Introduction to Algorithmic Data Analysis

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Q3.1: Decision trees

Plots below depict the decision boundary of decision trees. Associate each tree to its decision boundary.



Q3.2: Splitting hairs

While growing a decision tree, we compare two possible splits. We compute the *error rate*, *Gini index*, *entropy* and *information gain* for either one.

In fact, the four measures agree that the second split is better. Prior to split, the counts are 8 32 and *entropy*= 0.722.

Can you identify which measure corresponds to which values?

	yes 0 18 no 8 14	yes 6 4 no 2 28
i)	0.200	0.150
ii)	0.202	0.214
iii)	0.520	0.508
iv)	0.255	0.213

What type of support vector machine best suits this dataset?



i) hard-margin linear SVMii) soft-margin linear SVMiii) kernel SVM

Which of the three lines corresponds to the decision boundary of a hard-margin linear SVM?



Q3.5: Support vector machine of choice (ii)

What type of support vector machine best suits this dataset?

- i) hard-margin linear SVM
- ii) soft-margin linear SVM
- iii) kernel SVM



Q3.6: Support vectors

The decision boundary and margin learnt by a soft-margin SVM for this dataset are drawn as gray dotted lines.

Which of the following training data points are support vectors?



Q3.7: Prediction confidence

The decision boundary and margin learnt by a soft-margin SVM for this dataset are drawn as gray dotted lines.

Rank the following test data points from the least to the most confident prediction.



Q3.8: Decision boundaries

Plots below depict the decision boundary of binary classifiers on the training set.

Associate each classifier to its decision boundary.



i) k-NNii) decision treeiii) naive Bayesiv) linear SVMv) kernel SVM radial basis function

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Q3.9: Precision and recall

Plots below depict the decision boundary of binary classifiers. Dots represent the ground-truth, with the positive class in red. Associate each classifier to its performance on this data.



How much time is necessary to carry out 10-fold cross-validation if the training procedure is quadratic in the number of training instances, whereas the prediction is done in constant time for any given instance, and the available dataset contains *n* instances? Consider two classifiers A and B.

On one data set, a 10-fold cross validation shows that classifier *A* is better than *B* by 3%, with a standard deviation of 7% over 100 different folds.

On the other data set, classifier *B* is better than classifier *A* by 1%, with a standard deviation of 0.1% over 100 different folds.

Which classifier would you prefer on the basis of this evidence, and why?

An analyst has trained a decision tree on a dataset. The model has high accuracy on the training data but the accuracy drops sharply on the test data.

In order to improve the performance of the model, you recommend to

- i) increase the depth of the tree
- ii) increase the minimum size of leaves
- iii) subsample the training data