

Part 3

Question 1:

Let $p(T)$ be the probability of the positive class

Let $p(F)$ be the probability of the negative class

$$\text{Entropy}(S) = -p(T)\log_2(p(T)) - p(F)\log_2(p(F))$$

$$p(T) = 6/10 = 0.6$$

$$p(F) = 4/10 = 0.4$$

$$\text{Entropy}(S) = -(0.6\log_2(0.6) - 0.4\log_2(0.4))$$

$$\log_2(0.6) \approx -0.737, \log_2(0.4) \approx -1.322$$

$$\text{Entropy}(S) \approx -(0.6(-0.737) + 0.4(-1.322))$$

$$\approx 0.4422 + 0.5288$$

$$\approx 0.971$$

Therefore, the entropy of this collection of training examples with respect to the target class is approximately 0.971.

Question 2:

There are two attributes as options for the first split, x_1 and x_2 . x_1 is a binary attribute that can take values of 0 or 1. A first split on x_1 would create two branches, one branch for $x_1 = 0$ and another for $x_1 = 1$. x_2 is an ordinal categorical attribute that takes values of 0, 1, and 2. For this binary decision tree, we handle the three values of x_2 by making two binary splits. As the first split, we can split on $x_2 \leq 0$ giving one branch for $x_2 = 0$ and another branch for $x_2 > 0$. For the second split in this tree, we handle the remaining values $x_2 = 1$ and $x_2 = 2$ by splitting on $x_2 \leq 1$. This gives us one branch for $x_2 = 1$ and another branch for $x_2 = 2$. While x_2 has three distinct values, we handle it with two binary splits, ensuring that the tree remains binary.

Question 3:

Information gain for split on x_1 : 0.02

Information gain for split on x_2 : 0.247

Question 4:

