

- expected information to classify a tuple in D

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

- information would we still need
(after the partitioning) to arrive at
an exact classification -

$$Info_A(D) = \sum_{j=1}^v \frac{|D_j|}{|D|} \times Info(D_j).$$

$$Gain(A) = Info(D) - Info_A(D).$$

- Gain(A) tells us how much would be gained by branching on A.*
- expected reduction in the information requirement caused by knowing the value of A.
- The attribute A with the highest information gain, Gain A, is chosen as the splitting attribute at node N*

$$Info(D) = -\frac{9}{14} \log_2 \left(\frac{9}{14} \right) - \frac{5}{14} \log_2 \left(\frac{5}{14} \right) = 0.940 \text{ bits.}$$

$$\begin{aligned} Info_{age}(D) &= \frac{5}{14} \times \left(-\frac{2}{5} \log_2 \frac{2}{5} - \frac{3}{5} \log_2 \frac{3}{5} \right) + \frac{4}{14} \times \left(-\frac{4}{4} \log_2 \frac{4}{4} \right) \\ &\quad + \frac{5}{14} \times \left(-\frac{3}{5} \log_2 \frac{3}{5} - \frac{2}{5} \log_2 \frac{2}{5} \right) \\ &= 0.694 \text{ bits.} \end{aligned}$$

$$Gain(age) = Info(D) - Info_{age}(D) = 0.940 - 0.694 = 0.246 \text{ bits.}$$

$$Gain(income) = 0.029 \text{ bits, } Gain(student) = 0.151 \text{ bits}$$

$$Gain(credit_rating) = 0.048 \text{ bits.}$$

$$SplitInfo_A(D) = - \sum_{j=1}^v \frac{|D_j|}{|D|} \times \log_2 \left(\frac{|D_j|}{|D|} \right).$$

$$GainRatio(A) = \frac{Gain(A)}{SplitInfo_A(D)}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} SplitInfo_{income}(D) &= -\frac{4}{14} \times \log_2 \left(\frac{4}{14} \right) - \frac{6}{14} \times \log_2 \left(\frac{6}{14} \right) - \frac{4}{14} \times \log_2 \left(\frac{4}{14} \right) \\ &= 1.557. \end{aligned}$$