

Decision Tree.

Entropy of a loaded coin with probability p of heads :

$$- p \log_2 p - (1-p) \log_2 (1-p)$$

Case 1. $P(\text{tail}) = 8/9$, $P(\text{head}) = 1/9$

$$\begin{aligned} & \Rightarrow - \frac{1}{9} \log_2 \frac{1}{9} - \left(1 - \frac{1}{9}\right) \log_2 \left(1 - \frac{1}{9}\right) = - \frac{1}{9} \log_2 \frac{1}{9} - \frac{8}{9} \log_2 \frac{8}{9} \\ & \Rightarrow - \frac{8}{9} \log_2 \frac{8}{9} - \left(1 - \frac{8}{9}\right) \log_2 \left(1 - \frac{8}{9}\right) = - \frac{8}{9} \log_2 \frac{8}{9} - \frac{1}{9} \log_2 \frac{1}{9} \quad \xrightarrow{\text{Same}} \\ & \Rightarrow 0.5 \end{aligned}$$

Case 2. $P(\text{tail}) = 4/9$, $P(\text{head}) = 5/9$

$$\Rightarrow - \frac{5}{9} \log_2 \frac{5}{9} - \frac{4}{9} \log_2 \frac{4}{9} = 0.99.$$

Remark: based on Case 1 & 2,
the more "impure", "uncertain",
"chaotic", the bigger the entropy

For more than binary outcomes:

$$H(Y) = - \sum_{y \in Y} P(y) \log_2 P(y)$$

Joint entropy

$$H(X, Y) = - \sum_x \sum_y P(x, y) \log_2 P(x, y).$$

X	Y	Cloudy	Not cloudy
Rain		$24/100$	$1/100$
Not Raining		$25/100$	$50/100$

Observe: the probabilities add up to 1

$$\begin{aligned} H(X, Y) &= - \sum_x P(x) \log_2 P(x) + \sum_x P(x) \sum_y P(x, y) \log_2 P(x, y) \\ &= - P(\text{rain}, \text{cloudy}) \log_2 P(\text{rain}, \text{cloudy}) - P(\text{rain}, \neg \text{cloudy}) \log_2 P(\text{rain}, \neg \text{cloudy}) \\ &\quad - P(\neg \text{rain}, \text{cloudy}) \log_2 P(\neg \text{rain}, \text{cloudy}) \\ &\quad - P(\neg \text{rain}, \neg \text{cloudy}) \log_2 P(\neg \text{rain}, \neg \text{cloudy}) \\ &= - \frac{24}{100} \log_2 \frac{24}{100} - \frac{1}{100} \log_2 \frac{1}{100} - \frac{25}{100} \log_2 \frac{25}{100} - \frac{50}{100} \log_2 \frac{50}{100} \\ &= 1.56 \text{ bits} \end{aligned}$$

Specific Condition Entropy $H(Y|X=x) = - \sum_y P(y|x) \log_2 P(y|x)$

$$P(y|x) = \frac{P(x,y)}{P(x)}$$

$$P(x) = \sum_y P(x,y)$$

$$\Rightarrow P(\text{rain}) = P(\text{rain, cloudy}) + P(\neg \text{rain}, \neg \text{cloudy})$$

$$H(Y|X=\text{rain}) = - \sum_y P(y|\text{rain}) \log_2 P(y|\text{rain})$$

$$= - P(\text{cloudy}|\text{rain}) \log_2 P(\text{cloudy}|\text{rain}) \\ - P(\neg \text{cloudy}|\text{rain}) \log_2 P(\neg \text{cloudy}|\text{rain})$$

$$P(\text{cloudy}|\text{rain}) = \frac{P(\text{cloudy, rain})}{P(\text{rain})} = \frac{24}{100} / \frac{24+1}{100} = \frac{24}{25}$$

$$P(\neg \text{cloudy}|\text{rain}) = \frac{P(\neg \text{cloudy, rain})}{P(\text{rain})} = \frac{1}{100} / \frac{24+1}{100} = \frac{1}{25}$$

$$H(Y|X=\text{rain}) = - 24/25 \log_2 24/25 - 1/25 \log_2 1/25 \approx 0.24 \text{ bits}$$

Conditional Entropy

$$H(Y|X) = \sum_x P(x) H(Y|X=x) = - \sum_x \sum_y P(x,y) \log_2 P(x)$$

$$\Rightarrow - \sum_x \sum_y \underbrace{P(x) P(y|x)}_{P(x,y)} \log_2 P(y|x)$$

What is the entropy of cloudiness Y , given the variable X ?

$$H(Y|X) = \sum_x P(x) H(Y|X=x) = P(\text{rain}) H(Y|X=\text{rain}) + P(\neg \text{rain}) H(Y|\neg \text{rain})$$

$$= \left(\frac{24}{100} + \frac{1}{100} \right) H(Y|X=\text{rain}) + \left(\frac{25}{100} + \frac{50}{100} \right) H(Y|\neg \text{rain})$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} H(Y|\text{rain}) + \frac{3}{4} H(Y|\neg \text{rain}) \approx 0.75 \text{ bits}$$

Information Gain $IG(Y|X) = H(Y) - H(Y|X)$

\Rightarrow the information we gained on the observation of y after observing how y "fare" when we have knowledge about X .

Picture at slides 29.

$$H(Y) = -\frac{2}{7} \log_2 \frac{2}{7} - \frac{5}{7} \log_2 \frac{5}{7}$$

$$H(Y|\text{left}) = 0.81, \quad H(Y|\text{right}) = 0.92$$

$$IG(\text{split}) = 0.86 - (4/7 \cdot 0.81 + 3/7 \cdot 0.92) = 0.006$$

Picture at slides 30

$$H(Y|\text{left}) = 0, \quad H(Y|\text{right}) = 0.97$$

$$IG(\text{split}) = 0.86 - (\frac{2}{7} \cdot 0 + \frac{5}{7} \cdot 0.97) = 0.71$$

\Rightarrow the split at 30 is better than the split at 29 because a better information gain.