Assignment 5:

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Task 1:

Level 0:

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Root (+: 115, -: 125) Entropy = - (115/240 * log2(115/240) + 125/240 * log2(125/240)) = 0.9987

pick F1: F1 = 0: (+: 50, -: 70) Entropy = - (50/120 * log2(50/120) + 70/120 * log2(70/120)) = 0.9799

F1 = 1: (+: 65, -: 55) Entropy = - (65/120 * log2(65/120) + 55/120 * log2(55/120)) = 0.995

IG = 0.9987 - (1/2 * 0.9799 + 1/2 * 0.995) = 0.01125

pick F2: F2 = 0: (+: 70, -: 50) Entropy = - (70/120 * log2(70/120) + 50/120 * log2(50/120)) = 0.9799

F2 = 1: (+: 45, -: 75) Entropy = - (45/120 * log2(45/120) + 75/120 * log2(75/120)) = 0.9544

IG = 0.9987 - (1/2 * 0.9799 + 1/2 * 0.9544) = 0.03155

pick F3: F3 = 0: (+: 15, -: 65) Entropy = - (15/80 * log2(15/80) + 65/80 * log2(65/80)) = 0.6962

F3 = 1: (+: 30, -: 50) Entropy = - (30/80 * log2(30/80) + 50/80 * log2(50/80)) = 0.9544

F3 = 2: (+: 70, -: 10) Entropy = - (70/80 * log2(70/80) + 10/80 * log2(10/80)) = 0.5436

IG = 0.9987 - (1/3 * 0.6962 + 1/3 * 0.9544 + 1/3 * 0.5436) = 0.2673
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pick F4: F4 = 0: (+:50, -:70) Entropy = - (50/120 * log2(70/120) + 70/120 * log2(50/120)) = 0.9799

F4 = 1: (+:70, -:50) Entropy = - (50/120 * log2(70/120) + 70/120 * log2(50/120)) = 0.9799

IG = 0.9987 - (0.9799) = 0.0188
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So we pick F3 as attribute for Root, highest IG.

Level 1:

Now let child with F3 = 0 be child 1, same procedure:

child 1: (+: 15, -: 65) Entropy = - (15/80 *
$$\log 2(15/80) + 65/80 * \log 2(65/80)$$
) = 0.6962
pick F1: F1 = 0: (+: 5, -: 35) Entropy = - (5/40 * $\log 2(5/40) + 35/40 * \log 2(35/40)$) = 0.5436
F1 = 1: (+: 10, -: 30) Entropy = - (10/40 * $\log 2(10/40) + 30/40 * \log 2(30/40)$) = 0.8113
 $|G = 0.6962 - (1/2 * 0.5436 + 1/2 * 0.8113) = 0.01875$

So for child 1 we pick F2

Now let child with F3 = 1 be child 2 same procedure:

So for child 2 we pick F4

Now child with F3 = 2 be child 3 same procedure:

pick F4: F4 = 0: (+ : 30, - : 10) Entropy = -
$$(30/40 * log2(30/40) + 10/40 * log2(10/40)) = 0.8113$$

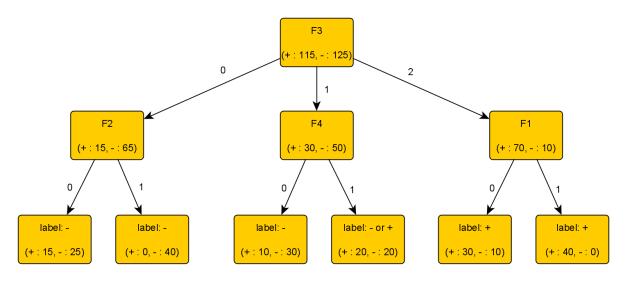
F4 = 1: (+ : 40, - : 0) Entropy = 0
IG = 0.5436 - $(1/2 * 0.8113) = 0.13795$

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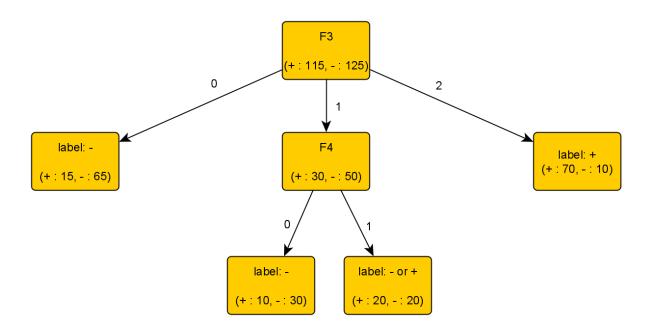
So for child 3 it does not matter, we just pick F1 here

Level 2:

Each of the thre nodes from level 1 has two child nodes. Their label and the number of samples for this node can be seen in the Calculations for level 1 and in the picture of the tree. For the right child of node F4 either – or + can be chosen, both choices yield the same prediction error.



Error = ((15 + 10 + 20 + 10)/240) = 55/240 = 11/48 = 0,229. The tree can be simplified to the tree seen below without any impact on the prediction error.

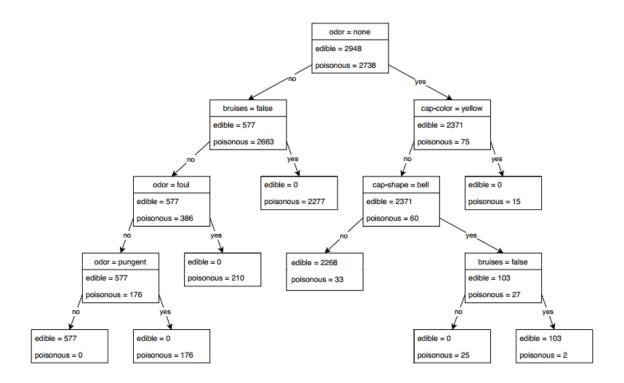


Task 2:

Total error for the tree is: (0 + 0 + 24 + 9 + 0 + 2 + 60 + 27)/(2948+2738) = 122/5686 = 0.021

Viable Nodes for step 1 are "odor = pungent", "cap-color" = pink and "bruises = false"

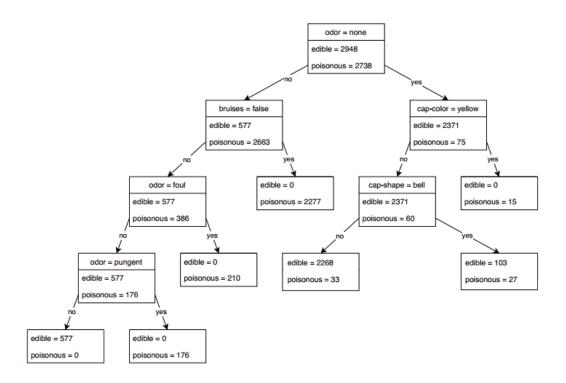
- "odor = pungent": (122 + 176) / 5686 = 0,0524
- "cap-color = pink": 122 / 5686 = 0.021
- "bruises = false": (122 + 25)/5686 = 0.026
 - → Remove Cap-color = pink, lowest prediction error of the three (stays unchanged to original tree in this case)



Viable Nodes for step 2 are "odor = pungent" and "bruises = false"

Since error remained the same, error for pruned trees also remains the same

- "odor = pungent": (122 + 176) / 5686 = 0,0524
- "bruises = false": (122 + 25)/5686 = 0.026
 - → Remove bruises = false, lowest prediction error



Task3:

1. How does the construction of regression trees differ to classification trees? How is a prediction computed in a regression tree?

In a regression tree, each leaf node represents a numeric value. This numeric value is generally the average of the subgroup of datapoints it is assigned to.

In contrast, classification trees have a binary variable or a discreet class representation in there leaves.

The decision threshold of a node is selected by the lowest sum of squared residuals.

A prediction in a regression tree is done like in a classification tree: The tree is traversed down to a leaf node based on the used features. The difference is that the leaf node is assigned to a continuous value and not to a class.

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StatQuest with Josh Starmer: "Regression Trees, Clearly Explained!!!", 2019, Url: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g9c66TUylZ4

University of Cincinnati Business Analytics R Programming Guide: "Regression Trees" Url: https://uc-r.github.io/regression trees

2. How can kNN be used for regression?

In kNN for regression a prediction is made via the nearest neighbors of the training sample in respect to a line in the feature space. This line represents the feature values at which a prediction should be made. The average of the kNN is taken to determine a predicted value. This results in a simple way to predict even more complex (nonlinear) functions. A in kNN for classification, this doesn't require a dedicated training step.

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