

Classification

Classification Model	Pros	Cons
Logistic Regression	Probabilistic approach, gives informations about statistical significance of features	The Logistic Regression Assumptions
K-NN	Simple to understand, fast and efficient	Need to choose the number of neighbours k
SVM	Performant, not biased by outliers, not sensitive to overfitting	Not appropriate for non linear problems, not the best choice for large number of features
Kernel SVM	High performance on nonlinear problems, not biased by outliers, not sensitive to overfitting	Not the best choice for large number of features, more complex
Naive Bayes	Efficient, not biased by outliers, works on nonlinear problems, probabilistic approach	Based on the assumption that features have same statistical relevance
Decision Tree Classification	Interpretability, no need for feature scaling, works on both linear / nonlinear problems	Poor results on too small datasets, overfitting can easily occur
Random Forest Classification	Powerful and accurate, good performance on many problems, including non linear	No interpretability, overfitting can easily occur, need to choose the number of trees

Clustering

Clustering Model	Pros	Cons
K-Means	Simple to understand, easily adaptable, works well on small or large datasets, fast, efficient and performant	Need to choose the number of clusters
Hierarchical Clustering	The optimal number of clusters can be obtained by the model itself, practical visualisation with the dendrogram	Not appropriate for large datasets

Regression

Regression Model	Pros	Cons
Linear Regression	Works on any size of dataset, gives informations about relevance of features	The Linear Regression Assumptions
Polynomial Regression	Works on any size of dataset, works very well on non linear problems	Need to choose the right polynomial degree for a good bias/variance tradeoff
SVR	Easily adaptable, works very well on non linear problems, not biased by outliers	Compulsory to apply feature scaling, not well known, more difficult to understand
Decision Tree Regression	Interpretability, no need for feature scaling, works on both linear / nonlinear problems	Poor results on too small datasets, overfitting can easily occur
Random Forest Regression	Powerful and accurate, good performance on many problems, including non linear	No interpretability, overfitting can easily occur, need to choose the number of trees