



# Decision Trees in Practice



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1.

## Are you using GraphLab Create? Please make sure that

**1. You are using version 1.8.3 of GraphLab Create.** Verify the version of GraphLab Create by running

```
graphlab.version
```

inside the notebook. If your GraphLab version is incorrect, see this post (<https://www.coursera.org/learn/ml-classification/supplement/LgZ3l/installing-correct-version-of-graphlab-create>) to install version 1.8.3. **This assignment is not guaranteed to work with other versions of GraphLab Create.**

**2. You are using the IPython notebook** named module-6-decision-tree-practical-assignment-blank.ipynb obtained from the associated reading.

This question is ungraded. Check one of the three options to confirm.

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2.

Given an intermediate node with 6 safe loans and 3 risky loans, if the min\_node\_size parameter is 10, what should the tree learning algorithm do next?

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3.

Assume an intermediate node has 6 safe loans and 3 risky loans. For each of 4 possible features to split on, the error reduction is 0.0, 0.05, 0.1, and 0.14, respectively. If the minimum gain in error reduction parameter is set to 0.2, what should the tree learning algorithm do next?



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4.

Consider the prediction path **validation\_set[0]** with `my_decision_tree_old` and `my_decision_tree_new`. For `my_decision_tree_new` trained with

```
max_depth = 6, min_node_size = 100, min_error_reduction=0.0
```

is the prediction path shorter, longer, or the same as the prediction path using `my_decision_tree_old` that ignored the early stopping conditions 2 and 3?

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5.

Consider the prediction path for **ANY** new data point. For `my_decision_tree_new` trained with

```
max_depth = 6, min_node_size = 100, min_error_reduction=0.0
```

is the prediction path for a data point always shorter, always longer, always the same, shorter or the same, or longer or the same as for `my_decision_tree_old` that ignored the early stopping conditions 2 and 3?

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For a tree trained on any dataset using parameters

```
max_depth = 6, min_node_size = 100, min_error_reduction=0.0
```

6. what is the maximum possible number of splits encountered while making a single prediction?

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7.

Is the validation error of the new decision tree (using early stopping conditions 2 and 3) lower than, higher than, or the same as that of the old decision tree from the previous assignment?

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8.

Which tree has the smallest error on the validation data?

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9.

Does the tree with the smallest error in the training data also have the smallest error in the validation data?

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10.

Which tree has the largest complexity?

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11.

Is it always true that the tree with the lowest classification error on the training set will result in the lowest classification error in the validation set?

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12.

Is it always true that the most complex tree will result in the lowest classification error in the validation\_set?

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13.

Using the complexity definition, which model (model\_4, model\_5, or model\_6) has the largest complexity?

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14.

model\_4 and model\_5 have similar classification error on the validation set but model\_5 has lower complexity. Should you pick model\_5 over model\_4?

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15.

Using the results obtained in this section, which model (model\_7, model\_8, or model\_9) would you choose to use?

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