

1 Question-1

Prove that:

$$H(X, Y) = H(X) + H(Y|X)$$

Do not assume independence of X and Y.

Solution

$$H(X, Y) = - \sum_{x \in X} \sum_{y \in Y} p(x, y) \log_2(p(x, y)) \quad (1)$$

Since variable independence cannot be assumed:

$$p(x, y) = p(x)p(y|x) \quad (2)$$

Substituting from Equation 2 in Equation 1:

$$\begin{aligned} H(X, Y) &= - \sum_{x \in X} \sum_{y \in Y} p(x)p(y|x) \log_2(p(x)p(y|x)) \\ H(X, Y) &= - \sum_{x \in X} \sum_{y \in Y} p(x)p(y|x) \log_2(p(x)) - \sum_{x \in X} \sum_{y \in Y} p(x)p(y|x) \log_2(p(y|x)) \\ H(X, Y) &= - \sum_{x \in X} p(x) \log_2(p(x)) \sum_{y \in Y} p(y|x) - \sum_{x \in X} p(x) \sum_{y \in Y} p(y|x) \log_2(p(y|x)) \quad (3) \end{aligned}$$

Now:

$$\begin{aligned} H(X) &= - \sum_{x \in X} p(x) \log_2(p(x)) \\ H(Y|X) &= - \sum_{x \in X} p(x) \sum_{y \in Y} p(y|x) \log_2(p(y|x)) \end{aligned}$$

and:

$$\sum_{y \in Y} p(y|x) = 1$$

Substituting values in Equation 3:

$$\blacktriangleleft \quad H(X, Y) = H(X) + H(Y|X)$$

2. Question-2

Discretize the following decision tables:

| Cases | Attributes | | | | Decision |
|-------|------------|--------|-------|--------|----------|
| | Length | Height | Width | Weight | Quality |
| 1 | 4.7 | 1.8 | 1.7 | 1.7 | high |
| 2 | 4.5 | 1.4 | 1.8 | 0.9 | high |
| 3 | 4.7 | 1.8 | 1.9 | 1.3 | high |
| 4 | 4.5 | 1.8 | 1.7 | 1.3 | medium |
| 5 | 4.3 | 1.6 | 1.9 | 1.7 | medium |
| 6 | 4.3 | 1.4 | 1.7 | 0.9 | low |
| 7 | 4.5 | 1.6 | 1.9 | 0.9 | very-low |
| 8 | 4.5 | 1.4 | 1.8 | 1.3 | very-low |

Table 1 Dataset

Solution:

$$\{A\}^* = \{\{1\}, \{2\}, \{3\}, \{4\}, \{5\}, \{6\}, \{7\}, \{8\}\}$$

$$\{d\}^* = \{\{1, 2, 3\}, \{4, 5\}, \{6\}, \{7, 8\}\}$$

$$\{A\}^* \leq \{d\}^*$$

► Dataset is consistent!

Part-(a) - Dominant Attribute Approach

Trying Length:

$$\text{Cases}(5, 6) = (\text{medium}, \text{low})$$

$$\text{Cases}(2, 4, 7, 8) = (\text{high}, \text{medium}, \text{very - low}, \text{very - low})$$

$$\text{Cases}(1, 3) = (\text{high}, \text{high})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \triangleright H(\text{Quality}|\text{Length}) &= -\frac{2}{8}\left(\frac{1}{2}\log_2\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)\right)2 - \frac{4}{8}\left(\frac{1}{4}\log_2\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)\right)2 + \frac{2}{4}\log_2\left(\frac{2}{4}\right) - \frac{2}{8}(0) \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

Trying Height:

$$\text{Cases}(2, 6, 8) = (\text{high}, \text{low}, \text{very - low})$$

$$\text{Cases}(5, 7) = (\text{medium}, \text{very - low})$$

$$\text{Cases}(1, 3, 4) = (\text{high}, \text{high}, \text{medium})$$

$$\begin{aligned} H(\text{Quality}|\text{Height}) &= -\frac{3}{8}\left(\frac{1}{3}\log_2\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)\right)3 - \frac{2}{8}(-1) - \frac{3}{8}\left(\frac{2}{3}\log_2\left(\frac{2}{3}\right) + \frac{1}{3}\log_2\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)\right) \\ &= 1.189 \end{aligned}$$

Trying Width:

$$\text{Cases}(1, 4, 6) = (\text{high}, \text{medium}, \text{low})$$

$$\text{Cases}(2, 8) = (\text{high}, \text{very - low})$$

$$\text{Cases}(3, 5, 7) = (\text{high}, \text{medium}, \text{very - low})$$

$$\begin{aligned} H(\text{Quality}|\text{Width}) &= -\frac{3}{8}\left(\frac{1}{3}\log_2\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)\right)3 - \frac{2}{8}(-1) - \frac{3}{8}\left(\frac{1}{3}\log_2\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)\right)3 \\ &= 1.439 \end{aligned}$$

Trying Weight:

$$\text{Cases}(2, 6, 7) = (\text{high}, \text{low}, \text{very - low})$$

$$\text{Cases}(3, 4, 8) = (\text{high}, \text{medium}, \text{very - low})$$

$$\text{Cases}(1, 5) = (\text{high}, \text{medium})$$

$$\begin{aligned} H(\text{Quality}|\text{Weight}) &= -\frac{3}{8}\left(\frac{1}{3}\log_2\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)\right)3 - \frac{3}{8}\left(\frac{1}{3}\log_2\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)\right)3 - \frac{2}{8}(-1) \\ &= 1.439 \end{aligned}$$

Dominant Attribute: Length

Cutpoints for Length: 4.4, 4.6

Trying $\text{Length}_{4.4}$:

$$\text{Length}_{4.3-4.4} = \text{Cases}(5, 6) = (\text{medium}, \text{low})$$

$$\text{Length}_{4.4-4.7} = \text{Cases}(1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8) = (\text{high}, \text{high}, \text{high}, \text{medium}, \text{very - low}, \text{very - low})$$

$$\begin{aligned} H(\text{Quality}|\text{Length}_{4.4}) &= -\frac{2}{8}(-1) - \frac{6}{8}\left(\frac{3}{6}\log_2\left(\frac{3}{6}\right) + \frac{1}{6}\log_2\left(\frac{1}{6}\right) + \frac{2}{6}\log_2\left(\frac{2}{6}\right)\right) \\ &= 1.344 \end{aligned}$$

Trying $\text{Length}_{4.6}$:

$$\text{Length}_{4.3-4.6} = \text{Cases}(2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8) = (\text{high}, \text{medium}, \text{medium}, \text{low}, \text{very - low}, \text{very - low})$$

$$\text{Length}_{4.6-4.7} = \text{Cases}(1, 3) = (\text{high}, \text{high})$$

$$\begin{aligned} H(\text{Quality}|\text{Length}_{4.6}) &= -\frac{6}{8}\left(\left(\frac{1}{6}\log_2\left(\frac{1}{6}\right)\right)2 + \left(\frac{2}{6}\log_2\left(\frac{2}{6}\right)\right)2\right) - \frac{2}{8}(0) \\ &= 1.439 \end{aligned}$$

Cutpoint 4.4 is better for *Length*.

| Cases | Attributes | | Decision |
|-------|------------|--|----------|
| | Length | | Quality |
| 5 | 4.3 - 4.4 | | medium |
| 6 | 4.3 - 4.4 | | low |
| 1 | 4.4 - 4.7 | | high |
| 2 | 4.4 - 4.7 | | high |
| 3 | 4.4 - 4.7 | | high |
| 4 | 4.4 - 4.7 | | medium |
| 7 | 4.4 - 4.7 | | very-low |
| 8 | 4.4 - 4.7 | | very-low |

Table 2 Discretized Dataset with $Length_{4.4}$

$$\{A^d\}^* = \{\{5, 6\}, \{1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8\}\}$$

$$\{d\}^* = \{\{1, 2, 3\}, \{4, 5\}, \{6\}, \{7, 8\}\}$$

$$\{A\}^* \not\subseteq \{d\}^*$$

▷ Dataset is not consistent.

| Cases | Attributes | | | | Decision |
|-------|------------|--------|-------|--------|----------|
| | Length | Height | Width | Weight | Quality |
| 5 | 4.3 | 1.6 | 1.9 | 1.7 | medium |
| 6 | 4.3 | 1.4 | 1.7 | 0.9 | low |

Table 3 Inconsistent Cases after Discretization of $Length_{4.4}$

Dominant Attribute: Height
 Cutpoints for Height: 1.5

| Cases | Attributes | | Decision |
|-------|------------|---------|----------|
| | Length | Height | Quality |
| 5 | 4.3 - 4.4 | 1.5-1.9 | medium |
| 6 | 4.3 - 4.4 | 1.4-1.5 | low |
| 2 | 4.4 - 4.7 | 1.4-1.5 | high |
| 8 | 4.4 - 4.7 | 1.4-1.5 | very-low |
| 1 | 4.4 - 4.7 | 1.5-1.9 | high |
| 3 | 4.4 - 4.7 | 1.5-1.9 | high |
| 4 | 4.4 - 4.7 | 1.5-1.9 | medium |
| 7 | 4.4 - 4.7 | 1.5-1.9 | very-low |

Table 4 Discretized Dataset with $Length_{4.4}$ and $Height_{1.5}$

$$\{A^d\}^* = \{\{5\}, \{6\}, \{2, 8\}, \{1, 3, 4, 7\}\}$$

$$\{d\}^* = \{\{1, 2, 3\}, \{4, 5\}, \{6\}, \{7, 8\}\}$$

$$\{A\}^* \not\subseteq \{d\}^*$$

▷ Dataset is not consistent.

| Cases | Attributes | | | | Decision |
|-------|------------|--------|-------|--------|----------|
| | Length | Height | Width | Weight | Quality |
| 2 | 4.5 | 1.4 | 1.8 | 0.9 | high |
| 8 | 4.5 | 1.4 | 1.8 | 1.3 | very-low |

■ **Table 5** Inconsistent Cases after Discretization of *Length* and *Height*

Dominant Attribute: Weight

Cutpoints for Weight: 1.1

| Cases | Attributes | | | Decision |
|-------|------------|---------|---------|----------|
| | Length | Height | Weight | Quality |
| 5 | 4.3 - 4.4 | 1.5-1.9 | 1.1-1.7 | medium |
| 6 | 4.3 - 4.4 | 1.4-1.5 | 0.9-1.1 | low |
| 2 | 4.4 - 4.7 | 1.4-1.5 | 0.9-1.1 | high |
| 8 | 4.4 - 4.7 | 1.4-1.5 | 1.1-1.7 | very-low |
| 1 | 4.4 - 4.7 | 1.5-1.9 | 1.1-1.7 | high |
| 3 | 4.4 - 4.7 | 1.5-1.9 | 1.1-1.7 | high |
| 4 | 4.4 - 4.7 | 1.5-1.9 | 1.1-1.7 | medium |
| 7 | 4.4 - 4.7 | 1.5-1.9 | 0.9-1.1 | very-low |

■ **Table 6** Discretized Dataset with *Length*_{4.4}, *Height*_{1.5} and *Weight*_{1.1}

$$\{A^d\}^* = \{\{5\}, \{6\}, \{2\}, \{8\}, \{1, 3, 4\}, \{7\}\}$$

$$\{d\}^* = \{\{1, 2, 3\}, \{4, 5\}, \{6\}, \{7, 8\}\}$$

$$\{A\}^* \not\subseteq \{d\}^*$$

▷ Dataset is not consistent.

| Cases | Attributes | | | | Decision |
|-------|------------|--------|-------|--------|----------|
| | Length | Height | Width | Weight | Quality |
| 1 | 4.7 | 1.8 | 1.7 | 1.7 | high |
| 3 | 4.7 | 1.8 | 1.9 | 1.3 | high |
| 4 | 4.5 | 1.8 | 1.7 | 1.3 | medium |

■ **Table 7** Inconsistent Cases after Discretization of *Length*, *Height* and *Weight*

Dominant Attribute: Length

Cutpoints for Length: 4.6

| Cases | Attributes | | | Decision |
|-------|------------|---------|---------|----------|
| | Length | Height | Weight | Quality |
| 6 | 4.3 - 4.4 | 1.4-1.5 | 0.9-1.1 | low |
| 5 | 4.3 - 4.4 | 1.5-1.9 | 1.1-1.7 | medium |
| 2 | 4.4 - 4.6 | 1.4-1.5 | 0.9-1.1 | high |
| 8 | 4.4 - 4.6 | 1.4-1.5 | 1.1-1.7 | very-low |
| 4 | 4.4 - 4.6 | 1.5-1.9 | 1.1-1.7 | medium |
| 7 | 4.4 - 4.6 | 1.5-1.9 | 0.9-1.1 | very-low |
| 1 | 4.6 - 4.7 | 1.5-1.9 | 1.1-1.7 | high |
| 3 | 4.6 - 4.7 | 1.5-1.9 | 1.1-1.7 | high |

■ **Table 8** Discretized Dataset with $Length_{4.4,4.6}$, $Height_{1.5}$ and $Weight_{1.1}$

$$\{A^d\}^* = \{\{5\}, \{6\}, \{2\}, \{8\}, \{1, 3\}, \{4\}, \{7\}\}$$

$$\{d\}^* = \{\{1, 2, 3\}, \{4, 5\}, \{6\}, \{7, 8\}\}$$

$$\{A\}^* \leq \{d\}^*$$

► Dataset is consistent.

Merging Redundant Cutpoints: In the discretized dataset, there are following cutpoints:

- Length: 4.4, 4.6
- Height: 1.5
- Weight: 1.1

Try Eliminating $Length_{4.4}$:

| Cases | Attributes | | | Decision |
|-------|------------|---------|---------|----------|
| | Length | Height | Weight | Quality |
| 2 | 4.3 - 4.6 | 1.4-1.5 | 0.9-1.1 | high |
| 6 | 4.3 - 4.6 | 1.4-1.5 | 0.9-1.1 | low |
| 8 | 4.3 - 4.6 | 1.4-1.5 | 1.1-1.7 | very-low |
| 5 | 4.3 - 4.6 | 1.5-1.9 | 1.1-1.7 | medium |
| 4 | 4.3 - 4.6 | 1.5-1.9 | 1.1-1.7 | medium |
| 7 | 4.3 - 4.6 | 1.5-1.9 | 0.9-1.1 | very-low |
| 1 | 4.6 - 4.7 | 1.5-1.9 | 1.1-1.7 | high |
| 3 | 4.6 - 4.7 | 1.5-1.9 | 1.1-1.7 | high |

■ **Table 9** Discretized Dataset after Eliminating $Length_{4.4}$

$$\{A^d\}^* = \{\{5, 4\}, \{2, 6\}, \{8\}, \{1, 3\}, \{7\}\}$$

$$\{d\}^* = \{\{1, 2, 3\}, \{4, 5\}, \{6\}, \{7, 8\}\}$$

$$\{A\}^* \not\subseteq \{d\}^*$$

▷ Dataset is inconsistent. Hence $Length_{4.4}$ cannot be eliminated.

Try Eliminating $Length_{4.6}$:

| Cases | Attributes | | | Decision |
|-------|------------|---------|---------|----------|
| | Length | Height | Weight | Quality |
| 6 | 4.3 - 4.4 | 1.4-1.5 | 0.9-1.1 | low |
| 5 | 4.3 - 4.4 | 1.5-1.9 | 1.1-1.7 | medium |
| 2 | 4.4 - 4.7 | 1.4-1.5 | 0.9-1.1 | high |
| 8 | 4.4 - 4.7 | 1.4-1.5 | 1.1-1.7 | very-low |
| 7 | 4.4 - 4.7 | 1.5-1.9 | 0.9-1.1 | very-low |
| 1 | 4.4 - 4.7 | 1.5-1.9 | 1.1-1.7 | high |
| 3 | 4.4 - 4.7 | 1.5-1.9 | 1.1-1.7 | high |
| 4 | 4.4 - 4.7 | 1.5-1.9 | 1.1-1.7 | medium |

■ **Table 10** Discretized Dataset after Eliminating $Length_{4.6}$

$$\{A^d\}^* = \{\{5\}, \{2\}, \{6\}, \{8\}, \{1, 3, 4\}, \{7\}\}$$

$$\{d\}^* = \{\{1, 2, 3\}, \{4, 5\}, \{6\}, \{7, 8\}\}$$

$$\{A\}^* \not\subseteq \{d\}^*$$

▷ Dataset is inconsistent. Hence $Length_{4.6}$ cannot be eliminated.

Try Eliminating $Height_{1.5}$:

| Cases | Attributes | | | Decision |
|-------|------------|---------|---------|----------|
| | Length | Height | Weight | Quality |
| 6 | 4.3 - 4.4 | 1.4-1.9 | 0.9-1.1 | low |
| 5 | 4.3 - 4.4 | 1.4-1.9 | 1.1-1.7 | medium |
| 2 | 4.4 - 4.6 | 1.4-1.9 | 0.9-1.1 | high |
| 7 | 4.4 - 4.6 | 1.4-1.9 | 0.9-1.1 | very-low |
| 4 | 4.4 - 4.6 | 1.4-1.9 | 1.1-1.7 | medium |
| 8 | 4.4 - 4.6 | 1.4-1.9 | 1.1-1.7 | very-low |
| 1 | 4.6 - 4.7 | 1.4-1.9 | 1.1-1.7 | high |
| 3 | 4.6 - 4.7 | 1.4-1.9 | 1.1-1.7 | high |

Table 11 Discretized Dataset after Eliminating $Height_{1.5}$

$$\{A^d\}^* = \{\{5\}, \{6\}, \{2, 7\}, \{4, 8\}, \{1, 3\}\}$$

$$\{d\}^* = \{\{1, 2, 3\}, \{4, 5\}, \{6\}, \{7, 8\}\}$$

$$\{A\}^* \not\subseteq \{d\}^*$$

▷ Dataset is inconsistent. Hence $Height_{1.5}$ cannot be eliminated.

Try Eliminating $Weight_{1.1}$:

| Cases | Attributes | | | Decision |
|-------|------------|---------|---------|----------|
| | Length | Height | Weight | Quality |
| 6 | 4.3 - 4.4 | 1.4-1.5 | 0.9-1.7 | low |
| 5 | 4.3 - 4.4 | 1.5-1.9 | 0.9-1.7 | medium |
| 2 | 4.4 - 4.6 | 1.4-1.5 | 0.9-1.7 | high |
| 8 | 4.4 - 4.6 | 1.4-1.5 | 0.9-1.7 | very-low |
| 4 | 4.4 - 4.6 | 1.5-1.9 | 0.9-1.7 | medium |
| 7 | 4.4 - 4.6 | 1.5-1.9 | 0.9-1.7 | very-low |
| 1 | 4.6 - 4.7 | 1.5-1.9 | 0.9-1.7 | high |
| 3 | 4.6 - 4.7 | 1.5-1.9 | 0.9-1.7 | high |

Table 12 Discretized Dataset after Eliminating $Weight_{1.1}$

$$\{A^d\}^* = \{\{5\}, \{6\}, \{2, 8\}, \{4, 7\}, \{1, 3\}\}$$

$$\{d\}^* = \{\{1, 2, 3\}, \{4, 5\}, \{6\}, \{7, 8\}\}$$

$$\{A\}^* \not\subseteq \{d\}^*$$

▷ Dataset is inconsistent. Hence $Weight_{1.1}$ cannot be eliminated.

► None of the cutpoints can be eliminated!

Part-(b) - Multiple Scanning Approach

| Cases | Attributes | | | | Decision Quality |
|-------|------------|--------|-------|--------|---------------------|
| | Length | Height | Width | Weight | |
| 1 | 4.7 | 1.8 | 1.7 | 1.7 | high |
| 2 | 4.5 | 1.4 | 1.8 | 0.9 | high |
| 3 | 4.7 | 1.8 | 1.9 | 1.3 | high |
| 4 | 4.5 | 1.8 | 1.7 | 1.3 | medium |
| 5 | 4.3 | 1.6 | 1.9 | 1.7 | medium |
| 6 | 4.3 | 1.4 | 1.7 | 0.9 | low |
| 7 | 4.5 | 1.6 | 1.9 | 0.9 | very-low |
| 8 | 4.5 | 1.4 | 1.8 | 1.3 | very-low |

■ Table 13 Dataset

Discretize Length:

Cutpoints for Length: 4.4, 4.6

Trying $Length_{4.4}$:

$$Length_{4.3-4.4} = \text{Cases}(5, 6) = (\text{medium}, \text{low})$$

$$Length_{4.4-4.7} = \text{Cases}(1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8) = (\text{high}, \text{high}, \text{high}, \text{medium}, \text{very-low}, \text{very-low})$$

$$\begin{aligned} H(\text{Quality}|Length_{4.4}) &= -\frac{2}{8}(-1) - \frac{6}{8}\left(\frac{3}{6}\log_2\left(\frac{3}{6}\right) + \frac{1}{6}\log_2\left(\frac{1}{6}\right) + \frac{2}{6}\log_2\left(\frac{2}{6}\right)\right) \\ &= 1.344 \end{aligned}$$

Trying $Length_{4.6}$:

$$Length_{4.3-4.6} = \text{Cases}(2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8) = (\text{high}, \text{medium}, \text{medium}, \text{low}, \text{very-low}, \text{very-low})$$

$$Length_{4.6-4.7} = \text{Cases}(1, 3) = (\text{high}, \text{high})$$

$$\begin{aligned} H(\text{Quality}|Length_{4.6}) &= -\frac{6}{8}\left(\left(\frac{1}{6}\log_2\left(\frac{1}{6}\right)\right)2 + \left(\frac{2}{6}\log_2\left(\frac{2}{6}\right)\right)2\right) - \frac{2}{8}(0) \\ &= 1.439 \end{aligned}$$

▷ Cutpoint 4.4 is better for $Length$.

Discretize Height:

Cutpoints for Height: 1.5, 1.7

Trying $Height_{1.5}$:

$$Height_{1.4-1.5} = \text{Cases}(2, 6, 8) = (\text{high}, \text{low}, \text{very-low})$$

$$Height_{1.5-1.8} = \text{Cases}(1, 3, 4, 5, 7) = (\text{high}, \text{high}, \text{medium}, \text{medium}, \text{very-low})$$

$$\begin{aligned} H(\text{Quality}|Height_{1.5}) &= -\frac{3}{8}\left(\log_2\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)\right) - \frac{5}{8}\left(\frac{4}{5}\log_2\left(\frac{2}{5}\right) + \frac{1}{5}\log_2\left(\frac{1}{5}\right)\right) \\ &= 1.545 \end{aligned}$$

Trying $Height_{1.7}$:

$$Height_{1.4-1.7} = Cases(2, 5, 6, 7, 8) = (high, medium, low, very - low, very - low)$$

$$Height_{1.7-1.8} = Cases(1, 3, 4) = (high, high, medium)$$

$$\begin{aligned} H(Quality|Height_{1.5}) &= -\frac{5}{8}\left(\frac{2}{5}\log_2\left(\frac{2}{5}\right) + \frac{3}{5}\log_2\left(\frac{1}{5}\right)\right) - \frac{3}{8}\left(\frac{1}{3}\log_2\frac{1}{3} + \frac{2}{3}\log_2\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)\right) \\ &= 1.545 \end{aligned}$$

▷ Both cutpoints for Height are equivalent. Picking $Height_{1.5}$.

Discretize Width:

Cutpoints for Width: 1.75, 1.85

Trying $Width_{1.75}$:

$$Width_{1.7-1.75} = Cases(1, 4, 6) = (high, medium, low)$$

$$Width_{1.75-1.9} = Cases(2, 3, 5, 7, 8) = (high, high, medium, very - low, very - low)$$

$$\begin{aligned} H(Quality|Width_{1.75}) &= -\frac{3}{8}\left(\log_2\frac{1}{3}\right) - \frac{5}{8}\left(\frac{4}{5}\log_2\left(\frac{2}{5}\right) + \frac{1}{5}\log_2\left(\frac{1}{5}\right)\right) \\ &= 1.545 \end{aligned}$$

Trying $Width_{1.85}$:

$$Width_{1.7-1.85} = Cases(1, 2, 4, 6, 8) = (high, high, medium, low, very - low)$$

$$Width_{1.85-1.9} = Cases(3, 5, 7) = (high, medium, very - low)$$

$$\begin{aligned} H(Quality|Width_{1.85}) &= -\frac{5}{8}\left(\frac{2}{5}\log_2\left(\frac{2}{5}\right) + \frac{3}{5}\log_2\left(\frac{1}{5}\right)\right) - \frac{3}{8}\left(\log_2\frac{1}{3}\right) \\ &= 1.796 \end{aligned}$$

▷ Cutpoint 1.75 is better for $Width$.

Discretize Weight:

Cutpoints for Weight: 1.1, 1.5

Trying $Weight_{1.1}$:

$$Weight_{0.9-1.1} = Cases(2, 6, 7) = (high, low, very - low)$$

$$Weight_{(1.1-1.7)} = Cases(1, 3, 4, 5, 8) = (high, high, medium, medium, very - low)$$

$$\begin{aligned} H(Quality|Weight_{1.1}) &= -\frac{3}{8}\left(\log_2\frac{1}{3}\right) - \frac{5}{8}\left(\frac{4}{5}\log_2\left(\frac{2}{5}\right) + \frac{1}{5}\log_2\left(\frac{1}{5}\right)\right) \\ &= 1.545 \end{aligned}$$

Trying $Weight_{1.5}$:

$$Weight_{0.9-1.5} = Cases(2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8) = (high, high, medium, low, very - low, very - low)$$

$$Weight_{(1.5-1.7)} = Cases(1, 5) = (high, medium)$$

$$\begin{aligned} H(Quality|Weight_{1.5}) &= -\frac{2}{8}(-1) - \frac{6}{8}\left(\frac{4}{6}\log_2\left(\frac{2}{6}\right) + \frac{2}{6}\log_2\left(\frac{1}{6}\right)\right) \\ &= 1.689 \end{aligned}$$

▷ Cutpoint 1.1 is better for $Weight$.

Discretized Dataset after First Scan: In the discretized dataset, there are following cutpoints:

- Length: 4.4
- Height: 1.5
- Width: 1.75
- Weight: 1.1

| Cases | Attributes | | | | Decision |
|-------|------------|---------|----------|---------|----------|
| | Length | Height | Width | Weight | Quality |
| 6 | 4.3-4.4 | 1.4-1.5 | 1.7-1.75 | 0.9-1.1 | low |
| 5 | 4.3-4.4 | 1.5-1.8 | 1.75-1.9 | 1.1-1.7 | medium |
| 2 | 4.4-4.7 | 1.4-1.5 | 1.75-1.9 | 0.9-1.1 | high |
| 8 | 4.4-4.7 | 1.4-1.5 | 1.75-1.9 | 1.1-1.7 | very-low |
| 1 | 4.4-4.7 | 1.5-1.8 | 1.7-1.75 | 1.1-1.7 | high |
| 4 | 4.4-4.7 | 1.5-1.8 | 1.7-1.75 | 1.1-1.7 | medium |
| 3 | 4.4-4.7 | 1.5-1.8 | 1.75-1.9 | 1.1-1.7 | high |
| 7 | 4.4-4.7 | 1.5-1.8 | 1.75-1.9 | 0.9-1.1 | very-low |

■ **Table 14** Discretized Dataset after First Scan

$$\{A^d\}^* = \{\{1, 4\}, \{2\}, \{3\}, \{5\}, \{6\}, \{7\}, \{8\}\}$$

$$\{d\}^* = \{1, 2, 3\}, \{4, 5\}, \{6\}, \{7, 8\}\}$$

$$\{A^d\}^* \not\subseteq \{d\}^*$$

$$L(A) = \frac{2 + 1 + 1 + 2}{8} = \frac{6}{8} < 1$$

▷ Dataset is inconsistent!

| Cases | Attributes | | | | Decision |
|-------|------------|--------|-------|--------|----------|
| | Length | Height | Width | Weight | Quality |
| 1 | 4.7 | 1.8 | 1.7 | 1.7 | high |
| 4 | 4.5 | 1.8 | 1.7 | 1.3 | medium |

■ **Table 15** Conflicting Cases after First Scan

▷ Additional Cutpoint: $Length_{4.6}$

| Cases | Attributes | | | | Decision |
|-------|------------|---------|----------|---------|----------|
| | Length | Height | Width | Weight | Quality |
| 6 | 4.3-4.4 | 1.4-1.5 | 1.7-1.75 | 0.9-1.1 | low |
| 5 | 4.3-4.4 | 1.5-1.8 | 1.75-1.9 | 1.1-1.7 | medium |
| 2 | 4.4-4.6 | 1.4-1.5 | 1.75-1.9 | 0.9-1.1 | high |
| 8 | 4.4-4.6 | 1.4-1.5 | 1.75-1.9 | 1.1-1.7 | very-low |
| 4 | 4.4-4.6 | 1.5-1.8 | 1.7-1.75 | 1.1-1.7 | medium |
| 7 | 4.4-4.6 | 1.5-1.8 | 1.75-1.9 | 0.9-1.1 | very-low |
| 1 | 4.6-4.7 | 1.5-1.8 | 1.7-1.75 | 1.1-1.7 | high |
| 3 | 4.6-4.7 | 1.5-1.8 | 1.75-1.9 | 1.1-1.7 | high |

■ **Table 16** Discretized Dataset

$$\{A^d\}^* = \{\{1\}, \{2\}, \{3\}, \{4\}, \{5\}, \{6\}, \{7\}, \{8\}\}$$

$$\{d\}^* = \{1, 2, 3\}, \{4, 5\}, \{6\}, \{7, 8\}$$

$$\{A^d\}^* \leq \{d\}^*$$

$$L(A) = \frac{3 + 2 + 1 + 2}{8} = \frac{8}{8} = 1$$

► Dataset is consistent!

Merging Redundant Cutpoints: In the discretized dataset, there are following cutpoints:

- Length: 4.4, 4.6
- Height: 1.5
- Width: 1.75
- Weight: 1.1

Try Eliminating $Length_{4.4}$:

| Cases | Attributes | | | | Decision |
|-------|------------|---------|----------|---------|----------|
| | Length | Height | Width | Weight | Quality |
| 6 | 4.3-4.6 | 1.4-1.5 | 1.7-1.75 | 0.9-1.1 | low |
| 2 | 4.3-4.6 | 1.4-1.5 | 1.75-1.9 | 0.9-1.1 | high |
| 8 | 4.3-4.6 | 1.4-1.5 | 1.75-1.9 | 1.1-1.7 | very-low |
| 4 | 4.3-4.6 | 1.5-1.8 | 1.7-1.75 | 1.1-1.7 | medium |
| 7 | 4.3-4.6 | 1.5-1.8 | 1.75-1.9 | 0.9-1.1 | very-low |
| 5 | 4.3-4.6 | 1.5-1.8 | 1.75-1.9 | 1.1-1.7 | medium |
| 1 | 4.6-4.7 | 1.5-1.8 | 1.7-1.75 | 1.1-1.7 | high |
| 3 | 4.6-4.7 | 1.5-1.8 | 1.75-1.9 | 1.1-1.7 | high |

■ **Table 17** Discretized Dataset after Eliminating $Length_{4.4}$

$$\{A^d\}^* = \{\{1\}, \{2\}, \{3\}, \{4\}, \{5\}, \{6\}, \{7\}, \{8\}\}$$

$$\{d\}^* = \{1, 2, 3\}, \{4, 5\}, \{6\}, \{7, 8\}$$

$$\{A^d\}^* \leq \{d\}^*$$

► Dataset is consistent. Hence $Length_{4.4}$ can be eliminated!

▷ $Length_{4.6}$ cannot be eliminated since it was added in the last step of discretization to distinguish between cases 1 and 4.

Try Eliminating $Height_{1.5}$:

| Cases | Attributes | | | | Decision |
|-------|------------|---------|----------|---------|----------|
| | Length | Height | Width | Weight | Quality |
| 6 | 4.3-4.6 | 1.4-1.5 | 1.7-1.75 | 0.9-1.1 | low |
| 4 | 4.3-4.6 | 1.4-1.8 | 1.7-1.75 | 1.1-1.7 | medium |
| 2 | 4.3-4.6 | 1.4-1.5 | 1.75-1.9 | 0.9-1.1 | high |
| 7 | 4.3-4.6 | 1.4-1.8 | 1.75-1.9 | 0.9-1.1 | very-low |
| 5 | 4.3-4.6 | 1.4-1.8 | 1.75-1.9 | 1.1-1.7 | medium |
| 8 | 4.3-4.6 | 1.4-1.5 | 1.75-1.9 | 1.1-1.7 | very-low |
| 1 | 4.6-4.7 | 1.4-1.8 | 1.7-1.75 | 1.1-1.7 | high |
| 3 | 4.6-4.7 | 1.4-1.8 | 1.75-1.9 | 1.1-1.7 | high |

■ **Table 18** Discretized Dataset after Eliminating $Height_{1.5}$

$$\begin{aligned} \{A^d\}^* &= \{\{1\}, \{2, 7\}, \{3\}, \{4\}, \{5, 8\}, \{6\}\} \\ \{d\}^* &= \{1, 2, 3\}, \{4, 5\}, \{6\}, \{7, 8\} \\ \{A^d\}^* &\not\subseteq \{d\}^* \end{aligned}$$

▷ $Height_{1.5}$ cannot be eliminated.

Try Eliminating $Width_{1.75}$:

| Cases | Attributes | | | | Decision |
|-------|------------|---------|---------|---------|----------|
| | Length | Height | Width | Weight | Quality |
| 6 | 4.3-4.6 | 1.4-1.5 | 1.7-1.9 | 0.9-1.1 | low |
| 2 | 4.3-4.6 | 1.4-1.5 | 1.7-1.9 | 0.9-1.1 | high |
| 8 | 4.3-4.6 | 1.4-1.5 | 1.7-1.9 | 1.1-1.7 | very-low |
| 7 | 4.3-4.6 | 1.5-1.8 | 1.7-1.9 | 0.9-1.1 | very-low |
| 4 | 4.3-4.6 | 1.5-1.8 | 1.7-1.9 | 1.1-1.7 | medium |
| 5 | 4.3-4.6 | 1.5-1.8 | 1.7-1.9 | 1.1-1.7 | medium |
| 1 | 4.6-4.7 | 1.5-1.8 | 1.7-1.9 | 1.1-1.7 | high |
| 3 | 4.6-4.7 | 1.5-1.8 | 1.7-1.9 | 1.1-1.7 | high |

Table 19 Discretized Dataset after Eliminating $Width_{1.75}$

$$\begin{aligned} \{A^d\}^* &= \{\{1, 3\}, \{2, 6\}, \{4, 5\}, \{7\}, \{8\}\} \\ \{d\}^* &= \{1, 2, 3\}, \{4, 5\}, \{6\}, \{7, 8\} \\ \{A^d\}^* &\not\subseteq \{d\}^* \end{aligned}$$

▷ $Width_{1.75}$ cannot be eliminated.

Try Eliminating $Weight_{1.1}$:

| Cases | Attributes | | | | Decision |
|-------|------------|---------|----------|---------|----------|
| | Length | Height | Width | Weight | Quality |
| 6 | 4.3-4.6 | 1.4-1.5 | 1.7-1.75 | 0.9-1.7 | low |
| 2 | 4.3-4.6 | 1.4-1.5 | 1.75-1.9 | 0.9-1.7 | high |
| 8 | 4.3-4.6 | 1.4-1.5 | 1.75-1.9 | 0.9-1.7 | very-low |
| 4 | 4.3-4.6 | 1.5-1.8 | 1.7-1.75 | 0.9-1.7 | medium |
| 7 | 4.3-4.6 | 1.5-1.8 | 1.75-1.9 | 0.9-1.7 | very-low |
| 5 | 4.3-4.6 | 1.5-1.8 | 1.75-1.9 | 0.9-1.7 | medium |
| 1 | 4.6-4.7 | 1.5-1.8 | 1.7-1.75 | 0.9-1.7 | high |
| 3 | 4.6-4.7 | 1.5-1.8 | 1.75-1.9 | 0.9-1.7 | high |

Table 20 Discretized Dataset after Eliminating $Weight_{1.1}$

$$\{A^d\}^* = \{\{1\}, \{2, 8\}, \{3\}, \{4\}, \{5, 7\}, \{6\}\}$$

$$\{d\}^* = \{1, 2, 3\}, \{4, 5\}, \{6\}, \{7, 8\}$$

$$\{A^d\}^* \not\subseteq \{d\}^*$$

▷ *Weight*1.1 cannot be eliminated.

Final Discretized Dataset:

| Cases | Attributes | | | | Decision |
|-------|------------|---------|----------|---------|----------|
| | Length | Height | Width | Weight | Quality |
| 1 | 4.6-4.7 | 1.5-1.8 | 1.7-1.75 | 1.1-1.7 | high |
| 2 | 4.3-4.6 | 1.4-1.5 | 1.75-1.9 | 0.9-1.1 | high |
| 3 | 4.6-4.7 | 1.5-1.8 | 1.75-1.9 | 1.1-1.7 | high |
| 4 | 4.3-4.6 | 1.5-1.8 | 1.7-1.75 | 1.1-1.7 | medium |
| 5 | 4.3-4.6 | 1.5-1.8 | 1.75-1.9 | 1.1-1.7 | medium |
| 6 | 4.3-4.6 | 1.4-1.5 | 1.7-1.75 | 0.9-1.1 | low |
| 7 | 4.3-4.6 | 1.5-1.8 | 1.75-1.9 | 0.9-1.1 | very-low |
| 8 | 4.3-4.6 | 1.4-1.5 | 1.75-1.9 | 1.1-1.7 | very-low |

■ **Table 21** Final Discretized Dataset

Part-(c): Globalized Equal Frequency per Interval Approach

First of all, we discretize the dataset with $k = 2$:

| Cases | Attributes | | | | Decision Quality |
|-------|------------|---------|----------|---------|------------------|
| | Length | Height | Width | Weight | |
| 1 | 4.6-4.7 | 1.7-1.8 | 1.7-1.85 | 1.1-1.7 | high |
| 2 | 4.3-4.6 | 1.4-1.7 | 1.7-1.85 | 0.9-1.1 | high |
| 3 | 4.6-4.7 | 1.7-1.8 | 1.85-1.9 | 1.1-1.7 | high |
| 4 | 4.3-4.6 | 1.7-1.8 | 1.7-1.85 | 1.1-1.7 | medium |
| 5 | 4.3-4.6 | 1.4-1.7 | 1.85-1.9 | 1.1-1.7 | medium |
| 6 | 4.3-4.6 | 1.4-1.7 | 1.7-1.85 | 0.9-1.1 | low |
| 7 | 4.3-4.6 | 1.4-1.7 | 1.85-1.9 | 0.9-1.1 | very-low |
| 8 | 4.3-4.6 | 1.4-1.7 | 1.7-1.85 | 1.1-1.7 | very-low |

Table 22 Dataset Discretized via Equal Frequency per Interval ($k = 2$)

Level of Consistency:

$$\{A^d\}^* = \{\{1\}, \{2, 6\}, \{3\}, \{4\}, \{5\}, \{7\}, \{8\}\}$$

$$\{d\}^* = \{\{1, 2, 3\}, \{4, 5\}, \{6\}, \{7, 8\}\}$$

$$L(A) = \frac{2 + 2 + 2}{8} = \frac{6}{8} < 1$$

▷ Dataset is not consistent.

Average Block Entropy of $Length^d$:

$$\begin{aligned} \{Length^d\}^* &= \{\{2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8\}, \{1, 3\}\} \\ M(Length^d) &= \frac{\frac{6}{8}(-\frac{4}{6}\log_2(\frac{2}{6}) - \frac{2}{6}\log_2(\frac{1}{6})) + \frac{2}{8}(0)}{2} \\ &= 0.720 \end{aligned}$$

Average Block Entropy of $Height^d$:

$$\begin{aligned} \{Height^d\}^* &= \{\{2, 5, 6, 7, 8\}, \{1, 3, 4\}\} \\ M(Height^d) &= \frac{\frac{5}{8}(-\frac{3}{5}\log_2(\frac{1}{5}) - \frac{2}{5}\log_2(\frac{2}{5})) + \frac{3}{8}(-\frac{2}{3}\log_2(\frac{2}{3}) - \frac{1}{3}\log_2(\frac{1}{3}))}{2} \\ &= 0.773 \end{aligned}$$

Average Block Entropy of $Width^d$:

$$\begin{aligned} \{Width^d\}^* &= \{\{1, 2, 4, 6, 8\}, \{3, 5, 7\}\} \\ M(Width^d) &= \frac{\frac{5}{8}(-\frac{2}{5}\log_2(\frac{2}{5}) - \frac{3}{5}\log_2(\frac{1}{5})) + \frac{3}{8}(-\log_2(\frac{1}{3}))}{2} \\ &= 0.898 \end{aligned}$$

Average Block Entropy of $Weight^d$:

$$\begin{aligned} \{Weight^d\}^* &= \{\{2, 6, 7\}, \{1, 3, 4, 5, 8\}\} \\ M(Weight^d) &= \frac{\frac{5}{8}(-\frac{4}{5}\log_2(\frac{2}{5}) - \frac{1}{5}\log_2(\frac{1}{5})) + \frac{3}{8}(-\log_2(\frac{1}{3}))}{2} \\ &= 0.773 \end{aligned}$$

Worst Attribute: Width

| Cases | Attributes | | | | Decision |
|-------|------------|---------|-----------|---------|----------|
| | Length | Height | Width | Weight | Quality |
| 1 | 4.6-4.7 | 1.7-1.8 | 1.7-1.75 | 1.1-1.7 | high |
| 2 | 4.3-4.6 | 1.4-1.7 | 1.75-1.85 | 0.9-1.1 | high |
| 3 | 4.6-4.7 | 1.7-1.8 | 1.85-1.9 | 1.1-1.7 | high |
| 4 | 4.3-4.6 | 1.7-1.8 | 1.7-1.75 | 1.1-1.7 | medium |
| 5 | 4.3-4.6 | 1.4-1.7 | 1.85-1.9 | 1.1-1.7 | medium |
| 6 | 4.3-4.6 | 1.4-1.7 | 1.7-1.75 | 0.9-1.1 | low |
| 7 | 4.3-4.6 | 1.4-1.7 | 1.85-1.9 | 0.9-1.1 | very-low |
| 8 | 4.3-4.6 | 1.4-1.7 | 1.75-1.85 | 1.1-1.7 | very-low |

Table 23 Further Discretized Dataset with $k = 3$ for Width

Level of Consistency:

$$\begin{aligned} \{A^d\}^* &= \{\{1\}, \{2\}, \{3\}, \{4\}, \{5\}, \{6\}, \{7\}, \{8\}\} \\ \{d\}^* &= \{\{1, 2, 3\}, \{4, 5\}, \{6\}, \{7, 8\}\} \\ L(A) &= \frac{3 + 2 + 1 + 2}{8} = \frac{8}{8} = 1 \end{aligned}$$

▷ Dataset is consistent!

Merging Redundant Cutpoints:

The dataset has the following cutpoints:

- Length: 4.6
- Height: 1.7
- Width: 1.75, 1.85
- Weight: 1.1

| Cases | Attributes | | | | Decision |
|-------|------------|---------|-----------|---------|----------|
| | Length | Height | Width | Weight | Quality |
| 6 | 4.3-4.6 | 1.4-1.7 | 1.7-1.75 | 0.9-1.1 | low |
| 2 | 4.3-4.6 | 1.4-1.7 | 1.75-1.85 | 0.9-1.1 | high |
| 8 | 4.3-4.6 | 1.4-1.7 | 1.75-1.85 | 1.1-1.7 | very-low |
| 7 | 4.3-4.6 | 1.4-1.7 | 1.85-1.9 | 0.9-1.1 | very-low |
| 5 | 4.3-4.6 | 1.4-1.7 | 1.85-1.9 | 1.1-1.7 | medium |
| 4 | 4.3-4.6 | 1.7-1.8 | 1.7-1.75 | 1.1-1.7 | medium |
| 1 | 4.6-4.7 | 1.7-1.8 | 1.7-1.75 | 1.1-1.7 | high |
| 3 | 4.6-4.7 | 1.7-1.8 | 1.85-1.9 | 1.1-1.7 | high |

■ **Table 24** Discretized Dataset with Cutpoints

Try Eliminating $Length_{4.6}$:

$$\{A^d\}^* = \{\{1, 4\}, \{2\}, \{3\}, \{5\}, \{6\}, \{7\}, \{8\}\}$$

$$\{d\}^* = \{\{1, 2, 3\}, \{4, 5\}, \{6\}, \{7, 8\}\}$$

$$L(A) = \frac{2 + 1 + 1 + 2}{8} = \frac{6}{8} < 1$$

▷ Dataset is not consistent. Hence $Length_{4.6}$ cannot be eliminated.

Try Eliminating $Height_{1.7}$:

$$\{A^d\}^* = \{\{1\}, \{2\}, \{3\}, \{4\}, \{5\}, \{6\}, \{7\}, \{8\}\}$$

$$\{d\}^* = \{\{1, 2, 3\}, \{4, 5\}, \{6\}, \{7, 8\}\}$$

$$L(A) = \frac{3 + 2 + 1 + 2}{8} = \frac{8}{8} = 1$$

► Dataset is consistent. Hence $Height_{1.7}$ can be eliminated!

| Cases | Attributes | | | Decision |
|-------|------------|-----------|---------|----------|
| | Length | Width | Weight | Quality |
| 6 | 4.3-4.6 | 1.7-1.75 | 0.9-1.1 | low |
| 4 | 4.3-4.6 | 1.7-1.75 | 1.1-1.7 | medium |
| 2 | 4.3-4.6 | 1.75-1.85 | 0.9-1.1 | high |
| 8 | 4.3-4.6 | 1.75-1.85 | 1.1-1.7 | very-low |
| 7 | 4.3-4.6 | 1.85-1.9 | 0.9-1.1 | very-low |
| 5 | 4.3-4.6 | 1.85-1.9 | 1.1-1.7 | medium |
| 1 | 4.6-4.7 | 1.7-1.75 | 1.1-1.7 | high |
| 3 | 4.6-4.7 | 1.85-1.9 | 1.1-1.7 | high |

■ **Table 25** Discretized Dataset with Cutpoints after Eliminating $Height_{1.7}$

Try Eliminating $Width_{1.75}$:

$$\{A^d\}^* = \{\{1\}, \{2, 6\}, \{3\}, \{4\}, \{5\}, \{7\}, \{8\}\}$$

$$\{d\}^* = \{\{1, 2, 3\}, \{4, 5\}, \{6\}, \{7, 8\}\}$$

$$L(A) = \frac{2 + 2 + 2}{8} = \frac{6}{8} < 1$$

▷ Dataset is inconsistent. Hence $Width_{1.75}$ cannot be eliminated.

Try Eliminating $Width_{1.85}$:

$$\{A^d\}^* = \{\{1\}, \{2, 7\}, \{3\}, \{4\}, \{5, 8\}\}$$

$$\{d\}^* = \{\{1, 2, 3\}, \{4, 5\}, \{6\}, \{7, 8\}\}$$

$$L(A) = \frac{2 + 1 + 1}{8} = \frac{4}{8} < 1$$

▷ Dataset is inconsistent. Hence $Width_{1.85}$ cannot be eliminated.

Try Eliminating $Weight_{1.1}$:

$$\{A^d\}^* = \{\{1\}, \{2, 8\}, \{3\}, \{4, 6\}, \{5, 7\}\}$$

$$\{d\}^* = \{\{1, 2, 3\}, \{4, 5\}, \{6\}, \{7, 8\}\}$$

$$L(A) = \frac{2}{8} = \frac{1}{4} < 1$$

▷ Dataset is inconsistent. Hence $Weight_{1.1}$ cannot be eliminated.

Final Discretized Dataset:

- Length: 4.6
- Width: 1.75, 1.85
- Weight: 1.1

| Cases | Attributes | | | Decision |
|-------|------------|-----------|---------|----------|
| | Length | Width | Weight | Quality |
| 1 | 4.6-4.7 | 1.7-1.75 | 1.1-1.7 | high |
| 2 | 4.3-4.6 | 1.75-1.85 | 0.9-1.1 | high |
| 3 | 4.6-4.7 | 1.85-1.9 | 1.1-1.7 | high |
| 4 | 4.3-4.6 | 1.7-1.75 | 1.1-1.7 | medium |
| 5 | 4.3-4.6 | 1.85-1.9 | 1.1-1.7 | medium |
| 6 | 4.3-4.6 | 1.7-1.75 | 0.9-1.1 | low |
| 7 | 4.3-4.6 | 1.85-1.9 | 0.9-1.1 | very-low |
| 8 | 4.3-4.6 | 1.75-1.85 | 1.1-1.7 | very-low |

Table 26 Final Discretized Dataset