ML LAB WEEK 3

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1. Which dataset achieved the highest accuracy and why?

Mushroom dataset 100% accuracy because one attribute almost perfectly separates edible vs poisonous.

2. How does dataset size affect performance?

Larger datasets provides more training samples because the tree is deeper, but performance can be lower due to complexity and noise

3. What role does the number of features play?

The number of features affects tree performance because too many multi-valued features make the tree bushy and prone to overfitting, while fewer or more informative features (Mushroom or TicTacToe) lead to simpler more accurate splits.

4. How does class imbalance affect tree construction?

Class imbalance makes the tree biased toward majority classes, while binary features yield cleaner splits than multi-valued ones

5. Which types of features (binary vs multi-valued) work better?

Binary features work better because they produce simpler splits and shallower trees, while multi-valued features create wider, more complex branches that increase overfitting risk.

6. For which real-world scenarios is each dataset type most relevant?

Mushroom food safety and toxicology (edible vs poisonous detection). TicTacToe game AI and strategy learning. Nursery admission or recommendation systems based on social/family factors.

7. What are the interpretability advantages for each domain?

Decision trees give clear if—else rules, making it easy to explain mushroom edibility by traits like odor, tic-tac-toe outcomes by board positions, and nursery admissions by social or family factors.

8. How would you improve performance for each dataset?

Performance can be improved by pruning and feature selection for Mushroom, handling class imbalance and pruning for TicTacToe, and using pruning, resampling, or ensemble methods for Nursery.

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Python notebook is uploaded in the git hub

https://github.com/pes2ug23cs166/ML_C_PES2UG23CS166_DELISHA_RIYONA_DSOUZA