

Gini Index

$$Gini = 1 - \sum_{i=1}^C (p_i)^2$$

Gini Index is a metric to measure how often a randomly chosen element would be incorrectly identified. It means an attribute with lower gini index should be preferred.

Example: Construct a Decision Tree by using “gini index” as a criterion

	A	B	C	D	E
1	4.8	3.4	1.9	0.2	positive
2	5	3	1.6	0.2	positive
3	5	3.4	1.6	0.4	positive
4	5.2	3.5	1.5	0.2	positive
5	5.2	3.4	1.4	0.2	positive
6	4.7	3.2	1.6	0.2	positive
7	4.8	3.1	1.6	0.2	positive
8	5.4	3.4	1.5	0.4	positive
9	7	3.2	4.7	1.4	negative
10	6.4	3.2	4.5	1.5	negative
11	6.9	3.1	4.9	1.5	negative
12	5.5	2.3	4	1.3	negative
13	6.5	2.8	4.6	1.5	negative
14	5.7	2.8	4.5	1.3	negative
15	6.3	3.3	4.7	1.6	negative
16	4.9	2.4	3.3	1	negative

We are going to use same data sample that we used for information gain example. Let’s try to use gini index as a criterion. Here, we have 5 columns out of which 4 columns have continuous data and 5th column consists of class labels.

A, B, C, D attributes can be considered as predictors and E column class labels can be considered as a target variable. For constructing a decision tree from this data, we have to convert continuous data into categorical data.

We have chosen **some random values** to categorize each attribute:

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≥ 5	≥ 3.0	≥ 4.2	≥ 1.4
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Gini Index for Var A

Var A has value ≥ 5 for 12 records out of 16 and 4 records with value < 5 value.

- For Var A ≥ 5 & class == positive: 5/12
- For Var A ≥ 5 & class == negative: 7/12
 - $\text{gini}(5,7) = 1 - ((5/12)^2 + (7/12)^2) = 0.4860$
- For Var A < 5 & class == positive: 3/4
- For Var A < 5 & class == negative: 1/4
 - $\text{gini}(3,1) = 1 - ((3/4)^2 + (1/4)^2) = 0.375$

By adding weight and sum each of the gini indices:

$$\text{gini}(\text{Target}, A) = (12/16) * (0.486) + (4/16) * (0.375) = 0.45825$$

Gini Index for Var B

Var B has value ≥ 3 for 12 records out of 16 and 4 records with value < 3 value.

- For Var B ≥ 3 & class == positive: 8/12
- For Var B ≥ 3 & class == negative: 4/12
 - $\text{gini}(8,4) = 1 - ((8/12)^2 + (4/12)^2) = 0.446$
- For Var B < 3 & class == positive: 0/4
- For Var B < 3 & class == negative: 4/4
 - $\text{gini}(0,4) = 1 - ((0/4)^2 + (4/4)^2) = 0$

$$\text{gini}(\text{Target}, B) = (12/16) * 0.446 + (4/16) * 0 = 0.3345$$

Gini Index for Var C

Var C has value ≥ 4.2 for 6 records out of 16 and 10 records with value < 4.2 value.

- For Var C ≥ 4.2 & class == positive: 0/6
- For Var C ≥ 4.2 & class == negative: 6/6
 - $\text{gini}(0,6) = 1 - ((0/6)^2 + (6/6)^2) = 0$
- For Var C < 4.2 & class == positive: 8/10
- For Var C < 4.2 & class == negative: 2/10
 - $\text{gini}(8,2) = 1 - ((8/10)^2 + (2/10)^2) = 0.32$

$$\text{gini}(\text{Target}, C) = (6/16) * 0 + (10/16) * 0.32 = 0.2$$

Gini Index for Var D

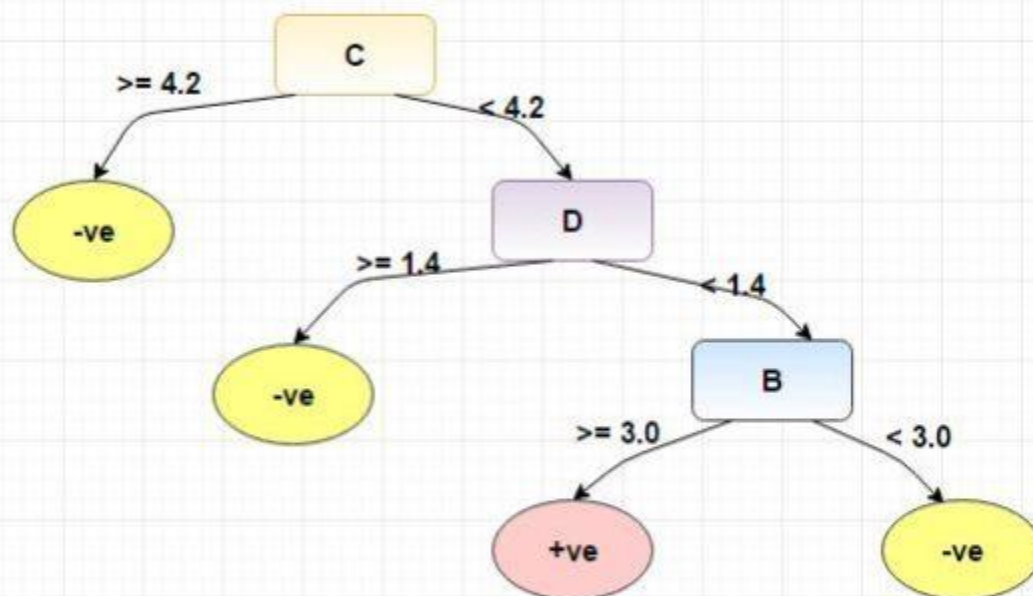
Var D has value ≥ 1.4 for 5 records out of 16 and 11 records with value < 1.4 value.

- For Var D ≥ 1.4 & class == positive: 0/5
- For Var D ≥ 1.4 & class == negative: 5/5
 - $\text{gini}(0,5) = 1 - ((0/5)^2 + (5/5)^2) = 0$
- For Var D < 1.4 & class == positive: 8/11
- For Var D < 1.4 & class == negative: 3/11
 - $\text{gini}(8,3) = 1 - ((8/11)^2 + (3/11)^2) = 0.397$

$$\text{gini}(\text{Target}, D) = (5/16) * 0 + (11/16) * 0.397 = 0.273$$

wTarget			Target				
	Positive	Negative		Positive	Negative		
A	≥ 5.0	5	7	B	≥ 3.0	8	4
	< 5	3	1		< 3.0	0	4
Ginin Index of A = 0.45825			Gini Index of B= 0.3345				

Target			Target				
	Positive	Negative		Positive	Negative		
C	≥ 4.2	0	6	D	≥ 1.4	0	5
	< 4.2	8	2		< 1.4	8	3
Gini Index of C= 0.2			Gini Index of D= 0.273				



Entropy

$$Entropy = \sum_{i=1}^C -p_i * \log_2(p_i)$$

$$Gain(T, X) = Entropy(T) - Entropy(T, X)$$

Example: Construct a Decision Tree by using “information gain” as a criterion

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A	B	C	D
≥ 5	≥ 3.0	≥ 4.2	≥ 1.4
< 5	< 3.0	< 4.2	< 1.4

There are **2 steps for calculating information gain** for each attribute:

1. Calculate entropy of Target.
2. Entropy for every attribute A, B, C, D needs to be calculated. Using information gain formula we will subtract this entropy from the entropy of target. The result is Information Gain.

The entropy of Target: We have 8 records with negative class and 8 records with positive class. So, we can directly estimate the entropy of target as 1.

Variable E	
Positive	Negative
8	8

Calculating entropy using formula:

$$\begin{aligned}
 E(8,8) &= -1 * ((p(+ve)*\log_2(p(+ve))) + (p(-ve)*\log_2(p(-ve)))) \\
 &= -1 * ((8/16)*\log_2(8/16)) + (8/16) * \log_2(8/16)) \\
 &= 1
 \end{aligned}$$

Information gain for Var A

$$Gain(T, X) = Entropy(T) - Entropy(T, X)$$

Var A has value ≥ 5 for 12 records out of 16 and 4 records with value < 5 value.

- For Var A ≥ 5 & class == positive: 5/12
- For Var A ≥ 5 & class == negative: 7/12
 - $Entropy(5,7) = -1 * ((5/12)*\log_2(5/12) + (7/12)*\log_2(7/12)) = 0.9799$
- For Var A < 5 & class == positive: 3/4
- For Var A < 5 & class == negative: 1/4
 - $Entropy(3,1) = -1 * ((3/4)*\log_2(3/4) + (1/4)*\log_2(1/4)) = 0.81128$

$$\begin{aligned}
 Entropy(Target, A) &= P(\geq 5) * E(5,7) + P(< 5) * E(3,1) \\
 &= (12/16) * 0.9799 + (4/16) * 0.81128 = 0.937745
 \end{aligned}$$

$$Information\ Gain(IG) = E(Target) - E(Target, A) = 1 - 0.9337745 = 0.062255$$

Information gain for Var B

Var B has value ≥ 3 for 12 records out of 16 and 4 records with value < 3 value.

- For Var B ≥ 3 & class == positive: 8/12
- For Var B ≥ 3 & class == negative: 4/12
 - $Entropy(8,4) = -1 * ((8/12)*\log_2(8/12) + (4/12)*\log_2(4/12)) = 0.39054$
- For Var B < 3 & class == positive: 0/4
- For Var B < 3 & class == negative: 4/4
 - $Entropy(0,4) = -1 * ((0/4)*\log_2(0/4) + (4/4)*\log_2(4/4)) = 0$

$$\begin{aligned}
 Entropy(Target, B) &= P(\geq 3) * E(8,4) + P(< 3) * E(0,4) \\
 &= (12/16) * 0.39054 + (4/16) * 0 = 0.292905
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Information Gain(IG)} = E(\text{Target}) - E(\text{Target}, B) = 1 - 0.292905 = 0.707095$$

Information gain for Var C

Var C has value ≥ 4.2 for 6 records out of 16 and 10 records with value < 4.2 value.

- For Var C ≥ 4.2 & class == positive: 0/6
- For Var C ≥ 4.2 & class == negative: 6/6
 - Entropy(0,6) = 0
- For Var C < 4.2 & class == positive: 8/10
- For Var C < 4.2 & class == negative: 2/10
 - Entropy(8,2) = 0.72193

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Entropy}(\text{Target}, C) &= P(\geq 4.2) * E(0,6) + P(< 4.2) * E(8,2) \\ &= (6/16) * 0 + (10/16) * 0.72193 = 0.4512 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Information Gain(IG)} = E(\text{Target}) - E(\text{Target}, C) = 1 - 0.4512 = 0.5488$$

Information gain for Var D

Var D has value ≥ 1.4 for 5 records out of 16 and 11 records with value < 5 value.

- For Var D ≥ 1.4 & class == positive: 0/5
- For Var D ≥ 1.4 & class == negative: 5/5
 - Entropy(0,5) = 0
- For Var D < 1.4 & class == positive: 8/11
- For Var D < 1.4 & class == negative: 3/11
 - Entropy(8,3) = $-1 * ((8/11) * \log_2(8/11) + (3/11) * \log_2(3/11)) = 0.84532$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Entropy}(\text{Target}, D) &= P(\geq 1.4) * E(0,5) + P(< 1.4) * E(8,3) \\ &= 5/16 * 0 + (11/16) * 0.84532 = 0.5811575 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Information Gain(IG)} = E(\text{Target}) - E(\text{Target}, D) = 1 - 0.5811575 = 0.4188$$

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	Positive	Negative		Positive	Negative		
A	≥ 5.0	5	7	B	≥ 3.0	8	4
	< 5	3	1		< 3.0	0	4
Information Gain of A = 0.062255				Information Gain of B= 0.7070795			

Target			Target			
	Positive	Negative		Positive	Negative	
C	≥ 4.2	0	6	≥ 1.4	0	5
	< 4.2	8	2	< 1.4	8	3
Information Gain of C= 0.5488			Information Gain of D= 0.41189			

From the above Information Gain calculations, we can build a decision tree. We should place the attributes on the tree according to their values.

An Attribute with better value than other should position as root and A branch with entropy 0 should be converted to a leaf node. A branch with entropy more than 0 needs further splitting.

