MACHINE LEARNING ASSIGNMENT – 3

Q1 to Q12 have only one correct answer. Choose the correct option to answer your question.

1.Which of the following is an application of clustering?

a. Biological network analysis b. Market trend prediction c. Topic modeling d. All of the above

Ans all of the above

2. On which data type, we cannot perform cluster analysis?

a. Time series data b. Text data c. Multimedia data d. None

Ans none

3. Netflix’s movie recommendation system uses

a. Supervised learning b. Unsupervised learning c. Reinforcement learning and Unsupervised learning d. All of the above

Ans all of the above

4. The final output of Hierarchical clustering is

a. The number of cluster centroids b. The tree representing how close the data points are to each other c. A map defining the similar data points into individual groups d. All of the above

Ans the tree representing how close the data points are to each other

5. Which of the step is not required for K-means clustering?

a. A distance metric b. Initial number of clusters c. Initial guess as to cluster centroids d. None

Ans none

6. Which is the following is wrong?

a. k-means clustering is a vector quantization method b. k-means clustering tries to group n observations into k clusters c. k-nearest neighbour is same as k-means d. None

Ans k-nearest neighbour is same as k-means

7. Which of the following metrics, do we have for finding dissimilarity between two clusters in hierarchical clustering?

i. Single-link ii. Complete-link iii. Average-link

Options: a.1 and 2 b. 1 and 3 c. 2 and 3 d. 1, 2 and 3

Ans 1,2, and 3

8. Which of the following are true?

i. Clustering analysis is negatively affected by multicollinearity of features ii. Clustering analysis is negatively affected by heteroscedasticity

Options: a. 1 only b. 2 only c. 1 and 2 d. none of them

Ans 1 only

9. In the figure above, if you draw a horizontal line on y-axis for y=2. What will be the number of clusters formed?

a. 2 b. 4 c. 3 d. 5

Ans 2

10. For which of the following tasks might clustering be a suitable approach?

a. Given sales data from a large number of products in a supermarket, estimate future sales for each of these products. b. Given a database of information about your users, automatically group them into different market segments. c. Predicting whether stock price of a company will increase tomorrow. d. Given historical weather records, predict if tomorrow's weather will be sunny or rainy.

Ans b. given a database of information about the users, automatically group them into different market segments.

11. Given, six points with the following attributes:

Which of the following clustering representations and dendrogram depicts the use of MIN or Single link proximity function in hierarchical clustering:

1. b. c. d.

Ans option a

12. Given, six points with the following attributes:

Which of the following clustering representations and dendrogram depicts the use of MAX or Complete link proximity function in hierarchical clustering. a. b. c. d.

Ans option b

Q13 to Q14 are subjective answers type questions, Answers them in their own words briefly

13. What is the importance of clustering?

Ans clustering is a significant component of machine learning. It has a wide range of applications and advantages in real world. It is widely used by many companies to find identify similar personalities or to find similar products liked by the customers. Based on this they recommend the products for the customers to buy or suggest people get connected with.

* increased resource availability- if one intelligence server in a cluster fails, the other intelligence servers in the cluster can pick up the workload. This prevents the loss of time and important information.
* Simplified management – clustering simplifies the management of large and rapidly growing systems
* Greater scalability- as user base grows and report complexity increases, your resource can grow

14. How can I improve my clustering performance?

Ans graph based clustering performance can easily be improved by applying ICA blind source separation during the graph Laplacian embedding step. Applying unsupervised feature learning to input data using either RICA or SFT improves clustering performance.