1. (2 marks) Build a (supervised) neural network to classify the wines (Supervised neural network = multilayer perceptron = MLP in the jargon.)

Because of the time required, use only 5-fold cross validation. Report briefly on the performance of this technique, including computational time required.

Neural networks often perform better when their inputs are normalized, often to the interval [0,1] or [-1,+1]. Try using the Normalizer node to see if this helps.

Answer:

Unnormalized data

A Supervised Neural Network (SNN) with 4 nodes in the hidden layer ($\sqrt{13}$ attributes ≈ 4) was built, as seen in Figure 1.

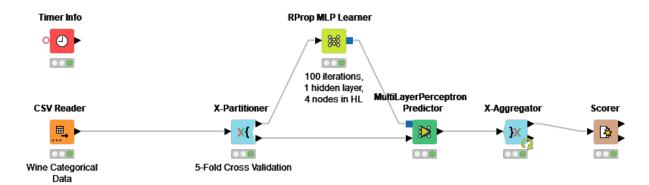


Figure 1: KNIME workflow of a SNN for unnormalized data

Based on the confusion matrix for the SNN shown in Figure 2, the accuracy of $\sim 47\%$ leaves a lot of room for improvement.

Kind of win	Type1	Type2	Type3
Type1	12	47	0
Type2	0	71	0
Type3	0	48	0
Correct classified: 83		Wrong classified: 95	
Accuracy: 46.629 %		Error: 53.371 %	
Cohen's kappa (κ) 0.119			

Figure 2: Confusion matrix of the SNN with unnormalized data

Timing wise, the SNN with unnormalized data took $\sim 30\,\mathrm{ms}$ to compute, as seen in Figure 3.

S Name	L Execution Time
RProp MLP Learner	18
MultiLayerPerceptron Predictor	8
X-Partitioner	3
X-Aggregator	1

Figure 3: Timer information for SNN with unnormalized data

Normalized data

Normalized to [0,1]

I used the Normalizer node to normalize the data to the interval [0,1].

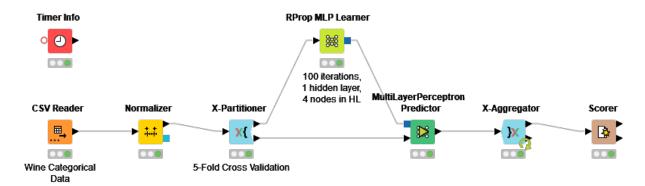


Figure 4: KNIME workflow of a SNN for normalized data

From the confusion matrix for the SNN shown in Figure 5, the accuracy of $\sim 96\%$ is a great 39% increase compared to using unnormalized data.

Kind of win	Type1	Type2	Type3
Type1	58	1	0
Type2	1	65	5
Type3	0	0	48
Correct classified: 171		Wrong classified: 7	
Accuracy: 96.067 %		Error: 3.933 %	
Cohen's kap	pa (ĸ) 0.941		

Figure 5: Confusion matrix of the SNN with data normalized to [0, 1]

From Figure 6, it can be seen that the SNN took \sim 42 ms to compute, which seems like an acceptable increase in execution time for the significant increase in prediction accuracy.

S Name	L Execution Time
RProp MLP Learner	20
MultiLayerPerceptron Predictor	11
X-Partitioner	2
X-Aggregator	1
Normalizer	8

Figure 6: Timer information for SNN with data normalized to $\left[0,1\right]$

Normalized to [-1,1]

From the confusion matrix for the SNN shown in Figure 7, the accuracy of $\sim 98\%$ is even better than the $\sim 96\%$ accuracy obtained from normalizing to the interval [0,1].

Kind of win	Type1	Type2	Type3
Type1	59	0	0
Type2	2	68	1
Type3	0	0	48
Correct classified: 175		Wrong classified: 3	
Accuracy: 98.315 %		Error: 1.685 %	
Cohen's kappa (κ) 0.974			

Figure 7: Confusion matrix of the SNN with data normalized to [-1, 1]

From Figure 8, it can be seen that the SNN took ~44 ms to compute, which also seems like an acceptable increase in execution time for the significant increase in prediction accuracy.

S Name	L Execution Time
RProp MLP Learner	18
MultiLayerPerceptron Predictor	9
X-Partitioner	2
X-Aggregator	2
Normalizer	11

Figure 8: Timer information for SNN with data normalized to [-1, 1]