

ASSIGNMENTWorking Principle of K-Nearest Neighbour (KNN) Algorithm

The K-Nearest Neighbours (KNN) algorithm is a supervised machine learning algorithm used for both classification and Regression task.

→ Working Principle

1. Choose the value of K.

Select the number of neighbour (K). It is usually a small positive integer (like 3, 5 or 7)

2. Calculate Distance

For the given test data, compute the distance between this point and all points in the training dataset.

The most commonly used distance metric is the Euclidean Distance

$$d(p, q) = \sqrt{(p_1 - q_1)^2 + (p_2 - q_2)^2 + \dots + (p_n - q_n)^2}$$

where

$P = (p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n) \rightarrow$ test data point

$q = (q_1, q_2, \dots, q_n) \rightarrow$ training data point

3. Find the K Nearest Neighbours
Sort all the distances and select the K pt.

4. Vote or Average

- i) For classification the majority class among the K nearest neighbours is assigned to the test point.
- ii) For regression, the average of the K nearest neighbours value is taken as the predicted value.

- 5) Return the Output

The predicted class or value is returned as the output of the given test data.