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Consider a problem statement as follows:

In order to serve mobile users efficiently, a mobile service provider wants to know the type of his customers in order to reach out to them better.

Can you help the mobile service provider??

Hint: Consider the title of the slide as a constraint!!!

Basically, as Computer Science Engineers, we could provide this Service provider with a system that classifies the Mobile User Dataset.





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For Mobile Users classification, authors have found it different from General User Classification because:

- 1. Other than general attributes, context information providing attributes are considered.
- 2. Not all attributes contribute equally towards the classification.

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So, a dataset is provided by the mobile service provider to you.

You will undergo the following steps:

- 1. Preprocessing
- 2. Rule generation from Decision Trees
- 3. Optimization of the Rules by Genetic Algorithm
- 4. Test the Optimized Rules



Architecture of the DT Classifier



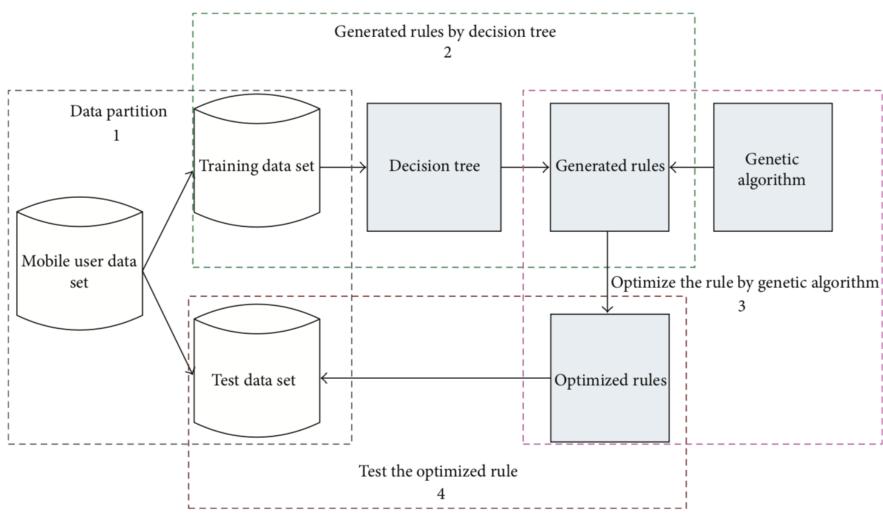


Fig Courtesy: [1] Liu DS, Fan SJ. A modified decision tree algorithm based on genetic algorithm for mobile user classification problem. The Scientific World Journal. 2014;2014

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Entropy, Gain Ratio and Split Information is used to find the most appropriate tree.

$$I\left(s_{1}, s_{2}, \dots, s_{m}\right) = -\sum_{i=1}^{m} p_{i} \log_{2}\left(p_{i}\right),$$

$$E\left(A\right) = \sum_{i=1}^{\nu} \frac{\left(s_{1j} + s_{2j} + \dots + s_{mj}\right)}{s} I\left(s_{1j}, s_{2j}, \dots, s_{mj}\right).$$

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$$Split_info\left(A\right) = \sum_{j=1}^{\nu} \left|\frac{s_{j}}{s}\right| \log_{2}\left(\left|\frac{s_{j}}{s}\right|\right),$$

$$gain_ration(A) = \frac{Gain\left(A\right)}{Split_info(A)}.$$



Coding for the Rule

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- Each chromosome represents a classification rule.
- > Some chromosomes will become the solution of problem.
- > The final rule set will be sorted by the quality of the rule.
- When the rule set recognizes a new sample, the best rule will be considered firstly; if the best rule cannot recognize the sample, then we can choose the next rule.
 (Rule based ordering......Remember!!!!)
- ➤ If the rule in the rule set cannot recognize the sample either, the sample will be classified as default class.

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