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Practice notes: Decision trees

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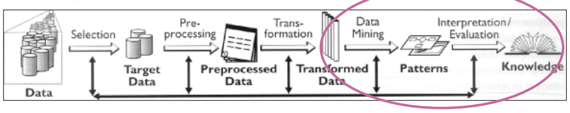
Course

- Prof. Bojan Cestnik
  - Data preparation
- Prof. Nada Lavrač:
  - Data mining overview
  - Advanced topics
- Dr. Petra Kralj Novak
  - Data mining basis
  - Hand on Weka
  - Written exam
  - Reading clubs:
    - Basic: Max Bramer: Principles of Data Mining (2007)
    - Advanced: Charu C. Aggarwal : Data Mining: The Textbook
- Prof. Dunja Mladenić
  - Text mining

Keywords

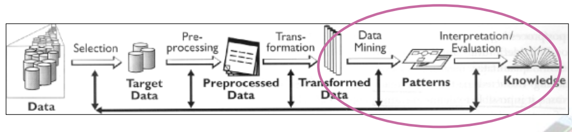


- Data
  - Attribute, example, attribute-value data, target variable, class, discretization
- Algorithms
  - Decision tree induction, entropy, information gain, overfitting, Occam's razor, model pruning, naïve Bayes classifier, KNN, association rules, support, confidence, numeric prediction, regression tree, model tree, heuristics vs. exhaustive search, predictive vs. descriptive DM
- Evaluation
  - Train set, test set, accuracy, confusion matrix, cross validation, true positives, false positives, ROC space, AUC, error, precision, recall

Decision tree induction

Given
- Attribute-value data with nominal target variable

Induce
- A decision tree and estimate its performance



Attribute-value data

(nominal) target variable

attributes

examples

Person	Age	Prescription	Astigmatic	Tear_Rate	Lenses
P1	young	myope	no	normal	**YES**
P2	young	myope	no	reduced	**NO**
P3	young	hypermetrope	no	normal	**YES**
P4	young	hypermetrope	no	reduced	**NO**
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P6	young	myope	yes	reduced	**NO**
P7	young	hypermetrope	yes	normal	**YES**
P8	young	hypermetrope	yes	reduced	**NO**
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P10	pre-presbyopic	myope	no	reduced	**NO**
P11	pre-presbyopic	hypermetrope	no	normal	**YES**
P12	pre-presbyopic	hypermetrope	no	reduced	**NO**
P13	pre-presbyopic	myope	yes	normal	**YES**
P14	pre-presbyopic	myope	yes	reduced	**NO**
P15	pre-presbyopic	hypermetrope	yes	normal	**NO**
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P17	presbyopic	myope	no	normal	**NO**
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P23	presbyopic	hypermetrope	yes	normal	**NO**
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classes = values of the (nominal) target variable

Training and test set

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Put 30% of examples in a separate test set

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Put these data away and do not look at them in the training phase!

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7. Divide the set S into subsets S_i according to the values of A
8. Repeat steps 1-7 on each S_i

Test the model on the test set T

Quinlan, J. R. 1986. Induction of Decision Trees. Mach. Learn. 1, 1 (Mar. 1986), 81-106

Information gain

number of examples in the subset S_v
(probability of the branch)

set S
attribute A

$$Gain(S, A) = E(S) - \sum_{v \in Values(A)} \frac{|S_v|}{|S|} \cdot E(S_v)$$

number of examples in set S

Entropy

$$E(S) = -\sum_{c=1}^{N} p_c . \log_2 p_c$$

- Calculate the following entropies:

E (0,1) =
E (1/2 , 1/2) =
E (1/4 , 3/4) =
E (1/7 , 6/7) =
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E (0.1 , 0.9) =
E (0.001 , 0.999) =

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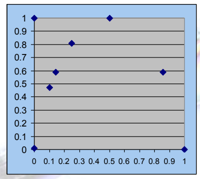

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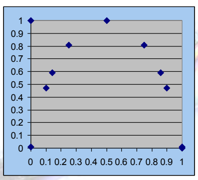

Entropy and information gain

probability of class 1	probability of class 2	
p_1	$p_2 = 1-p_1$	**entropy $E(p_1, p_2)$ =** $-p_1 * \log_2(p_1) - p_2 * \log_2(p_2)$
0	1	0.00
0.05	0.95	0.29
0.10	0.90	0.47
0.15	0.85	0.61
0.20	0.80	0.72
0.25	0.75	0.81
0.30	0.70	0.88
0.35	0.65	0.93
0.40	0.60	0.97
0.45	0.55	0.99
0.50	0.50	1.00
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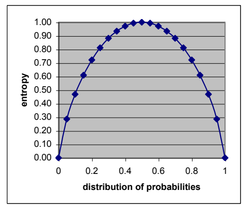

number of examples in the subset
probability of the "branch"
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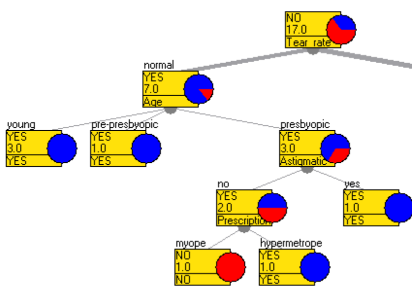

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Confusion matrix

predicted

actual	Predicted positive	Predicted negative
Actual positive	TP	FN
Actual negative	FP	TN

- Confusion matrix is a matrix showing actual and predicted classifications
- Classification measures can be calculated from it, like classification accuracy
  - = #(correctly classified examples) / #(all examples)
  - = (TP+TN) / (TP+TN+FP+FN)

Evaluating decision tree accuracy

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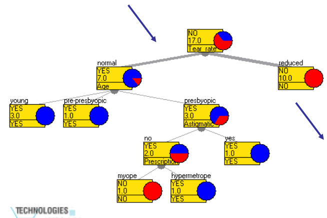

Ca = (3+2)/ (3+2+2+0) = 71%

	Predicted positive	Predicted negative
Actual positive	TP=3	FN=0
Actual negative	FP=2	TN=2

Is 71% good classification accuracy?

- Depends on the dataset!
- Compare to the **majority class classifier** (ZeroR in Weka)
  - Classifies all the data in the most represented class
- In our Lenses example, the majority class is "Lenses=NO".
  - Accuracy on train set = 11/17 = 65%
  - Accuracy on test set = 4/7 = 57%
  - If we had bigger sets, these two numbers would be almost the same
- Since 71% > 57%, there is some improvement from the majority class classifier

Discussion

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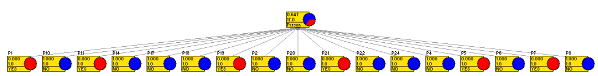
Information gain of the "attribute" Person



On training set
- As many values as there are examples
- Each leaf has exactly one example
- E(1/1, 0/1) = 0 (entropy of each leaf is zero)
- The weighted sum of entropies is zero
- The information gain is maximum (as much as the entropy of the entire training set)

On testing set
- The values from the testing set do not appear in the tree

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Entropy{hard=4, soft=5, none=13}=

= E(4/22, 5/22, 13/22)

= $-\Sigma p_i * \log_2 p_i$

= $-4/22 * \log_2 4/22 - 5/22 * \log_2 5/22 - 13/22 * \log_2 13/22$

= 1.38

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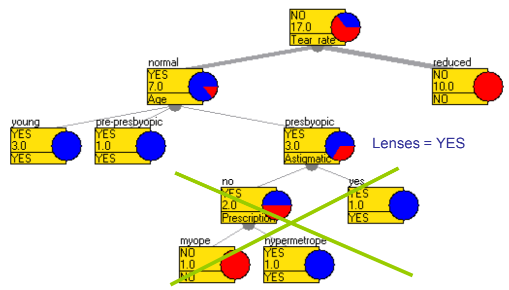
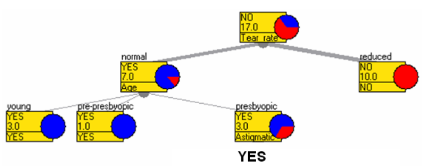
Decision tree pruning



These two trees are equivalent



Classification accuracy of the pruned tree

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Stopping criteria for building a decision tree

- ID3
  - "Pure" nodes (entropy =0)
  - Out of attributes
- J48 (C4.5)
  - Minimum number of instances in a leaf constraint

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Information gain of a numeric attribute

Age	Lenses
67	YES
52	YES
63	NO
26	YES
65	NO
23	YES
65	NO
25	YES
26	YES
57	NO
49	NO
23	YES
39	NO
55	NO
53	NO
38	NO
67	YES
54	NO
29	YES
46	NO
44	YES
32	NO
39	NO
45	YES

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67	YES
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55	NO
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38	NO
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46	NO
44	YES
32	NO
39	NO
45	YES

Sort by Age →

Age	Lenses
23	YES
23	YES
25	YES
26	YES
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29	YES
32	NO
38	NO
39	NO
39	NO
44	YES
45	YES
46	NO
49	NO
52	YES
53	NO
54	NO
55	NO
57	NO
63	NO
65	NO
65	NO
67	YES
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46	NO
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52	YES
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54	NO
55	NO
57	NO
63	NO
65	NO
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67	YES
67	YES

Define possible splitting points

Age	Lenses
23	YES
23	YES
25	YES
26	YES
26	YES
29	YES
32	NO
38	NO
39	NO
39	NO
44	YES
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30.5
41.5
45.5
50.5
52.5
66

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30.5
41.5
45.5
50.5
52.5
66

Age
<30.5 >=30.5
6/24 18/24
E(6/6 , 0/6) = 0 E(5/18 , 13/18) = 0.85

Information gain of a numeric attribute

Age	Lenses
23	YES
23	YES
25	YES
26	YES
26	YES
29	YES
32	NO
38	NO
39	NO
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30.5
41.5
45.5
50.5
52.5
66

E(S) = E(11/24 , 13/24) = 0.99

Age
<30.5 >=30.5
6/24 18/24
E(6/6 , 0/6) = 0 E(5/18 , 13/18) = 0.85

InfoGain (S, $Age_{30.5}$)=

= E(S) - $\sum p_v$ E(pv)

= 0.99 – (6/24*0 + 18/24*0.85)

= 0.35

Information gain of a numeric attribute

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Age
<30.5 >=30.5

InfoGain (S, $Age_{30.5}$) = 0.35

Age
<41.5 >=41.5

Age
<45.5 >=45.5

Age
<50.5 >=50.5

Age
<52.5 >=52.5

Age
<66 >=66

Decision trees

- Many possible decision trees

$$\sum_{i=0}^{k} 2^i (k-i) = -k + 2^{k+1} - 2$$

  – k is the number of binary attributes
- Heuristic search with information gain
- Information gain is short-sighted

Trees are shortsighted (1)

A	B	C	A xor B
1	1	0	0
0	0	1	0
1	0	0	1
0	0	0	0
0	1	0	1
1	1	1	0
1	0	1	1
0	0	1	0
0	1	0	1
0	1	0	1
1	0	1	1
1	1	1	0

- Three attributes:
  A, B and C
- Target variable is a logical combination attributes A and B
  class = A xor B
- Attribute C is random w.r.t. the target variable

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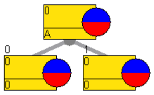
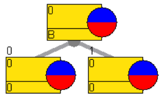
Trees are shortsighted (2)

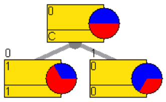
attribute A alone



attribute B alone



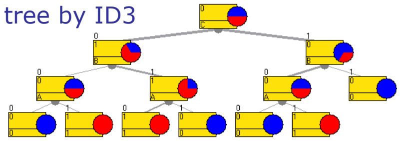
attribute C alone



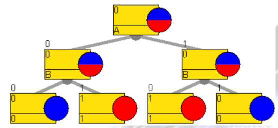
Attribute C has the highest information gain!

Trees are shortsighted (3)

- Decision tree by ID3



- The real model behind the data



Overcoming shortsightedness of decision trees

- Random forests (Breinmann & Cutler, 2001)
  - A random forest is a set of decision trees
  - Each tree is induced from a bootstrap sample of examples
  - For each node of the tree, select among a subset of attributes
  - All the trees vote for the classification
  - See also ansemble learning
- ReliefF for attribute estimation (Kononenko el al., 1997)