

CSE 4510/5400 Interdisciplinary CS — HW4
Due April 3, 2014, 5pm
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Spam email messages are a major problem on the internet. This assignment explores how to construct a spam filter from email messages that have been identified as spam or ham.

1. Use Java (C or C++) to implement:
 - (a) Decision Tree algorithm: `DecisionTree.java` has the `main` method
 - (b) Decision Tree algorithm, limit the tree to have at most 4 levels, 16 leaves: `DecisionTree2.java` has the `main` method
 - (c) Preprocessing: each attribute is a word (lowercase without punctuation) and has a value of Y (in the email) or N (not in the email); spam and ham are the two classes
 - (d) Extra Credit (30 points): k-nearest neighbor algorithm: `KNN.java` has the `main` method, (k=1 for toy data set and k=3 for sa data set; Hamming distance-0 if same attribute value, 1 if different, sum over the attributes) [similar top-k file as in HW3]
2. Input:
 - (a) email file
 - (b) quiz file
3. Output:
 - (a) screen:
 - Accuracy (percentage with 2 decimal places) on the email file
 - Accuracy (percentage with 2 decimal places) on the quiz file
 - (b) tree file: human readable tree
 - (c) email prediction file: *emailID correctClass predictedClass*
 - (d) quiz prediction file: *emailID correctClass predictedClass*
4. Provide a report (pdf):
 - (a) Compare the two algorithms:
 - i. Accuracy performance
 - ii. time/speed to construct and use the tree
 - iii. space/memory
5. Provide `readme.txt`
 - (a) how to compile your programs
 - (b) how to run the two algorithms
 - (c) sample output of each algorithm for each input data set
6. Submit: source code, report, and `readme.txt`