



Department of Cyber Security
(End-Semester Examination: Fall 2025)

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Note:

1. Attempt all questions
2. This examination carries 45% weight towards the final grade
3. Make sure to attempt all parts of a question together!
4. DO NOT WRITE ANYTHING ON THE QUESTION PAPER, except your ID
5. Calculators are ALLOWED
6. You may consult the following formulas for answering the questions:

Entropy for binary classification:

$$H(S) = -P_1 \log_2(P_1) - P_0 \log_2(P_0)$$

where P_1 = proportion of Positive class and P_0 = proportion of negative class

Information Gain for attribute A:

Information Gain of A = Entropy before split – Weighted average entropy after split on A

Squared Loss: $L = \frac{1}{2}(h(x) - y)^2$

Sigmoid function: $\sigma(z) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-z}}$

Sigmoid derivative: $\sigma'(z) = \sigma(z)(1 - \sigma(z))$

Naïve Bayes theorem: $P(Y|X) = \frac{P(X|Y) P(Y)}{P(X)}$

Q. No 1 (CLO 1)

40 Marks

State whether the following statements are **True** or **False**. Any cutting/replacement of answer in any statement will result in zero marks for that statement.

- (i) The solutions returned by minimax and alpha-beta pruning algorithms may or may not be the same.
- (ii) k-NN is a parametric algorithm that explicitly learns weights during training.
- (iii) Unsupervised learning algorithms learn by experimentation.
- (iv) All filters in the convolution layer of a ConvNet have same weights.
- (v) RNNs are good at learning from sequences but do not do well on spatial data.

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b	<p>Fill in the blanks. Any cutting/replacement of answer in a statement will result in zero marks for that statement.</p> <p>(i) The function $f(x) = \max(0, x)$ is known as _____</p> <p>(ii) _____ is able to capture the long-term dependencies in sequential data which can be problematic for RNNs.</p> <p>(iii) In reinforcement learning, the value function estimates the expected _____ from a given state or state-action pair.</p> <p>(iv) When a model is too simple, it may have high bias and produce systematically incorrect predictions, which is called _____.</p> <p>(v) In CSP, the most constrained variable heuristic selects the variable which has the _____ legal remaining values.</p>	5																																				
c	<p>(i) Briefly describe the phases of parameter learning in a linear regression problem.</p> <p>(ii) Describe the difference between distance metric and linkage criteria in hierarchical clustering</p>	6+4																																				
d	<p>(i) In both linear and logistic regression, the derivatives of loss w.r.t. parameters and update rules for gradient descent have the same general form:</p> $\frac{\partial J(\theta)}{\partial \theta_j} = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m (h_{\theta}(x^{(i)}) - y^{(i)}) x_j^{(i)}$ $\theta_j := \theta_j - \alpha \frac{\partial J(\theta)}{\partial \theta_j}$ <p>Linear and logistic regression are different in their nature and application. How would you explain the similarity in their loss derivatives and update rules?</p> <p>(ii) Compare and contrast parametric and non-parametric machine learning algorithms.</p>	6+4																																				
e	<p>(i) Distinguish between parameters and hyper-parameters of a machine learning model.</p> <p>(ii) Give two examples of parameters and hyper-parameters for ConvNets.</p>	4+6																																				
Q. No 2 (CLO 2)		30 Marks																																				
a	<p>Consider a fully connected 1-hidden layer neural network with two hidden neurons, three inputs and a single output. All neurons use sigmoid activation function. The Loss function is squared loss and learning rate is 0.5. All the weights are initialized to 2 and biases are initialized to 0. Assume that the output is 1 for the following input: $x_1 = 4, x_2 = 0, x_3 = -5$</p> <p>(i) Draw a diagram for the above neural network and label all the inputs and outputs. Moreover, assign appropriate symbols to any intermediate variables.</p> <p>(ii) Compute the values of all variables and outputs for the forward pass.</p> <p>(iii) Derive and compute the gradient of Loss w.r.t. pre-activation for the output layer.</p>	6+6+6																																				
b	<p>Suppose you have a training dataset consisting of 3 Boolean features X_1, X_2, and X_3 where $X_i \in \{0, 1\}$. Furthermore, assume that the label is defined as $Y = X_1 \vee X_2$ i.e., $Y=1$ if $X_1=1$ or $X_2=1$ and $Y=0$ otherwise. Suppose that your training dataset contains all of the 8 possible feature vectors as shown.</p> <table><thead><tr><th>X_1</th><th>X_2</th><th>X_3</th><th>Y</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>0</td><td>0</td><td>0</td><td>0</td></tr><tr><td>1</td><td>0</td><td>0</td><td>1</td></tr><tr><td>0</td><td>1</td><td>0</td><td>1</td></tr><tr><td>1</td><td>1</td><td>0</td><td>1</td></tr><tr><td>0</td><td>0</td><td>1</td><td>0</td></tr><tr><td>1</td><td>0</td><td>1</td><td>1</td></tr><tr><td>0</td><td>1</td><td>1</td><td>1</td></tr><tr><td>1</td><td>1</td><td>1</td><td>1</td></tr></tbody></table> <p>(i) Draw the root node of the Decision Tree for this dataset and calculate the classification error.</p> <p>(ii) On which feature will you split first? Show your working in support of your answer and draw the tree after the split.</p>	X_1	X_2	X_3	Y	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3+6+3
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	(iii) Can you decide not to split on X_3 without doing any calculations? Describe briefly.	
Q. No 3 (CLO 3)		30 Marks
a	<p>(i) Suppose we need to devise a ConvNet for an image recognition application. The size of input images is 10x10 pixels. Can we use a 3x3 filter with a stride of 2 in the convolution layer? Explain your answer.</p> <p>(ii) If your answer to part (i) is <i>No</i>, propose a way to resolve the issue. Note: you cannot change the image size.</p>	4+6
b	<p>(i) Algorithms like k-Means work on continuous numerical features. Propose a way to use k-Means for data that includes both numerical and categorical features.</p> <p>(ii) Explain your proposed method with a small example.</p>	5+5
c	<p>(i) You are given a dataset where y is non-linear with respect to x. Explain why k-NN might outperform linear regression.</p> <p>(ii) Describe a scenario where linear regression might still be preferable.</p>	5+5

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