

CS7641 ML Practice Quiz

Module SL 10: Bayesian Inference

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Question 1

What is the primary purpose of Bayesian Networks in machine learning?

- A. To simplify complex calculations by using linear algorithms.
- B. To represent and manipulate probabilistic quantities over complex spaces.
- C. To directly calculate joint distributions without any form of representation.
- D. To provide a deterministic approach to machine learning problems.
- E. To eliminate the need for conditional probabilities in computations.

Question 2

In Bayesian Inference, what does a joint distribution represent?

- A. The correlation between different variables in a dataset.
- B. The probability of various combinations of events occurring.
- C. A deterministic relationship between variables.
- D. The frequency of singular events in isolation.
- E. The probability of an event occurring in the absence of other events.

Question 3

How does conditional independence affect the representation of variables in Bayesian Networks?

- A. It indicates that the value of one variable completely depends on another variable.
- B. It shows that variables are independent of each other regardless of other variables.
- C. It means the probability distribution of a variable X is independent of variable Y , given variable Z .
- D. It removes the need to consider any dependencies between variables.
- E. It suggests that variables are always dependent, and their relationships are deterministic.

Question 4

What is the significance of Naive Bayes in Bayesian Inference?

- A. It assumes that all variables are dependent on each other.
- B. It relies on the assumption of conditional independence between attributes given the label for efficient classification.
- C. Naive Bayes eliminates the need for probabilities in computations.
- D. It is a method that only works with numerical data.
- E. It focuses on complex computations rather than practicality.

Question 5

Why is sampling from a joint distribution important in Bayesian Inference?

- A. It allows for the generation of values consistent with a given distribution and supports approximate inference.
- B. Sampling is used primarily to simplify complex graphical representations.
- C. It ensures the accuracy of the Bayesian network by verifying all possible combinations of variables.
- D. Sampling is only used for visualizing data, not for computational purposes.
- E. It is a process used to determine the exact probabilities of all variables without using Bayes' rule.

Answer Key

1. B
2. B
3. C
4. B
5. A