

HOMEWORK 2 — Tree-based Models

1 Math Questions

1.1 Information Gain (20 points)

NOTE: This is not a programming assignment, so you may NOT use programming tools to help solve this problem. Show your work.

Suppose you are given 6 training points as seen below, for a classification problem with two binary attributes X_1 and X_2 and three classes $Y \in 1, 2, 3$. You will use a decision tree learner based on information gain

1. Calculate the conditional entropy for both X_1 and X_2 .

$$\nabla f(x, y) = \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right) \quad (0-1)$$

2. Calculate the information gain if we split based on 1) X_1 or 2) X_2

$$\nabla f(x, y, z) = \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} \right) \quad (0-2)$$

3. Report which attribute is used for the first split. Draw the decision tree using this split.

$$\nabla f(x, y, z) = \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} \right) \quad (0-3)$$

4. Conduct classification for the test example $X_1 = 0$ and $X_2 = 1$.

$$\nabla f(x, y, z) = \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} \right) \quad (0-4)$$

X_1	X_2	Y
1	1	1
1	1	1
1	1	2
1	0	3
0	0	2
0	0	3

2 Programming Questions

Answers for these are located in the attached Casey_Pei_HW2.ipynb file.

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