# ROB311 Quiz 1

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# Learning Problems

#### 1 Intro

**Definition**: Assume that there is some (unknown) relationship,

$$f: \mathcal{X} \to \mathcal{Y} \text{ s.t. } x \mapsto_f y$$

- $\mathcal{X}$ : Input Space
- $\mathcal{Y}$ : Output Space (i.e. information we desire about input)

Find  $h: \mathcal{X} \to \mathcal{Y}$  (hypothesis) s.t.  $h \approx f$ , given some data about f:

$$\mathcal{D} = \left\{ \left( x^{(i)}, y_i \right), x^{(i)} \in \mathcal{X}, y_i = f\left( x^{(i)} \right) \in \mathcal{Y}, i = 1 \dots N \right\}$$

- $\operatorname{in}(\mathcal{D}) = \{x \text{ s.t. } (x, y) \in \mathcal{D}\}$
- $\operatorname{out}(\mathcal{D}) = \{ y \text{ s.t. } (x, y) \in \mathcal{D} \}$

#### Classification vs. Regression Problems 1.1

**Definition**:

- Classification Problems:  $\mathcal{X} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^M$  and  $\mathcal{Y} \subseteq \mathbb{N}$  Regression Problems:  $\mathcal{X} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^M$  and  $\mathcal{Y} \subseteq \mathbb{R}$

#### 1.2 **Feature Spaces**

Definition: Easier to learn relationships from high-level features (instead of the raw input). Need mapping b/w input space and feature space:

$$\phi: \mathcal{X} \to \mathcal{F}$$

# 2 PAC Learning

# 2.1 Probably Approximately Correct (PAC) Estimations

Motivation: More than one fcn may be consistent w/ the data, how to find the best one?

# 2.1.1 Hoeffding's Inequality

Motivation: Bound  $|\mu - \nu|$  w.r.t. N.

**Definition**: For any  $\epsilon > 0$ ,

$$\mathbb{P}(|\nu - \mu| \ge \epsilon) \le 2e^{-2\epsilon^2 N} \tag{1}$$

•  $\mu$ : Probability of an event.

•  $\nu$ : Relative frequency in a sample size N.

•  $\epsilon$ : Tolerance (i.e. how close we want  $\nu$  to be to  $\mu$ ).

 $-\epsilon \to 0$ :  $\nu = \mu$ 

•  $\mu \stackrel{:}{\approx} \nu$ :  $\mu$  is probably approximately equal to  $\nu$ . As  $N \to \infty$ :  $\nu \to \mu$ 

Warning: Approx. the true dist. w/ high prob. by taking a large enough N (i.e. empirical dist. converges to true dist.).

• i.e. Probability of a sig. deviation shrinks exp. w/N.

# 2.2 PAC Learning

### 2.2.1 Error

**Definition:** 

• Out-Sample Error:

$$E_{\text{out}} = \mathbb{P}[f \neq h]$$

• In-Sample Error:

$$E_{\text{in}} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} \mathbb{I}[f(x^{(i)}) \neq h(x^{(i)})]$$

### 2.2.2 Union Bound Theorem

**Theorem**: The prob. of at least one of the events  $E_1, \ldots, E_M$  occurring is bounded by the sum of the prob. of each event occurring:

$$\mathbb{P}\left[E_1 \vee \dots \vee E_M\right] \leq \sum_{i=1}^M \mathbb{P}[E_i]$$

Notes:

- If the events are mutually exclusive, then the union bound is tight (i.e. equality holds).
- If the events are highly correlated, then the union bound is loose (i.e. inequality holds)
  - Some events may be more likely to occur together.

## 2.2.3 Generalization of Hoeffding's Inequality

**Definition**: Assuming that h is chosen from a set of hypotheses  $\mathcal{H}$ , derive a (loose) upper-bound on  $|E_{\text{out}} - E_{\text{in}}|$ :

$$\mathbb{P}\left[\bigvee_{h\in\mathcal{H}}\left(|E_{\text{out}} - E_{\text{in}}(h)| > \varepsilon\right)\right] \leq \sum_{h\in\mathcal{H}} \mathbb{P}\left[|E_{\text{out}} - E_{\text{in}}(h)| > \varepsilon\right]$$

$$\leq \sum_{h\in\mathcal{H}} 2e^{-2\varepsilon^{2}N}$$

$$= 2|\mathcal{H}|e^{-2\varepsilon^{2}N}$$

- Endow  $\mathcal{F}$  (i.e. fcn space) w/ prob. distribution,  $P: \mathcal{X} \to [0,1]$ , then
  - $E_{\mathrm{out}}$  (i.e. true error of a hyp. over entire dist. of data) is analogous to  $\mu$
  - $E_{\rm in}(h)$  (i.e. empirical error of hyp. on a finite sample) is analogous to  $\nu$ .

### Notes:

- $E_{\rm in}(h) \stackrel{?}{\approx} E_{\rm out}$  requires small  $|\mathcal{H}|$  (generalization)
  - Look at inequality, small  $|\mathcal{H}| \to \text{small } E_{\text{out}} E_{\text{in}}$  (i.e. prevents overfitting but leads to underfitting)
- $E_{\rm in}(h) \approx 0$  requires large  $|\mathcal{H}|$  (discrimination)
  - Need large  $|\mathcal{H}|$  to capture the true dist. (i.e. prevents underfitting but leads to overfitting)

# Example:

- 1. Given: An opaque box containing red and blue balls. Take N IID samples.
  - $\mu$ : Probability of drawing a blue balls (unknown).
  - $\nu$ : Relative frequency of blue balls in the sample (known).
- 2. **Problem 1:** What is  $\nu$  in this case? 8 balls total, 5 are blue.
- 3. Solution 1:  $\nu = \frac{5}{8}$
- 4. Problem 2: How to partition  $\mathcal{F}$  into regions where f = h and  $f \neq h$ ?
- 5. Solution 2:

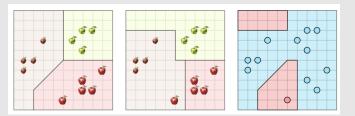


Figure 1: LS h, MS f

- 6. **Problem 3:** What is the out-sample error?
- 7. Solution 3: In words, the probability of the hypothesis being wrong.

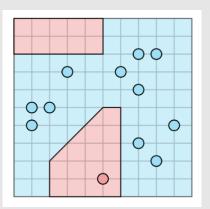


Figure 2

- 8. **Problem 4:** What is the in-sample error given this sample of 11 balls s.t. f = h, 1 ball s.t.  $f \neq h$ ?
- 9. Solution 4:  $E_{\rm in} = \frac{1}{12}$

#### 3 **Decision Trees**

#### 3.1 Structure

**Definition**: Each vertex in a decision tree is either:

- 1. A **condition vertex**: a vertex that sorts points based on a question.
- 2. A decision vertex: a vertex that assigns all points a specific class.

Notes: We want to find the minimum # of condition vertices (or questions) needed to "sufficiently discriminate" (identify the class of every point in  $\mathcal{D}$ ).

- More condition vertices improve discrimination.
- Less condition vertices improve generalization.

#### 3.2 Building a Decision Tree

**Definition**: Consider determining the class of a randomly chosen target point.

• If we ask a K-ary question abt. the pts. in  $\mathcal{D}$ , we can form K subsets,  $\mathcal{D}^{(1)}, \ldots, \mathcal{D}^{(K)}$ , using the answers s.t.

$$- |\mathcal{D}^{(k)}| \in \{0, \dots, |\mathcal{D}|\}$$

we ask a K-ary question 
$$-|\mathcal{D}^{(k)}| \in \{0, \dots, |\mathcal{D}|\}$$
$$-|\mathcal{D}| = \sum_{k=1}^{K} |\mathcal{D}^{(k)}|$$

#### 3.3 Special Case

**Notes:** Suppose each pt. belongs to a unique class (i.e. the # of classes is  $|\mathcal{D}|$ ).

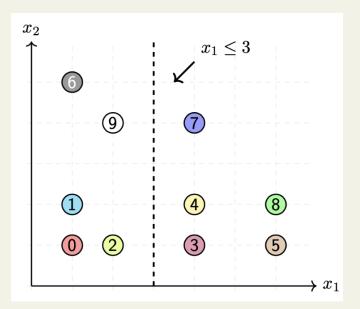


Figure 3

- 1. Before asking the question:  $|\mathcal{D}|$  possible guesses for the target point's class.
- 2. After asking the question: Either
  - $|\mathcal{D}^{(1)}|, \dots, |\mathcal{D}^{(K-1)}|$  or
  - $\bullet |\mathcal{D}^{(K)}|$

guesses, depending on the answer for the target point.

- i.e.  $|\mathcal{D}^{(K)}|$  if the target point belongs to class K (Yes) i.e.  $|\mathcal{D}^{(1)}|, \ldots, |\mathcal{D}^{(K-1)}|$  if the target point belongs to class  $1, \ldots, K-1$  (No)
- 3. Goal: Minimize the # of guesses needed in the worst-case, which would be

$$\max\{|\mathcal{D}^{(1)}|,\ldots,|\mathcal{D}^{(K)}|\}.$$

- i.e. Target point falls into the largest subset after a question is asked.
- 4. Given the constraints on  $|\mathcal{D}^{(1)}|, \ldots, |\mathcal{D}^{(K)}|$ , we can show that  $\max\{|\mathcal{D}^{(1)}|, \ldots, |\mathcal{D}^{(K)}|\}$  is minimized when

$$|\mathcal{D}^{(K)}| \in \left\{ \left| \frac{|\mathcal{D}|}{K} \right|, \left\lceil \frac{|\mathcal{D}|}{K} \right\rceil \right\}.$$

Basically, the best question splits  $\mathcal{D}$  into K sets of (roughly) the same size.

Warning: Roughly due to floor/ceil.

#### 3.3.1# of K-ary Questions Needed

**Theorem:** Given a classification data-set,  $\mathcal{D}$ , in which the class of each point is unique (i.e.,  $|\text{out}(\mathcal{D})| = |\mathcal{D}|$ ), the class of a randomly chosen target point can be determined within

$$\lceil \log_K(|\mathcal{D}|) \rceil$$

K-ary questions.

# 3.4 General Case

Motivation: Suppose points do not necessarily belong to a unique class.

- X is the class of a randomly chosen target point.
- Y is the answer to a K-ary question for X.

## 3.4.1 Expected # of Questions

**Definition**: Using the theorem above, since for each class, c, we can partition  $\mathcal{D}$  into  $\lceil 1/p_c \rceil$  subsets, with a subset containing all class c points

•  $p_c$ : Proportion of class c points.

If the target point's class is c, we can confirm it w/in  $\lceil \log_K(\lceil 1/p_c \rceil) \rceil$  K-ary questions.

Thus, the expected # of Qs needed is

$$\sum_{c} p_c \lceil \log_2(\lceil 1/p_c \rceil) \rceil.$$

Notes: i.e. Reduces to special cases with each subset containing a unique class.

### 3.4.2 Entropy, Conditional Entropy, and Information Gain

**Definition**: The **entropy** of a random variable X (in K-its) is defined as

$$H(X) = -\sum_{\forall x \in X} p_X(x) \log_K(p_X(x)).$$

The **conditional entropy** of a random variable, X, given a random variable Y, is

$$H(X|Y) = -\sum_{\forall y \in Y} \sum_{\forall x \in X} p_{X|Y}(x|y) \log_K(p_{X|Y}(x|y)).$$

The **information gain** from Y is:

$$IG(X|Y) = H(X) - H(X|Y).$$

• Maximize IG(X|Y) (i.e. choose the question to maximize the information gained).

# **Process**:

- 1. Calculate H(X) (i.e. entropy before the split).
- 2. Calculate H(X|Y) (i.e. entropy after the split).
  - (a) Calculate entropy for each subset of X based on the question, Y.
  - (b) Calculate the weighted average of the entropies.
- 3. Calculate IG(X|Y) = H(X) H(X|Y).

**Example**: Consider a classification problem where  $\mathcal{X} = \{0, \dots, 9\}^2$ ,  $\mathcal{Y} = \{0, 1, 2\}$  and suppose we are given

$$\mathcal{D} = \left\{ \left( \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, 0 \right), \left( \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, 0 \right), \left( \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, 0 \right), \left( \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, 1 \right), \left( \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, 1 \right), \left( \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, 2 \right), \left( \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}, 2 \right), \left( \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}, 2 \right), \left( \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, 2 \right), \left( \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}, 2 \right) \right\}.$$

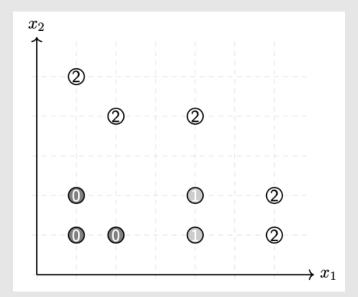


Figure 4

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# Example: 2-Ary Question

1. **Given:** 
$$X = \{0, 1, 2\}, Y = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } x_1 \le 3 \\ 0, & \text{if } x_1 > 3 \end{cases}$$
 (Yes)

- 2. **Problem:** IG(X|Y) = ?
- 3. Solution:
  - (a) Entropy before the split:  $H(X) = \frac{3}{10} \log_2 \left(\frac{10}{3}\right) + \frac{2}{10} \log_2 \left(\frac{10}{2}\right) + \frac{5}{10} \log_2 \left(\frac{10}{5}\right)$
  - (b) Entropy after the split:

i. 
$$H(X \mid x_1 \le 3) = \frac{3}{5} \log_2 \left(\frac{5}{3}\right) + \frac{2}{5} \log_2 \left(\frac{5}{2}\right)$$

ii. 
$$H(X \mid x_1 > 3) = \frac{2}{5} \log_2 \left(\frac{5}{2}\right) + \frac{3}{5} \log_2 \left(\frac{5}{3}\right)$$
.

iii. Weighted Avg. Entropy: 
$$H(X|Y) = \frac{5}{10}H(X \mid x_1 \le 3) + \frac{5}{10}H(X \mid x_1 > 3)$$

(c) IG(X|Y) = H(X) - H(X|Y)

# **Example: 2-Ary Question**

1. Given: 
$$X = \{0, 1, 2\}, Y = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } x_2 \le 3 \text{ (Yes)} \\ 0, & \text{if } x_2 > 3 \text{ (No)} \end{cases}$$

- 2. **Problem:** IG(X|Y) = ?
- - (a) Entropy before the split:  $H(X) = \frac{3}{10} \log_2 \left(\frac{10}{3}\right) + \frac{2}{10} \log_2 \left(\frac{10}{2}\right) + \frac{5}{10} \log_2 \left(\frac{10}{5}\right)$
  - (b) Entropy after the split:

i. 
$$H(X \mid x_2 > 3) = \frac{3}{3} \log_2 \left(\frac{3}{3}\right)$$

ii. 
$$H(X \mid x_2 \le 3) = \frac{3}{5} \log_2 \left(\frac{5}{3}\right) + \frac{2}{5} \log_2 \left(\frac{5}{2}\right) + \frac{2}{5} \log_2 \left(\frac{5}{2}\right)$$
.

iii. Weighted Avg. Entropy: 
$$H(X|Y) = \frac{3}{10}H(X \mid x_2 > 3) + \frac{7}{10}H(X \mid x_2 \le 3)$$

(c) IG(X|Y) = H(X) - H(X|Y)

# Example: 3-Ary Question

1. **Given:** 
$$X = \{0, 1, 2\}, Y = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } x_1 \leq 3 \text{ and } x_2 \leq 3 \\ 2, & \text{if } x_1 \leq 3 \text{ and } x_2 > 3 \\ 3, & \text{if } x_1 > 3 \end{cases}$$

- 2. Problem: IG(X|Y) = ?
- 3. Solution:

(a) Entropy before the split: 
$$H(X) = \frac{3}{10} \log_2 \left( \frac{10}{3} \right) + \frac{2}{10} \log_2 \left( \frac{10}{2} \right) + \frac{5}{10} \log_2 \left( \frac{10}{5} \right)$$

(b) Entropy after the split:

i. 
$$H(X \mid x_1 \le 3 \text{ and } x_2 \le 3) = \frac{3}{3} \log_2 \left(\frac{3}{3}\right)$$

ii. 
$$H(X \mid x_1 \le 3 \text{ and } x_2 > 3) = \frac{2}{2} \log_2 \left(\frac{2}{2}\right)$$

iii. 
$$H(X \mid x_1 > 3) = \frac{2}{5} \log_2 \left(\frac{5}{2}\right) + \frac{3}{5} \log_2 \left(\frac{5}{3}\right)$$

iv. 
$$H(X|Y) = \frac{3}{10}H(X \mid x_1 \le 3 \text{ and } x_2 \le 3) + \frac{2}{10}H(X \mid x_1 \le 3 \text{ and } x_2 > 3) + \frac{5}{10}H(X \mid x_1 > 3)$$
  
(c)  $IG(X|Y) = H(X) - H(X|Y)$ 

(c) 
$$IG(X|Y) = H(\tilde{X}) - H(X|Y)$$

# **Example: Decision Tree**

- 1. **Given:**  $X = \{0, 1, 2\}$
- 2. **Problem:** Draw a decision tree using binary conditions of the form,  $x_i \leq k$ , where  $i \in \{1, 2\}$  and  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ , that maximizes the information gained at each level.
- 3. Solution (Level 1):
  - (a) Entropy before the split:  $H(X) = \frac{3}{10} \log_2 \left(\frac{10}{3}\right) + \frac{2}{10} \log_2 \left(\frac{10}{2}\right) + \frac{5}{10} \log_2 \left(\frac{10}{5}\right) = 1.485 [\text{bits}]$
  - (b) Entropy after the split and information gain (everything in base 2 since 2-ary).

### Split Entropy

$$x_1 \le 1 \qquad H(X|Y) = \frac{3}{10} \left[ \frac{2}{3} \log \left( \frac{3}{2} \right) + \frac{1}{3} \log \left( \frac{3}{1} \right) \right] + \frac{7}{10} \left[ \frac{1}{7} \log \left( \frac{7}{1} \right) + \frac{2}{7} \log \left( \frac{7}{2} \right) + \frac{4}{7} \log \left( \frac{7}{4} \right) \right] = 1.241 \text{[bits]}$$

• IG(X|Y) = 1.485 - 1.241 = 0.244[bits]

$$x_1 \le 2, 3$$
  $H(X|Y) = \frac{5}{10} \left[ \frac{3}{5} \log \left( \frac{5}{3} \right) + \frac{2}{5} \log \left( \frac{5}{2} \right) \right] + \frac{5}{10} \left[ \frac{2}{5} \log \left( \frac{5}{2} \right) + \frac{3}{5} \log \left( \frac{5}{3} \right) \right] = 0.971 [\text{bits}]$ 

• IG(X|Y) = 1.485 - 0.971 = 0.514[bits]

$$x_1 \le 4, 5$$
  $H(X|Y) = \frac{8}{10} \left[ \frac{3}{8} \log \left( \frac{8}{3} \right) + \frac{2}{8} \log \left( \frac{8}{2} \right) + \frac{3}{8} \log \left( \frac{8}{3} \right) \right] + \frac{2}{10} \left[ \frac{2}{2} \log \left( \frac{2}{2} \right) \right] = 1.249 [\text{bits}]$ 

• IG(X|Y) = 1.485 - 1.249 = 0.236[bits]

$$x_1 \le 6$$
  $H(X|Y) = \frac{10}{10} \left[ \frac{3}{10} \log \left( \frac{10}{3} \right) + \frac{2}{10} \log \left( \frac{10}{2} \right) + \frac{5}{10} \log \left( \frac{10}{5} \right) \right] = 1.485 \text{[bits]}$ 

• IG(X|Y) = 1.485 - 1.485 = 0[bits]

$$x_2 \le 1 \qquad H(X|Y) = \frac{4}{10} \left[ \frac{2}{4} \log \left( \frac{4}{2} \right) + \frac{1}{4} \log \left( \frac{4}{1} \right) + \frac{1}{4} \log \left( \frac{4}{1} \right) \right] + \frac{6}{10} \left[ 2 \cdot \frac{1}{6} \log \left( \frac{6}{1} \right) + \frac{4}{6} \log \left( \frac{6}{4} \right) \right] = 1.351 \text{[bits]}$$

• IG(X|Y) = 1.485 - 1.351 = 0.134[bits]

$$x_2 \le 2, 3$$
  $H(X|Y) = \frac{7}{10} \left[ \frac{3}{7} \log \left( \frac{7}{3} \right) + \frac{2}{7} \log \left( \frac{7}{2} \right) + \frac{2}{7} \log \left( \frac{7}{2} \right) \right] + \frac{3}{10} \left[ \frac{3}{3} \log \left( \frac{3}{3} \right) \right] = 1.090 [\text{bits}]$ 

• IG(X|Y) = 1.485 - 1.090 = 0.395[bits]

$$x_2 \le 4$$
  $H(X|Y) = \frac{9}{10} \left[ \frac{3}{9} \log \left( \frac{9}{3} \right) + \frac{2}{9} \log \left( \frac{9}{2} \right) + \frac{4}{9} \log \left( \frac{9}{4} \right) \right] + \frac{1}{10} \left[ \frac{1}{1} \log \left( \frac{1}{1} \right) \right] = 1.377 [\text{bits}]$ 

• IG(X|Y) = 1.485 - 1.377 = 0.108[bits]

$$x_2 \le 5$$
  $H(X|Y) = \frac{10}{10} \left[ \frac{3}{10} \log \left( \frac{10}{3} \right) + \frac{2}{10} \log \left( \frac{10}{2} \right) + \frac{5}{10} \log \left( \frac{10}{5} \right) \right] = 1.485 \text{[bits]}$ 

• IG(X|Y) = 1.485 - 1.485 = 0[bits]

# **Example: Decision Tree Continued:**

4. Solution (Level 2):  $x_1 \le 2,3$  has the highest information gain. For clarity, choose  $x_1 \le 3$  as the question.

(a) Entropy before the split (treat as 2 indep. problems)

i. 
$$H(X_L) = \frac{3}{5} \log \left(\frac{5}{3}\right) + \frac{2}{5} \log \left(\frac{5}{2}\right) = 0.971$$

ii. 
$$H(X_R) = \frac{2}{5} \log \left(\frac{5}{2}\right) + \frac{3}{5} \log \left(\frac{5}{3}\right) = 0.971$$

(b) Entropy after the split and information gain (everything in base 2 since 2-ary).

### Split Entropy

# Left Split

$$x_1 \le 1$$
  $H(X_L|Y) = \frac{3}{5} \left[ \frac{2}{3} \log \left( \frac{3}{2} \right) + \frac{1}{3} \log \left( \frac{3}{1} \right) \right] + \frac{2}{5} \left[ \frac{1}{2} \log \left( \frac{1}{2} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \log \left( \frac{1}{2} \right) \right] = 0.151 \text{[bits]}$ 

• IG(X|Y) = 0.971 - 0.151 = 0.820[bits]

$$x_2 \le 1$$
  $H(X_L|Y) = \frac{2}{5} \left[ \frac{2}{2} \log \left( \frac{2}{2} \right) \right] + \frac{3}{5} \left[ \frac{1}{3} \log \left( \frac{3}{1} \right) + \frac{2}{3} \log \left( \frac{3}{2} \right) \right] = 0.551 \text{[bits]}$ 

• IG(X|Y) = 0.971 - 0.551 = 0.420[bits]

$$x_2 \le 2, 3$$
  $H(X_L|Y) = \frac{3}{5} \left[ \frac{3}{3} \log \left( \frac{3}{3} \right) \right] + \frac{2}{5} \left[ \frac{2}{2} \log \left( \frac{2}{2} \right) \right] = 0 \text{[bits]}$ 

•  $IG(X_L|Y) = 0.971 - 0 = 0.971$ [bits]

# Right Split

$$x_1 \le 4, 5$$
  $H(X_R|Y) = \frac{3}{5} \left[ \frac{2}{3} \log \left( \frac{3}{2} \right) + \frac{1}{3} \log \left( \frac{3}{1} \right) \right] + \frac{2}{5} \left[ \frac{2}{2} \log \left( \frac{2}{2} \right) \right] = 0.551 [\text{bits}]$ 

•  $IG(X_L|Y) = 0.971 - 0.551 = 0.420$ [bits]

$$x_2 \le 1$$
  $H(X_R|Y) = \frac{2}{5} \left[ \frac{1}{2} \log \left( \frac{2}{1} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \log \left( \frac{2}{1} \right) \right] + \frac{3}{5} \left[ \frac{2}{3} \log \left( \frac{3}{2} \right) + \frac{1}{3} \log \left( \frac{3}{1} \right) \right] = 0.951 \text{[bits]}$ 

•  $IG(X_L|Y) = 0.971 - 0.951 = 0.020$ [bits]

$$x_2 \le 2, 3$$
  $H(X_R|Y) = \frac{4}{5} \left[ \frac{2}{4} \log \left( \frac{4}{2} \right) + \frac{2}{4} \log \left( \frac{4}{2} \right) \right] + \frac{1}{5} \left[ \frac{1}{1} \log \left( \frac{1}{1} \right) \right] = 0.8 \text{[bits]}$ 

•  $IG(X_L|Y) = 0.971 - 0.8 = 0.171[bits]$ 

# **Example: Decision Tree Continued:**

- 5. Solution (Level 3):  $x_2 \le 2, 3$  and  $x_1 \le 4, 5$  has the highest information gain. For clarity, choose  $x_2 \le 3$  as the question for the left split and choose  $x_1 \le 5$  as the question for the right split.
  - (a) Since 3 are pure splits already, therefore, look at right-left side only.
  - (b) Entropy before the split for the right-left side

i. 
$$H(X_{RL}) = \frac{2}{3} \log \left(\frac{3}{2}\right) + \frac{1}{3} \log \left(\frac{3}{1}\right) = 0.918$$
[bits]

(c) Entropy after the split and information gain (everything in base 2 since 2-ary).

## Split Entropy

$$x_2 \le 1$$
  $H(X_{RL}|Y) = \frac{1}{3} \left[ \frac{1}{1} \log \left( \frac{1}{1} \right) \right] + \frac{2}{3} \left[ \frac{1}{2} \log \left( \frac{2}{1} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \log \left( \frac{2}{1} \right) \right] = 0.667 \text{[bits]}$ 

• IG(X|Y) = 0.971 - 0.667 = 0.304[bits]

$$x_2 \leq 2, 3 \quad H(X_{RL}|Y) = \frac{1}{3} \left[ \frac{1}{1} \log \left( \frac{1}{1} \right) \right] + \frac{2}{3} \left[ \frac{2}{2} \log \left( \frac{2}{2} \right) \right] = 0 [\text{bits}]$$

• IG(X|Y) = 0.971 - 0 = 0.971[bits]

6. Now all regions in our graph contain a pure set (one class). Note this took more questions than needed, but IG is a heuristic so its not perfect.

