

CSCI-UA 9472. Machine Learning

Material for the Midterm

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1 Material covered

1. You must be able to explain the [residual sum of squares criterion](#) associated to the linear regression model. You must be able to derive the [gradient iterations](#) on that criterion as well as the [closed form solution](#) for the regression coefficients (obtained by setting the derivatives to zero).
2. You must be able to list and explain the three main [regularization approaches](#) (Ridge, Lasso, Best Subset Selection)
3. You must be able to explain the [statistical assumptions](#) leading to the residual sum of squares model, the Ridge and the Lasso. You must be able to describe the distributions involved in each regularization approach (Gaussian and Laplace).
4. You must be able to [compare the regularization approaches](#) in terms of their respective efficiency and complexity
5. You must be able to explain the [bias variance](#) decomposition of the Mean Squared Error (MSE)
6. You must be able to explain how to use the Residual Sum of Squares criterion to [learn a binary classifier](#)
7. You must be able to explain how the [binary classifier can be extended into a multiclass classifier](#) (i.e. one vs rest, one vs one, and one-hot encoding)
8. You must be able to explain the [distinction between generative and discriminative classifiers](#) and give an example from each family.
9. You must be able to explain and derive the expression for the [logistic regression classifier](#)
10. You must be able to explain and derive the expression for the [Linear/Gaussian Discriminant Analysis Classifier](#)
11. You must be able to explain the [perceptron model](#) as well as the [perceptron learning rule](#) and the associated [convergence theorem](#)
12. You must be able to provide the [general expression for a neural network](#) and draw the [corresponding diagram](#)
13. You must be able to explain the [backpropagation algorithm](#) (list the main steps) and provide the associated equations.

14. You must be able to discuss the use of Kernels and motivate this use through gradient descent on large feature vectors.
15. You must be able to define the notion of [Mercer Kernel](#) (i.e. list the two properties that a matrix has to satisfy to be derived from such a Kernel)
16. You must be able to discuss the [kernel trick](#) and apply it to the Residual sum of squares criterion to derive a formulation that only depends on the similarities and not on the feature vectors.
17. You must be able to explain the notion of [Maximal Margin Classifier](#). You must be able to derive the [optimization problem](#) that one has to solve to learn this classifier from the distance of a point to a plane.
18. You must be able to give the [final expression of the Maximal Margin Classifier/SVM](#). In particular, you must be able to use this expression to [illustrate the notion of support vectors](#).
19. You must be able to [list and explain the most important clustering algorithms](#) (K-means, K-medoid, hierarchical clustering, Gaussian Mixture models)
20. You must be able to provide the [pseudo code for K-means and K-medoid](#) and list the most popular [initialization approaches](#) for those two algorithms
21. You must be able to explain how K means clustering can be extended to fit Gaussian mixture models to a dataset through the [EM algorithm](#).
22. You must be able to list and explain the three [main agglomerative clustering](#) approaches (single linkage, complete linkage and group average)
23. You must be able to explain how [divisive clustering](#) work and [give the formulas](#) used to split a cluster into the resulting two subclusters
24. You must be able to discuss the [factor analysis](#) and [principal component analysis](#) models.
25. You must be able to explain how the [Principal component analysis](#) problem can be solved through the [eigenvalue decomposition](#) of the empirical covariance matrix). You must be able to explain how to compute the projection onto the PCA plane from those decompositions.