

# Decision trees

# Bagging

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# Recap

Lecture 4:  
SVM, PCA  
kNN indexes

1. Support Vector Machine (SVM)
  - Hinge loss
  - Kernel trick
2. Dimensionality reduction and PCA
  - Problem statement
  - Singular Value Decomposition
  - Eckart–Young theorem
  - Equivalent definitions
  - Data normalization
3. k Nearest Neighbors
  - kNN indexes
  - HNSW

# Outline

1. Intuition
2. Construction procedure
3. Information criteria
4. Special highlights
  - Dealing with missing data
  - Binarization
  - Decision tree as linear model
  - Standards
  - Hyperparameters
5. Bootstrap and Bagging
6. Random Forest

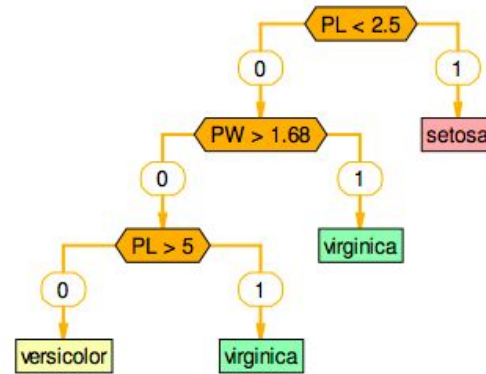
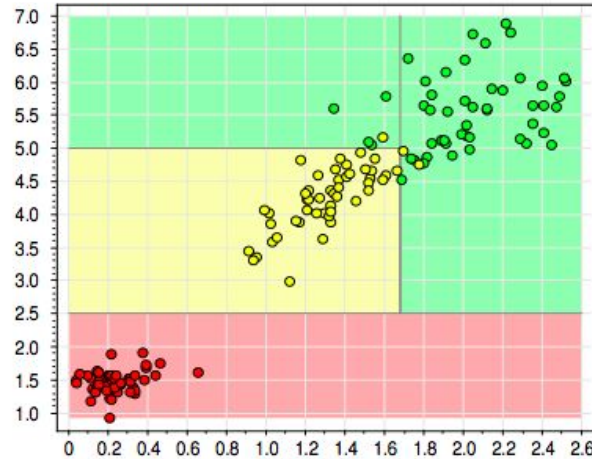
# Intuition

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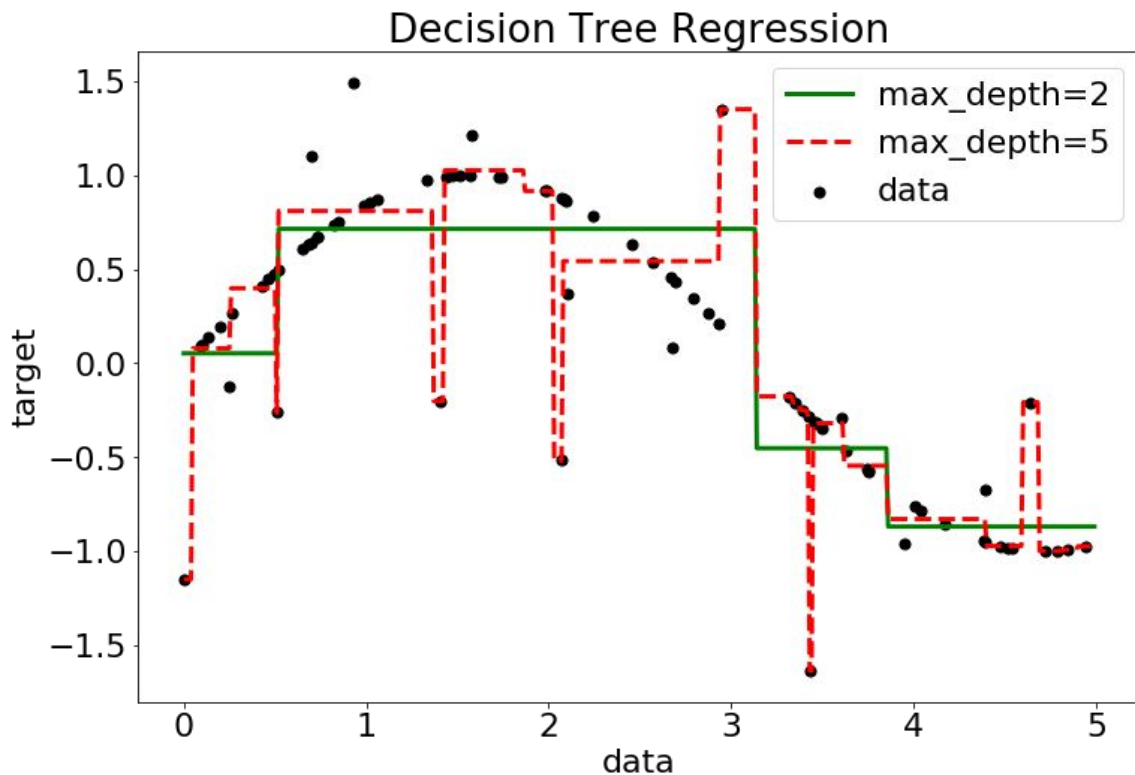
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# Decision tree for Iris data set



setosa	$r_1(x) = [PL \leq 2.5]$
virginica	$r_2(x) = [PL > 2.5] \wedge [PW > 1.68]$
virginica	$r_3(x) = [PL > 5] \wedge [PW \leq 1.68]$
versicolor	$r_4(x) = [PL > 2.5] \wedge [PL \leq 5] \wedge [PW < 1.68]$

# Decision tree in regression



Green - decision tree of depth 2

Red - decision tree of depth 5

Every leaf corresponds to some constant.

# Construction procedure

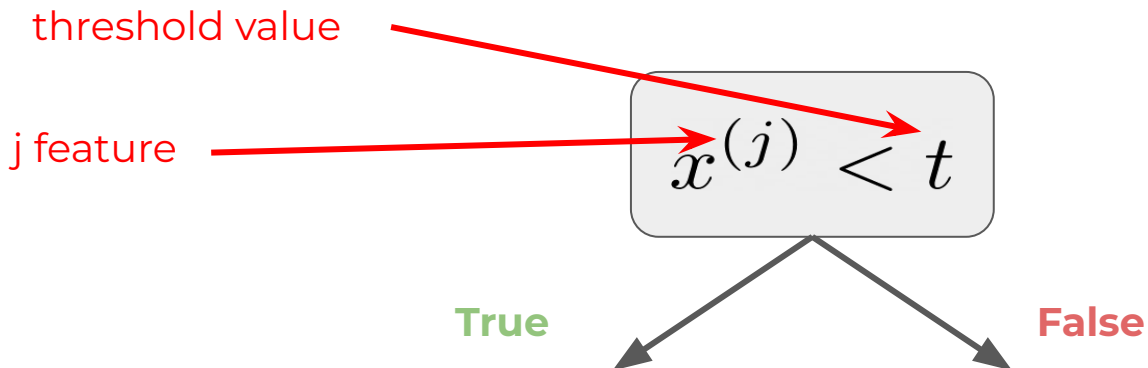
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# Constructing decision trees

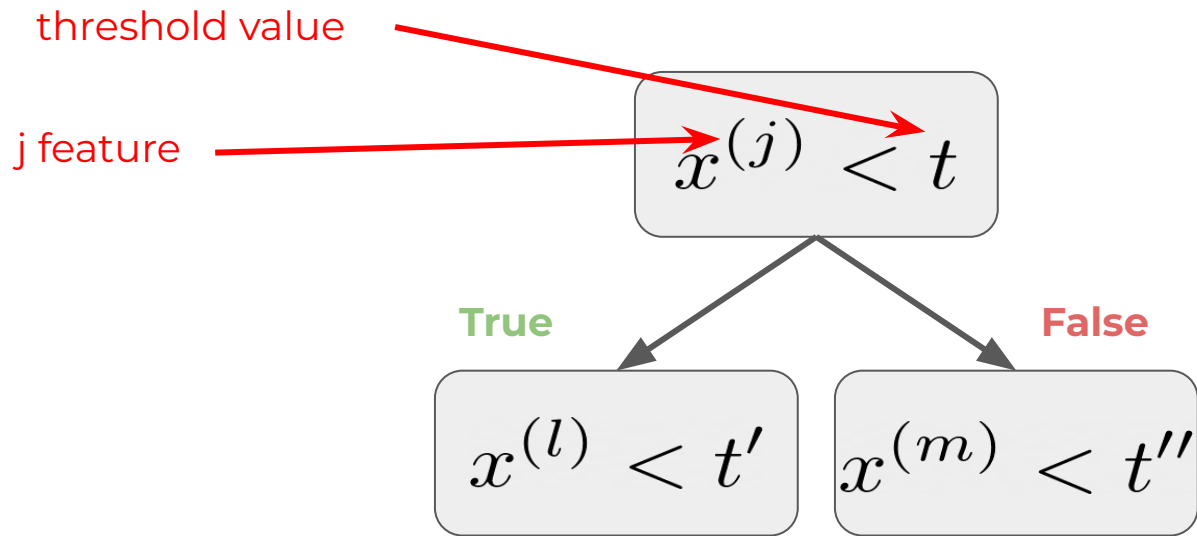


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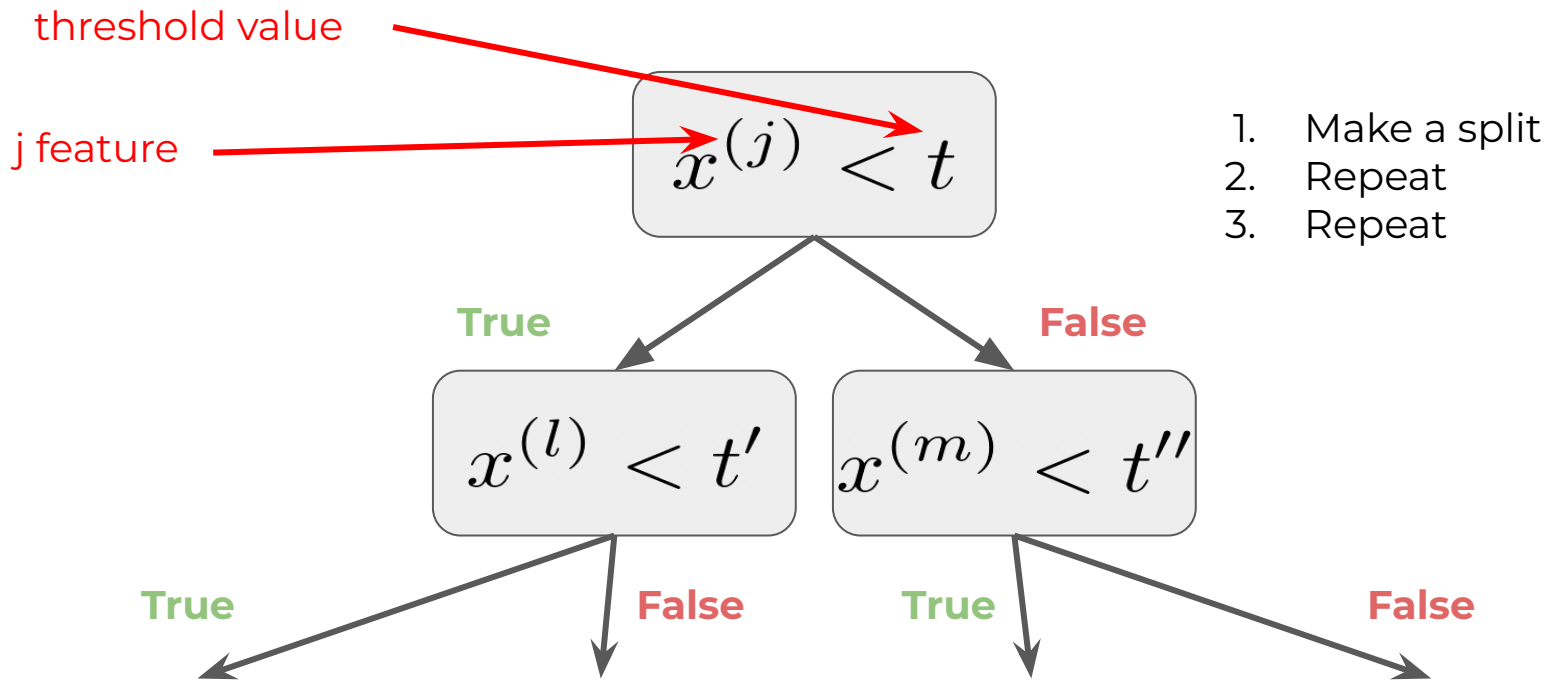
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1. Make a split
2. Repeat

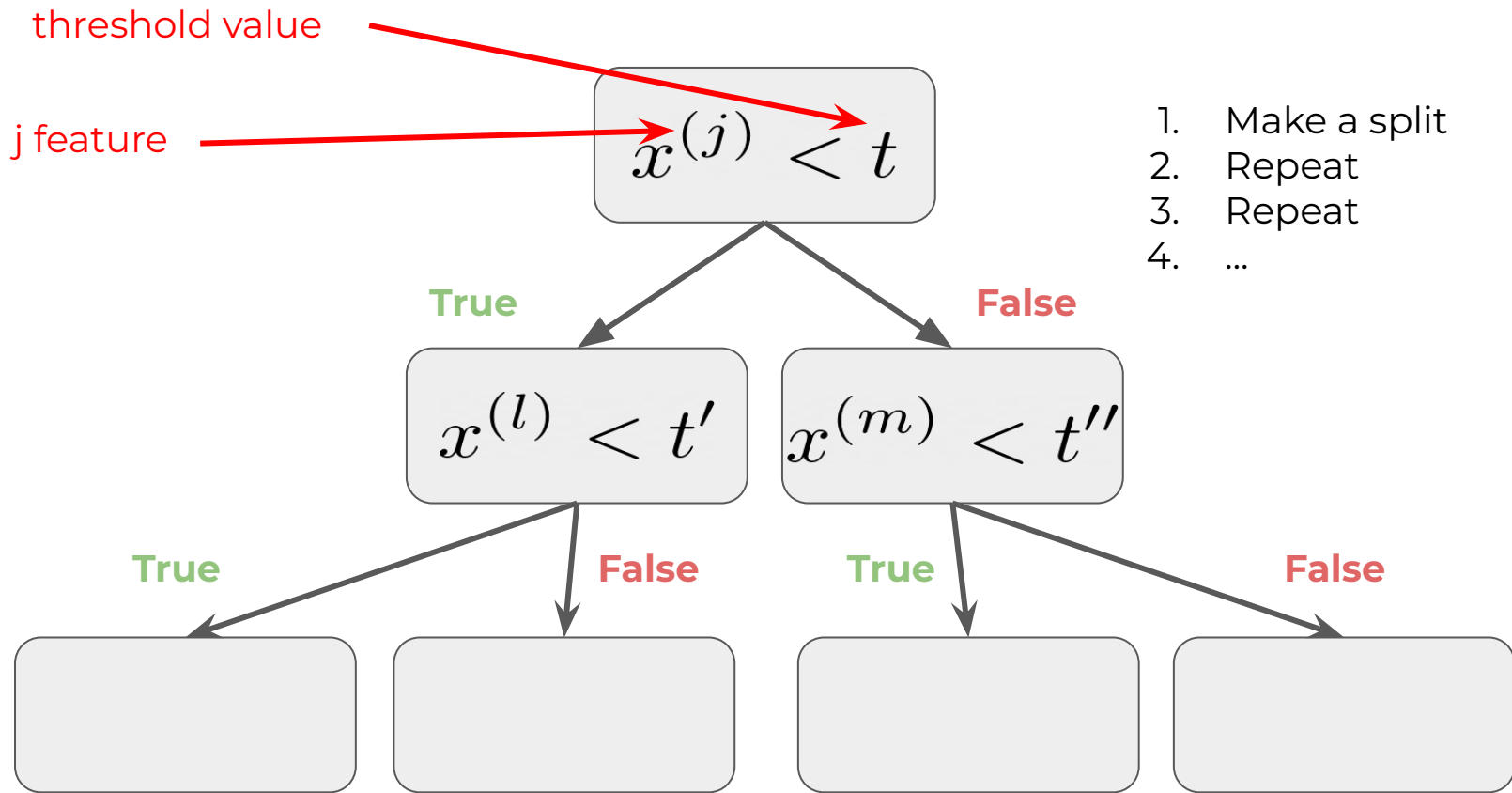


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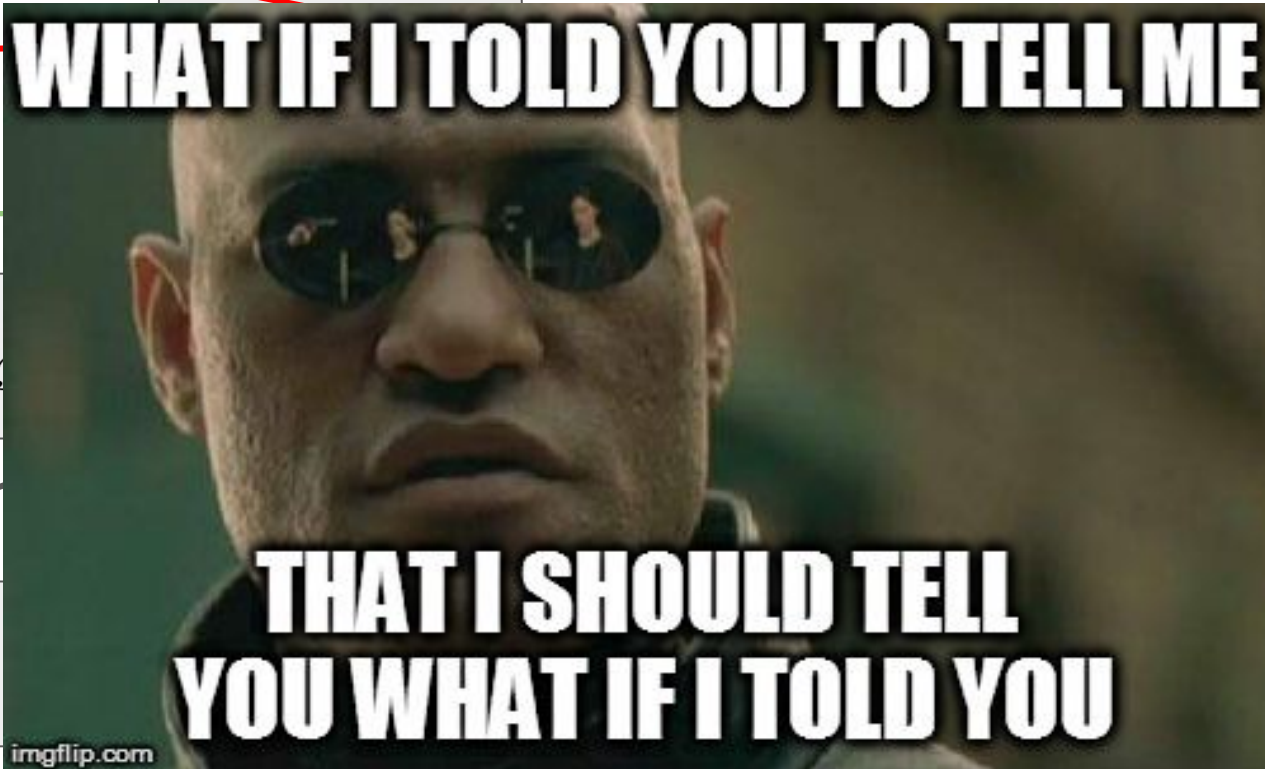
# Constructing decision trees





threshold value

j feature



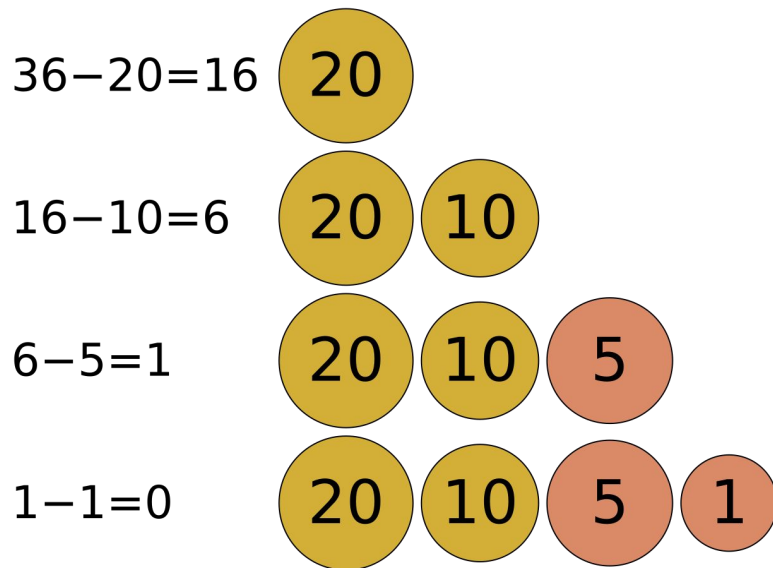
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# Greedy algorithm

A greedy algorithm is any algorithm that follows the problem-solving heuristic of making the locally optimal choice at each stage.

In many problems, a greedy strategy does not produce an optimal solution, but a greedy heuristic can yield locally optimal solutions that approximate a globally optimal solution in a reasonable amount of time.





# How to answer in leaf?

Classification:

- most popular
- sample with frequencies of classes

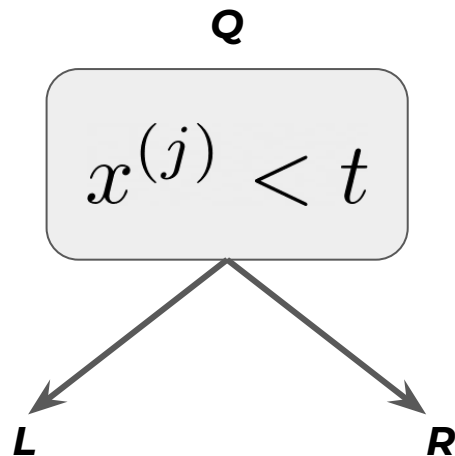
Regression:

Depends on loss function!

- for MSE
  - average in node
- for MAE
  - median in node



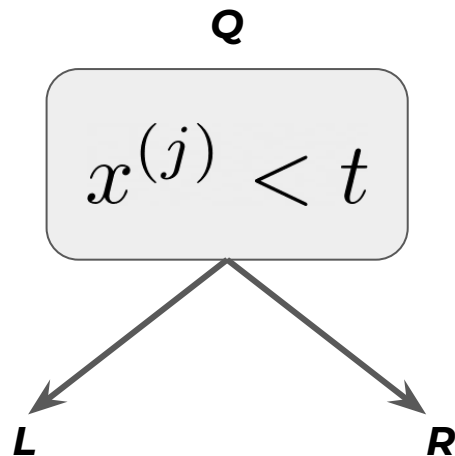
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We can not use gradient this time because solution set is discrete.

So let's apply discrete optimization!

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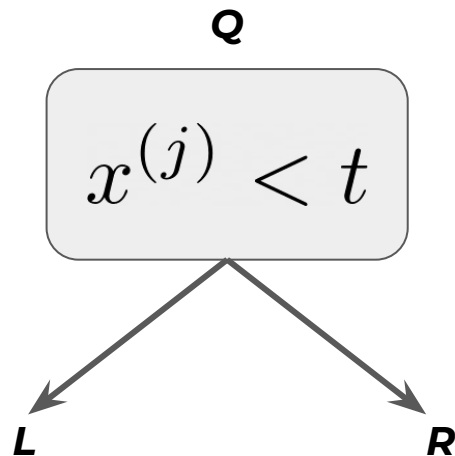
# How to choose concrete split?



Brute force algorithm will take too much time.

Random splits are chosen and compared.

# How to split data properly?



What is H?

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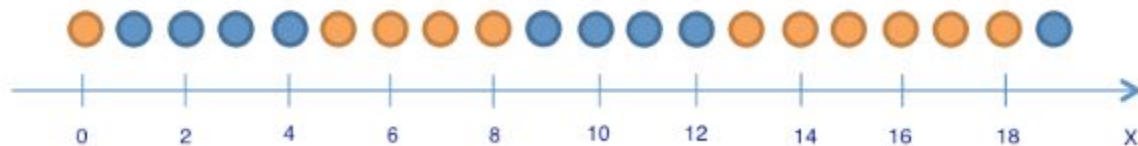
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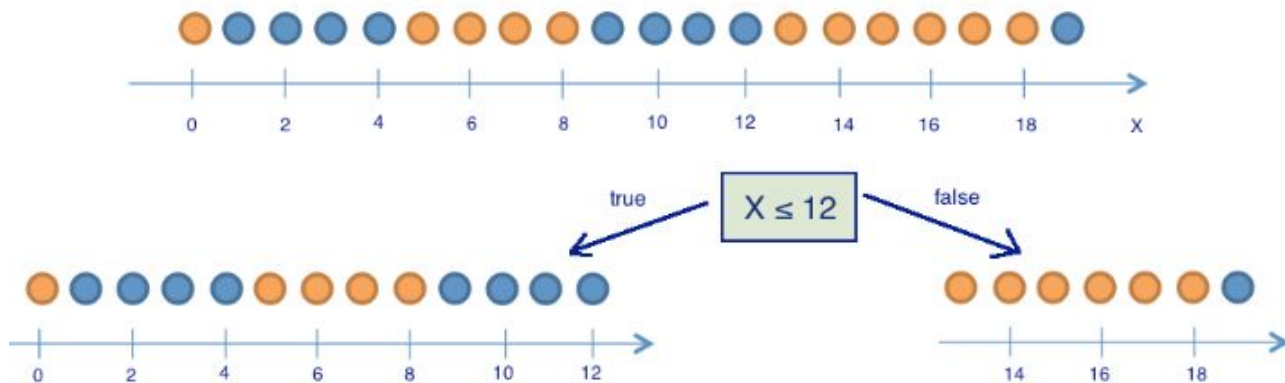




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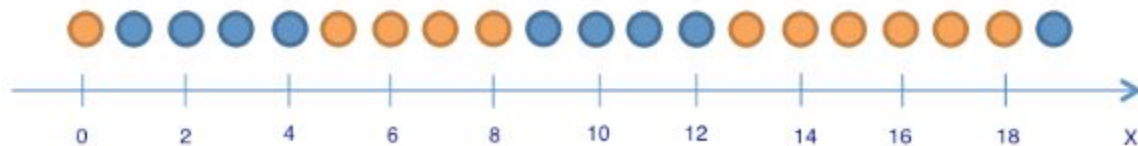
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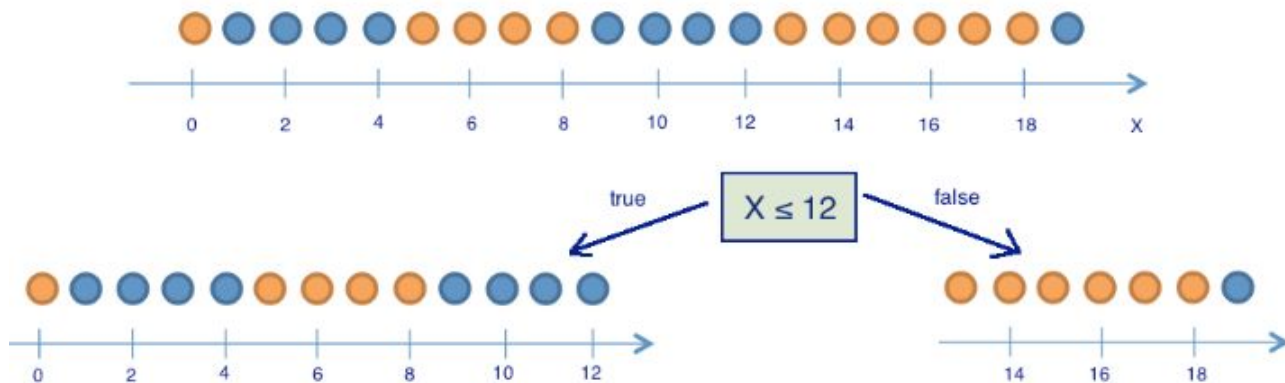


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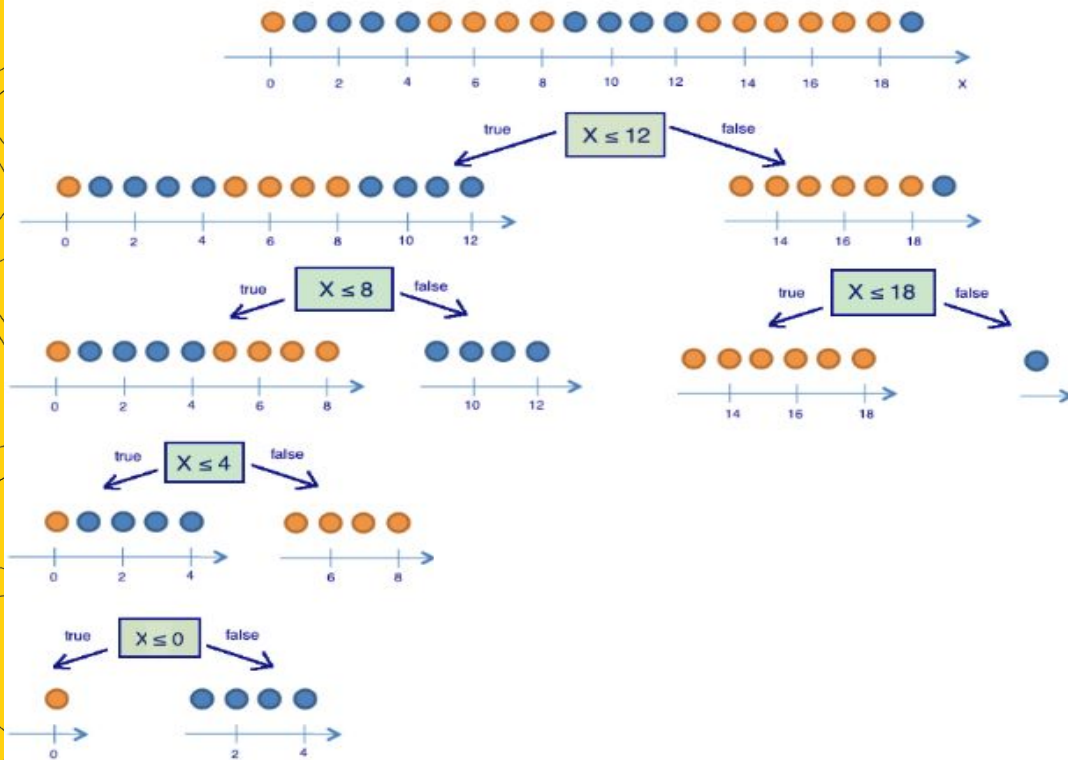
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# Information criteria: Entropy



$$S = -M \sum_{k=0}^K p_k \log p_k$$

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$$S = -p_+ \log_2 p_+ - p_- \log_2 p_- = -p_+ \log_2 p_+ - (1 - p_+) \log_2 (1 - p_+)$$

# Information criteria: Gini impurity



$$G = 1 - \sum_k (p_k)^2$$

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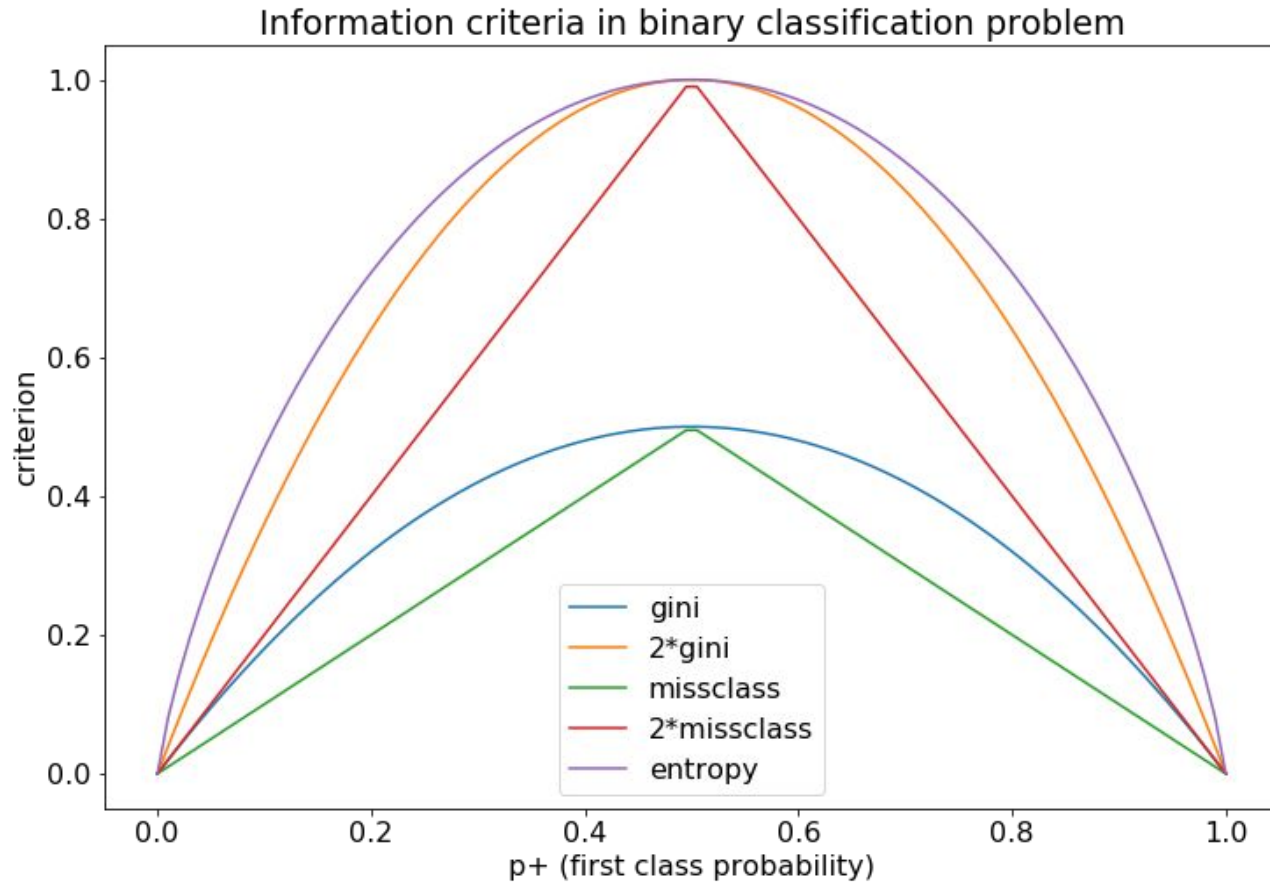
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Consider **regression** problem:

1. Mean squared error

$$H(R) = \min_c \frac{1}{|R|} \sum_{(x_i, y_i) \in R} (y_i - c)^2$$

What is the constant?

$$c^* = \frac{1}{|R|} \sum_{y_i \in R} y_i$$

# Hyperparameters

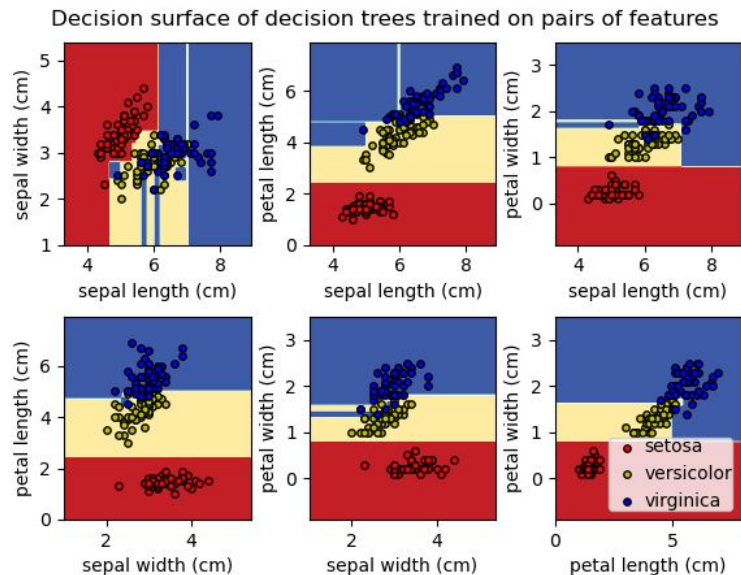


- max\_depth: min 1
- min\_samples\_split: min 2
- min\_samples\_leaf: min 1
- min\_impurity\_decrease

## Minor

- criterion:
  - gini, entropy, log\_loss for classification
  - MSE or MAE for regression
- splitter: best, random
- max\_features: sqrt, log2

As of [sklearn implementation](#)





# Standards

- [ID-3](#)
  - Entropy criteria; Stops when no more gain available
- C4.5
  - Normalised entropy criteria; Stops depending on leaf size; Incorporates pruning
- C5.0
  - Some updates on C4.5
- CART
  - Gini criteria; Cost-complexity Pruning; Surrogate predicates for missing data;
- etc.

[Read more](#)



# Special highlights

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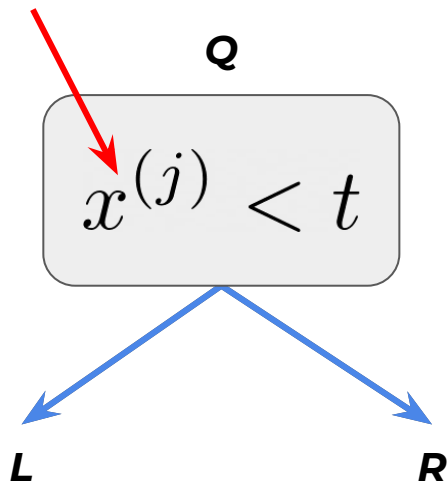
# Missing values in Decision Trees



If the value is missing, one might use both sub-trees and average their predictions.

But this will negatively affect model computational performance.

Missing value



$$\hat{y} = \frac{|L|}{|Q|} \hat{y}_L + \frac{|R|}{|Q|} \hat{y}_R$$

# Missing values in Catboost



**Forbidden:** Missing values are not supported, their presence is interpreted as an error

**Min:** Missing values are processed as the minimum value (less than all other values) for the feature. It is guaranteed that a split that separates missing values from all other values is considered when selecting trees.

**Max:** Missing values are processed as the maximum value (greater than all other values) for the feature. It is guaranteed that a split that separates missing values from all other values is considered when selecting trees.

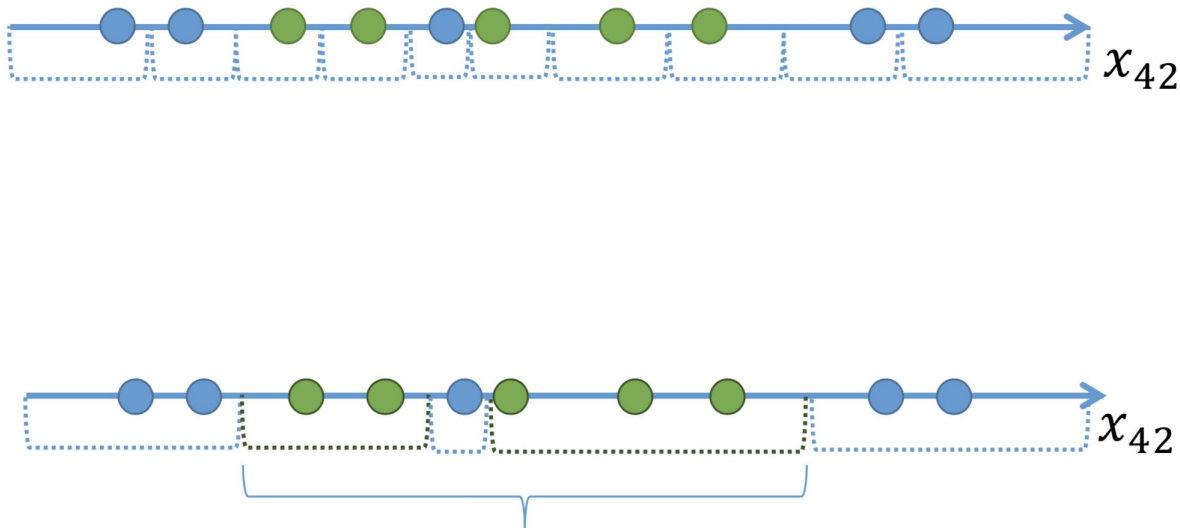
The **default** processing mode **is Min**

[Documentation](#)

# Binarization



Idea: instead selecting one threshold define several for one feature.



e.g. [Border count hyperparameter](#) in Catboost (defaults to 254)

# Decision Trees as Linear models



Let  $J$  be the subspace of the original feature space, corresponding to the leaf of the tree.

Prediction takes form

$$\hat{y} = \sum_j w_j [x \in J_j]$$

# Bootstrap and Bagging

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# Bootstrap

Consider dataset  $X$  containing  $m$  objects.

Pick  $m$  objects with return from  $X$  and repeat in  $N$  times to get  $N$  datasets.

Error of model trained on  $X_j$ :  $\varepsilon_j(x) = b_j(x) - y(x), \quad j = 1, \dots, N,$

Then  $\mathbb{E}_x(b_j(x) - y(x))^2 = \mathbb{E}_x \varepsilon_j^2(x).$

The mean error of  $N$  models:  $E_1 = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=1}^N \mathbb{E}_x \varepsilon_j^2(x).$

# Bootstrap



Consider the errors unbiased and uncorrelated:

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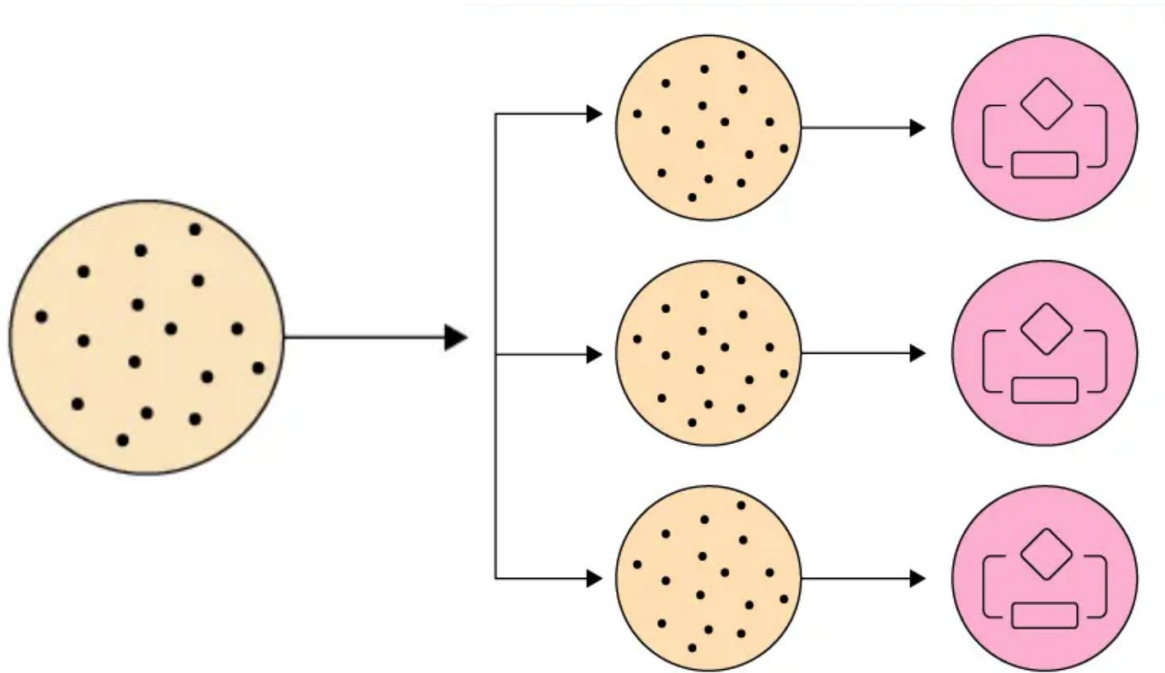
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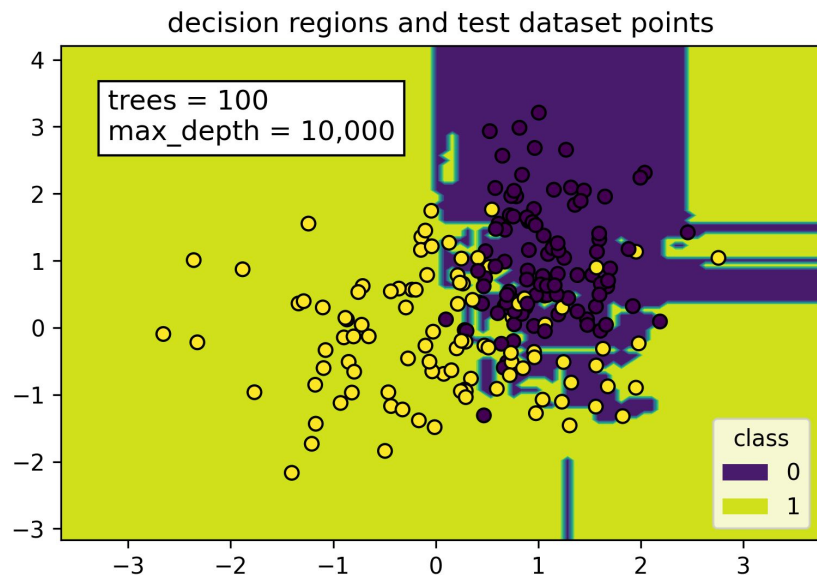
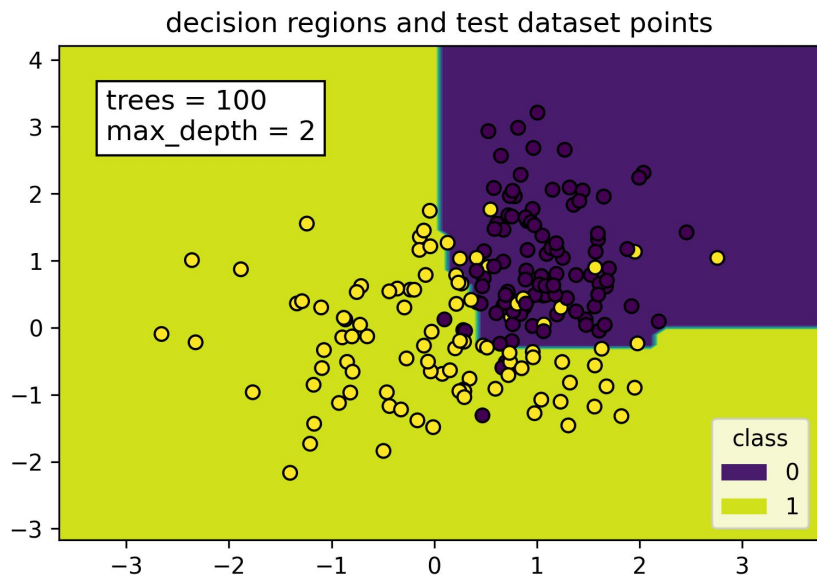
# Bagging = Bootstrap aggregating



Decreases the **variance** if the basic algorithms are not correlated



# Bagging overfitting



# Random Forest

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# RSM - Random Subspace Method

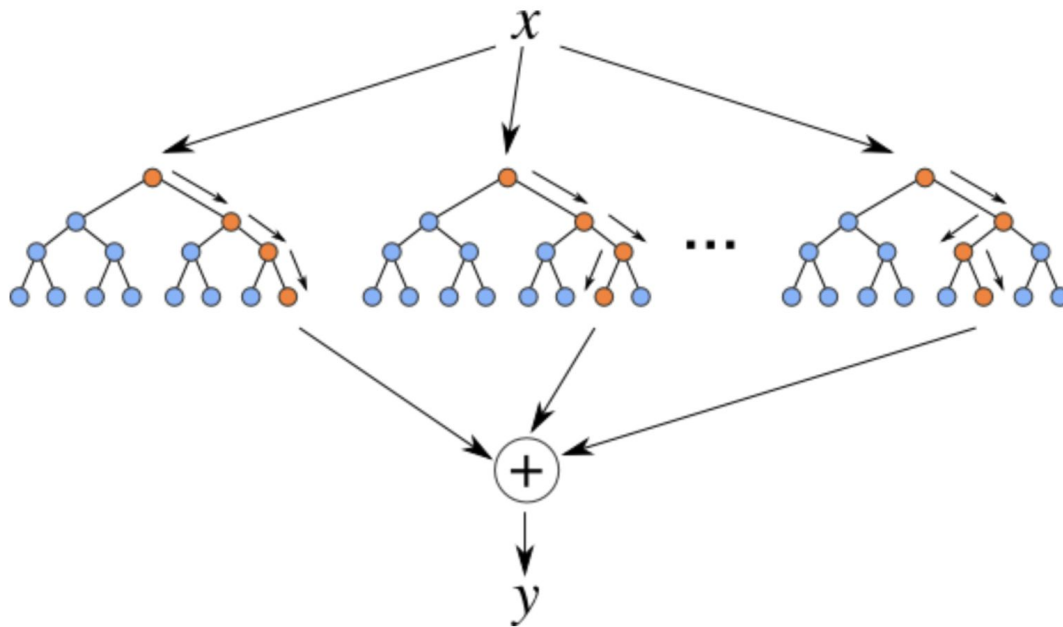


Same approach, but with features.

Just subsample of features for each bootstrapped dataset

# Random Forest

Bagging + RSM = Random Forest



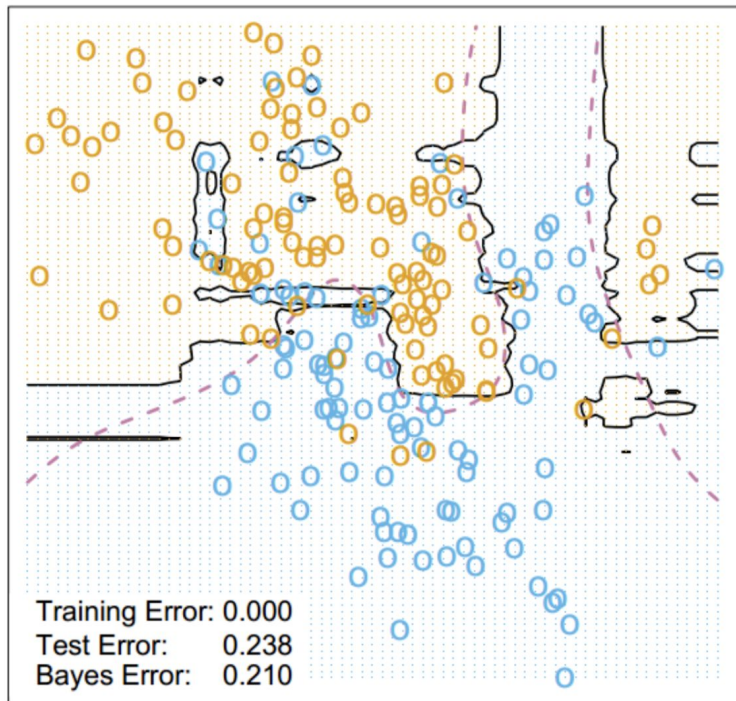
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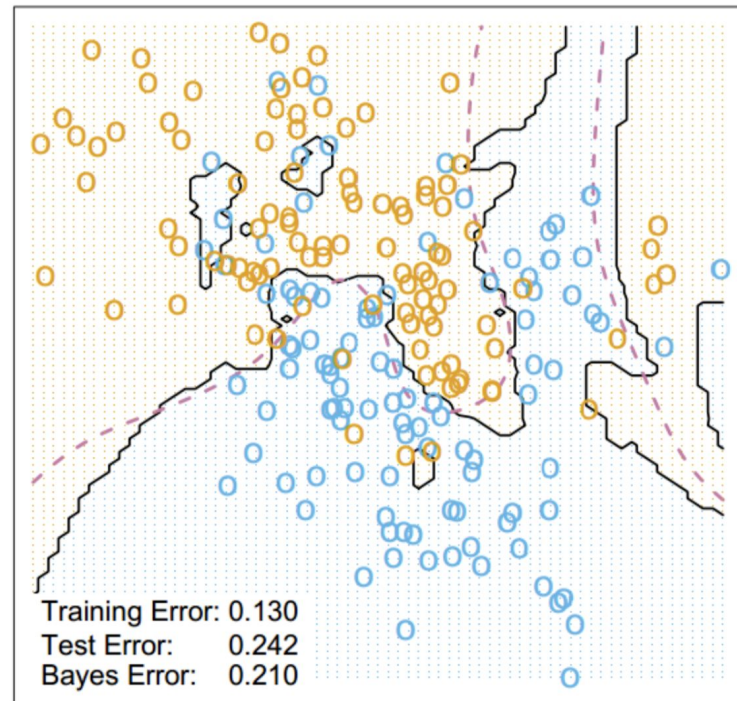
- One of the greatest “universal” models
- There are some modifications: Extremely Randomized Trees, Isolation Forest, etc



## Random Forest Classifier



## 3-Nearest Neighbors





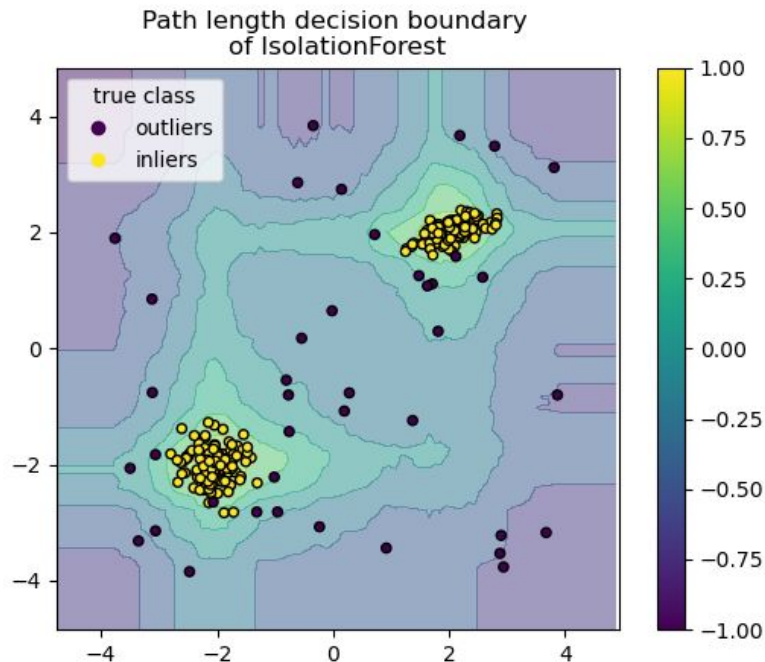
# Isolation forest

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# Method to search for anomalies



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Isolation Forest 'isolates' observations by randomly selecting a feature and then randomly selecting a split value between the maximum and minimum values of the selected feature.

This path length, averaged over a forest of such random trees, is a measure of normality and our decision function.

Random partitioning produces noticeably shorter paths for anomalies. Hence, when a forest of random trees collectively produce shorter path lengths for particular samples, they are highly likely to be anomalies.

[https://scikit-learn.org/stable/modules/outlier\\_detection.html#isolation-forest](https://scikit-learn.org/stable/modules/outlier_detection.html#isolation-forest)

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# Revise



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# Thanks for attention!

Questions?



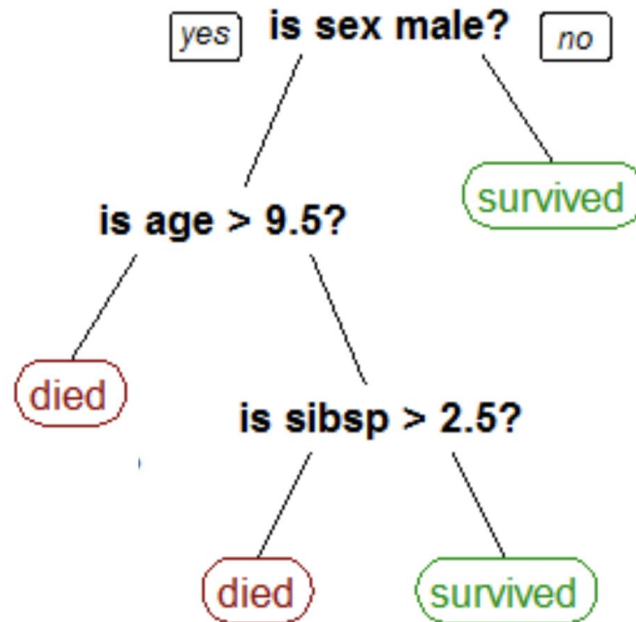
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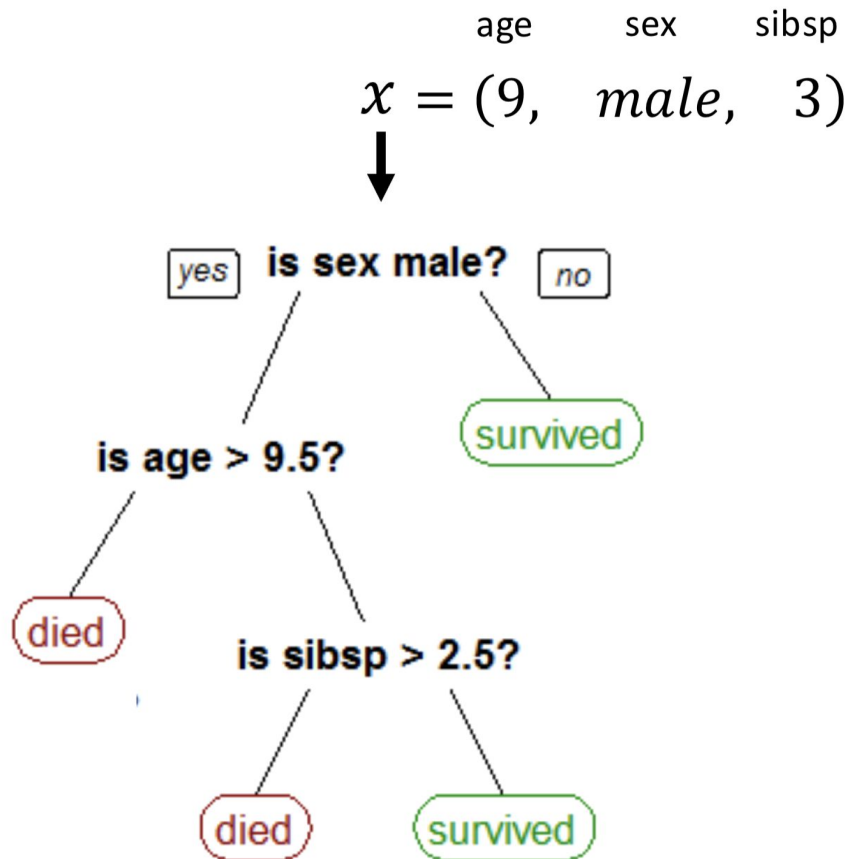
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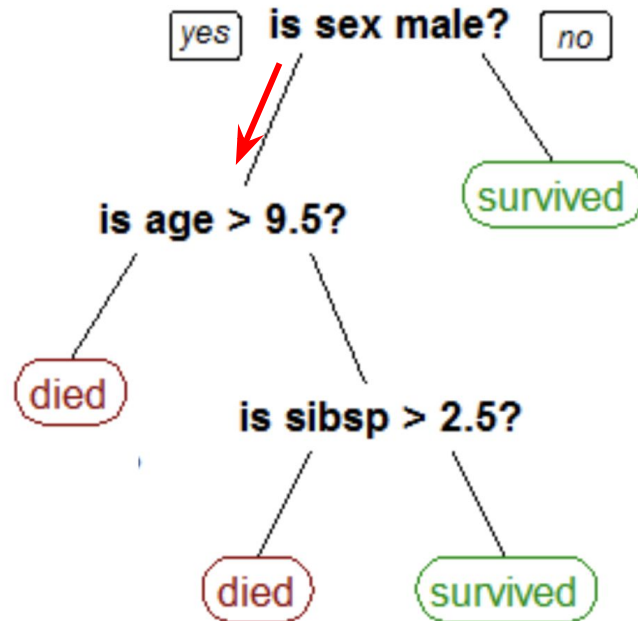
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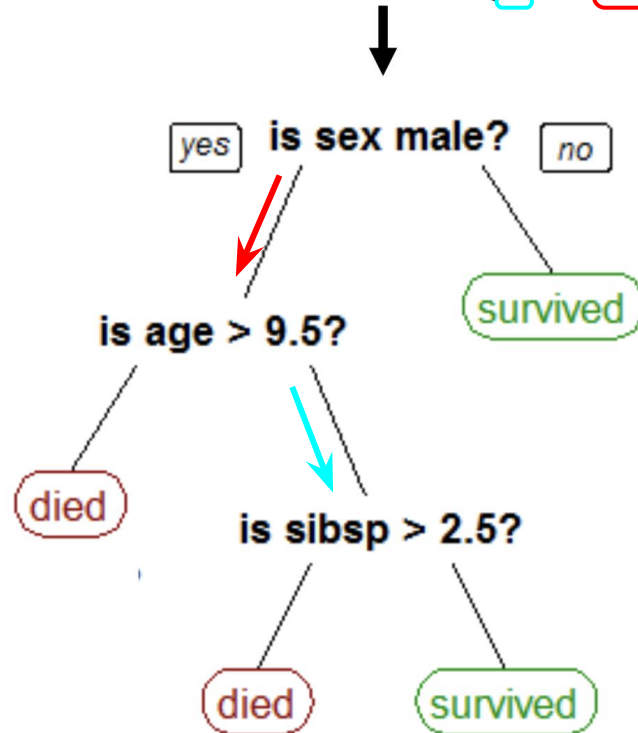




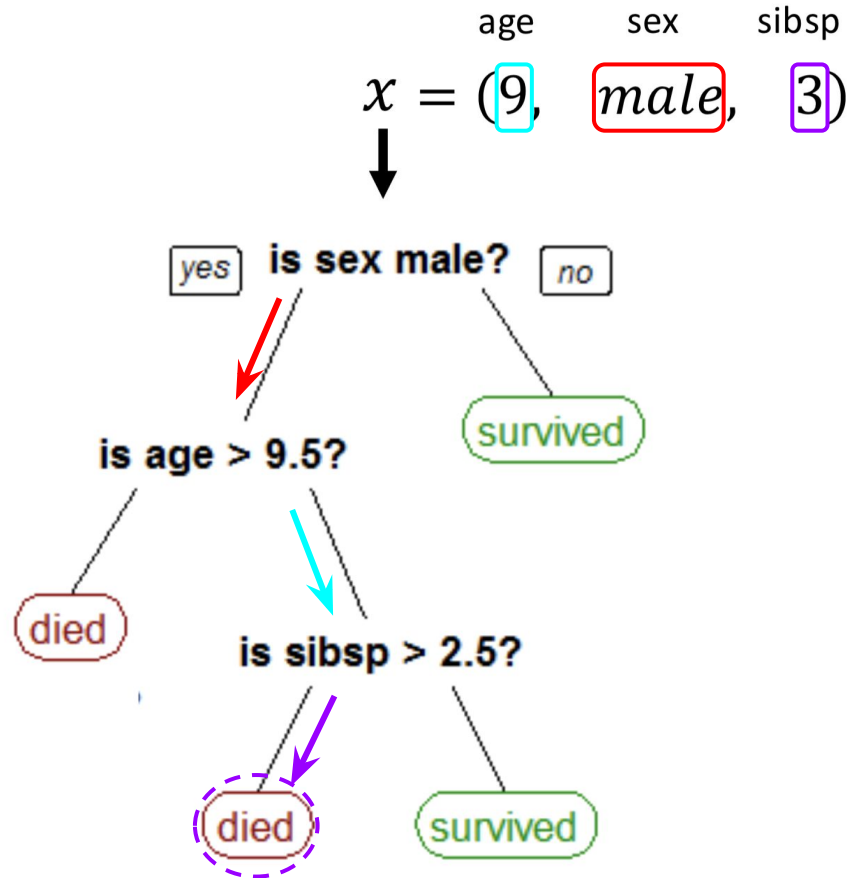
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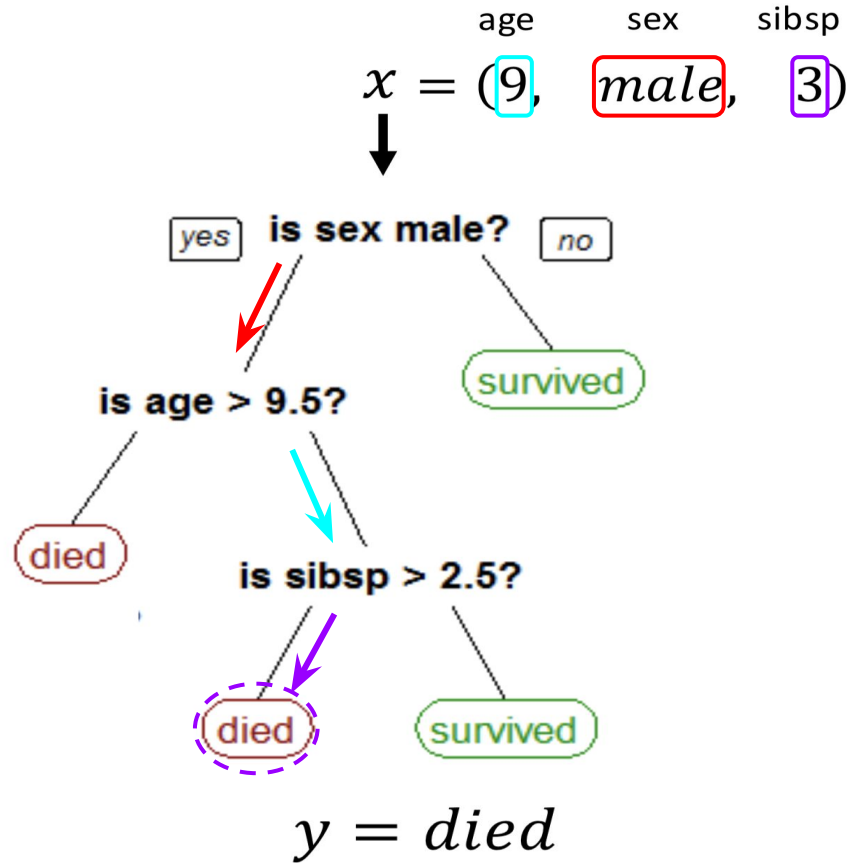
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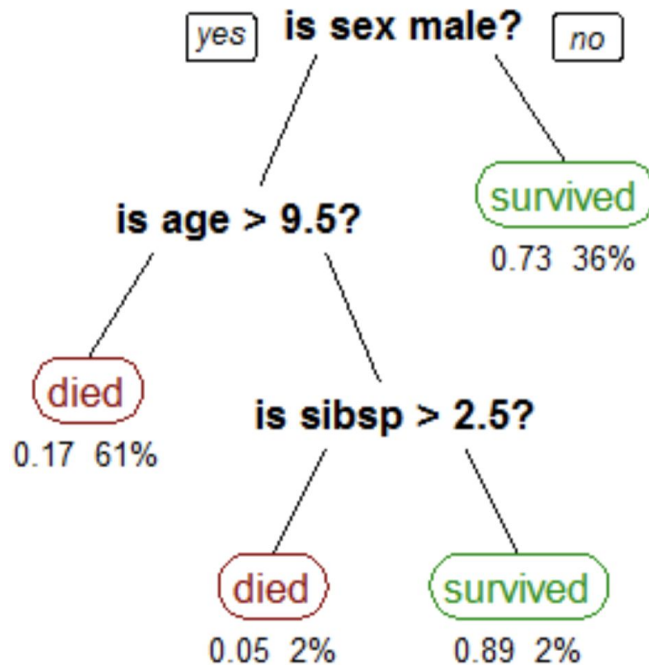
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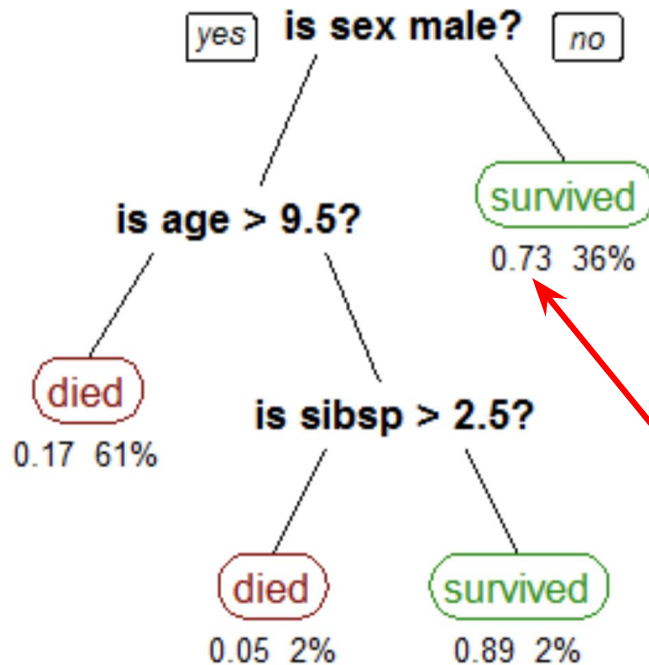
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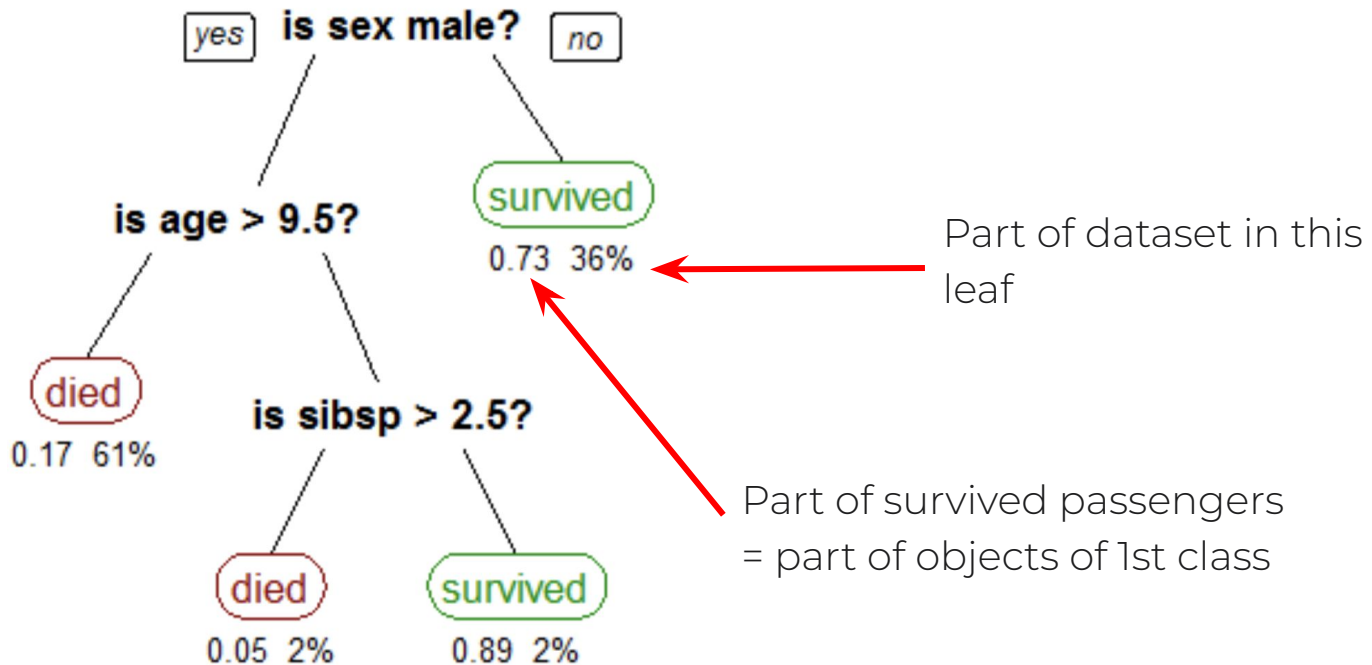


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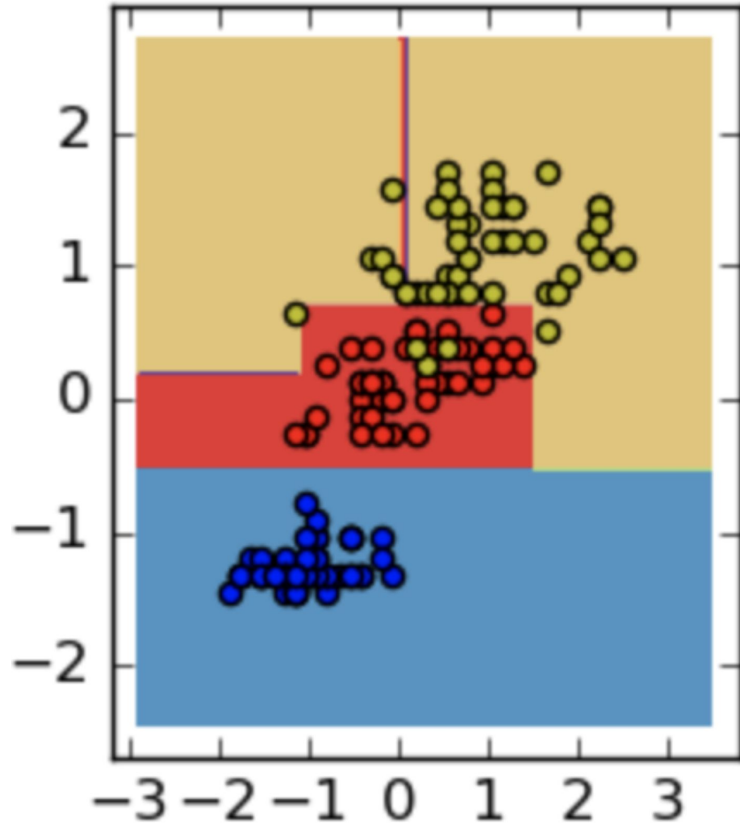


Part of survived passengers  
= part of objects of 1st class

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Classification problem with 3 classes and 2 features.