



# Decision Trees

Estimated time needed: **15** minutes

## Objectives

After completing this lab you will be able to:

- Develop a classification model using Decision Tree Algorithm

In this lab exercise, you will learn a popular machine learning algorithm, Decision Tree. You will use this classification algorithm to build a model from historical data of patients, and their response to different medications. Then you use the trained decision tree to predict the class of a unknown patient, or to find a proper drug for a new patient.

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Import the Following Libraries:

- **numpy** (as **np**)
- **pandas**
- **DecisionTreeClassifier** from **sklearn.tree**

In [1]:

```
import numpy as np
import pandas as pd
from sklearn.tree import DecisionTreeClassifier
```

## About the dataset

Imagine that you are a medical researcher compiling data for a study. You have collected data about a set of patients, all of whom suffered from the same illness. During their course of treatment, each patient responded to one of 5 medications, Drug A, Drug B, Drug c, Drug x and y.

Part of your job is to build a model to find out which drug might be appropriate for a future patient with the same illness. The feature sets of this dataset are Age, Sex, Blood Pressure, and Cholesterol of patients, and the target is the drug that each patient responded to.

It is a sample of multiclass classifier, and you can use the training part of the dataset to build a decision tree, and then use it to predict the class of a unknown patient, or to prescribe it to a new patient.

## Downloading the Data

To download the data, we will use `!wget` to download it from IBM Object Storage.

In [2]:

```
!wget -O drug200.csv https://cf-courses-data.s3.us.cloud-object-storage.appdomain.cloud/IBMDeveloperSkillsNetwork-ML0101EN-SkillsNetwork/labs/Module%203/data/drug200.csv
```

```
--2021-03-12 05:22:51-- https://cf-courses-data.s3.us.cloud-object-storage.appdomain.cloud/IBMDeveloperSkillsNetwork-ML0101EN-SkillsNetwork/labs/Module%203/data/drug200.csv
Resolving cf-courses-data.s3.us.cloud-object-storage.appdomain.cloud (cf-courses-data.s3.us.cloud-object-storage.appdomain.cloud)... 169.63.118.104
Connecting to cf-courses-data.s3.us.cloud-object-storage.appdomain.cloud (cf-courses-data.s3.us.cloud-object-storage.appdomain.cloud)|169.63.118.104|:443... connected.
HTTP request sent, awaiting response... 200 OK
Length: 5827 (5.7K) [text/csv]
Saving to: 'drug200.csv'
```

```
drug200.csv      100%[=====>]    5.69K  --.-KB/s    in 0.001s
```

```
2021-03-12 05:22:51 (10.8 MB/s) - 'drug200.csv' saved [5827/5827]
```

**Did you know?** When it comes to Machine Learning, you will likely be working with large datasets. As a business, where can you host your data? IBM is offering a unique opportunity for businesses, with 10 Tb of IBM Cloud Object Storage: [Sign up now for free \(http://cocl.us/ML0101EN-IBM-Offer-CC\)](http://cocl.us/ML0101EN-IBM-Offer-CC)

Now, read data using pandas dataframe:

In [3]:

```
my_data = pd.read_csv("drug200.csv", delimiter=",")  
my_data[0:5]
```

Out[3]:

	Age	Sex	BP	Cholesterol	Na_to_K	Drug
0	23	F	HIGH	HIGH	25.355	drugY
1	47	M	LOW	HIGH	13.093	drugC
2	47	M	LOW	HIGH	10.114	drugC
3	28	F	NORMAL	HIGH	7.798	drugX
4	61	F	LOW	HIGH	18.043	drugY

## Practice

What is the size of data?

In [5]:

```
# write your code here  
my_data.shape
```

Out[5]:

(200, 6)

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## Pre-processing

Using **my\_data** as the Drug.csv data read by pandas, declare the following variables:

- **X** as the **Feature Matrix** (data of my\_data)
- **y** as the **response vector (target)**

Remove the column containing the target name since it doesn't contain numeric values.

In [6]:

```
X = my_data[['Age', 'Sex', 'BP', 'Cholesterol', 'Na_to_K']].values
X[0:5]
```

Out[6]:

```
array([[23, 'F', 'HIGH', 'HIGH', 25.355],
       [47, 'M', 'LOW', 'HIGH', 13.093],
       [47, 'M', 'LOW', 'HIGH', 10.113999999999999],
       [28, 'F', 'NORMAL', 'HIGH', 7.797999999999999],
       [61, 'F', 'LOW', 'HIGH', 18.043]], dtype=object)
```

As you may figure out, some features in this dataset are categorical such as **Sex** or **BP**. Unfortunately, Sklearn Decision Trees do not handle categorical variables. But still we can convert these features to numerical values. **pandas.get\_dummies()** Convert categorical variable into dummy/indicator variables.

In [7]:

```
from sklearn import preprocessing
le_sex = preprocessing.LabelEncoder()
le_sex.fit(['F', 'M'])
X[:,1] = le_sex.transform(X[:,1])

le_BP = preprocessing.LabelEncoder()
le_BP.fit([ 'LOW', 'NORMAL', 'HIGH'])
X[:,2] = le_BP.transform(X[:,2])

le_Cholesterol = preprocessing.LabelEncoder()
le_Cholesterol.fit([ 'NORMAL', 'HIGH'])
X[:,3] = le_Cholesterol.transform(X[:,3])

X[0:5]
```

Out[7]:

```
array([[23, 0, 0, 0, 25.355],
       [47, 1, 1, 0, 13.093],
       [47, 1, 1, 0, 10.113999999999999],
       [28, 0, 2, 0, 7.797999999999999],
       [61, 0, 1, 0, 18.043]], dtype=object)
```

Now we can fill the target variable.

In [8]:

```
y = my_data["Drug"]  
y[0:5]
```

Out[8]:

```
0    drugY  
1    drugC  
2    drugC  
3    drugX  
4    drugY  
Name: Drug, dtype: object
```

## Setting up the Decision Tree

We will be using **train/test split** on our **decision tree**. Let's import **train\_test\_split** from **sklearn.cross\_validation**.

In [9]:

```
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
```

Now **train\_test\_split** will return 4 different parameters. We will name them:

X\_trainset, X\_testset, y\_trainset, y\_testset

The **train\_test\_split** will need the parameters:

X, y, test\_size=0.3, and random\_state=3.

The **X** and **y** are the arrays required before the split, the **test\_size** represents the ratio of the testing dataset, and the **random\_state** ensures that we obtain the same splits.

In [10]:

```
X_trainset, X_testset, y_trainset, y_testset = train_test_split(X, y, test_size=0.3, random_state=3)
```

## Practice

Print the shape of X\_trainset and y\_trainset. Ensure that the dimensions match

In [12]:

```
# your code  
print('Shape of X training set {}'.format(X_trainset.shape), '&', 'Size of Y training set {}'.format(y_trainset.shape))
```

Shape of X training set (140, 5) & Size of Y training set (140,)

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Print the shape of `X_testset` and `y_testset`. Ensure that the dimensions match

In [13]:

```
# your code

print('Shape of X testing set {}'.format(X_testset.shape), '&', 'Size of Y testing set {}'.format(y_testset.shape))
```

Shape of X testing set (60, 5) & Size of Y testing set (60,)

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## Modeling

We will first create an instance of the **DecisionTreeClassifier** called **drugTree**.

Inside of the classifier, specify *criterion="entropy"* so we can see the information gain of each node.

In [14]:

```
drugTree = DecisionTreeClassifier(criterion="entropy", max_depth = 4)
drugTree # it shows the default parameters
```

Out[14]:

```
DecisionTreeClassifier(class_weight=None, criterion='entropy', max_depth=4,
                        max_features=None, max_leaf_nodes=None,
                        min_impurity_decrease=0.0, min_impurity_split=None,
                        min_samples_leaf=1, min_samples_split=2,
                        min_weight_fraction_leaf=0.0, presort=False, random_state=None,
                        splitter='best')
```

Next, we will fit the data with the training feature matrix **X\_trainset** and training response vector **y\_trainset**

In [15]:

```
drugTree.fit(X_trainset, y_trainset)
```

Out[15]:

```
DecisionTreeClassifier(class_weight=None, criterion='entropy', max_depth=4,
                        max_features=None, max_leaf_nodes=None,
                        min_impurity_decrease=0.0, min_impurity_split=None,
                        min_samples_leaf=1, min_samples_split=2,
                        min_weight_fraction_leaf=0.0, presort=False, random_state=None,
                        splitter='best')
```

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## Prediction

Let's make some **predictions** on the testing dataset and store it into a variable called **predTree**.

In [16]:

```
predTree = drugTree.predict(X_testset)
```

You can print out **predTree** and **y\_testset** if you want to visually compare the prediction to the actual values.

In [17]:

```
print(predTree[0:5])  
print(y_testset[0:5])
```

```
['drugY' 'drugX' 'drugX' 'drugX' 'drugX']  
40      drugY  
51      drugX  
139     drugX  
197     drugX  
170     drugX  
Name: Drug, dtype: object
```

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## Evaluation

Next, let's import **metrics** from sklearn and check the accuracy of our model.

In [18]:

```
from sklearn import metrics  
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt  
print("DecisionTrees's Accuracy: ", metrics.accuracy_score(y_testset, predTree))
```

```
DecisionTrees's Accuracy:  0.9833333333333333
```

**Accuracy classification score** computes subset accuracy: the set of labels predicted for a sample must exactly match the corresponding set of labels in **y\_true**.

In multilabel classification, the function returns the subset accuracy. If the entire set of predicted labels for a sample strictly match with the true set of labels, then the subset accuracy is 1.0; otherwise it is 0.0.

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## Visualization

Lets visualize the tree

In [19]:

```
# Notice: You might need to uncomment and install the pydotplus and graphviz libraries if  
you have not installed these before  
!conda install -c conda-forge pydotplus -y  
!conda install -c conda-forge python-graphviz -y
```



Collecting package metadata (current\_repodata.json): done  
Solving environment: done

## ## Package Plan ##

environment location: /home/jupyterlab/conda/envs/python

added / updated specs:  
- pydotplus

The following packages will be downloaded:

package	build		
certifi-2020.12.5	py36h5fab9bb_1	143 KB	conda-forge
openssl-1.1.1j	h7f98852_0	2.1 MB	conda-forge
pydotplus-2.0.2	pyhd1c1de3_3	23 KB	conda-forge
Total:		2.3 MB	

The following NEW packages will be INSTALLED:

pydotplus conda-forge/noarch::pydotplus-2.0.2-pyhd1c1de3\_3

The following packages will be UPDATED:

certifi 2020.12.5-py36h5fab9bb\_0 --> 2020.12.5-py3  
6h5fab9bb\_1  
openssl 1.1.1i-h7f98852\_0 --> 1.1.1j-h7f988  
52\_0

## Downloading and Extracting Packages

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pydotplus-2.0.2      | 23 KB      | ##### | 10
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openssl-1.1.1j       | 2.1 MB     | ##### | 10
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certifi-2020.12.5    | 143 KB     | ##### | 10
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```

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Verifying transaction: done

Executing transaction: done

Collecting package metadata (current\_repodata.json): done

Solving environment: done

## ## Package Plan ##

environment location: /home/jupyterlab/conda/envs/python

added / updated specs:  
- python-graphviz

The following packages will be downloaded:

package	build		
python-graphviz-0.16	pyhd3deb0d_1	20 KB	conda-forge
Total:		20 KB	

The following NEW packages will be INSTALLED:

python-graphviz conda-forge/noarch::python-graphviz-0.16-pyhd3deb0d\_1

#### Downloading and Extracting Packages

python-graphviz-0.16 | 20 KB | ##### | 10  
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Executing transaction: done

In [20]:

```
from io import StringIO
import pydotplus
import matplotlib.image as mpimg
from sklearn import tree
%matplotlib inline
```

In [21]:

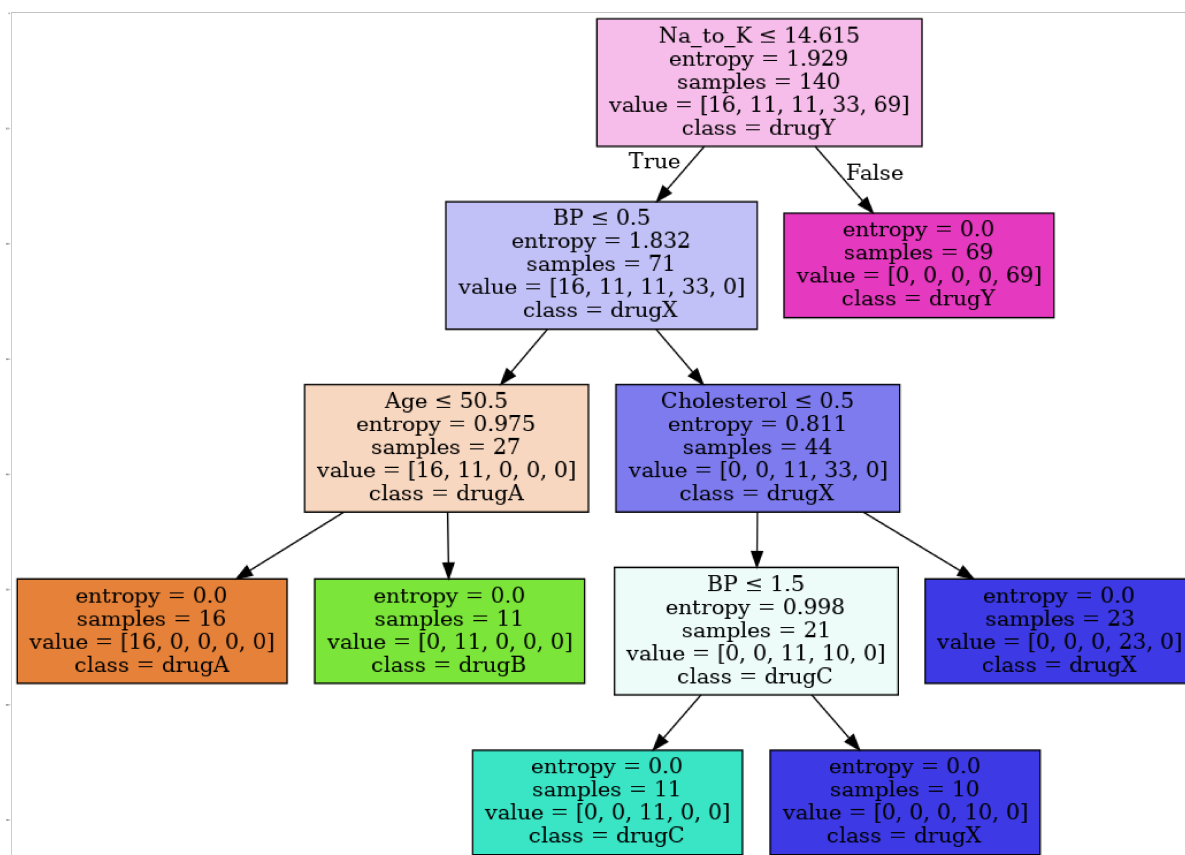
```

dot_data = StringIO()
filename = "drugtree.png"
featureNames = my_data.columns[0:5]
out=tree.export_graphviz(drugTree,feature_names=featureNames, out_file=dot_data, class_names= np.unique(y_trainset), filled=True, special_characters=True,rotate=False)
graph = pydotplus.graph_from_dot_data(dot_data.getvalue())
graph.write_png(filename)
img = mpimg.imread(filename)
plt.figure(figsize=(100, 200))
plt.imshow(img,interpolation='nearest')

```

Out[21]:

&lt;matplotlib.image.AxesImage at 0x7fc7935e5438&gt;



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**Thank you for completing this lab!**

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## Change Log

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2020-11-20	2.2	Lakshmi	Changed import statement of StringIO
2020-11-03	2.1	Lakshmi	Changed URL of the csv
2020-08-27	2.0	Lavanya	Moved lab to course repo in GitLab

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