



# CS 4104

## APPLIED MACHINE LEARNING

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# DECISION TREE



# Decision Tree

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## Problem Setting:

- Set of possible instances
  - each instance in  $\mathcal{X}$  is a feature vector
  - e.g.,  $\langle x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \rangle$
- Unknown target function
  - $y$  is discrete valued
- Set of function hypotheses  $\mathcal{H} = \{h_1, h_2, \dots, h_m\}$ 
  - each hypothesis  $h$  is a decision tree
  - trees sorts  $\mathcal{X}$  to leaf, which assigns

# Decision Tree

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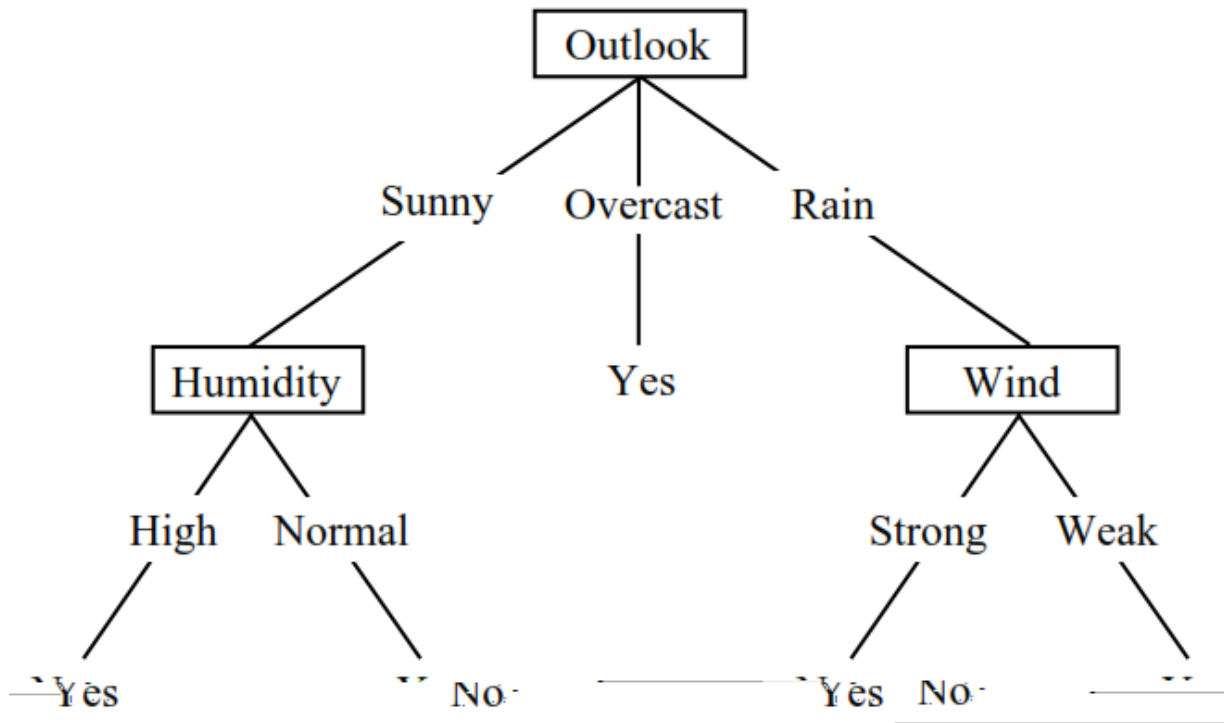
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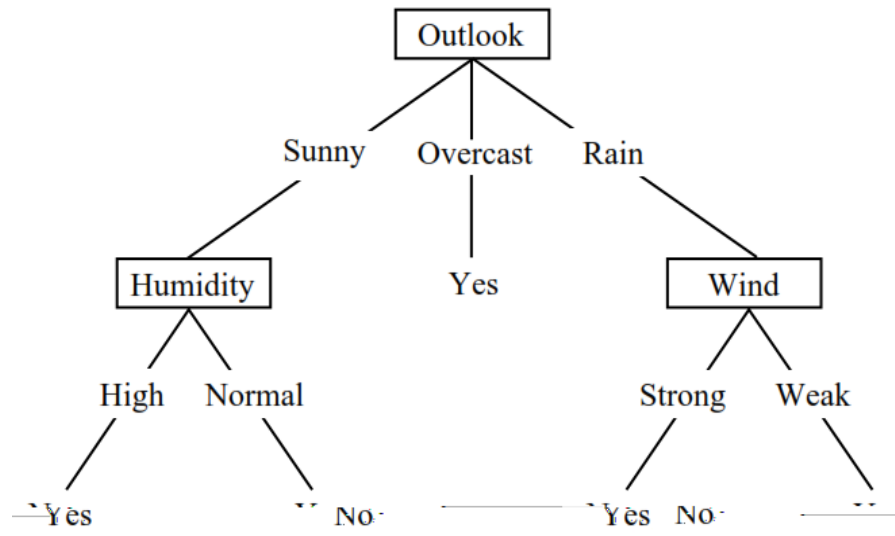


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- **Each internal node:** test one attribute
- **Each branch from a node:** selects one value for
- **Each leaf node:** predict

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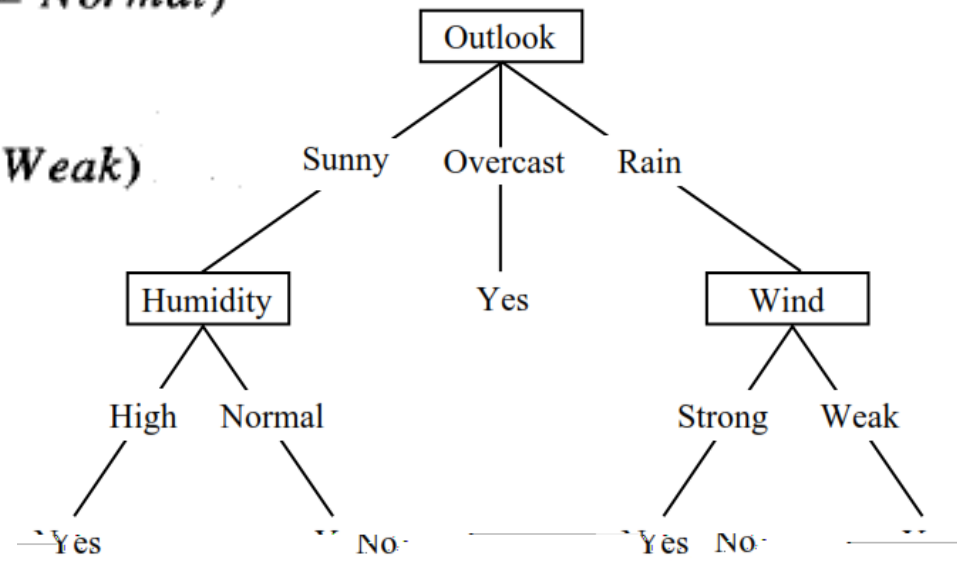
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- In general, decision trees represent a **disjunction of conjunctions** of the attribute values,

$(\text{Outlook} = \text{Sunny} \wedge \text{Humidity} = \text{Normal})$

✓  $(\text{Outlook} = \text{Overcast})$

✓  $(\text{Outlook} = \text{Rain} \wedge \text{Wind} = \text{Weak})$



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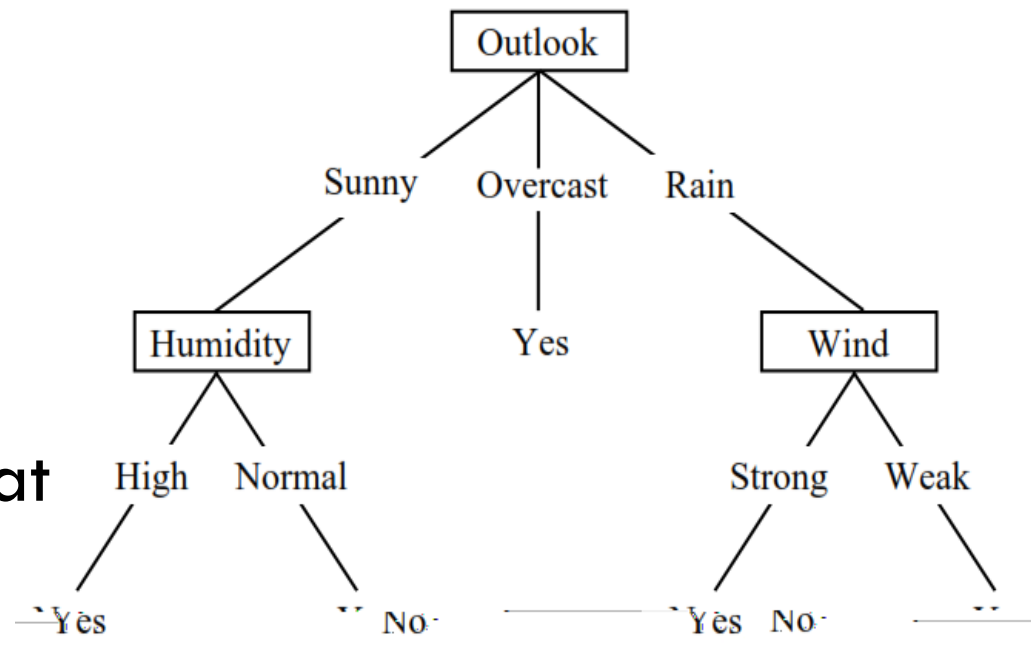
## Input:

- Training examples  
 $\{ \quad \}$  of unknown  
target function

## Output:

- Hypothesis  
**best approximates**  
target function

that



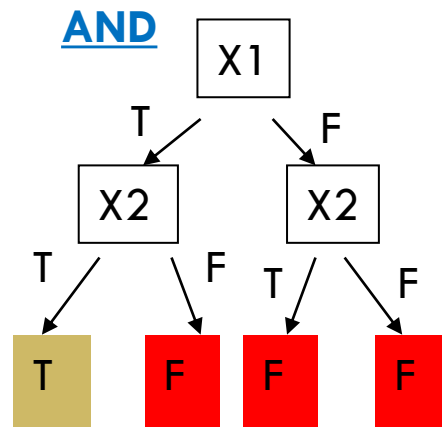


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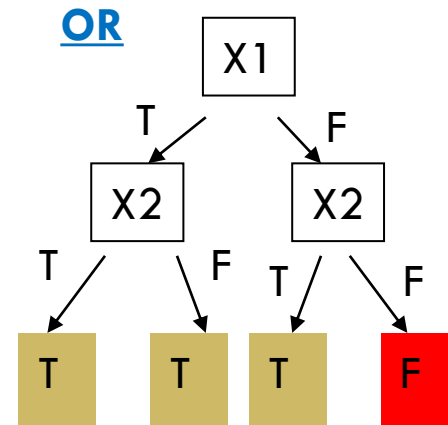
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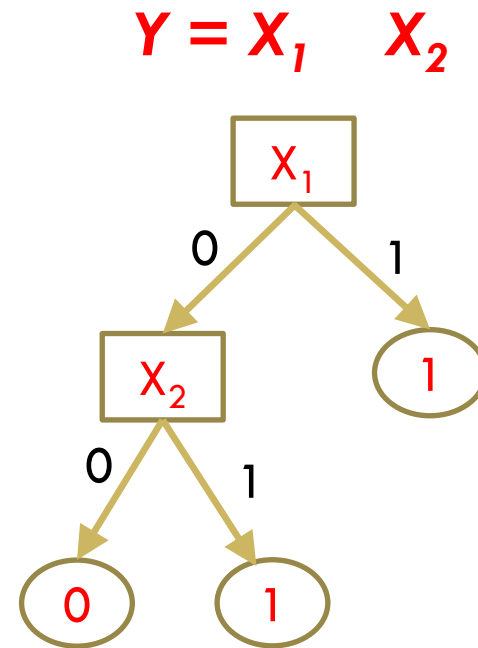
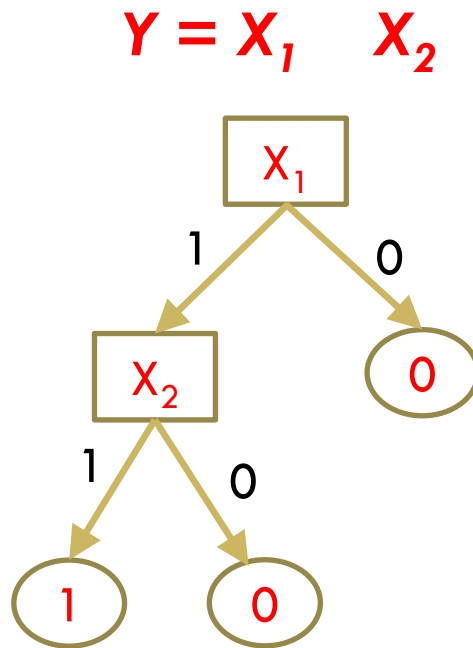
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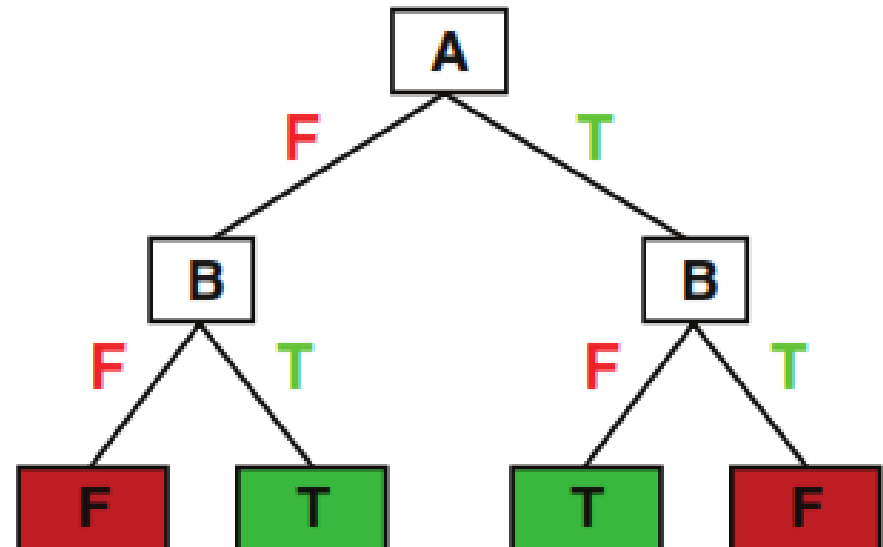


# Decision Trees ... Examples

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- Suppose  $A$  and  $B$  are Boolean variables
- How would you represent the followings:

A	B	A xor B
F	F	F
F	T	T
T	F	T
T	T	F



# Decision Tree Algorithm ... ID3

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## Iterative Dichotomiser 3 (ID3)

*ID3(Examples, Target\_attribute, Attributes)*

- Create a Root node for the tree
- **If all Examples are positive**, Return the single-node tree Root, with label = +
- **If all Examples are negative**, Return the single-node tree Root, with label = -
- **If Attributes is empty**, Return the single-node tree Root, with label = most common value of in Examples

# Decision Tree Algorithm ... ID3

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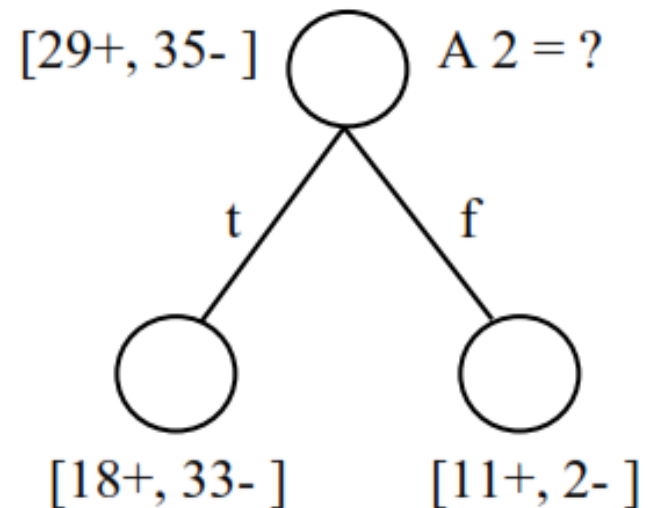
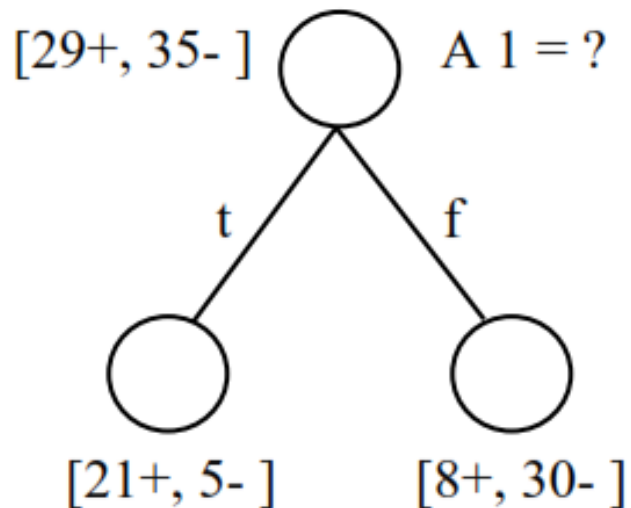
Otherwise Begin

- $A \leftarrow$  the attribute from Attributes that **best\*** classifies Examples
- Assign  $A$  as **decision attribute** for node
- For **each value** of  $A$ , create new decedent of node
- Sort training examples to leaf nodes
- If training examples are perfectly classified, then STOP otherwise iterate over new leaf nodes

# Decision Tree

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□ Which attribute is the **best** attribute?




**Information Gain** measure the effectiveness of an attribute

# Entropy

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- **Entropy** characterizes the (im)purity of an arbitrary collection of examples  $S$ .

# of possible values  
of  $X$



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# Entropy

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## Example

- Given a **collection S**, containing positive and negative examples of some target concept, the entropy of S relative to this **Boolean classification** is

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- is the proportion of positive example in S
- is the proportion of negative example in S



# Entropy

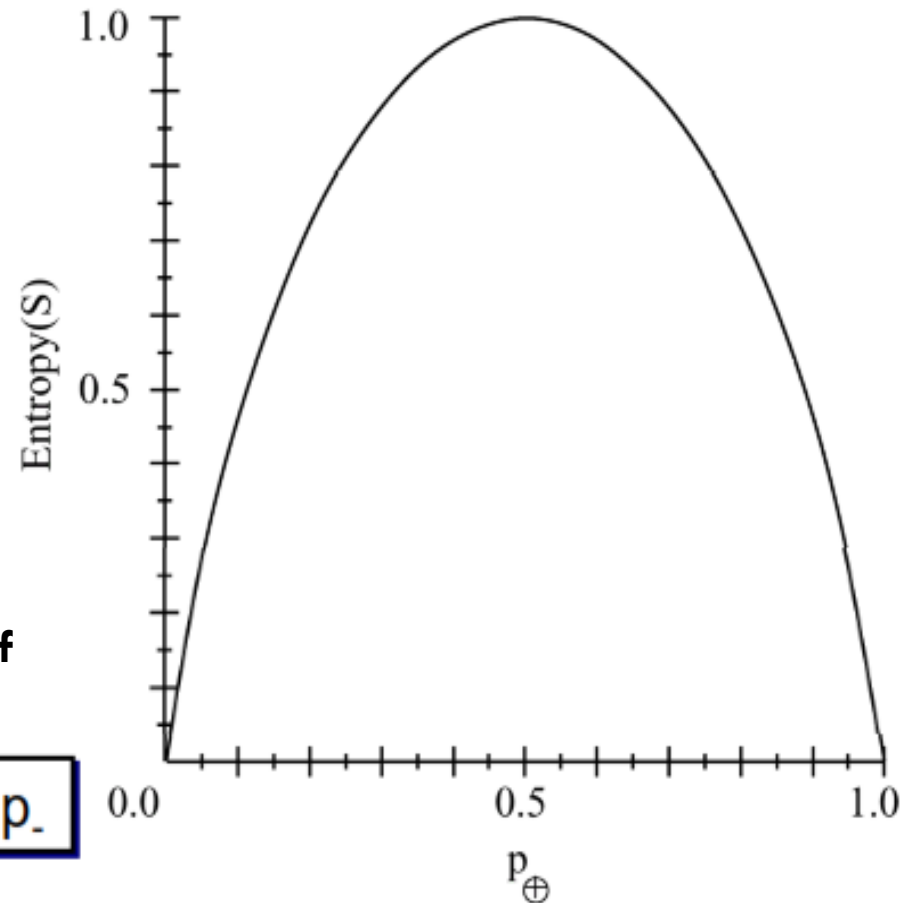
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- $S$  is a sample of training examples
- $p_+$  is the proportion of positive examples in  $S$
- $p_-$  is the proportion of negative examples in  $S$
- Entropy measures the impurity of  $S$

**Entropy is 0 if all members belong to same class**

**Entropy is 1 when there is equal no. of +ve and -ve examples**

$$\text{Entropy}(S) \equiv -p_+ \log_2 p_+ - p_- \log_2 p_-$$



# Information Gain

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- Information Gain **measure the effectiveness** of an attribute
- It is simply the **expected reduction** in entropy



Where:

- **$Values(A)$**  is the set of **all possible values** for attribute  **$A$**
- **$S_v$**  is the subset of  **$S$**  for which attribute  **$A$**  has value  **$v$** .

EXAMPLE

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□ In **play\_tennis** example,

$$\begin{aligned}
 Entropy([9+, 5-]) &= -(9/14) \log_2(9/14) - (5/14) \log_2(5/14) \\
 &= 0.940
 \end{aligned}$$

# Which Attribute?

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□ Which attribute should be selected for root node in play-tennis example?

- Outlook
- Temperature
- Humidity
- Wind

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$$\text{Values}(\text{Wind}) = \text{Weak}, \text{Strong}$$

$$S = [9+, 5-]$$

$$S_{\text{Weak}} \leftarrow [6+, 2-]$$

$$S_{\text{Strong}} \leftarrow [3+, 3-]$$

$$\text{Gain}(S, \text{Wind}) = \text{Entropy}(S) - \sum_{v \in \{\text{Weak}, \text{Strong}\}} \frac{|S_v|}{|S|} \text{Entropy}(S_v)$$

$$\text{Entropy}(S) = (8/14) \text{Entropy}(S_{\text{Weak}}) + (6/14) \text{Entropy}(S_{\text{Strong}})$$

$$= 0.9183$$

$$= 0.9183 - (8/14) \times 0.9183 - (6/14) \times 0.9183$$

$$= 0.1717$$



# Information Gain

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## □ Entropy

*Values(Wind) = Weak Strong*

$S = [9, 5]$

$S_{Weak} \leftarrow [6, 2]$

$S_{Strong} \leftarrow [3, 3]$

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# Information Gain

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## □ Entropy

*Values(Wind) = Weak Strong*

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$Values(Wind) = Weak, Strong$

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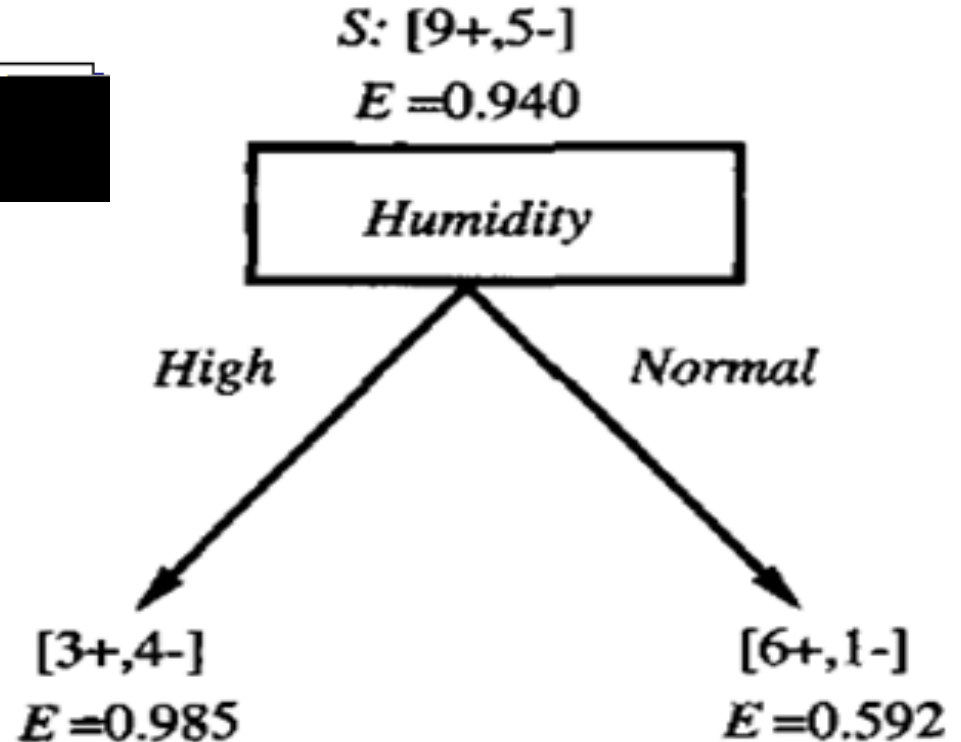
$$Entropy(S) - (8/14)Entropy(S_{Weak}) = Entropy(S) - (8/14)Entropy(S_{Strong})$$

$$= 0.940 - (8/14)0.811 - (6/14)1.00$$

$$= 0.048$$

# Information Gain (HUMIDITY)

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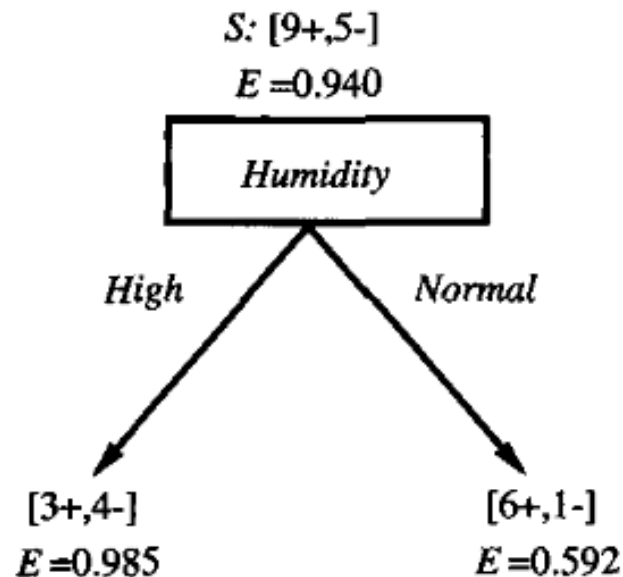


$$\begin{aligned} \text{Gain}(S, \text{Humidity}) &= .940 - (7/14) \cdot .985 - (7/14) \cdot .592 \\ &= .151 \end{aligned}$$

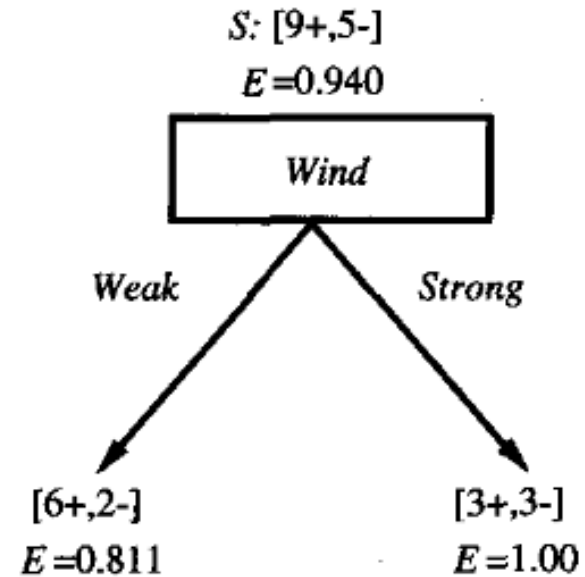
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**Humidity** provide greater information gain than wind

# Information Gain

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**Which attribute is the best classifier?**

$$\textit{Gain}(S, \textit{Outlook}) = 0.246$$

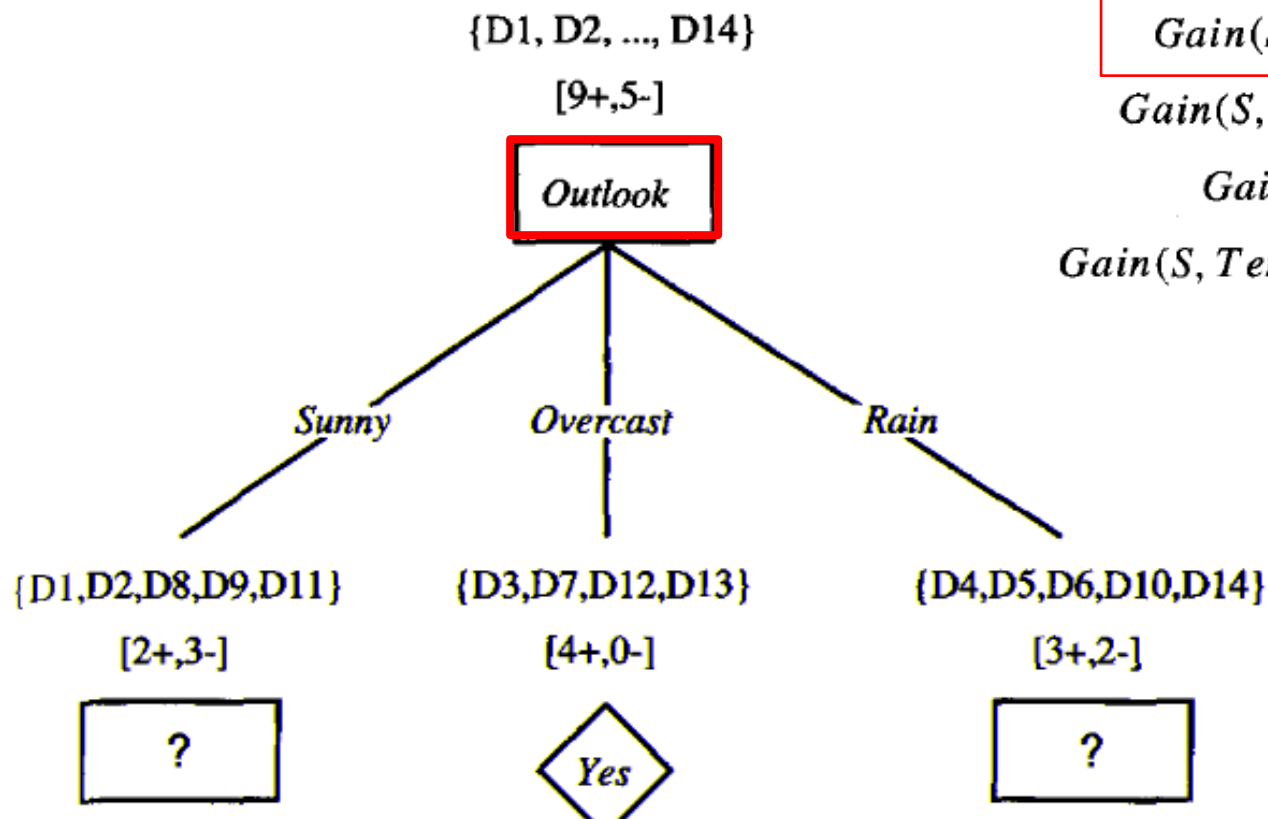
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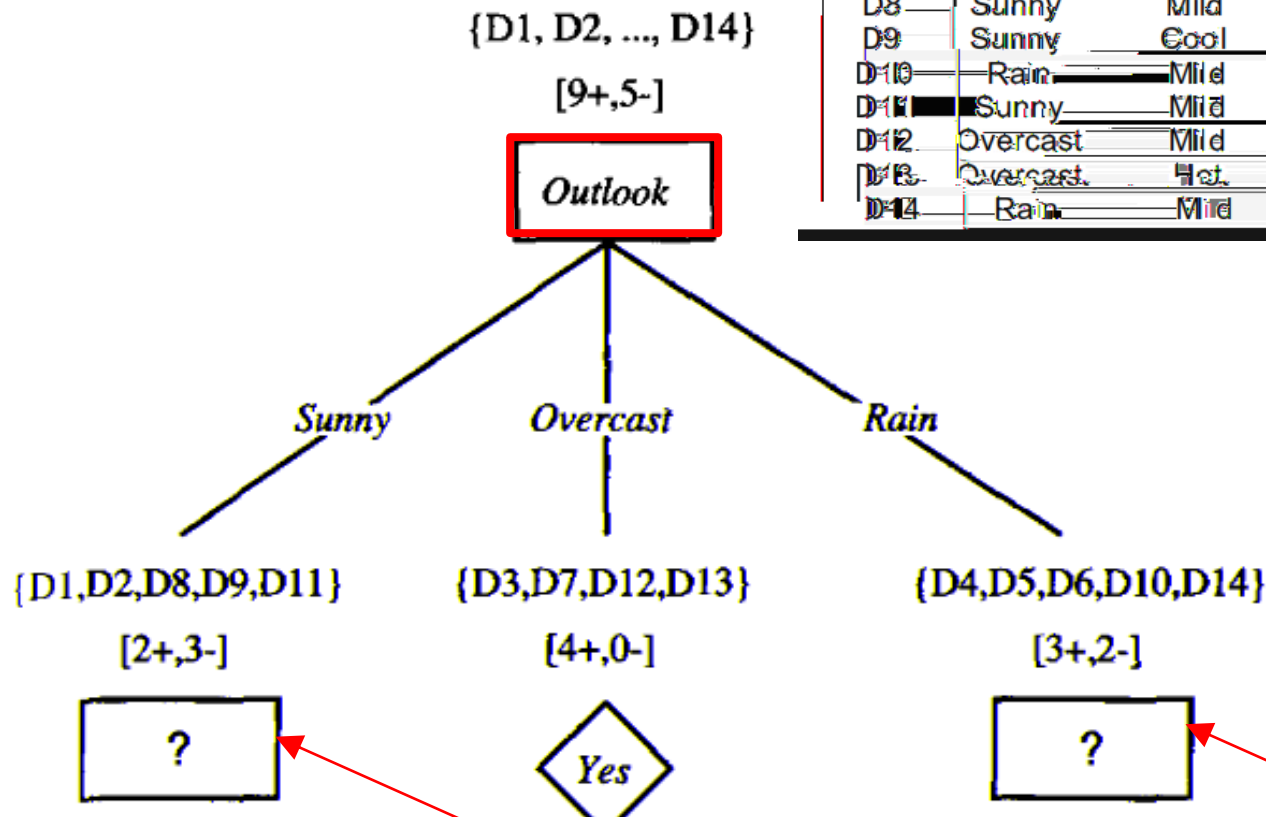
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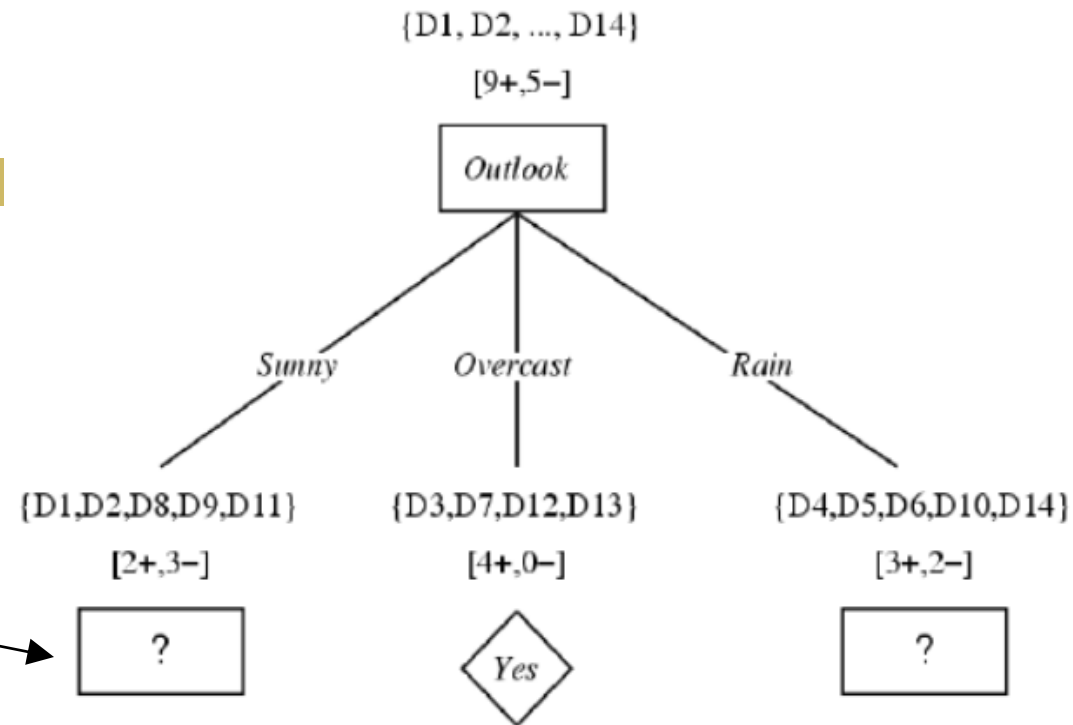
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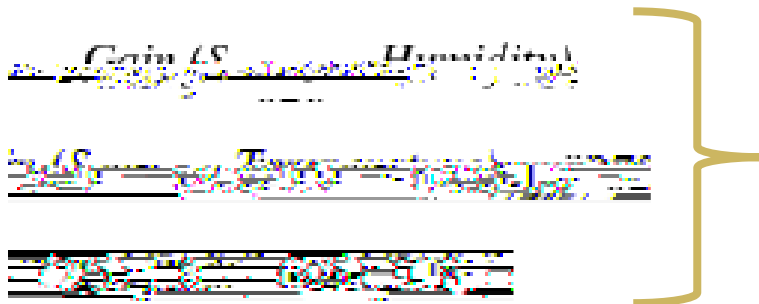
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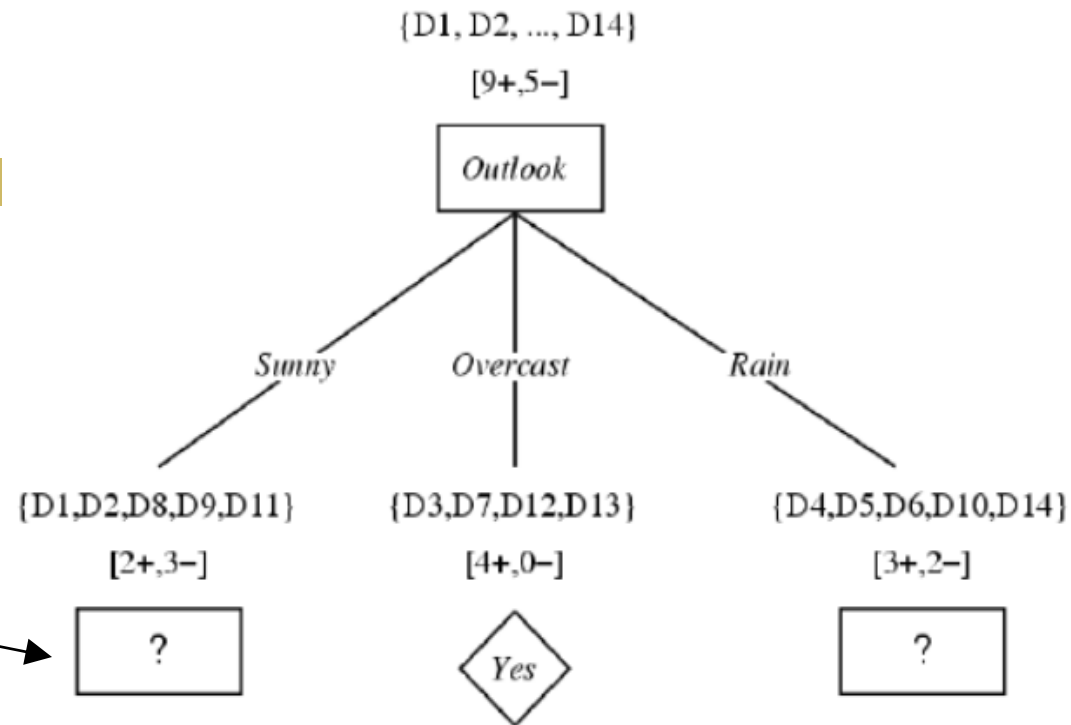
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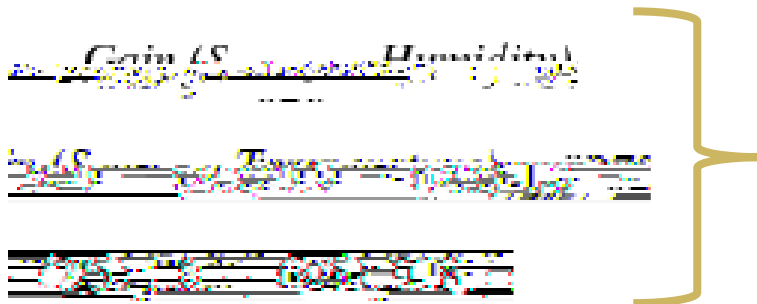
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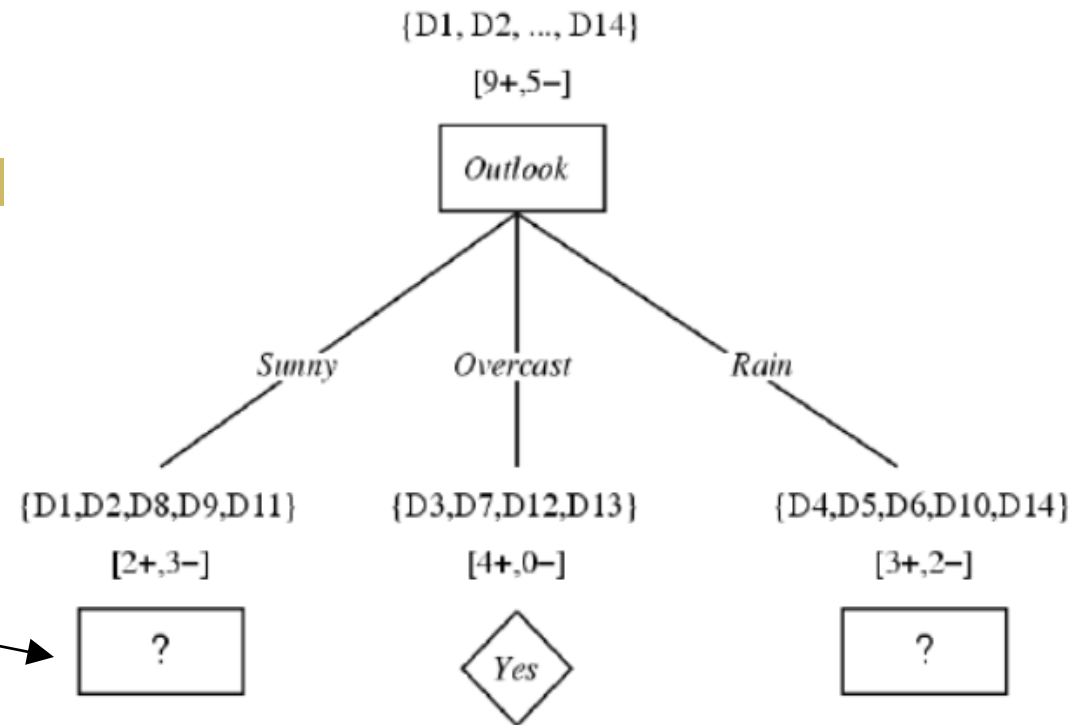
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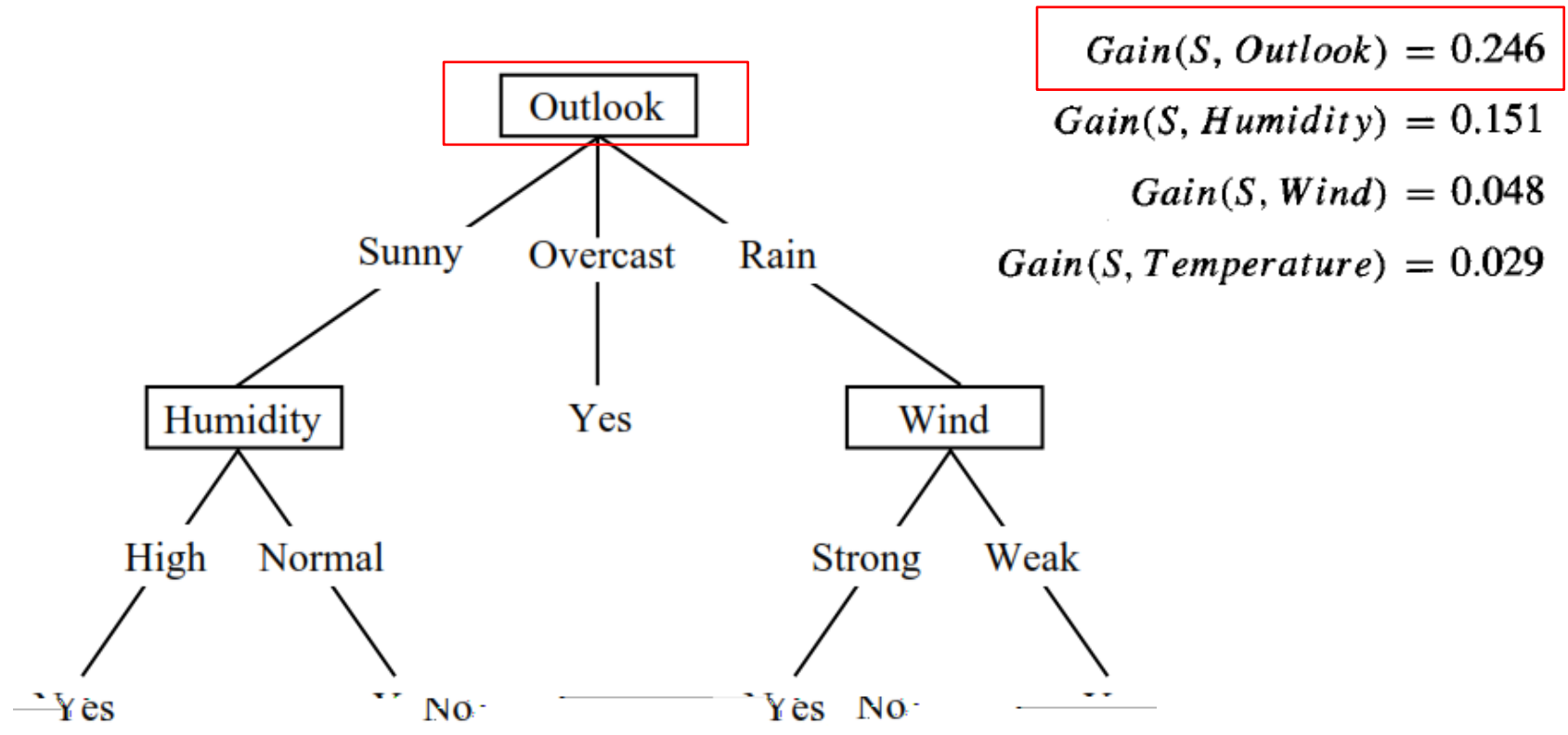
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Gain (S)	Humidity	0.72	0.15	0.27	0.17	0.27	0.27
TS	Temp	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15
Wind	Wind	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15
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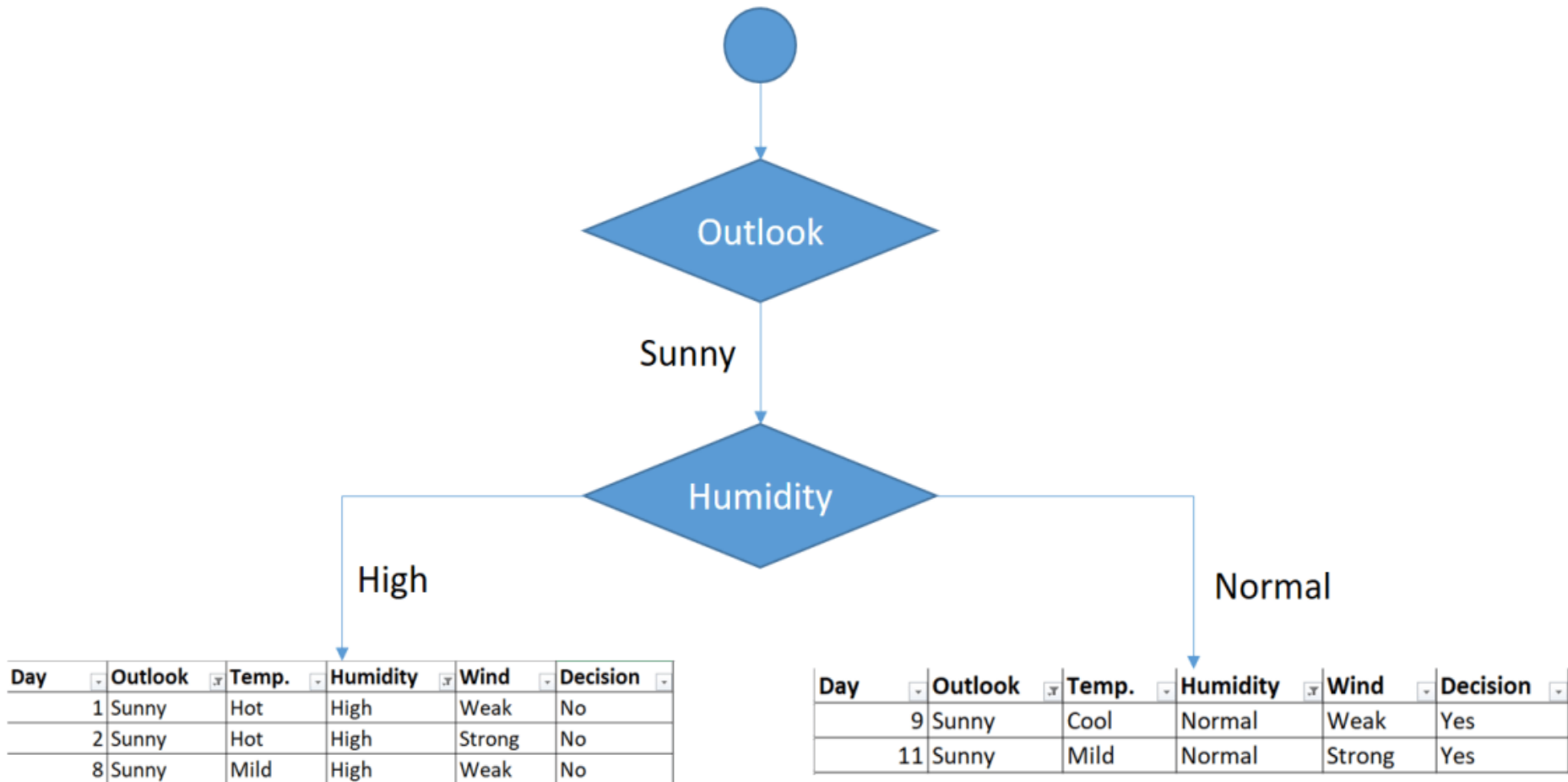
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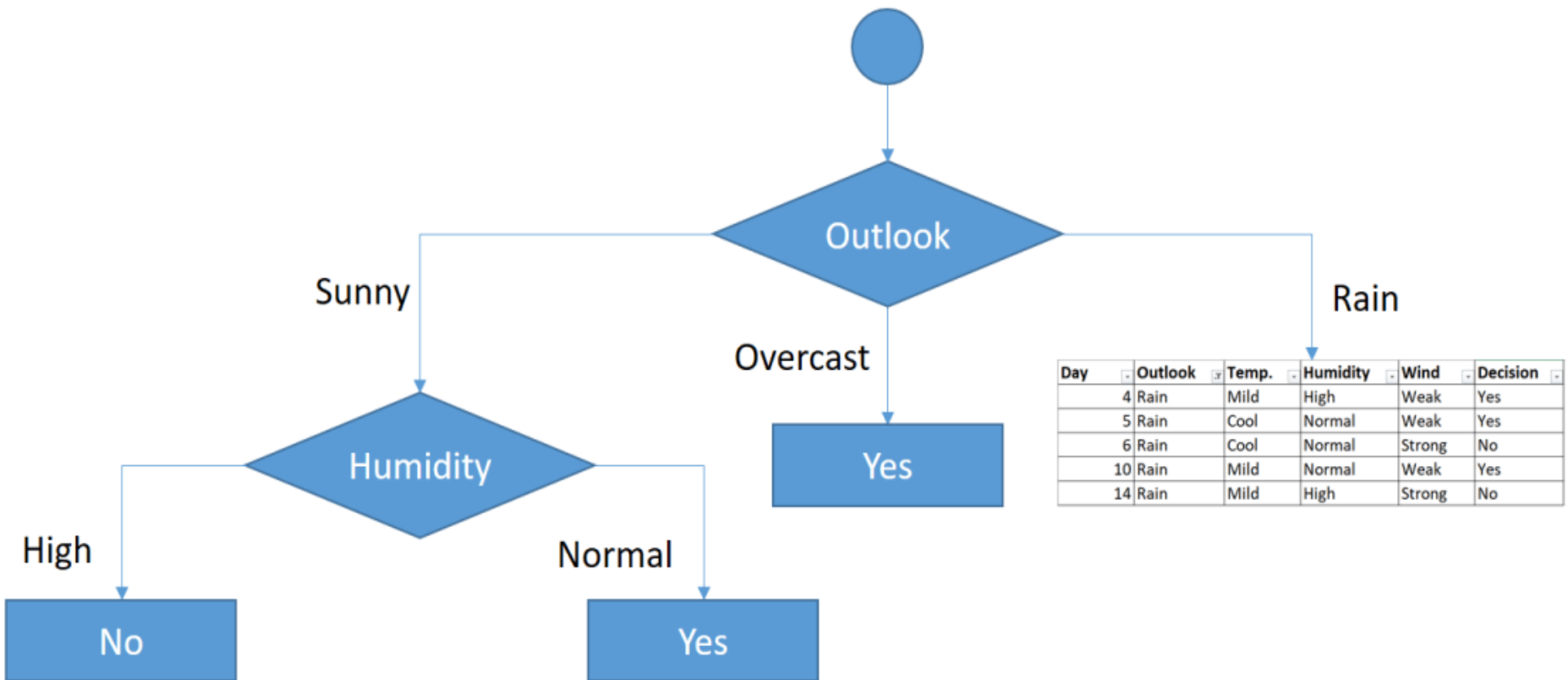
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