IMAGE CLASSIFICATION USING DECISION TREE

Decision trees are essentially binary trees that recursively split the data set until we are left with pure leaf nodes. The Decision nodes are the conditions to split the dataset and the leaf nodes help to decide the class of the dataset.

A Decision Tree is a Supervised Learning Algorithm that works for both the cases of Classification and Regression (DecisionTreeClassifier() and DecisionTreeRegressor() in python.)

https://medium.com/@theclickreader/decision-tree-regression-explained-with-implementation-in-python-1e6e48aa7a47 - Read how a Decision Tree Regression algorithm works here.

Image Classification is a Classification Problem that falls under Computer Vision. It is the process of categorising and labelling pixels in an image using specific rules.

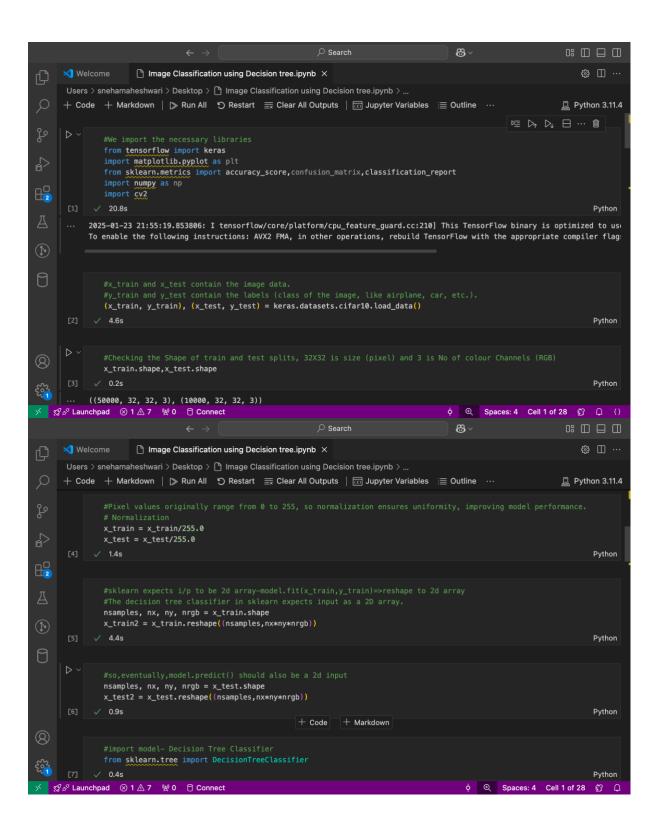
We usually use Deep Learning Algorithms such as Convoluted Neural Networks (predominantly used to extract the feature from the grid-like matrix dataset. For example, visual datasets like images or videos where data patterns play an extensive role.) or Support Vector Machines (They distinguish between two classes by finding the optimal hyperplane that maximizes the margin between the closest data points of opposite classes.), if the problem is still to be tackled using ML Algorithms.

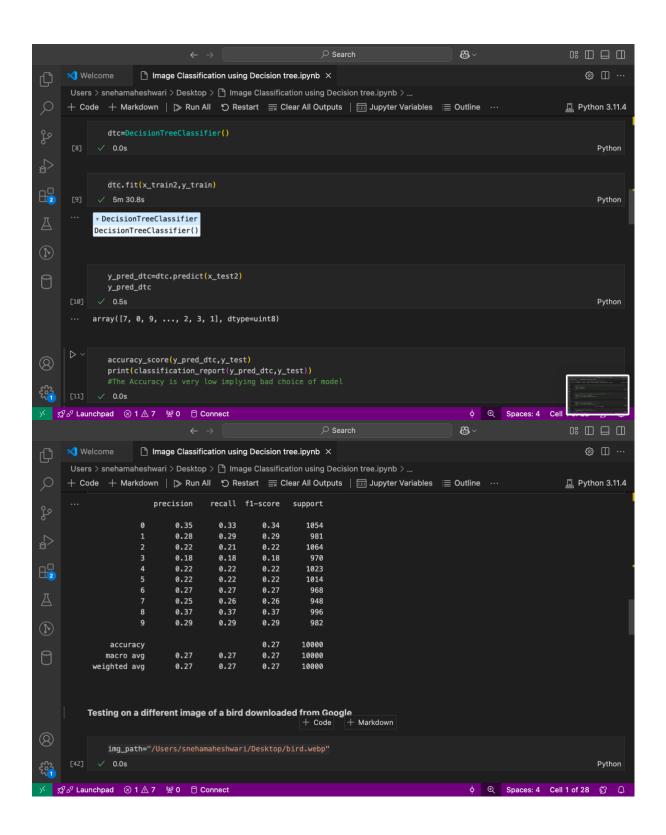
For the case of the Decision tree, we cannot treat it as a regression problem because:

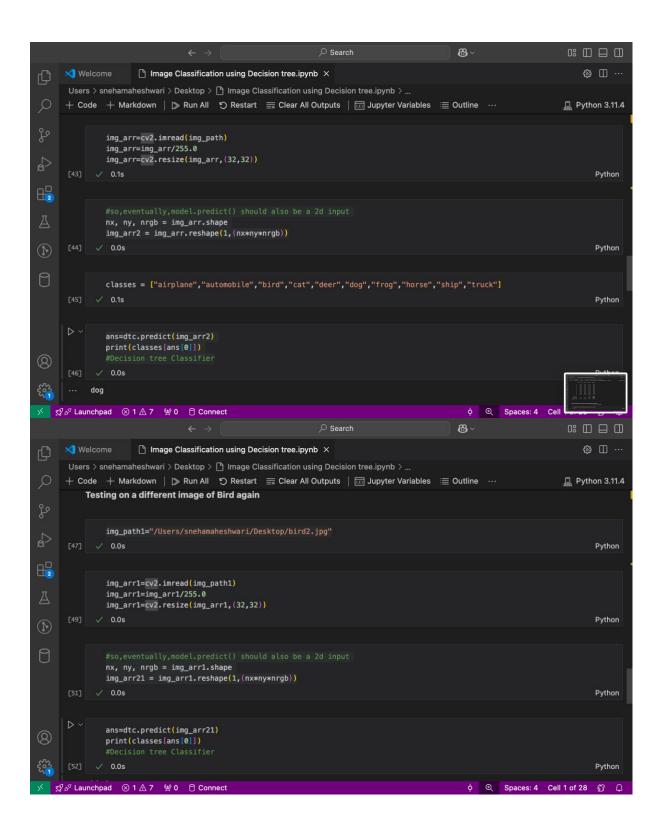
- 1. the predicted output here is a continuous value which is not the case for the different classes in Image Classification.
- 2. Decision trees are prone to **overfitting** when faced with high-dimensional data, especially when the regression target is continuous.
- 3. The model might treat the numeric values as ordinal or continuous. This can lead to: Predicting values "between classes" that have no real-world meaning (e.g., predicting 1.5 when there's no such class between "dog" and "bird").
- 4.DecisionTreeClassifier uses a splitting criterion like **Gini Impurity** or **Entropy** (**Information Gain**) that is specifically designed for classification tasks.

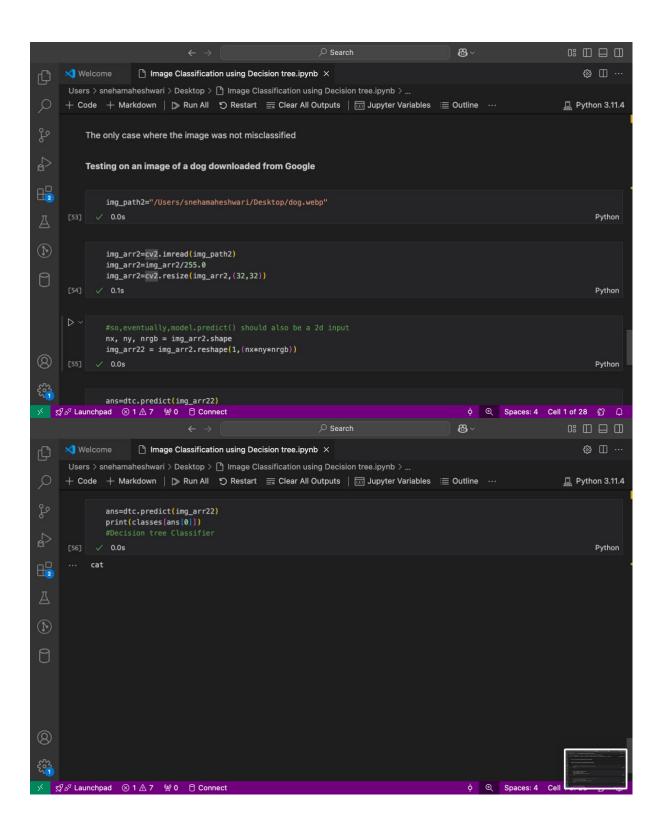
 DecisionTreeRegressor's splitting criteria (like MSE) don't separate classes as effectively, leading to worse performance in classification problems.

Decision Tree for Image Classification:









RECOMMENDATION SYSTEM USING DECISION TREE

A major weakness in using decision trees as a prediction model in RS is the need to build a huge number of trees (either for each item or for each user). Moreover, the model can only compute the expected rating of a single item at a time. To provide recommendations to the user, we must traverse the tree(s) from root to leaf once for each item in order to compute its predicted rating. Only after computing the predicted rating of all items can the RS provide the recommendations (highest predicted rating items). Thus decision trees in RS do not scale well with respect to the number of items. Source.

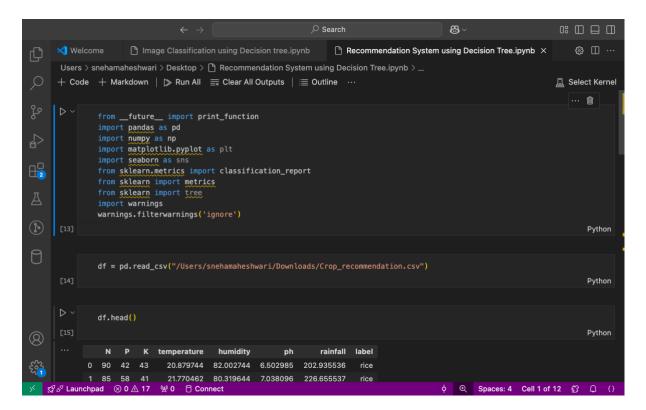
Imagine you want to recommend movies to a user, and there are 10,000 movies. For decision trees:

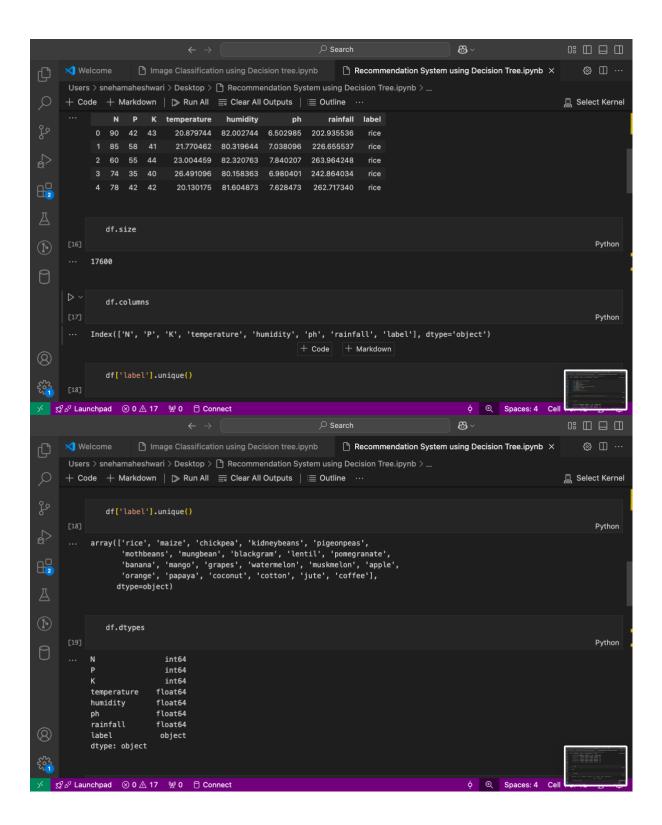
- 1. You have to calculate a score (rating) for each movie one by one.
- 2. This means **going through the tree** separately for each movie, which takes a lot of time.

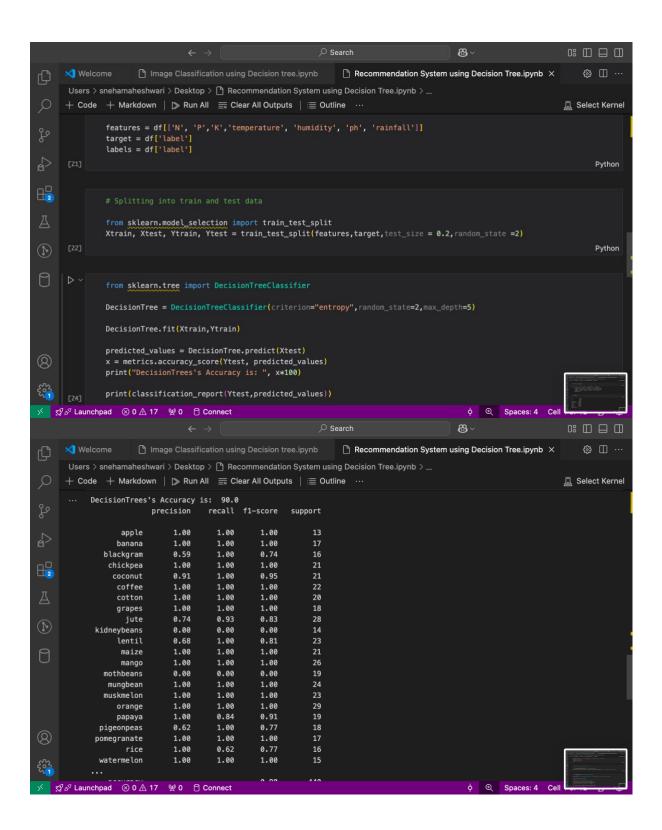
Now imagine you have 1,000 users and 10,000 movies. You'd have to do this process $1,000 \times 10,000 = 10$ million calculations just to provide recommendations.

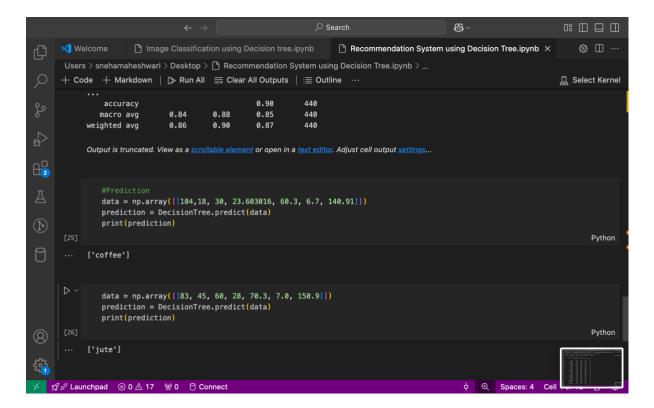
Let us consider an example of building a Crop Recommendation system based on:

- N ratio of Nitrogen content in soil
- P ratio of Phosphorous content in soil
- K ratio of Potassium content in soil
- temperature temperature in degree Celsius
- humidity relative humidity in %
- ph ph value of the soil
- rainfall rainfall in mm









We are getting a good accuracy here because the dataset is not high dimensional and so the decision tree would not be very prone to overfitting.

(read: articles running decision trees on large data sets)

- 1. https://www.codeproject.com/Articles/5366638/Decision-Tree-Credit-Card-Fraud-Detection
- 2. https://www.itm-conferences.org/articles/itmconf/pdf/2023/03/itmconf icdsia2023 02012.pdf