

# CS 5350/6350: Machine Learning Fall 2022

## Homework 1

Handed out: 6 Sep, 2022  
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### 1 Decision Tree [40 points + 10 bonus]

$x_1$	$x_2$	$x_3$	$x_4$	$y$
0	0	1	0	0
0	1	0	0	0
0	0	1	1	1
1	0	0	1	1
0	1	1	0	0
1	1	0	0	0
0	1	0	1	0

Table 1: Training data for a Boolean classifier

1. [7 points] Decision tree construction.
  - (a) [5 points] Use the ID3 algorithm with information gain to learn a decision tree from the training dataset in Table 1. Please list every step in your tree construction, including the data subsets, the attributes, and how you calculate the information gain of each attribute and how you split the dataset according to the selected attribute. Please also give a full structure of the tree. You can manually draw the tree structure, convert the picture into a PDF/EPS/PNG/JPG format and include it in your homework submission; or instead, you can represent the tree with a conjunction of prediction rules as we discussed in the lecture.

**For ID3(S, { $x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4$ }, {0, 1}):**

$$\text{Entropy}(S) = H(y) = -\frac{2}{7} \log_2 \frac{2}{7} - \frac{5}{7} \log_2 \frac{5}{7} = 0.863$$

$$x_1 = 0: 5 \text{ of } 7 \text{ examples, } p = \frac{1}{5}, n = \frac{4}{5}, H_0 = 0.722$$

$$x_1 = 1: 2 \text{ of } 7 \text{ examples, } p = \frac{1}{2}, n = \frac{1}{2}, H_1 = 1$$

$$\text{Gain}(S, x_1) = 0.863 - \left(\frac{5}{7} \times 0.722 + \frac{2}{7}\right) = 0.062$$

$$x_2 = 0: 3 \text{ of } 7 \text{ examples, } p = \frac{2}{3}, n = \frac{1}{3}, H_0 = 0.918$$

$$x_2 = 1: 4 \text{ of } 7 \text{ examples, } p = 0, n = 1, H_1 = 0$$

$$\text{Gain}(S, x_2) = 0.863 - \left(\frac{3}{7} \times 0.918\right) = 0.470$$

$x_3 = 0$ : 4 of 7 examples,  $p = \frac{1}{4}$ ,  $n = \frac{3}{4}$ ,  $H_0 = 0.811$   
 $x_3 = 1$ : 3 of 7 examples,  $p = \frac{1}{3}$ ,  $n = \frac{2}{3}$ ,  $H_1 = 0.918$   
 $Gain(S, x_3) = 0.863 - (\frac{4}{7} \times 0.811 + \frac{3}{7} \times 0.918) = 0.006$

$x_4 = 0$ : 4 of 7 examples,  $p = 0$ ,  $n = 1$ ,  $H_0 = 0$   
 $x_4 = 1$ : 3 of 7 examples,  $p = \frac{2}{3}$ ,  $n = \frac{1}{3}$ ,  $H_1 = 0.918$   
 $Gain(S, x_4) = 0.863 - (\frac{3}{7} \times 0.918) = 0.470$

Since  $Gain(S, x_2) = Gain(S, x_4) = 0.470$ , we can choose either one as the root node to split. I will use  $x_2$  as root node.

Then create two branches, which corresponding to label 0 and 1, and run ID3 on each branch.

**For ID3( $S_{x_2=1}, \{x_1, x_3, x_4\}, \{0, 1\}$ ):** all examples have same label, so return a leaf node with label 0.

**For ID3( $S_{x_2=0}, \{x_1, x_3, x_4\}, \{0, 1\}$ ):**

Entropy( $S_{x_2=0}$ ) =  $-\frac{2}{3} \log_2 \frac{2}{3} - \frac{1}{3} \log_2 \frac{1}{3} = 0.918$

$x_1 = 0$ : 2 of 3 examples,  $p = \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $n = \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $H_0 = 1$

$x_1 = 1$ : 1 of 3 examples,  $p = 1$ ,  $n = 0$ ,  $H_1 = 0$

$Gain(S, x_1) = 0.918 - (\frac{2}{3}) = 0.251$

$x_3 = 0$ : 1 of 3 examples,  $p = 1$ ,  $n = 0$ ,  $H_0 = 0$

$x_3 = 1$ : 2 of 3 examples,  $p = \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $n = \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $H_1 = 1$

$Gain(S, x_3) = 0.918 - (\frac{2}{3}) = 0.251$

$x_4 = 0$ : 1 of 3 examples,  $p = 0$ ,  $n = 1$ ,  $H_1 = 0$

$x_4 = 1$ : 2 of 3 examples,  $p = 1$ ,  $n = 0$ ,  $H_1 = 0$

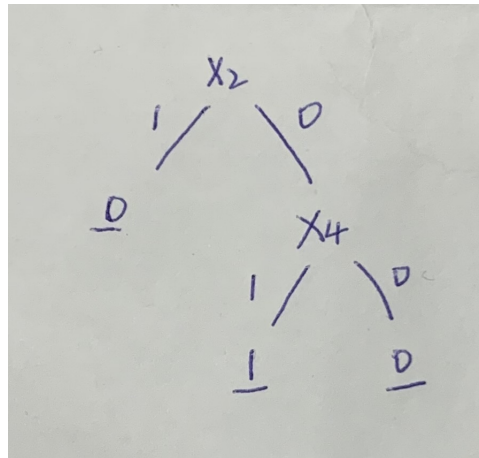
$Gain(S, x_4) = 0.918 - (0) = 0.918$

Since  $Gain(S, x_4)$  is the largest, so we will choose  $x_4$  as the root node to split.

Then create two branches, which corresponding to label 0 and 1, and run ID3 on each branch.

**For ID3( $S_{x_2=0, x_4=1}, \{x_1, x_3\}, \{0, 1\}$ ):** all examples have same label, so return a leaf node with label 1.

**For ID3( $S_{x_2=0, x_4=0}, \{x_1, x_3\}, \{0, 1\}$ ):** all examples have same label, so return a leaf node with label 0.



(b) [2 points] Write the boolean function which your decision tree represents. Please

use a table to describe the function — the columns are the input variables and label, i.e.,  $x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4$  and  $y$ ; the rows are different input and function values.

Boolean function is:

$y=0$ , when  $(x_2=1)$  or  $(x_2=0$  and  $x_4=0)$

$y=1$ , when  $x_2=0$  and  $x_4=1$

$x_1$	$x_2$	$x_3$	$x_4$	$y$
0	0	0	0	0
0	0	1	0	0
1	0	0	0	0
1	0	1	0	0
0	0	0	1	1
0	0	1	1	1
1	0	0	1	1
1	0	1	1	1
0	1	0	0	0
0	1	1	0	0
1	1	0	0	0
1	1	1	0	0
0	1	0	1	0
0	1	1	1	0
1	1	0	1	0
1	1	1	1	0

2. [17 points] Let us use a training dataset to learn a decision tree about whether to play tennis (**Page 43, Lecture: Decision Tree Learning**, accessible by clicking the link <http://www.cs.utah.edu/~zhe/teach/pdf/decision-trees-learning.pdf>). In the class, we have shown how to use information gain to construct the tree in ID3 framework.

- (a) [7 points] Now, please use majority error (ME) to calculate the gain, and select the best feature to split the data in ID3 framework. As in problem 1, please list every step in your tree construction, the attributes, how you calculate the gain of each attribute and how you split the dataset according to the selected attribute. Please also give a full structure of the tree.

**For ID3(S, {Outlook, Temperature, Humidity, Wind}, {Yes, No}):**

$$ME(S) = \frac{5}{14} = 0.357$$

O-Sunny: 5 of 14, Overcast: 4 of 14, Rainy: 5 of 14

$$Gain(S, O) = 0.357 - \left( \frac{5}{14} \times \frac{2}{5} + \frac{4}{14} \times 0 + \frac{5}{14} \times \frac{2}{5} \right) = 0.071$$

T-Hot: 4 of 14, Medium: 6 of 14, Cool: 4 of 14

$$Gain(S, T) = 0.357 - \left( \frac{4}{14} \times \frac{1}{2} + \frac{6}{14} \times \frac{2}{6} + \frac{4}{14} \times \frac{1}{4} \right) = 0$$

H-High: 7 of 14, Normal: 7 of 14, Low: 0 of 14

$$Gain(S, H) = 0.357 - \left( \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{3}{7} + \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{7} \right) = 0.071$$

W-Strong: 6 of 14, Weak: 8 of 14

$$Gain(S, W) = 0.357 - \left( \frac{6}{14} \times \frac{1}{2} + \frac{8}{14} \times \frac{1}{4} \right) = 0$$

Since  $Gain(S, O) = Gain(S, H) = 0.071$ , we can choose either one as the root node to split. I will use Outlook as root node.

Then create three branches, which corresponding to label Sunny, Overcast and Rainy, and run ID3 on each branch.

**For ID3( $S_{O=Sunny}$ , {Temperature,Humidity,Wind}, {Yes, No}):**

$$ME(S_{O=Sunny}) = \frac{2}{5} = 0.4$$

T-Hot: 2 of 5, Medium: 2 of 5, Cool: 1 of 5

$$Gain(S_{O=Sunny}, T) = 0.4 - (\frac{2}{5} \times 0 + \frac{2}{5} \times \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{5} \times 0) = 0.2$$

H-High: 3 of 5, Normal: 2 of 5, Low: 0 of 5

$$Gain(S_{O=Sunny}, H) = 0.4 - (\frac{3}{5} \times 0 + \frac{2}{5} \times 0) = 0.4$$

W-Strong: 2 of 5, Weak: 3 of 5

$$Gain(S_{O=Sunny}, W) = 0.4 - (\frac{2}{5} \times \frac{1}{2} + \frac{3}{5} \times \frac{1}{3}) = 0$$

Since  $Gain(S_{O=Sunny}, H)$  is the largest one, we will choose Humidity as root node to split.

Then create three branches, which corresponding to label High, Normal, and Low, and run ID3 on each branch.

**For ID3( $S_{O=Sunny, H=High}$ , {Temperature,Wind}, {Yes, No}):**

all examples have same label, so return a leaf node with label No.

**For ID3( $S_{O=Sunny, H=Normal}$ , {Temperature,Wind}, {Yes, No}):**

all examples have same label, so return a leaf node with label Yes.

**For ID3( $S_{O=Sunny, H=Low}$ , {Temperature,Wind}, {Yes, No}):**

all examples have same label but attribute is empty, so return a leaf node with most common label, which is No.

**For ID3( $S_{O=Overcast}$ , {Temperature,Humidity,Wind}, {Yes, No}):**

all examples have same label, so return a leaf node with label Yes.

**For ID3( $S_{O=Rainy}$ , {Temperature,Humidity,Wind}, {Yes, No}):**

$$ME(S_{O=Rainy}) = \frac{2}{5} = 0.4$$

T-Hot: 0 of 5, Medium: 3 of 5, Cool: 2 of 5

$$Gain(S_{O=Rainy}, T) = 0.4 - (\frac{1}{3} \times \frac{3}{5} + \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{2}{5}) = 0$$

H-High: 2 of 5, Normal: 3 of 5, Low: 0 of 5

$$Gain(S_{O=Rainy}, H) = 0.4 - (\frac{2}{5} \times \frac{1}{2} + \frac{3}{5} \times \frac{1}{3}) = 0$$

W-Strong: 2 of 5, Weak: 3 of 5

$$Gain(S_{O=Rainy}, W) = 0.4 - (\frac{2}{5} \times 0 + \frac{3}{5} \times 0) = 0.4$$

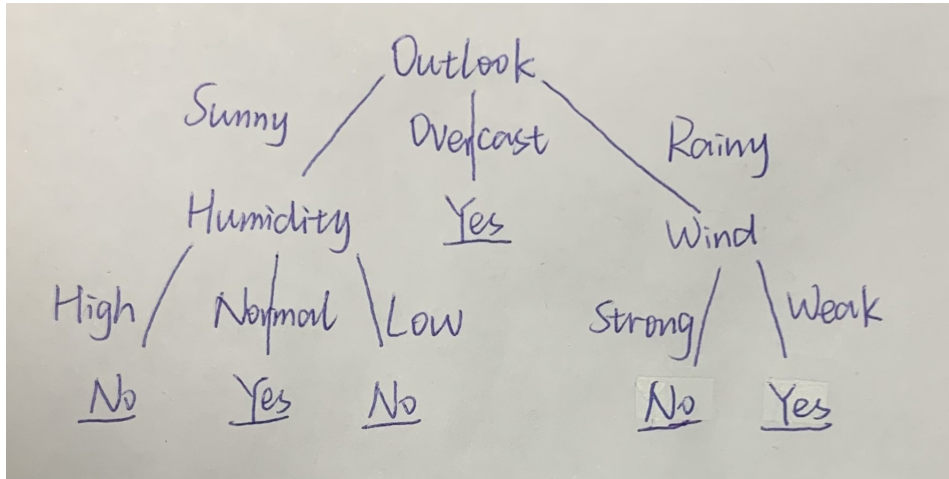
Since  $Gain(S_{O=Rainy}, W)$  is the largest one, we will choose Wind as root node to split.

Then create two branches, which corresponding to label Strong and Weak, and run ID3 on each branch.

**For ID3( $S_{O=Rainy, W=Strong}$ , {Temperature,Humidity}, {Yes, No}):**

all examples have same label, so return a leaf node with label No.

**For ID3( $S_{O=Sunny, W=Weak}$ , {Temperature, Humidity}, {Yes, No}):**  
all examples have same label, so return a leaf node with label Yes.



- (b) [7 points] Please use gini index (GI) to calculate the gain, and conduct tree learning with ID3 framework. List every step and the tree structure.

**For ID3(S, {Outlook, Temperature, Humidity, Wind}, {Yes, No}):**

$$GI(S) = 1 - ((\frac{5}{14})^2 + (\frac{9}{14})^2) = 0.459$$

Outlook:

$$GI(O = Sunny) = 1 - ((\frac{3}{5})^2 + (\frac{2}{5})^2) = 0.48, GI(O = Overcast) = 1 - ((\frac{5}{5})^2 + (\frac{0}{5})^2) = 0, GI(O = Rainy) = 1 - ((\frac{3}{5})^2 + (\frac{2}{5})^2) = 0.48$$

$$Gain(S, Outlook) = 0.459 - (\frac{5}{14} \times 0.48 + \frac{4}{14} \times 0 + \frac{5}{14} \times 0.48) = 0.116$$

Temperature:

$$GI(T = Hot) = 1 - ((\frac{1}{2})^2 + (\frac{1}{2})^2) = 0.5, GI(T = Medium) = 1 - ((\frac{1}{3})^2 + (\frac{2}{3})^2) = 0.444, GI(T = Cool) = 1 - ((\frac{3}{4})^2 + (\frac{1}{4})^2) = 0.375$$

$$Gain(S, Temperature) = 0.459 - (\frac{4}{14} \times 0.5 + \frac{6}{14} \times 0.444 + \frac{4}{14} \times 0.375) = 0.019$$

Humidity:

$$GI(H = High) = 1 - ((\frac{3}{7})^2 + (\frac{4}{7})^2) = 0.490, GI(H = Normal) = 1 - ((\frac{6}{7})^2 + (\frac{1}{7})^2) = 0.245$$

$$Gain(S, Humidity) = 0.459 - (\frac{7}{14} \times 0.490 + \frac{7}{14} \times 0.245) = 0.092$$

Wind:

$$GI(W = Strong) = 1 - ((\frac{1}{2})^2 + (\frac{1}{2})^2) = 0.5, GI(W = Weak) = 1 - ((\frac{1}{4})^2 + (\frac{3}{4})^2) = 0.375$$

$$Gain(S, Wind) = 0.459 - (\frac{6}{14} \times 0.5 + \frac{8}{14} \times 0.375) = 0.030$$

Since  $Gain(S, Outlook)$  is the largest one, so we will choose Outlook as root node to split.

Then create three branches, which corresponding to label Sunny, Overcast and Rainy, and run ID3 on each branch.

**For ID3( $S_{O=Sunny}$ , {Temperature, Humidity, Wind}, {Yes, No}):**

$$GI(S_{O=Sunny}) = 1 - ((\frac{2}{5})^2 + (\frac{3}{5})^2) = 0.48$$

Temperature:

$$GI(T = Hot) = 1 - ((\frac{2}{2})^2) = 0, GI(T = Medium) = 1 - ((\frac{1}{2})^2 + (\frac{1}{2})^2) = 0.5,$$

$$GI(T = Cool) = 1 - 1 = 0$$

$$Gain(S_{O=Sunny}, Temperature) = 0.48 - (\frac{2}{5} \times 0.5) = 0.28$$

Humidity:

$$GI(H = High) = 1 - 1 = 0, GI(H = Normal) = 1 - 1 = 0$$

$$Gain(S_{O=Sunny}, Humidity) = 0.48 - (0) = 0.48$$

Wind:

$$GI(W = Strong) = 1 - ((\frac{1}{2})^2 + (\frac{1}{2})^2) = 0.5, GI(W = Weak) = 1 - ((\frac{1}{3})^2 + (\frac{2}{3})^2) = 0.444$$

$$Gain(S, Wind) = 0.48 - (\frac{2}{5} \times 0.5 + \frac{3}{5} \times 0.444) = 0.014$$

Since  $Gain(S_{O=Sunny}, Humidity)$  is the largest one, so we will choose Humidity as root node to split.

Then create three branches, which corresponding to label High, Normal and Low, and run ID3 on each branch.

**For ID3( $S_{O=Sunny}, H=High$ , {Temperature, Wind}, {Yes, No}):**

all examples have same label, so return a leaf node with label No.

**For ID3( $S_{O=Sunny}, H=Normal$ , {Temperature, Wind}, {Yes, No}):**

all examples have same label, so return a leaf node with label Yes.

**For ID3( $S_{O=Sunny}, H=Low$ , {Temperature, Wind}, {Yes, No}):**

all examples have same label but attribute is empty, so return a leaf node with most common label, which is No.

**For ID3( $S_{O=Overcast}$ , {Temperature, Humidity, Wind}, {Yes, No}):**

all examples have same label, so return a leaf node with label Yes.

**For ID3( $S_{O=Rainy}$ , {Temperature, Humidity, Wind}, {Yes, No}):**

$$GI(S_{O=Rainy}) = 1 - ((\frac{2}{5})^2 + (\frac{3}{5})^2) = 0.48$$

Temperature:

$$GI(T = Medium) = 1 - ((\frac{1}{3})^2 + (\frac{2}{3})^2) = 0.444, GI(T = Cool) = 1 - ((\frac{1}{2})^2 + (\frac{1}{2})^2) = 0.5$$

$$Gain(S_{O=Rainy}, Temperature) = 0.48 - (\frac{3}{5} \times 0.444 + \frac{2}{5} \times 0.5) = 0.014$$

Humidity:

$$GI(H = High) = 1 - ((\frac{1}{2})^2 + (\frac{1}{2})^2) = 0.5, GI(H = Normal) = 1 - ((\frac{1}{3})^2 + (\frac{2}{3})^2) = 0.444$$

$$Gain(S_{O=Rainy}, Humidity) = 0.48 - (\frac{2}{5} \times 0.5 + \frac{3}{5} \times 0.444) = 0.014$$

Wind:

$$GI(W = Strong) = 1 - 1 = 0, GI(W = Weak) = 1 - 1 = 0$$

$$Gain(S_{O=Rainy}, Wind) = 0.48 - (0) = 0.48$$

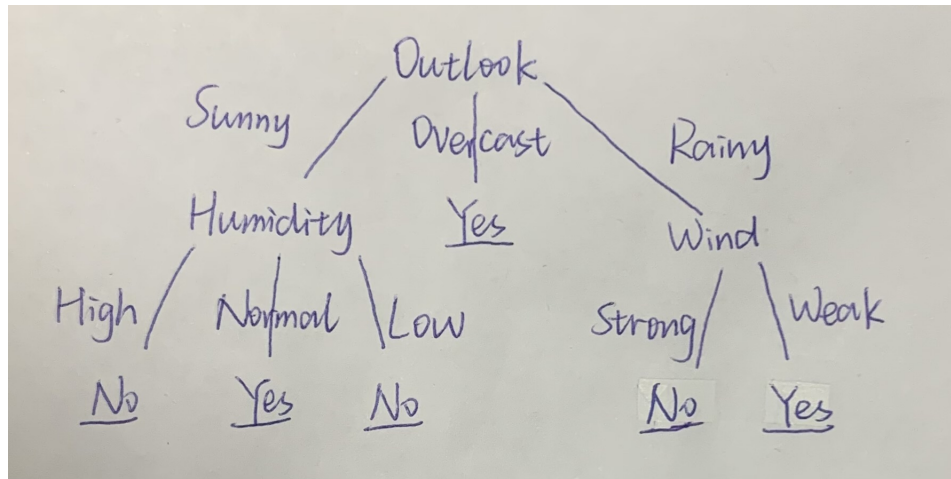
Since  $Gain(S_{O=Rainy}, Wind)$  is the largest one, so we will choose Wind as root node to split.

Then create two branches, which corresponding to label Strong and Weak, and run ID3 on each branch.

**For ID3( $S_{O=Rainy}, W=Strong$ , {Temperature, Humidity}, {Yes, No}):**

all examples have same label, so return a leaf node with label No.

For  $ID3(S_{O=Rainy, W=Weak}, \{Temperature, Humidity\}, \{Yes, No\})$ :  
all examples have same label, so return a leaf node with label Yes.



- (c) [3 points] Compare the two trees you just created with the one we built in the class (see Page 62 of the lecture slides). Are there any differences? Why?

There is no difference for all those tree structures. They are the same since they split based on the same attribute, and the reason for that is we are splitting it based on Information Gain. Also there is a tie when choosing the root node using Majority Error, so if I choose Humidity attribute as root node in (a), the tree structure might be different.

3. [16 points] Continue with the same training data in Problem 2. Suppose before the tree construction, we receive one more training instance where Outlook's value is missing: {Outlook: Missing, Temperature: Mild, Humidity: Normal, Wind: Weak, Play: Yes}.

- (a) [3 points] Use the most common value in the training data as the missing value, and calculate the information gains of the four features. Note that if there is a tie for the most common value, you can choose any value in the tie. Indicate the best feature.

The most common value I choose is Sunny.

And I'm using ME to calculate information gain.

$$ME(S) = \frac{5}{15} = 0.333$$

O-Sunny: 6 of 15, Overcast: 4 of 15, Rainy: 5 of 15

$$Gain(S, O) = 0.333 - \left( \frac{6}{15} \times \frac{1}{2} + \frac{4}{15} \times 0 + \frac{5}{15} \times \frac{2}{5} \right) = 0$$

T-Hot: 4 of 15, Medium: 7 of 15, Cool: 4 of 15

$$Gain(S, T) = 0.333 - \left( \frac{4}{15} \times \frac{1}{2} + \frac{7}{15} \times \frac{2}{7} + \frac{4}{15} \times \frac{1}{4} \right) = 0$$

H-High: 7 of 15, Normal: 8 of 15, Low: 0 of 14

$$Gain(S, H) = 0.333 - \left( \frac{7}{15} \times \frac{3}{7} + \frac{8}{15} \times \frac{1}{8} \right) = 0.067$$

W-Strong: 6 of 15, Weak: 9 of 15

$$Gain(S, W) = 0.333 - \left( \frac{6}{15} \times \frac{1}{2} + \frac{9}{15} \times \frac{2}{9} \right) = 0$$

$Gain(S, H)$  is the largest one. Humidity is the best.

- (b) [3 points] Use the most common value among the training instances with the

same label, namely, their attribute "Play" is "Yes", and calculate the information gains of the four features. Again if there is a tie, you can choose any value in the tie. Indicate the best feature.

The most common value I choose is Overcast.

And I'm using ME to calculate information gain.

$$ME(S) = \frac{5}{15} = 0.333$$

O-Sunny: 5 of 15, Overcast: 5 of 15, Rainy: 5 of 15

$$Gain(S, O) = 0.333 - \left( \frac{5}{15} \times \frac{2}{5} + \frac{5}{15} \times 0 + \frac{5}{15} \times \frac{2}{5} \right) = 0.067$$

T-Hot: 4 of 15, Medium: 7 of 15, Cool: 4 of 15

$$Gain(S, T) = 0.333 - \left( \frac{4}{15} \times \frac{1}{2} + \frac{7}{15} \times \frac{2}{7} + \frac{4}{15} \times \frac{1}{4} \right) = 0$$

H-High: 7 of 15, Normal: 8 of 15, Low: 0 of 14

$$Gain(S, H) = 0.333 - \left( \frac{7}{15} \times \frac{3}{7} + \frac{8}{15} \times \frac{1}{8} \right) = 0.067$$

W-Strong: 6 of 15, Weak: 9 of 15

$$Gain(S, W) = 0.333 - \left( \frac{6}{15} \times \frac{1}{2} + \frac{9}{15} \times \frac{2}{9} \right) = 0$$

$Gain(S, O)$  and  $Gain(S, H)$  are the largest one. Either Outlook or Humidity are best.

- (c) [3 points] Use the fractional counts to infer the feature values, and then calculate the information gains of the four features. Indicate the best feature.

For new data, Outlook =  $\{\frac{5}{14} \text{Sunny}, \frac{4}{14} \text{Overcast}, \frac{5}{14} \text{Rainy}\}$

And I'm using ME to calculate information gain.

$$ME(S) = \frac{5}{15} = 0.333$$

O-Sunny:  $5 + 5/14$  of 15, Overcast:  $4 + 4/14$  of 15, Rainy:  $5 + 5/14$  of 15

$$Gain(S, O) = 0.333 - \left( \frac{5+5/14}{15} \times \frac{2+5/14}{5+5/14} + \frac{4+4/14}{15} \times 0 + \frac{5+5/14}{15} \times \frac{2}{5+5/14} \right) = 0.043$$

T-Hot: 4 of 15, Medium: 7 of 15, Cool: 4 of 15

$$Gain(S, T) = 0.333 - \left( \frac{4}{15} \times \frac{1}{2} + \frac{7}{15} \times \frac{2}{7} + \frac{4}{15} \times \frac{1}{4} \right) = 0$$

H-High: 7 of 15, Normal: 8 of 15, Low: 0 of 14

$$Gain(S, H) = 0.333 - \left( \frac{7}{15} \times \frac{3}{7} + \frac{8}{15} \times \frac{1}{8} \right) = 0.067$$

W-Strong: 6 of 15, Weak: 9 of 15

$$Gain(S, W) = 0.333 - \left( \frac{6}{15} \times \frac{1}{2} + \frac{9}{15} \times \frac{2}{9} \right) = 0$$

$Gain(S, H)$  is the largest one. Humidity is the best.

- (d) [7 points] Continue with the fractional examples, and build the whole tree with information gain. List every step and the final tree structure.

**For ID3(S, {Outlook, Temperature, Humidity, Wind}, {Yes, No}):**

From (c), we know we can choose Humidity as root node to split.

Then create three branches, which corresponding to label High, Normal and Low, and run ID3 on each branch.

**For ID3( $S_{H=High}$ , {Outlook, Temperature, Wind}, {Yes, No}):**

$$ME(S_{H=High}) = \frac{3}{7} = 0.429$$

O-Sunny: 3 of 7, Overcast: 2 of 7, Rainy: 2 of 7

$$Gain(S_{H=High}, O) = 0.429 - \left( \frac{3}{7} \times 0 + \frac{2}{7} \times 0 + \frac{2}{7} \times \frac{1}{2} \right) = 0.286$$

T-Hot: 3 of 7, Medium: 4 of 7, Cool: 0 of 7

$$Gain(S_{H=High}, T) = 0.429 - \left( \frac{3}{7} \times \frac{1}{3} + \frac{4}{7} \times \frac{1}{2} \right) = 0$$

W-Strong: 4 of 7, Weak: 3 of 7



$$Gain(S_{H=High}, W) = 0.429 - (\frac{4}{7} \times \frac{1}{2} + \frac{3}{7} \times \frac{1}{3}) = 0$$

Since  $Gain(S_{H=High}, O)$  is the largest one, we will choose Outlook as root node to split.

**For ID3( $S_{H=High, O=Sunny}$ , {Temperature, Wind}, {Yes, No}):**

all examples have same label, so return a leaf node with label No.

**For ID3( $S_{H=High, O=Overcast}$ , {Temperature, Wind}, {Yes, No}):**

all examples have same label, so return a leaf node with label Yes.

**For ID3( $S_{H=High, O=Rainy}$ , {Temperature, Wind}, {Yes, No}):**

**For ID3( $S_{H=High, O=Rainy}$ , {Temperature, Wind}, {Yes, No}):**

$$ME(S_{H=High, O=Rainy}) = \frac{1}{2} = 0.5$$

$Gain(S_{H=High, O=Rainy}, T) = 0.5 - 0.5 = 0$   $Gain(S_{H=High, O=Rainy}, W) = 0.5 - 0 = 0.5$  Since  $Gain(S_{H=High, O=Rainy}, W)$  is the largest one, I will choose Wind as root node to split.

**For ID3( $S_{H=High, O=Rainy, W=Strong}$ , {Temperature}, {Yes, No}):**

all examples have same label, so return a leaf node with label No.

**For ID3( $S_{H=High, O=Rainy, W=Weak}$ , {Temperature}, {Yes, No}):**

all examples have same label, so return a leaf node with label Yes.

**For ID3( $S_{H=Normal}$ , {Outlook, Temperature, Wind}, {Yes, No}):**

$$ME(S_{H=Normal}) = \frac{1}{8} = 0.125$$

O-Sunny: 2+5/14 of 8, Overcast: 2+4/14 of 8, Rainy: 3+5/14 of 8

$$Gain(S, O) = 0.125 - (\frac{2+5/14}{8} \times 0 + \frac{2+4/14}{8} \times 0 + \frac{3+5/14}{8} \times \frac{1}{3+5/14}) = 0$$

T-Hot: 1 of 8, Medium: 3 of 8, Cool: 4 of 8

$$Gain(S, T) = 0.125 - (\frac{1}{8} \times 0 + \frac{3}{8} \times 0 + \frac{4}{8} \times \frac{1}{4}) = 0$$

W-Strong: 3 of 8, Weak: 5 of 8

$$Gain(S, W) = 0.125 - (\frac{3}{8} \times \frac{1}{3} + \frac{5}{8} \times 0) = 0$$

Since it is a tie for information gain, we will choose Outlook as root node to split.

**For ID3( $S_{H=Normal, O=Sunny}$ , {Temperature, Wind}, {Yes, No}):**

all examples have same label, so return a leaf node with label Yes.

**For ID3( $S_{H=Normal, O=Overcast}$ , {Temperature, Wind}, {Yes, No}):**

all examples have same label, so return a leaf node with label Yes.

**For ID3( $S_{H=Normal, O=Rainy}$ , {Temperature, Wind}, {Yes, No}):**

$$ME(S_{H=Normal, O=Rainy}) = \frac{1}{3+5/14} = 0.298$$

$Gain(S_{H=Normal, O=Rainy}, T) = 0.298 - 0.298 = 0$   $Gain(S_{H=Normal, O=Rainy}, W) = 0.298 - 0 = 0.298$  Since  $Gain(S_{H=Normal, O=Rainy}, W)$  is the largest one, I will choose Wind as root node to split.

**For ID3( $S_{H=Normal, O=Rainy, W=Strong}$ , {Temperature}, {Yes, No}):**

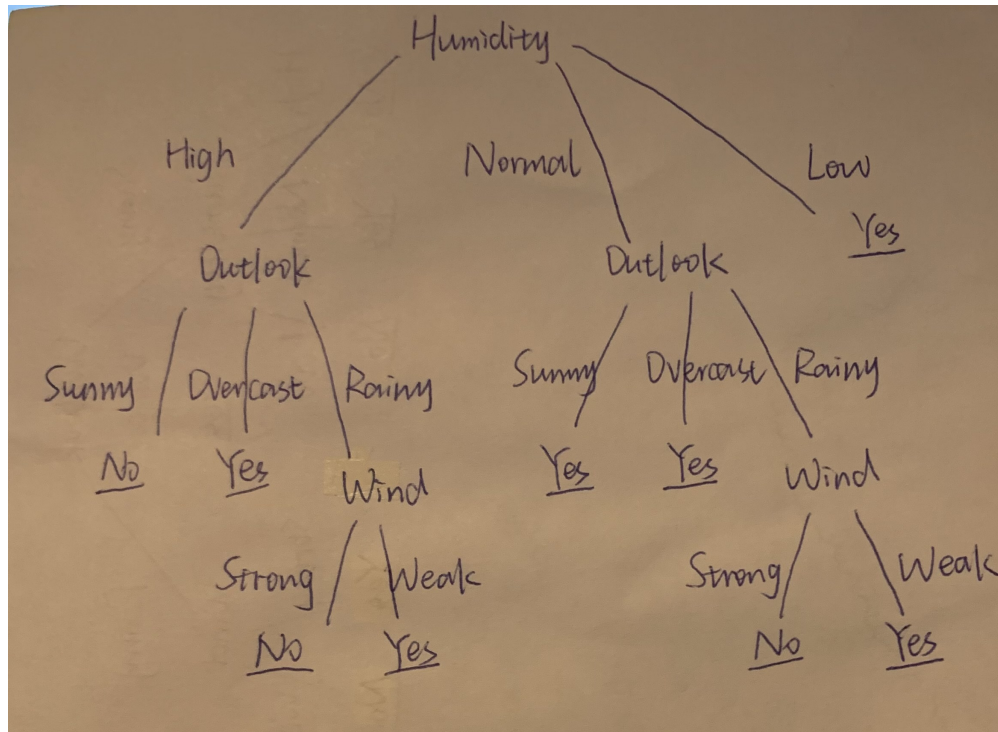
all examples have same label, so return a leaf node with label No.

**For ID3( $S_{H=Normal, O=Rainy, W=Weak}$ , {Temperature}, {Yes, No}):**

all examples have same label, so return a leaf node with label Yes.

For  $ID3(S_{H=Low}, \{Outlook, Temperature, Wind\}, \{Yes, No\})$ :

attribute set is empty, so return a leaf node with most common label, which is Yes.



## 2 Decision Tree Practice [60 points]

1. [5 Points] Starting from this assignment, we will build a light-weighted machine learning library. To this end, you will first need to create a code repository in Github.com. Please refer to the short introduction in the appendix and the official tutorial to create an account and repository. Please commit a README.md file in your repository, and write one sentence: "This is a machine learning library developed by **Your Name** for CS5350/6350 in University of Utah". You can now create a first folder, "DecisionTree". Please leave the link to your repository in the homework submission. We will check if you have successfully created it.

<https://github.com/Ashley00/CS5350>

2. [30 points] We will implement a decision tree learning algorithm for car evaluation task. The dataset is from UCI repository(<https://archive.ics.uci.edu/ml/datasets/car+evaluation>). Please download the processed dataset (car.zip) from Canvas. In this task, we have 6 car attributes, and the label is the evaluation of the car. The attribute and label values are listed in the file "data-desc.txt". All the attributes are

categorical. The training data are stored in the file “train.csv”, consisting of 1,000 examples. The test data are stored in “test.csv”, and comprise 728 examples. In both training and test datasets, attribute values are separated by commas; the file “data-desc.txt” lists the attribute names in each column.

Note: we highly recommend you to use Python for implementation, because it is very convenient to load the data and handle strings. For example, the following snippet reads the CSV file line by line and split the values of the attributes and the label into a list, “terms”. You can also use “dictionary” to store the categorical attribute values. In the web are numerous tutorials and examples for Python. if you have issues, just google it!

```
with open(CSVfile, 'r') as f:
    for line in f:
        terms = line.strip().split(',')
        process one training example
```

- (a) [15 points] Implement the ID3 algorithm that supports, information gain, majority error and gini index to select attributes for data splits. Besides, your ID3 should allow users to set the maximum tree depth. Note: you do not need to convert categorical attributes into binary ones and your tree can be wide here.
- (b) [10 points] Use your implemented algorithm to learn decision trees from the training data. Vary the maximum tree depth from 1 to 6 — for each setting, run your algorithm to learn a decision tree, and use the tree to predict both the training and test examples. Note that if your tree cannot grow up to 6 levels, you can stop at the maximum level. Report in a table the average prediction errors on each dataset when you use information gain, majority error and gini index heuristics, respectively.

```

CarTraingPredict:
Max Depth is 1 :
Entropy: 0.30200000000000005 MajorityError: 0.30200000000000005 GiniIndex: 0.30200000000000005
Max Depth is 2 :
Entropy: 0.22199999999999998 MajorityError: 0.30100000000000005 GiniIndex: 0.22199999999999998
Max Depth is 3 :
Entropy: 0.18100000000000005 MajorityError: 0.18899999999999995 GiniIndex: 0.17600000000000005
Max Depth is 4 :
Entropy: 0.08199999999999996 MajorityError: 0.09599999999999997 GiniIndex: 0.08899999999999997
Max Depth is 5 :
Entropy: 0.027000000000000024 MajorityError: 0.028000000000000025 GiniIndex: 0.027000000000000024
Max Depth is 6 :
Entropy: 0.0 MajorityError: 0.0 GiniIndex: 0.0
CarTestingPredict:
Max Depth is 1 :
Entropy: 0.29670329670329665 MajorityError: 0.29670329670329665 GiniIndex: 0.29670329670329665
Max Depth is 2 :
Entropy: 0.22115384615384615 MajorityError: 0.2857142857142857 GiniIndex: 0.22115384615384615
Max Depth is 3 :
Entropy: 0.16620879120879117 MajorityError: 0.19368131868131866 GiniIndex: 0.16620879120879117
Max Depth is 4 :
Entropy: 0.08104395604395609 MajorityError: 0.0892857142857143 GiniIndex: 0.08104395604395609
Max Depth is 5 :
Entropy: 0.019230769230769273 MajorityError: 0.019230769230769273 GiniIndex: 0.019230769230769273
Max Depth is 6 :
Entropy: 0.0 MajorityError: 0.0 GiniIndex: 0.0

```

- (c) [5 points] What can you conclude by comparing the training errors and the test errors?

The training error drops more quickly than testing error when depth increases. When depth is the same, training error is slightly larger than testing error. And when the tree depth becomes larger, both training error and testing error will become smaller. Also, the training error and testing error can eventually become zero.

3. [25 points] Next, modify your implementation a little bit to support numerical attributes. We will use a simple approach to convert a numerical feature to a binary one. We choose the media (NOT the average) of the attribute values (in the training set) as the threshold, and examine if the feature is bigger (or less) than the threshold. We will use another real dataset from UCI repository(<https://archive.ics.uci.edu/ml/datasets/Bank+Marketing>). This dataset contains 16 attributes, including both numerical and categorical ones. Please download the processed dataset from Canvas (bank.zip). The attribute and label values are listed in the file “data-desc.txt”. The training set is the file “train.csv”, consisting of 5,000 examples, and the test “test.csv” with 5,000 examples as well. In both training and test datasets, attribute values are separated by commas; the file “data-desc.txt” lists the attribute names in each column.

- (a) [10 points] Let us consider “unknown” as a particular attribute value, and hence we do not have any missing attributes for both training and test. Vary the maximum tree depth from 1 to 16 — for each setting, run your algorithm to learn a decision tree, and use the tree to predict both the training and test examples. Again, if your tree cannot grow up to 16 levels, stop at the maximum level. Report in a table the average prediction errors on each dataset when you use information

gain, majority error and gini index heuristics, respectively.

```
3a-BankTraingPredict:
Max Depth is 1 :
Entropy: 0.1191999999999997 MajorityError: 0.1088000000000001 GiniIndex: 0.1088000000000001
Max Depth is 2 :
Entropy: 0.1059999999999998 MajorityError: 0.1041999999999996 GiniIndex: 0.1041999999999996
Max Depth is 3 :
Entropy: 0.1006000000000002 MajorityError: 0.0959999999999997 GiniIndex: 0.0934000000000004
Max Depth is 4 :
Entropy: 0.0792000000000005 MajorityError: 0.0826 GiniIndex: 0.0747999999999998
Max Depth is 5 :
Entropy: 0.0612000000000003 MajorityError: 0.0684000000000002 GiniIndex: 0.05979999999999964
Max Depth is 6 :
Entropy: 0.0472000000000002 MajorityError: 0.0584000000000001 GiniIndex: 0.0467999999999995
Max Depth is 7 :
Entropy: 0.0348000000000005 MajorityError: 0.0482000000000002 GiniIndex: 0.03459999999999964
Max Depth is 8 :
Entropy: 0.0285999999999996 MajorityError: 0.03879999999999946 GiniIndex: 0.02680000000000046
Max Depth is 9 :
Entropy: 0.0230000000000002 MajorityError: 0.0305999999999996 GiniIndex: 0.0211999999999997
Max Depth is 10 :
Entropy: 0.01700000000000015 MajorityError: 0.02539999999999978 GiniIndex: 0.01700000000000015
Max Depth is 11 :
Entropy: 0.01439999999999968 MajorityError: 0.0205999999999995 GiniIndex: 0.01459999999999946
Max Depth is 12 :
Entropy: 0.01359999999999945 MajorityError: 0.01780000000000038 GiniIndex: 0.01380000000000034
Max Depth is 13 :
Entropy: 0.01359999999999945 MajorityError: 0.01600000000000014 GiniIndex: 0.01359999999999945
Max Depth is 14 :
Entropy: 0.01359999999999945 MajorityError: 0.01359999999999945 GiniIndex: 0.01359999999999945
Max Depth is 15 :
Entropy: 0.01359999999999945 MajorityError: 0.01359999999999945 GiniIndex: 0.01359999999999945
Max Depth is 16 :
Entropy: 0.01359999999999945 MajorityError: 0.01359999999999945 GiniIndex: 0.01359999999999945
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3a-BankTestingPredict:
Max Depth is 1 :
Entropy: 0.12480000000000002 MajorityError: 0.11660000000000004 GiniIndex: 0.11660000000000004
Max Depth is 2 :
Entropy: 0.11480000000000001 MajorityError: 0.1078 GiniIndex: 0.1078
Max Depth is 3 :
Entropy: 0.09619999999999995 MajorityError: 0.0928 GiniIndex: 0.09340000000000004
Max Depth is 4 :
Entropy: 0.08020000000000005 MajorityError: 0.07920000000000005 GiniIndex: 0.07679999999999998
Max Depth is 5 :
Entropy: 0.06279999999999997 MajorityError: 0.06779999999999997 GiniIndex: 0.05840000000000001
Max Depth is 6 :
Entropy: 0.04700000000000004 MajorityError: 0.05779999999999996 GiniIndex: 0.04420000000000002
Max Depth is 7 :
Entropy: 0.03300000000000003 MajorityError: 0.04800000000000004 GiniIndex: 0.03259999999999996
Max Depth is 8 :
Entropy: 0.024599999999999955 MajorityError: 0.03859999999999997 GiniIndex: 0.024800000000000044
Max Depth is 9 :
Entropy: 0.018000000000000016 MajorityError: 0.029000000000000026 GiniIndex: 0.018199999999999994
Max Depth is 10 :
Entropy: 0.013199999999999999 MajorityError: 0.022000000000000002 GiniIndex: 0.014000000000000012
Max Depth is 11 :
Entropy: 0.011399999999999966 MajorityError: 0.016599999999999948 GiniIndex: 0.011600000000000055
Max Depth is 12 :
Entropy: 0.011199999999999988 MajorityError: 0.014399999999999968 GiniIndex: 0.011199999999999988
Max Depth is 13 :
Entropy: 0.011199999999999988 MajorityError: 0.012800000000000034 GiniIndex: 0.011199999999999988
Max Depth is 14 :
Entropy: 0.011199999999999988 MajorityError: 0.011199999999999988 GiniIndex: 0.011199999999999988
Max Depth is 15 :
Entropy: 0.011199999999999988 MajorityError: 0.011199999999999988 GiniIndex: 0.011199999999999988
Max Depth is 16 :
Entropy: 0.011199999999999988 MajorityError: 0.011199999999999988 GiniIndex: 0.011199999999999988

```

- (b) [10 points] Let us consider "unknown" as attribute value missing. Here we simply complete it with the majority of other values of the same attribute in the training set. Vary the maximum tree depth from 1 to 16 — for each setting, run your algorithm to learn a decision tree, and use the tree to predict both the training and test examples. Report in a table the average prediction errors on each dataset when you use information gain, majority error and gini index heuristics, respectively.



```

3b-BankTraingPredict:
Max Depth is 1 :
Entropy: 0.1191999999999997 MajorityError: 0.1088000000000001 GiniIndex: 0.1088000000000001
Max Depth is 2 :
Entropy: 0.1059999999999998 MajorityError: 0.1049999999999998 GiniIndex: 0.1051999999999996
Max Depth is 3 :
Entropy: 0.1021999999999996 MajorityError: 0.0976000000000002 GiniIndex: 0.1009999999999998
Max Depth is 4 :
Entropy: 0.0867999999999999 MajorityError: 0.0864000000000003 GiniIndex: 0.0876000000000001
Max Depth is 5 :
Entropy: 0.0714000000000002 MajorityError: 0.0772000000000005 GiniIndex: 0.0737999999999998
Max Depth is 6 :
Entropy: 0.0567999999999996 MajorityError: 0.0672000000000004 GiniIndex: 0.0572000000000003
Max Depth is 7 :
Entropy: 0.0452000000000002 MajorityError: 0.0590000000000005 GiniIndex: 0.0450000000000004
Max Depth is 8 :
Entropy: 0.0385999999999997 MajorityError: 0.05220000000000024 GiniIndex: 0.03680000000000055
Max Depth is 9 :
Entropy: 0.03200000000000003 MajorityError: 0.04320000000000016 GiniIndex: 0.0293999999999998
Max Depth is 10 :
Entropy: 0.0263999999999998 MajorityError: 0.0362000000000001 GiniIndex: 0.02480000000000044
Max Depth is 11 :
Entropy: 0.02339999999999976 MajorityError: 0.02920000000000004 GiniIndex: 0.02239999999999975
Max Depth is 12 :
Entropy: 0.02219999999999998 MajorityError: 0.0263999999999998 GiniIndex: 0.02200000000000002
Max Depth is 13 :
Entropy: 0.02200000000000002 MajorityError: 0.02480000000000044 GiniIndex: 0.02200000000000002
Max Depth is 14 :
Entropy: 0.02200000000000002 MajorityError: 0.02200000000000002 GiniIndex: 0.02200000000000002
Max Depth is 15 :
Entropy: 0.02200000000000002 MajorityError: 0.02200000000000002 GiniIndex: 0.02200000000000002
Max Depth is 16 :
Entropy: 0.02200000000000002 MajorityError: 0.02200000000000002 GiniIndex: 0.02200000000000002

3b-BankTestingPredict:
Max Depth is 1 :
Entropy: 0.12480000000000002 MajorityError: 0.11660000000000004 GiniIndex: 0.11660000000000004
Max Depth is 2 :
Entropy: 0.11480000000000001 MajorityError: 0.1079999999999998 GiniIndex: 0.1079999999999998
Max Depth is 3 :
Entropy: 0.09619999999999995 MajorityError: 0.09819999999999995 GiniIndex: 0.09919999999999995
Max Depth is 4 :
Entropy: 0.08320000000000005 MajorityError: 0.08819999999999995 GiniIndex: 0.08399999999999996
Max Depth is 5 :
Entropy: 0.06940000000000002 MajorityError: 0.07520000000000004 GiniIndex: 0.06999999999999995
Max Depth is 6 :
Entropy: 0.05479999999999996 MajorityError: 0.06740000000000002 GiniIndex: 0.05820000000000003
Max Depth is 7 :
Entropy: 0.04259999999999997 MajorityError: 0.05940000000000001 GiniIndex: 0.04479999999999995
Max Depth is 8 :
Entropy: 0.03359999999999996 MajorityError: 0.05000000000000004 GiniIndex: 0.03639999999999999
Max Depth is 9 :
Entropy: 0.027599999999999958 MajorityError: 0.04139999999999999 GiniIndex: 0.02939999999999998
Max Depth is 10 :
Entropy: 0.0232 MajorityError: 0.03359999999999996 GiniIndex: 0.023599999999999954
Max Depth is 11 :
Entropy: 0.020199999999999996 MajorityError: 0.02739999999999998 GiniIndex: 0.020000000000000018
Max Depth is 12 :
Entropy: 0.019199999999999995 MajorityError: 0.024599999999999955 GiniIndex: 0.01859999999999995
Max Depth is 13 :
Entropy: 0.018599999999999995 MajorityError: 0.02100000000000002 GiniIndex: 0.01859999999999995
Max Depth is 14 :
Entropy: 0.018599999999999995 MajorityError: 0.018599999999999995 GiniIndex: 0.01859999999999995
Max Depth is 15 :
Entropy: 0.018599999999999995 MajorityError: 0.018599999999999995 GiniIndex: 0.01859999999999995
Max Depth is 16 :
Entropy: 0.018599999999999995 MajorityError: 0.018599999999999995 GiniIndex: 0.01859999999999995

```

- (c) [5 points] What can you conclude by comparing the training errors and the test errors, with different tree depths, as well as different ways to deal with "unknown" attribute values?

The training error is slightly larger than testing error, but the difference is subtle. When depth becomes larger, both training error and testing error will become smaller.

Although we use different ways to handle the unknown value, there is not too much difference regarding the error. The performance for treating "unknown" as a particular attribute value is slightly better than replacing it with majority value.