Programming Assignment 3: Cornbear's Classifier

Background and Structure



Seemingly, everyone is talking about Machine Learning, Artificial Intelligence and Cornbear these days. Artificial Intelligence (AI), a subfield of Computer Science, is concerned with enabling computers to perform tasks that require rational decision-making. As one of the oldest areas of research in the discipline, AI has played a significant role in driving technological advancements since the 1950s. On the other hand, machine Learning (ML) is a subfield of AI that uses trends from previous examples to make predictions about unseen data using statistical methods. ML algorithms are not magic — they simply guess the most likely outcome based on many, many previous examples. This means that **any ML algorithm's predictions are only as good as the data it was built upon,** which can easily be biased in some way, or just plain wrong.

As computer scientists, it is important to be able to recognize and advocate for appropriate uses of these models, regardless of how miraculous they may seem to the public.

Terminology

There are several machine learning terms used throughout the specification for this assignment that we would like to formally define before you begin. It might even be worth having this slide open in another tab while reading the assignment to make sure you fully understand the terms being given to you.

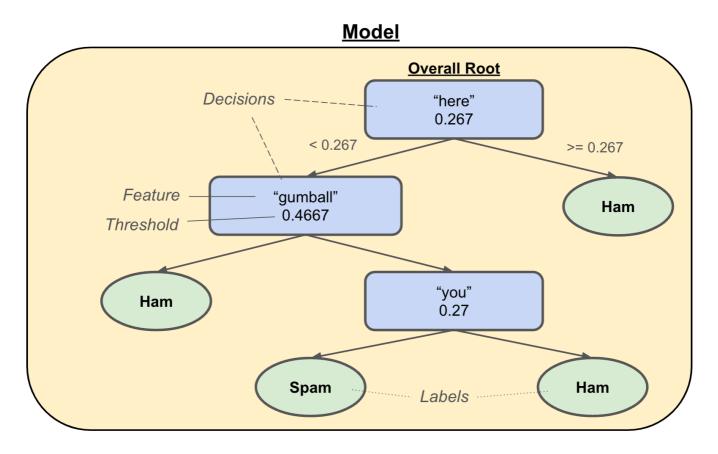
- **Model:** The actual program that makes probabilistic classifications on provided inputs.
- **Training:** Models are "trained" on previously gathered datasets to make future predictions.
- **Label**: How data is classified after being run through the model. In our tree, leaf nodes will house classification labels.
- **Feature**: Features are important and measurable properties of an item in our data set that help classify our data to make quality predictions. In our tree, the features will be represented as the probabilities of each word from our sentences.

• **Threshold**: The numeric value we compare a feature against at any branch node within our classifier. In our tree, if the current input is less than the threshold we should go left. If it's greater than or equal to, we should go right.

Structure

Your goal for this assignment is to implement machine-learning <u>model</u> classifier for everyone's favorite mascot, Cornbear!!! Specifically, you will be implementing a text-based classification tree, a (relatively) simplistic machine-learning model that predicts a <u>label</u> when given some text-based data. In this section, we'll familiarize you with the classifier's visual structure. Additionally, this assignment involves a lot of Machine Learning (ML) terminology. For clarity, these terms are <u>underlined</u> within this specification

Below is a visual example of what a classification tree might look like for classifying spam emails:



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- "here" (root) (level 0) decision node, threshold = 0.267
 - "gumball" (left) (level 1) decision node, threshold = 0.4667
 - Ham (left) (level 2) label node
 - "you" (right) (level 2) decision node, threshold = 0.27
 - Spam (left) (level 3) label node

- Ham (right) (level 3) label node
- Ham (right) (level 1) label node

In our classification tree, the **leaf nodes represent our predictive** <u>labels</u> ("Spam" or "Ham" – a funny way of writing not spam) while the **branch nodes represent decision nodes** that contains some <u>feature</u> of our data and a <u>threshold</u> to determine what decision to make. For this assignment, the <u>feature</u> will be the word probability of a certain word.

As mentioned earlier, you will be given text-based data to classify. This may include, but is not limited to, emails, academic papers, or even movie reviews! Throughout this assignment, each piece of text will be called **text blocks**, and we'll represent them with the **TextBlock** class. (more on that in the Implementation Requirements slide).

To classify a given text block, you start at the root of the tree and determine whether the corresponding <u>feature</u> found in the input text block falls to the left or right of the current node's <u>threshold</u> (determined by < or >=). Then, you travel in the corresponding direction. Repeating this process will eventually lead you to a classification for your input.

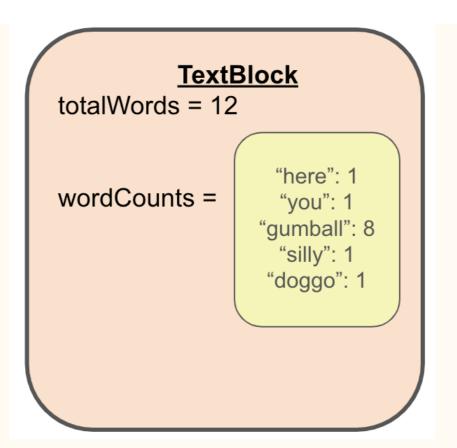
Below, we'll trace through the classification of a sample input with our example model shown above.

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We'll begin at the root node with a TextBlock object called ("Input") created on the following text:

here gumball gumball gumball you silly gumball gumball gumball gumball doggo

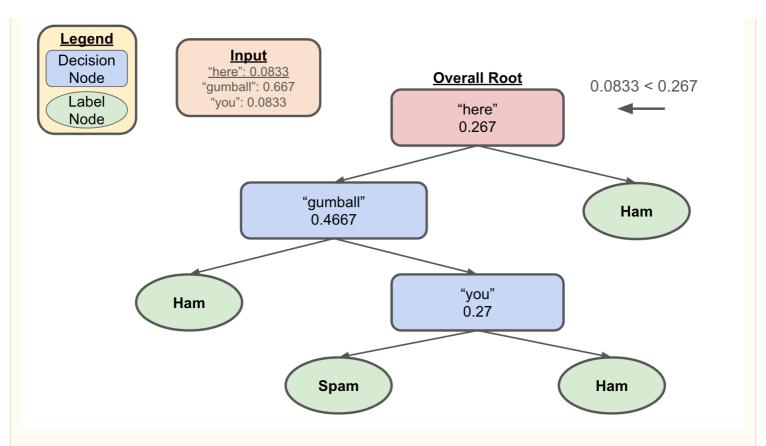
producing the following TextBlock object:



In our TextBlock object, it has totalWords=12, as well as a mapping wordCounts of a word to its count. In this example, "here", "you", "silly", and "doggo" occurs once in the content, hence each of these words are mapped to 1. However "gumball" appears eight times in the provided content, thus "gumball" is mapped to 8.

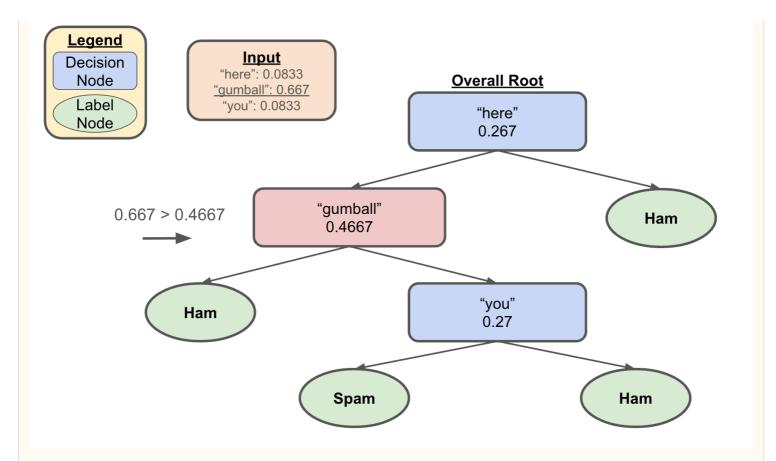
Note that our classifier uses word probability rather than word frequency, so the appropriate conversions would be $0.667 \, (8/12) \, \text{for "gumball"}$ and $0.0833 \, (1/12) \, \text{for "here"}$, "you", "silly", and "doggo".

1. Since the word probability of "here" in our TextBlock (0.0833) is less than the <u>threshold</u> (0.267), we travel left of the "here" node to the "gumball" node.



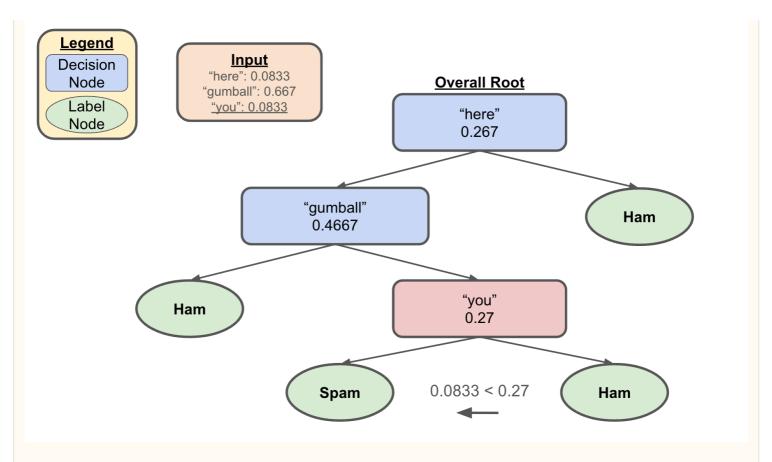
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- current node: "here" (root) (level 0) decision node, threshold = 0.267
 - "gumball" (left) (level 1) decision node, threshold = 0.4667
 - Ham (left) (level 2) label node
 - "you" (right) (level 2) decision node, threshold = 0.27
 - Spam (left) (level 3) label node
 - Ham (right) (level 3) label node
 - Ham (right) (level 1) label node
- 2. Since the value of the "gumball" <u>feature</u> in our TextBlock (0.667) is greater than or equal to the <u>threshold</u> (0.4667), we'll travel right of the "gumball" node to the "you" node



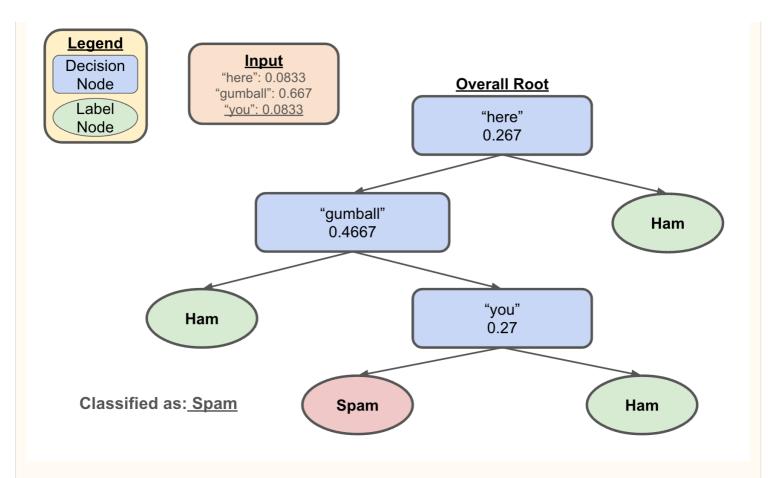
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- "here" (root) (level 0) decision node, threshold = 0.267
 - **current node:** "gumball" (left) (level 1) decision node, threshold = 0.4667
 - Ham (left) (level 2) label node
 - "you" (right) (level 2) decision node, threshold = 0.27
 - Spam (left) (level 3) label node
 - Ham (right) (level 3) label node
 - Ham (right) (level 1) label node
- 3. Since the value of the "you" <u>feature</u> (0.0833) is less than the <u>threshold</u> (0.27) we'll travel left of the "you" node to the Spam node



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- "here" (root) (level 0) decision node, threshold = 0.267
 - "gumball" (left) (level 1) decision node, threshold = 0.4667
 - Ham (left) (level 2) label node
 - **current node** "you" (right) (level 2) decision node, threshold = 0.27
 - Spam (left) (level 3) label node
 - Ham (right) (level 3) label node
 - Ham (right) (level 1) label node
- 4. We have reached a leaf node and therefore can predict that our input corresponds to "Spam"
- a spam email (the resulting <u>label</u>)

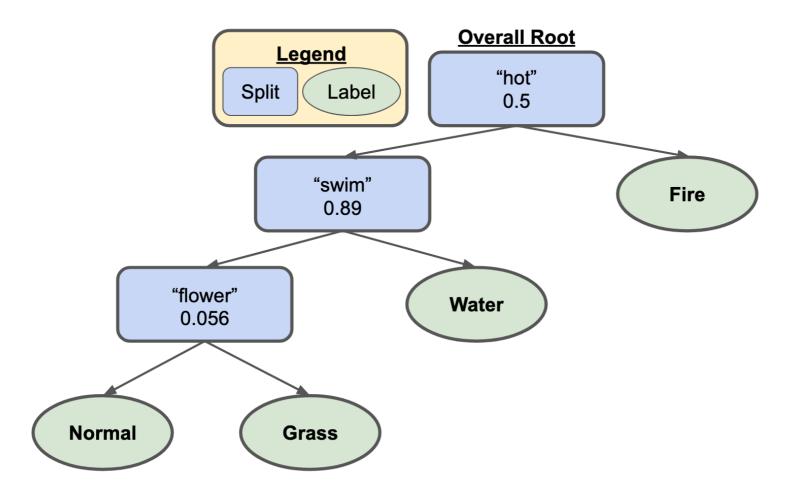


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Classification Tree:

- "here" (root) (level 0) decision node, threshold = 0.267
 - "gumball" (left) (level 1) decision node, threshold = 0.4667
 - Ham (left) (level 2) label node
 - "you" (right) (level 2) decision node, threshold = 0.27
 - **current node** Spam (left) (level 3) label node
 - hHm (right) (level 3) label node
 - Ham (right) (level 1) label node

These classification trees may not always be the same, and may not always operate on identifying "spam" or "ham". Below is an alternative example of what a potential classification tree could look like for Pokémon types based on text from Pokedex entries.



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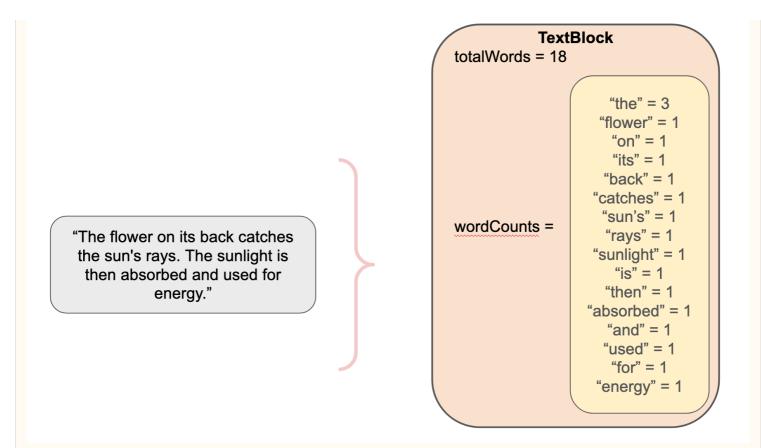
Classification Tree:

- "hot" (root) (level 0) decision node, threshold = 0.5
 - "swim" (left) (level 1) decision node, threshold = 0.89
 - "flower" (left) (level 2) decision node, threshold = 0.056
 - Normal (left) (level 3) label node
 - Grass (right) (level 3) label node
 - Water (right) (level 2) label node
 - Fire (right) (level 1) label node

To solidify the different tree behaviors, we'll trace through an input much like the example above.

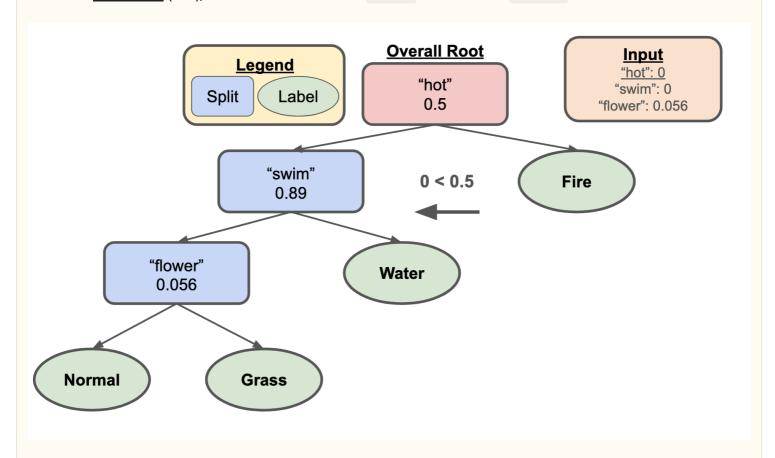
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We'll begin at the root node with the following input from Venusaur's Pokedex entry, which is "The flower on its back catches the sun's rays. The sunlight is then absorbed and used for energy":



In this example, the total number of words is 18, with most words having a wordCount of 1, except "the", which has a wordCount of 3. As a **reminder**, words not present in the input implicitly have a wordCount of 0.

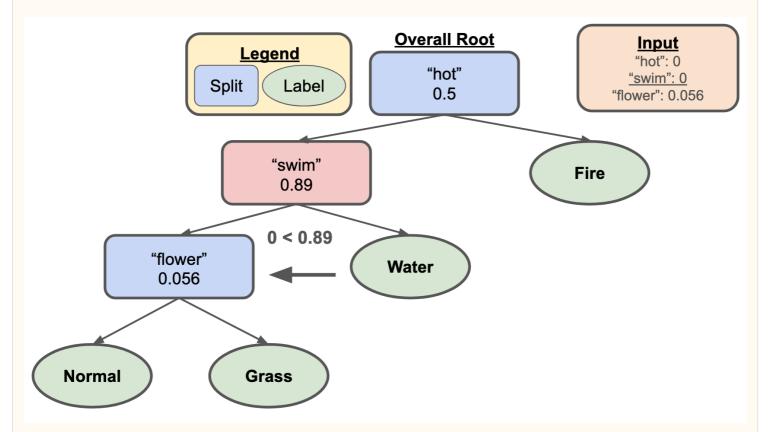
1. Since the word "hot" is not present in the entry, it has a word probability of 0, which is less than the threshold (0.5), we'll travel left of the "hot" node to the "swim" node.



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Classification Tree:

- **current node:** "hot" (root) (level 0) decision node, threshold = 0.5
 - "swim" (left) (level 1) decision node, threshold = 0.89
 - "flower" (left) (level 2) decision node, threshold = 0.056
 - Normal (left) (level 3) label node
 - Grass (right) (level 3) label node
 - Water (right) (level 2) label node
 - Fire (right) (level 1) label node
- 2. Similarly, since the word "swim" is not present, it has a word probability of 0, which is less than the <u>threshold</u> (0.89), we'll travel left of the "swim" node to the "flower" node.

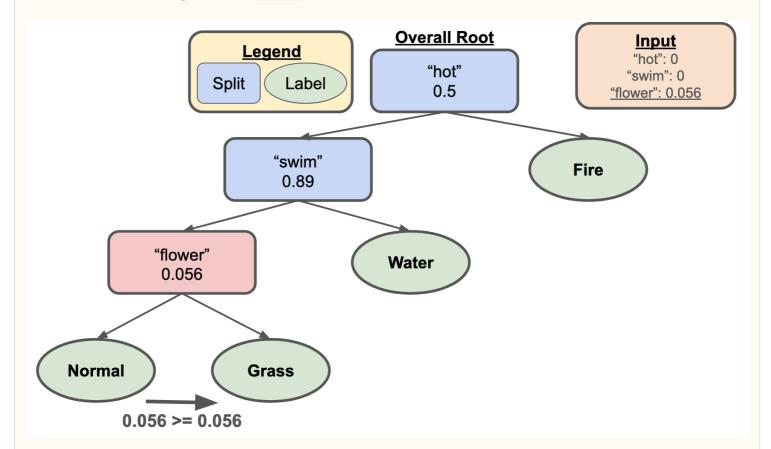


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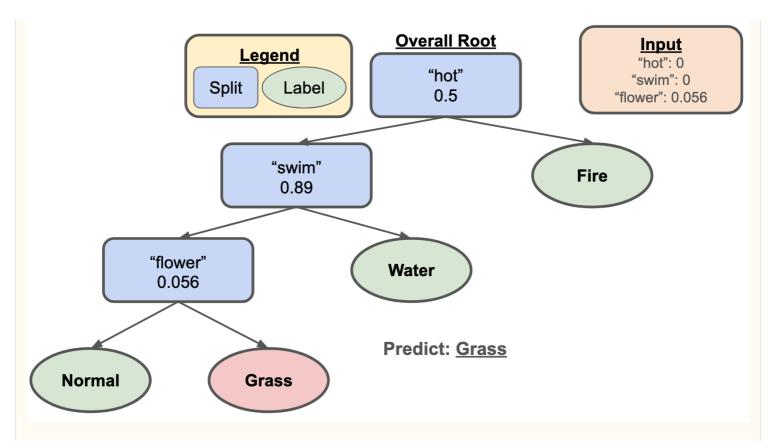
- "hot" (root) (level 0) decision node, threshold = 0.5
 - current node "swim" (left) (level 1) decision node, threshold = 0.89
 - "flower" (left) (level 2) decision node, threshold = 0.056
 - Normal (left) (level 3) label node

- Grass (right) (level 3) label node
- Water (right) (level 2) label node
- Fire (right) (level 1) label node
- 3. Since the word probability of "flower" is 0.056, which is greater than or equal to the <u>threshold</u> (0.056), we'll travel right to the <u>Grass node</u>.



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- "hot" (root) (level 0) decision node, threshold = 0.5
 - "swim" (left) (level 1) decision node, threshold = 0.89
 - **current node:** "flower" (left) (level 2) decision node, threshold = 0.056
 - Normal (left) (level 3) label node
 - Grass (right) (level 3) label node
 - Water (right) (level 2) label node
 - Fire (right) (level 1) label node
- 4. We have reached a leaf node and therefore can predict that our input corresponds to a Grass-type Pokémon (the resulting <u>label</u>).



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Classification Tree:

- "hot" (root) (level 0) decision node, threshold = 0.5
 - "swim" (left) (level 1) decision node, threshold = 0.89
 - "flower" (left) (level 2) decision node, threshold = 0.056
 - Normal (left) (level 3) label node
 - **current node:** Grass (right) (level 3) label node
 - Water (right) (level 2) label node
 - Fire (right) (level 1) label node

This is what you'll be implementing in this assignment! Specifically, you'll be creating a classification tree that's able to predict a label given some text. This could range from predicting "Spam" or "Ham" given the contents of an email (as shown above) to predicting the author of a given Federalist Paper!

Training a Classification Tree

One of our goals is to be able to "train" our model from previously gathered data in order to make future predictions.

In the previous slide, we magically arrived at a constructed classification tree. In this section, we'll explain the algorithm to train a new model. Throughout this section, we'll be using the following file (which can be found in spec_example.csv):

Category, Message

Ham, here here here four five six seven eight nine ten eleven tweleve thirteen office you Spam, one two three four five six seven eight nine ten eleven tweleve thirteen office you Spam, one two three four five six seven eight nine ten eleven tweleve thirteen office you Spam, here here here office offic

Note the structure of this .csv file: the second column contains the data, and the first column contains the expected label for that piece of data. For ease of implementation, this file will automatically be parsed for you (using the provided <code>DataLoader</code> and <code>CsvReader</code> classes) and passed into your constructor as two lists.

public Classifier(List<TextBlock> data, List<String> labels)

Step 1: Initialize our Model

Since the classification tree is empty at the beginning, we need to add an initial data point so it can start making classifications. This algorithm processes training examples in order, starting from index 0. So we begin by inserting the first data-label pair (at index 0) into the tree.

We also want to store the TextBlock data along with its label in the tree's leaves. This way, the classification tree can use previous examples to help make decisions when creating new nodes. If this part isn't entirely clear yet, that's okay. We will see this action later in the algorithm explanation.

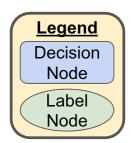
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NOTE: The TextBlock objects in data does store all their respective words from the file. However, we only chose to depict word probabilities that'll be used in the examples for the sake of brevity.

We process index 0.



Overall Root

null

<u>Data</u>	Data [0] here: 0.2 office: 0.0667 you: 0.0667	Data [1] here: 0.0 office: 0.0667 you: 0.0667	Data [2] here: 0.0 office: 0.0667 you: 0.0667	Data [3] here: 0.2 office: 0.8 you: 0.0
<u>Labels</u>	Labels [0]	Labels [1]	Labels [2]	Labels [3]
	Ham	Spam	Spam	Spam

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Classification Tree:

null (root)

- Current item: Data[0]:
 - word probability "here" = 0.2
 - word probability "office" = 0.0667
 - word probability "you" = 0.667
- Data[1]:
 - word probability "here" = 0.0
 - word probability "office" = 0.0667
 - word probability "you" = 0.0667
- Data[2]:
 - word probability "here" = 0.0
 - word probability "office" = 0.0667
 - word probability "you" = 0.0667
- Data[3]:
 - word probability "here" = 0.2
 - word probability "office" = 0.8

word probability "you" = 0.0

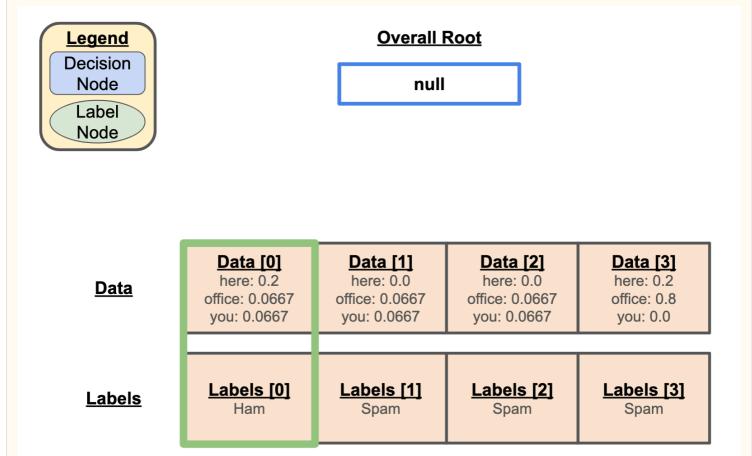
Labels List:

• Current item: Labels[0]: Ham

Labels[1]: SpamLabels[2]: SpamLabels[3]: Spam

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The current tree is empty.



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Classification Tree:

• Current node: null (root)

- Current item: Data[0]:
 - word probability "here" = 0.2
 - word probability "office" = 0.0667
 - word probability "you" = 0.667
- Data[1]:

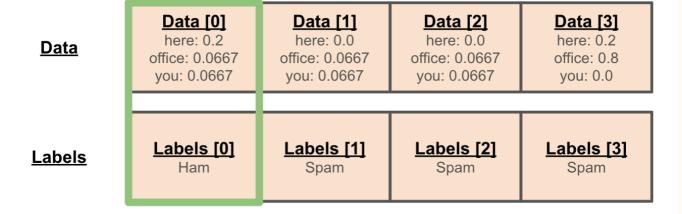
- word probability "here" = 0.0
- word probability "office" = 0.0667
- word probability "you" = 0.0667
- Data[2]:
 - word probability "here" = 0.0
 - word probability "office" = 0.0667
 - word probability "you" = 0.0667
- Data[3]:
 - word probability "here" = 0.2
 - word probability "office" = 0.8
 - word probability "you" = 0.0

• Current item: Labels[0]: Ham

Labels[1]: SpamLabels[2]: SpamLabels[3]: Spam

We create a new label node to store the information at index o since the tree is currently empty.





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Classification Tree:

• **Current node:** Ham (root) (level 0) (stores Data[0])

Data List:

- Current item: Data[0]:
 - word probability "here" = 0.2
 - word probability "office" = 0.0667
 - word probability "you" = 0.667
- Data[1]:
 - word probability "here" = 0.0
 - word probability "office" = 0.0667
 - word probability "you" = 0.0667
- Data[2]:
 - word probability "here" = 0.0
 - word probability "office" = 0.0667
 - word probability "you" = 0.0667
- Data[3]:
 - word probability "here" = 0.2
 - word probability "office" = 0.8
 - word probability "you" = 0.0

Labels List:

- Current item: Labels[0]: Ham
- Labels[1]: Spam
- Labels[2]: Spam
- Labels[3]: Spam

Step 2: Classify Data

Now that we have a classification tree, we can start to classify inputs! Unfortunately, with only one point of data, our model doesn't seem very useful — currently, it classifies every input as Ham. What if we try to classify a piece of data that has an expected label of Spam?

To handle this, we proceed to the next step of the algorithm: we process the next index. We'll **start at the top of the tree** and traverse down to find the label our model will predict for data.get(index). Now, we check whether our model's prediction matches the expected label.

- If the prediction is correct, then our model is accurate up to that point, and we have nothing to do!
- If the prediction **is incorrect**, we need to **update the model** this is the "learning" part. We modify the tree so that it can correctly classify this new example in the future.

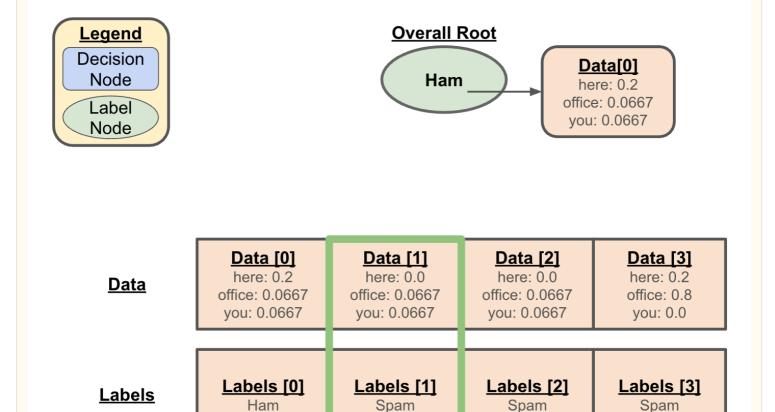
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We process the next index, 1.



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Classification Tree:

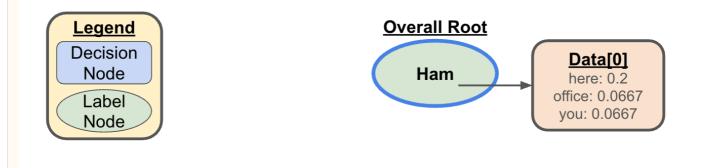
Ham (root) (level 0) (stores Data[0])

- Data[0]:
 - word probability "here" = 0.2
 - word probability "office" = 0.0667
 - word probability "you" = 0.667
- Current item: Data[1]:
 - word probability "here" = 0.0

- word probability "office" = 0.0667
- word probability "you" = 0.0667
- Data[2]:
 - word probability "here" = 0.0
 - word probability "office" = 0.0667
 - word probability "you" = 0.0667
- Data[3]:
 - word probability "here" = 0.2
 - word probability "office" = 0.8
 - word probability "you" = 0.0

- Labels[0]: Ham
- Current item: Labels[1]: Spam
- Labels[2]: Spam
- Labels[3]: Spam

We classify the TextBlock from data.get(1).



<u>Data</u> [0] **Data** [1] **Data** [2] **Data** [3] here: 0.2 here: 0.0 here: 0.0 here: 0.2 Data office: 0.0667 office: 0.0667 office: 0.0667 office: 0.8 you: 0.0667 you: 0.0667 you: 0.0667 you: 0.0 Labels [1] Labels [2] Labels [3] Labels [0] **Labels** Ham Spam Spam Spam

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Classification Tree:

• **Current node:** Ham (root) (level 0) (stores Data[0])

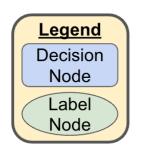
Data List:

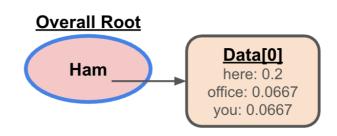
- Data[0]:
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 - word probability "you" = 0.667
- Current item: Data[1]:
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- Data[2]:
 - word probability "here" = 0.0
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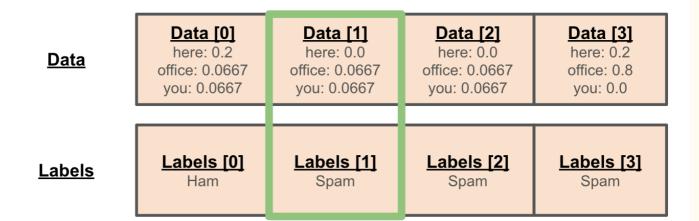
Labels List:

- Labels[0]: Ham
- Current item: Labels[1]: Spam
- Labels[2]: Spam
- Labels[3]: Spam

Notice that the predicted label for data.get(1) (Ham) is different from our expected label of Spam (labels.get(1)). This indicates that we should update our model to adjust for this input.







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Classification Tree:

• Current node: Ham (root) (level 0) (stores Data[0]) incorrect label for the current list item

- Data[0]:
 - word probability "here" = 0.2
 - word probability "office" = 0.0667
 - word probability "you" = 0.667
- Current item: Data[1]:
 - word probability "here" = 0.0
 - word probability "office" = 0.0667
 - word probability "you" = 0.0667
- Data[2]:
 - word probability "here" = 0.0
 - word probability "office" = 0.0667
 - word probability "you" = 0.0667
- Data[3]:

- word probability "here" = 0.2
- word probability "office" = 0.8
- word probability "you" = 0.0

• Labels[0]: Ham

• Current item: Labels[1]: Spam

• Labels[2]: Spam

• Labels[3]: Spam

Step 2a: Updating our Model

Typically, a large part of the complexity in building a classification tree is determining how to partition the data in case of incorrect predictions. There are many potential ways to accomplish this, but we'll be taking this approach:

- Call the findBiggestDifference method on the current TextBlock input and the previously stored one (from the misclassified label node).
 - findBiggestDifference identifies and returns the feature with the largest difference
 in word probabilities between the two TextBlocks.
- We then compute the **midpoint** between the two feature values in the TextBlock's and use it as the threshold for a new decision node.
- The decision node should be placed where the original label node currently is.
- After the new decision node is constructed, the original label node and the current input should be placed appropriately.

This step is why we needed to store the TextBlock along with its labels in the tree. Otherwise, without it, we would be unable to create a new feature for when our model is inaccurate!

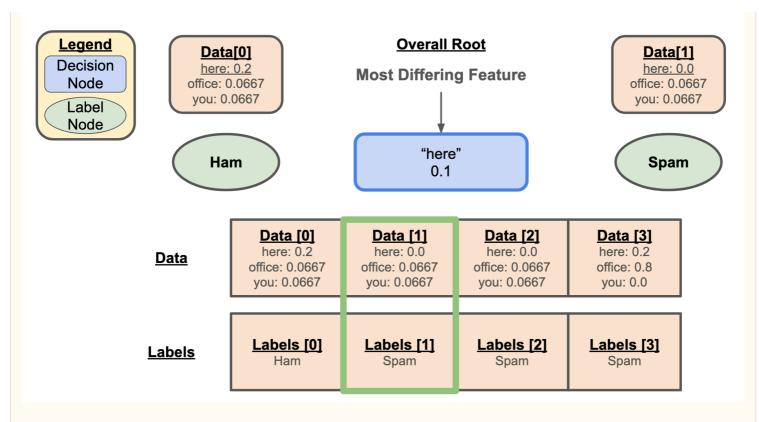
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NOTE: We are only ever modifying the leaves of our tree!

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We find the most differing feature between the TextBlock we are currently processing (data.get(1)) and the TextBlock stored in the label node we were on (which in this case was from data.get(0)). From this, we create a new decision node with the most differing feature ("here") and a threshold that is the midpoint of the two TextBlocks we are examining. For the feature "here", the old TextBlock had a threshold of 0.2, whereas the current TextBlock has a value of 0.0. Thus, the threshold for our new node will be the midpoint of 0.2 and 0.0 which is 0.1.



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Classification Tree:

- Most Differing Feature: "here" (difference value = 0.1)
- Ham (stores Data[0])
- Spam (stores Data[1])

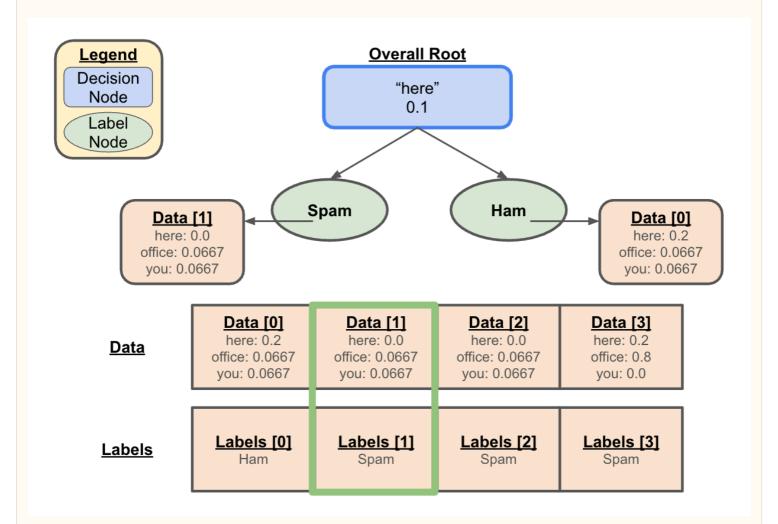
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 - word probability "office" = 0.0667
 - word probability "you" = 0.667
- Current item: Data[1]:
 - word probability "here" = 0.0
 - word probability "office" = 0.0667
 - word probability "you" = 0.0667
- Data[2]:
 - word probability "here" = 0.0
 - word probability "office" = 0.0667
 - word probability "you" = 0.0667
- Data[3]:
 - word probability "here" = 0.2
 - word probability "office" = 0.8
 - word probability "you" = 0.0

Labels[0]: Ham

• Current item: Labels[1]: Spam

Labels[2]: SpamLabels[3]: Spam

Notice that the label node with data.get(1) input is placed to the left of our new decision node because its TextBlock has a word frequency of 0 for "here" which is less than 0.1 On the other hand, notice that the label node with data.get(0) input is placed to the right of the new decision node because its TextBlock has a word frequency of 0.2 for "here".



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Classification Tree:

- current node: "here" (root) (level 0) decision node, threshold = 0.1
 - Spam (left) (level 1) (stores Data[1])
 - Ham (right) (level 1) (stores Data[0])

- Data[0]:
 - word probability "here" = 0.2
 - word probability "office" = 0.0667
 - word probability "you" = 0.667
- Current item: Data[1]:
 - word probability "here" = 0.0
 - word probability "office" = 0.0667
 - word probability "you" = 0.0667
- Data[2]:
 - word probability "here" = 0.0
 - word probability "office" = 0.0667
 - word probability "you" = 0.0667
- Data[3]:
 - word probability "here" = 0.2
 - word probability "office" = 0.8
 - word probability "you" = 0.0

- Labels[0]: Ham
- Current item: Labels[1]: Spam
- Labels[2]: Spam
- Labels[3]: Spam

Now we've correctly updated our model to be able to correctly classify the data up to this point!

SIDE NOTE: This algorithm requires you to keep track of both the label and the TextBlock datapoint first assigned to this label within every leaf node created in this constructor, as without the previous TextBlock datapoint we would be unable to create a new decision node! Ideally we'd like to keep track of all input data that falls under a specific leaf node such that when creating a new decision node, we can make sure it's valid for our entire training dataset. For simplicity, only worry about the first datapoint used to create a label node.

Step 3: Repeat

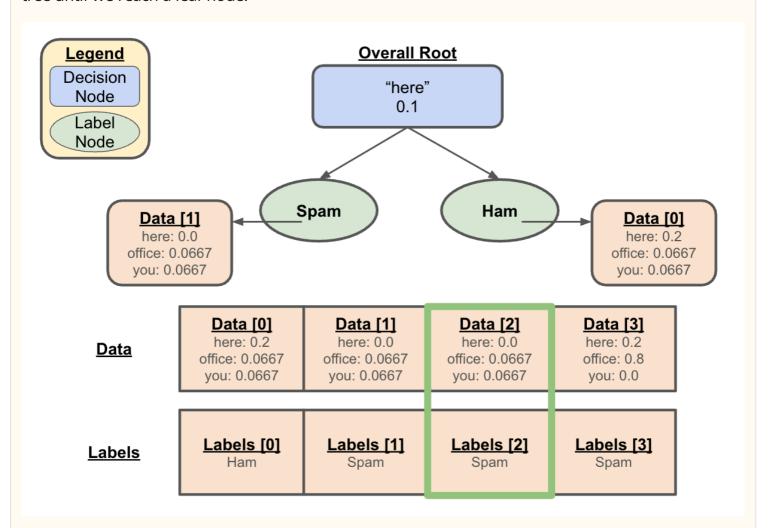
Repeat step 2 for the rest of the list until we've finished processing the list. At that point, our model is fully trained on our data and is able to predict the right label for the data we input.

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NOTE: The TextBlock objects in data does store all their respective words from the file. However, we only chose to depict word probabilities that'll be used in the examples for the sake of brevity.

We're now processing index 2. Start from the root of the tree and traverse through the existing tree until we reach a leaf node.



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Classification Tree:

- "here" (root) (level 0) decision node, threshold = 0.1
 - Spam (left) (level 1) (stores Data[1])
 - Ham (right) (level 1) (stores Data[0])

- Data[0]:
 - word probability "here" = 0.2
 - word probability "office" = 0.0667
 - word probability "you" = 0.667
- Data[1]:
 - word probability "here" = 0.0
 - word probability "office" = 0.0667
 - word probability "you" = 0.0667
- Current item: Data[2]:

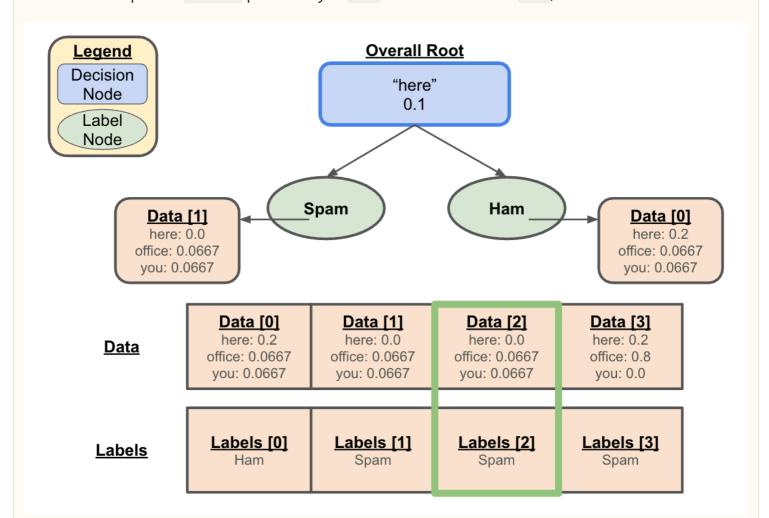
- word probability "here" = 0.0
- word probability "office" = 0.0667
- word probability "you" = 0.0667
- Data[3]:
 - word probability "here" = 0.2
 - word probability "office" = 0.8
 - word probability "you" = 0.0

Labels[0]: HamLabels[1]: Spam

• Current item: Labels[2]: Spam

• Labels[3]: Spam

Since this datapoint's "here" probability is 0.0 which is less than 0.1, we travel left:



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Classification Tree:

• **current node:** "here" (root) (level 0) decision node, threshold = 0.1

- Spam (left) (level 1) (stores Data[1])
- Ham (right) (level 1) (stores Data[0])

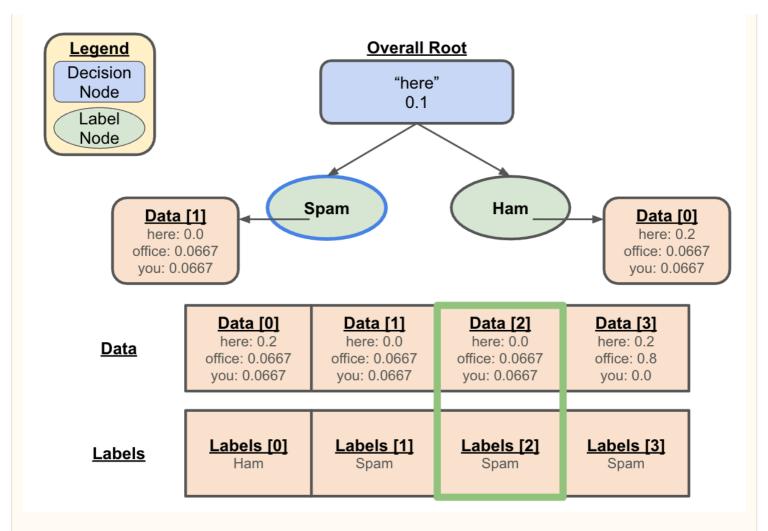
Data List:

- Data[0]:
 - word probability "here" = 0.2
 - word probability "office" = 0.0667
 - word probability "you" = 0.667
- Data[1]:
 - word probability "here" = 0.0
 - word probability "office" = 0.0667
 - word probability "you" = 0.0667
- Current item: Data[2]:
 - word probability "here" = 0.0
 - word probability "office" = 0.0667
 - word probability "you" = 0.0667
- Data[3]:
 - word probability "here" = 0.2
 - word probability "office" = 0.8
 - word probability "you" = 0.0

Labels List:

- Labels[0]: Ham
- Labels[1]: Spam
- Current item: Labels[2]: Spam
- Labels[3]: Spam

Now we arrive at a leaf node and notice that the label is correct (our model predicts Spam as expected by our input). This means we need to make no further changes and can leave our tree as it is!



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Classification Tree:

- "here" (root) (level 0) decision node, threshold = 0.1
 - current node: Spam (left) (level 1) (stores Data[1])
 - Ham (right) (level 1) (stores Data[0])

- Data[0]:
 - word probability "here" = 0.2
 - word probability "office" = 0.0667
 - word probability "you" = 0.667
- Data[1]:
 - word probability "here" = 0.0
 - word probability "office" = 0.0667
 - word probability "you" = 0.0667
- Current item: Data[2]:
 - word probability "here" = 0.0
 - word probability "office" = 0.0667
 - word probability "you" = 0.0667

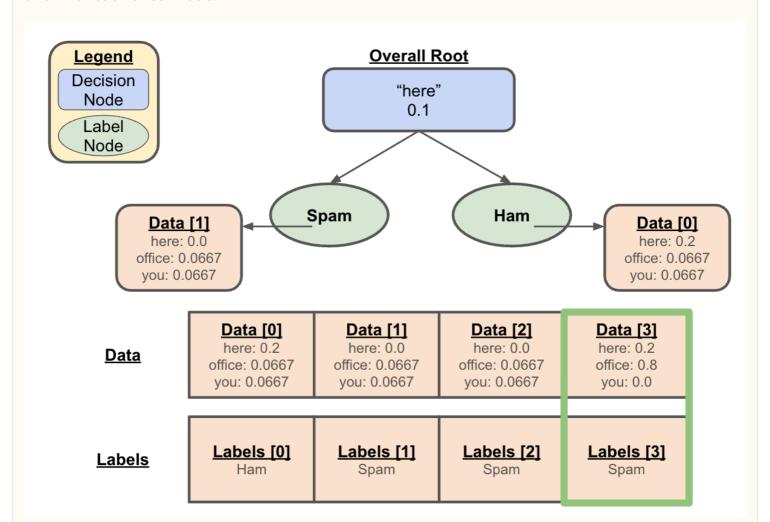
- Data[3]:
 - word probability "here" = 0.2
 - word probability "office" = 0.8
 - word probability "you" = 0.0

Labels[0]: HamLabels[1]: Spam

• Current item: Labels[2]: Spam

• Labels[3]: Spam

Lastly, we process index 3. Start from the root of the tree and traverse through the existing tree until we reach a leaf node.



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- "here" (root) (level 0) decision node, threshold = 0.1
 - Spam (left) (level 1) (stores Data[1])

Ham (right) (level 1) (stores Data[0])

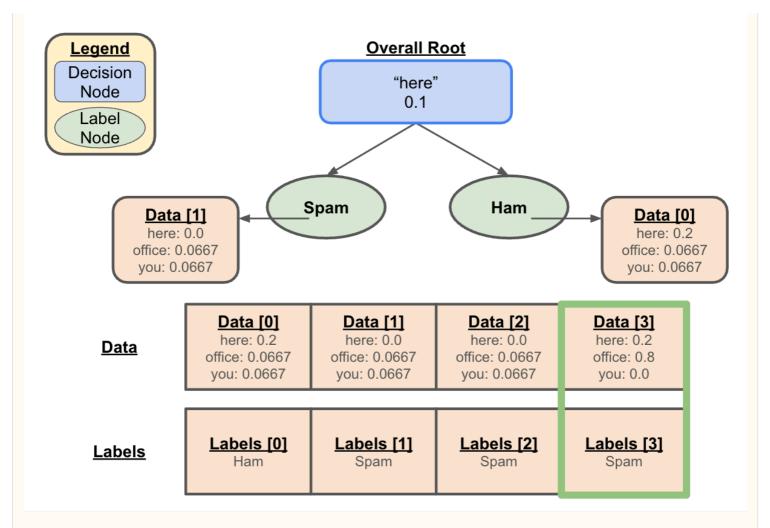
Data List:

- Data[0]:
 - word probability "here" = 0.2
 - word probability "office" = 0.0667
 - word probability "you" = 0.667
- Data[1]:
 - word probability "here" = 0.0
 - word probability "office" = 0.0667
 - word probability "you" = 0.0667
- Data[2]:
 - word probability "here" = 0.0
 - word probability "office" = 0.0667
 - word probability "you" = 0.0667
- Current item: Data[3]:
 - word probability "here" = 0.2
 - word probability "office" = 0.8
 - word probability "you" = 0.0

Labels List:

- Labels[0]: Ham
- Labels[1]: Spam
- Labels[2]: Spam
- Current item: Labels[3]: Spam

Since this datapoint's "here" probability is 0.2 which is greater than or equal to 0.1, we travel right:



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Classification Tree:

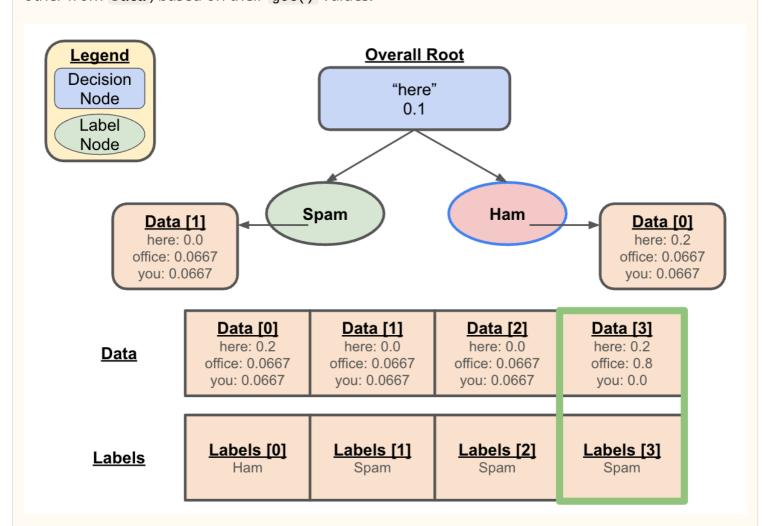
- **current node:** "here" (root) (level 0) decision node, threshold = 0.1
 - Spam (left) (level 1) (stores Data[1])
 - Ham (right) (level 1) (stores Data[0])

- Data[0]:
 - word probability "here" = 0.2
 - word probability "office" = 0.0667
 - word probability "you" = 0.667
- Data[1]:
 - word probability "here" = 0.0
 - word probability "office" = 0.0667
 - word probability "you" = 0.0667
- Data[2]:
 - word probability "here" = 0.0
 - word probability "office" = 0.0667
 - word probability "you" = 0.0667

- Current item: Data[3]:
 - word probability "here" = 0.2
 - word probability "office" = 0.8
 - word probability "you" = 0.0

- Labels[0]: Ham
- Labels[1]: Spam
- Labels[2]: Spam
- Current item: Labels[3]: Spam

Then we see if the resulting label is correct. Our expected result is Spam, but the one predicted by our model is Ham. This is incorrect, so we need to create a decision node with the most differing feature between the two TextBlock objects (one previously stored in the Ham node, and the other from Data) based on their get() values:



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- "here" (root) (level 0) decision node, threshold = 0.1
 - Spam (left) (level 1) (stores Data[1])
 - current node: Ham (right) (level 1) (stores Data[0])

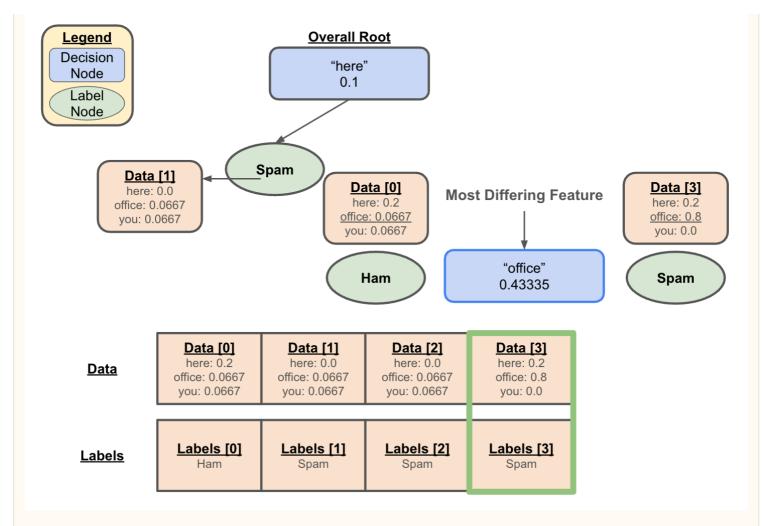
Data List:

- Data[0]:
 - word probability "here" = 0.2
 - word probability "office" = 0.0667
 - word probability "you" = 0.667
- Data[1]:
 - word probability "here" = 0.0
 - word probability "office" = 0.0667
 - word probability "you" = 0.0667
- Data[2]:
 - word probability "here" = 0.0
 - word probability "office" = 0.0667
 - word probability "you" = 0.0667
- Current item: Data[3]:
 - word probability "here" = 0.2
 - word probability "office" = 0.8
 - word probability "you" = 0.0

Labels List:

- Labels[0]: Ham
- Labels[1]: Spam
- Labels[2]: Spam
- Current item: Labels[3]: Spam

We can then utilize the provided methods to produce a new decision node that will allow us to correctly distinguish data.get(3) vs. data.get(0) using a feature and a threshold based on the algorithm described in **Step 2a**. All that's left to do is organize the label nodes appropriately, as seen below:



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Classification Tree:

- "here" (root) (level 0) decision node, threshold = 0.1
 - Spam (left) (level 1) (stores Data[1])
 - Ham (right) (level 1) (stores Data[0])

To The Right Of The Tree:

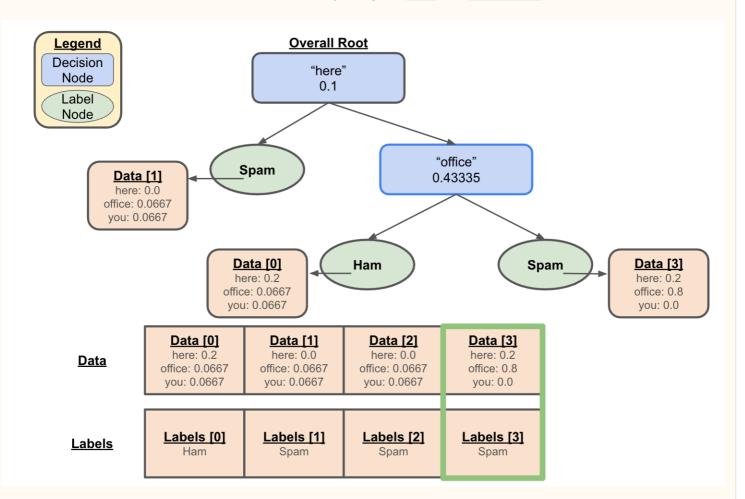
- Ham (stores Data[0])
- **current node:** "office" (middle) threshold = 0.43335
- Spam (stores Data[3])

- Data[0]:
 - word probability "here" = 0.2
 - word probability "office" = 0.0667
 - word probability "you" = 0.667
- Data[1]:
 - word probability "here" = 0.0

- word probability "office" = 0.0667
- word probability "you" = 0.0667
- Data[2]:
 - word probability "here" = 0.0
 - word probability "office" = 0.0667
 - word probability "you" = 0.0667
- Current item: Data[3]:
 - word probability "here" = 0.2
 - word probability "office" = 0.8
 - word probability "you" = 0.0

- Labels[0]: Ham
- Labels[1]: Spam
- Labels[2]: Spam
- Current item: Labels[3]: Spam

data.get(0) is placed to the left of our new decision node because it has a word frequency of 0.0667 for "office" which is less than 0.43335, and data.get(3) is placed to the right of the new decision node because it has a word frequency of 0.8 for "office".



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Classification Tree:

- "here" (root) (level 0) decision node, threshold = 0.1
 - Spam (left) (level 1) (stores Data[1])
 - **current node:** "office" (right) (level 1) decision node, threshold = 0.43335
 - Ham (left) (level 2) (stores Data[0])
 - Spam (right) (level 2) (stores Data[3])

Data List:

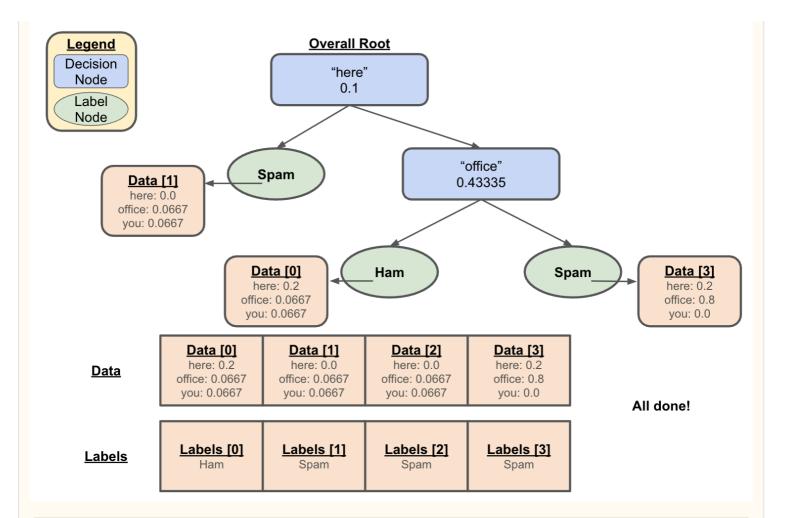
- Data[0]:
 - word probability "here" = 0.2
 - word probability "office" = 0.0667
 - word probability "you" = 0.667
- Data[1]:
 - word probability "here" = 0.0
 - word probability "office" = 0.0667
 - word probability "you" = 0.0667
- Data[2]:
 - word probability "here" = 0.0
 - word probability "office" = 0.0667
 - word probability "you" = 0.0667
- Current item: Data[3]:
 - word probability "here" = 0.2
 - word probability "office" = 0.8
 - word probability "you" = 0.0

Labels List:

- Labels[0]: Ham
- Labels[1]: Spam
- Labels[2]: Spam
- Current item: Labels[3]: Spam

We've processed the entire list, so that means we're all done!

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Classification Tree:

- "here" (root) (level 0) decision node, threshold = 0.1
 - Spam (left) (level 1) (stores Data[1])
 - "office" (right) (level 1) decision node, threshold = 0.43335
 - Ham (left) (level 2) (stores Data[0])
 - Spam (right) (level 2) (stores Data[3])

- Data[0]:
 - word probability "here" = 0.2
 - word probability "office" = 0.0667
 - word probability "you" = 0.667
- Data[1]:
 - word probability "here" = 0.0
 - word probability "office" = 0.0667
 - word probability "you" = 0.0667
- Data[2]:
 - word probability "here" = 0.0
 - word probability "office" = 0.0667
 - word probability "you" = 0.0667

- Data[3]:
 - word probability "here" = 0.2
 - word probability "office" = 0.8
 - word probability "you" = 0.0

- Labels[0]: Ham
- Labels[1]: Spam
- Labels[2]: Spam
- Labels[3]: Spam

To The Right:

All done!

Implementation Requirements

Learning Objectives

By completing this assignment, students will demonstrate their ability to:

- Define data structures to represent compound and complex data
- Write a functionally correct Java class to represent a binary tree.
- Write classes that are readable and maintainable, and that conform to provided guidelines for style, implementation, and performance.
- Produce clear and effective documentation to improve comprehension and maintainability of programs, methods, and classes.

System Structure

Below, we describe the **provided** TextBlock class that will be used in your implementation of Classifier.java. You do not need to (and should not) make changes to this class, but your code will be a client of it. Make sure to understand the purpose of this class and read through the provided documentation.

TextBlock.java

Text data that gets classified via the <u>classifier</u>. It defines four public methods:

```
public double get(String word)
```

- Returns the corresponding word probability for the given word.
 - Although there are classification trees where it would make sense to work with other kinds of data that should return something else (imagine a color feature within a real estate dataset), since our implementation is only dealing with thresholds for word probabilities, this must return a double.

```
public Set<String> getFeatures()
```

• Returns a set of all features from this text block.

```
public boolean containsFeature(String word)
```

• Returns true if this dataset contains the given word. False otherwise.

```
public String findBiggestDifference(TextBlock other)
```

- Returns the word with the biggest difference in probability between this TextBlock and the other TextBlock.
 - Note that there is no difference between calling a.findBiggestDifference(b) and
 b.findBiggestDifference(a). Both will return the same string.

Required Class



NOTE: To earn a grade higher than N on the Behavior and Concepts dimensions of this assignment, **your core algorithms for each method must be implemented** *recursively.* **You will want to utilize the** *public-***private pair technique discussed in class.** You are free to create any helper methods you like, but the core of your implementations must be recursive.

Classifier.java

In this assignment, you implement your classification tree by creating a class called Classifier.java. You are provided with a client program that handles user interaction and calls your Classifier methods in order to train/load a model and classify data.

public Classifier(Scanner input)

- Load the classifier from a file connected to the given Scanner. The format of the input file should match that of the save method (described below).
 - Importantly, in this method, you should only read data from the file using nextLine and convert it to the appropriate format using Double.parseDouble.
- This method should throw an IllegalArgumentException if the provided input is null and an IllegalStateException if the tree is still empty after processing input.

public Classifier(List<TextBlock> data, List<String> labels)

- Create and train a classifier from the input data and corresponding labels.
- The lists should be processed in parallel in increasing order (i.e., process index 0, then 1, then 2, etc), where the label corresponding to data.get(<index>) can be found at labels.get(<index>). The general construction process should be accomplished via the algorithm described in Training a Classification Tree slide.
- This method should throw an IllegalArgumentException if any of the following cases are met:
 - data or labels is null
 - data and labels are not the same size
 - data or labels is empty



HINT: This algorithm requires you to keep track of the initial <code>TextBlock</code> used to create the label node. Without this initial <code>TextBlock</code>, we would be unable to create a new feature for when our model is inaccurate! Keeping this in mind, what may be one of the fields needed in the <code>ClassifierNode</code> class?

public String classify(TextBlock input)

- Given a piece of data, return the appropriate label that this classifier predicts.
 - This method should model the steps taken in the <u>Background and Structure</u> slide: at every feature, evaluate our input data and determine if it's less than our threshold. If so, continue left; otherwise, continue right. Repeat this process until a leaf node is reached.
- If the parameter input is null, throw an IllegalArgumentException.

public void save(PrintStream output);

- Saves this current classifier to the given PrintStream
 - For our classifier tree, this format should be pre-order. Every branch node will print
 two lines of data, one for feature preceded by "Feature: " and one for threshold preceded
 by "Threshold: ". For leaf nodes, you should only print the label. Examples of the
 format can be seen below and through the trees directory in the start code.
- If the parameter output is null, throw an IllegalArgumentException.

Provided Methods

Additionally, we have provided two other methods in Classifier.java:

```
public Map<String, Double> calculateAccuracy(List<TextBlock> data, List<String> labels)
```

• Returns the model's accuracy on all labels in a provided testing dataset. This is useful to see how well our model works, and what labels it is struggling with classifying correctly.

```
private static double midpoint(double one, double two)
```

- Helper method to calculate the midpoint between two doubles.
 - HINT: This should be used in the Classifier(List<TextBlock>, List<String>)
 constructor to calculate the midpoint!

ClassifierNode

As part of writing your Classifier class, you should also have a **private static inner class** called ClassifierNode to represent the nodes of the tree. The contents of this class are up to you, but must meet the following requirements:

- You must have a single ClassifierNode class that can represent both features and labels you should *not* create separate classes for the different types of nodes.
 - You may find that since we are representing both features and labels in the same node class, some fields may be unused at times. This is completely okay!
- The ClassifierNode class must not contain any constructors or methods that are not used by the Classifier class.
- The fields of the ClassifierNode class must be public.

- All data fields should be declared final as well. This does not include fields representing the children of a node.
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NOTE: You may get a variable ___ might not have been initialized error, in which case, you will have to explicitly initialize the values for *all* final fields in your node class — even if you do not plan to utilize the value.

File Format

The files that are both created by the save method and read by the Scanner constructor will follow the same format. These files will contain a pair of lines to represent branch nodes and a single line to represent leaf nodes in the Classifier. The first line in each branch node pair will start with "Feature: " followed by the feature and the second line will start with "Threshold: " followed by the threshold. Lines representing the leaf nodes will simply contain the label. The format of the file should be a **pre-order traversal** of the tree.

For example, consider the following sample file (simple.txt):

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Feature: here Threshold: 0.125 Feature: are

Threshold: 0.1666666666666666

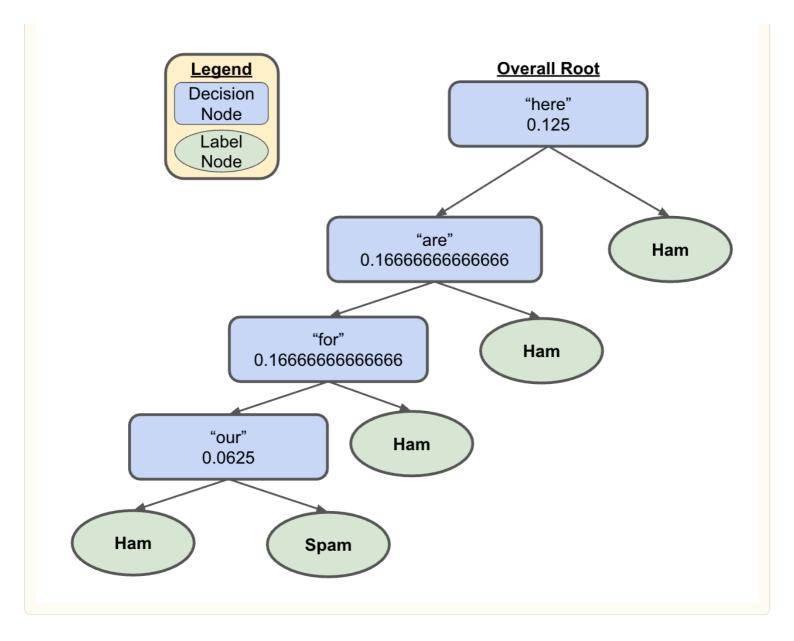
Feature: for

Threshold: 0.1666666666666666

Feature: our Threshold: 0.0625

Ham Spam Ham Ham

Notice that the nodes appear in a *pre-order traversal* of the resulting tree:



Client Program & Visualization

We have provided you with a Client program to help test your implementation of the methods within Classifier.java. The client can create binary trees from the provided .csv or .txt files and test their accuracy. Note that in order to pass in these files, you should call them by folderName/fileName. For example, trees/simple.txt.

Click "Expand" below to see sample executions of the client for different situations (user input is **bold and underlined**).

1. This client visualization uses your Scanner constructor, calculateAccuracy(), and classify(). The constructor loads a pre-trained model from a given text file. The following inputs allow us to test its accuracy using the pre-set TEST_FILE (in this example, we initialized it in line 8 of Client.java to "data/emails/test.csv") and use the model to predict labels for data points in a given .csv file.

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NOTE: When saving the Scanner constructor, the contents of the file will be exactly the same as the input .txt file used to initially load the pre-trained model.

4) Quit

Enter your choice here: 2 Overall: 0.8637632607481853 ham: 0.9961365099806826

spam: 0.0

- 1) Test with an input file (classify)
- 2) Get testing accuracy (calculateAccuracy)
- 3) Save classification tree (save)
- 4) Quit

Enter your choice here: 1

Please enter the path to the file you'd like to test

Example: "./data/emails/test.csv" File path: ./data/emails/test.csv

- 1) Test with an input file (classify)
- 2) Get testing accuracy (calculateAccuracy)
- 3) Save classification tree (save)
- 4) Quit

Enter your choice here: 4

2. This client visualization uses the Classifier constructor that takes in data and their corresponding labels, calculateAccuracy() (implemented for you), and save(). You can follow the pattern of inputs below to train the classification model using some train.csv file (this calls the constructor Classifier(List<TextBlock>, List<String>), retrieve testing accuracy (similar to above), and save the trained model to a file so that it is in .txt format (like the sample input files in the trees/ folder).

TRAIN_FILE and TEST_FILE were set to "data/federalist_papers/train.csv" and "data/federalist_papers/test.csv" respectively.

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To begin, enter your desired mode of operation:				
 Train classification model (Two List Constructor) Load model from file (Scanner Constructor) Enter your choice here: <u>1</u> 				
Would you like to shuffle the data? 1) Yes (Recommended for testing finalized models) 2) No (Recommended for debugging models) 2				
What would you like to do with your model?				
1) Test with an input file (classify) 2) Get testing accuracy (calculateAccuracy) 3) Save classification tree (save) 4) Quit Enter your choice here: 2 Overall: 0.6923076923076923 MADISON: 0.666666666666666666666666666666666666				
 Test with an input file (classify) Get testing accuracy (calculateAccuracy) Save classification tree (save) Quit Enter your choice here: 3 Would you like to save to a file or output the classification tree to console? 				

```
1) Save to a file
2) Output classification tree to console

1
Please enter the file name you'd like to save to: destinationFile.txt

1) Test with an input file (classify)
2) Get testing accuracy (calculateAccuracy)
3) Save classification tree (save)
4) Quit
Enter your choice here: 4
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NOTE: After quitting, the saved file should be available for viewing in the console.

Testing

There are no formal testing requirements for this assignment. However, we'd encourage you to get your hands dirty and see how well your model performs on the provided dataset / investigate the output files to see if you can make sense of what the inner structure is!

Implementation Guidelines

Your program should exactly reproduce the format and general behavior demonstrated in the Ed tests. Cornbear's recommended approach is as follows:

1) Design your Node

First, design your node class that represents both the branch and leaf nodes within your classification tree. Think about the information these nodes will be required to store based on the specification. Remember that in our classification tree, branch nodes represent decisions and leaf nodes represent classification labels.



NOTE: You may find that since we are representing both features and labels in the same node class, some fields may be unused at times. This is completely okay!

Additionally, consider this hint for the two-list constructor:



HINT from Cornbear: This algorithm requires you to keep track of the initial TextBlock used to create the label node. Without this initial TextBlock, we would be unable to create a new feature for when our model is inaccurate! Keeping this in mind, what may be one of the fields needed in the ClassifierNode class?

2) Scanner Constructor

This constructor will be given a Scanner that contains data produced by save(). In other words, the input for this constructor is the output you produced with save() so that Cornbear can load the trees you make!

Remember that this file is stored in pre-order format, where the feature and threshold for decision nodes are stored on two lines within the file:

Feature: here Threshold: 0.125

And labels are present without any additional formatting:

ham

You may assume that "Feature" and "Threshold" will never be labels within the input file.

Remember that you should only ever call .nextLine() on the provided Scanner. You might be tempted to call nextLine() to read the feature then next() and nextDouble() to read the threshold, but remember that mixing token-based reading and line-based reading is not so simple.

Assuming you are trying to retrieve the value of the threshold, here is an alternative that uses a method called parseDouble in the Double class that allows you to use nextLine():

```
double threshold = Double.parseDouble(input.nextLine().substring("Threshold: ".length()));
```

Lastly, you should throw an IllegalArgumentException is input is null and an IllegalStateException if the tree is still empty after processing input.



HINT from Cornbear: It looks like we're processing lines and using that information to *modify* our tree. Keeping in mind our recently learned concept, **what pattern should we employ to help implement this constructor?**



The tests for your Scanner constructor implementation are tied to a working save implementation. This means that once you feel comfortable with your solution you should move onto the next part, and test for both implementations at the same time.

Relevant Problem:

Section 13: Load Tree

3) save()

Once you've implemented the Scanner constructor, do the opposite! Namely, given an already constructed classification tree, save it to the provided PrintStream via a **pre-order traversal**. Here is the file format as copied from the Implementation Guidelines slide:

The files that are both created by the save method and read by the Scanner constructor will follow the same format. These files will contain a pair of lines to represent branch nodes and a single line to represent leaf nodes in the Classifier. The first line in each branch node pair will start with "Feature: " followed by the feature and the second line will start with "Threshold: " followed by the threshold. Lines representing the leaf nodes will simply contain the label. The format of the file should be a **pre-order traversal** of the tree.

For example, consider the following sample file (simple.txt):

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Feature: here Threshold: 0.125 Feature: are

Threshold: 0.1666666666666666

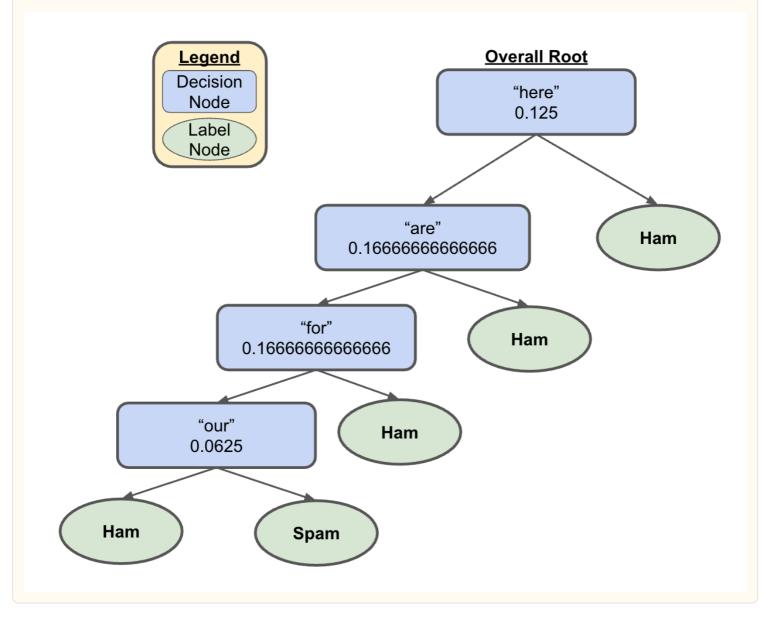
Feature: for

Threshold: 0.1666666666666666

Feature: our Threshold: 0.0625

Ham Spam Ham
Ham

Notice that the nodes appear in a *pre-order traversal* of the resulting tree:

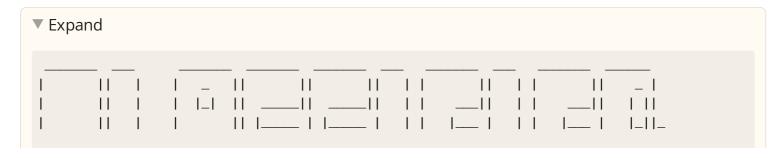


You should also throw an IllegalArgumentException is output is null.



At this point, test your Scanner constructor and save implementations. We don't recommend moving forward in this assignment until these two methods are passing the provided tests.

Below, we've provided sample client input and output that should be your expected output at this point (user input is **bold and underlined**):



||----| | | ____| | | ____| | | | 11 _ ____||___||_| _||__| |__||__ Welcome to the CSE 123 Classifier! (Remember to edit the TRAIN_FILE and TEST_FILE class constants if you want to change the files b To begin, enter your desired mode of operation: 1) Train classification model (Two List Constructor) 2) Load model from file (Scanner Constructor) Enter your choice here: 2 Please enter the path to the file you'd like to load Example: "./trees/simple.txt" File path: ./trees/simple.txt What would you like to do with your model? 1) Test with an input file (classify) 2) Get testing accuracy (calculateAccuracy) 3) Save classification tree (save) 4) Quit Enter your choice here: 3 Would you like to save to a file or output the classification tree to console? 1) Save to a file 2) Output classification tree to console 2 Save output: Feature: here Threshold: 0.125 Feature: are Feature: for Feature: our Threshold: 0.0625 ham spam ham ham ham 1) Test with an input file (classify) 2) Get testing accuracy (calculateAccuracy) 3) Save classification tree (save) 4) Quit Enter your choice here: 4

Relevant Problems:

• Lesson 10: printPreOrder

4) classify()

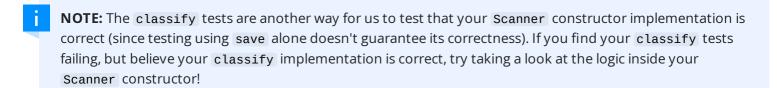
Now we can start classifying! This method should traverse through the tree by evaluating decision nodes on the input data to see whether or not the input falls below the current threshold. If so, the traversal should continue into the left subtree; otherwise, the right. Once a leaf node is reached, the corresponding label should be returned.

For a feature at a given decision node, think about how we could retrieve its word probability from the input data.

Finally, you should throw an IllegalArgumentException is input is null



At this point, test your current implementation. We don't recommend moving forward runtil the classify method is passing



Below, we've provided sample client input and output that should be your expected output at this point (user input is **bold and underlined**):



Get testing accuracy (calculateAccuracy) 3) Save classification tree (save) 4) Quit Enter your choice here: 1 Please enter the path to the file you'd like to test Example: "./data/emails/test.csv" File path: ./data/emails/example_hams.csv Results: [spam, ham, spam, spam, spam] 1) Test with an input file (classify) 2) Get testing accuracy (calculateAccuracy) 3) Save classification tree (save) 4) Quit Enter your choice here: 1 Please enter the path to the file you'd like to test Example: "./data/emails/test.csv" File path: ./data/emails/example_spams.csv Results: [spam, spam, spam, spam, spam] 1) Test with an input file (classify) 2) Get testing accuracy (calculateAccuracy) 3) Save classification tree (save) 4) Quit Enter your choice here: 4

5) Two List Constructor

Finally, here is where we actually "train" our model, and this will likely be the most difficult part of your implementation. First, you should make sure to throw the proper exceptions:

- IllegalArgumentException if any of the following cases are met:
 - o data or labels is null
 - data and labels are not the same size
 - data or labels is empty

Next, your implementation should follow the following algorithmic approach (copied from the <u>Training a Classification Tree</u>):

Step 1: Initialize our Model

Since the classification tree is empty at the beginning, we need to add an initial data point so it can start making classifications. This algorithm processes training examples in order, starting from index 0. So we begin by inserting the first data-label pair (at index 0) into the tree.

We also want to store the TextBlock data along with its label in the tree's leaves. This way, the classification tree can use previous examples to help make decisions when creating new nodes. If this part isn't entirely clear yet, that's okay. We will see this action later in the algorithm explanation.

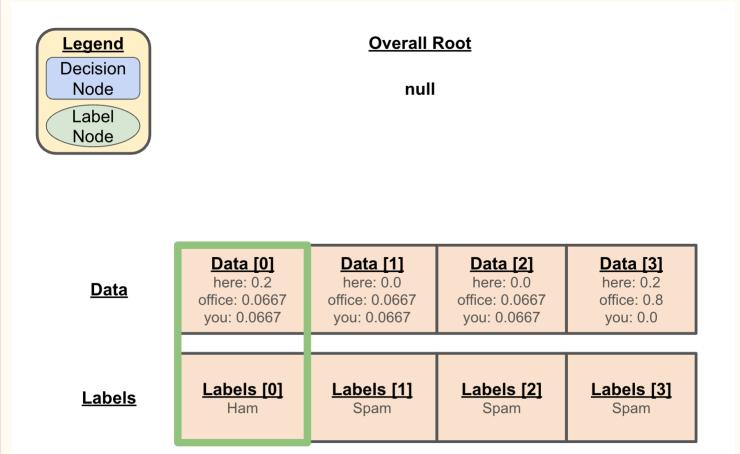
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NOTE: The TextBlock objects in data does store all their respective words from the file. However, we only chose to depict word probabilities that'll be used in the examples for the sake of brevity.

We process index 0.



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Classification Tree:

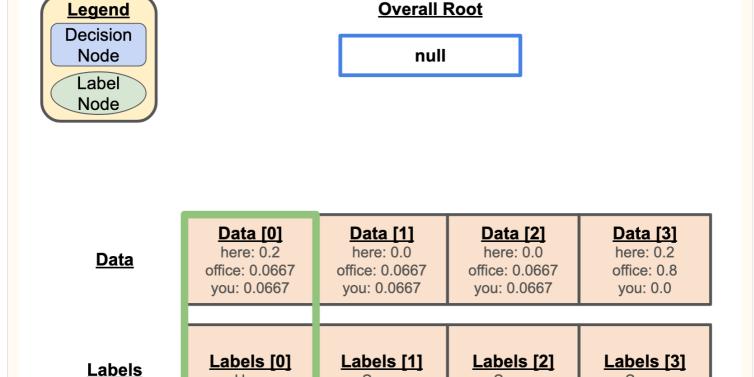
• null (root)

- Current item: Data[0]:
 - word probability "here" = 0.2
 - word probability "office" = 0.0667
 - word probability "you" = 0.667
- Data[1]:
 - word probability "here" = 0.0

- word probability "office" = 0.0667
- word probability "you" = 0.0667
- Data[2]:
 - word probability "here" = 0.0
 - word probability "office" = 0.0667
 - word probability "you" = 0.0667
- Data[3]:
 - word probability "here" = 0.2
 - word probability "office" = 0.8
 - word probability "you" = 0.0

- Current item: Labels[0]: Ham
- Labels[1]: Spam
- Labels[2]: Spam
- Labels[3]: Spam

The current tree is empty.



Spam

Spam

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Classification Tree:

• Current node: null (root)

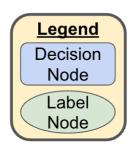
Data List:

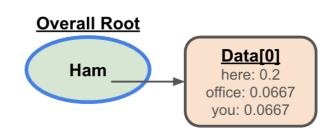
- Current item: Data[0]:
 - word probability "here" = 0.2
 - word probability "office" = 0.0667
 - word probability "you" = 0.667
- Data[1]:
 - word probability "here" = 0.0
 - word probability "office" = 0.0667
 - word probability "you" = 0.0667
- Data[2]:
 - word probability "here" = 0.0
 - word probability "office" = 0.0667
 - word probability "you" = 0.0667
- Data[3]:
 - word probability "here" = 0.2
 - word probability "office" = 0.8
 - word probability "you" = 0.0

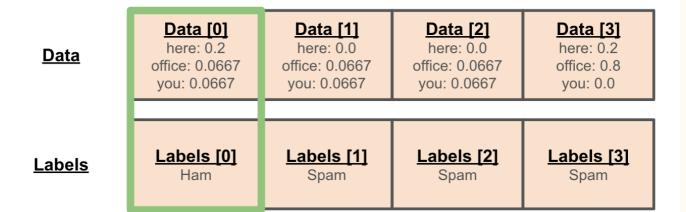
Labels List:

- Current item: Labels[0]: Ham
- Labels[1]: Spam
- Labels[2]: Spam
- Labels[3]: Spam

We create a new label node to store the information at index o since the tree is currently empty.







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Classification Tree:

• **Current node:** Ham (root) (level 0) (stores Data[0])

- Current item: Data[0]:
 - word probability "here" = 0.2
 - word probability "office" = 0.0667
 - word probability "you" = 0.667
- Data[1]:
 - word probability "here" = 0.0
 - word probability "office" = 0.0667
 - word probability "you" = 0.0667
- Data[2]:
 - word probability "here" = 0.0
 - word probability "office" = 0.0667
 - word probability "you" = 0.0667
- Data[3]:
 - word probability "here" = 0.2
 - word probability "office" = 0.8

word probability "you" = 0.0

Labels List:

• Current item: Labels[0]: Ham

Labels[1]: SpamLabels[2]: SpamLabels[3]: Spam

Step 2: Classify Data

Now that we have a classification tree, we can start to classify inputs! Unfortunately, with only one point of data, our model doesn't seem very useful — currently, it classifies every input as Ham. What if we try to classify a piece of data that has an expected label of Spam?

To handle this, we proceed to the next step of the algorithm: we process the next index. We'll **start at the top of the tree** and traverse down to find the label our model will predict for data.get(index). Now, we check whether our model's prediction matches the expected label.

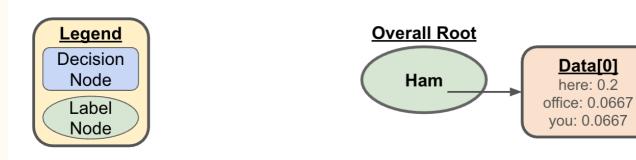
- If the prediction is correct, then our model is accurate up to that point, and we have nothing to do!
- If the prediction **is incorrect**, we need to **update the model** this is the "learning" part. We modify the tree so that it can correctly classify this new example in the future.

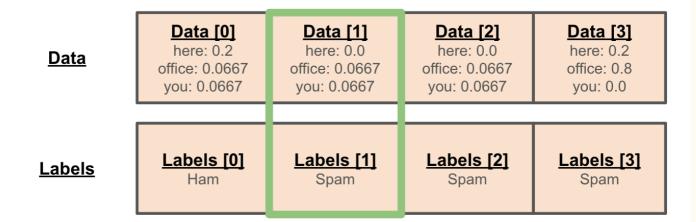
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NOTE: The TextBlock objects in data does store all their respective words from the file. However, we only chose to depict word probabilities that'll be used in the examples for the sake of brevity.

We process the next index, 1.





Data[0]

here: 0.2

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Classification Tree:

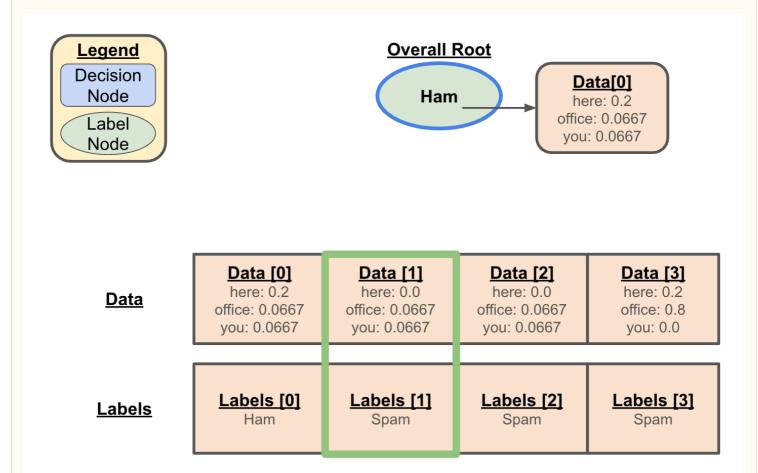
Ham (root) (level 0) (stores Data[0])

- Data[0]:
 - word probability "here" = 0.2
 - word probability "office" = 0.0667
 - word probability "you" = 0.667
- Current item: Data[1]:
 - word probability "here" = 0.0
 - word probability "office" = 0.0667
 - word probability "you" = 0.0667
- Data[2]:
 - word probability "here" = 0.0
 - word probability "office" = 0.0667
 - word probability "you" = 0.0667
- Data[3]:
 - word probability "here" = 0.2

- word probability "office" = 0.8
- word probability "you" = 0.0

- Labels[0]: Ham
- Current item: Labels[1]: Spam
- Labels[2]: Spam
- Labels[3]: Spam

We classify the TextBlock from data.get(1).



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Classification Tree:

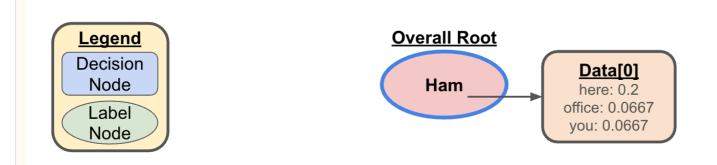
• **Current node:** Ham (root) (level 0) (stores Data[0])

- Data[0]:
 - word probability "here" = 0.2
 - word probability "office" = 0.0667

- word probability "you" = 0.667
- Current item: Data[1]:
 - word probability "here" = 0.0
 - word probability "office" = 0.0667
 - word probability "you" = 0.0667
- Data[2]:
 - word probability "here" = 0.0
 - word probability "office" = 0.0667
 - word probability "you" = 0.0667
- Data[3]:
 - word probability "here" = 0.2
 - word probability "office" = 0.8
 - word probability "you" = 0.0

- Labels[0]: Ham
- Current item: Labels[1]: Spam
- Labels[2]: Spam
- Labels[3]: Spam

Notice that the predicted label for data.get(1) (Ham) is different from our expected label of Spam (labels.get(1)). This indicates that we should update our model to adjust for this input.



<u>Data</u>	Data [0] here: 0.2 office: 0.0667 you: 0.0667	Data [1] here: 0.0 office: 0.0667 you: 0.0667	Data [2] here: 0.0 office: 0.0667 you: 0.0667	Data [3] here: 0.2 office: 0.8 you: 0.0
<u>Labels</u>	Labels [0]	Labels [1]	Labels [2]	Labels [3]
	Ham	Spam	Spam	Spam

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Classification Tree:

• Current node: Ham (root) (level 0) (stores Data[0]) incorrect label for the current list item

Data List:

- Data[0]:
 - word probability "here" = 0.2
 - word probability "office" = 0.0667
 - word probability "you" = 0.667
- Current item: Data[1]:
 - word probability "here" = 0.0
 - word probability "office" = 0.0667
 - word probability "you" = 0.0667
- Data[2]:
 - word probability "here" = 0.0
 - word probability "office" = 0.0667
 - word probability "you" = 0.0667
- Data[3]:
 - word probability "here" = 0.2
 - word probability "office" = 0.8
 - word probability "you" = 0.0

Labels List:

- Labels[0]: Ham
- Current item: Labels[1]: Spam
- Labels[2]: Spam
- Labels[3]: Spam

Step 2a: Updating our Model

Typically, a large part of the complexity in building a classification tree is determining how to partition the data in case of incorrect predictions. There are many potential ways to accomplish this, but we'll be taking this approach:

- Call the findBiggestDifference method on the current TextBlock input and the previously stored one (from the misclassified label node).
 - findBiggestDifference identifies and returns the feature with the largest difference
 in word probabilities between the two TextBlock s.

- We then compute the **midpoint** between the two feature values in the TextBlock's and use it as the threshold for a new decision node.
- The decision node should be placed where the original label node currently is.
- After the new decision node is constructed, the original label node and the current input should be placed appropriately.

This step is why we needed to store the TextBlock along with its labels in the tree. Otherwise, without it, we would be unable to create a new feature for when our model is inaccurate!

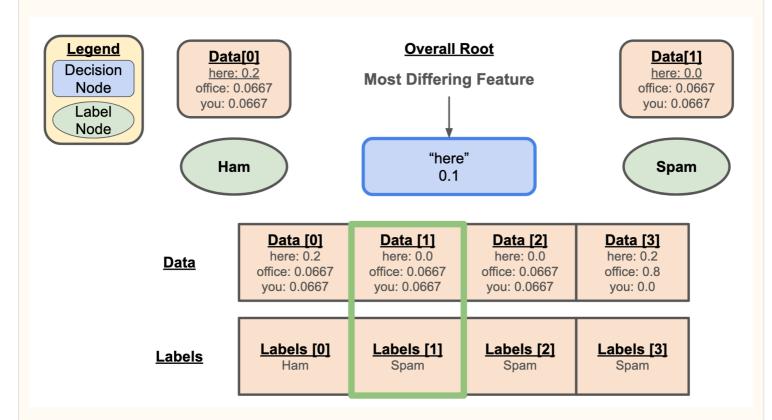
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NOTE: We are only ever modifying the leaves of our tree!

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We find the most differing feature between the TextBlock we are currently processing (data.get(1)) and the TextBlock stored in the label node we were on (which in this case was from data.get(0)). From this, we create a new decision node with the most differing feature ("here") and a threshold that is the midpoint of the two TextBlock's we are examining. For the feature "here", the old TextBlock had a threshold of 0.2, whereas the current TextBlock has a value of 0.0. Thus, the threshold for our new node will be the midpoint of 0.2 and 0.0 which is 0.1.



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Classification Tree:

- Most Differing Feature: "here" (difference value = 0.1)
- Ham (stores Data[0])
- Spam (stores Data[1])

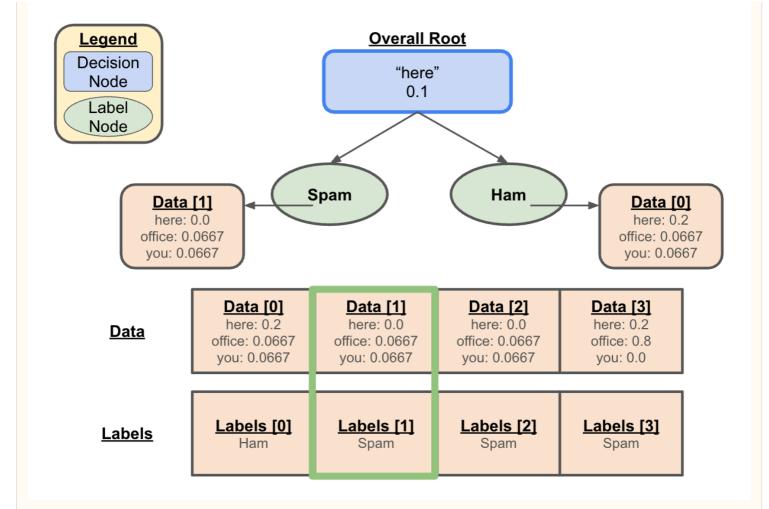
Data List:

- Data[0]:
 - word probability "here" = 0.2
 - word probability "office" = 0.0667
 - word probability "you" = 0.667
- Current item: Data[1]:
 - word probability "here" = 0.0
 - word probability "office" = 0.0667
 - word probability "you" = 0.0667
- Data[2]:
 - word probability "here" = 0.0
 - word probability "office" = 0.0667
 - word probability "you" = 0.0667
- Data[3]:
 - word probability "here" = 0.2
 - word probability "office" = 0.8
 - word probability "you" = 0.0

Labels List:

- Labels[0]: Ham
- Current item: Labels[1]: Spam
- Labels[2]: Spam
- Labels[3]: Spam

Notice that the label node with data.get(1) input is placed to the left of our new decision node because its TextBlock has a word frequency of 0 for "here" which is less than 0.1 On the other hand, notice that the label node with data.get(0) input is placed to the right of the new decision node because its TextBlock has a word frequency of 0.2 for "here".



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Classification Tree:

- **current node:** "here" (root) (level 0) decision node, threshold = 0.1
 - Spam (left) (level 1) (stores Data[1])
 - Ham (right) (level 1) (stores Data[0])

- Data[0]:
 - word probability "here" = 0.2
 - word probability "office" = 0.0667
 - word probability "you" = 0.667
- Current item: Data[1]:
 - word probability "here" = 0.0
 - word probability "office" = 0.0667
 - word probability "you" = 0.0667
- Data[2]:
 - word probability "here" = 0.0
 - word probability "office" = 0.0667
 - word probability "you" = 0.0667

- Data[3]:
 - word probability "here" = 0.2
 - word probability "office" = 0.8
 - word probability "you" = 0.0

• Labels[0]: Ham

• Current item: Labels[1]: Spam

Labels[2]: SpamLabels[3]: Spam

Now we've correctly updated our model to be able to correctly classify the data up to this point!

SIDE NOTE: This algorithm requires you to keep track of both the label and the TextBlock datapoint first assigned to this label within every leaf node created in this constructor, as without the previous TextBlock datapoint we would be unable to create a new decision node! Ideally we'd like to keep track of all input data that falls under a specific leaf node such that when creating a new decision node, we can make sure it's valid for our entire training dataset. For simplicity, only worry about the first datapoint used to create a label node.

Step 3: Repeat

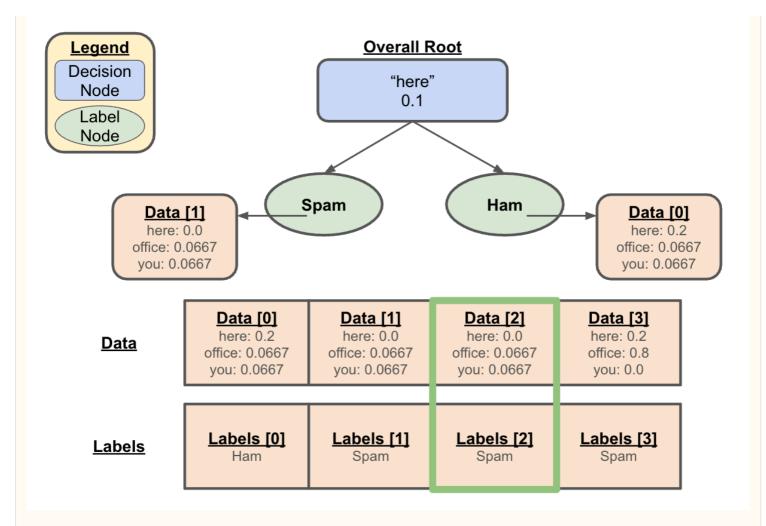
Repeat step 2 for the rest of the list until we've finished processing the list. At that point, our model is fully trained on our data and is able to predict the right label for the data we input.

Expand to see visualization:

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NOTE: The TextBlock objects in data does store all their respective words from the file. However, we only chose to depict word probabilities that'll be used in the examples for the sake of brevity.

We're now processing index 2. Start from the root of the tree and traverse through the existing tree until we reach a leaf node.



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Classification Tree:

- "here" (root) (level 0) decision node, threshold = 0.1
 - Spam (left) (level 1) (stores Data[1])
 - Ham (right) (level 1) (stores Data[0])

- Data[0]:
 - word probability "here" = 0.2
 - word probability "office" = 0.0667
 - word probability "you" = 0.667
- Data[1]:
 - word probability "here" = 0.0
 - word probability "office" = 0.0667
 - word probability "you" = 0.0667
- Current item: Data[2]:
 - word probability "here" = 0.0
 - word probability "office" = 0.0667
 - word probability "you" = 0.0667

- Data[3]:
 - word probability "here" = 0.2
 - word probability "office" = 0.8
 - word probability "you" = 0.0

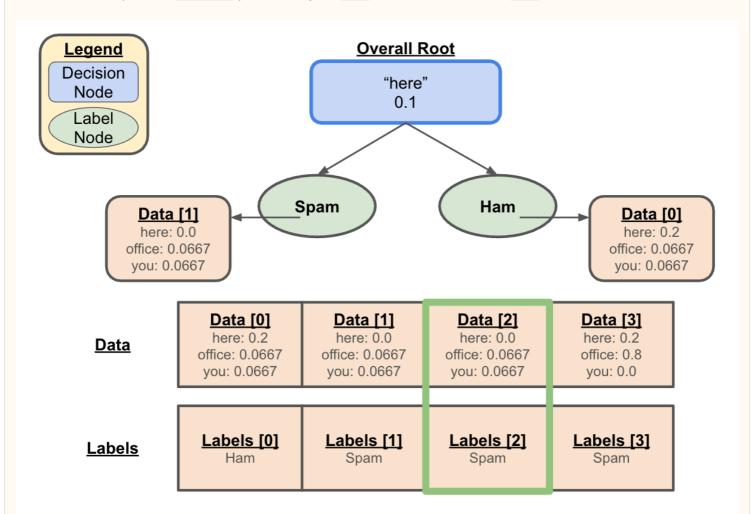
• Labels[0]: Ham

• Labels[1]: Spam

• Current item: Labels[2]: Spam

• Labels[3]: Spam

Since this datapoint's "here" probability is 0.0 which is less than 0.1, we travel left:



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Classification Tree:

- current node: "here" (root) (level 0) decision node, threshold = 0.1
 - Spam (left) (level 1) (stores Data[1])
 - Ham (right) (level 1) (stores Data[0])

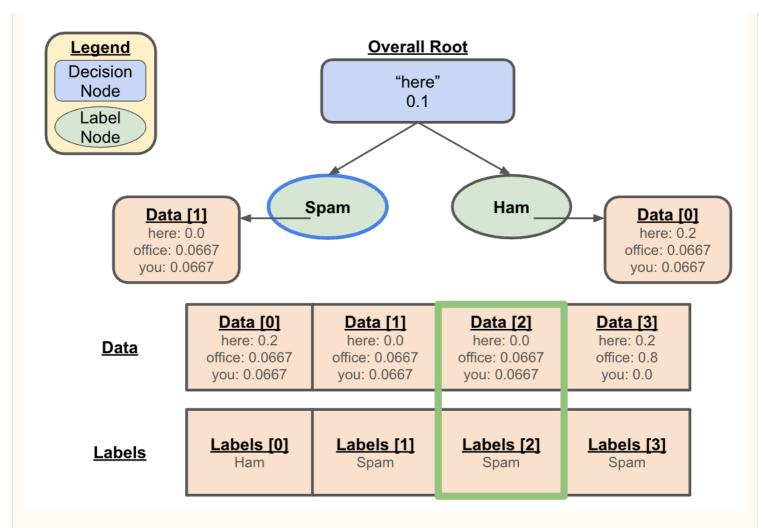
Data List:

- Data[0]:
 - word probability "here" = 0.2
 - word probability "office" = 0.0667
 - word probability "you" = 0.667
- Data[1]:
 - word probability "here" = 0.0
 - word probability "office" = 0.0667
 - word probability "you" = 0.0667
- Current item: Data[2]:
 - word probability "here" = 0.0
 - word probability "office" = 0.0667
 - word probability "you" = 0.0667
- Data[3]:
 - word probability "here" = 0.2
 - word probability "office" = 0.8
 - word probability "you" = 0.0

Labels List:

- Labels[0]: Ham
- Labels[1]: Spam
- Current item: Labels[2]: Spam
- Labels[3]: Spam

Now we arrive at a leaf node and notice that the label is correct (our model predicts Spam as expected by our input). This means we need to make no further changes and can leave our tree as it is!



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Classification Tree:

- "here" (root) (level 0) decision node, threshold = 0.1
 - current node: Spam (left) (level 1) (stores Data[1])
 - Ham (right) (level 1) (stores Data[0])

- Data[0]:
 - word probability "here" = 0.2
 - word probability "office" = 0.0667
 - word probability "you" = 0.667
- Data[1]:
 - word probability "here" = 0.0
 - word probability "office" = 0.0667
 - word probability "you" = 0.0667
- Current item: Data[2]:
 - word probability "here" = 0.0
 - word probability "office" = 0.0667
 - word probability "you" = 0.0667

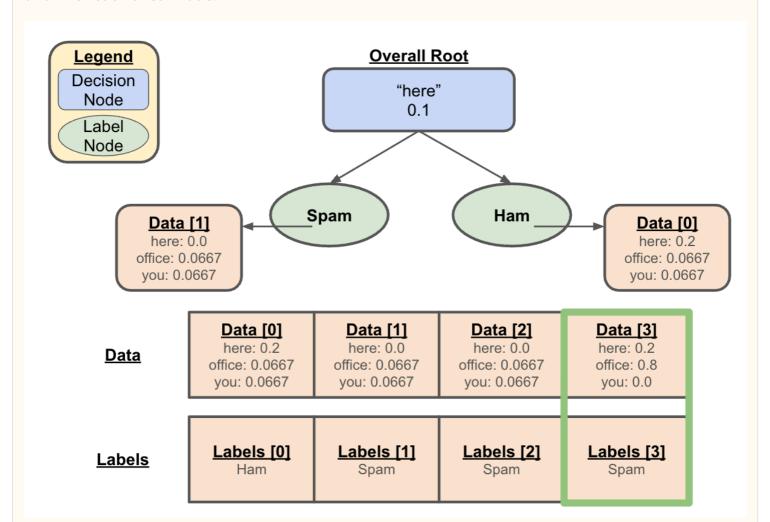
- Data[3]:
 - word probability "here" = 0.2
 - word probability "office" = 0.8
 - word probability "you" = 0.0

Labels[0]: HamLabels[1]: Spam

• Current item: Labels[2]: Spam

• Labels[3]: Spam

Lastly, we process index 3. Start from the root of the tree and traverse through the existing tree until we reach a leaf node.



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Classification Tree:

- "here" (root) (level 0) decision node, threshold = 0.1
 - Spam (left) (level 1) (stores Data[1])

Ham (right) (level 1) (stores Data[0])

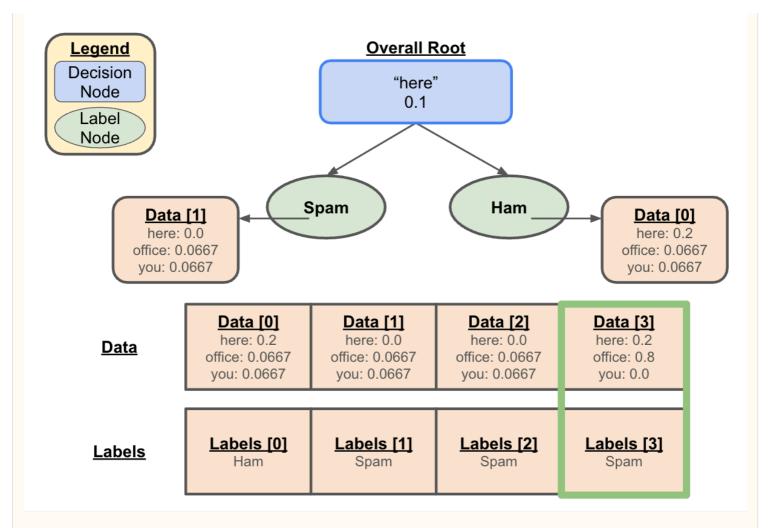
Data List:

- Data[0]:
 - word probability "here" = 0.2
 - word probability "office" = 0.0667
 - word probability "you" = 0.667
- Data[1]:
 - word probability "here" = 0.0
 - word probability "office" = 0.0667
 - word probability "you" = 0.0667
- Data[2]:
 - word probability "here" = 0.0
 - word probability "office" = 0.0667
 - word probability "you" = 0.0667
- Current item: Data[3]:
 - word probability "here" = 0.2
 - word probability "office" = 0.8
 - word probability "you" = 0.0

Labels List:

- Labels[0]: Ham
- Labels[1]: Spam
- Labels[2]: Spam
- Current item: Labels[3]: Spam

Since this datapoint's "here" probability is 0.2 which is greater than or equal to 0.1, we travel right:



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Classification Tree:

- current node: "here" (root) (level 0) decision node, threshold = 0.1
 - Spam (left) (level 1) (stores Data[1])
 - Ham (right) (level 1) (stores Data[0])

Data List:

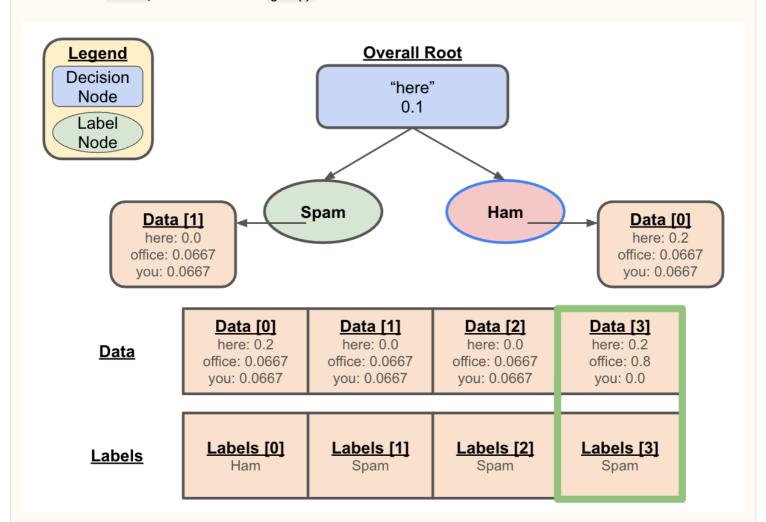
- Data[0]:
 - word probability "here" = 0.2
 - word probability "office" = 0.0667
 - word probability "you" = 0.667
- Data[1]:
 - word probability "here" = 0.0
 - word probability "office" = 0.0667
 - word probability "you" = 0.0667
- Data[2]:
 - word probability "here" = 0.0
 - word probability "office" = 0.0667
 - word probability "you" = 0.0667

- Current item: Data[3]:
 - word probability "here" = 0.2
 - word probability "office" = 0.8
 - word probability "you" = 0.0

Labels List:

- Labels[0]: Ham
- Labels[1]: Spam
- Labels[2]: Spam
- Current item: Labels[3]: Spam

Then we see if the resulting label is correct. Our expected result is Spam, but the one predicted by our model is Ham. This is incorrect, so we need to create a decision node with the most differing feature between the two TextBlock objects (one previously stored in the Ham node, and the other from Data) based on their get() values:



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Classification Tree:

- "here" (root) (level 0) decision node, threshold = 0.1
 - Spam (left) (level 1) (stores Data[1])
 - current node: Ham (right) (level 1) (stores Data[0])

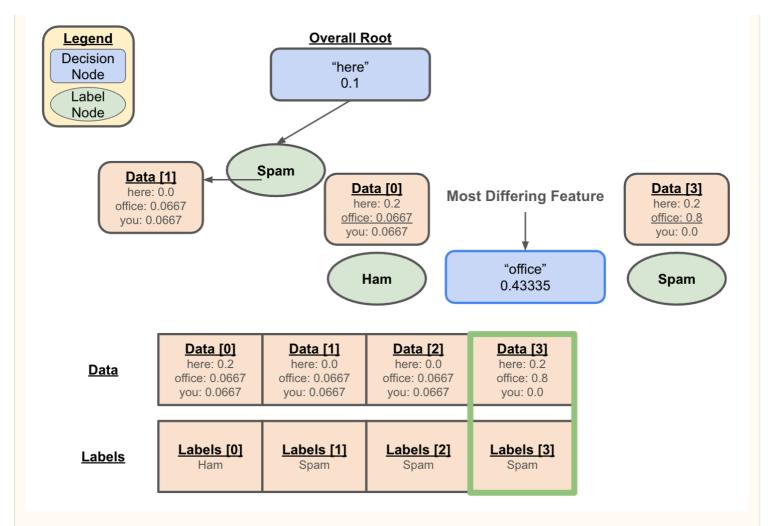
Data List:

- Data[0]:
 - word probability "here" = 0.2
 - word probability "office" = 0.0667
 - word probability "you" = 0.667
- Data[1]:
 - word probability "here" = 0.0
 - word probability "office" = 0.0667
 - word probability "you" = 0.0667
- Data[2]:
 - word probability "here" = 0.0
 - word probability "office" = 0.0667
 - word probability "you" = 0.0667
- Current item: Data[3]:
 - word probability "here" = 0.2
 - word probability "office" = 0.8
 - word probability "you" = 0.0

Labels List:

- Labels[0]: Ham
- Labels[1]: Spam
- Labels[2]: Spam
- Current item: Labels[3]: Spam

We can then utilize the provided methods to produce a new decision node that will allow us to correctly distinguish data.get(3) vs. data.get(0) using a feature and a threshold based on the algorithm described in **Step 2a**. All that's left to do is organize the label nodes appropriately, as seen below:



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Classification Tree:

- "here" (root) (level 0) decision node, threshold = 0.1
 - Spam (left) (level 1) (stores Data[1])
 - Ham (right) (level 1) (stores Data[0])

To The Right Of The Tree:

- Ham (stores Data[0])
- **current node:** "office" (middle) threshold = 0.43335
- Spam (stores Data[3])

Data List:

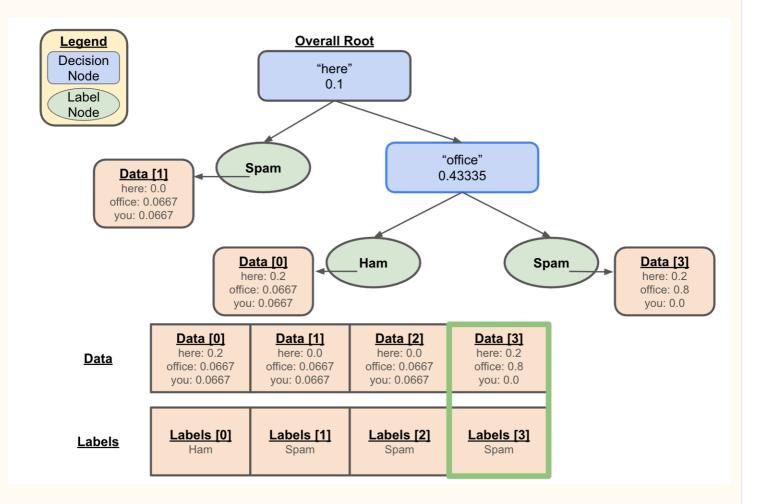
- Data[0]:
 - word probability "here" = 0.2
 - word probability "office" = 0.0667
 - word probability "you" = 0.667
- Data[1]:
 - word probability "here" = 0.0

- word probability "office" = 0.0667
- word probability "you" = 0.0667
- Data[2]:
 - word probability "here" = 0.0
 - word probability "office" = 0.0667
 - word probability "you" = 0.0667
- Current item: Data[3]:
 - word probability "here" = 0.2
 - word probability "office" = 0.8
 - word probability "you" = 0.0

Labels List:

- Labels[0]: Ham
- Labels[1]: Spam
- Labels[2]: Spam
- Current item: Labels[3]: Spam

data.get(0) is placed to the left of our new decision node because it has a word frequency of 0.0667 for "office" which is less than 0.43335, and data.get(3) is placed to the right of the new decision node because it has a word frequency of 0.8 for "office".



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Classification Tree:

- "here" (root) (level 0) decision node, threshold = 0.1
 - Spam (left) (level 1) (stores Data[1])
 - current node: "office" (right) (level 1) decision node, threshold = 0.43335
 - Ham (left) (level 2) (stores Data[0])
 - Spam (right) (level 2) (stores Data[3])

Data List:

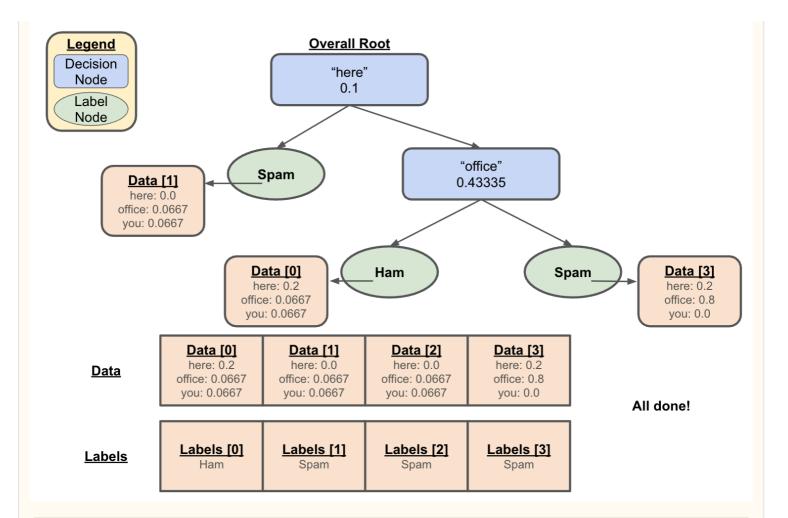
- Data[0]:
 - word probability "here" = 0.2
 - word probability "office" = 0.0667
 - word probability "you" = 0.667
- Data[1]:
 - word probability "here" = 0.0
 - word probability "office" = 0.0667
 - word probability "you" = 0.0667
- Data[2]:
 - word probability "here" = 0.0
 - word probability "office" = 0.0667
 - word probability "you" = 0.0667
- Current item: Data[3]:
 - word probability "here" = 0.2
 - word probability "office" = 0.8
 - word probability "you" = 0.0

Labels List:

- Labels[0]: Ham
- Labels[1]: Spam
- Labels[2]: Spam
- Current item: Labels[3]: Spam

We've processed the entire list, so that means we're all done!

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Classification Tree:

- "here" (root) (level 0) decision node, threshold = 0.1
 - Spam (left) (level 1) (stores Data[1])
 - "office" (right) (level 1) decision node, threshold = 0.43335
 - Ham (left) (level 2) (stores Data[0])
 - Spam (right) (level 2) (stores Data[3])

Data List:

- Data[0]:
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- Data[1]:
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 - word probability "here" = 0.0
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 - word probability "you" = 0.0667

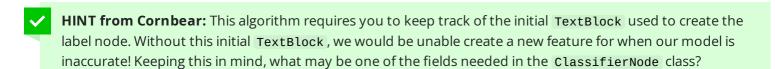
- Data[3]:
 - word probability "here" = 0.2
 - word probability "office" = 0.8
 - word probability "you" = 0.0

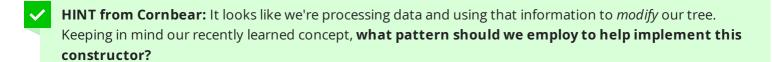
Labels List:

- Labels[0]: Ham
- Labels[1]: Spam
- Labels[2]: Spam
- Labels[3]: Spam

To The Right:

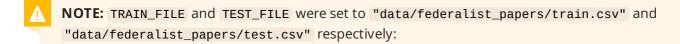
All done!

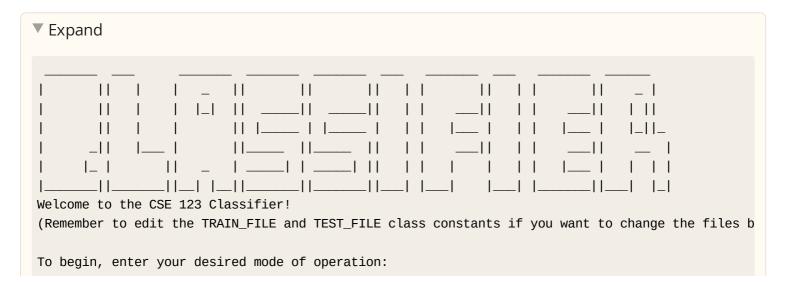




At this point, test your current implementation. Once these tests are passing, the assignment should be completed. CONGRATULATIONS!!! Cornbear will be thrilled to see what you've made!! Make sure your code adheres to the Code Quality Guide and Commenting Guide that we cover below!

Below, we've provided sample client input and output that should be your expected output at this point (user input is **bold and underlined**).





1) Train classification model (Two List Constructor) 2) Load model from file (Scanner Constructor) Enter your choice here: 1 Would you like to shuffle the data? 1) Yes (Recommended for testing finalized models) 2) No (Recommended for debugging models) 2 What would you like to do with your model? 1) Test with an input file (classify) 2) Get testing accuracy (calculateAccuracy) 3) Save classification tree (save) 4) Quit Enter your choice here: 2 Overall: 0.6923076923076923 MADISON: 0.666666666666666 JAY: 1.0 HAMILTON: 0.666666666666666 1) Test with an input file (classify) 2) Get testing accuracy (calculateAccuracy) 3) Save classification tree (save) 4) Quit Enter your choice here: 3 Would you like to save to a file or output the classification tree to console? 1) Save to a file

2) Output classification tree to console

2

Save output:

Feature: and

Threshold: 0.038483040043334985

Feature: be

Threshold: 0.0233106848494183

Feature: in

Threshold: 0.025932789896541807

Feature: of

Threshold: 0.0657510278337315

Feature: of

Threshold: 0.059036768121312144

Feature: by

Threshold: 0.012555871395333838

Feature: the

Threshold: 0.09027856650690169

Feature: be

Threshold: 0.013843510911220169

"MADISON, HAMILTON"

HAMILTON Feature: to

Threshold: 0.03464681930254901

MADISON HAMILTON MADISON

Feature: the

Threshold: 0.08925919990423102

Feature: the

Threshold: 0.0797962395506934

HAMILTON
MADISON
Feature: to

Threshold: 0.04275799174944023

Feature: be

Threshold: 0.010925081284708565

"MADISON, HAMILTON"

MADISON HAMILTON

Feature: executive

Threshold: 0.009212885714106266

Feature: of

Threshold: 0.07337675492176134

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Feature: the

Threshold: 0.08428712253209539

Feature: in

Threshold: 0.017843227023234286

MADISON

Feature: would

Threshold: 0.0066798009567743035

MADISON HAMILTON Feature: of

Threshold: 0.061990537892121986

Feature: to

Threshold: 0.042701591658820356

MADISON HAMILTON HAMILTON Feature: the

Threshold: 0.07024915442197364

JAY

Feature: be

Threshold: 0.012752794487431048

"MADISON, HAMILTON"

MADISON

- 1) Test with an input file (classify)
- 2) Get testing accuracy (calculateAccuracy)
- 3) Save classification tree (save)
- 4) Quit

Enter your choice here: 4

Relevant Problems:

- Section 14: Remove Leaves in List
- Section 14: Make Full

Try out your Classifier!

Once those methods are implemented, you'll have a working classifier! Try it out using Client.java and see how well it does (what is its accuracy on our test data). Also, try saving your tree to a file and see what it looks like. Is it creating decisions on features you'd expect? Why or why not? (Note that this is a big area of current CS research called "explainable AI" — how can we interpret the results from these massive probability models that are often difficult for humans to understand).

Code Quality



NOTE: To earn a grade higher than N on the Behavior and Concepts dimensions of this assignment, **your** *core* algorithms for each method in Classifier must be implemented *recursively*. You will want to utilize the *public-private pair* technique discussed in class. You are free to create any helper methods you like, but the core of your implementations must be recursive.

As always, your code should follow all guidelines in the Code Quality Guide and Commenting Guide. In particular, pay attention to these requirements:

• Constructors in inner class:

- Any constructors created should be used.
- When applicable, reduce redundancy by using the this() keyword to call another constructor in the same class.
- Clients of the class should never have to manually set fields of an object immediately
 after construction (when possible) there should be a constructor included for this
 situation.
 - For example, if you were the implementor of the Point class:

```
Point coord = new Point(); // Poor usage of constructor
coord.x = 5; // x
coord.y = 7; // x
Point coord = new Point(5, 7); // a Correct usage of constructor
```

Methods:

- All methods present in Classifier that are not listed in the specification must be private.
- Make sure that all parameters within a method are used and necessary.
- When designing helper methods, avoid unnecessary returns.

• x = change(x):

- Similar to linked lists, do not "morph" a node by directly modifying fields (especially when replacing a branch node with a leaf node or vice versa). Existing nodes can be rearranged in the tree, but adding a new value should always be done by creating and inserting a new node, not by modifying an existing one.
- An important concept introduced in lecture was called x = change(x). This idea is related to the proper design of recursive methods that manipulate the structure of a binary tree. You should follow this pattern when necessary when modifying your trees.

• Avoid redundancy:

- If you find that multiple methods in your class do similar things, you should create helper method(s) to capture the common code. As long as all extra methods you create are private (so outside code cannot call them), you can have additional methods in your class beyond those specified here.
- Look out for including additional base or recursive cases when writing recursive code.
 While multiple calls may be necessary, you should avoid having more cases than you need. Try to see if there are any redundant checks that can be combined!

• Data Fields:

- Properly encapsulate your objects by making data fields in your Classifier class private. (Fields in your ClassifierNode class should be public, following the pattern from class.)
- Avoid unnecessary fields; use fields to store important data of your objects, but not to store temporary values only used in one place.
- Fields should always be initialized inside a constructor or method, never at declaration.

Commenting

- Each method should have a comment including all necessary information as described in the Commenting Guide. Comments should be written in your own words (i.e., not copied and pasted from this spec).
- Make sure to avoid including *implementation details* in your comments. In particular, for your object class, a *client* should be able to understand how to use your object effectively by only reading your class and method comments, but your comments should maintain *abstraction* by avoiding implementation details.
- Continuing with the previous point, keep in mind that the client should **not** be aware of what implementation strategy your class/methods utilize.