

Assignment-03

Introduction to ML and Data Preprocessing

Submission Deadline:	10PM 9th November 2025
Submission Link:	https://forms.office.com/r/XuSfVAqRc4
Instructions	1- All answers must be written on A4 sheets. 2- Only handwritten submissions will be accepted. 3- Write your Name and Roll No. at the top of every page.

Q1. Explain what is meant by *Machine Learning*. How does it differ from traditional programming?

(Answer in about 150–200 words.)

Q2. Differentiate between Supervised, Unsupervised, and Reinforcement Learning with suitable examples for each.

(Tabular format preferred.)

Q3. Describe any two real-world case studies where Machine Learning has been effectively used. Discuss the problem, data used, and ML model applied.

Q4. Why is data preprocessing important in ML pipelines? Explain the main steps involved — data cleaning, normalization, and transformation — with examples.

Q5. Explain feature selection and dimensionality reduction.

Give one real-world example of when dimensionality reduction (e.g., PCA) can be helpful.

Q6. Write a Python program using pandas and scikit-learn to:

- Load a dataset (e.g., sklearn.datasets.load_wine())
- Handle missing values (if any)

- Normalize the features
 - Apply **PCA** to reduce the data to 2 dimensions
- Display the transformed dataset.

(Include code and output screenshot if possible.)

Q7. What is regression analysis? Differentiate between Linear and Polynomial Regression. Give one scenario where each would be appropriate.

Q8. Using scikit-learn, implement Linear Regression on a simple dataset (e.g., predicting house prices or student marks).

Display:

- Coefficients
- Intercept
- Predicted vs actual values (plot using matplotlib)

Q9. Explain the need for regularization in regression. Compare Ridge and Lasso regression in terms of:

- Mathematical idea
- Impact on model coefficients
- Use cases

Q10. Implement Polynomial Regression using scikit-learn on a small dataset (you may generate synthetic data).

Tasks:

- Create sample data (e.g., using np.linspace and a quadratic relationship).
 - Fit both Linear and Polynomial Regression (degree = 2 or 3) models.
 - Plot both regression curves on the same graph for comparison.
 - Comment on how polynomial regression improves the model's fit.
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