Pattern Recognition and Machine Learning: Homework 4

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Problem 1

(1)

Use the linear property of expectation and expand the square of E_{COM}:

$$E_{COM} = \frac{1}{M^2}(\sum_{m=1}^{M} \mathbb{E}_x[\epsilon(x)]^2 + 2\sum_{m \neq l}^{M} \mathbb{E}_x[\epsilon_m(x)\epsilon_l(x)])$$

All prediction model errors are zero-mean and uncorrelated, so the latter part disappears:

$$E_{COM} = \frac{1}{M^2}\sum_{m=1}^{M} \mathbb{E}_x[\epsilon(x)]^2$$

We notice:

$$E_{AV} = \frac{1}{M}\sum_{m=1}^{M} \mathbb{E}_x[\epsilon(x)]^2$$

Therefore:

$$E_{COM} = \frac{1}{M}E_{AV}$$

Problem 2

(1)

See the decision_tree.ipynb.

(2)

make_split(variable, value, data, is_numeric)
Input:
variable, which is a str, the feature used to split the node;
value, which is either a number or str, the decision value for split, can be a quantitative value or a categorical feature;
data, which is a pandas dataframe, the subdataset at the split node. Each item of data represents whether the person is obese (1) or not (0).

is_numeric, which is a bool, whether the split feature is numeric or categorical.
Return:
data_1, which is a pandas dataframe, one child node dataset after split;
data_2, which is a pandas dataframe, the other child node dataset after split.

get_best_split(y, data)
Input:
y, which is a str, the label, that is 'obese' in this data;
data, which is a pandas datafram, the dataset at the node, constaining the features and labels;
Return:
split_variable, which is a str, the feature that has the maximum IG at this node;
split_value, the decision value for the split feature;
split_ig, the value of the maximum IG;
split_numeric, which is a bool, whether the split feature is numeric or categorical.