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Overcast	Yes
Rain	Yes
Rain	Yes
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Overcast	Yes
Sunny	No
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Sunny	No
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Rain	Yes
Sunny	Yes
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First let's calculate $H(Y)$:

$$\begin{aligned} H(Y) &= - \sum_y P(Y = y) \log_2(P(Y = y)) \\ &= -P(Y = "No") \log_2(P(Y = "No")) - P(Y = "Yes") \log_2(P(Y = "Yes")) \end{aligned}$$

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Since we have 5
'No' values in
our 'Play
Tennis?'
Column

Since we have 9 'Yes'
values in our 'Play
Tennis?' Column

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Sunny	No
Sunny	No
Overcast	Yes
Rain	Yes
Rain	Yes
Rain	No
Overcast	Yes
Sunny	No
Sunny	Yes
Rain	Yes
Sunny	Yes
Overcast	Yes
Overcast	Yes
Rain	No

Next let's calculate $H(Y/X)$:

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$$\begin{aligned} H(Y|X) &= - \sum_x P(X = x) \sum_y P(Y = y|X = x) \log_2(P(Y = y|X = x)) \\ &= -P(X = \text{"Sunny"})[P(Y = \text{"No"}|X = \text{"Sunny"})\log_2(P(Y = \text{"No"}|X = \text{"Sunny"})) \\ &\quad + P(Y = \text{"Yes"}|X = \text{"Sunny"})\log_2(P(Y = \text{"Yes"}|X = \text{"Sunny"}))] \\ &\quad -P(X = \text{"Overcast"})[P(Y = \text{"No"}|X = \text{"Overcast"})\log_2(P(Y = \text{"No"}|X = \text{"Overcast"})) \\ &\quad + P(Y = \text{"Yes"}|X = \text{"Overcast"})\log_2(P(Y = \text{"Yes"}|X = \text{"Overcast"}))] \\ &\quad -P(X = \text{"Rain"})[P(Y = \text{"No"}|X = \text{"Rain"})\log_2(P(Y = \text{"No"}|X = \text{"Rain"})) \\ &\quad + P(Y = \text{"Yes"}|X = \text{"Rain"})\log_2(P(Y = \text{"Yes"}|X = \text{"Rain"}))] \end{aligned}$$

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Rain	Yes
Rain	Yes
Rain	No
Overcast	Yes
Sunny	No
Sunny	Yes
Rain	Yes
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Next let's calculate $H(Y|X)$:

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

$$= -\frac{5}{14} \left[\frac{3}{5} \log_2 \left(\frac{3}{5} \right) + \frac{2}{5} \log_2 \left(\frac{2}{5} \right) \right]$$

$$- \frac{4}{14} \left[\frac{0}{4} \log_2 \left(\frac{0}{4} \right) + \frac{4}{4} \log_2 \left(\frac{4}{4} \right) \right]$$

$$- \frac{5}{14} \left[\frac{2}{5} \log_2 \left(\frac{2}{5} \right) + \frac{3}{5} \log_2 \left(\frac{3}{5} \right) \right]$$

$$= 0.6935$$

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Finally let's calculate $I(Y;X)$:

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Finally let's calculate $I(Y;X)$:

$$I(Y;X) = H(Y) - H(Y|X)$$

$$= 0.9403 - 0.6935 = 0.2468$$

What do we do next?

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Let's start by looking at the information gained if we choose to split on Outlook:

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Sunny	No
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Overcast	Yes
Sunny	No
Sunny	Yes
Rain	Yes
Sunny	Yes
Overcast	Yes
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Rain	No

Finally let's calculate $I(Y;X)$:

$$I(X; Y) = H(Y) - H(Y|X)$$

$$= 0.9403 - 0.6935 = 0.2468$$

What do we do next?

We simply repeat for the other attribute.

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Calculating information gain from splitting on Humidity:

Humidity	Play Tennis?
High	No
High	No
High	Yes
High	Yes
Normal	Yes
Normal	No
Normal	Yes
High	No
Normal	Yes
Normal	Yes
Normal	Yes
High	Yes
Normal	Yes
High	No

First we can notice that $H(Y)$:

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Is exactly the same

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High	No
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High	Yes
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Normal	No
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High	No
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Normal	Yes
Normal	Yes
High	Yes
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High	No

Next let's calculate $H(Y|X)$:

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Normal	No
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High	No
Normal	Yes
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Normal	Yes
High	Yes
Normal	Yes
High	No

Finally let's calculate $I(Y;X)$:

$$I(Y;X) = H(Y) - H(Y|X)$$

$$= 0.9403 - 0.7885 = 0.1518$$

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So which should we pick?

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$$I(Y; \text{"Outlook"}) = 0.2468$$

$$I(Y; \text{"Humidity"}) = 0.1518$$

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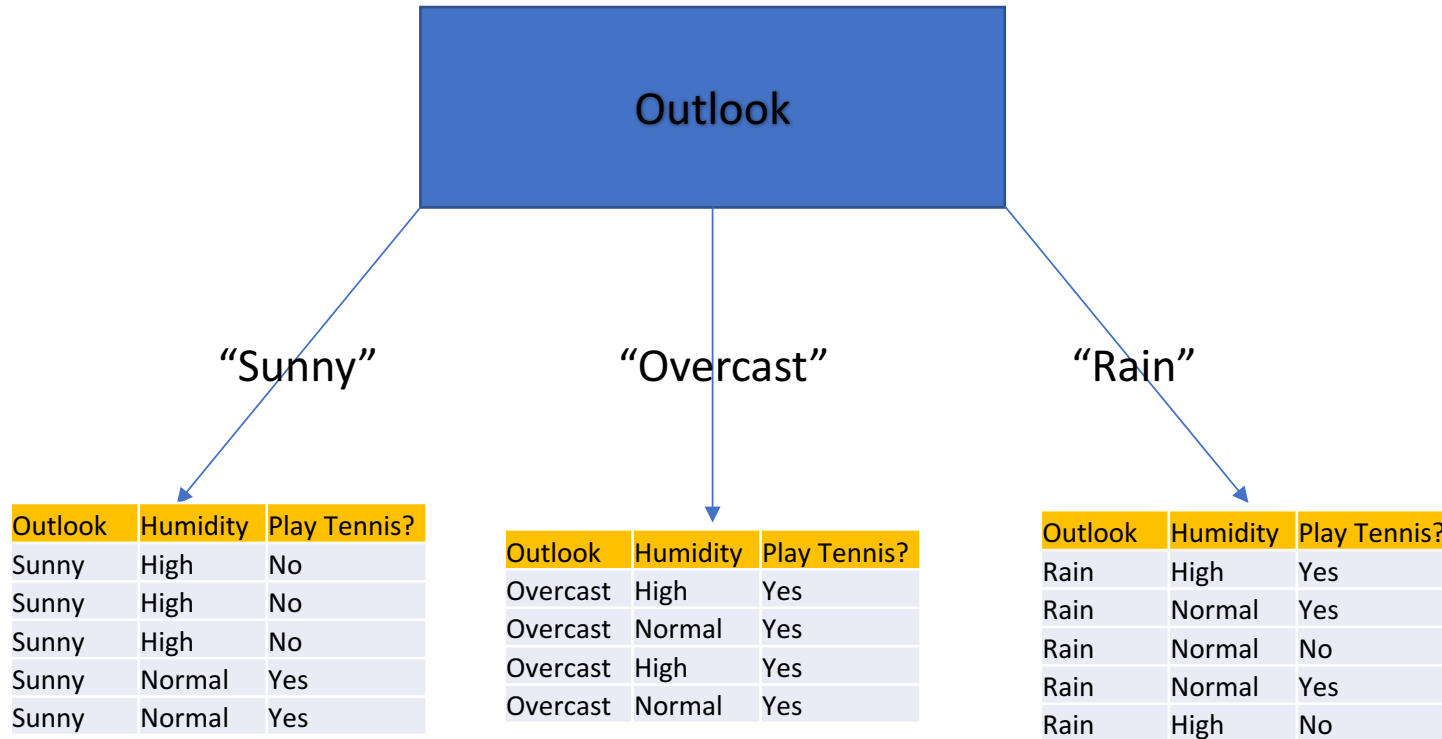
So which should we pick? Well we want to maximize the information gain with this split. So we should split on Outlook since:

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$$I(Y; \text{"Outlook"}) = 0.2468 > 0.1518 = I(Y; \text{"Humidity"})$$

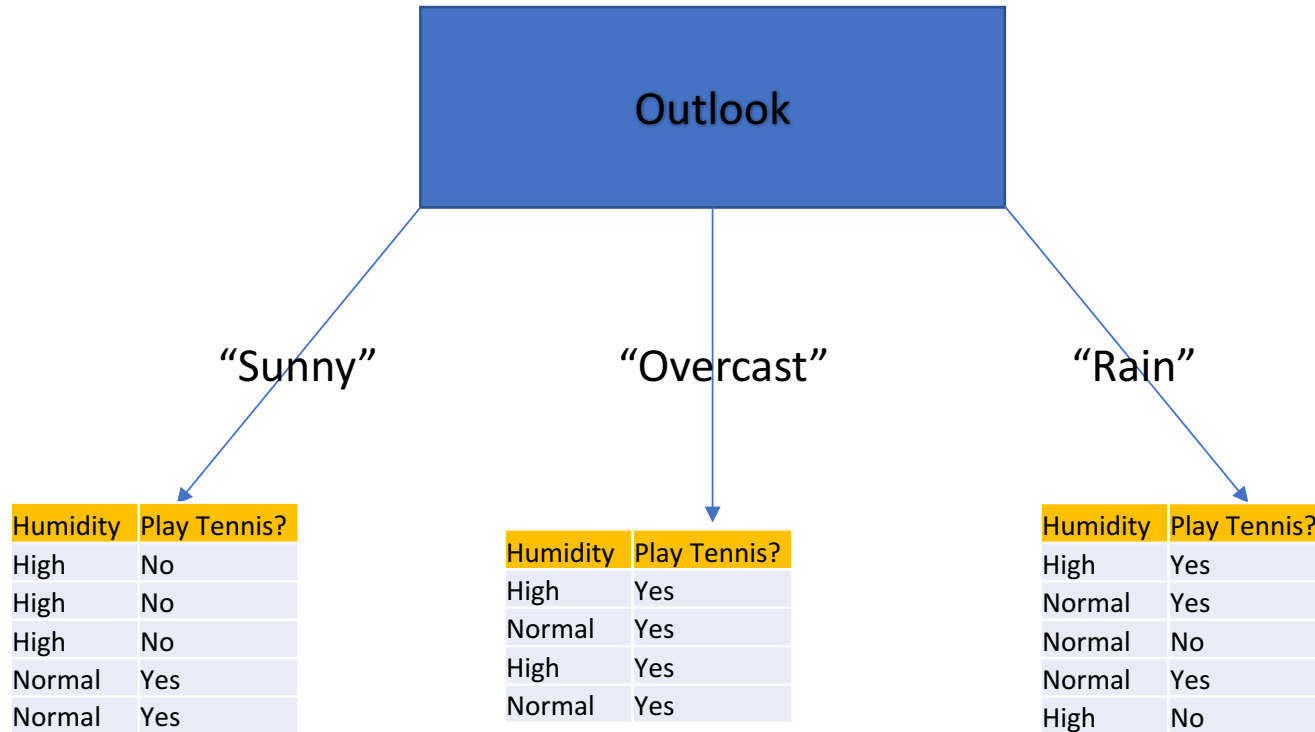
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So we have that Outlook is our root node, what next? Well we notice that the data gets split as follows:



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We can now ignore the outlook column since it is constant in each of the splits



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Then we just repeat the process over again to decide which feature we put next in the tree. For the 3 sub datasets that we have:

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High	No
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Normal	Yes

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Normal	Yes

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Normal	Yes
Normal	No
Normal	Yes
High	No

Return to page 2 of this slide and replace the original dataset with one of these subsets and follow the guide again.