

Provide your written answers to the following prompts in the spaces provided. Use whole sentences and clear grammar – answers that are difficult to interpret will lose credit. Please use a text color other than black for your answers. When you have completed the exam, save the document as a PDF, submit it on the course D2L website and email it to dhowell@oru.edu.

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1. Q: What is Data Science?

A:

2. Q: Why is Data Science an important field, given the current state of technology?

A:

3. Q: What are the two main types of data covered in this class? Give an example of each.

A:

4. Q: Explain the difference between a regression algorithm and a classification algorithm? What does the output of each algorithm look like?

A:

5. Q: Explain the difference between supervised and unsupervised machine learning. Which type of machine learning works best with a data set which has no clear dependent variable?

A:

6. Q: What does it mean for an algorithm to be computationally expensive? When does computational cost matter and when does it not?

A:

7. Q: Choose three of the following types of algorithms and explain how they work. You do not need to include the equations used by each algorithm; all that is needed is a simple, succinct, and accurate description of the mechanics of the algorithm.

A:

Linear Regression:

Logistic Regression:

K-means Clustering:

Random Forest:

Naïve Bayes:

Support Vector Machines: