

# Chapter 6: Classification

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# Topics

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- ❑ What is classification?
- ❑ Issues regarding classification
- ❑ Classification by **decision tree** induction
- ❑ **Random Forest** *Extended ver. Composed of multiple D.T*
- ❑ Rule-based classification
- ❑ Associative classification
- ❑ Lazy learners (or learning from your neighbors)
- ❑ Accuracy and error measures
- ❑ Ensemble methods
- ❑ Summary

# What is Classification?

## □ Classification

- predicts **categorical** class labels (discrete or nominal)
- **constructs a model** by learning the training set (having the **class labels**) and classifies new data by using the model

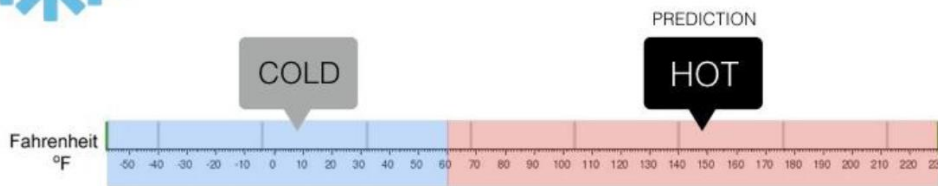
## □ VS. Regression

- It models a **continuous-valued** functions and predicts unknown or missing values by using the model



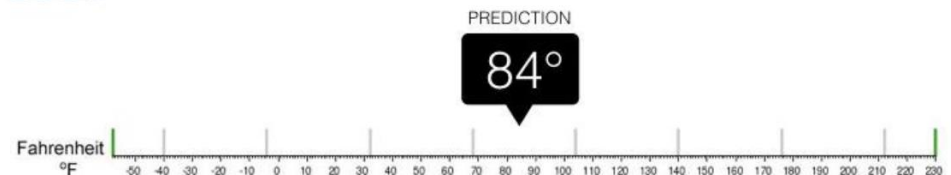
### Classification

Will it be Cold or Hot tomorrow?



### Regression

What is the temperature going to be tomorrow?





# Classification

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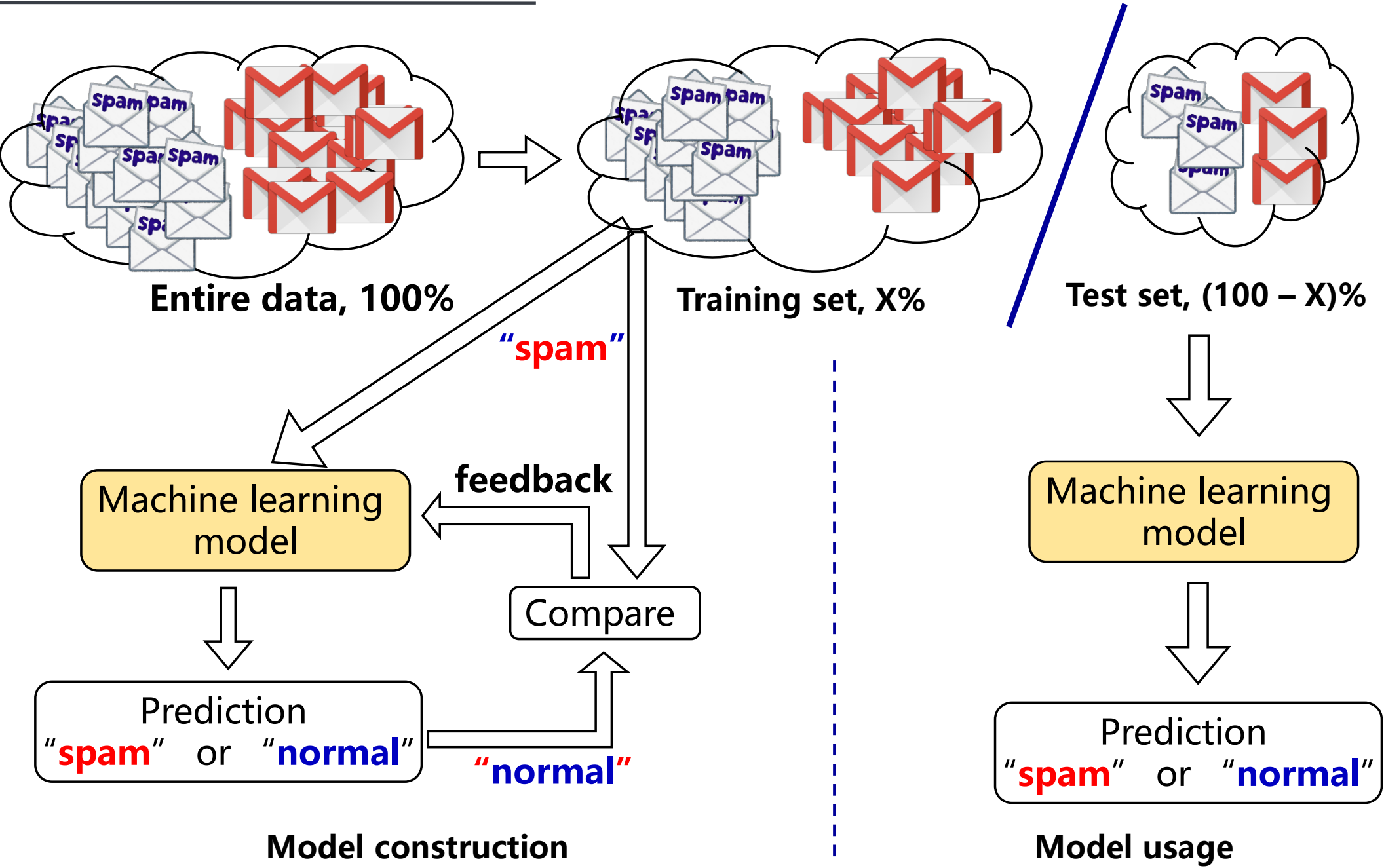
## ❑ Model construction

- ❑ Goal: to describe a set of predetermined classes by using a training data
- ❑ Training data
  - A set of data points/tuples/samples used for model construction
  - Each data: <feat-1, feat-2, ..., feat-n, **class label**> (feature / attribute)
  - Each data is assumed to belong to one of all possible classes
- ❑ Model
  - Maps each data <feat-1, feat-2, ..., feat-n> to a specific class label
  - Represented as classification rules, decision trees, networks, mathematical formula, etc

## ❑ Model usage

- ❑ Goal: to classify the future or unknown samples by using the model

# Example: Spam Mail Detection



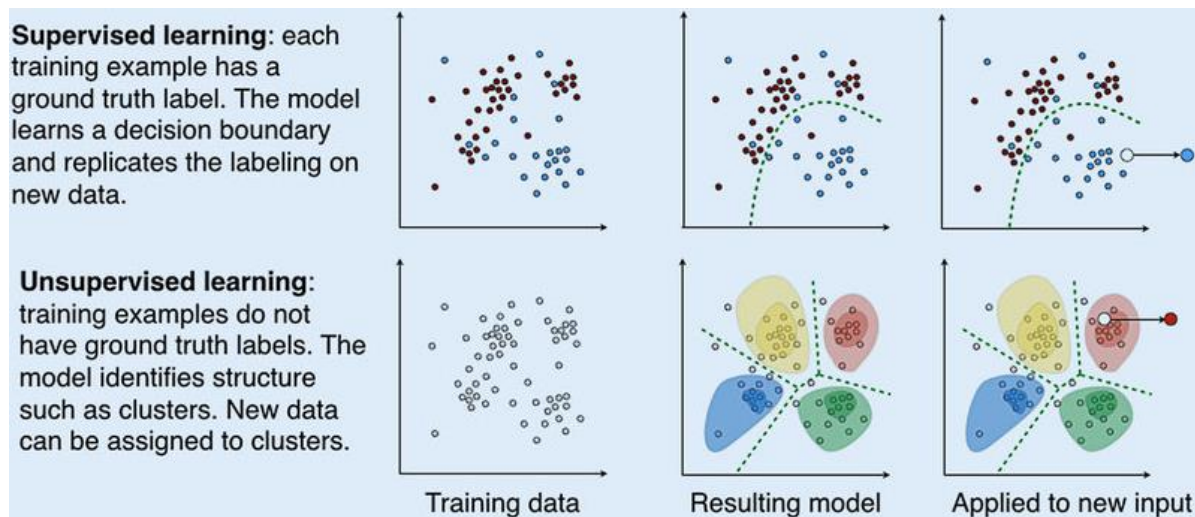
# Supervised vs. Unsupervised Learning

## ❑ Supervised learning (classification)

- ❑ Supervision: The training data (observations, measurements, etc.) are accompanied by labels indicating the class of the observations
- ❑ New data is classified based on the training set

## ❑ Unsupervised learning (clustering)

- ❑ The class labels of training data is unknown
- ❑ Given a set of measurements, observations, etc. with the aim of analyzing clusters or distributions in the data





# Issues in Classification: Data Preparation

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## ☐ **Data cleaning**

- ☐ Preprocess data in order to reduce noise and handle missing values

## ☐ **Relevance analysis (feature selection)**

- ☐ Remove the irrelevant (index, ID, etc...) or redundant attributes (year-salary and monthly salary, etc...)

## ☐ **Data transformation**

- ☐ Generalize and/or normalize data

# Issues in Classification: Evaluation Points

## □ Accuracy

- # of correctly classified data / # of entire test data

## □ Speed

- time to construct the model (training time)
- time to use the model (testing time)

## □ Robustness: handling noise, error, outliers and missing values

## □ Scalability: handling a growing size of data

data size:  $n$ , training complexity:  $O(n)$  ⇒ 'scalable' → natural, affordable

$O(n^2)$  ⇒ Not scalable → 이런 종류의 모델은 빅데이터 environment에 적합하지 않음

## □ Interpretability

: can explain how each classification result has been made

- understanding and insight provided by the model

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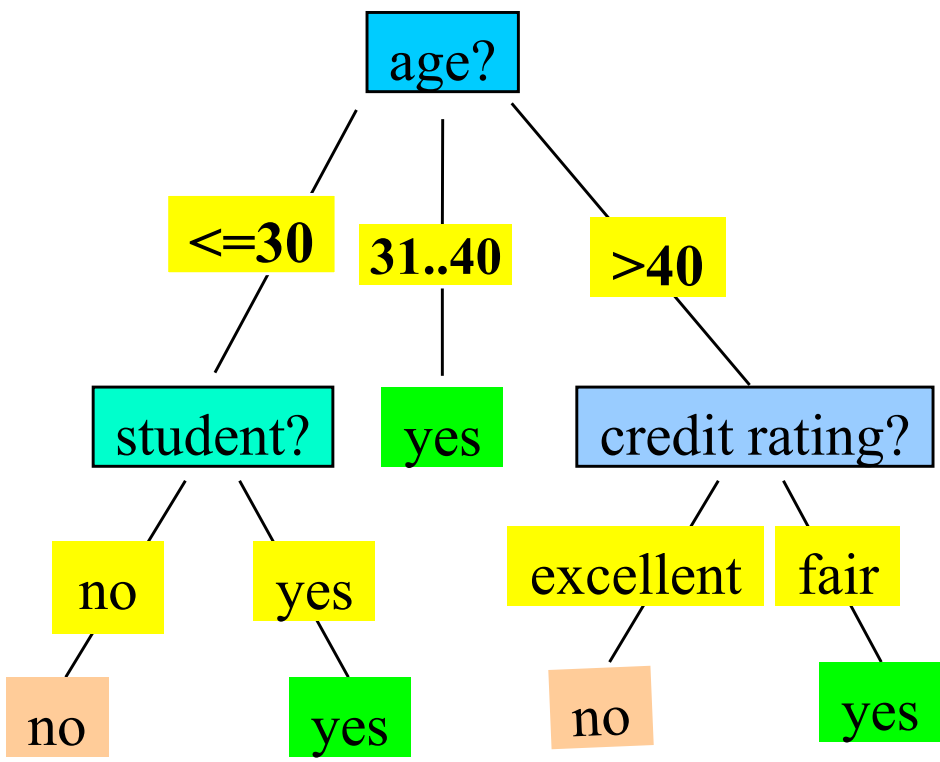


# Decision Tree

## What is Decision tree?

- A decision tree is a graphical representation of all the possible solutions to a decision based on certain conditions
- Each **branch node** represents a **choice** between alternatives, and each **leaf node** represents a **decision**

age	income	student	credit_rating	buys_computer
<=30	high	no	fair	no
<=30	high	no	excellent	no
31...40	high	no	fair	yes
>40	medium	no	fair	yes
>40	low	yes	fair	yes
>40	low	yes	excellent	no
31...40	low	yes	excellent	yes
<=30	medium	no	fair	no
<=30	low	yes	fair	yes
>40	medium	yes	fair	yes
<=30	medium	yes	excellent	yes
31...40	medium	no	excellent	yes
31...40	high	yes	fair	yes
>40	medium	no	excellent	no





# Overview of Decision Tree Induction : Build DT

## ❑ Algorithm overview

- ❑ A **greedy algorithm** that constructs a decision tree in a **top-down, recursive, divide-and-conquer manner**
- ❑ At start, all the training examples are at the root
- ❑ Examples are partitioned recursively based on the **selected feature**
- ❑ Features are selected on the basis of a heuristic or statistical measure (e.g., **information gain**)

## ❑ Conditions for stopping the partitioning process

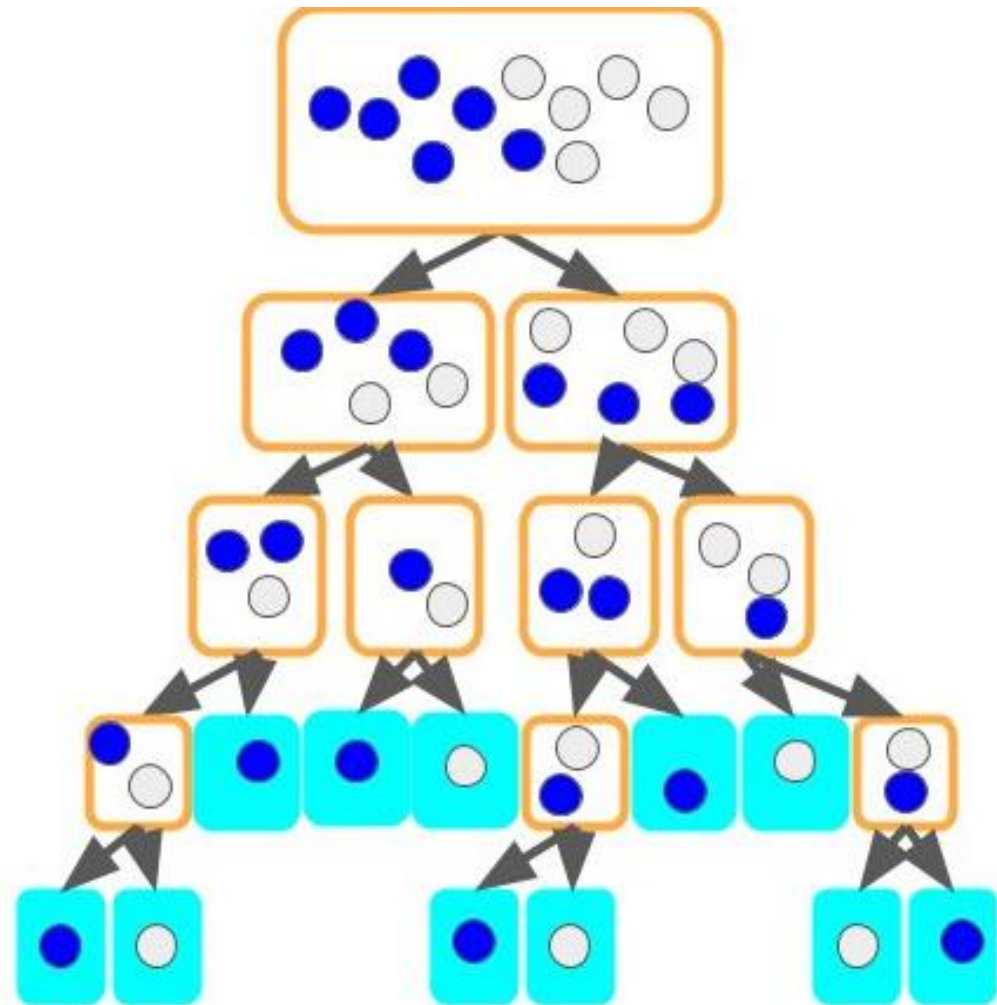
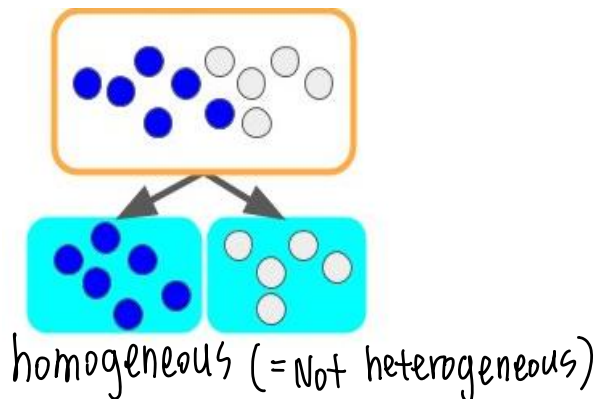
- ❑ The training examples for a node belong to the **same class** – perfectly classified on that branch
- ❑ There are **no remaining features for further partitioning** – **majority voting** is employed for classifying the leaf

# Decision Tree Induction

□ Basic idea: **greedy & recursive & divide and conquer**

- **Step 1** : Start with an empty tree
- **Step 2** : Select a feature to split data
- For each split of the tree:
  - **Step 3** : If nothing more to, make predictions
  - **Step 4** : Otherwise, go to **Step 2** & continue (recurse) on this split

# Ideal case



# Decision Tree Induction

## □ Algorithms

- 1) ID3 : **entropy**
- 2) C4.5 : **Gain Ratio**
- 3) CART : **Gini index**

) all based on same concept: greedy approach, top-down manner,  
recursive, divide-and-conquer strategy  
⇒ only differences: How to select the features

## □ Common idea

- For each feature A: **how heterogeneous** the resulting separation is?  
(이질적인)
  - It measures **how much different classes** of data are mixed after separating them according to a given test feature **A**
  - The lower, the better      The degree of heterogeneous is low, it is better.

## □ Feature types

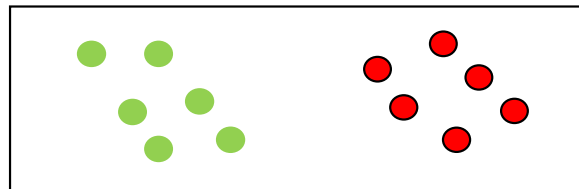
- Features are assumed to be categorical (for simplicity)
- If continuous-valued, they are discretized in advance



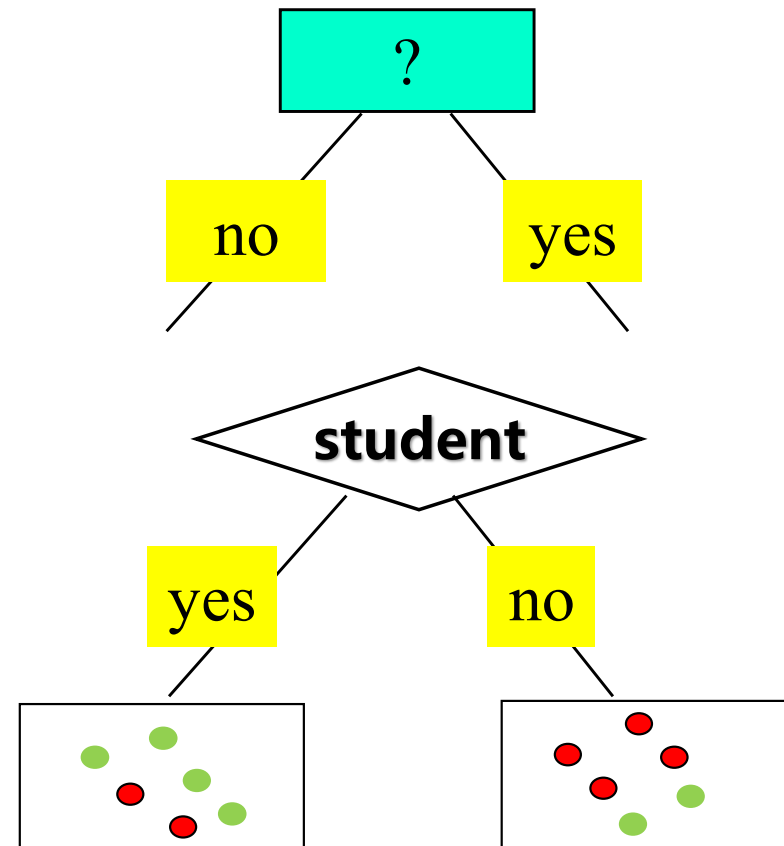
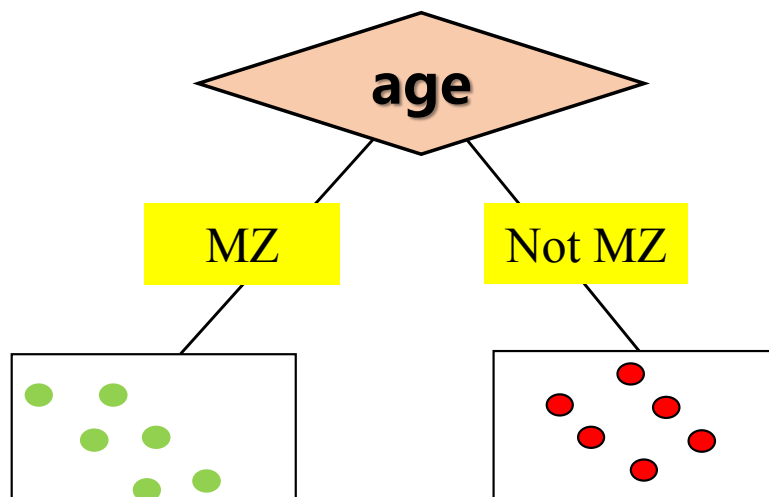
# Feature Selection

## Which feature is the best?

- Partitions data into **more homogeneous (less heterogeneous)** groups
  - Similar keywords: entropy, impurity, heterogeneity, ...



class A ●  
class B ●



# ID3 (Iterative Dichotomiser 3)

Information Gain is used, which is based on Entropy.

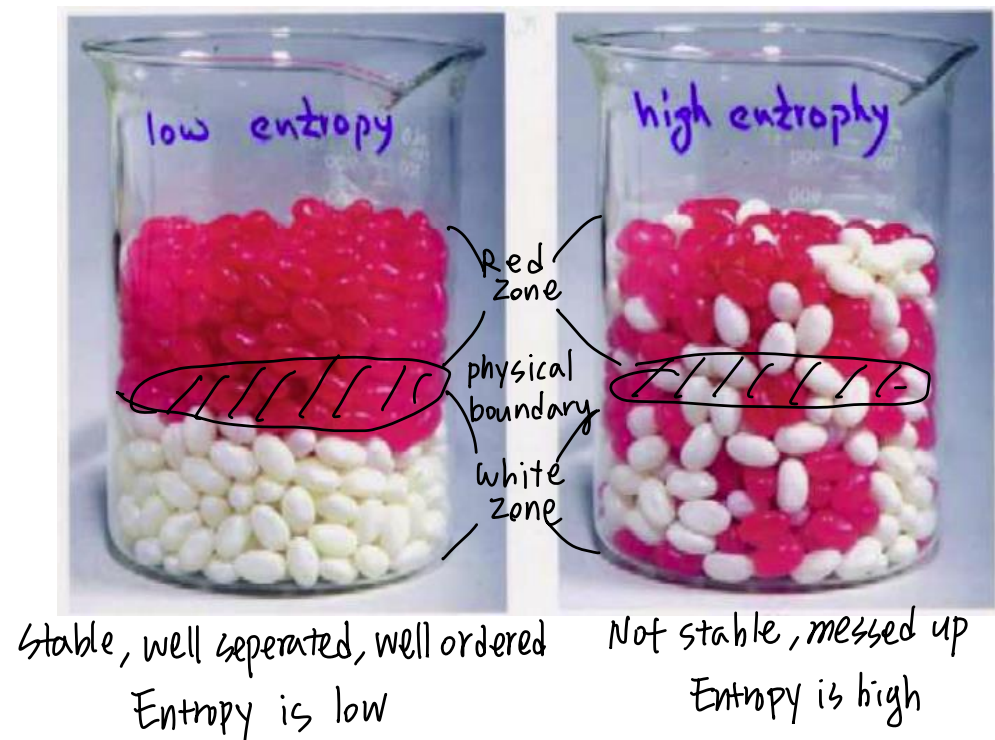
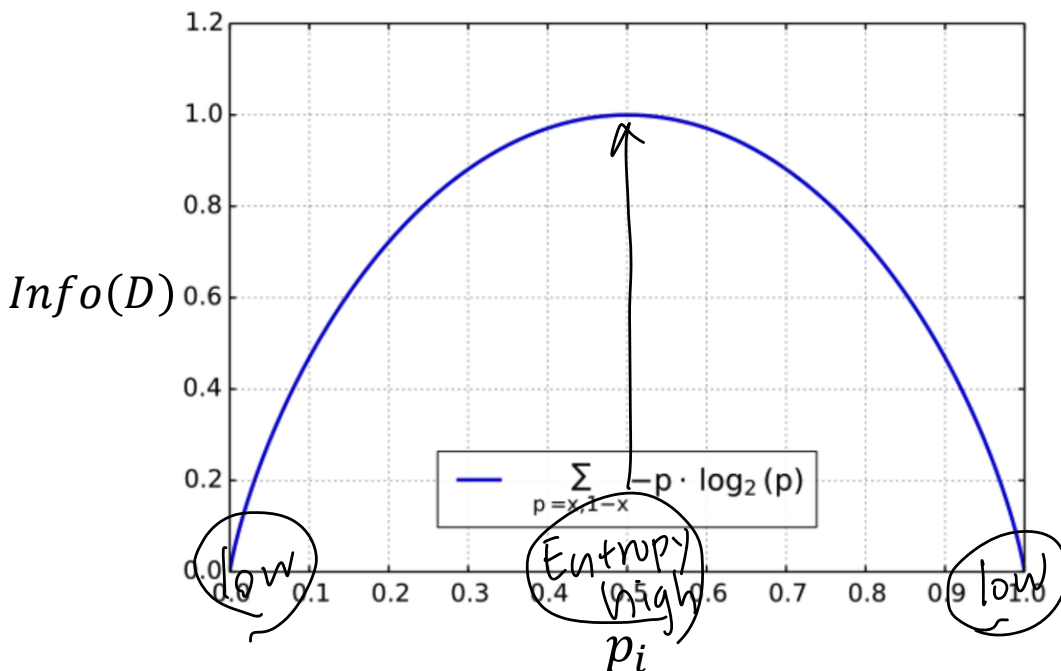
Entropy is a numerical expression of the amount of information in a probability distribution.

Entropy can measure how the data mix or well partitioned

$$Info(D) = -\sum_{i=1}^m p_i \log_2(p_i)$$

$p_i$  is the probability that an arbitrary example in our data D belongs to class i

The more heterogeneous the data distribution, the greater the entropy.



Stable, well separated, well ordered  
Entropy is low

Not stable, messed up  
Entropy is high

# ID3 (Iterative Dichotomiser 3)

## Information gain (GAIN) of a given feature "A"

- The difference of entropy before/after separating with A
- The feature with the most entropy reduction is the best choice!

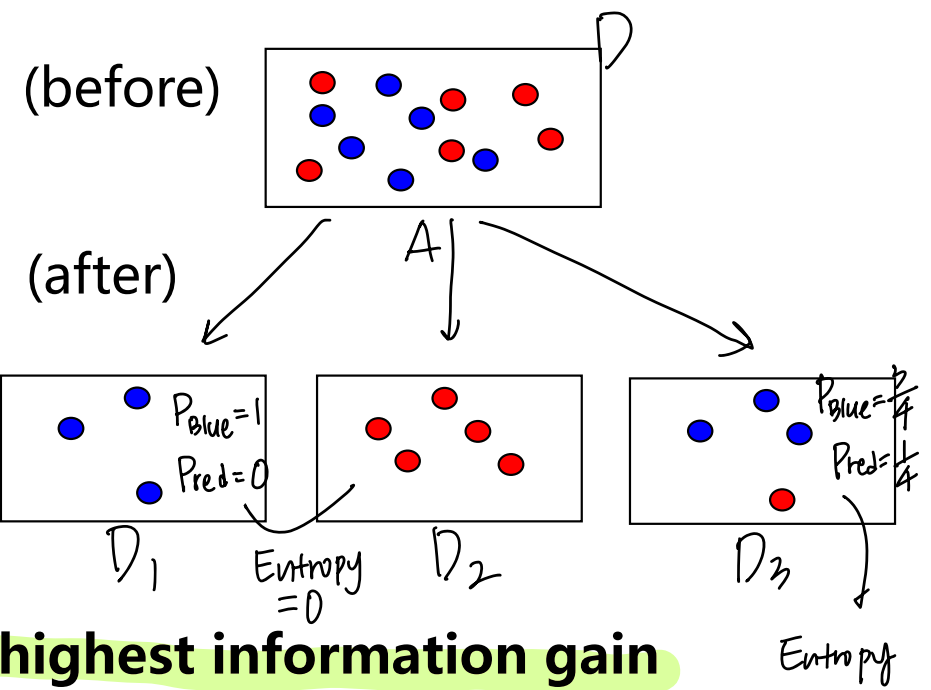
$$Gain(A) = Info(D) - Info_A(D)$$

$$Info(D) = -\frac{1}{2} \log_2 \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \log_2 \frac{1}{2} = 1$$

$$Info(D) = -\sum_{i=1}^m p_i \log_2(p_i)$$

$$Info_A(D) = \sum_{j=1}^v \frac{|D_j|}{|D|} \times Info(D_j)$$

V: # of separation → (V=3)



- Select one feature that has the highest information gain

$$\Rightarrow Info_A(D) = \frac{4}{12} Info(D_3)$$

$$Info(D_3) = -\frac{3}{4} \log_2 \left(\frac{3}{4}\right) - \frac{1}{4} \log_2 \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)$$

# Working Example

credit	term	income	age	loan
Fair	3years	High	<=30	risky
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Excellent	3years	High	>50	safe
Poor	5years	High	31...50	safe
Poor	5years	Low	31...50	safe
Poor	5years	Low	>50	risky
Excellent	5years	Low	<=30	safe
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Excellent	5years	Low	<=30	safe
Poor	5years	high	>50	risky

credit	s <sub>i</sub>	r <sub>i</sub>	Info(p <sub>i</sub> , n <sub>i</sub> )
Excellent	4	0	0
Fair	2	3	0.971
Poor	3	2	0.971

$$Info(D) = I(9, 5) = -\frac{9}{14} \log_2 \frac{9}{14} - \frac{5}{14} \log_2 \frac{5}{14} = 0.940$$

$$Info_{credit}(D) = \frac{4}{14} I(4, 0) + \frac{5}{14} I(2, 3) + \frac{5}{14} I(3, 2) = 0.694$$

$$Gain(credit) = Info(D) - Info_{credit}(D) = 0.246$$

Similarly,

- $Gain(term) = 0.016$
- $Gain(income) = 0.152$
- $Gain(age) = 0.050$



# C4.5, an Evolution of ID3

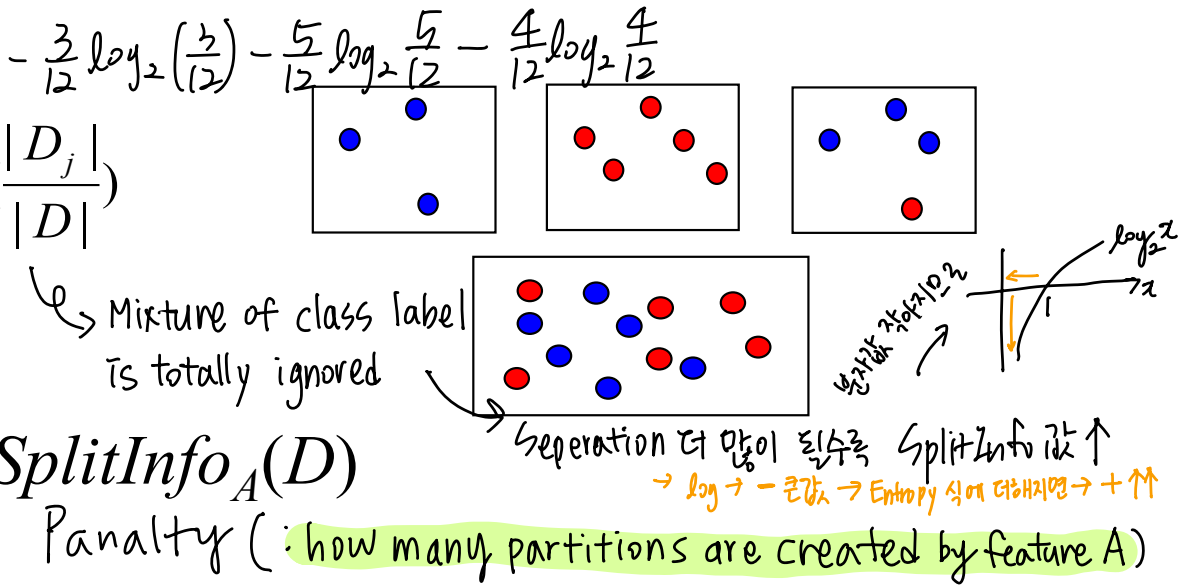
- Information gain measure is biased towards features with a large number of values
  - If a feature "A" has 5 values and "B" has 2 values,
  - A tends to have higher information gain than B
- C4.5 uses **Gain Ratio** (normalization to information gain)

Gain Ratio takes the number and size of branches into account when choosing a feature

$$SplitInfo_A(D) = - \sum_{j=1}^3 \frac{|D_j|}{|D|} \times \log_2 \left( \frac{|D_j|}{|D|} \right)$$

$$Gain(A) = Info(D) - Info_A(D)$$

$$GainRatio(A) = Gain(A) / SplitInfo_A(D)$$



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$$\text{Gain}(\text{credit}) = \text{Info}(D) - \text{Info}_{\text{credit}}(D) = 0.246$$

$$\text{SplitInfo}(\text{credit}) = -\frac{5}{14} \log_2 \frac{5}{14} - \frac{4}{14} \log_2 \frac{4}{14} - \frac{5}{14} \log_2 \frac{5}{14} = 1.557$$

$$\text{GainRatio}(\text{credit}) = 0.246 / 1.577 = 0.1559$$



# CART (Classification and Regression Trees)

- **Gini index**: shares same idea with the entropy

- $gini(D) = 1 - \sum_{i=1}^v p_i^2$ , where  $j$  indicates the class index

- For a feature "A",  $gini_A(D) = \frac{|D_1|}{|D|} gini(D_1) + \frac{|D_2|}{|D|} gini(D_2)$

- Its idea is very similar with ID3: ( $Info_A(D) = \sum_{j=1}^v \frac{|D_j|}{|D|} \times Info(D_j)$ )

ID3과 비슷하지만 skip

- **Reduction in impurity**:

- which is very similar with Information Gain

- The feature providing the largest reduction in impurity (using information gain) is chosen to as the test feature to split the node

$$\Delta gini(A) = gini(D) - gini_A(D)$$



# Overfitting

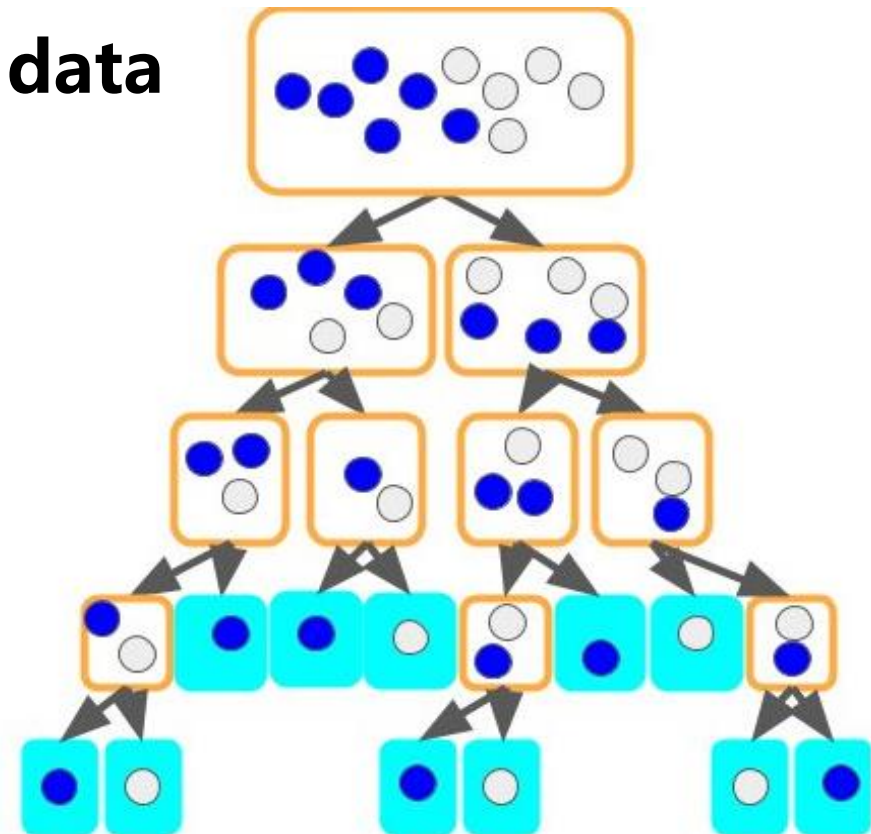
## ❑ When to stop?

- ❑ One way: stop when all samples for a given node **belong to the same class**

## ❑ 100% accuracy for the training data

- ❑ It is good? No, overfitting!

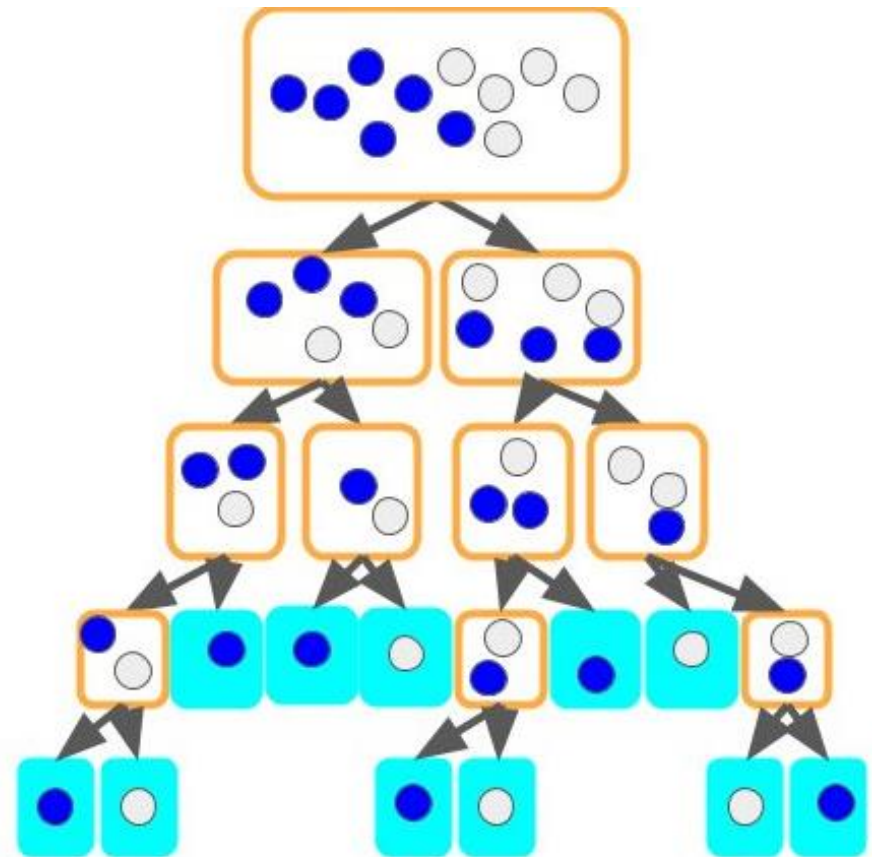
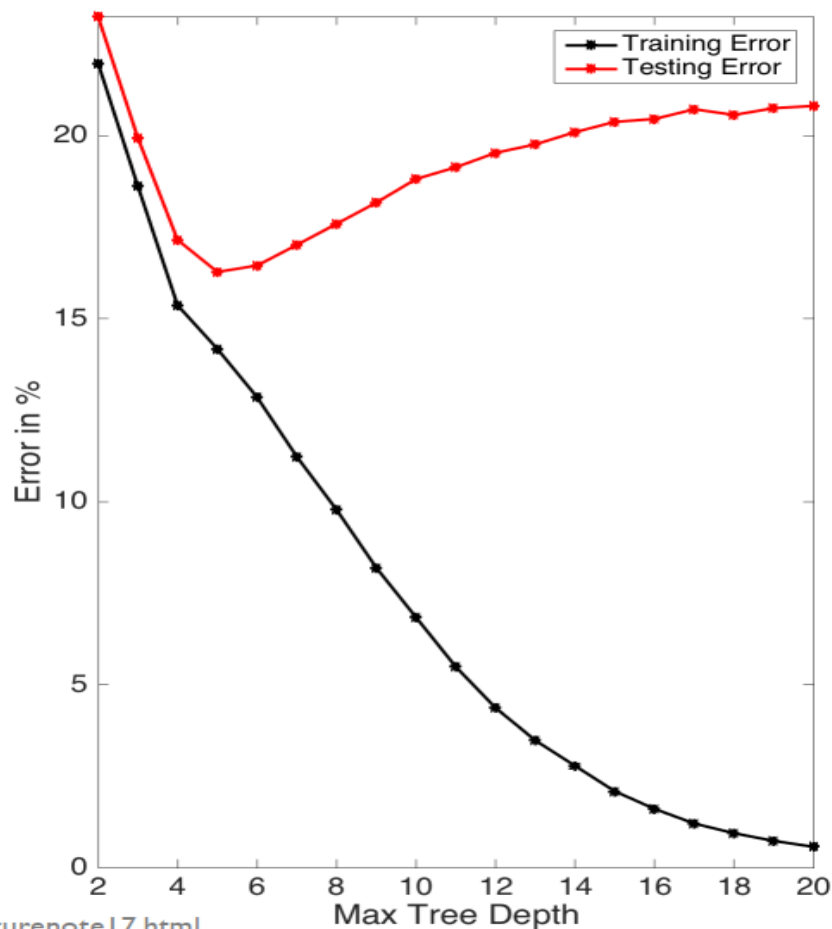
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# Overfitting

## ❑ Overfitting of decision tree models

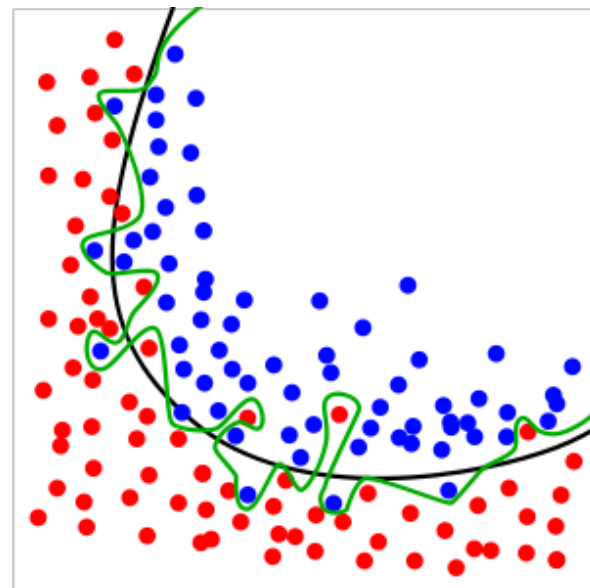
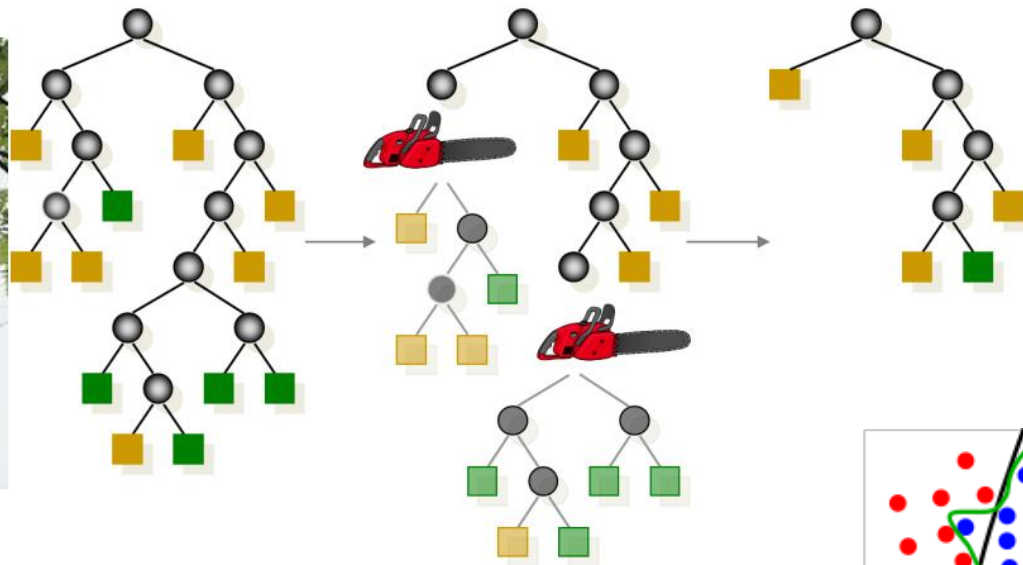
- ❑ Too many branches, some may reflect anomalies due to noise or outliers
- ❑ Poor accuracy for unseen samples





# Tree Pruning

□ Pruning can be seen as smoothing the decision boundary





# Tree Pruning

## ❑ Two approaches to avoid overfitting

### ❑ Pre-pruning: Halt tree construction early

→ while construct tree

- Do not split a node if this would result in the goodness measure falling below a threshold → validation set으로 구할 수 있음
- **Difficult to choose an appropriate threshold**

: Minimum samples split, Maximum tree depth, Minimum gain ....

### ❑ Post-pruning: Remove branches from a “fully grown” tree

- Get a sequence of progressively pruned trees
- Use a set of data (**validation set**) different from the training data to decide which is the “best pruned tree”
- Nodes are removed only if the resulting pruned tree performs no worse than the original over **the validation set**. pruning 후 accuracy가 더 좋으면
- Pruning of nodes continues until further pruning is harmful (i.e., pruning 하므로  
결과  
decreases accuracy of the tree over the validation set)





# Random Forest

overfitting 피할수있는 더 널리 사용되는 방법

## □ Ensemble

- It relies on multiple models to increase the predictive power



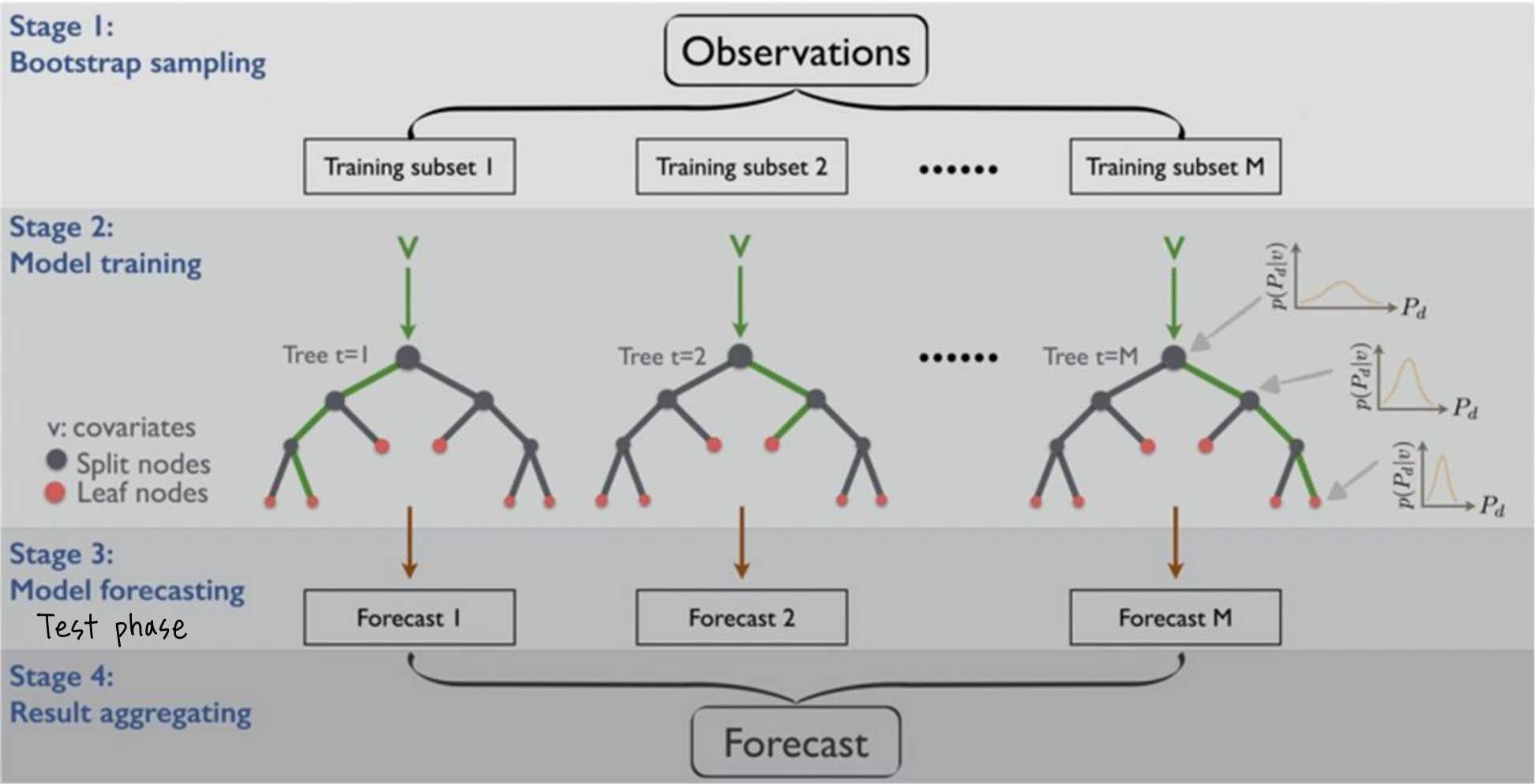
## □ Random Forest

- It is a decision tree version of ensemble
- Forest: it builds 500 (or less) ~ 10,000 (or more) decision trees



# Random Forest

## Graphical overview



# Random Forest

## □ Drawing a bootstrap sample

- Randomly sample data one-by-one **with replacement**
- Repeat N times (N is the number of examples in our training data)

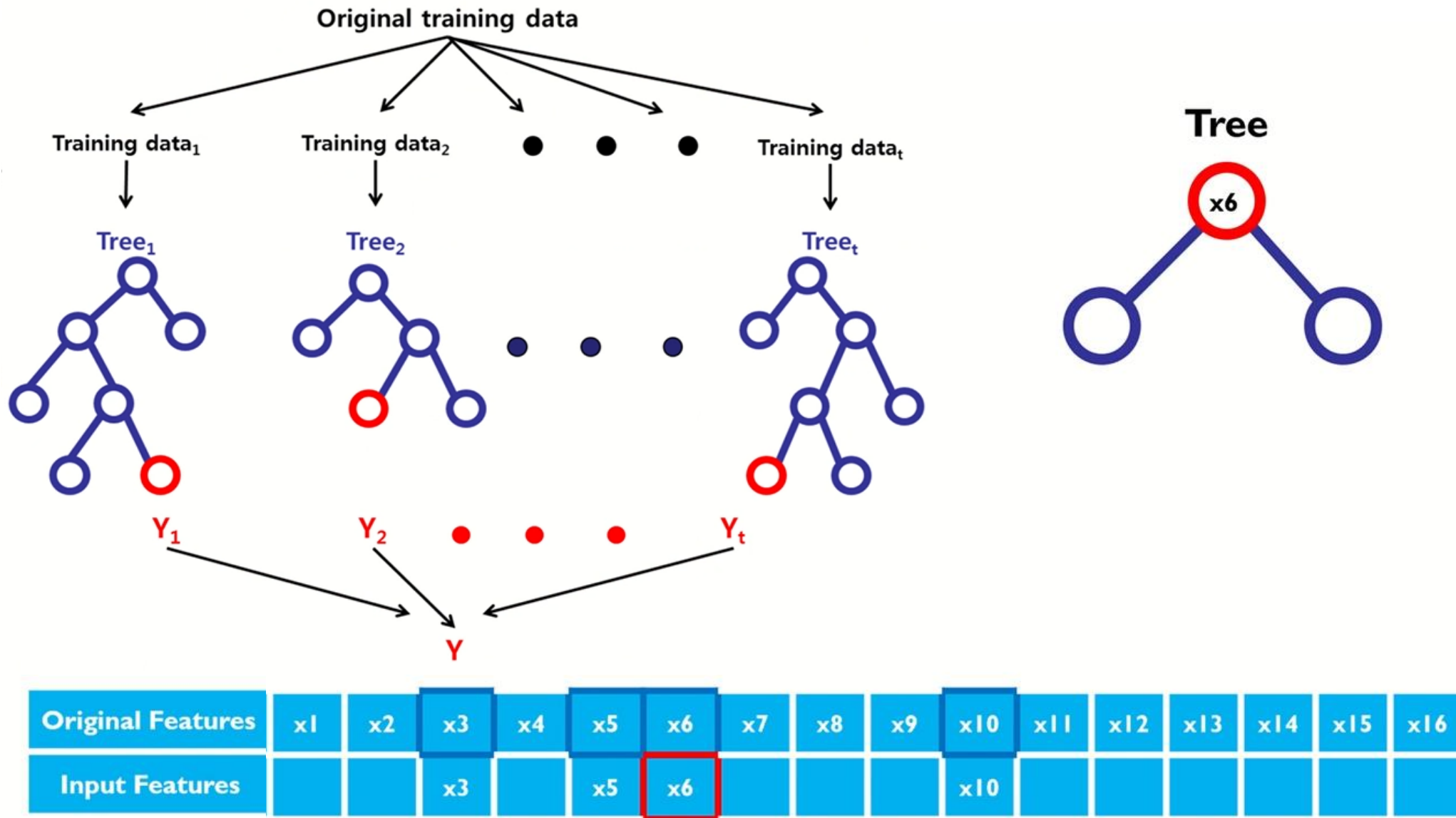
Original Dataset	Bootstrap 1	Bootstrap 2		Bootstrap B
$x^1$	$x^3$	$x^7$		$x^9$
$x^2$	$x^6$	$x^1$		$x^5$
$x^3$	$x^2$	$x^{10}$		$x^2$
$x^4$	$x^{10}$	$x^1$		$x^4$
$x^5$	$x^8$	$x^8$		$x^7$
$x^6$	$x^7$	$x^6$	...	$x^2$
$x^7$	$x^7$	$x^2$		$x^5$
$x^8$	$x^3$	$x^6$		$x^{10}$
$x^9$	$x^2$	$x^4$		$x^8$
$x^{10}$	$x^7$	$x^9$		$x^2$

original dataset과 같은 수의 data points를 가지도록 구성.



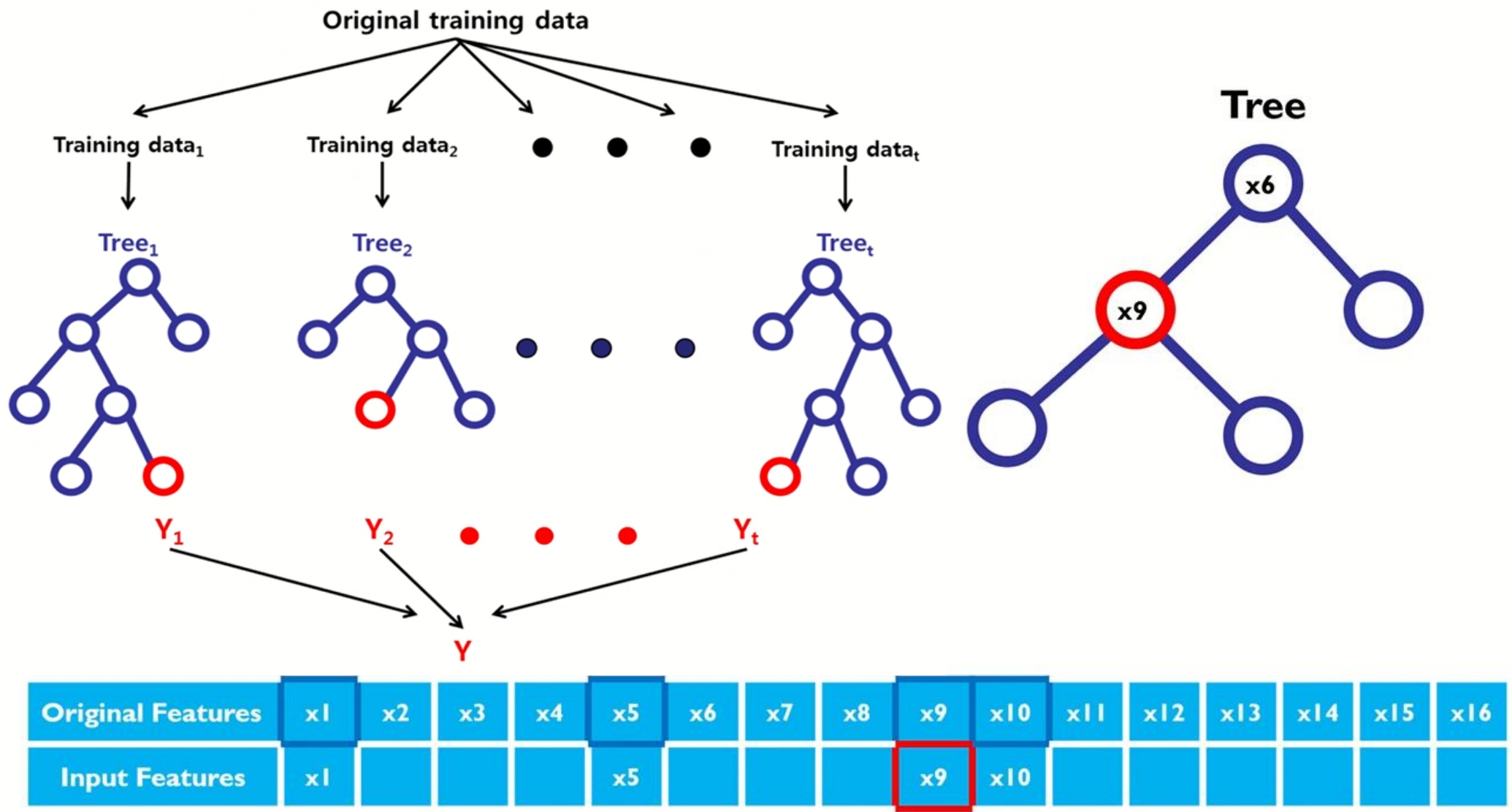
# Random Forest

- ❑ **Randomly select** several features from the entire feature set



# Random Forest

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# Random Forest

## Aggregation: majority voting

$$\hat{y}_{Ensemble} = \arg \max_i \left( \sum_{j=1}^n \delta(\hat{y}_j = i), \quad i \in \{0, 1\} \right)$$

Training Accuracy	Ensemble population	P(y=1) for a test instance	Predicted class label
0.80	Model 1	0.90	1
0.75	Model 2	0.92	1
0.88	Model 3	0.87	1
0.91	Model 4	0.34	0
0.77	Model 5	0.41	0
0.65	Model 6	0.84	1
0.95	Model 7	0.14	0
0.82	Model 8	0.32	0
0.78	Model 9	0.98	1
0.83	Model 10	0.57	1

$$\sum_{j=1}^n \delta(\hat{y}_j = 0) = 4$$

$$\sum_{j=1}^n \delta(\hat{y}_j = 1) = 6$$

$$\hat{y}_{Ensemble} = 1$$

# Random Forest

## Aggregation: weighted voting

If you want to apply more opinion performing well decision tree, train accuracy  $\approx$  weigh  $\approx$   $\propto$

$$\hat{y}_{Ensemble} = arg \max_i \left( \frac{\sum_{j=1}^n (TrnAcc_j) \cdot \delta(\hat{y}_j = i)}{\sum_{j=1}^n (TrnAcc_j)} \right), \quad i \in \{0, 1\}$$

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$$\frac{\sum_{j=1}^n (TrnAcc_j) \cdot \delta(\hat{y}_j = 0)}{\sum_{j=1}^n (TrnAcc_j)} = 0.424$$

$$\frac{\sum_{j=1}^n (TrnAcc_j) \cdot \delta(\hat{y}_j = 1)}{\sum_{j=1}^n (TrnAcc_j)} = 0.576$$

$$\hat{y}_{Ensemble} = 1$$



# Summary

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## ❑ Decision tree model

- ❑ Recursively select the best feature/attribute in a greedy manner
- ❑ Information gain, entropy, gini index, ....

## ❑ Overfitting

- ❑ Tree pruning
- ❑ Random forest

## ❑ Random forest

- ❑ Ensemble of 500~10,000 decision trees
- ❑ Each tree is trained on a bootstrapped sample
- ❑ When constructing each tree, we randomly select a small number of candidate features in every recursion

# Thank You



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