

CSCE 633 : Machine Learning, Assignment - 2

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Question 1

Suppose you are given 6 training points for a classification problem with two binary attributes $X1$ and $X2$ and three classes $Y \in \{1, 2, 3\}$. You will use a decision tree learner based on information gain.

$X1$	$X2$	Y
1	1	1
1	1	1
1	1	2
1	0	3
0	0	2
0	0	3

Answer

(1) Conditional Entropy for $X1$ and $X2$

Conditional entropy $H(Y|X)$ is given by:

$$H(Y|X) = - \sum_{x \in X} P(X = x) \sum_{y \in Y} P(Y = y|X = x) \log_2 P(Y = y|X = x)$$

For attribute $X1$:

$$P(X1 = 1) = \frac{4}{6} = 0.66$$

$$P(X1 = 0) = \frac{2}{6} = 0.33$$

For $X1 = 1$:

$$P(Y = 1|X1 = 1) = \frac{2}{4} = 0.5$$

$$P(Y = 2|X1 = 1) = \frac{1}{4} = 0.25$$

$$P(Y = 3|X1 = 1) = \frac{1}{4} = 0.25$$

For $X1 = 0$:

$$P(Y = 1|X1 = 0) = 0$$

$$P(Y = 2|X1 = 0) = \frac{1}{2} = 0.5$$

$$P(Y = 3|X1 = 0) = \frac{1}{2} = 0.5$$

So, for $X1$:

$$H(Y|X1) = -[0.66 \cdot (0.5 \cdot \log_2 0.5 + 0.25 \cdot \log_2 0.25 + 0.25 \cdot \log_2 0.25) + 0.33 \cdot (0 + 0.5 \cdot \log_2 0.5 + 0.5 \cdot \log_2 0.5)] = \mathbf{1.32}$$

For attribute X_2 :

$$P(X_2 = 1) = \frac{3}{6} = 0.5$$

$$P(X_2 = 0) = \frac{3}{6} = 0.5$$

For $X_2 = 1$:

$$P(Y = 1|X_2 = 1) = \frac{2}{3} = 0.66$$

$$P(Y = 2|X_2 = 1) = \frac{1}{3} = 0.33$$

$$P(Y = 3|X_2 = 1) = 0$$

For $X_2 = 0$:

$$P(Y = 1|X_2 = 0) = 0$$

$$P(Y = 2|X_2 = 0) = \frac{1}{3} = 0.33$$

$$P(Y = 3|X_2 = 0) = \frac{2}{3} = 0.66$$

So, for X_2 :

$$H(Y|X_2) = -[(0.5 \cdot (0.66 \cdot \log_2 0.66 + 0.33 \cdot \log_2 0.33 + 0) + (0.5 \cdot (0.66 \cdot \log_2 0.66 + 0.33 \cdot \log_2 0.33 + 0))] = \mathbf{0.9234}$$

(2) Information Gain

Information gain is given by:

$$InfoGain(Y, X) = H(Y) - H(Y|X)$$

So,

$$InfoGain(Y, X_1) = H(Y) - H(Y|X_1)$$

$$InfoGain(Y, X_2) = H(Y) - H(Y|X_2)$$

$$H(Y) = -\left(\sum_{i=1}^n P(Y = i) \log_2 P(Y = i)\right) = -[(0.33 \cdot \log_2 0.33 + 0.33 \cdot \log_2 0.33 + 0.33 \cdot \log_2 0.33)] = 1.583$$

So,

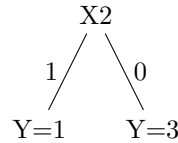
$$InfoGain(Y, X_1) = H(Y) - H(Y|X_1) = 1.583 - 1.32 = \mathbf{0.2633}$$

$$InfoGain(Y, X_2) = H(Y) - H(Y|X_2) = 1.583 - 0.9234 = \mathbf{0.6596}$$

(3) Decision Tree

The attribute with the highest information gain will be used for the first split.

Since information gain of X_2 is greater than X_1 , we start with X_2



(4) Classification for Test Example

From the tree above, since the decision tree splits based on X_2 classified as $\mathbf{Y = 1}$.