

MACHINE LEARNING – WORKSHEET  
(CLUSTERING)

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

**1. Movie Recommendation systems are an example of:**

1. Classification
2. Clustering
3. Reinforcement Learning
4. Regression

Options:

- a. 2 Only
- b. 1 and 2
- c. 1 and 3
- d. 2 and 3
- e. 1, 2 and 3
- f. 1, 2, 3 and 4

**2. Sentiment Analysis is an example of:**

1. Regression
2. Classification
3. Clustering
4. Reinforcement Learning

Options:

- a. 1 Only
- b. 1 and 2
- c. 1 and 3
- d. 1, 2 and 3
- e. 1, 2 and 4
- f. 1, 2, 3 and 4

**3. Can decision trees be used for performing clustering?**

- a. True
- b. False

**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:**

- a. Capping and flooring of variables
- b. Removal of outliers

Options:

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

5. What is the minimum no. of variables/ features required to perform clustering?
- 0
  - 1 ✓
  - 2
  - 3
6. For two runs of K-Mean clustering is it expected to get same clustering results?
- Yes
  - No ✓
7. Is it possible that Assignment of observations to clusters does not change between successive iterations in K-Means
- Yes ✓
  - No
  - Can't say
  - None of these
8. Which of the following can act as possible termination conditions in K-Means?
- For a fixed number of iterations.
  - Assignment of observations to clusters does not change between iterations. Except for cases with a bad local minimum.
  - Centroids do not change between successive iterations.
  - Terminate when RSS falls below a threshold.
- Options:
- 1, 3 and 4
  - 1, 2 and 3
  - 1, 2 and 4
  - All of the above ✓
9. Which of the following can act as possible termination conditions in K-Means?
- K- Means clustering algorithm
  - Agglomerative clustering algorithm
  - Expectation-Maximization clustering algorithm
  - Diverse clustering algorithm
- Options:
- 1 only
  - 2 and 3
  - 2 and 4
  - 1 and 3 ✓
  - 1,2 and 4
  - All of the above
10. Which of the following algorithms is most sensitive to outliers?
- K-means clustering algorithm ✓
  - K-medians clustering algorithm
  - K-modes clustering algorithm
  - K-medoids clustering algorithm

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

1. Creating different models for different cluster groups.
2. Creating an input feature for cluster ids as an ordinal variable.
3. Creating an input feature for cluster centroids as a continuous variable.
4. Creating an input feature for cluster size as a continuous variable.

Options:

- a. 1 only
- b. 1 and 2
- c. 1 and 4
- d. 3 only
- e. 2 and 4 ✓
- f. All of the above

**12.** 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. B and c only
- e. All of the above ✓

**Q13 to Q15 are subjective answers type questions, Answers them in their own words briefly**

**13.** Is K sensitive to outliers?

**14.** Why is K means better?

**15.** Is K means a deterministic algorithm?

13 answer: K-means clustering algorithm is sensitive to outliers, because a mean is easily influenced by extreme values. K-medoids clustering is a variant of K-means that is more robust to noises and outliers. The group of points in the right form a cluster, while the rightmost point is an outlier.

14 answer: Other clustering algorithms with better features tend to be more expensive. In this case, k-means becomes a great solution for pre-clustering, reducing the space into disjoint smaller sub-spaces where other clustering algorithms can be applied. K-means is the simplest. To implement and to run

15 answer: 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. However, to ensure consistent results, FCS Express performs k-means clustering using a deterministic method.