

Syntax and Semantics of D

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1 Syntax

We present a grammar of D , the language of decision trees:

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| Decision Tree | \mathcal{D}_α | $::=$ | <code>case x of { $K\{x\} \Rightarrow \mathcal{D}_\alpha$ } $x \Rightarrow \mathcal{D}_\alpha$]</code> | test node |
| | | | α | match node |
| | | | <code>if x then \mathcal{D}_α else \mathcal{D}_α</code> | condition with two children |
| | | | <code>let $x = e$ in \mathcal{D}_α</code> | let-bind a name |
| Expressions | e | $::=$ | x | name |
| | | | \mathcal{D}_e | decision trees |
| | | | $K\{e\}$ | value constructor application |
| | | | $e_1 e_2$ | function application |

2 What is a decision tree?

Scott, Ramsey 2000:

A decision tree is a pattern-matching automaton in which every state except the initial state has a unique predecessor.

More details will go here as needed.