

# **Regression**

## **Regression Assignment Objective:**

The objective of this assignment is to evaluate your understanding of regression techniques in supervised learning by applying them to a real-world dataset.

## **Dataset:**

Use the California Housing dataset available in the sklearn library. This dataset contains information about various features of houses in California and their respective median prices.

## **Key Components to be Fulfilled:**

1. **Loading and Preprocessing (2 marks):**
  - Load the California Housing dataset using the `fetch_california_housing` function from sklearn.
  - Convert the dataset into a pandas DataFrame for easier handling. Handle missing values (if any) and perform necessary feature scaling (e.g., standardization).
  - Explain the preprocessing steps you performed and justify why they are necessary for this dataset.
2. **Regression Algorithm Implementation (5 marks):**
  - Implement the following regression algorithms:
    - Linear Regression
    - Decision Tree Regressor
    - Random Forest Regressor
    - Gradient Boosting Regressor
    - Support Vector Regressor (SVR)
  - For each algorithm: Provide a brief explanation of how it works. Explain why it might be suitable for this dataset.
3. **Model Evaluation and Comparison (2 marks):**
  - Evaluate the performance of each algorithm using the following metrics:
    - Mean Squared Error (MSE)
    - Mean Absolute Error (MAE)
    - R-squared Score ( $R^2$ )
  - Compare the results of all models and identify: The best-performing algorithm with justification and the worst-performing algorithm with reasoning.

4. Timely Submission (1 mark):

- Submit your code in a Jupyter Notebook format via a GitHub link.
- Ensure that your code is well-documented and explanations are clear and concise.
- Submission Guidelines: Use Python and Jupyter Notebook for implementation. Submit the GitHub repository link containing the code and all necessary files. Ensure proper documentation, including code comments and markdown explanations.

Total Score: 10