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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	



6.	How does CART solve the regression problems?	✓ CART (Classification and Regression Trees) handles regression by constructing a decision tree that splits data based on minimizing the mean squared error (MSE). Each internal node splits data into subsets to minimize the variance of target values in the child nodes. The final output in a leaf is the average of the target values in that node. (1 mark)	CO3	U	2 (1+1)
7.	Draw the structure of an artificial single neuron based on a biological neuron.	✓ A biological neuron has dendrites (inputs), a cell body (summation), and an axon (output). Similarly, an artificial neuron takes multiple inputs $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n_x-1}, x_n$, multiplies them with weights $w_1, w_2, \dots, w_{n_w-1}, w_n$, adds a bias, applies an activation function, and produces an output. (2 mark)	CO4	U	2
8.	Give the formula for accuracy.	Accuracy = $\frac{\text{True Positives (TP)} + \text{True Negatives (TN)}}{\text{Total Predictions}} = \frac{TP + TN}{TP + TN + FP + FN}$ (2 mark)	CO4	R	2
9.	In K-fold cross-validation, how many models are trained if K = 10?	✓ In 10-fold cross-validation, the data is split into 10 equal parts. The model is trained 10 times, each time using 9 folds for training and 1 fold for testing. (1 mark) ✓ Hence, 10 models are trained, and their performance is averaged to evaluate the model more reliably. (1 mark)	CO5	AP	2 (1+1)
10.	Outline the use of McNemar's test.	✓ McNemar's test is a statistical method used to compare the performance of two classification models. It checks if the models have significantly different error rates by analyzing their disagreement on predictions. (1 mark) ✓ It is particularly useful when the same dataset is used for both models and helps determine if the performance difference is statistically significant. (1 mark)	CO5	U	2 (1+1)

PART - B (40 Marks)

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11. (a)	Explain various metrics used to evaluate machine learning model performance	✓ Accuracy: Ratio of correctly predicted instances to total instances. Good for balanced datasets. ✓ Precision: Ratio of true positives to all predicted positives. Important when false positives are costly. (2 marks) ✓ Recall (Sensitivity): Ratio of true positives to all actual positives. Crucial when missing a positive (false negative) is expensive. ✓ F1 Score: Harmonic mean of precision and recall. Balances the trade-off	CO1	U	16 (2+2+2+ 2+2+2+4)