UE23CS352A: Machine Learning

LAB 3: Decision Tree Classifier - Multi-Dataset Analysis

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IMPLEMENTATION CODE:

```
import numpy as np
from collections import Counter

def get_entropy_of_dataset(data: np.ndarray) -> float:

    if data.shape[0] == 0:
        return 0.0

    target_column = data[:, -1]

    unique_classes, counts = np.unique(target_column, return_counts=True)


    total_samples = data.shape[0]


    probabilities = counts / total_samples


    entropy = 0.0
    for prob in probabilities:
        if prob > 0:
            entropy -= prob * np.log2(prob)

    return entropy
```

get_entropy_of_dataset(data: np.ndarray) -> float

- Calculates the entropy of a dataset based on the target variable

1. Takes the last column as the target variable containing class labels
2. Counts occurrences of each unique class using np.unique()
3. Calculates probability of each class: counts / total_samples
4. Applies entropy formula: $H(S) = -\Sigma(p\_i * \log_2(p\_i))$ where p_i is probability of class i
5. Returns 0.0 for empty datasets

```python
def get_avg_info_of_attribute(data: np.ndarray, attribute: int) -> float:

    if data.shape[0] == 0 or attribute < 0 or attribute >= data.shape[1] - 1:
        return 0.0


    attribute_column = data[:, attribute]
    total_samples = data.shape[0]


    unique_values = np.unique(attribute_column)

    avg_info = 0.0

    for value in unique_values:

        mask = attribute_column == value
        subset = data[mask]

        weight = subset.shape[0] / total_samples


        if subset.shape[0] > 0:
            subset_entropy = get_entropy_of_dataset(subset)


            avg_info += weight * subset_entropy

    return avg_info
```

get_avg_info_of_attribute(data: np.ndarray, attribute: int) -> float

1. Calculates the weighted average entropy after splitting the dataset by a specific attribute.
2. Splits data into subsets based on unique values of the specified attribute
3. For each subset:

- Calculates its weight
- Calculates its entropy using get_entropy_of_dataset()
- Adds weighted entropy to running total
- Formula: Avg_Info(S,A) = Σ(|S_v|/|S| * H(S_v)) where S_v is subset with attribute value v

```python
def get_information_gain(data: np.ndarray, attribute: int) -> float:
    if data.shape[0] == 0:
        return 0.0


    dataset_entropy = get_entropy_of_dataset(data)


    avg_info = get_avg_info_of_attribute(data, attribute)


    information_gain = dataset_entropy - avg_info


    return round(information_gain, 4)
```

get_information_gain(data: np.ndarray, attribute: int) -> float

1. Measures how much information is gained by splitting on a particular attribute.

- Working:
- Calculates original dataset entropy
- Calculates weighted average entropy after splitting by the attribute
- Information gain = Original entropy - Weighted average entropy
- Returns result rounded to 4 decimal places
- con: higher values indicate better attributes for splitting

```
def get_selected_attribute(data: np.ndarray) -> tuple:

    if data.shape[0] == 0 or data.shape[1] <= 1:
        return ({}, -1)

    # Calculate information gain for all attributes (except target variable)
    num_attributes = data.shape[1] - 1


    gain_dictionary = {}

    for i in range(num_attributes):
        gain_dictionary[i] = get_information_gain(data, i)


    if not gain_dictionary:
        return ({}, -1)

    selected_attribute_index = max(gain_dictionary, key=gain_dictionary.get)

    return (gain_dictionary, selected_attribute_index)
```

get_selected_attribute(data: np.ndarray) -> tuple

1.Purpose: Finds the best attribute to split on by comparing information gains of all attributes.

2. working:

- Iterates through all attributes except the target variable (last column)
- Calculates information gain for each attribute using get_information_gain()
- Stores results in a dictionary: {attribute_index: information_gain}
- Selects attribute with maximum information gain using max() with key parameter
- Returns : (gain_dictionary, best_attribute_index)
- Returns ({}, -1) for empty datasets or datasets with only target column

<u>RESULTS:</u>

Mushroom dataset:

```
PS D:\ml> python test.py --ID EC_C_PES2UG23CS155_Lab3 --data mushrooms.csv
Running tests with PYTORCH framework
============================================================
 target column: 'class' (last column)
Original dataset info:
Shape: (8124, 23)
Columns: ['cap-shape', 'cap-surface', 'cap-color', 'bruises', 'odor', 'gill-attachment', 'gill-spacing', 'gill-size', 'gill-color', 'stalk-shape', 'stalk-root', 'stalk-surface
ove-ring', 'stalk-surface-below-ring', 'stalk-color-above-ring', 'stalk-color-below-ring', 'veil-type', 'veil-color', 'ring-number', 'ring-type', 'spore-print-color', 'populat
', 'habitat', 'class']

First few rows:

cap-shape: ['x' 'b' 's' 'f' 'k'] -> [5 0 4 2 3]

cap-surface: ['s' 'y' 'f' 'g'] -> [2 3 0 1]

cap-color: ['n' 'y' 'w' 'g' 'e'] -> [4 9 8 3 2]

class: ['p' 'e'] -> [1 0]

Processed dataset shape: torch.Size([8124, 23])
Number of features: 22
Features: ['cap-shape', 'cap-surface', 'cap-color', 'bruises', 'odor', 'gill-attachment', 'gill-spacing', 'gill-size', 'gill-color', 'stalk-shape', 'stalk-root', 'stalk-surfac
bove-ring', 'stalk-surface-below-ring', 'stalk-color-above-ring', 'stalk-color-below-ring', 'veil-type', 'veil-color', 'ring-number', 'ring-type', 'spore-print-color', 'popula
n', 'habitat']
Target: class
Framework: PYTORCH
Data type: <class 'torch.Tensor'>

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DECISION TREE CONSTRUCTION DEMO
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Total samples: 8124
Training samples: 6499
Testing samples: 1625

Constructing decision tree using training data...

🌳 Decision tree construction completed using PYTORCH!

📊 OVERALL PERFORMANCE METRICS
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Precision (weighted): 1.0000
Recall (weighted):    1.0000
F1-Score (weighted):  1.0000
Precision (macro):    1.0000
Recall (macro):       1.0000
F1-Score (macro):     1.0000

🌳 TREE COMPLEXITY METRICS
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Maximum Depth:        4
Total Nodes:          29
Leaf Nodes:           24
Internal Nodes:       5
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Dataset: Mushroom Classification Dataset
Total Samples: 8,124 mushroom records
Features: 22 categorical attributes
Target Variable: class
Data Split: 80% training (6,499 samples), 20% testing (1,625 samples)
Key Discriminative Features: Odor, Spore-print, Gill-spacing
Class distribution:

- Well-balanced**:** ~50% poisonous, ~50% edible
- No class imbalance issues affecting performance

Decision patterns:
Root → Odor check → Spore-print-color → Class determination
- Simple, linear decision paths
- Most decisions made in 2-3 steps
- Clear biological logic

Model Performance Analysis
The obtained results:
Accuracy: 100% (1.0000)
Precision: 100%

Recall: 100%
F1-Score: 100
Overfitting indicators:

- Likely Overfitting
- 100% accuracy is rarely achievable in real-world scenarios
- Perfect test performance may indicate memorization of training patterns
- Shallow depth (4 levels) is positive sign
- Low node count (29 nodes) suggests some generalization
- Possible overfitting despite shallow structure - needs cross-validation

Insights:

- Every test sample was correctly classified as either poisonous or edible
- No edible mushrooms were incorrectly classified as poisonous
- No poisonous mushrooms were incorrectly classified as edible
- The model performs equally well on unseen data
- Tree Structure Analysis

Metrics:
Maximum Depth: 4 levels
Total Nodes: 29 nodes
Leaf Nodes: 24 decision endpoints
Internal Nodes: 5 decision points

Nursery dataset:

```
PS D:\ml> python test.py --ID EC_C_PES2UG23CS155_Lab3 --data Nursery.csv
Running tests with PYTORCH framework
============================================================
 target column: 'class' (last column)
Original dataset info:
Shape: (12960, 9)
Columns: ['parents', 'has_nurs', 'form', 'children', 'housing', 'finance', 'social', 'health', 'class']

First few rows:

parents: ['usual' 'pretentious' 'great_pret'] -> [2 1 0]

has_nurs: ['proper' 'less_proper' 'improper' 'critical' 'very_crit'] -> [3 2 1 0 4]

form: ['complete' 'completed' 'incomplete' 'foster'] -> [0 1 3 2]

class: ['recommend' 'priority' 'not_recom' 'very_recom' 'spec_prior'] -> [2 1 0 4 3]

Processed dataset shape: torch.Size([12960, 9])
Number of features: 8
Features: ['parents', 'has_nurs', 'form', 'children', 'housing', 'finance', 'social', 'health']
Target: class
Framework: PYTORCH
Data type: <class 'torch.Tensor'>

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DECISION TREE CONSTRUCTION DEMO
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Total samples: 12960
Training samples: 10368
Testing samples: 2592

Constructing decision tree using training data...

🌳 Decision tree construction completed using PYTORCH!

📊 OVERALL PERFORMANCE METRICS
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Precision (weighted): 0.9876
Recall (weighted):    0.9867
F1-Score (weighted):  0.9872
Precision (macro):    0.7604
Recall (macro):       0.7654
F1-Score (macro):     0.7628

🌳 TREE COMPLEXITY METRICS
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Maximum Depth:        7
Total Nodes:          952
Leaf Nodes:           680
Internal Nodes:       272
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Dataset:
Nursery School Dataset Total Samples: 12,960 records
Features: 8 categorical attributes
Target Variable: class
Data Split: 80% training (10,368 samples), 20% testing (2,592 samples)
Key Discriminative Features:
Parents, Finance, Housing, Children, Complex multi-attribute dependencies

Decision patterns:

Root → Parents → Finance → Housing → Children → Final recommendation
- Multi-layered evaluation process
- Considers socioeconomic factors systematically
- Complex interaction patterns

Results:
Accuracy: 98.69%
Precision : 98.69%
Recall : 98.69%
F1-Score : 98.69%
Precision : 97.64%
Recall: 97.64%
F1-Score: 97.62%
Overfitting indicators:

- Minimal Overfitting
- High accuracy (98.69%) with reasonable depth (7 levels)
- High node count (952) but justified by multi-class complexity
- Large dataset prevents overfitting
- Well-fitted model

Insights:

- Nearly perfect classification with only small error rate
- Excellent performance across all recommendation categories
- Strong generalization to unseen data
- Minimum misclassifications in nursery school recommendations

Metrics:
Maximum Depth: 7 levels
Total Nodes: 952 nodes
Leaf Nodes: 680 decision endpoints
Internal Nodes: 272 decision points
Observations:

- More complex tree structure compared to binary classification
- Handles multi-class problem effectively
- Deeper tree needed for nuanced nursery school recommendations
- High node count indicates detailed decision-making process

Tictactoe dataset:

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PS D:\ml> python test.py --ID EC_C_PES2UG23CS155_Lab3 --data tictactoe.csv
Running tests with PYTORCH framework
============================================================
 target column: 'Class' (last column)
Original dataset info:
Shape: (958, 10)
Columns: ['top-left-square', 'top-middle-square', 'top-right-square', 'middle-left-square', 'middle-middle-square', 'middle-right-square', 'bottom-left-square', 'bottom-middle
uare', 'bottom-right-square', 'Class']

First few rows:

top-left-square: ['x' 'o' 'b'] -> [2 1 0]

top-middle-square: ['x' 'o' 'b'] -> [2 1 0]

top-right-square: ['x' 'o' 'b'] -> [2 1 0]

Class: ['positive' 'negative'] -> [1 0]

Processed dataset shape: torch.Size([958, 10])
Number of features: 9
Features: ['top-left-square', 'top-middle-square', 'top-right-square', 'middle-left-square', 'middle-middle-square', 'middle-right-square', 'bottom-left-square', 'bottom-middl
quare', 'bottom-right-square']
Target: Class
Framework: PYTORCH
Data type: <class 'torch.Tensor'>

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DECISION TREE CONSTRUCTION DEMO
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Total samples: 958
Training samples: 766
Testing samples: 192

Constructing decision tree using training data...

🌳 Decision tree construction completed using PYTORCH!

📊 OVERALL PERFORMANCE METRICS
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Accuracy:             0.8730 (87.30%)
Precision (weighted): 0.8741
Recall (weighted):    0.8730
F1-Score (weighted):  0.8734
Precision (macro):    0.8590
Recall (macro):       0.8638
F1-Score (macro):     0.8613

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Total Nodes:          281
Leaf Nodes:           180
Internal Nodes:       101
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PS D:\ml> 
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Dataset: Tic-Tac-Toe Endgame Dataset
Total Samples: 958 game states
Features: 9 board positions
Target Variable: Class
Data Split: 80% training (766 samples), 20% testing (192 samples)
Key Discriminative Features:
Middle-middle-square, Corner positions, Edge positions
Decision patterns:
Root → Center position → Corner analysis → Edge evaluation → Outcome
- Strategic position analysis
- Requires multiple board state checks
- Game theory-based decision logic
Model Performance Analysis
Results:
Accuracy: 87.30%
Precision :87.41%
Recall 87.30%
F1-Score :87.34%
Precision 85.90%
Recall 86.38%
F1-Score: 86.13%
Overfitting indicators:

- Potential Overfitting
- Moderate accuracy (87.30%) with deep tree (7 levels)
- High node count (281) relative to dataset size (958)
- Small dataset may lead to memorization
- Shows signs of overfitting

Insights:

- Good classification performance with 87% accuracy
- Moderate error rate of 13%
- Balanced performance between positive and negative classes
- Reasonable generalization to unseen tic-tac-toe positions

Tree Structure Analysis
Metrics:
Maximum Depth: 7 levels
Total Nodes: 281 nodes
Leaf Nodes: 180 decision endpoints
Internal Nodes: 101 decision points
Key Observations:

- Complex tree structure needed for tic-tac-toe pattern recognition
- Deep decision paths required to analyze board combinations
- High node count reflects the complexity of game state evaluation

- Multiple decision points needed to determine winning or losing positions

Comparative Analysis Report:
Accuracy:
More Realistic Assessment**:** Nursery dataset (98.69%) may represent better generalization

Dataset Size -	Performance Impact
Large (12,960 - Nursery)->	High accuracy, reduced overfitting risk
Medium (8,124 - Mushroom)->	Optimal performance with perfect accuracy
Small (958 - Tic-Tac-Toe)->	Lower accuracy, higher overfitting risk

Dataset size impact:
Key Finding: Datasets with 5,000+ samples show significantly better generalization.

Impact of- no of features:
22 Features (Mushroom): High redundancy, algorithm selects best subset
9 Features (Tic-Tac-Toe): All features relevant but interdependent
8 Features (Nursery): Optimal balance of information and complexity

Types of features:
Binary Features (Mushroom - many binary):
Simple decision splits
Clear information gain calculation
Interpretable rules
Multi-valued Features (Nursery):
Rich information content
More complex splits required
Better discrimination when well-designed
Ternary Features (Tic-Tac-Toe: x, o, blank):
Natural game state representation
Requires combination analysis
Higher computational complexity

Class imbalance effects:
Balanced Classes (Mushroom):
Optimal decision boundary learning
Equal representation in tree branches
No bias toward majority class
Imbalanced Classes (Nursery):
Tree may favor majority class initially

Large sample size compensates for imbalance
Information gain handles imbalance well

Moderate Imbalance (Tic-Tac-Toe):

Slight bias toward positive outcomes
Small dataset amplifies imbalance effects

Practical Applications:

Mushroom Classification:

Foraging Safety: Critical for mushroom hunters
Medical Diagnosis: Poison control centers
Educational Tools: Biology and mycology education
Mobile Apps: Real-time mushroom identification

Nursery School Assessment:

Admission Systems: Automated application processing
Policy Making: Resource allocation decisions
Social Services: Family support prioritization
Administrative Efficiency: Reducing manual evaluation time

Tic-Tac-Toe Analysis:

Game AI Development: Strategic gameplay algorithms
Educational Tools: Teaching game theory concepts
Pattern Recognition: Board game analysis systems
AI Training: Reinforcement learning environments

Interpretability Advantages:

Mushroom Domain:

Medical Safety: Clear reasoning for life-critical decisions
Expert Validation: Mycologists can verify decision logic
Legal Compliance: Traceable decision paths for liability
Public Trust: Transparent safety recommendations

Nursery Domain:

Administrative Transparency: Fair admission criteria
Policy Explanation: Clear reasoning for parents
Regulatory Compliance: Auditable decision processes
Resource Justification: Evidence-based allocation

Gaming Domain:

Strategy Teaching: Visible decision-making process
Algorithm Understanding: Clear game theory application
Debugging: Easy identification of strategic flaws
Educational Value: Learning optimal play patterns

How to improve performances:

For High-Stakes Applications (Mushroom-type):

Implementing k-fold cross-validation to detect overfitting
Using pruning techniques to prevent memorization
Validating with completely independent datasets

For Administrative Systems (Nursery-type):

Handling class imbalance through stratified sampling
Using ensemble methods for complex multi-class problems

For Strategic Analysis (Tic-Tac-Toe-type):

Addressing overfitting through pruning techniques
Using cross-validation extensively