

1. (1 mark) Which of the following imputation is most appropriate for a categorical feature?

- (a) Mean Imputation
- (b) Grouped Mean Imputation
- (c) Median Imputation
- (d) Mode Imputation**

2. (1 mark) Logistic Regression is used for

- (a) binary classification**
- (b) multiclass classification
- (c) both

3. (1 mark) Log normal distributions are

- (a) left skewed
- (b) heavily left skewed
- (c) heavily right skewed**
- (d) symmetric

4 (1 mark) Which of the following is equivalent to Within Cluster Sum of Squares (WCSS) value for a given cluster?

- (a) Cluster centroid
- (b) Cluster variance**
- (c) Cluster median
- (d) Cluster standard deviation
- (e) Cluster mean absolute deviation

5. (1 mark) A min max scaler is given by  $(x - x_{min}) / (x_{max} - x_{min})$ . What will be the range of this new feature?  
**[0,1]**

6. (1 mark) Which of these is least sensitive to outliers?

- 1. Mean
- 2. Median**
- 3. Standard deviation

7. (4 marks) A toy dataset  $D = \{(-1, 3), (-1, 2), (1, 4), (2, 5)\}$  is provided. Assume  $k = 2$  and perform KMeans clustering for 1 iteration using Expectation Maximization algorithm. Choose  $(-1, 3)$  and  $(2, 5)$  as the initial random centroids.

1. (1 mark) If N is the size of the dataset, then selecting  $K = 1$  in KNN causes

- (a) Curse of dimensionality
- (b) underfitting
- (c) overfitting**

2. (1 mark) A dataset has a column called "Country", is categorical feature & takes values {India, Pakistan, Srilanka} Which of the following encoding is best?

- (a) Label Encoding
- (b) One Hot Encoding**
- (c) Ordinal Encoding
- (d) Binary Encoding
- (e) Factor Encoding

3. (1 mark) For your chosen answer in the previous question, perform that encoding on the feature and show all possible values

India	0	0	1
Pakistan	0	1	0
Srilanka	1	0	0

4. (1 mark) Fill in the blanks: Basic Nearest Centroid Model takes into account \_\_\_\_\_

- (a) both mean and variance**
- (b) mean, but not variance**
- (c) centroid and variance**
- (d) variance, but not mean

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6. (1 mark) Why is k chosen as an odd number in kNN? (1 sentence answer)

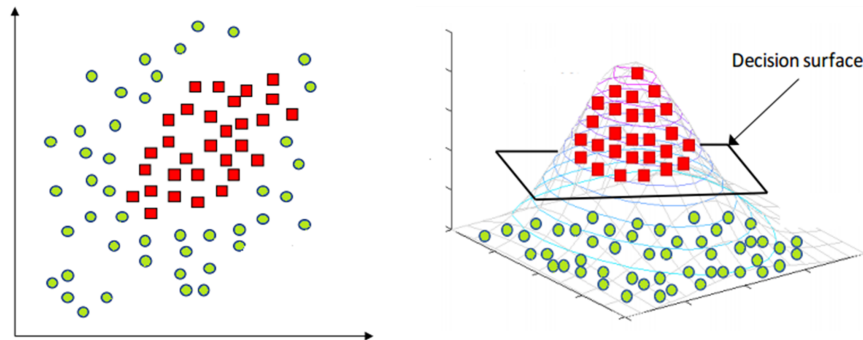
**Even number has the potential to produce tie. Odd number does not have that issue**

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1. (1 mark) Identify the scenario where clustering is not most appropriate
  - (a) Customer Segmentation when group identifier is not known
  - (b) Identifying outliers when the class membership anomaly/normal is unknown
  - (c) **Identifying the groups in Iris dataset when labels are given**
2. (2 marks) You are given a dataset with million records. You are asked to perform regression. Will you choose Polynomial Regression or neural networks based non-linear regression? When will you choose the other option? Give only a compact 1-2 sentence reason for choosing one against another.

**A polynomial regression, while better than linear regression still has a fixed structure, to which the data may not adhere. When  $n > 1$  million, choosing a Neural Networks regressor will definitely give a good model without the risk of overfitting. The downside of Neural Networks is that GPU is needed, training cycles may be long.**

3. (2 mark) How will you convert a classification problem with inherently non linear decision boundary into a classification problem with linear decision boundary? Answer in 1-2 compact sentences at max. You can draw a diagram if you wish



4. (1 mark) kNN is trained for hyperparameters  $k = \{3, 5, 7\}$ , distance = {"manhattan", "euclidean"} and weight = {"uniform", "distance"} How many times does the model get trained in total when GridSearch with KFold CV=3 is performed over the hyperparameters?

**$3 \times 2 \times 2 \times 3 + 1 = 37$  times**

5. (1 mark) RobustScaler is given by  $(x - q_2)/(q_3 - q_1)$ . Why is it robust to outliers? 1 sentence answer  
**Because, Median and IQR which respectively make the numerator and denominator both are robust to outliers**

6. (1 mark) Why would you like to have a feature as normal distributions in a dataset? 1-2 sentence answer
  - a. **Faster and stable convergence.**
  - b. **Z transforms make most sense for Gaussian**
  - c. **Uncorrelated features in Gaussian imply independent feature only in Gaussian**

7. (2 marks) Draw the rough sketch of bivariate gaussian distributions and their decision boundary for a dataset with 2 classes. Gaussian distribution for both classes have the same covariance matrix and same variance for both features, but the proportion of the data belonging to class 1 is more than proportion of data belonging to class 2

