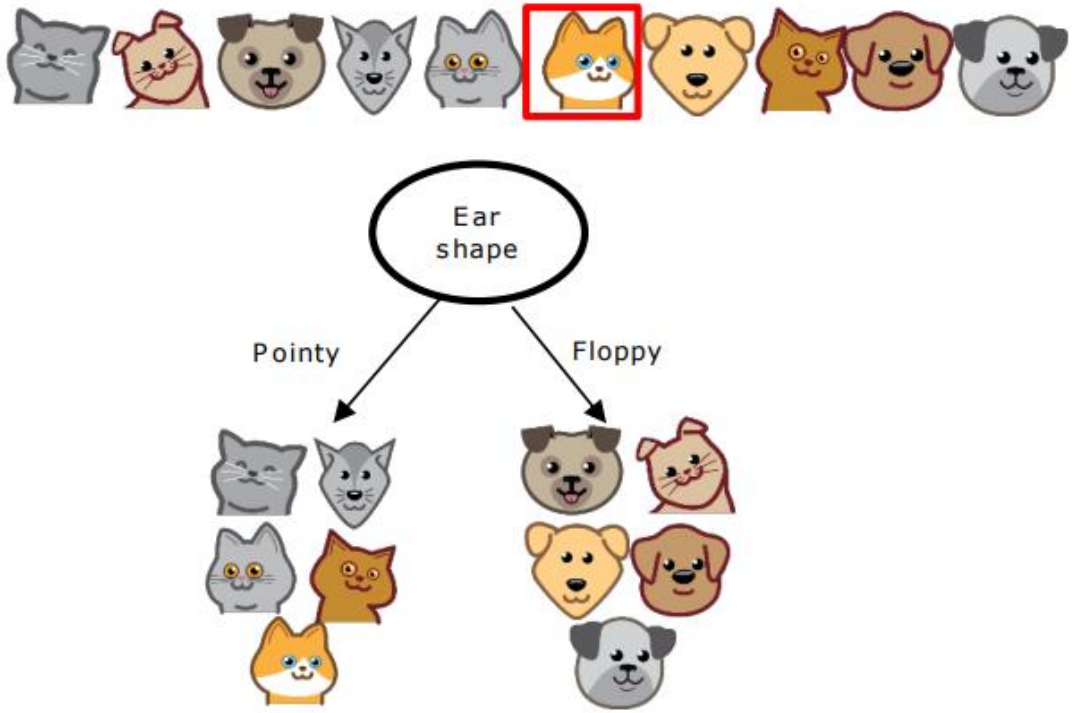
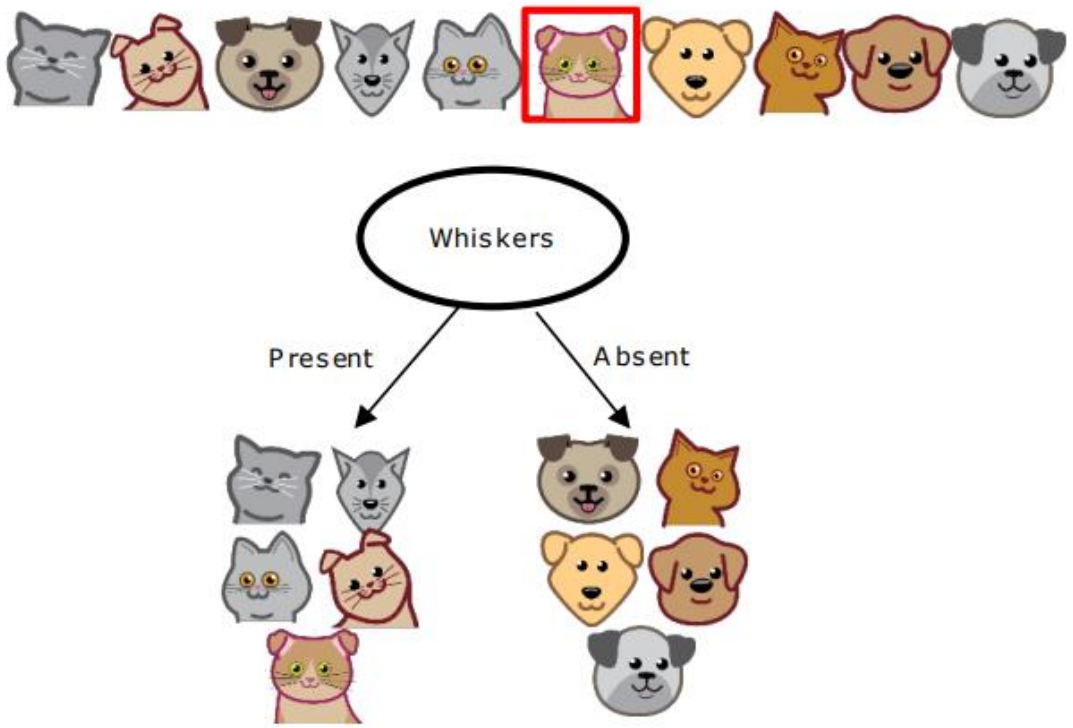
Tree Ensembles

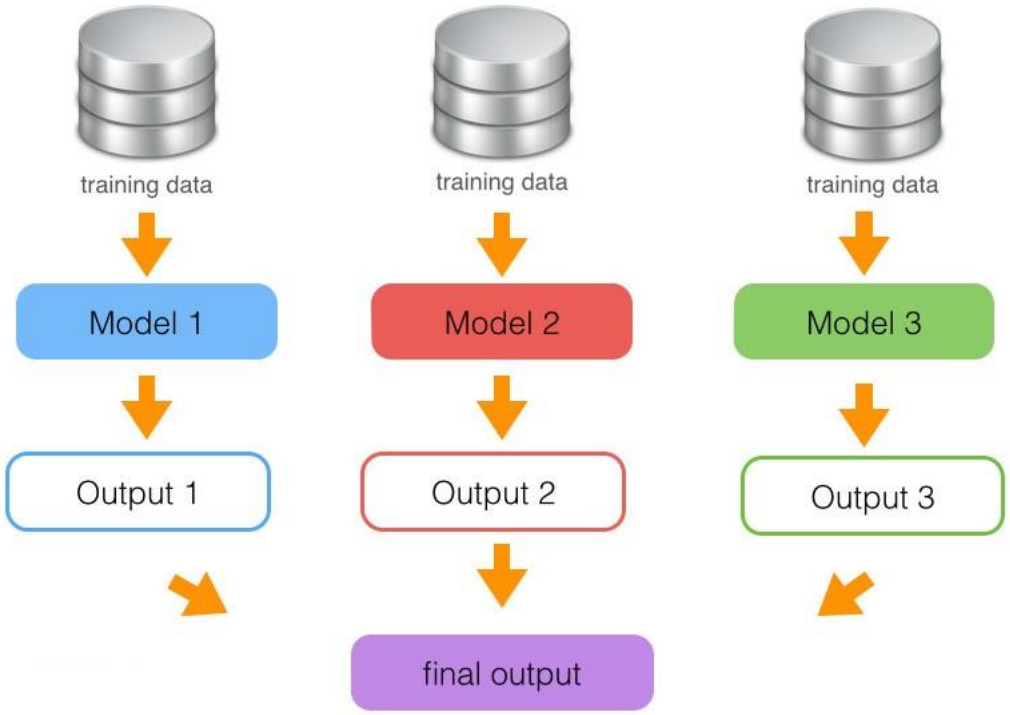
Using Multiple Decision Trees





Trees are highly sensitive to small changes of the data

Ensemble Model



- Bootstrap Aggregating (Bagging)
  Ex. Random Forest
- Boosting
  Ex. XGBoost

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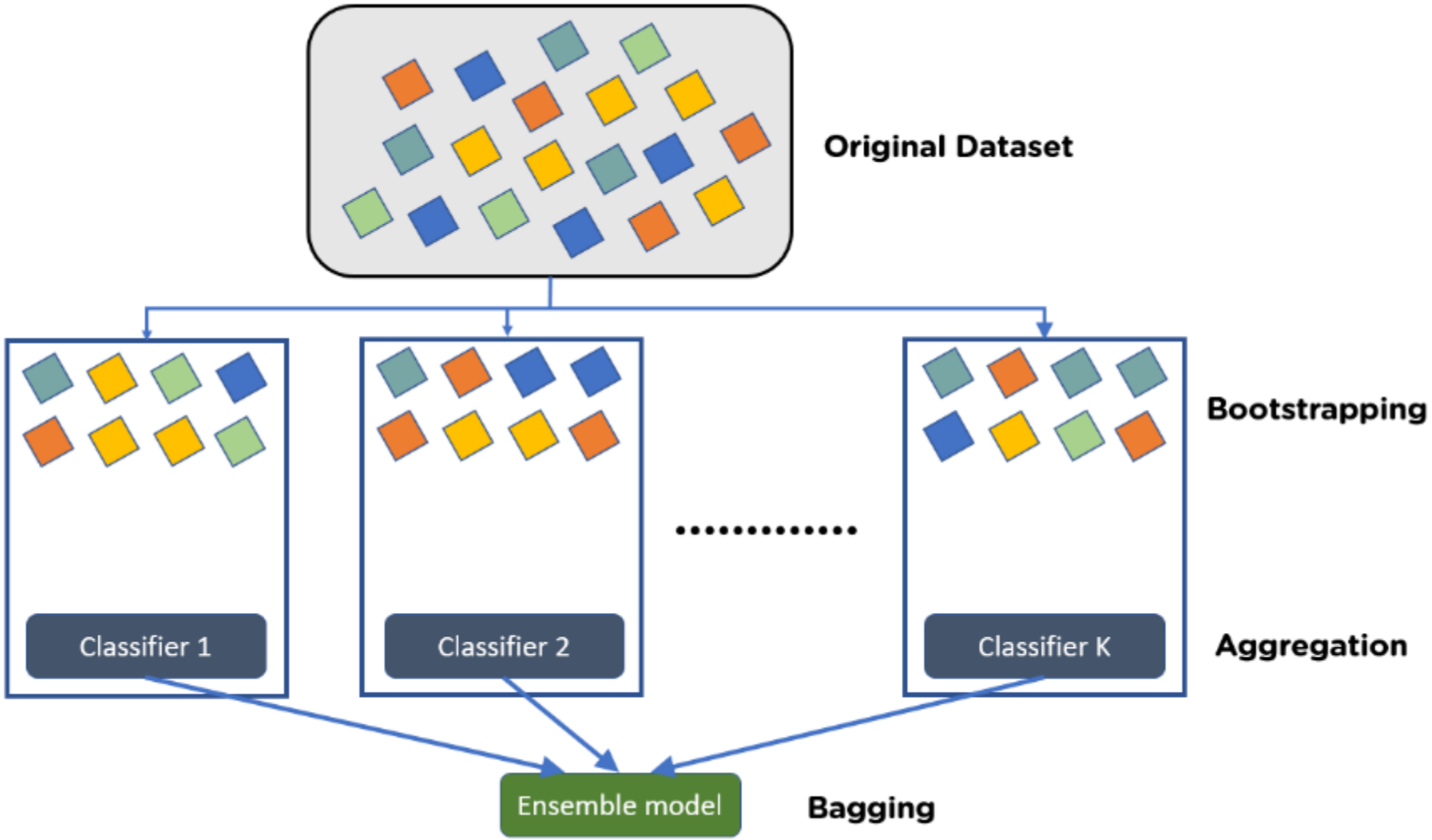

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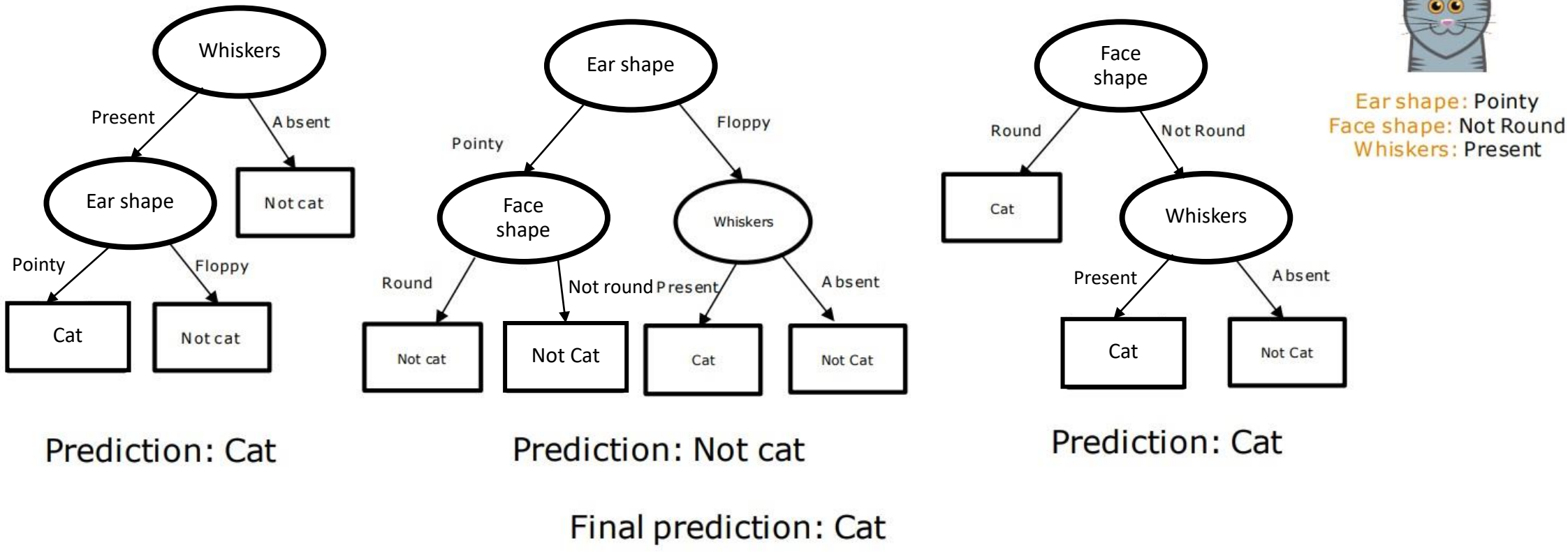

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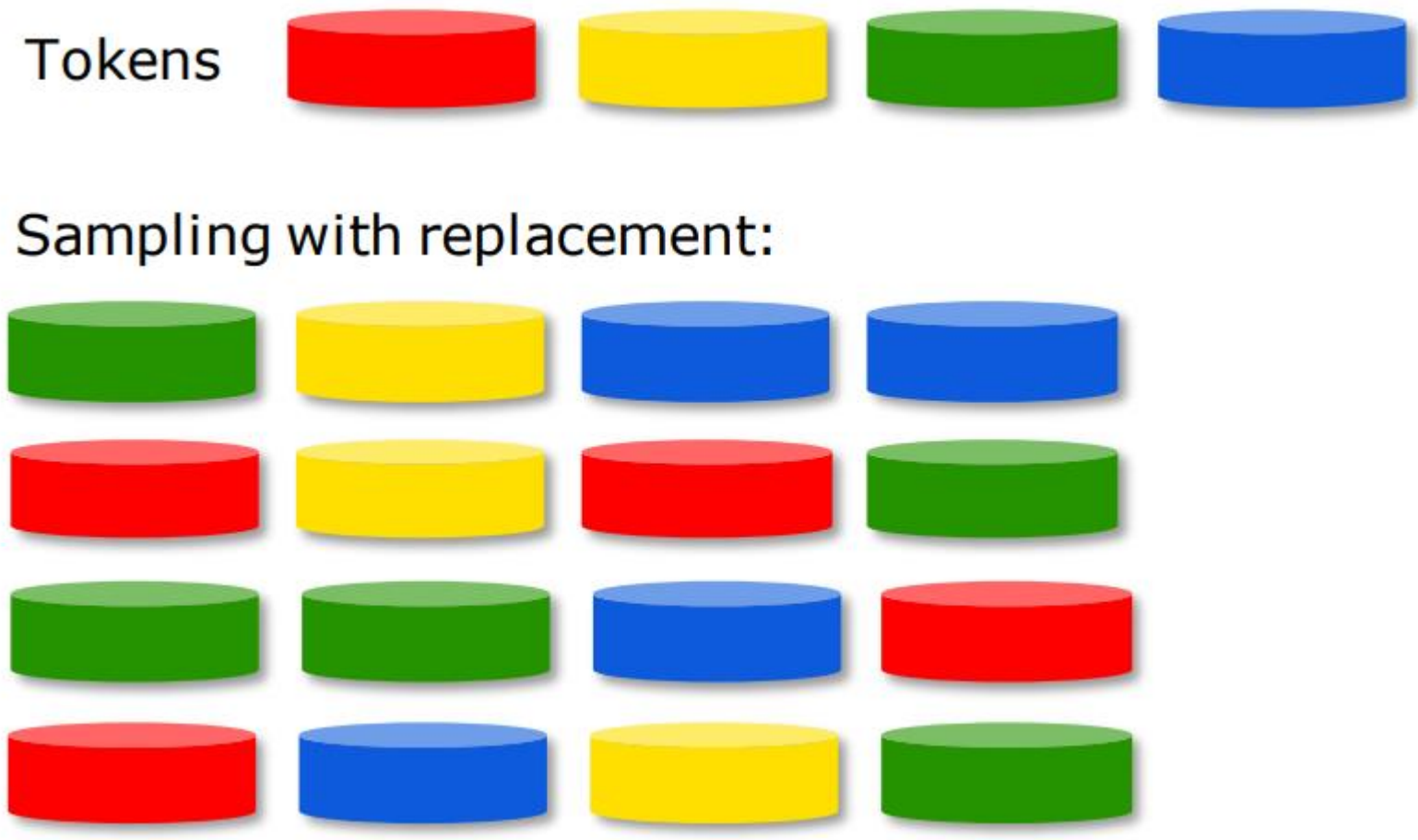

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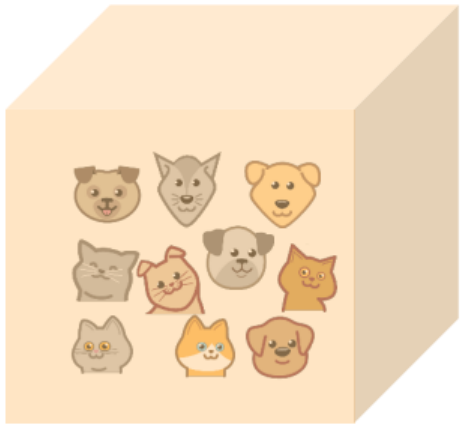

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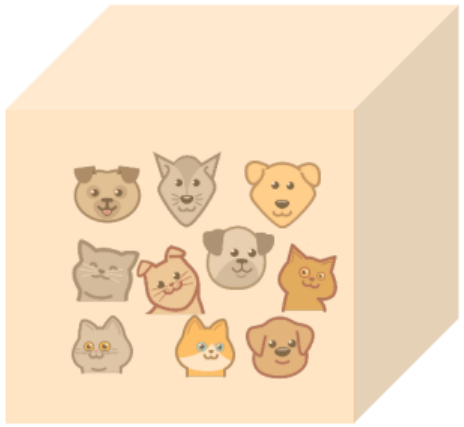

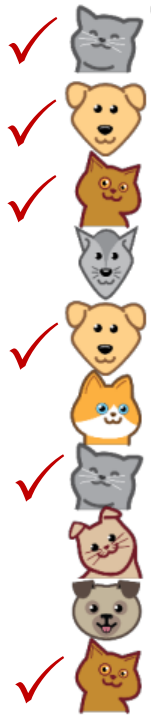

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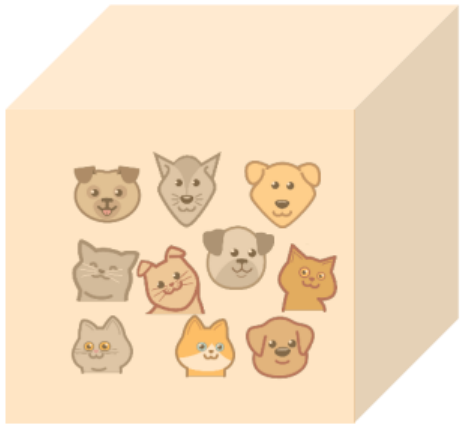

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- The chosen subset is called **"The Bag"**.
- The remaining are called **"Out of Bag"** samples.

Random Forest Algorithm

- Generating a tree sample

Given training set of size m

For b=1 to B

Use sampling with replacement to create a new training set of size z
Train a decision tree on the new dataset

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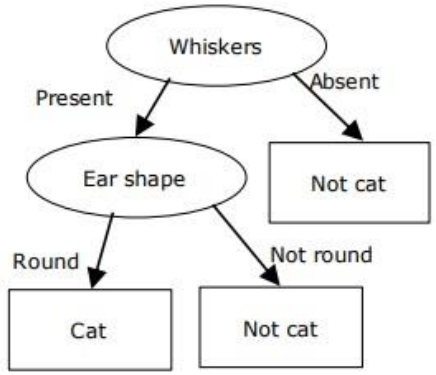

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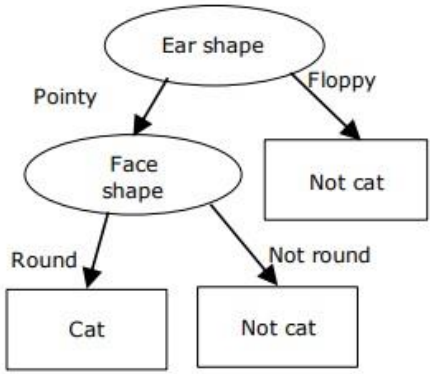

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Bagged Decision Tree

Random Forest Algorithm

- Randomizing The Feature Choice

At each node, when choosing a feature to use to split, if n features are available, if n features are available, pick a random subset of $k < n$ features and allow the algorithm to only choose from that subset of features.

$$k = \sqrt{n}$$