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# Machine learning

## Mini-project: Weighted KNN

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# About my Dataset: Iris and Avocado Price

## Which library ?

```
import numpy as np
import random
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
from collections import Counter
from sklearn.datasets import load_iris
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
from sklearn.preprocessing import StandardScaler
```

Dataset Iris: [sklearn link](#)

Dataset Avocado Price: [Kaggle link](#)

Dataset	Training Set	Testing Set
Iris	120 Samples	30 Samples
Avocado	14599 samples	3650 Samples

Training Set : Testing Set = 4 : 1

# What is weighted KNN ?

In KNN:

when we find the  $K$  nearest neighbors of the observation point  $(x, y)$  and get the targets of these  $K$  points, we take the target with the highest frequency as the result of the new observation  $(x, y)$ .

This means that the  $K$  nearest points we choose have **equal influence** on the classification results of the new observation  $(x, y)$ .

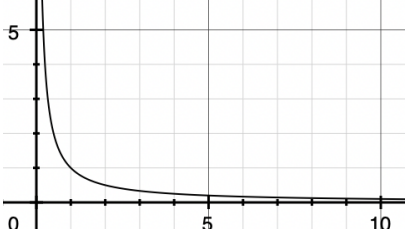
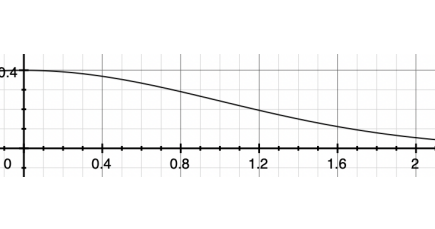
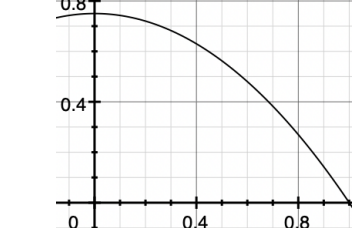
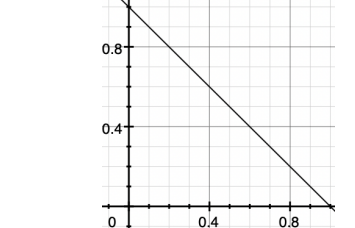
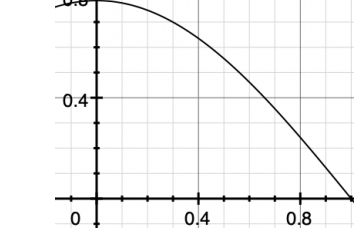
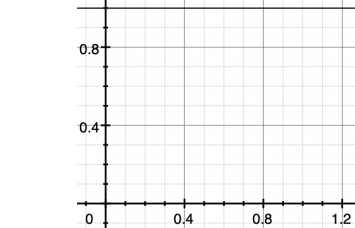
In weighted KNN:

We want the  $K$  nearest points have **different influence** with decision, which are particularly close to the new observation  $(x, y)$ , should get a higher weight in the decision than such neighbors that are far away from  $(x, y)$ .

So what is the relationship between weight and distance?

Which function can be used?

# Weight Functions

inversion kernel		Gauss kernel	
$W_{inversion} = \frac{1}{ d },  d  \neq 0$		$W_{Gauss} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{d^2}{2}\right)$	
Epanechnikov kernel		triangular kernel	
$W_{Epanechnikov} = \frac{3(1 - d^2)}{4} * I,  d  \leq 1$		$W_{triangular} = (1 -  d ) * I,  d  \leq 1$	
Cosine kernel		mean_one kernel	
$W_{cosine} = \frac{\pi}{4} \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2}d\right) * I,  d  \leq 1$		$W_{mean-one} = 1$	

The smaller the distance, the greater the weight  
 Just choose one you like(1-5).  
 The last one is just like normal KNN.

# Distance condition

1. We use Euclidean distance
2. For inversion kernel, the distance cannot be 0
3. For  $W_{\text{triangular}}$ ,  $W_{\text{Epanechnikov}}$ , and  $W_{\text{cosine}}$ , the  $|d| \leq 1$ , how can we make it ?  
We can use the distance of the  $(k+1)$ th nearest point as the divisor

$$d = \frac{d_i}{d_{k+1}}, i = 1, 2, \dots, k$$

# An example

## Classification

KNN	1	1	1	1	1	1
Target	A	B	B	C	A	A
wKNN	0.90	0.88	0.84	0.77	0.46	0.30

sum_knn	3	2	1
Target	A	B	C
sum_wknn	1.66	1.72	0.77

## Regression

A,B,C are float price

KNN	WKNN
$y = \frac{3A + 2B + C}{6} = \frac{A}{2} + \frac{B}{3} + \frac{C}{6}$	$y = \frac{1.66A + 1.72B + 0.77C}{1.66 + 1.72 + 0.77} = \frac{2A}{5} + \frac{166B}{415} + \frac{77C}{415}$

# Compare KNN and weighted KNN

## Advantages of WKNN vs KNN

- Consider the influence of distance on the decision
- Different weight functions can better adapt to different data sets
- Reduce the distraction of relatively distant points
- Expect to achieve better results

## Disadvantages of WKNN vs KNN

- Weight functions take more time to calculate
- Very weak immunity to nearby points
- WKNN is inefficient

## When to use WKNN

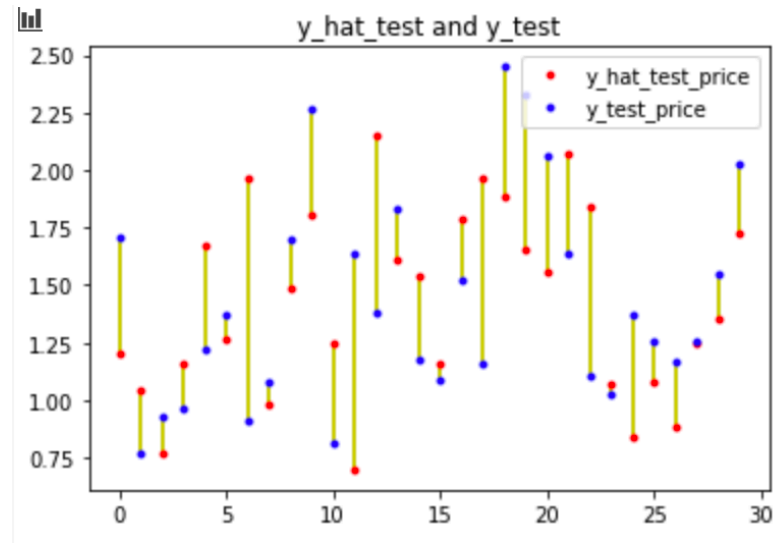
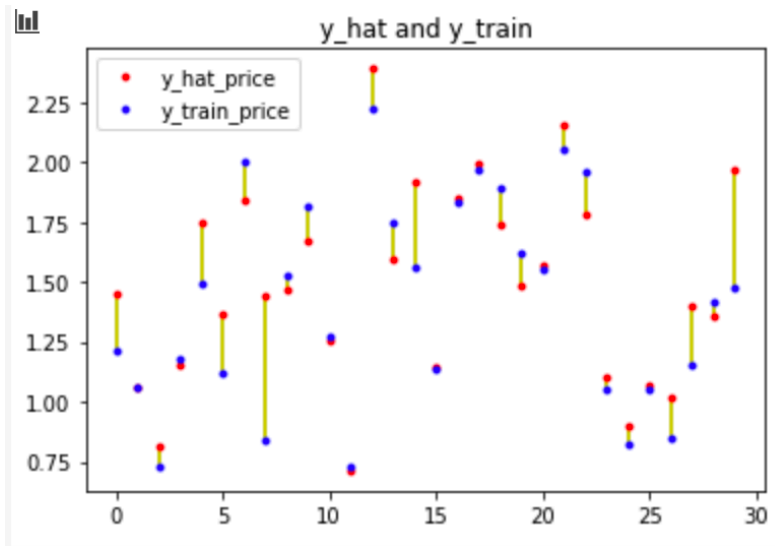
- Data set is small
- You have enough time and interest

## When to not use WKNN

- Data set is large
- Data is very dense or very sparse
- Not useful in Iris Dataset



# Show some codes and results: Avocado Price



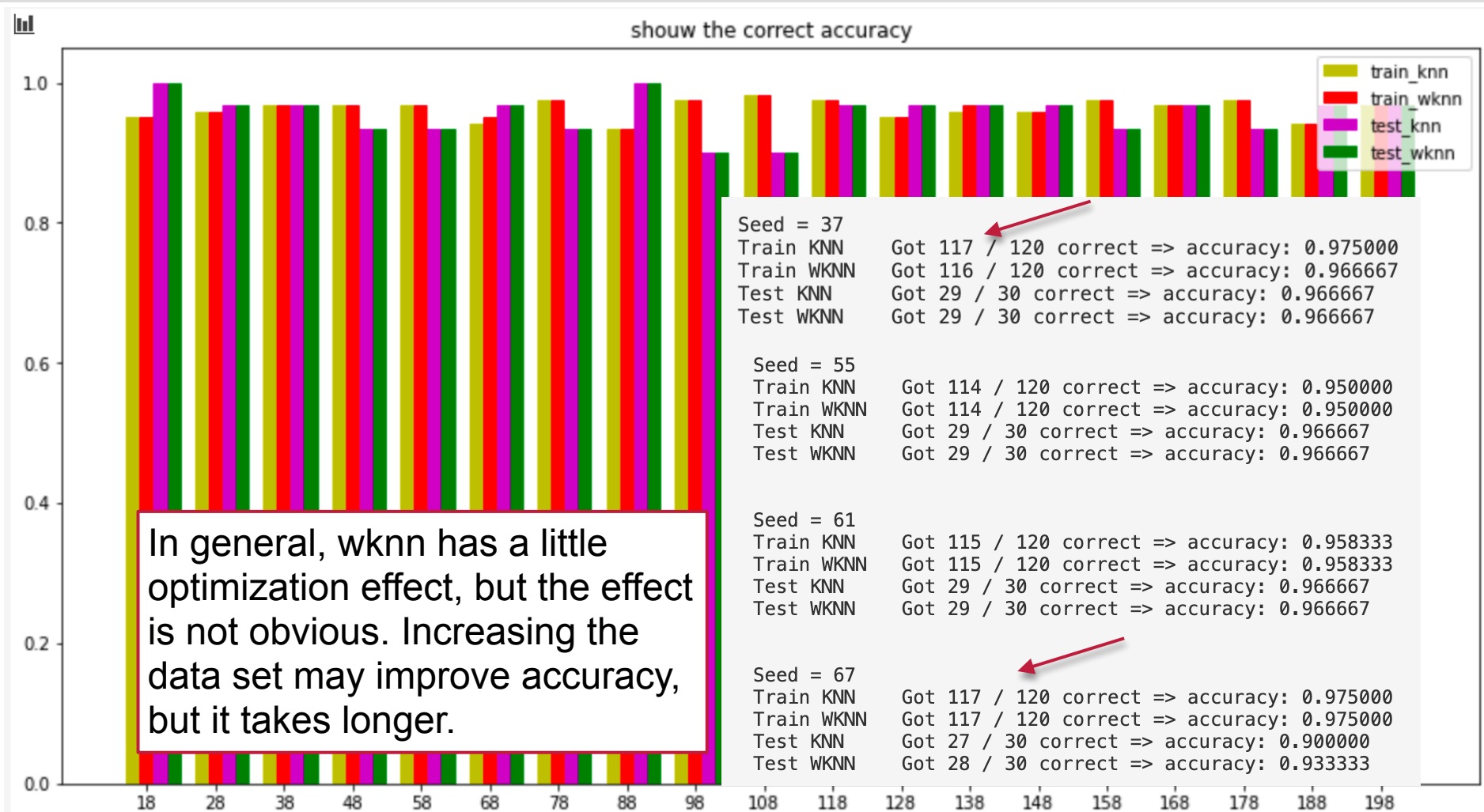
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The effect of regression price looks very bad, and the effect of converting time, region, and type into float values is not good enough.

# Show some codes and results: Iris



# References

All the pictures and tables are completed by myself.

I am happy to share my code and ppt with you.

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