

RANDOM FOREST ASSIGNMENT

Problem Statement:

This assignment aims to utilize Random Forest algorithms to analyze given datasets, extracting meaningful insights, and predicting outcomes based on the decision rules learned from the data. By exploring the datasets and employing Random Forest techniques, students are expected to build predictive models and interpret the decision rules to derive valuable insights.

Guidelines:

1. Foundational Knowledge:

- Understand the principles of Random Forest and how it aggregates multiple decision trees.
- Familiarize yourself with Random Forest algorithms.
- Recognize the advantages of Random Forest over single decision trees.

2. Data Exploration:

- Analyze the dataset's structure and characteristics using various exploratory techniques such as histograms, scatter plots, and correlation matrices.
- Gain insights into the dataset's attributes to guide the Random Forest modeling process.

3. Preprocessing and Feature Engineering:

- Handle missing values and categorical variables appropriately.
- Encode categorical variables if necessary.
- Split the dataset into training and testing sets.

4. Random Forest Construction:

- Choose appropriate hyperparameters such as the number of trees, maximum depth, minimum samples per leaf, and splitting criteria based on data exploration.
- Implement Random Forest algorithms using chosen parameters.
- Train the Random Forest model on the training data.

5. Model Evaluation:

- Evaluate the trained model using appropriate metrics such as accuracy, precision, recall, and F1-score.
- Analyze feature importance provided by the Random Forest model.

6. Hyperparameter Tuning and Model Optimization:

- Perform hyperparameter tuning using techniques like grid search or random search to optimize model performance.
- Validate the optimized model using cross-validation techniques.

Step-by-Step Approach to Random Forest Modeling:

1. Setup and Data Preparation:

- Import necessary libraries: pandas, matplotlib, scikit-learn.
- Load the dataset for Random Forest modeling.
- Preprocess the data, handle missing values, and encode categorical variables.

2. Random Forest Parameters:

- Choose appropriate hyperparameters such as the number of trees, maximum depth, minimum samples per leaf, and splitting criteria based on data exploration.

3. Building the Random Forest:

- Initialize the Random Forest model with selected parameters.
- Train the Random Forest model on the prepared training data.

4. Model Evaluation:

- Evaluate the trained model using appropriate metrics such as accuracy, precision, recall, and F1-score.
- Analyze feature importance provided by the Random Forest model.

5. Hyperparameter Tuning and Optimization:

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Links to Datasets for the Assignment:

- Credit Risk Classification Dataset

[<https://www.kaggle.com/datasets/praveengovi/credit-risk-classification-dataset/data>]

- Stroke Prediction Dataset

[<https://www.kaggle.com/datasets/fedesoriano/stroke-prediction-dataset/data>]

- Water quality Dataset

[<https://www.kaggle.com/datasets/mssmartypants/water-quality/data>]