

## Exam Questions MLS-C01

AWS Certified Machine Learning - Specialty

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#### NEW QUESTION 1

A Machine Learning Specialist is required to build a supervised image-recognition model to identify a cat. The ML Specialist performs some tests and records the following results for a neural network-based image classifier:

Total number of images available = 1,000 Test set images = 100 (constant test set)

The ML Specialist notices that, in over 75% of the misclassified images, the cats were held upside down by their owners.

Which techniques can be used by the ML Specialist to improve this specific test error?

- A. Increase the training data by adding variation in rotation for training images.
- B. Increase the number of epochs for model training.
- C. Increase the number of layers for the neural network.
- D. Increase the dropout rate for the second-to-last layer.

**Answer: B**

#### NEW QUESTION 2

A Data Science team is designing a dataset repository where it will store a large amount of training data commonly used in its machine learning models. As Data Scientists may create an arbitrary number of new datasets every day the solution has to scale automatically and be cost-effective. Also, it must be possible to explore the data using SQL.

Which storage scheme is MOST adapted to this scenario?

- A. Store datasets as files in Amazon S3.
- B. Store datasets as files in an Amazon EBS volume attached to an Amazon EC2 instance.
- C. Store datasets as tables in a multi-node Amazon Redshift cluster.
- D. Store datasets as global tables in Amazon DynamoDB.

**Answer: A**

#### NEW QUESTION 3

A city wants to monitor its air quality to address the consequences of air pollution A Machine Learning Specialist needs to forecast the air quality in parts per million of contaminates for the next 2 days in the city As this is a prototype, only daily data from the last year is available

Which model is MOST likely to provide the best results in Amazon SageMaker?

- A. Use the Amazon SageMaker k-Nearest-Neighbors (kNN) algorithm on the single time series consisting of the full year of data with a predictor\_type of regressor.
- B. Use Amazon SageMaker Random Cut Forest (RCF) on the single time series consisting of the full year of data.
- C. Use the Amazon SageMaker Linear Learner algorithm on the single time series consisting of the full year of data with a predictor\_type of regressor.
- D. Use the Amazon SageMaker Linear Learner algorithm on the single time series consisting of the full year of data with a predictor\_type of classifier.

**Answer: C**

#### NEW QUESTION 4

A Machine Learning team uses Amazon SageMaker to train an Apache MXNet handwritten digit classifier model using a research dataset. The team wants to receive a notification when the model is overfitting. Auditors want to view the Amazon SageMaker log activity report to ensure there are no unauthorized API calls. What should the Machine Learning team do to address the requirements with the least amount of code and fewest steps?

- A. Implement an AWS Lambda function to log Amazon SageMaker API calls to Amazon S3. Add code to push a custom metric to Amazon CloudWatch.
- B. Create an alarm in CloudWatch with Amazon SNS to receive a notification when the model is overfitting.
- C. Use AWS CloudTrail to log Amazon SageMaker API calls to Amazon S3. Add code to push a custom metric to Amazon CloudWatch.
- D. Create an alarm in CloudWatch with Amazon SNS to receive a notification when the model is overfitting.
- E. Implement an AWS Lambda function to log Amazon SageMaker API calls to AWS CloudTrail.
- F. Add code to push a custom metric to Amazon CloudWatch.
- G. Create an alarm in CloudWatch with Amazon SNS to receive a notification when the model is overfitting.
- H. Use AWS CloudTrail to log Amazon SageMaker API calls to Amazon S3. Set up Amazon SNS to receive a notification when the model is overfitting.

**Answer: C**

#### NEW QUESTION 5

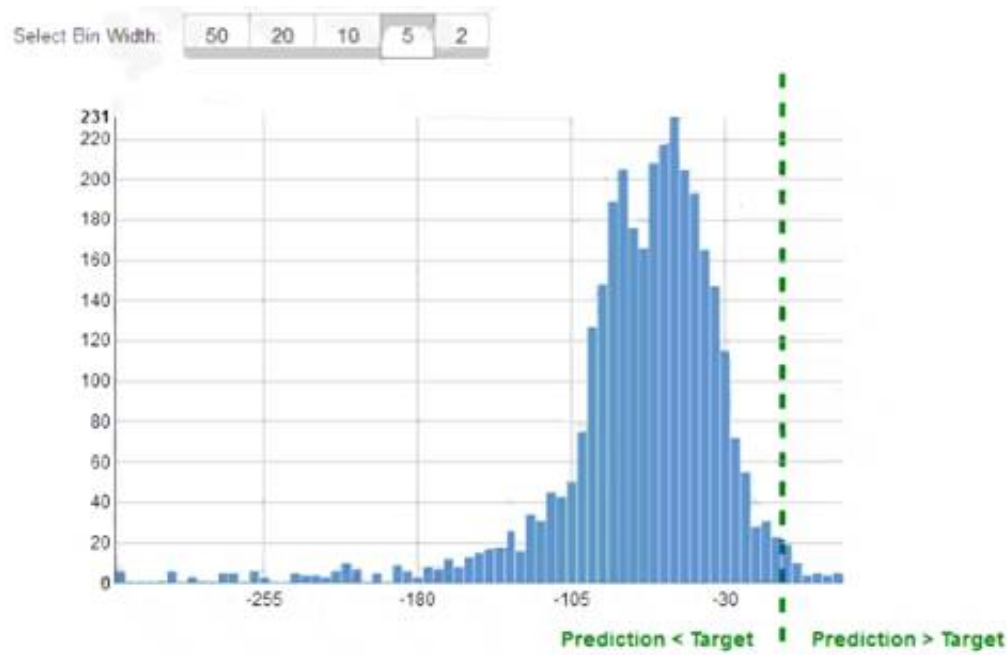
A Machine Learning Specialist was given a dataset consisting of unlabeled data The Specialist must create a model that can help the team classify the data into different buckets What model should be used to complete this work?

- A. K-means clustering
- B. Random Cut Forest (RCF)
- C. XGBoost
- D. BlazingText

**Answer: A**

#### NEW QUESTION 6

While reviewing the histogram for residuals on regression evaluation data a Machine Learning Specialist notices that the residuals do not form a zero-centered bell shape as shown What does this mean?



- A. The model might have prediction errors over a range of target values.
- B. The dataset cannot be accurately represented using the regression model
- C. There are too many variables in the model
- D. The model is predicting its target values perfectly.

**Answer: D**

#### NEW QUESTION 7

A Machine Learning Specialist observes several performance problems with the training portion of a machine learning solution on Amazon SageMaker. The solution uses a large training dataset 2 TB in size and is using the SageMaker k-means algorithm. The observed issues include the unacceptable length of time it takes before the training job launches and poor I/O throughput while training the model. What should the Specialist do to address the performance issues with the current solution?

- A. Use the SageMaker batch transform feature
- B. Compress the training data into Apache Parquet format.
- C. Ensure that the input mode for the training job is set to Pipe.
- D. Copy the training dataset to an Amazon EFS volume mounted on the SageMaker instance.

**Answer: B**

#### NEW QUESTION 8

A Machine Learning Specialist is working for a credit card processing company and receives an unbalanced dataset containing credit card transactions. It contains 99,000 valid transactions and 1,000 fraudulent transactions. The Specialist is asked to score a model that was run against the dataset. The Specialist has been advised that identifying valid transactions is equally as important as identifying fraudulent transactions. What metric is BEST suited to score the model?

- A. Precision
- B. Recall
- C. Area Under the ROC Curve (AUC)
- D. Root Mean Square Error (RMSE)

**Answer: A**

#### NEW QUESTION 9

A large consumer goods manufacturer has the following products on sale:

- 34 different toothpaste variants
- 48 different toothbrush variants
- 43 different mouthwash variants

The entire sales history of all these products is available in Amazon S3. Currently, the company is using custom-built autoregressive integrated moving average (ARIMA) models to forecast demand for these products. The company wants to predict the demand for a new product that will soon be launched. Which solution should a Machine Learning Specialist apply?

- A. Train a custom ARIMA model to forecast demand for the new product.
- B. Train an Amazon SageMaker DeepAR algorithm to forecast demand for the new product.
- C. Train an Amazon SageMaker k-means clustering algorithm to forecast demand for the new product.
- D. Train a custom XGBoost model to forecast demand for the new product.

**Answer: B**

#### Explanation:

The Amazon SageMaker DeepAR forecasting algorithm is a supervised learning algorithm for forecasting scalar (one-dimensional) time series using recurrent neural networks (RNN). Classical forecasting methods, such as autoregressive integrated moving average (ARIMA) or exponential smoothing (ETS), fit a single model to each individual time series. They then use that model to extrapolate the time series into the future.

#### NEW QUESTION 10

Which of the following metrics should a Machine Learning Specialist generally use to compare/evaluate machine learning classification models against each other?

- A. Recall
- B. Misclassification rate

- C. Mean absolute percentage error (MAPE)
- D. Area Under the ROC Curve (AUC)

**Answer:** A

#### NEW QUESTION 10

A Machine Learning Specialist is packaging a custom ResNet model into a Docker container so the company can leverage Amazon SageMaker for training. The Specialist is using Amazon EC2 P3 instances to train the model and needs to properly configure the Docker container to leverage the NVIDIA GPUs. What does the Specialist need to do?

- A. Bundle the NVIDIA drivers with the Docker image
- B. Build the Docker container to be NVIDIA-Docker compatible
- C. Organize the Docker container's file structure to execute on GPU instances.
- D. Set the GPU flag in the Amazon SageMaker Create TrainingJob request body

**Answer:** A

#### NEW QUESTION 14

A company is running an Amazon SageMaker training job that will access data stored in its Amazon S3 bucket. A compliance policy requires that the data never be transmitted across the internet. How should the company set up the job?

- A. Launch the notebook instances in a public subnet and access the data through the public S3 endpoint
- B. Launch the notebook instances in a private subnet and access the data through a NAT gateway
- C. Launch the notebook instances in a public subnet and access the data through a NAT gateway
- D. Launch the notebook instances in a private subnet and access the data through an S3 VPC endpoint.

**Answer:** D

#### NEW QUESTION 18

A manufacturing company has structured and unstructured data stored in an Amazon S3 bucket. A Machine Learning Specialist wants to use SQL to run queries on this data.

Which solution requires the LEAST effort to be able to query this data?

- A. Use AWS Data Pipeline to transform the data and Amazon RDS to run queries.
- B. Use AWS Glue to catalogue the data and Amazon Athena to run queries.
- C. Use AWS Batch to run ETL on the data and Amazon Aurora to run the queries.
- D. Use AWS Lambda to transform the data and Amazon Kinesis Data Analytics to run queries.

**Answer:** B

#### NEW QUESTION 23

A Machine Learning Specialist is building a prediction model for a large number of features using linear models, such as linear regression and logistic regression. During exploratory data analysis, the Specialist observes that many features are highly correlated with each other. This may make the model unstable. What should be done to reduce the impact of having such a large number of features?

- A. Perform one-hot encoding on highly correlated features
- B. Use matrix multiplication on highly correlated features.
- C. Create a new feature space using principal component analysis (PCA)
- D. Apply the Pearson correlation coefficient

**Answer:** C

#### NEW QUESTION 25

When submitting Amazon SageMaker training jobs using one of the built-in algorithms, which common parameters **MUST** be specified? (Select THREE.)

- A. The training channel identifying the location of training data on an Amazon S3 bucket.
- B. The validation channel identifying the location of validation data on an Amazon S3 bucket.
- C. The IAM role that Amazon SageMaker can assume to perform tasks on behalf of the users.
- D. Hyperparameters in a JSON array as documented for the algorithm used.
- E. The Amazon EC2 instance class specifying whether training will be run using CPU or GPU.
- F. The output path specifying where on an Amazon S3 bucket the trained model will persist.

**Answer:** AEF

#### NEW QUESTION 30

A Machine Learning Specialist is working with multiple data sources containing billions of records that need to be joined. What feature engineering and model development approach should the Specialist take with a dataset this large?

- A. Use an Amazon SageMaker notebook for both feature engineering and model development
- B. Use an Amazon SageMaker notebook for feature engineering and Amazon ML for model development
- C. Use Amazon EMR for feature engineering and Amazon SageMaker SDK for model development
- D. Use Amazon ML for both feature engineering and model development.

**Answer:** B

#### NEW QUESTION 35



A Data Scientist wants to gain real-time insights into a data stream of GZIP files. Which solution would allow the use of SQL to query the stream with the LEAST latency?

- A. Amazon Kinesis Data Analytics with an AWS Lambda function to transform the data.
- B. AWS Glue with a custom ETL script to transform the data.
- C. An Amazon Kinesis Client Library to transform the data and save it to an Amazon ES cluster.
- D. Amazon Kinesis Data Firehose to transform the data and put it into an Amazon S3 bucket.

**Answer:** A

#### NEW QUESTION 40

An online reseller has a large, multi-column dataset with one column missing 30% of its data. A Machine Learning Specialist believes that certain columns in the dataset could be used to reconstruct the missing data.

Which reconstruction approach should the Specialist use to preserve the integrity of the dataset?

- A. Listwise deletion
- B. Last observation carried forward
- C. Multiple imputation
- D. Mean substitution

**Answer:** C

#### NEW QUESTION 45

A Machine Learning Specialist is using Amazon SageMaker to host a model for a highly available customer-facing application.

The Specialist has trained a new version of the model, validated it with historical data, and now wants to deploy it to production. To limit any risk of a negative customer experience, the Specialist wants to be able to monitor the model and roll it back, if needed.

What is the SIMPLEST approach with the LEAST risk to deploy the model and roll it back, if needed?

- A. Create a SageMaker endpoint and configuration for the new model version.
- B. Redirect production traffic to the new endpoint by updating the client configuration.
- C. Revert traffic to the last version if the model does not perform as expected.
- D. Create a SageMaker endpoint and configuration for the new model version.
- E. Redirect production traffic to the new endpoint by using a load balancer. Revert traffic to the last version if the model does not perform as expected.
- F. Update the existing SageMaker endpoint to use a new configuration that is weighted to send 5% of the traffic to the new variant.
- G. Revert traffic to the last version by resetting the weights if the model does not perform as expected.
- H. Update the existing SageMaker endpoint to use a new configuration that is weighted to send 100% of the traffic to the new variant. Revert traffic to the last version by resetting the weights if the model does not perform as expected.

**Answer:** A

#### NEW QUESTION 46

A Machine Learning Specialist works for a credit card processing company and needs to predict which transactions may be fraudulent in near-real time.

Specifically, the Specialist must train a model that returns the probability that a given transaction may be fraudulent.

How should the Specialist frame this business problem?

- A. Streaming classification
- B. Binary classification
- C. Multi-category classification
- D. Regression classification

**Answer:** A

#### NEW QUESTION 48

A Machine Learning Specialist kicks off a hyperparameter tuning job for a tree-based ensemble model using Amazon SageMaker with Area Under the ROC Curve (AUC) as the objective metric. This workflow will eventually be deployed in a pipeline that retrains and tunes hyperparameters each night to model click-through on data that goes stale every 24 hours.

With the goal of decreasing the amount of time it takes to train these models, and ultimately to decrease costs, the Specialist wants to reconfigure the input hyperparameter range(s).

Which visualization will accomplish this?

- A. A histogram showing whether the most important input feature is Gaussian.
- B. A scatter plot with points colored by target variable that uses t-Distributed Stochastic Neighbor Embedding (t-SNE) to visualize the large number of input variables in an easier-to-read dimension.
- C. A scatter plot showing the performance of the objective metric over each training iteration.
- D. A scatter plot showing the correlation between maximum tree depth and the objective metric.

**Answer:** B

#### NEW QUESTION 50

A Machine Learning Specialist is configuring Amazon SageMaker so multiple Data Scientists can access notebooks, train models, and deploy endpoints. To ensure the best operational performance, the Specialist needs to be able to track how often the Scientists are deploying models, GPU and CPU utilization on the deployed SageMaker endpoints, and all errors that are generated when an endpoint is invoked.

Which services are integrated with Amazon SageMaker to track this information? (Select TWO.)

- A. AWS CloudTrail
- B. AWS Health
- C. AWS Trusted Advisor
- D. Amazon CloudWatch

E. AWS Config

**Answer:** AD

#### NEW QUESTION 54

A Machine Learning Specialist needs to create a data repository to hold a large amount of time-based training data for a new model. In the source system, new files are added every hour. Throughout a single 24-hour period, the volume of hourly updates will change significantly. The Specialist always wants to train on the last 24 hours of the data.

Which type of data repository is the MOST cost-effective solution?

- A. An Amazon EBS-backed Amazon EC2 instance with hourly directories
- B. An Amazon RDS database with hourly table partitions
- C. An Amazon S3 data lake with hourly object prefixes
- D. An Amazon EMR cluster with hourly hive partitions on Amazon EBS volumes

**Answer:** C

#### NEW QUESTION 59

A Machine Learning Specialist is working with a large cybersecurity company that manages security events in real time for companies around the world. The cybersecurity company wants to design a solution that will allow it to use machine learning to score malicious events as anomalies on the data as it is being ingested. The company also wants to be able to save the results in its data lake for later processing and analysis.

What is the MOST efficient way to accomplish these tasks?

- A. Ingest the data using Amazon Kinesis Data Firehose, and use Amazon Kinesis Data Analytics Random Cut Forest (RCF) for anomaly detection. Then use Kinesis Data Firehose to stream the results to Amazon S3.
- B. Ingest the data into Apache Spark Streaming using Amazon EMR.
- C. and use Spark MLlib with k-means to perform anomaly detection. Then store the results in an Apache Hadoop Distributed File System (HDFS) using Amazon EMR with a replication factor of three as the data lake.
- D. Ingest the data and store it in Amazon S3. Use AWS Batch along with the AWS Deep Learning AMIs to train a k-means model using TensorFlow on the data in Amazon S3.
- E. Ingest the data and store it in Amazon S3. Have an AWS Glue job that is triggered on demand transform the new data. Then use the built-in Random Cut Forest (RCF) model within Amazon SageMaker to detect anomalies in the data.

**Answer:** B

#### NEW QUESTION 62

IT leadership wants to transition a company's existing machine learning data storage environment to AWS as a temporary ad hoc solution. The company currently uses a custom software process that heavily leverages SQL as a query language and exclusively stores generated CSV documents for machine learning. The ideal state for the company would be a solution that allows it to continue to use the current workforce of SQL experts. The solution must also support the storage of CSV and JSON files, and be able to query over semi-structured data. The following are high priorities for the company:

- Solution simplicity
- Fast development time
- Low cost
- High flexibility

What technologies meet the company's requirements?

- A. Amazon S3 and Amazon Athena
- B. Amazon Redshift and AWS Glue
- C. Amazon DynamoDB and DynamoDB Accelerator (DAX)
- D. Amazon RDS and Amazon ES

**Answer:** B

#### NEW QUESTION 64

A manufacturer of car engines collects data from cars as they are being driven. The data collected includes timestamp, engine temperature, rotations per minute (RPM), and other sensor readings. The company wants to predict when an engine is going to have a problem so it can notify drivers in advance to get engine maintenance. The engine data is loaded into a data lake for training.

Which is the MOST suitable predictive model that can be deployed into production?

- A. Add labels over time to indicate which engine faults occur at what time in the future to turn this into a supervised learning problem. Use a recurrent neural network (RNN) to train the model to recognize when an engine might need maintenance for a certain fault.
- B. This data requires an unsupervised learning algorithm. Use Amazon SageMaker k-means to cluster the data.
- C. Add labels over time to indicate which engine faults occur at what time in the future to turn this into a supervised learning problem. Use a convolutional neural network (CNN) to train the model to recognize when an engine might need maintenance for a certain fault.
- D. This data is already formulated as a time series. Use Amazon SageMaker seq2seq to model the time series.

**Answer:** B

#### NEW QUESTION 69

An Amazon SageMaker notebook instance is launched into Amazon VPC. The SageMaker notebook references data contained in an Amazon S3 bucket in another account. The bucket is encrypted using SSE-KMS. The instance returns an access denied error when trying to access data in Amazon S3.

Which of the following are required to access the bucket and avoid the access denied error? (Select THREE.)

- A. An AWS KMS key policy that allows access to the customer master key (CMK)
- B. A SageMaker notebook security group that allows access to Amazon S3
- C. An IAM role that allows access to the specific S3 bucket
- D. A permissive S3 bucket policy
- E. An S3 bucket owner that matches the notebook owner

F. A SegaMaker notebook subnet ACL that allow traffic to Amazon S3.

**Answer:** ACF

#### NEW QUESTION 73

A Data Scientist is developing a machine learning model to predict future patient outcomes based on information collected about each patient and their treatment plans. The model should output a continuous value as its prediction. The data available includes labeled outcomes for a set of 4,000 patients. The study was conducted on a group of individuals over the age of 65 who have a particular disease that is known to worsen with age.

Initial models have performed poorly. While reviewing the underlying data, the Data Scientist notices that, out of 4,000 patient observations, there are 450 where the patient age has been input as 0. The other features for these observations appear normal compared to the rest of the sample population.

How should the Data Scientist correct this issue?

- A. Drop all records from the dataset where age has been set to 0.
- B. Replace the age field value for records with a value of 0 with the mean or median value from the dataset.
- C. Drop the age feature from the dataset and train the model using the rest of the features.
- D. Use k-means clustering to handle missing features.

**Answer:** A

#### NEW QUESTION 77

A Data Engineer needs to build a model using a dataset containing customer credit card information.

How can the Data Engineer ensure the data remains encrypted and the credit card information is secure? Use a custom encryption algorithm to encrypt the data and store the data on an Amazon SageMaker instance in a VPC. Use the SageMaker DeepAR algorithm to randomize the credit card numbers.

- A. Use an IAM policy to encrypt the data on the Amazon S3 bucket and Amazon Kinesis to automatically discard credit card numbers and insert fake credit card numbers.
- B. Use an Amazon SageMaker launch configuration to encrypt the data once it is copied to the SageMaker instance in a VP
- C. Use the SageMaker principal component analysis (PCA) algorithm to reduce the length of the credit card numbers.
- D. Use AWS KMS to encrypt the data on Amazon S3

**Answer:** C

#### NEW QUESTION 82

A company is using Amazon Polly to translate plaintext documents to speech for automated company announcements. However, company acronyms are being mispronounced in the current documents. How should a Machine Learning Specialist address this issue for future documents?

- A. Convert current documents to SSML with pronunciation tags.
- B. Create an appropriate pronunciation lexicon.
- C. Output speech marks to guide in pronunciation.
- D. Use Amazon Lex to preprocess the text files for pronunciation.

**Answer:** A

#### NEW QUESTION 83

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