

# Regression Trees

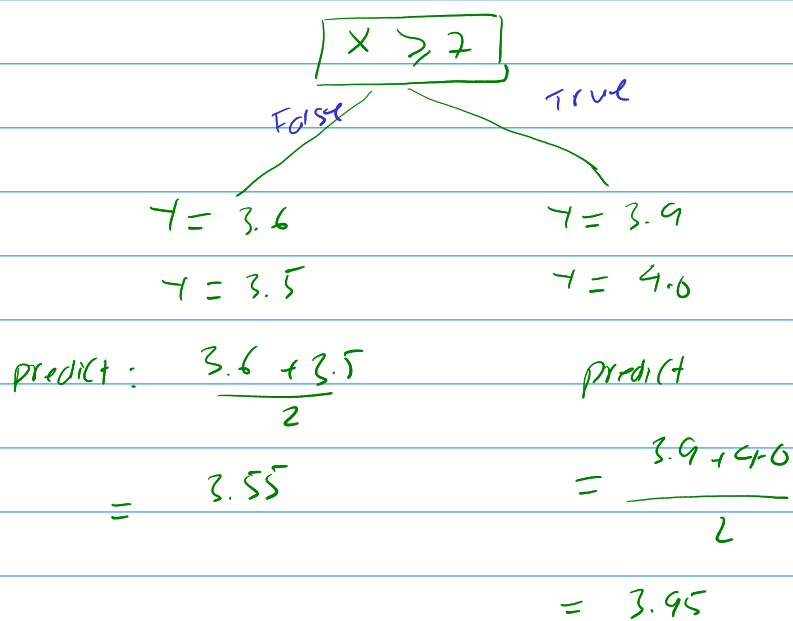
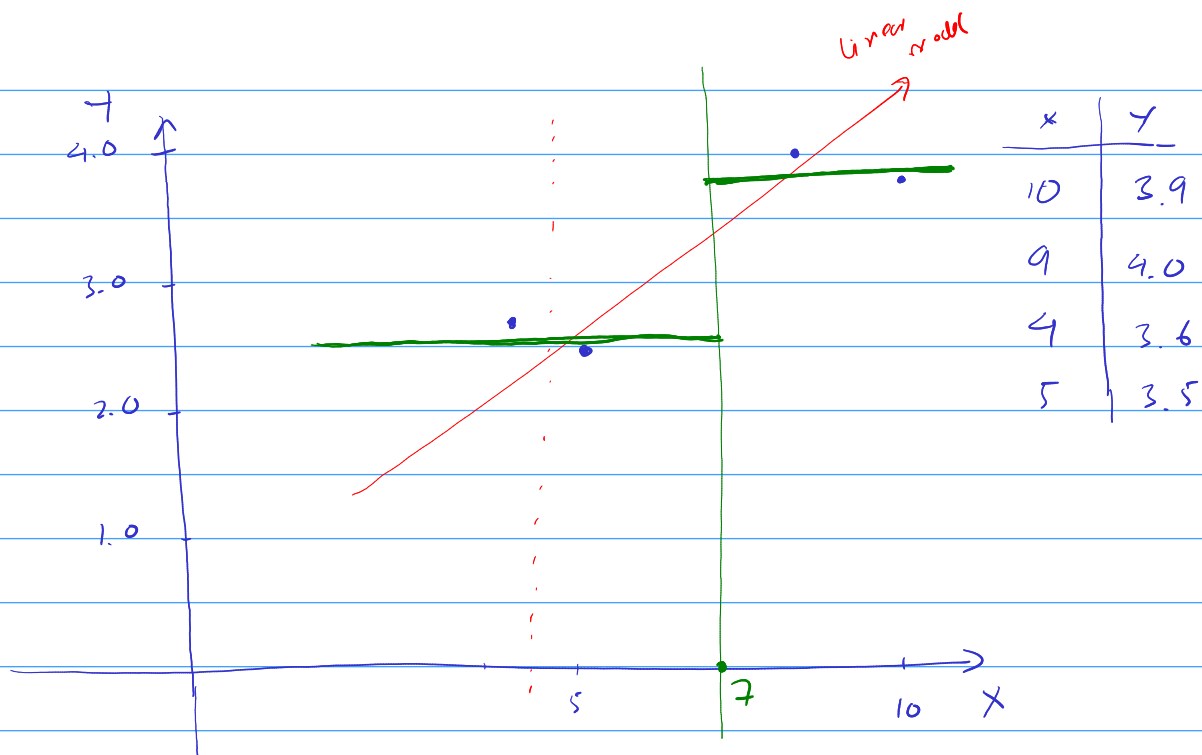
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- ▶ The tree will search for all combination of predictors and cutoff value to decide the best split
- ▶ In Regression tree, the best split is the split that minimizes

$$\underbrace{\sum_{i:\mathbf{x}_i \in R_1(j,s)} (y_i - \hat{y}_{R_1})^2}_{\text{RSS of obs. in left branch}} + \underbrace{\sum_{i:\mathbf{x}_i \in R_2(j,s)} (y_i - \hat{y}_{R_2})^2}_{\text{RSS of obs. in right branch}}$$

- ▶  $\hat{y}_{R_1}$  and  $\hat{y}_{R_2}$  are the means of the responses falling in to the left branch and right branch, respectively.



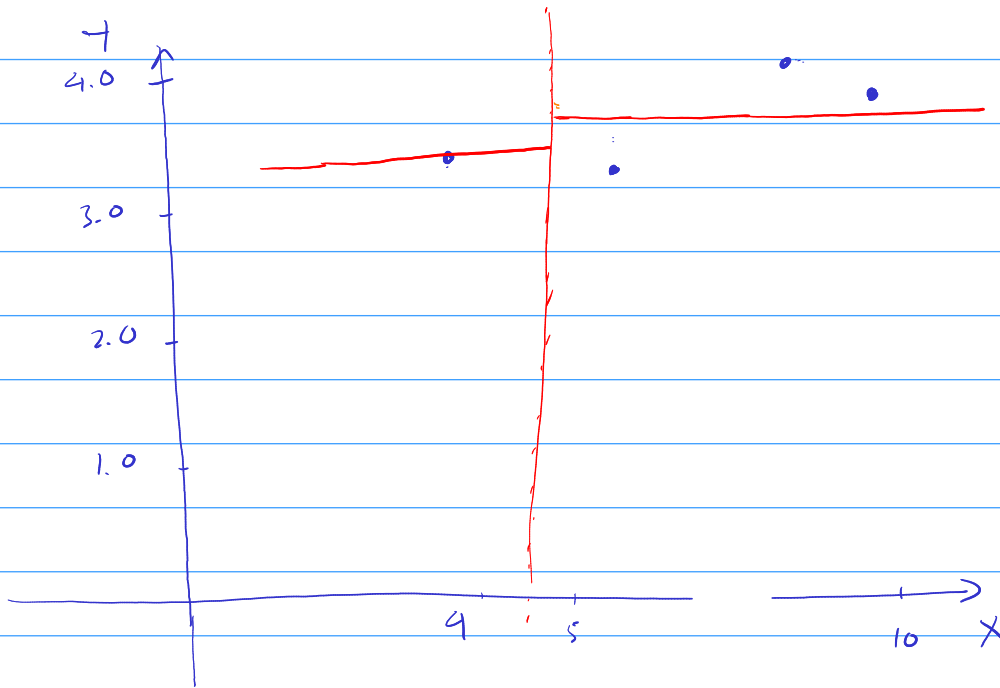
Sum Square Errors of this Regression tree.

x	y	$\hat{y}$ (tree predicts)	Squared errors
10	3.9	3.95	$(3.95 - 3.9)^2$
9	4.0	3.95	$(3.95 - 4)^2$
4	3.6	3.55	$(3.55 - 3.6)^2$
5	3.5	3.55	$(3.55 - 3.5)^2$

SSE = .01

$$x > 4.5$$

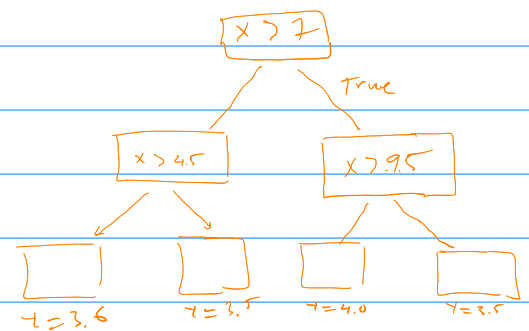
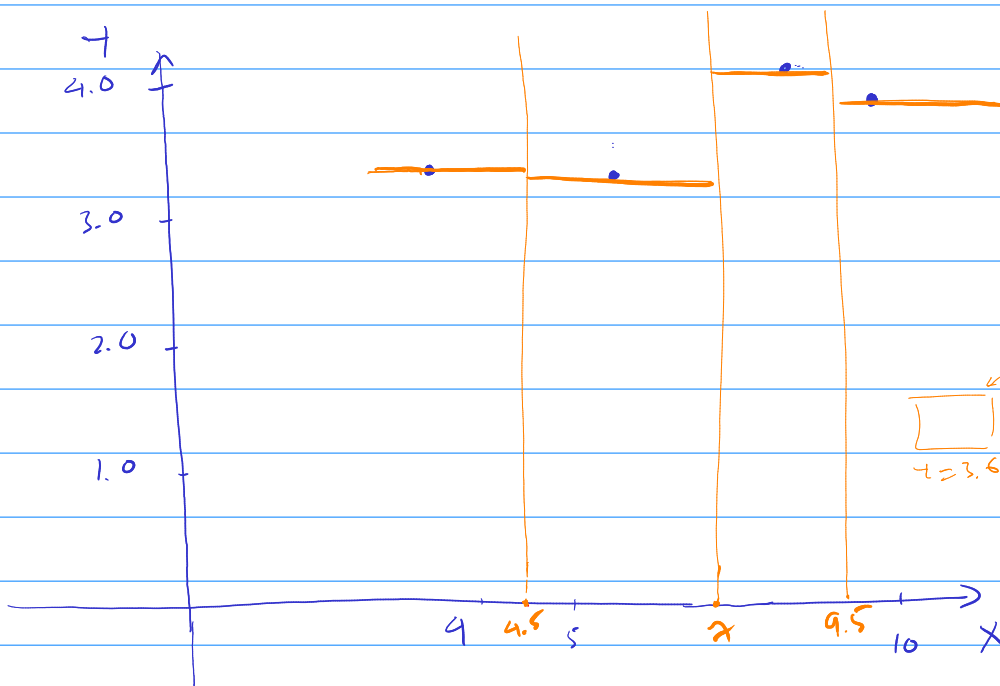
True  
 $y = 3.6$   
 $x = 3.9, 4.0, 3.5 \Rightarrow \text{predict} = \frac{3.9 + 4.0 + 3.5}{3} = 3.8$



x	y	$\hat{y}$
10	3.9	3.8
9	4.0	3.8
4	3.6	3.6
5	3.5	3.8

$$SSE = (3.9 - 3.8)^2 + (4.0 - 3.8)^2 + (3.6 - 3.6)^2 + (3.5 - 3.8)^2$$

$$= 14$$



$$SSE = 0$$

## Example

$X_1$	$X_2$	$Y$
1	0	1.2
2	1	2.1
3	2	1.5
4	1	3.0
2	2	2.0
1	1	1.6

Using the RSS to decide the best split among

- ▶ Split 1: Region 1  $X_1 < 4$ , Region 2  $X_1 \geq 4$
- ▶ Split 2: Region 1  $X_2 < 2$ , Region 2  $X_2 \geq 2$

## Example

$$RSS = SSE$$

	$X_1$	$X_2$	$Y$
A	1	0	1.2
B	2	1	2.1
C	3	2	1.5
D	4	1	3.0
E	2	2	2.0
F	1	1	1.6

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Split 1:

$$X_1 < 4$$

True

A, B, C, E, F

$$x = 3.0$$

↓

$$\hat{y} = 3.0$$

$$y = \{1.2, 2.1, 1.5, 2.0, 1.6\}$$

$$\hat{y} = \frac{1.2 + 2.1 + 1.5 + 2.0 + 1.6}{5} = 1.68$$

	$X_1$	$X_2$	$Y$
A	1	0	1.2
B	2	1	2.1
C	3	2	1.5
D	4	1	3.0
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$$RSS = SSE = \sum_{\text{branch 1}} (y - \hat{y})^2 + \sum_{\text{branch 2}} (y - \hat{y})^2$$

$$= (3 - 3.0)^2 + (1.2 - 1.68)^2 + (2.1 - 1.68)^2 + (1.5 - 1.68)^2 + (2.0 - 1.68)^2 + (1.6 - 1.68)^2$$

$$= .548$$

Split 2:

$$X_2 < 2$$

True

C, E

A, B, D, F

$$y = 1.5, 2.0$$

$$y = 1.2, 2.1, 3.0, 1.6$$

$$\hat{y} = \frac{1.5 + 2.0}{2}$$

$$= 1.75$$

$$\hat{y} = \frac{1.2 + 2.1 + 3.0 + 1.6}{4}$$

$$= 1.975$$

	$X_1$	$X_2$	$Y$
A	1	0	1.2
B	2	1	2.1
C	3	2	1.5
D	4	1	3.0
E	2	2	2.0
F	1	1	1.6

$$SSE = \underbrace{(1.5 - 1.75)^2 + (2.0 - 1.75)^2}_{\text{left branch}} + \underbrace{(1.2 - 1.975)^2 + (2.1 - 1.975)^2 + (3.0 - 1.975)^2 + (1.6 - 1.975)^2}_{\text{right branch}}$$

$$SSE = 1.9325$$



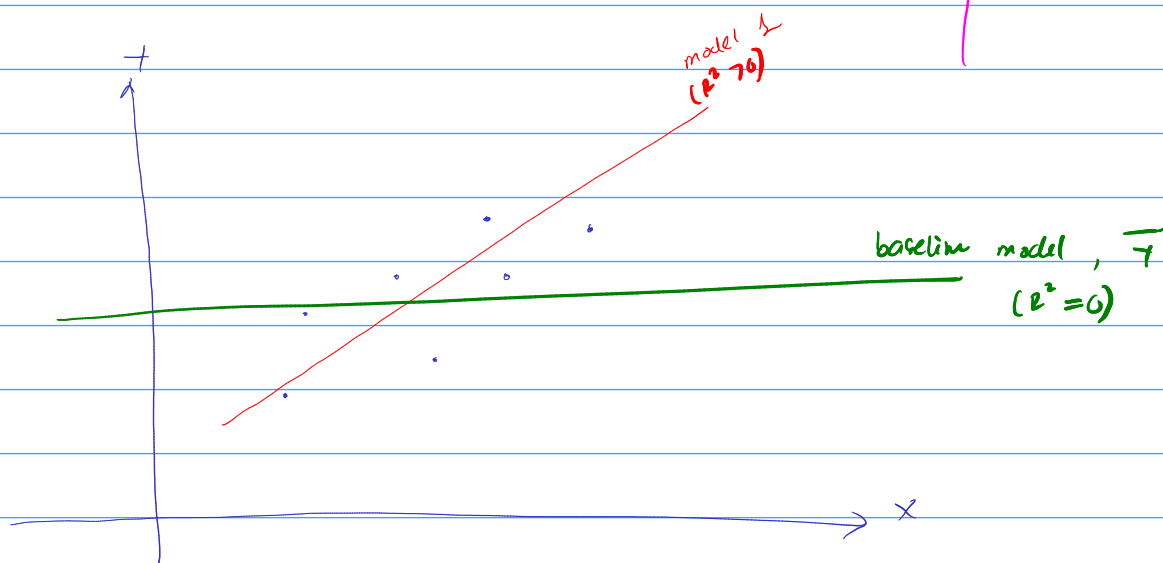
## Example

$X_1$	$X_2$	$Y$
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2	1	2.1
3	2	1.5
4	1	3.0
2	2	2.0
1	1	1.6

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- ▶ Split 1: Region 1  $X_1 < 4$ , Region 2  $X_1 \geq 4$
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②  $R^2$



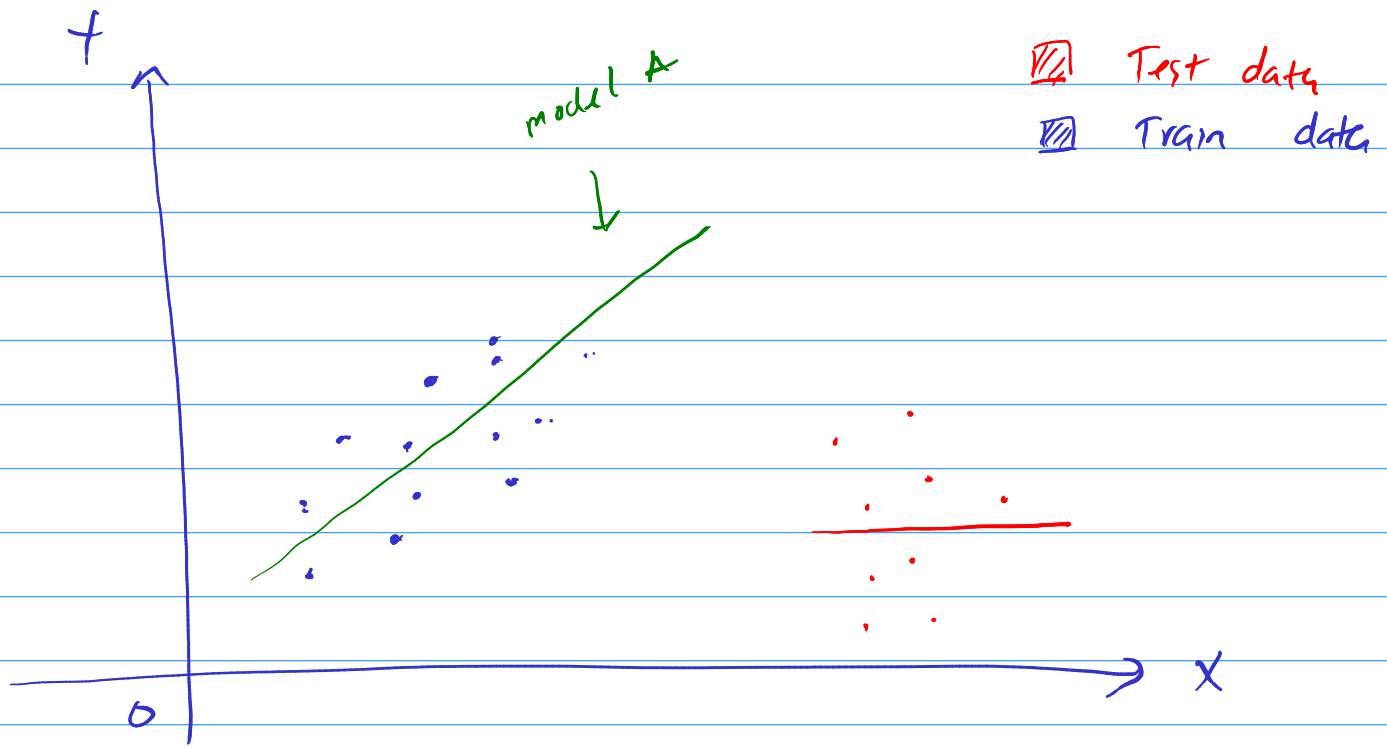
$$R^2 = 1 - \frac{\text{SSE of the model}}{\text{SSE of the baseline model, } \bar{y}}$$

① when the model A is the baseline model,  $R^2$  of A = 0

② when the model A is "perfect",  $R^2 = 1 - \frac{0}{\text{SSE of baseline}}$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{R^2 = 1}$$

③ when the model is "worse" than the baseline model,  $R^2 < 0$



$R^2$  of A on training is positive but on testing is negative

(Back to the example)

Split:

$$X_1 < 4$$

True

A, B, C, E, F

$$Y = \{1.2, 2.1, 1.5, 2.0, 1.6\}$$

$$\hat{Y} = \frac{1.2 + 2.1 + 1.5 + 2.0 + 1.6}{5} = 1.68$$

$$\hat{Y} = 3.0$$

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Let calculate the  $R^2$  of this model / split

$$\text{SSE of the baseline model} = \sum (y - \bar{y})^2$$

$$\bar{y} = \frac{1.2 + 2.1 + 1.5 + 3.0 + 2.0 + 1.6}{6} = 1.9$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{SSE of } \bar{y} &= (1.2 - 1.9)^2 + (2.1 - 1.9)^2 \\ &\quad + (1.5 - 1.9)^2 + (3.0 - 1.9)^2 \\ &\quad + (2 - 1.9)^2 + (1.6 - 1.9)^2 \\ &= 2 \end{aligned}$$

$$R^2 = 1 - \frac{.548}{2} = .726.$$