CMSC5724: Quiz 1

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Solution to Problem 1. One possible decision tree is shown below.



Solution to Problem 2. Les *S* be the training set given in Problem 1 and \mathcal{H} be the set of classifiers that can possibly be returned. Denote by *h* the decision tree we found in Problem 1. As *X* has two choices (*A* and *B*) and *v* has 16 choices, we know $|\mathcal{H}| = 32$. Our decision tree in Problem 1 has empirical error $err_S(h) = 0.125$.

According to the generalization theorem, with probability at least $1 - \delta$, we have

$$err_{\mathcal{D}}(h) \leq err_{S}(h) + \sqrt{\frac{\ln(1/\delta) + \ln|\mathcal{H}|}{2|S|}}$$
$$= 0.125 + \sqrt{\frac{\ln(1/\delta) + \ln 32}{16}}.$$

By setting $\delta = 0.1$, we know with probability at least 0.9,

$$err_{\mathcal{D}}(h) \leq 0.125 + \sqrt{\frac{\ln(1/0.1) + \ln 32}{16}} \leq 0.73.$$

Solution to Problem 3. By Bayes Theorem

$$\mathbf{Pr}[Y = y \mid A = 1, B = 1, C = 0] = \frac{\mathbf{Pr}[A = 1, B = 1, C = 0 \mid Y = y] \cdot \mathbf{Pr}[Y = y]}{\mathbf{Pr}[A = 1, B = 1, C = 0]}$$

and

$$\mathbf{Pr}[Y = n \mid A = 1, B = 1, C = 0] = \frac{\mathbf{Pr}[A = 1, B = 1, C = 0 \mid Y = n] \cdot \mathbf{Pr}[Y = n]}{\mathbf{Pr}[A = 1, B = 1, C = 0]}$$

To know which fraction is bigger, it is sufficient to estimate their numerators:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{Pr}[A=1,B=1,C=0\mid Y=y]\cdot\mathbf{Pr}[Y=y] \\ &= \mathbf{Pr}[A=1\mid Y=y]\cdot\mathbf{Pr}[B=1\mid Y=y]\cdot\mathbf{Pr}[C=0\mid Y=y]\cdot\mathbf{Pr}[Y=y] \\ (\text{estimate}) &= \frac{3}{4}\times\frac{3}{4}\times\frac{1}{4}\times\frac{1}{2} \\ &= \frac{9}{128}. \\ \mathbf{Pr}[A=1,B=1,C=0\mid Y=n]\cdot\mathbf{Pr}[Y=n] \\ &= \mathbf{Pr}[A=1\mid Y=n]\cdot\mathbf{Pr}[B=1\mid Y=n]\cdot\mathbf{Pr}[C=0\mid Y=n]\cdot\mathbf{Pr}[Y=n] \\ (\text{estimate}) &= \frac{1}{4}\times\frac{3}{4}\times\frac{2}{4}\times\frac{1}{2} \\ &= \frac{6}{128}. \end{aligned}$$

We thus conclude that $\mathbf{Pr}[Y = y \mid A = 1, B = 1, C = 0] > \mathbf{Pr}[Y = n \mid A = 1, B = 1, C = 0]$. The predicted label is y.