

INTRODUCTION TO MACHINE LEARNING

Project:- Decision Tree Grafting

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DECISION TREE GRAFTING

- Adds nodes to inferred decision tree as a post-process.
- It tries to increase the prediction accuracy.
- It uses global information.
- The important algorithms implementing this idea are C4.5x and C4.5+.
- It finds the best suited cuts of existing leaf regions and branches out to create new leaves with other classifications than the original.

ALGORITHM AND ITS APPLICATION

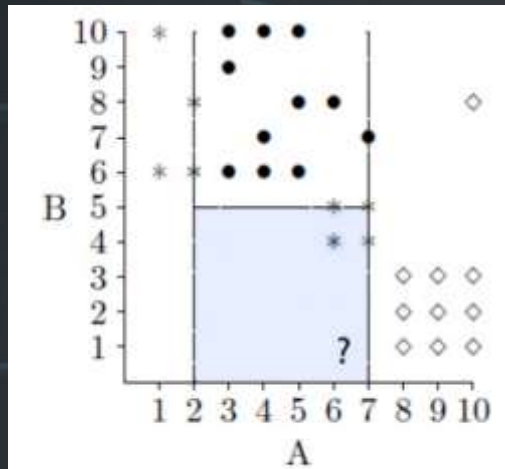


Figure 1. Instance space before grafting: Objects are classified as * in the blue region. The black dot in the blue region has been misclassified.

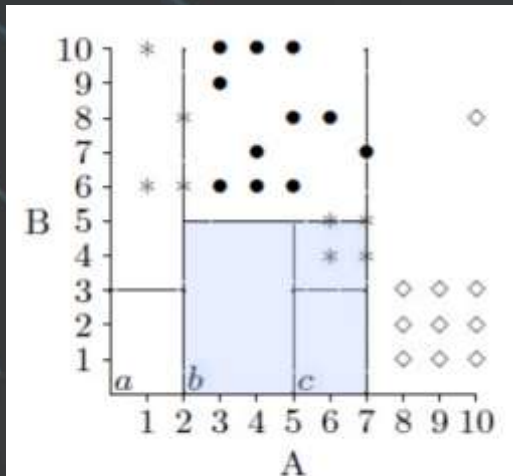


Figure 2. Instance space after grafting: Three new spaces have been added with new classifications.

- To which class the “?” belongs in the figure 1 ?
- **Application and advantage**
- It will increase the complexity of the tree, but most significantly reduce the prediction error of the tree.
- The main moto of the Webb’s grafting research was to examine the effect of complexity on prediction accuracy.