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M. Tech (First Semester – Regular) Examinations, June – 2021

MPECS1031- Machine Learning (C.S.E)

Time: 2 hrs

Maximum: 50 Marks

The figures in the right hand margin indicate marks.

PART – A

(2 x 10 = 20 Marks)

Q1. Answer **ALL** questions

- List the functions of supervised learning in the context of machine learning research area.
- Define Reinforcement Learning.
- Compare and contrast the heuristic for rule learning and heuristics for decision trees?
- Define pruning in decision tree and fashion of doing the same.
- Justify:
Ensembles will yield bad results when there is significant diversity among the models.
- Define boosting.
- In the Back-Propagation learning algorithm, what is the object of the learning?
- Which of the following statements is/are true about Neural Networks?
 - Neural Networks can model arbitrarily complex decision boundaries.
 - Neural Networks can be used to emulate a Gaussian kernel SVM
 - Training of a neural network is very sensitive to the initial weights.
 - Ideal initialization for weights would be setting all of them to zeros
- Compare and contrast Naïve- Bayes and Logistic regression.
- What is deep learning, and how does it contrast with other machine learning algorithms?

PART – B

(6 x 5 = 30 Marks)

Answer ANY FIVE questions

Marks

2. Suppose we want an RL agent to learn to play the game of golf. For training purposes, we make use of a golf simulator program. Assume that the original reward distribution gives a reward of +10 when the golf ball is hit into the hole and -1 for all other transitions. To aide the agents learning process, we propose to give an additional reward of +3 whenever the ball is within a 1 metre radius of the hole. Is this additional reward a good idea or not? Why?

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- yes, the additional reward will help speed-up learning
- yes, getting the ball to within a metre of the hole is like a sub-goal and hence, should be rewarded
- no, the additional reward may actually hinder learning
- no, it violates the idea that a goal must be outside the agents direct control.

3. We will use the dataset below to learn a decision tree which predicts if people pass machine learning (Yes or No), based on their previous GPA (High, Medium, or Low)

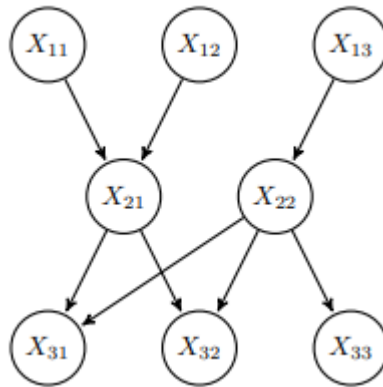
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and whether or not they studied.

GPA	Studied	Passed
L	F	F
L	T	T
M	F	F
M	T	T
H	F	T
H	T	T

What is the entropy $H(\text{Passed} | \text{Studied})$?

4. Explain about statistical hypothesis testing in comparing learning algorithms with real time example. 6
5. Explain how to learn Multilayer Networks using Gradient Descent Algorithm. 6
6. Consider a Bayesian network B with boolean variables. 6



Write the joint probability $P(X_{11}, X_{12}, X_{13}, X_{21}, X_{22}, X_{31}, X_{32}, X_{33})$ factored according to the Bayes net. How many parameters are necessary to define the conditional probability distributions for this Bayesian network?(4 Marks)

Can you say the same thing when $X_{22} = 1$? In other words, can you say X_{13} and X_{33} are independent given $X_{22} = 1$? Why?(2 Marks)

7. Detail about unsupervised learning algorithm with real time scenario. 6
8. Assume we have a set of data from patients who have visited MMC hospital during the year 2017. A set of features (e.g., temperature, height) have been also extracted for each patient. Our goal is to decide whether a new visiting patient has any of diabetes, heart disease, or Alzheimer (a patient can have one or more of these diseases). 6

We have decided to use a neural network to solve this problem. We have two choices: either to train a separate neural network for each of the diseases or to train a single neural network with one output neuron for each disease, but with a shared hidden layer. Which method do you prefer? Justify your answer.

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