

K-Nearest Neighbor (KNN)

KNN is a supervised ML algorithm. It is mostly used for classification, but can be used for regression also. It considers K-Nearest Neighbors (data points) to predict the class for a new data-point.

The algorithm's learning is -

- Instance-based → Here the model does not learn weights from training data to predict output (as in model-based learning), but uses training instances to predict output for new data.
- Lazy learning → The model does not learn anything during the training stage. It just stores the training data. At the prediction stage, it the learning is done only at the prediction stage.
- Non-parametric → In KNN, there is no pre-defined form of mapping function.

▣ Pseudocode for KNN :-

1. Find the optimal value of K
2. Calculate the distance of the new data-point from all the training data-points.
3. Sort these distances in ascending order.

4. select the top K rows

5. Find the most frequent class from these K rows and this will be the predicted class. (For Classification)

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Find the mean of K rows and this will be the predicted value. (For Regression)

Value of K :-

There is no particular way to determine best value of K .

It can be done by -

selecting a range of values for K . Then fitting the model with each value of these values and finding their accuracy score. The value of K which gives the highest accuracy is chosen.

