

NOTE: Attempt five questions in all, including Question No. 1 which is compulsory and selecting two questions from each Unit.

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1. Attempt the following:-

- a) What is the difference between supervised and unsupervised learning?
- b) Name any two popular machine learning software tools.
- c) What is the purpose of the normal equation in regression models?
- d) Define maximum likelihood estimation (MLE) in the context of generative learning.
- e) How does gradient descent help in logistic regression?
- f) What is the role of activation functions in neural networks?
- g) Explain the concept of hierarchical clustering in unsupervised learning.
- h) What is principal component analysis (PCA), and why is it used?
- i) What does the confusion matrix represent in model evaluation?
- j) Explain the elbow method and its application in clustering. (10x1)

UNIT - I

- II. Compare parametric regression models with non-parametric regression models. Explain the advantages and limitations of both approaches with examples. (10)
- III. Discuss the bias-variance tradeoff in machine learning. How does it impact model performance? Suggest methods to reduce bias and control variance. (10)
- IV. Describe the backpropagation algorithm used in training neural networks. Explain the role of gradients in weight updates with an example. (10)

UNIT - II

- V. Explain the K-means clustering algorithm. Discuss the impact of initial centroid selection and strategies to improve its performance. (10)

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- VI. Discuss Principal Component Analysis (PCA) in detail. How does PCA help in reducing dimensionality while preserving variance? Provide a step-by-step explanation. (10)
- VII. What are the different classification evaluation metrics? Explain precision, recall, F1-score, and ROC-AUC curve with their mathematical formulations. (10)

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