian Naïve Bayes, the sensitivity and F-measure are consistently higher under SMOTE-SVM. This study has shown that SMOTE-SVM is a good oversampling technique to improve classifier performance for imbalanced data with continuous features. The advantage of SMOTE-SVM is that it focuses on generating new minority class instances near borderlines with SVM and thus produces better synthetic

samples. Future work will involve simulation studies to verify these findings and investigate SMOTE techniques for the dataset with categorical and continuous features.

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