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## Decision Trees . (Ch 3-Mitchell, Ch 1-CIML).

Recap :-

- ERM :- design algorithms that work well on 'S' (training set), and hope it works well on 'T' (test set).

- Entropy :- measure of randomness of distributions.

$$H(p) := \sum_x p(x) \log \frac{1}{p(x)} , \quad p(x) - \text{probability of } x.$$

Higher entropy  $\Leftrightarrow$  more randomness

$\Leftrightarrow$  more uncertainty about outcomes.

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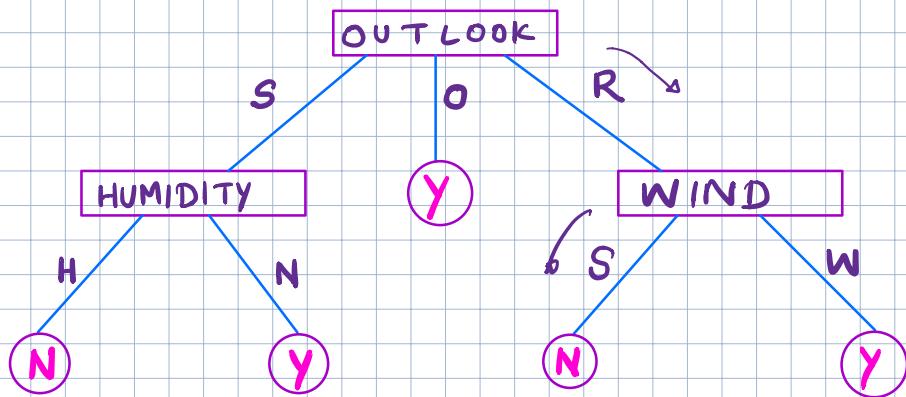
Features :- (Outlook, Temp, Humidity, Wind)

4 attributes.

Labels :- Y/N

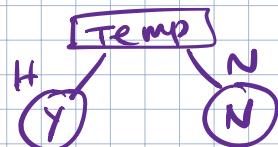
- What are decision trees?
- How to infer/predict using decision trees?
- How to design a "good" decision tree?

A decision tree is a tree, each of whose "non-leaf" node represents an "attribute", edges represent values of the attributes of the parent node, and leaf nodes correspond to labels.



- How to infer using decision trees?  
( Rain, High, High, Strong ).

Traverse the tree from root node, output the leaf node you end at.



- Q:- How to design a "good" decision tree from training data?

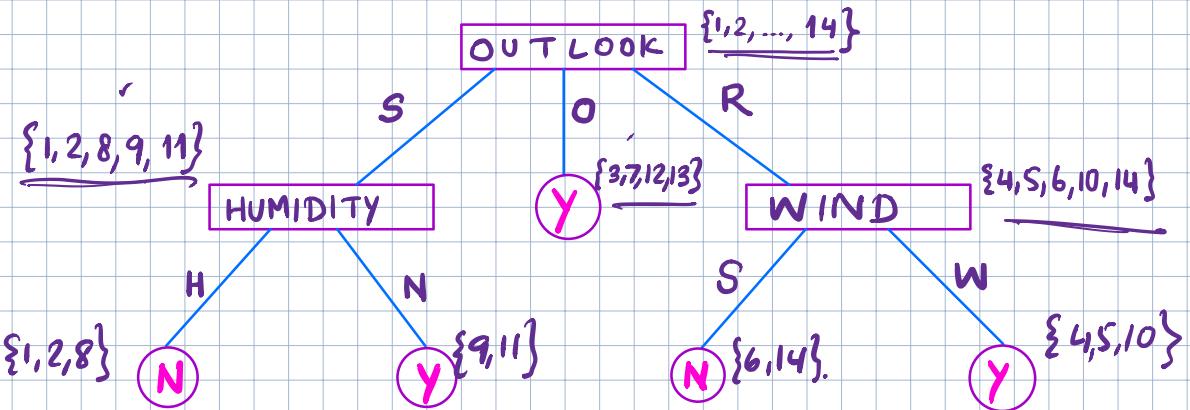
- Our goal is to map features into labels.  
"Some attributes" are more informative about the

labels than others.

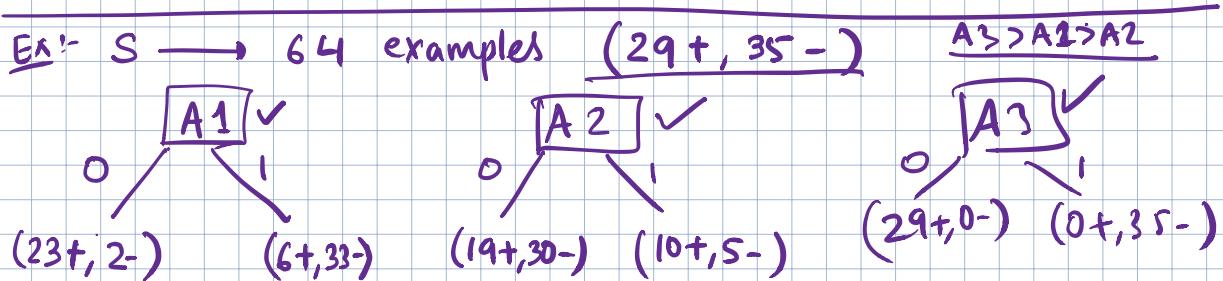
- Steps to design a decision tree (from data) :-

Start with a root node :- (put all examples there.)

- LOOP:-
1. Select a "good" attribute for the node
  2. For each possible value of attribute, create a child node (with corresponding edges), put examples in corresponding nodes.
  3. If a node has all examples with same label, STOP.



Hierarchical partitioning



- Select an attribute that divides the examples of that node into subsets that are as pure as possible.
- shorter trees.

(OCCAM'S RAZOR) — simplest explanation is best.

helps prevent over fitting.

Information gain (entropy of labels) (Quinlan'75).

(\*) reduction in randomness of labels in the examples present at a node

'S' → set of examples ( $n = |S|$ )  
labels →  $\{1, \dots, l\}$

'A' → attribute (columns of 'S').

$IG(S; A) \rightarrow$

'S' → 'n',  $n_i = \# \text{examples in } S \text{ with label } i$   
 $n_1 + n_2 + \dots + n_l = n$

empirical distribution of labels of 'S':

$$\left( \frac{n_1}{n}, \frac{n_2}{n}, \dots, \frac{n_l}{n} \right)$$

$$H(S) := \sum_{i=1}^l \left( \frac{n_i}{n} \right) \cdot \log \left( \frac{n}{n_i} \right) .$$

'A' → OUTlook →  $\{S, O, R\}$   
Humidity →  $\{H, N\}$   
'A' →  $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_a\}$ ,  $a = 3$ ,  $a = 2$

'S' →  $S_{v_1}$ ,  $S_{v_2}$ , ...,  $S_{v_a}$

$$IG(S; A) = H(S) - \sum_{j=1}^a \frac{|S_{v_j}|}{|S|} \cdot H(S_{v_j})$$

$$|S_{v_1}| + \dots + |S_{v_a}| = |S|$$

$$\text{Tennis}:- \quad H(S) = \frac{5}{14} \cdot \log \frac{14}{5} + \frac{9}{14} \cdot \log \frac{14}{9} = 0.94 \dots$$

$(5N, 9Y) \quad n_1=5, \quad n_2=9, \quad 14$

Humidity  $\rightarrow$  A,  $\{\text{N}, \text{H}\}$   $\{U_1, U_2\}$

$$\begin{array}{c} \{6+, 1-\} \\ \text{SV}_1 \\ \{3+, 4-\} \\ \text{SV}_2 \end{array}$$

$$H(S_{U_1}) = \frac{6}{7} \log \frac{2}{6} + \frac{1}{7} \log \frac{2}{1} \approx$$

$$H(S_{U_2}) = \frac{3}{7} \log \frac{2}{3} + \frac{4}{7} \log \frac{2}{4}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} IG(S; \text{Humidity}) &= 0.94 - \frac{3}{14} \left( \dots \right) - \frac{7}{14} \cdot \left( \dots \right) \\ &= 0.151. \quad \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

$$IG(S; \text{Wind}) = 0.048, \dots \quad \checkmark$$

Ex:- compute  $IG(S; \text{OUTLOOK})$ ,  $IG(S; \text{Temp})$

verify ( $V, V$ )

Complete steps to get a decision tree.