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✗ What is the primary purpose of a validation set in the machine learning workflow? 0/1

- ☐ To train the model
- ☐ To fine-tune hyperparameters
- ☒ To evaluate the model's performance on unseen data
- ☐ To test the model's generalization

✗

Correct answer

- ☒ To fine-tune hyperparameters

✓ What does the **drop_duplicates()** function in Pandas do? 1/1

- ☐ Drops rows with missing values from a DataFrame.
- ☒ Drops duplicate rows from a DataFrame.
- ☐ Drops columns with missing values from a DataFrame.
- ☐ Drops columns with duplicate values from a DataFrame.

✓



✗ How can you perform element-wise subtraction of two DataFrames **df1** and **df2** and replace missing values with 0? 0/1

- ☒ df1 - df2
- ☐ df1.subtract(df2, fill_value=0)
- ☐ df1.sub(df2, fill_value=0)
- ☐ df1.elementwise(df2, fill_value=0)

Correct answer

- ☒ df1.sub(df2, fill_value=0)

✓ How can you replace all occurrences of a specific value (e.g., 'old_value') in 1/1 a DataFrame **df** with a new value (e.g., 'new_value')?

- ☒ df.replace('old_value', 'new_value')
- ☐ df.replace('old_value', 'new_value', inplace=True)
- ☐ df.replace_values({'old_value': 'new_value'})
- ☐ df.replace_values('old_value', 'new_value')



✓ How can you rename the column 'old_name' to 'new_name' in a DataFrame `df`? 1/1

- ☐ `df.rename_column('old_name', 'new_name')`
- ☒ `df.rename(columns={'old_name': 'new_name'})`
- ☐ `df.column_rename('old_name', 'new_name')`
- ☐ `df.rename_column({'old_name': 'new_name'})`



✓ In the context of deep learning, what does the term "backpropagation" refer to? 1/1

- ☒ The process of training a model by updating its parameters
- ☐ The process of preprocessing data before training a model
- ☐ The process of evaluating a model's performance on a validation set
- ☐ The process of selecting hyperparameters for a model



✓ What is the primary purpose of data augmentation in machine learning? 1/1

- ☐ To reduce model complexity
- ☐ To add noise to the data
- ☐ To increase the dimensionality of the data
- ☒ To generate additional training data by applying transformations



✓ In deep learning, what is the role of the activation function in a neural network? 1/1

- ☐ To initialize the network weights
- ☐ To determine the learning rate of the network
- ☒ To introduce non-linearity to the model
- ☐ To define the network architecture



✓ What does the `to_datetime()` function in Pandas do? 1/1

- ☒ Converts a Series to a datetime data type.
- ☐ Converts a Series to a timedelta data type.
- ☐ Converts a Series to a string representation of the datetime.
- ☐ Converts a datetime to a string representation.



✗ What is the primary difference between bagging and boosting in ensemble learning? 0/1

- ☐ Bagging combines multiple weak learners into a strong learner, while boosting uses a single strong learner.
- ☒ Bagging focuses on reducing model variance, while boosting focuses on reducing model bias. ✗
- ☐ Bagging uses only decision trees, while boosting uses various machine learning algorithms.
- ☐ Bagging is a form of data augmentation, while boosting is a form of feature engineering

Correct answer

- ☒ Bagging combines multiple weak learners into a strong learner, while boosting uses a single strong learner.

✓ Which deep learning architecture is used for generating new data samples, 1/1 such as images or text?

- ☐ CNN
- ☐ RNN
- ☒ GAN ✓
- ☐ Autoencoder



✗ Which technique is used to combat the problem of class imbalance in deep learning? 0/1

- ☐ Data augmentation
- ☒ Batch normalization
- ☐ Regularization
- ☐ Gradient clipping

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Correct answer

- ☒ Data augmentation

✓ What is a hyperparameter in the context of deep learning?

1/1

- ☐ A parameter that is learned during training
- ☐ A weight value in a neural network
- ☒ A configuration setting that is set before training and affects the model's performance
- ☐ A bias term in a neural network

✓

✓ What is the primary goal of feature selection in machine learning?

1/1

- ☐ To increase model complexity
- ☐ To add noise to the data
- ☐ To create new features from existing data
- ☒ To choose the most relevant features for a model

✓



✗ How can you handle missing values in a DataFrame **df** by filling them with the mean value of the column? 0/1

- ☐ df.fillna(df.mean())
- ☐ df.fillna(df.mean(), axis=0)
- ☐ df.fillna(df.mean(), axis=1)
- ☒ df.fillna(df.mean(), inplace=True)

Correct answer

- ☒ df.fillna(df.mean())

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✓ What is the main objective of semi-supervised learning in machine learning? 1/1

- ☐ To reduce the dimensionality of data
- ☐ To address class imbalance in the training data
- ☒ To improve model performance by using both labeled and unlabeled data
- ☐ To build ensemble models

✓



✓ How can you calculate the element-wise product of two DataFrames **df1** and **df2**? 1/1

- ☒ df1 * df2
- ☐ df1.mul(df2)
- ☐ df1.product(df2)
- ☐ df1.elementwise(df2)



✓ In machine learning, what is the primary goal of data preprocessing? 1/1

- ☐ To build the model
- ☐ To evaluate the model's performance
- ☒ To transform and clean the data to make it suitable for modeling
- ☐ To validate the model's predictions



✗ Which machine learning technique is suitable for solving problems involving a sequence of decisions, such as game playing or robot control? 0/1

- ☐ Reinforcement Learning
- ☒ Unsupervised Learning
- ☐ K-Means Clustering
- ☐ Naive Bayes



Correct answer

- ☒ Reinforcement Learning



✗ Which machine learning algorithm is best suited for outlier detection in a dataset? 0/1

- ☐ Support Vector Machine (SVM)
- ☐ Random Forest
- ☐ Principal Component Analysis (PCA)
- ☒ k-Nearest Neighbors (KNN)

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Correct answer

- ☒ Support Vector Machine (SVM)

✓ How can you convert a DataFrame **df** to a CSV file named 'output.csv'? 1/1

- ☐ df.write_csv('output.csv')
- ☐ df.save_csv('output.csv')
- ☒ df.to_csv('output.csv')
- ☐ df.export_csv('output.csv')

✓

✓ What is the primary goal of outlier detection in machine learning? 1/1

- ☐ To identify patterns and clusters in data
- ☐ To uncover hidden associations in data
- ☒ To detect and remove data points that deviate significantly from the norm
- ☐ To classify data into predefined categories

✓



✓ Which machine learning algorithm is commonly used for recommendation systems, such as those used by Netflix or Amazon to suggest movies or products? 1/1

- ☐ Naive Bayes
- ☐ K-Means Clustering
- ☒ Collaborative Filtering
- ☐ Principal Component Analysis (PCA)



✗ Which machine learning technique is often used for imbalanced classification tasks, where one class has significantly fewer examples than the other? 0/1

- ☒ K-Means Clustering
- ☐ Random Forest
- ☐ Logistic Regression
- ☐ Synthetic Minority Over-sampling Technique (SMOTE)



Correct answer

- ☒ Synthetic Minority Over-sampling Technique (SMOTE)



✗ Which type of neural network architecture is used for sequence-to-sequence tasks such as machine translation?

0/1

- ☐ Convolutional Neural Network (CNN)
- ☐ Recurrent Neural Network (RNN)
- ☒ Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM)
- ☐ Autoencoder

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Correct answer

- ☒ Recurrent Neural Network (RNN)

✓ What is the primary purpose of the backpropagation algorithm in deep learning?

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- ☐ To compute the forward pass of a neural network
- ☐ To initialize the weights of the network
- ☒ To update the model's weights based on the computed gradients
- ☐ To determine the optimal learning rate

✓



✗ How can you select rows from a DataFrame **df** where the values in column 0/1
'column_name' are not null?

- ☐ df[df.column_name.notnull()]
- ☐ df[df.column_name != null]
- ☐ df[df.column_name.notna()]
- ☒ All of the above

✗

Correct answer

- ☒ df[df.column_name.notna()]

✓ In deep learning, what is the purpose of a loss function?

1/1

- ☐ To regularize the model
- ☐ To initialize the weights of the neural network
- ☒ To measure the error between the predicted and actual values
- ☐ To prevent overfitting

✓



✗ What does the **resample()** function in Pandas do?

0/1

- ☐ Aggregates data over a specific time period.
- ☐ Fills missing values in a DataFrame.
- ☒ Reindexes a DataFrame with a new time frequency.
- ☐ None of the above.

✗

Correct answer

- ☒ Aggregates data over a specific time period.

✓ How can you extract the unique values from a specific column 'column_name' in a DataFrame **df**?

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- ☐ df.unique('column_name')
- ☒ df['column_name'].unique()
- ☐ df.get_unique('column_name')
- ☐ df.column_name.unique()

✓

✓ In machine learning, what does the term "ensemble method" refer to?

1/1

- ☐ A method for preprocessing data before training
- ☐ A method for dimensionality reduction
- ☒ A technique that combines the predictions of multiple models to improve overall performance
- ☐ A type of feature extraction technique

✓



✓ What is the primary goal of hyperparameter tuning in machine learning? 1/1

- ☐ To eliminate bias in the model
- ☐ To minimize overfitting
- ☒ To identify the best set of model parameters and settings for optimal performance ✓
- ☐ To reduce the dimensionality of the data

✗ Which technique is used for reducing the dimensionality of data in deep learning? 0/1

- ☐ Principal Component Analysis (PCA)
- ☐ Batch normalization
- ☒ Max-pooling ✗
- ☐ One-hot encoding

Correct answer

- ☒ Principal Component Analysis (PCA)



✗ Which machine learning algorithm is often used for anomaly detection in time series data, such as identifying unusual patterns in network traffic or fraud detection? 0/1

- ☒ Decision Trees
- ☐ Support Vector Machine (SVM)
- ☐ Hidden Markov Models (HMM)
- ☐ Logistic Regression



Correct answer

- ☒ Hidden Markov Models (HMM)

✓ Which evaluation metric is commonly used for regression problems to assess the goodness of fit of a model's predictions to the actual values? 1/1

- ☐ F1 Score
- ☒ Mean Absolute Error (MAE)
- ☐ Precision
- ☐ Recall



✓ What is the primary difference between supervised learning and unsupervised learning in deep learning? 1/1

- ☒ Supervised learning uses labeled data for training, while unsupervised learning uses unlabeled data. ✓
- ☐ Supervised learning is used for regression tasks, while unsupervised learning is used for classification tasks.
- ☐ Supervised learning has a higher degree of model interpretability compared to unsupervised learning.
- ☐ Unsupervised learning uses reinforcement learning algorithms for training

✓ Which technique can be used to address the curse of dimensionality in high-dimensional datasets? 1/1

- ☐ Adding more features
- ☐ Feature scaling
- ☒ Dimensionality reduction ✓
- ☐ Imputation

✓ How can you create a new column 'new_column' in a DataFrame **df** that contains the sum of two existing columns 'col1' and 'col2'? 1/1

- ☒ `df['new_column'] = df['col1'] + df['col2']` ✓
- ☐ `df.add_column('new_column', df['col1'] + df['col2'])`
- ☐ `df.new_column = df.col1 + df.col2`
- ☐ `df.set_column('new_column', df.col1 + df.col2)`



✓ Which machine learning algorithm is commonly used for sentiment analysis and text classification tasks, particularly when dealing with text data? 1/1

- ☐ K-Means Clustering
- ☐ Decision Trees
- ☒ Naive Bayes
- ☐ Random Forest



✓ Which machine learning technique is used for solving sequential decision-making problems with a Markovian property, such as autonomous driving or game playing? 1/1

- ☒ Reinforcement Learning
- ☐ Unsupervised Learning
- ☐ Principal Component Analysis (PCA)
- ☐ Genetic Algorithms



✓ What is the primary objective of Natural Language Processing (NLP) in machine learning? 1/1

- ☐ To identify patterns in numerical data
- ☒ To understand and process human language data
- ☐ To perform clustering of text documents
- ☐ To predict stock market prices



✓ How can you create a new column 'new_column' in a DataFrame **df** that contains the row-wise mean of all columns? 1/1

- ☐ `df.new_column = df.mean(axis=1)`
- ☒ `df['new_column'] = df.mean(axis=1)` ✓
- ☐ `df.insert('new_column', df.mean(axis=1))`
- ☐ `df['new_column'] = df.sum(axis=1) / len(df.columns)`

✓ How can you calculate the percentage change of a DataFrame **df** along the 1/1 columns?

- ☒ `df.pct_change()` ✓
- ☐ `df.calculate_change()`
- ☐ `df.percent_change()`
- ☐ `df.change()`

✓ What is the primary purpose of the Expectation-Maximization (EM) algorithm in machine learning? 1/1

- ☒ To estimate the parameters of a statistical model when some data is missing or hidden ✓
- ☐ To maximize the accuracy of a model on the training data
- ☐ To optimize the hyperparameters of a neural network
- ☐ To find the global minimum of a non-convex loss function



✗ What does the `merge_asof()` function in Pandas do?

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- ☐ Merges two DataFrames based on the closest match to a key column.
- ☒ Merges two DataFrames based on a common column.
- ☐ Merges two DataFrames based on a specified time interval.
- ☐ None of the above.

Correct answer

- ☒ Merges two DataFrames based on the closest match to a key column.

✓ What is the purpose of transfer learning in deep learning?

1/1

- ☐ Learning to transfer data between different devices
- ☒ Using pre-trained models to improve performance on a new task
- ☐ Transferring data between the training and validation sets
- ☐ Transferring gradients between layers in a neural network

✓ What is the purpose of Principal Component Analysis (PCA) in dimensionality reduction?

1/1

- ☐ To remove noisy data points from the dataset
- ☒ To eliminate irrelevant features and reduce data dimensionality
- ☐ To increase the dimensionality of the data
- ☐ To separate data into distinct clusters

✓ How can you create a pivot table with multiple aggregation functions for a DataFrame **df**? 1/1

- ☒ `df.pivot_table(values='value_column', index='index_column', columns='columns_column', aggfunc=['sum', 'mean'])` ✓
- ☐ `df.pivot_table(values='value_column', index='index_column', columns='columns_column', aggfunc='sum', aggfunc='mean')`
- ☐ `df.pivot_table(values='value_column', index='index_column', columns='columns_column', aggfunc='sum, mean')`
- ☐ `df.pivot_table(values='value_column', index='index_column', columns='columns_column', aggfunc='sum_mean')`

✗ How can you calculate the z-scores of a specific column 'column_name' in a DataFrame **df**? 0/1

- ☒ `df['column_name'].zscore()` ✗
- ☐ `(df['column_name'] - df['column_name'].mean()) / df['column_name'].std()`
- ☐ `df['column_name'].transform(lambda x: (x - x.mean()) / x.std())`
- ☐ All of the above

Correct answer

- ☒ All of the above



✓ In machine learning, what is the main purpose of transfer learning? 1/1

- ☐ To transfer data between different machines
- ☐ To transfer models between different machine learning frameworks
- ☒ To transfer knowledge from one task or domain to another, typically by fine-tuning a pre-trained model ✓
- ☐ To transfer labeled data to an unlabeled dataset

✓ What does the term "bias-variance trade-off" refer to in machine learning? 1/1

- ☐ The trade-off between precision and recall in classification models
- ☐ The trade-off between model complexity and model accuracy
- ☐ The balance between the mean squared error and the number of features
- ☒ The trade-off between underfitting and overfitting in a model ✓

✓ Which type of machine learning task involves grouping similar data points into clusters based on their features, without predefined class labels? 1/1

- ☐ Regression
- ☐ Classification
- ☒ Clustering ✓
- ☐ Anomaly Detection





What is the vanishing gradient problem in deep learning?

1/1

- ☐ It occurs when gradients are too large and lead to divergence.
- ☐ It is a problem related to overfitting.
- ☒ It happens when gradients in a neural network become very small during training.
- ☐ It is a term used in generative adversarial networks (GANs).



How can you calculate the cumulative sum of a DataFrame **df** along the columns?

1/1

- ☐ `df.cumulative_sum(axis=0)`
- ☒ `df.cumsum(axis=1)`
- ☐ `df.cumulative(axis=1)`
- ☐ `df.cumulative_sum(axis=1)`



✓ In the context of deep learning, what is a "vanishing gradient" problem, and how is it typically addressed? 1/1

- ☐ It is a problem where gradients become extremely large, leading to numerical instability. It is addressed by using gradient clipping.
- ☒ It is a problem where gradients become very small, making it difficult to update model parameters in deep networks. It is addressed by using activation functions that mitigate this issue, such as ReLU. ✓
- ☐ . It is a problem where gradients converge to a local minimum, leading to suboptimal solutions. It is addressed by increasing the learning rate.
- ☐ It is a problem that occurs when there are too many layers in a neural network, leading to slow training times. It is addressed by using shallow networks.

✓ How can you sort a DataFrame **df** based on values in the column 'column_name' in ascending order? 1/1

- ☐ df.sort('column_name')
- ☒ df.sort_values('column_name', ascending=True) ✓
- ☐ df.sort_by('column_name')
- ☐ df.order_by('column_name')



✗ What does the **query()** function in Pandas do?

0/1

- ☐ Selects rows from a DataFrame based on a query string.
- ☐ Performs SQL-like operations on a DataFrame.
- ☐ Calculates the mean value of each group.
- ☒ None of the above.

✗

Correct answer

- ☒ Selects rows from a DataFrame based on a query string.

✓ What is the primary purpose of a Confusion Matrix in machine learning?

1/1

- ☐ To visualize the decision boundary of a classification model
- ☒ To summarize the performance of a classification model, showing the number of true positives, true negatives, false positives, and false negatives
- ☐ To reduce overfitting in a neural network
- ☐ To optimize hyperparameters in an ensemble learning model

✓

✓ Which of the following is an example of a non-parametric machine learning algorithm? Name

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- ☐ Linear Regression
- ☐ K-Means Clustering
- ☐ Support Vector Machine (SVM)
- ☒ k-Nearest Neighbors (KNN)

✓



- ✓ In ensemble learning, what is the purpose of stacking (stacked generalization)? 1/1
- ☐ To create a stack of physical hardware for distributed machine learning
 - ☐ To stack multiple layers of neurons in a neural network
 - ☒ To combine predictions from multiple base models using a meta-model ✓
 - ☐ To perform feature engineering by stacking features from different sources

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