

Distance functions

Euclidean

$$\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^{k} (x_i - y_i)^2}$$

Manhattan

$$\sum_{i=1}^{k} \left| x_i - y_i \right|$$

Minkowski

$$\left(\sum_{i=1}^{k} \left(\left|x_{i}-y_{i}\right|\right)^{q}\right)^{1/q}$$

Remarks

- chose an odd k value for a 2 class problem
- k must not be a multiple of the number of classes
- the main drawback of kNN is the complexity in searching the nearest neighbors for each sample