

# A Cost-Sensitive Decision Tree Learning Algorithm based on a Multi-Armed Bandit Framework

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This paper develops a new algorithm for inducing cost-sensitive decision trees that is inspired by the multi-armed bandit problem, in which a player in a casino has to decide which slot machine (bandit) from a selection of slot machines is likely to pay out the most. Game Theory proposes a solution to this multi-armed bandit problem by using a process of exploration and exploitation in which reward is maximized. This paper utilizes these concepts to develop a new algorithm by viewing the rewards as a reduction in costs, and utilizing the exploration and exploitation techniques so that a compromise between decisions based on accuracy and decisions based on costs can be found. The algorithm employs the notion of lever pulls in the multi-armed bandit game to select the attributes during decision tree induction, using a look-ahead methodology to explore potential attributes and exploit the attributes which maximizes the reward. The new algorithm is evaluated on fifteen datasets and compared to six well-known algorithms J48, EG2, MetaCost, AdaCostM1, ICET and ACT. The results obtained show that the new multi-armed based algorithm can produce more cost-effective trees without compromising accuracy. The paper also includes a critical appraisal of the limitations of the new algorithm and proposes avenues for further research.

# 1 INTRODUCTION

Decision trees are a natural way of presenting a decision-making process, because they are simple and easy for anyone to understand [1]. Learning decision trees from data however is more complex, with most methods based on an algorithm known as ID3 which was developed by [1, 2, 3]. ID3 takes a table of examples as input, where each example consists of a collection of attributes, together with an outcome (or class) and induces a decision tree, where each node is a test on an attribute, each branch is the outcome of that test and at the end are leaf nodes indicating the class to which an example, when following that path, belongs. ID3, and a number of its immediate descendants, such as C4.5 [4], CART [5] and OC1 [6] focused on inducing decision trees that maximized accuracy.

However, several authors have recognized that in practice there are costs involved [5, 7, 8, 9]. For example, it costs time and money for blood tests to be carried out [10]. In addition, when examples are misclassified, they may incur varying costs of misclassification depending on whether they are false negatives (classifying a positive example as negative) or false positives (classifying a negative example as positive). This has led to many studies which develop algorithms that aim to induce cost-sensitive decision trees.

A comprehensive survey has revealed over fifty algorithms which includes algorithms that extend statistical measures to take account of costs, methods based on genetic algorithms, and the use of boosting and bagging techniques [11]. An empirical evaluation of existing cost-sensitive decision tree algorithms shows variations in performance with no single algorithm always the best in terms of minimizing cost and retaining accuracy [12]. The empirical evaluation shows that whilst existing cost-sensitive decision tree algorithms can solve two-class balanced problems well, other types of problems cause difficulties. In particular several

authors have recognized that there can be a trade-off between accuracy and minimizing cost [12, 13] or a reduction in performance [14].

The survey carried out by [11] reveals there are two major approaches used to induce cost-sensitive decision trees; methods that adopt a greedy approach that aims to induce a single tree, and non-greedy approaches that generate multiple trees. Over 50 cost-sensitive algorithms have been identified and a taxonomy developed which classifies these algorithms into seven classes by the way in which costs have been introduced.

Given such a wide range of algorithms, which one performs well? In [12] the authors carried out an independent empirical evaluation over a range of cost matrices for the following algorithms: EG2 [15], CS-ID3 [16, 17], IDX [18], MetaCost [19], MetaCost\_A and MetaCost\_CSB [14], AdaCost [20], SSTBoost [21], CS-AdaBoost and CSB [14], LS-ID3, CS-LSID3 [22], and ICET [8].

The evaluation, together with the survey, lead to the following conclusions [11, 12]:

- Problems arise from an imbalance in the class distribution, with most decision tree learners biasing outcomes towards the dominant class; if this class is not the most costly, this explains the reduction of accuracy rates
- Multi-class datasets cause problems because the frequency of examples in each class may not be high making it difficult to distinguish between the classes; the classes themselves may be similar also. Additionally multi-class datasets have the characteristics of imbalanced datasets
- Extreme misclassification costs are difficult to handle since they result in bias and can result in no model being built; For example, MetaCost returned no models when the misclassification cost range was high because the training set had all been labelled as the most costly class thus meeting the stopping criteria of decision tree algorithms with all examples in the one class

- Trade-offs between high misclassification costs usually result in the accuracy rate being sacrificed; the higher the misclassification costs, the more unbalanced the class distribution, the lower the accuracy rate

The nature of datasets could account for these discrepancies and inconsistent performances and one direction of research is to develop recommender systems for advising which algorithm to use given the characteristics of the data, such as skew, number of attributes, etc. The STATLOG project [23] supported by the European Commission (ESPRIT 5170) initiated work in this direction but focused on accuracy and has continued in the EU funded project e-Lico<sup>1</sup>. A related direction of work, known as landmarking, is to use simpler learning algorithms, such as Naive Bayes to predict the performance of other, more complex algorithms such as neural networks and support vector machines [24, 25, 26]. This line of research is interesting and has its own challenges such as how best to learn about learning algorithms, and selection of datasets to provide as training data. In contrast, this paper focuses more directly on the above issues, and aims to utilize game theory for handling the cost versus accuracy trade-off in decision tree induction.

A key feature of game theory is its ability to handle trade-offs [27, 28, 29]. Game theory can be used to predict outcomes by choosing strategies according to and linked with ‘payoffs’. The pay-offs vary but can easily be described as ‘costs’. For example in cost-sensitive learning the goal is to reduce costs, therefore the pay-off is simply the reduction of cost or to obtain the lowest cost as possible.

Cost-sensitive decision tree learning involves building a model in a cost-effective way. From examination of games and Game Theory, the Multi-Armed Bandit game looks the most promising in that its lever pulls could be viewed as generating models, and could be mapped to paths contained in a decision tree model.

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<sup>1</sup> An e-Laboratory for Interdisciplinary Collaborative Research in Data Mining and Data-Intensive Science, an EU-FP7 Collaborative Project (2009 – 2012), <http://www.e-lico.org/?q=node/4>

Cost-sensitive learning could be thought of as involving two decision-makers because there is an algorithm and costs which sometimes work together well and sometimes do not. For example, player 1; ‘accuracy-based player’ chooses strategies concentrating only on accuracy and player 2; ‘cost-based player’ chooses strategies which consider costs in some way, each produces a different set of strategies. Conflict between decisions based on accuracy and decisions based on costs require a trade-off, so a technique which deals in trade-offs should be utilized in a framework for cost-sensitive learning. What can be surmised at this stage is that the pay-offs matter when deciding strategies.

Hence, this research aims to utilize game theory as a basis for developing a cost-sensitive decision tree algorithm, which aims to address the trade-off between accuracy and cost that has been observed in previous studies.

The rest of the paper is organized as follows. Section 2 presents the background to decision tree learning and Game Theory; Section 3 presents a new framework using a specific game theory approach known as multi-armed bandits and Section 4 presents the results of an empirical evaluation against existing cost-sensitive decision tree algorithms and an accuracy-based algorithm. Finally, Section 5 presents the conclusions and possible future work.

## **2 BACKGROUND**

This section presents the background: Section 2.1 presents an introduction to cost-sensitive decision tree learning and Section 2.2 presents some background on Game Theory. Both the fields of cost-sensitive learning and Game Theory have an extensive history, so the introductions are brief and the reader is referred to [5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12] for further background on cost-sensitive learning and to [28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33] for more detailed information on game theory.

## 2.1 Cost-Sensitive decision tree learning

The early decision tree learning algorithms, such as ID3, focused on accuracy, though practical requirements dictate that one should take account of the cost of misclassification. So, for example, the cost of misclassifying a process plant as safe is likely to be much higher than the cost of misclassifying a safe plant as unsafe. The past three decades have seen a significant interest in this problem, known as cost-sensitive induction, with the development of a number of independent algorithms [8, 19, 22, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 62, 63]. Authors have also recognised that in practice there are other costs involved [5, 7, 8, 9]. For example, it costs time and money for blood tests to be carried out [10].

As an example, consider a problem that requires classification of items as faulty or not faulty. A typical cost might be as presented in Table 1 which states that if an example is not faulty and is misclassified as faulty the cost would be 1.0 however if an example is faulty and is misclassified as not faulty, the cost would be much higher at 10.0 because this is a more costly error.

**TABLE 1.** An example of a cost matrix for a two-class problem

	Predicted faulty	Predicted not faulty
faulty	0	10.0
not faulty	1.0	0

Suppose, now that we use a data mining algorithm to learn a model to classify whether an item is faulty or not, and when evaluated, the model is known to incorrectly classify faulty items 20% of time, and classifies items that are not faulty as faulty at a rate of 30%. Suppose also that the model utilises two attributes,  $a_1$  and  $a_2$  in 30% and 80% of the cases respectively, where  $a_1$  has a cost of 2 units and  $a_2$  has a cost of 1 unit. Then, given the cost matrix of

Table 1, and the cost of attributes, the expected cost is the sum of the expected cost due to misclassification and the expected cost of classification:

$$[0.2*10 + 0.3*1] + [0.3*2 + 0.8*1] = 3.7$$

More formally, given a cost matrix for an  $n$  class problem with  $m$  attributes, where:  $C_{i,j}$  represent the cost of classifying an example of class  $i$  as class  $j$ ,  $P_{i,j}$  represents the probability of classifying an example of class  $i$  as  $j$ ,  $Pa_k$  and  $Ca_k$  represent the probability and cost of the  $k_{th}$  attribute, the expected cost is defined by:

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n P_{i,j} * C_{i,j} + \sum_{k=1}^m Pa_k * Ca_k$$

In general, the aim is to develop algorithms that learn classifiers that minimize this expected cost of misclassification as well as the cost of gaining the information needed to perform the classification[9].

Questions which have arisen in developing suitable algorithms include how can these costs be introduced into the decision tree learning process and at what stage of the process is it better to do this? It is possible to incorporate these costs at any stage of the decision tree induction described earlier but what would be the overall effect of including costs, and what impact could this have on the accuracy rate?

## 2.2 Game Theory

Game theory is a discipline which deals in trade-off when there may be more than one decision-maker [28, 29]. The decision makers, referred to as players, choose a strategy (make a decision) and as a result a reward or pay-off occurs.

Game theory aims to help understand situations where decision-makers interact with each other according to a set of rules and consists of a collection of models which need to be simple with assumptions capturing the essence of the situation [29]. Many problems can be understood without special technical background [28]. Applications which can be reduced to

a single problem, for example a shop keeper reducing prices of his stock in response to a competitor doing likewise, are all situations for which game theory can be applied.

In game theory, decisions are linked to goals and the aim is to use the best strategy in order to reach a goal. Pay-off functions are assigned to strategies in order to help make the decisions.

Picking strategies which maximizes pay-off is the desired outcome with a trend towards simplicity; finding the simplest assumption needed is the ideal outcome [33]. Pay-offs are shown using a matrix and strategies can be illustrated using decision-tree like structures.

Models are not either right or wrong but useful or not depending on the purpose for which they are used. The models are examined in order to analyse their implications, to either confirm an idea or suggest it is wrong. This analysis should help understand why it is wrong.

Each player chooses their actions “simultaneously” in that no player is informed when an action is chosen or what action another player has chosen [29]. The assumption is that actions are chosen once and for all and it is assumed that all players will try to do their best.

Studies by [29, 32, 39] give detailed information about of the main categories of games along with many examples.

The Multi-Armed Bandit game, first proposed by Robbins [40], is a scenario where a gambler must choose which slot machine from a selection of slot machines to play. A player pulls the lever of one of the machines and receives a payoff. The gambler’s purpose is to maximize his return i.e. the sum of the pay-offs obtained over a random number of lever pulls. There is a trade-off here between exploration (trying out solutions or strategies to find the best one) and exploitation (using the solutions or strategies, which are believed to give the better payoff) as, if the gambler plays only one machine which he thinks is best he may miss out on another machine about to pay out. On the other hand, too much time spent trying out all the slot machines may not actually return a high enough reward [41, 42]. The Multi-Armed Bandit game has been used for a variety of problems such as selecting routes for packages and



allocation of money to different projects where the outcome is not known [41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50]. In these applications trade-off occurs in order that total cost of sending a set of packets on selected routes would not be larger than sending the packets all together on a single route or the trade-off between potential research projects which may prove profitable but this information is only obtained over time. More formally, the aim for these types of bandit problems is to maximize the sum of the rewards in a sequence of  $T$  lever pulls, with rewards  $R_i$  [40, 42, 51]:

$$Reward = \sum_{i=1}^T R_i$$

An alternative aim, explored by several studies is to select the best lever after exploring a certain number of lever pulls and focus on optimizing the reward after the exploration [52, 53, 54]. This latter objective, which is in contrast to the cumulative reward, is known as a simple reward in the literature. A key decision in maximizing the sum of rewards or finding the best arm with a simple reward is about deciding when to select the current best lever and when to explore alternative levers in the hope of even better rewards. Several different exploration-exploitation strategies have been proposed and analysed. Simple approaches include  $\epsilon$ -first strategy, which involves carrying out all the exploration upfront and the  $\epsilon$ -greedy strategy that selects the current best lever a certain proportion of the time [52, 53, 54]. More sophisticated strategies include the use of Thompson sampling, where a lever is selected based on its probability of being the optimal, and the use of Gaussian processes to model the reward distribution and using the resulting upper confidence bounds as an indicator of points (i.e., levers) that might lead to better rewards [42, 50].

### 3 COST-SENSITIVE DECISION TREE LEARNING USING PRINCIPLES FROM THE MULTI-ARMED BANDIT PROBLEM

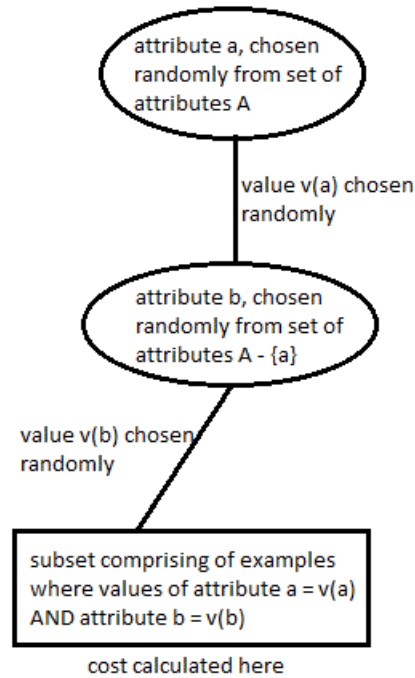
This section develops the algorithm for cost-sensitive decision tree induction which uses the principles of the multi-armed bandit algorithm.

A key step in decision tree learning is the selection of the attribute upon which to split the data. Once an attribute is selected, the data is sub-divided according to the values of the attribute and the process repeated recursively on the subsets until some stopping condition is reached. For algorithms that aim to maximize accuracy, the selection criteria is typically an information theoretic measure, such as information gain, and the stopping criteria can be based on the proportion of examples being in one class. For algorithms that aim to minimize misclassification costs, the selection and stopping condition utilize expected cost, either directly or in combination with an information theoretic measure [11]. When test costs (the costs of gaining the information) are involved, the issue of trade-off between the cost of an attribute and its benefit in minimizing misclassification cost arises. Exploration can determine which combination of attributes minimizes misclassification costs but also minimizes the test costs.

To utilize the multi-arm bandit approach, we view the selection of an attribute during the tree construction process as equivalent to that of selecting a bandit. In principle, any of the strategies outlined in Section 2 could be adopted, though in this paper, we adopt the simplest that meets our needs, namely the  $\epsilon$ -first strategy in which all the exploration is done in the first  $P$  rounds, and followed by exploitation.

FIGURE 1 illustrates what happens when one bandit that is, an attribute, (i.e, the root attribute) is selected at random and its lever is pulled. Given a set of attributes  $A$ , an attribute  $a$  is chosen at random. A value  $v$  belonging to attribute  $a$  is chosen at random followed by additional attributes and their values until the depth to look ahead is reached.

The first attribute chosen is the root\_attribute and becomes the bandit  
 If the look ahead level is 1,  
 there are 2 attributes in the path

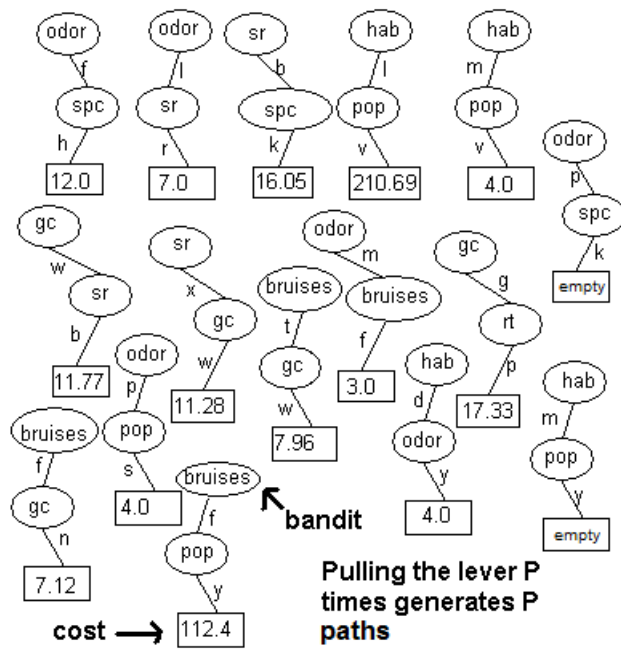


**FIGURE 1.** Illustration of a single lever pull look-ahead path in the algorithm

Such a lever pull results in a subset containing examples where attribute  $a$  equals value  $v$  etc. and for which a cost can be calculated, which is the sum of the misclassification costs plus costs associated with the attributes used. In theory, this could result in no examples meeting these criteria. In this case, the particular lever pull would be ignored with no cost being calculated.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> This situation can also occur in most greedy tree induction algorithms and handled in a similar way.



**FIGURE 2.** Generate P paths and calculate cost at the end of each path

FIGURE 2 illustrates P paths which have been generated and the cost calculated at the end of each path as defined in Section 2.1 or marked as empty in cases when there are no examples with the combination of attributes and values specified in a path. In the illustration there are five different attributes chosen; odor, sr, hab, gc and bruises. For each time they have been randomly selected, an attribute value has been chosen.

**TABLE 2.** Multi-Armed Cost Sensitive Decision Tree (MA-CSDT) algorithm choosing an attribute

attribute	summed up cost	mean of costs
odor	26.0	6.5
sr	27.33	13.665
hab	218.69	72.89
gc	29.1	14.55
bruises	127.48	42.49

TABLE 2 presents the cost values summed up for each attribute and the mean for each attribute. As the requirement is to reduce costs, the attribute that is represented by the bandit

with the lowest mean cost is selected. This strategy of first carrying out the lever pulls, computing the mean and then selecting the bandit is called the  $\epsilon$ -first strategy [52]. Bubeck et al. [52] presents a theoretical analysis of this type of bandit strategy showing that the level of simple regret, which is defined as the difference between the optimal and actual reward, decreases exponentially with the number of lever pulls, and that the expected simple regret  $E(r_p)$  can be bounded for a problem with  $N$  bandits as the number of lever pulls,  $P$ , for each arm increases (corollary 3 from Bubeck et al.[52]):

$$E(r_p) \leq 2\sqrt{\frac{2N \ln N}{P}}$$

The probably approximately correct (PAC) framework provides an alternative analysis of the  $\epsilon$ -first bandit strategy. In the PAC framework, we are interested in the extent to which it is possible to select an attribute that results in a reward that is within an  $\epsilon$  distance of the reward from a best attribute and to do this with a probability of at least  $1 - \delta$ . Even-Dar et al.[64] show that the  $\epsilon$ -first strategy is PAC learnable by selecting the following number of lever pulls,  $P$ , for each of the  $N$  arm:<sup>3</sup>

$$P = \frac{4}{\epsilon^2} \ln\left(\frac{2N}{\delta}\right)$$

Although such results are useful in showing asymptotic convergence, Kuleshov and Precup [66] show that they do not necessarily reflect the performance of the different bandit strategies in applications. Indeed, a study by Vermorel and Mohri [49] suggests that bandit strategies with the “best asymptotic guarantees do not provide the better results, and could not have been inferred from a simple comparison of the theoretical results known so far” but also conclude that “the ranking of the strategies changes significantly when switching to real world data”. Perhaps surprisingly, empirical evaluations suggest that the simpler strategies can sometimes outperform the more sophisticated strategies [49, 66]. Thus selecting the

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<sup>3</sup> Fern[65] presents a similar result for individual bandits.

number of lever pulls for particular bandit problems, including the one addressed in this paper requires experimentation. Section 4 will describe the approach we use in deciding the number of lever pulls when carrying out an empirical evaluation.

FIGURE 3 presents the top level of the algorithm `MA_CSDT` illustrated above, where the function `exploreAttributes` uses the function `leverPulls` to explore the combinations of attributes by generating the paths and returning the best attribute to exploit that will trade-off the cost of an attribute against the misclassification cost. The functions `exploreAttributes` and `leverPulls` are defined in FIGURE 4.

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MA_CSDT(A, Examples, P, K)
  Inputs: A is the set of available attributes
            Examples are the training examples
            P is number of lever pulls
            K is depth to look ahead
  Output: DT, a decision tree

  if A is empty OR
    Proportion of Examples is less than user specified percentage OR
    Proportion of examples in the majority class exceeds a threshold
    return DT as a leaf
      class set as the majority class,
      except in cases of equal class distribution when it is
      set to the class which minimizes cost
  else
    a_exploit = exploreAttributes(A, Examples, P, K)
    cost_reduction = misclassification cost without a_exploit
                  - misclassification cost with a_exploit

    if cost_reduction > cost of using test a_exploit
      subset = Split_Data(Examples, a_exploit)
      For each subset i
        subTreei = MA_CSDT(A - {a_exploit}, subseti, P, K)
      End For
      return a DT with test a_exploit and subtrees subTreei
    else
      return DT as a leaf
        class set as the majority class,
        except in cases of equal class distribution when it is
        set to the class which minimizes cost
  End

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**FIGURE 3.** Multi-Armed Cost-Sensitive Decision Tree Algorithm (MA\_CSDT), adapted from [58]

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exploreAttributes(A, Examples, P, K)
  Inputs: A is the set of attributes
            Examples are the training examples
            P is number of lever pulls
            K is depth to look ahead
  Output: Attribute, the recommended attribute

/* Rai denotes the cumulative cost of utilizing attribute ai
   Nai denotes number of times that attribute ai is chosen as root of path,
   mean_ai denotes the mean cost for attribute ai
*/
  Initialize Rai, Nai, mean_ai to zero for all ai ∈ set of attributes A

  For j = 1 to P
    ai ∈ set of attributes A
    (Path_ai, Exs) = leverPull(ai, A, K, Examples)
    If |Exs|/|Examples| > user specified minimum threshold
      Rai += cost for ai (Path_ai, Exs)
      Nai = Nai + 1
  End For
  Compute mean_ai = Rai/ Nai for all ai ∈ set of attributes A
  return aj ∈ set of attributes A that has the lowest mean_aj cost
End

leverPull(ai, A, K, Es)
  Inputs: ai is attribute chosen at random
            A is the set of attributes
            K is depth to look ahead
            Es is the set of examples
  Output: (Path, set of examples)

  Select v ∈ values of attribute ai
  Es_ai = {e ∈ Es | attribute ai of example e has value v}
  If K=0 then return ([ai], Es_ai)
  else begin
    aj ∈ A-{ai}
    (PathAj, Es_aj) = leverPull(aj, A-{ai}, K-1, Es_ai)
    Path = sequence with ai first followed by PathAj
    return (Path, Es_aj)
  End

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**FIGURE 4.** Definition of exploreAttributes and leverPull

Several authors have observed that when an attribute is recommended using cost, it can lead to a node where the cost of the attribute exceeds the savings [34, 57]; hence a further check is needed to ensure that an attribute is worth exploring before continuing the tree induction process recursively. The stopping condition is similar to that adopted in most tree induction algorithms (such as J48): stopping when the available data is below a user-specified

proportion, there are no attributes left, or the proportion of examples in the majority class exceeds a user-specified value. .

The merits of this algorithm are evaluated empirically in the next section.

## 4 EMPIRICAL COMPARISON

This section presents an empirical evaluation and comparison of MA\_CSDT with five other cost-sensitive tree induction algorithms. Our choice of comparison algorithms is based on selecting representative algorithms from the categories of cost-sensitive algorithms identified in [11, 56], which classifies algorithms by the way in which costs are introduced. The algorithms selected aim to cover five of the most common classes:

- Use of costs during construction: The algorithm chosen is *EG2* [15] and has been implemented by adapting the J48 algorithm in WEKA.
- Bagging: The algorithm chosen is *MetaCost* [19], which is included in the WEKA package.
- Boosting: *AdaCostM1* [20] is an adaptation of the algorithm AdaBoostM1 [59] which is included in the WEKA package. The adaptations developed by [20] for the algorithm *AdaCost*, have been added to AdaBoostM1 in order that the algorithm *AdaCost* can process multi-class datasets and be included in the evaluation.
- GA methods: *ICET* has been previously implemented and has been tested by comparing experiments in [8] in order to check the implementation [60].
- Stochastic approach: The algorithm chosen is *ACT* which was implemented and has been tested by repeating and comparison with results in [56].

In addition, the J48 algorithm, which is an implementation of C4.5[4], is also used so that comparison can be made with an algorithm that aims to maximize accuracy.



The experimental evaluation was carried out using 15 datasets obtained from the Machine Learning Repository [61]. A range of misclassification costs were used in order to examine the trade-off between the two types of cost used; test costs (the costs associated with attributes) and misclassification costs. For example misclassification costs were assigned to the classes in a dataset to be higher than the test costs, lower than the test costs and a mixture of high and low values in relation to the test costs. Test costs have either been devised by experts or have been used in other studies [8, 12, 56]. The Appendix shows the ranges of test costs which the dataset contains. Each attribute has been assigned a test cost which is within this range and remains consistent throughout the experiments when that attribute is used. The cost to classify is calculated and normalized as per Turney's method described in [8]. The other parameter we need to set is the number of lever pulls. As described in Section 3, although there are theoretical bounds that could be used to set the number of lever pulls, these are not sufficiently tight, and several studies have suggested that the optimal value is problem dependent [49,66]. In these empirical evaluations, we use the maximum number of possible paths, which are computed from the number of attributes and their possible values, as a guide to setting the number of lever pulls in advance. The Appendix provides details of the data sets, cost matrices and number of lever pulls used in these experiments.

The methodology utilized included randomly creating 10 training and testing pairs consisting of 70% of the dataset for training with the remaining used for testing.

As mentioned in Section 3, there are also two user specified parameters often required in the stopping condition of decision tree learning algorithms: the proportion of examples below which it is not worth continuing, and the proportion of examples in the majority class above which the algorithm can stop. These were set arbitrarily at 5% and 90% respectively in these experiments.

In applications, the ideal is, of course, that we are able to maximize accuracy and minimize costs. However, this is not always possible and as mentioned earlier, there is often a trade-off between accuracy and costs. Thus, there is a need to consider situations in which a user may wish to optimize costs, in which case one can select the trees that minimize cost, or alternatively there may be a preference for more accurate trees. Hence, the empirical evaluation in Section 4.1 presents results from these two strategies.

#### 4.1 Empirical results

TABLE 3 presents the percentage of time that each cost-sensitive algorithm achieved the lowest costs and the highest accuracy.

The costs for each dataset returned by each algorithm have been averaged over all the cost matrices. Cases where no tree is produced are excluded from consideration with regard to their performance.

**TABLE 3.** Percent that each cost-sensitive algorithm achieves the lowest cost or highest accuracy for a cost matrix

	lowest cost for a cost matrix	highest accuracy for a cost matrix
J48	1.38%	32.08%
EG2	9.67%	11.77%
MetaCost	6.45%	11.09%
AdaCostM1	3.92%	3.92%
ICET	5.07%	3.41%
ACT	5.30%	2.73%
MA_CSdT	68.20%	34.98%

TABLE 4 presents the results for the 15 datasets using the five cost-sensitive algorithms and J4.8, when pruned versions of the algorithms are used. The second-last column, labelled "cost-based" records the results from MA\_CSdT when adopting a strategy where lowest cost tree is selected, while the last column, labelled "accuracy-based" presents the cost associated with the most accurate tree.

The “cost-based” strategy results in the lowest cost on the datasets diabetes, flare, heart, hepatitis, iris, mushroom, nursery, tic-tac-toe and wine. However in most cases, this results in a large sacrifice of the accuracy rate obtained.

The “accuracy-based” strategy obtains a higher accuracy at a lower cost than J48 on datasets diabetes, flare, glass and heart and higher accuracy than the other cost-sensitive algorithms for datasets breast, flare, hepatitis iris and wine. The accuracy rate obtained for hepatitis for example, using this strategy was only 0.10% lower than that of J48 with a lower cost and only 0.014% lower on the wine dataset. The accuracy rate obtained for the diabetes dataset was only 0.04% lower than that of EG2 with a lower cost of 3.0% less.

**TABLE 4.** Results from all datasets for each of the algorithms

DATASET		J48	EG2	MetaCost	AdaCostM1	ICET	ACT	cost-based	accuracy-based
annealing	cost	12.080 ± 0.001	1.080 ± 0.000	12.093 ± 0.003	10.933 ± 0.012	2.060 ± 0.002	2.747 ± 0.004	1.280 ± 0.001	2.027 ± 0.002
	accuracy	97.340 ± 0.000	97.260 ± 0.000	96.924 ± 0.212	95.267 ± 0.851	95.140 ± 0.635	83.499 ± 1.544	86.747 ± 3.243	95.758 ± 0.063
breast	cost	32.967 ± 0.039	26.540 ± 0.062	1.887 ± 0.017	1.787 ± 0.016	18.007 ± 0.066	19.260 ± 0.047	26.460 ± 0.016	31.867 ± 0.026
	accuracy	72.370 ± 0.000	66.660 ± 0.000	51.433 ± 4.830	51.491 ± 4.846	68.527 ± 0.154	56.022 ± 4.068	60.805 ± 2.238	68.627 ± 0.819
car	cost	47.883 ± 0.019	39.775 ± 0.014	46.117 ± 0.025	40.850 ± 0.047	11.117 ± 0.035	11.542 ± 0.025	19.192 ± 0.027	32.775 ± 0.035
	accuracy	90.640 ± 0.000	81.900 ± 0.000	86.493 ± 1.076	80.383 ± 3.340	71.267 ± 1.248	58.968 ± 5.181	57.080 ± 5.108	71.826 ± 0.544
diabetes	cost	38.047 ± 0.015	33.907 ± 0.012	4.980 ± 0.032	4.193 ± 0.029	19.773 ± 0.033	12.640 ± 0.019	12.280 ± 0.030	30.940 ± 0.023
	accuracy	75.880 ± 0.000	76.090 ± 0.000	52.771 ± 3.898	52.732 ± 3.873	70.207 ± 0.970	61.171 ± 2.120	62.810 ± 1.858	76.054 ± 0.176
flare	cost	8.678 ± 0.007	2.089 ± 0.008	9.678 ± 0.017	14.067 ± 0.036	3.289 ± 0.007	3.422 ± 0.008	3.667 ± 0.008	6.267 ± 0.013
	accuracy	89.440 ± 0.000	89.440 ± 0.000	76.504 ± 9.293	81.210 ± 4.111	89.033 ± 0.052	79.026 ± 7.789	84.838 ± 2.781	89.452 ± 0.051
glass	cost	35.783 ± 0.019	24.050 ± 0.011	32.483 ± 0.023	31.050 ± 0.024	22.500 ± 0.014	15.444 ± 0.023	16.711 ± 0.019	34.250 ± 0.019
	accuracy	68.060 ± 0.000	70.730 ± 0.000	57.852 ± 2.196	55.587 ± 2.569	63.944 ± 0.749	37.594 ± 1.116	44.954 ± 3.319	71.971 ± 0.184
heart	cost	29.633 ± 0.008	13.027 ± 0.019	5.187 ± 0.027	4.373 ± 0.024	16.973 ± 0.017	10.253 ± 0.023	5.333 ± 0.002	10.133 ± 0.012
	accuracy	75.750 ± 0.000	75.670 ± 0.000	53.528 ± 2.235	53.461 ± 2.189	74.820 ± 0.337	63.525 ± 1.676	65.545 ± 0.815	76.957 ± 0.167
hepatitis	cost	28.240 ± 0.006	25.027 ± 0.034	4.753 ± 0.024	4.500 ± 0.024	21.107 ± 0.027	19.193 ± 0.021	6.027 ± 0.012	18.327 ± 0.019
	accuracy	87.350 ± 0.000	83.970 ± 0.000	56.499 ± 8.104	57.622 ± 7.629	86.260 ± 0.484	78.069 ± 2.141	70.822 ± 3.826	87.252 ± 0.470
iris	cost	33.333 ± 0.019	29.267 ± 0.013	34.211 ± 0.023	34.244 ± 0.027	21.867 ± 0.010	9.822 ± 0.035	6.356 ± 0.025	33.389 ± 0.026
	accuracy	93.660 ± 0.000	90.020 ± 0.000	92.309 ± 1.627	92.046 ± 1.638	78.500 ± 2.167	57.856 ± 8.911	46.723 ± 6.331	94.688 ± 0.111
krk	cost	44.678 ± 0.012	41.756 ± 0.020	43.744 ± 0.013	41.928 ± 0.013	31.244 ± 0.035	40.189 ± 0.016	34.978 ± 0.022	43.483 ± 0.017
	accuracy	53.560 ± 0.000	33.800 ± 0.000	49.859 ± 0.700	49.036 ± 0.910	25.950 ± 2.503	22.237 ± 1.075	16.077 ± 0.623	30.029 ± 0.312
mushroom	cost	2.341 ± 0.005	1.351 ± 0.003	2.348 ± 0.005	1.539 ± 0.005	1.708 ± 0.004	2.641 ± 0.005	1.300 ± 0.002	1.658 ± 0.002
	accuracy	100.000 ± 0.000	100.000 ± 0.000	99.748 ± 0.199	79.111 ± 6.252	99.607 ± 0.082	96.171 ± 3.089	98.551 ± 0.028	98.585 ± 0.025
nursery	cost	34.793 ± 0.040	35.367 ± 0.040	33.947 ± 0.041	33.042 ± 0.041	16.685 ± 0.028	18.973 ± 0.036	16.382 ± 0.030	22.496 ± 0.026
	accuracy	96.237 ± 0.000	95.498 ± 0.000	91.567 ± 1.349	87.258 ± 2.729	66.880 ± 5.790	59.397 ± 6.644	48.663 ± 4.867	70.393 ± 3.697
soybean	cost	6.460 ± 0.003	6.827 ± 0.003	6.193 ± 0.003	6.287 ± 0.004	6.553 ± 0.003	14.573 ± 0.006	7.513 ± 0.004	8.020 ± 0.004
	accuracy	90.330 ± 0.000	87.660 ± 0.000	87.421 ± 0.946	82.641 ± 0.924	88.267 ± 0.187	80.369 ± 0.453	83.594 ± 1.301	87.605 ± 0.181
tictactoe	cost	27.840 ± 0.017	27.820 ± 0.017	7.767 ± 0.031	4.827 ± 0.028	16.773 ± 0.021	11.907 ± 0.018	9.027 ± 0.028	19.720 ± 0.031
	accuracy	83.670 ± 0.000	83.890 ± 0.000	57.475 ± 4.311	54.195 ± 4.401	74.767 ± 1.978	80.003 ± 2.236	61.333 ± 3.043	75.170 ± 0.338
wine	cost	18.256 ± 0.002	13.022 ± 0.002	16.822 ± 0.004	15.211 ± 0.012	12.867 ± 0.004	5.044 ± 0.017	10.600 ± 0.001	17.822 ± 0.004
	accuracy	93.470 ± 0.000	87.510 ± 0.000	90.909 ± 1.693	81.560 ± 4.796	86.478 ± 0.329	45.798 ± 4.363	78.777 ± 1.522	93.456 ± 0.259

The algorithm MA\_CSDT does not perform well on the datasets car, nursery and krk. No algorithm returns a higher accuracy rate than J48 on these datasets, although it accomplishes this at a greater cost than each of the other algorithms including both strategies of MA\_CSDT. *MetaCost* and *AdaCostM1* get closer to the accuracy rate of J48 than any other algorithm and return a lower cost than J48. MA\_CSDT does not get anywhere near this accuracy rate, the highest accuracy rate is produced by “accuracy-based” strategy and returns a low cost but this accuracy rate is 23.53% less than J48.

*MetaCost* and *AdaCostMI* also perform better on datasets soybean and wine than other cost-sensitive algorithms. *ICET* does not perform as well as J48 on the soybean dataset but for all other datasets, it does obtain a lower cost than J48, but also has problems with car, iris, nursery, tic-tac-toe and wine. Along with all other algorithms, *ICET* also encountered problems whilst processing the krk dataset.

#### **4.2 Discussion of the outcome of the empirical evaluation**

As TABLE 3 summarizes, the MA\_CSDDT algorithm returns the lowest cost for a cost matrix 68.2% of the time and the highest accuracy for a cost matrix 34.98% of the time. Each time the highest accuracy is achieved, its corresponding cost is lower than that of J48. The main aim, to achieve the same or higher rate of accuracy more cost-effectively than the accuracy-based algorithm J48 has been met for the datasets annealing, flare, glass, iris, heart and mushroom.

For the datasets breast, diabetes, hepatitis, tic-tac-toe and wine a sacrifice of less than between 1% to 3% of the accuracy rate returned by J48 results in a lower cost. For the remaining datasets, car, krk, nursery and soybean, this aim has not been met.

By looking at the two strategies “cost-based” and “accuracy-based” it is apparent that a trade-off is required. The heart dataset is representative of the datasets on which MA\_CSDDT produces a high accuracy rate in a more cost-effective way. Almost all such cases are a result of adopting the “accuracy-based” strategy. In contrast, although the “cost-based” strategy can result in lower cost, the corresponding accuracy rates are always lower than the J48 algorithm.

The krk dataset is representative of poor results, where the MA\_CSDDT algorithm has been unable to minimize cost as well as retain accuracy. The accuracy-based algorithm J48 achieved the highest accuracy overall, with only two of the cost-sensitive algorithms *MetaCost* and *AdaCostMI* achieving a similar accuracy rate. They achieved almost the same

rate with a small reduction in costs. *EG2*, *ICET* and *ACT* also failed to achieve a comparable accuracy rate but do manage to at least reduce costs.

On examination of the trees induced, the most likely cause of this is that the *MA\_CSDDT* algorithm either grows trees that are too small in comparison with the size of the dataset, which has a large number of examples in the training set, or grows a tree which is far too large with over 20,000 leaves. The paths in these trees are comprised of 6 attributes in order to reach the leaves. The smaller trees have paths to the leaves which consist of two or three attributes. The conclusion reached is that the large number of examples contributes to the problems of processing this dataset. In each training file there are approximately 20,000 examples. Pruning or stopping the tree build early results in many examples at the leaf nodes which results in low accuracy. Allowing the tree to grow fully results in overgrown trees with few examples at the node, which results in higher test costs but still does not improve accuracy. The *ACT* algorithm also produces trees which follow this pattern of either too small or too large and is also not very successful on this dataset.

The three algorithms, which produce the better results for this dataset (*J48*, *MetaCost*, *AdaCostM1*), all produce the same tree which has 3948 leaves. They all choose the same root; 'wkr' which happens to be the attribute with the highest cost. However this is statistically the better attribute and in combination with less costly attributes further down the tree, results in a medium sized tree which produces the accuracy rate of around 50%. *EG2* produces similar trees but chooses one of the less costly attributes for its root, and uses the more costly one later in the tree build. This produces a similar sized tree but the less costly attribute is not as good a root attribute as the more costly one in this dataset. *ACT* chooses the same root as the better algorithms, however reduces the tree produced too much during its pruning stage.

This dataset demonstrates that higher accuracy does not always mean lower costs, if to achieve this, the tree grows uncontrollably. However spending less on test costs does not always work either as money saved on tests may be spent on misclassification costs.

In some cases either pruning a tree results in no tree being left or that no tree has been grown in the first instance; for *MetaCost* and *AdaCostMI* the reason that no trees have been produced on some occasions, is that the process stops as all the examples belong to one class. In the case of *AdaCostMI* this will be owing to the initial weight procedure and in the case of *MetaCost*, owing to the way that this algorithm re-labels the training example with the class that minimizes the cost, as described in Section 5.2.2 in [11].

In the case of the flare dataset, each of the other algorithms fails to grow trees for some of the cost matrices. In particular *EG2* does not grow any trees at all, *ICET* does not grow trees 84% of the time and even *J48* does not grow any trees 70% of the time. After careful examination of the output, it has been concluded that the lack of trees are as a result of the class distribution of the dataset which causes the majority of trees to be pruned back to nothing. The majority class in the whole dataset has 88.9% of the examples in it. Pruning techniques would most likely determine that sub-trees were not able to improve on the results of the original dataset and so would be converted into leaves, resulting in a large percentage of no models being produced.

Although not successful in every dataset, there is sufficient evidence to suggest that it is possible to find a compromise between accuracy-based decisions and cost-based decisions in order to both maintain accuracy and return lower costs or to minimize the sacrifice of the accuracy rate whilst still returning lower costs.

## 5 CONCLUSIONS AND FUTURE WORK

This paper has developed a new algorithm, MA\_CSDT, for cost-sensitive decision tree induction based on the principles and concept of the multi-armed bandit problem.

An empirical evaluation and comparison of the algorithm with six representative cost-sensitive algorithms on 15 data sets shows promising results, with MA-CSDT producing lowest cost trees in 68% of the trials. The algorithm has helped explore and confirm a research hypothesis, that cost-sensitive learning involves a trade-off between the decisions based on accuracy and decisions based on cost and that there is merit in utilizing multi-arm bandits for this problem.

By using a framework which explores strategies based on cost, a compromise between these viewpoints can be reached in the majority of cost-sensitive problems. The nature of the domain dictates the importance of this aim. Whilst some domains may err on the side of caution and prefer to sacrifice the accuracy rate rather than incur high misclassification costs, there are many domains where this is not acceptable. In these domains, if a classifier can be found which will minimize costs, but at the same time be as accurate as an accuracy-based classifier, this is more desirable.

Although many different approaches have been attempted for inducing cost-sensitive trees [11], this is a first attempt at using the concepts of multi-arm bandits for this problem, and there is significant potential for future work. First, on the theoretical front, it is worth pursuing whether use of MABs can lead to tighter PAC bounds for decision tree learning than those currently published such as in [67]. Secondly, this paper has used the simplest strategy, namely a pure exploration strategy to select attributes that help minimise cost. Although the empirical trials show good results, some sensitivity analysis could reveal further properties and other MAB strategies are also worth exploring. For example, Even-Dar et al. [64] propose refinements of the pure exploration strategy that eliminates weak bandits in



successive rounds of resampling, leading to tighter bounds and which could result in further improvements. For larger data sets, where computational cost is a major issue, more sophisticated strategies such as Gaussian Processes Bandits [45, 48, 49], could be also be attempted to optimise the number of lever pulls in cost-sensitive decision tree learning.

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## APPENDIX

### A1 Dataset Information

dataset name	no classes (attributes)	test cost range (total test cost)	grouped
annealing	5 (24)	50.0 – 2000.0 (15850.0)	yes
breast	2 (9)	5.02877 – 93.0188 (368.9732)	yes
Car	4 (6)	5.58562 – 98.6441 (258.7396)	yes
diabetes	2 (6)	1.00 – 22.78 (44.39)	yes
Flare	3 (10)	4.36544 – 96.5457 (382.248)	yes
glass	6 (7)	13.3987 – 78.2133 (393.804)	yes
heart	2 (11)	1.0 – 102.9 (592.3)	yes
hepatitis	2 (16)	1.0 – 8.3 (35.84)	yes
Iris	3 (4)	7.65056 – 98.2458 (206.6928)	no
Krk	18 (6)	7.11229 – 89.3119 (260.0522)	no
mushroom	2 (21)	1.0 – 7.0 (63.0)	no
nursery	5 (8)	8.21288 – 98.6441 (185.9273)	yes
soybean	15 (35)	5.0 – 10.0 (270.0)	yes
tic-tac-toe	2 (9)	1.0 (9.0)	no
wine	3 (13)	5.86631 – 98.5054 (697.0051)	yes

Full details of the datasets and the costs associated with each attribute are given in [57].

### A2 Value of P for each dataset used in the experiments

The Table below lists the values of the number of lever pulls (P) used for each data set. The values of P were allocated for each dataset by calculating the number of potential unique paths there would be in a decision tree given the number of attributes and their values. This was then used as a guideline to allocate values so that there are five values for each dataset. These values are (1) lower than the potential unique path value; (2) rounded down from the potential unique path value; (3) the potential unique path value; (4) higher than the potential unique path value and (5) a much lower value than any of the previous values. The identifiers (6) and (7) were specially included for soybean and used in one smaller experiment. This was done as the soybean dataset has a longer process time than all other datasets.

Chapter 5 of [57] investigates this parameter in depth and justifies the necessity for consideration when setting this parameter.

		Identification of the value of P for each dataset						
depth ( $k$ ) 1		1	2	3	4	5	6	7
dataset								
annealing		7000	8000	8312	10000	1000		
breast		1500	2000	2152	5000	500		
car		200	300	366	500	50		
diabetes		150	180	184	300	30		
flare		700	800	898	2000	100		
glass		200	300	338	1000	50		
heart		500	600	658	1000	100		
hepatitis		800	1000	1082	1500	100		
iris		75	100	108	500	30		
krk		1000	1300	1312	1500	100		
mushroom		10000	12000	12624	15000	1000		
nursery		500	600	632	1000	100		
soybean		1000	3000	9104	5000	50	8000	9000
tic-tac-toe		500	600	648	1000	100		
wine		1000	1200	1256	1500	100		
depth ( $k$ ) 2								
dataset								
car		3000	4000	5082	6000			
diabetes		500	1000	1776	3000			
glass		3000	4000	4692	6000			
iris		500	600	648	1000			

### A3 Details of the misclassification costs used in all experiments

For the two class datasets, a range of misclassification costs have been chosen which are a mixture of higher and lower values than the test costs in the dataset. This has then been reversed so that each class costs each value in turn during the experiments. This is to remove any advantages with regard to class distribution within each dataset.

#### 2-class datasets

cost matrix	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
class															
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10	50	100	500	1000	5000	10000
2	10000	5000	1000	500	100	50	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

Multi class dataset misclassification costs were devised to examine the trade-off between test costs and misclassification costs. Each set of misclassification costs have been assigned to be lower than test costs in each dataset (L), higher than the test costs (H) or a mixture of high and low values in relation to the test costs (M), as indicated in each table.

### 3-class datasets

cost matrix	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	(M)			(L)			(H)		
class									
1	1	100	10	1	10	5	150	250	200
2	10	1	100	5	1	10	200	150	250
3	100	10	1	10	5	1	250	200	150

### 4-class datasets

cost matrix	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	(M)				(L)				(H)			
class												
1	1	500	100	10	1	20	10	5	150	300	250	200
2	10	1	500	100	5	1	20	10	200	150	300	250
3	100	10	1	500	10	5	1	20	250	200	150	300
4	500	100	10	1	20	10	5	1	300	250	200	150

### 5-class dataset: annealing

cost matrix	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	(M)					(L)					(H)				
class															
1	100	10000	5000	1000	500	150	350	300	250	200	1000	5000	4000	3000	2000
2	500	100	10000	5000	1000	200	150	350	300	250	2000	1000	5000	4000	3000
3	1000	500	100	10000	5000	250	200	150	350	300	3000	2000	1000	5000	4000
4	5000	1000	500	100	10000	300	250	200	150	350	4000	3000	2000	1000	5000
5	10000	5000	1000	500	100	350	300	250	200	150	5000	4000	3000	2000	1000

### 5-class dataset: nursery

cost matrix	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	(M)					(L)					(H)				
class															
1	1	1000	500	100	10	1	50	20	10	5	150	350	300	250	200
2	10	1	1000	500	100	5	1	50	20	10	200	150	350	300	250
3	100	10	1	1000	500	10	5	1	50	20	250	200	150	350	300
4	500	100	10	1	1000	20	10	5	1	50	300	250	200	150	350
5	1000	500	100	10	1	50	20	10	5	1	350	300	250	200	150

### 6-class dataset: glass

cost matrix	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	(M)						(L)						(H)					
class																		
1	1	1000	500	100	50	10	1	70	50	20	10	5	150	400	350	300	250	200
2	10	1	1000	500	100	50	5	1	70	50	20	10	200	150	400	350	300	250
3	50	10	1	1000	500	100	10	5	1	70	50	20	250	200	150	400	350	300
4	100	50	10	1	1000	500	20	10	5	1	70	50	300	250	200	150	400	350

5	500	100	50	10	1	1000	50	20	10	5	1	70	350	300	250	200	150	400
6	1000	500	100	50	10	1	70	50	20	10	5	1	400	350	300	250	200	150

As there are so many classes in the final two datasets, a similar process to the two class datasets was used to allocate misclassification costs. In these cases a range of costs were chosen and allocated to each class (cost matrix 1). Then for each subsequent cost matrix identifier the misclassification costs were moved round one place. The result is that each class is allocated each misclassification cost in turn.

#### 15-class dataset: soybean

cost matrix	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
class															
1	1	700	650	600	550	500	450	400	350	300	250	200	150	100	50
2	50	1	700	650	600	550	500	450	400	350	300	250	200	150	100
3	100	50	1	700	650	600	550	500	450	400	350	300	250	200	150
4	150	100	50	1	700	650	600	550	500	450	400	350	300	250	200
5	200	150	100	50	1	700	650	600	550	500	450	400	350	300	250
6	250	200	150	100	50	1	700	650	600	550	500	450	400	350	300
7	300	250	200	150	100	50	1	700	650	600	550	500	450	400	350
8	350	300	250	200	150	100	50	1	700	650	600	550	500	450	400
9	400	350	300	250	200	150	100	50	1	700	650	600	550	500	450
10	450	400	350	300	250	200	150	100	50	1	700	650	600	550	500
11	500	450	400	350	300	250	200	150	100	50	1	700	650	600	550
12	550	500	450	400	350	300	250	200	150	100	50	1	700	650	600
13	600	550	500	450	400	350	300	250	200	150	100	50	1	700	650
14	650	600	550	500	450	400	350	300	250	200	150	100	50	1	700
15	700	650	600	550	500	450	400	350	300	250	200	150	100	50	1

#### 18-class dataset: krk

cost matrix	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
class																		
1	1	850	800	750	700	650	600	550	500	450	400	350	300	250	200	150	100	50

2	50	1	850	800	750	700	650	600	550	500	450	400	350	300	250	200	150	100
3	100	50	1	850	800	750	700	650	600	550	500	450	400	350	300	250	200	150
4	150	100	50	1	850	800	750	700	650	600	550	500	450	400	350	300	250	200
5	200	150	100	50	1	850	800	750	700	650	600	550	500	450	400	350	300	250
6	250	200	150	100	50	1	850	800	750	700	650	600	550	500	450	400	350	300
7	300	250	200	150	100	50	1	850	800	750	700	650	600	550	500	450	400	350
8	350	300	250	200	150	100	50	1	850	800	750	700	650	600	550	500	450	400
9	400	350	300	250	200	150	100	50	1	850	800	750	700	650	600	550	500	450
10	450	400	350	300	250	200	150	100	50	1	850	800	750	700	650	600	550	500
11	500	450	400	350	300	250	200	150	100	50	1	850	800	750	700	650	600	550
12	550	500	450	400	350	300	250	200	150	100	50	1	850	800	750	700	650	600
13	600	550	500	450	400	350	300	250	200	150	100	50	1	850	800	750	700	650
14	650	600	550	500	450	400	350	300	250	200	150	100	50	1	850	800	750	700
15	700	650	600	550	500	450	400	350	300	250	200	150	100	50	1	850	800	750
16	750	700	650	600	550	500	450	400	350	300	250	200	150	100	50	1	850	800
17	800	750	700	650	600	550	500	450	400	350	300	250	200	150	100	50	1	850
18	850	800	750	700	650	600	550	500	450	400	350	300	250	200	150	100	50	1