

Homework 3

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Quiz Instructions

This homework consists of a collection of multiple choice questions.

More than one answer may be correct. You should select **all** the correct answers to get the points.



Question 1

3 pts

Suppose we have a binary classification problem with n features. Each feature in our problem can take one of three values A, B or C. How many binary classifiers are possible over this feature space?

☐ 2^n

☐ 3^{2^n}

☐ 3^n

☒ 2^{3^n}



Question 2

3 pts

How many disjunctions are possible with n Boolean features if we do not allow any negations?

☐ n^2

☐ 2^{2^n}

☐ n

☒ 2^n



Question 3

3 pts

An m-of-n function is defined as follows: Select a *fixed* subset of Boolean variables of size n . The function returns true for inputs where m of these chosen variables are true.

Which of the following statements are correct about m-of-n functions?

- ☒ Every conjunction without negations can be represented as a m-of-n function
- ☒ Every disjunction without negations can be represented as a m-of-n function
- ☐ Every Boolean function can be represented as a m-of-n function
- ☒ m-of-n functions can be represented by linear classifiers



Question 4

3 pts

Which of the following statements about decision trees are correct?

- ☒ Every Boolean function can be represented as a decision tree
- ☐ Every Boolean function can be represented by a unique decision tree
- ☒ Real valued features have to be discretized to use them with decision trees
- ☐ Decision trees represent only linearly separable functions



Question 5

3 pts

Suppose we know that

$$P(X = A) = \frac{1}{16},$$

$$P(X = B) = \frac{1}{16},$$

$$P(X = C) = \frac{1}{8},$$

$$P(X = D) = \frac{1}{4},$$

$$P(X = E) = \frac{1}{2}$$

Select all statements that are correct.

- ☐ These probabilities give the maximum possible value of the entropy of X
- ☒ Entropy(X) = 1.875
- ☐ Entropy(X) = 1.0
- ☐ These probabilities give the minimum possible value of the entropy of X



Question 6

3 pts

Which of the following statements about the ID3 algorithm are correct?

- ☐ It is an online algorithm.
- ☒ It assumes that the training set is chosen uniformly at random from the instance space.
- ☒ It will always find a decision tree that will fit any training set.
- ☐ It is a batch algorithm.



Question 7

3 pts

Suppose we have three features (x1, x2 and x3) and a label y that can be either A or B.
We have the following training set:

x1	x2	x3	y
0	0	0	B
0	1	1	A
1	1	0	B

1 0 1 B

- ☐ This data is not linearly separable.
- ☐ The entropy of the label is $2 + \frac{3}{4}\log_2 3$
- ☒ The entropy of the label is $2 - \frac{3}{4}\log_2 3$
- ☒ This data is linearly separable



Question 8

3 pts

If your training data has a missing feature value, which of the following approaches can be used to handle it in the ID3 algorithm?

- ☒ Use fractional feature values representing the proportion of training examples that take each value.
- ☒ Discard the training example because we can't use it for training.
- ☒ Use the most common value of that feature among the other examples that share the same label.
- ☒ Use the most common value of that feature among the other examples.



Question 9

3 pts

A learning algorithm is said to overfit its training data if:

- ☐ Its hypothesis space is too small to express the data.
- ☐ Its hypothesis space contains the true concept function
- ☐ Its training error is more than its generalization error.
- ☒ Its training error is less than its generalization error



Question 10

3 pts

Use the following data with features x_1 , x_2 and labels y and select all statements that are correct.

x_1	x_2	y
0	0	1
0	1	-1
1	0	-1
1	1	1

- ☐ This function can not be represented by a decision tree.
- ☒ This function can be represented by a decision tree.
- ☐ This function can be represented by a linear threshold unit.
- ☒ This function can not be represented by a linear threshold unit.



Question 11

3 pts

Which of the following Boolean functions with variables x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4 are linearly separable?

- ☒ Label is true if any two out of x_1, x_2 or x_4 are true
- ☒ $x_1 \vee \neg x_2$
- ☐ Label is true when an even number of x 's are true.
- ☒ $x_1 \wedge \neg x_2$



Question 12

3 pts

You have a dataset on which you ran the Perceptron algorithm. You find that the algorithm doesn't stop making mistakes. Which of the following *may* help?

- ☐ Nothing will help.

- ☐ Delete examples where the algorithm makes mistakes and try again.
- ☒ Transform the data using a non-linear feature transformation.
- ☒ Run multiple epochs over shuffled versions of the data.



Question 13

3 pts

Which of the following linear threshold units is equivalent to the following Boolean function: $x_1 \vee x_2 \vee x_3$?

- ☒ $\text{sgn}(x_1 + x_2 + x_3 - 1)$
- ☐ $\text{sgn}(x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + 1)$
- ☐ $\text{sgn}(-x_1 - x_2 - x_3 - 1)$
- ☐ $\text{sgn}(-x_1 - x_2 - x_3 + 1)$



Question 14

3 pts

You have been hired as a machine learning consultant by a local company. You have to build a classifier whether a customer who received an email promotion will make a purchase or not. What can you say about this problem?

- ☐ It is a regression problem
- ☒ It is a binary classification problem
- ☐ It is a multi-class classification problem
- ☐ There is not enough information yet.



Question 15

3 pts

Which of the following statements are true about the least mean square regression?

- ☐ Stochastic gradient descent will converge to a better optimum than gradient descent
- ☒ The weights can be obtained analytically without requiring an optimization algorithm.
- ☐ Gradient descent will never converge to the optimum weights
- ☒ Gradient descent can eventually converge to the optimum weights if the algorithm runs long enough.



Question 16

3 pts

How many mistakes will the Halving algorithm make on disjunctions with n Boolean features where every variable has to be negated?

- ☐ $O(2^n)$
- ☐ $O(\log n)$
- ☐ $O(n^2)$
- ☒ $O(n)$



Question 17

3 pts

How many k -disjunctions are possible with n Boolean variables if we do not allow negations?

- ☐ $\binom{n}{k}$
- ☒ $2^k \binom{n}{k}$
- ☐ 3^k

☐ 2^k



Question 18

3 pts

Which of the following statements is true about the original Perceptron algorithm?

- ☒ It is an online algorithm
- ☒ It learns a linear classifier
- ☐ It is a batch algorithm
- ☒ It is a mistake bound algorithm



Question 19

3 pts

Consider a single round of the Perceptron update. Say your current weight vector (which includes a bias weight) is $[1, 1, 1, 1]$ and the current example is $[-1, 2, 2, 1]$ with a label -1. What will the weight vector be after the round is complete? Assume that the learning rate is 1.

- ☐ $[0, 1, 1, 0]$
- ☒ $[2, -1, -1, 0]$
- ☐ $[1, 1, 1, 1]$
- ☐ $[0, 3, 3, 2]$



Question 20

3 pts

Which of the following statements about the perceptron update is true?

- ☒ For a positive example, after the update, the dot product of the new weights and the example will be higher than it was before.

- ☐ For a negative example, after the update, the dot product of the new weights and the example will be higher than it was before.
- ☐ For a positive example, after the update, the dot product of the new weights and the example will be lower than it was before.
- ☒ For a negative example, after the update, the dot product of the new weights and the example will be lower than it was before.



Question 21

3 pts

Consider the Boolean conjunction with two input features that is represented by the following data set:

x1	x2	y
0	0	0
0	1	0
1	0	0
1	1	1

What is the margin of this data set?

☐ $\frac{1}{2}$

☐ $\sqrt{2}$

☐ 1

☒ $\frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}$



Question 22

3 pts

According to the Perceptron mistake bound, what is the maximum number mistakes that the Perceptron algorithm make on a disjunction in n dimensions?

☒ $O(n^2)$

☐ $O(2^n)$

☐ $O(\log(n))$

☐ 1



Question 23

3 pts

Which of the following assumptions are used to formalize the PAC model of learnability?

☐ Examples are presented in a sequence to the learning algorithm

☒ Training examples are drawn independently of each other

☒ Training examples could be generated by an adversary

☒ Future examples will be drawn from the same fixed distribution as the training examples



Question 24

3 pts

Which of the following statements are true?

☒ The Halving algorithm can be used to learn a linear classifier.

☒ The Halving algorithm gives the best possible mistake bound for all Boolean functions.

☐ No Boolean function can be learned under the mistake bound model.

☐ The mistake bound model is only applicable for linear classifiers



Question 25

3 pts

Consider the following dataset with four features (x_1 , x_2 , x_3 , x_4) and a label y :

x_1	x_2	x_3	x_4	y
1	0	1	1	0
1	1	0	0	1
0	0	0	1	0
1	1	1	1	1

Which feature has the highest information gain?

☒ x_2

☐ x_4

☐ x_1

☐ x_3

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