



“Study And Analysing of Decision Tree”

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ABSTRACT

Decision tree are indeed a form of Absraction in artificial intelligence. They abstract complex decision processes into a hierarchical structure of decisions and their consequences. Each mode in the tree represents a decision based on a particular feature or attribute, and each branch represents the possible outcomes of that decision. This abstraction allows AI systems to efficiently navigate through decision spaces, making them particularly useful in classification and regression task. By recursively partitioning the feature space based on available data, decision trees can learn complex decision boundaries and make prediction or complex classification with relatively simple rules. This abstraction simplifies the problem-solving process and can often lead to interpretable models, where humans can understand and interpret the logic behind the AI’s decisions.

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1 INTRODUCTION

Decision trees are powerful tool in AI for abstraction. They can abstract complex decision- making processes into a series simple, interpretable rule. Each node in the tree represents a decision based on a feature and each branch represent the outcomes of that decision. By following the branches, the tree can lead to final decision or predictions.

In this context, abstraction means simplifying the representation of a problem. Decision trees abstract complex decision-making processes by breaking them down into a series of binary decisions based on input features. This simplification makes it easier to understand and interpret the decision-making process

Decision trees are used in various AI applications, such as classification and regression tasks.⁴th Prof Dr. Anupa Sinha Professor

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In classification, decision trees are used to classify data into different categories based on input features. In regression, decision trees are used to predict a continuous value based on input features. Overall, decision trees are valuable in AI for their ability to abstract complex decision-making processes into simple, interpretable rules, making them useful for a wide range of tasks.

2 REVIEWS

Decision trees are a fundamental machine learning technique used for both classification and regression tasks. This literature review explores the historical development, theoretical foundations, practical applications, and recent advancements of decision trees in artificial intelligence (AI).

Historical Development

Decision trees have their roots in statistics and information theory. The concept was first introduced by Breiman et al. in their seminal work "Classification and Regression Trees" (1984), which provided a comprehensive framework for constructing and using decision trees for predictive modelling. Earlier influences include Quinlan's ID3 algorithm, introduced in 1986, which laid the groundwork for later developments like C4.5 and C5.0.

Theoretical Foundations

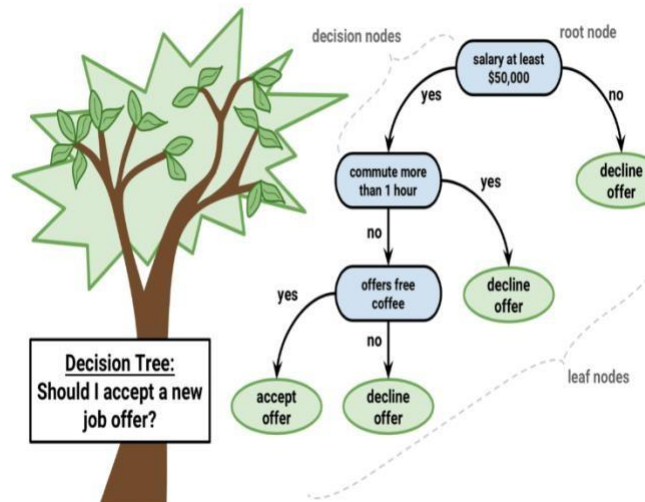
Decision trees work by recursively partitioning the data space into subsets based on feature values, forming a

tree-like structure where each node represents a decision based on a feature and each leaf node represents a class label or continuous value. Key concepts include:

Splitting Criteria-: Methods such as Gini impurity, information gain, and chi-square are used to decide how to split the data at each node.

Pruning: Techniques like cost-complexity pruning help prevent overfitting by removing branches that add little predictive power to the model .

Ensemble Methods-: Algorithms like random forests and gradient boosting involve constructing multiple trees to improve performance and robustness.



Practical Applications

Decision trees have been widely applied across various domains due to their simplicity and interpretability:

1. Healthcare-: Used for diagnosing diseases by analysing patient data, where the interpretability of the model is crucial for medical professionals.
2. Finance-: Employed in credit scoring and risk assessment to predict loan defaults and investment risks based on historical financial data.
3. Marketing-: Utilized for customer segmentation and behavior prediction, helping businesses tailor their marketing strategies

Recent Advancements

Recent research has focused on improving the performance and applicability of decision trees:

Hybrid Models-: Combining decision trees with other machine learning techniques, such as neural networks, to create more powerful predictive models . **Algorithmic Improvements-:** Enhancements like XGBoost, which introduces regularization to prevent overfitting and optimizes computational efficiency, have made decision trees more competitive with other advanced algorithms.

Big Data and Real-Time Analysis-: Adaptations of decision trees for big data frameworks like Apache Spark enable handling of large-scale datasets, making them suitable for real-time analytics.

Challenges and Limitations

Despite their strengths, decision trees face several challenges:

Overfitting-: Trees can become overly complex, capturing noise in the data rather than the underlying patterns. Pruning and ensemble methods are commonly used to address this issue.

Bias and Variance-: Decision trees can suffer from high variance, where small changes in the data lead to different tree structures. Ensemble methods like random forests mitigate this by averaging multiple trees.

Interpretability vs. Complexity-: Balancing the simplicity of decision trees with the need for capturing complex relationships remains an ongoing challenge in the field.

Conclusion

Decision trees are a versatile and powerful tool in AI, with applications spanning numerous domains. While they face certain limitations, advancements in hybrid models, algorithmic improvements, and big data adaptations continue to enhance their performance and applicability. Future research will likely focus on further integrating decision trees with other AI techniques and improving their scalability and robustness.

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