

Input: $examples$, $attributes$, $parent_examples$

Output: a tree

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/* DECISION-TREE-LEARNING( $examples$ ,  $attributes$ ,
    $parent\_examples$ ) */
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- 1 **if** $examples$ is empty **then return**
- 2 PLURALITY-VALUE($parent_examples$)
- 3 **else if** all $examples$ have the same classification **then return**
- 4 the classification
- 5 **else if** $attributes$ is empty **then return**
- 6 PLURALITY-VALUE($examples$)
- 7 **else**
- 8 $A \leftarrow \text{argmax}_{a \in attributes} \text{IMPORTANCE}(a, examples)$
- 9 $tree \leftarrow$ a new decision tree with root test A
- 10 **for each** value v_k of A **do**
- 11 $exs \leftarrow \{e : e \in examples \text{ and } e.A = v_k\}$
- 12 $subtree \leftarrow \text{DECISION-TREE-LEARNING}(exs, attributes - A,$
- 13 $examples)$
- 14 add a branch to $tree$ with label ($A = v_k$) and subtree $subtree$
- 15 **return** $tree$

Algorithm 1: The decision-tree learning algorithm