



B.E/B.TECH DEGREE EXAMINATIONS: NOV/DEC 2024

(Regulation 2018)

Fifth Semester

ELECTRONICS AND COMMUNICATION ENGINEERING

U18ECE0014: Machine Learning

COURSE OUTCOMES

- CO1:** Compare the various learning methods.
CO2: Compare and apply neural network-based learning algorithm
CO3: Apply appropriate linear model for a given application
CO4: Apply probabilistic, clustering and feature reduction technique for suitable application
CO5: Choose appropriate graphical model for given application

Time: Three Hours

Maximum Marks: 100

Answer all the Questions:-

PART A (10 x 2 = 20 Marks)

(Answer not more than 40 words)

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| 1. What is the purpose of a training set in machine learning? | CO1 | [K ₂] |
| 2. Outline the bias-variance tradeoff and how it affects model selection. | CO1 | [K ₂] |
| 3. Why does the Perceptron fail to learn the XOR function? | CO2 | [K ₂] |
| 4. Compare and contrast RBF networks and Feedforward Neural Networks | CO2 | [K ₂] |
| 5. What are support vectors? Recall their role in Support Vector Machines. | CO3 | [K ₂] |
| 6. Summarize the limitations of least squares classification. | CO3 | [K ₂] |
| 7. How does GMM differ from K-means in terms of cluster assignment? | CO4 | [K ₂] |
| 8. How does Linear Discriminant Analysis (LDA) differ from Principal Component Analysis (PCA) in terms of objective? | CO4 | [K ₂] |
| 9. What is overfitting in decision trees, and how can it be prevented? | CO5 | [K ₂] |
| 10. What is the Markov property, and how does it relate to Markov models? | CO5 | [K ₂] |

Answer any FIVE Questions:-

PART B (5 x 16 = 80 Marks)

(Answer not more than 400 words)

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| 11. a) Explain in detail various types of learning. | 8 | CO1 | [K ₂] |
| b) Examine how does the Vapnik-Chervonenkis (VC) bound relate to overfitting and generalization in machine learning? | 8 | CO1 | [K ₄] |

12. a) Apply Perceptron learning algorithm to single layer feed forward network to implement an Odd Parity Checker for an input consisting of 3 bits including 2 data bits D_1D_0 and a parity bit P as MSB (PD_1D_0). Determine the weights and bias of the network after first iteration with initial weights and biases as 0 & learning rate $\alpha=0.5$. Assume x_0 is bias input (+1). (Note: An iteration refers to a single update of the model's parameters (weights and biases) during training.) 8 CO2 [K₃]

b) Build an RBF network for implementing the sum output of a half adder. 8 CO2 [K₃]

13. a) A company wants to predict the monthly sales revenue based on the amount spent on advertising in a given month. The company has data from the last 5 months on advertising expenditure (in \$1,000) and corresponding sales revenue (in \$10,000). The data is as follows:

Month	Advertising Expenditure in\$1000	Sales Revenue in\$100000
1	2	4.5
2	3	6.0
3	7	9.0
4	9	10.5
5	7	14.0

Predict the sales revenue for a future month where they plan to spend \$6,000 on advertising using Least Squares Regression.

b) Explain the concept of maximum margin classifier with an example. 8 CO3 [K₂]

14. a) Describe the K-means clustering algorithm in detail, highlighting its objective function and the steps involved. Provide an example of clustering a small dataset and discuss how the choice of k affects the final clusters. 8 CO4 [K₂]

b) Given data points [1,2],[2,3],[5,6],[8,8] and $k=2$, assign the points to clusters using k-means and update the centroids iteratively. Initially, assume centroids are [1,2] and [8,8]. After the first iteration, the centroids might shift to [1.5,2.5] and [6.5,7]. Repeat this process until convergence. 8 CO4 [K₃]

15. a) A small company collects data on three features (e.g., height, weight, and age) from three employees. The data is represented as follows: 4 CO4 [K₃]

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 2 & 1 \\ 6 & 3 & 2 \\ 7 & 4 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Apply PCA to reduce the dimensionality of this dataset.

- b) Design a feed-forward neural network with two input nodes x_1 & x_2 and bias input node with input $x_0=+1$, only one hidden-layer consists of two nodes Z_1 & Z_2 and one output node Y to implement two input EXOR gate. Each node in the hidden and output layer has a bias input value of $+1$. Apply Back propagation algorithm to update the weights and errors for one iteration and determine the output for newly updated weights. Assume $\alpha = 0.5$ and initial weights as follows: 12 CO2 [K₃]

Initial weights between input nodes to hidden nodes:

$$x_1 \rightarrow z_1 = 0.6, x_1 \rightarrow z_2 = 0.3, x_2 \rightarrow z_1 = 0.2, x_2 \rightarrow z_2 = 0.4.$$

$$\text{Bias} \rightarrow Z_1 = 0.2, \text{Bias} \rightarrow Z_2 = 0.3$$

Initial weights between hidden to nodes output nodes:

$$Z_1 \rightarrow Y = 0.2, Z_2 \rightarrow Y = 0.5.$$

$$\text{Bias} \rightarrow Y = 0.1$$

16. a) Explain directed graphical models (Bayesian networks) in detail. Include their structure, how they represent dependencies, and provide an example. 8 CO5 [K₂]
- b) Explain various components and steps of HMM. Also determine the 1. Initial state matrix, 2. State transition matrix, 3. Emission matrix for the HMM state machine given below. 8 CO5 [K₃]


