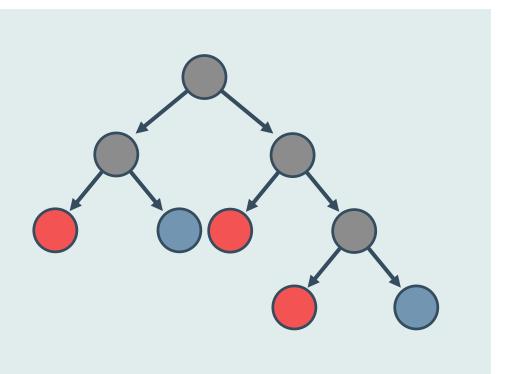
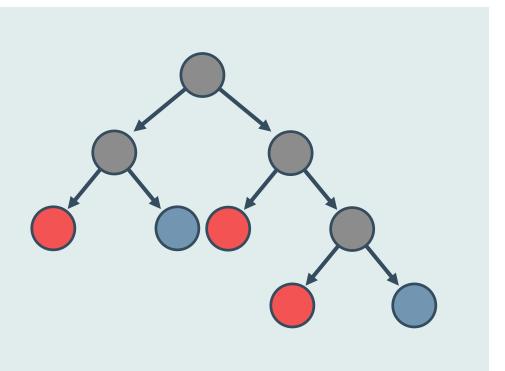


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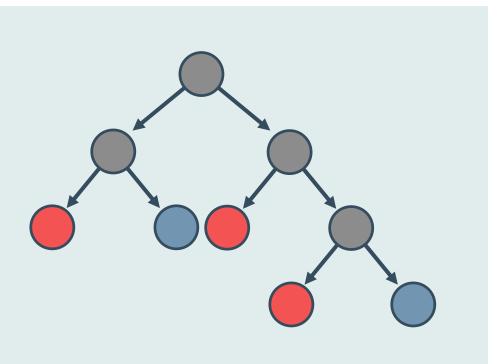
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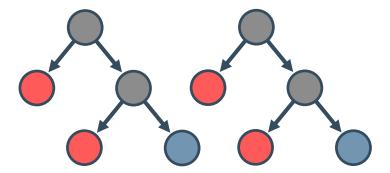
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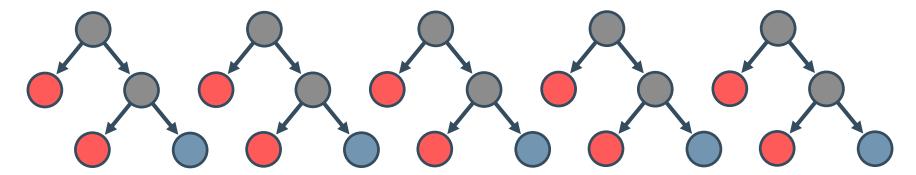


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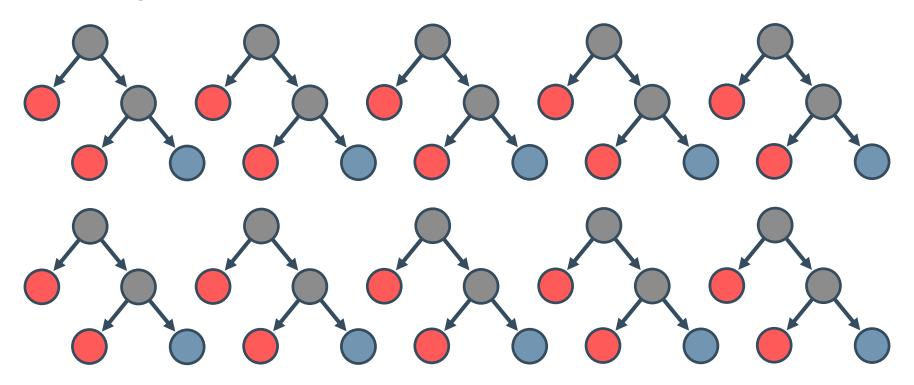
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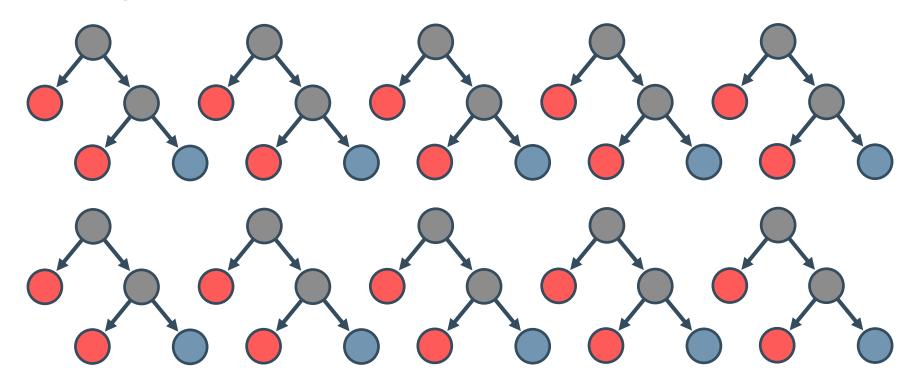
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**Combine predictions to reduce variance.** 



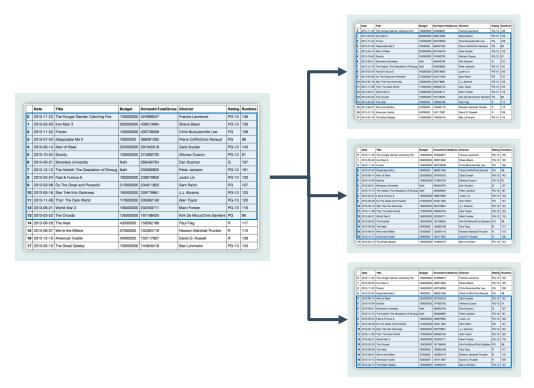
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Use bootstrapping: sample data with replacement.

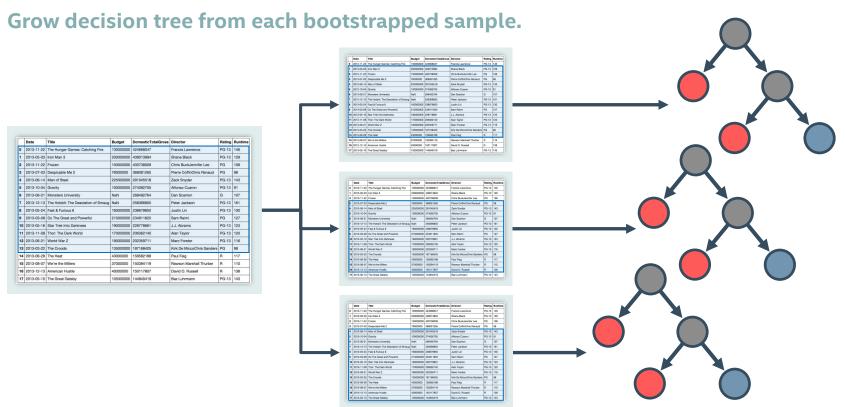
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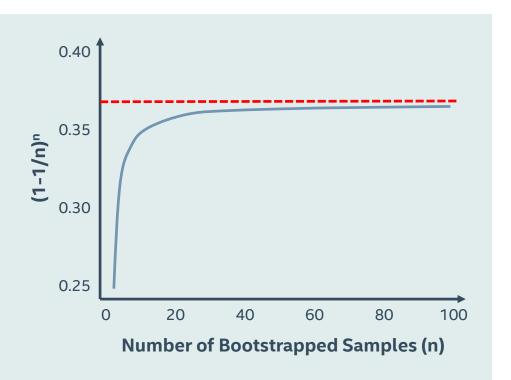
Create multiple bootstrapped samples.



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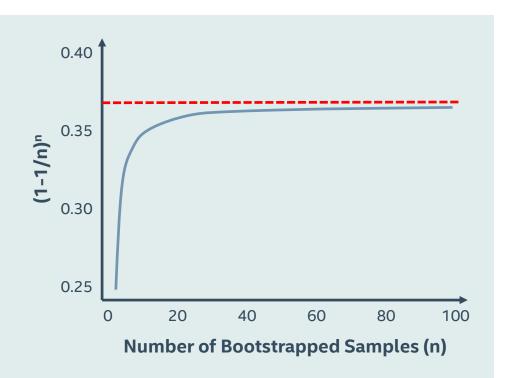


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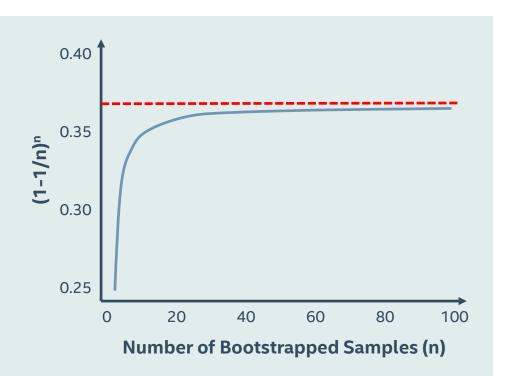
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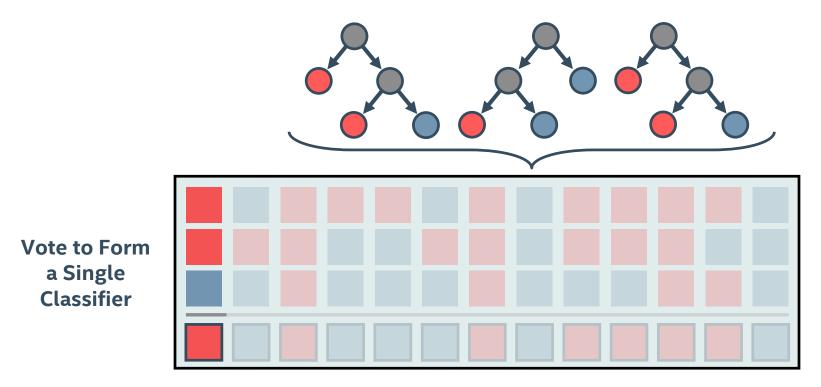


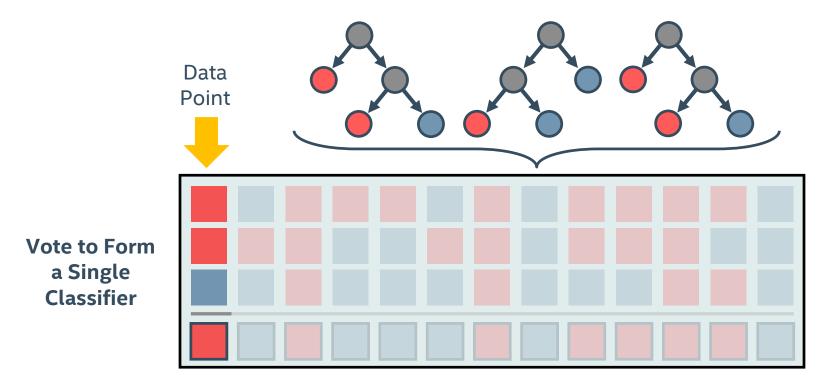
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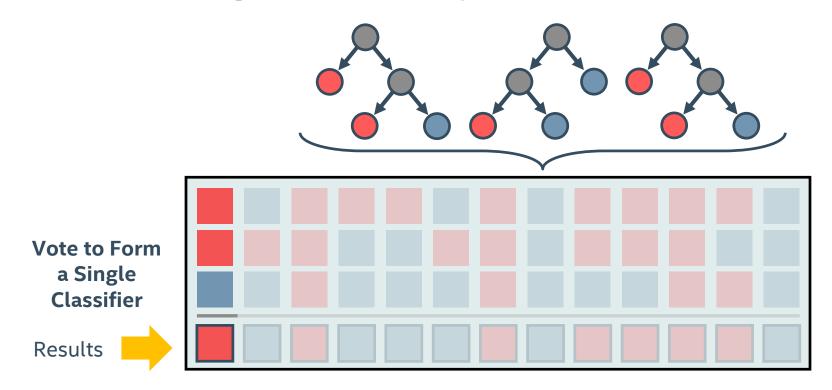
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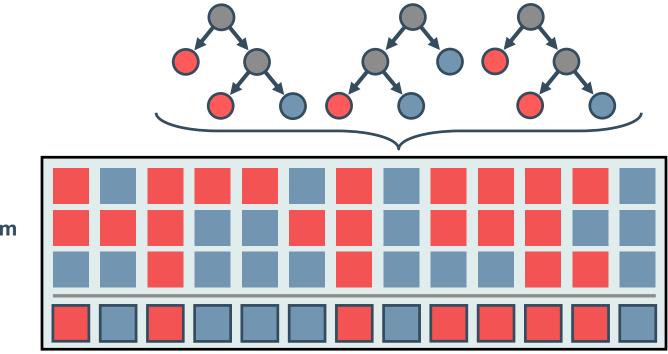
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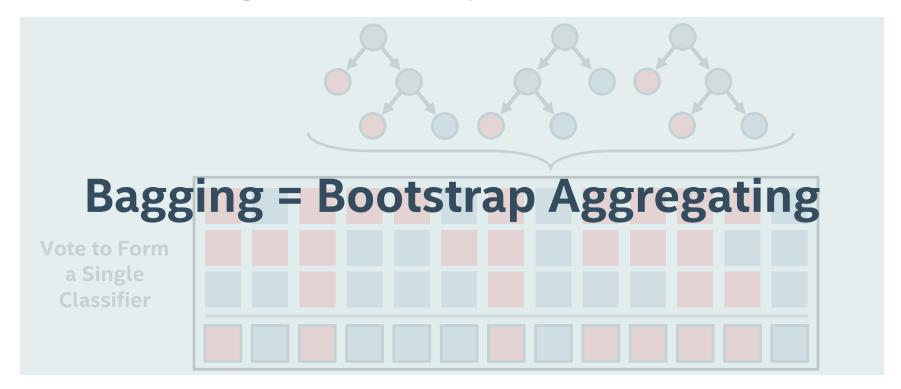




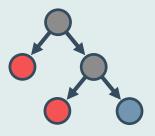
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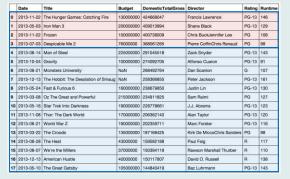


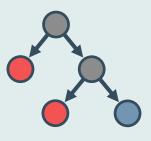
Vote to Form a Single Classifier





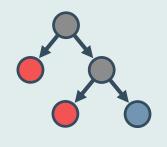




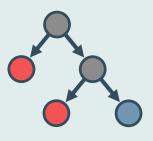


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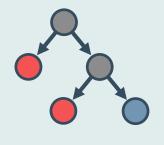


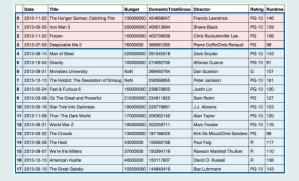


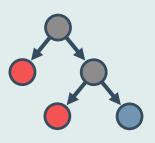


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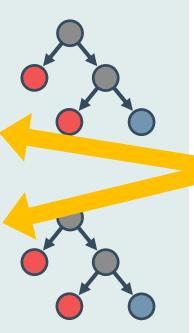




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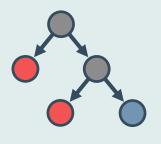
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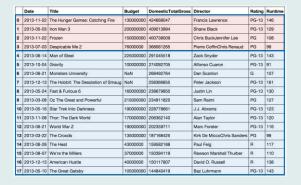
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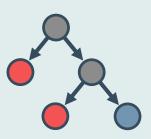


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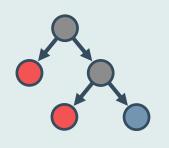


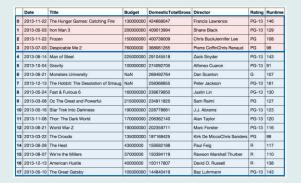


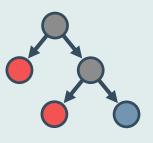
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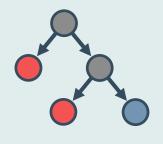


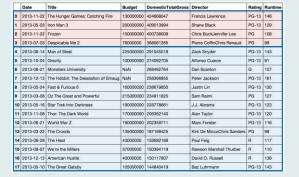


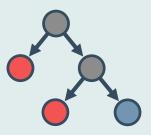
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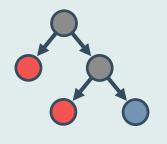


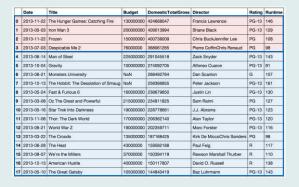


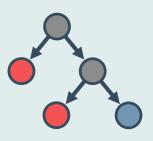
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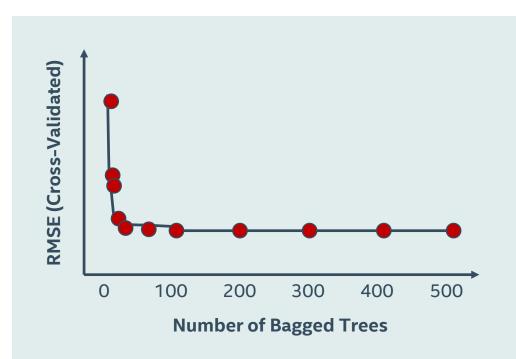




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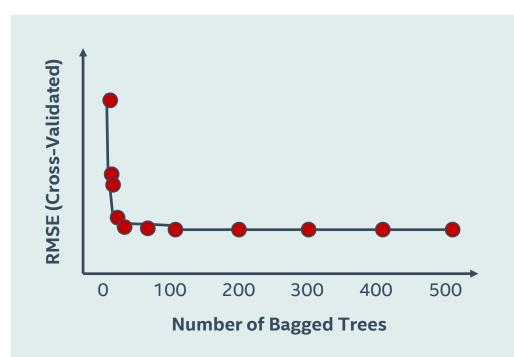
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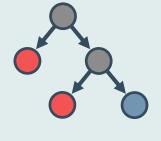


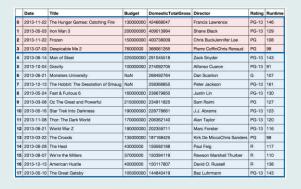
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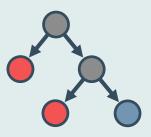
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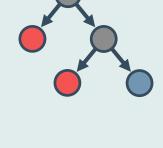


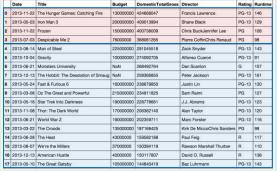


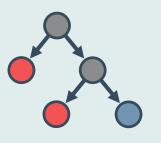
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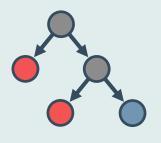


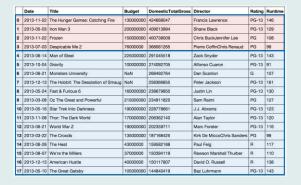


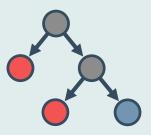
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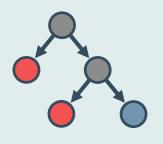
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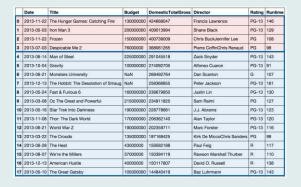
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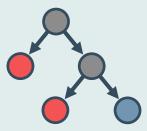
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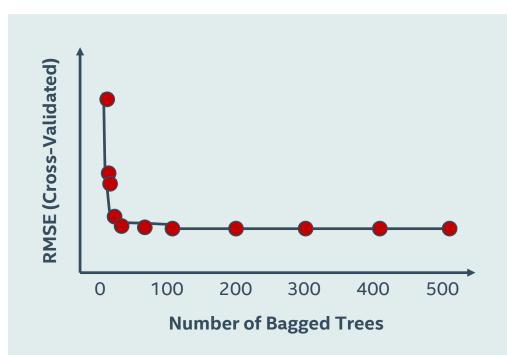
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BC = BC.fit(X_train, y_train)
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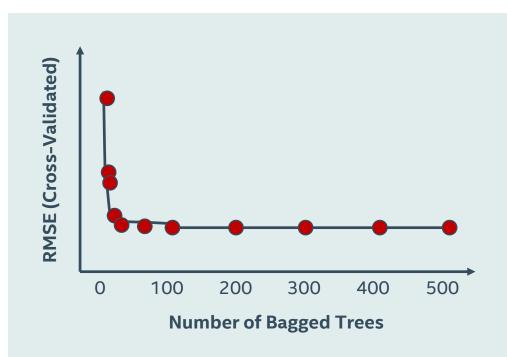
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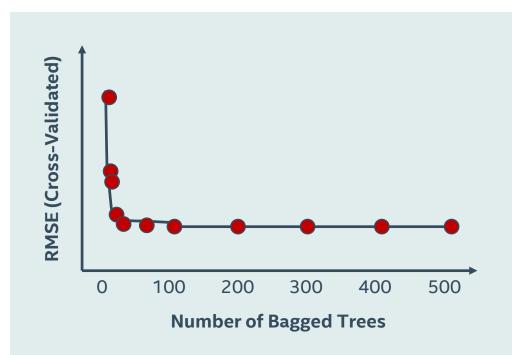
 However, bootstrap samples are correlated (ρ):

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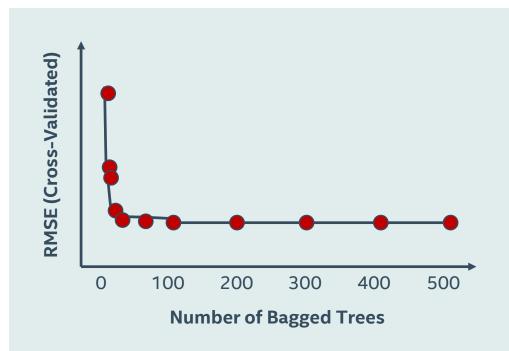
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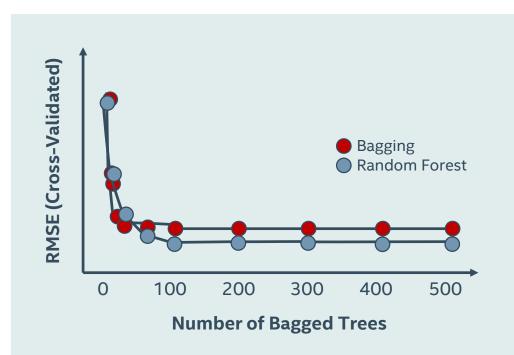
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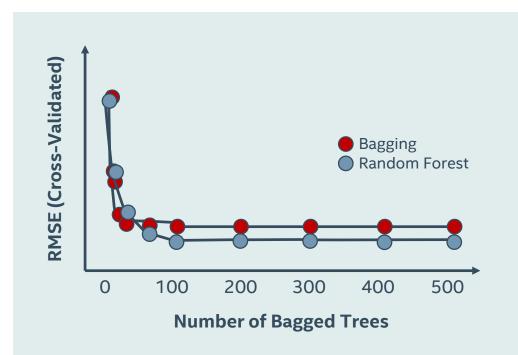
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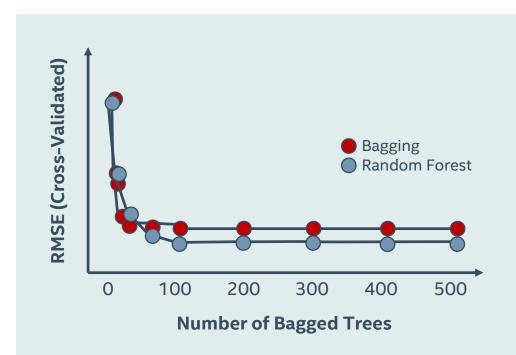
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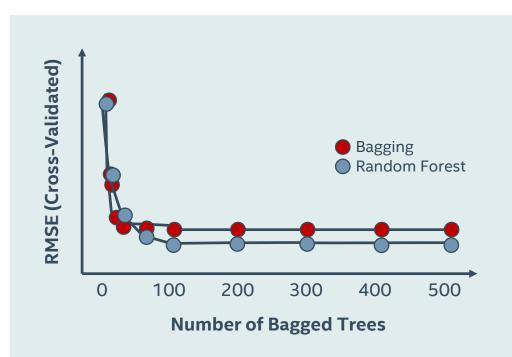
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#### RANDOMFOREST: THE SYNTAX

Import the class containing the classification method.

```
from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestClassifier
```

Create an instance of the class.

```
RC = RandomForestClassifier(n_estimators=100, max_features=10)
```

Fit the instance on the data and then predict the expected value.

```
RC = RC.fit(X_train, y_train)
y_predict = RC.predict(X_test)
```

Tune parameters with cross-validation. Use RandomForestRegressor for regression.

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Import the class containing the classification method.

```
from sklearn.ensemble import ExtraTreesClassifier
```

Create an instance of the class.

```
EC = ExtraTreesClassifier(n_estimators=100, max_features=10)
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Fit the instance on the data and then predict the expected value.

```
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