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Presentation 4

Combining Models

Classification/regression performance can be improved by combining multiple models

- 1. Committee: train L different models
 - a. Make predictions by average of the predictions
- 2. Boosting: Variant of Committee
 - a. Train multiple models in sequence
 - b. Error function used to train a model depends on performance of previous models
- 3. .Decision Tree
 - a. Select one of L models to make the prediction
 - i. Choice of model is a function of input variables

When to consider Decision Tree

- Instances describable by attribute-value pairs
- Target function is discrete valued
- Disjunctive hypothesis may be required
- Possibly noisy training data

Examples

- Equipment or medical diagnosis
- Credit risk analysis
- Modeling calendar scheduling preferences

Learning simplest decision tree is NP-hard

- Learning the simplest (smallest) decision tree is an NP---complete problem [Hyafil & Rivest]
- Resort to a greedy heuristic:
 - Start from empty decision tree
 - Split on next best attribute (feature)
 - Recurse

Decision Tree

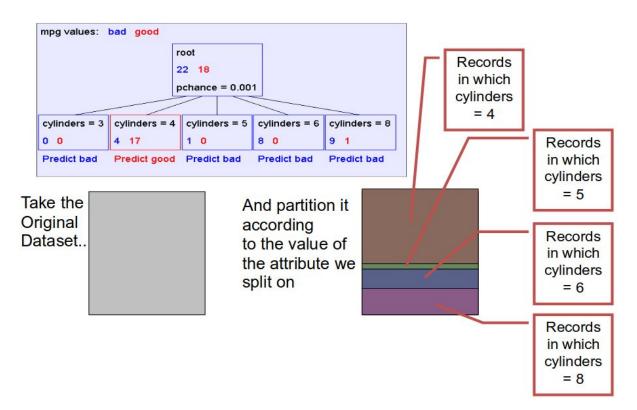
- Choice of model is function of input variables
 - Different models become responsible for making predictions in different regions of input space.
 - A sequence of binary selections corresponding to traversal of a tree structure

Tree-based Models

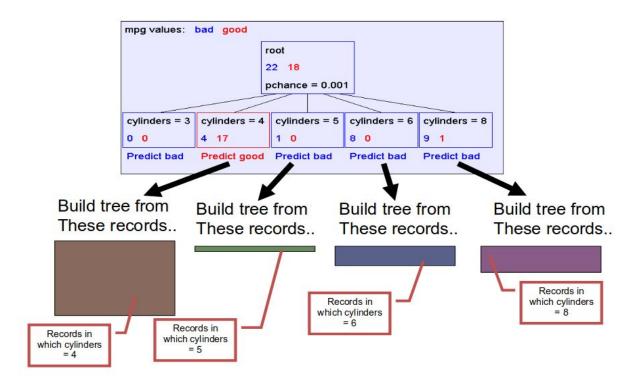
- Partition the inputs space into cuboid regions
 - Edges align the axes
 - Assign a simple models, e.g., a constant to each region
- Can be viewed as a models combination method in which only one model is responsible for making predictions at any given point in space
- Process of selecting a model for input x corresponds to a traversal of a binary tree.

Greedily learn trees using recursion

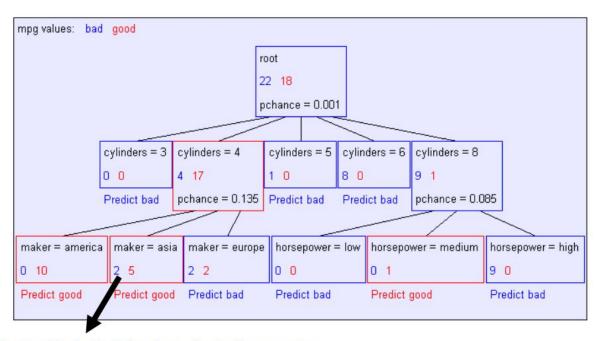
Key idea:



Recursive step

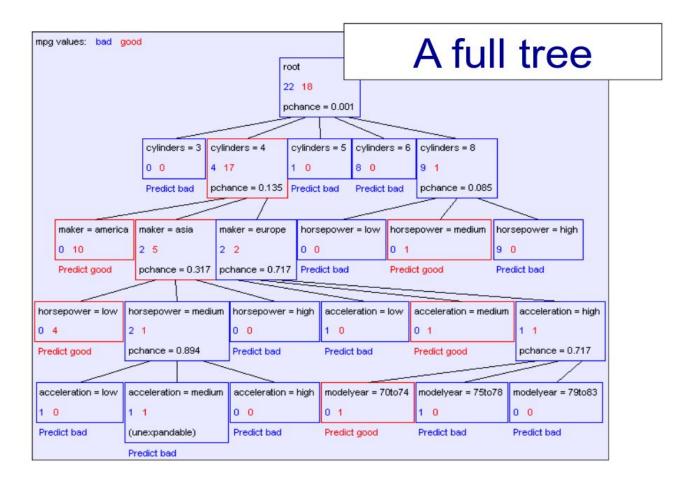


Second level of tree



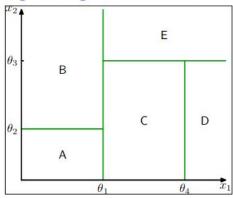
Recursively build a tree from the seven records in which there are four cylinders and the maker was based in Asia

(Similar recursion in the other cases)

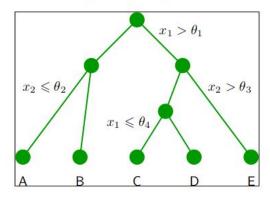


Recursive Binary Tree Partitioning

2-D input space $x=[x_1,x_2]$ Partitioned into five regions using axis aligned boundaries



Binary Tree corresponding to Partitioning of input space



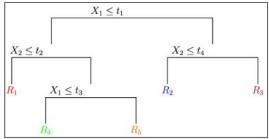
First step divides the whole of input space into two regions according to whether $x_1 \leq \theta_1$ or $x_1 > \theta_1$ where θ_1 is a parameter of the model This creates two subregions, each of which can be subdivided independently e.g., region $x_1 \leq \theta_1$ is further subdivided according to whether $x_2 \leq \theta_2$ or $x_2 > \theta_2$ giving rise to the regions denoted A and B For a new input \boldsymbol{x} we determine which region it falls into by starting at top of tree

Use of Tree Models

- Can be used for both regression and classification
- So they are called Classification and Regression Trees (CART)
- Within each region there is a separate model to predict a target variable
 - In regression, we might simply predict a constant over each region
 - o In classification, we might assign each region to a specific class
- Key property: they are interpretable by humans
 - To predict a disease, is temperature greater than a threshold?,
 is BP less than a threshold? Each leaf is a diagnosis.

Regression Tree with 2 inputs

Two input attributes (x_1,x_2) , a real output



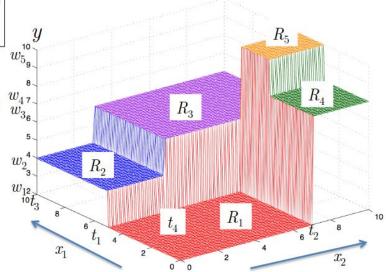
First node asks if $x_1 \leq t_1$ If yes, ask if $x_2 \leq t_2$ If yes, we are at quadrant R_1 Associate a value of y with each region

Result of axis-parallel splits: 2-d space partitioned into 5 regions

Each region is associated with a mean response
Result: piecewise constant function

Model can be written as:

$$f(\boldsymbol{x}) = E[y \mid x] = \sum_{m=1}^{M} w_m I(\boldsymbol{x} \in R_m) = \sum_{m=1}^{M} w_m \phi(\boldsymbol{x}; \boldsymbol{v}_m)$$



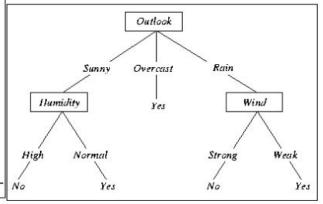
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Classification Tree (Binary Output)

PlayTennis has 4 input attributes

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Learned function is a tree



CART as adaptive basis model

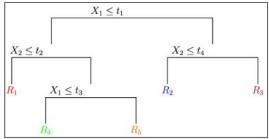
 An adaptive basis function model (ABM) is a model of the form

$$f(\boldsymbol{x}) = w_0 + \sum_{m=1}^{M} w_m \phi_m(\boldsymbol{x})$$

- Where $\phi_m(x)$ is the mth basis function which is learned from the data
- Typically the basis functions are paremetric
 - We can write $\phi_m(\mathbf{x}) = \phi(\mathbf{x} ; \mathbf{v}_m)$
 - Where $v_{\rm m}$ are the parameters of the basis function itself
 - We can use $\theta = (w_0, \boldsymbol{w}, \ \boldsymbol{v})$ to denote the entire parameter set

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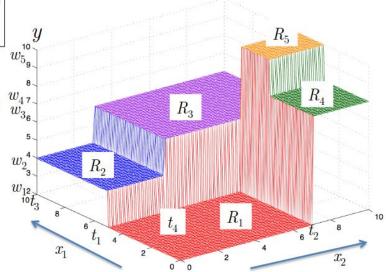
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Tree as adaptive basis model

- The axis parallel splits partition the 2-D space into 5 regions
 - We associate a mean response with each region resulting in a piecewise constant surface
- We can write the model in the form

$$\boxed{f(\boldsymbol{x}) = E[y \mid \boldsymbol{x}] = \sum_{m=1}^{M} w_{_{\! m}} I(\boldsymbol{x} \in R_{_{\! m}}) = \sum_{m=1}^{M} w_{_{\! M}} \phi(\boldsymbol{x}; \boldsymbol{v}_{_{\! m}})}$$

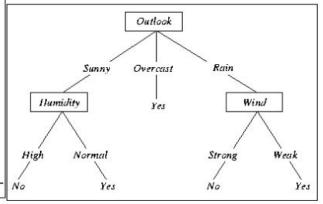
• Where R_m is the $m^{\rm th}$ region, w_m is the mean response of this region and ${\bf v}_m$ encodes the choice of variable to split on and the the threshold value on the path from the root to the $m^{\rm th}$ leaf

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Learned function is a tree



Bagging with Trees

- One way to reduce the variance of an estimate is to average together many estimates
 - E.g., we can train M different trees on different random subsets of data, with replacement, and then compute the ensemble

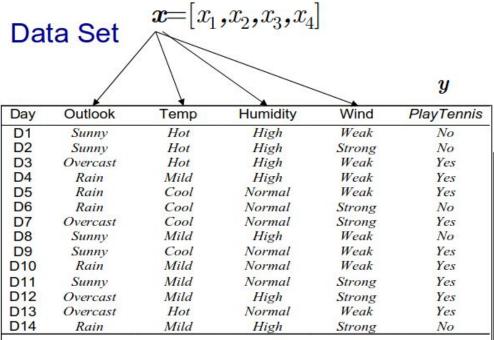
$$f(\boldsymbol{x}) = \sum_{m=1}^{M} \frac{1}{M} f_m(\boldsymbol{x})$$

- where f_m is the m^{th} tree
- This technique is called bagging
 - -Stands for bootstrap aggregation

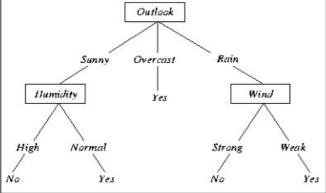
Tree-based Models

- Unfortunately, simply re-running the same learning algorithm on different subsets of data can result in highly correlated predictors
 - Which limits the amount of variance reduction possible.
- Random forests tries to decorrelate the base learners
 - By learning trees based on a randomly chosen subset of input variables, as well as a randomly chosen subset of data cases.

Classification Tree

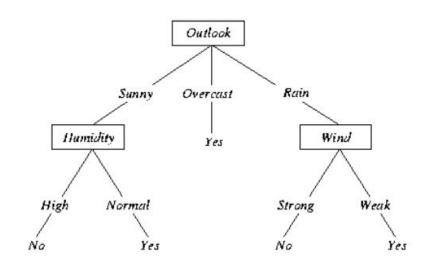


Learned function y(x): a tree



Components of Classification Tree

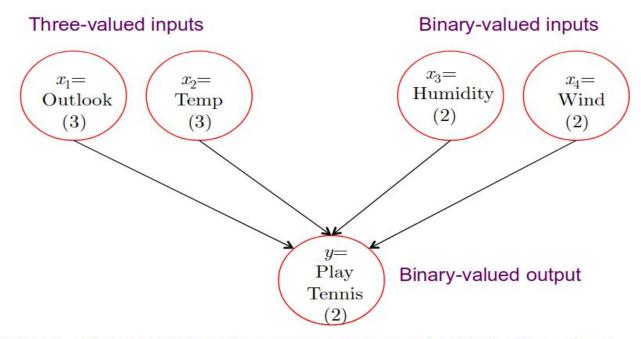
- Classify instances
 - by traversing from root to leaf node,
- Each node specifies a test of an attribute
- Each branch descending from a node corresponds a possible value of this attribute



Classification Tree Learning

- Tree approximates discrete-valued target function y(x)
 - Robust to noisy data and capable of learning disjunctive expressions
- A family of decision tree learning algorithms includes ID3, ASSISTANT and C4.5

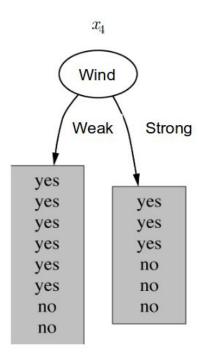
Graphical Model for Play Tennis



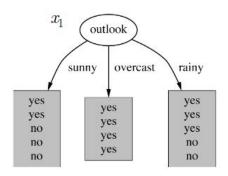
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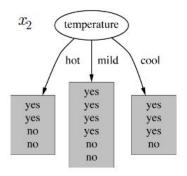
Tree Stump for a binary-valued input variable

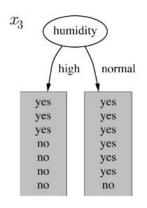
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Tree Stump for other three inputs







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Good and Poor attributes

- An binary-valued attributes is good when:
 - o For one value we get all instances as positive
 - For other value we get all instances as negative
- An attribute is poor when:
 - It provides no discrimination
 - Attributes is immaterial to the decision
 - For each value we have same number of positive and negative instances.

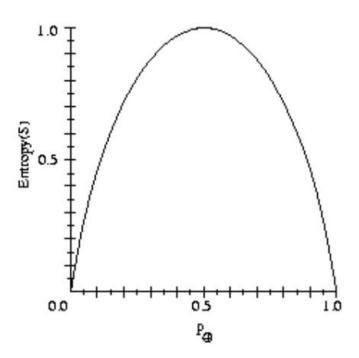
Entropy: Measure of homogeneity of Examples

- Entropy: Characterizes the (im)purity of an arbitrary collection of examples
- •Given a collection S of positive and negative examples, entropy of S relative to boolean classification is

$$\mathrm{Entropy}(S) \equiv -p_{_+} \log_2 p_{_+} - p_{_-} \log_2 p_{_-}$$

Where p_+ is proportion of positive examples and $p_{\scriptscriptstyle \perp}$ is proportion of negative examples

Entropy Function Relative to a Boolean Classification



Entropy of data set

- Dataset S has 9 positive, 5 negative examples
- Entropy of S is:

Entropy
$$(9+, 5-) =$$

 $-(9/14)\log_2(9/14) -$
 $(5/14)\log_2(5/14) = 0.94$

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Entropy is zero if all in S belong to the same class

Entropy for multi-valued target function

 If the target attribute can take on c different values, the entropy of S relative to this c-wise classification is

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

Information Gain

- Entropy measures the impurity of a collection
- Information Gain is defined in terms of Entropy
 - Expected reduction in entropy caused by partitioning the examples according to this attributes

Information Gain Measures the Expected Reduction in Entropy

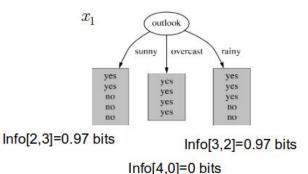
 Information gain of attribute A is the reduction in entropy caused by partitioning the set of examples S

$$Gain(S, A) \equiv Entropy(S) - \sum_{v \in Values(A)} \frac{\mid S_v \mid}{\mid S \mid} Entropy(S_v)$$

• where Values (A) is the set of all possible values for attribute A and S_v is the subset of S for which attribute A has value v

Information Gain for attributes x₁

Outlook



For first value (Sunny) there are 2 positive and 3 negative examples

Info[2,3]=entropy(2/5, 3/5)
=
$$-2/5 \log 2/5 - 3/5 \log 3/5$$

= 0.97 bits

Average info of subtree(weighted)=

$$0.97 \times 5/14 +$$

$$0 \times 4/14 +$$

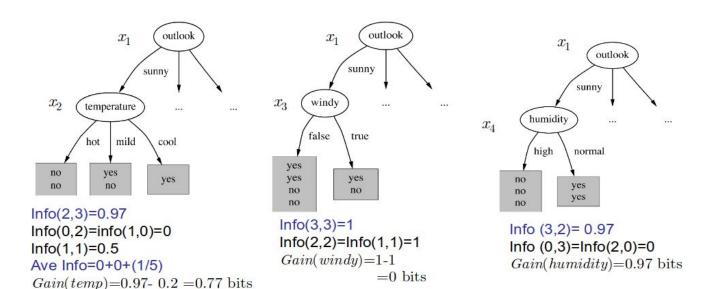
$$0.97 \times 5/14 = 0.693$$
 bits

Info of all training samples, info[9,5] = 0.94

$$Gain(S, Outlook) = 0.94 - 0.693 = 0.247$$
 bits

Expanded Tree Stumps for x₁

Outlook=Sunny

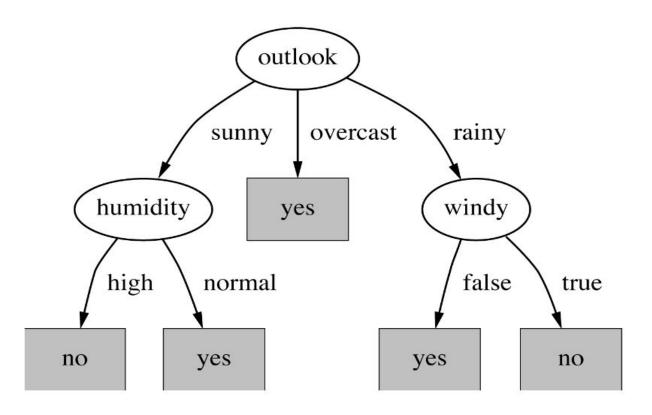


Since Gain(humidity) is highest, select humidity as splitting attribute. No need to split further

Information Gain for each attribute

- Gain(Outlook) = 0.94 0.693 = 0.247
- Gain(Temperature) = 0.94 0.911 = 0.029
- Gain(Humidity) = 0.94 0.788 = 0.152
- Gain(Windy) = 0.94 0.892 = 0.048
- $\underset{Outlook}{\operatorname{arg\ max}} \{0.247, 0.029, 0.152, 0.048\} =$
- Select Outlook as the splitting attribute of tree

Decision Tree for the Weather Data



The Basic Decision Tree Learning Algorithm (ID3)

- Top-down, greedy search (no backtracking) through space of possible decision trees
- Begins with the question
 - "which attribute should be tested at the root of the tree?"

Answer

- evaluate each attribute to see how it alone classifies training examples
- Best attribute is used as root node
 - descendant of root node is created for each possible value of this attribute

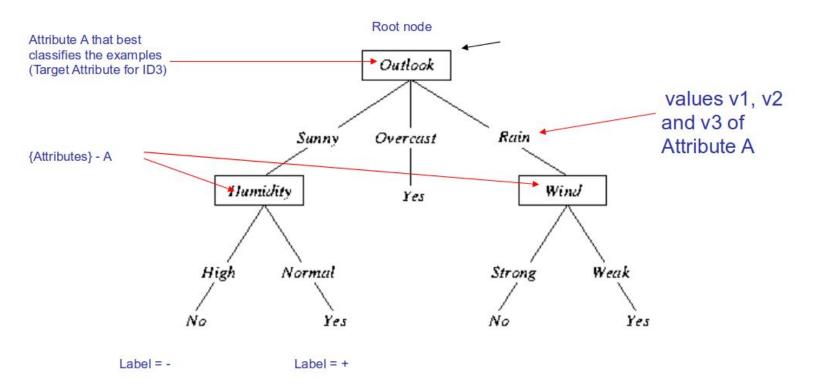
Which Attribute is Best for the Classifier?

- Select attribute that is most useful for classification.
- ID3 uses information gain as a quantitative measure of an attribute.

Information Gain

 A statistical property that measures how well a given attribute separates that training examples according to their target classification.

ID3 Algorithm Notation



ID3 Algorithm to learn boolean-valued functions

ID3 (Examples, Target_attribute, Attributes)

Examples are the training examples. Target_attribute is the attribute (or feature) whose value is to be predicted by the tree. Attributes is a list of other attributes that may be tested by the learned decision tree. Returns a decision tree (actually the root node of the tree) that correctly classifies the given Examples.

Create a Root node for the tree

- If all Examples are positive, Return the single-node tree *Root*, with label = +
- · If all Examples are negative, Return the single-node tree *Root*, with label = -
- · If Attributes is empty, Return the single-node tree *Root*, with label = the most common value of *Target attribute* in *Examples*
- %Note that we will return the name of a feature at this point

ID3 Algorithm +

·Otherwise Begin

- A ? the attribute from Attributes that best* classifies Examples
- The decision attribute (feature) for Root ? A
- For each possible value v_i, of A,
 - · Add a new tree branch below *Root*, corresponding to test $A = v_i$
 - Let Examples_{vi} the subset of Examples that have value v_i for A
 - · If Examples_{vi} is empty'
 - Then below this new branch, add a leaf node with label = most common value of Target_attribute in Examples
 - · Else, below this new branch add the subtree

·End

·Return Root

$$Gain(S, A) \equiv Entropy(S) - \sum_{v \in Values(A)} \frac{|S_v|}{|S|} Entropy(S_v)$$

•The best attribute is the one with the highest information gain, as defined in Equation:

Perfect feature

- If feature outlook has two values: sunny and rainy
- If for sunny all 5 values of play tennis are yes
- If for rainy all 9 values of play tennis are no

Training Examples for Target Concept Play Tennis

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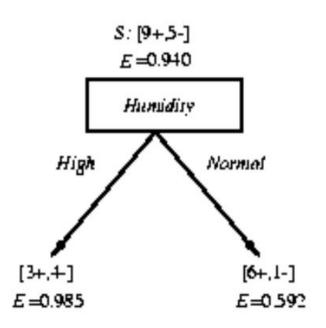
Stepping through ID3 for the example

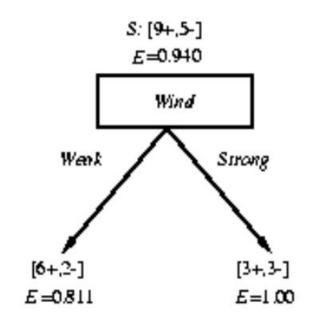
- Top Level (with $S=\{D1,...,D14\}$)
 - Gain(S, Outlook) = 0.246
 - Gain(S, Humidity) = 0.151
 - Gain(S, Wind) = 0.048
 - Gain(S, Temperature) = 0.029
- Example computation of Gain for Wind
 - Values(Wind) = Weak, Strong
 - -S = [9+,5-]
 - $S_{\text{weak}} < -- [6+,2-], S_{\text{strong}} < -- [3+,3-]$
 - Gain(S,Wind) = 0.940 (8/14)0.811 (6/14)1.00= 0.048

Best prediction of

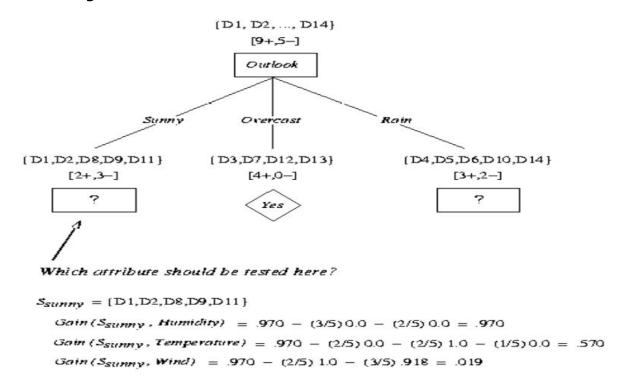
target attribute

Sample calculations for Humidity and Wind





The Partially Learned Decision Tree

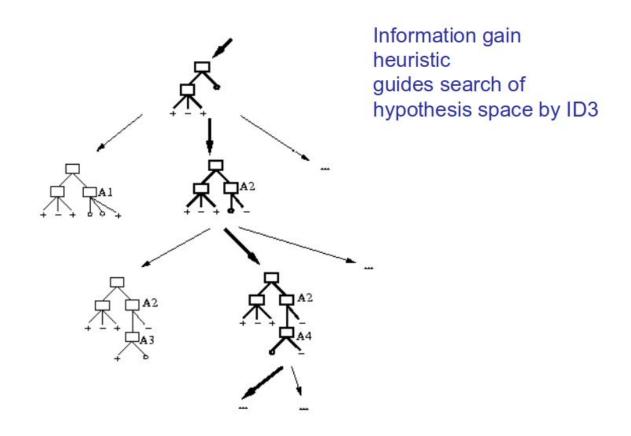


Humidity is a perfect feature since there is no uncertainty left when we know its value

Hypothesis Space Search in Decision Tree Learning

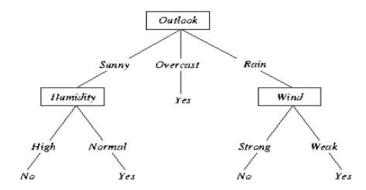
- ID3 searches a hypothesis space for one that fits training examples
- Hypothesis space searched is set of possible decision trees
- ID3 performs hill-climbing, starting with empty tree, considering progressively more elaborate hypotheses (to find tree to correctly classify training data)
- Hill climbing is guided by evaluation function which is the gain measure.

Hypothesis Space Search by ID3



Decision Trees and Rule-Based Systems

 Learned trees can also be re-represented as sets of if-then rules to improve human readability

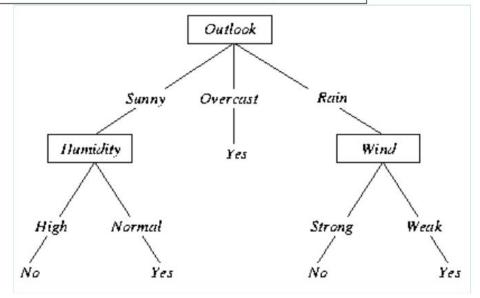


Decision Trees represent disjunction of conjunctions

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(Outlook = Sunny ∧ Humidity=Normal)

V (Outlook=Overcast)

V (Outlook=Rain ∧ Wind=Weak)
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Appropriate Problems for Decision Tree Learning

- Instances are represented by attribute-value pairs
 - each attribute takes on a small no of disjoint possible values,
 eg, hot, mild, cold
 - extensions allow real-valued variables as well, eg temperature
- The target function has discrete output values
 - eg, Boolean classification (yes or no)
 - easily extended to multiple-valued functions
 - o can be extended to real-valued outputs as well

Appropriate Problems for Decision Tree Learning

- Disjunctive descriptions may be required
 - naturally represent disjunctive expressions
- The training data may contain errors
 - robust to errors in classifications and in attribute values
- The training data may contain missing attribute values
 - eg, humidity value is known only for some training examples

Appropriate Problems for Decision Tree Learning

- Practical problems that fit these characteristics are:
 - learning to classify
 - medical patients by their disease
 - equipment malfunctions by their cause
 - loan applications by likelihood of default of payments

Capabilities and Limitations of ID3

- Hypothesis space is a complete space of all discrete valued functions
- Cannot determine how many alternative trees are consistent with training data (follows from maintaining a single current hypothesis)
- ID3 in its pure form performs no backtracking (usual risks of hill-climbing- converges to local optimum)
- ID3 uses all training examples at each step to make statistically based decisions regarding how to refine its current hypothesis
 - more robust than Find-S and Candidate Elimination which are incrementally-based