# QUIZ3

#### 1. Decision Tree

Impurity functions play an important role in decision tree branching. For binary classification problems, let  $\mu_+$  be the fraction of positive examples in a data subset, and  $\mu_- = 1 - \mu_+$  be the fraction of negative examples in the data subset. The Gini index is  $1 - \mu_+^2 - \mu_-^2$ . What is the maximum value of the Gini index among all  $\mu_+ \in [0, 1]$ ?

- A. 0.5
- B. 0.75
- C. 0.25
- D. 0
- E. 1
- 2. Following Question 1, there are four possible impurity functions below. We can normalize each impurity function by dividing it with its maximum value among all  $\mu_+ \in [0,1]$  For instance, the classification error is simply  $\min(\mu_+,\mu_-)$  and its maximum value is 0.5. So the normalized classification error is  $2\min(\mu_+,\mu_-)$ . After normalization, which of the following impurity function is equivalent to the normalized Gini index?
  - A. the squared regression error (used for branching in classification data sets), which is by definition  $\mu_+(1-(\mu_+-\mu_-))^2+\mu_-(-1-(\mu_+-\mu_-))^2$ .
  - B. the entropy, which is  $-\mu_{+} \ln \mu_{+} \mu_{-} \ln \mu_{-}$ , with  $0 \log 0 \equiv 0$ .
  - C. the closeness, which is  $1 |\mu_+ \mu_-|$ .
  - D. the classification error  $min(\mu_+, \mu_-)$ .
  - E. none of the other choices

#### 3. Random Forest

If bootstrapping is used to sample N' = pN examples out of N examples and N is very large. Approximately how many of the N examples will not be sampled at all?

A. 
$$(1 - e^{-1/p}) \cdot N$$

B. 
$$(1 - e^{-p}) \cdot N$$

C. 
$$e^{-1} \cdot N$$

D. 
$$e^{-1/p} \cdot N$$

$$\mathbf{E.} \ e^{-p} \cdot N$$

4. Consider a Random Forest G that consists of three binary classification trees  $\{g_k\}_{k=1}^3$ , where each tree is of test 0/1 error  $E_{\text{out}}(g_1) = 0.1$ ,  $E_{\text{out}}(g_2) = 0.2$ ,  $E_{\text{out}}(g_3) = 0.3$ . Which of the following is the exact possible range of  $E_{\text{out}}(G)$ ?

A. 
$$0 \le E_{\text{out}}(G) \le 0.1$$

B. 
$$0.1 \le E_{\text{out}}(G) \le 0.6$$

C. 
$$0.2 \le E_{\text{out}}(G) \le 0.3$$

D. 
$$0.1 \le E_{\text{out}}(G) \le 0.3$$

**E.** 
$$0.1 \le E_{\mathbf{out}}(G) \le 0.3$$

5. Consider a Random Forest G that consists of K binary classification trees  $\{g_k\}_{k=1}^K$ , where K is an odd integer. Each  $g_k$  is of test 0/1 error  $E_{\text{out}}(g_k) = e_k$ . Which of the following is an upper bound of  $E_{\mathrm{out}}(G)$ ?

**A.** 
$$\frac{2}{K+1} \sum_{k=1}^{K} e_k$$

B. 
$$\frac{1}{K} \sum_{k=1}^{K} e_k$$

C. 
$$\frac{1}{K+1} \sum_{k=1}^{K} e_k$$

D. 
$$\min_{1 \le k \le K} e_k$$

E. 
$$\max_{1 \leq k \leq K} e_k$$

### 6. Gradient Boosting

Let  $\epsilon_t$  be the weighted 0/1 error of each  $g_t$  as described in the AdaBoost algorithm (Lecture 208), and  $U_t = \sum_{n=1}^N u_n^{(t)}$  be the total example weight during AdaBoost. Which of the following equation

A. none of the other choices

B. 
$$\prod_{t=1}^{T} \epsilon_t$$

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$$\prod_{t=1}^{T} \epsilon_t$$
C. 
$$\sum_{t=1}^{T} (2\sqrt{\epsilon_t(1-\epsilon_t)})$$

D. 
$$\sum_{t=1}^{T} \epsilon_t$$

**E.** 
$$\prod_{t=1}^{T} (2\sqrt{\epsilon_t(1-\epsilon_t)})$$

7. For the gradient boosted decision tree, if a tree with only one constant node is returned as  $g_1$ , and if  $g_1(\mathbf{x}) = 2$ , then after the first iteration, all  $s_n$  is updated from 0 to a new constant  $\alpha_1 g_1(\mathbf{x}_n)$ . What is  $s_n$ ?

B. none of the other choices

C. 
$$\max_{1 \le n \le N} y_n$$

D. 
$$\min_{1 \le n \le N} y_n$$

**E.** 
$$\frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^{N} y_n$$

8. For the gradient boosted decision tree, after updating all  $s_n$  in iteration t using the steepest  $\eta$  as  $\alpha_t$ , what is the value of  $\sum_{n=1}^{N} s_n g_t(\mathbf{x}_n)$ ?

B. 
$$\sum_{n=1}^{N} y_n g_t(\mathbf{x}_n)$$
C. 
$$\sum_{n=1}^{N} y_n^2$$
D. 
$$\sum_{n=1}^{N} y_n s_n$$

C. 
$$\sum_{n=1}^{N} y_n^2$$

D. 
$$\sum_{n=1}^{N} y_n s_n$$

#### 9. Neural Network

Consider Neural Network with sign(s) instead of tanh(s) as the transformation functions. That is, consider Multi-Layer Perceptrons. In addition, we will take +1 to mean logic TRUE, and -1 to mean logic FALSE. Assume that all  $x_i$  below are either +1 or -1. Which of the following perceptron

$$g_A(\mathbf{x}) = \operatorname{sign}\left(\sum_{i=0}^d w_i x_i\right).$$

implements

$$OR(x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_d)$$
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- **A.**  $(w_0, w_1, w_2, \dots, w_d) = (d-1, +1, +1, \dots, +1)$
- B.  $(w_0, w_1, w_2, \dots, w_d) = (-d+1, -1, -1, \dots, -1)$
- C. none of the other choices
- D.  $(w_0, w_1, w_2, \dots, w_d) = (d-1, -1, -1, \dots, -1)$
- E.  $(w_0, w_1, w_2, \dots, w_d) = (-d+1, +1, +1, \dots, +1)$
- 10. Continuing from Question 9, among the following choices of D, which D is the smallest for some 5-D-1 Neural Network to implement XOR $(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5)$ ?
  - A. 1
  - B. 9
  - C. 7
  - D. 5
  - E. 3
- 11. For a Neural Network with at least one hidden layer and  $\tanh(s)$  as the transformation functions on all neurons (including the output neuron), what is true about the gradient components (with respect to the weights) when all the initial weights  $w_{ij}^{(\ell)}$  are set to 0?
  - A. all the gradient components are zero
  - B. only the gradient components with respect to  $w_{0j}^{(\ell)}$  for j>0 may non-zero, all other gradient components must be zero
  - C. none of the other choices
  - D. only the gradient components with respect to  $w_{j1}^{(L)}$  for j > 0 may be non-zero, all other gradient components must be zero
  - E. only the gradient components with respect to  $w_{01}^{(L)}$  may be non-zero, all other gradient components must be zero
- 12. For a Neural Network with one hidden layer and  $\tanh(s)$  as the transformation functions on all neurons (including the output neuron), what is always true about the backprop algorithm when all the initial weights  $w_{ij}^{(\ell)}$  are set to 1?
  - A. none of the other choices
  - **B.**  $w_{ij}^{(1)} = w_{i(j+1)}^{(1)}$  for all i and  $1 \le j < d^{(1)} 1$
  - C. all  $w_{j1}^{(2)}$  for j > 0 are different
  - D.  $w_{ij}^{(1)} = w_{(i+1)j}^{(1)}$  for  $1 \le i < d^{(0)} 1$  and all j
  - E. the gradient components with respect to all  $w_{ij}^{(\ell)}$  are zero

## 13. Experiments with Decision Tree

Implement the simple C&RT algorithm without pruning using the Gini index as the impurity measure as introduced in the class. For the decision stump used in branching, if you are branching with feature i and direction s, please sort all the  $x_{n,i}$  values to form (at most) N+1 segments of equivalent  $\theta$ , and then pick  $\theta$  within the median of the segment. Run the algorithm on the following set for training: hw3\_train.dat

and the following set for testing:

hw3\_test.dat

How many internal nodes (branching functions) are there in the resulting tree G?

- A. 12
- B. 8

- C. 14
- D. 10
- E. 6
- 14. Continuing from Question 13, which of the following is closest to the  $E_{\rm in}$  (evaluated with 0/1 error) of the tree?
  - A. 0.0
  - B. 0.1
  - C. 0.2
  - D. 0.3
  - E. 0.4
- 15. Continuing from Question 13, which of the following is closest to the  $E_{\text{out}}$  (evaluated with 0/1 error) of the tree?
  - A. 0.05
  - B. 0.25
  - C. 0.35
  - D. 0.00
  - E. 0.15
- 16. Now implement the Bagging algorithm with N' = N and couple it with your decision tree above to make a preliminary random forest  $G_{RS}$ . Produce T = 300 trees with bagging. Repeat the experiment for 100 times and compute average  $E_{\rm in}$  and  $E_{\rm out}$  using the 0/1 error. Which of the following is true about the average  $E_{\rm in}(g_t)$  for all the 30000 trees that you have generated?
  - **A.**  $0.03 \le \text{average } E_{in}(g_t) < 0.06$
  - B.  $0.00 \le \text{average } E_{\text{in}}(g_t) < 0.03$
  - C.  $0.09 \le \text{average } E_{\text{in}}(g_t) < 0.12$
  - D.  $0.06 \le \text{average } E_{\text{in}}(g_t) < 0.09$
  - E.  $0.12 \le \text{average } E_{\text{in}}(g_t) < 0.50$
- 17. Continuing from Question 16, which of the following is true about the average  $E_{\rm in}(G_{RF})$ ?
  - A.  $0.06 \le \text{average } E_{\text{in}}(G_{RF}) < 0.09$
  - B.  $0.09 \le \text{average } E_{\text{in}}(G_{RF}) < 0.12$
  - C.  $0.12 \le \text{average } E_{\text{in}}(G_{RF}) < 0.50$
  - **D.**  $0.12 \le \text{average } E_{in}(G_{RF}) < 0.50$
  - E.  $0.03 \le \text{average } E_{\text{in}}(G_{RF}) < 0.06$
- 18. Continuing from Question 16, which of the following is true about the average  $E_{\text{out}}(G_{RF})$ ?
  - **A.**  $0.06 \le \text{average } E_{\text{out}}(G_{RF}) < 0.09$
  - B.  $0.09 \le \text{average } E_{\text{out}}(G_{RF}) < 0.12$
  - C.  $0.03 \le \text{average } E_{\text{out}}(G_{RF}) < 0.06$
  - D.  $0.00 \le \text{average } E_{\text{out}}(G_{RF}) < 0.03$
  - E.  $0.12 \leq \text{average } E_{\text{out}}(G_{RF}) < 0.50$

- 19. Now, 'prune' your decision tree algorithm by restricting it to have one branch only. That is, the tree is simply a decision stump determined by Gini index. Make a random 'forest'  $G_{RS}$  with those decision stumps with Bagging like Questions 16-18 with T=300. Repeat the experiment for 100 times and compute average  $E_{\rm in}$  and  $E_{\rm out}$  using the 0/1 error. Which of the following is true about the average  $E_{\rm in}(G_{RS})$ ?
  - **A.**  $0.09 \le \text{average } E_{in}(G_{RS}) < 0.12$
  - B.  $0.03 \le \text{average } E_{\text{in}}(G_{RS}) < 0.06$
  - C.  $0.00 \le \text{average } E_{\text{in}}(G_{RS}) < 0.03$
  - D.  $0.12 \le \text{average } E_{\text{in}}(G_{RS}) < 0.50$
  - E.  $0.06 \le \text{average } E_{\text{in}}(G_{RS}) < 0.09$
- 20. Continuing from Question 19, which of the following is true about the average  $E_{\text{out}}(G_{RS})$ ?
  - A.  $0.06 \le \text{average } E_{\text{out}}(G_{RS}) < 0.09$
  - B.  $0.09 \le \text{average } E_{\text{out}}(G_{RS}) < 0.12$
  - C.  $0.03 \le \text{average } E_{\text{out}}(G_{RS}) < 0.06$
  - D.  $0.00 \le \text{average } E_{\text{out}}(G_{RS}) < 0.03$
  - **E.**  $0.12 \le \text{average } E_{\text{out}}(G_{RS}) < 0.50$