



#### Plan today

- Classification
  - Decision tree classification finish off from last lecture
  - k nearest neighbor classification



#### **Tree Induction**

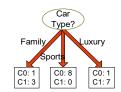
- Issues
  - Determine how to split the records
    - · How to specify the attribute test condition?
    - How to determine the best split?
  - Determine when to stop splitting



#### How to determine the Best Split

Before Splitting: 10 records of class 0, 10 records of class 1





Which test condition is the best?



#### How to determine the Best Split

- · Greedy approach:
  - Nodes with homogeneous class distribution are preferred
- Need a measure of node impurity:

C0: 5 C1: 5 C0: 9 C1: 1

Non-homogeneous, High degree of impurity Homogeneous,

Low degree of impurity



#### Measures of Node Impurity

- Entropy
  - We have seen entropy in the feature correlation section, where it was used to measure the amount of uncertainty in an outcome
  - Entropy can also be viewed as an impurity measure
    - The set {A,B,C,A,A,A,A,A} has low entropy: low uncertainty and **high purity**
    - The set {A,B,C,D,B,E,A,F} has high entropy: high uncertainty and low purity



#### Node Impurity Criteria based on Entropy

• Entropy (H) at a given node t:

$$H(t) = -\sum_{j} p(j \mid t) \log p(j \mid t)$$

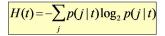
(NOTE:  $p(j \mid t)$  is the relative frequency of class j at node t).

- Measures homogeneity of a node.
  - Maximum (log  $\rm n_c$ ) when records are equally distributed among all classes ( $\rm n_c$  is number of classes)
  - Minimum (0.0) when all records belong to one class

#### **Examples for computing Entropy**

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C1	0
C2	6

$$P(C1) = 0/6 = 0$$
  $P(C2) = 6/6 = 1$ 

Entropy = 
$$-0 \log_2 0 - 1 \log_2 1 = -0 - 0 = 0$$

C1	1
C2	5

$$P(C1) = 1/6$$
  $P(C2) = 5/6$ 

Entropy = 
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$$P(C1) = 2/6$$
  $P(C2) = 4/6$ 

Entropy = 
$$-(2/6) \log_2(2/6) - (4/6) \log_2(4/6) = 0.92$$

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C1	13
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$$P(C1) = \frac{13}{33} \qquad P(C2) = \frac{20}{33}$$

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  $P(C2) = \frac{20}{33}$ 

Entropy = 
$$-(\frac{13}{33}log_2\frac{13}{33} + \frac{20}{33}log_2\frac{20}{33})$$



### How good is a Split?

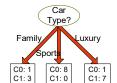


- Compare the impurity (entropy) of parent node (before splitting)
- With the impurity (entropy) of the children nodes (after splitting)

$$\begin{aligned} Gain = & H(Parent) - H(Parent|Child) \\ = & H(Parent) - \sum_{j=1}^k \frac{N(v_j)}{N} H(v_j) \end{aligned}$$

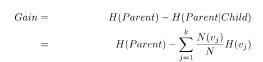
- H(v<sub>i</sub>): impurity measure of node v<sub>i</sub>
- j: children node index
- N(v<sub>i</sub>): number of data points in child node v<sub>i</sub>
- N: number of data points in parent node
- The larger the gain, the better





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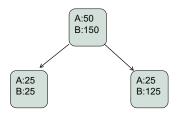
- Note: the information gain is equivalent to the mutual information between the class feature and the feature being split on
- Thus splitting using the information gain is to choose the feature with highest information shared with the class variable



Question 2c) from 2016 exam

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$$\begin{aligned} \text{Entropy(root)} &= -(\frac{50}{200}) \log(\frac{50}{200}) - (\frac{150}{200}) \log(\frac{150}{200}) \\ &= -(\frac{25}{50}) \log(\frac{25}{50}) - (\frac{25}{50}) \log(\frac{25}{50}) \end{aligned} \qquad \begin{aligned} &\text{A:25} \\ &\text{B:25} \end{aligned} \qquad \begin{aligned} &\text{A:25} \\ &\text{B:125} \end{aligned} \qquad \end{aligned}$$

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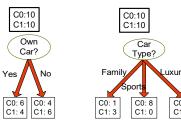
 $Split\ utility =\ Information\ Gain$ 

- = Entropy(root) Entropy(root|split)=  $Entropy(root) [(\frac{50}{200}) * Entropy(left child)]$
- $+\left(\frac{150}{200}\right)*Entropy(right\ child)]$



#### How to determine the Best Split?

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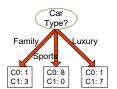
- Compute the gain of all splits
- Choose the one with largest gain



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Own Car: Information gain=0.029 Car type: Information gain=0.62

We should choose Car type as the best split???!!!



#### Creating a decision tree

- Calc information gain [Left Child], [Right Child] for each of the following
  - Refund [Yes], [No]
  - Marital status [Single],[Married],[Divorced]
  - Taxable income

    - [60,60], (60,220] [60,70], (70,220]
    - [60,75],(75,220]
    - [60,85],(85,220] [60,90],(90,220]
    - [60,95],(95,220]
    - [60,100],(100,220]
    - [60,120],(120,220]
    - [60,125],(125,220]
- Choose feature+split with the highest information gain and use this as the root node and its split
- Do recursively, terminating when a node consists of only Cheat=No or Cheat=Yes.

Tid	Refund	Marital Status	Taxable Income	Cheat
1	Yes	Single	125K	No
2	No	Married	100K	No
3	No	Single	70K	No
4	Yes	Married	120K	No
5	No	Divorced	95K	Yes
6	No	Married	60K	No
7	Yes	Divorced	220K	No
8	No	Single	85K	Yes
9	No	Married	75K	No
10	No	Single	90K	Yes



#### Decision tree: advantages and disadvantages

- Advantages
  - Easy to interpret
  - Relatively efficient to construct
  - Fast for making a decision about a test instance
- · Disadvantages
  - A simple greedy construction strategy, producing a set of ``If ..then" rules. Sometimes this is too simple for data with complex structure:
    - ``Everything should be as simple as possible, but no
  - For complex datasets, the tree might grow very big and not be easy to understand
  - May behave strangely for some types of features (E.g. student ID feature from earlier slide)



#### Decision tree classifier: training and testing

- · Divide training data into:
  - Training set (e.g. 2/3)
  - Test set (e.g. 1/3)
- Learn decision tree using the training set
- Evaluate performance of decision tree on the test set

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Tid	Attrib1	Attrib2	Attrib3	Class
1	Yes	Large	125K	No
2	No	Medium	100K	No
3	No	Small	70K	No
4	Yes	Medium	120K	No
5	No	Large	95K	Yes
6	No	Medium	60K	No
7	Yes	Large	220K	No
8	No	Small	85K	Yes
9	No	Medium	75K	No
10	No	Small	ank	Yes

Training Set

Tid	Attrib1	Attrib2	Attrib3	Class
11	No	Small	55K	?
12	Yes	Medium	80K	?
13	Yes	Large	110K	?
14	No	Small	95K	?
15	No	Large	67K	?

Test Set



#### **Metrics for Performance Evaluation**

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**Metrics for Performance Evaluation** 

- Can be summarized in a Confusion Matrix (contingency table)
  - Actual class: {yes, no, yes, yes, ...}
  - Predicted class: {no, yes, yes, no...}

	PREDICTED CLASS			
	Class=Yes Class=No			
ACTUAL CLASS	Class=Yes	а	b	
	Class=No	С	d	

- a: TP (true positive)
- b: FN (false negative)
- c: FP (false positive) d: TN (true negative)

	PREDICTED CLASS		
		Class=Yes	Class=No
ACTUAL CLASS	Class=Yes	a (TP)	b (FN)
	Class=No	c (FP)	d (TN)

Accuracy = 
$$\frac{a+d}{a+b+c+d} = \frac{TP+TN}{TP+TN+FP+FN}$$



- Actual class: {yes, no, yes, yes, no, yes, no, no}
- Predicted: {no, yes, yes, no, yes, no, no, yes}

	PREDICTED CLASS		
		Class=Yes	Class=No
ACTUAL CLASS	Class=Yes	a= 1 (TP)	b=3 (FN)
	Class=No	c=3 (FP)	d=1 (TN)



#### Question

- For an accurate decision tree classifier, we want to minimise both:
  - False positives (saying yes when we should say no)
  - False negatives (saying no when we should say yes)
- Describe a real scenario where it is
  - More important to minimise the false positives
  - More important to minimise the false negatives



#### Limitations of accuracy

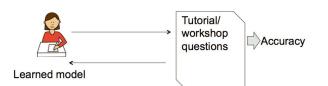
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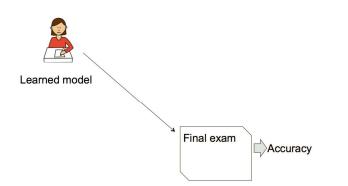
- Consider a 2-class problem
  - Number of Class 0 examples = 9990
  - Number of Class 1 examples = 10
- If model predicts everything to be class 0, accuracy is 9990/10000 = 99.9~%
  - Accuracy is misleading here because model does not detect any class 1 example
  - Other metrics can be used instead of accuracy, that address this problem (but we won't cover these)
- (2 marks) What is the purpose of separating a dataset into training and test sets, when evaluating the performance of a classifier?

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Why do we split the dataset into training and testing for evaluating accuracy?





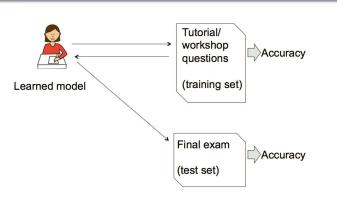






#### K nearest neighbor classifier

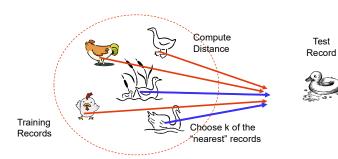
Another widely used and intuitive algorithm for prediction





#### **Nearest Neighbor Classifiers**

- Basic idea:
  - "If it walks like a duck, quacks like a duck, then it's probably a duck"





### Nearest-Neighbor Classifiers





Unknown record

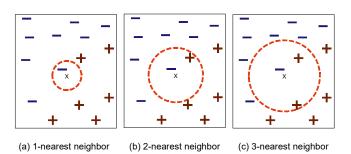
- Requires three things
  - The set of stored records
  - Distance Metric to compute distance between records
  - The value of k, the number of nearest neighbors to retrieve

To classify an unknown record:

- Compute distance to other training records
- 2. Identify *k* nearest neighbors
- Use class labels of nearest neighbors to determine the class label of unknown record (e.g., by taking majority vote)



#### **Definition of Nearest Neighbor**



K-nearest neighbors of a record x are data points that have the k smallest distance to x

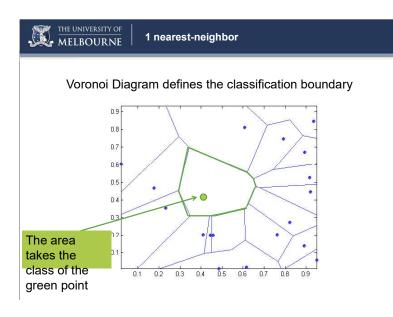
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#### Distance measure

- Compute distance between two points  $p=(p_1,p_2,...), q=(q_1,q_2,...)$ 
  - Euclidean distance

$$d(p,q) = \sqrt{\sum_{i} (p_{i} - q_{i})^{2}}$$

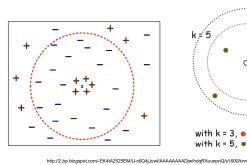
- Can also use Pearson coefficient (similarity measure)
- Determine the class from nearest neighbor list
  - take the majority vote of class labels among the k-nearest neighbors
  - Or weight the vote according to distance
    - weight factor,  $w = \frac{1}{d^2}$





#### K- Nearest Neighbor classifier

- Choosing the value of k:
  - If k is too small, sensitive to noise points
  - If k is too large, neighborhood may include points from other classes





#### Points to remember from this lecture

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#### References and Acknowledgement

- Understand the use of accuracy as a metric for measuring the performance of a classification method.
- Understand how TP,TN,FP and FN are used in the accuracy calculation. The formula for accuracy will be provided on the exam
- understand the operation and rationale of the k nearest neighbor algorithm for classification
- understand the advantages and disadvantages of using k nearest neighbor or decision tree for classification

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- https://www-users.cs.umn.edu/~kumar/dmbook/ch4.pdf
- CS059 Data Mining -- Slides
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