

Exercise 01:

There are 13 parameters of decision tree in sklearn.

criterion: there are two parameters gini and entropy, and the function to measure the quality of a split. Supported criteria are "gini" for the Gini impurity and "entropy" for the information gain.

- **entropy:** Information gain is biased to choosing attributes with a large number of values. If the data dimension is relatively large and the noise is large, the information gain algorithm is likely to lead to overfitting. The ID3 algorithm is using this method.
- **GINI:** Since there is no need to calculate the algorithm, the fitting time is slightly faster than the information entropy method.

splitter: The strategy used to choose the split at each node. Supported strategies are "best" to choose the best split and "random" to choose the best random split. "best" method will branch according to feature_importances_ and may increase bias, "random" method will use a completely random method to cause the tree to become bigger, it may lead to increased variance but this method prevents overfitting to a certain extent.

max_depth: The maximum depth of the tree. If None, then nodes are expanded until all leaves are pure or until all leaves contain less than min_samples_split samples. This parameter controls tree pruning, if this value is too large, it will lead to overfitting. This method may increase the variance of the results.

min_samples_split: The minimum number of samples required to split an internal node:

- If int, then consider min_samples_split as the minimum number.
- If float, then min_samples_split is a fraction and $\text{ceil}(\text{min_samples_split} * n_samples)$ are the minimum number of samples for each split.
If the value of min_samples_split is small will lead to overfitting

min_samples_leaf: The minimum number of samples required to be at a leaf node. A split point at any depth will only be considered if it leaves at least min_samples_leaf training samples in each of the left and right branches. This may have the effect of smoothing the model, especially in regression.

- If int, then consider min_samples_split as the minimum number.
- If float, then min_samples_split is a fraction and $\text{ceil}(\text{min_samples_split} * n_samples)$ are the minimum number of samples for each split.
This parameter is very similar to the previous one.

min_weight_fraction_leaf: The minimum weighted fraction of the sum total of weights (of all the input samples) required to be at a leaf node. Samples have equal weight when sample_weight is not provided.

The effect of this parameter is similar to class_weight.

max_features: The number of features to consider when looking for the best split:

- If int, then consider max_features features at each split.

- If float, then `max_features` is a fraction and `int(max_features * n_features)` features are considered at each split.
- If “auto”, then `max_features=sqrt(n_features)`.
- If “sqrt”, then `max_features=sqrt(n_features)`.
- If “log2”, then `max_features=log2(n_features)`.
- If None, then `max_features=n_features`.
Forcibly setting this parameter may lead to insufficient model learning and increase variance. We can use with PCA to reduce dimension.

random_state:Controls the randomness of the estimator. The features are always randomly permuted at each split, even if splitter is set to "best". When `max_features < n_features`, the algorithm will select `max_features` at random at each split before finding the best split among them. But the best found split may vary across different runs, even if `max_features=n_features`. That is the case, if the improvement of the criterion is identical for several splits and one split has to be selected at random. To obtain a deterministic behaviour during fitting, `random_state` has to be fixed to an integer. See Glossary for details.

This parameter has random influence on results.

max_leaf_nodes:Grow a tree with `max_leaf_nodes` in best-first fashion. Best nodes are defined as relative reduction in impurity. If None then unlimited number of leaf nodes.

min_impurity_decrease:A node will be split if this split induces a decrease of the impurity greater than or equal to this value.

min_impurity_split:Threshold for early stopping in tree growth. A node will split if its impurity is above the threshold, otherwise it is a leaf.

The above two parameters are used for tree pruning.

class_weight:Weights associated with classes in the form `{class_label: weight}`. If None, all classes are supposed to have weight one. For multi-output problems, a list of dicts can be provided in the same order as the columns of `y`.

We use this parameter to balance the sample labels, given more weight to a small number of labels, and make the model more biased to the minority class. It can reduce the bias of the results, only if we set the `class_weight` is suitable.

ccp_alpha:Complexity parameter used for Minimal Cost-Complexity Pruning. The subtree with the largest cost complexity that is smaller than `ccp_alpha` will be chosen. By default, no pruning is performed. See Minimal Cost-Complexity Pruning for details.

Exercise 2
