

Introduction to Statistical Computing in Scala - an Implementation of the K-Nearest Neighbors classifier

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Abstract—Statistical computing in ecology evolves at a high speed, mainly because researchers have recognized the advantage of being able to design their algorithms according to their needs. The present paper introduces the implementation in Scala of the k-Nearest Neighbors (kNN) classifier based on Euclidean distances, which can be applied also on small datasets, a situation commonly encountered in ecological research.

Index Terms—machine learning in ecology, k-Nearest Neighbors classification, Scala

I. INTRODUCTION

One of the drivers of the machine-learning progress is the great amount of data born within and gathered by networked and mobile computing systems which necessitates further processing in order to gain insights into the specific fields from which it originates (Jordan and Mitchell 2015, p. 256). The "Big Data phenomenon"

II. CONCLUSION

APPENDIX A
SOURCE FILE 1

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APPENDIX B
SOURCE FILE 2

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