

ASSIGNMENT – 2

MACHINE LEARNING

Q1 to Q11 have only one correct answer. Choose the correct option to answer your question.

1. Movie Recommendation systems are an example of:

- i) Classification
- ii) Clustering
- iii) Regression

Options:

- a) 2 Only b) 1 and 2
- c) 1 and 3 d) 2 and 3

Ans- A

2. Sentiment Analysis is an example of:

- i) Regression
- ii) Classification
- iii) Clustering
- iv) Reinforcement

Options:

- a) 1 Only b) 1 and 2
- c) 1 and 3 d) 1, 2 and 4

Ans- D

3. Can decision trees be used for performing clustering?

- a) True b) False

Ans- A

4. Which of the following is the most appropriate strategy for data cleaning before performing clustering analysis, given less than desirable number of data points:

- i) Capping and flooring of variables
- ii) Removal of outliers

Options:

- a) 1 only b) 2 only
- c) 1 and 2 d) None of the above

Ans- A

5. What is the minimum no. of variables/ features required to perform clustering?

- a) 0 b) 1
- c) 2 d) 3

Ans- B

6. For two runs of K-Mean clustering is it expected to get same clustering results?

- a) Yes b) No

Ans- B

7. Is it possible that Assignment of observations to clusters does not change between successive iterations in K-Means?

- a) Yes b) No
- c) Can't say d) None of these

Ans- A

8. Which of the following can act as possible termination conditions in K-Means?
- i) For a fixed number of iterations.
 - ii) Assignment of observations to clusters does not change between iterations. Except for cases with a bad local minimum.
 - iii) Centroids do not change between successive iterations.
 - iv) Terminate when RSS falls below a threshold.

Options:

- a) 1, 3 and 4 b) 1, 2 and 3
- c) 1, 2 and 4 d) All of the above

Ans- D

9. Which of the following algorithms is most sensitive to outliers?

- a) K-means clustering algorithm b) K-medians clustering algorithm
- c) K-modes clustering algorithm d) K-medoids clustering algorithm

Ans- A

10. How can Clustering (Unsupervised Learning) be used to improve the accuracy of Linear Regression model (Supervised Learning):

- i) Creating different models for different cluster groups.
- ii) Creating an input feature for cluster ids as an ordinal variable.
- iii) Creating an input feature for cluster centroids as a continuous variable.
- iv) Creating an input feature for cluster size as a continuous variable.

Options:

- a) 1 only b) 2 only
- c) 3 and 4 d) All of the above

Ans- D

11. What could be the possible reason(s) for producing two different dendrograms using agglomerative clustering algorithms for the same dataset?

- a) Proximity function used b) of data points used
- c) of variables used d) All of the above

Ans- D

Q12 to Q14 are subjective answers type questions, Answers them in their own words briefly

12. Is K sensitive to outliers?

Ans- The K-means clustering algorithm is sensitive to outliers, because a mean is easily influenced by extreme values. The group of points in the right form a cluster, while the rightmost point is an outlier.

13. Why is K means better?

Ans- K means algorithm is good in capturing structure of the data if clusters have a spherical-like shape. It always try to construct a nice spherical shape around the centroid. That means, the minute the clusters have a complicated geometric shapes, k means does a poor job in clustering the data.

14. Is K means a deterministic algorithm?

Ans- The basic k-means clustering is based on a non-deterministic algorithm. This means that running the algorithm several times on the same data, could give different results.