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Predicting Loan Approvals

A sample model with applications to claims

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Agenda



- **What is Python? (2.5 mins)**
- **Packages (7.5 mins)**
- **Get into the code!**
 - **Initial Exploration (10 mins)**
 - **Missing Values (5 mins)**
 - **Preprocessing and Building (15 mins)**
 - **Parameter Adjustment (10 mins)**
- **Next Steps and Applications (5 mins)**
- **Q&A (5 mins)**



Before we begin

- No time necessary to set up python (use binder link)
- No time for debugging -> use “final” code
- No background -> Focus on **concepts** first, syntax later
- Q&A throughout



So what is Python?

- High-level general-purpose programming language
- The primary programming language used for:
 - Data Manipulation
 - Model Building
- Open source
- Documentation

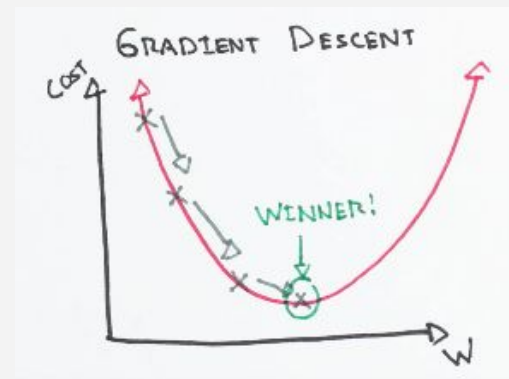
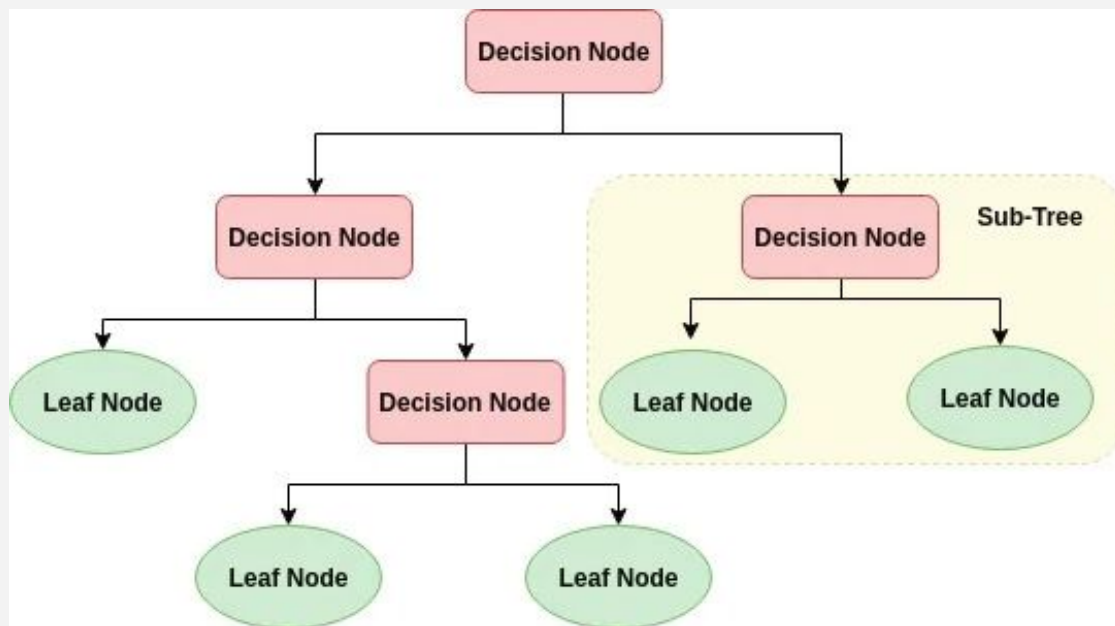


Python Packages

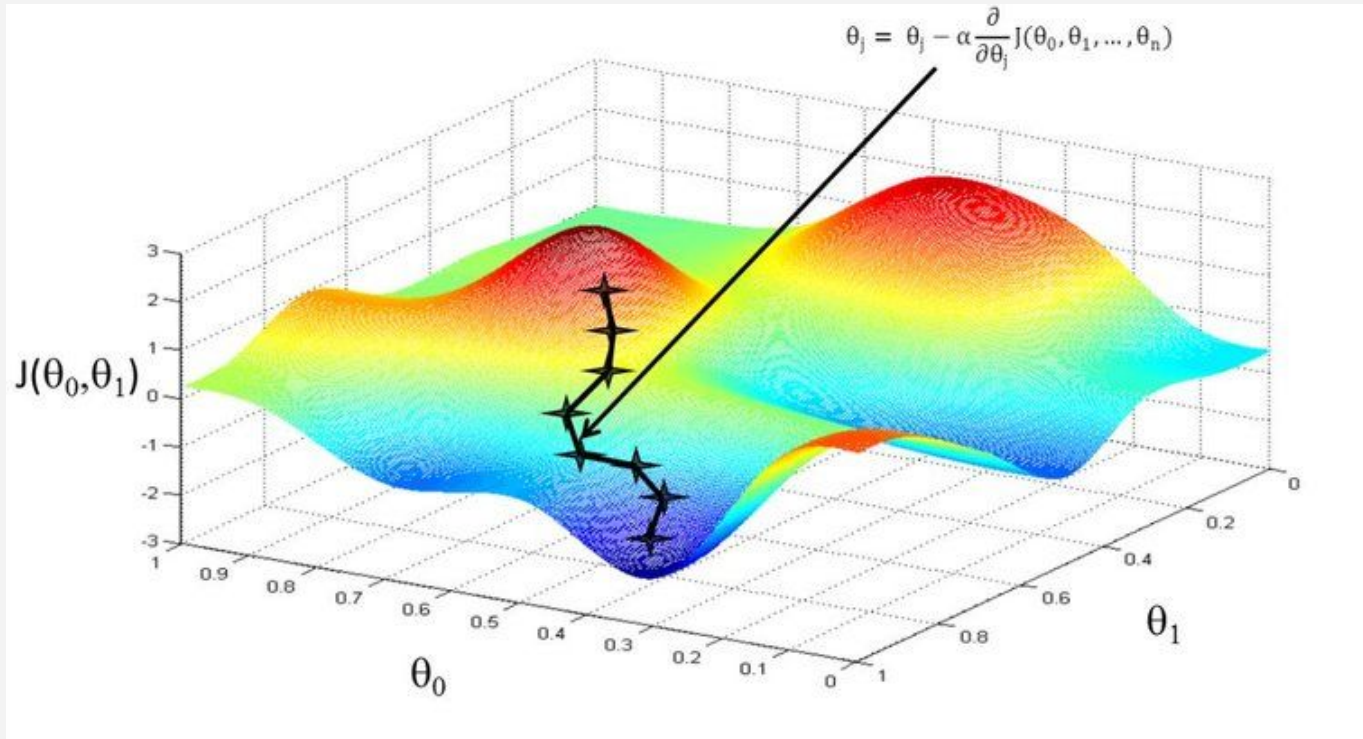
- Pandas
- Numpy
- Matplotlib
- Sklearn
- Xgboost



XGBoost



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How are we feeling?

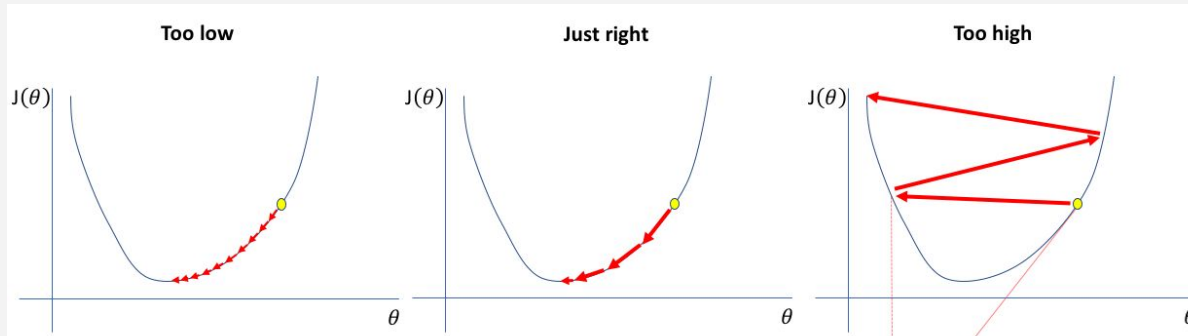
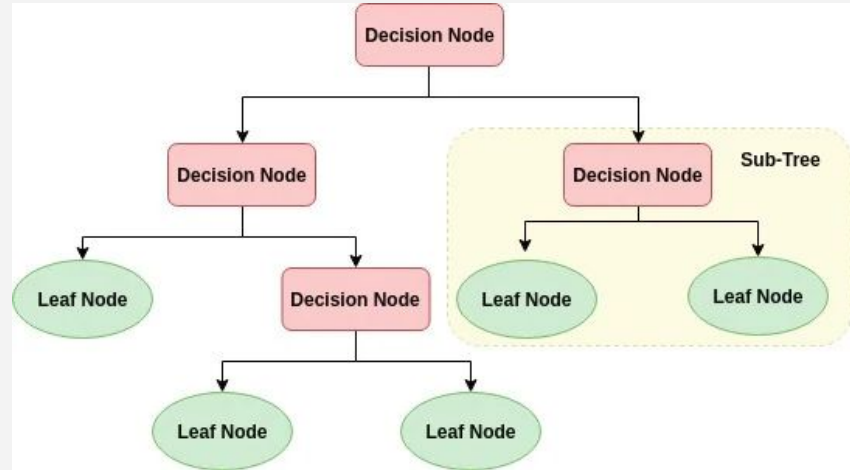


Let's get to the code!



Key Parameters

- Max Depth
- Learning Rate
- Number of Estimators
- Objective
- Number of Jobs

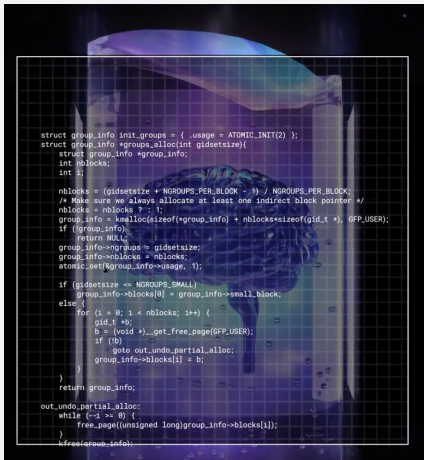


Next Steps

- Continue to adjust parameters
- Try handling nulls differently
- Try different objective (precision v. recall)
- Try different model
- Collect more data



Questions?



Sites of interest

- <https://xgboost.readthedocs.io/en/latest/parameter.html>
- <https://machinelearningmastery.com>

