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Lab C Report

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The objective of Lab C was to implement a decision tree that predicts binary classification for a set of given input variables. The program takes a file that is tab delimited and creates a 2D matrix, which the function uses to create a decision tree. The algorithm uses information gain from each input variable to decide which input to expand next by maximizing the gain. I tested the algorithm with the 3 files provided and the following diagrams represent the decision tree for each of them:

## Pets.txt:

```
size:
         large
         -->no
         medium
         color:
                  brown
         small
         color:
                  -->yes
                  gray
tail:
                           yes
earshape:
folded
                                     pointed
                           no
        tiny
color:
                  brown
                  -->no
                  white
                  tail:
                           yes
                            earshape:
                                     pointed
```

## Tennis.txt:

Every tab we go inside shows a deeper level of the tree. For instance, in tennis.txt, calculating the gain for each column, the algorithm finds that outlook has the highest gain. So level 0 is "outlook" variable. How you would read the tree above would be: if outlook is rainy and wind is strong, the classification for "play tennis" is no, but if outlook is rainy and wind is weak, classification is yes; if outlook is overcast, classification is a yes without having to look at any other input variables and so on. The symbol '→" preceded final answer to avoid confusion on which the final classification is.

## Another tree for titanic2.txt:

```
female
pclass:
         crew
         age:
                  adult
                  -->yes
         3rd
         age:
                  child
                  -->no
                  adult
                  -->no
         2nd
         age:
                  child
                  -->yes
adult
                  -->yes
         1st
         age:
                  child
                  -->yes
adult
                  -->yes
male
pclass:
         crew
         age:
                  adult
                  -->no
         3rd
         age:
                  child
                  -->no
                  adult
                  -->no
         2nd
         age:
                  child
                  -->yes
adult
                  -->no
         1st
         age:
                  child
                  -->yes
adult
                  -->no
```

The tree for pets had 19 nodes, tennis had 8 nodes in the tree and titanic had 25 nodes in total.

My algorithm produced the following level of accuracy with 2 different types of test: