



Decision Trees

Examples

Predict if John will play tennis

Day	Outlook	Humidity	Wind	Play
D1	Sunny	High	Weak	No
D2	Sunny	High	Strong	No
D3	Overcast	High	Weak	Yes
D4	Rain	High	Weak	Yes
D5	Rain	Normal	Weak	Yes
D6	Rain	Normal	Strong	No
D7	Overcast	Normal	Strong	Yes
D8	Sunny	High	Weak	No
D9	Sunny	Normal	Weak	Yes
D10	Rain	Normal	Weak	Yes
D11	Sunny	Normal	Strong	Yes
D12	Overcast	High	Strong	Yes
D13	Overcast	Normal	Weak	Yes
D14	Rain	High	Strong	No

Training examples: 9 yes / 5 no

New data:

D15	Rain	High	Strong	?
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Testing examples

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D1	Sunny	High	Weak	No
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D4	Rain	High	Weak	Yes
D5	Rain	Normal	Weak	Yes
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D7	Overcast	Normal	Strong	Yes
D8	Sunny	High	Weak	No
D9	Sunny	Normal	Weak	Yes
D10	Rain	Normal	Weak	Yes
D11	Sunny	Normal	Strong	Yes
D12	Overcast	High	Strong	Yes
D13	Overcast	Normal	Weak	Yes
D14	Rain	High	Strong	No

New data:

D15	Rain	High	Strong	?
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- **Hard to guess**
- **Try to understand when John plays**
- **Divide & Conquer:**
 - Split into subsets
 - Are they pure
 - If yes: stop
 - If no: repeat

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9 yes / 5 no

Outlook

Overcast

Sunny

Rain

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D1	Sunny	High	Weak
D2	Sunny	High	Strong
D8	Sunny	High	Weak
D9	Sunny	Normal	Weak
D11	Sunny	Normal	Strong

Day	Outlook	Humid	Wind
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D7	Overcast	Normal	Strong
D12	Overcast	High	Strong
D13	Overcast	Normal	Weak

4 yes / 0 no

Pure subset

Day	Outlook	Humid	Wind
D4	Rain	High	Weak
D5	Rain	Normal	Weak
D6	Rain	Normal	Strong
D10	Rain	Normal	Weak
D14	Rain	High	Strong

2 yes / 3 no

Split further

3 yes / 2 no

Split further

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D5	Rain	Normal	Weak	Yes
D6	Rain	Normal	Strong	No
D7	Overcast	Normal	Strong	Yes
D8	Sunny	High	Weak	No
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Outlook

Overcast

Rain

Sunny

Humidity

High

Normal

Day	Outlook	Humid	Wind
D3	Overcast	High	Weak
D7	Overcast	Normal	Strong
D12	Overcast	High	Strong
D13	Overcast	Normal	Weak

4 yes / 0 no

Pure subset

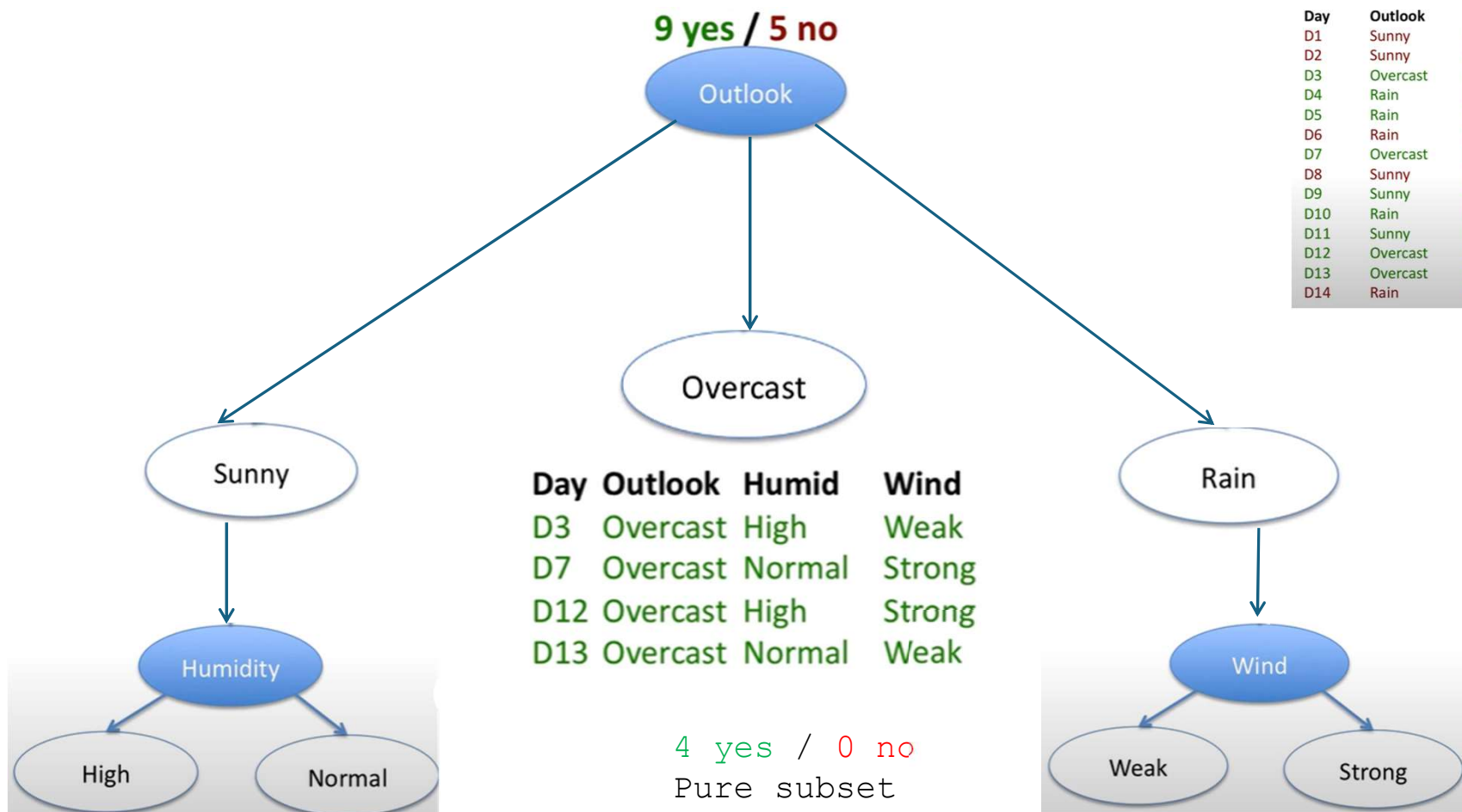
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D14	Rain	High	Strong

3 yes / 2 no

Split further

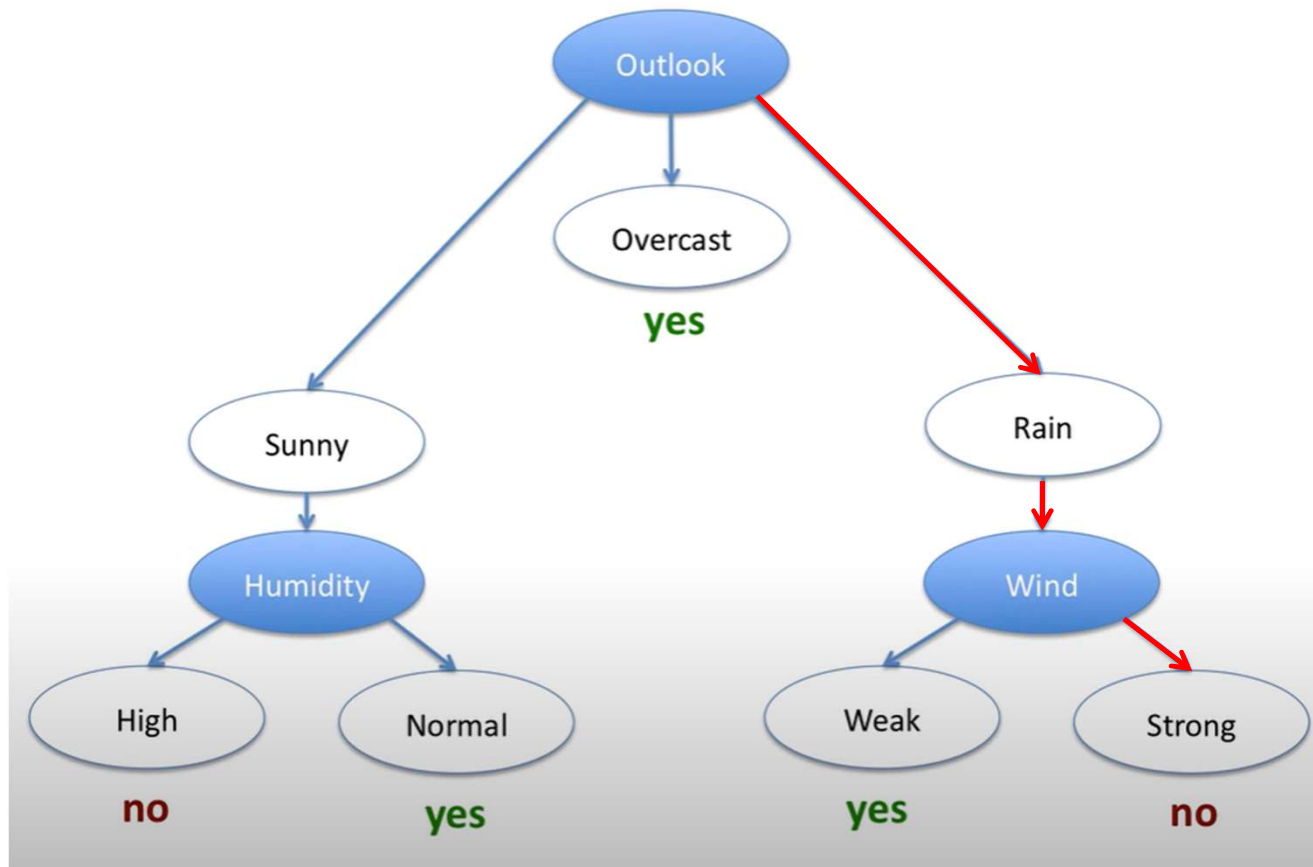
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D1	High	Weak	D9	Normal	Weak
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D5	Normal	Weak	D14	High	Strong
D10	Normal	Weak			



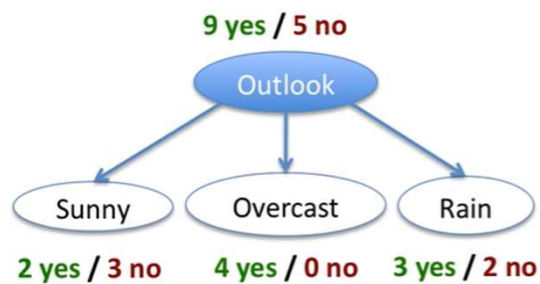
New data:

D15 Rain High Strong ? \longrightarrow No

ID3 Algorithm

- Split (node, {examples}):
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Which attribute to split on first?



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- Want to measure “purity” of the split

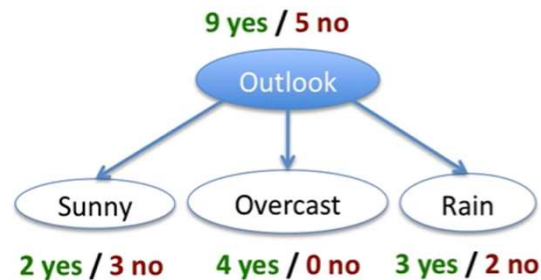
- ✓ More certain about yes/no after the split

- Pure set (4 yes / 0 no) => completely certain (100%)
 - Impure set (3 yes / 3 no) => completely uncertain (50%)

Entropy

How pure the set

$$H(S) = \sum_{i=1}^c -p_i \log_2 p_i$$



$$H(S_{\text{outlook}}) = -\frac{9}{14} \log_2 \frac{9}{14} - \frac{5}{14} \log_2 \frac{5}{14}$$

$$= 0.94$$

$$H(S_{\text{sunny}}) = -\frac{2}{5} \log_2 \frac{2}{5} - \frac{3}{5} \log_2 \frac{3}{5}$$

$$= 0.97$$

$$H(S_{\text{overcast}}) = -\frac{4}{4} \log_2 \frac{4}{4} - \frac{0}{4} \log_2 \frac{0}{4}$$

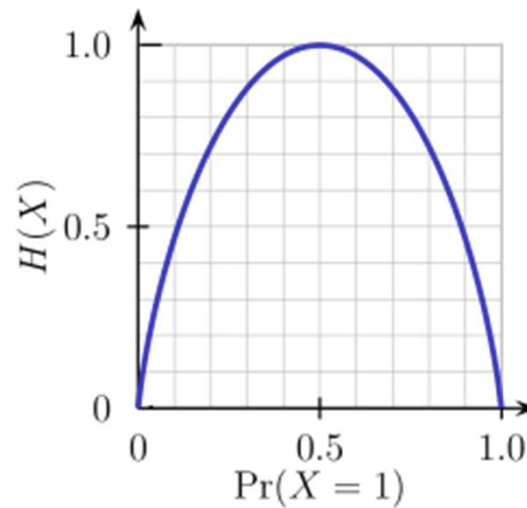
$$= 0$$

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Entropy

- Entropy is a measure of the randomness in the information being processed
- The higher the entropy, the harder it is to draw any conclusions from that information

$$H(S) = \sum_{i=1}^c -p_i \log_2 p_i$$



Entropy

How pure the sets?

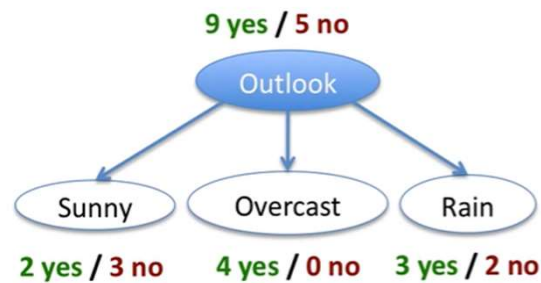
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Low Entropy



High Entropy



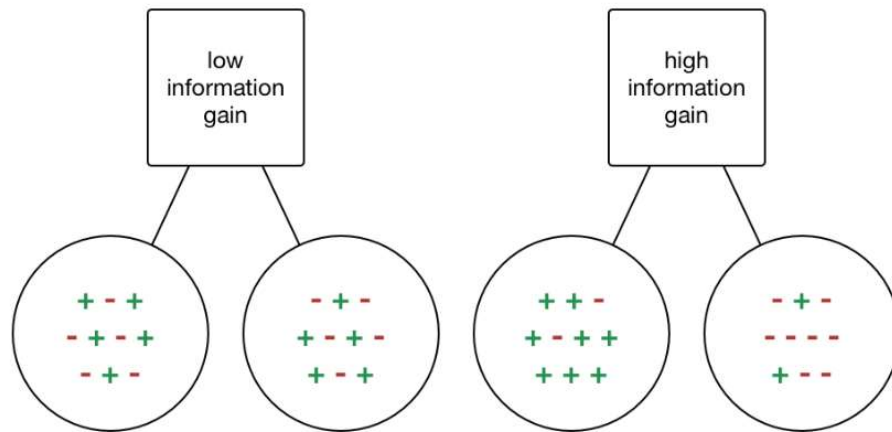
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Information Gain

- Want many items in pure sets
- Expected drop in entropy after split



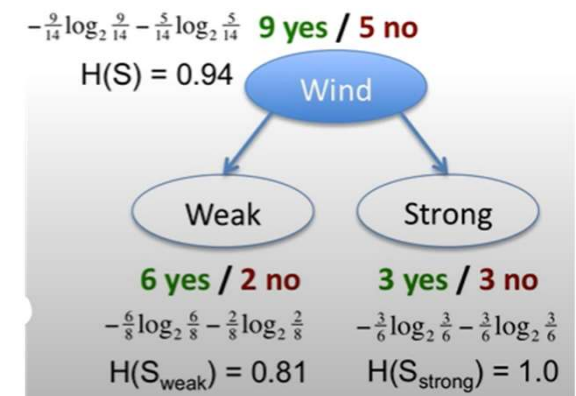
Information Gain

- Want many items in pure sets
- Expected drop in entropy after split:

$$Gain(S, A) = H(S) - \sum_{V \in Values(A)} \frac{|S_V|}{|S|} H(S_V)$$

V ... possible values of A
 S ... set of examples $\{X\}$
 S_V ... subset where $X_A = V$

- Our goal is to maximize the *Information Gain*



$$\begin{aligned}
 Gain(S, Wind) &= H(S) - \frac{8}{14} H(S_{Weak}) - \frac{6}{14} H(S_{Strong}) \\
 &= 0.94 - \frac{8}{14} 0.81 - \frac{6}{14} 1.0 \\
 &= 0.049
 \end{aligned}$$

ID3 Algorithm: example

1. Choose the best attribute

Day	Outlook	Humidity	Wind	Play
D1	Sunny	High	Weak	No
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D3	Overcast	High	Weak	Yes
D4	Rain	High	Weak	Yes
D5	Rain	Normal	Weak	Yes
D6	Rain	Normal	Strong	No
D7	Overcast	Normal	Strong	Yes
D8	Sunny	High	Weak	No
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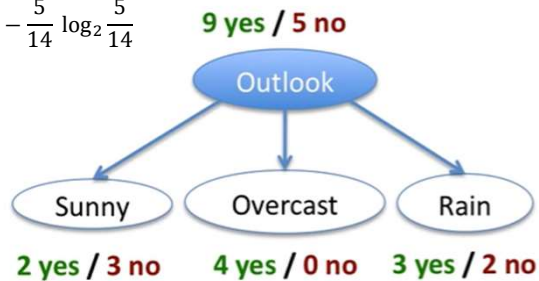
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The best attribute based on information gain!

$$-\frac{9}{14} \log_2 \frac{9}{14} - \frac{5}{14} \log_2 \frac{5}{14}$$

$$H(S) = 0.94$$



$$-\frac{2}{5} \log_2 \frac{2}{5} - \frac{3}{5} \log_2 \frac{3}{5}$$

$$H(S_{\text{sunny}}) = 0.97$$

$$-\frac{4}{4} \log_2 \frac{4}{4} - \frac{0}{4} \log_2 \frac{0}{4}$$

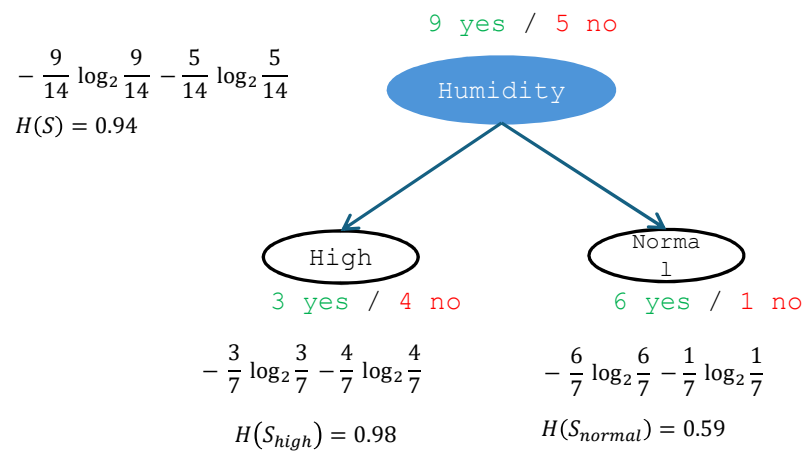
$$H(S_{\text{overcast}}) = 0$$

$$-\frac{3}{5} \log_2 \frac{3}{5} - \frac{2}{5} \log_2 \frac{2}{5}$$

$$H(S_{\text{rain}}) = 0.97$$

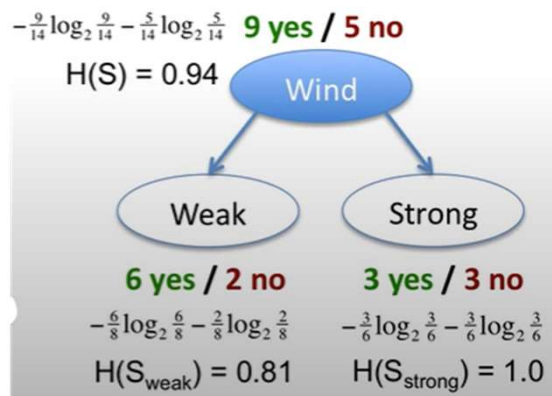
$$\begin{aligned} \text{Gain}(S, \text{Outlook}) &= H(S) - \frac{5}{14} H(S_{\text{sunny}}) - \frac{4}{14} H(S_{\text{overcast}}) - \frac{5}{14} H(S_{\text{rain}}) \\ &= 0.94 - \frac{5}{14} 0.97 - \frac{4}{14} 0 - \frac{5}{14} 0.97 \\ &= 0.25 \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Gain}(S, \text{Humidity}) &= H(S) - \frac{7}{14} H(S_{high}) - \frac{7}{14} H(S_{normal}) \\
 &= 0.94 - \frac{7}{14} 0.98 - \frac{7}{14} 0.59 \\
 &= 0.15
 \end{aligned}$$



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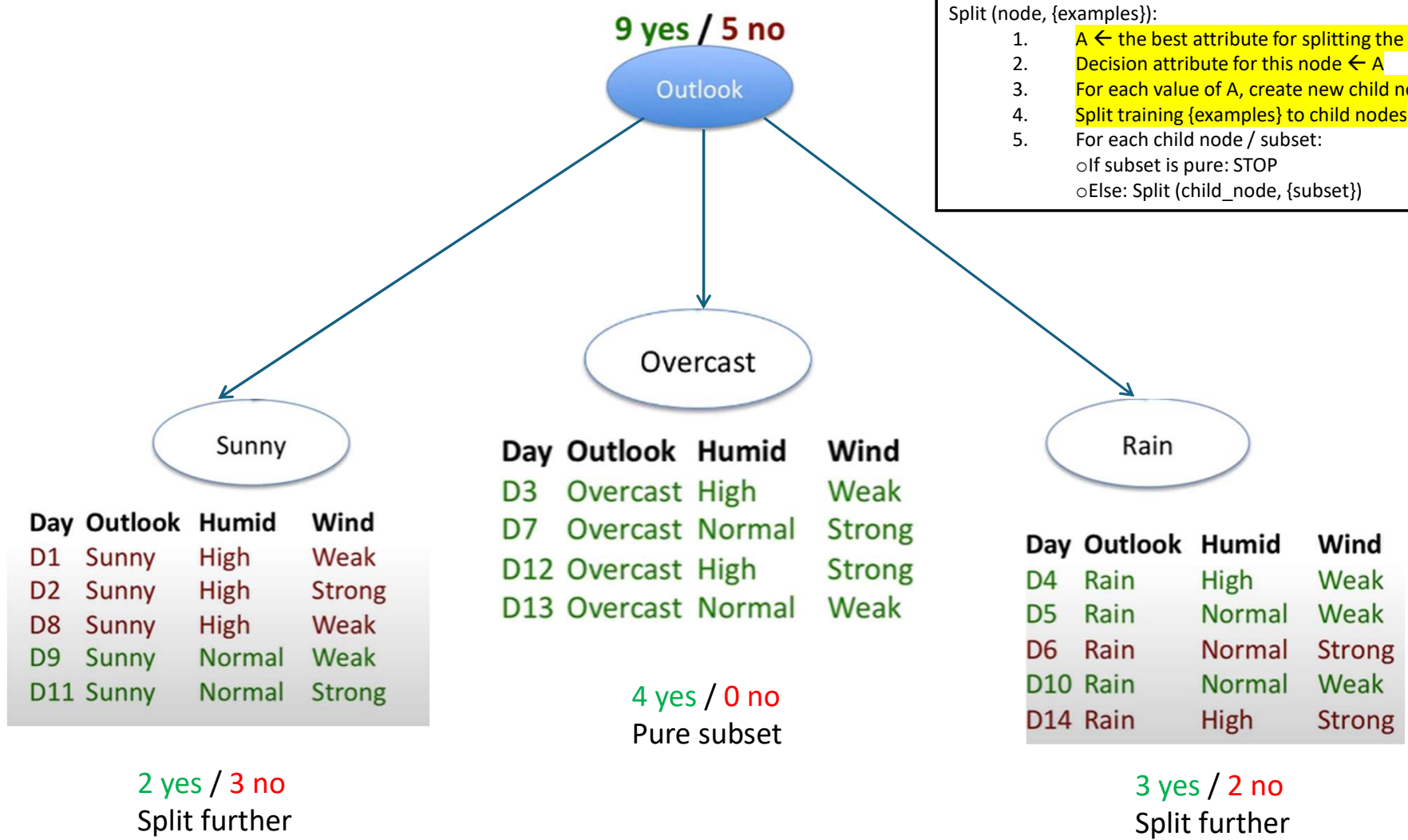
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The best attribute based on information gain!

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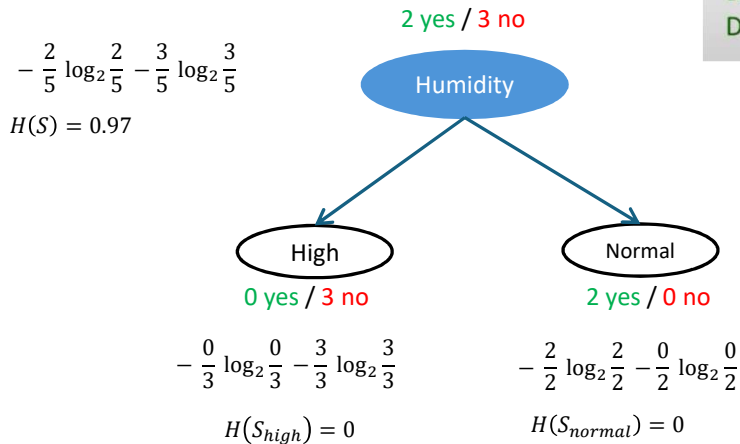
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2 yes / 3 no



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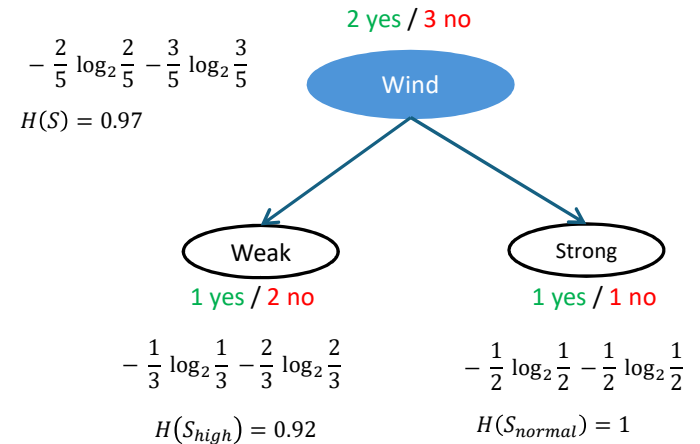


$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Gain}(S, \text{Humidity}) &= H(S) - \frac{3}{5} H(S_{High}) - \frac{2}{5} H(S_{Normal}) \\
 &= 0.97 - \frac{3}{5} 0 - \frac{2}{5} 0 \\
 &= 0.97
 \end{aligned}$$

Humidity is the best attribute based on information gain!

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 &= 0.97 - \frac{3}{5} 0.92 - \frac{2}{5} 1 \\
 &= 0.018
 \end{aligned}$$

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Outlook

Overcast

Rain

Sunny

Humidity

High

Normal

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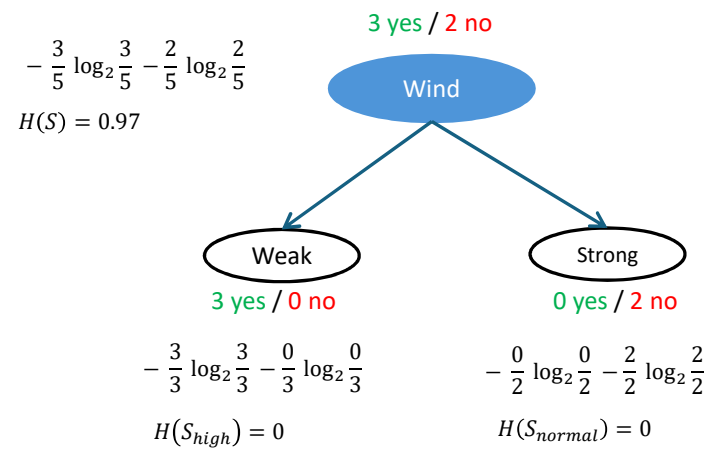
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Pure subset

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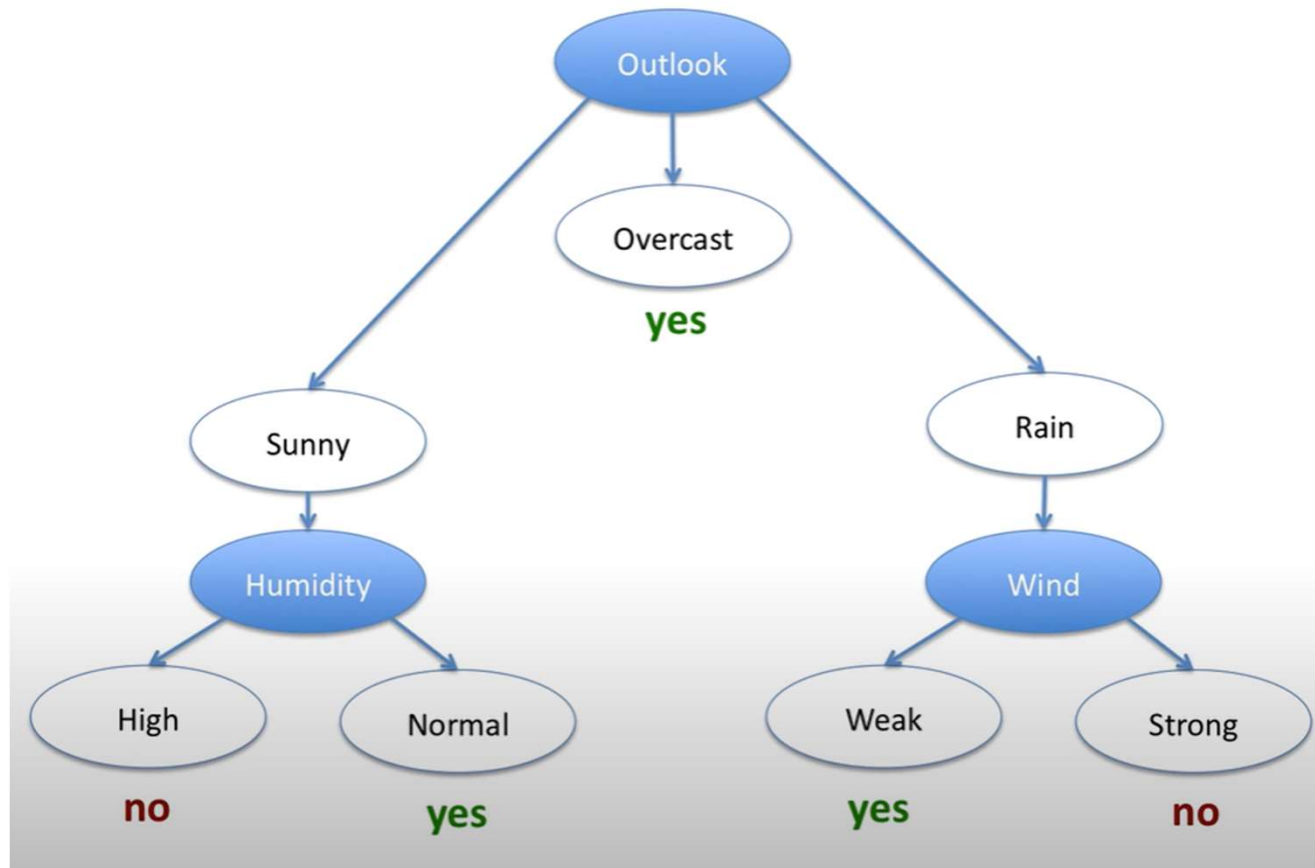
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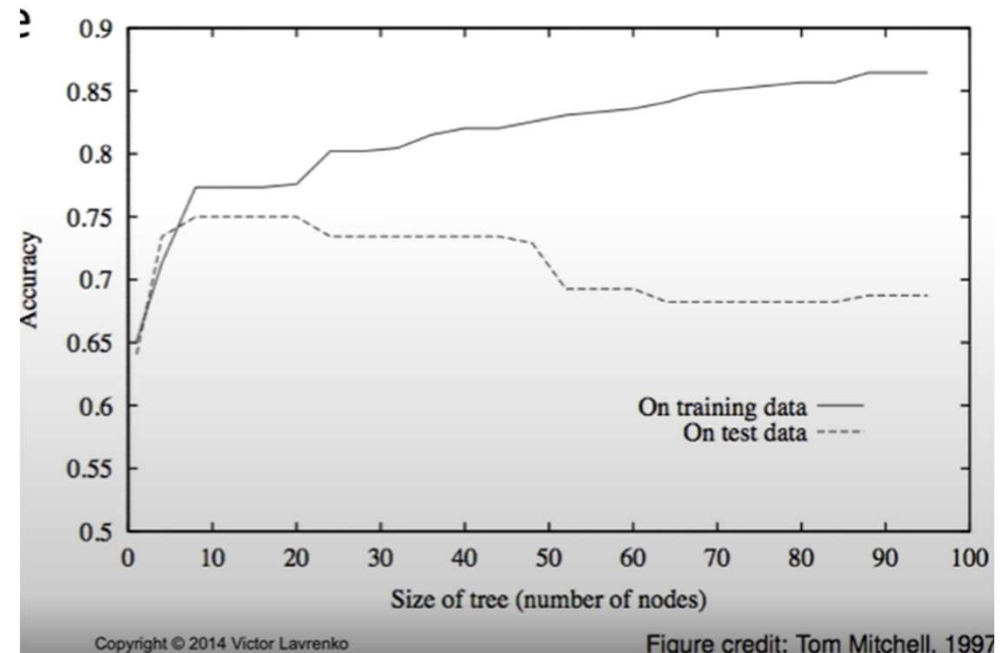
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 &= 0.97
 \end{aligned}$$

Final tree



Overfitting in Decision Trees

- Can always classify training examples perfectly
- Keep splitting until each node contains 1 example
- Singleton = pure
- Doesn't work on new data



Task 1

ID	Gender	Car type	Cost	Buy?
1	F	Sport	Cheap	No
2	F	Sport	Expensive	Yes
3	F	Family	Cheap	Yes
4	F	Family	Expensive	No
5	F	Sport	Cheap	Yes
6	F	Sport	Expensive	Yes
7	F	Family	Cheap	Yes
8	F	Family	Expensive	No
9	M	Sport	Cheap	No
10	M	Family	Cheap	No
11	M	Sport	Expensive	No
12	M	Family	Expensive	No

- Generate decision trees using the ID3 algorithm, and calculate entropy and information gain for each node and leaf

Other Splitting Method

- Information Gain
- Gini Index
- Information Gain Ratio
- Others

Reference

- https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLBv09BD7ez_4_UoYeGrzvqveIR_USBEKD