Data Science 3

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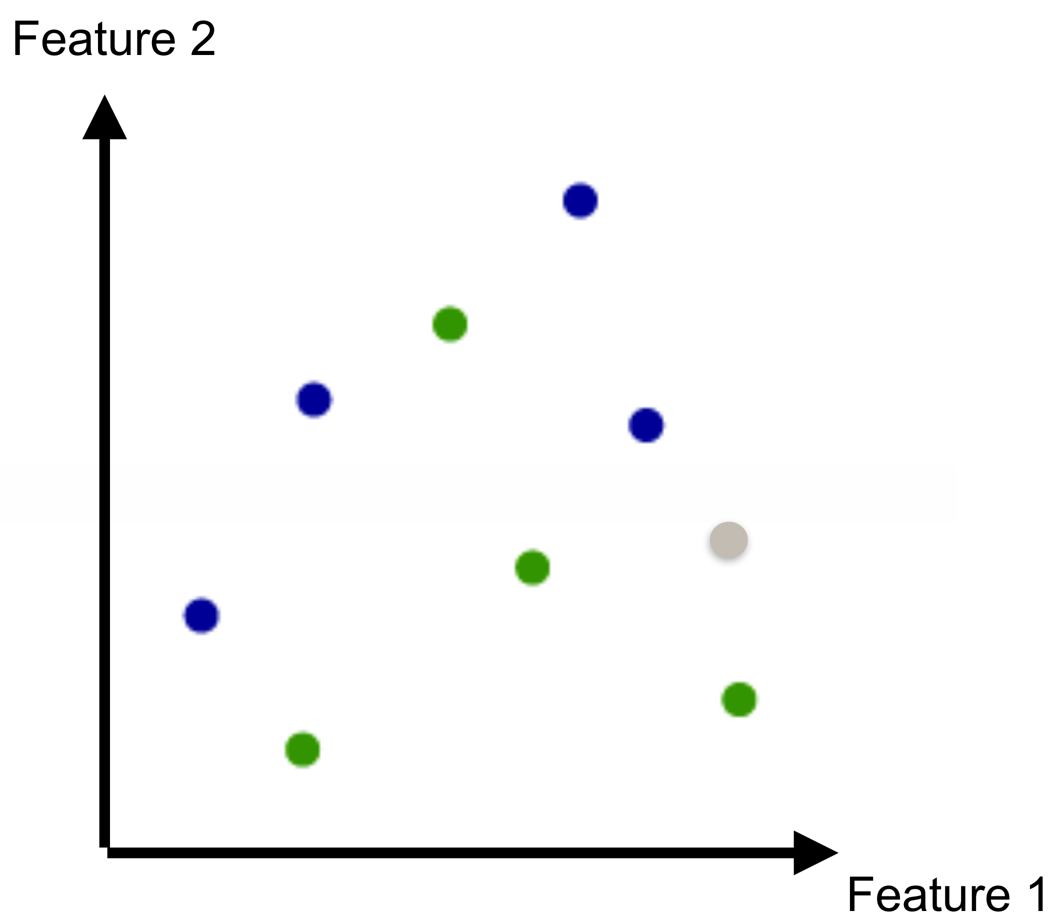
Understanding Society

Overview

- Decision Trees
- Random Decision Forests

- Decision Trees and Random Forests in Orange

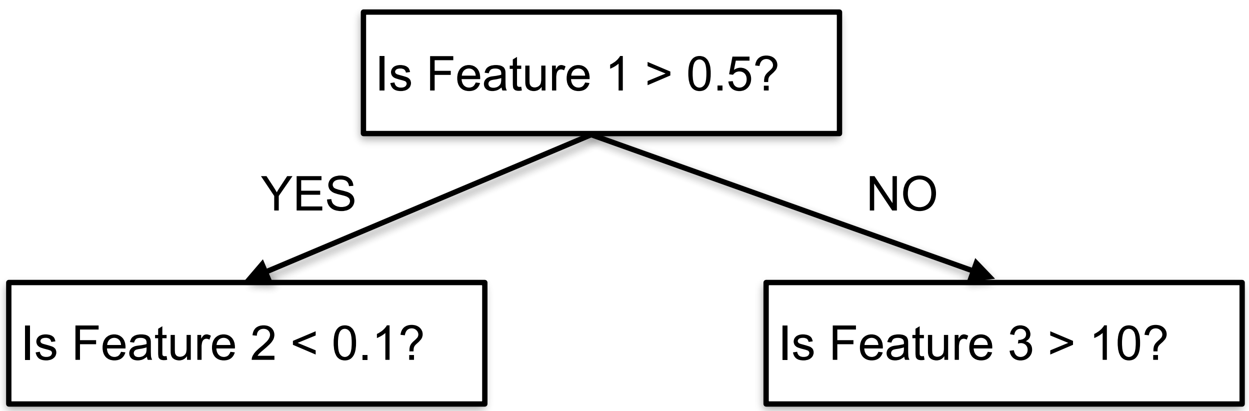
Classification Problem (blue or green?)



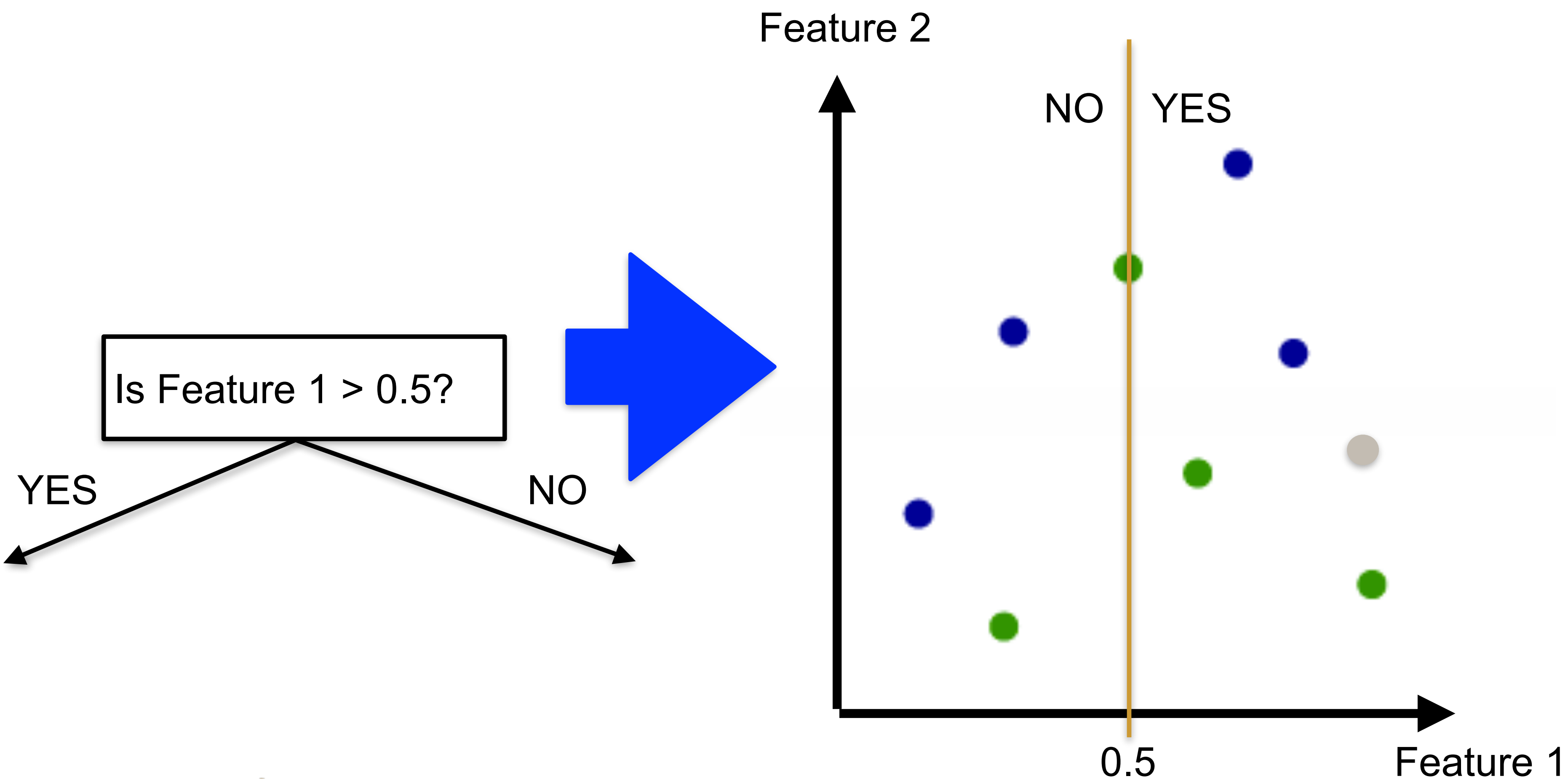
- Train instances
  - blue and green
- Test instance
  - gray
- Classifier induced from the data defines decision boundaries

Decision Trees

- Decision Trees take one feature at a time and test a binary condition
  For instance: is the feature larger than 0.5?
  If the answer is YES, grow a node to the left
  If the answer is NOW grow a node to the right



This results in the following decision Boundary



Decision Tree grows with each level of questions

- Each node (box) of the decision tree tests a condition on a feature
- The order of features is important
- It is like playing “20 questions”
    - “Guess the person”: it is better to start with the question “Is she female?”, rather than with “Is it Marie?”
    - The reason is that the answer to the first question maximises the information (“entropy”) gained from the answer.*
- In decision trees the order of features to be tested is determined by means of information theory (ID3 algorithm)

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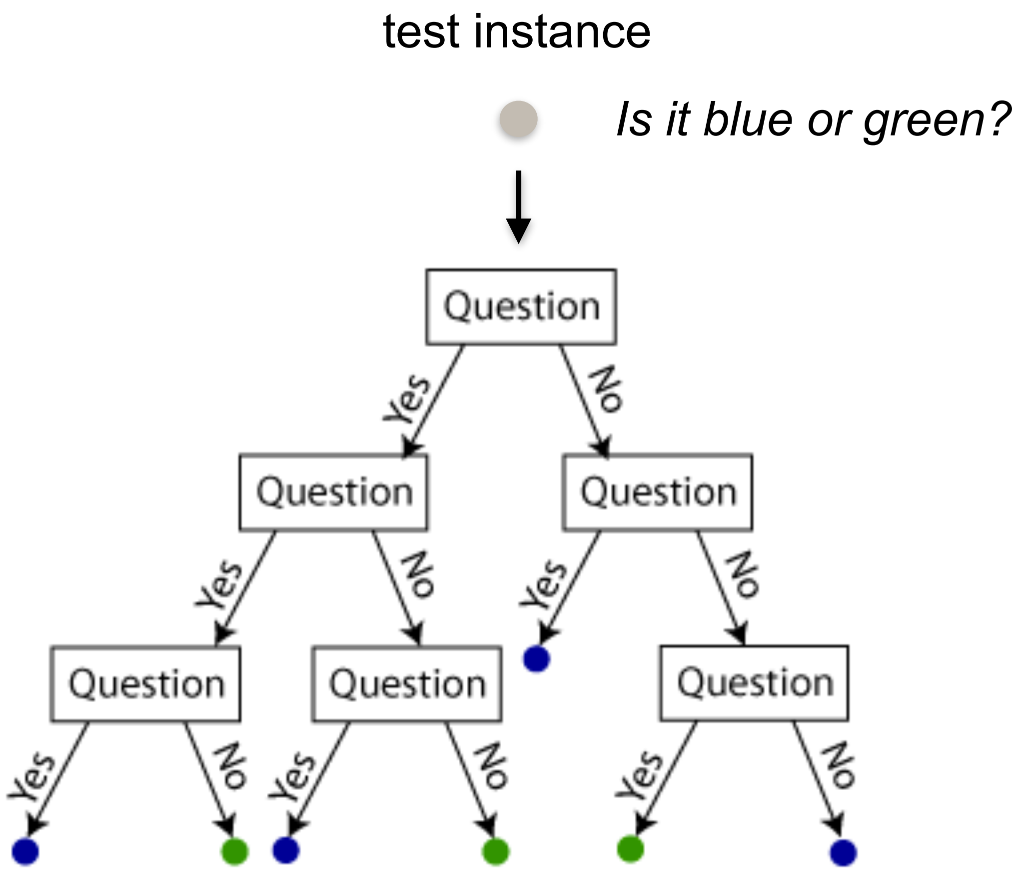
* Alternative: *Gini impurity* is a measure of how often a randomly chosen element from the data set would be incorrectly labeled if it were randomly labeled.

Decision Tree



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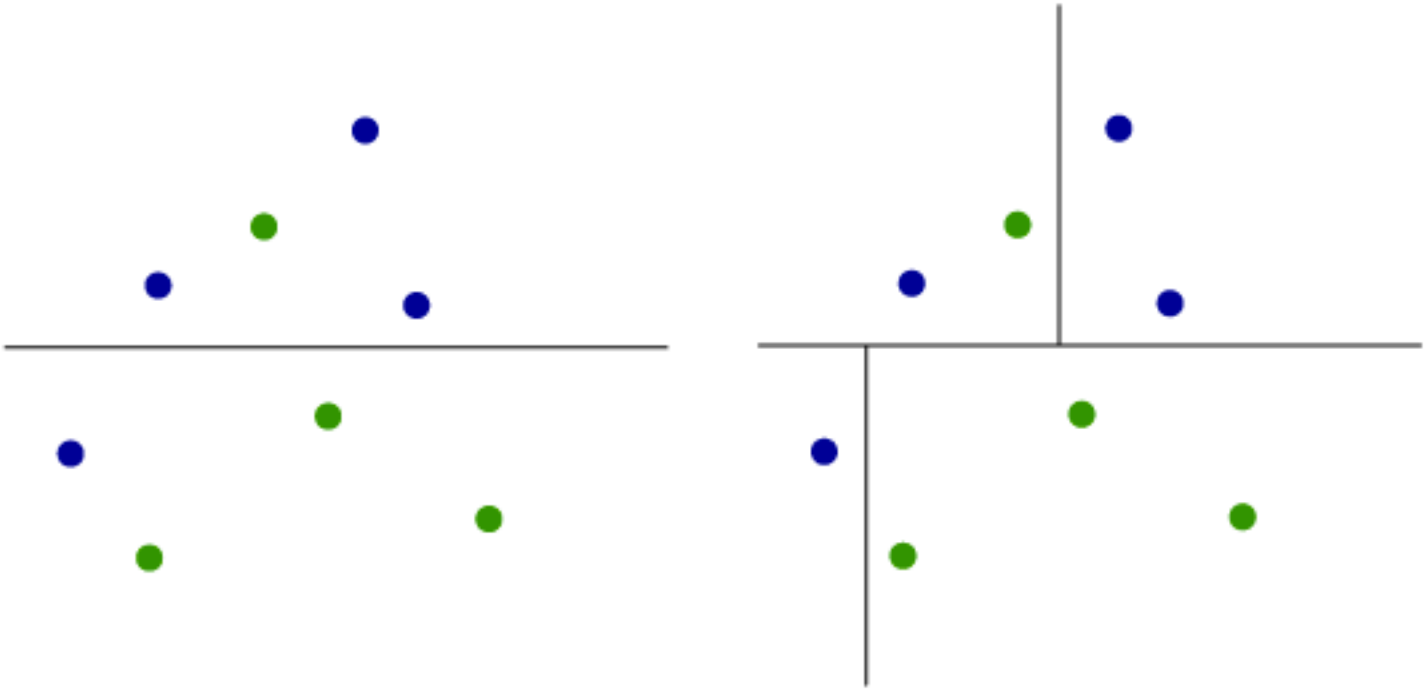
Each test (box) adds a decision boundary



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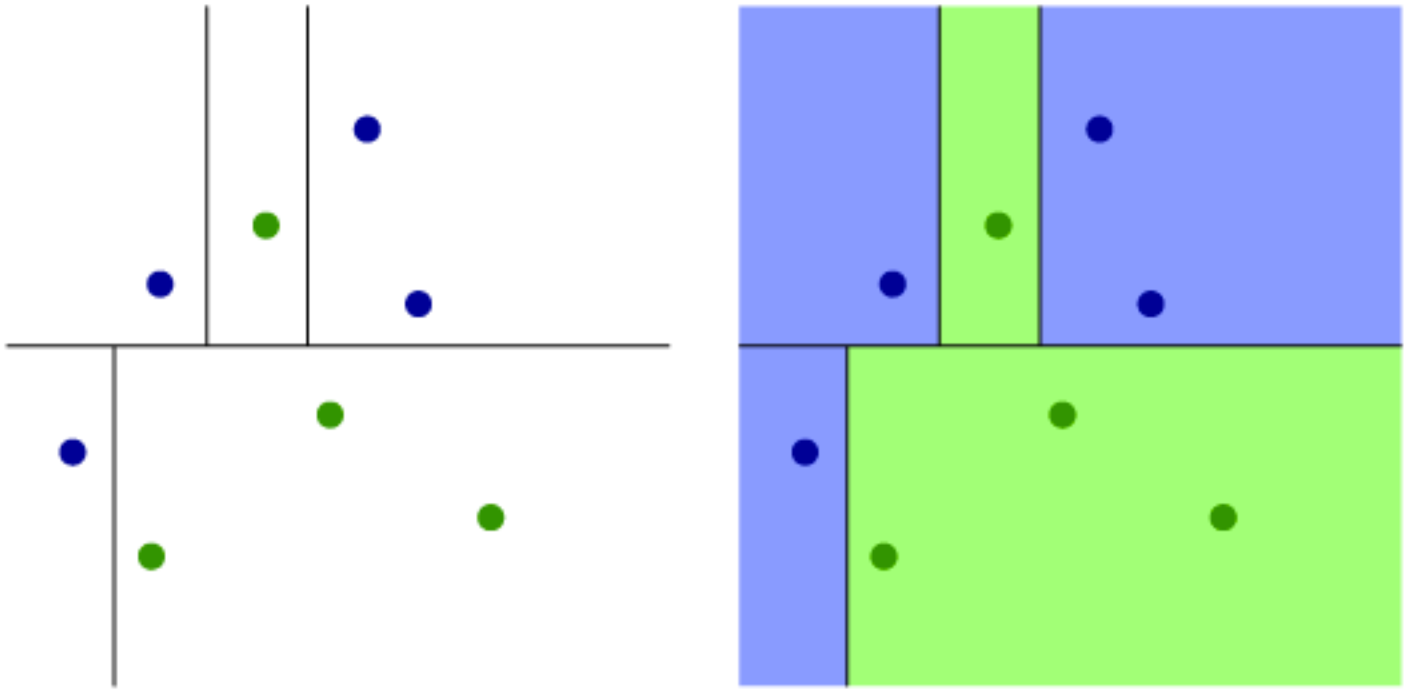
Adding another decision boundary



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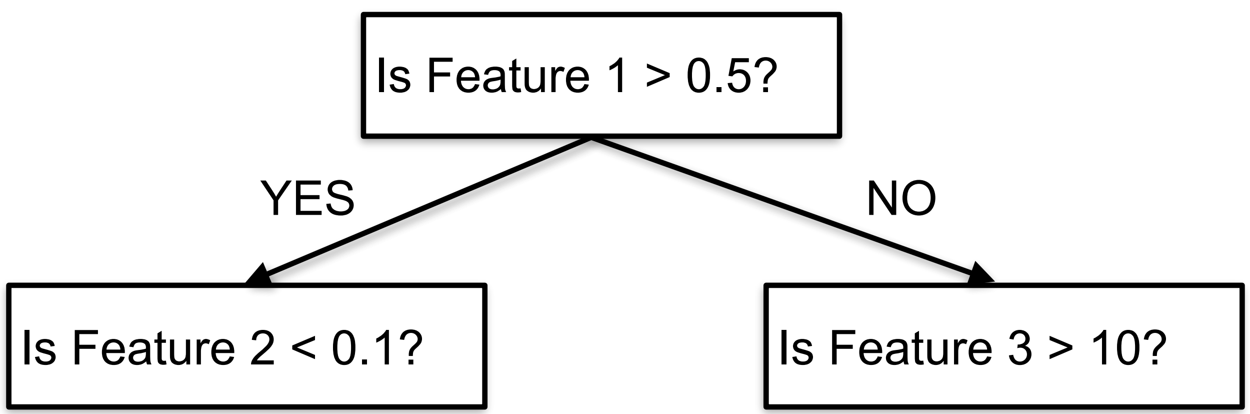
Complexity of the induced model

- The complexity of the model induced by a decision tree is determined by the depth of the tree
- Increasing the depth of the tree increases the number of decision boundaries
- All decision boundaries are perpendicular to the feature axes, because at each node a decision is made about a single feature



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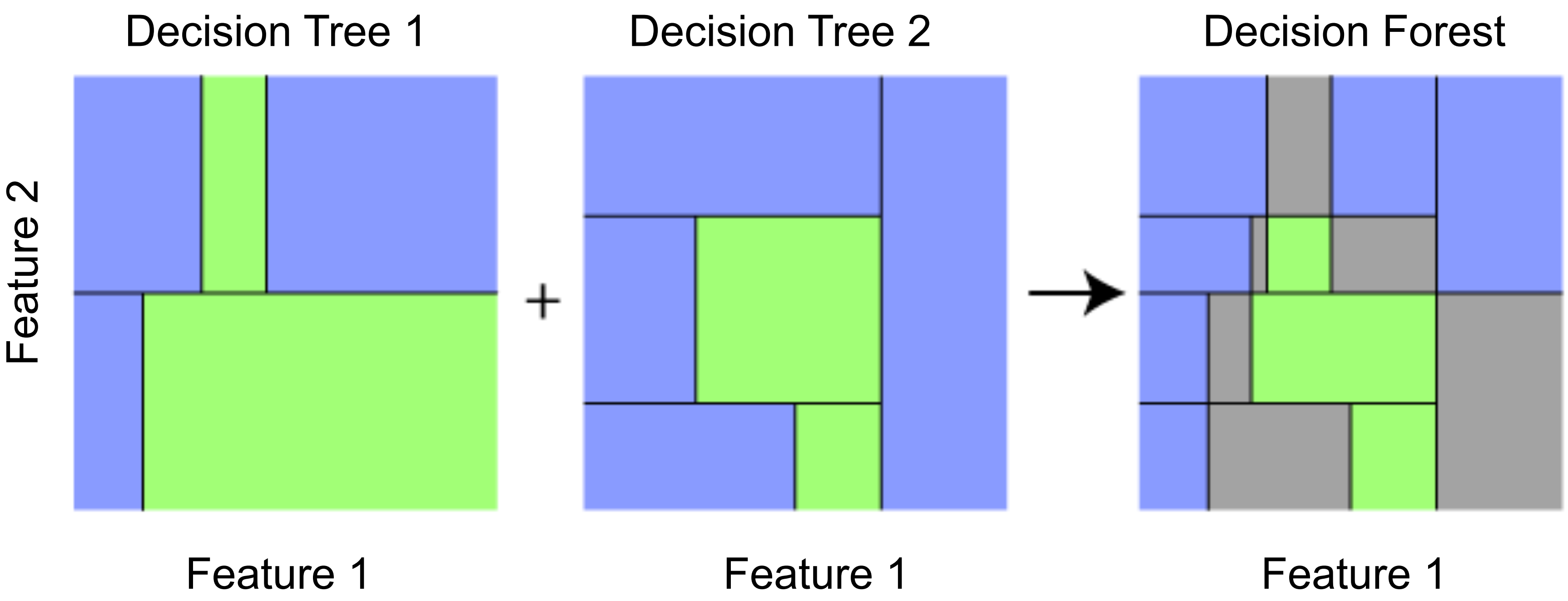
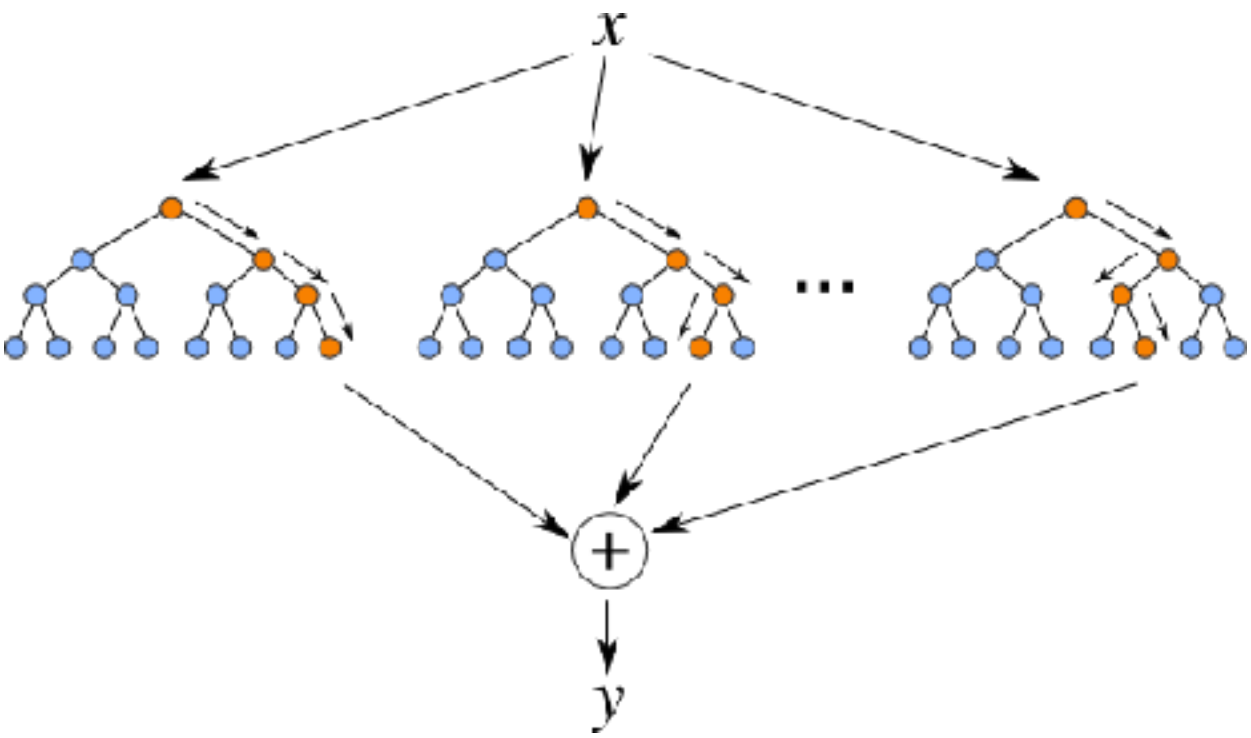
Random Decision Forests

- From one tree to many



Classification and Regression with RDFs

- Classification: the mode of the classes outputted by the trees.
- Regression: the mean of the values outputted by the trees.



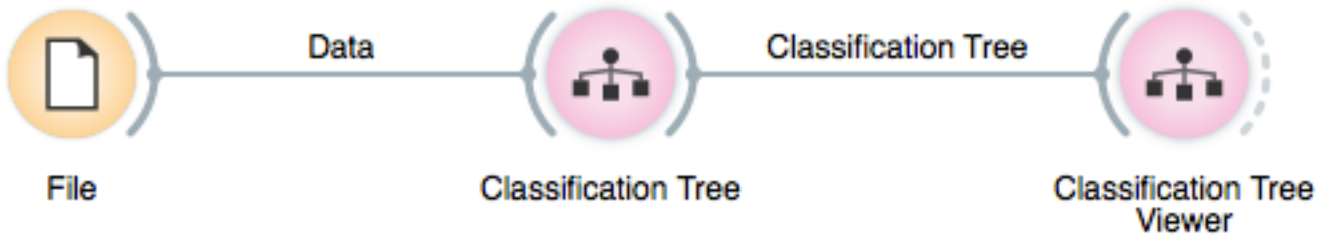
Complexity of Random Decision Forests

- The complexity of RDFs is determined by the number of trees (and their depths)

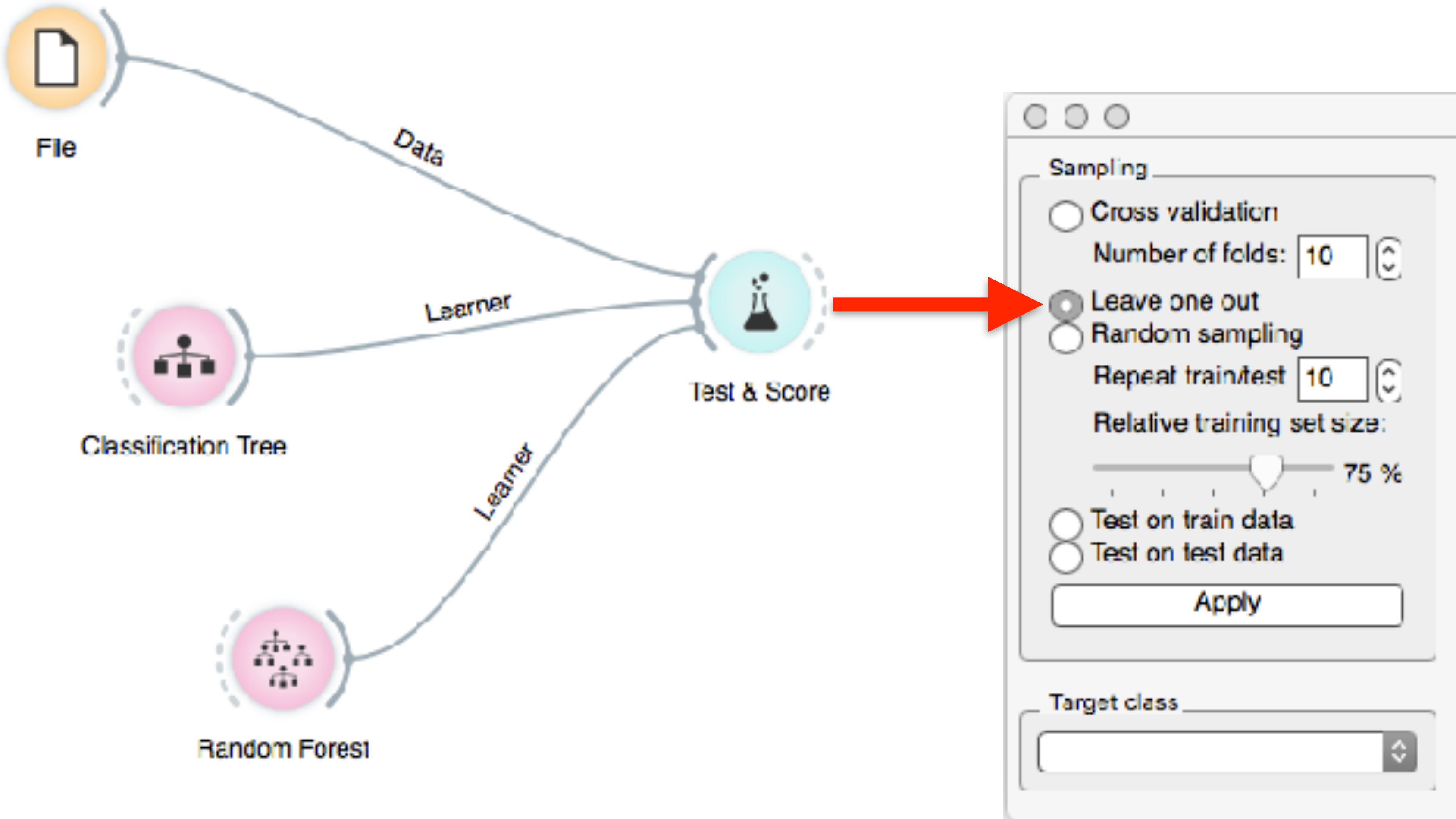
- In some decision forests trees are induced on the same complete set of features

- In random decision forests, trees are induced on randomly selected subsets of features

Inducing and Visualising a Tree



Evaluating and Comparing Tree and Forest



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Performance Measure: Classification Accuracy

CA: proportion correctly classified