



# MACHINE LEARNING TECHNIQUE k-NEAREST NEIGHBORS (k-NN)- Part 2

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### **k-NEAREST NEIGHBORS (k-NN)**

#### k-NN

- Choosing appropriate value of k
- k=1: powerful for large no. of records in training partition
- k>1: smoothing effects (control overfitting issues)
- Low value of k -> more likely to fit the noise
- High value of k -> more likely to ignore the local patterns in the data
- Trade-off between benefits from local pattern vs global effects
- k=n: naïve rule

### **k-NEAREST NEIGHBORS (k-NN)**

- k-NN
  - Value of k: depends on nature of the data as well
    - Low value of k for data with complex and irregular structures
  - Typical value of k: between '1-20'
  - Odd value of k is preferred to avoid ties in majority class decisions
- Best value of k
  - Classification performance on validation partition
- Open RStudio



### Key References

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## Thanks...