**COSC 757 Data Mining Assignment 1**

Instructions: This is an individual assignment. Use Blackboard to submit your document on the due date (no hard copies please). Late submissions will receive a zero grade.

Select a dataset from the UCI Machine Learning Repository that are classified for the task of Regression. Datasets can be found at the following link:

<https://archive.ics.uci.edu/datasets>

**Exploratory data analysis:**

Explore the dataset in R using visualization and descriptive statistics. You can use the functions provided in Chapter 3 of the text as an example. Write a brief report showing your exploratory data analysis. You should at least show descriptive statistics for the data including visualizations of the distribution of the attributes, relationships between attributes.

**Data Preprocessing:**

1. Some of the methods for data reduction require the data to be normalized (i.e. rescaling data measured in differing units. Use R to normalize the numerical attributes of this dataset using min-max normalization, z-scores, and decimal scaling
2. Select a continuous variable and experiment with at least two methods to bin the variable into discrete categories.
3. Find a variable that does not have a normal distribution based on your exploratory data analysis. Use the natural log, square root, and inverse square root transformations to make attempts to achieve normality. Report on your results

**Regression Analysis:**

Based on your exploratory data analysis of the dataset, come up with a prediction question and create a regression model to predict a dependent variable based on a set of dependent variables. For best results, make sure that the variables that you choose are numeric. If you insist on using a categorical variable, they will have to be converted to numeric variables.

The deliverable for this project will be a report that details your experiments. The report should be in either **ACM or IEEE conference paper format.** The document should have the following three sections: 1) Introduction; 2) Dataset Description; 3) Exploratory Data Analysis; 4) Data Preprocessing; 5) Regression Analysis; 6) Conclusion. Sections 3, 4, and 5 should provide details about the methods that you used to accomplish each task as well as the results that were produced by your experimentation. The conclusion should contain a discussion and interpretation of the result.

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