Decision Trees

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Discrete Input Discrete Output

The need for interpretability

How to maintain trust in AI

Beyond developing initial trust, however, creators of AI also must work to maintain that trust. Siau and Wang suggest seven ways of "developing continuous trust" beyond the initial phases of product development:

- Usability and reliability. AI "should be designed to operate easily and intuitively," Siau and Wang write. "There should be no unexpected downtime or crashes."
- Collaboration and communication. AI developers want to create systems that perform autonomously, without human involvement. Developers must focus on creating AI applications that smoothly and easily collaborate and communicate with humans.
- Sociability and bonding. Building social activities into AI applications is one way to strengthen trust. A robotic dog that can recognize its owner and show affection is one example, Siau and Wang write.
- Security and privacy protection. AI applications rely on large data sets, so ensuring privacy and security will be crucial to establishing trust in the applications.

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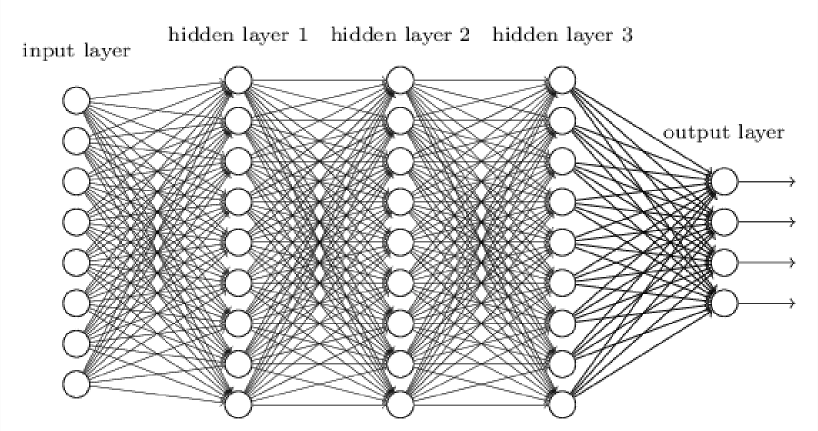

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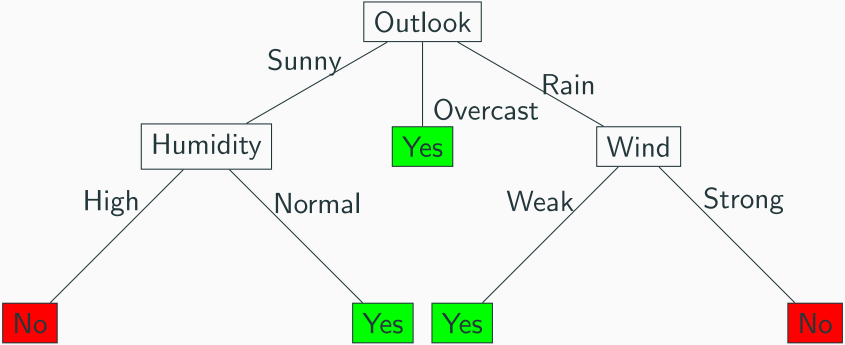

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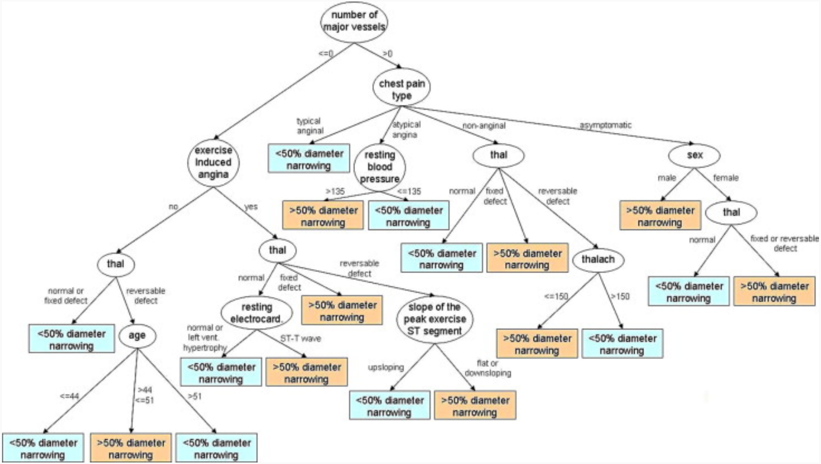

Figure 1: Source: Improving medical decision trees by combining relevant health-care criteria

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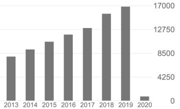

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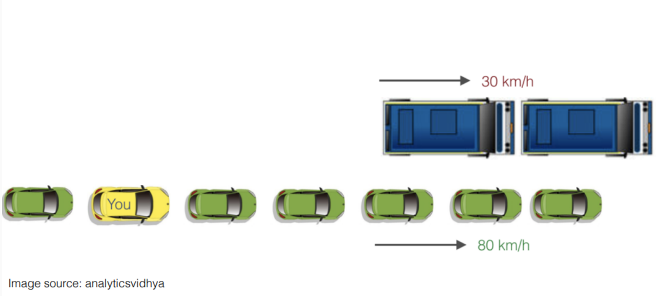
Binary decision trees, computational complexity, NP-complete

Greedy Algorithm

Core idea: At each level, choose an attribute that gives **biggest estimated** performance gain!



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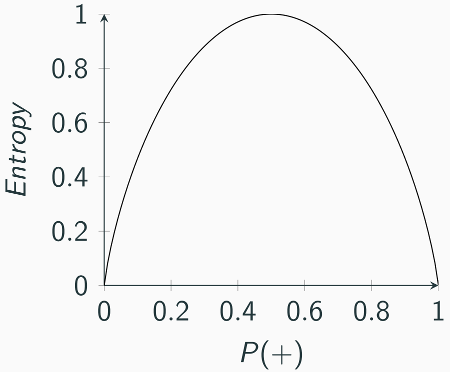

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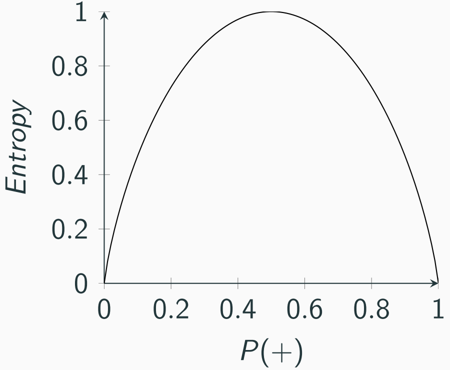

Avg. # of bits to transmit

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- When Outlook is overcast, we always Play and thus no “disagreement”

Information Gain

Reduction in entropy by partitioning examples (S) on attribute A

$$\text{Gain}(S, A) \equiv \text{ Entropy } (S) - \sum_{v \in Values(A)} \frac{|S_v|}{|S|} \text{Entropy} \, (S_v)$$

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Entropy calculated

We have 14 examples in S: 5 No, 9 Yes

$$\mathrm{Entropy(S)} = -\,\mathrm{p}_{No} \log_2 \mathrm{p}_{No} - \mathrm{p}_{Yes} \log_2 \mathrm{p}_{Yes}$$

$$= -(5/14)\log_2(5/14) - (9/14)\log_2(9/14) = 0.94$$

Information Gain for Outlook

Outlook	Play
Sunny	No
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Overcast	Yes
Rain	Yes
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Gain (S, Outlook) $=$ Entropy (S) -(5/14)* Entropy(S_{Sunny})-
(4/14)* Entropy (S_{overcast})$-$(5/14)* Entropy(S_{Rain})
$=$ 0.940 - 0.347 - 0.347
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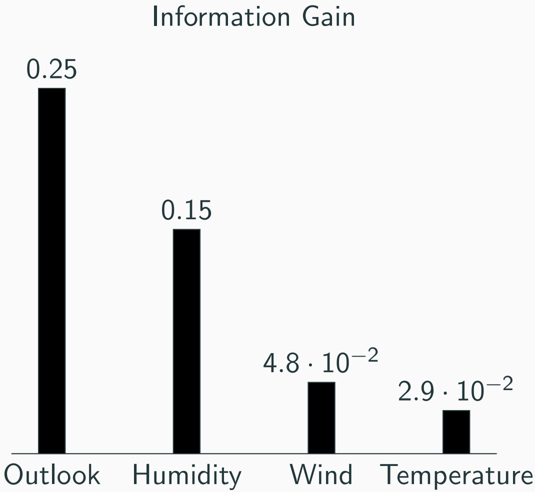

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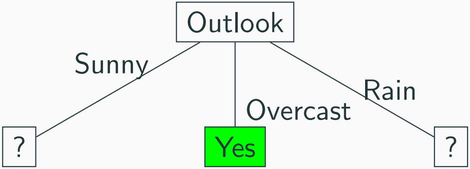

Calling ID3 on Outlook=Sunny

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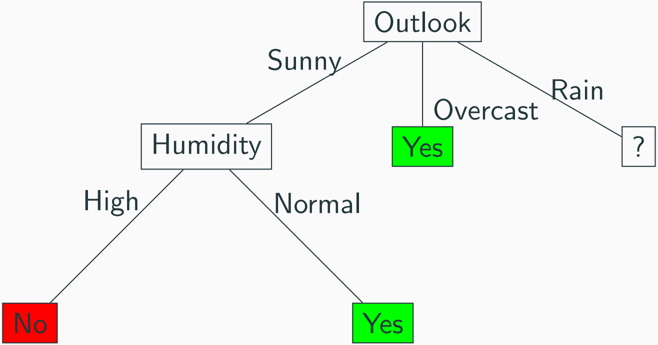

Calling ID3 on (Outlook=Rain)

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D4	Mild	High	Weak	Yes
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- The attribute Windy gives the highest information gain

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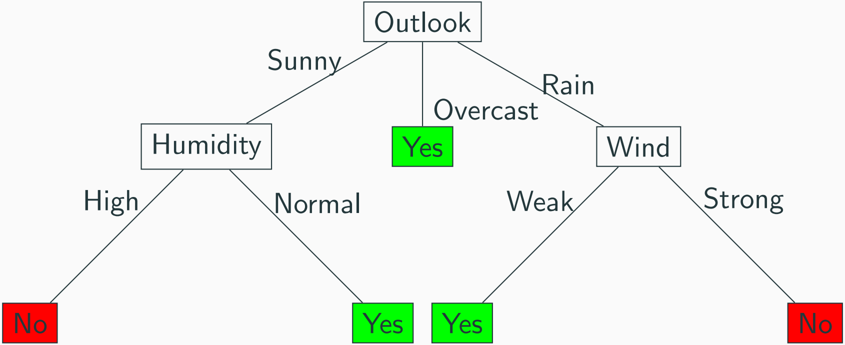

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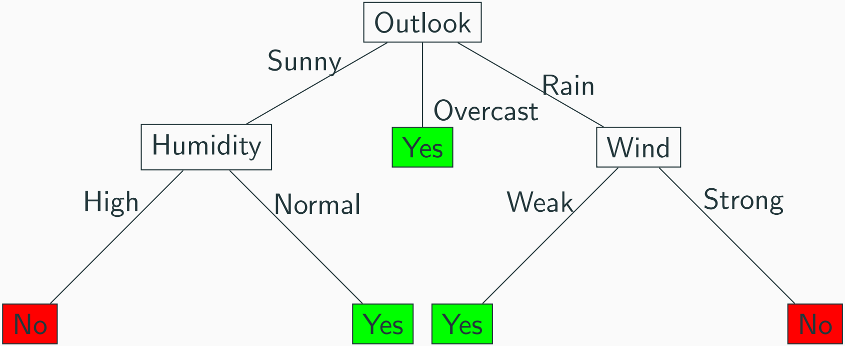

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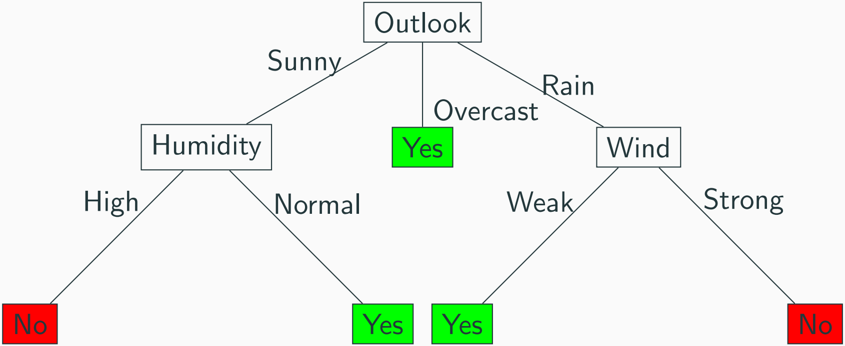

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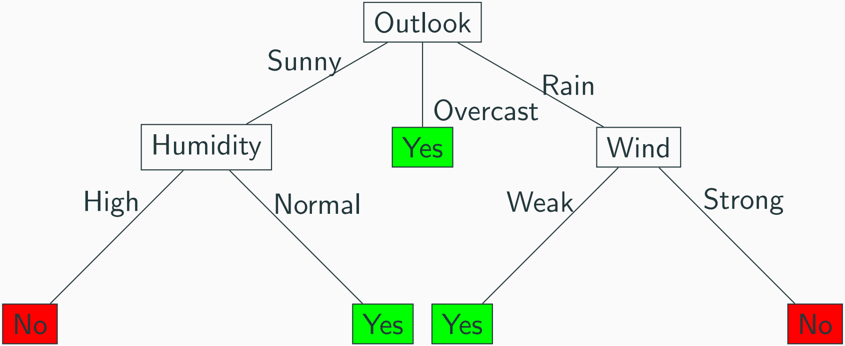

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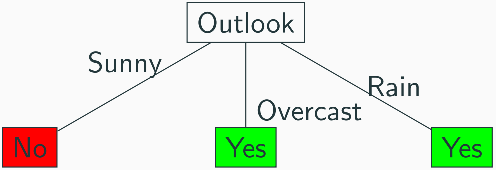

Discrete Input, Real Output

Modified Dataset

Day	Outlook	Temp	Humidity	Wind	Minutes Played
D1	Sunny	Hot	High	Weak	20
D2	Sunny	Hot	High	Strong	24
D3	Overcast	Hot	High	Weak	40
D4	Rain	Mild	High	Weak	50
D5	Rain	Cool	Normal	Weak	60
D6	Rain	Cool	Normal	Strong	10
D7	Overcast	Cool	Normal	Strong	4
D8	Sunny	Mild	High	Weak	10
D9	Sunny	Cool	Normal	Weak	60
D10	Rain	Mild	Normal	Weak	40
D11	Sunny	Mild	High	Strong	45
D12	Overcast	Mild	High	Strong	40
D13	Overcast	Hot	Normal	Weak	35
D14	Rain	Mild	High	Strong	20

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Gain by splitting on Wind

Wind	Minutes Played
Weak	20
Strong	24
Weak	40
Weak	50
Weak	60
Strong	10
Strong	4
Weak	10
Weak	60
Weak	40
Strong	45
Strong	40
Weak	35
Strong	20

Table 1: VAR(S)=335.3

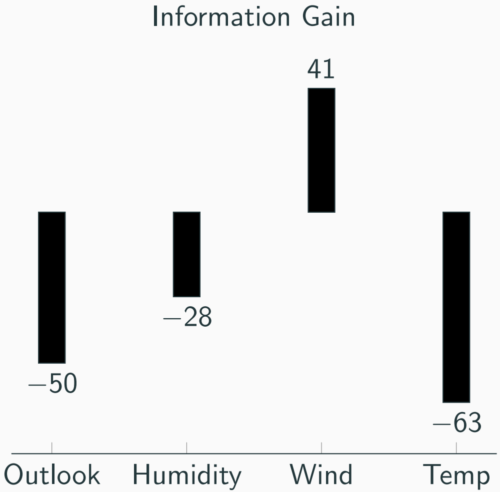
Weak	20
Weak	40
Weak	50
Weak	60
Weak	10
Weak	60
Weak	40
Weak	35

Table 2: Weighted VAR($S_{Wind=Weak}$=(8/14)*317=181)

Wind	Minutes Played
Strong	24
Strong	10
Strong	4
Strong	45
Strong	40
Strong	20

Table 3: Weighted VAR($S_{Wind=Strong}$=(6/14)*261=112)

Information Gain



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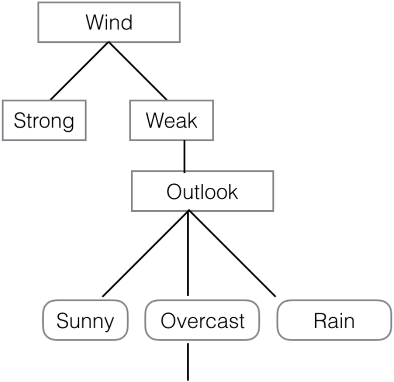
Assume a tree like this is learnt …



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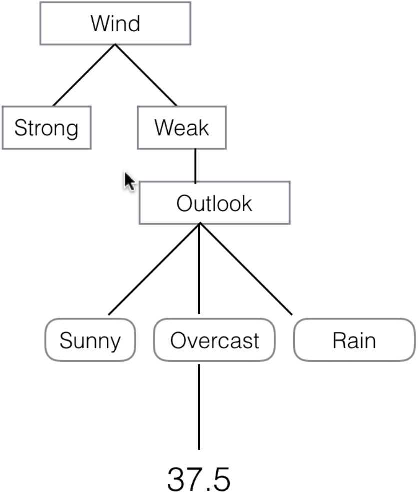
Method 1
Mins Played=(40+35)/2



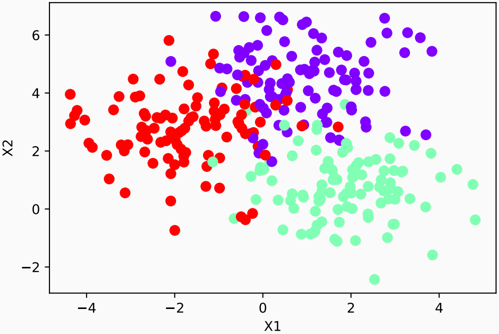
Real Input Discrete Output

Finding splits

Day	Temperature	PlayTennis
D1	40	No
D2	48	No
D3	60	Yes
D4	72	Yes
D5	80	Yes
D6	90	No

- How do you find splits?
- Sort by attribute
- Find attribute values where changes happen
- For example, splits are: Temp ¿ (48+60)/2 and Temp ¿ (80+90)/2

Example (DT of depth 0)



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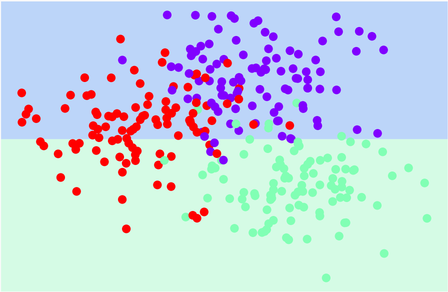

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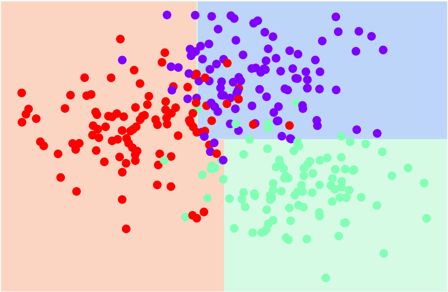
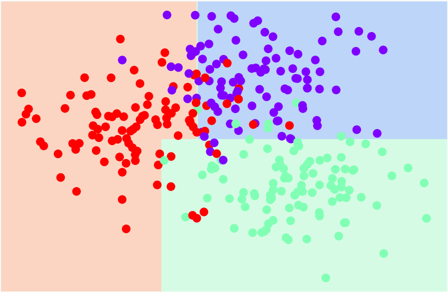


Example (DT of depth 3)



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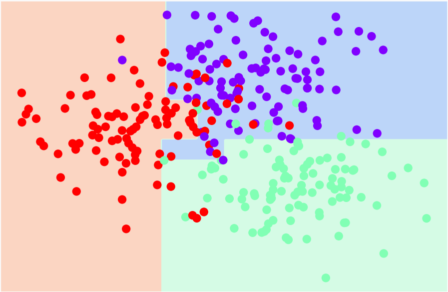

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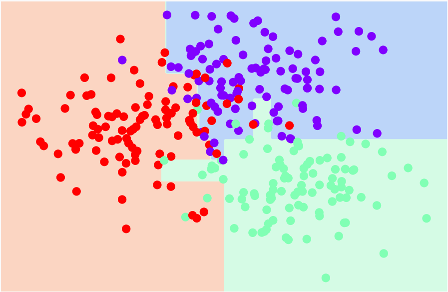

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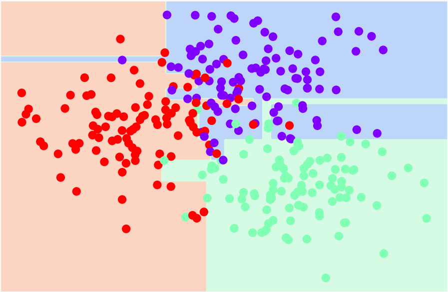

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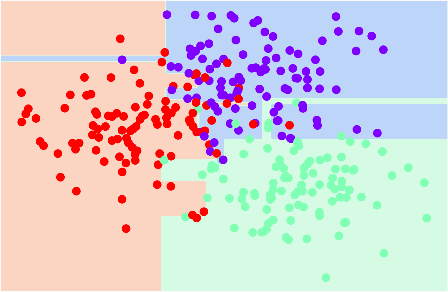

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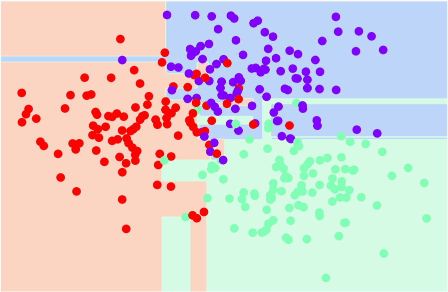

Example (DT of depth 9)