

# ANSWER SHEET

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Machine Learning BLG527E, March 22, 2017, 120mins, Midterm Exam

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Duration: 120 minutes.

Closed books and notes. Write your answers neatly in the space provided for them. Write your name on each sheet. Good Luck!

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	TOTAL
20	20	20	20	20	100

## QUESTIONS

Q1) [20pts]

In the table below,  $x_1, x_2, x_3$  and  $x_i \in \{0,1\}$ ,  $i = 1,2,3$   $x_i$  represent the  $i$  feature vector and  $y \in \{+,-\}$  represents the class label.

Id	$x_1$	$x_2$	$x_3$	$y$
1	1	0	0	+
2	0	1	0	+
3	0	0	1	-
4	0	0	0	-
5	1	1	1	-

Prior Prob.

$$P(C_+) = \frac{2}{5}$$

$$P(C_-) = \frac{3}{5}$$

1a) [15pts] Construct the Naïve Bayes classifier for the given training dataset.

$$P(C_+ | \underline{x}) = \frac{P(\underline{x} | C_+) \cdot P(C_+)}{P(\underline{x})}, \text{ Similarly for } C_-$$

Naive Bayes assumes:  $p(\underline{x} | C_+) = \prod_{j=1}^3 p(x_j | C_+)$

Since there are only 2 classes we can decide  $C_+$  if

$$P(\underline{x} | C_+) \cdot P(C_+) > P(\underline{x} | C_-) \cdot P(C_-)$$

$$\prod_{j=1}^3 P(x_j | C_+) \cdot P(C_+) > \prod_{j=1}^3 P(x_j | C_-) \cdot P(C_-)$$

1b) [5pts] Classify the instance ( $x_1 = 1, x_2 = 1, x_3 = 0$ ) using your classifier.

Circled in the table above are the class likelihoods for the given input.

$$\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot 1 \cdot \frac{2}{5} > \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{3}{5}$$

$$\frac{1}{10} > \frac{1}{45}, \text{ since } P(\underline{x} | C_+) \cdot P(C_+) > P(\underline{x} | C_-) \cdot P(C_-)$$

$$\underline{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ belongs to } C_+$$

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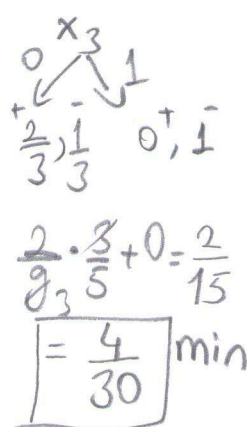
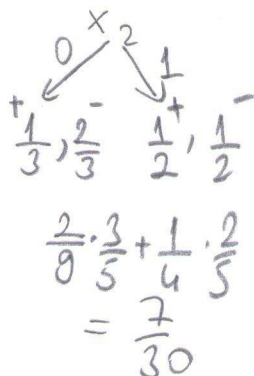
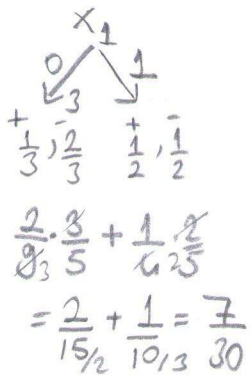
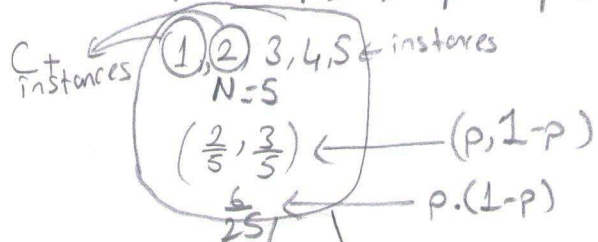
**Q2) [20pts]**

Generate a decision tree for this dataset using Gini index ( $2p(1-p)$ ) as the impurity measure.

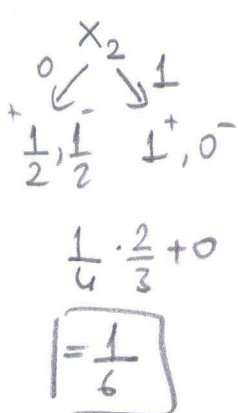
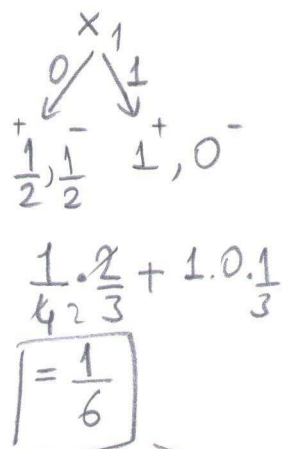
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For ease of computation, I will

Use  $p(1-p)$ ,  $p = p_+$

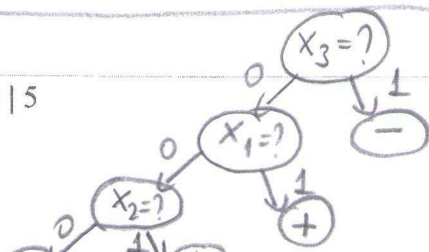
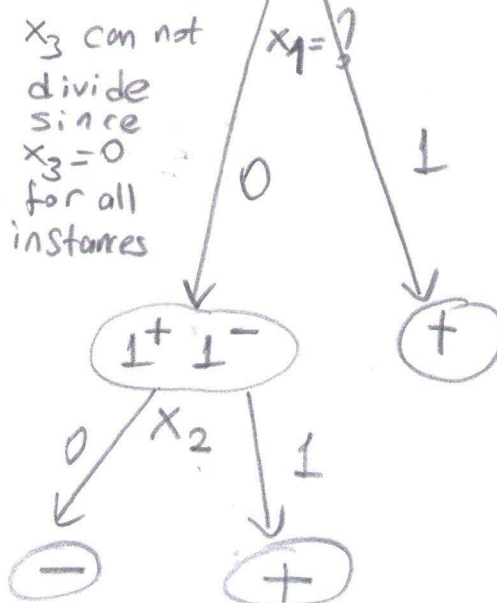


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same  
Choose  $x_1$  or  $x_2$

$x_3$  can not  
divide  
since  
 $x_3=0$   
for all  
instances



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**Q3)[20pts]**

The probability of a single observation  $x$  with mean rate parameter  $\mu$  and variance 1 follows the following normal distribution:

$$P(x|\mu) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2}}$$

You are given the data points  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  that are drawn independently from this distribution.

**[5pts]** Write down the log-likelihood of the data:

$$\log L = \log P(X|\mu) = \log \prod_{i=1}^n P(x_i|\mu) = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{2} \log 2\pi - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu)^2$$

**[15pts]** Find the maximum likelihood estimate of the parameter  $\mu$ :

$$\frac{d \log L}{d\mu} = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{d(x_i - \mu)^2}{d\mu} = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n 2(x_i - \mu) = n\mu - \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$$

$$\frac{d \log L}{d\mu} = 0 \Rightarrow n\mu = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$$

$$\boxed{\mu_{ML} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i}$$

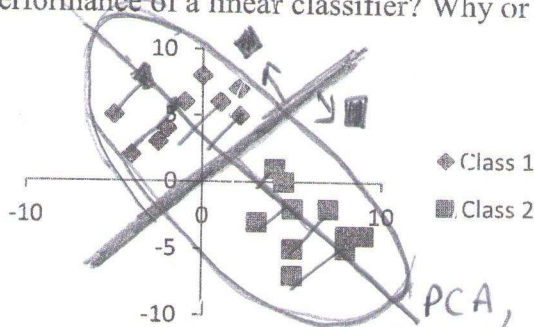


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Q4) [20pts]

Q4a)[5pts]

Would using PCA as a preprocessing method on the following dataset reduce the performance of a linear classifier? Why or why not?



PCA would not consider the class labels & project all instances on the given axis on the left. Since the instances in the reduced 1d space are separable by a point in the projected space, PCA 1st dimension would not harm the performance of a linear classifier.

Q4b)[10pts]

What are the differences and similarities between the following clustering algorithms:

ASSUMES  $\Sigma_i = G_i I_d$  for all clusters, and normal distribution

K-means clustering: for all cluster instances with mean =  $\mu_i$  = cent of cluster

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- May not converge, but fast (+)
- hard cluster membership

GMM clustering:

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- May not converge, slower than k-means
- faster than agglomerative clustering.

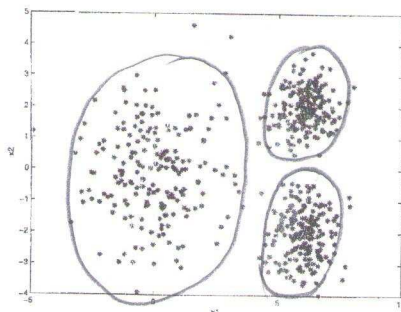
Assumes each cluster instances  $\sim N(\mu_i, \Sigma_i)$

Hierarchical clustering using average link distance:

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Slower than the other two methods. Can cluster data even if it doesn't obey a certain distribution such as Gaussian. Take avg pointwise dist. as the distance between two clusters. Hard cluster membership.

Q4c)[5pts] Underneath each dataset, write down the clustering algorithm that you think is the most appropriate for the dataset, indicate the data clusters that would be obtained for appropriate clustering algorithm parameters.

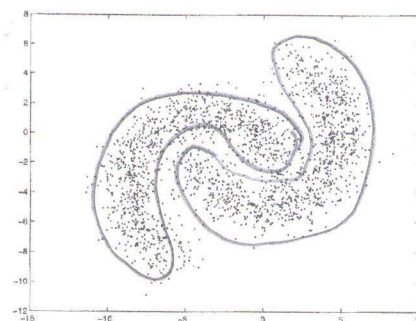


Algorithm: GMM

since  $\Sigma_i$ 's are different and not of the form

$G_i I_d$  for each cluster  $\begin{bmatrix} G_1^2 \\ G_2^2 \end{bmatrix}$

4/5  $G_2^2$  is larger for each one.



Algorithm: Hierarchical clustering with average link distance.

or isomap

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**Q5)[20pts]**

Assume that  $g$  is a linear model and for input  $x=[x_1 \ x_2 \ \dots \ x_d]$  which outputs:

$$g(x, w, w_0) = w^T x + w_0$$

You need to make the parameters  $w, w_0$  as small as possible to avoid overfitting.

Given a dataset  $X = \{x^t, r^t\}_{t=1}^N$ , how would you obtain the solution for  $w, w_0$ ?

**Hint:** Modify the sum of squares error function to incorporate the need of smaller  $w, w_0$  values, and derive the solution analytically.

Simplify notation  $\underline{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & x \end{bmatrix}$  and  $g(\underline{x}, \underline{w}) = \underline{w}^T \underline{x}$  new  $\underline{w} = [\text{old } w \ w_0]$

$$E_\lambda = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{t=1}^N (g(\underline{x}^t, \underline{w}) - r^t)^2 + \lambda \underline{w}^T \underline{w}$$

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$$\frac{dE_\lambda}{d\underline{w}} = \frac{2}{N} \sum_{t=1}^N (\underline{w}^T \underline{x}^t - r^t) \cdot \underline{x}^t + 2\lambda \underline{w} = 0$$

$$\left( \frac{2}{N} \sum_{t=1}^N \underline{x}^t \underline{x}^{tT} + 2\lambda \cdot I \right) \underline{w} = \frac{2}{N} \sum_{t=1}^N \underline{x}^t r^t$$

$$\underline{w} = \left( \frac{1}{N} \sum_{t=1}^N \underline{x}^t \underline{x}^{tT} + \lambda I \right)^{-1} \left( \frac{1}{N} \sum_{t=1}^N \underline{x}^t r^t \right)$$

$\underline{x}^t$  is the old  $\underline{x}^t$

$$\boxed{\begin{aligned} w &= \left( \frac{1}{N} \sum_t \underline{x}^t \underline{x}^{tT} + \lambda I \right)^{-1} \left( \frac{1}{N} \sum \underline{x}^t r^t \right) \\ w_0 &= (I + \lambda I)^{-1} \left( \frac{1}{N} \sum r^t \right) \end{aligned}}$$

if  $\frac{d(\dots)}{dw_0} = 0$