

Note: You may find it helpful to get the tree structure completely working before coding up the entropy calculations

Calculating entropy for data set: [tennis.arff](#)



Start at the root node with all the instances:

outlook	temperature	humidity	wind	playTennis
sunny	hot	high	weak	no
sunny	hot	high	strong	no
overcast	hot	high	weak	yes
rain	mild	high	weak	yes
rain	cool	normal	weak	yes
rain	cool	normal	strong	no
overcast	cool	normal	strong	yes
sunny	mild	high	weak	no
sunny	cool	normal	weak	yes
rain	mild	normal	weak	yes
sunny	mild	normal	strong	yes
overcast	mild	high	strong	yes
overcast	hot	normal	weak	yes
rain	mild	high	strong	no

(Note that this example uses \log_2 . The decisions will be identical if you use \log_e , or any other base, but the entropy and gain values will be scaled differently.)

Node: (5/14 9/14) Entropy=0.9402859586706309

Attribute 0-Outlook:

Value 0-Sunny: (3/5 2/5) Entropy=0.9709505944546686

Value 1-Overcast: (0/4 4/4) Entropy=0.0

Value 2-Rain: (2/5 3/5) Entropy=0.9709505944546686

InfoGain=0.2467498197744391

Attribute 1-Temperature:

Value 0-Hot: (2/4 2/4) Entropy=1.0

Value 1-Mild: (2/6 4/6) Entropy=0.9182958340544896

Value 2-Cool: (1/4 3/4) Entropy=0.8112781244591328

InfoGain=0.029222565658954647

Attribute 2-Humidity:

Value 0-High: (4/7 3/7) Entropy=0.9852281360342516

Value 1-Normal: (1/7 6/7) Entropy=0.5916727785823275

InfoGain=0.15183550136234136

Attribute 3-Wind:

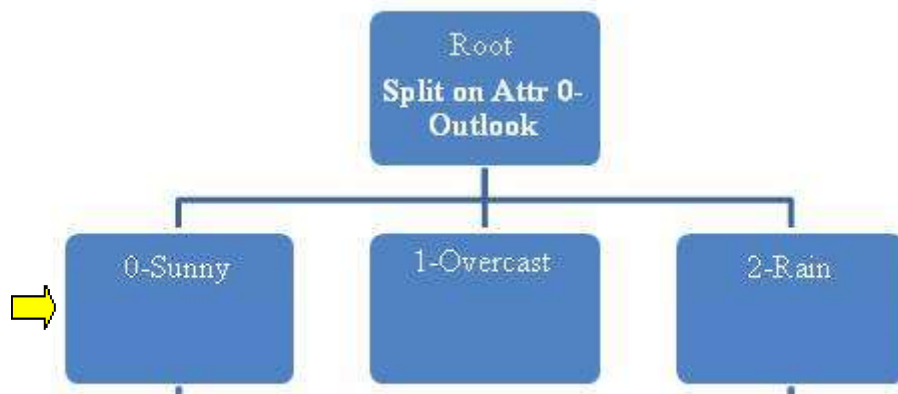
Value 0-Weak: (2/8 6/8) Entropy=0.8112781244591328

Value 1-Strong: (3/6 3/6) Entropy=1.0

InfoGain=0.04812703040826932

Maximum InfoGain=0.247

Split on Attribute 0-Outlook



Move on to the next node in the tree that can be expanded:

outlook	temperature	humidity	wind	playTennis
sunny	hot	high	weak	no
sunny	hot	high	strong	no
sunny	mild	high	weak	no
sunny	cool	normal	weak	yes
sunny	mild	normal	strong	yes

Node: (3/5 2/5) Entropy=0.9709505944546686

Attribute 1-Temperature:

Value 0-Hot: (2/2 0/2) Entropy=0.0

Value 1-Mild: (1/2 1/2) Entropy=1.0

Value 2-Cool: (0/1 1/1) Entropy=0.0

InfoGain=0.5709505944546686

Attribute 2-Humidity

Value 0-High: (3/3 0/3) Entropy=0.0

Value 1-Normal: (0/2 2/2) Entropy=0.0

InfoGain=0.9709505944546686

Attribute 3-Wind:

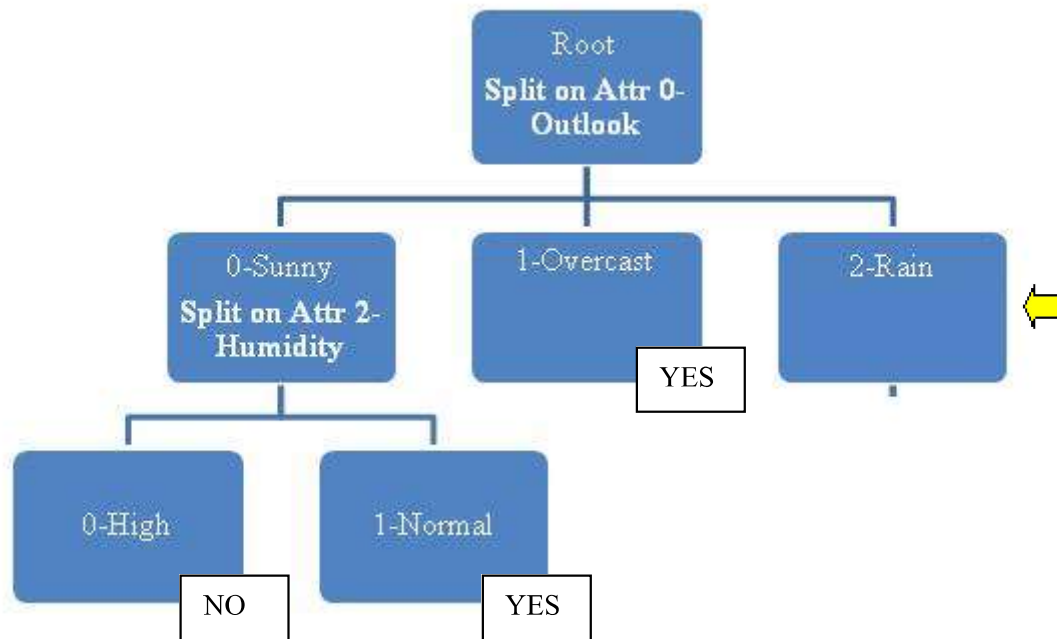
Value 0-Weak: (2/3 1/3) Entropy=0.9182958340544896

Value 1-Strong: (1/2 1/2) Entropy=1.0

InfoGain=0.01997309402197489

Maximum InfoGain=0.971

Split on Attribute 2-Humidity



Move on to the next node in the tree that can be expanded:

outlook	temperature	humidity	wind	playTennis
rain	mild	high	weak	yes
rain	cool	normal	weak	yes
rain	cool	normal	strong	no
rain	mild	normal	weak	yes
rain	mild	high	strong	no

Node: (2/5 3/5) Entropy=0.9709505944546686

Attribute 1-Temperature:

Value 0-Hot: (0/0 0/0) Entropy=0.0

Value 1-Mild: (1/3 2/3) Entropy=0.9182958340544896

Value 2-Cool: (1/2 1/2) Entropy=1.0

InfoGain=0.01997309402197489

Attribute 2-Humidity:

Value 0-High: (1/2 1/2) Entropy=1.0

Value 1-Normal: (1/3 2/3) Entropy=0.9182958340544896

InfoGain=0.01997309402197489

Attribute 3-Wind:

Value 0-Weak (0/3 3/3) Entropy=0.0

Value 1-Strong: (2/2 0/2) Entropy=0.0

InfoGain=0.9709505944546686

Maximum InfoGain=0.971

Split on Attribute 3-Wind

