CSCI 4900/6900 Data Mining

Assignment Number 2: Due 2/13/2014 (in class)

1. [25 points] Consider the following training set of samples for data mining:

Example	A1	A2	A3	A4	label
1	1	2	2	2	0
2	1	1	1	1	0
3	2	3	2	1	1
4	1	3	3	3	0
5	3	1	2	1	1
6	1	1	1	2	0

The attributes A1 through A4 are integers with values in the range [1,2,3] each.

- (a) Give a minimal size (measured by the total number of nodes) decision tree that can correctly classify all the training examples.
- (b) How would the tree given in Part (a) above classify the following examples: (1,2,2,3) and (3,2,1,1)?
- (c) Give three association rules consistent with this training set and specify the support and confidence for each rule.

2. [25 points] Short answers please

- (a) How can a decision tree be converted to a set of rules?
- (b) Can over-fitting happen even in the absence of noise? Briefly explain.
- (c) Why are there usually many more association rules that can be inferred from a data-set than there are classification rules?
- (d) Give one advantage to using the information Gain Ratio measure over the information Gain measure for constructing decision trees.
- (e) Give one advantage for using two-fold cross-validation over ten-fold cross-validation.
- 3. [50 points] Do exercise 17.2 on page 566 of the text book.