

CE1 Decision Tree Analysis Report

1. Introduction

This report presents an analysis of decision trees trained and evaluated for predicting the target variable (GOOD_BAD). Three key questions were addressed:

- **Q1:** Model evaluation using GOOD as the target event.
- **Q2:** Model evaluation using BAD as the target event.
- **Q3:** Modified evaluation using Precision and Recall.

All decision trees were trained using both **Entropy (en_3, en_6)** and **Gini (gini_3, gini_6)** criteria with max_depth=3 and varying min_samples_leaf values (3% and 6%).

2. Evaluation Approach

2.1 Performance Measures Table

Measure	Description	Definition of Value Function	Weight	Threshold
Accuracy	Measures correct classifications	accuracy_score(y_test, y_pred)	0.60 (Q1), 0.30 (Q2)	> 0.70 (Q1), > 0.65 (Q2)
Lift	Measures model effectiveness in ranking positive cases	Measured @ 2nd Decile	0.10 (Q1), 0.30 (Q2)	> 0
Precision	Measures fraction of correctly classified positives	precision_score(y_test, y_pred)	0.40 (Q3)	> 0.50
Recall	Measures ability to find all positives	recall_score(y_test, y_pred)	0.30 (Q3)	> 0.35
Simplicity	Ideal leaf size (5-8)	Cutoff: <=2 or >=13	0.20 (Q1), 0.30 (Q2), 0.15 (Q3)	> 0
Stability	Measures response rate stability at 2nd decile	lift_table['resp_rate']check	0.10 (Q1), 0.10 (Q2), 0.15 (Q3)	> 0

3. Summary of Results

3.1 Q1 & Q2 Evaluation (Accuracy-Based)

Model	Accuracy	Lift @ 2nd Decile	Simplicity Score	Stability Score
en_3	0.74	1.190	1	1
en_6	0.74	1.214	1	1
gini_3	0.74	1.190	1	1
gini_6	0.74	1.214	1	1

Best Model (Q1 & Q2): en_6 (Entropy, min_samples_leaf=6%) due to highest Lift.

3.2 Q3 Evaluation (Precision & Recall-Based)

Model	Precision	Recall
en_3	0.779661	0.87619
en_6	0.757812	0.92381
gini_3	0.779661	0.87619
gini_6	0.757812	0.92381

Best Model (Q3): en_3 (Entropy, min_samples_leaf=3%) due to higher Precision.

4. Description of Best Decision Tree

4.1 Best DT for Q1 & Q2 (en_6)

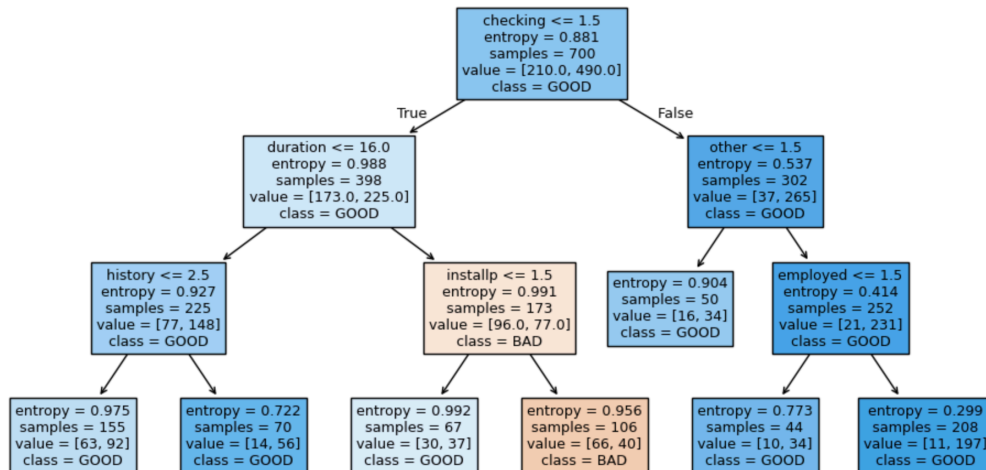
Justification-

- The tree structure for en_6 shows the most influential features and classification rules.
- Selected due to **higher Lift @ 2nd Decile (1.214)**.
- Maintains stability and interpretability (depth = 3).

Visualization of Decision Tree for en_6 from notebook-



Decision Tree Visualization: en_6



4.2 Best DT for Q3 (en_3)

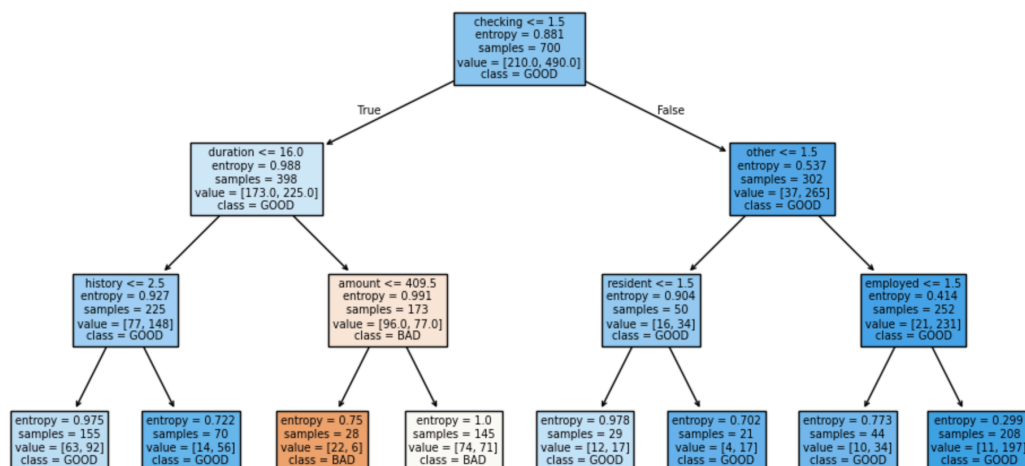
Justification-

- The tree structure for en_3 was chosen due to its superior **Precision (0.779661)**.
- Balances **Precision-Recall tradeoff**, minimizing false positives.
- Ensures Stability @ 2nd Decile.

Visualization of Decision Tree for en_3 from notebook-



Final Decision Tree (Q3 - en_3)



5. Evidence of Experimentation

Confusion Matrix for en_3-

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⇒ Confusion Matrix for en_3
Predicted  0    1  All
Actual
0          38   52   90
1          26  184  210
All        64  236  300
```

Confusion Matrix for en_6

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Confusion Matrix for en_6
Predicted  0    1  All
Actual
0          28   62   90
1          16  194  210
All        44  256  300
```

Confusion Matrix for gini_3

```
Confusion Matrix for gini_3
Predicted  0    1  All
Actual
0          38   52   90
1          26  184  210
All        64  236  300
```

Confusion Matrix for Gini_6

```
Confusion Matrix for gini_6
Predicted  0    1  All
Actual
0          28   62   90
1          16  194  210
All        44  256  300
```

Final Performance Table for Q1 & Q2 from notebook-

	Accuracy	Lift @ 2nd Decile	Simplicity Score	Stability Score
en_3	0.74	1.190	1	1
en_6	0.74	1.214	1	1
gini_3	0.74	1.190	1	1
gini_6	0.74	1.214	1	1

Final Performance Table for Q3 from notebook-

	Precision	Recall
en_3	0.779661	0.87619
en_6	0.757812	0.92381
gini_3	0.779661	0.87619
gini_6	0.757812	0.92381

6. Conclusion

1. **Q1 & Q2 Best Model:** en_6 (Entropy, min_samples_leaf=6%) due to its higher **Lift @ 2nd Decile**.
2. **Q3 Best Model:** en_3 (Entropy, min_samples_leaf=3%) due to its superior **Precision-Recall balance**.
3. **Final Model Recommendation:**
 - If priority is **Lift & Stability** → Use en_6.
 - If priority is **Precision & Recall** → Use en_3.

7. Link to Google Colab- https://colab.research.google.com/drive/11nV-RRB6J_fP1qRp_eENmLf_LJR6EiOi?usp=sharing