



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:

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Anaconda Prompt - hw2_dataset1.py

(base) C:\Users\Mehmet>cd Desktop

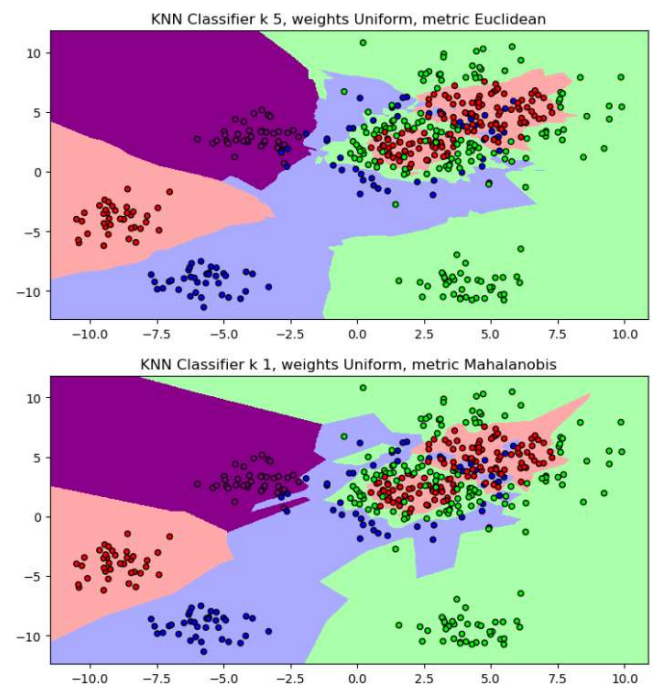
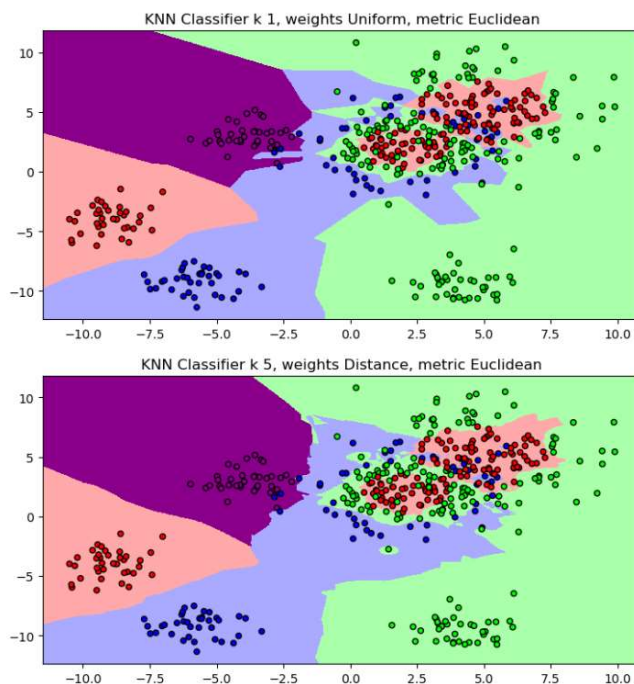
(base) C:\Users\Mehmet\Desktop>hw2_dataset1.py

The accuracy of k=1, majority voting, Euclidean metric classifier is 82%

The accuracy of k=5, majority voting, Euclidean metric classifier is 89%

The accuracy of k=5, weighted distance voting, Euclidean metric classifier is 88%

The accuracy of k=1, majority voting, Mahalanobis metric classifier is 84%
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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:

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Anaconda Prompt - hw2_dataset2.py

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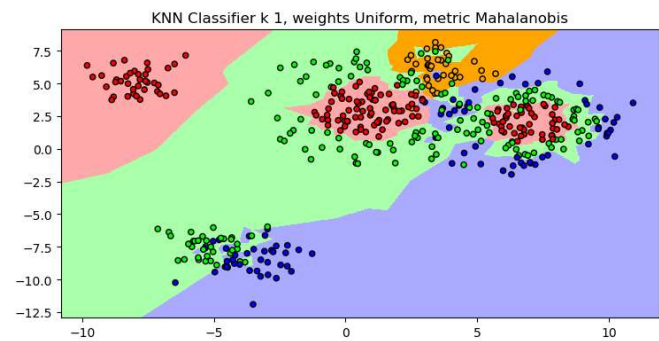
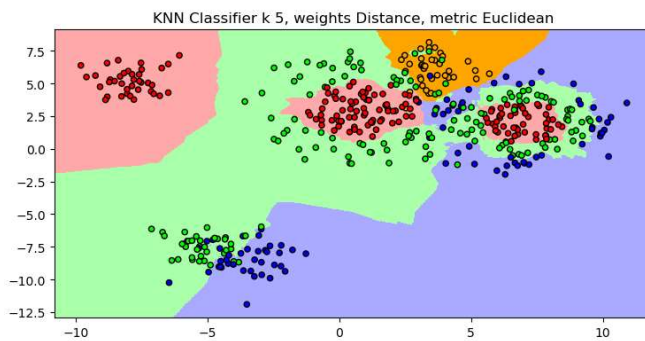
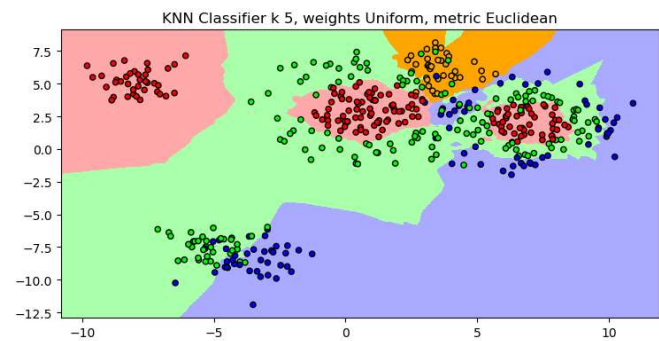
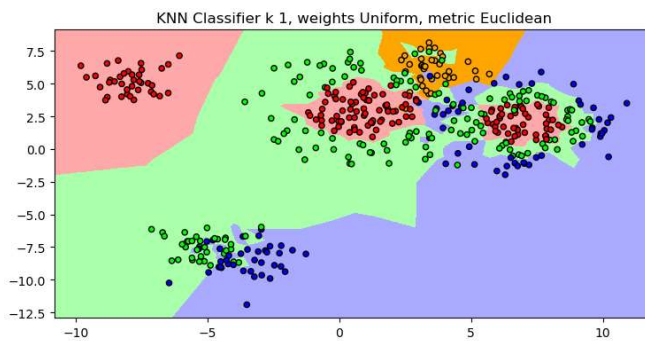
(base) C:\Users\Mehmet\Desktop>hw2_dataset2.py

The accuracy of k=1, majority voting, Euclidean metric classifier is 79%

The accuracy of k=5, majority voting, Euclidean metric classifier is 78%

The accuracy of k=5, weighted distance voting, Euclidean metric classifier is 82%

The accuracy of k=1, majority voting, Mahalanobis metric classifier is 80%
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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:

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Anaconda Prompt - hw2_dataset3.py

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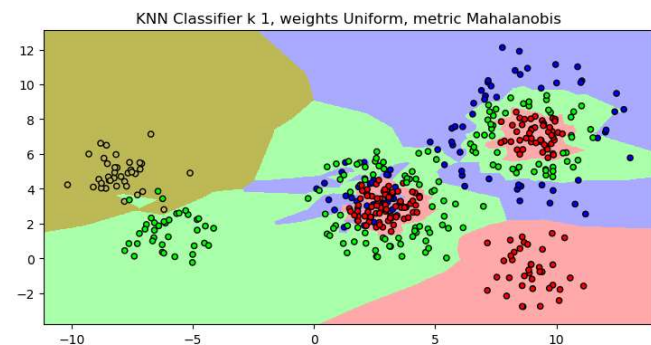
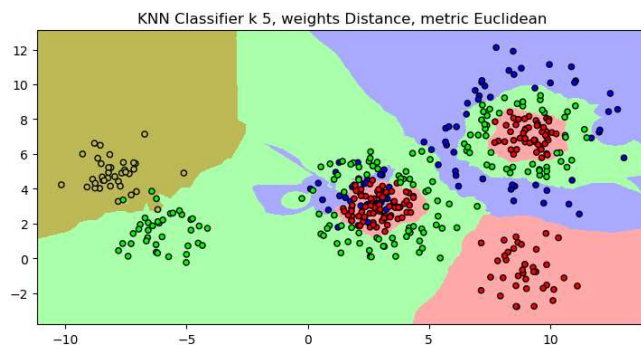
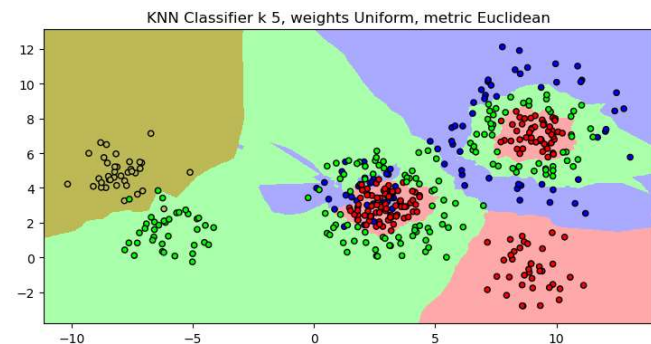
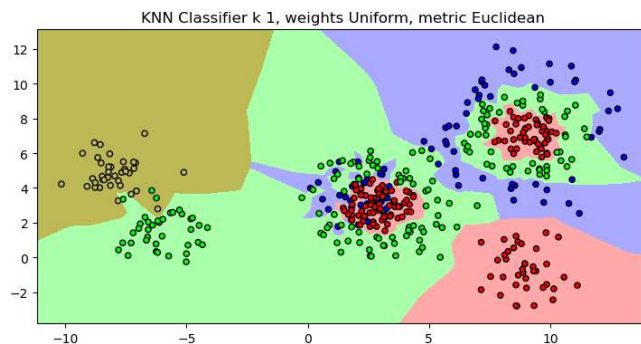
(base) C:\Users\Mehmet\Desktop>hw2_dataset3.py

The accuracy of k=1, majority voting, Euclidean metric classifier is 78%

The accuracy of k=5, majority voting, Euclidean metric classifier is 80%

The accuracy of k=5, weighted distance voting, Euclidean metric classifier is 80%

The accuracy of k=1, majority voting, Mahalanobis metric classifier is 78%
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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.