MACHINE LEARNING

1 **In Q1 to Q7, only one option is correct, Choose the correct option:**

Answers are highlighted in Red

1. The value of correlation coefficient will always be:
   A) between 0 and 1   B) greater than -1
   C) between -1 and 1   D) between 0 and -1

2. Which of the following cannot be used for dimensionality reduction?
   A) Lasso Regularisation   B) PCA
   C) Recursive feature elimination   D) Ridge Regularisation

3. Which of the following is not a kernel in Support Vector Machines?
   A) linear   B) Radial Basis Function
   C) hyperplane   D) polynomial

4. Amongst the following, which one is least suitable for a dataset having non-linear decision boundaries?
   A) Logistic Regression   B) Naïve Bayes Classifier
   C) Decision Tree Classifier   D) Support Vector Classifier

5. In a Linear Regression problem, 'X' is independent variable and 'Y' is dependent variable, where 'X' represents weight in pounds. If you convert the unit of 'X' to kilograms, then new coefficient of 'X' will be?
   (1 kilogram = 2.205 pounds)
   A) $2.205 \times$ old coefficient of 'X'   B) same as old coefficient of 'X'
   C) old coefficient of 'X' $\div 2.205$ D) Cannot be determined

6. As we increase the number of estimators in ADABOOST Classifier, what happens to the accuracy of the model?
   A) remains same   B) increases
   C) decreases   D) none of the above

7. Which of the following is not an advantage of using random forest instead of decision trees?
   A) Random Forests reduce overfitting
   B) Random Forests explains more variance in data then decision trees
   C) Random Forests are easy to interpret
   D) Random Forests provide a reliable feature importance estimate

In Q8 to Q10, more than one options are correct, Choose all the correct options:

8. Which of the following are correct about Principal Components?
   A) Principal Components are calculated using supervised learning techniques
   B) Principal Components are calculated using unsupervised learning techniques
   C) Principal Components are linear combinations of Linear Variables.
   D) All of the above

9. Which of the following are applications of clustering?
   A) Identifying developed, developing and under-developed countries on the basis of factors like GDP, poverty index, employment rate, population and living index
   B) Identifying loan defaulters in a bank on the basis of previous years' data of loan accounts.
   C) Identifying spam or ham emails
   D) Identifying different segments of disease based on BMI, blood pressure, cholesterol, blood sugar levels.

10. Which of the following is(are) hyper parameters of a decision tree?
    A) max_depth   B) max_features

MACHINE LEARNING

C) n_estimators   D) min_samples_leaf

MACHINE LEARNING

Q10 to Q15 are subjective answer type questions, Answer them briefly.

11. What are outliers? Explain the Inter Quartile Range (IQR) method for outlier detection.

Ans:

Outliers are values within a dataset that vary greatly from the others—they're either much larger, or significantly smaller. Outliers badly affect the mean and standard deviation of the dataset. These may statistically give erroneous results. Most machine learning algorithms do not work well in the presence of outlier. So, it is desirable to detect and remove outliers. Outliers are highly useful in anomaly detection like fraud detection where the fraud transactions are very different from normal transactions.

IQR is the range between the first and the third quartiles namely Q1 and Q3.

IQR = Q3 – Q1.

The data points which fall below Q1 – 1.5 IQR or above Q3 + 1.5 IQR are outliers.

12. What is the primary difference between bagging and boosting algorithms?

Ans:

In Bagging the result is obtained by averaging the responses of the N learners (or majority vote). However, Boosting assigns the second set of weights, this time for the N classifiers, to take a weighted average of their estimates. In the Boosting training stage, the algorithm allocates weights to each resulting model. A learner with a good classification result on the training data will be assigned a higher weight than a poor one. So when evaluating a new learner, Boosting needs to keep track of learners' errors, too.

Bagging	Boosting
Various training data subsets are randomly drawn with replacement from the whole training dataset.	Each new subset contains the components that were misclassified by previous models.
Bagging attempts to tackle the over-fitting issue.	Boosting tries to reduce bias.
If the classifier is unstable (high variance), then we need to apply bagging.	If the classifier is steady and straightforward (high bias), then we need to apply boosting.
Every model receives an equal weight.	Models are weighted by their performance.
Objective to decrease variance, not bias.	Objective to decrease bias, not variance.
It is the easiest way of connecting predictions that belong to the same type.	It is a way of connecting predictions that belong to the different types.
Every model is constructed independently.	New models are affected by the performance of the previously developed model.

MACHINE LEARNING

13. What is adjusted R^2 in linear regression. How is it calculated?

Ans:

The adjusted R-squared is a modified version of R-squared that has been adjusted for the number of predictors in the model. The adjusted R-squared increases only if the new term improves the model more than would be expected by chance. It decreases when a predictor improves the model by less than expected by chance. The adjusted R-squared can be negative, but it's usually not. It is always lower than the R-squared.

$$\text{Adj. } R^2 = 1 - \frac{(1 - R^2)(n - 1)}{n - k - 1}$$

where n is the sample size, k is the number of predictors (excluding the constant).

14. What is the difference between standardisation and normalisation?

Ans:

Normalization or Min-Max Scaling is used to transform features to be on a similar scale. The new point is calculated as:
X_new = (X - X_min)/(X_max - X_min)
This scales the range to [0, 1] or sometimes [-1, 1]. Geometrically speaking, transformation squishes the n-dimensional data into an n-dimensional unit hypercube. Normalization is useful when there are no outliers as it cannot cope up with them. Usually, we would scale age and not incomes because only a few people have high incomes but the age is close to uniform.

Standardization or Z-Score Normalization is the transformation of features by subtracting from mean and dividing by standard deviation. This is often called as Z-score.
X_new = (X - mean)/Std
Standardization can be helpful in cases where the data follows a Gaussian distribution. However, this does not have to be necessarily true. Geometrically speaking, it translates the data to the mean vector of original data to the origin and squishes or expands the points if std is 1 respectively. We can see that we are just changing mean and standard deviation to a standard normal distribution which is still normal thus the shape of the distribution is not affected. Standardization does not get affected by outliers because there is no predefined range of transformed features.

Normalization	Standardization
Minimum and maximum value of features are used for scaling	Mean and standard deviation is used for scaling.
It is used when features are of different scales.	It is used when we want to ensure zero mean and unit standard deviation.
Scales values between [0, 1] or [-1, 1].	It is not bounded to a certain range.

MACHINE LEARNING

It is really affected by outliers.	It is much less affected by outliers.
Scikit-Learn provides a transformer called MinMaxScaler for Normalization.	Scikit-Learn provides a transformer called StandardScaler for standardization.
This transformation squishes the n-dimensional data into an n-dimensional unit hypercube.	It translates the data to the mean vector of original data to the origin and squishes or expands.
It is useful when we don't know about the distribution	It is useful when the feature distribution is Normal or Gaussian.
It is a often called as Scaling Normalization	It is a often called as Z-Score Normalization.

15. What is cross-validation? Describe one advantage and one disadvantage of using cross-validation.

Ans:

Cross-validation is a resampling procedure used to evaluate machine learning models on a limited data sample. The procedure has a single parameter called k that refers to the number of groups that a given data sample is to be split into. As such, the procedure is often called k-fold cross-validation.

Advantages of Cross-Validation: Reduces Overfitting: In Cross-Validation, we split the dataset into multiple folds and train the algorithm on different folds. This prevents our model from overfitting the training dataset. So, in this way, the model attains the generalization capabilities which are a good sign of a robust algorithm.

Disadvantages of Cross-Validation: Increases Training Time: Cross-Validation drastically increases the training time. Earlier you had to train your model only on one training set, but with Cross-Validation, you must train your model on multiple training sets