Machine Learning [Fall 2023]

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Assignment 2 Decision Trees and K-nn

Problem 1 [Decision Trees using Scikit-learn][2 experiments]:

The objective is to build a model that can predict the appropriate medication/Drug type (target variable) for patients suffering from a specific illness based on their Age, Sex, Blood Pressure, and Cholesterol levels. [Drag.csv]

Assignment Tasks:

- 1. Data Preprocessing: Perform data preprocessing steps by <u>handling missing data</u> [count how many missing values occurs + <u>handle</u> empty cell by your <u>own way</u>] and <u>encoding categorical</u> variables.
- 2. First experiment: Training and Testing with Fixed Train-Test Split Ratio:
 - Divide the dataset into a training set and a testing set (30% of the samples).
 - Repeat this experiment <u>five times</u> with different random splits of the data into training and test sets.
 - Report the sizes and accuracies of the decision trees in each experiment, Compare the results of different models and select the one that achieves the highest overall performance.
- 3. Second experiment: Training and Testing with a Range of Train-Test Split Ratios: Consider training set sizes in the range of 30% to 70% (increments of 10%). Start with a training set size of 30% and increase it by 10% until you reach 70%.

For each training set size:

- Run the experiment with five different random seeds.
- Calculate the mean, maximum, and minimum accuracy at each training set size.
- Measure the mean, maximum, and minimum tree size.
- Store the statistics in a report.
- Create two plots: one showing accuracy against training set size and another showing the number of nodes in the final tree against training set size.

Problem 2 [KNN]:

Use the diabetes.csv data to implement your own simple KNN classifier using python, (Don't use any built-in functions), divide your data into 70% for training and 30% for testing. [diabetes.csv]

- 1. Objective:
 - Perform multiple iterations of k (e.g., 5 iterations each different k value ex. K=2,3,4...) on the dataset.
 - Use Euclidean distance for computing distances between instances.
- 2. Data preprocessing:
 - Normalize each feature column separately for training and test objects using Log Transformation or Min-Max Scaling.
- 3. Break ties using Distance-Weighted Voting:
 - When there is a tie, consider the distances between the test instance and the tied classes' neighbors.
 - Assign higher weights to closer neighbors and use these weights to break the tie, reflecting the idea that closer neighbors might have a stronger influence on the classification decision
- 4. Output:
 - For each iteration, output the value of k and the following summary information:
 - o Number of correctly classified instances.
 - o Total number of instances in the test set.
 - o Accuracy.
 - At the end of all iterations, output the average accuracy across all iterations.

Output Example:

k value: 3

Number of correctly classified instances: 418

Total number of instances: 658

Accuracy: 63%

Min/Max Scaling:

Formula:
$$x' = \frac{x - \min(x)}{\max(x) - \min(x)}$$

Deliverables:

You are required to submit ONE zip file containing the following:

- Your code 2(.py) files for each problem.
- A report (.pdf) containing the team members' names and IDs, and the code with screenshots of the output of each part.

The zip file must follow this naming convention: ID1_ID2_ID3_ID4_ID5_Group.

Submission Remarks:

- The maximum number of students in a team is 5 and the minimum is 4.
- Team members must be from the same lab (or have the same TA).
- No late submission is allowed.
- A penalty will be imposed for violating any of the assignment rules.
- Cheaters will get ZERO and no excuses will be accepted.

Grading Criteria:

Problem 1 [DT]:	[2]
Data preprocessing	0.5
Experiment with Fixed Training Set size	0.5
Experiment with a range of train_test split ratio	1
Problem 2 [Knn]:	[3]
Knn algorithm (+ handling tie case)	2
preprocessing+ Euclidean distance Calc.	0.5
Experiment with different k values and print summary info as required	0.5