



# Construction of trees with parameters in XGBoost

Based on: <https://xgboost.readthedocs.io/en/latest/parameter.html>

Input: training set

...	Feature_i	...
...	value_1	...
...	value_2	...
...	value_3	...
...	...	...
...	value_N	...



Random subset for tree

...	Feature_i	...
...	value_1	...
...	value_2	...
...	value_3	...
...	...	...
...	value_N	...

subsample

colsample\_bytree

also

colsample\_bylevel, colsample\_bynode

Initial prediction

y_pred
pred_1
pred_2
pred_3
...
pred_N

base\_score

## Parameters for one tree

### booster

*gblinear*: Generalized Linear Model

*gbtree*: Gradient Boosted Trees. Default

*dart*: Dropout Additive Regression Trees

### tree\_method

*exact* / *gpu\_exact*: Exact greedy algorithm. No bins. Default for small & medium sets

*approx*: Approximate algorithm. With bins, uses **sketch\_eps**. Default for big sets

*hist* / *gpu\_hist*: Fast approximate algorithm. With bins, uses **max\_bin**.

Uses **grow\_policy** for adding new leaves:

*depthwise*: split at nodes closest to the root. Default

*lossguide*: split at nodes with highest loss change, like LGBM.

Uses **max\_leaves**

**updater** - an advanced parameter that is usually set automatically.

*grow\_histmaker*: Row-based data splitting. Global histogram counting for bins

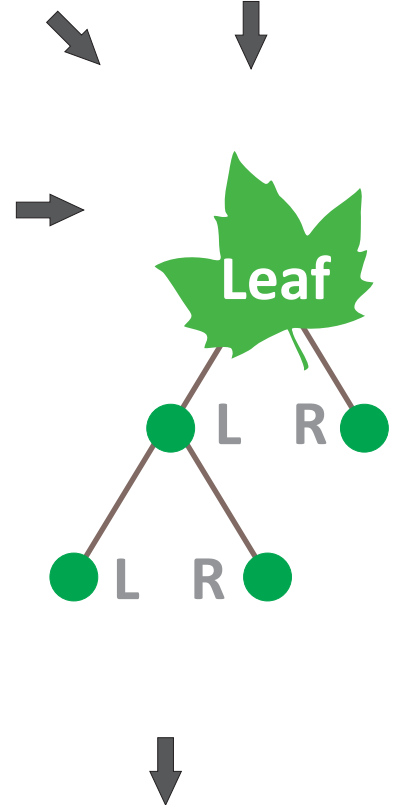
*grow\_local\_histmaker*: Row-based data splitting. Local histogram counting for bins

*grow\_colmaker*: Column-based construction of trees. Default

*prune*: Prunes the splits where the best gain < **gamma**. Default

**max\_depth** - maximum depth of a tree. 0 indicates no limit

**scale\_pos\_weight** - control the balance of positive and negative weights (binary classification)  
Useful for unbalanced classes



Next tree if possible



## Parameters for boosting

train(

**num\_boost\_round** - number of boosting iterations

**early\_stopping\_rounds** - validation error needs to decrease at least every such number of rounds to continue training.

)

y_pred
pred_1
pred_2
pred_3
...
pred_N

= **learning\_rate** \*

weights
w_1
w_2
w_3
...
w_N

w\_i - weight for the leaf, corresponding i-th row of data



# One-leaf calculation with parameters in XGBoost

Based on: <https://arxiv.org/pdf/1603.02754.pdf>

<https://github.com/dmlc/xgboost/blob/master/src/tree/param.h>

Input: prediction  
from previous  
boosting iteration

y_pred
pred_1
pred_2
pred_3
...
pred_N'

The first and second order  
gradient statistics on the  
loss(y\_iter, y\_pred)

Gradients	Hessians
grad_1	hess_1
grad_2	hess_2
grad_3	hess_3
...	...
grad_N'	hess_N'

sum\_grad    sum\_hess

Input: subset of features

...	Feature_i	...
...	value_1	...
...	value_2	...
...	value_3	...
...	...	...
...	value_N'	...

Binned feature  
by percentiles

Feature_i
bin_1
...
bin_M

max\_bin  
sketch\_eps

If local binarization is used,  
binning is done here.  
If global binarization is used,  
each leaf gets binned features as input.  
If binarization is not used (Exact greedy algorithm),  
the features themselves will be splitted.

Weight of leaf

$$\text{new\_sum\_grad} = \begin{cases} \text{sum\_grad} - \text{alpha} & , \text{sum\_grad} > \text{alpha} \\ \text{sum\_grad} + \text{alpha} & , \text{sum\_grad} < -\text{alpha} \\ 0 & , \text{else} \end{cases}$$
$$W = \begin{cases} -\frac{\text{new\_sum\_grad}}{\text{sum\_hess} + \text{lambda}} & , \text{sum\_hess} \geq \text{min\_child\_weight} \\ 0 & , \text{else} \end{cases}$$
$$\text{final\_W} = \begin{cases} \text{max\_delta\_step} & , W > \text{max\_delta\_step} > 0 \\ -\text{max\_delta\_step} & , W < -\text{max\_delta\_step} < 0 \\ W & , \text{else} \end{cases}$$

Sorted bins  
with sums of statistics

	Feature_i	Gradients	Hessians
L subset	bin_i1	grads_i1	hess_i1
R subset	bin_i2	grads_i2	hess_i2
	...	...	...

Best split

$$\text{Gain} = \begin{cases} \text{new\_sum\_grad} * \text{final\_W} + \\ 0.5 * (\text{sum\_hess} + \text{lambda}) * \text{final\_W}^2 + & , \text{sum\_hess} \geq \text{min\_child\_weight} \\ \text{alpha} * |\text{final\_W}| & \\ 0 & , \text{else} \end{cases}$$

Gain split = Gain\_L + Gain\_R - Gain\_All

Best gain = Max { Gain split : for each split on L/R subsets,  
for each feature }

Best split = argMax { Gain split : for each split on L/R subsets,  
for each feature }

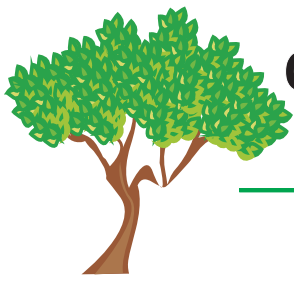
Outputs:

Weight of leaf

Best gain

Feature with best gain

L/R subsets for best gain



# Construction of trees with parameters in LGBM

Based on: <https://media.readthedocs.org/pdf/lightgbm/latest/lightgbm.pdf>

<https://papers.nips.cc/paper/6907-lightgbm-a-highly-efficient-gradient-boosting-decision-tree.pdf>

Input: training set → Exclusive Feature Bundling (EFB) → Random subset for tree → Initial prediction

...	Feature_i	...
...	value_1	...
...	value_2	...
...	value_3	...
...	...	...
...	value_N	...

Feature_i	Feature_k
0	value_1
value_2	0
0	0
...	...
0	value_N



Bundle_j
value_1
value_2
0
...
value_N

...	Bundle_j	...
...	value_1	...
...	value_2	...
...	value_3	...
...	...	...
...	value_N	...

bagging\_freq, bagging\_fraction  
(not for "goss")

y_pred
pred_1
pred_2
pred_3
...
pred_N

enable\_bundle  
max\_conflict\_rate

feature\_fraction

init\_score  
initscore\_filename  
valid\_data\_initscores

## Parameters for one tree

### boosting

**rf**: Random Forest. Not boosting

**gbdt**: Gradient Boosted Decision Trees. Default

**dart**: Dropout Additive Regression Trees

**goss**: Gradient-based One-Side Sampling. Using "smart" subsampling with parameters:  
**top\_rate** - sampling ratio of large gradient data. If 0, other\_rate ~ bagging\_fraction  
**other\_rate** - sampling ratio of small gradient data

**max\_depth** - maximum depth of a tree. <=0 indicates no limit

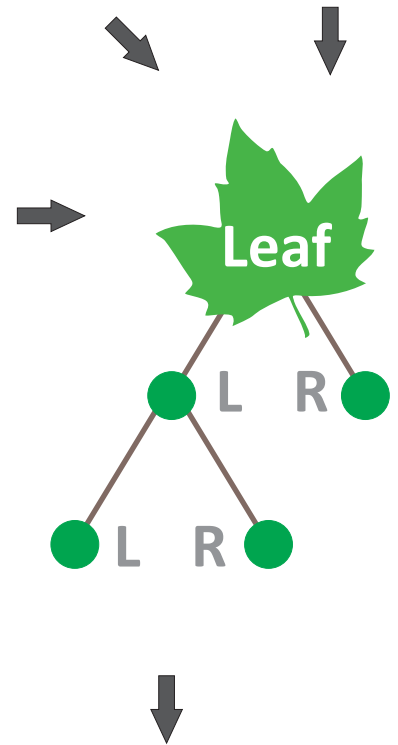
**min\_gain\_to\_split** - prune by minimum loss requirement (post training regularization)

**min\_data\_in\_leaf** - prune by minimum number of observations requirement

**num\_leaves** - maximum number of leaves in one tree

**scale\_pos\_weight** - control the balance of positive and negative weights (binary classification).  
 Useful for unbalanced classes.  
 Cannot be used at the same time with is\_unbalance

**is\_unbalance** - set this to true if training data are unbalanced (binary classification).  
 Useful for unbalanced classes  
 Cannot be used at the same time with scale\_pos\_weight



Next tree if possible



## Parameters for boosting

train(

**num\_iterations** - number of boosting iterations

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**Input: subset of bundles**

...	Bundle_j	...
...	value_1	...
...	value_2	...
...	value_3	...
...	...	...
...	value_N'	...

**Binned bundles by percentiles**

Bundle_j
bin_1
...
bin_M

max\_bin  
min\_data\_in\_bin  
bin\_construct\_sample\_cnt  
max\_cat\_threshold  
max\_cat\_to\_onehot  
cat\_l2

**Weight of leaf**

$$\text{new sum\_grad} = \begin{cases} \text{sum\_grad} - \text{lambda\_l1} & , \text{sum\_grad} > \text{lambda\_l1} \\ \text{sum\_grad} + \text{lambda\_l1} & , \text{sum\_grad} < -\text{lambda\_l1} \\ 0 & , \text{else} \end{cases}$$

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**Outputs:**

**Weight of leaf**  
**Best gain**

**Bundle with best gain**  
**L/R subsets for best gain**

**Best split**

$$\text{Gain} = \begin{cases} \text{new sum\_grad} * \text{final\_W} + 0.5 * (\text{sum\_hess} + \text{lambda\_l2}) * \text{final\_W}^2 + \text{lambda\_l1} * |\text{final\_W}| & , \text{sum\_hess} \geq \text{min\_sum\_hessian\_in\_leaf} \\ 0 & , \text{else} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Gain split} = \text{Gain\_L} + \text{Gain\_R}$$

$$\text{Best gain} = \text{Max} \{ \text{Gain split} : \text{for each split on L/R subsets, for each bundle} \}$$

$$\text{Best split} = \text{argMax} \{ \text{Gain split} : \text{for each split on L/R subsets, for each bundle} \}$$