



Applied Machine Learning

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Decision Tree



Learning - Function Approximation

Problem Setting

- Set of possible instances X .
- Unknown target function $f: X \rightarrow Y$
- Set of function hypotheses $H = \{h \mid h: X \rightarrow Y\}$

$$x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \quad y$$

$$f: x \rightarrow y$$

Input

Training Examples of unknown target function f .

Output

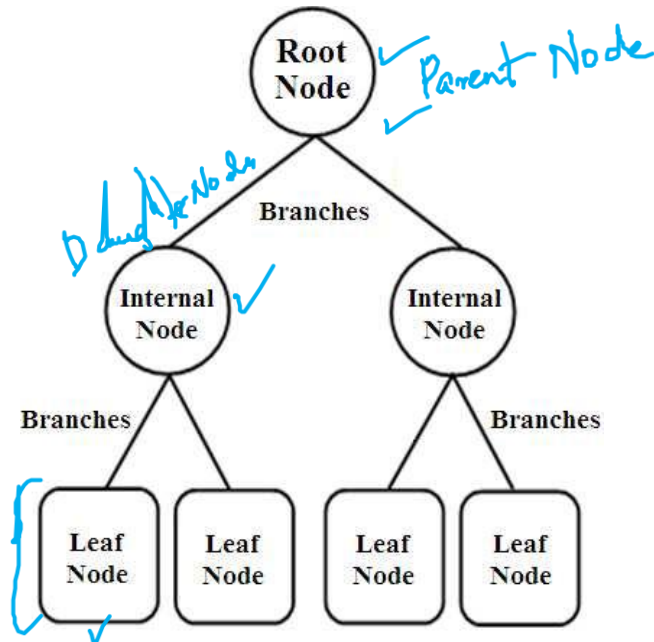
Hypothesis $h \in H$ that best approximates target function f .



Decision Tree

h Decision Tree

Decision Tree Learning is a method for approximating the target function (**Y**), in which the **learned functions (h)** is represented by a **decision tree**.



$$h: X \rightarrow Y$$

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Define $\begin{bmatrix} x_1 & x_2 & \dots & x_n \end{bmatrix}$ $\begin{bmatrix} \downarrow \\ \downarrow \\ \downarrow \end{bmatrix}$

AND

↓

4	3	Y
0	0	0
0	1	0
1	0	0
1	1	1

class-0
class-1

features A, B
O/p Y

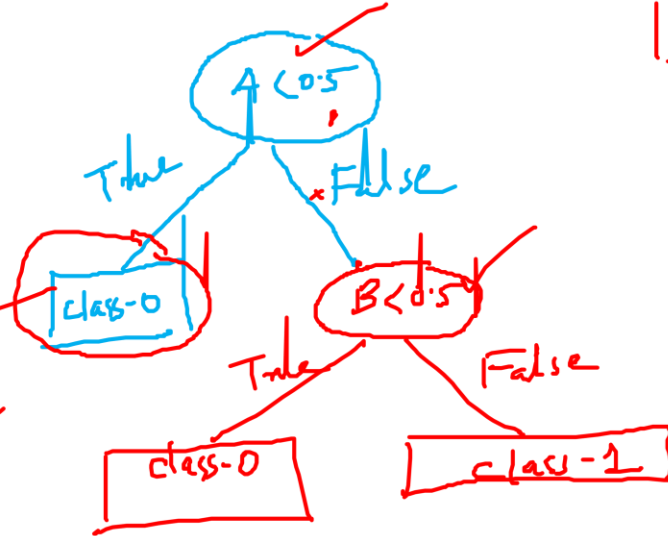
class-0
class-1

A B
0 0
0 1

if A = 1
check for B

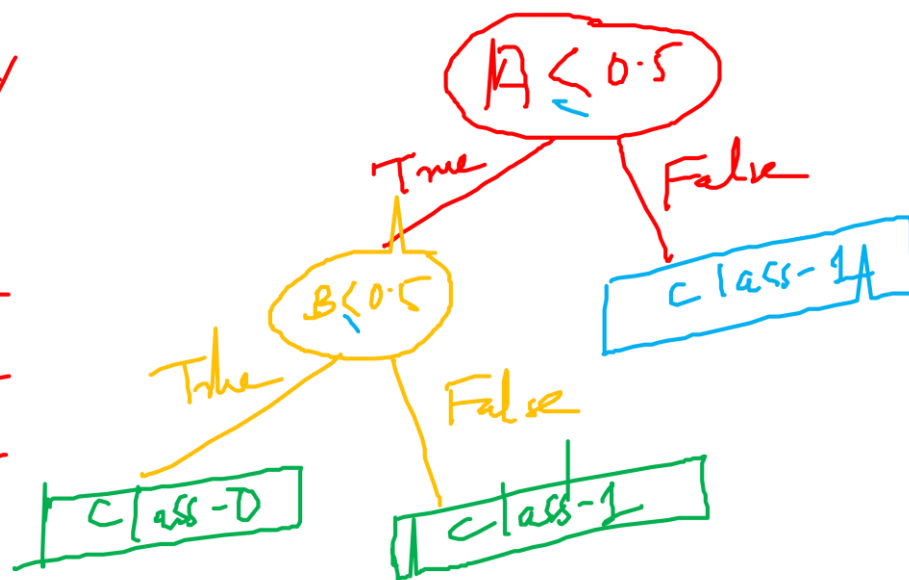
if B = 1
print (o/p as 1)
else print (o/p as 0)

leaf node



OR

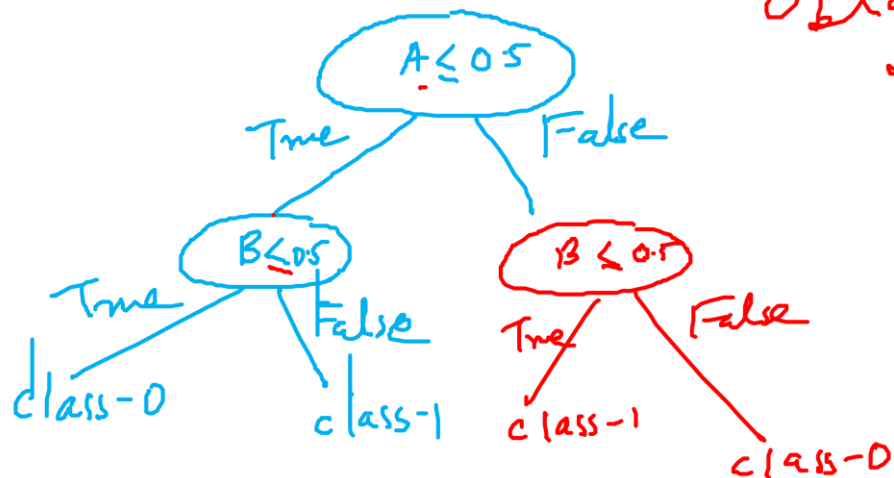
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XOR

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ID3

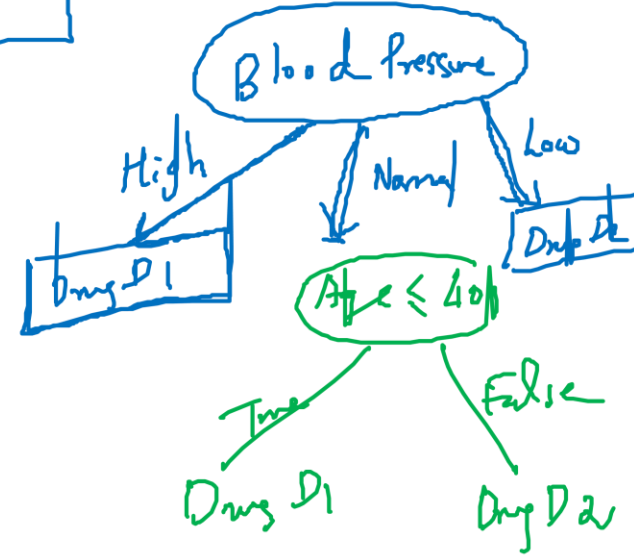


feature < threshold
"blique
Decision
Tree"

DRUG SUGGESTION EXAMPLE

ϕp : Drug
 features: Gender, Age, B.P

Patient ID	Gender	Age	Blood Pressure	Drug
1	M	20	N	D1
2	F	73	N	D2
3	M	37	H	D1
4	M	33	L	D2
5	F	48	H	D1
6	M	29	N	D1
7	F	52	N	D2
8	M	42	L	D2
9	M	61	N	D2
10	F	30	N	D1
11	F	26	L	D2
12	M	54	H	D1



Decision Tree

- **ID3** (Iterative Dichotomiser 3)- **1986 Ross Quinlan**
- **C4.5** - is the successor to ID3 and removed the restriction that features must be categorical by dynamically defining a discrete attribute (based on numerical variables) that partitions the continuous attribute value into a discrete set of intervals.
- **C5.0** - is Quinlan's latest version release under a proprietary license. It uses less memory and builds smaller rulesets than C4.5 while being more accurate.
- **CART** - Classification and Regression Trees - s very similar to C4.5, but it differs in that it supports numerical target variables (regression) and does not compute rule sets. CART constructs binary trees using the feature and threshold that yield the largest information gain at each node.

scikit-learn uses an optimized version of the CART algorithm; however, the scikit-learn implementation does not support categorical variables for now.

<https://scikit-learn.org/stable/modules/tree.html#classification>

Play Tennis or Not?



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7	overcast	cool	normal	wtrong	Yes
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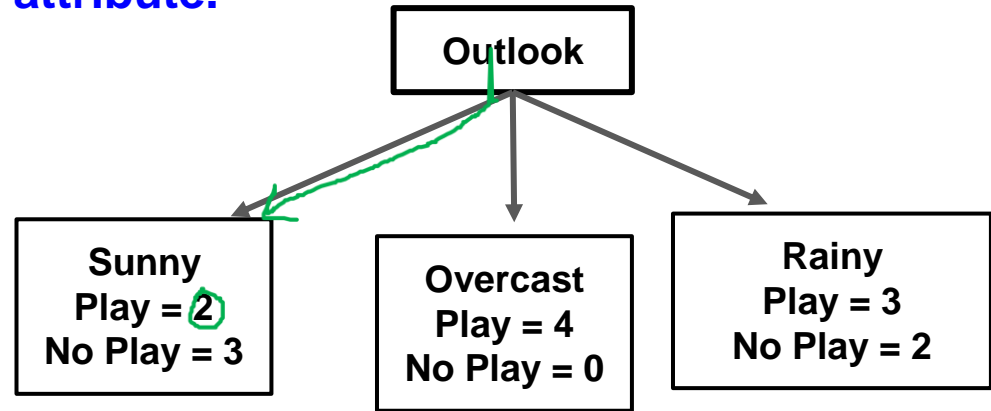
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ID3- Decision Tree algorithm for classification

ID3 algorithm

Step 1: Select an attribute to place on the root node and make one branch for each possible value of the attribute.

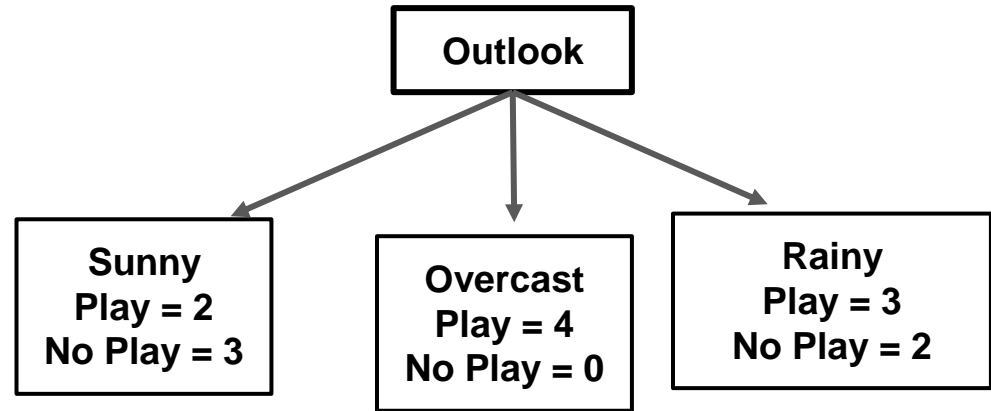
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Step 2: Make an assessment of the quality of the split

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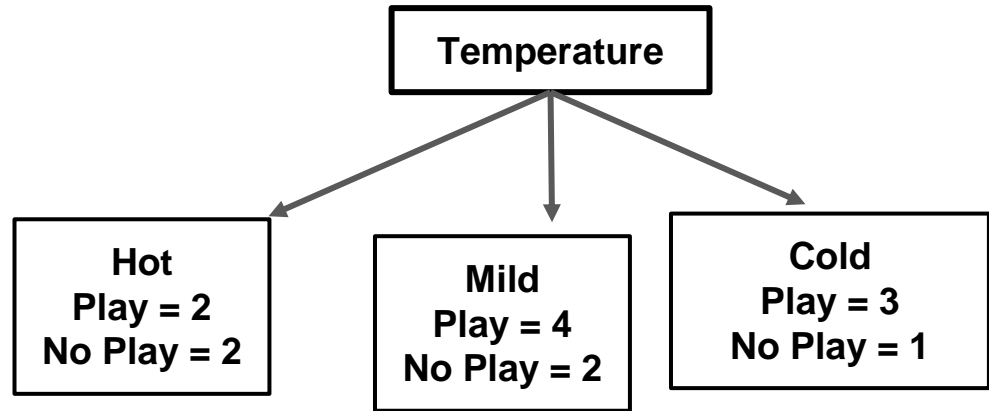


HOW DO YOU MEASURE THE QUALITY?

ID3 algorithm

Step 3: Repeat Step 1 and Step 2 for all other attributes

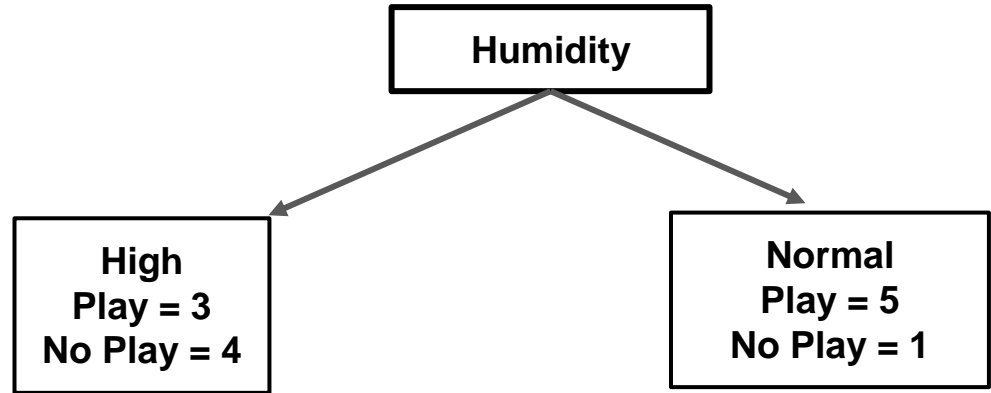
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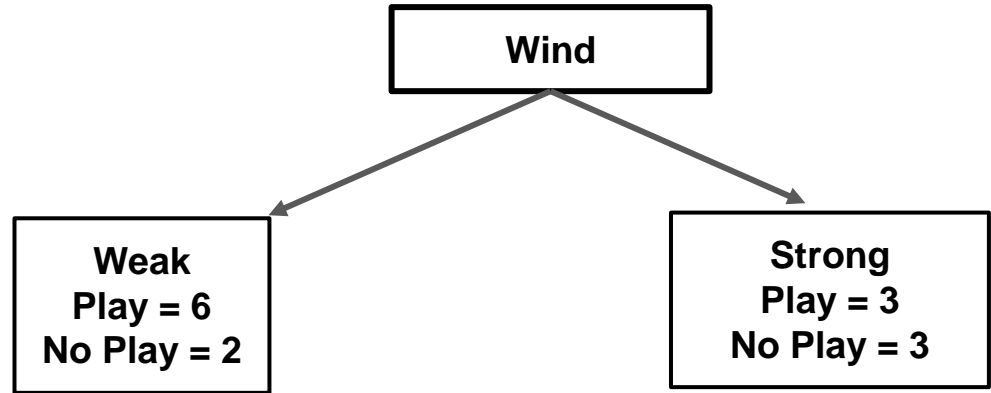
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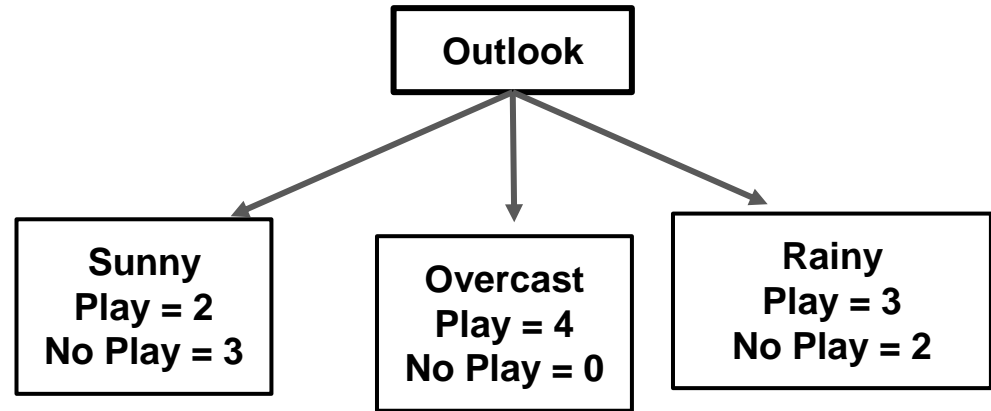


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Step 4: Depending on the QUALITY of the Partial Tree, we select one partial tree

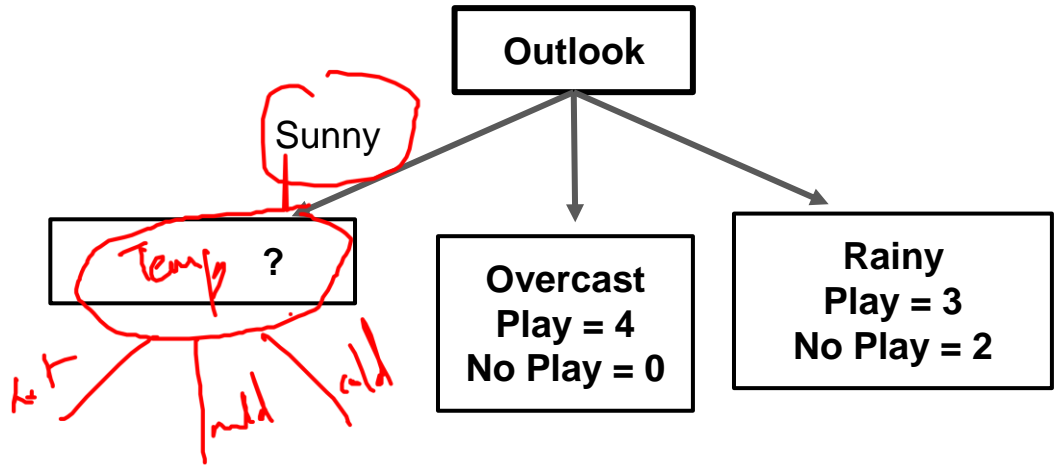
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Step 5: Repeat steps 1 to 4 for each daughter nodes of the selected partial tree

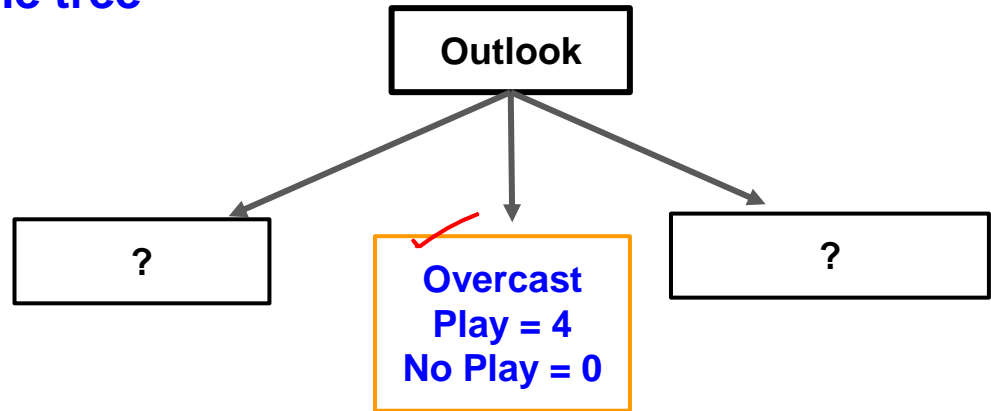
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Step 6: If at any time, all instances at a node have the same classification: stop developing that part of the tree

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A Mathematical Theory of Comm.

A Basic Introduction to Information Theory

BC	AC
love	Mass
Beauty	Length
Compassion	Time
[subjective]	(measure)

information



Information as a Measure of Surprise - Intuition

Let's say A is event, S is the sample
Self Information of this event $A \propto \frac{1}{P(A)}$

$$i(P(A)) \propto \frac{1}{P(A)}$$



Axiomatic Approach to define self Information

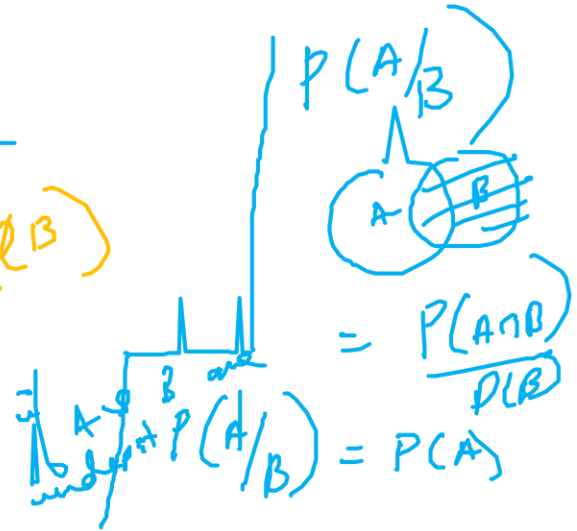
Axiom 1: $i(P(A)) \geq 0$

Axiom 2: If $P(A) \leq P(B)$ then $i(P(A)) \geq i(P(B))$

Axiom 3: $i(P(A)) \rightarrow \infty$ as $P(A) \rightarrow 0$ "i" self Information

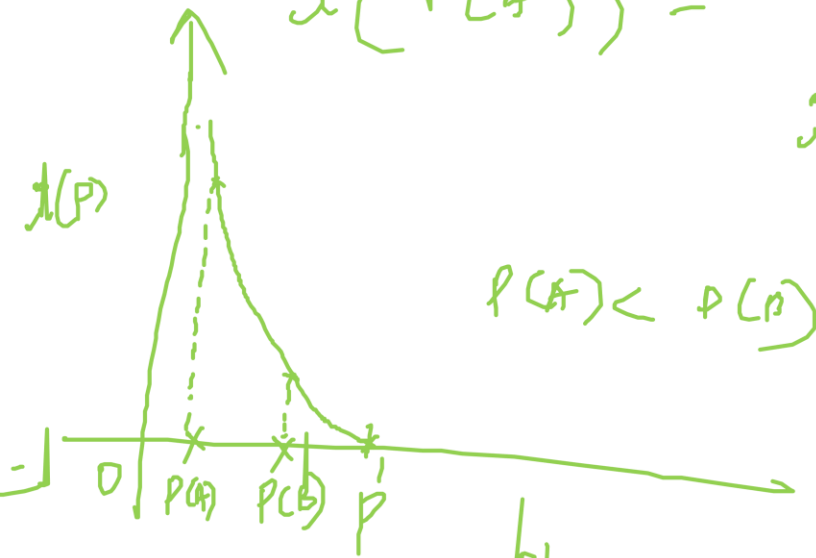
Axiom 4: If A & B are independent
 $P(A \cap B) = P(A) \cdot P(B)$

$$i(P(A \cap B)) = i(P(A)) + i(P(B))$$



$$i(P(A)) = -\log(P(A)) \text{ bits}$$

$$i(P(A)) \geq 0$$



$$P(A) < P(B)$$

$$-\log(P(B))$$

$$-\log_2 1 = 0$$

$$i(p(A)) + i(p(B))$$

$\therefore A$ & B are independent

$$i(P(A \cap B)) = -\log_2(P(A \cap B))$$

$$= -\log_2(P(A)P(B))$$

$$= -\log_2(P(A)) + -\log_2(P(B))$$

What is the average output or average self information for the Random Experiment.

$$E(X) = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i p(x_i)$$

$$E[i(p(x))]$$

$$\sum_{x \in S} p(x) \underbrace{i(p(x))}$$

$$= \sum p(x) (-\log_2(p(x)))$$

$$H(x) = - \sum_{x \in S} p(x) \log_2 p(x)$$

entropy
unit: bits

Coin Toss Experiment

$$S = \{H, T\} \quad P(H) = \frac{1}{2}, P(T) = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$i(P(H)) = -\log_2\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = 1 \text{ bit}$$

$$i(P(T)) = -\log_2\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = 1 \text{ bit}$$

$$E[X] = \sum_{i=1}^N x_i P(x_i)$$

$$E[i(P(x))]$$

$$= \sum_{j=1}^n \underbrace{i(P(x_j))}_{\log_2(1/P(x_j))} P(x_j)$$

$$= \sum_{j=1}^n \log_2(1/P(x_j)) \times P(x_j)$$

$$= P(H) \times \log_2(P(H)) + P(T) \times \log_2(P(T))$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \times 1 + \frac{1}{2} \times 1 = \underline{\underline{1 \text{ bit}}}$$

$$\{x_1, x_2\}$$

$$\downarrow \quad \downarrow$$

$$p_1 \quad p_2$$

$$N T = b \cdot \text{offers} \quad p_1 \quad p_2 \quad \dots \quad p_n$$

$$p_2 = 1 - p_1$$

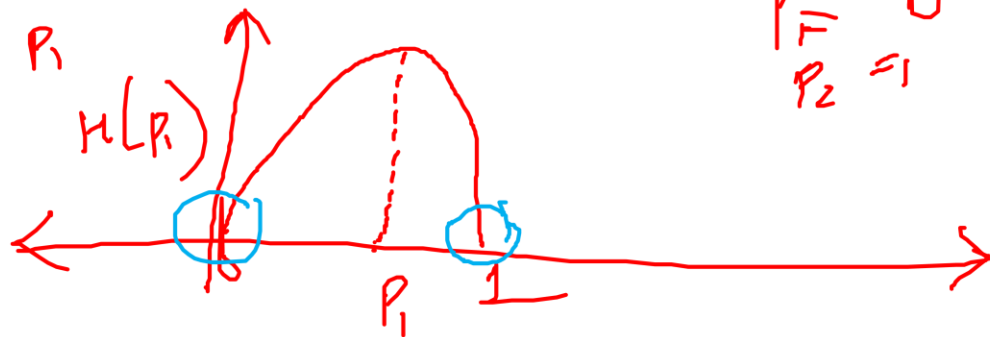
$$p_1 = 1 \rightarrow p_1 = p_2 = \dots = p_n = \frac{1}{n}$$

$$p_1 + p_2 = 1 \Rightarrow$$

$$H(p_1) = -p_1 \log_2 p_1 - (1 - p_1) \log_2 (1 - p_1) - \cancel{\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \log_2 p_i}$$

$1 \times \log_2 1$ $0 \times \log_2 0$ 2

$H(p_1)$ vs

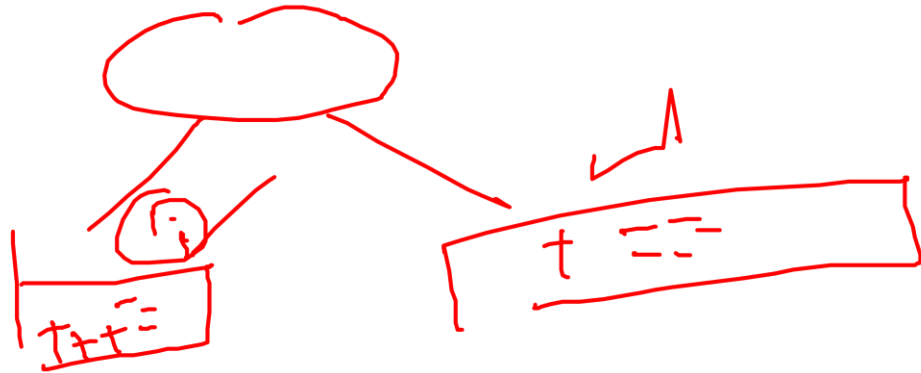


$$\frac{p_1}{p_2} = 1$$

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$$- \sum_{i=1}^n p_i \log p_i$$

$$= - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \log\left(\frac{1}{n}\right) = - \frac{1}{n} \times n \log\left(\frac{1}{n}\right) = - \log\left(\frac{1}{n}\right) = \log_2 n \text{ bits}$$



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5	rainfall	cool	normal	weak	Yes
6	rainfall	cool	normal	strong	No
7	overcast	cool	normal	wtrong	Yes
8	sunny	mild	high	weak	No
9	sunny	cool	normal	weak	Yes
10	rainfall	mild	normal	weak	Yes
11	sunny	mild	normal	strong	Yes
12	overcast	mild	high	strong	Yes
13	overcast	hot	normal	weak	Yes
14	rainfall	mild	high	strong	No

How do we construct such a tree?

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