MACHINE LEARNING

Q1 to Q11 have only one correct answer. Choose the correct option to answer your question.

1. Movie Recommendation systems are an example of:

i) Classification

ii) Clustering

iii) Regression

Options:

a) 2 Only

b) 1 and 2

c) 1 and 3

d) 2 and 3

Ans : a) 2 Only

2. Sentiment Analysis is an example of:

i) Regression

ii) Classification

iii) Clustering

iv) Reinforcement

Options:

a) 1 Only

b) 1 and 2

c) 1 and 3

d) 1, 2 and 4

Ans : d) 1, 2 and 4

3. Can decision trees be used for performing clustering?

a) True

b) False

Ans : a) True

4. Which of the following is the most appropriate strategy for data cleaning before performing clustering analysis, given less than desirable number of data points:

i) Capping and flooring of variables

ii) Removal of outliers

Options:

a) 1 only

b) 2 only

c) 1 and 2

d) None of the above

Ans : a) 1 only

5. What is the minimum no. of variables/ features required to perform clustering?

a) 0

b) 1

c) 2

d) 3

Ans : b) 1

6. For two runs of K-Mean clustering is it expected to get same clustering results?

a) Yes

b) No

Ans : b) No

7. Is it possible that Assignment of observations to clusters does not change between successive iterations in K-Means?

a) Yes

b) No

c) Can't say

d) None of these

Ans : a) Yes

8. Which of the following can act as possible termination conditions in K-Means?

i) For a fixed number of iterations.

ii) Assignment of observations to clusters does not change between iterations. Except for cases witha bad local minimum.

iii) Centroids do not change between successive iterations.

iv) Terminate when RSS falls below a threshold.

Options:

a) 1, 3 and 4

b) 1, 2 and 3

c) 1, 2 and 4

d) All of the above

Ans : d) All of the above

9. Which of the following algorithms is most sensitive to outliers?

a) K-means clustering algorithm

b) K-medians clustering algorithm

c) K-modes clustering algorithm

d) K-medoids clustering algorithm

Ans : a) K-means clustering algorithm

10. How can Clustering (Unsupervised Learning) be used to improve the accuracy of Linear Regression model (Supervised Learning):

i) Creating different models for different cluster groups.

ii) Creating an input feature for cluster ids as an ordinal variable.

iii) Creating an input feature for cluster centroids as a continuous variable.

iv) Creating an input feature for cluster size as a continuous variable.

Options:

a) 1 only

b) 2 only

c) 3 and 4

d) All of the above

Ans : d) All of the above

11. What could be the possible reason(s) for producing two different dendrograms using agglomerative clustering algorithms for the same dataset?

a) Proximity function used

b) of data points used

c) of variables used

d) All of the above

Ans : d) All of the above

Q12 to Q14 are subjective answers type questions, Answers them in their own words briefly

12. Is K sensitive to outliers?

Ans : K-Means clustering is an unsupervised learning algorithm which aims to partition n observations into k clusters in which each observation belongs to the cluster with the nearest centroid. The algorithm aims to minimize the squared Euclidean distances between the observation and the centroid of cluster to which it belongs.

But sometime K-Means algorithm does not give best results. It is sensitive to outliers. An outlier is a point which is different from the rest of data points. Since K-Means algorithm is about finding mean of clusters, the algorithm is influenced by outliers.

13. Why is K means better?

Ans : K-Means clustering is an unsupervised learning algorithm which aims to partition n observations into k clusters in which each observation belongs to the cluster with the nearest centroid. The algorithm aims to minimize the squared Euclidean distances between the observation and the centroid of cluster to which it belongs. K means is better due to the following advantages -

- Relatively simple to implement.
- Scales to large data sets.
- Guarantees convergence.
- Can warm-start the positions of centroids.
- Easily adapts to new examples.
- Generalizes to clusters of different shapes and sizes, such as elliptical clusters.

14. Is K means a deterministic algorithm?

Ans : K-Means clustering is an unsupervised learning algorithm which aims to partition n observations into k clusters in which each observation belongs to the cluster with the nearest centroid. The algorithm aims to minimize the squared Euclidean distances between the observation and the centroid of cluster to which it belongs.

One of the significant drawbacks of K-Means is its non-deterministic nature. K-Means starts with a random set of data points as initial centroids. This random selection influences the quality of the resulting clusters. Besides, each run of the algorithm for the same dataset may yield a different output.