

11. How do you handle missing data?

Answer :

Handling Missing Data:

- Removal: Delete rows or columns with missing values.
- Imputation: Fill in missing values with mean, median, mode, or using algorithms like KNN.
- Prediction: Use models to predict and replace

missing values.

12. What are some common algorithms for clustering?

Answer :

Common Clustering Algorithms:

- K-Means: Partitions data into K clusters based on the mean distance.
- Hierarchical Clustering: Builds a hierarchy of

clusters using a tree-like structure.

- DBSCAN (Density-Based Spatial Clustering of Applications with Noise): Finds clusters based on the density of data points.

13. What is the difference between correlation and causation?

Answer :

Correlation:

- Measures the strength and direction of the relationship between two variables.
- Correlation does not imply causation.

Causation:

- Indicates that one event is the result of the occurrence of the other event; there is a cause-and-effect relationship.

14. Explain the Central Limit Theorem (CLT) and its significance.

Answer :

Central Limit Theorem (CLT):

- States that the distribution of the sample mean of a sufficiently large number of independent and identically distributed

(i.i.d.) variables will approximate a normal distribution, regardless of the original distribution of the population.

- Significance: Allows for the use of normal distribution properties in inferential statistics, such as confidence intervals and hypothesis testing.

15. What are some techniques for handling

imbalanced datasets?

Answer :

Techniques for Handling Imbalanced Datasets:

- Resampling:
Over-sampling the minority class or under-sampling the majority class.
- Synthetic Data Generation: Using techniques like SMOTE (Synthetic Minority

Over-sampling
Technique).

- Anomaly Detection:
Treating the minority
class as anomalies.

- Ensemble Methods:
Using algorithms like
Random Forest or
boosting that can handle
imbalance.

- Adjusting Class Weights:
Assigning higher weights
to the minority class
during training.

16. Explain the concept of feature engineering and its importance.

Answer :

Feature Engineering:

- The process of creating new features or modifying existing features to improve the performance of machine learning models.
- Importance: Helps in

providing better inputs to the model, thus improving accuracy and predictive power.

17. What is the purpose of regularization in machine learning?

Answer :

Regularization:

- A technique used to prevent overfitting by adding a penalty term to

the model's loss function.

- Types:

- L1 Regularization
(Lasso): Adds the
absolute value of
coefficients as penalty.

- L2 Regularization
(Ridge): Adds the squared
value of coefficients as
penalty.

18. How do you choose
the number of clusters in
K-means clustering?

Answer :

Choosing the Number of Clusters:

- Elbow Method: Plot the within-cluster sum of squares (WCSS) against the number of clusters and look for the "elbow" point.

- Silhouette Score: Measures how similar an object is to its own cluster compared to other

clusters.

- Gap Statistic: Compares the total within intra-cluster variation for different numbers of clusters with their expected values under null reference distribution of the data.

19. Explain the difference between PCA and LDA.

Answer :

Principal Component Analysis (PCA):

- A dimensionality reduction technique that projects data onto the directions of maximum variance.
- Unsupervised learning method.

Linear Discriminant Analysis (LDA):

- A classification and dimensionality reduction

technique that projects data to maximize the separation between classes.

- Supervised learning method.

20. What is the difference between a ROC curve and a Precision-Recall curve?

Answer :

ROC Curve (Receiver Operating Characteristic):

- Plots the true positive rate (TPR) against the false positive rate (FPR) at various threshold settings.
- Useful when the classes are balanced.

Precision-Recall Curve:

- Plots precision against recall at various threshold settings.
- More informative than the ROC curve for

imbalanced datasets.

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