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<u>Answer any FIVE FULL Questions</u>										M A R K S	CO	RBT																																														
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5a	Draw the architecture of Fully Connected and Multilayer Perceptron Network					[04]	CO4	L2
5b	Assess a student's performance using Naïve Bayes algorithm with the dataset provided in the table. Given test data $\{(CGPA \geq 9, \text{Interactiveness} = \text{Yes}, \text{Practical Knowledge} = \text{Average})\}$, apply Naïve Bayes theorem					[06]	CO4	L3
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	2.	≥ 8	No	Good	Yes			
	3.	≥ 9	No	Average	No			
	4.	< 8	No	Average	No			
	5.	≥ 8	Yes	Good	Yes			
6a	Consider the following set of data given in the table. Apply Single Linkage algorithm						CO5	L3
	Objects	X-Coordinate	Y - coordinate					
	1	1	4					
	2	2	8					
	3	5	10					
	4	12	18					
	5	14	28					
6b	If the given coordinates of the objects are (0,3) and (5,8), calculate the Euclidean, Manhattan and Chebyshev distance.					[03]	CO5	L3
6c	Explain Markov Decision Process					[02]	CO5	L1

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SOLUTION

Ans- 1a The scope of **Reinforcement Learning (RL)** involves teaching agents to make sequences of decisions by interacting with an environment to maximize cumulative rewards. It covers:

1. **Learning from Interaction:** Agents learn optimal behaviors by exploring and exploiting outcomes of actions.
2. **Dynamic Environments:** Applied where outcomes depend on both current actions and evolving states.

3. **Applications:** RL is used in robotics, game playing (e.g., AlphaGo), autonomous vehicles, recommendation systems, finance, and healthcare.
4. **Key Techniques:** Includes value-based methods (like Q-learning), policy-based methods, and deep reinforcement learning (combining RL with deep learning).

In summary, RL's scope spans both theoretical and practical domains, enabling machines to learn decision-making strategies in complex, uncertain environments.

Ans 1(b) To apply the **Candidate Elimination Algorithm**, we maintain two sets:

- **S** (the most specific hypothesis)
- **G** (the most general hypothesis)

We generalize **S** only when it fails to cover a **positive** instance and specialize **G** only when it incorrectly covers a **negative** instance.

Step-by-step Execution

Initial Hypotheses

- **S** = First positive instance:
 $\langle \geq 9, \text{Yes}, \text{Excellent}, \text{Good}, \text{Fast}, \text{Yes} \rangle$
 - **G** = Most general:
 $\langle ?, ?, ?, ?, ?, ? \rangle$
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Instance 2 (Positive):

$\langle \geq 9, \text{Yes}, \text{Good}, \text{Good}, \text{Fast}, \text{Yes} \rangle$

Compare with **S** and generalize it:

- Practical Knowledge: Excellent \rightarrow Good \rightarrow generalize to ?

Updated S:

$\langle \geq 9, \text{Yes}, ?, \text{Good}, \text{Fast}, \text{Yes} \rangle$

G remains unchanged.

Instance 3 (Negative):

$\langle \geq 8, \text{No}, \text{Good}, \text{Good}, \text{Fast}, \text{No} \rangle$

This negative example is **covered by G** but **not by S**, so we **specialize G** to exclude this instance.

We specialize **G** by making hypotheses that exclude this instance while still covering **S**.

S = $\langle \geq 9, \text{Yes}, ?, \text{Good}, \text{Fast}, \text{Yes} \rangle$

Possible specializations of **G** that exclude the negative:

- CGPA: ≥ 9
- Interactiveness: Yes
- Interest: Yes

So new **G** becomes:

- $\langle \geq 9, ?, ?, ?, ?, ? \rangle$
- $\langle ?, \text{Yes}, ?, ?, ?, ? \rangle$
- $\langle ?, ?, ?, ?, ?, \text{Yes} \rangle$

Remove those that do **not** cover **S**:

- $\langle \geq 9, ?, ?, ?, ?, ? \rangle$ — OK
- $\langle ?, \text{Yes}, ?, ?, ?, ? \rangle$ — OK
- $\langle ?, ?, ?, ?, ?, \text{Yes} \rangle$ — OK

So all 3 stay.

Instance 4 (Positive):

$\langle \geq 9, \text{Yes}, \text{Good}, \text{Good}, \text{Slow}, \text{No} \rangle$

Compare with **S** = $\langle \geq 9, \text{Yes}, ?, \text{Good}, \text{Fast}, \text{Yes} \rangle$

S doesn't cover due to:

- Logical Thinking: Fast \neq Slow
- Interest: Yes \neq No

So generalize S:

- Logical Thinking $\rightarrow ?$
- Interest $\rightarrow ?$

Updated S = $\langle \geq 9, \text{Yes}, ?, \text{Good}, ?, ? \rangle$

Now filter **G** to keep only those that still cover the updated **S** and the current positive instance.

From previous **G**:

1. $\langle \geq 9, ?, ?, ?, ?, ? \rangle$ — OK
2. $\langle ?, \text{Yes}, ?, ?, ?, ? \rangle$ — OK

3. $\langle ?, ?, ?, ?, ?, \text{Yes} \rangle$ — **Reject** (doesn't cover Interest = No)

Final G =

- $\langle \geq 9, ?, ?, ?, ?, ? \rangle$
- $\langle ?, \text{Yes}, ?, ?, ?, ? \rangle$

Final Version Space

- $S = \langle \geq 9, \text{Yes}, ?, \text{Good}, ?, ? \rangle$
- $G = \{ \langle \geq 9, ?, ?, ?, ?, ? \rangle, \langle ?, \text{Yes}, ?, ?, ?, ? \rangle \}$

ANS-2 1) Objective of Linear Regression

To model the relationship between a **dependent variable** y and one or more **independent variables** x , assuming a linear relationship:

$$y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x + \epsilon$$

Where:

- y : actual output (dependent variable)
- x : input feature (independent variable)
- β_0, β_1 : regression coefficients (intercept and slope)
- ϵ : error term

2) Hypothesis Function

$\hat{y} = h(x) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x$ where \hat{y} is the predicted output

3) Cost Function (Mean Squared Error – MSE)

$$J(\beta_0, \beta_1) = \frac{1}{2m} \sum_{i=1}^m (h(x_i) - y_i)^2$$

Where:

- m : number of training examples
- $h(x_i)$: predicted value
- y_i : actual value

4. Gradient Descent (to minimize cost)

Update rules for coefficients:

$$\beta_o = \beta_o - \alpha \frac{\partial J}{\partial \beta_o}, \quad \beta_1 = \beta_1 - \alpha \frac{\partial J}{\partial \beta_1}$$

Compute gradients:

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial \beta_o} = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m (h(x_i) - y_i), \quad \frac{\partial J}{\partial \beta_1} = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m (h(x_i) - y_i)(x_i) ,$$

Ans 3 (a)

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8.	8.9	91	9	Pass

Use Euclidean Distance Formula

$$Distance = \sqrt{(x_1 - x_1)^2 + (y - y_1)^2}$$

Compute Distances

S.No CGPA Assess Proj Result Distance to (6.1, 40, 5)

1	9.2	85	8	Pass	$\sqrt{[(9.2-6.1)^2 + (85-40)^2 + (8-5)^2]} \approx 45.3$
2	8.0	80	7	Pass	$\sqrt{[(8-6.1)^2 + (80-40)^2 + (7-5)^2]} \approx 40.1$
3	8.5	81	8	Pass	$\sqrt{[(8.5-6.1)^2 + (81-40)^2 + (8-5)^2]} \approx 41.9$
4	6.0	45	5	Fail	$\sqrt{[(6.0-6.1)^2 + (45-40)^2 + (5-5)^2]} \approx 5.0$
5	6.5	50	4	Fail	$\sqrt{[(6.5-6.1)^2 + (50-40)^2 + (4-5)^2]} \approx 10.2$
6	8.2	72	7	Pass	≈ 33.6
7	5.8	38	5	Fail	$\sqrt{[(5.8-6.1)^2 + (38-40)^2 + (5-5)^2]} \approx 2.2$
8	8.9	91	9	Pass	≈ 51.2

4. Select 3 Nearest Neighbors

Sorted distances:

1. S7 – Distance ≈ 2.2 – **Fail**
2. S4 – Distance ≈ 5.0 – **Fail**
3. S5 – Distance ≈ 10.2 – **Fail**

5. Majority Voting

All 3 nearest neighbors are **Fail**.

Final Classification: FAIL

So, the student with (6.1, 40, 5) is predicted to **Fail** using K-NN with $k=3$.

Ans 3(b) Step 1: Dataset Summary

S.No Credit Score Income Collateral Approve Loan

1	High	High	High	Yes
2	High	High	No	Yes
3	Medium	High	Yes	Yes
4	Low	Low	No	No
5	Low	High	Yes	No

□ Total instances: **5**

□ Class label: **Approve Loan (Yes/No)**

Step 2: Entropy of Dataset (D)

We compute the **Entropy of the entire dataset** DDD:

- Yes: 3 instances
- No: 2 instances

$$\text{Entropy}(D) = -\frac{3}{5} \log \frac{3}{5} - \frac{2}{5} \log \frac{2}{5} = 0.971$$

Step 3: Choose Attribute with Highest Gain Ratio

We compute **Gain Ratio** for each attribute:

- C4.5 uses **Gain Ratio** = Information Gain / Split Information

Attribute: Credit Score

Values: High, Medium, Low

- High → Instances 1,2 → Yes, Yes → Entropy = 0
- Medium → Instance 3 → Yes → Entropy = 0
- Low → Instances 4,5 → No, No → Entropy = 0

$$\text{Expected Entropy} = \frac{2}{5} \cdot 0 + \frac{1}{5} \cdot 0 = 0$$

$$\text{Gain} = 0.971 - 0 = 0.971$$

$$\text{SplitInfo} = -\left(\frac{2}{5} \log \frac{2}{5} + \frac{1}{5} \log \frac{1}{5} + \frac{2}{5} \log \frac{2}{5}\right) = 1.522$$

$$\text{Gain Ratio} = 0.971 / 1.522 = 0.638$$

Attribute: Income

Values: High (4 instances), Low (1 instance)

- High → Yes, Yes, Yes, No → 3 Yes, 1 No

$$\text{Entropy} = -\frac{3}{4} \log \frac{3}{4} - \frac{1}{4} \log \frac{1}{4}$$

- Low → No → Entropy = 0

$$\text{Expected Entropy} = \frac{4}{5} \cdot 0.811 + \frac{1}{5} \cdot 0 = 0.649$$

$$\text{Gain} = 0.971 - 0.649 = 0.322$$

$$\text{SplitInfo} \approx 0.722$$

$$\text{Gain Ratio} \approx 0.322 / 0.722 \approx 0.44$$

Attribute: Collateral

Values: High, No, Yes

- High → Instance 1 → Yes → Entropy = 0
- No → Instances 2, 4 → Yes, No → Entropy ≈ 1.0
- Yes → Instances 3, 5 → Yes, No → Entropy ≈ 1.0

$$\text{Expected Entropy} = \frac{1}{5} \cdot 0 + \frac{2}{5} \cdot 1 + \frac{2}{5} \cdot 1 = 0.8$$

$$\text{Gain} = 0.971 - 0.8 = 0.171$$

$$\text{SplitInfo} \approx 1.522$$

$$\text{Gain Ratio} \approx 0.171 / 1.522 = 0.112$$

Step 4: Choose Attribute with Highest Gain Ratio

- **Credit Score** has the highest gain ratio ≈ **0.638**

Final tree- 1 Iteration

Credit Score?

└─ High → Approve Loan = Yes

└─ Medium → Approve Loan = Yes

└─ Low → Approve Loan = No

Ans -4 To derive a **Perceptron for the AND function**, we'll follow these steps:

Given:

- **Initial Weights:**
 $w_1 = 0.3$, $w_2 = -0.2$
- **Learning Rate:** $\alpha = 0.2$
- **Threshold (Bias):** $\theta = 0.4$
- **Activation Function:** Step function:

$$f(net) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } net \geq \theta \\ 0 & \text{if } net < \theta \end{cases}$$

Step 1: Truth Table for AND

x_1	x_2	Target (t)
0	0	0
0	1	0
1	0	0
1	1	1

Step 2: Perceptron Training Loop (One Epoch)

We'll go through each input, compute output, compare with target, and adjust weights:

Case 1: (0, 0) → Target: 0

- Net input = $0 \cdot 0.3 + 0 \cdot (-0.2) = 0$
- Since $0 < \theta(0.4)$, Output = 0 → No weight change

Case 2: (0, 1) → Target: 0

Net = $0 \cdot 0.3 + 1 \cdot (-0.2) = -0.20$ → Output = 0 → No weight change

Case 3: (1, 0) → Target: 0

- Net = $1 \cdot 0.3 + 0 \cdot (-0.2) = 0.3$ → Output = 0 → No weight change

Case 4: (1, 1) → Target: 1

- Net = $1 \cdot 0.3 + 1 \cdot (-0.2) = 0.1$ → Output = 0 Incorrect

Update weights:

$$\Delta w_1 = \alpha \cdot (t - o) \cdot x_1 = 0.2 \cdot (1 - 0) \cdot 1 = 0.2$$

$$\Delta w_2 = 0.2 \cdot (1 - 0) \cdot 1 = 0.2$$

New weights:

$$w_1 = 0.3 + 0.2 = 0.5$$

$$w_2 = -0.2 + 0.2 = 0.0$$

New Weights After One Epoch:

- $w_1 = 0.5$
- $w_2 = 0.0$
- Threshold = 0.4

x_1	x_2	Net = $w_1 x_1 + w_2 x_2$	Output	Target
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0	0	0.0
0	1	0.0
1	0	0.5
1	1	0.5

0		0
0		0
1	✗	0
1	✓	1

Conclusion:

You **need another epoch** to fix (1,0). Repeat weight update for that input:

- $\text{Net} = 0.5 \rightarrow \text{Output} = 1$ (should be 0)
- $\Delta w_1 = 0.2 \cdot (0 - 1) \cdot 1 = -0.2 \Rightarrow w_1 = 0.5 - 0.2 = 0.3$
- $\Delta w_2 = 0.2 \cdot (0 - 1) \cdot 0 = 0 \Rightarrow w_2 = 0.0$

Final Weights After Convergence:

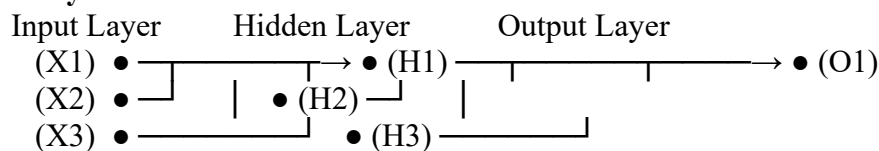
- $w_1 = 0.3$ $w_{_1} = 0.3$ $w_1 = 0.3$
- $w_2 = 0.0$ $w_{_2} = 0.0$ $w_2 = 0.0$
- Threshold = 0.4

This perceptron **correctly classifies** the AND function.

Ans-5

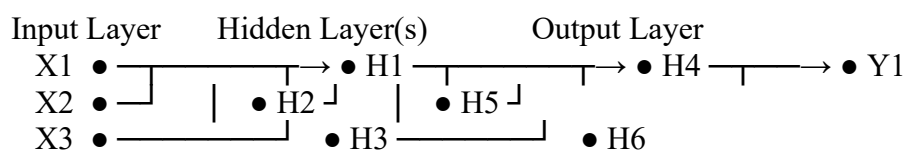
- **Fully Connected Network** refers to the connectivity: each neuron is connected to every neuron in the next layer.
- **Multilayer Perceptron** is a type of Fully Connected Network that has **at least one hidden layer** and uses nonlinear activation functions.

Fully connected neural network architecture



- ☐ Each input node connects to every node in the next layer.
- ☐ Typically consists of:
 - Input layer
 - One or more hidden layers
 - Output layer

Multilayer Perceptron (MLP) Architecture



[Hidden Layer 1] [Hidden Layer 2]

- ☐ **Activation Functions** like ReLU, sigmoid, or tanh are applied in hidden layers.
- ☐ Typically trained using backpropagation and gradient descent.

Key Differences / Notes:

Feature	Fully Connected Network	Multilayer Perceptron
Layers	May include only 1 layer	Always includes ≥ 1 hidden layer
Activation Functions	Not always applied	Non-linear activations used
Depth	Shallow or deep	Deep (≥ 1 hidden layers)

Ans-6 (a) Single Linkage Algorithm

Step-1 Find Euclidean distance

Pair	Distance
(1,2)	$\sqrt{[(2-1)^2 + (8-4)^2]} = \sqrt{[1 + 16]} = \sqrt{17} \approx 4.12$
(1,3)	$\sqrt{[(5-1)^2 + (10-4)^2]} = \sqrt{[16 + 36]} = \sqrt{52} \approx 7.21$
(1,4)	$\sqrt{[(12-1)^2 + (18-4)^2]} = \sqrt{[121 + 196]} = \sqrt{317} \approx 17.80$
(1,5)	$\sqrt{[(14-1)^2 + (28-4)^2]} = \sqrt{[169 + 576]} = \sqrt{745} \approx 27.29$
(2,3)	$\sqrt{[(5-2)^2 + (10-8)^2]} = \sqrt{[9 + 4]} = \sqrt{13} \approx 3.61$
(2,4)	$\sqrt{[(12-2)^2 + (18-8)^2]} = \sqrt{[100 + 100]} = \sqrt{200} \approx 14.14$
(2,5)	$\sqrt{[(14-2)^2 + (28-8)^2]} = \sqrt{[144 + 400]} = \sqrt{544} \approx 23.32$
(3,4)	$\sqrt{[(12-5)^2 + (18-10)^2]} = \sqrt{[49 + 64]} = \sqrt{113} \approx 10.63$
(3,5)	$\sqrt{[(14-5)^2 + (28-10)^2]} = \sqrt{[81 + 324]} = \sqrt{405} \approx 20.12$
(4,5)	$\sqrt{[(14-12)^2 + (28-18)^2]} = \sqrt{[4 + 100]} = \sqrt{104} \approx 10.20$

Step 2: Apply Single Linkage Clustering

Single Linkage: At each step, merge the two clusters that have the **smallest minimum distance** between any two members.

Initial Clusters:

- {1}, {2}, {3}, {4}, {5}

Step 1: Merge Closest Pair

- Closest: (2,3) → Distance ≈ 3.61
→ New Cluster: {2,3}

Clusters:

- {1}, {2,3}, {4}, {5}

Step 2: Next Closest

- (1,2) ≈ 4.12
→ Merge {1} and {2,3} → {1,2,3}

Clusters:

- {1,2,3}, {4}, {5}

Step 3: Next Closest

- $\text{Min}(\{1,2,3\}, \{4\}) = \min(17.80, 14.14, 10.63) = 10.63$ (3,4)
→ Merge {1,2,3} and {4} → {1,2,3,4}

Clusters:

- {1,2,3,4}, {5}

Step 4: Final Merge

- $\text{Min}(\{1,2,3,4\}, \{5\}) = \min(27.29, 23.32, 20.12, 10.20) = 10.20$ (4,5)
→ Merge all → {1,2,3,4,5}

Dendrogram Order (Approximate Distances)

1. Merge (2,3) → 3.61
2. Merge (1) to (2,3) → 4.12
3. Merge (4) to (1,2,3) → 10.63
4. Merge (5) to (1,2,3,4) → 10.20

Ans 6(b) Let's calculate the **Euclidean**, **Manhattan**, and **Chebyshev** distances between the two points:

- **Point A:** (0, 3)

- **Point B:** (5, 8)

1. Euclidean Distance $d = \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2} = \sqrt{(5 - 0)^2 + (8 - 3)^2} = \sqrt{25 + 25} = \sqrt{50}$

2. Manhattan Distance- $d = |x_2 - x_1| + |y_2 - y_1| = |5 - 0| + |8 - 3| = 5 + 5 = 10$

3. Chebyshev Distance

$$d = \max(|x_2 - x_1|, |y_2 - y_1|) = \max(|5 - 0|, |8 - 3|) = \max(5, 5) = 5$$

Ans 6 (c) A **Markov Decision Process (MDP)** is a mathematical framework used to describe a fully observable environment in decision-making problems, especially in reinforcement learning. It provides a formal way to model **sequential decision-making** where outcomes are partly random and partly under the control of a decision maker.

Components of an MDP:

An MDP is defined by a **5-tuple**:

(S, A, P, R, γ) (S, A, P, R, γ)

1. S – States

The set of all possible states the environment can be in.

Example: In a grid-world, each grid cell is a state.

2. A – Actions

The set of all actions available to the agent.

Example: Up, Down, Left, Right.

3. P – Transition Probability

$P(s'|s, a)$: The probability of transitioning to state s' from state s after taking action a .

This satisfies the **Markov property**: the future is independent of the past given the present.

4. R – Reward Function

$R(s, a)$: The immediate reward received after performing action a in state s .

It defines the goal of the agent—to maximize the cumulative reward.

5. γ – Discount Factor

$0 \leq \gamma \leq 1$: A factor that determines the importance of future rewards.

- If $\gamma = 0 \rightarrow$ only immediate reward matters.
- If $\gamma \approx 1 \rightarrow$ long-term rewards are also important.



Goal of MDP:

To find a **policy** $\pi(a|s)$ that defines the best action to take in each state in order to **maximize the expected cumulative reward** over time (often called the **return**).



Value Function:

1. State Value Function $V^\pi(s)$

Expected return when starting in state s and following policy π .

2. Action Value Function $Q^\pi(s, a)$

Expected return after taking action a in state s , and then following policy π .

Applications:

- Reinforcement learning
- Game playing (e.g., chess, Go)
- Robotics and control systems
- Finance and operations research