

Estimating the Photometric Redshifts of Galaxies Using Regression Techniques

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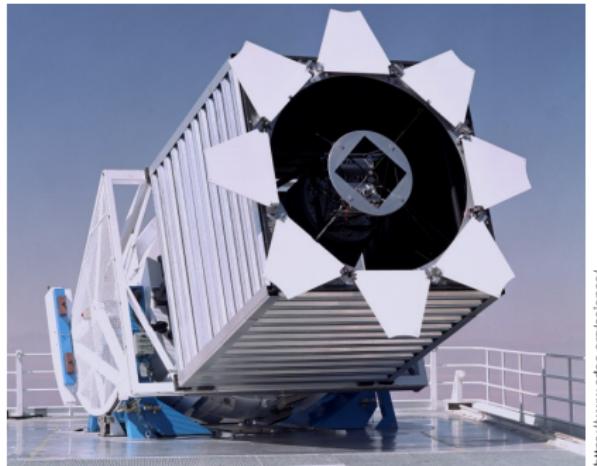
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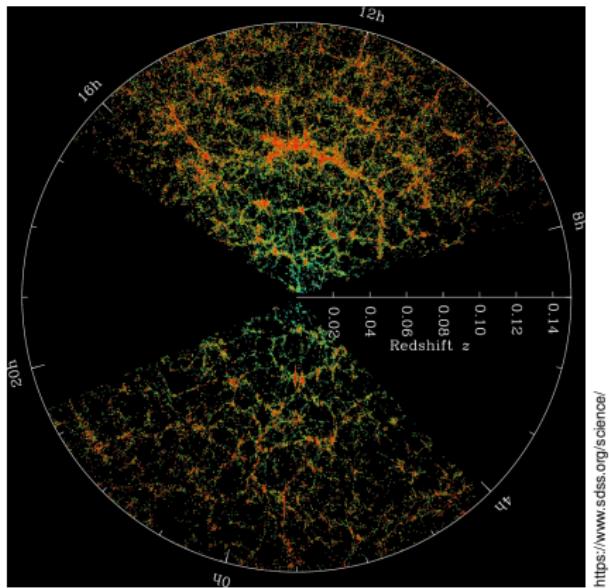
Astronomical Surveys, SDSS



SDSS Telescope

- Galactic Archaeology
- Gas in the Galaxy
- Star Forming Regions
- Multi-Star and Planetary Systems
- White Dwarfs

SDSS Data Release

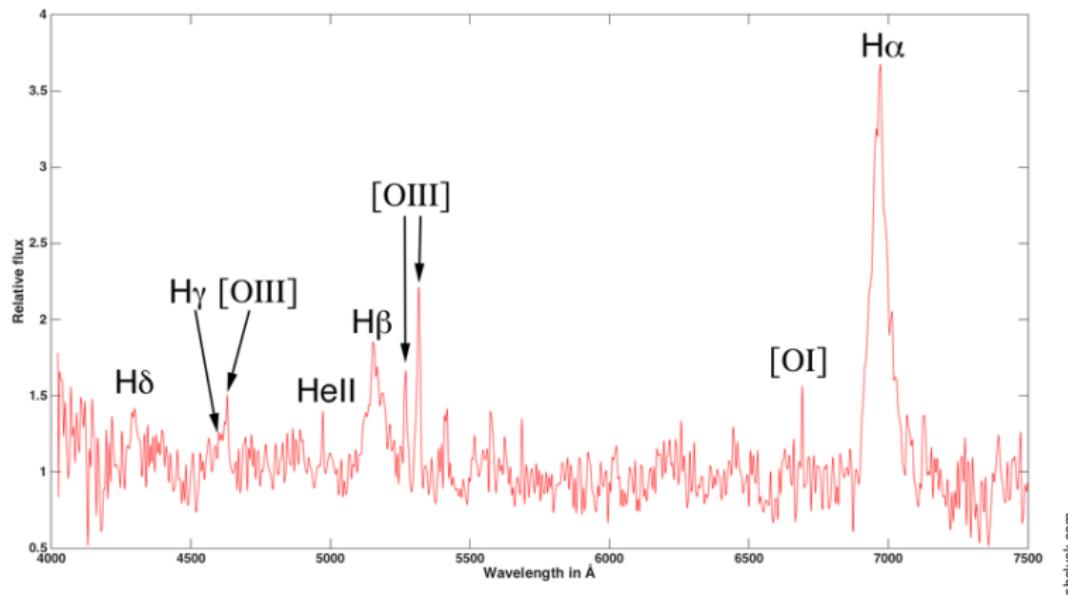


<https://www.sdss.org/science/>

- Data Release 16 (August 2018)
- Infrared spectra
- Extragalactic spectra
- Integral field spectra for nearby galaxies
- Useful spectra: 4,846,156
- Galaxies: 2,863,635, QSO: 960,678

SDSS Galaxy Mapping

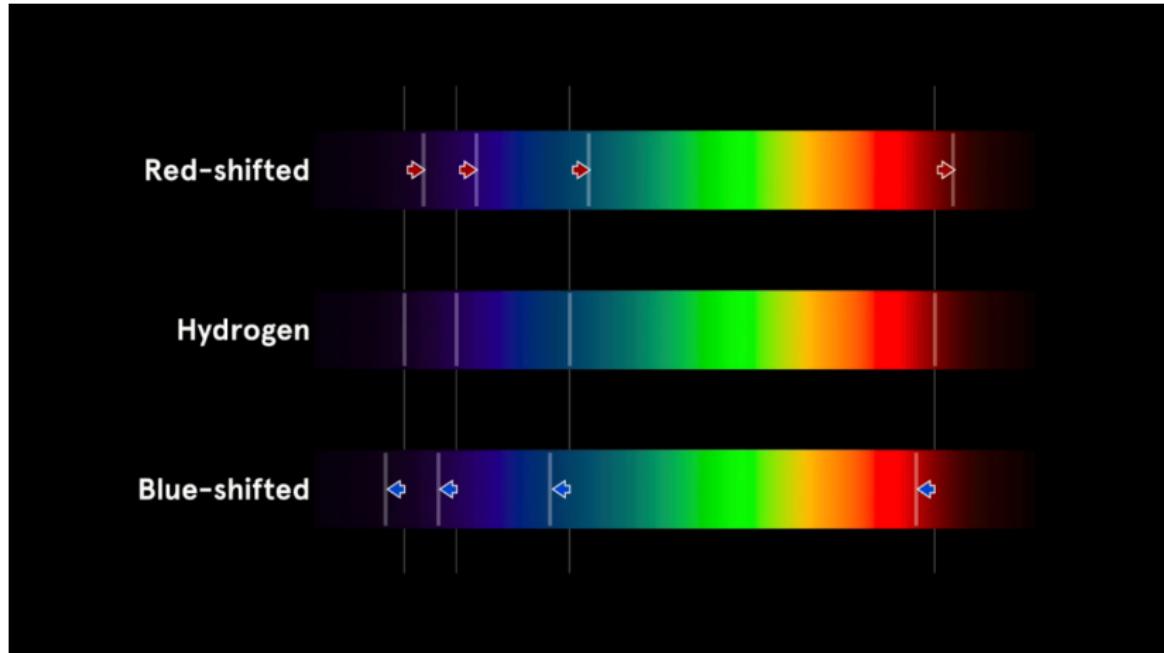
Measuring Redshift from Spectroscopy



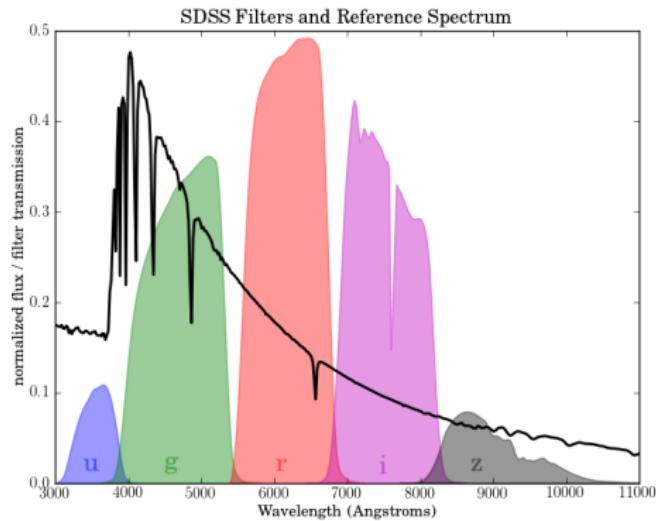
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$$\lambda_{obs} = (1 + z)\lambda_{em} \quad (1)$$

Redshift and Blueshift



Measuring Redshift from Photometry



Coursera, Data-driven Astronomy

$$u = m_{\text{ref}} - 2.5 \log 10 \left[\int_0^{\infty} F(\lambda) S(\lambda) d\lambda \right] \quad (2)$$

Regression Algorithms

Decision Tree

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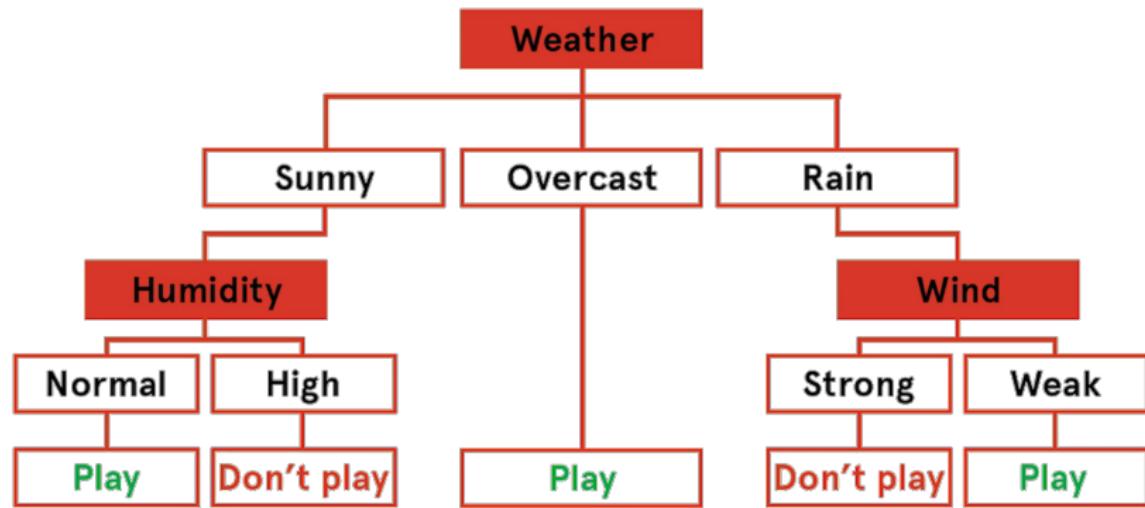
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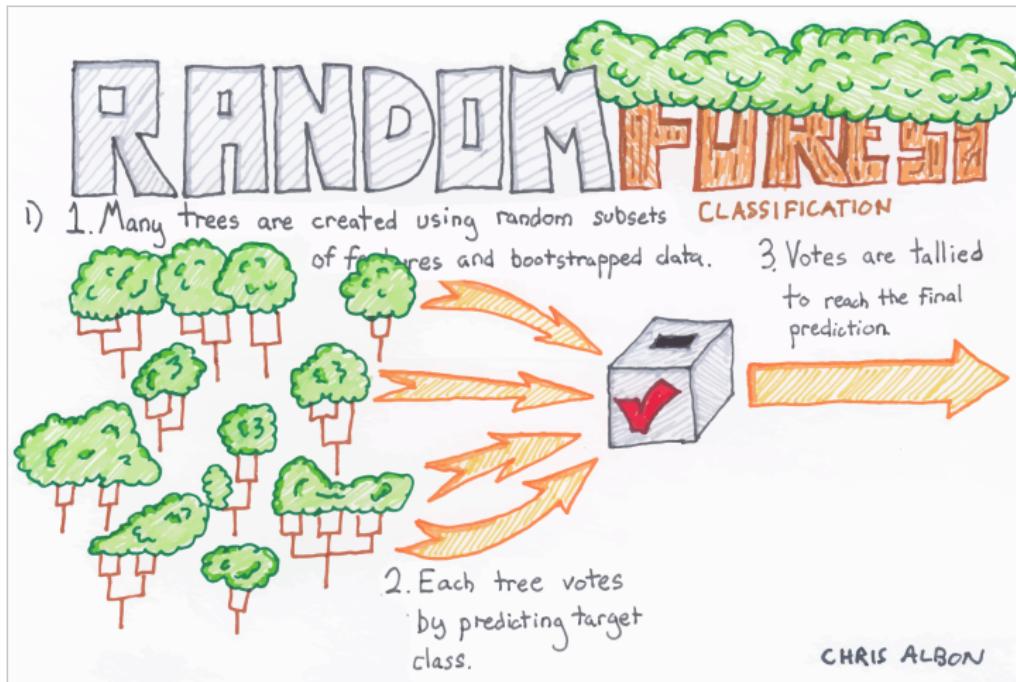
Random forests are an ensemble learning method for classification, regression and other tasks that operates by constructing a multitude of decision trees at training time.

How does Decision Tree work?



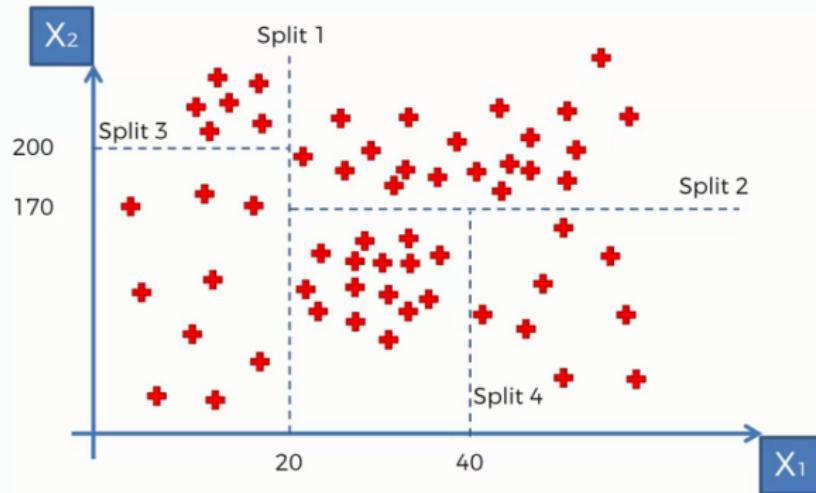
Schematic View of Decision Tree

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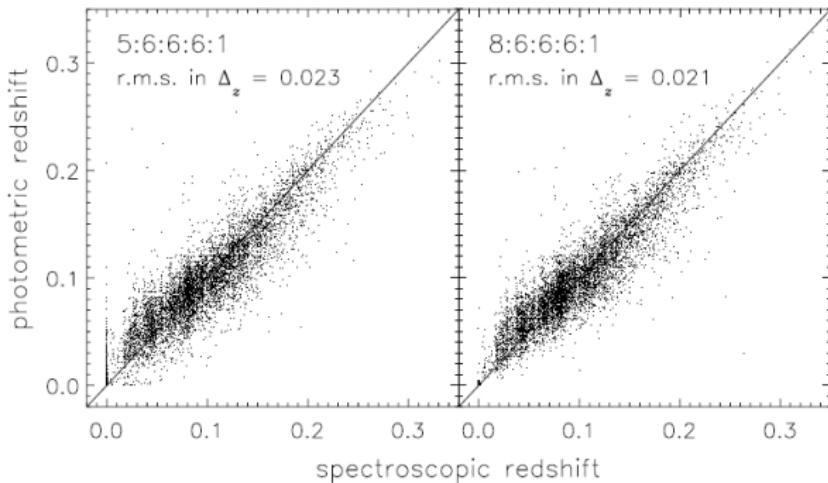
Schematic View of Random Forest

Geometrical View of Algorithm



Desicion Tree Intuition

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- Sample Size: 20000 Galaxies
- Testing Set: 7000 Galaxies

Firth et al. Mon. Not. R. Astron. Soc. 339, 1 (2003)

Similar Research Results

Reference Articles	Data Release	Training Set	$\overline{\Delta z_{norm}}$	ML Algorithm
Beck et al (2016) MNRAS	12	1'976'978	5.84×10^{-5}	Local Linear Regression
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$$\overline{\Delta Z}_{norm} = \frac{Z_{spec} - Z_{phot}}{1 + Z_{spec}}$$

(3)

Preparing the Dataset



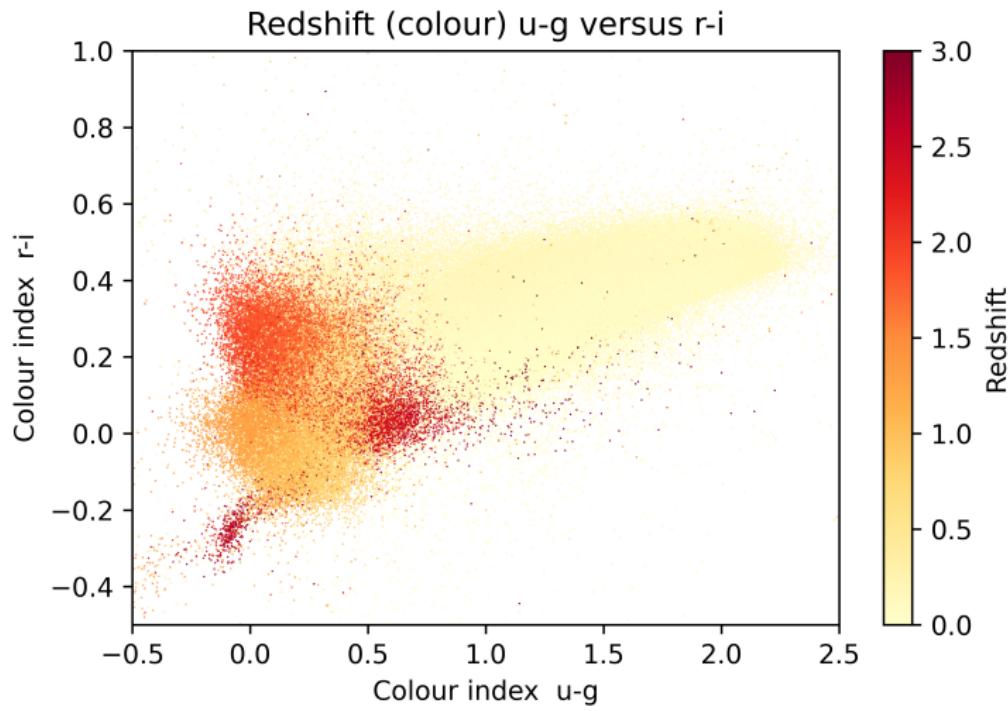
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r 6166Å
i 7480Å
z 8932Å

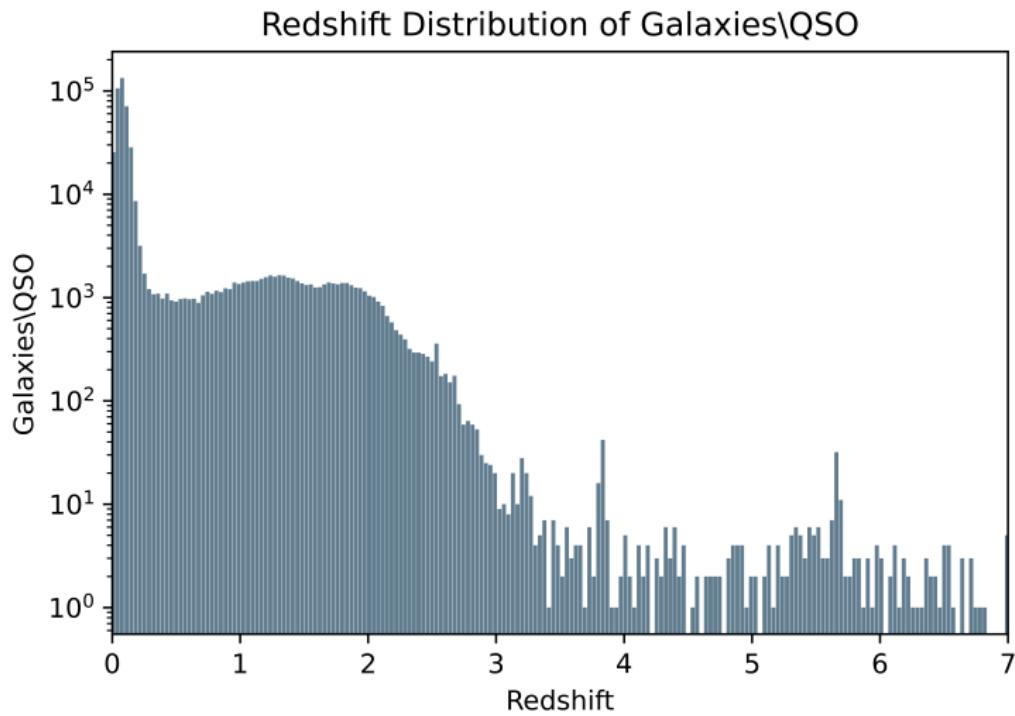
<i>u</i>	<i>g</i>	<i>r</i>	<i>i</i>	<i>z</i>	...	redshift
19.84	19.53	19.47	19.18	19.11	...	0.54
19.86	18.66	17.84	17.39	17.14	...	0.16
...
18.00	17.81	17.77	17.73	17.73	...	0.47

SDSS Data Sample

Contour map of the redshifts

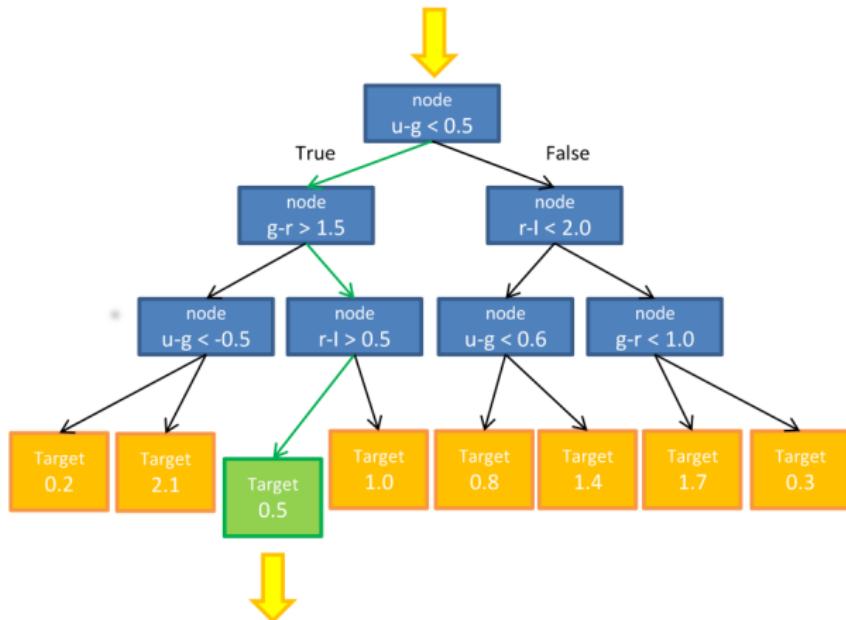


Redshift Distribution of Galaxies



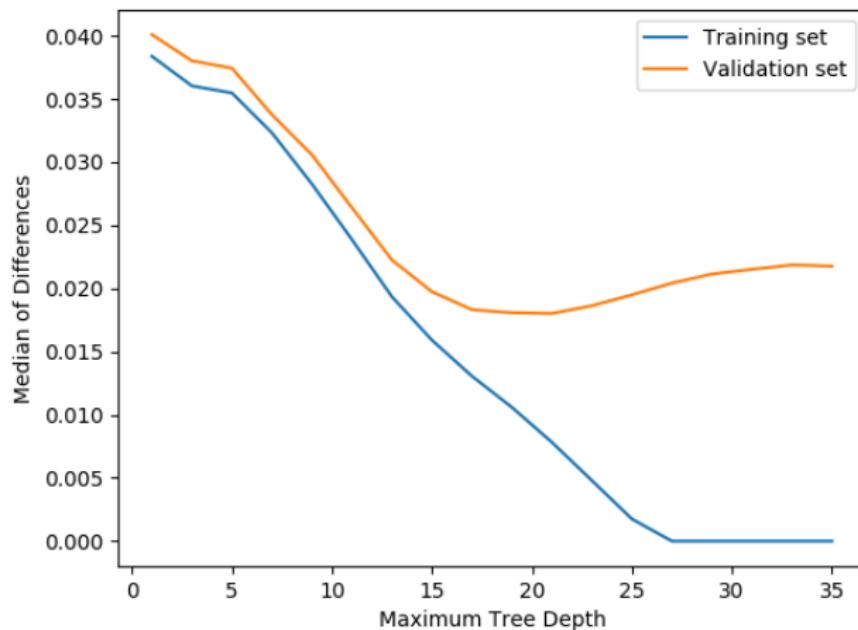
Detailed overview of Decision Tree

Input features: ($u-g=0.2$, $g-r=1.4$, $r-i=0.8$)



Output target: (redshift = 0.5)

Optimizing process for Decision Tree



Setting a Maximum Depth

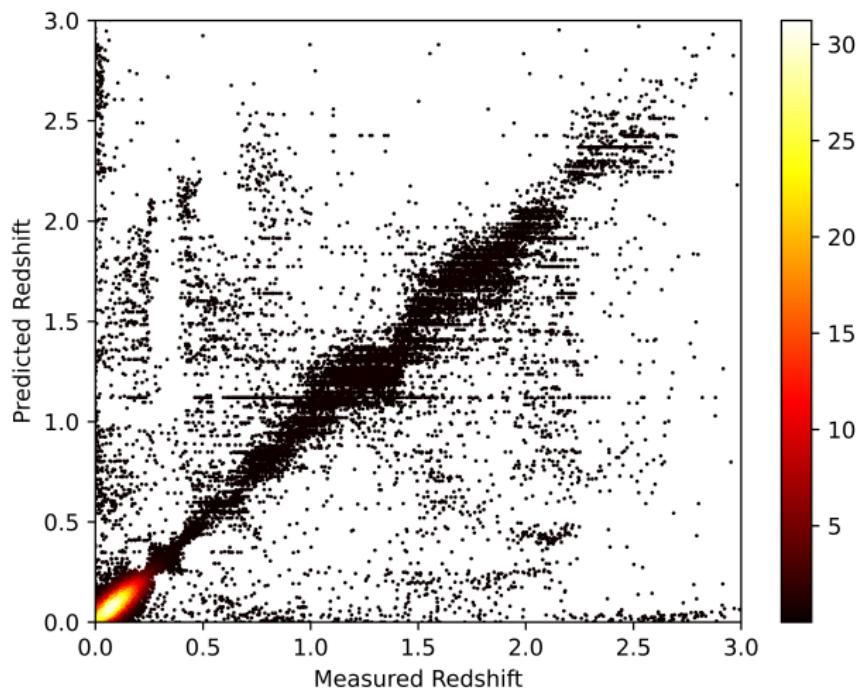
Accuracy of the model

The Effect of Training Set Size

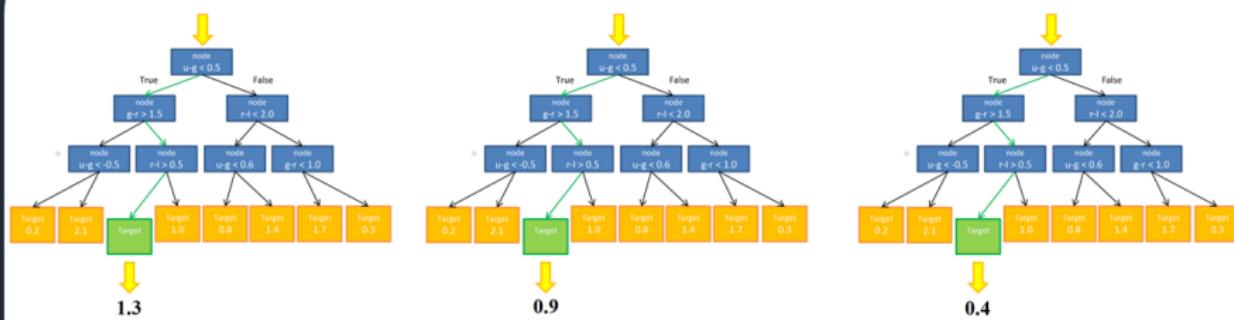
Training Galaxies	Median Diff
50	0.048
500	0.026
5000	0.023
50000	0.022
400000	0.017

$$med_diff = \text{median}(|Y_{i,\text{pred}} - Y_{i,\text{act}}|) \quad (4)$$

Final Result of Decision Tree Algorithm

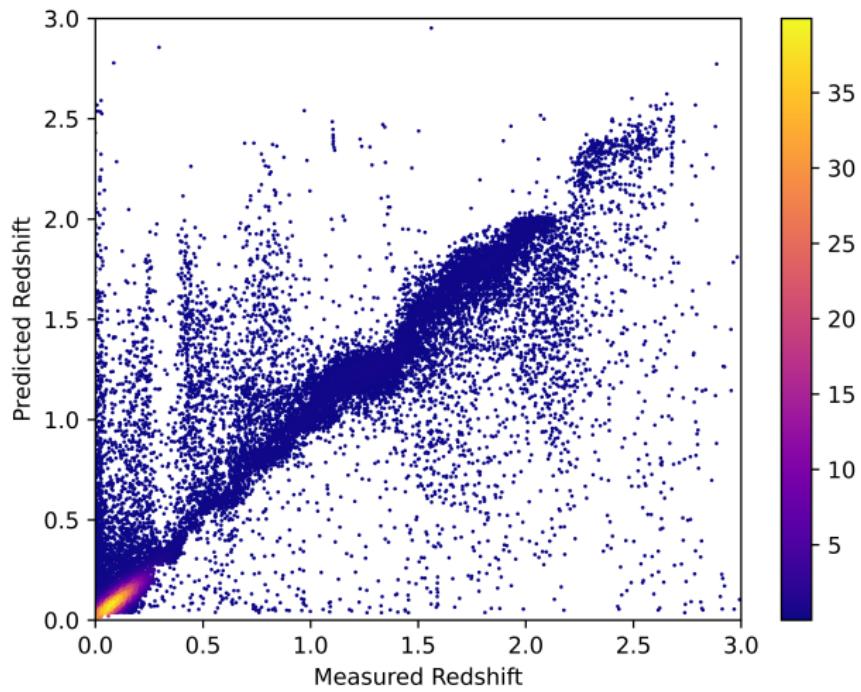


Steps of preparing Random Forest

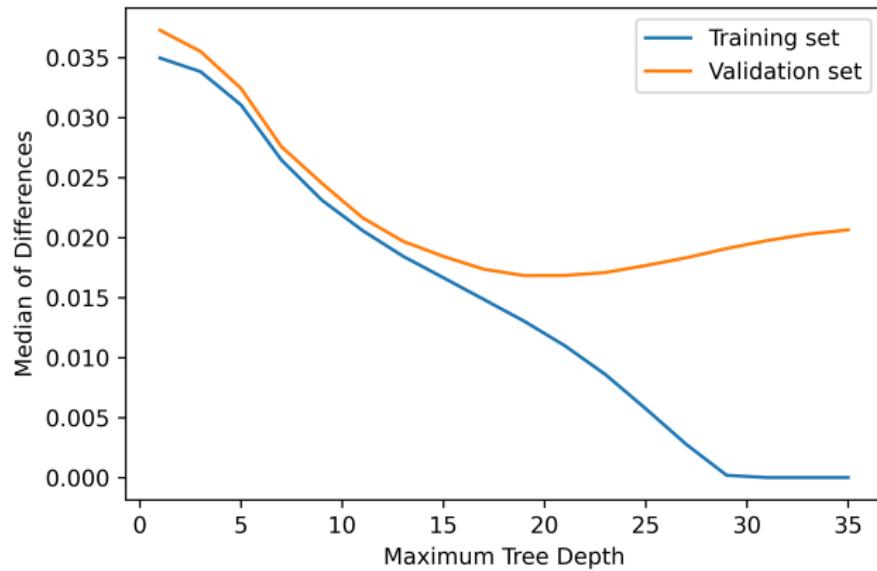


$$\hat{Y}(x) = \frac{1}{B} \sum_{b=1}^B \hat{y}_b(x) = \frac{1.3 + 0.9 + 0.4}{3} = 0.86$$

Final Result of Random Forest Algorithm



Optimization process



Analytical Overview

Parameters of Regression Modeling

	Decision Tree	Random Forest
Mean Accuracy	67.96%	81.01%
Best Accuracy	68.07%	81.02%
Max Depth	19	25
Number of Trees	1	600
Bootstrap	-	True
Standard Deviation	1.66%	0.69%
R2 Squared	0.68	0.81
Median Diff	0.017	0.016
$\overline{\Delta Z}_{\text{norm}}$	0.016	0.001

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Galaxies, MDPI, 2018

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