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Chapter 1

Introduction

This is where we put an introduction. In addition to the assignment requirements, we explore and discuss methods of analysing categorical data.

Chapter 2

Background

2.1 Data Set

The data set used for this assignment is the Mushroom Data Set.[2] It is based on records from The Audubon Society Field Guide to North American Mushrooms. The samples are from 23 species of the Agaricus and Lepiota Family. Each sample has 22 attributes and is classified as either poisonous or edible. The attributes are as follows:

1. cap-shape	bell=b, conical=c, convex=x, flat=f, knobbed=k, sunken=s
2. cap-surface	fibrous=f, grooves=g, scaly=y, smooth=s
3. cap-colour	brown=n, buff=b, cinnamon=c, gray=g, green=r, pink=p, purple=u, red=e, white=w, yellow=y
4. bruises?	bruises=t, no=f
5. odor	almond=a, anise=l, creosote=c, fishy=y, foul=f, musty=m, none=n, pungent=p, spicy=s
6. gill-attachment	attached=a, descending=d, free=f, notched=n
7. gill-spacing	close=c, crowded=w, distant=d
8. gill-size	broad=b, narrow=n
9. gill-colour	black=k, brown=n, buff=b, chocolate=h, gray=g, green=r, orange=o, pink=p, purple=u, red=e, white=w, yellow=y
10. stalk-shape	enlarging=e, tapering=t
11. stalk-root	bulbous=b, club=c, cup=u, equal=e, rhizomorphs=z, rooted=r, missing=?
12. stalk-surface-above-ring	fibrous=f, scaly=y, silky=k, smooth=s
13. stalk-surface-below-ring	fibrous=f, scaly=y, silky=k, smooth=s
14. stalk-colour-above-ring	brown=n, buff=b, cinnamon=c, gray=g, orange=o, pink=p, red=e, white=w, yellow=y
15. stalk-colour-below-ring	brown=n, buff=b, cinnamon=c, gray=g, orange=o, pink=p, red=e, white=w, yellow=y
16. veil-type	partial=p, universal=u
17. veil-colour	brown=n, orange=o, white=w, yellow=y
18. ring-number	none=n, one=o, two=t
19. ring-type	cobwebby=c, evanescent=e, flaring=f, large=l, none=n, pendant=p, sheathing=s, z one=z
20. spore-print-colour	black=k, brown=n, buff=b, chocolate=h, green=r, orange=o, purple=u, white=w, yellow=y
21. population	abundant=a, clustered=c, numerous=n, scattered=s, several=v, solitary=y
22. habitat	grasses=g, leaves=l, meadows=m, paths=p, urban=u, waste=w, woods=d

Table 2.1: Legend of attributes and symbols

The Field Guide apparently (it is not free) states that there is no simple rule for determining whether a mushroom from one of these families is edible or not.

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