CS 4442 Artificial Intelligence II - Assignment 1

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# Question 3:

b) Tested using the full data set, not the tiny one.

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| k Value | Error |
| 1 | 0.0835 |
| 3 | 0.0790 |
| 5 | 0.0850 |
| 7 | 0.0885 |

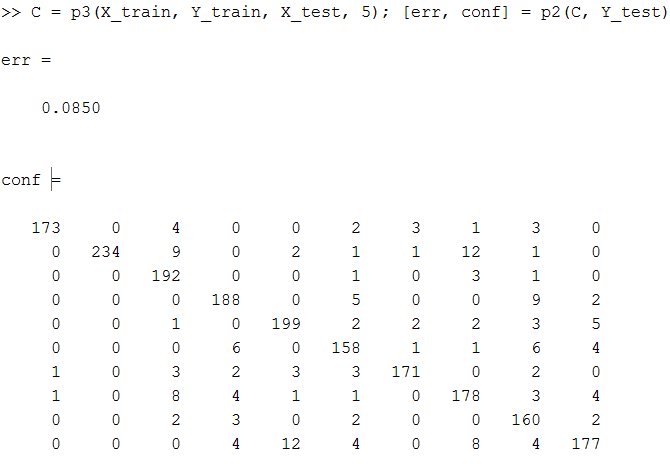
The error is consistently low, no matter the value of K. Therefore, in this test, there don’t seem to be an outstandingly large effect on the error when K is changed. This could be a consequence of the fact that error is consistently low and therefore increasing the k value can’t make a significant improvement to the accuracy of the classifier.

c) The six most common confusions are 2 classified as 8, 0 misclassified as 5, 2 misclassified as 3, 4 misclassified as 9, 8 misclassified as 3 and 8 misclassified as 2 at a rate of 12, 12, 9, 9, 8 and 8, respectively. About half of the remaining cells are 0, with the rest being below 6.

The biggest single confusions are 2 classified as 8 and 0 misclassified as 5 at 12 misclassifications each.

The biggest sum of confusions is 2 classified as 8 and 8 misclassified as 2 at a total of 20 misclassifications.

The 2 and 8 misclassifications are not symmetrical, one is 12 and the other is 8. However, it is possible that the reason that number of misclassifications are identical simply because of the distribution of data in the training set. It’s hard to say with certainty whether the difference is just noise, but there is still a reasonable difference.



# Question 5:

b)

Weights were determined using the training data and then tested on both the training and testing data.

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| Iterations | Training Error | Test Error |
| 100 | 0.2515 | 0.3212 |
| 1000 | 0.2078 | 0.2336 |
| 10000 | 0.1990 | 0.2725 |

From this set of data, there are two trends that can be observed. The first trend is that the number of iterations and the error are inversely proportionate (with the exception of test error for 10000 iterations). That is, more iterations will yield a lower error. The second trend is that training error is lower than test error.

The first trend can be explained be the fact that more iterations will yield more chances for a better set of weights to occur. Since the weights are randomly being generating, there is a chance that the best possible set of weights is generated. The best way to achieve that optimal set of weights is to attempt more iterations. The second trend is harder to explain. My best guess is that the method being used to determine if the weights are optimal is too primitive to give an accurate representation of the entire data set, not just the training set. However, I imagine something more complex is to the cause of this trend.

# Question 6:

# Question 7:

# Question 8:

# Question 10: