

MACHINE LEARNING

Q1- R-squared is useful for comparing different models or for determining the proportion of the variability in the dependent variable that is explained by the model. R-squared and Residual Sum of Squares (RSS) are both measures of the goodness of fit of a regression model, but they serve slightly different purposes.

Q2- $TSS = ESS + RSS$, where TSS is Total Sum of Squares, ESS is Explained Sum of Squares and RSS is Residual Sum of Squares. The aim of Regression Analysis is explain the variation of dependent variable Y.

Q3- While training a machine learning model, the model can easily be overfitted or under fitted. To avoid this, we use regularization in machine learning to properly fit a model onto our test set. Regularization techniques help reduce the chance of overfitting and help us get an optimal model.

Q4- Gini impurity measures how often a randomly chosen element of a set would be incorrectly labeled if it were labeled randomly and independently according to the distribution of labels in the set. It reaches its minimum (zero) when all cases in the node fall into a single target category.

Q5- Decision trees are a popular and powerful method for data mining, as they can handle both numerical and categorical data, and can easily interpret the results. However, decision trees can also suffer from overfitting, which means that they learn too much from the training data and fail to generalize well to new data.

Q6- Ensemble methods are techniques that aim at improving the accuracy of results in models by combining multiple models instead of using a single model. The combined models increase the accuracy of the results significantly.

Q7- Bagging is the simplest way of combining predictions that belong to the same type while Boosting is a way of combining predictions that belong to the different types. Bagging aims to decrease variance, not bias while Boosting aims to decrease bias, not variance.

Q8- Out-of-bag (OOB) error, also called out-of-bag estimate, is a method of measuring the prediction error of random forests, boosted decision trees, and other machine learning models utilizing bootstrap aggregating (bagging). Bagging uses subsampling with replacement to create training samples for the model to learn from.

Q9- K-fold cross-validation is a technique for evaluating predictive models. The dataset is divided into k subsets or folds. The model is trained and evaluated k times, using a different fold as the validation set each time. Performance metrics from each fold are averaged to estimate the model's generalization performance.

Q10- When you're training machine learning models, each dataset and model needs a different set of hyperparameters, which are a kind of variable. The only way to determine these is through multiple experiments, where you pick a set of hyperparameters and run them through your model. This is called hyperparameter tuning.

Q11- The choice of learning rate can significantly impact the performance of gradient descent. If the learning rate is too high, the algorithm may overshoot the minimum, and if it is too low, the algorithm may take too long to converge.

Q12-Logistic regression has traditionally been used to come up with a hyperplane that separates the feature space into classes. But if we suspect that the decision boundary is nonlinear we may get better results by attempting some nonlinear functional forms for the logit function.

Q13-AdaBoost is the first designed boosting algorithm with a particular loss function. On the other hand, Gradient Boosting is a generic algorithm that assists in searching the approximate solutions to the additive modelling problem. This makes Gradient Boosting more flexible than AdaBoost.

Q14-In machine learning, as you try to minimize one component of the error (e.g., bias), the other component (e.g., variance) tends to increase, and vice versa. Finding the right balance of bias and variance is key to creating an effective and accurate model. This is called the bias-variance tradeoff.

Q15- Linear - Linear kernels are simpler and computationally efficient, suitable for linearly separable data. Non-linear kernels provide flexibility for capturing complex patterns in the data and are preferred when the relationships are not linear.

RBF-Recall a kernel expresses a measure of similarity between vectors. The RBF kernel represents this similarity as a decaying function of the distance between the vectors (i.e. the squared-norm of their distance). That is, if the two vectors are close together then, $\|x - x'\|$ will be small.

Polynomial- The polynomial kernel is a kernel function commonly used with support vector machines (SVMs) and other kernelized models, that represents the similarity of vectors (training samples) in a feature space over polynomials of the original variables, allowing learning of non-linear models.