

## Feedback — Homework 3

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### Question 1

#### Decision Tree

Impurity functions play an important role in decision tree branching. For binary classification problems, let  $\mu_+$  be the fraction of positive examples in a data subset, and  $\mu_- = 1 - \mu_+$  be the fraction of negative examples in the data subset.

The Gini index is  $1 - \mu_+^2 - \mu_-^2$ . What is the maximum value of the Gini index among all  $\mu_+ \in [0, 1]$ ?

Your Answer	Score	Explanation
<input type="radio"/> 1		
<input type="radio"/> 0.25		
<input type="radio"/> 0		
<input checked="" type="radio"/> 0.5	✓ 20.00	
<input type="radio"/> 0.75		
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### Question 2

Following Question 1, there are four possible impurity functions below. We can normalize each impurity function by dividing it with its maximum value among all  $\mu_+ \in [0, 1]$ . For instance, the classification error is simply  $\min(\mu_+, \mu_-)$  and its maximum value is 0.5. So the normalized classification error is  $2 \min(\mu_+, \mu_-)$ . After normalization, which of the following impurity function is equivalent to the normalized Gini index?

Your Answer	Score	Explanation
<input type="radio"/> the entropy, which is $-\mu_+ \ln \mu_+ - \mu_- \ln \mu_-$ , with		

$$0 \log 0 \equiv 0.$$

- ☒ the squared regression error (used for branching in classification data sets), which is by definition  $\mu_+(1 - (\mu_+ - \mu_-))^2 + \mu_-(-1 - (\mu_+ - \mu_-))^2$ . ✓ 20.00
- ☐ the closeness, which is  $1 - |\mu_+ - \mu_-|$
- ☐ none of the other choices
- ☐ the classification error  $\min(\mu_+, \mu_-)$ .

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## Question 3

### Random Forest

If bootstrapping is used to sample  $N' = pN$  examples out of  $N$  examples and  $N$  is very large. Approximately how many of the  $N$  examples will not be sampled at all?

Your Answer	Score	Explanation
<input type="radio"/> $(1 - e^{-1/p}) \cdot N$		
<input type="radio"/> $e^{-1/p} \cdot N$		
<input type="radio"/> $e^{-1} \cdot N$		
<input checked="" type="radio"/> $e^{-p} \cdot N$	✓ 20.00	
<input type="radio"/> $(1 - e^{-p}) \cdot N$		
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## Question 4

Consider a Random Forest  $G$  that consists of three binary classification trees  $\{g_k\}_{k=1}^3$ , where each tree is of test 0/1 error  $E_{\text{out}}(g_1) = 0.1$ ,  $E_{\text{out}}(g_2) = 0.2$ ,  $E_{\text{out}}(g_3) = 0.3$ . Which of the following is the exact possible range of  $E_{\text{out}}(G)$ ?

Your Answer	Score	Explanation
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☒  $0 \leq E_{\text{out}}(G) \leq 0.3$  ✓ 20.00

☐  $0.1 \leq E_{\text{out}}(G) \leq 0.3$

☐  $0.2 \leq E_{\text{out}}(G) \leq 0.3$

☐  $0.1 \leq E_{\text{out}}(G) \leq 0.6$

☐  $0 \leq E_{\text{out}}(G) \leq 0.1$

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## Question 5

Consider a Random Forest  $G$  that consists of  $K$  binary classification trees  $\{g_k\}_{k=1}^K$ , where  $K$  is an odd integer. Each  $g_k$  is of test 0/1 error  $E_{\text{out}}(g_k) = e_k$ . Which of the following is an upper bound of  $E_{\text{out}}(G)$ ?

Your Answer	Score	Explanation
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☒  $\frac{2}{K+1} \sum_{k=1}^K e_k$  ✓ 20.00

☐  $\frac{1}{K+1} \sum_{k=1}^K e_k$

☐  $\max_{1 \leq k \leq K} e_k$

☐  $\frac{1}{K} \sum_{k=1}^K e_k$

☐  $\min_{1 \leq k \leq K} e_k$

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## Question 6

### Gradient Boosting

Let  $\epsilon_t$  be the weighted 0/1 error of each  $g_t$  as described in the AdaBoost algorithm (Lecture 208), and  $U_t = \sum_{n=1}^N u_n^{(t)}$  be the total example weight during AdaBoost. Which of the following equation expresses  $U_{T+1}$  by  $\epsilon_t$ ?

Your Answer	Score	Explanation
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☐  $\prod_{t=1}^T (2\sqrt{\epsilon_t(1 - \epsilon_t)})$

☐  $\sum_{t=1}^T \epsilon_t$

☐  $\sum_{t=1}^T (2\sqrt{\epsilon_t(1-\epsilon_t)})$

☒  $\prod_{t=1}^T \epsilon_t$  ✗ -5.00

☐ none of the other choices

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## Question 7

For the gradient boosted decision tree, if a tree with only one constant node is returned as  $g_1$ , and if  $g_1(\mathbf{x}) = 2$ , then after the first iteration, all  $s_n$  is updated from 0 to a new constant  $\alpha_1 g_1(\mathbf{x}_n)$ . What is  $s_n$ ?

Your Answer

Score

Explanation

☐ none of the other choices

☐  $\min_{1 \leq n \leq N} y_n$

☐ 2

☐  $\max_{1 \leq n \leq N} y_n$

☒  $\frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N y_n$  ✓ 20.00

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## Question 8

For the gradient boosted decision tree, after updating all  $s_n$  in iteration  $t$  using the steepest  $\eta$  as  $\alpha_t$ , what is the value of  $\sum_{n=1}^N s_n g_t(\mathbf{x}_n)$ ?

Your Answer

Score

Explanation

☐ 0

☐  $\sum_{n=1}^N y_n s_n$

☒  $\sum_{n=1}^N y_n g_t(\mathbf{x}_n)$  ✓ 20.00

☐  $\sum_{n=1}^N y_n^2$

☐ none of the other choices

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## Question 9

### Neural Network

Consider Neural Network with  $\text{sign}(s)$  instead of  $\tanh(s)$  as the transformation functions. That is, consider Multi-Layer Perceptrons. In addition, we will take  $+1$  to mean logic TRUE, and  $-1$  to mean logic FALSE. Assume that all  $x_i$  below are either  $+1$  or  $-1$ . Which of the following perceptron

$$g_A(\mathbf{x}) = \text{sign}\left(\sum_{i=0}^d w_i x_i\right).$$

implements

$$\text{OR}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_d).$$

Your Answer	Score	Explanation
<input type="radio"/> $(w_0, w_1, w_2, \dots, w_d) = (-d + 1, -1, -1, \dots, -1)$		
<input type="radio"/> $(w_0, w_1, w_2, \dots, w_d) = (-d + 1, +1, +1, \dots, +1)$		
<input checked="" type="radio"/> $(w_0, w_1, w_2, \dots, w_d) = (d - 1, +1, +1, \dots, +1)$	✓ 20.00	
<input type="radio"/> none of the other choices		
<input type="radio"/> $(w_0, w_1, w_2, \dots, w_d) = (d - 1, -1, -1, \dots, -1)$		
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## Question 10

Continuing from Question 9, among the following choices of  $D$ , which  $D$  is the smallest for some 5- $D$ -1 Neural Network to implement  $\text{XOR}(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5)$ ?

Your Answer	Score	Explanation
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☐ 9☐ 7☐ 5☒ 3

-5.00

☐ 1

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## Question 11

For a Neural Network with at least one hidden layer and  $\tanh(s)$  as the transformation functions on all neurons (including the output neuron), what is true about the gradient components (with respect to the weights) when all the initial weights  $w_{ij}^{(\ell)}$  are set to 0?

Your Answer

Score

Explanation

☐ none of the other choices☐ only the gradient components with respect to  $w_{01}^{(L)}$  may be non-zero, all other gradient components must be zero☐ only the gradient components with respect to  $w_{0j}^{(\ell)}$  for  $j > 0$  may non-zero, all other gradient components must be zero☐ all the gradient components are zero☒ only the gradient components with respect to  $w_{j1}^{(L)}$  for  $j > 0$  may be non-zero, all other gradient components must be zero

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## Question 12

For a Neural Network with one hidden layer and  $\tanh(s)$  as the transformation functions on all neurons (including the output neuron), what is always true about the backprop algorithm when all the initial weights  $w_{ij}^{(\ell)}$  are set to 1?

Your Answer	Score	Explanation
<input type="radio"/> none of the other choices		
<input type="radio"/> $w_{ij}^{(1)} = w_{(i+1)j}^{(1)}$ for $1 \leq i < d^{(0)} - 1$ and all $j$		
<input type="radio"/> all $w_{j1}^{(2)}$ for $j > 0$ are different		
<input type="radio"/> the gradient components with respect to all $w_{ij}^{(\ell)}$ are zero		
<input checked="" type="radio"/> $w_{ij}^{(1)} = w_{i(j+1)}^{(1)}$ for all $i$ and $1 \leq j < d^{(1)} - 1$	✓ 20.00	
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## Question 13

### Experiments with Decision Tree

Implement the simple C&RT algorithm without pruning using the Gini index as the impurity measure as introduced in the class. For the decision stump used in branching, if you are branching with feature  $i$  and direction  $s$ , please sort all the  $x_{n,i}$  values to form (at most)  $N + 1$  segments of equivalent  $\theta$ , and then pick  $\theta$  within the median of the segment. Run the algorithm on the following set for training:

[hw3\\_train.dat](#)

and the following set for testing:

[hw3\\_test.dat](#)

How many internal nodes (branching functions) are there in the resulting tree  $G$ ?

Your Answer	Score	Explanation
<input type="radio"/> 12		
<input type="radio"/> 10		
<input type="radio"/> 6		
<input checked="" type="radio"/> 8	✗ -5.00	
<input type="radio"/> 14		
Total	-5.00 / 20.00	

## Question 14

Continuing from Question 13, which of the following is closest to the  $E_{\text{in}}$  (evaluated with 0/1 error) of the tree?

Your Answer	Score	Explanation
<input type="radio"/> 0.3		
<input type="radio"/> 0.1		
<input checked="" type="radio"/> 0.0	✓ 20.00	
<input type="radio"/> 0.4		
<input type="radio"/> 0.2		
Total	20.00 / 20.00	

## Question 15

Continuing from Question 13, which of the following is closest to the  $E_{\text{out}}$  (evaluated with 0/1 error) of the tree?

Your Answer	Score	Explanation
<input type="radio"/> 0.05		
<input type="radio"/> 0.25		
<input type="radio"/> 0.35		
<input checked="" type="radio"/> 0.15	✓ 20.00	
<input type="radio"/> 0.00		
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## Question 16

Now implement the Bagging algorithm with  $N' = N$  and couple it with your decision tree above to make a preliminary random forest  $G_{RS}$ . Produce  $T = 300$  trees with bagging. Repeat the



experiment for 100 times and compute average  $E_{\text{in}}$  and  $E_{\text{out}}$  using the 0/1 error.

Which of the following is true about the average  $E_{\text{in}}(g_t)$  for all the 30000 trees that you have generated?

Your Answer	Score	Explanation
<input type="radio"/> $0.09 \leq \text{average } E_{\text{in}}(g_t) < 0.12$		
<input checked="" type="radio"/> $0.03 \leq \text{average } E_{\text{in}}(g_t) < 0.06$	✓ 20.00	
<input type="radio"/> $0.12 \leq \text{average } E_{\text{in}}(g_t) < 0.50$		
<input type="radio"/> $0.00 \leq \text{average } E_{\text{in}}(g_t) < 0.03$		
<input type="radio"/> $0.06 \leq \text{average } E_{\text{in}}(g_t) < 0.09$		
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## Question 17

Continuing from Question 16, which of the following is true about the average  $E_{\text{in}}(G_{RF})$ ?

Your Answer	Score	Explanation
<input type="radio"/> $0.12 \leq \text{average } E_{\text{in}}(G_{RF}) < 0.50$		
<input checked="" type="radio"/> $0.00 \leq \text{average } E_{\text{in}}(G_{RF}) < 0.03$	✓ 20.00	
<input type="radio"/> $0.03 \leq \text{average } E_{\text{in}}(G_{RF}) < 0.06$		
<input type="radio"/> $0.06 \leq \text{average } E_{\text{in}}(G_{RF}) < 0.09$		
<input type="radio"/> $0.09 \leq \text{average } E_{\text{in}}(G_{RF}) < 0.12$		
Total	20.00 / 20.00	

## Question 18

Continuing from Question 16, which of the following is true about the average  $E_{\text{out}}(G_{RF})$ ?

Your Answer	Score	Explanation
<input type="radio"/> $0.03 \leq \text{average } E_{\text{out}}(G_{RF}) < 0.06$		

☒  $0.06 \leq \text{average } E_{\text{out}}(G_{RF}) < 0.09$  ✓ 20.00

☐  $0.00 \leq \text{average } E_{\text{out}}(G_{RF}) < 0.03$

☐  $0.09 \leq \text{average } E_{\text{out}}(G_{RF}) < 0.12$

☐  $0.12 \leq \text{average } E_{\text{out}}(G_{RF}) < 0.50$

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## Question 19

Now, 'prune' your decision tree algorithm by restricting it to have one branch only. That is, the tree is simply a decision stump determined by Gini index. Make a random 'forest'  $G_{RS}$  with those decision stumps with Bagging like Questions 16-18 with  $T = 300$ . Repeat the experiment for 100 times and compute average  $E_{\text{in}}$  and  $E_{\text{out}}$  using the 0/1 error.

Which of the following is true about the average  $E_{\text{in}}(G_{RS})$ ?

**Your Answer**

**Score**

**Explanation**

☒  $0.09 \leq \text{average } E_{\text{in}}(G_{RS}) < 0.12$  ✓ 20.00

☐  $0.06 \leq \text{average } E_{\text{in}}(G_{RS}) < 0.09$

☐  $0.03 \leq \text{average } E_{\text{in}}(G_{RS}) < 0.06$

☐  $0.12 \leq \text{average } E_{\text{in}}(G_{RS}) < 0.50$

☐  $0.00 \leq \text{average } E_{\text{in}}(G_{RS}) < 0.03$

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## Question 20

Continuing from Question 19, which of the following is true about the average  $E_{\text{out}}(G_{RS})$ ?

**Your Answer**

**Score**

**Explanation**

☐  $0.06 \leq \text{average } E_{\text{out}}(G_{RS}) < 0.09$

☐  $0.09 \leq \text{average } E_{\text{out}}(G_{RS}) < 0.12$

☐  $0.03 \leq \text{average } E_{\text{out}}(G_{RS}) < 0.06$

☐  $0.00 \leq \text{average } E_{\text{out}}(G_{RS}) < 0.03$

<input checked="" type="radio"/> $0.12 \leq \text{average } E_{\text{out}}(G_{RS}) < 0.50$	✓	20.00
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