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# Crime Forecasting Model Using Id3 Algorithm

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## Abstract

Crime has been a significant concern in every community, as it brings a negative impact on the economy as well as damages to people's lives and property. A total of 107,538 index crimes were recorded in 2019 (Philippine Statistics Authority, 2021), clearly showing that crime is a major area of concern for the government. Being able to identify significant patterns in crime data would result in a reduction in the crime rate. The study implements the iterative dichotomiser 3(ID3) algorithm to analyze crime patterns in the Philippines. This data analytic approach evaluates significant patterns in identifying key areas that need immediate concern based on data published by the crime research analysis center of the office of the Directorate for investigation and detective management of the Philippine National Police for the period of January to March 2018. Upon the application of the ID3 technique, four significant criteria are used, namely region, robbery incident killed, robbery incident wounded, and shooting incident. The computation for the entropy and gain is obtained from which attribute selection is derived. Among the four attributes from 23 records available, the highest information gain is treated as the most important criterion, and the results show that upon implementing the Shannon entropy calculation, the wounded in a shooting incident obtained the highest information gain and requires immediate attention in region 4A. An evaluation process has been conducted using relative absolute error, mean absolute error (MAE), and F1 score to determine the accuracy of the crime model, and it was able to obtain a value of 95.2827, 0.2964, and 0.905, respectively.

**Keywords:** Data Analytics; Machine Learning; Crime Analysis; ID3 Algorithm

## Introduction

Last November 2000, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) issued Responsibility, Rehabilitation, and Restoration: A Catholic Perspective on Crime and Criminal Justice, which expressed the stand of the Catholic Church based on the sacred scripture, moral and social teaching, and intended to explain the nature and purposes of criminal punishment. Emphasizing the importance of restitution for victims and promotion of the common good, the Catholic perspective asserts that protecting society and rehabilitating those who violate the law are the primary purposes of punishment. According to the writings of St. Thomas Aquinas, those responsible for imposing order may inflict punishment for the voluntary disturbance of that order, and when a person willingly violates the law, a violation of the civil order and the common good is committed. Thus, civil authorities, being responsible for the civil order, may appropriately administer necessary punishment (Falvey Jr. J. 2004).

A pastoral statement from the Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines (CBCP) president, Archbishop Socrates Villegas on the issue of the rising cases of kidnapping in the country in the year 2015, that everyone should be concerned with a crime as it is an offense against human dignity and that battling crime is a duty of every human being in maintaining order in the community.

All United Nations members in year 2015 adopted the 2030 Agenda for sustainable development into which a shared plan for attaining peace and prosperity for people and the planet for today and tomorrow's future from these 17 sustainable development goals (SDGs) are formed as recognizes that the end poverty and other types of deprivations, nations must cooperate with one strategy to improve health, education, reduce inequality, and encourage economic growth while putting an importance on the challenge on climate change and preserving ocean's and forest's (United Nations, n.d.). A global overview of the progress with regard to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for sustainable development is prescribed in the report of sustainable development goals for the year 2022, which tracks the progress and a thorough analysis of the 17 goals (United Nations, 2022). According to the Report, cascading and interlinked crises are putting the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in grave danger, along with humanity's very own survival. The report highlights the severity and magnitude of the challenges before us. Also, the joining together of crises, dictated by the effect of COVID-19, climate change, and wars, contributes to the impact on food and nutrition, health, education, the environment, and peace and security, and therefore affects all the Sustainable Development Goals (United Nations, n.d.).

Conflict, insecurity, weak institutions, and limited access to justice remain significant concerns to sustainable development, and from here Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) number 16 is formulated to promote peaceful and inclusive societies, provide justice for all, and build effective, accountable, and

inclusive strong institutions at all levels (United Nations, n.d.). In 2019, the United Nations tracked 357 killings and 30 enforced disappearances, one-third (1/3) of the world's population, mostly women, fear walking alone at night, and the global homicide rate falls short of the significant reduction of the 2030 target (United Nations, n.d.).

The Philippines is not exempt from this global crime problem. The country has recorded 68,214 index crimes in the year 2019 and a non-index crime of four hundred eight and nine hundred eighty (408, 980) (Philippine Statistics Authority, 2021). The Philippine National Police (PNP) office of the Directorate for Investigation and Detective Management recorded for the year 2020 the status of the country's security index score, which determines the absence of crime, and obtained a score of 0.7 percent. Also, significant concerns about the identified crimes, such as illegal drug trade, human trafficking, murder, corruption, and domestic violence, have been pointed out (PNP, 2021). The guidelines for the violation of index and non-index crimes is clearly stated in the Republic Act. No. (RA) 3815, which stands as the primary law that governs criminal offenses and their corresponding penalties (Sandy et al., 2019). Maintaining peace and order is a challenging task for the police force as various operational activities, such as area patrol, traffic management, and investigations, are conducted by police operatives to safeguard the welfare of the people and their properties (G. Sarcena & E. Patalinghug, 2021).

Various kinds of research had been conducted to determine the attainment of the United Nation sustainable goals such as the study by (Edralin, D., and Pastrana, R. 2022) that investigates the sustainability initiatives done by companies in the Philippines in attaining good health and Well- Being and Quality Education under sustainable goals numbers 3 and 4 respectively into which they mapped the sustainability programs implemented by the chosen companies that are aligned with their 17 United Nation Sustainable Development Goals. They also determined if their corporate vision-mission statements embed the UN SDGs. Another study by Rada (2022) stresses that language is crucial in the implementation of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and explores a language-based approach to the achievement of SDGs.

Peace, justice, and strong institutions are one of the United Nations sustainable development goals that are devoted to promoting peaceful and inclusive societies as part of sustainable development, providing access to justice for all, and building effective, accountable institutions at all levels (Ackman, M. et al, 2018). As strong institutions, access to justice, and peaceful communities are significant for sustainable development, while in contrast, violence provides a hindrance to the implementation of national development and attaining sustainable development goals (Gill, J. et al. 2021).

**Table 1.***SDG 16 Targets and Means of Implementation*

| Target Description                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Significantly reduce all forms of violence and related death rates everywhere                                                                                                                                          |
| End abuse, exploitation, trafficking and all forms of violence against and torture of children                                                                                                                         |
| Promote the rule of law at the national and international levels and ensure equal access to justice for all                                                                                                            |
| By 2030, significantly reduce illicit financial and arms flows, strengthen the recovery and return of stolen assets and combat all forms of organized crime                                                            |
| Substantially reduce corruption and bribery in all their forms                                                                                                                                                         |
| Develop effective, accountable, and transparent institutions at all levels                                                                                                                                             |
| Ensure responsive, inclusive, participatory, and representative decision-making at all levels                                                                                                                          |
| Broaden and strengthen the participation of developing countries in the institutions of global governance                                                                                                              |
| By 2030, provide legal identity for all, including birth registration                                                                                                                                                  |
| Ensure public access to information and protect fundamental freedoms, in accordance with national legislation and international agreements                                                                             |
| Strengthen relevant national institutions, including through international cooperation, for building capacity at all levels, in particular in developing countries, to prevent violence and combat terrorism and crime |
| Promote and enforce non-discriminatory laws and policies for sustainable development                                                                                                                                   |

Table 1 above shows the target of Sustainable Development Goal number 16 (SDG 16-Targets and Means of Implementation), which intends to have a safe environment and support the delivery of public services.

**Table 2.***Sustainable Development Goal number 16 indicators.*

| Indicator                                                                            | Baseline      | Latest       | Target                                                          | Data source Agency                                |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|--------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| 16. 1. Significantly reduce all forms of violence and related death rates everywhere |               |              |                                                                 |                                                   |
| 16.1.1 Number of victims of intentional homicide by sex and age                      | 12.1 (2016)   | 4.4 (2021)   | Annual reduction of 5% in the proportion to the population 2030 | Crime Incident Recording and Analysis System, PNP |
| 16.1.2 Number of murder cases                                                        | 12,417 (2016) | 4,845 (2021) | Annual reduction of 5% in the proportion to the population 2030 | Crime Incident Recording and Analysis System, PNP |
| 16.1.3 Monthly average index crime rate                                              | 11.3 (2016)   | 2.8 (2021)   | Annual reduction of 5% in the proportion to the population 2030 | PNP                                               |

In the Philippines, the Philippines Statistics Authority (PSA) is the office in charge of monitoring the Sustainable Development Goals progress. Table 2 (Sustainable Development Goal number 16) below shows the indicator progress for Sustainable Development Goal number 16 in the country.

**Table 3.**

*Advantages and Disadvantages of ID3, C4.5, and CART algorithms.*

| Algorithm                             | Advantages                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Disadvantages                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| (Iterative<br>Dichotomiser 3 )<br>ID3 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understandable prediction rules are created from the training data.</li> <li>• Builds the fastest tree</li> <li>• Builds a short tree</li> <li>• Only need to test enough attributes until all data is classified.</li> <li>• Finding leaf nodes enables test data to be pruned, reducing number of tests.</li> <li>• Whole dataset is searched to create tree</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Data may be over-fitted or over-classified, if a small sample is tested.</li> <li>• Only one attribute at a time is tested for deciding.</li> <li>• Does not handle numeric attributes and missing values.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| C4.5                                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• C4.5 can accommodate both continuous and discrete values. For the algorithm to implement continuous values, it constructs a threshold value and then splits the items into those whose criterion values are beyond the threshold value and those that are lower than or equal to it.</li> <li>• Permits criterion values to be labeled as missing. Lacking attribute values are simply ignored and not employed in gain and entropy computation.</li> <li>• Returns to the ID3 tree once it has been constructed and tries to eliminate branches that do not contribute to prediction by substituting them with leaf nodes</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One of the most important phases in rule generation in C4.5 is its ability to create empty branches. Several leaf nodes with zero values are present and these values contribute either to generating rules or helping to formulate target class for classification purposes instead causing the tree to become more complex.</li> <li>• Generally, overfitting occurs when the method chooses model data with uncommon classification. Normally, C4.5 algorithm implements trees and grows leaf nodes enough to perfectly classify the training dataset and this strategy functions very well in noise data.</li> <li>• Susceptible to noise</li> </ul> |

**Table 3.**

*Continued.*

| Algorithm | Advantages                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Disadvantages                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|-----------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| CART      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• CART can easily handle both numerical and categorical variables</li><li>• CART algorithm will identify the most significant variables and eliminate non-significant ones</li><li>• CART can easily handle outliers</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• CART may have unstable decision tree. Insignificant modification of learning samples such as eliminating several observations and causing changes in decision tree: increase or decrease of tree complexity, changes in splitting variables and values.</li></ul> |

Commonly available decision tree algorithms are shown in Table 3. Singh and Gupta identified the advantages and disadvantages of each technique.

Decision tree algorithms such as ID3, C4.5, and the CART algorithm employ the mathematical concepts of formal concept analysis and principal component analysis.

Format concept analysis (FCA) is a field of applied mathematics that is based on a lattice-theoretic formalization of the notions of concepts and conceptual hierarchies. It provides efficient algorithms for analyzing data and discovering hidden dependencies in the data. It also allows the user to visualize the data in an easily understandable way. In Format concept analysis (FCA), data is represented in the form of a formal context, which, in its simplest form, is a way of specifying which attributes are satisfied by which objects. There are some advantages of using Format Concept Analysis (FCA). First is the construction of formal concepts, which extent (i.e., the set of objects) represents an equivalence class of objects sharing the same attributes; and second, the presence of the explicit relationship between equivalence classes. The disadvantage of format concept analysis (FCA) is that the size and complexity of lattices depend on the number of objects and attributes and can be computationally demanding as compared to other clustering techniques.

Principal component analysis (PCA) is a procedure for identifying a smaller number of uncorrelated variables, called "principal components", from a large set of data. The goal of principal components analysis is to explain the maximum amount of variance with the fewest number of principal components. Principal components analysis is commonly used in the social sciences, market research, and other industries that use large data sets. Principal component analysis (PCA) is commonly used as one step in a series of analyses. You can use principal components analysis to reduce the number of variables and avoid multicollinearity, or when you have too many predictors relative to the number of observations. The

advantages of principal component analysis (PCA) are that it involves the lack of redundancy of data, given the orthogonal components. Second, reduced complexity in images' grouping with the use of principal component analysis (PCA). Another advantage is the smaller database representation since only the trainee images are stored in the form of their projections on a reduced basis, and lastly, the reduction of noise since the maximum variation basis is chosen, and so the small variations in the background are ignored automatically. One of the disadvantages of using principal component analysis (PCA) is that the covariance matrix is difficult to evaluate accurately, and lastly, even the simplest invariance could not be captured by PCA unless the training data explicitly provides this information.

In a study conducted by G. Sarcena and E. Patalinghug in 2021, titled "Police Operational Activities and Crime Commission in a City in the Philippines," the focus is on the police operational activities in Pagadian City, Zamboanga del Sur, Philippines. The researchers aimed to assess the extent of police operational activities and examine the association between the crime rate and the scope of police operational activities. Utilizing a quantitative descriptive research method, the study involved 142 active police officers as respondents. The statistical tools employed included frequency count, mean computation, percentage, and regression analysis. The findings highlighted that patrolling and investigation were prominently observed. In terms of index crime, offenses against persons were more prevalent than crimes against property. The researchers recommended strategies such as intensified patrolling in crime hot-spot areas, reinforcement of traffic management practices, acquisition of traffic lights, enhancement of traffic signs, and rigorous implementation of traffic laws and regulations.

Another study conducted by Alvarez, J. et al. 2021 titled "Crime Rate in Zamboanga City: Before and During Quarantine Period," wherein a comparison of the crime rate of Zamboanga City before and during the quarantine period, the covering period is from March 2016 to 2020. Data obtained from the Zamboanga City Police Office was used as secondary data analysis. The findings in their study include the decrease in the volume of crime in the city, as well as Non-index crimes is more prevalent than index crimes in the city. Theft was recorded as the highest index crime volume, followed by robbery and physical injury. Barangays in urban areas in the city recorded the highest crime incidents.

Also, a study by (Maghanoy, 2017) entitled "Crime Mapping Report Mobile Application Using GIS" that created a Geographical Information System (GIS) based Android mobile application to report crime on a given location. The Google heatmap tool is used to report a crime. The respondents of the study were a group of twenty individuals from the vicinity of the University Belt. Statistical treatment of the data involves percentage, weighted mean, and Likert scale.

Lastly, the study entitled “Leveraging Crime Reporting in Metro Manila Using Unsupervised Crowd-sourced Data: A Case for the iReport Framework,” into which a mobile application was developed to collect indexed crime reports in Metro Manila through unsupervised crowdsourced data. The main goal of the study is to provide a venue for victims of crimes to report their experiences without having to go directly to police stations, and individuals who have experienced the same offense in the area can link their reports with those previously reported offenses, which refer to the same case.

### Statement Of the Problem

Taking into consideration numerous factors in the implementation of a crime analysis model, such as the significant criteria that crime analysts must consider in predicting index crimes, warrants a strong consideration.

### Research Objectives

The study aims to utilize the ID3 decision tree technique to analyze crime patterns in the Philippines as an aid towards the attainment of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 16 in the country.

Specifically, this study aims to:

1. Implement the ID3 decision tree algorithm to determine significant criteria in analyzing crime patterns in the Philippines.
2. Evaluate the ID3 decision tree model using **relative absolute error**, mean absolute error (MAE), and F1 score.

### Conceptual Model and Operational Framework

The conceptual model of the study is shown in Figure 1, which implements the use of the Input-Process-Output (IPO) conceptual model, a commonly employed methodology in systems analysis and software engineering, frequently introduced and elaborated upon in numerous programming and analysis texts (Braunschweig, n.d.).



**Figure 1.**

*Conceptual model of the study.*



### **Input**

The researchers utilized sample raw data published by the crime research analysis center of the office of the Directorate for investigation and detective management of the Philippine National Police for the period January to March 2018. Table 3 (Crime dataset) shows the recorded index crimes such as murder, homicide, rape, robbery, and theft.

### **Process**

The second phase of the study is the application of the ID3 decision tree algorithm, which identifies significant criteria necessary in examining crime patterns.

### **Output**

The resulting model was able to determine the list of index crimes that need to be prioritized as well as their respective areas based on the input crime dataset.

Table 3.

Crime data set./

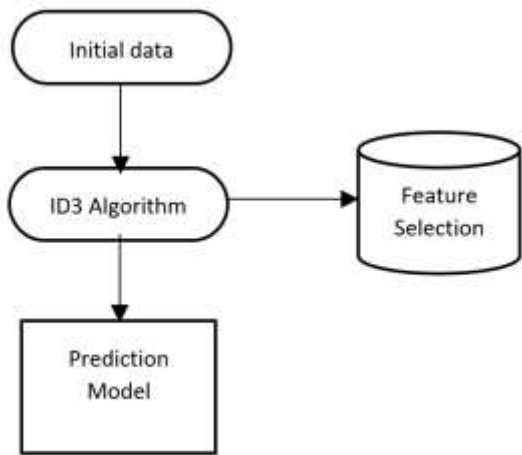
| PROs  | INDEX CRIME    |      |            |       |        |                  |       |            |       |        | TOTAL<br>INDEX<br>CRIMES | AVER<br>MONTHLY<br>INDEX<br>CRIME<br>RATE | TOTAL<br>INDEX<br>CRIME<br>CLEARED | INEDEX<br>CRIME<br>CLEARANCE<br>EFFICIENCY | TOTAL<br>INDEX<br>CRIME<br>SOLVED | INDEX<br>CRIME<br>SOLUTION<br>EFFICIENCY |
|-------|----------------|------|------------|-------|--------|------------------|-------|------------|-------|--------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
|       | Against Person |      |            |       |        | Against Property |       |            |       |        |                          |                                           |                                    |                                            |                                   |                                          |
|       | MUR            | HOM  | PHY<br>INJ | RAPE  | TOTAL  | ROB              | THEFT | Carnapping |       | TOTAL  |                          |                                           |                                    |                                            |                                   |                                          |
|       |                |      |            |       |        |                  |       | MV         | MC    |        |                          |                                           |                                    |                                            |                                   |                                          |
| 1     | 79             | 21   | 296        | 84    | 480    | 69               | 199   | 1          | 30    | 304    | 784                      | 526                                       | 67.09                              | 342                                        | 43.62                             |                                          |
| 2     | 46             | 19   | 244        | 105   | 414    | 62               | 126   | 2          | 38    | 230    | 644                      | 550                                       | 85.40                              | 364                                        | 56.52                             |                                          |
| 3     | 132            | 22   | 393        | 251   | 798    | 302              | 480   | 11         | 168   | 968    | 1,766                    | 1386                                      | 78.48                              | 839                                        | 47.51                             |                                          |
| 4A    | 275            | 45   | 568        | 282   | 1,170  | 372              | 668   | 16         | 200   | 1,256  | 2,426                    | 1860                                      | 76.67                              | 1143                                       | 47.11                             |                                          |
| 4B    | 45             | 12   | 107        | 83    | 247    | 47               | 50    | 0          | 18    | 116    | 363                      | 323                                       | 88.98                              | 212                                        | 58.40                             |                                          |
| 5     | 97             | 18   | 293        | 104   | 512    | 191              | 562   | 1          | 83    | 841    | 1,353                    | 643                                       | 47.52                              | 437                                        | 32.30                             |                                          |
| 6     | 114            | 46   | 538        | 94    | 792    | 156              | 351   | 1          | 32    | 544    | 1,336                    | 1010                                      | 75.60                              | 840                                        | 62.87                             |                                          |
| 7     | 163            | 39   | 887        | 160   | 1,249  | 500              | 1770  | 18         | 150   | 2,442  | 3,691                    | 1992                                      | 53.97                              | 1724                                       | 46.71                             |                                          |
| 8     | 57             | 23   | 276        | 104   | 460    | 87               | 211   | 2          | 13    | 316    | 776                      | 744                                       | 95.88                              | 510                                        | 65.72                             |                                          |
| 9     | 95             | 16   | 217        | 88    | 416    | 168              | 450   | 3          | 67    | 690    | 1,106                    | 441                                       | 39.87                              | 302                                        | 27.31                             |                                          |
| 10    | 82             | 28   | 262        | 98    | 470    | 114              | 246   | 6          | 74    | 446    | 916                      | 605                                       | 66.05                              | 472                                        | 51.53                             |                                          |
| 11    | 123            | 18   | 274        | 112   | 527    | 155              | 276   | 1          | 35    | 468    | 995                      | 567                                       | 56.98                              | 428                                        | 43.02                             |                                          |
| 12    | 63             | 113  | 237        | 69    | 482    | 148              | 252   | 0          | 99    | 502    | 984                      | 435                                       | 44.21                              | 337                                        | 34.25                             |                                          |
| 13    | 52             | 12   | 152        | 47    | 263    | 70               | 126   | 1          | 21    | 219    | 482                      | 268                                       | 55.60                              | 201                                        | 41.70                             |                                          |
| ARMM  | 88             | 7    | 89         | 10    | 194    | 17               | 16    | 2          | 19    | 57     | 251                      | 56                                        | 22.31                              | 32                                         | 12.75                             |                                          |
| COR   | 17             | 7    | 92         | 39    | 155    | 39               | 78    | 4          | 12    | 133    | 288                      | 220                                       | 76.39                              | 156                                        | 54.17                             |                                          |
| NCR   | 226            | 74   | 974        | 299   | 1,573  | 709              | 1405  | 39         | 213   | 2,366  | 3,939                    | 2941                                      | 74.66                              | 2083                                       | 52.88                             |                                          |
| TOTAL | 1,754          | 520  | 5,899      | 2,029 | 10,202 | 3,206            | 7,266 | 108        | 1,272 | 11,898 | 22,100                   | 14,567                                    | 65.91                              | 10,422                                     | 47.16                             |                                          |
| AMCR  | 0.56           | 0.17 | 1.88       | 0.65  | 3.26   | 1.02             | 2.32  | 0.03       | 0.41  | 3.80   | 7.06                     |                                           |                                    |                                            |                                   |                                          |

**Operational Framework**

This section ensures that the research project is well-defined by outlining the specific steps, methods, and criteria used in the study. Figure 2 below shows the conceptual model used in the study. The framework is composed of three (3) major phases; (1) Crime data; (2) Application of ID3 decision tree algorithm; and Prediction model.

**Figure 2.**

*Crime Analysis Architecture.*



**Crime Dataset**

**The attributes table**

The first phase of the study is to identify attributes. The researchers identified all the attributes that are needed for the crime model process, and it is shown in Table 4 (Attribute names and description).

**Table 4.**

*Attributes name and description.*

| Attribute                 | Description                                                                      |
|---------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Month                     | Period covered by crime analysis report                                          |
| Region                    | Area covered by crime analysis report                                            |
| Shooting incident killed  | Reported number of shooting incident where casualty occurs                       |
| Shooting incident wounded | Reported number of shooting incident where incident of wounded individual occurs |
| Arrested                  | Reported number of arrested suspect.                                             |

## Application of the ID3 Algorithm

The second phase of the study is the application of the ID3 decision tree algorithm. This algorithm utilized the entropy to calculate the homogeneity of a sample. If the sample is completely homogeneous, the entropy is zero (0), and if the sample is equally divided, the entropy has a value of one (1).

### Attribute Selection

ID3 used entropy and information gain to construct a decision tree. This determines which attribute is significant to use.

### Information Gain.

The reduction in the entropy after training the data, it is divided into an attribute is actually where information gain is centered. Creating a decision tree involves the process of locating an attribute that yields the maximum information gain. It reveals how significant a particular criterion is in a given set, and from here, we will employ this decision to determine a criterion in the nodes of a decision tree. But for us to decide on gain, there is a need to use the idea from information theory, which is the computation of entropy.

### Entropy

Entropy is a measure of disorder or uncertainty in a dataset, and it is used to determine the way to split data at each node. A decision tree is built top-down from a root node and involves partitioning the data into subsets that contain instances with similar values (homogenous). ID3 algorithm uses entropy to calculate the homogeneity of a sample. If the sample is completely homogeneous, the entropy is zero, and if the sample is equally divided, it has entropy of one.

The Shannon entropy is presented in Equation 1.

Shannon Entropy:

$$\text{Entropy}(S) = -P(p) \log_2(P(p)) - P(n) \log_2(P(n)) \quad (1)$$

$P(p)$  = proportion of positive training examples in S

$P(n)$  = proportion of negative training examples in S

Where:

$P(p)$  is the probability of event 'p' occurring.

$P(n)$  is the probability of event 'n' occurring.

### Step-by-Step Process in computing the entropy and information gain.

Computation for the Entropy of the entire data set.

The initial process we need to perform is to select or construct a target classification class, which is whether the suspect is arrested or not. A detailed computation of this process is shown in Table 5 in order to get the entropy of this data set.

**Table 5.**

*Entropy and data set calculation.*

| Entropy       |          |             |    |             |   |             |          |
|---------------|----------|-------------|----|-------------|---|-------------|----------|
| Value         | Total    | Proportions | Y  | Proportions | N | Proportions | Entropy  |
| S             | 23       |             | 19 | 0.826087    | 4 | 0.173913    | 0.666578 |
| Entropy (S) = | 0.666578 |             |    |             |   |             |          |

Computation for the Entropy and Gain for each attribute in the data set.

As reflected in Table 5, a detailed computation is required to obtain the value for the attribute region. There are two values for the attribute region, namely, region 4A and NCRPO, that need to be computed in order to get the entropy and information gain. Based on the computation, the entropy for the region is 0.444380, and the value for gain is 0.222198

**Table 5.**

*Attribute region calculation.*

| Region             |          |            |    |            |   |            |          |
|--------------------|----------|------------|----|------------|---|------------|----------|
| REGION             | Total    | Proportion | Y  | Proportion | N | Proportion | Entropy  |
| 4A                 | 12       | 0.521739   | 9  | 0.750000   | 2 | 0.750000   | 0.622556 |
| NCRPO              | 11       | 0.478261   | 10 | 0.909091   | 2 | 0.909091   | 0.250006 |
| Entropy (Region) = | 0.444380 |            |    |            |   |            |          |
| Gain (Region) =    | 0.222198 |            |    |            |   |            |          |

B.4.3. Select the attribute with the most Information Gain and use it as the root of the tree.

To decide on which value will be on the root node, there is a need to continuously recompute the information gain for all the remaining attributes and obtain the information gain of each attribute.

Table 6 exhibits the outline of the list of calculated criteria. Illustrated on the computation, the criterion shooting incident wounded obtained the highest gain value. Therefore, we will select the shooting incident wounded as our root node for the construction of our decision tree

**Table 6.**

Computation of highest information gain.

| Gain                      |          |
|---------------------------|----------|
| Region                    | 0.222198 |
| Robbery incident killed   | 0.453187 |
| Robbery incident wounded  | 0.222198 |
| Shooting incident wounded | 0.666578 |

We are now going to evaluate all the attributes after it is computed based on the implementation of the ID3 algorithm. It will also display the predicted output for the historical data. The rules for the application of the ID3 technique are as follows: first, a branch with entropy of zero (0) is a leaf node. Second, a branch with entropy more than zero (0) needs further splitting. Third, is to construct the decision tree and repeat until all nodes are pure (Zero Entropy), and lastly, the ID3 algorithm is run recursively on the non-leaf branches, until all data is classified.

#### B.4.4. Detailed procedure in constructing a decision tree.

Table 7 illustrates the splitting of shooting incident wounded since it has the highest computed gain value in all the computed attributes, and it also shows the highlighted value on NO because it will later be removed in the constructed decision tree since it obtained an entropy value of zero.

**Table 7.**

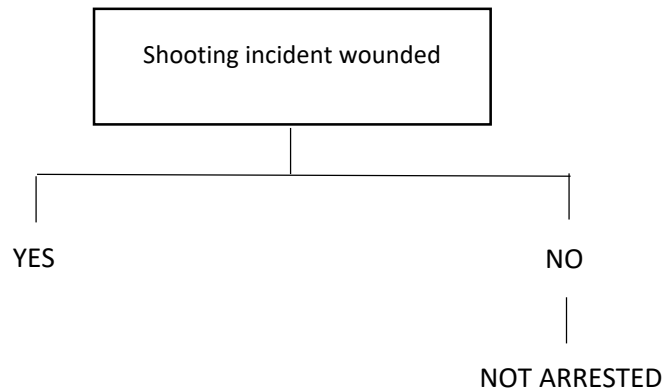
*Splitting of the shooting incident wounded.*

| A split shooting incident wounded |          |            |    |            |   |            |          |
|-----------------------------------|----------|------------|----|------------|---|------------|----------|
|                                   | Total    | Proportion | Y  | Proportion | N | Proportion | Entropy  |
| YES                               | 22       | 0.956522   | 18 | 0.818182   | 4 | 0.818182   | 0.473738 |
| NO                                | 1        | 0.043478   | 1  | 1.000000   | 0 | 1.000000   | 0.000000 |
| Entropy<br>(Region) =             | 0.453141 |            |    |            |   |            |          |
| Gain (Region) =                   | 0.666578 |            |    |            |   |            |          |

Figure 2 shows that the shooting incident wounded has the highest gain; therefore, it is used as the decision attribute in the root node. A branch with entropy having a value of zero (0) is referred to as a leaf node, and each leaf node signifies a need to decide.

**Figure 2.**

*Root node of the decision tree.*

**Table 7.**

*Eliminated dataset on attribute shooting incident wounded.*

| Month     | Region | Shooting<br>incident<br>killed | Shooting<br>incident<br>wounded | Robbery<br>incident<br>killed | Robbery<br>incident<br>wounded | Arrested |
|-----------|--------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------|
| January   | 4A     | yes                            | Yes                             | Yes                           | yes                            | yes      |
| January   | NCRPO  | yes                            | Yes                             | No                            | yes                            | yes      |
| February  | 4A     | Yes                            | Yes                             | No                            | No                             | Yes      |
| February  | NCRPO  | Yes                            | Yes                             | Yes                           | No                             | Yes      |
| March     | 4A     | Yes                            | Yes                             | No                            | Yes                            | Yes      |
| March     | NCRPO  | Yes                            | Yes                             | Yes                           | Yes                            | No       |
| April     | 4A     | Yes                            | Yes                             | Yes                           | Yes                            | Yes      |
| April     | NCRPO  | Yes                            | Yes                             | No                            | Yes                            | No       |
| May       | 4A     | Yes                            | Yes                             | No                            | Yes                            | Yes      |
| May       | NCRPO  | Yes                            | Yes                             | No                            | Yes                            | Yes      |
| June      | 4A     | Yes                            | Yes                             | No                            | Yes                            | Yes      |
| June      | NCRPO  | Yes                            | yes                             | No                            | No                             | Yes      |
| July      | 4A     | Yes                            | Yes                             | No                            | Yes                            | Yes      |
| July      | NCRPO  | Yes                            | Yes                             | No                            | Yes                            | No       |
| August    | 4A     | Yes                            | Yes                             | No                            | No                             | Yes      |
| August    | NCRPO  | Yes                            | Yes                             | No                            | No                             | Yes      |
| September | 4A     | Yes                            | No                              | No                            | Yes                            | Yes      |
| October   | 4A     | Yes                            | Yes                             | No                            | Yes                            | Yes      |
| October   | NCRPO  | Yes                            | Yes                             | No                            | No                             | Yes      |
| November  | 4A     | Yes                            | Yes                             | No                            | Yes                            | Yes      |
| November  | NCRPO  | Yes                            | Yes                             | No                            | Yes                            | No       |
| December  | 4A     | Yes                            | Yes                             | Yes                           | Yes                            | Yes      |
| December  | NCRPO  | yes                            | yes                             | yes                           | yes                            | yes      |





**Figure 3.**

*Attribute robbery incident killed leaf node.*

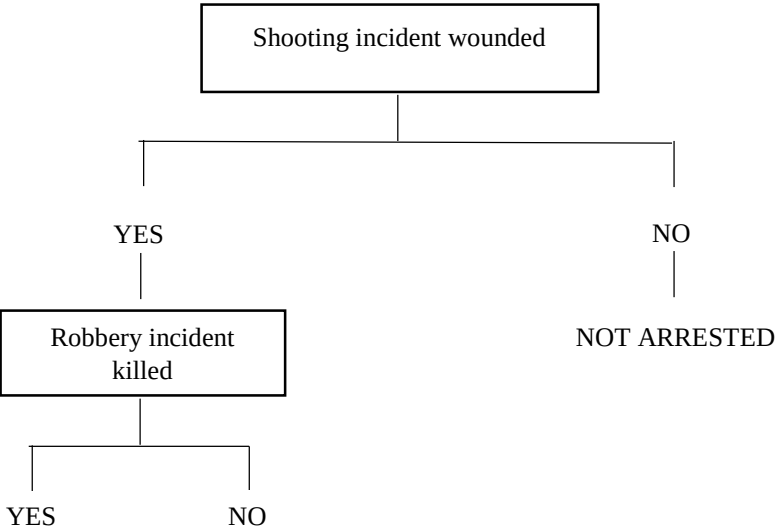


Table 10 illustrates the comprehensive calculation for the criterion of robbery incidents killed. Two values are needed to be computed for us to determine the entropy and information gain. According to the result of the computation of the entropy for the robbery incident, the killed is 0.473587 and the gain value is 0.574636. Also, Figure 3 shows the robbery incident killed attribute having a leaf node.

**Research Approach and Procedures**

The researchers used action research. Action research employs data collection methods that can be either quantitative, qualitative, or a combination of both. What sets action research apart is its focus on addressing a particular, practical issue and actively seeking solutions to a specific problem. It typically involved the following elements: Identify a problem: Recognize and define a specific issue or challenge that needs attention. Develop a response to the problem: Create a plan or strategy to address the problem based on the research and analysis conducted. Implement the proposed solution: Put the developed plan into action, applying the chosen solution to address the identified problem. Observe the implementation of the solution: Monitor and evaluate the outcomes of the implemented solution, collecting data and feedback.

## Results And Discussion

Exhibited in the conceptual model shown in Figure 2 is the crime analysis architecture of the study, which includes the main key features, including crime analysis of data and application of the iterative dichotomiser 3 (ID3) decision tree algorithm.

**Table 11.**

*Summary of ID3 decision tree model.*

|                            |           |
|----------------------------|-----------|
| <b>Mean absolute error</b> | 0.2964    |
| Relative absolute error    | 95.2827 % |
| F1 score                   | 0.905     |

Table 11 shows the summary of the ID3 decision tree model of the evaluation procedure. The evaluation utilized Waikato Environment for Knowledge Analysis (Weka) software for the iterative dichotomiser 3 (ID3) decision tree model. Weka is an open-source software that contains a rich collection of machine learning algorithms for data analytics tasks, and it contains important tools for data cleaning, classification, regression, clustering, association rules mining, and visualization. In addition, WEKA performs various data preprocessing steps in data preparation for analysis.

F1 Score is the weighted average of Precision and Recall as presented in Equation 8. F1 score is a data analytic evaluation metric that calculates the accuracy of a model. It combines the precision and recall scores of a model, which also portrays that it accounts for both false positives and false negatives. The higher the value of the precision and recall, the higher the F1-score will be. F1-score ranges between zero (0) and one (1), and the closer it is to the value of one(1), the accurate the model is. The F1-score obtained using the Weka software tool is 0.905.

$$F1 = 2 * \frac{\text{Recall} * \text{Precision}}{\text{Recall} + \text{Precision}} \quad (8)$$

A Detailed summary on the performance measures namely precision, recall and F-measure is illustrated in table 12.

**Table 12.**

*Detailed accuracy.*

| <b>Precision</b> | <b>Recall</b> | <b>F-Measure</b> |
|------------------|---------------|------------------|
| 0.826            | 1.000         | 0.905            |

Another significant finding was the score obtained in mean absolute error, having a value of 0.2964. The mean absolute error (MAE) is a metric used to evaluate the performance of the average size of the mistakes in a collection of predictions and is normally measured as the average of the absolute difference between the predicted values and the actual values. It is a measure of the average magnitude of the errors made by the model in its predictions, and is a useful metric for evaluating the performance of a model when the errors are evenly distributed across the data. It is particularly helpful when the errors are symmetrically distributed and there are no significant outliers, since it is not sensitive to the presence of outliers. The mean absolute error states that if the value obtained is close to zero, then the more accurate the model is. Equation 3 shows the formula for the mean absolute error, where  $n$  is the number of observations in the data,  $y_i$  is the true value of the observation, and  $\hat{y}_i$  is the predicted value of the observation. The vertical bars indicate the absolute value, and the capital Greek letter sigma ( $\Sigma$ ) indicates the sum of the differences.

$$MAE = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n |y_i - \hat{y}_i|}{n} \quad (3)$$

Where:

MAE = Mean absolute error

$y_i$  = Predictions

$\hat{y}_i$  = True value

$N$  = total number of items

**Relative Absolute Error (RAE)** is a way to measure the performance of a data analytics predictive model. It is generally used in machine learning, data analytics, and business management. The Relative Absolute Error is measured in a ratio, comparing a mean error to errors produced by a data analytic model, and it likewise determines the difference between the performance of the predictive model. **The performance of the predictive model is measured as the total absolute difference between the actual and predicted values**, wherein the performance of the predictive model is the total absolute difference between the actual value and the average of all actual values. The **Relative Absolute Error (RAE)** formula is shown in equation 5, and the Weka software tool obtained a score of 95.2827 percent.

$$RAE = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n |y_i - \hat{y}_i|}{\sum_{i=1}^n n |y_i - \bar{y}|} \quad (5)$$

WHERE:

$N$  = The number of total observations

$y_i$  = Actual value

$\hat{y}_i$  = Predicted value

$\bar{y}$  = The average of the realized values

### **Conclusion**

The researchers were able to provide significant output using the ID3 decision tree algorithm in determining substantial crimes committed. The ID3 technique was iteratively used to determine possible crime scenarios, and its outcome can be used to construct a decision tree that can be used to analyze and identify significant crime patterns. Based on the implementation of the ID3 decision tree technique, region 4A requires immediate attention for the crime shooting incident, which has cases of wounded individuals. Upon implementing the Weka software tool, the crime analysis model achieved a correct classification rate of eighty-two and six 82.6087 percent. Additionally, the F1-score obtained by the model is 0.905, indicating high accuracy in its predictions. Furthermore, the relative absolute error score is 95.2827%, with a mean absolute error score of 0.2964.

### **Recommendation**

In the future, employing a complete and substantial crime dataset that would further enhance the prediction process must be taken into consideration, as well as the implementation of other data analytic techniques in the analysis of crime reports.

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