

# Machine Learning I

Retake Exam  
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## 1. Linear Classification

### 1A. Linear Models

(3 points)

- [1p] What does it mean for a classification model to be linear?
- [1p] Give 3 examples of linear classification models
- [1p] How are they different from each other?

### 1B. Linear Discriminant Analysis

(5 points)

Given the dataset from table 1

- [3p] Fit a LDA model using the labeled datapoints, report the values of  $\pi_k$ ,  $\mu_k$ ,  $\Sigma_k$  and  $\hat{\Sigma}$ .
- [2p] Predict the class of the unlabeled datapoint using the trained model.

x	y	class
-1	1	A
-1	-1	A
0	1	A
0	-1	A
0	0	B
2	0	B
1	1	B
0	0	-

Table 1

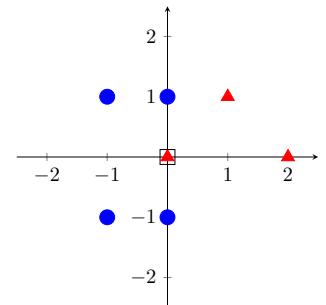
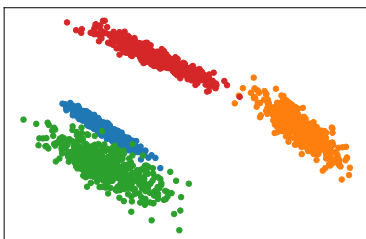


Figure 1

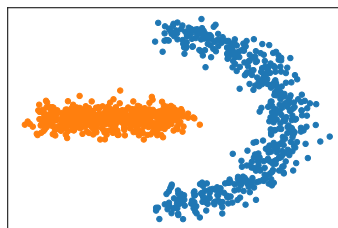
### 1C. LDA

(2 points)

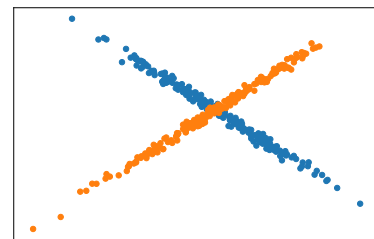
- [1p] Explain the difference between LDA and QDA.
- [1p] For each of the datasets depicted in Figures 2a, 2b and 2c, decide which model is more appropriate: LDA or QDA. **Note:** You don't need to explain your decision



(2a)



(2b)



(2c)

## 2. K-Nearest Neighbors

### 2A. KNN basics

(3 points)

Name 4 different data types and what corresponding distance measures.

### 2B. KNN bases auto-correct

(5 points)

You want to write an auto-correction software that corrects spelling mistakes when users write a text message. Your idea is to use a KNN model that provides the user with a list of the 1-nearest-neighbors using the LEVENSTHEIN distance.

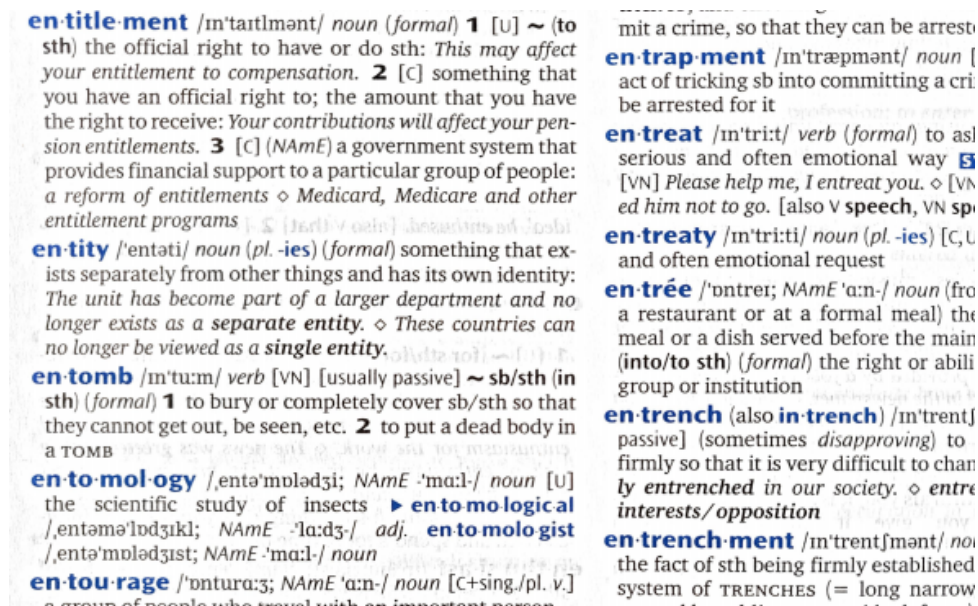


Figure 3: dictionary excerpt

- [1p] Given the dictionary entries from Figure 3, identify all nearest neighbors to the word **entry**  
**Note:** You do not need to compute the Levensthein distance explicitly.

**Part 2.** A common mistake while typing with two hands is that the order of two letters gets swapped.

- [2p] Explicitly compute the Levensthein distance between **swap** and **swpa**.

**Part 3.** Consider the following example text

Yesterday, I ate a delicious lie.

Here, the 1-nearest neighbour search in the dictionary yields the following list of matches

die, fie, hie, lie, pie, tie, vie, lee, lye, lib, lid, lii, Lin, lip, Lir, lit, liv, Liz, lice, life, like, lime, line, lire, lite, live

However, we want to only propose 3 auto-correct recommendations to the user. To do this, we want to build a model that takes the nearest neighbor matches and returns a likelihood for each of them.

- [2p] Describe which additional features could be useful for such a model. Guess what the top 3 matches of a model trained with these features would be, and give a short argument why.

### 2C. Large Scale KNN

(2 points)

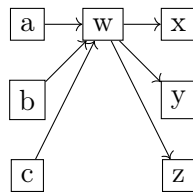
In problem 2B the performance of the model can be slow if the dictionary is very large. How could the performance of the Nearest Neighbor model be improved?

### 3. Bayesian Networks

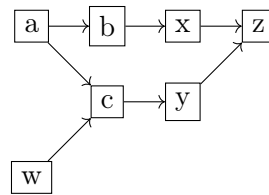
#### 3A. Bayesian Networks Basics

(3 points)

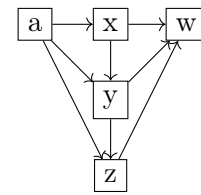
Provide the factorization of the joint distribution corresponding to the Bayesian Networks depicted in Figure 4a, 4b and 4c.



(4a)



(4b)



(4c)

#### 3B. Naive Bayes Application

(5 points)

customer	toilet paper	N95 mask	pasta	hand sanitizer
1	no	no	yes	no
2	no	no	no	yes
3	yes	yes	no	yes
4	yes	yes	yes	yes
5	yes	yes	yes	no
6	yes	no	yes	yes
7	-	yes	yes	yes

Table 2: Shopper preferences during COVID-19 pandemic

- [4pt] Train a Naive Bayes Classifier on the labeled datapoints from Table 2 for the target variable "toilet paper". Use add-one-smoothing for the Dirichlet prior. Provide the conditional probability tables for each node.
- [1pt] What is the probability that the last customer will buy toilet paper?

#### 3C. Naive Bayes Theory

(2 points)

Suppose that we had a dataset for which it is known that all the predictor variables  $X_1, X_2, \dots$  are categorical, **independent** random variables. In this case is it possible for any other classifier (e.g., a decision tree or a neural net) to do better than a naive Bayes classifier?

## 4. Clustering

### 4A. Unsupervised Learning

(3 points)

- [2p] Briefly explain the difference between supervised and unsupervised learning
- [1p] Briefly explain the difference between hard and soft clustering

### 4B. K-medoids

(5 points)

- [2p] Find the distance matrix of the dataset from table 5a / figure 5b w.r.t. the  $L^1$  metric.

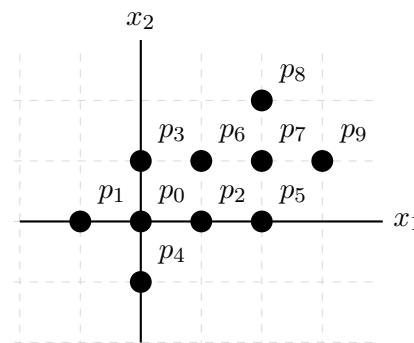
**Note:** You do not need to provide explicit calculations for the individual distances.

- [3p] Apply K-medoids clustering to the dataset from table 5a / figure 5b, using  $K = 2$  and the Manhattan/ $L^1$  distance measure. Start with  $\mu_A = p_1$  and  $\mu_B = p_6$ .

**Note:** Perform up to 3 iterations, if the algorithm does not terminate earlier.

ID	$x_1$	$x_2$
$p_0$	0	0
$p_1$	-1	0
$p_2$	1	0
$p_3$	0	1
$p_4$	0	-1
$p_5$	2	0
$p_6$	1	1
$p_7$	2	1
$p_8$	2	2
$p_9$	3	1

(5a)



(5b)

### 4C. Clustering chess positions

(2 points)

A company creating chess software has a large database of chess games. They want you to identify positions that occur in many games and group the positions accordingly. Come up with a distance measure that allows you to apply clustering to chess positions.

**Note:** If you do not know what chess is, you can use any other turn based board game (such as tic-tac-toe, checkers, monopoly, etc.). You **do not** need to explicitly verify the distance measure axioms.