Pattern Recognition Methods
and
Introduction to Machine Learning

Homework 2 - Report
Playing with k-NN

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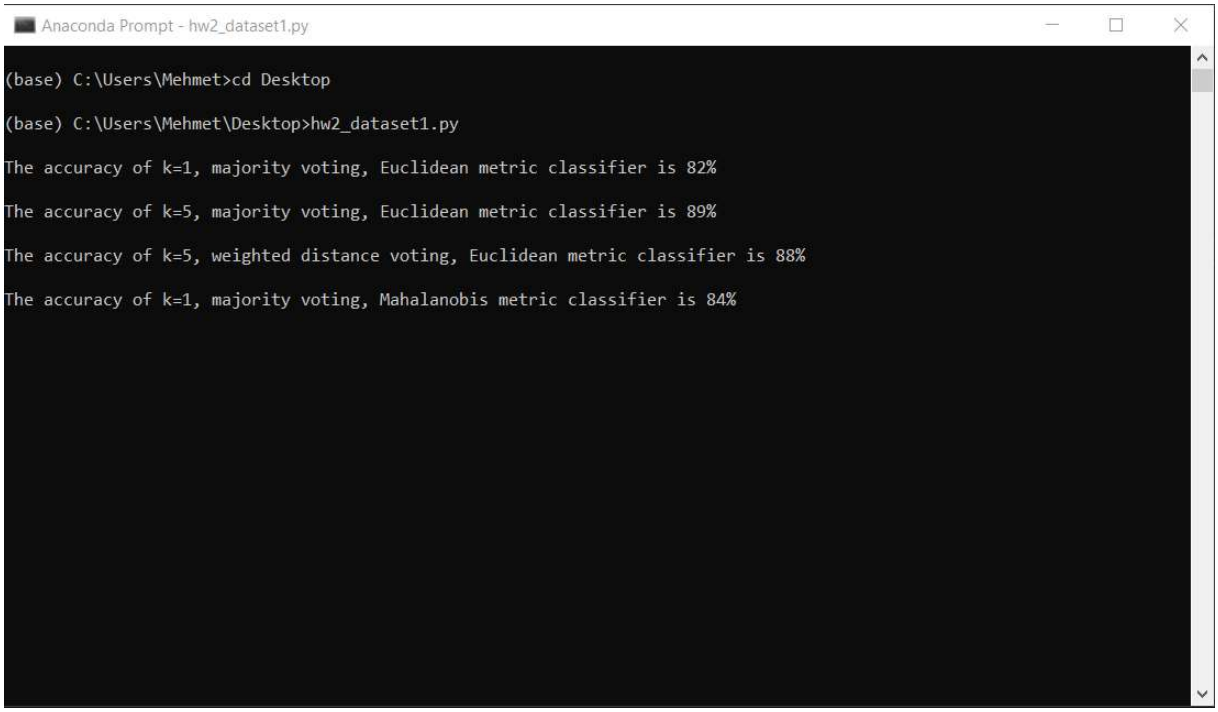
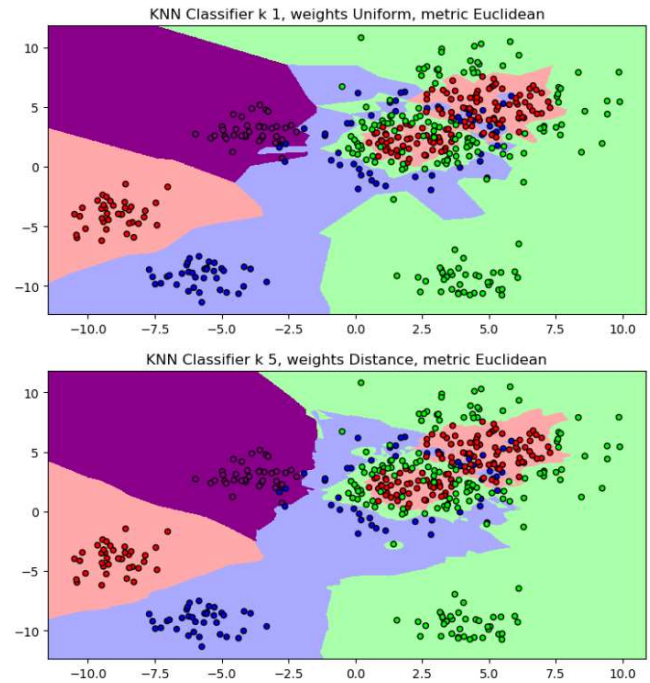
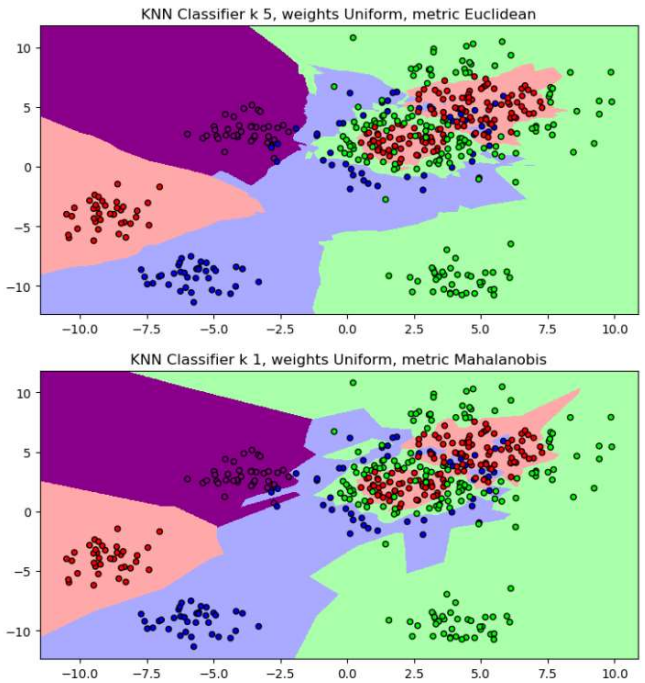
Results for the first dataset are below:

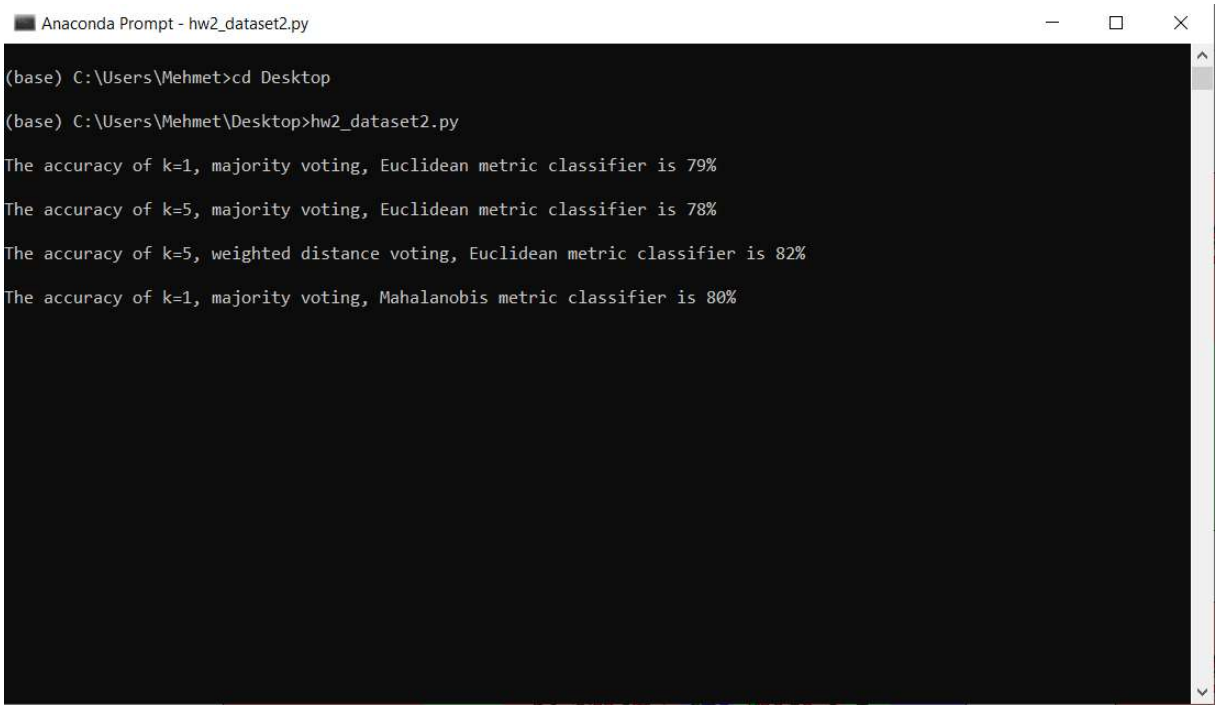


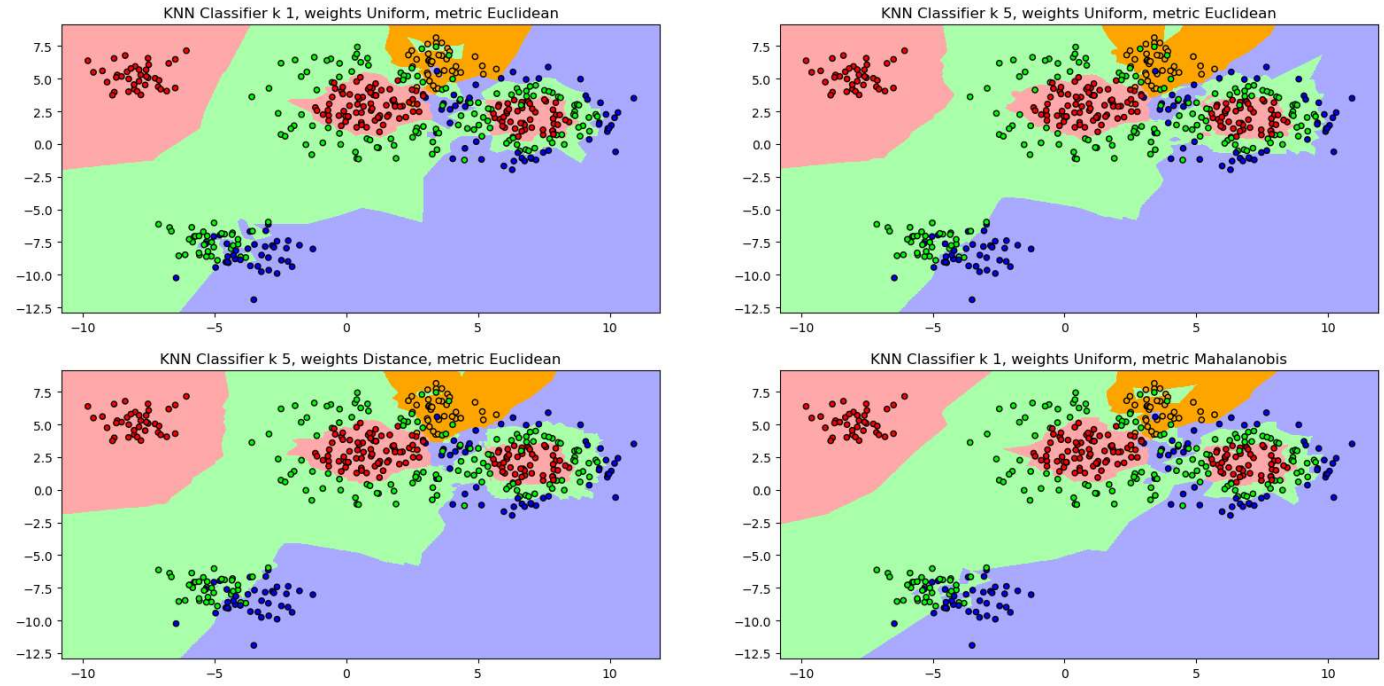




Just increasing k from 1 to 5, increased the accuracy of the k-NN classifier from 82% to 89%. For small k values, the classification results are sensitive to the data sparseness and the noisy points. That is the reason for this increase. While k=1, just changing Euclidean metric to Mahalanobis metric, increased the accuracy of the k-NN classifier from 82% to 84%. It is because of the Mahalanobis metric taking into account the correlations of the data set. While k=5, just changing weight Uniform to Distance, decreased the accuracy of the k-NN classifier from 89% to 88%.

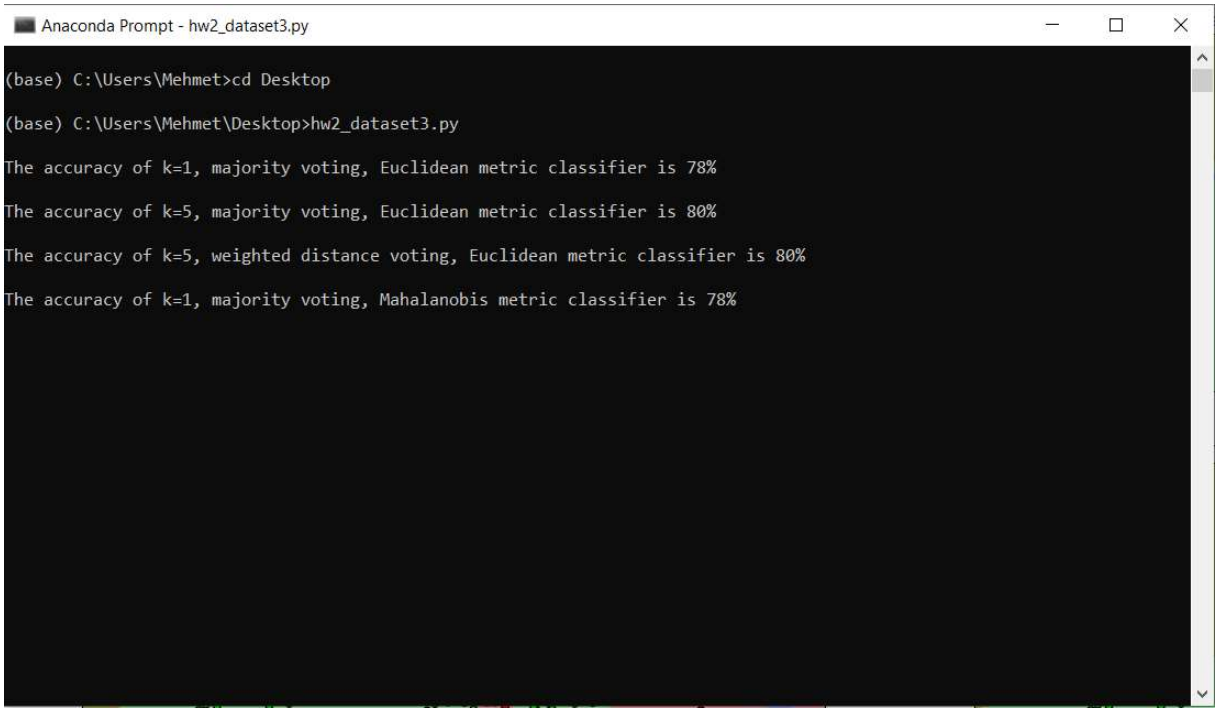
Results for the second dataset are below:

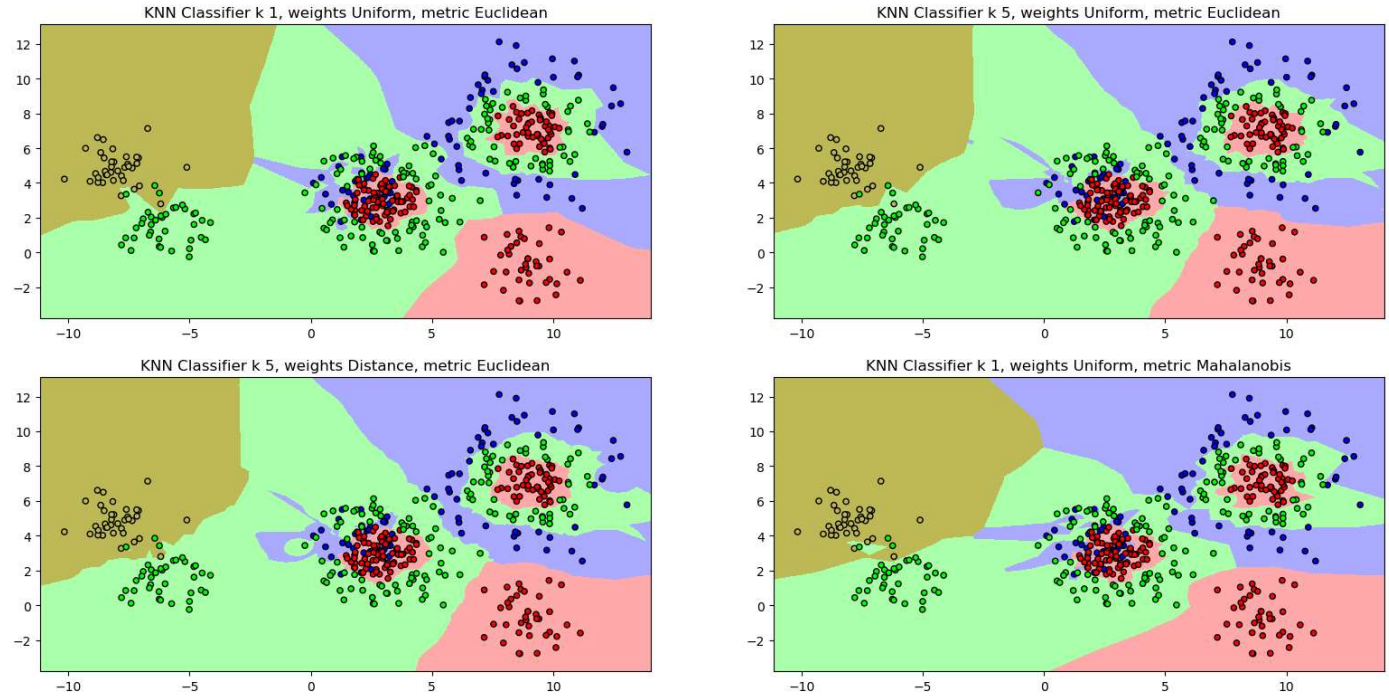




As you can see, data set 2 is more complex than data set 1. Thus; the accuracies of the classifiers are lower. Just increasing k from 1 to 5, decreased the accuracy of the k-NN classifier from 79% to 78%. This happened because of outliers. While k=1, just changing Euclidean metric to Mahalanobis metric, increased the accuracy of the k-NN classifier from 79% to 80%. It is because of the Mahalanobis metric taking into account the correlations of the data set. While k=5, just changing weight Uniform to Distance, increased the accuracy of the k-NN classifier from 78% to 82%.

Results for the third dataset are below:





In data set 3, the accuracies of the classifiers are even lower than data set 2. Just increasing k from 1 to 5, increased the accuracy of the k-NN classifier from 78% to 80%. It is the same situation which happened in data set 1. While k=1, just changing Euclidean metric to Mahalanobis metric, did not change the accuracy of the k-NN classifier. While k=5, just changing weight Uniform to Distance, did not change the accuracy of the k-NN classifier in this data set.