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**ASSIGNMENT 1: DECISION TREE  
CONSTRUCTION PYTHON**

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## 1. Introduction

This study involves building and analyzing a decision tree using a classification dataset. The main objective is to develop a program capable of predicting outcomes based on input data. The implementation should support the creation of decision trees that vary in size and attribute configuration.

## 2. Tested Dataset Descriptions

### Weather Dataset

Filename: weather.csv

Number of records: 14

Features:

- outlook: (overcast, rainy, sunny)
- temperature: (cool, mild, hot)
- humidity: (normal, high)
- windy: (TRUE, FALSE)

Target label: play (yes, no)

### Contact Lenses Dataset

Filename: contact\_lenses.csv

Number of records: 24

Features:

- age: (young, pre-presbyopic, presbyopic)
- spectacle-prescrip: (hypermetrope, myope)
- astigmatism: (yes, no)
- tear-prod-rate: (normal, reduced)

Target label: contact-lenses (hard, none, soft)

### Breast Cancer Dataset

Filename: breast\_cancer.csv

Number of records: 277

Features:

- age: (20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70-79)
- menopause: (ge40, lt40, premeno)

- tumor-size: (0-4, 10-14, 15-19, 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54)
- inv-nodes: (0-2, 12-14, 15-17, 24-26, 3-5, 6-8, 9-11)
- node-caps: (yes, no)
- deg-malig: (1, 2, 3)
- breast: (right, left)
- breast-quad: (central, left\_low, left\_up, right\_low, right\_up)
- irradiat: (yes, no)

Target label: Class (no-recurrence-events, recurrence-events)

### 3. Decision Tree Construction

Weather dataset is used as an example.

#### Entropy Formula

Entropy is calculated by the given formula.

$$Entropy(S) = - \sum_{i=1}^n p_i \cdot \log_2(p_i)$$

Example:

```
def entropy(rows):
    counts = result_counts(rows)
    length = len(rows)
    probabilities = [count / length for count in counts.values()]
    if length == 0:
        return 0
    return -sum(p * log2(p) for p in probabilities if p > 0)
```

#### Information Gain Formula

```
def information_gain(left, right, current_uncertainty):
    p = float(len(left)) / (len(left) + len(right))
    return current_uncertainty - p * entropy(left) - (1 - p) * entropy(right)
```

Information gain is calculated by:

$$InformationGain(S, A) = Entropy(S) - \sum_{v \in Values(A)} \frac{|S_v|}{|S|} \cdot Entropy(S_v)$$

Example:

```
Total entropy of current node: 0.940

Evaluating attribute: outlook
sunny (5): 3 no, 2 yes → Entropy = 0.971
overcast (4): 4 yes → Entropy = -0.000
rainy (5): 3 yes, 2 no → Entropy = 0.971
Gain(S, outlook) = 0.940 - Weighted Entropy = 0.694 → Gain = 0.247
```

### 3.3 Comparison of Attributes

Information gain is calculated for every attribute first.

```
Evaluating attribute: outlook
sunny (5): 3 no, 2 yes → Entropy = 0.971
overcast (4): 4 yes → Entropy = -0.000
rainy (5): 3 yes, 2 no → Entropy = 0.971
Gain(S, outlook) = 0.940 - Weighted Entropy = 0.694 → Gain = 0.247

Evaluating attribute: temperature
hot (4): 2 no, 2 yes → Entropy = 1.000
mild (6): 4 yes, 2 no → Entropy = 0.918
cool (4): 3 yes, 1 no → Entropy = 0.811
Gain(S, temperature) = 0.940 - Weighted Entropy = 0.911 → Gain = 0.029

Evaluating attribute: humidity
high (7): 4 no, 3 yes → Entropy = 0.985
normal (7): 6 yes, 1 no → Entropy = 0.592
Gain(S, humidity) = 0.940 - Weighted Entropy = 0.788 → Gain = 0.152

Evaluating attribute: windy
FALSE (8): 2 no, 6 yes → Entropy = 0.811
TRUE (6): 3 no, 3 yes → Entropy = 1.000
Gain(S, windy) = 0.940 - Weighted Entropy = 0.892 → Gain = 0.048
```

Outlook has highest gain.

### 3.5 Loop

This procedure is repeated for each subtree until the entire decision tree is built. Each node splits according to the possible values of the selected attribute. For instance, in the screenshot above, the subtree corresponding to outlook = sunny is currently being generated. Then a leaf node is found, it can no longer branch so the result is used.

```
Evaluating attribute: outlook
Only one unique value. Skipping.

Evaluating attribute: temperature
mild (3): 2 yes, 1 no → Entropy = 0.918
cool (2): 1 yes, 1 no → Entropy = 1.000
Gain(S, temperature) = 0.971 - Weighted Entropy = 0.951 → Gain = 0.020

Evaluating attribute: humidity
high (2): 1 yes, 1 no → Entropy = 1.000
normal (3): 2 yes, 1 no → Entropy = 0.918
Gain(S, humidity) = 0.971 - Weighted Entropy = 0.951 → Gain = 0.020

Evaluating attribute: windy
FALSE (3): 3 yes → Entropy = -0.000
TRUE (2): 2 no → Entropy = -0.000
Gain(S, windy) = 0.971 - Weighted Entropy = 0.000 → Gain = 0.971

Best attribute : windy (Gain = 0.971)
```

## 4. Final Decision Tree

Console output is given below.

```
Decision Tree:
outlook:
  sunny ->
    humidity:
      high ->
        Prediction: no
      normal ->
        Prediction: yes
  overcast ->
    Prediction: yes
  rainy ->
    windy:
      FALSE ->
        Prediction: yes
      TRUE ->
        Prediction: no
```

## 5. Program Execution and Prediction

### Interactive User Input

Inputs are case-insensitive. If tree does not have the result it will be unknown. The program allows manual entry of values. Attributes are entered one by one.

```
Enter feature values for prediction (leave blank to exit):
outlook: overcast
temperature: hot
humidity: high
windy: FALSE

Prediction: yes

Enter feature values for prediction (leave blank to exit):
outlook: rainy
temperature: mild
humidity: high
windy: FALSE

Prediction: yes

Enter feature values for prediction (leave blank to exit):
outlook: sunny
temperature: hot
humidity: high
windy: TRUE

Prediction: no
```

## 6. Other Decision Trees

### Breast Cancer Dataset

Too large to show.

```
deg-malig:
  3 ->
    inv-nodes:
      0-2 ->
        tumor-size:
          15-19 ->
            age:
              40-49 ->
                Prediction: recurrence-events
              30-39 ->
                Prediction: no-recurrence-events
              60-69 ->
                Prediction: no-recurrence-events
            35-39 ->
              age:
                40-49 ->
                  Prediction: no-recurrence-events
                30-39 ->
                  Prediction: recurrence-events
                50-59 ->
                  Prediction: no-recurrence-events
            40-44 ->
              Prediction: no-recurrence-events
            20-24 ->
              age:
                30-39 ->
                  breast-quad:
                    central ->
                      Prediction: no-recurrence-events
                    left_up ->
                      Prediction: recurrence-events
                50-59 ->
                  Prediction: no-recurrence-events
                40-49 ->
                  Prediction: no-recurrence-events
                60-69 ->
                  Prediction: recurrence-events
                70-79 ->
                  Prediction: no-recurrence-events
            30-34 ->
              breast-quad:
                central ->
                  Prediction: recurrence-events
                right_up ->
                  age:
                    50-59 ->
                      Prediction: recurrence-events
                    40-49 ->
                      node-caps:
```

## Contact Lenses Dataset

```
Decision Tree:
tear-prod-rate:
  reduced ->
    Prediction: none
  normal ->
    astigmatism:
      no ->
        age:
          young ->
            Prediction: soft
          pre-presbyopic ->
            Prediction: soft
          presbyopic ->
            spectacle-prescrip:
              myope ->
                Prediction: none
              hypermetrope ->
                Prediction: soft
      yes ->
        spectacle-prescrip:
          myope ->
            Prediction: hard
          hypermetrope ->
            age:
              young ->
                Prediction: hard
              pre-presbyopic ->
                Prediction: none
              presbyopic ->
                Prediction: none
```

## 7. Conclusion

The decision tree has been successfully built for given datasets with different sizes and attributes. It correctly classifies instances based on input data. In the weather example, the view attribute was identified as the most informative root node and the tree was built accordingly. The model is able to make accurate predictions using the attributes and values in the dataset.