

Design of a diagnosis and follow-up platform for patients with chronic headaches

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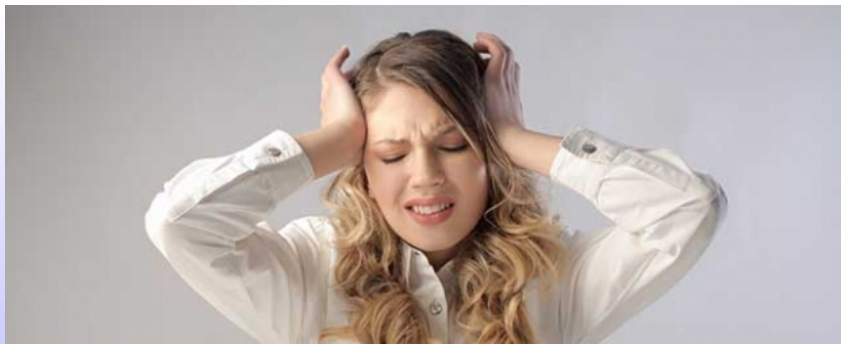
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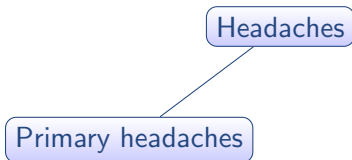
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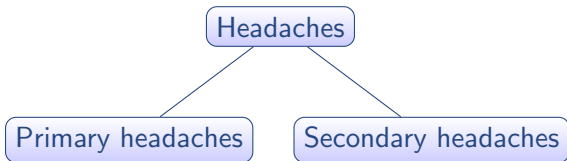
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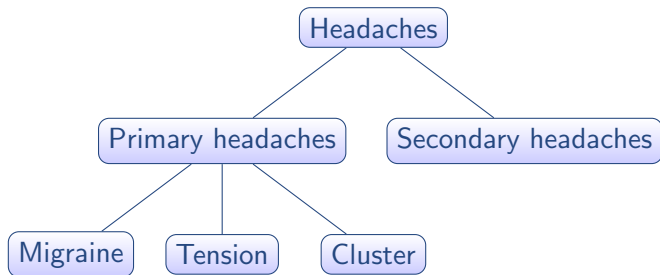
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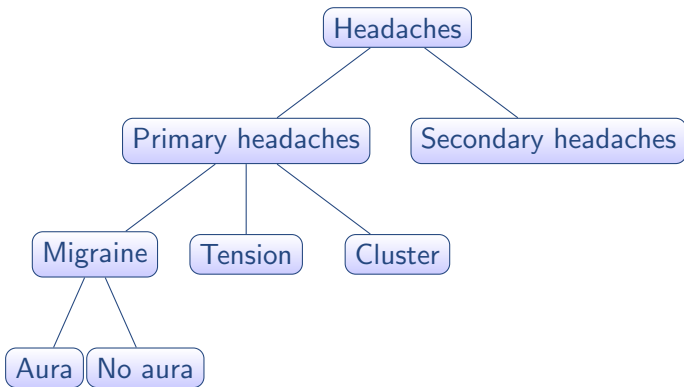
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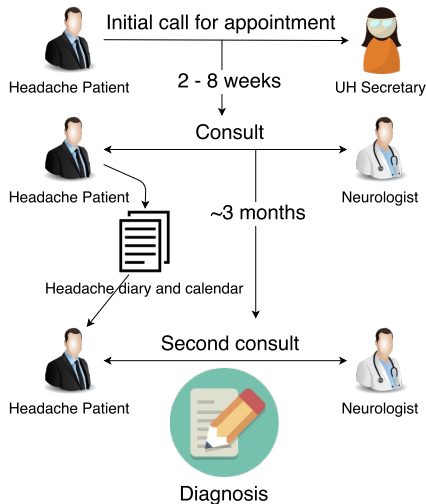
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Current process UH Ghent

Current process at UH Ghent is:

- ▶ Not digital
- ▶ cumbersome
- ▶ long-lasting



So there is need for a better (digital) alternative! This alternative has to:

- ▶ capture at least the same information as current solution
- ▶ be more efficient
- ▶ provide a second opinion for the doctors (auto-diagnose)

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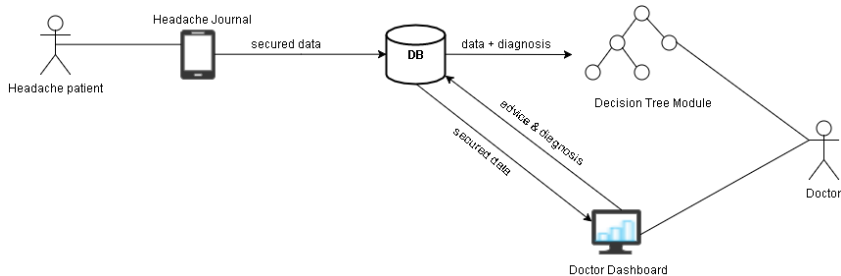
Our proposed alternative consists of:

- ▶ Headache journal: mobile app
- ▶ Doctor Dashboard: web application
- ▶ Machine learning module: decision support

Solution non-functional requirements:

- ▶ Security
- ▶ Availability
- ▶ Performance & learning curve
- ▶ Usability

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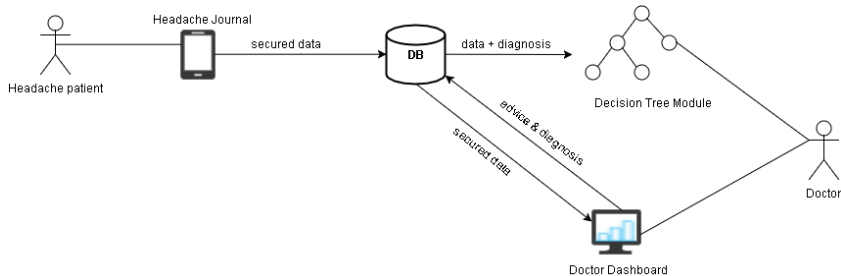
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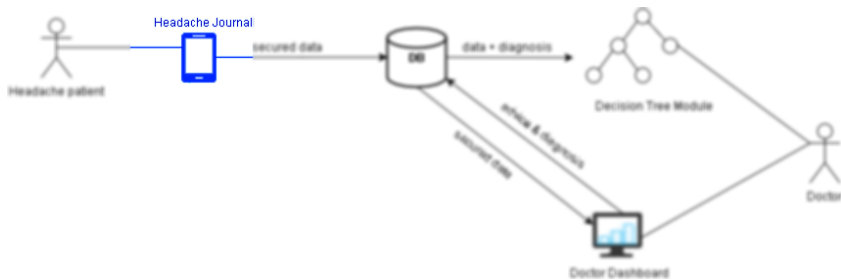
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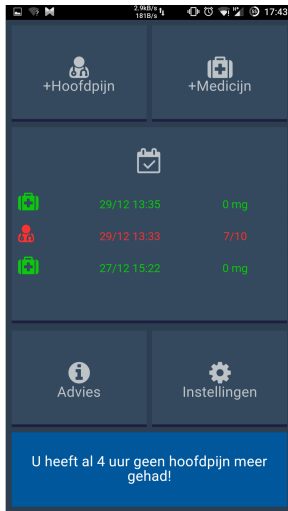
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- ▶ none offers usable data export

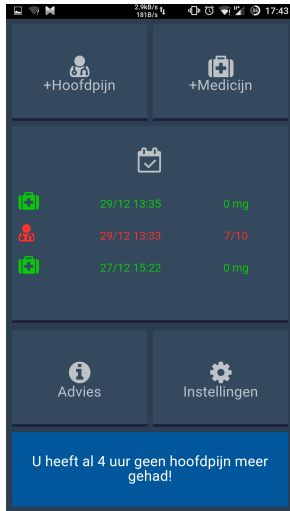
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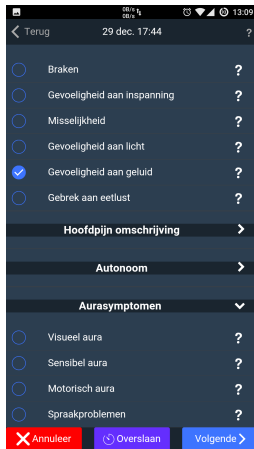
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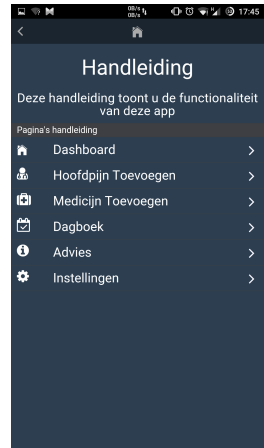
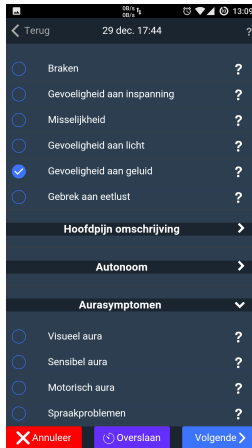
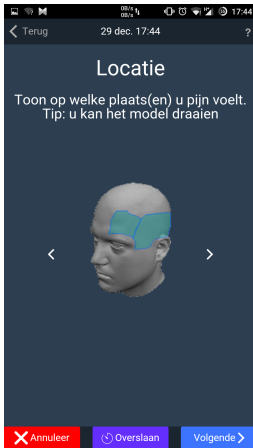


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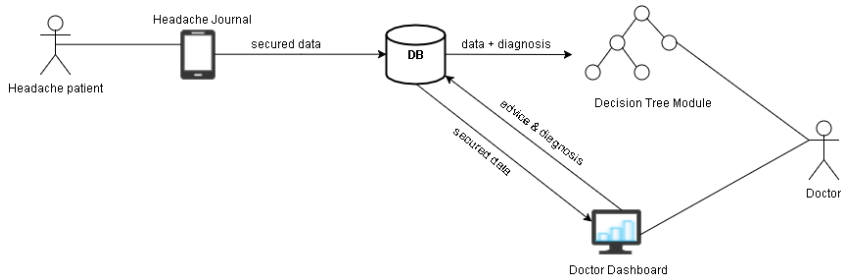
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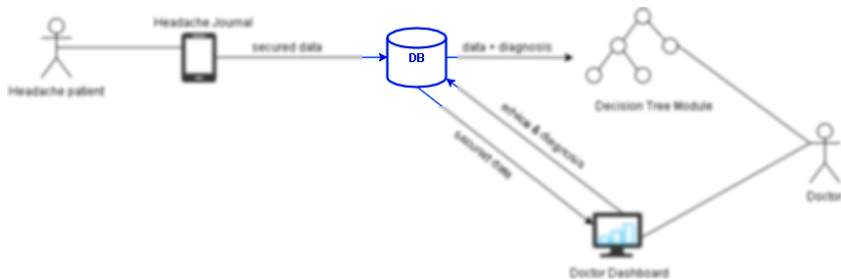
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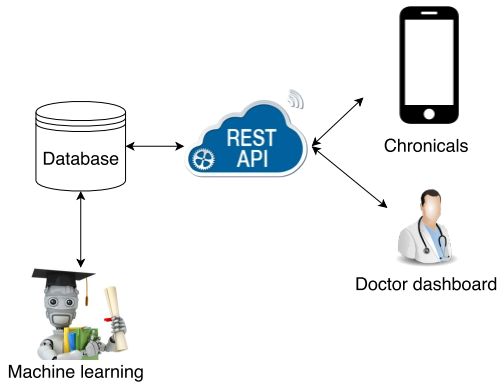


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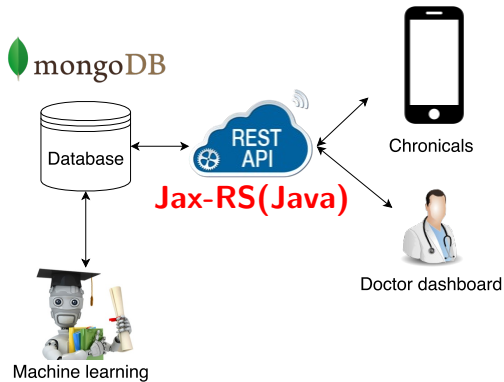
Components

- ▶ Database
- ▶ Connection to App
- ▶ Connection to Docter Dashboard
- ▶ Connection Machine learning module

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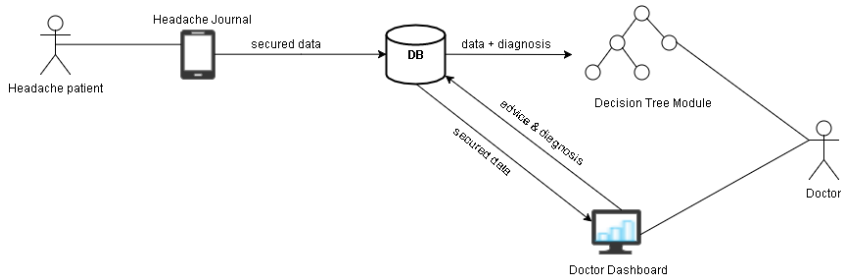
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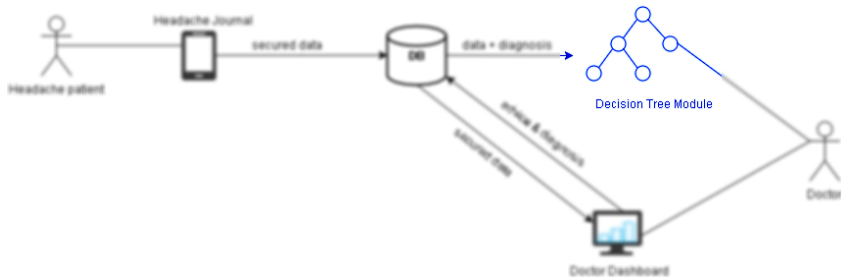
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C4.5 (C5.0)



CART



QUEST

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→ **Which tree is the most beautiful?**

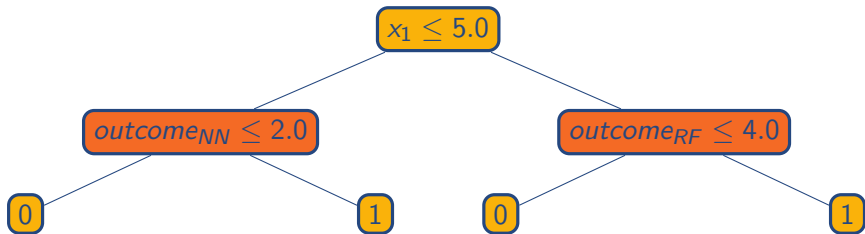
Current ensembles lack interpretability

Boosting, bagging, random forests, etc. require majority voting (classification) or mean calculation (regression) to obtain prediction



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The final decision tree obtained by **stacking** contains uninterpretable internal nodes

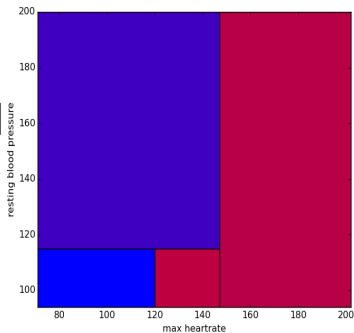
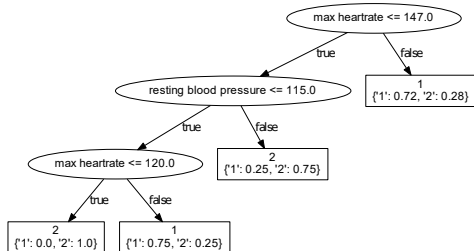


Decision tree \rightarrow decision space

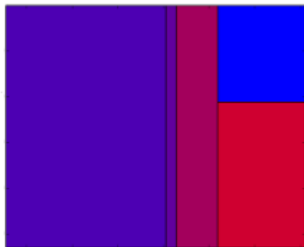
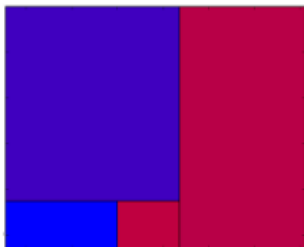
Converting decision trees to decision spaces

We can define a one-to-one mapping between a decision tree and a set of k -dimensional hyperplanes ($k = \text{\#features}$), called **decision space**. Each node in the decision tree corresponds to a hyperplane in the decision space.

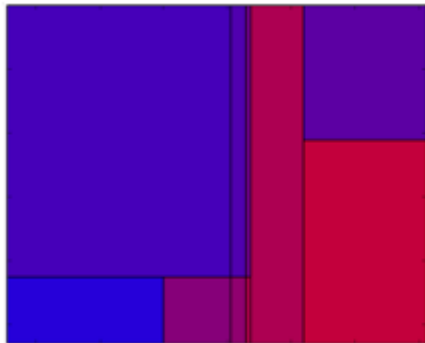
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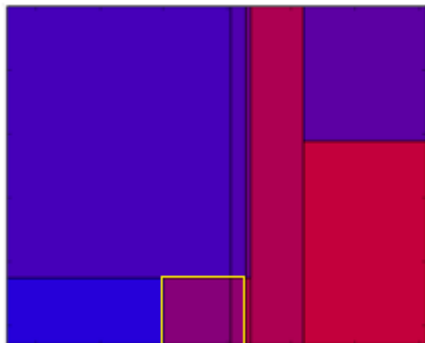
Merging decision spaces



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Pruning decision spaces

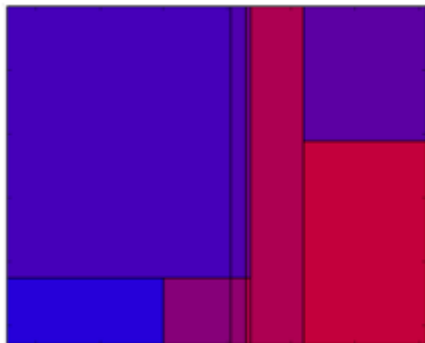


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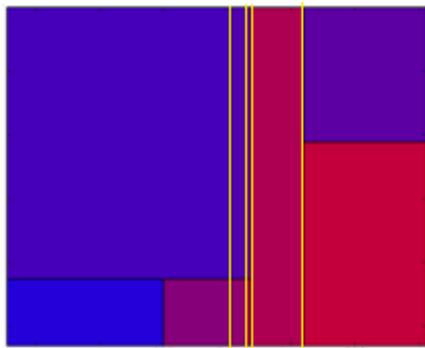
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One-to-one mapping from decision tree to space is lost during conversion because the order is lost. Therefore, a **heuristic** approach must be taken, identifying **hyperplane candidates** and calculating a metric to choose the 'best' plane.

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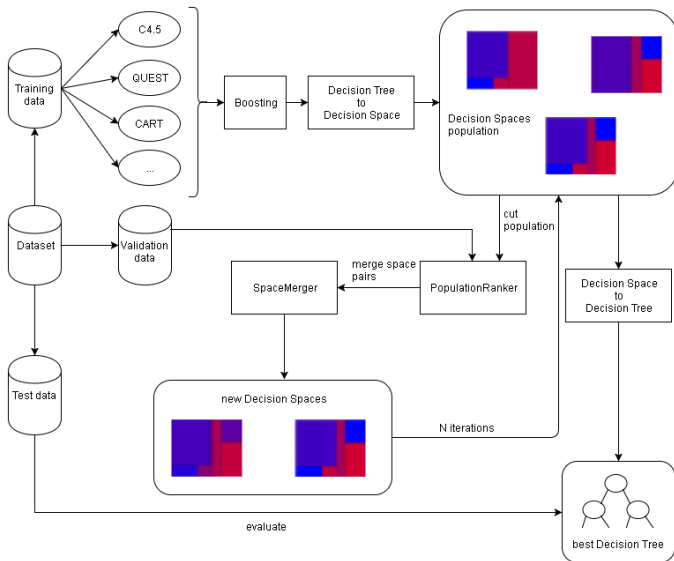


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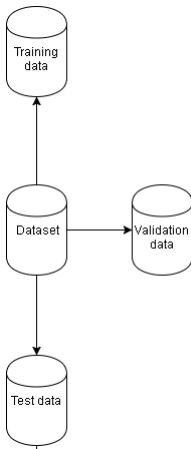
Finding 'best' candidate hyperplane

Apply metric function to each plane, these include:

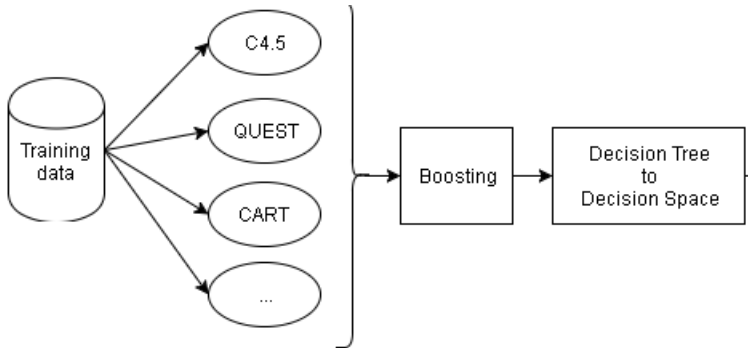
- ▶ information gain and Gini
- ▶ pick plane from most correlated feature
- ▶ pick plane that divide space in two most equal subspaces
- ▶ combination



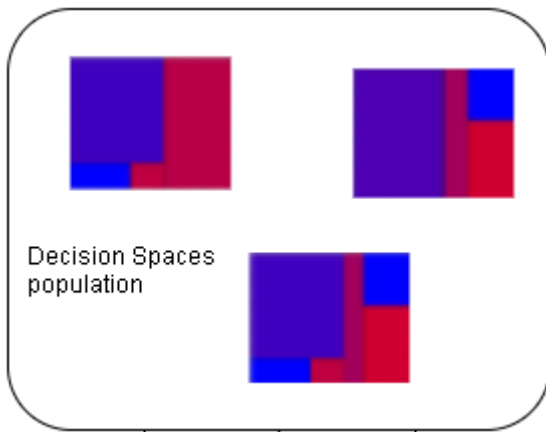
Splitting the data



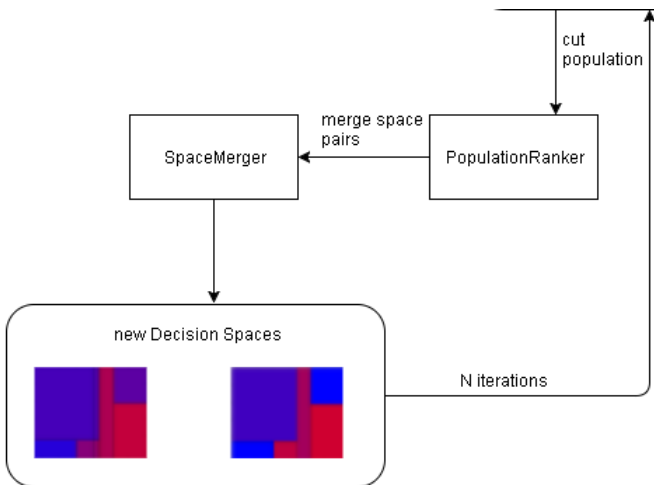
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Genetic merging

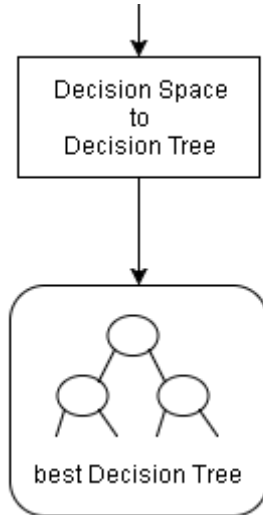


PopulationRanker

Fitness function

A high accuracy is the most important property of a decision tree, followed by its' size (\rightarrow comprehensibility). Genetic algorithms are well suited for **multi-objective optimization**.

Final iteration

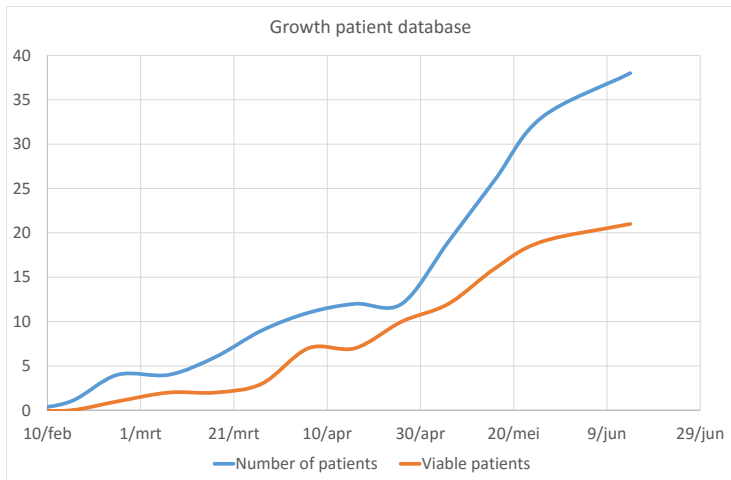


Headache dataset

Data collection could only start in March:

- ▶ the mobile application had to be finished first
- ▶ an ethical committee had to approve our application

→ too few samples for machine learning



Evaluating our algorithm

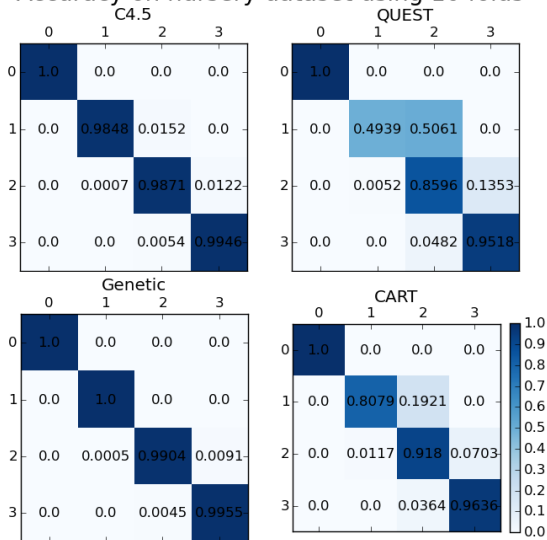
5 datasets from UCI

optimal parameters, feature selection when needed and k-fold CV

| Name | #Samples | #Disc | #Cont | #Class | Imbalance rate |
|---------|----------|-------|-------|--------|----------------|
| Heart | 270 | 7 | 6 | 2 | 0.058 |
| Car | 1728 | 6 | 0 | 4 | 0.225 |
| Iris | 150 | 0 | 4 | 3 | 0 |
| Shuttle | 14500 | 0 | 9 | 7 | 0.18308 |
| Nursery | 12960 | 8 | 0 | 5 | 0.1498 |

| Dataset | Folds | C4.5 | CART | QUEST | Genetic |
|---------------|-------|----------------------|--------|--------|----------------------|
| Heart disease | 5 | <u>0.8067</u> | 0.7844 | 0.7844 | <u>0.8067</u> |
| | 10 | <u>0.8104</u> | 0.7732 | 0.7881 | 0.7993 |
| Iris | 3 | 0.9533 | 0.9467 | 0.9467 | <u>0.96</u> |
| | 5 | 0.9467 | 0.9333 | 0.9467 | <u>0.9533</u> |
| Cars | 3 | <u>0.9722</u> | 0.9693 | 0.9229 | 0.9693 |
| | 5 | 0.9711 | 0.9682 | 0.9241 | <u>0.9786</u> |
| | 10 | 0.9756 | 0.9751 | 0.9265 | <u>0.9803</u> |
| Shuttle | 3 | 0.9987 | 0.9983 | 0.9964 | <u>0.9988</u> |
| | 5 | 0.9986 | 0.9981 | 0.9962 | <u>0.9988</u> |
| | 10 | 0.9990 | 0.9987 | 0.9941 | <u>0.9992</u> |
| Nursery | 3 | 0.9890 | 0.9431 | 0.9147 | <u>0.9914</u> |
| | 5 | 0.9918 | 0.9498 | 0.9251 | <u>0.9958</u> |
| | 10 | 0.9937 | 0.9568 | 0.9259 | <u>0.9954</u> |

Accuracy on nursery dataset using 10 folds



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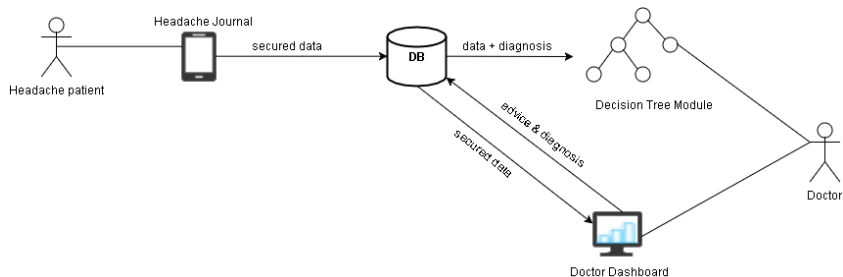
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Doctor Dashboard

- ▶ Web application in order for the doctors to access the data exposed by our REST API
- ▶ Preferably in the form of visualizations, which allow to process a lot of data in a small amount of time
- ▶ Developed by Maarten Vanden Berghe

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Conclusion

- ▶ It is shown that the current process in the UH of Ghent can be completely digitized. Our solution can significantly improve the efficiency and reduce the frequency of consults, leading to a reduction in health care costs.
- ▶ The foundations for a diagnosis support system are built, using a genetic approach to merge different induced decision trees to obtain a single decision tree with enhanced accuracy.

Future work

- ▶ Develop native applications for iOS and Android to enhance look-&-feel
- ▶ Re-evaluate our machine learning models on a larger headache dataset
- ▶ Implement more induction algorithms and ensemble techniques to create a more diverse initial population
- ▶ Experiment with other selection techniques and fitness functions
- ▶ Optimize the heuristic approach to convert decision spaces to decision trees

Thank you for your attention!

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