

MACHINE LEARNING ASSIGNMENT-3

Q1 to Q12 have only one correct answer. Choose the correct option to answer your question.

1. Which of the following is an application of clustering?

- a. Biological network analysis
- b. Market trend prediction
- c. Topic modeling

d. All of the above

2. On which data type, we cannot perform cluster analysis?

- a. Time series data
- b. Text data
- c. Multimedia data

d. None

3. Netflix's movie recommendation system uses

- a. Supervised learning
- b. Unsupervised learning

c. Reinforcement learning and Unsupervised learning

d. All of the above

4. The final output of Hierarchical clustering is

- a. The number of cluster centroids

b. The tree representing how close the data points are to each other

- c. A map defining the similar data points into individual groups
- d. All of the above

5. Which of the step is not required for K-means clustering?

- a. A distance metric
- b. Initial number of clusters
- c. Initial guess as to cluster centroids

d. None

6. Which of the following is wrong?

- a. k-means clustering is a vector quantization method
- b. k-means clustering tries to group n observations into k clusters

c. k-nearest neighbour is same as k-means

d. None

7. Which of the following metrics, do we have for finding dissimilarity between two clusters in hierarchical clustering?

- i. Single-link
- ii. Complete-link
- iii. Average-link

Options:

- a. 1 and 2
- b. 1 and 3
- c. 2 and 3

d. 1, 2 and 3

8. Which of the following are true?

- i. Clustering analysis is negatively affected by multicollinearity of features
- ii. Clustering analysis is negatively affected by heteroscedasticity

Options:

a. 1 only

b. 2 only

c. 1 and 2

d. None of them

9. In the figure above, if you draw a horizontal line on y-axis for $y=2$. What will be the number of clusters formed?

a. 2

b. 4

c. 3

d. 5

10. For which of the following tasks might clustering be a suitable approach?

a. Given sales data from a large number of products in a supermarket, estimate future sales for each of these products.

b. Given a database of information about your users, automatically group them into different market segments.

c. Predicting whether stock price of a company will increase tomorrow.

d. Given historical weather records, predict if tomorrow's weather will be sunny or rainy.

11. Given, six points with the following attributes:

Which of the following clustering representations and dendrogram depicts the use of MIN or Single link

proximity function in hierarchical clustering:

a.

b.

c.

d.

12. Given, six points with the following attributes:

Which of the following clustering representations and dendrogram depicts the use of MAX or Complete

link proximity function in hierarchical clustering.

a.

b.

c.

d.

Q13 to Q14 are subjective answers type questions, Answers them in their own words briefly

13. What is the importance of clustering?

ans:- The importance of clustering is in data analysis and data mining applications. It is the task of grouping a set of objects so that objects in the same group are more similar to each other than to those in other groups. A good clustering algorithm is able to identify clusters irrespective of their shapes.

14. How can I improve my clustering performance?

ans:- There are several way to improve clustering performance:

Firstly compare against once that is known to work well, then compare the results. Secondly, time your algorithms and compare the time between both algorithms, If you have two sets of good answers, then you can analyse how the quality of the solution improves through time. Thirdly, try your algorithms with several instances of a problem. One not too challenging, one medium and one very hard. Finally, using the evolution to optimise the parameters of your clustering algorithms, could test it well under duress and could point to some direction of how to improve it.