

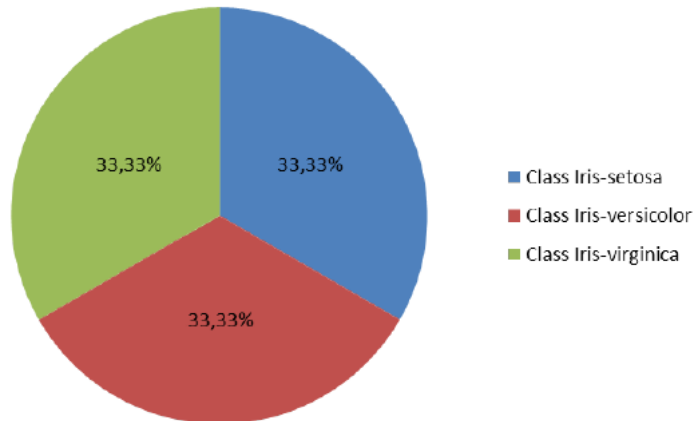
A little extra information about the Iris data set.

Classes: 3 (setosa, versicolor, virginica)

Attributes: 4

Instances: 150

Class balance:



Sample solution (98% accuracy on the entire data set)

petalwidth  $\leq 0.6$ : Iris-setosa

petalwidth  $> 0.6$

| petalwidth  $\leq 1.7$

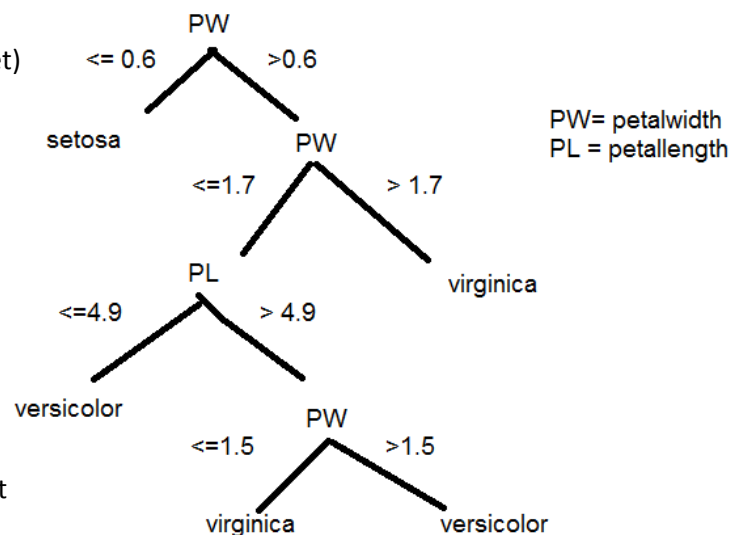
| | petalength  $\leq 4.9$ : Iris-versicolor

| | petalength  $> 4.9$

| | | petalwidth  $\leq 1.5$ : Iris-virginica

| | | petalwidth  $> 1.5$ : Iris-versicolor

| petalwidth  $> 1.7$ : Iris-virginica



(I know you aren't evolving decision trees, this is just to give you an idea of a candidate solution)

From the solution above you will notice that a 98% accuracy can be obtained using only the features petal width and petal length. I used WEKA and some feature selection algorithm and these are the results I got:

Ranked attributes:

1.418 petalength

1.378 petalwidth

0.698 sepallength

0.376 sepalwidth

This means that petalength and petalwidth are better features than the two sepal ones, especially sepalwidth. This is just to give you a heads up that your GP trees could solve the problem using only two variables.

Some results from literature to give you an estimate on how your GP should perform:  
These represent a range of results I found. They probably used 10-fold cross-validation too.

88.77 – 95.99<sup>i</sup>

93.30 – 95.30<sup>ii</sup>

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<sup>i</sup> H. Liu, F. Hussain, C. L. Tan, and M. Dash, "Discretization: An enabling technique," *Data mining and knowledge discovery*, vol. 6, no. 4, pp. 393-423, 2002.

<sup>ii</sup> M. Hacibeyoglu, A. Arslan, and S. Kahramanli, "Improving classification accuracy with discretization on datasets including continuous valued features," *World Academy of Science, Engineering & Technology*, 2011