

Covariance, correlation and decision trees

Tutorial/Lab work: Week 2

Instructions: This is a coding exercise. Kindly stage+commit+push the MATLAB code to the “week02” directory on your INM431 Github repository. Grading: All attempts will get 1 point. **Please make sure that the document is pushed to Github by 20/10/2021.**

Problem: 1 Covariance and Correlation

In MATLAB, load the hospital.mat data set and:

1. Calculate the covariance between Weight and Blood pressure
2. Calculate the correlation coefficient between Age and Blood pressure

Hints:

- Familiarize yourself with the hospital.mat dataset, find more details here: <https://uk.mathworks.com/help/stats/dataset-array-columns.html>
- Notice that BloodPressure is composed of SysPressure and DiaPressure.
- Find out how to calculate covariances in MATLAB here: <https://uk.mathworks.com/help/matlab/ref/cov.html>
- Find out how to calculate correlations in MATLAB here: <https://uk.mathworks.com/help/matlab/ref/corrcoef.html>
- Optional: check out the following list of MATLAB sample datasets and consider calculating more covariance matrices: <https://uk.mathworks.com/help/stats/sample-data-sets.html>

Problem 2: Decision trees

Apply MATLAB function: fitctree and predict to the fisheriris.mat dataset

Hints:

- Find out what this data set is about at: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Iris_flower_data_set
- Follow MATLAB examples of Decision Trees here: <https://www.mathworks.com/help/stats/decision-trees.html>
- Learn more about displaying trained Decision Trees at: <https://uk.mathworks.com/help/stats/view-decision-tree.html>
- Learn more about making predictions using a Decision Tree: <https://uk.mathworks.com/help/stats/prediction-using-classification-and-regression-trees.html>
- Finally, learn implementing cross-validation for Decision Trees (crossval): <https://www.mathworks.com/help/stats/classificationtree.crossval.html>