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CLASS	:	II CSBS	MAX MARKS	:	60
SEMESTER	:	IV	DURATION	:	1 Hr 45 Mins
COURSE TITLE	:	MACHINE LEARNING	COURSE CODE	:	AL3451
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PART - A (20 Marks)

ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS			CO	RBT Level	Marks
1. Define inductive bias in decision tree learning.	✓ Inductive bias refers to the assumptions a learning algorithm makes to generalize beyond the training data. (1 mark) ✓ In decision tree learning, it includes assumptions like simpler trees are preferred (Occam's Razor) and information gain is a good attribute selection measure. (1 mark)	CO1	U	2 (1+1)	
2. Mention different forms of learning.	✓ Supervised learning ✓ Unsupervised learning ✓ Semi-supervised learning ✓ Reinforcement learning (2 mark)	CO1	R	2	
3. Name one factor that affects the convergence speed of gradient descent.	✓ The learning rate (α) is a key factor that affects how quickly gradient descent converges. If the learning rate is too small, the algorithm converges slowly and takes many iterations. (1 mark) ✓ If it's too large, it may overshoot the minimum or diverge. Choosing an appropriate learning rate is crucial for effective and efficient learning. (1 mark)	CO2	R	2 (1+1)	
4. If the learning rate is too large in gradient descent, what may happen?	✓ A very large learning rate can cause the gradient descent algorithm to overshoot the optimal point during updates. (1 mark) ✓ This leads to fluctuations around the minimum or even complete divergence where the loss increases instead of decreasing. This instability prevents convergence and results in poor model performance. (1 mark)	CO2	U	2 (1+1)	
5. List linear and nonlinear activation functions.	✓ Linear activation function: $f(x) = x$; $f(x) = xf(x) = x$; it's simple but cannot capture non-linearity. (2 mark) ✓ Nonlinear functions: Sigmoid: $f(x) = \frac{1}{1+e^{-x}}$ Tanh: $f(x) = \frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{e^x + e^{-x}}$ ReLU: $f(x) = \max(0, x)$	CO3	R	2	