

COMP 4432 Machine Learning

Lesson 6: Decision Trees

Agenda

- Questions on Assignment 3
- Regression Tree Refresher
- Classification Tree
- Complexity
- Feature Importance

Assignment 3 Questions

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(Feature, Optimal Split Point, Minimum Total Cost)

The feature with the most minimum Total Cost is selected.

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Right Node

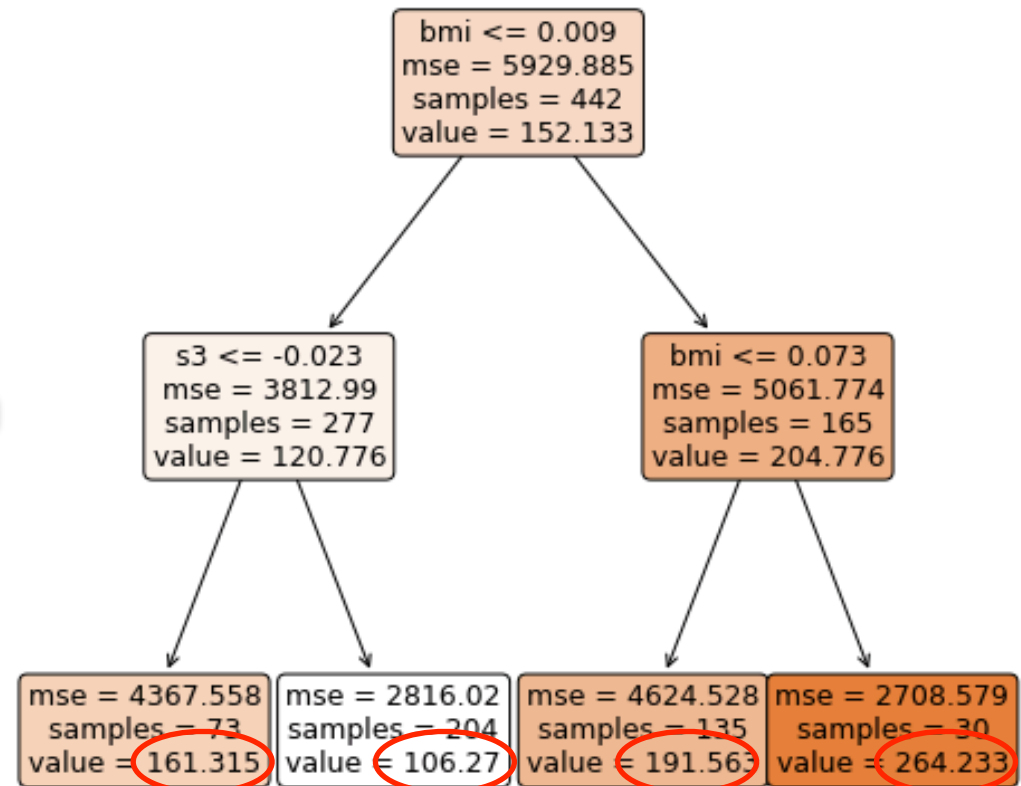
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$$J(k, t_k) = \frac{n_L}{n_P} \text{Impurity}_L + \frac{n_R}{n_P} \text{Impurity}_R$$

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$$\text{Gini} = 1 - \sum_{i=1}^k p_i^2$$

$$\text{Entropy} = \sum_{i=1}^k p_i \log(p_i)$$

Classification Tree Regressor

$$\Delta\text{Impurity} = \text{Impurity}_P - \left(\frac{n_L}{n_P} \text{Impurity}_L + \frac{n_R}{n_P} \text{Impurity}_R \right)$$

Maximize $(\Delta\text{Impurity})$

Minimize $\left(\frac{n_L}{n_P} \text{Impurity}_L + \frac{n_R}{n_P} \text{Impurity}_R \right)$

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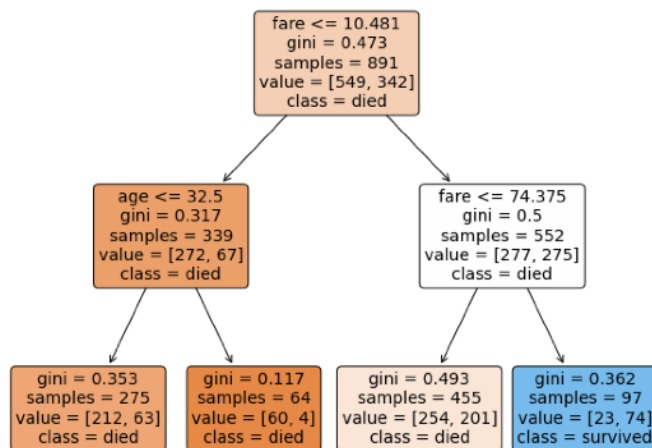
Feature Importance

After Feature and Split Point found:

$$\text{Feature Importance} = \frac{n_P}{n} \left(\text{Impurity}_P - \frac{n_L}{n_P} \text{Impurity}_L - \frac{n_R}{n_P} \text{Impurity}_R \right)$$

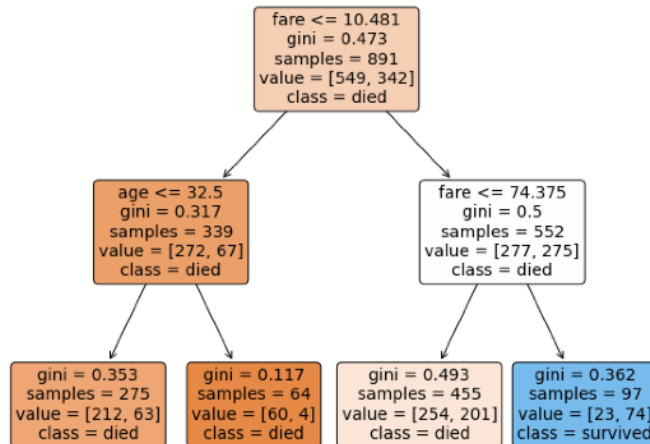
Where n_p is number of data points in parent node before splitting, and n is number of data points in entire data set.

First splits have larger leading weight (=1).
Subsequent splits have smaller weights.



split	feature	importance
root	fare	37.941944
left	age	2.881679
right	fare	16.490406

Feature Importance



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Sum together importance values by feature,

age: 2.881679

fare: 54.432351

and normalize by sum over all feature.

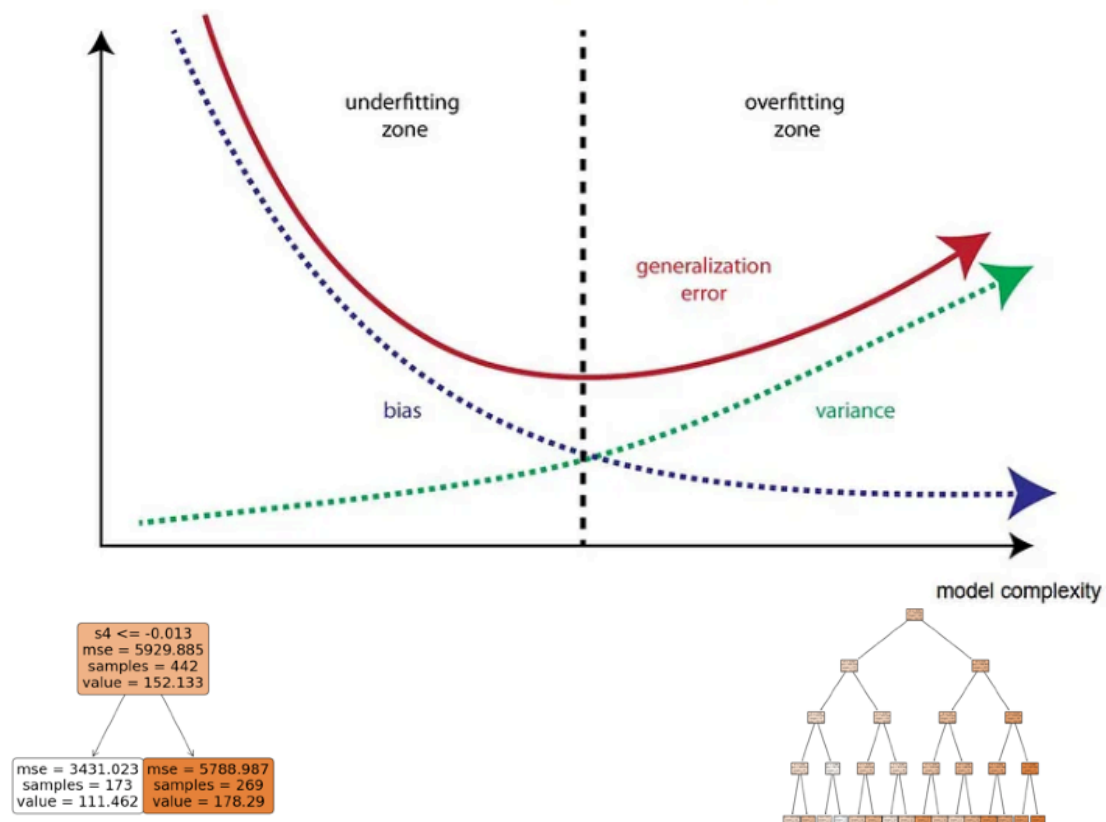
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age: 0.050279

Greedy

At each step of the tree building process, the best split is made at that particular step, rather than looking ahead and selecting a split that will lead to a better tree in some future step.

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- Hyperparameter tuning
 - [Decision Tree Regressor](#)
 - [Decision Tree Classifier](#)

Hyperparameter Tuning

- Limit depth...

splitter : {"best", "random"}, default="best"

The strategy used to choose the split at each node. Supported strategies are "best" to choose the best split and "random" to choose the best random split.

max_depth : int, default=None

The maximum depth of the tree. If None, then nodes are expanded until all leaves are pure or until all leaves contain less than min_samples_split samples.

min_samples_split : int or float, default=2

The minimum number of samples required to split an internal node:

- If int, then consider min_samples_split as the minimum number.
- If float, then min_samples_split is a fraction and $\text{ceil}(\text{min_samples_split} * n_{\text{samples}})$ are the minimum number of samples for each split.

Changed in version 0.18: Added float values for fractions.

min_samples_leaf : int or float, default=1

The minimum number of samples required to be at a leaf node. A split point at any depth will only be considered if it leaves at least min_samples_leaf training samples in each of the left and right branches. This may have the effect of smoothing the model, especially in regression.

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