

ML Algorithm	Algorithm Comparison
k-NN	<p><b>Type:</b> Supervised Classification, Non-Parametric, lazy learner, discriminative.</p> <p><b>Feature Data:</b> For majority of the scenario, Numeric/Quantitative sometimes categorical.</p> <p><b>Target Variable:</b> Categorical</p> <p><b>Noisy Data:</b> Is sensitive to noisy data and outliers are liable to get misclassified.</p> <p><b>Missing Data:</b> k-NN cannot train on missing values therefore some reasonable imputation has to be performed or NA records must be deleted.</p> <p><b>Correlated Data:</b> Does not affect the classification.</p> <p><b>Parameters and Hyperparameters:</b> K: number of neighbors, D: distance function like Euclidean, Cosine, Manhattan for numeric feature space and Hamming for categorical feature space.</p> <p><b>Evaluation Measures:</b> Prediction Accuracy, ROC Curve, Confusion Matrix, Specificity, Sensitivity etc.</p> <p><b>Package Implementation:</b> class, caret.</p>
Naïve Bayes'	<p><b>Type:</b> Supervised Classification, Parametric, eager learner, generative.</p> <p><b>Feature Data:</b> For majority of the scenario Categorical</p> <p><b>Target Variable:</b> Categorical</p> <p><b>Noisy Data:</b> Averages out the noisy therefore not sensitive to noisy data. Its performance degrades more slowly as compared to other algorithms.</p> <p><b>Missing Data :</b> The specific record is ignored for the frequency count. The R package implementation can also determine whether to ignore the example/record or the feature.</p> <p><b>Correlated Data:</b> Does not work optimally due to class conditional independence assumption.</p> <p><b>Parameters and Hyperparameters :</b>Maximum Likelihood Estimation, Bayesian Estimation, optimization of loss criterion.</p> <p><b>Evaluation Measures:</b> Prediction Accuracy, ROC Curve, Confusion Matrix ,Sensitivity, Specificity.</p> <p><b>Package Implementation:</b> e1071,naïve bayes, caret</p>
Classification Trees	<p><b>Type:</b> Supervised Classification and Prediction(Dual), Non-Parametric, eager learner, discriminative, greedy learner, top down divide and conquer, bottom up pruning, recursive partitioning</p> <p><b>Feature Data:</b> Numeric/Quantitative or Categorical</p> <p><b>Target Variable:</b> Categorical or Numeric.</p> <p><b>Noisy Data:</b> Decision trees are very sensitive to the noise in the data and even a small change in the data can throw the classification/prediction off therefore an ensemble of tree is better than just one tree.</p> <p><b>Missing Data :</b> Is handled as per the package implementation for instance CART provides the functionality of assigning the missing data examples to the partition which has maximum examples already assigned to it.</p>

	<p><b>Correlated Data:</b> Typically, it will not be affected by correlated variables and the split will occur as per the best feature in terms of info gain.</p> <p><b>Parameters and Hyperparameters</b> Gini index, information gain, chi square ,pre pruning ,post pruning, assigning levels of trees</p> <p><b>Evaluation Measures:</b> Prediction Accuracy, ROC Curve, Confusion Matrix ,Sensitivity, Specificity, R squared, MSE.</p> <p><b>Package Implementation:</b> CART,C5.0,ID 3,rpart,caret.</p>
Classification Rules	<p><b>Type:</b> Supervised Classification , Non-Parametric, eager learner, discriminative, greedy learner, bottom up separate and conquer.</p> <p><b>Feature Data:</b> In most scenarios Categorical.</p> <p><b>Target Variable:</b> Mostly Categorical .</p> <p><b>Noisy Data:</b> Decision rules are very sensitive to the noise in the data and even a small change in the data can throw the classification/prediction off .</p> <p><b>Missing Data :</b> Is handled as per the package implementation for instance CART provides the functionality of assigning the missing data examples to the partition which has maximum examples already assigned to it.</p> <p><b>Correlated Data:</b> Typically, it will not be affected by correlated variables and the split will occur as per the best feature in terms of info gain.</p> <p><b>Parameters and Hyperparameters</b> Gini index, information gain, chi square ,pre pruning ,post pruning, assigning levels of trees</p> <p><b>Evaluation Measures:</b> Prediction Accuracy, ROC Curve, Confusion Matrix ,Sensitivity, Specificity</p> <p><b>Package Implementation:</b> CART,C5.0,ID 3</p>
Regression	<p><b>Type:</b> Mostly Supervised Prediction , Parametric and Non-Parametric, eager learner, discriminative.</p> <p><b>Feature Data:</b> Numerical and Categorical.</p> <p><b>Target Variable:</b> Mostly Numerical .</p> <p><b>Noisy Data:</b> Regression is very sensitive to the noise in the data and even a small change in the data can throw the prediction off .</p> <p><b>Missing Data :</b> Is handled as per the package implementation for instance caret provides the functionality of assigning the missing data examples to the partition which has maximum examples already assigned to it.</p> <p><b>Correlated Data:</b> Typically, it will be affected by correlated predictor features and techniques like stepwise Regression or PCA will have to be implemented.</p> <p><b>Parameters and Hyperparameters</b> Variables retained, lambda(Ridge Regression or Lasso Regression),Polynomial degree, tau(Regularization Parameter).</p> <p><b>Evaluation Measures:</b> RMSE Root Mean Square Error, R squared.</p> <p><b>Package Implementation:</b> caret</p>
Neural Networks	<p><b>Type:</b> Supervised Classification and Numerical Prediction , Non-Parametric, eager learner, di, generative.</p> <p><b>Feature Data:</b> Categorical and/ or Numerical.</p> <p><b>Target Variable:</b> Categorical and /or Numerical.</p>

	<p><b>Noisy Data:</b> Neural networks are not very sensitive to the noise in the data though a small data set can cause issues of overfitting the training data.</p> <p><b>Missing Data :</b> Is handled as per the package implementation for instance CART provides the functionality of assigning the missing data examples to the partition which has maximum examples already assigned to it.</p> <p><b>Correlated Data:</b> Typically, for a large enough data it will not be affected by correlated variables and the classification will not be affected.</p> <p><b>Parameters and Hyperparameters:</b> weights(Parameters), Hyperparameters: size of hidden layers, iterations, epochs, back propagation or feedforward, learning rate, activation function.</p> <p><b>Evaluation Measures:</b> Confusion Matrix ,Sensitivity, Specificity, loss function,</p> <p><b>Package Implementation:</b> neuralnet, caret.</p> <p>Note: Hyperparameters effect how parameters effect the new learning</p>
SVM	<p><b>Type:</b> Supervised Classification and Numerical Prediction , Non-Parametric, eager learner, di, generative.</p> <p><b>Feature Data:</b> Categorical and/ or Numerical.</p> <p><b>Target Variable:</b> Categorical and /or Numerical.</p> <p><b>Noisy Data:</b> Decision rules are very sensitive to the noise in the data and even a small change in the data can throw the classification/prediction off .</p> <p><b>Missing Data :</b> Is handled as per the package implementation for instance CART provides the functionality of assigning the missing data examples to the partition which has maximum examples already assigned to it.</p> <p><b>Correlated Data:</b> Typically, SVM is affected by correlated data.</p> <p><b>Parameters and Hyperparameters:</b> different kernels, degree of the kernel,c the regularization parameter.</p> <p><b>Evaluation Measures:</b> Confusion Matrix ,Sensitivity, Specificity, Loss function, error function.</p> <p><b>Package Implementation:</b> caret,e1071</p>