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1.

What is the primary goal of density-based clustering analysis in machine learning?

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To classify data points into predefined classes.

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To group data points into a hierarchical structure of nested clusters based on their similarities.

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To group data points into clusters based on their proximity to dense regions of data.

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To predict the target variable for each data point.

✔ Correct

Correct! The main goal of density-based clustering analysis is to group data points into clusters based on their proximity to dense regions of data.

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2.

Which density-based clustering method utilizes a parameter called "epsilon" and "minPts"?

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K-means

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DBSCAN (Density-Based Spatial Clustering of Applications with Noise)

☐

Hierarchical clustering

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K-medoids

✔ Correct

Correct! DBSCAN uses the epsilon parameter to determine the neighborhood around a data point and minPts to define a dense region.

3.

In DBSCAN, what does the "epsilon" parameter control?

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The number of clusters in the dataset.

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The maximum distance between data points in a cluster.

☐

The minimum number of data points required to form a cluster.

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The size of each cluster in terms of the number of data points.

✔ Correct

Correct! The epsilon parameter defines the maximum distance (radius) within which data points are considered neighbors.

4.

Which of the following statements about noise points in DBSCAN is true?

1 / 1 point

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Noise points are considered as outliers and are not assigned to any cluster.

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Noise points are assigned to the nearest cluster based on the distance criterion.

☐

Noise points are assigned to a separate "noise" cluster.

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Noise points are given a unique cluster label and treated as a single cluster.

✔ Correct

Correct! In DBSCAN, noise points are data points that do not belong to any cluster and are considered as outliers.

5.

What is the primary advantage of density-based clustering over partitioning clustering algorithms like k-means?

1 / 1 point

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Density-based clustering is more computationally efficient for large datasets.

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Density-based clustering can handle datasets with a large number of features.

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Density-based clustering is less sensitive to the initial placement of centroids.

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Density-based clustering can identify clusters of varying shapes and handle datasets with different densities.

✔ Correct

Correct! Density-based clustering can identify clusters of varying shapes and handle datasets with different densities, while k-means assumes convex, equally-sized clusters.

6.

What does the "minPts" parameter control in DBSCAN?

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☐

The maximum distance between data points in a cluster.

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The number of clusters in the dataset.

☐

The minimum distance between data points in a cluster.

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The minimum number of data points required to form a dense region or cluster.

✔ Correct

Correct! The "minPts" parameter specifies the minimum number of data points required to form a dense region or cluster.

7.

What is the main limitation of density-based clustering algorithms like DBSCAN?

1 / 1 point

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They can only handle datasets with a small number of features.

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They are sensitive to the initial placement of centroids.

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They cannot handle datasets with a large number of data points.

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They struggle to handle datasets with varying densities and clusters of significantly different sizes.

✔ Correct

Correct! Density-based clustering algorithms can struggle with datasets containing clusters of significantly different densities and sizes.

8.

Which of the following statements about DBSCAN clustering is correct?

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DBSCAN always forms circular-shaped clusters.

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DBSCAN requires the number of clusters to be specified in advance.

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DBSCAN cannot identify outliers in the dataset.

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DBSCAN can form clusters of different shapes and handle non-convex clusters in the data.

✔ Correct

Correct! DBSCAN can form clusters of different shapes and handle non-convex clusters, making it suitable for more complex datasets.

9.

In DBSCAN, which type of data points are considered core points?

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Data points that do not have any neighbors within the defined neighborhood.

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Data points that have at least "minPts" neighbors within the defined neighborhood.

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Data points that are located at the center of each cluster.

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Data points that have the highest density in the dataset.

✔ Correct

Correct! Core points are data points that have at least "minPts" neighbors within the defined neighborhood (epsilon).

10.

Which of the following statements about DBSCAN is true?

1 / 1 point

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DBSCAN assigns each data point to the nearest cluster center.

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DBSCAN is sensitive to the initial placement of centroids.

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DBSCAN can identify noise points (outliers) in the dataset.

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DBSCAN always produces circular-shaped clusters.

✔ Correct

Correct! DBSCAN can identify noise points as data points that do not belong to any cluster.

