CS 484 Data Mining

Classification 2

Case Study: Sea Bass vs Salmon?



An Example

• "Sorting incoming Fish on a conveyor according to species using optical sensing"



Problem Analysis

- Set up a camera and take some sample images to extract features
 - Length
 - Lightness
 - Width
 - Number and shape of fins
 - Position of the mouth, etc...



- Classification
 - Select the length of the fish as a possible feature for discrimination



The length is a poor feature alone!

Select the lightness as a possible feature.



- Threshold decision boundary and cost relationship
 - Move our decision boundary toward smaller values of lightness in order to minimize the cost (reduce the number of sea bass that are classified salmon!)

Task of decision theory

• Adopt the lightness and add the width of the fish





- We might add other features that are not correlated with the ones we already have. A precaution should be taken not to reduce the performance by adding such "noisy features"
- Ideally, the best decision boundary should be the one which provides an optimal performance such as in the following figure:



• However, our satisfaction is premature because the central aim of designing a classifier is to correctly classify novel input



Issue of generalization!



Misclassifications



Cost sensitive classification

- Penalize misclassifications of one class more than the other
- Changes decision boundaries



Classification Techniques

- Decision Tree based Methods
- Rule-based Methods
- Memory based reasoning
- Neural Networks
- Naïve Bayes and Bayesian Belief Networks
- Support Vector Machines

Example of a Decision Tree



Tid	Home Owner	Marital Status	Annual Income	Defaulted
1	Yes	Single	125K	No
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Training Data

Model: Decision Tree

Another Example of Decision Tree



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There could be more than one tree that fits the same data!

Decision Tree Classification Task



Test Set



Home	Marital	Annual	Defaulted
Owner	Status	Income	
No	Married	80K	?



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Decision Tree Classification Task





Decision Tree Induction

- Many Algorithms:
 - Hunt's Algorithm (one of the earliest)
 - CART
 - ID3, C4.5
 - SLIQ, SPRINT

General Structure of Hunt's Algorithm

- Let D_t be the set of training records that reach a node t
- General Procedure:
 - If D_t contains records that belong the same class y_t , then t is a leaf node labeled as y_t
 - If D_t is an empty set, then t is a leaf node labeled by the default class, y_d
 - If D_t contains records that belong to more than one class, use an attribute test to split the data into smaller subsets. Recursively apply the procedure to each subset.

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How to Specify Test Condition?

- Depends on attribute types
 - Nominal
 - Ordinal
 - Continuous
- Depends on number of ways to split
 - 2-way split
 - Multi-way split

Splitting Based on Nominal Attributes

• Multi-way split: Use as many partitions as distinct values.



• Binary split: Divides values into two subsets. Need to find optimal partitioning.



Splitting Based on Ordinal Attributes

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Splitting Based on Continuous Attributes

- Different ways of handling
 - Discretization to form an ordinal categorical attribute
 - Static discretize once at the beginning
 - Dynamic ranges can be found by equal interval bucketing, equal frequency bucketing (percentiles), or clustering.
 - Binary Decision: $(A \le v)$ or $(A \ge v)$
 - consider all possible splits and finds the best cut
 - can be more compute intensive

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How to determine the Best Split

Before Splitting: 10 records of class 0, 10 records of class 1



Which test condition is the best?

How to determine the Best Split

- Greedy approach:
 - Nodes with homogeneous class distribution are preferred
- Need a measure of node impurity:

C0:	5
C1:	5

Non-homogeneous,

High degree of impurity

C0: 9 C1: 1

Homogeneous,

Low degree of impurity

Measures of Node Impurity

- Gini Index
- Entropy
- Misclassification error

How to Find the Best Split



Measure of Impurity: GINI

• Gini Index for a given node t :

$$GINI(t) = 1 - \sum_{j} [p(j | t)]^{2}$$

(NOTE: p(j | t) is the relative frequency of class j at node t).

- Maximum $(1 1/n_c)$ when records are equally distributed among all classes, implying least interesting information
- Minimum (0.0) when all records belong to one class, implying most interesting information



Examples for computing GINI $GINI(t) = 1 - \sum_{j} [p(j|t)]^{2}$

C1	0
C2	6

P(C1) = 0/6 = 0 P(C2) = 6/6 = 1Gini = $1 - P(C1)^2 - P(C2)^2 = 1 - 0 - 1 = 0$

C1	1
C2	5

P(C1) = 1/6 P(C2) = 5/6Gini = 1 - (1/6)² - (5/6)² = 0.278

C1	2
C2	4

$$P(C1) = 2/6$$
 $P(C2) = 4/6$
Gini = 1 - (2/6)² - (4/6)² = 0.444

Splitting Based on GINI

- Used in CART, SLIQ, SPRINT.
- When a node p is split into k partitions (children), the quality of split is computed as,

$$GINI_{split} = \sum_{i=1}^{k} \frac{n_i}{n} GINI(i)$$

where, $n_i =$ number of records at child i, n = number of records at node p.

Binary Attributes: Computing GINI Index

- Splits into two partitions
- Effect of Weighing partitions:
 - Larger and purer partitions are sought for.

