Project 3: Classification

This project is optional.

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Partners. Undergraduate students may work with one other partner. Both of you are required to submit the project. Please designate your partner's name so we know with whom you worked.

You will build a classifier that guesses whether a movie is romance or action, using only the numbers of times words appear in the movies's screenplay. By the end of the project, you should know how to:

- 1. Build a k-nearest-neighbors classifier.
- 2. Test a classifier on data.

Logistics

Deadline. This project is due at 11:59pm EDT on Friday 4/24.

Rules. Don't share your code with anybody but your partner. You are welcome to discuss questions with other students, but don't share the answers. The experience of solving the problems in this project will prepare you for exams (and life). If someone asks you for the answer, resist! Instead, you can demonstrate how you would solve a similar problem.

Support. You are not alone! Come to office hours, post on Piazza, and talk to your classmates. If you want to ask about the details of your solution to a problem, make a private Piazza post and the staff will respond. If you're ever feeling overwhelmed or don't know how to make progress, be sure to come to office hours and speak to a TF, ULA, or instructor.

Advice. Develop your answers incrementally. To perform a complicated table manipulation, break it up into steps, perform each step on a different line, give a new name to each result, and check that each intermediate result is what you expect. You can add any additional names or functions you want to the provided cells.

All of the concepts necessary for this project are found in the textbook. If you are stuck on a particular problem, reading through the relevant textbook section often will help clarify the concept.

To get started, load datascience, numpy, and plots.

Credit: This project has been adapted from Berkeley's Data8 course.

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In []: # Run this cell to set up the notebook, but please don't change it.

import numpy as np
import math
from datascience import *

# These lines set up the plotting functionality and formatting.
import matplotlib
matplotlib.use('Agg', warn=False)
%matplotlib inline
import matplotlib.pyplot as plots
plots.style.use('fivethirtyeight')
import warnings
warnings.simplefilter(action="ignore", category=FutureWarning)
```

1. The Dataset

In this project, we are exploring movie screenplays. We'll be trying to predict each movie's genre from the text of its screenplay. In particular, we have compiled a list of 5,000 words that occur in conversations between movie characters. For each movie, our dataset tells us the frequency with which each of these words occurs in certain conversations in its screenplay. All words have been converted to lowercase.

Run the cell below to read the movies table. It may take up to a minute to load.

The above cell prints a few columns of the row for the action movie *The Matrix*. The movie contains 3792 words. The word "it" appears 115 times, as it makes up a fraction $\frac{115}{3792} \approx 0.030327$ of the words in the movie. The word "not" appears 33 times, as it makes up a fraction $\frac{33}{3792} \approx 0.00870253$ of the words. The word "fling" doesn't appear at all.

This numerical representation of a body of text, one that describes only the frequencies of individual words, is called a bag-of-words representation. A lot of information is discarded in this representation: the order of the words, the context of each word, who said what, the cast of characters and actors, etc. However, a bag-of-words representation is often used for machine learning applications as a reasonable starting point, because a great deal of information is also retained and expressed in a convenient and compact format. In this project, we will investigate whether this representation is sufficient to build an accurate genre classifier.

All movie titles are unique. The row_for_title function provides fast access to the one row for each title.

```
In [ ]: title_index = movies.index_by('Title')
def row_for_title(title):
    """Return the row for a title, similar to the following expression
    (but faster)

    movies.where('Title', title).row(0)
    """
    return title_index.get(title)[0]
```

For example, the fastest way to find the frequency of "hey" in the movie *The Terminator* is to access the 'hey' item from its row. Check the original table to see if this worked for you!

```
In [ ]: row_for_title('the terminator').item('hey')
```

Question 1.1. Set expected_row_sum to the number that you **expect** will result from summing all proportions in each row, excluding the first six columns.

```
In [ ]: # Set row_sum to a number that's the (approximate) sum of each row of
    word proportions.
    expected_row_sum = ...
```

This dataset was extracted from a dataset from Cornell University (http://www.cs.cornell.edu/~cristian/Cornell_Movie-Dialogs_Corpus.html). After transforming the dataset (e.g., converting the words to lowercase, removing the naughty words, and converting the counts to frequencies), we created this new dataset containing the frequency of 5000 common words in each movie.

```
In [ ]: print('Words with frequencies:', movies.drop(np.arange(6)).num_columns
)
    print('Movies with genres:', movies.num_rows)
```

Word Stemming

The columns other than "Title", "Genre", "Year", "Rating", "# Votes" and "# Words" in the movies table are all words that appear in some of the movies in our dataset. These words have been *stemmed*, or abbreviated heuristically, in an attempt to make different <u>inflected (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Inflection)</u> forms of the same base word into the same string. For example, the column "manag" is the sum of proportions of the words "manage", "manager", "managed", and "managerial" (and perhaps others) in each movie. This is a common technique used in machine learning and natural language processing.

Stemming makes it a little tricky to search for the words you want to use, so we have provided another table that will let you see examples of unstemmed versions of each stemmed word. Run the code below to load it.

```
In [ ]: # Just run this cell.
   vocab_mapping = Table.read_table('stem.csv')
   stemmed = np.take(movies.labels, np.arange(3, len(movies.labels)))
   vocab_table = Table().with_column('Stem', stemmed).join('Stem', vocab_mapping)
   vocab_table.take(np.arange(1100, 1110))
```

Question 1.2. Assign stemmed_message to the stemmed version of the word "alternating".

```
In [ ]: # Set stemmed_message to the stemmed version of "alternating" (which
    # should be a string). Use vocab_table.
    stemmed_message = ...
    stemmed_message
```

Question 1.3. Assign unstemmed_run to an array of words in vocab_table that have "run" as its stemmed form.

```
In [ ]: # Set unstemmed_run to the unstemmed versions of "run" (which
# should be an array of string).
unstemmed_run = ...
unstemmed_run
```

Question 1.4. Which word in vocab_table was shortened the most by this stemming process? Assign most_shortened to the word. If there are multiple words, use the word whose first letter is latest in the alphabet (so if your options are albatross or batman, you should pick batman).

It's an example of how heuristic stemming can collapse two unrelated words into the same stem (which is bad, but happens a lot in practice anyway).

```
In []: # In our solution, we found it useful to first make an array
  # containing the number of characters that was
  # chopped off of each word in vocab_table, but you don't have
  # to do that.
  most_shortened = ...

# This will display your answer and its shortened form.
  vocab_table.where('Word', most_shortened)
```

Splitting the dataset

We're going to use our movies dataset for two purposes.

- 1. First, we want to train movie genre classifiers.
- 2. Second, we want to *test* the performance of our classifiers.

Hence, we need two different datasets: *training* and *test*.

The purpose of a classifier is to classify unseen data that is similar to the training data. Therefore, we must ensure that there are no movies that appear in both sets. We do so by splitting the dataset randomly. The dataset has already been permuted randomly, so it's easy to split. We just take the top for training and the rest for test.

Run the code below (without changing it) to separate the datasets into two tables.

Question 1.5. Draw a horizontal bar chart with two bars that show the proportion of Action movies in each dataset. Complete the function action proportion first; it should help you create the bar chart.

2. K-Nearest Neighbors - A Guided Example

k-Nearest Neighbors (k-NN) is a classification algorithm. Given some *attributes* (also called *features*) of an unseen example, it decides whether that example belongs to one or the other of two categories based on its similarity to previously seen examples. Predicting the category of an example is called *labeling*, and the predicted category is also called a *label*.

An attribute (feature) we have about each movie is the proportion of times a particular word appears in the movies, and the labels are two movie genres: romance and action. The algorithm requires many previously seen examples for which both the attributes and labels are known: that's the train_movies table.

To build understanding, we're going to visualize the algorithm instead of just describing it.

Classifying a movie

In k-NN, we classify a movie by finding the k movies in the *training set* that are most similar according to the features we choose. We call those movies with similar features the *nearest neighbors*. The k-NN algorithm assigns the movie to the most common category among its k nearest neighbors.

Let's limit ourselves to just 2 features for now, so we can plot each movie. The features we will use are the proportions of the words "money" and "feel" in the movie. Taking the movie "Batman Returns" (in the test set), 0.000502 of its words are "money" and 0.004016 are "feel". This movie appears in the test set, so let's imagine that we don't yet know its genre.

First, we need to make our notion of similarity more precise. We will say that the *distance* between two movies is the straight-line distance between them when we plot their features in a scatter diagram. This distance is called the Euclidean ("yoo-KLID-ee-un") distance, whose formula is $\sqrt{(x_1 - x_2)^2 + (y_1 - y_2)^2}$.

For example, in the movie *Titanic* (in the training set), 0.0009768 of all the words in the movie are "money" and 0.0017094 are "feel". Its distance from *Batman Returns* on this 2-word feature set is $\sqrt{(0.000502-0.0009768)^2+(0.004016-0.0017094)^2}\approx 0.00235496$ (If we included more or different features, the distance could be different.)

A third movie, The Avengers (in the training set), is 0 "money" and 0.001115 "feel".

The function below creates a plot to display the "money" and "feel" features of a test movie and some training movies. As you can see in the result, *Batman Returns* is more similar to *Titanic* than to *The Avengers* based on these features. However, we know that *Batman Returns* and *The Avengers* are both action movies, so intuitively we'd expect them to be more similar. Unfortunately, that isn't always the case. We'll discuss this more later.

```
In [ ]: # Just run this cell.
        def plot with two features (test movie, training movies, x feature, y f
        eature):
            """Plot a test movie and training movies using two features."""
            test row = row for title(test movie)
            distances = Table().with columns(
                    x feature, [test row.item(x feature)],
                    y feature, [test row.item(y feature)],
                    'Color', ['unknown'],
                    'Title', [test movie]
            for movie in training movies:
                row = row for title(movie)
                distances.append([row.item(x feature), row.item(y feature), ro
        w.item('Genre'), movie])
            distances.scatter(x feature, y feature, colors='Color', labels='Ti
        tle', s=30)
        training = ["titanic", "the avengers"]
        plot with two features("batman returns", training, "money", "feel")
        plots.axis([-0.001, 0.0015, -0.001, 0.006]);
```

Question 2.1. Compute the distance between the two action movies, *Batman Returns* and *The Avengers*, using the money and feel features only. Assign it the name action distance.

Note: If you have a row, you can use item to get a value from a column by its name. For example, if r is a row, then r.item("Genre") is the value in column "Genre" in row r.

Hint: Remember the function row for title, redefined for you below.

```
In [ ]: title_index = movies.index_by('Title')
    def row_for_title(title):
        """Return the row for a title, similar to the following expression
        (but faster)

        movies.where('Title', title).row(0)
        """
        return title_index.get(title)[0]
In [ ]: batman = row_for_title("batman returns")
```

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In [ ]: batman = row_for_title("batman returns")
    avengers = row_for_title("the avengers")
    action_distance = ...
    action_distance
```

Below, we've added a third training movie, *The Terminator*. Before, the point closest to *Batman Returns* was *Titanic*, a romance movie. However, now the closest point is *The Terminator*, an action movie.

```
In [ ]: training = ["the avengers", "titanic", "the terminator"]
    plot_with_two_features("batman returns", training, "money", "feel")
    plots.axis([-0.001, 0.0015, -0.001, 0.006]);
```

Question 2.2. Complete the function distance_two_features that computes the Euclidean distance between any two movies, using two features. The last two lines call your function to show that *Batman Returns* is closer to *The Terminator* than *The Avengers*.

```
In []: def distance_two_features(title0, title1, x_feature, y_feature):
    """Compute the distance between two movies with titles title0 and
    title1

    Only the features named x_feature and y_feature are used when comp
    uting the distance.
    """
    row0 = ...
    row1 = ...
    ...

for movie in make_array("the terminator", "the avengers"):
        movie_distance = distance_two_features(movie, "batman returns", "m
    oney", "feel")
        print(movie, 'distance:\t', movie_distance)
```

Question 2.3. Define the function distance_from_batman_returns so that it works as described in its documentation.

Note: Your solution should not use arithmetic operations directly. Instead, it should make use of existing functionality above!

Question 2.4. Using the features "money" and "feel", what are the names and genres of the 7 movies in the training set closest to "batman returns"? To answer this question, make a table named close_movies containing those 7 movies with columns "Title", "Genre", "money", and "feel", as well as a column called "distance from batman" that contains the distance from batman returns". The table should be sorted in ascending order by distance from batman.

Question 2.5. Next, we'll clasify "batman returns" based on the genres of the closest movies.

To do so, define the function most common so that it works as described in its documentation below.

```
In []: def most_common(label, table):
    """The most common element in a column of a table.

    This function takes two arguments:
        label: The label of a column, a string.
        table: A table.

    It returns the most common value in that column of that table.
    In case of a tie, it returns any one of the most common values
    """
    ...

# Calling most_common on your table of 7 nearest neighbors classifies
    # "batman returns" as a romance movie, 5 votes to 2.
    most_common('Genre', close_movies)
```

Congratulations are in order -- you've classified your first movie! However, we can see that the classifier doesn't work too well since it categorized Batman Returns as a romance movie (unless you count the bromance between Alfred and Batman). Let's see if we can do better!

3. Features

Now, we're going to extend our classifier to consider more than two features at a time.

Euclidean distance still makes sense with more than two features. For n different features, we compute the difference between corresponding feature values for two movies, square each of the n differences, sum up the resulting numbers, and take the square root of the sum.

Question 3.1. Write a function to compute the Euclidean distance between two **arrays** of features of arbitrary (but equal) length. Use it to compute the distance between the first movie in the training set and the first movie in the test set, *using all of the features*. (Remember that the first six columns of your tables are not features.)

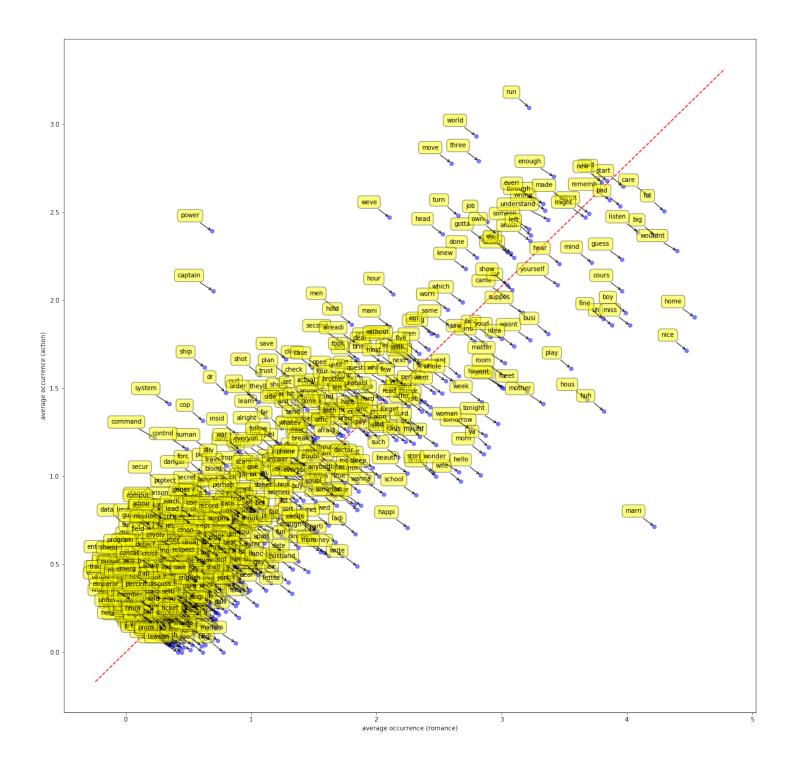
Note: To convert rows to arrays, use np.array. For example, if t was a table, np.array([t.row(i)])[0] converts row i of t into an array.

Creating your own feature set

Unfortunately, using all of the features has some downsides. One clear downside is *computational* -- computing Euclidean distances just takes a long time when we have lots of features. You might have noticed that in the last question!

So we're going to select just 20. We'd like to choose features that are very *discriminative*. That is, features which lead us to correctly classify as much of the test set as possible. This process of choosing features that will make a classifier work well is sometimes called *feature selection*, or more broadly *feature engineering*.

Question 3.2. In this question, we will help you get started on selecting more effective features for distinguishing romance from action movies. The plot below (generated for you) shows the average number of times each word occurs in a romance movie on the horizontal axis and the average number of times it occurs in an action movie on the vertical axis.



The following questions ask you to interpret the plot above. For each question, select one of the following choices and assign its number to the provided name.

- 1. The word is uncommon in both action and romance movies
- 2. The word is common in action movies and uncommon in romance movies
- 3. The word is uncommon in action movies and common in romance movies
- 4. The word is common in both action and romance movies
- 5. It is not possible to say from the plot

What properties does a word in the bottom left corner of the plot have? Your answer should be a single integer from 1 to 5, corresponding to the correct statement from the choices above.

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In [ ]: bottom_left = ...
```

What properties does a word in the bottom right corner have?

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In [ ]: bottom_right = ...
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What properties does a word in the top right corner have?

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In [ ]: top_right = ...
```

What properties does a word in the top left corner have?

```
In [ ]: top_left = ...
```

If we see a movie with a lot of words that are common for action movies but uncommon for romance movies, what would be a reasonable guess about the genre of the movie?

- 1. It is an action movie.
- 2. It is a romance movie.

```
In [ ]: movie_genre_guess = ...
```

Question 3.3. Using the plot above, choose 20 common words that you think might let you distinguish between romance and action movies. Make sure to choose words that are frequent enough that every movie contains at least one of them. Don't just choose the 20 most frequent, though... you can do much better.

You might want to come back to this question later to improve your list, once you've seen how to evaluate your classifier.

Question 3.4. In two sentences or less, describe how you selected your features.

Write your answer here, replacing this text.

Next, let's classify the first movie from our test set using these features. You can examine the movie by running the cells below. Do you think it will be classified correctly?

```
In [ ]: print("Movie:")
   test_movies.take(0).select('Title', 'Genre').show()
   print("Features:")
   test_20.take(0).show()
```

As before, we want to look for the movies in the training set that are most like our test movie. We will calculate the Euclidean distances from the test movie (using the 20 selected features) to all movies in the training set. You could do this with a for loop, but to make it computationally faster, we have provided a function, fast_distances, to do this for you. Read its documentation to make sure you understand what it does. (You don't need to understand the code in its body unless you want to.)

```
In [ ]: | # Just run this cell to define fast distances.
        def fast distances(test row, train table):
            """An array of the distances between test row and each row in trai
        n rows.
            Takes 2 arguments:
              test row: A row of a table containing features of one
                test movie (e.g., test 20.row(0)).
              train table: A table of features (for example, the whole
                table train 20)."""
            assert train table.num columns < 50, "Make sure you're not using a
        ll the features of the movies table."
            counts matrix = np.asmatrix(train table.columns).transpose()
            diff = np.tile(np.array([test_row])[0], [counts matrix.shape[0], 1
        ]) - counts matrix
            np.random.seed(0) # For tie breaking purposes
            distances = np.squeeze(np.asarray(np.sqrt(np.square(diff).sum(1)))
            eps = np.random.uniform(size=distances.shape)*1e-10 #Noise for tie
        break
            distances = distances + eps
            return distances
```

Question 3.5. Use the fast_distances function provided above to compute the distance from the first movie in the test set to all the movies in the training set, **using your set of 20 features**. Make a new table called genre and distances with one row for each movie in the training set and two columns:

- The "Genre" of the training movie
- The "Distance" from the first movie in the test set

Ensure that genre and distances is sorted in increasing order by distance to the first test movie.

```
In [ ]: # The staff solution took 4 lines of code.
genre_and_distances = ...
genre_and_distances
```

Question 3.6. Now compute the 5-nearest neighbors classification of the first movie in the test set. That is, decide on its genre by finding the most common genre among its 5 nearest neighbors in the training set, according to the distances you've calculated. Then check whether your classifier chose the right genre. (Depending on the features you chose, your classifier might not get this movie right, and that's okay.)

```
In [ ]: # Set my_assigned_genre to the most common genre among these.
    my_assigned_genre = ...

# Set my_assigned_genre_was_correct to True if my_assigned_genre
    # matches the actual genre of the first movie in the test set.
    my_assigned_genre_was_correct = ...

print("The assigned genre, {}, was{}correct.".format(my_assigned_genre, " " if my_assigned_genre_was_correct else " not "))
```

A classifier function

Now we can write a single function that encapsulates the whole process of classification.

Question 3.7. Write a function called classify. It should take the following four arguments:

- A row of features for a movie to classify (e.g., test 20.row(0)).
- A table with a column for each feature (e.g., train 20).
- An array of classes that has as many items as the previous table has rows, and in the same order.
- k, the number of neighbors to use in classification.

It should return the class a k -nearest neighbor classifier picks for the given row of features (the string 'Romance' or the string 'Action').

```
In [ ]: def classify(test_row, train_rows, train_labels, k):
    """Return the most common class among k nearest neighbors to test_r
    ow."""
        distances = fast_distances(test_row, train_rows)
        genre_and_distances = ...
    ...
```

Question 3.8. Assign king_kong_genre to the genre predicted by your classifier for the movie "king kong" in the test set, using **11 neighbors** and using your 20 features.

```
In [ ]: # The staff solution first defined a row called king_kong_features.
    king_kong_genre = ...
    king_kong_genre
```

Finally, when we evaluate our classifier, it will be useful to have a classification function that is specialized to use a fixed training set and a fixed value of $\, \mathbf{k} \,$.

Question 3.9. Create a classification function that takes as its argument a row containing your 20 features and classifies that row using the 11-nearest neighbors algorithm with train 20 as its training set.

Evaluating your classifier

Now that it's easy to use the classifier, let's see how accurate it is on the whole test set.

Question 3.10. Use classify_feature_row and apply to classify every movie in the test set. Assign these guesses as an array to test guesses. **Then**, compute the proportion of correct classifications.

```
In [ ]: test_guesses = ...
    proportion_correct = ...
    proportion_correct
```

Question 3.11. An important part of evaluating your classifiers is figuring out where they make mistakes. Assign the name <code>test_movie_correctness</code> to a table with three columns, 'Title', 'Genre', and 'Was correct'. The last column should contain <code>True</code> or <code>False</code> depending on whether or not the movie was classified correctly.

```
In [ ]: test_movie_correctness = ...
test_movie_correctness.sort('Was correct', descending = True).show()
```

Question 3.12. Do you see a pattern in the mistakes that your classifier makes? In two sentences or less, describe any patterns you see in the results or any other interesting findings from the table above. If you need some help, try looking up the movies that your classifier got wrong on Wikipedia.

Write your answer here, replacing this text.

At this point, you've gone through one cycle of classifier design. Let's summarize the steps:

- 1. From available data, select test and training sets.
- 2. Choose an algorithm you're going to use for classification.
- 3. Identify some features.
- 4. Define a classifier function using your features and the training set.
- 5. Evaluate its performance (the proportion of correct classifications) on the test set.

4. Explorations

Now that you know how to evaluate a classifier, it's time to build a better one.

Question 4.1. Develop a classifier with better test-set accuracy than <code>classify_feature_row</code>. Your new function should have the same arguments as <code>classify_feature_row</code> and return a classification. Name it another <code>classifier</code>. Then, check your accuracy using code from earlier.

You can use more or different features, or you can try different values of k. (Of course, you still have to use train_movies as your training set!)

Make sure you don't reassign any previously used variables here, such as proportion_correct from the previous question.

```
In [ ]: # To start you off, here's a list of possibly-useful features:
    # FIXME: change these example features
    staff_features = make_array("come", "do", "have", "heart", "make", "ne
    ver", "now", "wanna", "with", "yo")

    train_staff = train_movies.select(staff_features)
    test_staff = test_movies.select(staff_features)

def another_classifier(row):
    return ...
```

Question 4.2. Do you see a pattern in the mistakes your new classifier makes? What about in the improvement from your first classifier to the second one? Describe in two sentences or less.

Hint: You may not be able to see a pattern.

Write your answer here, replacing this text.

Briefly describe what you tried to improve your classifier.

Write your answer here, replacing this text.

Congratulations: you're done with the required portion of the project! Time to submit. Submit your assignment as a .ipynb (Jupyter Notebook) and .pdf (download as .html, then print to save as a .pdf) on the class Canvas site.

5. Other Classification Methods (OPTIONAL)

Note: Everything below is **OPTIONAL**. Please only work on this part after you have finished and submitted the project. If you create new cells below, do NOT reassign variables defined in previous parts of the project.

Now that you've finished your k-NN classifier, you might be wondering what else you could do to improve your accuracy on the test set. Classification is one of many machine learning tasks, and there are plenty of other classification algorithms! If you feel so inclined, we encourage you to try any methods you feel might help improve your classifier.

We've compiled a list of blog posts with some more information about classification and machine learning. Create as many cells as you'd like below--you can use them to import new modules or implement new algorithms.

Blog posts:

- <u>Classification algorithms/methods (https://medium.com/@sifium/machine-learning-types-of-classification-9497bd4f2e14)</u>
- <u>Train/test split and cross-validation (https://towardsdatascience.com/train-test-split-and-cross-validation-in-python-80b61beca4b6)</u>
- More information about k-nearest neighbors (https://medium.com/@adi.bronshtein/a-quick-introduction-to-k-nearest-neighbors-algorithm-62214cea29c7)
- Overfitting (https://elitedatascience.com/overfitting-in-machine-learning)

In future data science classes, you'll learn about some about some of the algorithms in the blog posts above, including logistic regression. You'll also learn more about overfitting, cross-validation, and approaches to different kinds of machine learning problems.

There's a lot to think about, so we encourage you to find more information on your own!

Modules to think about using:

- Scikit-learn tutorial (http://scikit-learn.org/stable/tutorial/basic/tutorial.html)
- TensorFlow information (https://www.tensorflow.org/tutorials/)

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