MOD500 Decision Analysis with Artificial Intelligence Support

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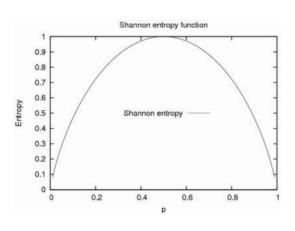
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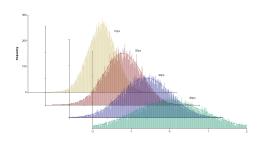
Shannon's entropy shape

$$H_X = -\sum_i (p_i) log(p_i)$$

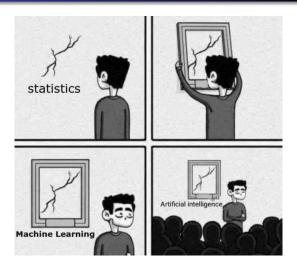


Comparing information

A distribution can be the sum of multiple distributions



Recaps



Task assignment [2]

Code a discrete probability distribution in Python

Calculate the Mean and Standard Deviation

How to get an experiment out of this distribution?

Calculate Shannon's Entropy as a function of the number of experiments

Kullback-Leibler divergence (information gain)

How to compare multiple information sources?

$$D_{KL} = \sum_{i} (p_i) log(\frac{p_i}{a_i})$$

- It is a divergence, as it is asymmetric
- It is NOT a metric

Task assignment [3]

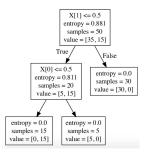
Compare the initial discrete probability distribution with the appriximate ones computed as function of the number of experiments.

Calculate Kullback–Leibler divergence for different number of experiments

Find the distribution that minimise K-L divergence

Decision trees learning

The goal is to create a model that predicts the value of a target variable by learning simple decision rules inferred from the data features



Decision trees learning

Terminology confusion: Decision trees

2 different domains use the same name for 2 different methods

We here use now the Machine Learning definition

Two types of decision tree (learning)

- Classification trees (our focus here)
- Regression trees

Decision trees

New? Well, the name came from...

William Belson, in 1959

BUT the basic idea is even older (Aristotle's book on Categories)



Decision trees

It is a simple model for supervised classification

Each decision nodes performes a Boolean test (binary split version)

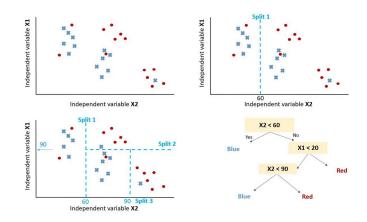
They are build out of DATA!

At each split, we perform the slip that reduce entropy the most.

REMINDER

We need to provide a label!

Decision tree outcome



Decision trees

Pseudo-code

- Compute the entropy of each feature (myopic approach)
- Pick the feature with the maximum entropy
- For each value of the selected feature, compute the entropy of the new population
- Compute the Information Gain by splitting the dataset
- Repeat for the number of desired splits

Tutorial [4]

Generate (at least) 4 different probability distributions

Make a meaningful label, and then make a decision tree from the data generated

Decision trees in Python