Machine Learning

Decision Tree & Random Forest

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Introduction

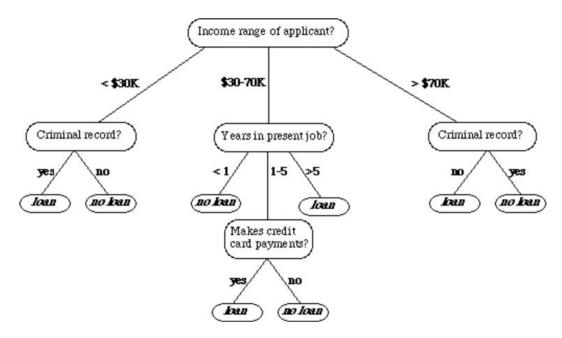
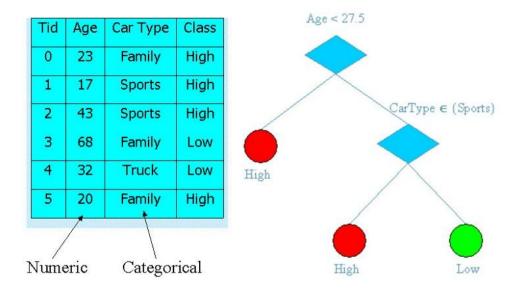


Figure 01: If we are classifying *bank loan* application for a customer, the decision tree may look like this

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Introduction



- 1) Age $< 27.5 \Rightarrow$ High
- 2) Age >= 27.5 and CarType = Sports ⇒ High
- 3) Age >= 27.5 and CarType ≠ Sports ⇒ High

Figure 02

Decision Tree

A decision tree uses a tree structure to represent a number of possible decision paths and an outcome for each path.

- C: "I am thinking of an animal"
- P: Does it have more than five legs?
- C: No
- P: Is it delicious?
- C: No
- P: Does it appear on the back of the Australian five-cent coin ?
- C: Yes
- D: Is it an echidna?
- C: Yes, it is!

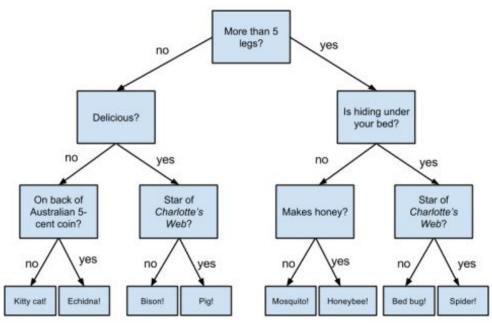


Figure 02: Example of Decision Tree.

Decision Tree

- 1. **Alternate**: whether there is a suitable alternative restaurant nearby.
- 2. **Bar**: whether the restaurant has a comfortable bar area to wait in.
- 3. **Fri/Sat**: true on Fridays and Saturdays.
- 4. **Hungry**: whether we are hungry.
- 5. **Patrons**: how many people are in the restaurant (values are None, Some, and Full).
- 6. **Price**: the restaurant's price range (\$, \$\$, \$\$\$).
- 7. **Raining**: whether it is raining outside.
- 8. **Reservation**: whether we made a reservation.
- 9. **Type**: the kind of restaurant (French, Italian, Thai, or burger).
- 10. **WaitEstimate**: the wait estimated by the host (0-10 minutes, 10-30, 30-60, >60).

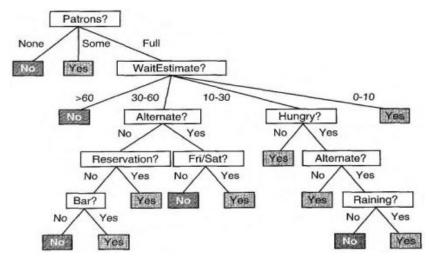


Figure 04: A decision tree for deciding whether to wait for a table.

Example	Attributes										Goal
	Alt	Bar	Fri	Hun	Pat	Price	Rain	Res	Type	Est	WillWait
X_1	Yes	No	No	Yes	Some	\$\$\$	No	Yes	French	0-10	Yes
X_2	Yes	No	No	Yes	Full	\$	No	No	Thai	3040	No
X_3	No	Yes	No	No	Some	\$	No	No	Burger	0-10	Yes
X_4	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Full	\$	Yes	No	Thai	10-30	Yes
X_5	Yes	No	Yes	No	Full	\$\$\$	No	Yes	French	>60	No
X_6	No	Yes	No	Yes	Some	\$\$	Yes	Yes	Italian	0-10	Yes
X_7	No	Yes	No	No	None	\$	Yes	No	Burger	0-10	No
X_8	No	No	No	Yes	Some	\$\$	Yes	Yes	Thai	0-10	Yes
X_9	No	Yes	Yes	No	Full	\$	Yes	No	Burger	>60	No
X_{10}	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Full	\$\$\$	No	Yes	Italian	10-30	No
X_{11}	No	No	No	No	None	\$	No	No	Thai	0-10	No
X_{12}	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Full	\$	No	No	Burger	30-60	Yes

Table 01: Examples for the restaurant domain. The positive examples are the ones in which the goal WillWait is true (X1,X3,...); the negative examples are the ones in which it is false (X2,X5,...)

Is a good or a bad decision tree?

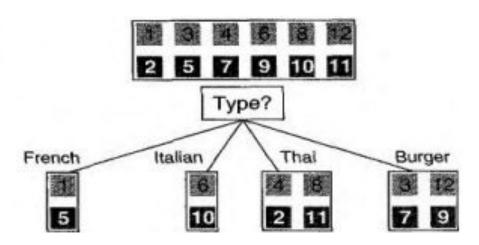


Figure 04: A part of decision tree for deciding whether to wait for a table.

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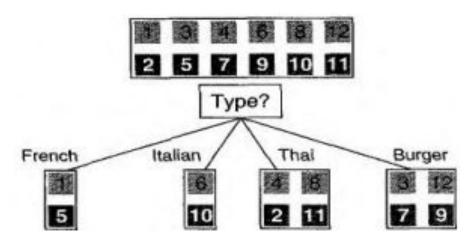


Figure 04: A part of decision tree for deciding whether to wait for a table.

It is bad split, obviously.

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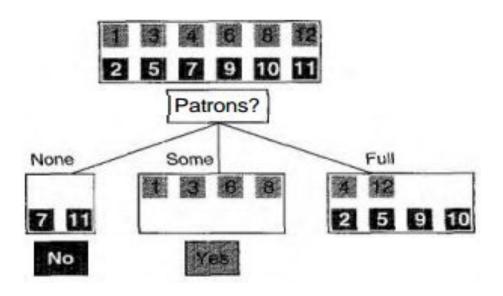
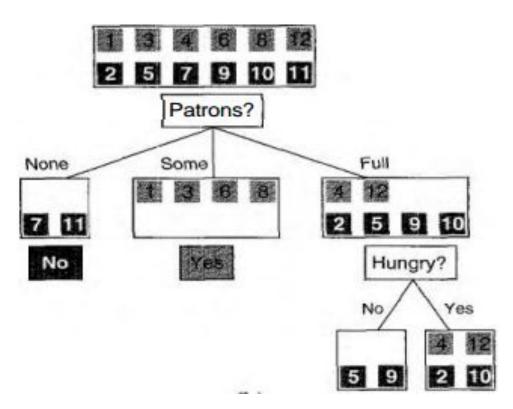


Figure 05 (a): A part of other decision tree for deciding whether to wait for a table.

Figure 05 (b): A part of other decision tree for deciding whether to wait for a table.



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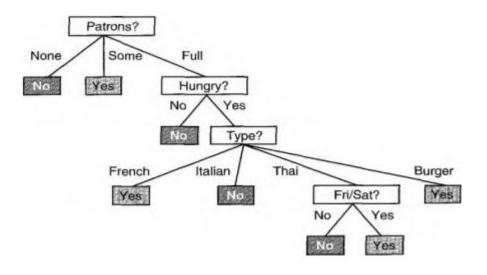


Figure 05 (c): A good decision tree for deciding whether to wait for a table.

Decision Tree Learning Algorithm

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function DECISION-TREE-LEARNING(examples, attribs, default) returns a decision tree
  inputs: examples, set of examples
          attrzbs, set of attributes
          default, default value for the goal predicate
  if examples is empty then return default
  else if all examples have the same classification then return the classification
  else if attrzbs is empty then return MAJORITY-VALUE(examples)
  else
      best \leftarrow CHOOSE-ATTRIBUTE(attribs, examples)
      tree \leftarrow a new decision tree with root test best
      m ← MAJORITY-VALUE(examples)
     for each value v_i of best do
         examples_i \leftarrow \{elements \text{ of } examples \text{ with } best = v_i\}
         subtree \leftarrow DECISION-TREE-LEARNING(examples_i, attribs - best, m)
         add a branch to tree with label v<sub>i</sub> and subtree subtree
     return tree
           Algorithm 01: Decision Tree Learning Algorithm.
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Metrics for Decision Tree

1 Gini Purity -> CART(Classification and Regression Trees)

2 Entropy Function and Information Gain -> ID3(Iterative Dichotomiser 3)

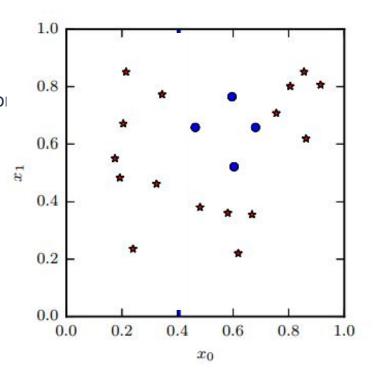
The goal in building a decision tree is to create the smallest possible tree in which each leaf node contains training data from only one class. In evaluating possible splits, it is useful to have a way of measuring the purity of a node. **The purity describes** how close the node is to containing data from only one class

$$\phi(\mathbf{p}) = \sum_{i} p_i (1 - p_i)$$

The decision tree construction algorithm proceeds by recursively splitting the training data

$$\Theta(s,t) = \phi(\mathbf{p}) - P_L \phi(\mathbf{p_L}) - P_R \phi(\mathbf{p_R})$$

- 1. Calculate the Gini purity.
- 2. Execute the recursive tree construction algorithm.
- 3. Classify the following three points using your decision tree.
 - a. (0.4, 1.0)
 - b. (0.6, 1.0)
 - c. (0.6, 0.0)

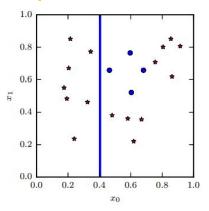


1. Calculate the Gini purity.

$$\phi(\mathbf{p}) = .2 \times .8 + .8 \times .2 = .32$$

2. Execute the recursive tree construction algorithm.

Split 1



The impurity on the left is:

$$\phi(\mathbf{p_L}) = 0 \times 1 + 1 \times 0 = 0$$

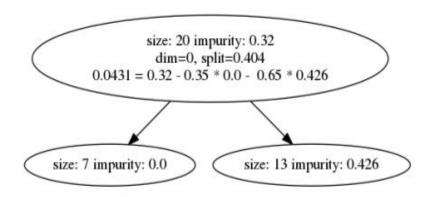
The impurity on the right is:

$$\phi(\mathbf{p_R}) = 4/13 \times 9/13 + 9/13 \times 4/13 = .426$$

This makes the goodness-of-split:

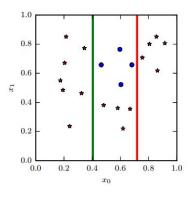
$$\Theta(s,t) = .32 - P_L \times 0 + P_R \times .426$$

= .32 - .35 \times 0 + .65 \times .426 = .0431



2. Execute the recursive tree construction algorithm.

Split 2



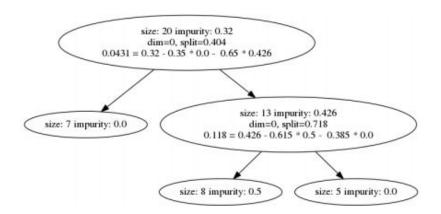
The impurity on the left is:

$$\phi(\mathbf{p_L}) = 4/8 \times 4/8 + 4/8 \times 4/8 = .5$$

The impurity on the right is:

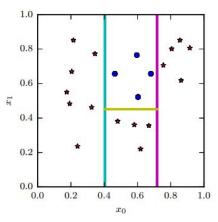
$$\phi(\mathbf{p_R}) = 0 \times 1 + 1 \times 0 = 0$$

This makes the goodness-of-split: $\Theta(s,t) = .426 - 8/13 \times .5 + 5/13 \times 0 = .118$



2. Execute the recursive tree construction algorithm.

Split 3



The impurity on the left is:

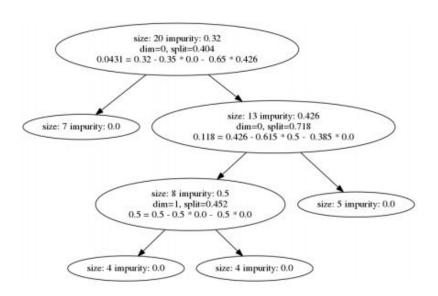
$$\phi(\mathbf{p_L}) = 1 \times 0 + 0 \times 1 = 0$$

The impurity on the right is:

$$\phi(\mathbf{p_R}) = 0 \times 1 + 1 \times 0 = 0$$

This makes the goodness-of-split:

$$\Theta(s,t) = .5 - 4/8 \times 0 + 4/8 \times 0 = .5$$



Advantages to use Decision Trees

Advantages

- Decision trees often mimic the human level thinking.
- Decision trees actually make you see the logic for the data to interpret (not like black box algorithms).
- The decision tree representation seems to be very natural for humans; indeed, many "How To" manuals (e.g., for car repair).

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Random Forest

Random forest are an example of an ensemble learner built on decision trees.

Advantages & When to Use Random Forest

Advantages

- Both training and prediction are very fast, because of the simplicity of the underlying decision trees. In addition, both tasks can be straightforwardly parallelized, because the individual trees are entirely independent entities.
- The multiple trees allow for a probabilistic classification: a majority vote among estimators gives an estimate of the probability.
- The nonparametric model is extremely flexible, and can thus perform well on tasks that are underfit by other estimators.

Code

sklearn.tree.DecisionTreeClassifier

class sklearn.tree.**DecisionTreeClassifier**(criterion='gini',...)

https://github.com/marbramen/100DaysOfMLCode/blob/master/Day%2080%20-%20Decision%20Tree%20%26%20Random%20Forest.ipynb

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