# **Data Mining**

# Study Assignment Set #3

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#### **Reference Books:**

Introduction to Data Mining by Tan P. N., Steinbach M and Kumar V. Pearson Education, 2006

Data Mining: Concepts and Techniques, Second Edition by Jiawei Han and Micheline Kamber

Morgan Kaufmann Publishers, 2006

Topic: Classification of Data, Decision Trees, Gain Ratio

#### **Classification of Data, Decision Trees**

# **Question 1**

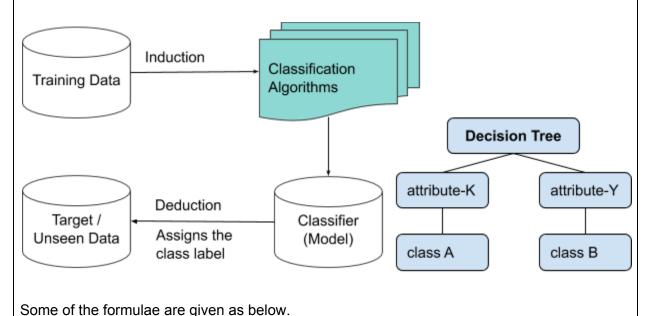
# Learning objectives:

- Basics of statistical learning with Decision Trees.
- Decision Tree algorithm, and attribute selection methods.
- Attribute selection by 'Gain Ratio'
- C4.5, a supervised learning algorithm proposed by J Ross Quinlan, uses attribute selection by Gain Ratio method. C4.5 is a successor of ID3, a supervised learning algorithm proposed by J Ross Quinlan, that uses 'Information Gain' as an attribute selection method.

# Prerequisites:

- Study Assignment Set #1 (Conditional probability)
- Study Assignment Set #2 (Entropy, Information, Information Gain).

#### **Basics of statistical learning learning with Decision Trees:**



$$Info(D) = -\sum_{i=1}^{m} p_i log_2(p_i)$$

D: Training Data

m: Distinct values of the class label attribute.

 $p_i$ : non-zero probability that an **attribute tuple** in D belongs to a **class Y**<sub>i</sub> and is estimated by  $|Y_i, D| / |D|$ 

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$$P(Y_i | D) = P(Y_i, D) / P(D) = |Y_i, D| / |D| **$$

[Some use C<sub>i</sub> for class.]

How much more information would we still need (after partitioning) to arrive at an exact classification? Measure  $Info_A(D)$  for attribute A as below.

$$Info_A(D) = \sum_{j=1}^{v} \frac{|D_j|}{|D|} \times Info(D_j)$$

 $Info_A(D)$  is the expected information required to classify a tuple from D based on the partition by the attribute A. The smaller the information (still) required, the greater the purity of the partition.

## Gain (A) = Info (D) - $Info_{\Delta}(D)$

Gain (A) is an indication of how much would be gained by branching on A (attribute A).

\*\* Branch on the attribute that gives highest gain \*\*

The C4.5 supervised learning algorithm applies a kind of **normalization to information gain** using a "**split information**" value defined as below.

$$SplitInfo_A(D) = -\sum_{j=1}^{v} \frac{|D_j|}{|D|} \times log_2 \frac{|D_j|}{|D|}$$

v is a set of possible partitions on split attribute A.

The Gain Ratio:

$$GainRatio(A) = \frac{Gain(A)}{SplitInfo_A(D)}$$

A is an Attribute, D is a training data set.

\*\* Select the attribute with highest 'Gain Ratio' \*\*

If Split Info is approaching zero, the gain ratio is unstable. So a constraint is added to avoid this, whereby the information gain of the test selected must be large - at least as great as the average gain over all tests examined.

Note: When a calculation, system or subsystem behavior is tending towards unstable, then

design a constraint to avoid such instability.

#### **Classification of Data**

#### Question 2

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- Study Assignment Set #3 (Question 1).

An online computer store uses a Decision Tree classifier with '**Gain Ratio**' as a method of attribute selection method. Please see the Question #1 above for Gain Ratio.

Let X is a set of attributes of the registered user.

X = {id, age, income, student, credit\_rating}

Let Y is the class variable

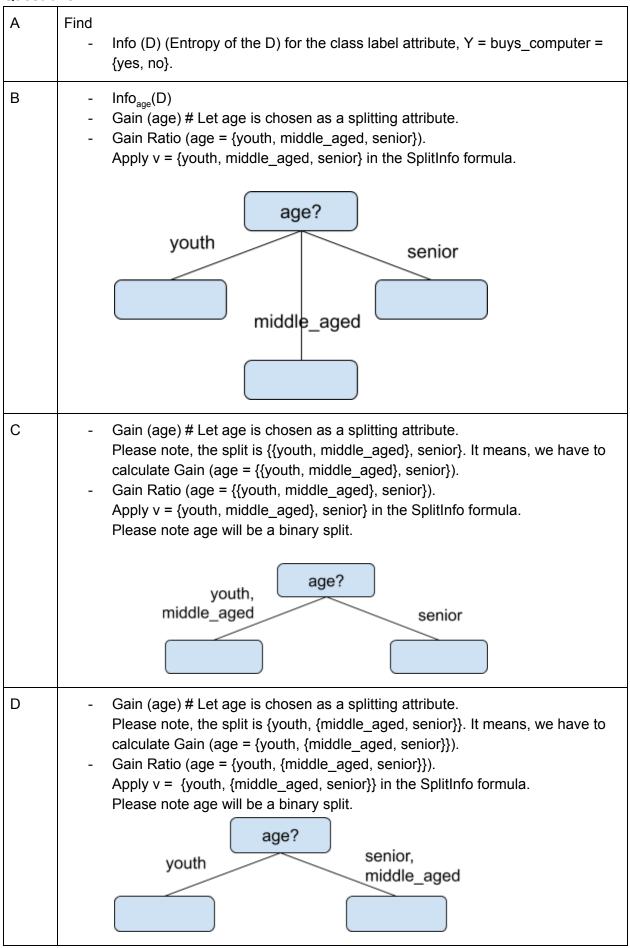
Y = buys\_computer = {yes, no}

# The training dataset, D, is as below.

id	age	income	student	credit_rating	buys_computer
1	youth	high	no	fair	no
2	youth	high	no	excellent	no
3	middle_aged	high	no	fair	yes
4	senior	medium	no	fair	yes
5	senior	low	yes	fair	yes
6	senior	low	yes	excellent	no
7	middle_aged	low	yes	excellent	yes
8	youth	medium	no	fair	no
9	youth	low	yes	fair	yes
10	senior	medium	yes	fair	yes
11	youth	medium	yes	excellent	yes
12	middle_aged	medium	no	excellent	yes
13	middle_aged	high	yes	fair	yes

14	senior	medium	no	excellent	no

#### Questions:



## **Answers:**

A D has a total 14 tuples (training data).
m: Distinct values of the class label attribute = 2. buys\_computer has two distinct value {yes, no}.

p(buys\_computer = yes | D) = 9/14p(buys\_computer = no | D) = 5/14

$$Info(D) = -\sum_{i=1}^{m} p_i log_2(p_i)$$

Info (D) =  $-9/14 \log_2 (9/14) - 5/14 \log_2 (5/14)$ = **0.940 bits**.

It is also known as Entropy of D.

B Let's select age as a splitting attribute.

D: Training data set.

Class label Y: buys\_computer = {yes, no}.

A: age

v<sub>ace</sub>: {youth, middle\_aged, senior}

Info (D) =  $-9/14 \log_2 (9/14) - 5/14 \log_2 (5/14)$ = **0.940 bits**.

It is also known as Entropy of D.

Gain (age) = Info (D) - Info ( $D_{age}$ ) = 0.246 bits.

(From the Assignment Set #2 OR you may calculate here)

$$SplitInfo_A(D) = -\sum_{j=1}^{v} \frac{|D_j|}{|D|} \times log_2 \frac{|D_j|}{|D|}$$

$$SplitInfo_{A}\left(D\right) \ = \ -\frac{|D_{youth}|}{|D|} \times log_{2}\frac{|D_{youth}|}{|D|} \ - \ \frac{|D_{middle\_aged}|}{|D|} \times log_{2}\frac{|D_{middle\_aged}|}{|D|} \ - \ \frac{|D_{senior}|}{|D|} \times log_{2}\frac{|D_{senior}|}{|D|}$$

SplitInfo<sub>age</sub> (D) =  $-5/14\log_2(5/14) - 4/14\log_2(4/14) - 5/14\log_2(5/14)$ = 1.5447 bits

$$GainRatio(A) = \frac{Gain(A)}{SplitInfo_A(D)}$$

GainRaio (age) = Gain (age) /  $SplitInfo_{age}$  (D)

GainRaio (age) = 0.246 bits / 1.5447 bits = **0.1559** 

C Let's select age as a splitting attribute.

D: Training data set.

Class label Y: buys\_computer = {yes, no}.

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v<sub>age</sub>: {{youth, middle\_aged}, senior}

Info (D) =  $-9/14 \log_2 (9/14) - 5/14 \log_2 (5/14)$ = **0.940 bits.**  It is also known as Entropy of D.

From the data set D,

	age = youth	age = middle_aged	age = senior	
buys_computer = yes	2	4	3	SUM = 9
buys_computer = no	3	0	2	SUM = 5
	SUM = 5	SUM = 4	SUM = 5	

Info (D<sub>age</sub>) = 
$$(9/14 * Info(Dyouth, middle_aged)) + (5/14 * Info(Dsenior))$$
  
=  $9/14 (-6/9 log2 (6/9) - 3/9log2 (3/9)) + 5/14 (-3/5log2 (3/5) - 2/5log2 (2/5))$   
= **0.9371**

Gain (age) = Info (D) - Info (
$$D_{age}$$
)  
= 0.940 - 0.9371  
= **0.0029**

$$SplitInfo_A(D) = -\sum_{j=1}^{v} \frac{|D_j|}{|D|} \times log_2 \frac{|D_j|}{|D|}$$

Let's select age as a splitting attribute.

D: Training data set.

A: age

D

v<sub>age</sub>: {{youth, middle\_aged}, senior}

$$SplitInfo_{A}\left(D\right) \ = \ -\frac{|D_{youth,\,middle\_aged}|}{|D|} \times log_{2}\frac{|D_{youth,\,middle\_aged}|}{|D|} \ -\frac{|D_{senior}|}{|D|} \times log_{2}\frac{|D_{senior}|}{|D|}$$

SplitInfo<sub>age</sub> (D) = 
$$-9/14\log_2(9/14) - 5/14\log_2(5/14)$$
  
= 0.9403 bits

$$GainRatio(A) = \frac{Gain(A)}{SplitInfo_A(D)}$$

GainRaio (age) = Gain (age) /  $SplitInfo_{age}$  (D)

GainRaio (age) = 0.0029 bits / 0.9403 bits = 0.0031

Follow the answer B) above and calculate the Gain Ratio for the spilt age = {youth, {middle\_aged, senior}}.

Remarks	In the above example, the root node is split on age.
	The tree gets added with new nodes or split partitions recursively.