

Implementing Mitchell's Candidate Elimination Algorithm

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Abstract

This report

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1 Introduction

2 Results

2.1 Training

2.1.1 Using all examples

Recognising SOFT

The starting version space is:

```
S: { astigmatic: null,      tear_prod: null,      age: null,      prescription: null      }
G: { astigmatic: undefined, tear_prod: undefined, age: undefined, prescription: undefined }
```

The first example is a negative example and is covered by G. This causes G to be made more specific to ensure the case is no longer covered:

```
Example: { :astigmatic=>:no, :tear_prod=>:reduced, :age=>:young, :prescription=>:myope } ==> none
Prior Classification: unknown
After Classification: negative
```

```
S: { astigmatic: null,      tear_prod: null,      age: null,      prescription: null      }
G: { astigmatic: yes,      tear_prod: undefined, age: undefined, prescription: undefined }
    { astigmatic: undefined, tear_prod: normal,   age: undefined, prescription: undefined }
    { astigmatic: undefined, tear_prod: undefined, age: middle,   prescription: undefined }
    { astigmatic: undefined, tear_prod: undefined, age: old,      prescription: undefined }
    { astigmatic: undefined, tear_prod: undefined, age: undefined, prescription: hyper   }
```

The next example is positive and is not covered by S. This causes S to be made more general to include the example and G to have all hypotheses that do not cover the new S to be removed:

```
Example: { :astigmatic=>:no, :tear_prod=>:normal, :age=>:young, :prescription=>:myope } ==> soft
Prior Classification: unknown
After Classification: positive
```

```
S: { astigmatic: no,      tear_prod: normal,   age: young,      prescription: myope      }
G: { astigmatic: undefined, tear_prod: normal,   age: undefined, prescription: undefined }
```

The next example is negative and is consistent with G so the version space does not change:

```
Example: { :astigmatic=>:yes, :tear_prod=>:reduced, :age=>:young, :prescription=>:myope } ==> none
Prior Classification: negative
After Classification: negative
```

```
S: { astigmatic: no,      tear_prod: normal,   age: young,      prescription: myope      }
G: { astigmatic: undefined, tear_prod: normal,   age: undefined, prescription: undefined }
```

The next example is negative and is inconsistent with G. This causes G to again be made more specific to not cover the example:

```
Example: { :astigmatic=>:yes, :tear_prod=>:normal, :age=>:young, :prescription=>:myope } ==> hard
Prior Classification: unknown
After Classification: negative
```

```
S: { astigmatic: no,      tear_prod: normal,   age: young,      prescription: myope      }
G: { astigmatic: no,      tear_prod: normal,   age: undefined, prescription: undefined }
    { astigmatic: undefined, tear_prod: normal,   age: middle,   prescription: undefined }
    { astigmatic: undefined, tear_prod: normal,   age: old,      prescription: undefined }
    { astigmatic: undefined, tear_prod: normal,   age: undefined, prescription: hyper   }
```

The next example is negative and consistent with G so nothing changes:

Example: { :astigmatic=>:no, :tear_prod=>:reduced, :age=>:young, :prescription=>:hyper } ==> none
 Prior Classification: negative
 After Classification: negative

S: { astigmatic: no, tear_prod: normal, age: young, prescription: myope }
 G:
 { astigmatic: no, tear_prod: normal, age: undefined, prescription: undefined }
 { astigmatic: undefined, tear_prod: normal, age: middle, prescription: undefined }
 { astigmatic: undefined, tear_prod: normal, age: old, prescription: undefined }
 { astigmatic: undefined, tear_prod: normal, age: undefined, prescription: hyper }

The next example is positive and not covered by S so S is made more general and the inconsistent hypotheses in G are removed:

Example: { :astigmatic=>:no, :tear_prod=>:normal, :age=>:young, :prescription=>:hyper } ==> soft
 Prior Classification: unknown
 After Classification: positive

S: { astigmatic: no, tear_prod: normal, age: young, prescription: undefined }
 G:
 { astigmatic: no, tear_prod: normal, age: undefined, prescription: undefined }
 { astigmatic: undefined, tear_prod: normal, age: undefined, prescription: hyper }

The next example is negative and consistent with G so nothing changes:

Example: { :astigmatic=>:yes, :tear_prod=>:reduced, :age=>:young, :prescription=>:hyper } ==> none
 Prior Classification: negative
 After Classification: negative

S: { astigmatic: no, tear_prod: normal, age: young, prescription: undefined }
 G:
 { astigmatic: no, tear_prod: normal, age: undefined, prescription: undefined }
 { astigmatic: undefined, tear_prod: normal, age: undefined, prescription: hyper }

The next example is negative and inconsistent with G so G is made more specific:

Example: { :astigmatic=>:yes, :tear_prod=>:normal, :age=>:young, :prescription=>:hyper } ==> hard
 Prior Classification: unknown
 After Classification: negative

S: { astigmatic: no, tear_prod: normal, age: young, prescription: undefined }
 G:
 { astigmatic: no, tear_prod: normal, age: undefined, prescription: undefined }
 { astigmatic: undefined, tear_prod: normal, age: middle, prescription: hyper }
 { astigmatic: undefined, tear_prod: normal, age: old, prescription: hyper }

The next example is negative and consistent with G so the version space stays the same:

Example: { :astigmatic=>:no, :tear_prod=>:reduced, :age=>:middle, :prescription=>:myope } ==> none
 Prior Classification: negative
 After Classification: negative

S: { astigmatic: no, tear_prod: normal, age: young, prescription: undefined }
 G:
 { astigmatic: no, tear_prod: normal, age: undefined, prescription: undefined }
 { astigmatic: undefined, tear_prod: normal, age: middle, prescription: hyper }
 { astigmatic: undefined, tear_prod: normal, age: old, prescription: hyper }

The next example is positive and not covered by S so S is generalised and inconsistent hypotheses from G are removed. After this S and G only contain the same hypothesis so this version space has converged. Assuming the examples are consistent then neither S nor G will change from now on:

Example: { :astigmatic=>:no, :tear_prod=>:normal, :age=>:middle, :prescription=>:myope } ==> soft
 Prior Classification: unknown
 After Classification: positive

S: { astigmatic: no, tear_prod: normal, age: undefined, prescription: undefined }
 G: { astigmatic: no, tear_prod: normal, age: undefined, prescription: undefined }

Example: { :astigmatic=>:yes, :tear_prod=>:reduced, :age=>:middle, :prescription=>:myope } ==> none
 Prior Classification: negative
 After Classification: negative

S: { astigmatic: no, tear_prod: normal, age: undefined, prescription: undefined }
 G: { astigmatic: no, tear_prod: normal, age: undefined, prescription: undefined }

Example: { :astigmatic=>yes, :tear_prod=>normal, :age=>middle, :prescription=>myope } ==> hard
Prior Classification: negative
After Classification: negative

Example: { :astigmatic=>no, :tear_prod=>reduced, :age=>middle, :prescription=>hyper} ==> none
Prior Classification: negative
After Classification: negative

Example: { :astigmatic=>no, :tear_prod=>normal, :age=>middle, :prescription=>hyper } ==> soft
Prior Classification: positive
After Classification: positive

Example: { :astigmatic=>yes, :tear_prod=>reduced, :age=>middle, :prescription=>hyper} ==> none
Prior Classification: negative
After Classification: negative

Example: { :astigmatic=>:yes, :tear_prod=>:normal, :age=>:middle, :prescription=>:hyper} ==> none
Prior Classification: negative
After Classification: negative

Example: { :astigmatic=>no, :tear_prod=>reduced, :age=>old, :prescription=>myope } ==> none
Prior Classification: negative
After Classification: negative

Example: { :astigmatic=>yes, :tear_prod=>reduced, :age=>old, :prescription=>myope } ==> none
Prior Classification: negative
After Classification: negative

Example: { :astigmatic=>yes, :tear_prod=>normal, :age=>old, :prescription=>myope } ==> hard
Prior Classification: negative
After Classification: negative

Example: { :astigmatic=>no, :tear_prod=>reduced, :age=>old, :prescription=>hyper } ==> none
Prior Classification: negative
After Classification: negative

Example: { :astigmatic=>no, :tear_prod=>normal, :age=>old, :prescription=>hyper } ==> soft
Prior Classification: positive
After Classification: positive

Example: { :astigmatic=>:yes, :tear_prod=>:reduced, :age=>:old, :prescription=>:hyper } ==> none
 Prior Classification: negative
 After Classification: negative

S: { astigmatic: no, tear_prod: normal, age: undefined, prescription: undefined }
 G: { astigmatic: no, tear_prod: normal, age: undefined, prescription: undefined }

Example: { :astigmatic=>:yes, :tear_prod=>:normal, :age=>:old, :prescription=>:hyper } ==> none
 Prior Classification: negative
 After Classification: negative

S: { astigmatic: no, tear_prod: normal, age: undefined, prescription: undefined }
 G: { astigmatic: no, tear_prod: normal, age: undefined, prescription: undefined }

Recognising HARD

The starting version spaces is:

S: { astigmatic: null, age: null, prescription: null, tear_prod: null }
 G: { astigmatic: undefined, age: undefined, prescription: undefined, tear_prod: undefined }

The first example is a negative example and covered by G, this causes G to be made more specific to no longer cover it:

Example: { :astigmatic=>:no, :age=>:young, :prescription=>:myope, :tear_prod=>:reduced } ==> none
 Prior Classification: unknown
 After Classification: negative

S: { astigmatic: null, age: null, prescription: null, tear_prod: null }
 G:
 { astigmatic: yes, age: undefined, prescription: undefined, tear_prod: undefined }
 { astigmatic: undefined, age: middle, prescription: undefined, tear_prod: undefined }
 { astigmatic: undefined, age: old, prescription: undefined, tear_prod: undefined }
 { astigmatic: undefined, age: undefined, prescription: hyper, tear_prod: undefined }
 { astigmatic: undefined, age: undefined, prescription: undefined, tear_prod: normal }

The next example is a negative example and covered by G as well, this causes G to be made more specific again so it no longer covers it:

Example: { :astigmatic=>:no, :age=>:young, :prescription=>:myope, :tear_prod=>:normal } ==> soft
 Prior Classification: unknown
 After Classification: negative

S: { astigmatic: null, age: null, prescription: null, tear_prod: null }
 G:
 { astigmatic: yes, age: undefined, prescription: undefined, tear_prod: undefined }
 { astigmatic: undefined, age: middle, prescription: undefined, tear_prod: undefined }
 { astigmatic: undefined, age: old, prescription: undefined, tear_prod: undefined }
 { astigmatic: undefined, age: undefined, prescription: hyper, tear_prod: undefined }

Again the example is negative and covered by G so G is made more specific:

Example: { :astigmatic=>:yes, :age=>:young, :prescription=>:myope, :tear_prod=>:reduced } ==> none
 Prior Classification: unknown
 After Classification: negative

S: { astigmatic: null, age: null, prescription: null, tear_prod: null }
 G:
 { astigmatic: undefined, age: middle, prescription: undefined, tear_prod: undefined }
 { astigmatic: undefined, age: old, prescription: undefined, tear_prod: undefined }
 { astigmatic: undefined, age: undefined, prescription: hyper, tear_prod: undefined }
 { astigmatic: yes, age: undefined, prescription: undefined, tear_prod: normal }

Finally we get a positive example, this isn't covered by S so S is generalised to cover it. Then any hypotheses in G that are inconsistent with S are removed:

Example: { :astigmatic=>:yes, :age=>:young, :prescription=>:myope, :tear_prod=>:normal } ==> hard
 Prior Classification: unknown
 After Classification: positive

S: { astigmatic: yes, age: young, prescription: myope, tear_prod: normal }
 G: { astigmatic: yes, age: undefined, prescription: undefined, tear_prod: normal }

Nothing changes as these are negative examples consistent with G:

Example: { :astigmatic=>:no, :age=>:young, :prescription=>:hyper, :tear_prod=>:reduced } ==> none
Prior Classification: negative
After Classification: negative

S: { astigmatic: yes, age: young, prescription: myope, tear_prod: normal }
G: { astigmatic: yes, age: undefined, prescription: undefined, tear_prod: normal }

Example: { :astigmatic=>:no, :age=>:young, :prescription=>:hyper, :tear_prod=>:normal } ==> soft
Prior Classification: negative
After Classification: negative

S: { astigmatic: yes, age: young, prescription: myope, tear_prod: normal }
G: { astigmatic: yes, age: undefined, prescription: undefined, tear_prod: normal }

Example: { :astigmatic=>:yes, :age=>:young, :prescription=>:hyper, :tear_prod=>:reduced } ==> none
Prior Classification: negative
After Classification: negative

S: { astigmatic: yes, age: young, prescription: myope, tear_prod: normal }
G: { astigmatic: yes, age: undefined, prescription: undefined, tear_prod: normal }

A new positive example causes S to be made more general again:

Example: { :astigmatic=>:yes, :age=>:young, :prescription=>:hyper, :tear_prod=>:normal } ==> hard
Prior Classification: unknown
After Classification: positive

S: { astigmatic: yes, age: young, prescription: undefined, tear_prod: normal }
G: { astigmatic: yes, age: undefined, prescription: undefined, tear_prod: normal }

And some more negative examples consistent with G:

Example: { :astigmatic=>:no, :age=>:middle, :prescription=>:myope, :tear_prod=>:reduced } ==> none
Prior Classification: negative
After Classification: negative

S: { astigmatic: yes, age: young, prescription: undefined, tear_prod: normal }
G: { astigmatic: yes, age: undefined, prescription: undefined, tear_prod: normal }

Example: { :astigmatic=>:no, :age=>:middle, :prescription=>:myope, :tear_prod=>:normal } ==> soft
Prior Classification: negative
After Classification: negative

S: { astigmatic: yes, age: young, prescription: undefined, tear_prod: normal }
G: { astigmatic: yes, age: undefined, prescription: undefined, tear_prod: normal }

Example: { :astigmatic=>:yes, :age=>:middle, :prescription=>:myope, :tear_prod=>:reduced } ==> none
Prior Classification: negative
After Classification: negative

S: { astigmatic: yes, age: young, prescription: undefined, tear_prod: normal }
G: { astigmatic: yes, age: undefined, prescription: undefined, tear_prod: normal }

A new positive example. S is again generalised and is now converged with G. If the dataset is consistent then nothing will change from here on:

Example: { :astigmatic=>:yes, :age=>:middle, :prescription=>:myope, :tear_prod=>:normal } ==> hard
Prior Classification: unknown
After Classification: positive

S: { astigmatic: yes, age: undefined, prescription: undefined, tear_prod: normal }
G: { astigmatic: yes, age: undefined, prescription: undefined, tear_prod: normal }

Example: { :astigmatic=>:no, :age=>:middle, :prescription=>:hyper, :tear_prod=>:reduced } ==> none
Prior Classification: negative
After Classification: negative

S: { astigmatic: yes, age: undefined, prescription: undefined, tear_prod: normal }
G: { astigmatic: yes, age: undefined, prescription: undefined, tear_prod: normal }

Example: { :astigmatic=>:no, :age=>:middle, :prescription=>:hyper, :tear_prod=>:normal } ==> soft
Prior Classification: negative

After Classification: negative

```
S: { astigmatic: yes,      age: undefined, prescription: undefined, tear_prod: normal      }
G: { astigmatic: yes,      age: undefined, prescription: undefined, tear_prod: normal      }
```

```
Example: { :astigmatic=>:yes, :age=>:middle, :prescription=>:hyper, :tear_prod=>:reduced } ==> none
Prior Classification: negative
After Classification: negative
```

```
S: { astigmatic: yes,      age: undefined, prescription: undefined, tear_prod: normal      }
G: { astigmatic: yes,      age: undefined, prescription: undefined, tear_prod: normal      }
```

But wait, the dataset is inconsistent. This is a negative example and was covered by G so G had to be made more specific. However this meant that the only hypothesis in S had to be removed to make S consistent with G. Because it was S that got wiped out our version space is now only usable for determining negative examples, there will be no false positives but there can be false negatives:

```
Example: { :astigmatic=>:yes, :age=>:middle, :prescription=>:hyper, :tear_prod=>:normal } ==> none
Prior Classification: positive
After Classification: negative
```

```
S:
G:
{ astigmatic: yes,      age: young,      prescription: undefined, tear_prod: normal      }
{ astigmatic: yes,      age: old,        prescription: undefined, tear_prod: normal      }
{ astigmatic: yes,      age: undefined,  prescription: myope,      tear_prod: normal      }
```

And we're back to consistent negative examples:

```
Example: { :astigmatic=>:no, :age=>:old, :prescription=>:myope, :tear_prod=>:reduced } ==> none
Prior Classification: negative
After Classification: negative
```

```
S:
G:
{ astigmatic: yes,      age: young,      prescription: undefined, tear_prod: normal      }
{ astigmatic: yes,      age: old,        prescription: undefined, tear_prod: normal      }
{ astigmatic: yes,      age: undefined,  prescription: myope,      tear_prod: normal      }
```

```
Example: { :astigmatic=>:yes, :age=>:old, :prescription=>:myope, :tear_prod=>:reduced } ==> none
Prior Classification: negative
After Classification: negative
```

```
S:
G:
{ astigmatic: yes,      age: young,      prescription: undefined, tear_prod: normal      }
{ astigmatic: yes,      age: old,        prescription: undefined, tear_prod: normal      }
{ astigmatic: yes,      age: undefined,  prescription: myope,      tear_prod: normal      }
```

Until we get to a positive one, notice that even after using this to train the classification is still unknown because S is empty:

```
Example: { :astigmatic=>:yes, :age=>:old, :prescription=>:myope, :tear_prod=>:normal } ==> hard
Prior Classification: unknown
After Classification: unknown
```

```
S:
G:
{ astigmatic: yes,      age: old,        prescription: undefined, tear_prod: normal      }
{ astigmatic: yes,      age: undefined,  prescription: myope,      tear_prod: normal      }
```

Three more consistent negative examples:

```
Example: { :astigmatic=>:no, :age=>:old, :prescription=>:hyper, :tear_prod=>:reduced } ==> none
Prior Classification: negative
After Classification: negative
```

```
S:
G:
{ astigmatic: yes,      age: old,        prescription: undefined, tear_prod: normal      }
{ astigmatic: yes,      age: undefined,  prescription: myope,      tear_prod: normal      }
```

```
Example: { :astigmatic=>:no, :age=>:old, :prescription=>:hyper, :tear_prod=>:normal } ==> soft
```

Prior Classification: negative
After Classification: negative

S:

G:

{ astigmatic: yes,	age: old,	prescription: undefined,	tear_prod: normal	}
{ astigmatic: yes,	age: undefined,	prescription: myope,	tear_prod: normal	}

Example: { :astigmatic=>:yes, :age=>:old, :prescription=>:hyper, :tear_prod=>:reduced } ==> none
Prior Classification: negative
After Classification: negative

S:

G:

{ astigmatic: yes,	age: old,	prescription: undefined,	tear_prod: normal	}
{ astigmatic: yes,	age: undefined,	prescription: myope,	tear_prod: normal	}

And another inconsistent negative example to make G more specific and probably increase the number of false negatives:

Example: { :astigmatic=>:yes, :age=>:old, :prescription=>:hyper, :tear_prod=>:normal } ==> none
Prior Classification: unknown
After Classification: negative

S:

G: { astigmatic: yes, age: undefined, prescription: myope, tear_prod: normal }

Recognising NONE

The starting version space is:

S: { astigmatic: null, age: null, prescription: null, tear_prod: null }
G: { astigmatic: undefined, age: undefined, prescription: undefined, tear_prod: undefined }

The first example is positive and not covered by S so S is made more general to cover it:

Example: { :astigmatic=>:no, :age=>:young, :prescription=>:myope, :tear_prod=>:reduced } ==> none
Prior Classification: unknown
After Classification: positive

S: { astigmatic: no, age: young, prescription: myope, tear_prod: reduced }
G: { astigmatic: undefined, age: undefined, prescription: undefined, tear_prod: undefined }

The next example is negative and inconsistent with G so G is made more specific to not cover it:

Example: { :astigmatic=>:no, :age=>:young, :prescription=>:myope, :tear_prod=>:normal } ==> soft
Prior Classification: unknown
After Classification: negative

S: { astigmatic: no, age: young, prescription: myope, tear_prod: reduced }
G:

{ astigmatic: yes,	age: undefined,	prescription: undefined,	tear_prod: undefined	}
{ astigmatic: undefined,	age: middle,	prescription: undefined,	tear_prod: undefined	}
{ astigmatic: undefined,	age: old,	prescription: undefined,	tear_prod: undefined	}
{ astigmatic: undefined,	age: undefined,	prescription: hyper,	tear_prod: undefined	}
{ astigmatic: undefined,	age: undefined,	prescription: undefined,	tear_prod: reduced	}

Another positive example not covered by S causes S to be made more general and inconsistent hypotheses from G to be removed:

Example: { :astigmatic=>:yes, :age=>:young, :prescription=>:myope, :tear_prod=>:reduced } ==> none
Prior Classification: unknown
After Classification: positive

S: { astigmatic: undefined, age: young, prescription: myope, tear_prod: reduced }
G:

{ astigmatic: yes,	age: undefined,	prescription: undefined,	tear_prod: undefined	}
{ astigmatic: undefined,	age: undefined,	prescription: undefined,	tear_prod: reduced	}

A negative example inconsistent with G makes G more specific:

Example: { :astigmatic=>:yes, :age=>:young, :prescription=>:myope, :tear_prod=>:normal } ==> hard
 Prior Classification: unknown
 After Classification: negative

S: { astigmatic: undefined, age: young, prescription: myope, tear_prod: reduced }
 G:
 { astigmatic: undefined, age: undefined, prescription: undefined, tear_prod: reduced }
 { astigmatic: yes, age: middle, prescription: undefined, tear_prod: undefined }
 { astigmatic: yes, age: old, prescription: undefined, tear_prod: undefined }
 { astigmatic: yes, age: undefined, prescription: hyper, tear_prod: undefined }

A positive example not covered by S so S is made more general and inconsistent hypotheses from G are removed:

Example: { :astigmatic=>:no, :age=>:young, :prescription=>:hyper, :tear_prod=>:reduced } ==> none
 Prior Classification: unknown
 After Classification: positive

S: { astigmatic: undefined, age: young, prescription: undefined, tear_prod: reduced }
 G: { astigmatic: undefined, age: undefined, prescription: undefined, tear_prod: reduced }

Some negative examples consistent with G and positive examples covered by S so nothing changes:

Example: { :astigmatic=>:no, :age=>:young, :prescription=>:hyper, :tear_prod=>:normal } ==> soft
 Prior Classification: negative
 After Classification: negative

S: { astigmatic: undefined, age: young, prescription: undefined, tear_prod: reduced }
 G: { astigmatic: undefined, age: undefined, prescription: undefined, tear_prod: reduced }

Example: { :astigmatic=>:yes, :age=>:young, :prescription=>:hyper, :tear_prod=>:reduced } ==> none
 Prior Classification: positive
 After Classification: positive

S: { astigmatic: undefined, age: young, prescription: undefined, tear_prod: reduced }
 G: { astigmatic: undefined, age: undefined, prescription: undefined, tear_prod: reduced }

Example: { :astigmatic=>:yes, :age=>:young, :prescription=>:hyper, :tear_prod=>:normal } ==> hard
 Prior Classification: negative
 After Classification: negative

S: { astigmatic: undefined, age: young, prescription: undefined, tear_prod: reduced }
 G: { astigmatic: undefined, age: undefined, prescription: undefined, tear_prod: reduced }

A positive example not covered by S so S is made more general. S and G are now converged:

Example: { :astigmatic=>:no, :age=>:middle, :prescription=>:myope, :tear_prod=>:reduced } ==> none
 Prior Classification: unknown
 After Classification: positive

S: { astigmatic: undefined, age: undefined, prescription: undefined, tear_prod: reduced }
 G: { astigmatic: undefined, age: undefined, prescription: undefined, tear_prod: reduced }

Some more negative/consistent and positive/covered examples:

Example: { :astigmatic=>:no, :age=>:middle, :prescription=>:myope, :tear_prod=>:normal } ==> soft
 Prior Classification: negative
 After Classification: negative

S: { astigmatic: undefined, age: undefined, prescription: undefined, tear_prod: reduced }
 G: { astigmatic: undefined, age: undefined, prescription: undefined, tear_prod: reduced }

Example: { :astigmatic=>:yes, :age=>:middle, :prescription=>:myope, :tear_prod=>:reduced } ==> none
 Prior Classification: positive
 After Classification: positive

S: { astigmatic: undefined, age: undefined, prescription: undefined, tear_prod: reduced }
 G: { astigmatic: undefined, age: undefined, prescription: undefined, tear_prod: reduced }

Example: { :astigmatic=>:yes, :age=>:middle, :prescription=>:myope, :tear_prod=>:normal } ==> hard
 Prior Classification: negative
 After Classification: negative

S: { astigmatic: undefined, age: undefined, prescription: undefined, tear_prod: reduced }

G: { astigmatic: undefined, age: undefined, prescription: undefined, tear_prod: reduced }

Example: { :astigmatic=>:no, :age=>:middle, :prescription=>:hyper, :tear_prod=>:reduced } ==> none
Prior Classification: positive
After Classification: positive

S: { astigmatic: undefined, age: undefined, prescription: undefined, tear_prod: reduced }
G: { astigmatic: undefined, age: undefined, prescription: undefined, tear_prod: reduced }

Example: { :astigmatic=>:no, :age=>:middle, :prescription=>:hyper, :tear_prod=>:normal } ==> soft
Prior Classification: negative
After Classification: negative

S: { astigmatic: undefined, age: undefined, prescription: undefined, tear_prod: reduced }
G: { astigmatic: undefined, age: undefined, prescription: undefined, tear_prod: reduced }

Example: { :astigmatic=>:yes, :age=>:middle, :prescription=>:hyper, :tear_prod=>:reduced } ==> none
Prior Classification: positive
After Classification: positive

S: { astigmatic: undefined, age: undefined, prescription: undefined, tear_prod: reduced }
G: { astigmatic: undefined, age: undefined, prescription: undefined, tear_prod: reduced }
Example: { :astigmatic=>:yes, :age=>:middle, :prescription=>:hyper, :tear_prod=>:normal } ==> none

And we hit an inconsistency, a positive examples that is not covered by G or S. To fix this S is made more general and G is blanked out as it was inconsistent with the new S:

Prior Classification: negative
After Classification: positive

S: { astigmatic: undefined, age: undefined, prescription: undefined, tear_prod: undefined }
G:

Example: { :astigmatic=>:no, :age=>:old, :prescription=>:myope, :tear_prod=>:reduced } ==> none
Prior Classification: positive
After Classification: positive

S: { astigmatic: undefined, age: undefined, prescription: undefined, tear_prod: undefined }
G:

Example: { :astigmatic=>:yes, :age=>:old, :prescription=>:myope, :tear_prod=>:reduced } ==> none
Prior Classification: positive
After Classification: positive

S: { astigmatic: undefined, age: undefined, prescription: undefined, tear_prod: undefined }
G:

And another inconsistency, a negative example that is now covered by S. This causes the offending hypothesis to be removed from S making this version space useless. With how the classification is set up this will now simply return negative for all examples:

Example: { :astigmatic=>:yes, :age=>:old, :prescription=>:myope, :tear_prod=>:normal } ==> hard
Prior Classification: positive
After Classification: negative

S:
G:

Example: { :astigmatic=>:no, :age=>:old, :prescription=>:hyper, :tear_prod=>:reduced } ==> none
Prior Classification: negative
After Classification: negative

S:
G:

Example: { :astigmatic=>:no, :age=>:old, :prescription=>:hyper, :tear_prod=>:normal } ==> soft
Prior Classification: negative
After Classification: negative

S:
G:

Example: { :astigmatic=>:yes, :age=>:old, :prescription=>:hyper, :tear_prod=>:reduced } ==> none

Prior Classification: negative
After Classification: negative

S:
G:

Example: { :astigmatic=>:yes, :age=>:old, :prescription=>:hyper, :tear_prod=>:normal } ==> none
Prior Classification: negative
After Classification: negative

S:
G:

2.1.2 Using just 10 examples

Recognising SOFT with just 10 examples

The starting version space:

S: { astigmatic: null, age: null, prescription: null, tear_prod: null }
G: { astigmatic: undefined, age: undefined, prescription: undefined, tear_prod: undefined }

The examples are exactly the same as the first 10 in [Recognising SOFT](#):

Example: { :astigmatic=>:no, :age=>:young, :prescription=>:myope, :tear_prod=>:reduced } ==> none
Prior Classification: unknown
After Classification: negative

S: { astigmatic: null, age: null, prescription: null, tear_prod: null }
G: { astigmatic: yes, age: undefined, prescription: undefined, tear_prod: undefined }
{ astigmatic: undefined, age: middle, prescription: undefined, tear_prod: undefined }
{ astigmatic: undefined, age: old, prescription: undefined, tear_prod: undefined }
{ astigmatic: undefined, age: undefined, prescription: hyper, tear_prod: undefined }
{ astigmatic: undefined, age: undefined, prescription: undefined, tear_prod: normal }

Example: { :astigmatic=>:no, :age=>:young, :prescription=>:myope, :tear_prod=>:normal } ==> soft
Prior Classification: unknown
After Classification: positive

S: { astigmatic: no, age: young, prescription: myope, tear_prod: normal }
G: { astigmatic: undefined, age: undefined, prescription: undefined, tear_prod: normal }

Example: { :astigmatic=>:yes, :age=>:young, :prescription=>:myope, :tear_prod=>:reduced } ==> none
Prior Classification: negative
After Classification: negative

S: { astigmatic: no, age: young, prescription: myope, tear_prod: normal }
G: { astigmatic: undefined, age: undefined, prescription: undefined, tear_prod: normal }

Example: { :astigmatic=>:yes, :age=>:young, :prescription=>:myope, :tear_prod=>:normal } ==> hard
Prior Classification: unknown
After Classification: negative

S: { astigmatic: no, age: young, prescription: myope, tear_prod: normal }
G: { astigmatic: no, age: undefined, prescription: undefined, tear_prod: normal }
{ astigmatic: undefined, age: middle, prescription: undefined, tear_prod: normal }
{ astigmatic: undefined, age: old, prescription: undefined, tear_prod: normal }
{ astigmatic: undefined, age: undefined, prescription: hyper, tear_prod: normal }

Example: { :astigmatic=>:no, :age=>:young, :prescription=>:hyper, :tear_prod=>:reduced } ==> none
Prior Classification: negative
After Classification: negative

S: { astigmatic: no, age: young, prescription: myope, tear_prod: normal }
G: { astigmatic: no, age: undefined, prescription: undefined, tear_prod: normal }
{ astigmatic: undefined, age: middle, prescription: undefined, tear_prod: normal }
{ astigmatic: undefined, age: old, prescription: undefined, tear_prod: normal }
{ astigmatic: undefined, age: undefined, prescription: hyper, tear_prod: normal }

Example: { :astigmatic=>:no, :age=>:young, :prescription=>:hyper, :tear_prod=>:normal } ==> soft
 Prior Classification: unknown
 After Classification: positive

S: { astigmatic: no, age: young, prescription: undefined, tear_prod: normal }
 G:
 { astigmatic: no, age: undefined, prescription: undefined, tear_prod: normal }
 { astigmatic: undefined, age: undefined, prescription: hyper, tear_prod: normal }

Example: { :astigmatic=>:yes, :age=>:young, :prescription=>:hyper, :tear_prod=>:reduced } ==> none
 Prior Classification: negative
 After Classification: negative

S: { astigmatic: no, age: young, prescription: undefined, tear_prod: normal }
 G:
 { astigmatic: no, age: undefined, prescription: undefined, tear_prod: normal }
 { astigmatic: undefined, age: undefined, prescription: hyper, tear_prod: normal }

Example: { :astigmatic=>:yes, :age=>:young, :prescription=>:hyper, :tear_prod=>:normal } ==> hard
 Prior Classification: unknown
 After Classification: negative

S: { astigmatic: no, age: young, prescription: undefined, tear_prod: normal }
 G:
 { astigmatic: no, age: undefined, prescription: undefined, tear_prod: normal }
 { astigmatic: undefined, age: middle, prescription: hyper, tear_prod: normal }
 { astigmatic: undefined, age: old, prescription: hyper, tear_prod: normal }

Example: { :astigmatic=>:no, :age=>:middle, :prescription=>:myope, :tear_prod=>:reduced } ==> none
 Prior Classification: negative
 After Classification: negative

S: { astigmatic: no, age: young, prescription: undefined, tear_prod: normal }
 G:
 { astigmatic: no, age: undefined, prescription: undefined, tear_prod: normal }
 { astigmatic: undefined, age: middle, prescription: hyper, tear_prod: normal }
 { astigmatic: undefined, age: old, prescription: hyper, tear_prod: normal }

Example: { :astigmatic=>:no, :age=>:middle, :prescription=>:myope, :tear_prod=>:normal } ==> soft
 Prior Classification: unknown
 After Classification: positive

S: { astigmatic: no, age: undefined, prescription: undefined, tear_prod: normal }
 G: { astigmatic: no, age: undefined, prescription: undefined, tear_prod: normal }

This version space has ended up converged so any example that is covered by *S/G* will be classified as positive and any that is inconsistent will be negative.

Recognising HARD with just 10 examples

The starting version space:

S: { astigmatic: null, age: null, prescription: null, tear_prod: null }
 G: { astigmatic: undefined, age: undefined, prescription: undefined, tear_prod: undefined }

The examples are exactly the same as the first 10 in [Recognising HARD](#):

Example: { :astigmatic=>:no, :age=>:young, :prescription=>:myope, :tear_prod=>:reduced } ==> none
 Prior Classification: unknown
 After Classification: negative

S: { astigmatic: null, age: null, prescription: null, tear_prod: null }
 G:
 { astigmatic: yes, age: undefined, prescription: undefined, tear_prod: undefined }
 { astigmatic: undefined, age: middle, prescription: undefined, tear_prod: undefined }
 { astigmatic: undefined, age: old, prescription: undefined, tear_prod: undefined }
 { astigmatic: undefined, age: undefined, prescription: hyper, tear_prod: undefined }
 { astigmatic: undefined, age: undefined, prescription: undefined, tear_prod: normal }

Example: { :astigmatic=>:no, :age=>:young, :prescription=>:myope, :tear_prod=>:normal } ==> soft
 Prior Classification: unknown
 After Classification: negative

S: { astigmatic: null, age: null, prescription: null, tear_prod: null }
G: { astigmatic: yes, age: undefined, prescription: undefined, tear_prod: undefined }
{ astigmatic: undefined, age: middle, prescription: undefined, tear_prod: undefined }
{ astigmatic: undefined, age: old, prescription: undefined, tear_prod: undefined }
{ astigmatic: undefined, age: undefined, prescription: hyper, tear_prod: undefined }

Example: { :astigmatic=>:yes, :age=>:young, :prescription=>:myope, :tear_prod=>:reduced } ==> none
Prior Classification: unknown
After Classification: negative

S: { astigmatic: null, age: null, prescription: null, tear_prod: null }
G: { astigmatic: undefined, age: middle, prescription: undefined, tear_prod: undefined }
{ astigmatic: undefined, age: old, prescription: undefined, tear_prod: undefined }
{ astigmatic: undefined, age: undefined, prescription: hyper, tear_prod: undefined }
{ astigmatic: yes, age: undefined, prescription: undefined, tear_prod: normal }

Example: { :astigmatic=>:yes, :age=>:young, :prescription=>:myope, :tear_prod=>:normal } ==> hard
Prior Classification: unknown
After Classification: positive

S: { astigmatic: yes, age: young, prescription: myope, tear_prod: normal }
G: { astigmatic: yes, age: undefined, prescription: undefined, tear_prod: normal }

Example: { :astigmatic=>:no, :age=>:young, :prescription=>:hyper, :tear_prod=>:reduced } ==> none
Prior Classification: negative
After Classification: negative

S: { astigmatic: yes, age: young, prescription: myope, tear_prod: normal }
G: { astigmatic: yes, age: undefined, prescription: undefined, tear_prod: normal }

Example: { :astigmatic=>:no, :age=>:young, :prescription=>:hyper, :tear_prod=>:normal } ==> soft
Prior Classification: negative
After Classification: negative

S: { astigmatic: yes, age: young, prescription: myope, tear_prod: normal }
G: { astigmatic: yes, age: undefined, prescription: undefined, tear_prod: normal }

Example: { :astigmatic=>:yes, :age=>:young, :prescription=>:hyper, :tear_prod=>:reduced } ==> none
Prior Classification: negative
After Classification: negative

S: { astigmatic: yes, age: young, prescription: myope, tear_prod: normal }
G: { astigmatic: yes, age: undefined, prescription: undefined, tear_prod: normal }

Example: { :astigmatic=>:yes, :age=>:young, :prescription=>:hyper, :tear_prod=>:normal } ==> hard
Prior Classification: unknown
After Classification: positive

S: { astigmatic: yes, age: young, prescription: undefined, tear_prod: normal }
G: { astigmatic: yes, age: undefined, prescription: undefined, tear_prod: normal }

Example: { :astigmatic=>:no, :age=>:middle, :prescription=>:myope, :tear_prod=>:reduced } ==> none
Prior Classification: negative
After Classification: negative

S: { astigmatic: yes, age: young, prescription: undefined, tear_prod: normal }
G: { astigmatic: yes, age: undefined, prescription: undefined, tear_prod: normal }

Example: { :astigmatic=>:no, :age=>:middle, :prescription=>:myope, :tear_prod=>:normal } ==> soft
Prior Classification: negative
After Classification: negative

S: { astigmatic: yes, age: young, prescription: undefined, tear_prod: normal }
G: { astigmatic: yes, age: undefined, prescription: undefined, tear_prod: normal }

The final version space is not converged, this means that there are three possible outputs from classification:

positive	If the example is covered by <i>S</i> it is definitely positive.
unknown	If the example is consistent with <i>G</i> but is not covered by <i>S</i> then it is unknown, in this case this is only 4 examples: the ones with astigmatic: yes, age: old or middle, prescription: either and tear_prod: normal. This case is assumed to be a weak positive.
negative	If the example is inconsistent with <i>G</i> then it is negative.

Recognising NONE with just 10 examples

The starting version space:

```
S: { astigmatic: null,      age: null,      prescription: null,      tear_prod: null      }
G: { astigmatic: undefined, age: undefined, prescription: undefined, tear_prod: undefined }
```

The examples are exactly the same as the first 10 in [Recognising NONE](#):

```
Example: { :astigmatic=>:no, :age=>:young, :prescription=>:myope, :tear_prod=>:reduced } ==> none
Prior Classification: unknown
After Classification: positive
```

```
S: { astigmatic: no,      age: young,      prescription: myope,      tear_prod: reduced      }
G: { astigmatic: undefined, age: undefined, prescription: undefined, tear_prod: undefined }
```

```
Example: { :astigmatic=>:no, :age=>:young, :prescription=>:myope, :tear_prod=>:normal } ==> soft
Prior Classification: unknown
After Classification: negative
```

```
S: { astigmatic: no,      age: young,      prescription: myope,      tear_prod: reduced      }
G:
  { astigmatic: yes,      age: undefined, prescription: undefined, tear_prod: undefined }
  { astigmatic: undefined, age: middle,    prescription: undefined, tear_prod: undefined }
  { astigmatic: undefined, age: old,        prescription: undefined, tear_prod: undefined }
  { astigmatic: undefined, age: undefined, prescription: hyper,      tear_prod: undefined }
  { astigmatic: undefined, age: undefined, prescription: undefined, tear_prod: reduced }
```

```
Example: { :astigmatic=>:yes, :age=>:young, :prescription=>:myope, :tear_prod=>:reduced } ==> none
Prior Classification: unknown
After Classification: positive
```

```
S: { astigmatic: undefined, age: young,      prescription: myope,      tear_prod: reduced      }
G:
  { astigmatic: yes,      age: undefined, prescription: undefined, tear_prod: undefined }
  { astigmatic: undefined, age: undefined, prescription: undefined, tear_prod: reduced }
```

```
Example: { :astigmatic=>:yes, :age=>:young, :prescription=>:myope, :tear_prod=>:normal } ==> hard
Prior Classification: unknown
After Classification: negative
```

```
S: { astigmatic: undefined, age: young,      prescription: myope,      tear_prod: reduced      }
G:
  { astigmatic: undefined, age: undefined, prescription: undefined, tear_prod: reduced }
  { astigmatic: yes,      age: middle,    prescription: undefined, tear_prod: undefined }
  { astigmatic: yes,      age: old,        prescription: undefined, tear_prod: undefined }
  { astigmatic: yes,      age: undefined, prescription: hyper,      tear_prod: undefined }
```

```
Example: { :astigmatic=>:no, :age=>:young, :prescription=>:hyper, :tear_prod=>:reduced } ==> none
Prior Classification: unknown
After Classification: positive
```

```
S: { astigmatic: undefined, age: young,      prescription: undefined, tear_prod: reduced      }
G: { astigmatic: undefined, age: undefined, prescription: undefined, tear_prod: reduced }
```

```
Example: { :astigmatic=>:no, :age=>:young, :prescription=>:hyper, :tear_prod=>:normal } ==> soft
Prior Classification: negative
After Classification: negative
```

```
S: { astigmatic: undefined, age: young,      prescription: undefined, tear_prod: reduced      }
G: { astigmatic: undefined, age: undefined, prescription: undefined, tear_prod: reduced }
```

Example: { :astigmatic=>:yes, :age=>:young, :prescription=>:hyper, :tear_prod=>:reduced } ==> none
 Prior Classification: positive
 After Classification: positive

S: { astigmatic: undefined, age: young, prescription: undefined, tear_prod: reduced }
 G: { astigmatic: undefined, age: undefined, prescription: undefined, tear_prod: reduced }

Example: { :astigmatic=>:yes, :age=>:young, :prescription=>:hyper, :tear_prod=>:normal } ==> hard
 Prior Classification: negative
 After Classification: negative

S: { astigmatic: undefined, age: young, prescription: undefined, tear_prod: reduced }
 G: { astigmatic: undefined, age: undefined, prescription: undefined, tear_prod: reduced }

Example: { :astigmatic=>:no, :age=>:middle, :prescription=>:myope, :tear_prod=>:reduced } ==> none
 Prior Classification: unknown
 After Classification: positive

S: { astigmatic: undefined, age: undefined, prescription: undefined, tear_prod: reduced }
 G: { astigmatic: undefined, age: undefined, prescription: undefined, tear_prod: reduced }

Example: { :astigmatic=>:no, :age=>:middle, :prescription=>:myope, :tear_prod=>:normal } ==> soft
 Prior Classification: negative
 After Classification: negative

S: { astigmatic: undefined, age: undefined, prescription: undefined, tear_prod: reduced }
 G: { astigmatic: undefined, age: undefined, prescription: undefined, tear_prod: reduced }

This version space has ended up converged so any example that is covered by *S/G* will be classified as positive and any that is inconsistent will be negative.

2.2 Classifying

2.2.1 The Version Spaces

Two are converged (soft, none) while hard isn't:

For case: soft, Version space is:
 S: { astigmatic: no, age: undefined, prescription: undefined, tear_prod: normal }
 G: { astigmatic: no, age: undefined, prescription: undefined, tear_prod: normal }
 =====
 For case: none, Version space is:
 S: { astigmatic: undefined, age: undefined, prescription: undefined, tear_prod: reduced }
 G: { astigmatic: undefined, age: undefined, prescription: undefined, tear_prod: reduced }
 =====
 For case: hard, Version space is:
 S: { astigmatic: yes, age: young, prescription: undefined, tear_prod: normal }
 G: { astigmatic: yes, age: undefined, prescription: undefined, tear_prod: normal }

2.2.2 The Classifications

The first example is correctly classified as none as that is the only version space that returned positive:

For Example: { :astigmatic=>:yes, :age=>:middle, :prescription=>:myope, :tear_prod=>:reduced }
 ==> none
 soft (conv) classifies as: negative
 none (conv) classifies as: positive
 hard (unco) classifies as: negative
 Class: none

The second example is classified as don't know because only the unconverged version space returned positive:

For Example: { :astigmatic=>:yes, :age=>:middle, :prescription=>:myope, :tear_prod=>:normal }
 ==> hard
 soft (conv) classifies as: negative
 none (conv) classifies as: negative
 hard (unco) classifies as: unknown
 Class: don't know

The third example is correctly classified as only the none version space returned positive:

```

For Example: {:astigmatic=>:no, :age=>:middle, :prescription=>:hyper, :tear_prod=>:reduced}
=> none
soft (conv) classifies as: negative
none (conv) classifies as: positive
hard (unco) classifies as: negative
Class: none

```

The fourth example is correctly classified as only the soft version space returned positive:

```

For Example: {:astigmatic=>:no, :age=>:middle, :prescription=>:hyper, :tear_prod=>:normal}
=> soft
soft (conv) classifies as: positive
none (conv) classifies as: negative
hard (unco) classifies as: negative
Class: soft

```

The fifth example is correctly classified as only the none version space returned positive:

```

For Example: {:astigmatic=>:yes, :age=>:middle, :prescription=>:hyper, :tear_prod=>:reduced}
=> none
soft (conv) classifies as: negative
none (conv) classifies as: positive
hard (unco) classifies as: negative
Class: none

```

The sixth example is classified as don't know as only the hard version space returned positive (unknown is a weak positive):

```

For Example: {:astigmatic=>:yes, :age=>:middle, :prescription=>:hyper, :tear_prod=>:normal}
=> none
soft (conv) classifies as: negative
none (conv) classifies as: negative
hard (unco) classifies as: unknown
Class: don't know

```

The seventh example is correctly classified as only the none version space returned positive:

```

For Example: {:astigmatic=>:no, :age=>:old, :prescription=>:myope, :tear_prod=>:reduced}
=> none
soft (conv) classifies as: negative
none (conv) classifies as: positive
hard (unco) classifies as: negative
Class: none

```

The eighth example is correctly classified as only the none version space returned positive:

```

For Example: {:astigmatic=>:yes, :age=>:old, :prescription=>:myope, :tear_prod=>:reduced}
=> none
soft (conv) classifies as: negative
none (conv) classifies as: positive
hard (unco) classifies as: negative
Class: none

```

The ninth example is classified as don't know as only the non converged version space classified it:

```

For Example: {:astigmatic=>:yes, :age=>:old, :prescription=>:myope, :tear_prod=>:normal}
=> hard
soft (conv) classifies as: negative
none (conv) classifies as: negative
hard (unco) classifies as: unknown
Class: don't know

```

The tenth example is classified correctly since only the none version space returned positive:

```

For Example: {:astigmatic=>:no, :age=>:old, :prescription=>:hyper, :tear_prod=>:reduced}
=> none
soft (conv) classifies as: negative
none (conv) classifies as: positive
hard (unco) classifies as: negative
Class: none

```

The eleventh example is classified correctly as only the soft version space returned positive:

```

For Example: {:astigmatic=>:no, :age=>:old, :prescription=>:hyper, :tear_prod=>:normal}
=> soft
soft (conv) classifies as: positive

```

```
none (conv) classifies as: negative
hard (unco) classifies as: negative
Class: soft
```

The twelfth example is classified correctly as only the none version space returned positive:

```
For Example: {:astigmatic=>:yes, :age=>:old, :prescription=>:hyper, :tear_prod=>:reduced}
=> none
soft (conv) classifies as: negative
none (conv) classifies as: positive
hard (unco) classifies as: negative
Class: none
```

The thirteenth example is classified as don't know as only the hard version space returned positive:

```
For Example: {:astigmatic=>:yes, :age=>:old, :prescription=>:hyper, :tear_prod=>:normal}
=> none
soft (conv) classifies as: negative
none (conv) classifies as: negative
hard (unco) classifies as: unknown
Class: don't know
```

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Conclusion
