

Machine Learning Worksheet Answers

1. B
2. A
3. A
4. A
5. A, C
6. A, B
7. A
8. A

9. Gini index: $p(A)(1-p(A)) + p(B)(1-p(B)) = 40\%(1-40\%) + 60\%(1-60\%) = 0.24$

Entropy: $-p(A)*\log_2(p(A)) - p(B)*\log_2(p(B)) = -40\%*\log_2(40\%) - 60\%*\log_2(60\%) = 0.97$

10. The advantages of Random Forests over Decision Tree are:

- Random Forests are less prone to overfitting as compared to decision tree.
- Random Forests are more robust to noise in the dataset.
- Random Forests provide better accuracy compared to decision tree.

11. Scaling is the process of standardizing the range of features of a dataset. The need of scaling is to ensure that each feature contributes approximately proportionately to the final distance. Two techniques used for scaling are:

- Min-Max Scaling
- Standardization

12. Scaling provides following advantages in optimization using gradient descent algorithm:

- It helps to converge faster
- It helps to find global minima

13. In case of a highly imbalanced dataset for a classification problem, accuracy is not a good metric to measure the performance of the model because accuracy is computed by dividing the number of correct predictions to total predictions. As the majority class is over-represented, the classifier may predict the majority class most of the time and still have a high accuracy.
14. F-score is a metric that combines precision and recall to provide a single measure of the performance of a classification model. The mathematical formula for f-score is :
$$\text{F-score} = \frac{2 * \text{Precision} * \text{Recall}}{(\text{Precision} + \text{Recall})}$$
15. In machine learning, `fit()`, `transform()` and `fit_transform()` are methods of the scikit-learn library used for preprocessing data:
- `fit()` method is used to fit the data to the model, it is used to calculate the internal parameters of the model.
 - `transform()` method is used to transform the data according to the internal parameters calculated during the `fit()` method.
 - `fit_transform()` method is used to fit the data to the model and then transform it in one step.