Application Flow

k-NN is one of the most fundamental algorithms for classification and regression in the Machine Learning world.

But before proceeding with the algorithm, let's first discuss the lifecycle of any machine learning model. This diagram explains the creation of a Machine Learning model from scratch and then taking the same model further with hyperparameter tuning to increase its accuracy, deciding the deployment strategies for that model and once deployed setting up the logging and monitoring frameworks to generate reports and dashboards based on the client requirements. A typical lifecycle diagram for a machine learning model looks like:



k-Nearest Neighbors

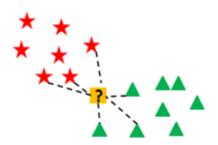
K-nearest neighbors (KNN) is a type of supervised learning algorithm which is used for both regression and classification purposes, but mostly it is used for the later. Given a dataset with different classes, KNN tries to predict the correct class of test data by calculating the distance between the test data and all the training points. It then selects the k points which are closest to the test data. Once the points are selected, the algorithm calculates the probability (in case of classification) of the test point belonging to the classes of the k training points and the class with the highest probability is selected. In the case of a regression problem, the predicted value is the mean of the k selected training points.

Let's understand this with an illustration:

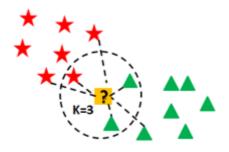
1) Given a training dataset as given below. We have a new test data that we need to assign to one of the two classes.



2) Now, the k-NN algorithm calculates the distance between the test data and the given training data.



3) After calculating the distance, it will select the k training points which are nearest to the test data. Let's assume the value of k is 3 for our example.



4) Now, 3 nearest neighbors are selected, as shown in the figure above. Let's see in which class our test data will be assigned:

Number of Green class values = 2 Number of Red class values = 1 Probability(Green) = 2/3 Probability(Red) = 1/3

Since the probability for Green class is higher than Red, the k-NN algorithm will assign the test data to the Green class.

Similarly, if this were the case of a regression problem, the predicted value for the test data will simply be the mean of all the 3 nearest values.

This is the basic working algorithm for k-NN. Let's understand how the distance is calculated:

Euclidean Distance:

It is the most commonly used method to calculate the distance between two points. The Euclidean distance between two points 'p(p1,p2)' and 'q(q1,q2)' is calculated as :

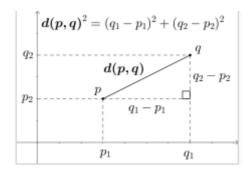


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$$d(\mathbf{p},\mathbf{q}) = \sqrt{(q_1-p_1)^2 + (q_2-p_2)^2}.$$

Similarly, for n-dimensional space, the Euclidean distance is given as :

$$d(\mathbf{p},\mathbf{q}) = \sqrt{(p_1-q_1)^2 + (p_2-q_2)^2 + \dots + (p_i-q_i)^2 + \dots + (p_n-q_n)^2} = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n (p_i-q_i)^2}.$$

Hamming distance

A/c to Wikipedia, hamming distance is a distance metric that measures the number of mismatches between two vectors. It is mostly used in the case of categorical data.

$$HamD(x,y) = \sum_{i=1}^n 1_{x_i \neq y_i}$$

Generally, if we have features as categorical data then we consider the difference to be 0 if both the values are the same and the difference is 1 if both the values are different.

Manhattan Distance

A/c to Wikipedia, The Manhattan distance, also known as L1 norm, Taxicab norm, Rectilinear distance or City block distance. This distance represents the sum of the absolute differences between the opposite values in vectors.

$$MD(x, y) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} |x_i - y_i|$$

Manhattan Distance is less influenced by outliers than the Euclidean distance. With very high dimensional data it is more preferred.

Lazy Learners

k-NN algorithms are often termed as Lazy learners. Let's understand why is that. Most of the algorithms like Bayesian classification, logistic regression, SVM etc., are called Eager learners. These algorithms generalize over the training set before receiving the test data i.e. they create a model based on the training data before receiving the test data and then do the prediction/classification on the test data. But this is not the case with the k-NN algorithm. It doesn't create a generalized model for the training set but waits for the test data. Once test data is provided then only it starts generalizing the training data to classify the test data. So, a lazy learner just stores the training data and waits for the test set. Such algorithms work less while training and more while classifying a given test dataset.

Weighted Nearest Neighbor

In weighted k-NN, we assign weights to the k nearest neighbors. The weights are typically assigned on the basis of distance. Sometimes rest of data points are assigned a weight of 0 also. The main intuition is that the points in neighbor should have more weights than father points.

Choosing the value of k

The value of k affects the k-NN classifier drastically. The flexibility of the model decreases with the increase of 'k'. With lower value of 'k' variance is high and bias is low but as we increase the value of 'k' variance starts decreasing and bias starts increasing. With very low values of 'k' there is a chance of algorithm overfitting the data whereas with very high value of 'k' there is a chance of underfitting. Let's visualize the trade-off between '1/k', train error rate and test error rate:

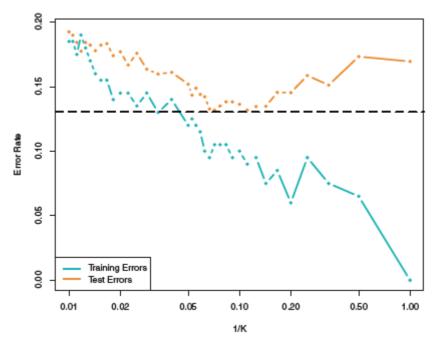


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We can clearly see that the train error rate increases with the increase in the value of 'k' whereas test error rate decreases initially and then increases again. So, our goal should be to choose such value of 'k' for which we get a minimum of both the errors and avoid overfitting as well as underfitting. We use different ways to calculate the optimum value of 'k' such as cross validation, error versus k curve, checking accuracy for each value of 'k' etc.

Pros and Cons of k-NN Algorithm

Pros:

- It can be used for both regression and classification problems.
- · It is very simple and easy to implement.
- Mathematics behind the algorithm is easy to understand.
- There is no need to create model or do hyperparameter tuning.
- KNN doesn't make any assumption for the distribution of the given data.
- · There is not much time cost in training phase.

Cons:

- · Finding the optimum value of 'k'
- It takes a lot of time to compute the distance between each test sample and all training samples.
- Since the model is not saved beforehand in this algorithm (lazy learner), so every time one predicts a test value, it follows the same steps again and again.
- Since, we need to store the whole training set for every test set, it requires a lot of space.
- It is not suitable for high dimensional data.
- · Expensive in testing phase

Different ways to perform k-NN

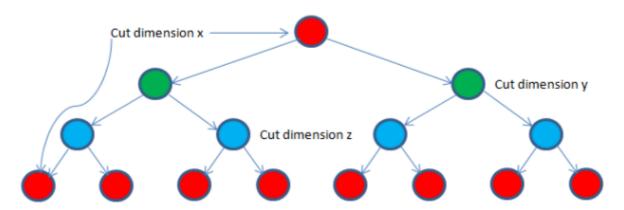
Above we studied the way k-NN classifies the data by calculating the distance of test data from each of the observations and selecting 'k' values. This approach is also known as "Brute Force k-NN". This is computionally very expensive. So, there are other ways as well to perfrom k-NN which are comparatively less expensive than

Brute force approach. The idea behind using other algorithms for k-NN classifier is to reduce the time during test period by preprocessing the training data in such a way that the test data can be easily classified in the appropriate clusters.

Let's discuss and understand the two most famous algorithms:

k-Dimensional Tree (kd tree)

k-d tree is a hierarchical binary tree. When this algorithm is used for k-NN classfication, it rearranges the whole dataset in a binary tree structure, so that when test data is provided, it would give out the result by traversing through the tree, which takes less time than brute search.



The dataset is divided like a tree as shown in the above figure. Say we have 3 dimensional data i.e. (x,y,z) then the tree is formed with root node being one of the dimensions, here we start with 'x'. Then on the next level the split is done on basis of the second dimension, 'y' in our case. Similarly, third level with 3rd dimension and so on. And in case of 'k' dimensions, each split is made on basis of 'k' dimensions. Let's understand how k-d trees are formed with an example:

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Training Jates > S(1,2), (2,3), (2,4), (3,6), (4,2), (5,7), (6,8), (7,5), (8,5), (9,1), (9,3)}

here, K=2

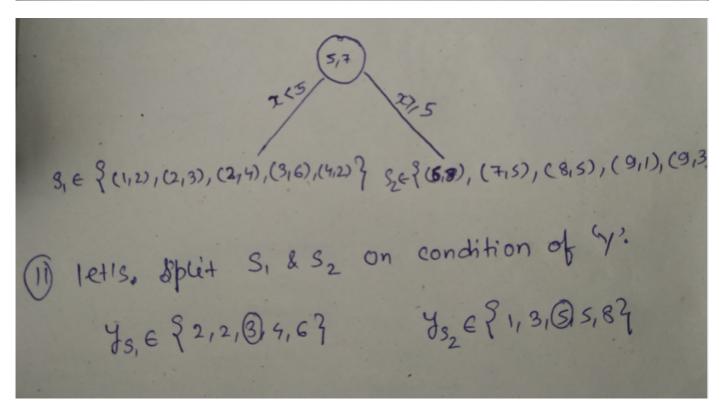
let's build our 2-d tree

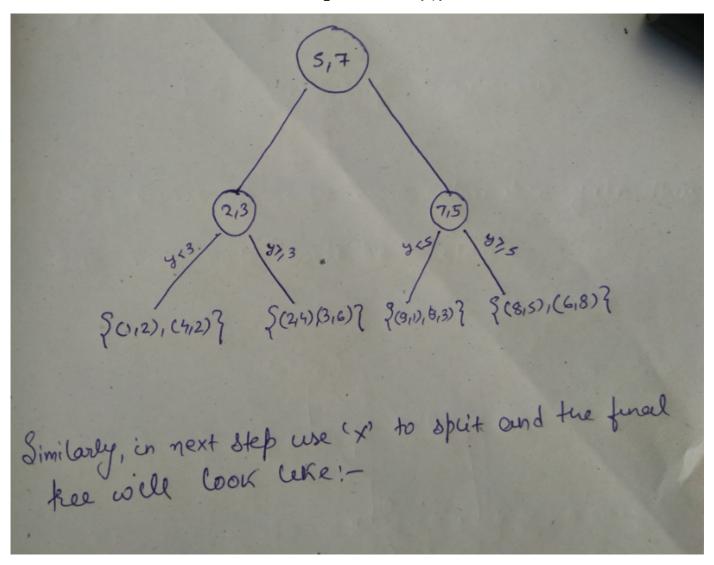
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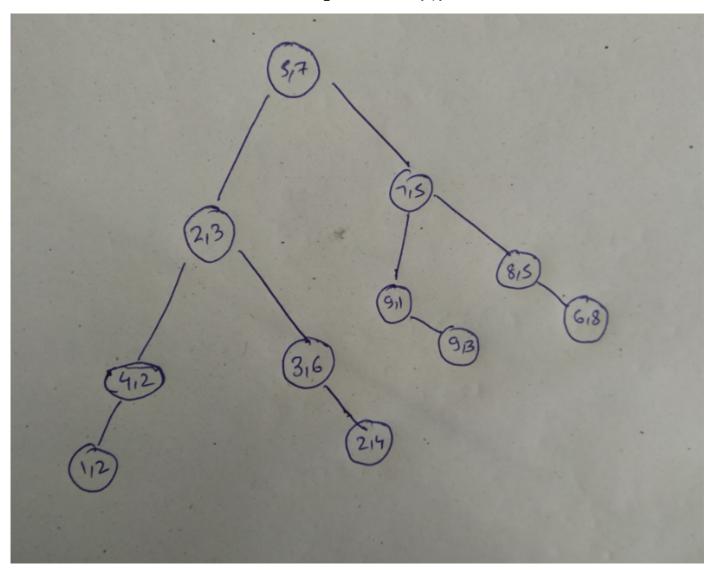
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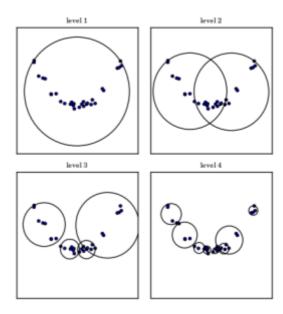
Once the tree is formed , it is easy for algorithm to search for the probable nearest neighbor just by traversing the tree. The main problem k-d trees is that it gives probable nearest neighbors but can miss out actual nearest neighbors.

Ball Tree

Similar to k-d trees, Ball trees are also hierarchical data structure. These are very efficient specially in case of higher dimensions.

These are formed by following steps:

- · Two clusters are created initially
- All the data points must belong to atleast one of the clusters.
- 3) One point cannot be in both clusters.
- Distance of the point is calculated from the centroid of the each cluster. The point closer to the centroid goes into that particular cluster.
- Each cluster is then divided into sub clusters again, and then the points are classified into each cluster on the basis of distance from centroid.
- This is how the clusters are kept to be divided till a certain depth.



Ball tree formation initially takes a lot of time but once the nested clusters are created, finding nearest neighbors is easier.

We will see the implementation of all the above concepts in python.

Cross-Validation

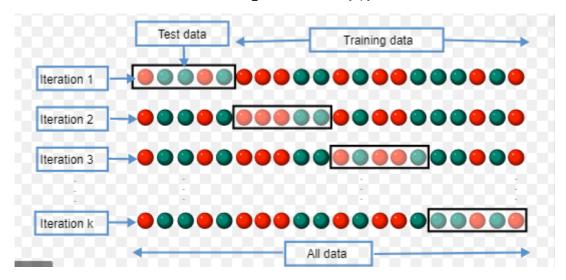
Suppose you train a model on a given dataset using any specific algorithm. You tried to find the accuracy of the trained model using the same training data and found the accuracy to be 95% or maybe even 100%. What does this mean? Is your model ready for prediction? The answer is no. Why? Because your model has trained itself on the given data, i.e. it knows the data and it has generalized over it very well. But when you try and predict over a new set of data, it's most likely to give you very bad accuracy, because it has never seen the data before and thus it fails to generalizes well over it. This is the problem of overfitting. To tackle such problem, Cross-validation comes into the picture. Cross-validation is a resampling technique with a basic idea of dividing the training dataset into two parts i.e. train and test. On one part(train) you try to train the model and on the second part(test) i.e. the data which is unseen for the model, you make the prediction and check how well your model works on it. If the model works with good accuracy on your test data, it means that the model has not overfitted the training data and can be trusted with the prediction, whereas if it performs with bad accuracy then our model is not to be trusted and we need to tweak our algorithm.

Let's see the different approaches of Cross-Validation:

· Hold Out Method:

It is the most basic of the CV techniques. It simply divides the dataset into two sets of training and test. The training dataset is used to train the model and then test data is fitted in the trained model to make predictions. We check the accuracy and assess our model on that basis. This method is used as it is computationally less costly. But the evaluation based on the Hold-out set can have a high variance because it depends heavily on which data points end up in the training set and which in test data. The evaluation will be different every time this division changes.

• k-fold Cross-Validation



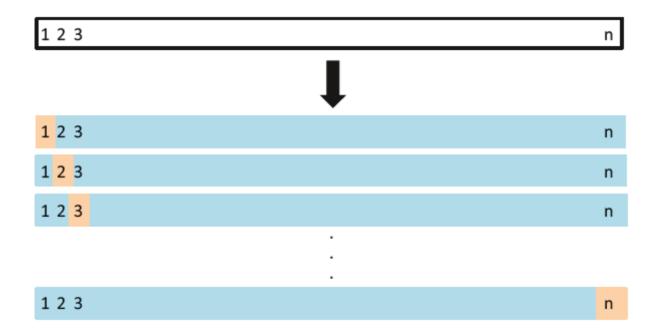
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To tackle the high variance of Hold-out method, the k-fold method is used. The idea is simple, divide the whole dataset into 'k' sets preferably of equal sizes. Then the first set is selected as the test set and the rest 'k-1' sets are used to train the data. Error is calculated for this particular dataset. Then the steps are repeated, i.e. the second set is selected as the test data, and the remaining 'k-1' sets are used as the training data. Again, the error is calculated. Similarly, the process continues for 'k' times. In the end, the CV error is given as the mean of the total errors calculated individually, mathematically given as:

$$CV_{(k)} = \frac{1}{k} \sum_{i=1}^{k} MSE_i.$$

The variance in error decreases with the increase in 'k'. The disadvantage of k-fold cv is that it is computationally expensive as the algorithm runs from scratch for 'k' times.

• Leave One Out Cross Validation (LOOCV)



LOOCV is a special case of k-fold CV, where k becomes equal to n (number of observations). So instead of creating two subsets, it selects a single observation as a test data and rest of data as the training data. The error is calculated for this test observations. Now, the second observation is selected as test data, and the rest

of the data is used as the training set. Again, the error is calculated for this particular test observation. This process continues 'n' times and in the end, CV error is calculated as:

$$CV_{(n)} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} MSE_i.$$

Bias Variance tradeoff for k-fold CV, LOOCV and Holdout Set CV

There is a very good explanation given in the ISLR Book as given below:

A k-fold CV with k < n has a computational advantage to LOOCV. But putting computational issues aside, a less obvious but potentially more important advantage of k-fold CV is that it often gives more accurate estimates of the test error rate than does LOOCV. The validation set approach can lead to overestimates of the test error rate since in this approach the training set used to fit the statistical learning method contains only half the observations of the entire data set. Using this logic, it is not hard to see that LOOCV will give approximately unbiased estimates of the test error since each training set contains n-1 observations, which is almost as many as the number of observations in the full data set. And performing k-fold CV for, say, k = 5 or k = 10 will lead to an intermediate level of bias since each training set contains (k-1)n/k observations—fewer than in the LOOCV approach, but substantially more than in the validation set approach. Therefore, from the perspective of bias reduction, it is clear that LOOCV is to be preferred to k-fold CV. However, we know that bias is not the only source for concern in an estimating procedure; we must also consider the procedure's variance. It turns out that LOOCV has higher variance than does k-fold CV with k < n. Why is this the case? When we perform LOOCV, we are in effect averaging the outputs of n fitted models, each of which is trained on an almost identical set of observations; therefore, these outputs are highly (positively) correlated with each other. In contrast, when we perform k-fold CV with k < n, we are averaging the outputs of k fitted models that are somewhat less correlated with each other since the overlap between the training sets in each model is smaller. Since the mean of many highly correlated quantities has higher variance than does the mean of many quantities that are not as highly correlated, the test error estimate resulting from LOOCV tends to have higher variance than does the test error estimate resulting from k-fold CV.

Python implementation

In [193]:

```
import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
from sklearn.neighbors import KNeighborsClassifier
#Let's start with importing necessary libraries
from sklearn.preprocessing import StandardScaler
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split, GridSearchCV
from sklearn.model_selection import KFold
from statsmodels.stats.outliers_influence import variance_inflation_factor
from sklearn.metrics import accuracy_score, confusion_matrix, roc_curve, roc_au
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns
sns.set()
```

In [195]:

```
data = pd.read_csv("diabetes.csv") # Reading the Data
data.head()
```

Out[195]:

	Pregnancies	Glucose	BloodPressure	SkinThickness	Insulin	ВМІ	DiabetesPedigreeFunctio
0	6	148	72	35	0	33.6	0.62
1	1	85	66	29	0	26.6	0.35
2	8	183	64	0	0	23.3	0.67
3	1	89	66	23	94	28.1	0.16
4	0	137	40	35	168	43.1	2.28
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In [196]:

1 data.describe()

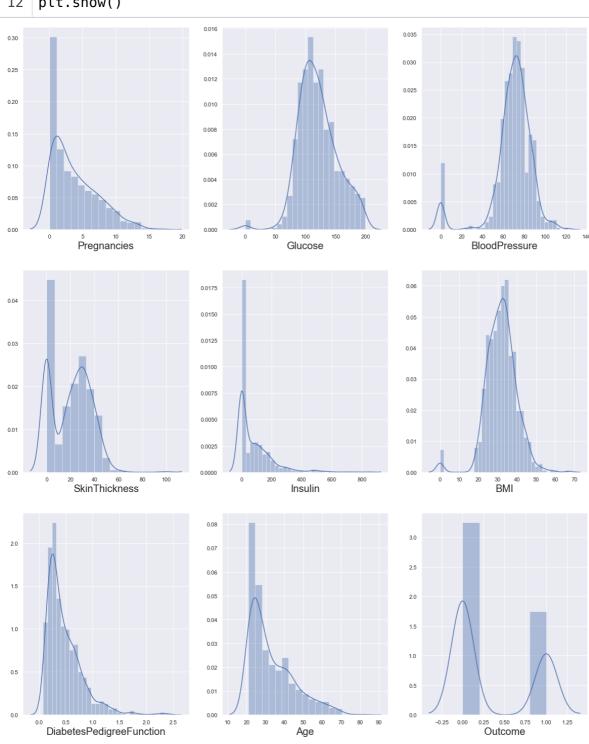
Out[196]:

	Pregnancies	Glucose	BloodPressure	SkinThickness	Insulin	ВМІ	Diabete
count	768.000000	768.000000	768.000000	768.000000	768.000000	768.000000	
mean	3.845052	120.894531	69.105469	20.536458	79.799479	31.992578	
std	3.369578	31.972618	19.355807	15.952218	115.244002	7.884160	
min	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	
25%	1.000000	99.000000	62.000000	0.000000	0.000000	27.300000	
50%	3.000000	117.000000	72.000000	23.000000	30.500000	32.000000	
75%	6.000000	140.250000	80.000000	32.000000	127.250000	36.600000	
max	17.000000	199.000000	122.000000	99.000000	846.000000	67.100000	
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It seems that there are no missing values in our data. Great, let's see the distribution of data:

In [197]:

```
# let's see how data is distributed for every column
    plt.figure(figsize=(20,25), facecolor='white')
 3
    plotnumber = 1
 5
    for column in data:
 6
        if plotnumber<=9 :</pre>
                                # as there are 9 columns in the data
 7
            ax = plt.subplot(3,3,plotnumber)
 8
            sns.distplot(data[column])
 9
            plt.xlabel(column,fontsize=20)
            #plt.ylabel('Salary', fontsize=20)
10
11
        plotnumber+=1
12
    plt.show()
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We can see there is some skewness in the data, let's deal with data.

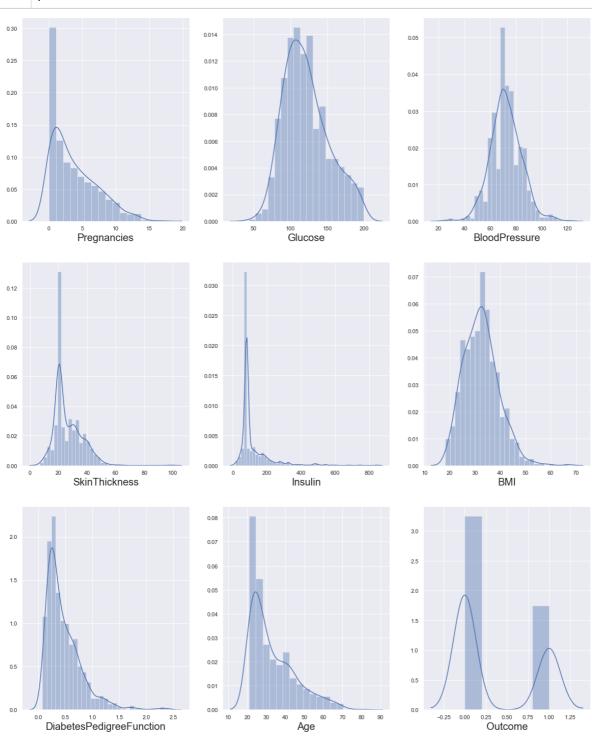
Also, we can see there few data for columns Glucose, Insulin, skin thickness, BMI and Blood Pressure which have value as 0. That's not possible. You can do a quick search to see that one cannot have 0 values for these. Let's deal with that, we can either remove such data or simply replace it with their respective mean values. Let's do the latter.

In [198]:

```
# replacing zero values with the mean of the column
data['BMI'] = data['BMI'].replace(0,data['BMI'].mean())
data['BloodPressure'] = data['BloodPressure'].replace(0,data['BloodPressure'].m
data['Glucose'] = data['Glucose'].replace(0,data['Glucose'].mean())
data['Insulin'] = data['Insulin'].replace(0,data['Insulin'].mean())
data['SkinThickness'] = data['SkinThickness'].replace(0,data['SkinThickness'].m
```

In [11]:

```
# let's see how data is distributed for every column
   plt.figure(figsize=(20,25), facecolor='white')
   plotnumber = 1
 3
 5
    for column in data:
 6
        if plotnumber<=9 :</pre>
 7
            ax = plt.subplot(3,3,plotnumber)
            sns.distplot(data[column])
 8
 9
            plt.xlabel(column,fontsize=20)
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            #plt.ylabel('Salary', fontsize=20)
11
        plotnumber+=1
12
    plt.show()
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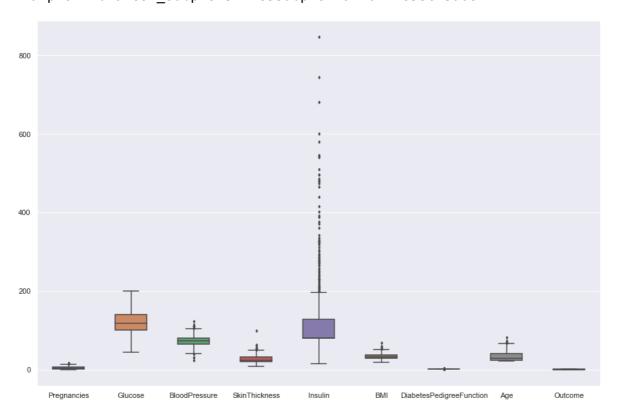


In [12]:

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fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(15,10))
sns.boxplot(data=data, width= 0.5,ax=ax, fliersize=3)
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Out[12]:

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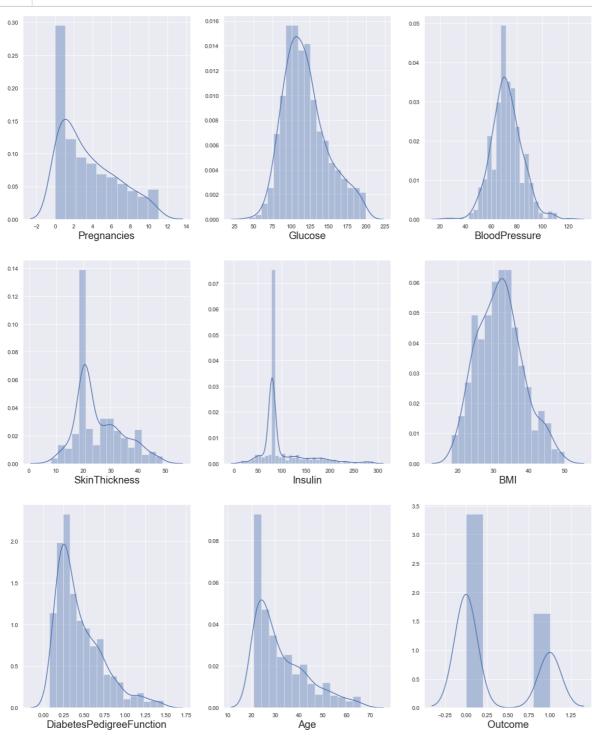


In [199]:

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q = data['Pregnancies'].quantile(0.98)
   # we are removing the top 2% data from the Pregnancies column
   data cleaned = data[data['Pregnancies']<q]</pre>
   g = data cleaned['BMI'].quantile(0.99)
   # we are removing the top 1% data from the BMI column
   data cleaned = data cleaned[data cleaned['BMI']<q]</pre>
   q = data cleaned['SkinThickness'].quantile(0.99)
7
   # we are removing the top 1% data from the SkinThickness column
   data_cleaned = data_cleaned[data_cleaned['SkinThickness']<q]</pre>
   q = data cleaned['Insulin'].quantile(0.95)
10
   # we are removing the top 5% data from the Insulin column
11
   data cleaned = data cleaned[data cleaned['Insulin']<q]</pre>
12
   q = data_cleaned['DiabetesPedigreeFunction'].quantile(0.99)
13
14
   # we are removing the top 1% data from the DiabetesPedigreeFunction column
15
   data cleaned = data cleaned[data cleaned['DiabetesPedigreeFunction']<q]</pre>
   q = \overline{data}_{cleaned['Age'].quantile(0.99)}
16
   # we are removing the top 1% data from the Age column
17
   data cleaned = data cleaned[data cleaned['Age']<q]</pre>
```

In [14]:

```
# let's see how data is distributed for every column
 2
    plt.figure(figsize=(20,25), facecolor='white')
 3
    plotnumber = 1
 4
 5
    for column in data_cleaned:
 6
        if plotnumber<=9 :</pre>
 7
            ax = plt.subplot(3,3,plotnumber)
 8
            sns.distplot(data_cleaned[column])
 9
            plt.xlabel(column,fontsize=20)
10
            #plt.ylabel('Salary', fontsize=20)
11
        plotnumber+=1
12
    plt.show()
```



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In [200]:
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1  X = data.drop(columns = ['Outcome'])
2  y = data['Outcome']
```

In [16]:

```
# let's see how data is distributed for every column
    plt.figure(figsize=(20,25), facecolor='white')
 2
 3
    plotnumber = 1
 4
 5
    for column in X:
 6
        if plotnumber<=9 :</pre>
 7
             ax = plt.subplot(3,3,plotnumber)
             sns.stripplot(y,X[column])
 8
 9
        plotnumber+=1
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Great!! Let's proceed by checking multicollinearity in the dependent variables. Before that, we should scale our data. Let's use the standard scaler for that.

In [201]:

```
1 scalar = StandardScaler()
2 X_scaled = scalar.fit_transform(X)
```

In [202]:

```
vif = pd.DataFrame()
vif["vif"] = [variance_inflation_factor(X_scaled,i) for i in range(X_scaled.sha
vif["Features"] = X.columns

#let's check the values
vif
```

Out[202]:

	vif	Features
0	1.431075	Pregnancies
1	1.347308	Glucose
2	1.247914	BloodPressure
3	1.450510	SkinThickness
4	1.262111	Insulin
5	1.550227	ВМІ
6	1.058104	DiabetesPedigreeFunction
7	1.605441	Age

In [232]:

```
1 x_train,x_test,y_train,y_test = train_test_split(X_scaled,y, test_size= 0.25)
```

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In [233]:
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```
# let's fit the data into kNN model and see how well it performs:
knn = KNeighborsClassifier()
knn.fit(x_train,y_train)
```

Out[233]:

In [234]:

```
1 y_pred = knn.predict(x_test)
```

In [235]:

```
1 knn.score(x_train,y_train)
```

Out[235]:

0.836805555555556

In [236]:

```
print("The accuracy score is : ", accuracy_score(y_test,y_pred))
```

The accuracy score is: 0.765625

Let's try to increase the accuracy by using hyperparameter tuning.

In [237]:

In [238]:

```
gridsearch = GridSearchCV(knn, param_grid,verbose=3)
```

In []:

```
1 gridsearch.fit(x_train,y_train)
```

In [240]:

```
1 # let's see the best parameters according to gridsearch
2 gridsearch.best_params_
3
```

Out[240]:

```
{'algorithm': 'ball_tree', 'leaf_size': 18, 'n_neighbors': 11}
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In [241]:

```
# we will use the best parameters in our k-NN algorithm and check if accuracy i
knn = KNeighborsClassifier(algorithm = 'ball_tree', leaf_size =18, n_neighbors
```

In [242]:

```
1 knn.fit(x_train,y_train)
```

Out[242]:

In [243]:

```
1 knn.score(x_train,y_train)
```

Out[243]:

0.79340277777778

Looks like accuracy for training has decreased, maybe our model was overfitting the data before. Let's see how it perfroms on the test data.

In [244]:

```
1 knn.score(x_test,y_test)
```

Out[244]:

0.776041666666666

Great, accuracy score has increased for our test data. So, indeed our model was overfitting before. Now, it looks better.

Let's now use k-fold cross validation and check how well our model is generalizing over our dataset: We are randomly selecting our k to be 12 for k fold.

In [245]:

```
1 #k-fold cross validation
2 kfold = KFold(n_splits=12,random_state= 42)
3 kfold.get_n_splits(X_scaled)
```

Out[245]:

12

In [256]:

```
from statistics import mean
 2
   knn = KNeighborsClassifier(algorithm = 'ball_tree', leaf_size =18, n_neighbors
 3
   cnt = 0
 4
   count=[]
 5
   train score =[]
   test_score = []
 6
 7
 8
   for train index,test index in kfold.split(X scaled):
 9
       X_train, X_test = X_scaled[train_index], X_scaled[test_index] # our scaled
       y train, y test = y.iloc[train index], y.iloc[test index] # y is a datafram
10
       knn.fit(X train,y train)
11
12
       train_score_ = knn.score(X_train,y train)
13
       test score = knn.score(X test,y test)
14
       cnt+=1
15
       count.append(cnt)
16
       train score.append(train score )
       test score.append(test score )
17
18
19
       print("for k = ", cnt)
       print("train_score is : ", train_score_, "and test score is : ", test_sco
20
   21
   22
   print("Average train score is : ", mean(train_score))
print("Average test score is : ", mean(test_score))
23
for k = 1
```

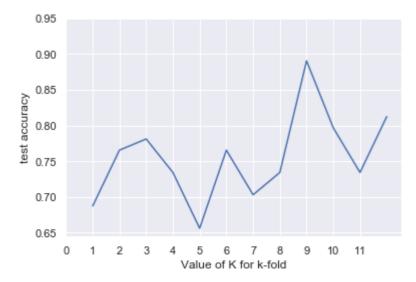
```
train score is :
                  0.8068181818181818 and test score is :
                                                         0.6875
for k = 2
                  0.7926136363636364 and test score is :
                                                         0.765625
train score is :
for k = 3
                  0.7954545454545454 and test score is :
                                                         0.78125
train score is:
for k = 4
train score is :
                  0.7997159090909091 and test score is :
                                                         0.734375
for k = 5
train_score is :
                  0.7940340909090909 and test score is :
                                                         0.65625
for k = 6
                  0.7954545454545454 and test score is :
train score is:
                                                         0.765625
for k = 7
train_score is :
                  0.7997159090909091 and test score is :
                                                         0.703125
for k = 8
train score is:
                  0.7926136363636364 and test score is :
                                                         0.734375
for k = 9
train_score is :
                  0.7840909090909091 and test score is :
                                                         0.890625
for k = 10
train score is:
                  0.7997159090909091 and test score is :
                                                         0.796875
for k = 11
                  0.7997159090909091 and test score is :
train score is :
                                                         0.734375
for k = 12
                 0.7911931818181818 and test score is :
                                                         0.8125
train score is :
***************
*****************
Average train score is:
                         0.7959280303030303
Average test score is:
                        0.75520833333333334
```

In [247]:

```
# let's plot the test_accuracy with the value of k in k-fold

plt.plot(count,test_score)
plt.xlabel('Value of K for k-fold')
plt.ylabel('test accuracy')
plt.xticks(np.arange(0, 12, 1))
plt.yticks(np.arange(0.65, 1, 0.05))
```

Out[247]:



Average train score is: 0.7959280303030303

Average test score is: 0.75520833333333334

Our cross validation tells that on an avergae our model has a 75% accuracy on our test data. so, that's how we can use cross validation to compute how well our model is generalizing on our data.

We can also use cross valdition score to opt between different models or to do hyperparameter tuning.

In [258]:

```
# let's save the model
import pickle

with open('C://Users//user/iNeuron/KNN'+ '/modelForPrediction.sav', 'wb') as f:
    pickle.dump(knn,f)

with open('C://Users//user/iNeuron/KNN'+ '/standardScalar.sav', 'wb') as f:
    pickle.dump(scalar,f)
```

Cloud Deployment (Azure)

Once the training is completed, we need to expose the trained model as an API for the user to consume it. For prediction, the saved model is loaded first and then the predictions are made using it. If the web app works fine, the same app is deployed to the cloud platform. The application flow for cloud deployment looks like:



Pre-requisites:

- Basic knowledge of flask framework.
- Any Python IDE installed(we are using PyCharm).
- · A Microsoft Azure account.
- · Basic understanding of HTML.

Deployment to Azure:

- Go to https://portal.azure.com/) and create an account if already haven't created one.
- Go to the Azure account and create a web app.



• Provide the app name, resource group(create new if necessary), runtime stack(Python 3.7), region, select the 1 GB size, which is free to use. Click Review+create to create the web app.



• Once the deployment is completed, open the app and go to the 'Deployment Center' option. Select 'local git' for source control and click continue.



• Select the kudo 'App service build provider' as the build provider and click continue.



• Click 'Finish' to complete the setup. • Go to the overview section of the app, and the Git link now will be visible.



• Go to 'Deployment Credentials' and copy the username and password. These will be required when doing the final push to the remote git repository.



- Open a command prompt and navigate to your project folder.
- Run git init to initialise an empty git repository
- Create a new remote git alias using the command: git remote add
- Use git add . to add all the files to the local git repository.
- Use commit –git m "First Commit" to commit the code to the git repo.
- Push the code to the remote repo using git push master -f
- This prompts for a username and password. Provide the same credentials as copied in the step above.
- After deployment, from the 'overview' ¬¬¬section, copy the URL and paste into the browser to see the application running.

Thank You!

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