

Subject: 21DS602

Lab Session: 11

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Notes:

1. Please read the assignment notes carefully and comply to the guidelines provided.
2. Report should be submitted to TurnItIn. Once done, please submit your assignments in Teams.

Main Section (Mandatory):

Please use the data associated with your own project.

Refer:

- https://scikit-learn.org/stable/modules/feature_selection.html
- https://scikit-learn.org/stable/modules/generated/sklearn.feature_selection.SequentialFeatureSelector.html

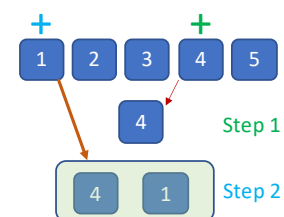
Main Section (Mandatory):

A1. Implement the forward feature selection algorithm on your feature list. Find out the optimal set where maximum accuracy is achieved.

Sequential forward / backward search

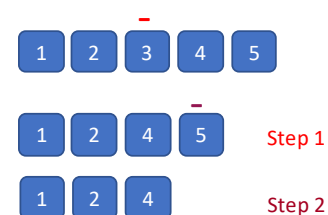
Algorithm 1 Sequential forward feature set generation - SFG.

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function SFG( $F$  - full set,  $U$  - measure)
  initialize:  $S = \{\}$  ▷  $S$  stores the selected features
  repeat
     $f = \text{FINDNEXT}(F)$ 
     $S = S \cup \{f\}$ 
     $F = F - \{f\}$ 
  until  $S$  satisfies  $U$  or  $F = \{\}$ 
  return  $S$ 
end function
```



Algorithm 2 Sequential backward feature set generation - SBG.

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function SBG( $F$  - full set,  $U$  - measure)
  initialize:  $S = \{\}$  ▷  $S$  holds the removed features
  repeat
     $f = \text{GETNEXT}(F)$ 
     $F = F - \{f\}$ 
     $S = S \cup \{f\}$ 
  until  $S$  does not satisfy  $U$  or  $F = \{\}$ 
  return  $F \cup \{f\}$ 
end function
```



A2. Implement the backward feature removal algorithm. Identify the optimal set with accuracy maximization as the target. Compare the results obtained with the results from A1.

Optional Section

O1. Study the other feature selection techniques available in sklearn package. Understanding their advantages & disadvantages.

Report Assignment:

1. Compare the results of forward and backward feature selection / removal algorithms as observed by your experiment. [2]
2. Explain the drawbacks of forward feature selection & backward feature removal algorithms. [2]