

MATH-810 Mathematical Methods for Artificial Intelligence

DFS & BFS

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Weighted Graph, Shortest Path & Negative Cycle

- $w : E \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ is known as *weight function*
- w to an edge is called *weight of the edge*
- A graph $G = (V, E)$ in which each edge has a weight is called a *weighted graph*.
- Let $S = v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k$ be a path in a weighted graph G then weight of S is given by

$$w(S) = \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} w(v_i, v_{i+1}).$$

- A *shortest path* from a vertex v to a vertex v' is defined as any $v - v'$ path S with weight $w(S) = d(v, v')$ where $d(v, v')$ is given by

$$d(v, v') = \begin{cases} \min\{w(\tilde{P}) \mid \tilde{P} \text{ is a } v - v' \text{ path}\} & \text{if } v' \text{ is reachable from } v \\ +\infty & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

- A cycle C in a weighted graph with $w(C) < 0$ is called a *negative cycle*.

Dijkstra's Algorithm (Main Idea)

- The idea is to visit the nodes in order of their closeness to *source vertex* s .

The closest node to s , say x , must be adjacent to s and the next closest node, say y , must be either adjacent to s or x . The third closest node to s must be either adjacent to s or x or y , and so on.

We set the π attribute so that the chain of predecessors originating at a vertex v runs backwards along the shortest path from vertex s to v .

- Given a graph $G(V, E)$, we maintain for each vertex $v \in V$ a predecessor $\pi[v]$ that is either a vertex or NIL

For each vertex $v \in V$, we maintain an attribute $d[v]$, which is an upper bound on the weight of a shortest path from source s to vertex v .

- We call $d[v]$ a *Shortest Path Estimate*

We initialize the Shortest Path Estimate and Predecessor by the following procedure:

INITIALIZE-SINGLE-SOURCE (G, s)

- ➊ **for** each vertex $v \in V$
- ➋ **do** $d[v] \leftarrow \infty$
- ➌ $\pi[v] \leftarrow \text{NIL}$
- ➍ $d[s] = 0$

After initialization, $\pi[v] = \text{NIL}$, $d[v] = 0$ for $v = s$ and $d[v] = \infty$ for all $v \in V - s$

- The process of relaxing an edge (u, v) consist of testing whether we can improve the shortest path to v found so far by going through u and, if so, update $d[v]$ and $\pi[v]$.

A relaxation step may decrease the shortest path estimate $d[v]$ and updates's v 's predecessor field $\pi[v]$.

RELAX (u, v, w)

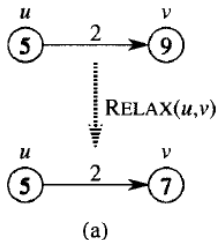
- 1 **if** $d[v] > d[u] + w(u, v)$
- 2 **then** $d[v] \leftarrow d[u] + w(u, v)$
- 3 $\pi[v] \leftarrow u$

Relaxation

RELAX (u, v, w)

- ① if $d[v] > d[u] + w(u, v)$ (if new shortest path found)
- ② **then** $d[v] \leftarrow d[u] + w(u, v)$ (set new value of shortest path)
- ③ $\pi[v] \leftarrow u$ (add u to predecessor of v)

Relaxation of an edge (u, v) .



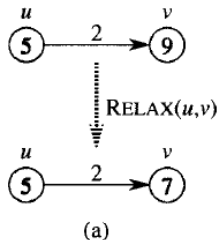
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Relaxation

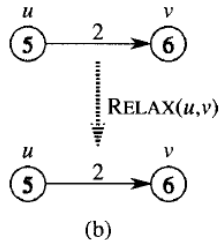
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Relaxation of an edge (u, v) .



- (a)** Because $d[v] > d[u] + w(u, v)$ prior to relaxation, the value of $d[v]$ decreases.



- (b)** Here, $d[v] \leq d[u] + w(u, v)$ before the relaxation step, so $d[v]$ is unchanged by relaxation.

Dijkstra's algorithm maintains a set S of those vertices for which the shortest path weights from the source s have already been determined. The algorithm repeatedly selects the vertices $u \in V \setminus S$ with shortest path estimates, and insert u into S , and relaxes all the edges leaving u . In the following implementation, we maintain a priority queue Q that contains all the vertices in $V \setminus S$ keyed by their d values.

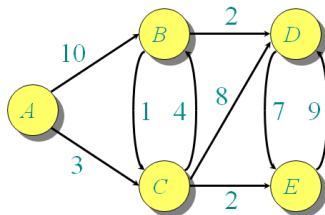
Dijkstra's Algorithm

DIJKSTRA (G, w, s)

1	INITIALIZE-SINGLE-SOURCE (G, s)	(distance to source vertex is zero) (set all other distances to infinity)
2	$S \leftarrow \emptyset$	(S , the set of visited vertices is initially empty)
3	$Q \leftarrow V[G]$	(Q , the queue initially contains all vertices)
4	while $Q \neq \emptyset$	(while the queue is not empty)
5	do $u \leftarrow EXTRACT - MIN(Q)$	(select the element of Q with the min. distance)
6	$S \leftarrow S \cup \{u\}$	(add u to list of visited vertices)
7	for each vertex $v \in Adj[u]$	
8	do RELAX(u, v, w)	(if new shortest path found) (set new value of shortest path)

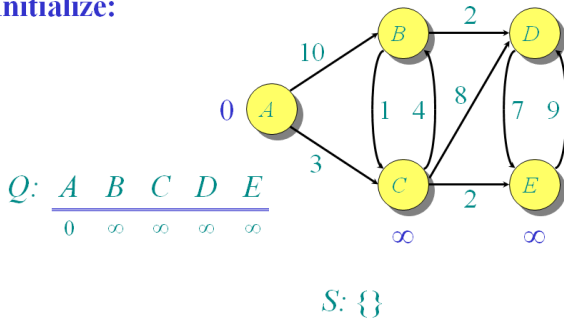
Dijkstra's Algorithm Implementation

**Graph with
nonnegative
edge weights:**

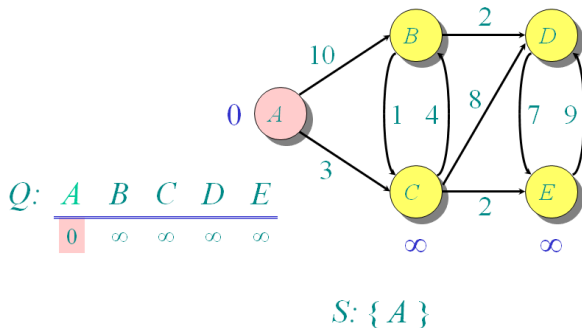


Dijkstra's Algorithm Implementation

Initialize:

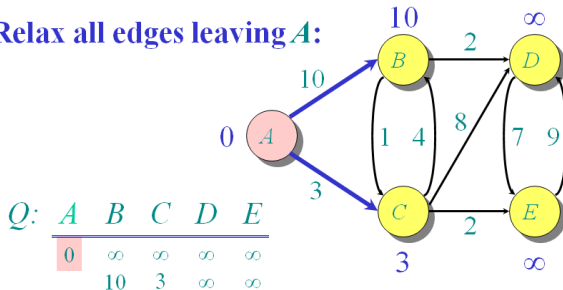


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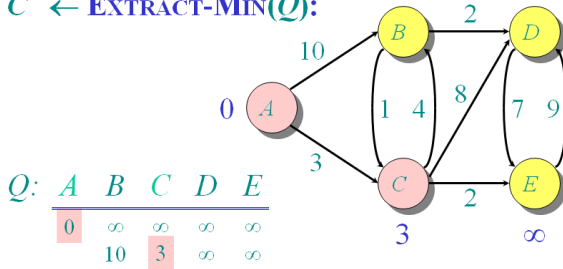
Relax all edges leaving **A**:



S: { A }

Dijkstra's Algorithm Implementation

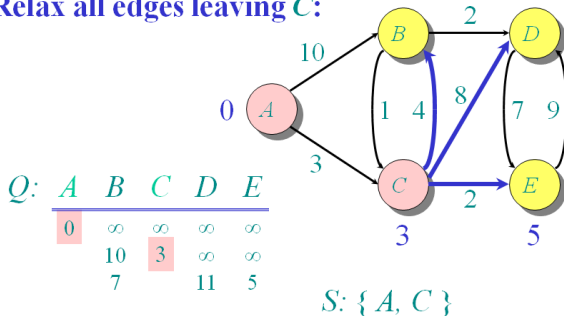
"C" \leftarrow EXTRACT-MIN(Q):



$S: \{A, C\}$

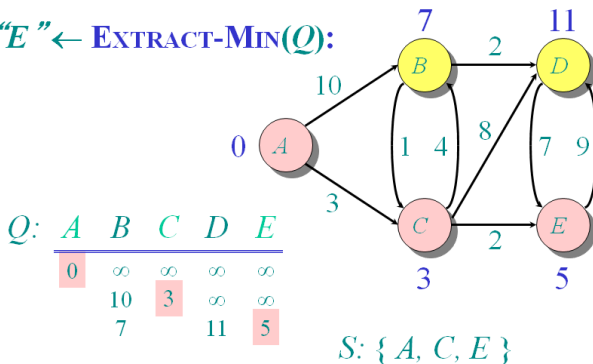
Dijkstra's Algorithm Implementation

Relax all edges leaving C :



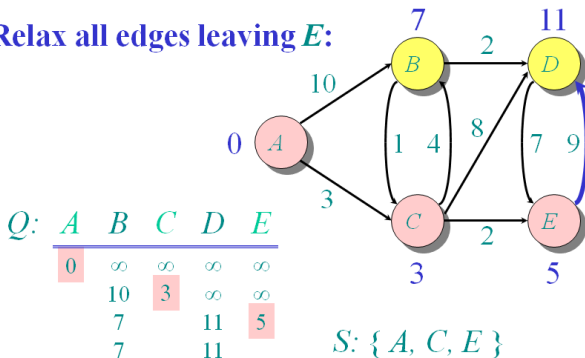
Dijkstra's Algorithm Implementation

"E" \leftarrow EXTRACT-MIN(Q):



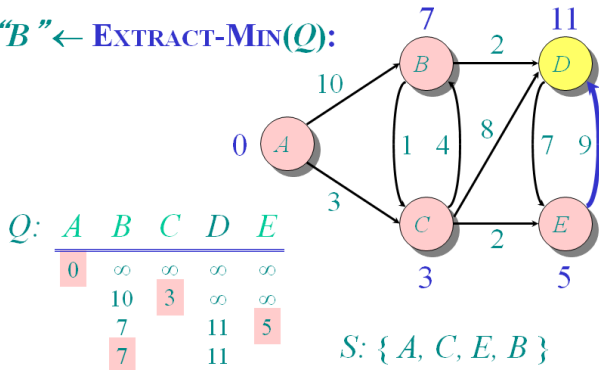
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Relax all edges leaving E :



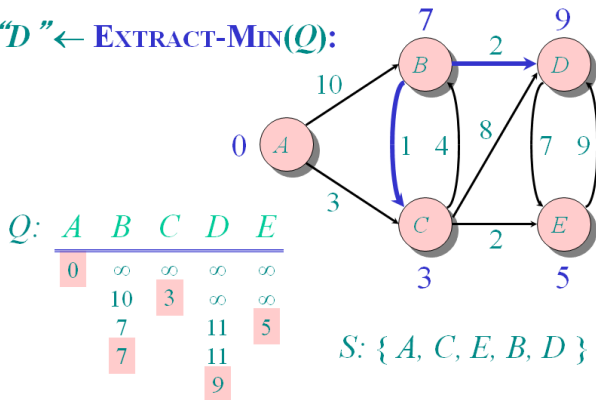
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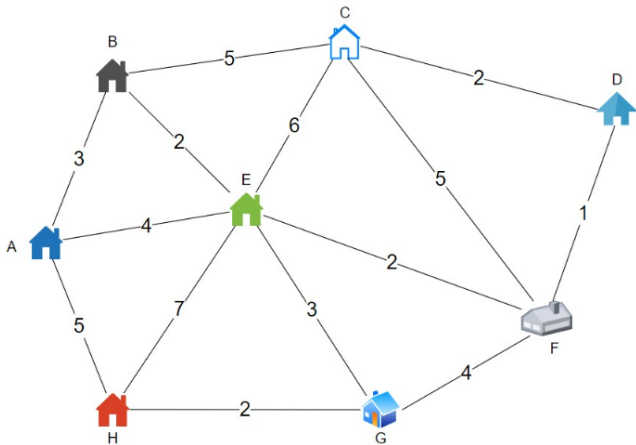
"B" \leftarrow EXTRACT-MIN(Q):



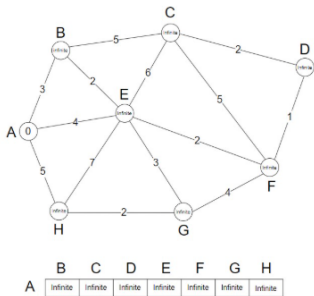
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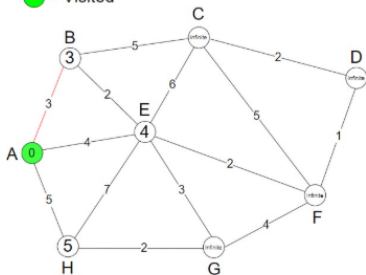




Step 1 – Start at the source node (let's say A) with distance 0 and all other nodes to infinity.



● - Visited



Step 2 – We mark the node A as visited.

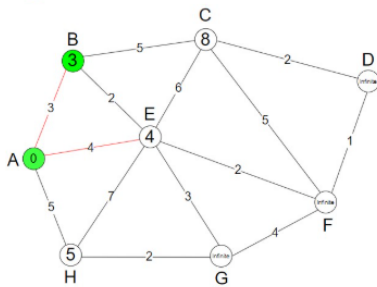
A → B, Cost of AB is 3, (Shortest Distance)

A → E, Cost of AE is 4

A → H, Cost of AH is 5

	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
A	3	Infinite	Infinite	4	Infinite	Infinite	5

● - Visited



Step 3 – We mark the node B as visited.

A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C, Cost of ABC is 8

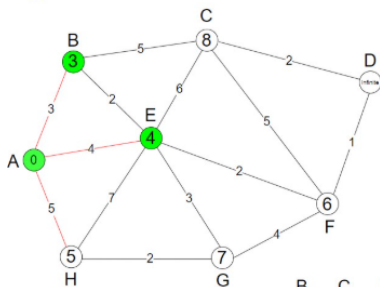
A \rightarrow B \rightarrow E, Cost of ABE is 5

A \rightarrow E, Cost of AE is 4, (Shortest Distance)

A \rightarrow H, Cost of AH is 5

	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
A	3	8	Infinite	4	Infinite	Infinite	5

● - Visited



Step 4 – We mark the node E as visited.

A → B → C, Cost of AC is 8

A → E → F, Cost of AEF is 6

A → E → G, Cost of AEG is 7

A → H, Cost of AH is 5, (Shortest Distance)

	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
A	3	8	Infinite	4	6	7	5

Step 5 – We mark the node H as visited.

A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C, Cost of AC is 8

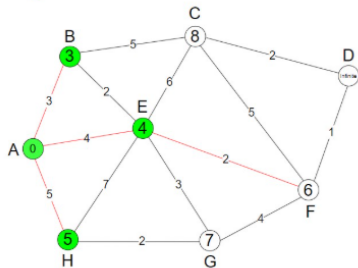
A \rightarrow E \rightarrow F, Cost of AEF is 6, (Shortest Distance)

A \rightarrow E \rightarrow G, Cost of AEG is 7

A \rightarrow H \rightarrow G, Cost of AHG is 7

We have to find the minimum cost. So, we update the shortest distance (AEF, 6).

● - Visited



	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
A	3	8	infinite	4	6	7	5

Step 6 – We mark the node F as visited.

A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C, Cost of AC is 8

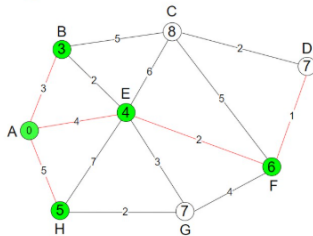
A \rightarrow E \rightarrow F \rightarrow D, Cost of AEFD is 7, (Shortest Distance)

A \rightarrow E \rightarrow G, Cost of AEG is 7

A \rightarrow H \rightarrow G, Cost of AHG is 7

We have to find the minimum cost. So, we update the shortest distance (AEFD, 7).

● - Visited



	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
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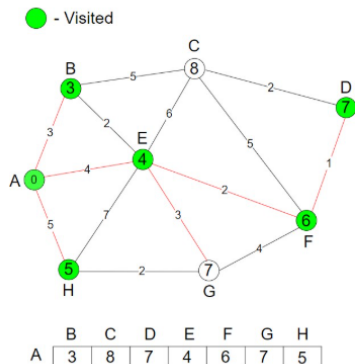
Step 7 – We mark the node D as visited.

A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C, Cost of AC is 8

A \rightarrow E \rightarrow G, Cost of AEG is 7, (Shortest Distance)

A \rightarrow H \rightarrow G, Cost of AHG is 7

We have to find the minimum cost. So, we update the shortest distance (AEG, 7).

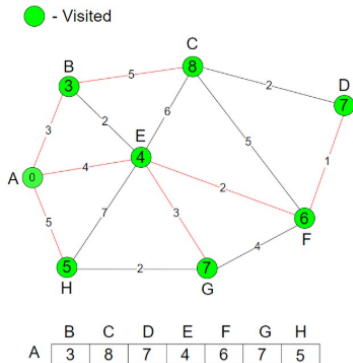


Step 8 – We mark the node G as visited.

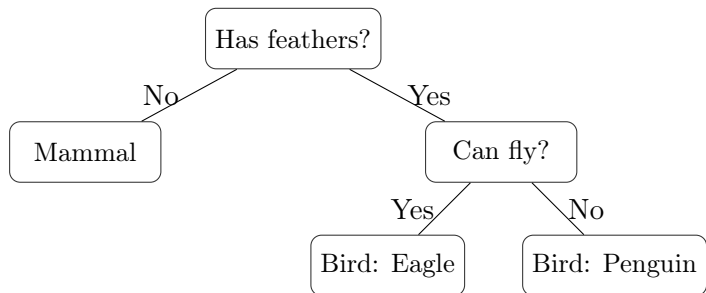
A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C, Cost of AC is 8, (Shortest Distance)

We have to find the minimum cost. So, we update the shortest distance (ABC, 8).

Also, mark the node C as visited.

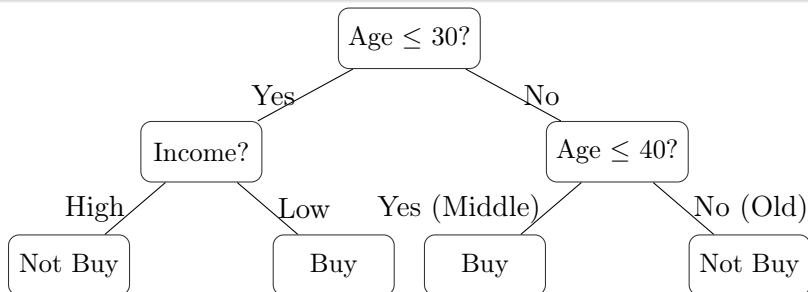


Binary Tree in AI ? Decision Tree Example



- Each internal node asks a yes/no question.
- Leaves correspond to decisions or classifications.
- Binary trees like this form the basis of many AI algorithms

Binary Trees in AI ? Learning with Information Gain

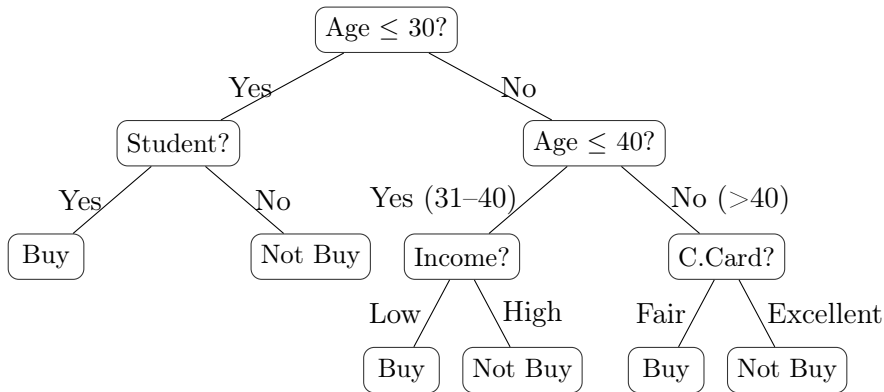


- Each node asks a binary question (Yes/No).
- Splits chosen by maximizing *information gain*:

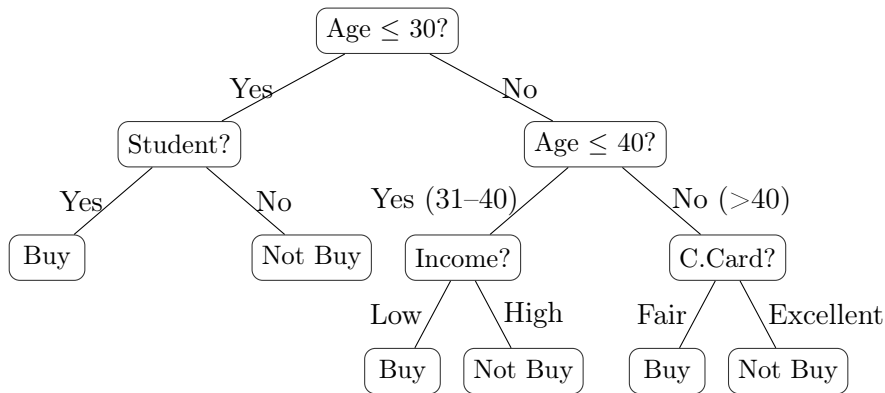
$$IG(S, A) = H(S) - \sum_{v \in \{Yes, No\}} \frac{|S_v|}{|S|} H(S_v).$$

$$H(S) = - \sum_{c \in \{Buy, NotBuy\}} p(c) \log_2 p(c)$$

Recursive Growth of Decision Trees



Recursive Growth of Decision Trees



- This dataset is an artificial pedagogical toy dataset where features were not chosen to model real-world economics perfectly ? just to demonstrate entropy/information gain.

Classic Dataset: “Buy Computer” (Mitchell, 1997)

Age	Income	Student	Credit Rating	Buys Computer
≤ 30	High	No	Fair	No
≤ 30	High	No	Excellent	No
≤ 30	Low	No	Fair	Yes
≤ 30	Low	Yes	Excellent	Yes
31–40	High	Yes	Fair	Yes
31–40	Low	Yes	Excellent	Yes
31–40	High	No	Fair	Yes
> 40	High	No	Excellent	No
> 40	Low	Yes	Fair	Yes
> 40	Low	No	Excellent	No

Summary: total examples $|S| = 10$, #Buy = 6, #NotBuy = 4.

Entropy ? overall set S

Entropy (binary labels)

For binary label set S with class probabilities p_1, p_2 ,

$$H(S) = - \sum_i p_i \log_2 p_i.$$

Compute for dataset: $p(\text{Buy}) = \frac{6}{10} = 0.6$, $p(\text{Not}) = \frac{4}{10} = 0.4$.

$$\begin{aligned} H(S) &= -(0.6 \log_2 0.6 + 0.4 \log_2 0.4) \\ &= -(0.6 \times (-0.736965594) + 0.4 \times (-1.321928094)) \\ &= 0.44217935649972373 + 0.5287712379549449 \\ &= 0.9709505944546686. \end{aligned}$$

Information Gain (IG)

For attribute A that partitions S into subsets S_v :

$$IG(S, A) = H(S) - \sum_v \frac{|S_v|}{|S|} H(S_v).$$

A = Student: values = $v \in \{Yes, No\}$.

- $v = \text{Yes}$: 4 examples, all 4 are **Buy** $\Rightarrow p(\text{Buy}) = 1, p(\text{Not}) = 0$ so $H(S_{\text{Yes}}) = 0$.
- $v = \text{No}$: 6 examples, #Buy = 2, #Not = 4 $\Rightarrow p(\text{Buy}) = \frac{2}{6} = 0.333333, p(\text{Not}) = \frac{4}{6} = 0.666666$.

$$\begin{aligned} H(S_{\text{No}}) &= -\left(\frac{2}{6} \log_2 \frac{2}{6} + \frac{4}{6} \log_2 \frac{4}{6}\right) = -(0.33 \times (-1.58) + 0.67 \times (-0.58)) \\ &= 0.5283208335737187 + 0.389974 = 0.9182958340544896. \end{aligned}$$

Weighted entropy after splitting on Student:

$$\frac{4}{10} \cdot 0 + \frac{6}{10} \cdot 0.9182958340544896 = 0.5509775004326937.$$

Therefore

$$IG(S, \text{Student}) = H(S) - 0.5509775004326937 = 0.9709 - 0.5509 = 0.4199.$$

$IG(\text{Student}) \approx 0.420$ - The largest gain among attributes.

Information Gain ? Age

Split by Age values: ≤ 30 (4 examples), $31-40$ (3 examples), > 40 (3 examples).

Counts and entropies:

- Age ≤ 30 : 4 examples, 2 Buy / 2 Not $\Rightarrow p = 0.5, 0.5$ so

$$H(S_1) = -(0.5 \log_2 0.5 + 0.5 \log_2 0.5) = 1.000000000.$$

- Age $31-40$: 3 examples, 3 Buy / 0 Not $\Rightarrow H(S_2) = 0$.

- Age > 40 : 3 examples, 1 Buy / 2 Not

$$\Rightarrow H(S_3) = -\left(\frac{1}{3} \log_2 \frac{1}{3} + \frac{2}{3} \log_2 \frac{2}{3}\right) = 0.9182958340544896.$$

Weighted entropy:

$$\frac{4}{10} \cdot 1.0 + \frac{3}{10} \cdot 0 + \frac{3}{10} \cdot 0.92 = 0.4 + 0 + 0.28 = 0.68.$$

Information gain:

$$IG(S, \text{Age}) = 0.97 - 0.68 = 0.29.$$

$IG(\text{Age}) \approx 0.2955$.

Income (High / Low): each has 5 examples.

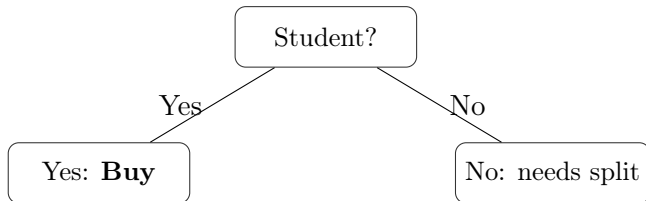
- High: 5 examples, 2 Buy / 3 Not
 $\Rightarrow H(\text{High}) = 0.9709505944546686$.
- Low: 5 examples, 4 Buy / 1 Not
 $\Rightarrow H(\text{Low}) = 0.7219280948873623$.
- Weighted entropy =
 $0.5 \cdot 0.97095 + 0.5 \cdot 0.721928 = 0.8464393446710154$.
- $IG(S, \text{Income}) = 0.9709505944546686 - 0.8464393446710154 = 0.12451124978365313$.

Credit Rating (Fair / Excellent):

- Fair: 4 examples, 3 Buy / 1 Not
 $\Rightarrow H(\text{Fair}) = 0.8112781244591328$.
- Excellent: 6 examples, 3 Buy / 3 Not $\Rightarrow H(\text{Excellent}) = 1.0$.
- Weighted entropy
 $= 0.4 \cdot 0.8112781244591328 + 0.6 \cdot 1.0 = 0.9245112497836532$.
- $IG(S, \text{Credit}) = 0.9709505944546686 - 0.9245112497836532 = 0.0464393446710154$.

Best root split: Student with $IG \approx 0.420$

Tree after first split: Student



Explanation: Student=Yes subset is pure (4/4 Buy) so we make a leaf 'Buy'. For Student=No (6 examples, 2 Buy / 4 Not) we must split further ? see next slides.

Recursive split: analyze Student = No subset

Subset statistics

Student = No, this subset has 6 examples: #Buy = 2, #Not = 4.
Entropy:

$$H(S_{\text{No}}) = -\left(\frac{2}{6} \log_2 \frac{2}{6} + \frac{4}{6} \log_2 \frac{4}{6}\right) = 0.9182958340544896.$$

Candidate splits over: Age, Income, Credit. We compute IG inside this subset.

Age (within Student=No):

- Age ≤ 30 : 3 examples (1 Buy, 2 Not) $\Rightarrow H = 0.9182958340544896$.
- Age 31–40: 1 example (1 Buy) $\Rightarrow H = 0$.
- Age > 40 : 2 examples (0 Buy, 2 Not) $\Rightarrow H = 0$.
- Weighted entropy $= \frac{3}{6} \cdot 0.9183 + \frac{1}{6} \cdot 0 + \frac{2}{6} \cdot 0 = 0.4591479170272448$.
- $IG_{\text{No}}(\text{Age}) = 0.9182958340544896 - 0.4591479170272448 = 0.4591479170272448$.

Income (within Student=No):

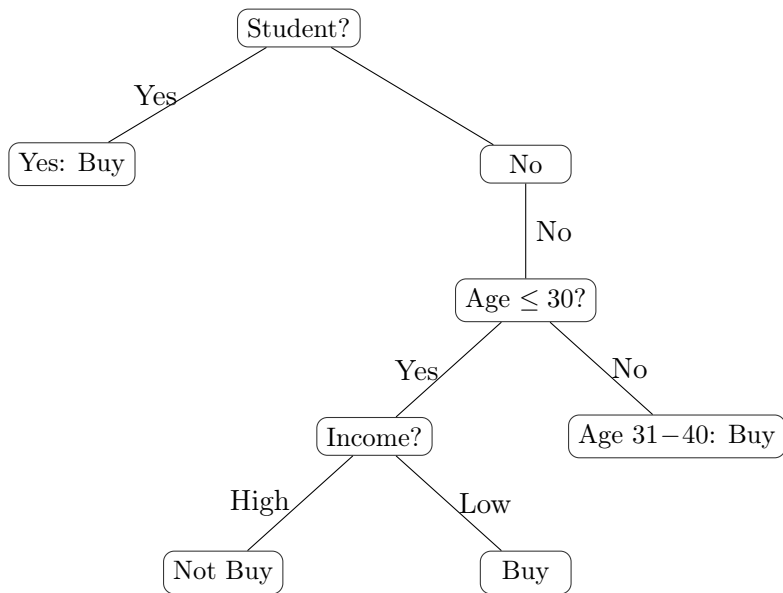
- High: 4 examples (1 Buy, 3 Not) $\Rightarrow H = 0.8112781244591328$.
- Low: 2 examples (1 Buy, 1 Not) $\Rightarrow H = 1.0$.
- Weighted entropy
$$= \frac{4}{6} \cdot 0.8112781244591328 + \frac{2}{6} \cdot 1.0 = 0.8741854163060885$$
.
- $IG_{\text{No}}(\text{Income}) = 0.9182958340544896 - 0.8741854163060885 = 0.044110417748401076$.

Credit (within Student=No):

- Fair: 3 examples (2 Buy, 1 Not) $\Rightarrow H = 0.9182958340544896$.
- Excellent: 3 examples (0 Buy, 3 Not) $\Rightarrow H = 0$.
- Weighted entropy
 $= \frac{3}{6} \cdot 0.9182958340544896 + \frac{3}{6} \cdot 0 = 0.4591479170272448$.
- $IG_{\text{No}}(\text{Credit}) = 0.9182958340544896 - 0.4591479170272448 = 0.4591479170272448$.

Best splits on Student=No: Age and Credit tie with $IG \approx 0.45915$.

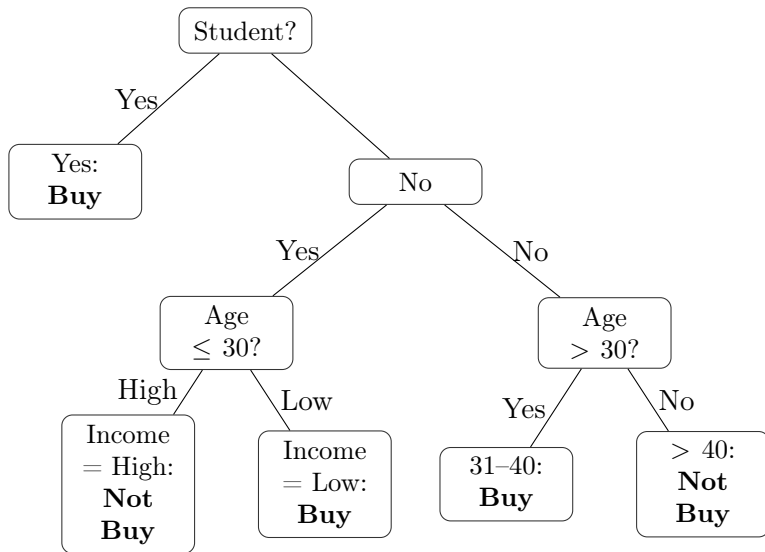
Continue recursion: Student=No, choose Age



Notes on final small splits:

- For Student=No and Age ≤ 30 (3 examples): splitting by **Income** yields
 - (i) Income = High \Rightarrow 2 examples (both NotBuy) \Rightarrow leaf **Not Buy**.
 - (ii) Income = Low \Rightarrow 1 example (Buy) \Rightarrow leaf **Buy**.
- Age 31–40 was pure (Buy) in this subset; Age > 40 gave NotBuy.

Final decision tree (summary)



Summary:

- Numeric entropy & IG calculations explain & justify every split.
- Student had the highest IG at the root (0.420 bits) and became a pure leaf for Student=Yes.
- Recursion and local IG checks (Age / Credit) led to the rest of the tree; local splits produced pure or near-pure leaves.

