

Data Structures and Algorithms
with applications in Machine Learning
- MCQ 3 -

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Q3. ○ a.
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Q4. ○ a.
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Q5. ○ a.
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Q6. ○ a.
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Q7. ○ a.
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Q8. ○ a.
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Q9. ○ a.
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Q10. ○ a.
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The Quiz

Credit risk prediction aims to build a model capable of determining the quality of a loan. Loans are classified into two categories:

- **Good (G)**: Indicates a low risk of default, encoded as 1.
- **Bad (B)**: Indicates a high risk of default, encoded as 0.

The prediction is based on the following features:

- **Age**: A numerical value ranging from 18 to 100.
- **Geography**: A categorical variable with possible values **Germany**, **France**, **UK**, **China**, and **Japan**.
- **Sex**: A categorical variable, either **male** or **female**.
- **Purpose**: A categorical variable with values **P1**, **P2**, **P3**, and **P4**.
- **Credit**: A numerical value representing the loan amount in dollars.
- **Duration**: A numerical value indicating the loan term in months.
- **Education**: A categorical variable, classified as either **unskilled** or **skilled**.

Preprocessing

Q. 1 To normalize numerical features such as **Age**, **Credit**, and **Duration**, the following transformation is applied:

$$x_{\text{normalized}} = \frac{x - \min(x)}{\max(x) - \min(x)}$$

What is the name of this transformation?

- ☐ a. Logarithmic Transformation
- ☒ b. Min-Max Scaling (scaling to [0,1])
- ☐ c. Standardization (scaling to zero mean and unit variance)
- ☐ d. No transformation is required

Q. 2 Consider the categorical variable **Geography**, which has the following categories and their associated indices:

- **Germany**: 0
- **France**: 1
- **UK**: 2
- **China**: 3
- **Japan**: 4

After applying one-hot encoding, one column is dropped to avoid multicollinearity. If a sample has the value **Germany**, what would the one-hot encoded transformation look like?

- ☐ a. [1, 0, 0, 0, 0]

- ☒ b. [1, 0, 0, 0]
- ☐ c. [Germany]
- ☐ d. [0, 0, 1, 0]

Q. 3 After normalizing numerical features and one-hot encoding categorical features, what will be the shape of the feature matrix X and target vector y , assuming 1000 samples? The table below describes the number of categories for each categorical variable:

Categorical Variable	Number of Categories
Geography	5
Sex	2
Purpose	4
Education	2

Table 1: Number of Categories for Categorical Variables

Assume that one column is dropped for each one-hot encoded categorical variable to avoid multicollinearity.

- ☒ a. $X.shape = (1000, 12)$, $y.shape = (1000,)$
- ☐ b. $X.shape = (1000, 15)$, $y.shape = (1000,)$
- ☐ c. $X.shape = (1000, 13)$, $y.shape = (1000,)$
- ☐ d. $X.shape = (1000, 9)$, $y.shape = (1000,)$

In the next section, we will explore how to train a Decision Tree model to classify loans as either low-risk (Good) or high-risk (Bad).

Training a Decision Tree Model

Q. 4 Let Y be a random variable that can take values from the finite set $\mathcal{Y} = \{y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n\}$. The probability distribution of Y is denoted as $p(y) = \mathbb{P}(Y = y)$, where $y \in \mathcal{Y}$. The entropy of Y is defined as:

$$H(Y) = - \sum_{y \in \mathcal{Y}} p(y) \log_2(p(y)).$$

Which of the following statements best explains the meaning of entropy?

- ☐ a. Entropy measures the likelihood of the most probable value of Y .
- ☐ b. Entropy represents the total uncertainty across all possible outcomes of Y , without averaging.
- ☐ c. Entropy is the measure of how many outcomes Y can possibly take.
- ☒ d. Entropy quantifies the average uncertainty reduction (in bits) when the value of Y is revealed.

Q. 5 Which of the following equations correctly defines the information gain IG for a split based on X ?

- a. $IG(D_p, X) = I(D_p) - \frac{N_{\text{left}}}{N_p} I(D_{\text{left}}) - \frac{N_{\text{right}}}{N_p} I(D_{\text{right}})$
- b. $IG(D_p, X) = I(D_p) + \frac{N_{\text{left}}}{N_p} I(D_{\text{left}}) + \frac{N_{\text{right}}}{N_p} I(D_{\text{right}})$
- c. $IG(D_p, X) = \frac{N_{\text{left}}}{N_p} I(D_{\text{left}}) + \frac{N_{\text{right}}}{N_p} I(D_{\text{right}})$
- d. $IG(D_p, X) = I(D_{\text{left}}) - I(D_p) - I(D_{\text{right}})$

Where:

- D_p : The dataset at the parent node.
- $D_{\text{left}}, D_{\text{right}}$: The datasets at the left and right child nodes.
- N_p : The total number of samples at the parent node.
- $N_{\text{left}}, N_{\text{right}}$: The total number of samples in the left and right child nodes.
- $I(D)$: The impurity measure of a dataset D .

Q. 6 Consider the following dataset of 10 samples with the binary feature "Sex" and the target variable Y :

Sex (X)	Target (Y)
Male	0
Female	1
Female	1
Male	0
Female	1
Male	0
Male	0
Female	1
Male	0
Female	0

Table 2: Dataset of 10 samples with binary feature "Sex" and target variable Y .

Using this dataset:

- Y is the target variable, where 1 indicates "Good" (low risk) and 0 indicates "Bad" (high risk).
- X is the feature "Sex," where "Male" and "Female" are the two possible values.

What is the information gain $IG(D, X)$ for a split based on X ?

- a. $IG(D, X) = 0.5$
- b. $IG(D, X) = 0.0$
- c. $IG(D, X) = 0.8$
- d. $IG(D, X) = 1.0$

Q. 7 The following pseudo-code implements a method to find the best feature and threshold for splitting a dataset in a Decision Tree.

Algorithm 1 Finding the Best Split

Require: Feature matrix X , target labels y

Ensure: Best feature, best threshold, and corresponding information gain

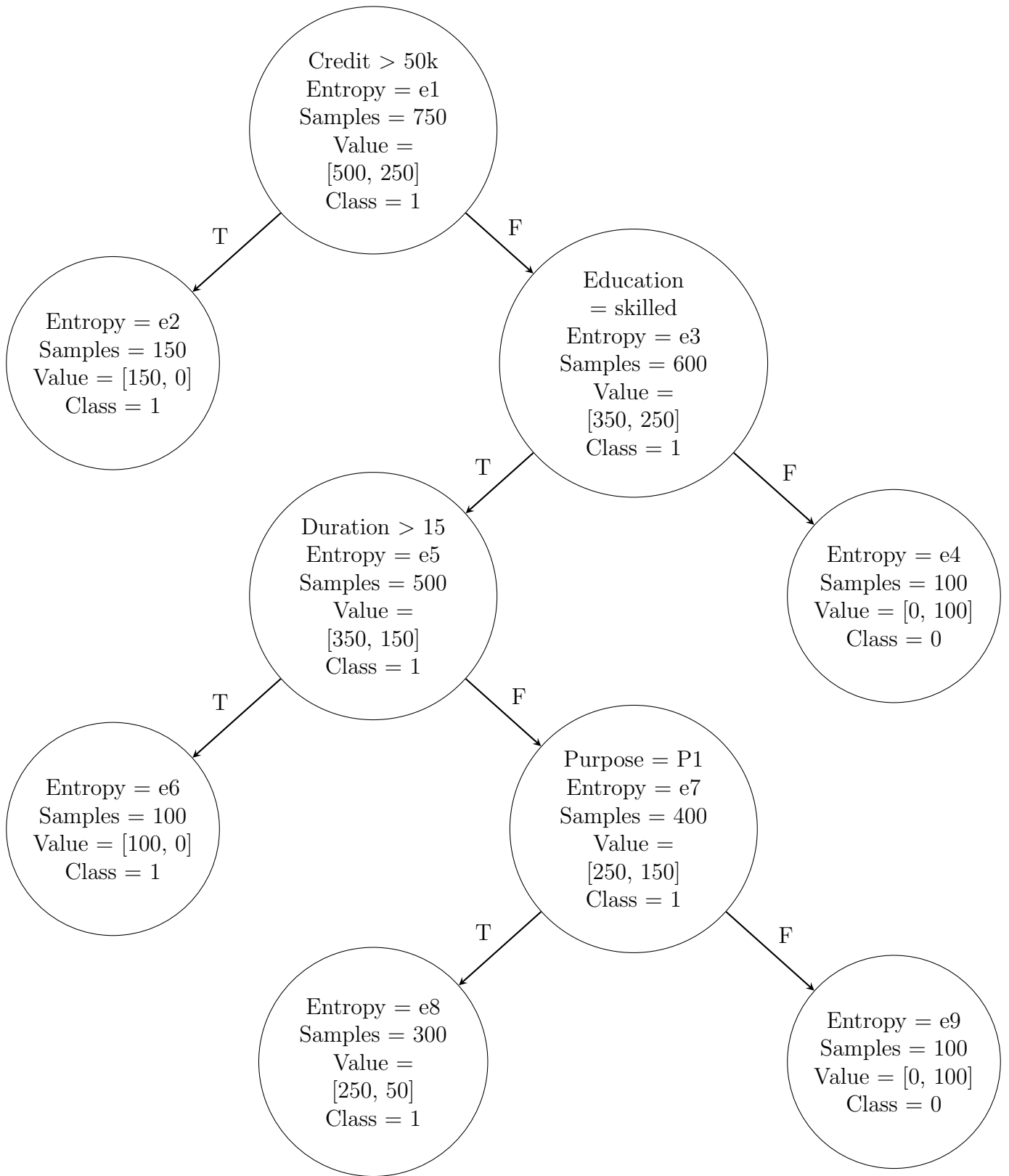
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1: Initialize best_gain  $\leftarrow 0$ , best_feature  $\leftarrow \text{None}$ , best_threshold  $\leftarrow \text{None}$ 
2: for each feature  $c$  in  $X$  do
3:   thresholds  $\leftarrow \text{unique\_values}(X[:, c])$ 
4:   for each threshold in thresholds do
5:     left  $\leftarrow X[:, c] < \text{threshold}$ 
6:     right  $\leftarrow X[:, c] \geq \text{threshold}$ 
7:     if len( $y[\text{left}]$ ) == 0 or len( $y[\text{right}]$ ) == 0 then
8:       Continue
9:     end if
10:    gain  $\leftarrow \text{compute\_information\_gain}(y, y[\text{left}], y[\text{right}])$ 
11:    if gain > best_gain then
12:      ... ▷ Fill in the blank
13:    end if
14:  end for
15: end for
16: return best_feature, best_threshold, best_gain
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What should replace the blank to correctly update the variables?

- ☒ a. best_gain \leftarrow gain, best_feature $\leftarrow c$, best_threshold \leftarrow threshold
- ☐ b. Continue
- ☐ c. best_feature $\leftarrow c$
- ☐ d. gain $\leftarrow 0$

Trained Decision Tree and Prediction Process

The following graph illustrates the trained decision tree obtained after fitting the model to the dataset. Each node represents a decision point based on a specific feature, displaying the entropy, sample size, and class distribution.



Q. 8 In the decision tree graph, which of the entropies e_i , where $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, 9\}$, will be equal to zero?

- ☐ a. e_1, e_3, e_5, e_7
- ☐ b. e_2, e_3, e_5, e_7
- ☒ c. e_2, e_4, e_6, e_9
- ☐ d. e_8, e_9

Q. 9 Using the trained decision tree and the information provided in the nodes, determine the confusion matrix. Which of the following correctly represents the values for TP, TN, FP, and FN ?

	Predicted Positive	Predicted Negative
Actual Positive	TP = ..	FN = ..
Actual Negative	FP = ..	TN = ..

- ☐ a. TP = 300, TN = 200, FP = 100, FN = 150
- ☐ b. TP = 350, TN = 150, FP = 150, FN = 100
- ☒ c. TP = 500, TN = 200, FP = 50, FN = 0
- ☐ d. TP = 500, TN = 200, FP = 0, FN = 50

Q. 10 We have a new sample with the following features:

- **Age:** 24
- **Geography:** UK
- **Sex:** Female
- **Credit:** 35k\$
- **Education:** skilled
- **Duration:** 11

What should be the value of “**Purpose**” to ensure that the Decision Tree algorithm predicts a ‘**Good**’ target for this sample?

- ☒ a. $P1$
- ☐ b. $P2$
- ☐ c. $P3$
- ☐ d. $P4$