assn2.3

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1. (a)

$$AI = [70, 75, 80, 85, 85, 90, 100, 150]$$

$$a = \left[72.5, 77.5, 82.5, 85, 87.5, 95, 125\right]$$

Because AI is a continuous variable, we can partition it into ranges of the form AI < a and AI $\ge a$, where a is the midpoint between the AI[i], where AI[i] is the current value of AI we are considering, and AI[i+1] values. Therefore, if we have N AI values, then we only need to consider N-1 partition values , or a values. In this case, N=8, a=7.

(b) Let $p_+ = P(B) = \frac{1}{2}$, $p_- = P(H) = \frac{1}{2}$, and S = Preference. Therefore,

$$Entropy(S) = \frac{1}{2}log_2(\frac{1}{2}) - \frac{1}{2}log_2(\frac{1}{2}) = \frac{1}{2}$$

(c) In order to find the optimal root, we will have to calculate the information gain between Gender vs. AI.

i. In order to find out if we should split on Gender, we will calculate

$$Gain(S, Gender) = E(S) - (E(S_1) + E(S_2))$$

where $S_1 = M$ and $S_2 = F$.

$$E(S_1) = \frac{2}{3}log_2(\frac{2}{3}) - \frac{1}{3}log_2(\frac{1}{3}) = 0.92$$

$$E(S_2) = \frac{2}{5}log_2(\frac{2}{5}) - \frac{3}{5}log_2(\frac{3}{5}) = 0.97$$

Therefore,

$$Gain(S, Gender) = 1 - ((\frac{3}{8})0.92 + (\frac{5}{8})0.97) = 0.04875$$

ii. In order to find out if we should split on a=72.5, we will calculate

$$Gain(S, a) = E(S) - (E(S_1) + E(S_2))$$

where $S_1 = a < 72.5$ and $S_2 = a \ge 72.5$.

$$E(S_1) = \frac{1}{1}log_2(\frac{1}{1}) - \frac{0}{1}log_2(\frac{0}{1}) = 0$$

$$E(S_2) = \frac{3}{7}log_2(\frac{3}{7}) - \frac{4}{7}log_2(47) = 0.99$$

Therefore,

$$Gain(S, a) = 1 - ((\frac{1}{8})0 + (\frac{7}{8})0.99) = 0.13375$$

iii. In order to find out if we should split on a=77.5, we will calculate

$$Gain(S, a) = E(S) - (E(S_1) + E(S_2))$$

where $S_1 = a < 77.5$ and $S_2 = a \ge 77.5$.

$$E(S_1) = \frac{1}{2}log_2(\frac{1}{2}) - \frac{1}{2}log_2(\frac{1}{2}) = 1$$

$$E(S_2) = \frac{1}{2}log_2(\frac{1}{2}) - \frac{1}{2}log_2(\frac{1}{2}) = 1$$

Therefore,

$$Gain(S, a) = 1 - ((\frac{2}{8})1 + (\frac{6}{8})1) = 0$$

iv. In order to find out if we should split on a=82.5, we will calculate

$$Gain(S, a) = E(S) - (E(S_1) + E(S_2))$$

where $S_1 = a < 82.5$ and $S_2 = a \ge 82.5$.

$$E(S_1) = \frac{2}{3}log_2(\frac{2}{3}) - \frac{1}{3}log_2(\frac{1}{3}) = 0.91$$

$$E(S_2) = \frac{2}{5}log_2(\frac{2}{5}) - \frac{3}{5}log_2(\frac{3}{5}) = 0.97$$

Therefore,

$$Gain(S, a) = 1 - ((\frac{3}{8})0.91 + (\frac{5}{8})0.97) = 0.05250$$

v. In order to find out if we should split on a=85, we will calculate

$$Gain(S, a) = E(S) - (E(S_1) + E(S_2))$$

where $S_1 = a < 85$ and $S_2 = a \ge 85$.

$$E(S_1) = \frac{2}{3}log_2(\frac{2}{3}) - \frac{1}{3}log_2(\frac{1}{3}) = 0.91$$

$$E(S_2) = \frac{2}{5}log_2(\frac{2}{5}) - \frac{3}{5}log_2(\frac{3}{5}) = 0.97$$

Therefore,

$$Gain(S, a) = 1 - ((\frac{3}{8})0.91 + (\frac{5}{8})0.97) = 0.05250$$

vi. In order to find out if we should split on a=87.5, we will calculate

$$Gain(S,a) = E(S) - (E(S_1) + E(S_2))$$

where $S_1 = a < 87.5$ and $S_2 = a \ge 87.5$.

$$E(S_1) = \frac{2}{5}log_2(\frac{2}{5}) - \frac{3}{5}log_2(\frac{3}{5}) = 0.97$$

$$E(S_2) = \frac{2}{3}log_2(\frac{2}{3}) - \frac{1}{3}log_2(\frac{1}{3}) = 0.91$$

Therefore,

$$Gain(S, a) = 1 - ((\frac{5}{8})0.97 + (\frac{3}{8})0.91) = 0.05250$$

vii. In order to find out if we should split on a=95, we will calculate

$$Gain(S, a) = E(S) - (E(S_1) + E(S_2))$$

where $S_1 = a < 95$ and $S_2 = a \ge 95$.

$$E(S_1) = \frac{4}{6}log_2(\frac{4}{6}) - \frac{2}{6}log_2(\frac{2}{6}) = 0.91$$

$$E(S_2) = \frac{1}{1}log_2(\frac{1}{1}) - \frac{0}{1}log_2(\frac{0}{1}) = 0$$

Therefore,

$$Gain(S, a) = 1 - ((\frac{6}{8})0.91 + (\frac{2}{8})0) = 0.3175$$

viii. In order to find out if we should split on a=125, we will calculate

$$Gain(S, a) = E(S) - (E(S_1) + E(S_2))$$

where $S_1 = a < 125$ and $S_2 = a \ge 125$.

$$E(S_1) = \frac{3}{7}log_2(\frac{3}{7}) - \frac{4}{7}log_2(\frac{4}{7}) = 0.99$$

$$E(S_2) = \frac{2}{2}log_2(\frac{2}{2}) - \frac{0}{2}log_2(\frac{0}{2}) = 0$$

Therefore,

$$Gain(S, a) = 1 - ((\frac{7}{8})0.99 + (\frac{1}{8})0) = 0.13375$$

Since a = 95 gave us the highest information gain, it is the optimal root node to split on.

