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**SIXTH SEMESTER B.TECH DEGREE MAKE UP EXAMINATION-JULY 2016**  
**SUBJECT: OPEN ELECTIVE-II MACHINE LEARNING (ICT 364)**  
(REVISED CREDIT SYSTEM)

**TIME: 3 HOURS**

**8/07/2016**

**MAX. MARKS: 50**

**Instructions to candidates**

- Answer any **FIVE FULL** questions. All questions carry equal marks.
- Missing data if any, may be suitably assumed.

- 1A. With probabilistic assumption and interpretation, derive the required relation for least-square regression.
- 1B. What are the limitations of linear regression? How does locally weighted linear regression overcome those limitations?
- 1C. A generalized linear model assumes that the response variable  $y$  (conditioned on  $x$ ) is distributed according to a member of the exponential family:

$$p(y; \eta) = b(y) \exp(\eta^T T(y) - a(\eta)).$$

Show that the Gaussian distribution is an example of exponential distribution.

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- 2A. Suppose you are given a dataset  $\{(x^{(i)}, y^{(i)}; i = 1, \dots, m)\}$  consisting of  $m$  independent examples, where  $x^{(i)} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  are  $n$ -dimensional vectors, and  $y^{(i)} \in \{0, 1\}$ . You will model the joint distribution of  $(x, y)$  according to:

$$p(y) = \phi^y (1 - \phi)^{1-y}$$

$$p(x|y=0) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{n/2} |\Sigma|^{1/2}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(x - \mu_0)^T \Sigma^{-1} (x - \mu_0)\right)$$

$$p(x|y=1) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{n/2} |\Sigma|^{1/2}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(x - \mu_1)^T \Sigma^{-1} (x - \mu_1)\right)$$

Suppose you have already fit  $\phi, \mu_0, \mu_1$ , and  $\Sigma$ , and now want to make a prediction at some new query point  $x$ . Show that the posterior distribution of the label at  $x$  takes the form of a logistic function, and can be written as

$$p(y=1|x; \phi, \Sigma, \mu_0, \mu_1) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-\theta^T x)},$$

where  $\theta$  is some appropriate function of  $\phi, \Sigma, \mu_0, \mu_1$ .

- 2B. What is the intuition behind *margins* in SVMs? Explain the following margins:

- Functional margin, and
- Geometric margin.

- 2C. State *Hoeffding inequality* and give its interpretation.

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Use EM algorithm to derive the expression for  $\mu$ .

4C. Write  $k$ -means clustering algorithm.

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5A. Consider a learning problem in which you have a finite hypothesis class  $\mathcal{H} = \{h_1, \dots, h_k\}$  consisting of  $k$  hypothesis. Derive *uniform convergence* result.

5B. State Jensen's inequality and graphically depict its behavior.

5C. State Mercer's theorem on valid kernels.

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6A. For the data set given in Table Q.6A, design a polynomial learning machines whose inner product kernel is given by

$$K(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_i) = (1 + \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{x}_i)^2.$$

Table: Q.6A

Input Vector, $\mathbf{x}$	Desired Response, $d$
$(-1, -1)$	$-1$
$(-1, +1)$	$+1$
$(+1, -1)$	$+1$
$(+1, +1)$	$-1$

6B. Consider a classification problem in which the response variable  $y$  can take on any one of  $k$  values, so  $y \in \{1, 2, \dots, k\}$ . You can model such distribution as a multinomial distribution. Use GLM for modeling this multinomial distribution and derive the relation for parameters of exponential family distribution.

6C. Briefly explain *Fisher scoring* for maximizing  $l(\theta)$ .

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