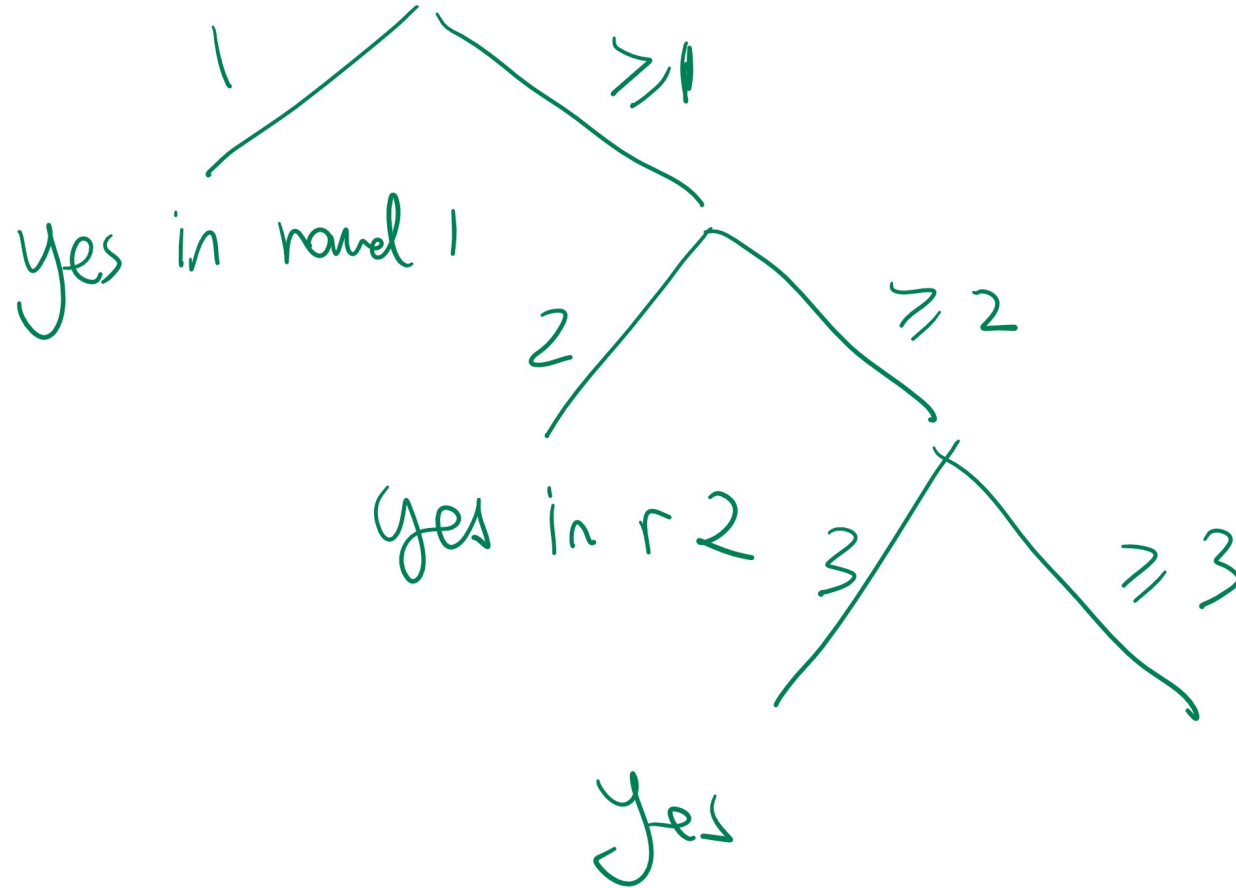


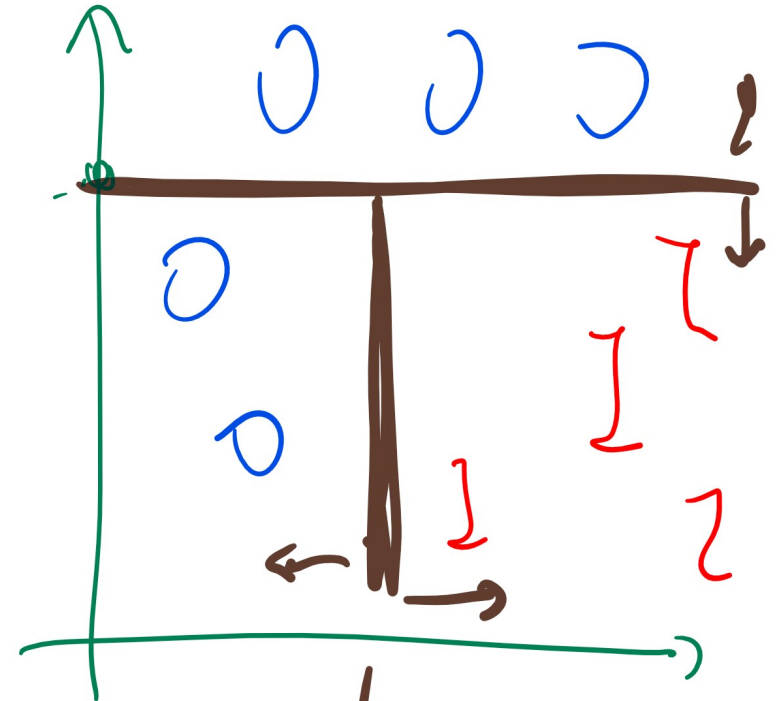
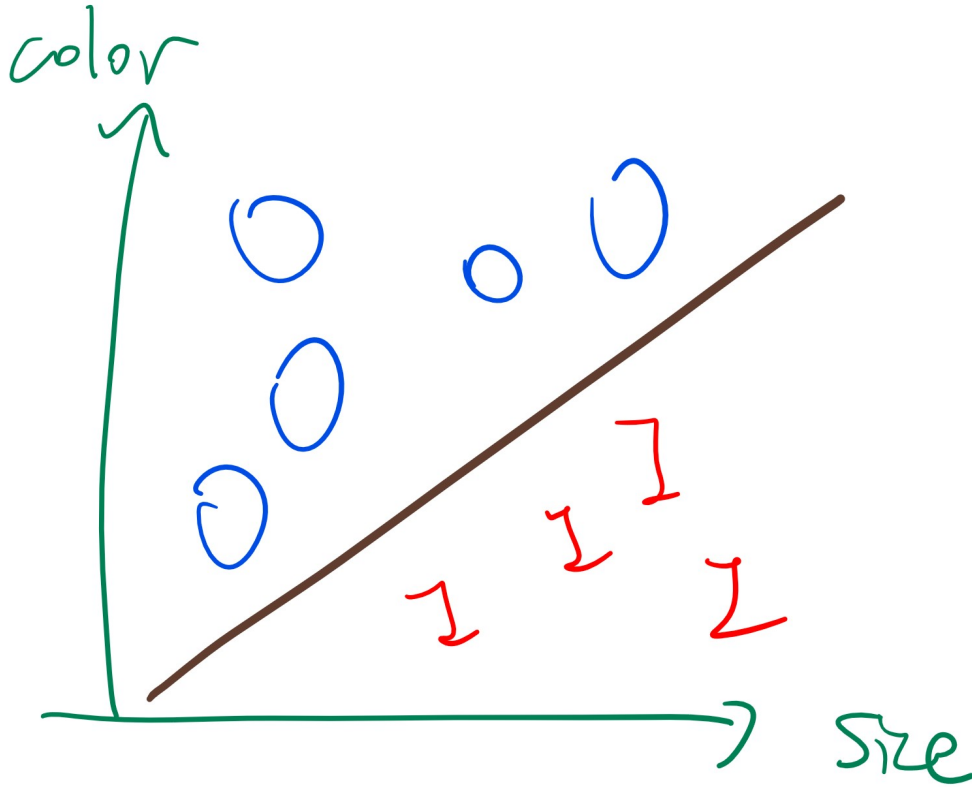
Hat Game Diagram

Discussion



Axes Aligned Decision Boundary

Motivation



↓
decision trees

Decision Tree

Description

- Find the feature that is the most informative.
- Split the training set into subsets according to this feature.
- Repeat on the subsets until all the labels in the subset are the same.

Binary Entropy

Definition

- Entropy is the measure of uncertainty.
- For binary labels, $y_i \in \{0, 1\}$, suppose p_0 fraction of labels are 0 and $1 - p_0 = p_1$ fraction of the training set labels are 1, the entropy is:

$$H(Y) = p_0 \log_2 \left(\frac{1}{p_0} \right) + p_1 \log_2 \left(\frac{1}{p_1} \right)$$

$$= -p_0 \log_2 (p_0) - p_1 \log_2 (p_1)$$

↓

$$E \left[\log_2 \left(\frac{1}{p} \right) \right]$$

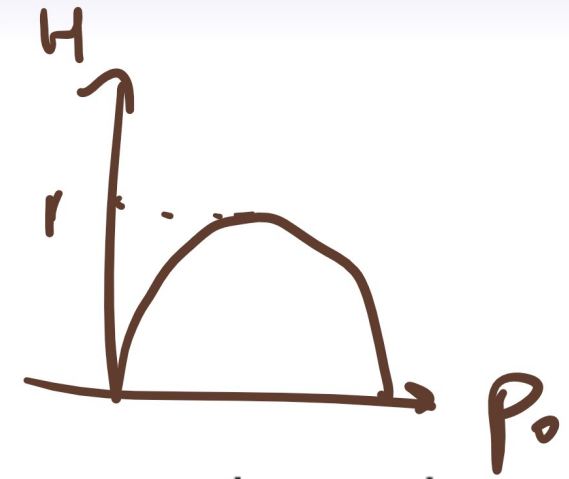
opposite of information

prob ↑ info ↓

convert into bits.

Measure of Uncertainty

Definition



Assume $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x \log x = 0$


- If $p_0 = 0$ and $p_1 = 1$, the entropy is 0, the outcome is certain, so there is no uncertainty.
- If $p_0 = 1$ and $p_1 = 0$, the entropy is 0, the outcome is also certain, so there is no uncertainty.
- If $p_0 = \frac{1}{2}$ and $p_1 = \frac{1}{2}$, the entropy is the maximum 1, the outcome is the most uncertain.

Entropy

Definition

- If there are K classes and p_y fraction of the training set labels are in class y , with $y \in \{1, 2, \dots, K\}$, the entropy is:

$$H(Y) = \sum_{y=1}^K p_y \log_2 \left(\frac{1}{p_y} \right)$$

$$= - \sum_{y=1}^K p_y \log_2 (p_y)$$


Conditional Entropy

Definition

- Conditional entropy is the entropy of the conditional distribution. Let K_X be the possible values of a feature X and K_Y be the possible labels Y . Define p_x as the fraction of the instances that is x , and $p_{y|x}$ as the fraction of the labels that are y among the ones with instance x .

$$H(Y|X = x) = - \sum_{y=1}^{K_Y} p_{y|x} \log_2(p_{y|x})$$

← Entropy of

$$H(Y|X) = \sum_{x=1}^{K_X} p_x H(Y|X = x)$$

conditional prob

p_x weighted average

fraction of given x .

Aside: Cross Entropy

Definition

- Cross entropy measures the difference between two distributions.

$$H(Y, X) = - \sum_{z=1}^K p_{Y=z} \log_2 (p_{X=z})$$

log

- It is used in logistic regression to measure the difference between actual label Y_i and the predicted label A_i for instance i , and at the same time, to make the cost convex.

↪ $H(Y_i, A_i) = -y_i \log(a_i) - (1 - y_i) \log(1 - a_i)$

Information Gain

Definition

- The information gain is defined as the difference between the entropy and the conditional entropy.

$$I(Y|X) = H(Y) - H(Y|X).$$

reduction in uncertainty if

X is provided

- The larger the information gain, the larger the reduction in uncertainty, and the better predictor the feature is.

Splitting Discrete Variables

Definition

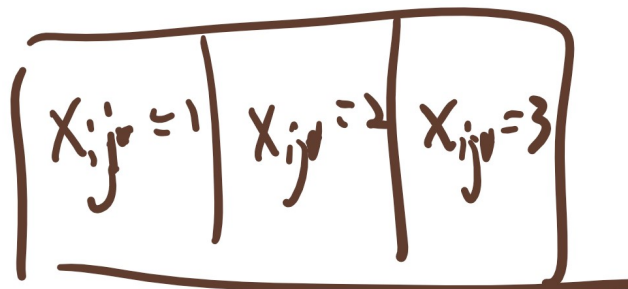
- The most informative feature is the one with the largest information gain.

$$j^{\alpha} = \arg \max_j I(Y|X_j)$$

↖ feature with max info gain.

- Splitting means dividing the training set into K_{X_j} subsets.

$$\{(x_i, y_i) : x_{ij} = 1\}, \{(x_i, y_i) : x_{ij} = 2\}, \dots, \{(x_i, y_i) : x_{ij} = K_{X_j}\}$$



Splitting Continuous Variables

Definition

← HW3

set arbitrarily

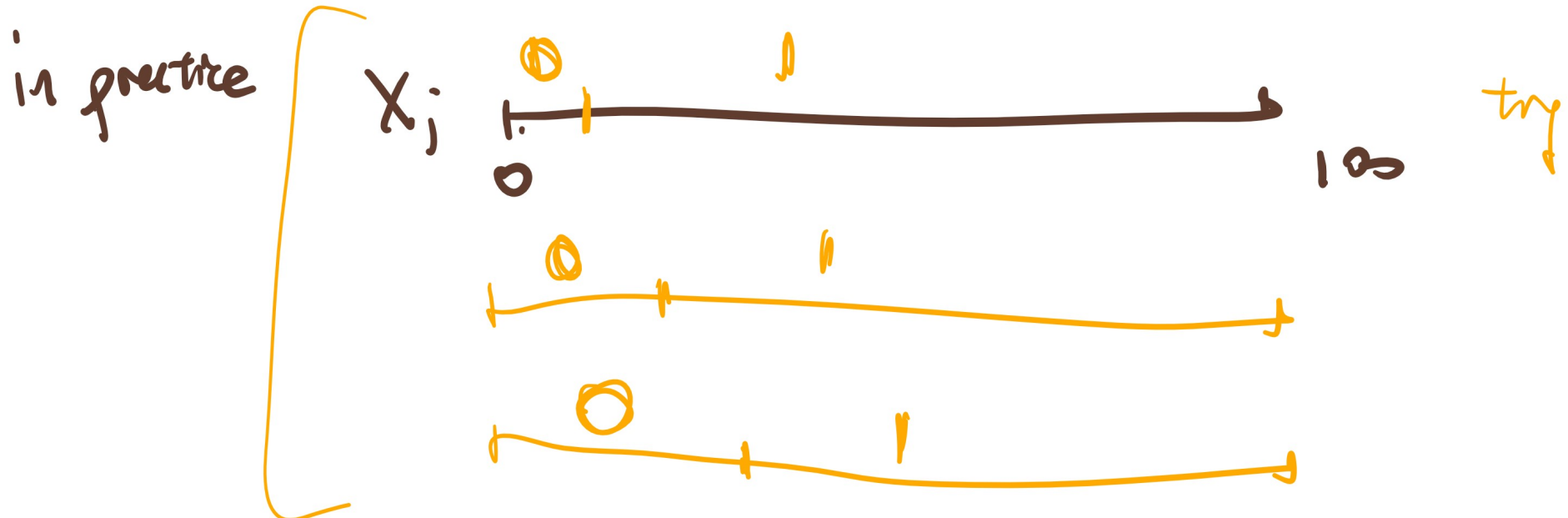
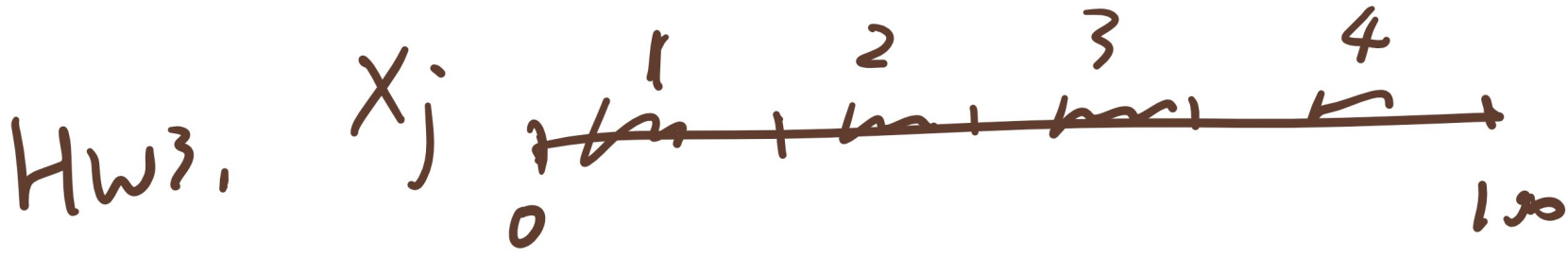
- Continuous variables can be uniformly split into K_X categories.
- In practice, all possible binary splits of the continuous variables are constructed, and the one that yields the highest information gain is used.

$$\mathbb{1}\{x_j > x_{1j}\}, \mathbb{1}\{x_j > x_{2j}\}, \dots, \mathbb{1}\{x_j > x_{nj}\}$$

- One of the above binary features is used in place of the original continuous variable x_j .

Splitting Continuous Variables Diagram

Definition



find max info gain

repeat for all possible splits

ID3 Algorithm (Iterative Dichotomiser 3), Part I

Algorithm

- Input: instances: $\{x_i\}_{i=1}^n$ and $\{y_i\}_{i=1}^n$, feature j is split into K_j categories and y has K categories
- Output: a decision tree
- Start with the complete set of instances $\{x_i\}_{i=1}^n$.
- Suppose the current subset of instances is $\{x_i\}_{i \in S}$, find the information gain from each feature.

$$I(Y|X_j) = H(Y) - H(Y|X_j)$$

ID3 Algorithm (Iterative Dichotomiser 3), Part II

Algorithm

$$H(Y) = - \sum_{y=1}^K \frac{\#(Y=y)}{\#(Y)} \log \left(\frac{\#(Y=y)}{\#(Y)} \right)$$

count ↙

$$H(Y|X_j) = - \sum_{x=1}^{K_j} \sum_{y=1}^K \frac{\#(Y=y, X_j=x)}{\#(Y)} \log \left(\frac{\#(Y=y, X_j=x)}{\#(X_j=x)} \right)$$

- Find the more informative feature j^* .

$$j^* = \arg \max_j I(Y|X_j)$$

ID3 Algorithm (Iterative Dichotomiser 3), Part III

Algorithm

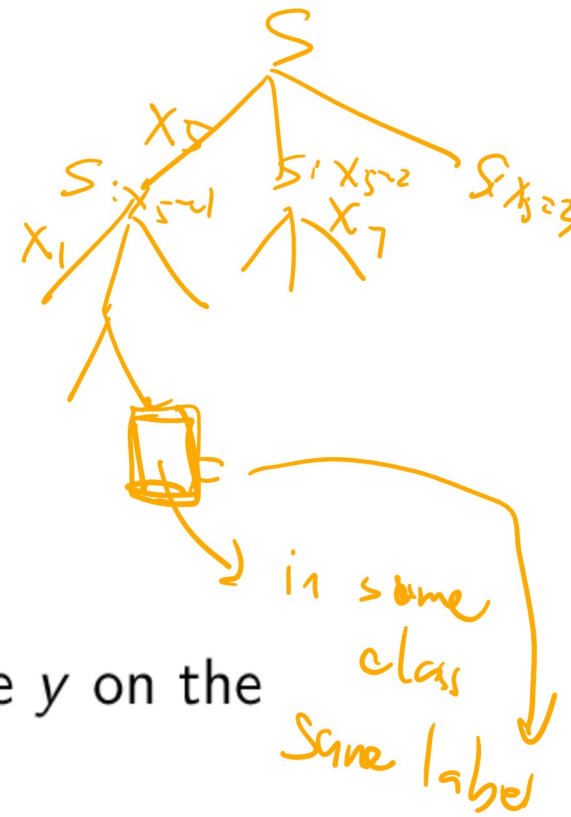
- Split the subset S into K_{j^*} subsets.

$$S_1 = \{(x_i, y_i) \in S : x_{ij^*} = 1\}$$

$$S_2 = \{(x_i, y_i) \in S : x_{ij^*} = 2\}$$

...

$$S_{K_{X_{j^*}}} = \{(x_i, y_i) \in S : x_{ij^*} = K_{X_{j^*}}\}$$



- Recurse over the subsets until $p_y = 1$ for some y on the subset.

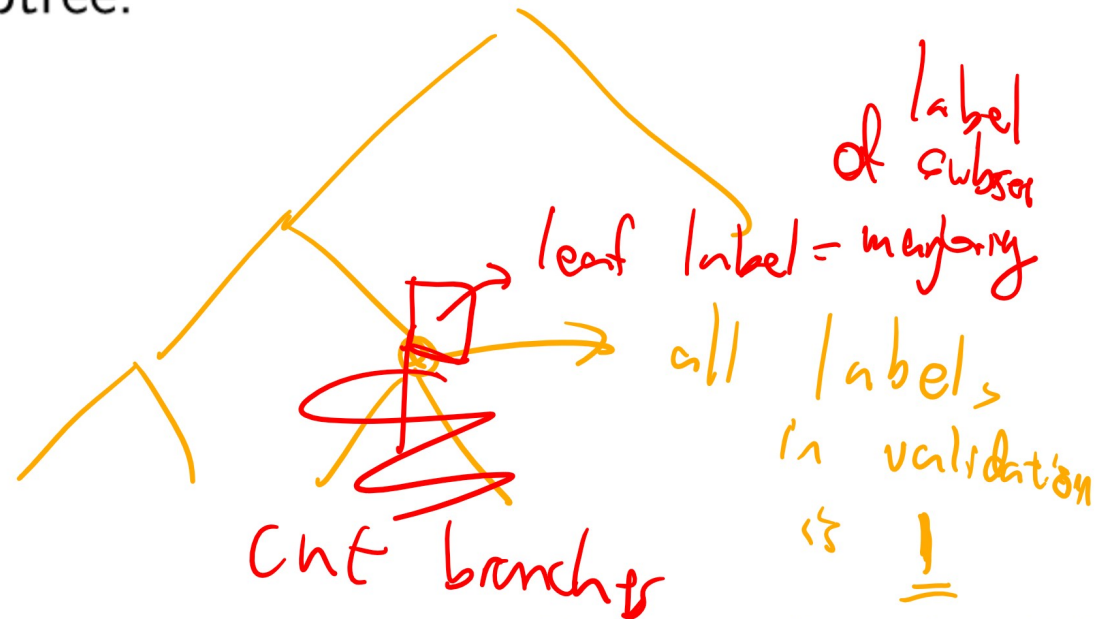
Pruning

Discussion

Avoid overfitting

- Use the validation set to prune subtrees by making them a leaf. The leaf has label equal to the majority of the train examples reaching this subtree.

Simple tree
⇒ no overfit



Entropy

Quiz (Graded)

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- Fall 2010 Final Q10

• Running from You-Know-Who, Harry enters the CS building on the 1st floor. He flips a fair coin: if it is heads he hides in room 1325; otherwise, he climbs to the 2nd floor. In that case he flips the coin again: if it is heads he hides in CSL; otherwise, he climbs to the 3rd floor and hides in 3331. What is the entropy of Harry's location?

- A: 0.75
- B: 1
- C: 1.5
- D: 1.75
- E: None of the above.

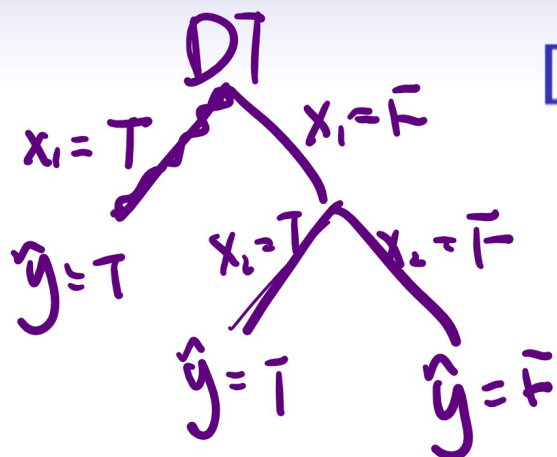
50%, 50%

$$Y = 1, 2, 3$$

$$H(Y) = -P_1 \log_2 P_1 - P_2 \log_2 P_2$$

$$-\frac{0.5}{2} \log_2 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) - \frac{0.5}{4} \log_2 \left(\frac{1}{4}\right) - \frac{1}{4} \log_2 \frac{1}{4}$$

Decision Tree, Table

Quiz (Graded)

$$T = 1$$

$$\bar{T} = 0$$

- Recall the following logical operators (AND, OR, IMPLIES, IF).

A

B

C

D

x_1	x_2	$x_1 \wedge x_2$	$x_1 \vee x_2$	$x_1 \Rightarrow x_2$	$x_1 \Leftarrow x_2$
1	1	1	1	1	1
1	0	0	1	0	1
0	<u>1</u>	0	1	1	0
0	0	0	0	1	1



Decision Tree

Quiz (Graded)

- Fall 2009 Midterm Q2
- Which expression is represented by the decision tree:

$$x_1 \begin{cases} T & \hat{y} = T \\ F & x_2 \begin{cases} T & \hat{y} = T \\ F & \hat{y} = F \end{cases} \end{cases}$$

- A: $x_1 \wedge x_2$ (AND)
- B: $x_1 \vee x_2$ (OR)
- C: $x_1 \Rightarrow x_2$ (IMPLIES)
- D: $x_1 \Leftarrow x_2$ (IF)
- E: None of the above.

Random Forrest

Discussion

random subsample of instances
and feature

- When training the decision trees on the smaller training sets, only a random subset of the features are used. The decision trees are created without pruning.
- This algorithm is called random forests.

Boosting

Discussion

- The idea of boosting is to combine many weak decision trees, for example, decision stumps, into a strong one.
- Decision trees are trained sequentially. The instances that are classified incorrectly by previous trees are made more important for the next tree.

P Norms

Definition

- Another group of examples is the p norms.

$$\rho(x, x') = \left(\sum_{j=1}^m |x_j - x'_j|^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}$$

- $p = 1$ is the Manhattan distance.

← often used.

- $p = 2$ is the Euclidean distance.

- $p = \infty$ is the sup distance, $\rho(x, x') = \max_{i=1,2,\dots,m} \{|x_j - x'_j|\}$.

- p cannot be less than 1.

