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# Unit 7 - Week 6 : Supervised Learning (Regression and Classification Techniques)-II

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## Assignment 6

The due date for submitting this assignment has passed. **Due on 2017-09-06, 23:55 IST.** As per our records you have not submitted this assignment.

1) Is it possible to use neural networks to perform compression? If so, will the compression be **1 point** lossy (i.e., exact input cannot be recovered) or lossless (decompression gives back the exact input)?

- no, compression is not possible using neural networks
- yes, compression is possible, but only lossy compression
- yes, compression is possible, but only lossless compression
- yes, compression is possible, and depending upon the data and the network, both lossy and lossless compression may be performed

**No, the answer is incorrect.**

**Score: 0**

**Accepted Answers:**

*yes, compression is possible, and depending upon the data and the network, both lossy and lossless compression may be performed*

2) Assume that you are given a data set and a neural network model trained on the data set. **1 point** You are asked to build a decision tree model with the sole purpose of understanding/interpreting the built neural network model. In such a scenario, which among the following measures would you concentrate most on optimizing?

- Accuracy of the decision tree model on the given data set
- F1 measure of the decision tree model on the given data set
- Fidelity of the decision tree model, which is the fraction of instances on which the neural network and the decision tree give the same output
- Comprehensibility of the decision tree model, measured in terms of the size of the corresponding rule set

**No, the answer is incorrect.**

**Score: 0**

**Accepted Answers:**

*Fidelity of the decision tree model, which is the fraction of instances on which the neural network and the decision tree give the same output*

3) Which of the following is/are true about bagging? **1 point**

- bagging reduces variance of the classifier
- bagging increases the variance of the classifier
- bagging can help make robust classifiers from unstable classifiers
- majority is one way of combining outputs from various classifiers which are being bagged

**No, the answer is incorrect.**

**Score: 0**

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**Accepted Answers:**

*bagging reduces variance of the classifier*

*bagging can help make robust classifiers from unstable classifiers*

*majority is one way of combining outputs from various classifiers which are being bagged*

4) Can the boosting technique be applied on regression problems? Can bagging be applied on regression problems? **1 point**

- no, no
- no, yes
- yes, no
- yes, yes

**No, the answer is incorrect.**

**Score: 0**

**Accepted Answers:**

*yes, yes*

5) In the general context of classification, re-weighting the data points (relative to an original training data set where the points are un-weighted) can lead to **1 point**

- change in the underlying optimization problem that is solved
- change in the positions of data points in the feature space
- change in the decision surface generated by the classifier
- change in the nature of the data set from being linearly separable to becoming linearly non-separable (in case the original data was linearly separable)

**No, the answer is incorrect.**

**Score: 0**

**Accepted Answers:**

*change in the underlying optimization problem that is solved*

*change in the decision surface generated by the classifier*

6) If one feature (compared to all others) is a very strong predictor of the class label of the output variable, then all of the trees in a random forest will have this feature as the root node. **1 point**

- false
- true

**No, the answer is incorrect.**

**Score: 0**

**Accepted Answers:**

*false*

7) Which of the following statements are true about ensemble classifiers? **1 point**

- The different learners in boosting based ensembles can be trained in parallel
- The different learners in bagging based ensembles can be trained in parallel
- Boosting based algorithms which iteratively re-weight training points, such as AdaBoost, are more sensitive to noise than bagging based methods.
- Boosting methods generally use strong learners as individual classifiers
- Boosting methods generally use weak learners as individual classifiers
- An individual classifier in a bagging based ensemble is trained with every point in the training set
- An individual classifier in a boosting based ensemble is trained with every point in the training set.

**No, the answer is incorrect.**

**Score: 0**

**Accepted Answers:**

*The different learners in bagging based ensembles can be trained in parallel*

*Boosting based algorithms which iteratively re-weight training points, such as AdaBoost, are more sensitive to noise than bagging based methods.*

*Boosting methods generally use weak learners as individual classifiers*



*An individual classifier in a boosting based ensemble is trained with every point in the training set.*

8) By using a linear activation function in the output layer of a neural network for solving regression tasks, are we constraining the resultant model to be linear in the input features? **1 point**

- no
- yes

**No, the answer is incorrect.**

**Score: 0**

**Accepted Answers:**

*no*

9) In case of limited training data, which technique, bagging or stacking, would be preferred, and why? **1 point**

- bagging, because we can combine as many classifier as we want by training each on a different sample of the training data
- bagging, because we use the same classification algorithms on all samples of the training data
- stacking, because each classifier is trained on all of the available data
- stacking, because we can use different classification algorithms on the training data

**No, the answer is incorrect.**

**Score: 0**

**Accepted Answers:**

*stacking, because each classifier is trained on all of the available data*

10) In the lectures, we saw how to train a 7 layer auto encoder network. In case we wanted to perform classification on the data used for training this network, while making use of the trained network, a suitable approach would be to **1 point**

- add an additional eighth layer on top of the 7 layers as the output layer and train the entire network for the classification task
- add an additional eighth layer on top of the 7 layers as the output layer and only modify the weights between layers 7 and 8 in training for the classification task
- discard the top 3 layers, add an additional layer on top of the 4th layer as the output layer and train the entire network for the classification task
- discard the top 3 layers, add an additional layer on top of the 4th layer as the output layer and only modify the weights between layers 4 and 5 in training for the classification task

**No, the answer is incorrect.**

**Score: 0**

**Accepted Answers:**

*discard the top 3 layers, add an additional layer on top of the 4th layer as the output layer and train the entire network for the classification task*

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