



Decision Tree Algorithms

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 Mark T as a leaf with the most
 common value of y in S as a label.

ELSE

$\forall a_i \in A$ find a that obtain the best $\text{SplitCriterion}(a_i, S)$.

 Label t with a

 FOR each outcome v_i of a :

 Set $\text{Subtree}_i = \text{TreeGrowing}(\sigma_{a=v_i}, S, A, y)$.

 Connect the root node of t_T to Subtree_i with
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T - The tree to be pruned

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 maximally improve some evaluation criteria

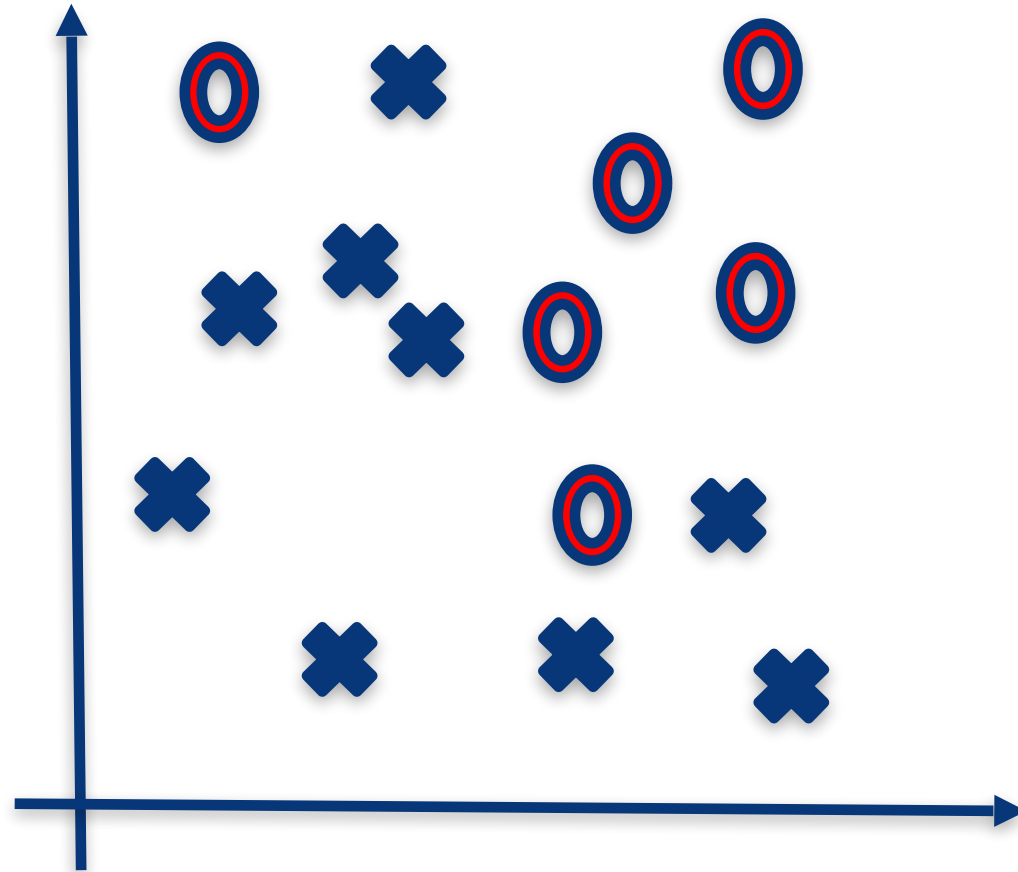
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