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Machine Learning - Sheet 1

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Task 1: Boolean Functions *(5 Points)*
Give decision trees to represent the following Boolean functions:

(a) $A \wedge \neg B$

(b) $A \vee (B \wedge C)$

(c) A xor B

(d) $(A \wedge B) \vee (C \wedge D)$

(e) M of N: a function that depends on variables $X_1, \ldots, X_N$, and returns `true` if and only if exactly M of the N variables are `true`.

Task 2: Literature *(0 Points)*
Read pages 55-60 of the book Machine Learning [1].

Task 3: Entropy *(6 Points)*
An information source emits four symbols A, B, C, D, which occur with probabilities $p(A), \ldots, p(D)$.

1. Suppose that $p(A) = 0.5$, $p(B) = 0.3$, $p(C) = 0.1$, $p(D) = 0.1$. Compute the entropy $H(p)$.
2. For which probabilities is the entropy H maximal? For which is it minimal?
3. Explain in your own words what the entropy is.
4. How is the entropy used for the decision tree construction?

Task 4: ARFF Files *(0 Points)*
Make yourself familar with ARFF files (see `http://www.cs.waikato.ac.nz/ml/weka/arff.html`).

Task 5: Information Gain *(9 Points)*
Implement the following methods in Java or Python:

1. Implement the method `entropyOnSubset` that takes three arguments: a dataset $D = [inst_0, \ldots, inst_{N-1}]$, a list of indices $I = [i_0, i_1, \ldots, i_{m-1}]$ that describe a subset of the dataset, and a class attribute C. The subset of the dataset is then defined as

$$S := \{inst_{i_j} | 0 \leq j < m\}.$$

The entropy of S relative to the C-wise classification is then

$$H(S) := -\sum_{v \in values(C)} p_v \cdot log_2(p_v),$$

where p_v is the proportion of S belonging to class v. The value $H(S)$ is what the `entropyOnSubset`-method should return.

2. Let D, I, S and C be as above. Implement the method `informationGain` that takes D, I, C and an additional attribute A as arguments, and returns

$$InformationGain(S, A) := H(S) - \sum_{v \in values(A)} \frac{|S_v|}{|S|} \cdot H(S_v),$$

where S_v are those instances that take value v at attribute A.

3. Implement an ARFF file parser and test your codes from previous steps on the Weather dataset (`weather.nominal.arff`).

References

[1] Tom M. Mitchell. *Machine learning*. McGraw Hill series in computer science. McGraw-Hill, 1997.