
7. Classification

Knowledge Discovery in Databases with Exercises

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Basic Concepts

Supervised Learning

- The **training data** (observations, measurements, etc.) are accompanied by **labels** indicating the **class** of the observations.
- New data is classified based on a **model** created from the training data.

Unsupervised Learning

- Class labels of training data are unknown.
Or rather, there are no training data.
- Given a set of measurements, observations, etc., the goal is to find classes or clusters in the data.
→ Clustering.

- **Classification:**

- Predicts **categorical class labels** (discrete, nominal).
- Constructs a model based on the training set and the values (class labels) in a classifying attribute and uses it in classifying new data.

- **Numerical prediction:**

- Models **continuous-valued functions**.
- I.e. predicts missing or unknown (future) values.

- **Typical applications of classification:**

- Credit/loan approval: Will it be paid back?
- Medical diagnosis: Is a tumor cancerous or benign?
- Fraud detection: Is a transaction fraudulent or not?
- Web-page categorization: Which category is it such as to categorize it by topic.

1. Model construction: describing a set of predetermined classes:

- Each tuple/sample is assumed to belong to a predefined class, as determined by the **class-label attribute**.
- The set of tuples used for model construction is the **training set**.
- The **model** is represented as classification rules, decision trees, or mathematical formulae.

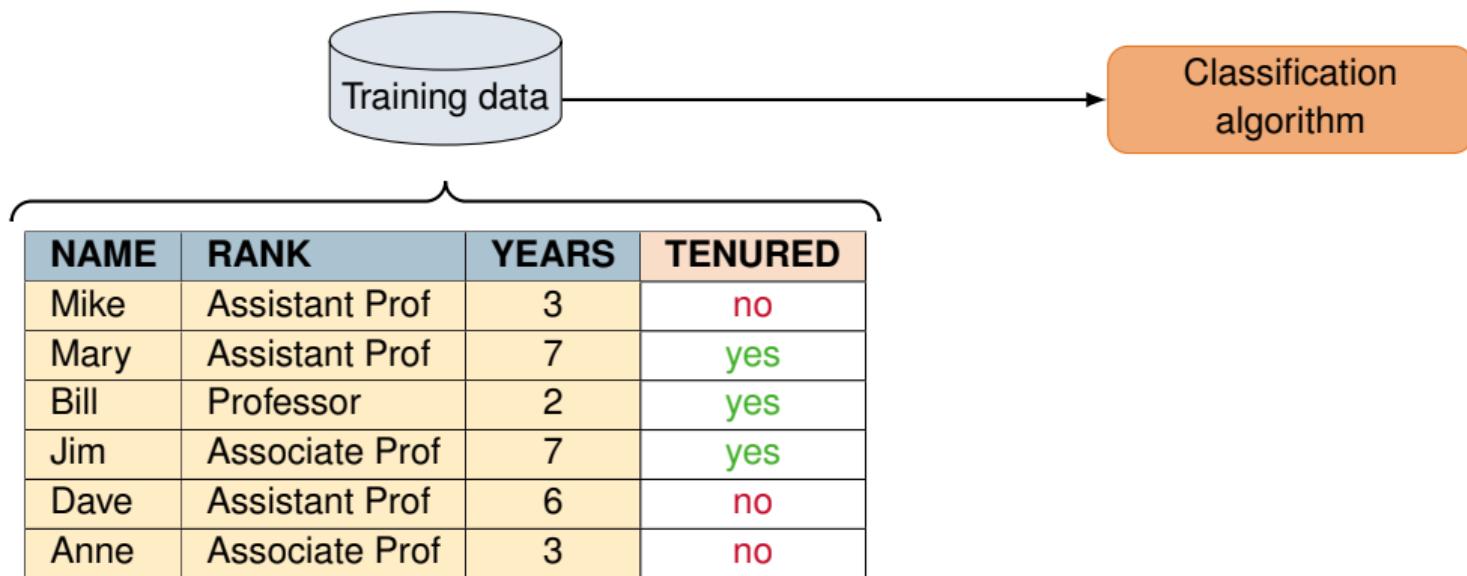
2. Model usage, for classifying future or unknown objects:

- Estimate **accuracy** of the model:
 - The known label of **test samples** is compared with the result from the model.
 - **Accuracy rate** is the percentage of test-set samples that are correctly classified by the model.
 - Test set is independent of training set (otherwise overfitting).
 - More on evaluation metrics later.
- If the accuracy is acceptable, **use the model** to classify data tuples whose class labels are not known.

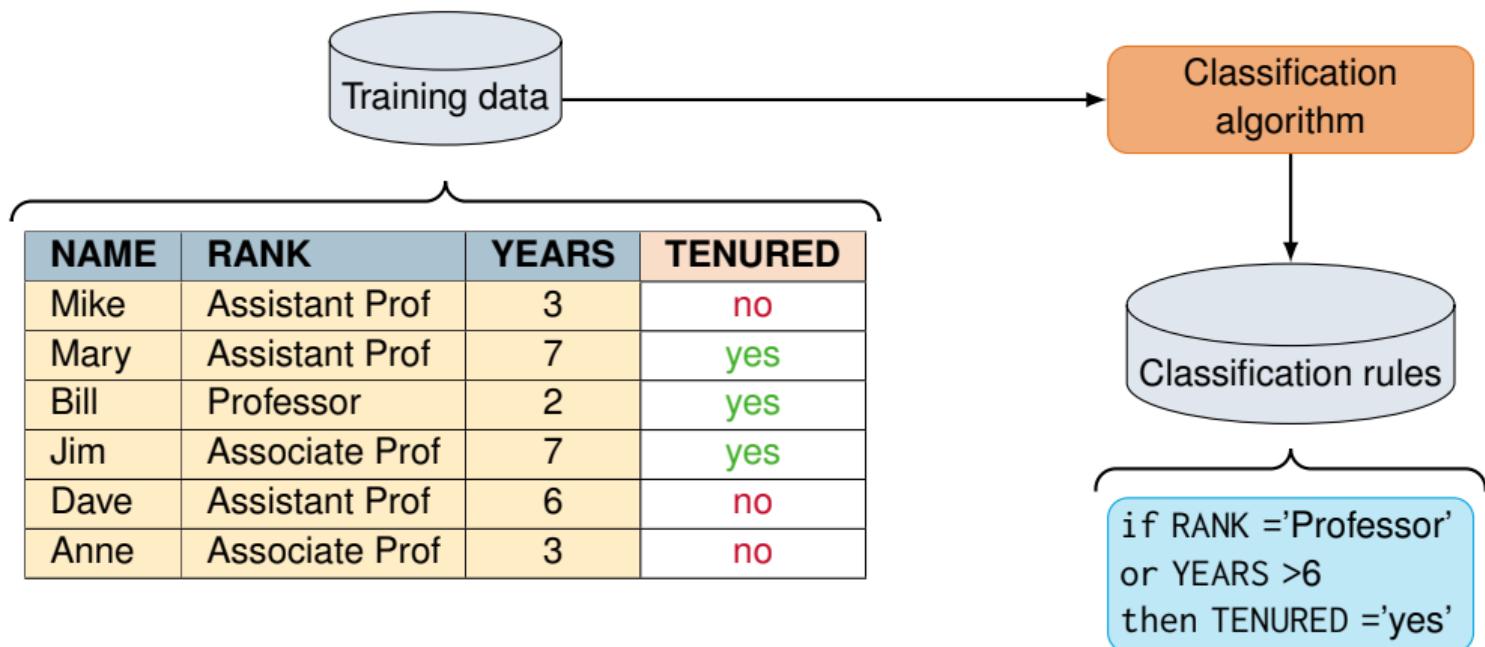


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Mike	Assistant Prof	3	no
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Bill	Professor	2	yes
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Dave	Assistant Prof	6	no
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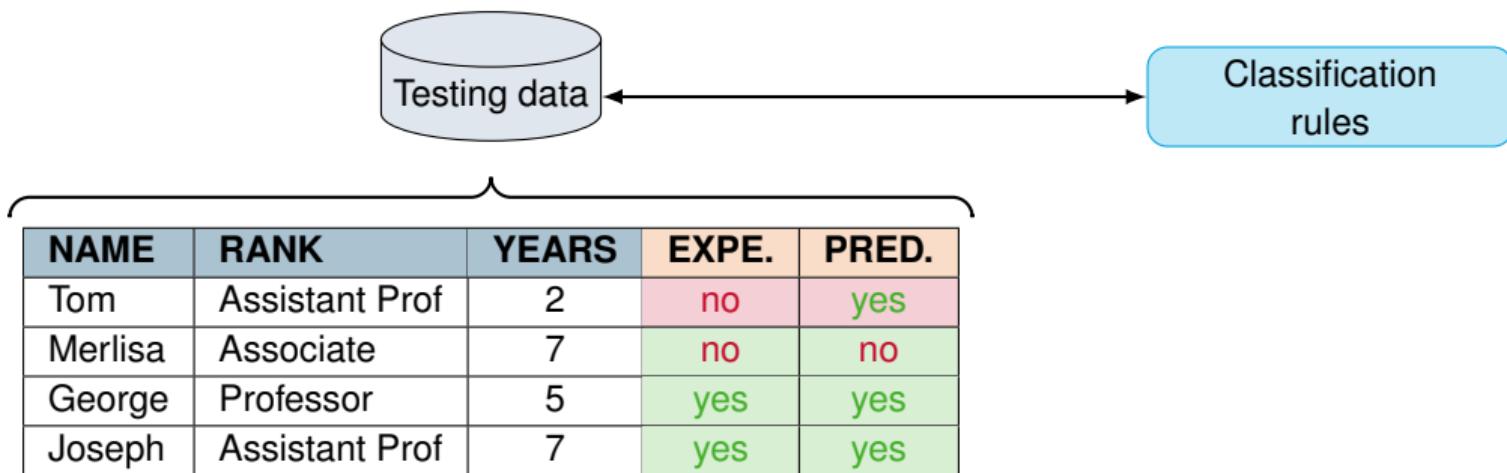


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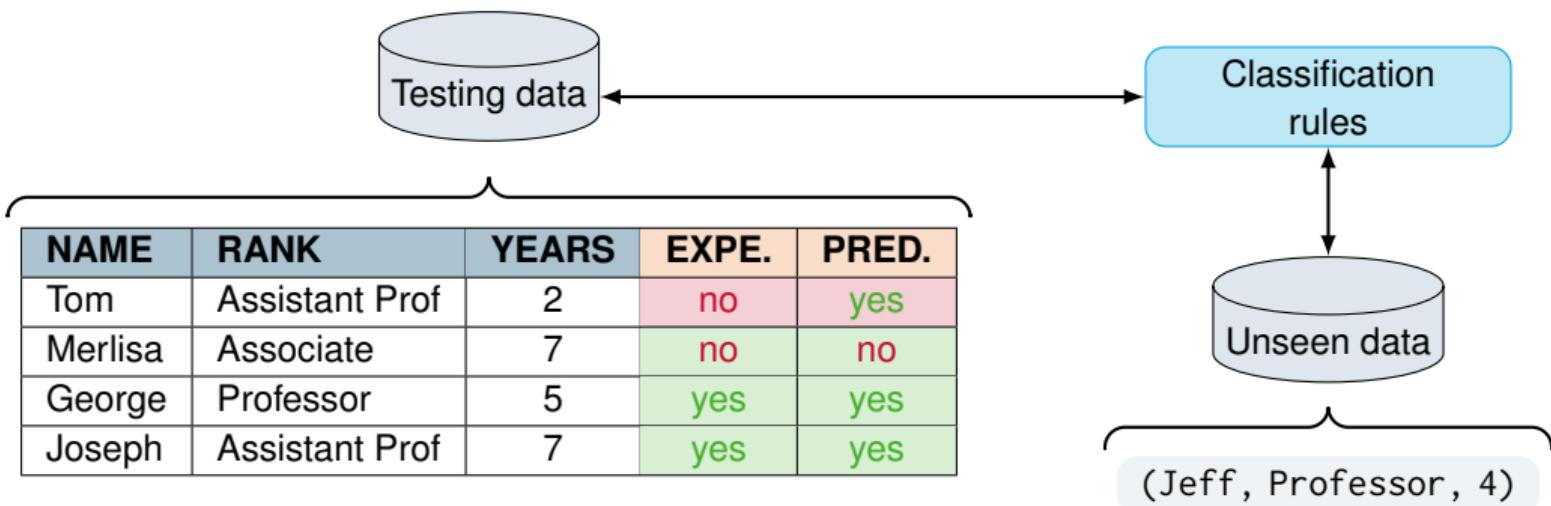


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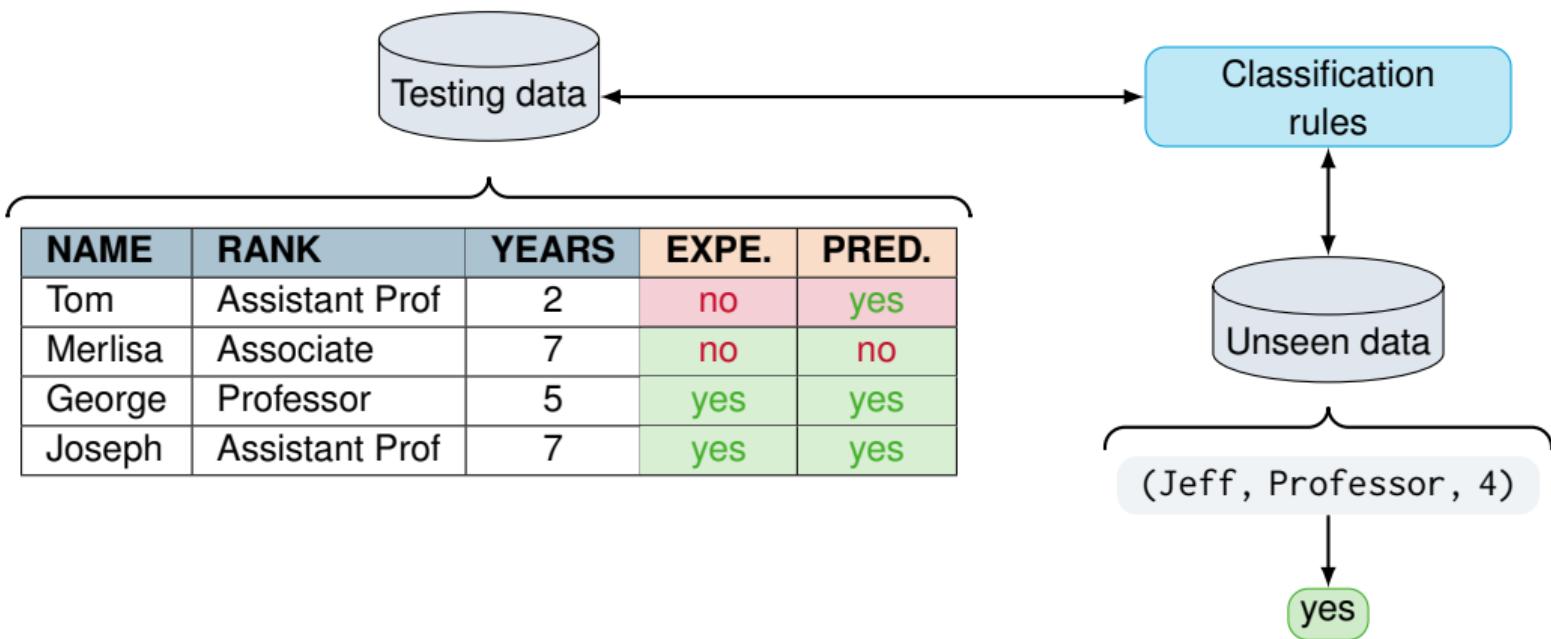
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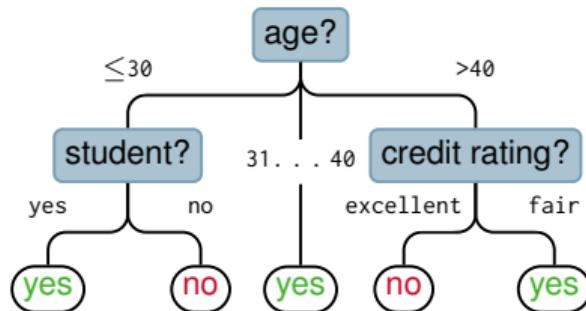
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Decision Tree Induction

Decision Tree: An Example

- **Training dataset:**
`buys_computer`.
- **Resulting tree:**



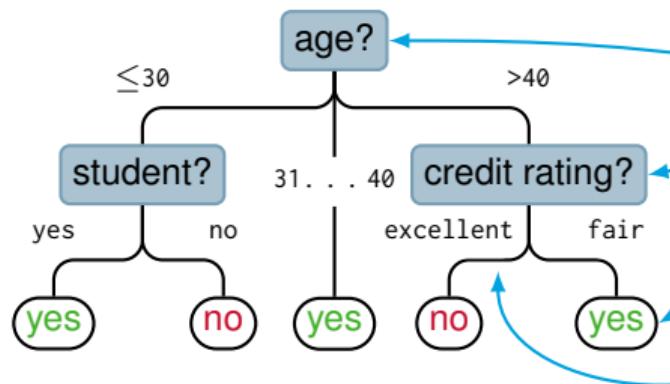
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Decision Tree Induction

Decision tree induction refers to the learning of a decision-tree based on labeled training data.

Decision Tree

A *decision tree* is a flowchart-like structure consisting of interconnected internal and leaf nodes.



Components of a Decision Tree

- **Root:** topmost node.
- **Internal node:** test on an attribute.
- **Leaf node:** holds a class label, also called *terminal node*.
- **Branch:** outcome of a leaf node's test coupled with a text. In this example: excellent.

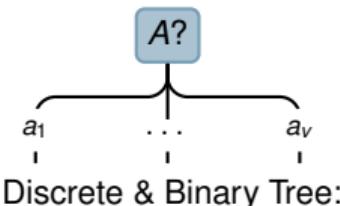
Construction in a *top-down recursive and divide-and-conquer manner*.

Input: data partition D , attribute_list,
attribute_selection_method.

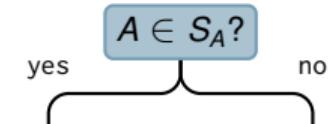
Algorithm Sketch build_decision_tree:

1. Create node N .
2. Determine splitting attribute A with attribute_selection_method.
3. Label N with splitting criterion.
4. If the splitting attribute has been fully utilized, remove it from attribute_list.
5. For each outcome of splitting criterion:
 - Partition D according to outcome of splitting criterion.
 - Grow branches on N for each partition.
6. Return node N

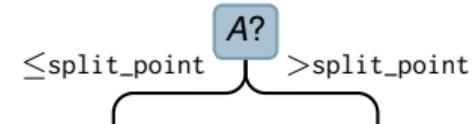
Attribute Types:
Discrete:



Discrete & Binary Tree:



Continuous:



Stopping criteria:

- All samples in D belong to the same class:
 $\Rightarrow N$ becomes a leaf.
- Samples in D belong to multiple classes, but attribute_list is empty:
 \Rightarrow Create leaf with majority class.
- Partition D is empty:
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Decision Tree Algorithm

A detailed algorithm to construct a decision tree is covered in the appendix and in our reference book¹.

¹J. Han et al., *Data Mining: Concepts and Techniques*, 3rd. San Francisco, CA, USA: Morgan Kaufmann Publishers Inc., 2011, ISBN: 0123814790, pp. 332 – 335.

Attribute Selection Methods

An *attribute selection method* is a heuristic to determine the “best” splitting criterion to partition data.

- Also known as *splitting rules*.
- Provides ranking for each attribute.
- Partition data based on attribute with best score.
- Tree node is labeled with splitting criterion (attribute).

We will discuss **three** popular attribute selection methods²:

1. Information Gain
2. Gain Ratio
3. Gini Index

²Since this is not even close to an exhaustive list, we list some other popular methods in the appendix.

Decision Tree Induction

Information Gain (ID3)

- Partitions reflect least randomness, i. e. impurity.
- **Expected information** (entropy) needed to classify a tuple in D :

$$\text{Info}(D) = - \sum_{i=1}^m p_i \log_2(p_i)$$

- p_i is the probability that tuple in D belongs to class C_i , estimated by $\frac{|C_i|}{|D|}$.
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Continuous-valued Attribute

- Attribute A with v distinct values.
- Order values in increasing order.
- Calculate midpoint of every neighbouring value.
- $v - 1$ possible split points $s_i = \frac{a_i + a_{i+1}}{2}$.
- Evaluate $\text{Info}_A(D)$ for every possible binary splitting ($A \leq s_i$ and $A > s_i$).

$$\text{Info}_A(D) = \frac{|D_{A \leq s_i}|}{|D_A|} \text{Info}(D_{A \leq s_i}) + \frac{|D_{A > s_i}|}{|D_A|} \text{Info}(D_{A > s_i})$$

Given $\text{Info}(D)$ and $\text{Info}_A(D)$, Information Gain of each attribute A is calculated as:

$$\text{Gain}(A) = \text{Info}(D) - \text{Info}_A(D)$$

Information Gain

The attribute with the **highest** Information Gain is selected as the splitting attribute.

- **Target attribute:** buys_computer
- **Expected Information:**

$$\text{Info}(D) = I(9, 5)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= -\frac{9}{14} \log_2\left(\frac{9}{14}\right) - \frac{5}{14} \log_2\left(\frac{5}{14}\right) \\ &= 0.94 \end{aligned}$$

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Information Gain (ID3) - Example (II)

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- **Value distribution:**

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≤ 30	2	3	0.971
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- **Calculation:**

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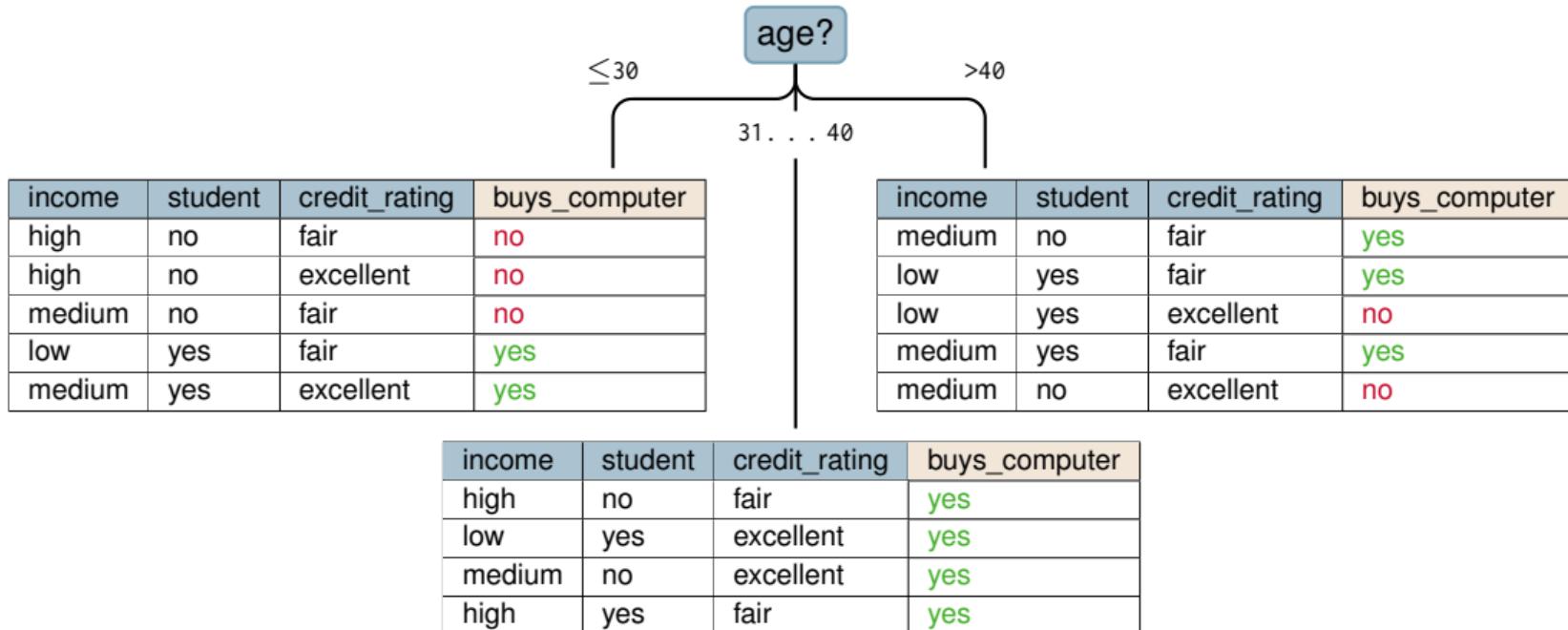
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Information Gain (ID3) - Example (III)



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- **Solution:**
 - Normalize the Information Gain to get the **Gain Ratio (C4.5)**:

$$\text{SplitInfo}_A(D) = - \sum_{j=1}^v \frac{|D_j|}{|D|} \log_2 \left(\frac{|D_j|}{|D|} \right)$$

$$\text{GainRatio}(A) = \frac{\text{Gain}(A)}{\text{SplitInfo}_A(D)}$$

- **Disadvantage:** Becomes unstable as $\text{SplitInfo}_A(D)$ approaches zero.

Gain Ratio

The attribute with the **highest** Gain Ratio is selected as the splitting attribute.

Gain Ratio (C4.5) - Example

- **Attribute:** Age
- **Calculation:**

$$\text{Gain}(\text{age}) = 0.246$$

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Gini Index (CART)

- **Problem of Information Gain and Gain Ratio:**
 - Use of logarithm is computationally expensive.
- **Solution:**
 - Use the **Gini Index (CART)** as an alternative to Information Gain and Gain Ratio.
 - Measures the **statistical dispersion** of a dataset.

- **Measured impurity** of partition D is defined as the sum over n classes:

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- Split the dataset at every midpoint.
- Evaluate $\text{Gini}_A(D)$ for every possible binary splitting:

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- The **reduction in impurity** is defined as follows:

$$\Delta \text{Gini}_A(D) = \text{Gini}(D) - \text{Gini}_A(D).$$

Gini Index

The attribute (and partitioning) with the **highest** reduction in impurity is selected as the splitting attribute.

Gini Index (CART) - Example (I)

- **Target attribute:** buys_computer
- **Measured impurity:**

$$\text{Gini}(D) = 1 - \left(\frac{9}{14}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{5}{14}\right)^2 \\ = 0.459$$

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- **Subsets:**

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$$D_2 : \{\text{high}\}$$

- **Calculation:**

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Gini}(D|_{i=\{\text{high}\}}) &= \text{Gini}(D|_{i=\{\text{medium, low}\}}) \\ &= \frac{10}{14} \text{Gini}(D_1) + \frac{4}{14} \text{Gini}(D_2) \\ &= \frac{10}{14} \left(1 - \left(\frac{7}{10} \right)^2 - \left(\frac{3}{10} \right)^2 \right) \\ &\quad + \frac{4}{14} \left(1 - \left(\frac{2}{4} \right)^2 - \left(\frac{2}{4} \right)^2 \right) \\ &= 0.443 \end{aligned}$$

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- **Splitting subset:**

- If income has the overall highest reduction of impurity, then the split is on {"low", "medium"} and {"high"}.

Decision Tree Induction

Overview

The three methods, in general, return good results, but

- **Information Gain:**
 - Biased towards multi-valued attributes.
- **Gain Ratio:**
 - Tends to prefer unbalanced splits in which one partition is much smaller than the others.
- **Gini Index:**
 - Biased to multi-valued attributes.
 - Has difficulty when number of classes is large.
 - Tends to favor tests that result in equal-sized partitions and purity in both partitions.

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- **Pruning:** Avoid branches that have little importance.
- **Two** types of pruning:
 1. **Prepruning:** Stop growing the tree early.
 2. **Postpruning:** Remove branches from a "fully grown" tree.

- A lot of research has been done to improve basic **decision tree induction** algorithms. E.g.:
 - Allow for **continuous-valued attributes**.
 - Dynamically define new discrete-valued attributes that partition the values of continuous-valued attributes into a discrete set of intervals.
 - Handle **missing attribute values**.
 - Assign the most common value of the attribute.
 - Assign probability to each of the possible values.
 - **Attribute construction**.
 - Create new attributes based on existing ones that are sparsely represented.
 - This reduces fragmentation, repetition, and replication.

- **Problem:**

- Basic decision tree algorithms (ID3, C4.5, and CART) are not scalable
(They require the entire dataset to be in memory).
- They are not designed to handle large datasets.

- **Solution:**

- Extend the basic algorithms to handle large datasets.
- We will take a look at **two** modifications/methods:
 1. RainForest
 2. BOAT

- **Basic Idea:**
 - Extract all data required for the attribute selection methods
⇒ Store it in a **compact** data structure.
 - Apply the original algorithm to the compact data structure(s).
- **Data structure(s):**
 - **AVC-list:**
 - Attribute
 - Value
 - Class label
 - **AVC-set (of an attribute X):**
 - Aggregated projection of training dataset onto the attribute X with counts of each class label.
 - **AVC-group (of a node n):**
 - Set of AVC-sets of all predictor attributes at the node n .

Scalability: RainForest - AVC-set Example

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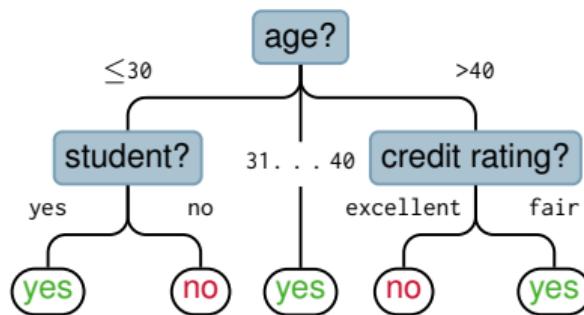
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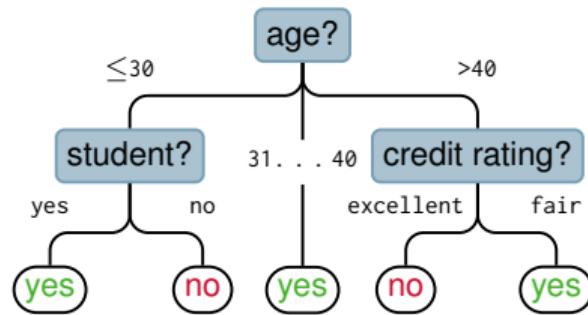
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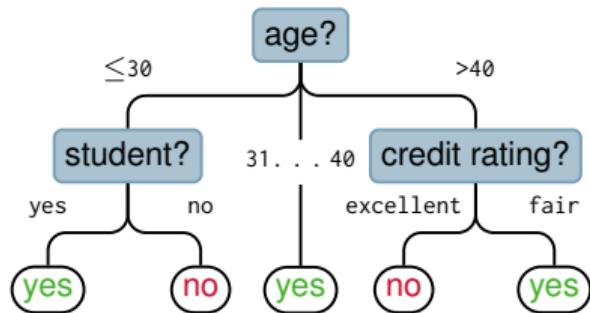
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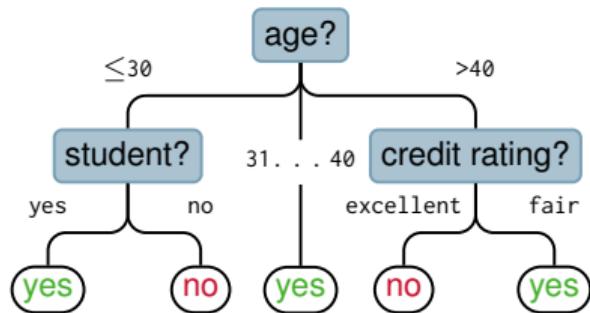
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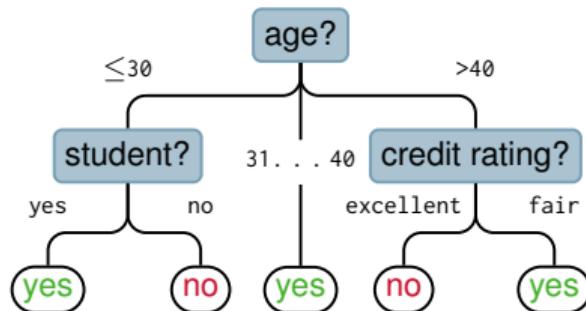
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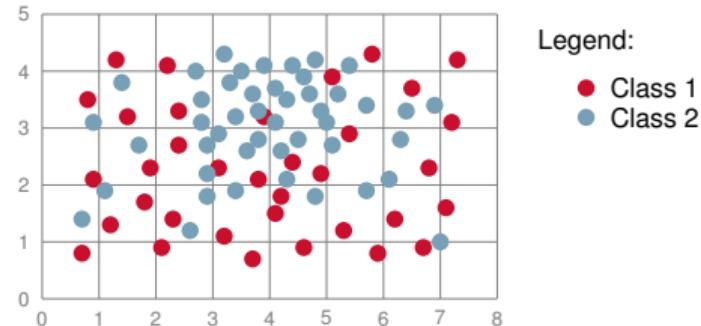
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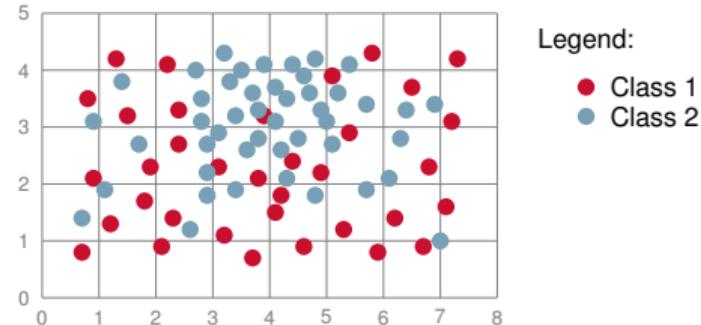
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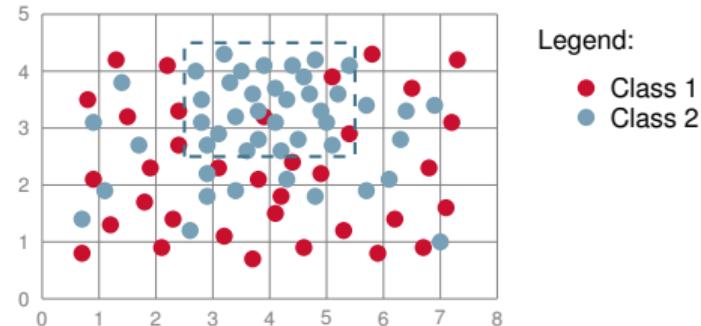
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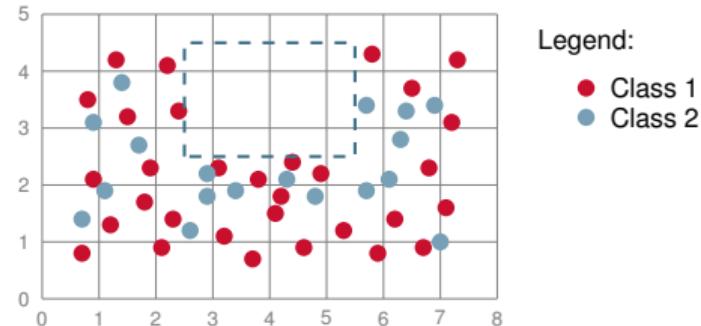
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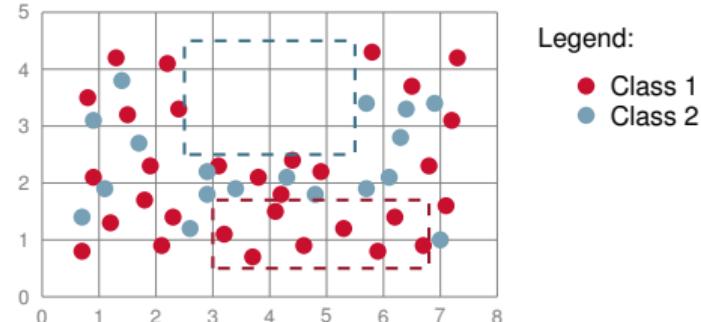
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- X belongs to class C_1
(buys_computer = yes)

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 - Use **Laplacian correction** (or **Laplacian estimator**):
 - Add 1 to each case:

$$P(\text{income} = \text{"low"}) = \frac{1}{1003}$$

$$P(\text{income} = \text{"medium"}) = \frac{991}{1003}$$

$$P(\text{income} = \text{"high"}) = \frac{11}{1003}$$

- **Advantages of the Naïve Bayes Classifier:**

- Easy to implement.
- Good results obtained in most of the cases.

- **Disadvantages of the Naïve Bayes Classifier:**

- Assumption: class conditional independence, therefore loss of accuracy.
- Practically, **dependencies** exist among most variables.
 - Cannot be modeled by Naïve Bayesian Classifier.
 - **How to deal with these dependencies?**
→ Bayesian Belief Networks (not part of KDD⁴).

⁴More info in the reference book (Chapter 9.1): J. Han et al., *Data Mining: Concepts and Techniques*, 3rd. San Francisco, CA, USA: Morgan Kaufmann Publishers Inc., 2011, ISBN: 0123814790

Model Evaluation

- Classification models might perform differently depending on the use case.
⇒ Model evaluation is crucial to select the best model for a specific task.
- Model evaluation can be split into two parts:
 - Evaluation metrics:
What metric is important for the task?
 - Evaluation strategies:
How to tackle the evaluation? E.g. how to split the data into training and test sets?

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		C_1	$\neg C_1$	
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	$\neg C_1$	FP	TN	
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- **Confusion Matrix:**

- Summarizes the results of a classification model.
- Shows the number of correct and incorrect predictions for each class.
- **Correctly classified tuples:**
 - **True Positives (TP):** Positive tuples correctly classified as positive.
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- **Incorrectly classified tuples:**
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Evaluation Metrics: Accuracy and Error Rate

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$$\text{Accuracy} = \frac{\text{TP} + \text{TN}}{\text{P} + \text{N}}$$

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$$\text{Accuracy} = \frac{\text{TP} + \text{TN}}{\text{P} + \text{N}}$$

- **Error Rate:**

- Inverse of accuracy, i.e. percentage of incorrectly classified tuples.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Error Rate} &= 1 - \text{Accuracy} \\ &= \frac{\text{FP} + \text{FN}}{\text{P} + \text{N}}\end{aligned}$$

		<i>Predicted Class</i>		<i>Total</i>
		C_1	$\neg C_1$	
<i>True Class</i>	C_1	TP	FN	P
	$\neg C_1$	FP	TN	
<i>Total</i>		P'	N'	P+N

- Sensitivity:

- Specificity:

		Predicted Class		Total
True Class	C_1	C_1	$\neg C_1$	Total
	$\neg C_1$	FP	TN	
	Total	P'	N'	P+N

- **Sensitivity:**

- True positive rate.

$$\text{Sensitivity} = \frac{\text{TP}}{\text{P}}$$

- **Specificity:**

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<i>Total</i>		P'	N'	P+N

- **Sensitivity:**

- True positive rate.

$$\text{Sensitivity} = \frac{\text{TP}}{\text{P}}$$

- **Specificity:**

- True negative rate.

$$\text{Specificity} = \frac{\text{TN}}{\text{N}}$$

Evaluation Metrics: Precision and Recall

		<i>Predicted Class</i>		<i>Total</i>
		C_1	$\neg C_1$	
<i>True Class</i>	C_1	TP	FN	P
	$\neg C_1$	FP	TN	
<i>Total</i>		P'	N'	P+N

- Precision:

- Recall:

		<i>Predicted Class</i>		<i>Total</i>
		C_1	$\neg C_1$	
<i>True Class</i>	C_1	TP	FN	P
	$\neg C_1$	FP	TN	
<i>Total</i>		P'	N'	P+N

- **Precision:**

- Measure of exactness.

$$\text{Precision} = \frac{\text{TP}}{\text{TP} + \text{FP}}$$

- **Recall:**

		<i>Predicted Class</i>		<i>Total</i>
		C_1	$\neg C_1$	
<i>True Class</i>	C_1	TP	FN	P
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- Measure of completeness.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Recall} &= \frac{\text{TP}}{\text{TP} + \text{FN}} \\ &= \text{Sensitivity}\end{aligned}$$

Evaluation Metrics: F_β and F_1 Measure

		<i>Predicted Class</i>		<i>Total</i>
		C_1	$\neg C_1$	
<i>True Class</i>	C_1	TP	FN	P
	$\neg C_1$	FP	TN	
<i>Total</i>		P'	N'	P+N

- F_β Measure:

- F_1 Measure:

		<i>Predicted Class</i>		<i>Total</i>
		C_1	$\neg C_1$	
<i>True Class</i>	C_1	TP	FN	P
	$\neg C_1$	FP	TN	
<i>Total</i>		P'	N'	P+N

- **F_β Measure:**

- Combining precision and recall.
- Gives β -times more weight to precision.
- $\beta > 1$: Minimize false positives.
- $\beta < 1$: Minimize false negatives.

- **F_1 Measure:**

$$F_\beta = \frac{(1 + \beta^2) \times \text{Precision} \times \text{Recall}}{\beta^2 \times \text{Precision} + \text{Recall}}$$

		Predicted Class		Total
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- **F_1 Measure:**

- Harmonic mean between the measures.
- Equal weight to both measures.

$$F_1 = \frac{2 \times \text{Precision} \times \text{Recall}}{\text{Precision} + \text{Recall}}$$

- Evaluation results of a classification model:

<i>True Class</i>	Cat	Dog	Fox	Cat	Cat	Hen	Cat	Cat	Dog	Fox
<i>Predicted Class</i>	Cat	Dog	Cat	Fox	Cat	Dog	Cat	Dog	Fox	Fox

Evaluation Metrics: Example (I)

- Evaluation results of a classification model:

True Class	Cat	Dog	Fox	Cat	Cat	Hen	Cat	Cat	Dog	Fox
Predicted Class	Cat	Dog	Cat	Fox	Cat	Dog	Cat	Dog	Fox	Fox

- Resulting confusion matrix⁵:

		Predicted Class		Total
		Cat	¬Cat	
True Class	Cat	TP	FN	P
	¬Cat	FP	TN	
Total	P'	N'	P+N	

⁵We want to evaluate the classification model with regard to the class *Cat*

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- Resulting confusion matrix⁵:

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Predicted Class	Cat	Dog	Cat	Fox	Cat	Dog	Cat	Dog	Fox	Fox

- Resulting confusion matrix⁵:

		Predicted Class		Total
		Cat	¬Cat	
True Class	Cat	3	2	5
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Total	P'	N'	P+N	

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		Predicted Class		Total
		Cat	¬Cat	
True Class	Cat	3	2	5
	¬Cat	1	TN	N
Total	4	N'	P+N	

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- Evaluation results of a classification model:

True Class	Cat	Dog	Fox	Cat	Cat	Hen	Cat	Cat	Dog	Fox
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Predicted Class	Cat	Dog	Cat	Fox	Cat	Dog	Cat	Dog	Fox	Fox

- Resulting confusion matrix⁵:

		Predicted Class		Total
		Cat	¬Cat	
True Class	Cat	3	2	5
	¬Cat	1	4	5
Total	4	6	10	

⁵We want to evaluate the classification model with regard to the class *Cat*

Evaluation Metrics: Example (II)

		<i>Predicted Class</i>		<i>Total</i>
		Cat	\neg Cat	
<i>True Class</i>	Cat	3	2	5
	\neg Cat	1	4	5
	<i>Total</i>	4	6	10

Calculations:

$$\text{Accuracy} = \frac{\text{TP} + \text{TN}}{\text{P} + \text{N}}$$

=

Results:

Evaluation Metrics: Example (II)

		Predicted Class		Total
		Cat	¬Cat	
True Class	Cat	3 (TP)	2	5 (P)
	¬Cat	1	4 (TN)	5 (N)
Total	4	6	10	

Calculations:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Accuracy} &= \frac{\text{TP} + \text{TN}}{\text{P} + \text{N}} \\ &= \frac{3 + 4}{5 + 5} = \frac{7}{10} = 70\% \end{aligned}$$

Results:

$$\text{Accuracy} = 70\%$$

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Calculations:

$$\text{Error Rate} = \frac{FP + FN}{P + N}$$

=

Results:

$$\text{Accuracy} = 70\%$$

Evaluation Metrics: Example (II)

		Predicted Class		Total
		Cat	¬Cat	
True Class	Cat	3	2 (FN)	5 (P)
	¬Cat	1 (FP)	4	5 (N)
Total		4	6	10

Calculations:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Error Rate} &= \frac{FP + FN}{P + N} \\ &= \frac{1 + 2}{5 + 5} = \frac{3}{10} = 30\%\end{aligned}$$

Results:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Accuracy} &= 70\% \\ \text{Error Rate} &= 30\%\end{aligned}$$

Evaluation Metrics: Example (II)

		<i>Predicted Class</i>		<i>Total</i>
		Cat	\neg Cat	
<i>True Class</i>	Cat	3	2	5
	\neg Cat	1	4	5
	<i>Total</i>	4	6	10

Calculations:

$$\text{Sensitivity} = \frac{\text{TP}}{\text{P}}$$
$$=$$

$$\text{Accuracy} = 70\%$$
$$\text{Error Rate} = 30\%$$

Results:

Evaluation Metrics: Example (II)

		Predicted Class		Total
		Cat	¬Cat	
True Class	Cat	3 (TP)	2	5 (P)
	¬Cat	1	4	5
	Total	4	6	10

Calculations:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Sensitivity} &= \frac{\text{TP}}{\text{P}} \\ &= \frac{3}{5} = 60\%\end{aligned}$$

Results:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Accuracy} &= 70\% \\ \text{Error Rate} &= 30\% \\ \text{Sensitivity} &= 60\%\end{aligned}$$

Evaluation Metrics: Example (II)

		<i>Predicted Class</i>		<i>Total</i>
		Cat	\neg Cat	
<i>True Class</i>	Cat	3	2	5
	\neg Cat	1	4	5
	<i>Total</i>	4	6	10

Calculations:

$$\text{Specificity} = \frac{\text{TN}}{\text{N}}$$
$$=$$

Accuracy = 70%
Error Rate = 30%
Sensitivity = 60%

Results:

Evaluation Metrics: Example (II)

		<i>Predicted Class</i>		<i>Total</i>
		Cat	\neg Cat	
<i>True Class</i>	Cat	3	2	5
	\neg Cat	1	4 (TN)	5 (N)
	<i>Total</i>	4	6	10

Calculations:

$$\text{Specificity} = \frac{\text{TN}}{\text{N}}$$
$$= \frac{4}{5} = 80\%$$

Results:

Accuracy = 70%
Error Rate = 30%
Sensitivity = 60%
Specificity = 80%

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Calculations:

$$\text{Precision} = \frac{\text{TP}}{\text{TP} + \text{FP}}$$
$$=$$

Results:

Accuracy = 70%
Error Rate = 30%
Sensitivity = 60%
Specificity = 80%

Evaluation Metrics: Example (II)

		<i>Predicted Class</i>		<i>Total</i>
		Cat	\neg Cat	
<i>True Class</i>	Cat	3 (TP)	2	5
	\neg Cat	1 (FP)	4	5
	<i>Total</i>	4	6	10

Calculations:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Precision} &= \frac{\text{TP}}{\text{TP} + \text{FP}} \\ &= \frac{3}{3 + 1} = \frac{3}{4} = 75\%\end{aligned}$$

Results:

Accuracy = 70% Precision = 75%
Error Rate = 30%
Sensitivity = 60%
Specificity = 80%

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		<i>Predicted Class</i>		<i>Total</i>
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	<i>Total</i>	4	6	10

Calculations:

$$\text{Recall} = \frac{\text{TP}}{\text{TP} + \text{FN}}$$

=

Results:

Accuracy = 70%

Error Rate = 30%

Sensitivity = 60%

Specificity = 80%

Precision = 75%

Evaluation Metrics: Example (II)

		Predicted Class		Total
		Cat	¬Cat	
True Class	Cat	3 (TP)	2 (FN)	5
	¬Cat	1	4	5
	Total	4	6	10

Calculations:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Recall} &= \frac{\text{TP}}{\text{TP} + \text{FN}} \\ &= \frac{3}{3 + 2} = \frac{3}{5} = 60\%\end{aligned}$$

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Calculations:

$$\begin{aligned}F_1 &= \frac{2 \cdot \text{Precision} \cdot \text{Recall}}{\text{Precision} + \text{Recall}} \\&= \frac{2 \cdot 0.75 \cdot 0.6}{0.75 + 0.6} \approx 0.6667 \approx 67\%\end{aligned}$$

Results:

Accuracy = 70% Precision = 75%
Error Rate = 30% Recall = 60%
Sensitivity = 60% $F_1 \approx 67\%$
Specificity = 80%

Model Evaluation

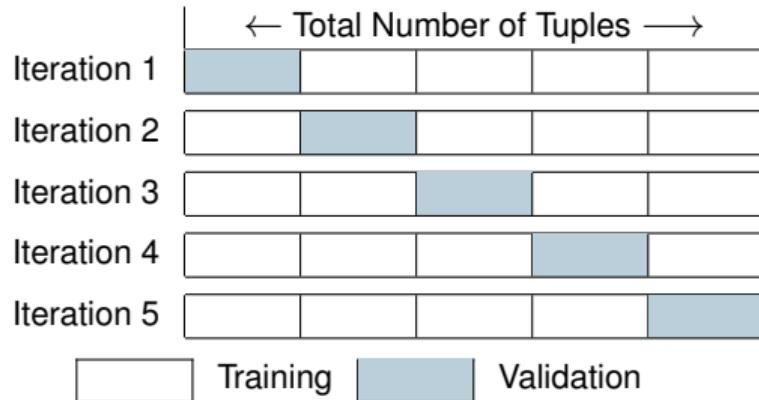
Evaluation Strategies

- We will take a look at two types of evaluation strategies:
 - Methods to split data into training and test sets:
 1. Holdout method
 2. Cross validation
 - Methods to compare classification models and their settings:
 1. Receiver Operating Characteristics (ROC) curve
- Of course, there are many many more evaluation strategies

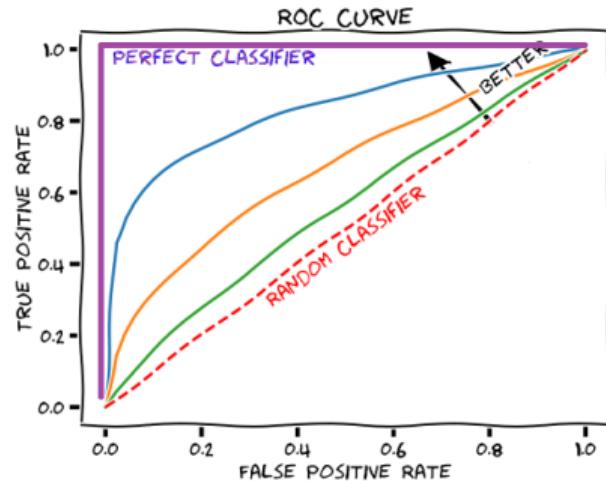
- **Easy way to split a dataset: The Holdout Method**
 - Randomly assign tuples into two independent sets:
 - **Training set** (E.g., 2/3) for model construction.
 - **Test set** (E.g., 1/3) for accuracy estimation.
 - Random sampling: a variation of holdout that repeats holdout k times.
 - Create an average accuracy over all experiments.

- More robust than holdout method:
Cross Validation
- In this case: ***k*-fold cross validation**
 - Randomly partition the data into k mutually exclusive subsets (folds).
 - At each iteration, use one fold as test set and the others as training set.
 - Average accuracy of all iterations.

Example: k -fold cross validation with $k = 5$



- **Receiver Operating Characteristics (ROC) curve:**
 - Visualizes the performance of a classification model:
 - Shows the performance of a model at different settings/thresholds.
 - Plots the True Positive Rate (TPR) against the False Positive Rate (FPR).
 - Shows the trade-off between sensitivity and specificity.
 - The closer the curve is to the top-left corner, the better the model.
⇒ **The area under the ROC curve (AUC) is a measure of the model's accuracy.**



Ensemble Methods

Ensemble Method

An *ensemble method* creates a composite model that consists of several models to form one model.

- **Basic Idea:**

- Use multiple models to improve classification accuracy.
- The final prediction is made by combining the predictions of all models.

- **Popular methods:**

- Bagging
- Boosting
 - Popular algorithm: AdaBoost
 - ⇒ More on that in the appendix.⁶
- Random Forest
 - Algorithm specialized on decision trees
 - ⇒ More on that in the appendix.⁷

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- The class with the **most votes** is returned as the final prediction.

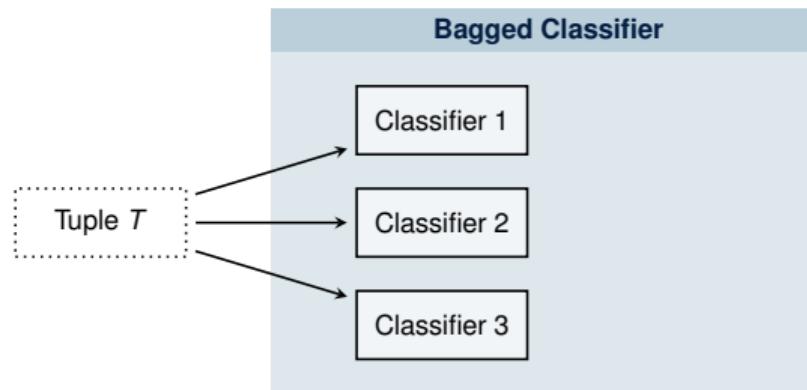
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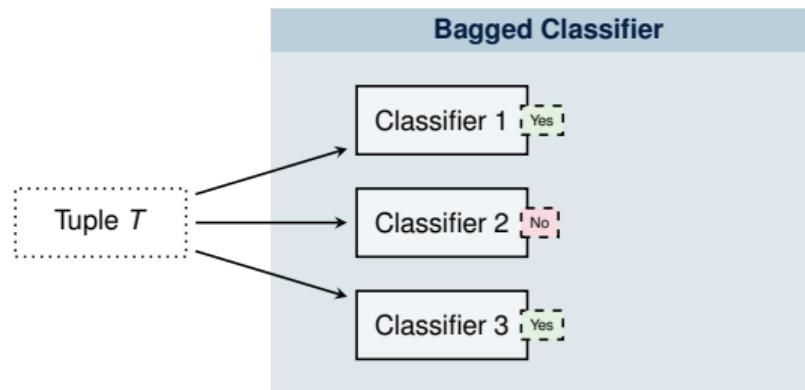
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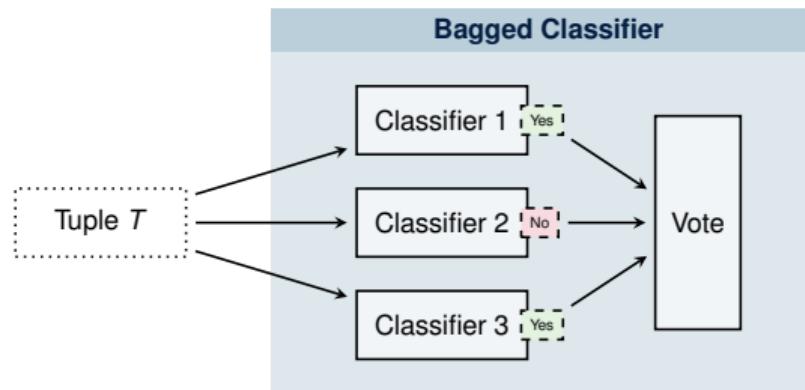
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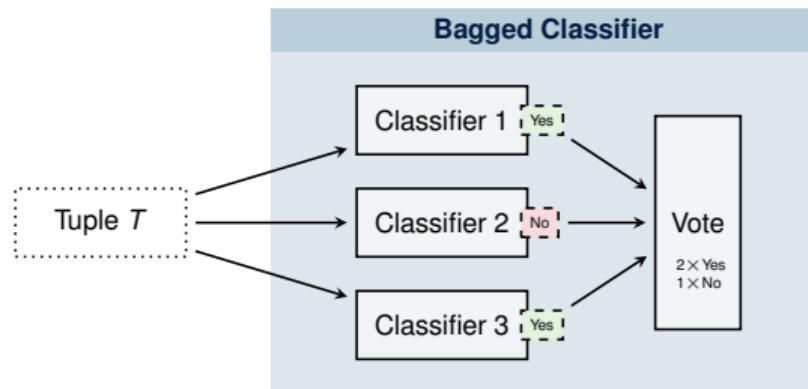
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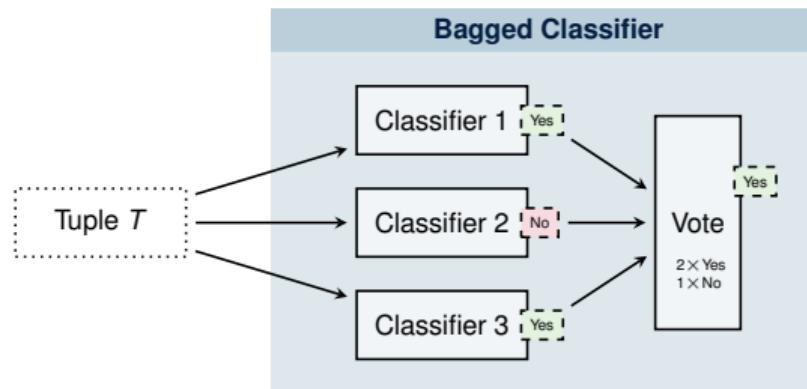
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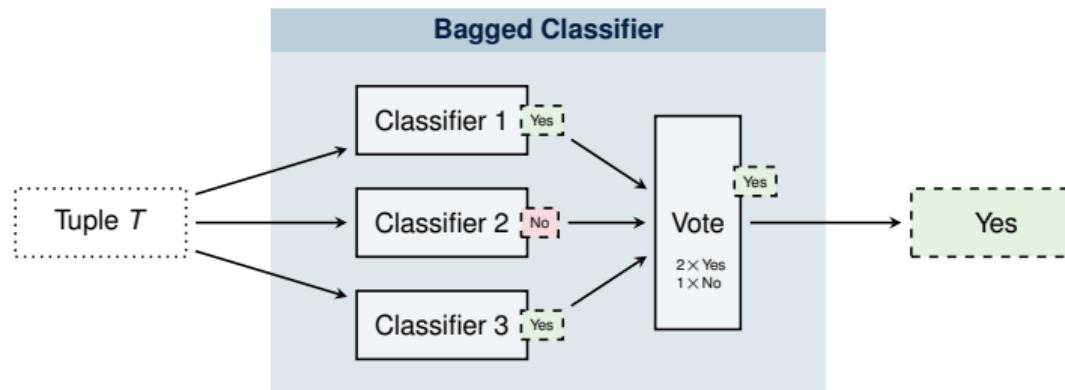
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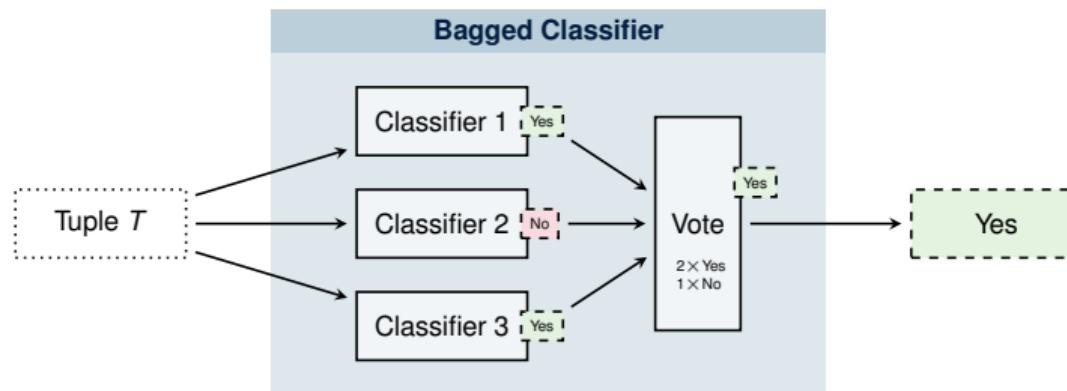


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- **Continuous-valued Attributes:**

- Multiple models predict the same tuple.
- The bagged regressor collects results.
- The final prediction is the **average** of all predictions.



- **Training:**

- Classifiers are iteratively learned.
- After a classifier is learned, the weights of the training tuples are updated.
⇒ The next classifier pays more attention to the misclassified tuples.

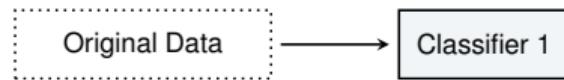
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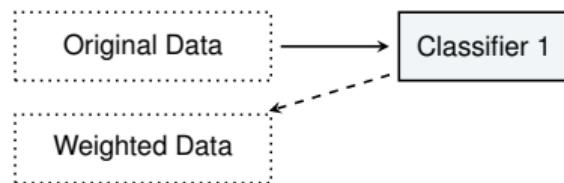
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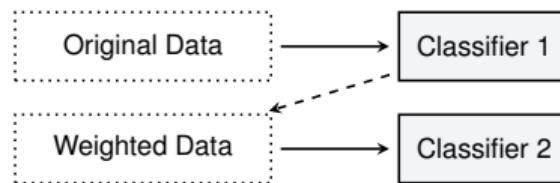
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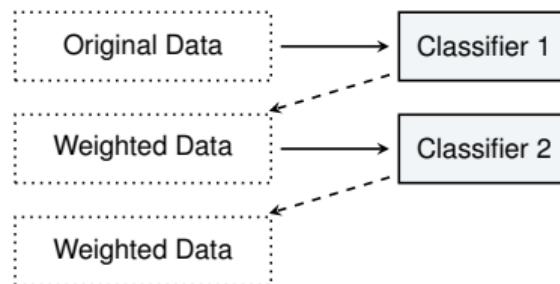
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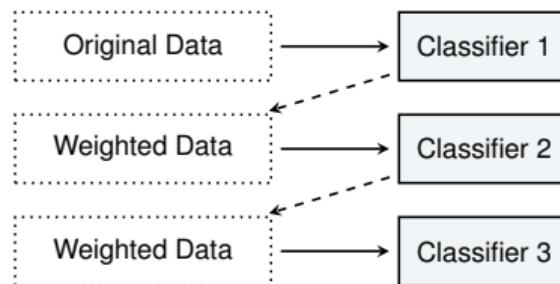
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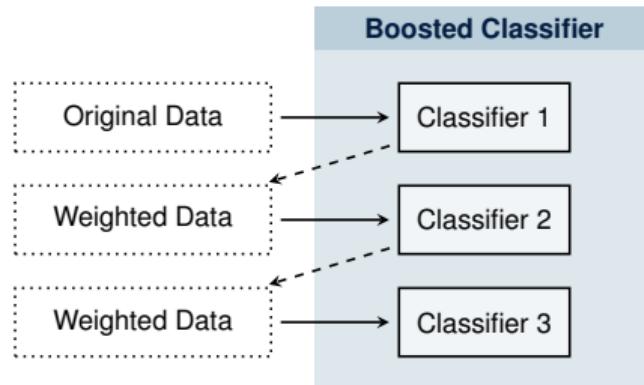
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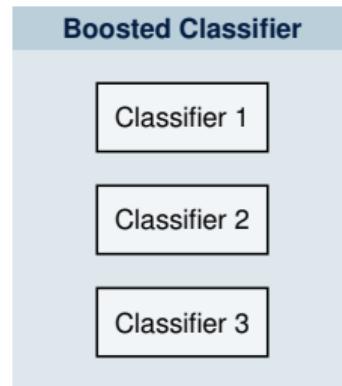


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- After a classifier is learned, the weights of the training tuples are updated.
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- **Predictions:**

- All models classify the same tuple.
- The boosted classifier collects results.
- The weight of each classifier's vote is a function of its accuracy.

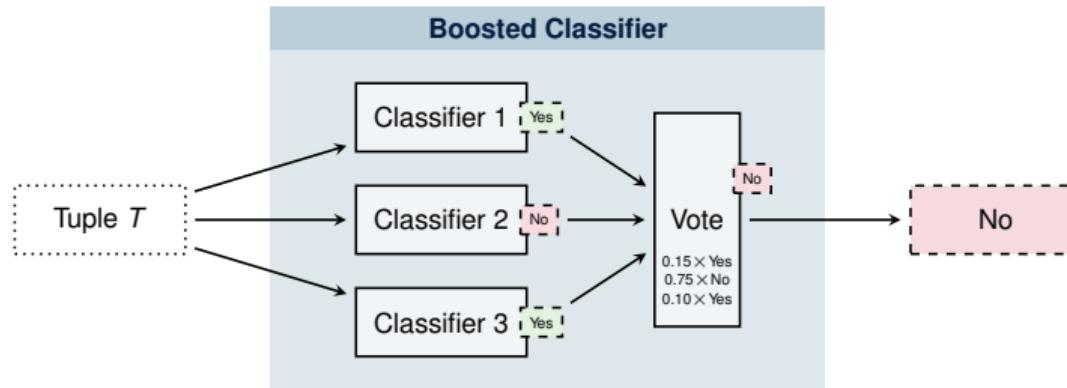


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⇒ The next classifier pays more attention to the misclassified tuples.

- **Predictions:**

- All models classify the same tuple.
- The boosted classifier collects results.
- The weight of each classifier's vote is a function of its accuracy.



Summary

- **Classification:**
 - A form of data analysis that extracts models describing important data classes.
- **Effective and scalable methods:**
 - Decision-tree induction, rule-based classification, and naïve Bayesian classification.
- **Evaluation metrics:**
 - Accuracy, sensitivity, specificity, precision, recall, and F_β -measure.
- **Evaluation strategies:**
 - Holdout, cross-validation, and ROC-curve analysis.
- **Ensemble methods:**
 - Boosting and Bagging.

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Appendix

Appendix

Decision Tree Induction

Basic Decision Tree Algorithm

Data:

- Training dataset D containing tuples with their associated class labels;
- `attribute_list`, the set of candidate attributes;
- `attribute_selection_method`, a method to determine the splitting criterion that “best” partitions the data tuples into individual classes. The criterion consists of a `splitting_attribute`, and possibly, either a `split_point` or `splitting_subset`.

Result:

```
1 create a node  $N$ ;  
2 if tuples in  $D$  are all of the same class  $C$  then  
3   return  $N$  as a leaf node labeled with the class  $C$ ;  
4 if attribute_list is empty then  
5   /* Majority voting */  
6   majority_class ← determine majority class in  $D$ ;  
7   return  $N$  as a leaf node labeled with majority_class;  
8 /* apply attribute_selection_method to find the  
“best” splitting_criterion */
```

```
7 splitting_criterion ← attribute_selection_method( $D$ ,  
      attribute_list);  
8 label node  $N$  with splitting_criterion;  
9 if (splitting_attribute is discrete-valued and multiway splits  
      allowed) or attribute value has only one unique value then  
   // remove splitting_attribute  
10 attribute_list ← attribute_list - splitting_attribute;  
11 foreach outcome  $j$  of splitting_criterion do  
   /* partition the tuples and grow subtrees for  
      each partition */  
12    $D_j$  ← partition  $D$  to satisfy outcome  $j$ ;  
13   if  $D_j$  is empty then  
14     attach a leaf labeled with the majority class in  $D$  to node  $N$ ;  
15   else  
16     attach the node return by build_decision_tree( $D_j$ ,  
           attribute_list) to node  $N$ ;  
17 return  $N$ ;  
*/
```

Algorithm 1: `build_decision_tree`. Generate a decision tree from training tuples in data partition D .

- **CHAID:**
 - A popular decision tree algorithm, measure based on χ^2 test for independence.
- **C-SEP:**
 - Performs better than Information Gain and Gini Index in certain cases.
- **G-statistic:**
 - Has a close approximation to χ^2 distribution.
- **MDL (Minimal Description Length) principle:**
 - I.e. the simplest solution is preferred.
 - The best tree is the one that requires the fewest number of bits to both (1) encode the tree and (2) encode the exceptions to the tree.
- **Multivariate splits:**
 - Partitioning based on multiple variable combinations.
 - CART: finds multivariate splits based on a linear combination of attributes.
- **Which Attribute Selection Method is the best?**
 - Most give good results, none is significantly superior to others.

Appendix

Evaluation: Bootstrap and Statistical Significance

Bootstrap samples training data uniformly with replacement.

Several bootstrap methods exists, yet a common one is .632 bootstrap.

- Data set with d tuples is sampled d times - uniformly with replacement.
- Uniformly = every tuple has the same probability ($\frac{1}{d}$) for selection.
- With replacement = High chance a tuple is selected more than once.
- Not selected tuples will form the test set.
- Probability of not being chosen is $1 - \frac{1}{d}$. Selecting d times: $(1 - \frac{1}{d})^d$.
With a large data set it approaches $e^{-1} = 0.368$.
- Thus, on average 63.2% of tuples are selected as the training set.
- Sampling procedure is repeated k times.
Calculate accuracy in every iteration as follows:

$$\text{Acc}(M) = \frac{1}{k} \sum_{i=1}^k 0.632 \cdot \text{Acc}(M_i)_{\text{test_set}} + 0.368 \cdot \text{Acc}(M_i)_{\text{train_set}}.$$

- Suppose we have 2 classifiers, M_1 and M_2 , which one is better?
- Use 10-fold cross-validation to obtain $\overline{\text{err}}(M_1)$ and $\overline{\text{err}}(M_2)$.
 - Recall: error rate is $1 - \text{accuracy}(M)$.
- Mean error rates:
 - Just estimates of error on the true population of future data cases.
- What if the difference between the 2 error rates is just attributed to chance?
 - Use a test of statistical significance.
 - Obtain confidence limits for our error estimates.

- Perform **k -fold cross-validation** with $k = 10$.
- Assume samples follow a **t -distribution with $k - 1$ degrees of freedom**.
- Use **t -test**
 - Student's t -test.
- **Null hypothesis:**
 - M_1 and M_2 are the same.
- **If we can reject the null hypothesis, then**
 - Conclude that difference between M_1 and M_2 is statistically significant.
 - Obtain confidence limits for our error estimates.

- If only one test set available: pairwise comparison:

- For i -th round of 10-fold cross-validation, the same cross partitioning is used to obtain $\text{err}(M_1)_i$ and $\text{err}(M_2)_i$.
- Average over 10 rounds to get $\overline{\text{err}}(M_1)$ and $\overline{\text{err}}(M_2)$.
- t -test computes t -statistic with $k - 1$ degrees of freedom:

$$t = \frac{\overline{\text{err}}(M_1) - \overline{\text{err}}(M_2)}{\sqrt{\frac{\text{var}(M_1 - M_2)}{k}}},$$

- where

$$\text{var}(M_1 - M_2) = \frac{1}{k} \sum_{i=1}^k [\text{err}(M_1)_i - \text{err}(M_2)_i - (\overline{\text{err}}(M_1) - \overline{\text{err}}(M_2))]^2.$$

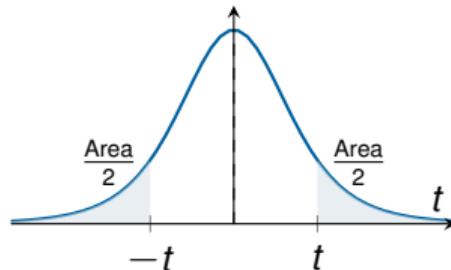
- If two test sets available: use unpaired t -test:

$$\text{var}(M_1 - M_2) = \sqrt{\frac{\text{var}(M_1)}{k_1} + \frac{\text{var}(M_2)}{k_2}},$$

where k_1 & k_2 are # of cross-validation samples used for M_1 & M_2 , respectively.

Estimating Confidence Intervals (II)

- Symmetrical.
- **Significance level:**
 - E.g., $\text{sig} = 0.05$ or 5% means M_1 & M_2 are significantly different for 95% of population.
- Confidence limit: $z = \frac{\text{sig}}{2}$.



df/α	Area in One Tail ¹		
	0.100	0.050	0.005
Area in Two Tails ¹			
1	3.078	6.314	63.657
2	1.886	2.920	9.925
3	1.638	2.353	5.841
4	1.533	2.132	4.604
5	1.476	2.015	3.707
6	1.440	1.943	3.499
7	1.415	1.895	3.355
8	1.397	1.860	3.250
9	1.372	1.833	3.169

¹Good link for a full table: https://www.hawkeslearning.com/documents/statdatasets/stat_tables.pdf

Are M_1 and M_2 significantly different?

- Compute t . Select significance level (E.g., sig = 5%).
- Consult table for t -distribution:
 - t -distribution is symmetrical:
 - Typically upper % points of distribution shown.
 - Find critical value c corresponding to $k - 1$ degrees of freedom (here, 9)
 - and for confidence limit $z = \frac{\text{sig}}{2}$ (here, 0.025).
 - \Rightarrow Here, critical value $c = 2.262$
 - If $t > c$ or $t < -c$, then t value lies in rejection region:
 - **Reject null hypothesis** that mean error rates of M_1 and M_2 are equal.
 - Conclude: **statistically significant difference** between M_1 and M_2 .
 - Otherwise, conclude that any difference is chance.

Appendix

Ensemble Methods: AdaBoost and Random Forests

- Given a data set D of d class-labeled tuples: $(x_1, y_1), \dots, (x_d, y_d)$ with $y_d \in Y = \{1, \dots, c\}$.
- Initialize empty lists to hold information per classifier: $\mathbf{w}, \beta, \mathbf{M} \leftarrow$ empty list.
- Initialize weights for first classifier to hold same probability for each tuple: $w_j^1 \leftarrow \frac{1}{d}$
- Generate K classifiers in K iterations. At iteration k ,
 1. Calculate “normalized” weights: $\mathbf{p}^k = \frac{\mathbf{w}^k}{\sum_{j=1}^d w_j^k}$
 2. Sample dataset with replacement according to \mathbf{p}^k to form training set D_k .
 3. Derive classification model M_k from D_k .
 4. Calculate error ε_k by using D_k as a test set as follows: $\varepsilon_k = \sum_{j=1}^d p_j^k \cdot \text{err}(M_k, x_j, y_j)$, where the *misclassification error* $\text{err}(M_k, x_j, y_j)$ returns 1 if $M_k(x_j) \neq y_j$, otherwise it returns 0.
 5. If $\text{error}(M_k) > 0.5$: Abandon this classifier and go back to step 1.
 6. Calculate $\beta_k = \frac{\varepsilon_k}{1 - \varepsilon_k}$.
 7. Update weights for the next iteration: $w_j^{k+1} = w_j^k \beta_k^{1 - \text{err}(M_k, x_j, y_j)}$. *If a tuple is misclassified, its weight remains the same, otherwise it is decreased.* Misclassified tuple weights are increased relatively.
 8. Add \mathbf{w}^{k+1} , M_k , and β_k to their respective lists.

- Initialize weight of each class to zero.
- For each classifier i in k classifiers:
 1. Calculate the weight of this classifier's vote: $w_i = \log(\frac{1}{\beta_i})$.
 2. Get class prediction c for (single) tuple x from current weak classifier M_i : $c = M_i(x)$.
 3. Add w_i to weight for class c .
- Return predicted class with the largest weight.
- Mathematically, this can be formulated as:

$$M(x) = \arg \max_{y \in Y} \sum_{i=1}^k (\log \frac{1}{\beta_i}) M_i(x)$$

¹⁰Y. Freund and R. E. Schapire, "A decision-theoretic generalization of on-line learning and an application to boosting," *J. Comput. Syst. Sci.*, vol. 55, no. 1, pp. 119–139, 1997. doi: 10.1006/jcss.1997.1504 [Online]. Available: <https://doi.org/10.1006/jcss.1997.1504> Algorithm AdaBoost.M1 on p. 131.

- Ensemble method consisting only of decision trees where each tree has been generated using random selection of attributes at each node.
- Classification: Each tree votes and the most popular class is returned.
- **Two methods to construct random forests:** (each builds k trees)
 1. Forest-RI (random input selection):
 - Random sampling with replacement to obtain training data from D .
 - Set F as the number of attributes to determine split at each node. F is smaller than the number of available attributes.
 - Construct decision tree M_i by randomly select candidates at each node. Use CART to grow tree to maximum size without pruning.
 2. Forest-RC: Similar to Forest-RI but new attributes (features) are generated by linear combinations of existing attributes to reduce correlation between individual classifiers. At each node, attributes are randomly selected.
- **Comparable in accuracy to AdaBoost, but more robust to errors and outliers.**
- **Insensitive to the number of attributes selected for consideration at each split, and faster than bagging or boosting.**

¹²Y. Freund and R. E. Schapire, "A decision-theoretic generalization of on-line learning and an application to boosting," *J. Comput. Syst. Sci.*, vol. 55, no. 1, pp. 119–139, 1997. doi: 10.1006/jcss.1997.1504 [Online]. Available: <https://doi.org/10.1006/jcss.1997.1504> Algorithm AdaBoost.M1 on p. 131.

Class-Imbalanced Data

Class-Imbalanced Data refers to data where the main class of interest (positive labeled) is only represented by a small number of tuples. E.g., medical diagnosis and fraud detection.

- Problem because traditional methods assume *equality between classes*,
i. e. a balanced distribution of classes and equal error costs.
- **Typical methods for imbalanced data in binary classification:**
 1. **Undersampling/Oversampling:** Changes distribution of tuples in training data.
 - *Undersampling:* Randomly eliminate tuples from negative class.
 - *Oversampling:* Re-samples data from positive class.
For instance, method SMOTE generates synthetic data that is similar to existing data using nearest neighbor.
 2. **Threshold-moving:** Moves the decision threshold, t , so that the rare-class tuples are easier to classify, and hence, less chance of costly false-negative errors. Works when class returns a probability.
 3. **Ensemble techniques.**

Threshold-moving and ensemble methods work well on extremely imbalanced data.

- **Still difficult on multi-class tasks.**

¹³L. Breiman, "Random forests," *Mach. Learn.*, vol. 45, no. 1, pp. 5–32, 2001. doi: 10.1023/A:1010933404324 [Online]. Available: <https://doi.org/10.1023/A:1010933404324>