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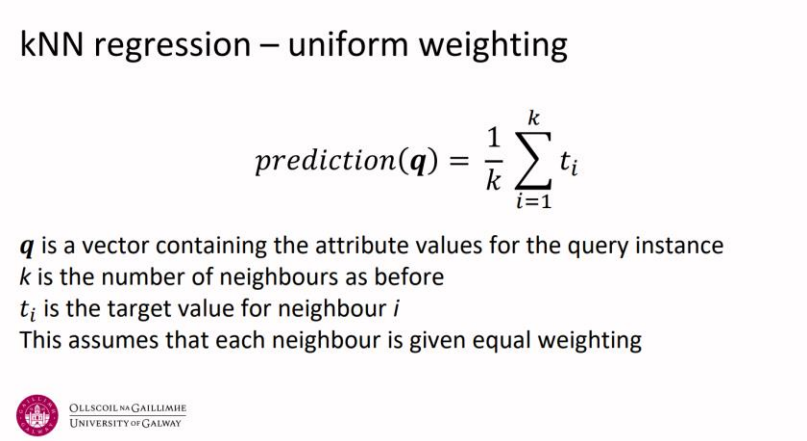

kNN regression – distance weighting

$$prediction(\boldsymbol{q}) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{k}\left(\frac{1}{dist(\boldsymbol{q},\boldsymbol{d}_i)^2} \times t_i\right)}{\sum_{i=1}^{k}\left(\frac{1}{dist(\boldsymbol{q},\boldsymbol{d}_i)^2}\right)}$$

$\boldsymbol{q}$ is a vector containing the attribute values for the query instance
$dist(\boldsymbol{q},\boldsymbol{d}_i)$ returns the distance between the query and neighbour i
This assumes that each neighbour is given a weighting based on the inverse square of its distance from the query

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[2]

Euclidean distance

Euclidean distance is one of the best-known distance metrics
Computes the length of a straight line between two points

$$Euclidean(\boldsymbol{a},\boldsymbol{b}) = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^{m}(\boldsymbol{a}[i]-\boldsymbol{b}[i])^2}$$

Here m is the number of features/attributes to be used to calculate the distance (i.e. the dimension of the vectors $\boldsymbol{a}$ and $\boldsymbol{b}$)
Square root of the sum of squared differences for each feature

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Manhattan distance

Manhattan distance (also known as "taxicab distance")
Computes the length of a straight line between two points

$$Manhattan(\boldsymbol{a},\boldsymbol{b}) = \sum_{i=1}^{m} abs(\boldsymbol{a}[i]-\boldsymbol{b}[i])$$

As before m is the number of features/attributes to be used to calculate the distance (i.e. the dimension of the vectors $\boldsymbol{a}$ and $\boldsymbol{b}$)
$abs()$ returns the absolute value
Sum of the absolute differences for each feature

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Minkowski distance

The Minkowski distance metric generalises both the Manhattan distance and the Euclidean distance metrics

$$Minkowski(\boldsymbol{a}, \boldsymbol{b}) = \left(\sum_{i=1}^{m} abs(\boldsymbol{a}[i] - \boldsymbol{b}[i])^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}$$

As before m is the number of features/attributes to be used to calculate the distance (i.e. the dimension of the vectors $\boldsymbol{a}$ and $\boldsymbol{b}$)
$abs()$ returns the absolute value
Sum of the absolute differences for each feature