

IntTreeR

Interactive Classification Tree Package for R

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About IntTreeR

- Represents an open source R package to built classification trees
- Built your own decision trees in an interactive mode like you may know from commercial tools like IBM SPSS Modeler®
- The implemented algorithm follows CART Algorithm by Leo Breiman (1984) et. Al.
- The printing of the trees is realized with the “Partykit - Toolkit for recursive partytioning”
- Additionally it includes the powerful opportunity to impute Missing Values via Surrogate Splits

Who developed IntTreeR?

- IntTreeR stands for Interactive Tree (R)
- Furthermore the package name is an allusion to the hometown (Trier) of the development Team
- It was developed by four masters students at Trier – University of applied sciences in Germany



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Function overview

- The whole package includes seven functions*
 - `initTree(data, v.target, b.automated, theta)`
 - `splitTree(tree.obj, split.point, split.feature, max.surrogates, custom.split)`
 - `plotTree(tree.obj)`
 - `printTree(tree.obj)`
 - `splitOptions(tree.obj, split.point)`
 - `cutTree(tree.obj, cut.point)`
 - `doPrediction(tree.obj, predict.data)`

** For details please take a look at our documentation in R*

Install IntTreeR

- If you want to install the package you can use these instructions:

```
install.packages('devtools')  
y  
devtools::install_github('IntTreeR/IntTreeR')  
library(IntTreeR)
```

- ... or visit us on Github: <https://github.com/IntTreeR/IntTreeR>

Build your first interactive tree (1)

- The first step is to load your dataset into a data.frame
- In the current implementation it is only possible to built a tree with a binary target variable (e.g. good/bad, true/false, 0/1 ...)

```
dat = read.csv("/Users/FlorianMatthies/Desktop/kredit_bereinigt.csv", sep=";", dec=",")  
head(dat)
```

rueckzah	kreditbe	geschlec	alter	kinderza	anschrif	buerge	arbeitsd	einkomme	verfeink	miete	pkw	ausgaben
1	24000	1	27	1	1	1	2	2900	1335	330	1	1565
1	15000	0	28	0	1	0	20	2000	1100	150	0	900
1	14500	1	68	0	1	1	6	2415	865	750	0	1550
1	30000	1	22	0	0	1	6	2600	920	530	1	1680
1	4000	0	40	1	1	0	20	2000	350	0	0	1650
1	30000	1	42	2	1	1	4	3580	1592	515	1	2145

Build your first interactive tree (2)

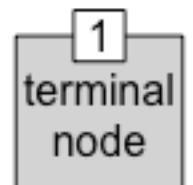
- After you have loaded your dataset into R you can already create your Root element of the tree.
- The root element is built with the *initTree()* function

```
meinBaum = initTree(data= dat, v.target= "rueckzah")
```

- Now you can take a first look at your “tree” by calling the *plotTree()* function

```
plotTree(tree.obj= meinBaum)
```

Your tree 😊



Build your first interactive tree (3)

- Now you need to decide which attribute you want to use for your very first split. For this reason you can call the *splitOptions* function
- Conventional Decision Tree implementations will choose automatically the attribute with the highest improvement value for their splits. But our package is an interactive implementation, so YOU choose the split-attribute.

```
splitOptions(tree.obj = meinBaum, split.point= 1)
```

	Attribute	Improvement
3	alter	0.173591485
7	arbeitsd	0.142011394
5	anschrif	0.095228160
9	verfeink	0.090776705
1	kreditbe	0.082450774
8	einkomme	0.065130360
10	miete	0.057165168
11	pkw	0.048952287
12	ausgaben	0.047982408
4	kinderza	0.015610714

Build your first interactive tree (4)

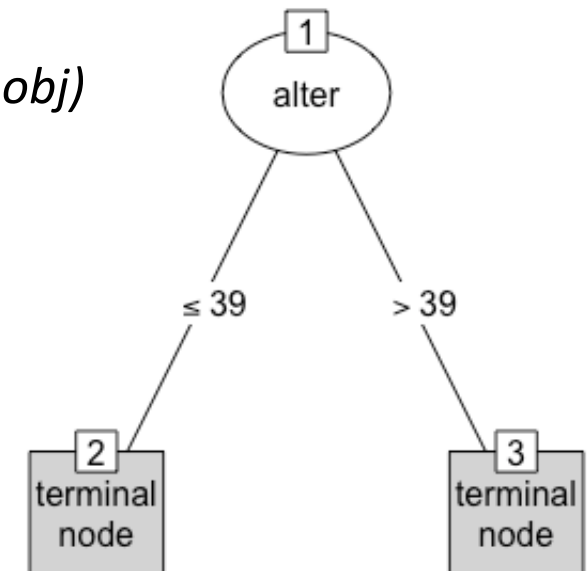
- Now you can expand your tree by using the *splitTree* function (first split always at split.point 1)*

```
meinBaum = splitTree(tree.obj= meinBaum, split.point= 1,split.feature= "alter")
```

- ... and again you can take a look at your current tree with *plotTree(tree.obj)*

```
plotTree(tree.obj= meinBaum)
```

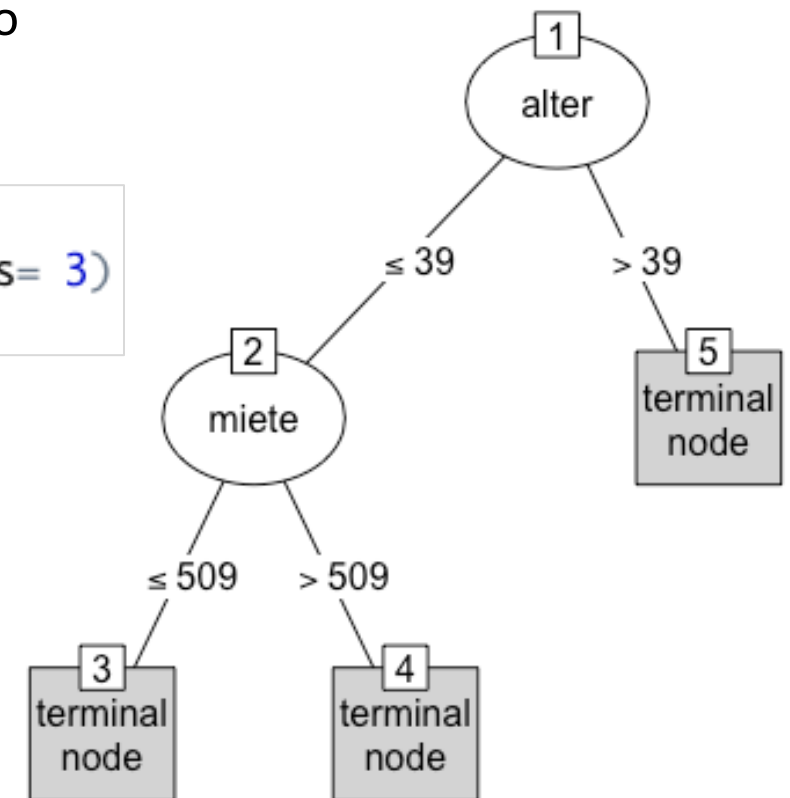
* With the optional parameter *custom.split* it is possible to use an own point of splitting by your own (e.g. *custom.split* = 20 will result in splitting at the age of 20 instead of the calculated splitting point 39).



Build your first interactive tree (5)

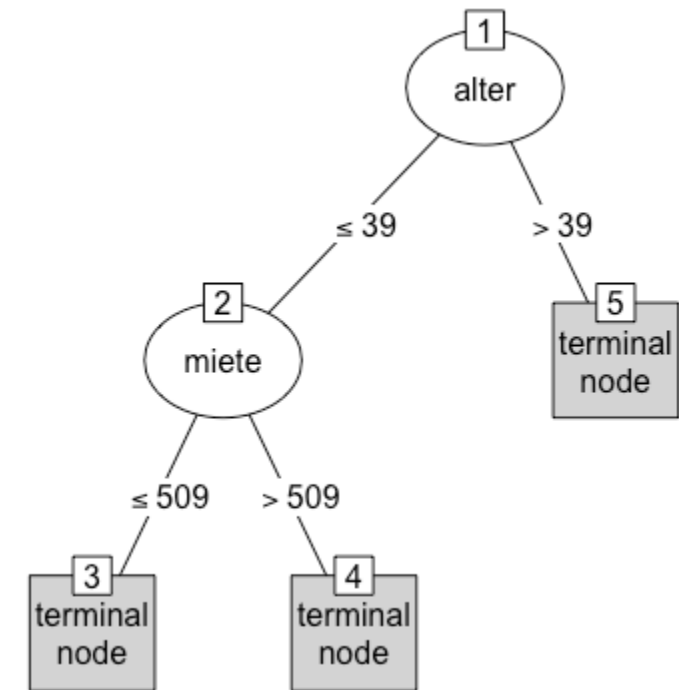
- At this point your tree only consists of three nodes
- Therefore you have to decide at which point your next split should occur at node 2

```
splitOptions(meinBaum,2)  
meinBaum = splitTree(meinBaum,2, "miete",max.surrogates= 3)  
plotTree(meinBaum)
```



Build your first interactive tree (6)

- If you want to **customize your tree**, you could use all functionalities of the Partykit package.
- For example you could write your own panel functions to show diagrams / statistics in the node



Other examples

- Which data is in what node?
- Cut the tree*
- Build a non interactive tree

```
meinBaum[[3]]$data
```

```
meinBaum = cutTree(tree.obj = meinBaum, cut.point = 2)
```

```
meinBaum = initTree(dat, "rueckzah", auto = TRUE)
```

** please note that it is only possible to cut at the lowest level.
Therefore you maybe need to cut multiple times.*

Contact us

- If have any experience with our package (positive or negative) or you would ask/tell us everything else, we would appreciate it if you share it with us 😊
- You can contact us via inttreer@gmx.de