

Decision Tree

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Decision Tree Example

Assume a person only knows the following 6 objects:



Car



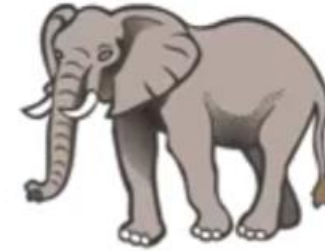
Bus



Airplane



Bird

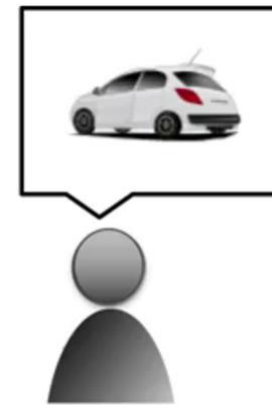


Elephant



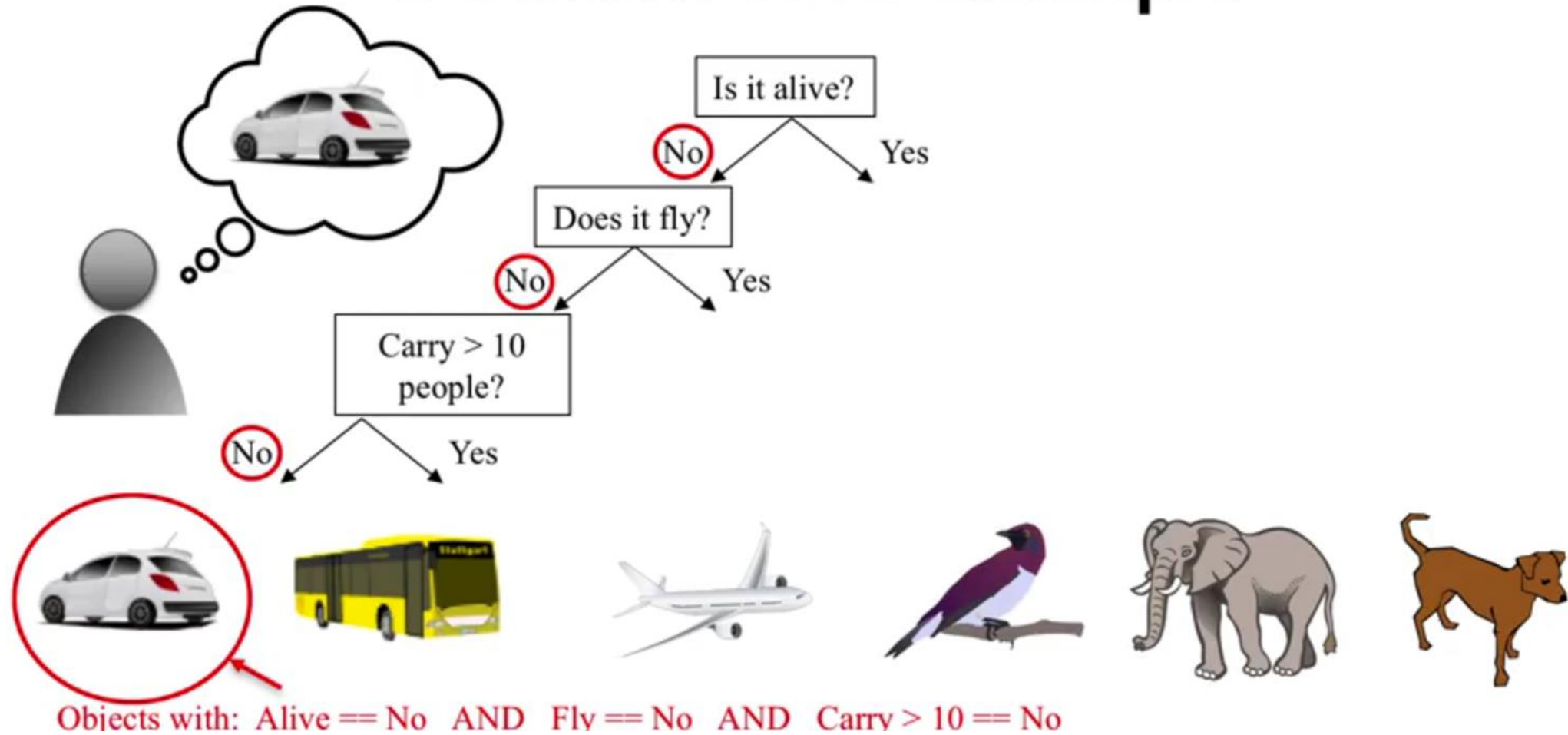
Dog

One day, a person saw a picture of an object, then this guy tried to figure out the name of the object using a decision tree.



The person asked many yes-no questions

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A data sample has three binary features: [alive, fly, carry_more_than_10]

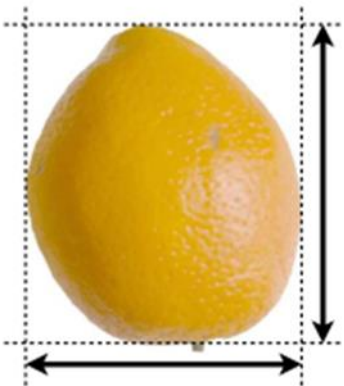
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Feature Vector x

$$x = \begin{bmatrix} x_{(1)} \\ x_{(2)} \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{width} \\ \text{height} \end{array}$$

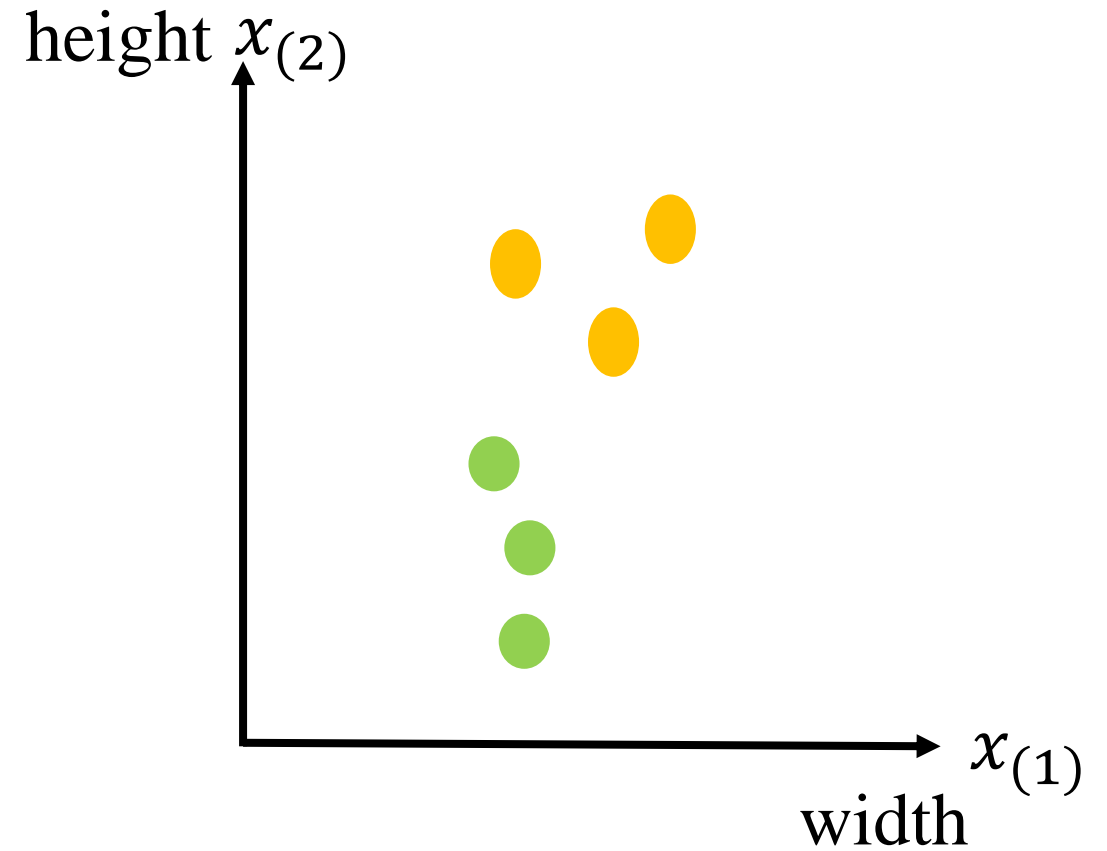


$y = 1$ It is an apple

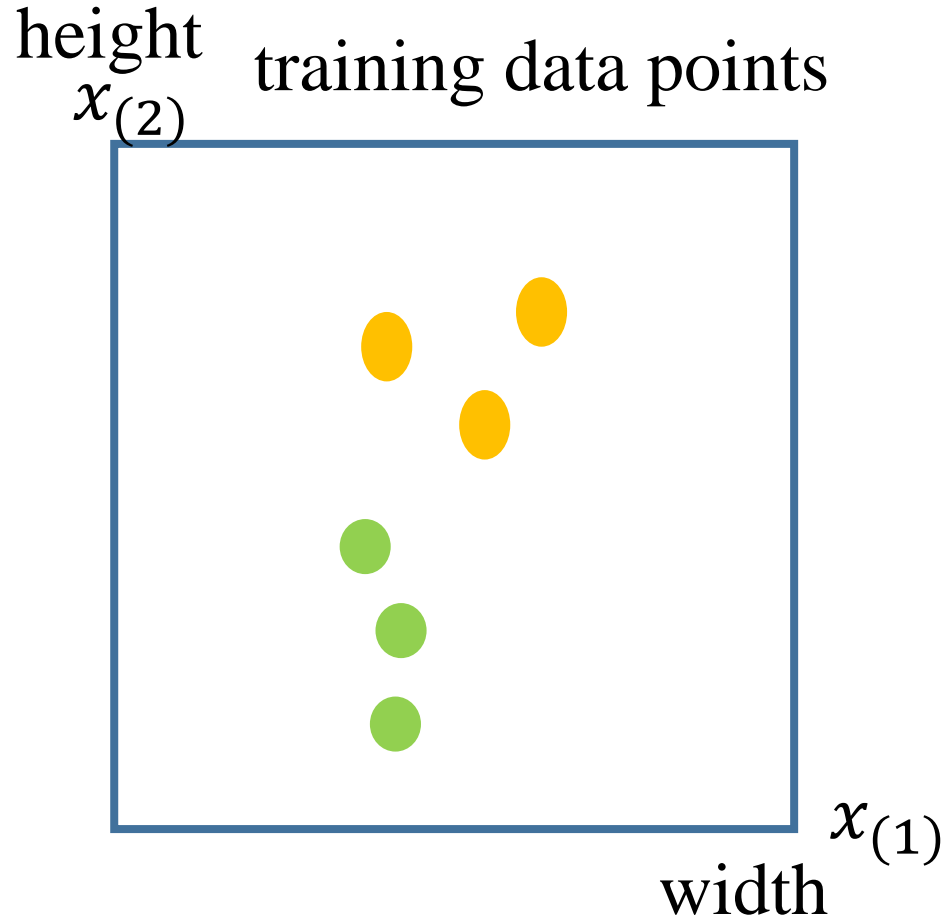


$y = 0$ It is a lemon

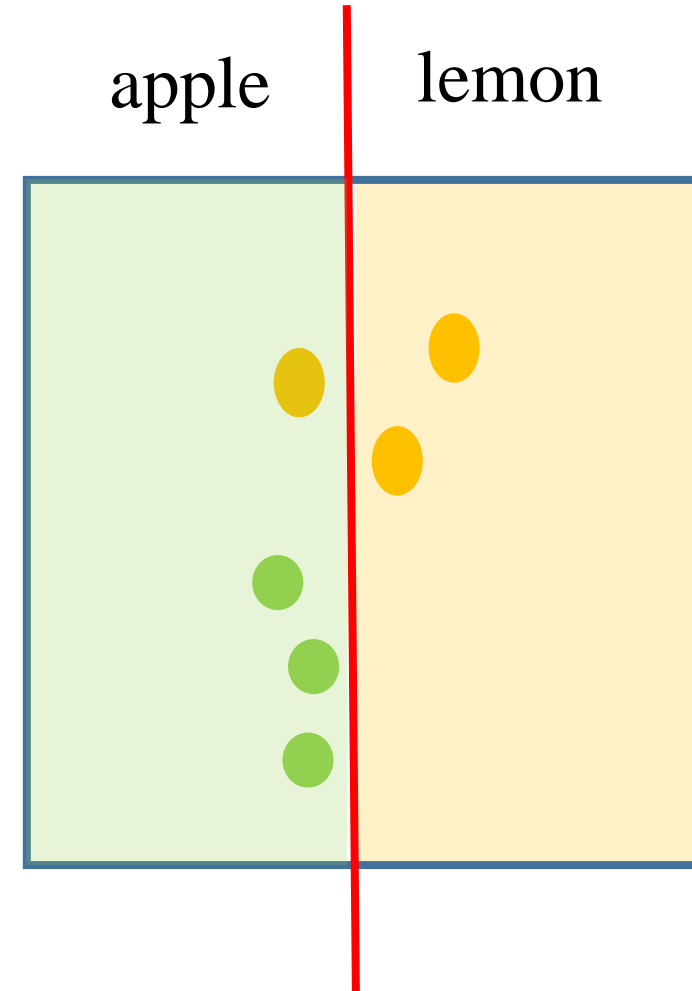
Feature Space (Input Space)



Decision Tree Example



split the feature space



$x_{(1)} \leq t_1$: apple (majority voting)
because there are 3 apples and 1 lemon

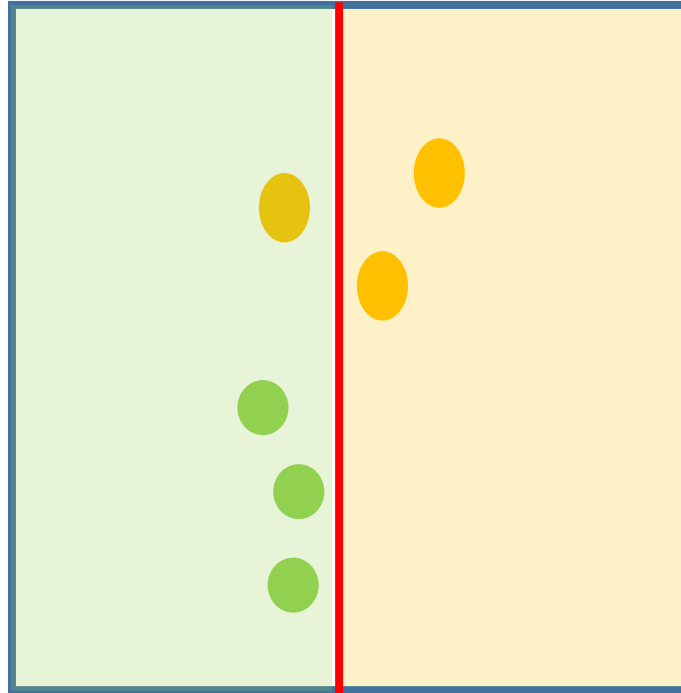
$x_{(2)}$



$x_{(1)}$

a sample has two
features $x_{(1)}$ and $x_{(2)}$

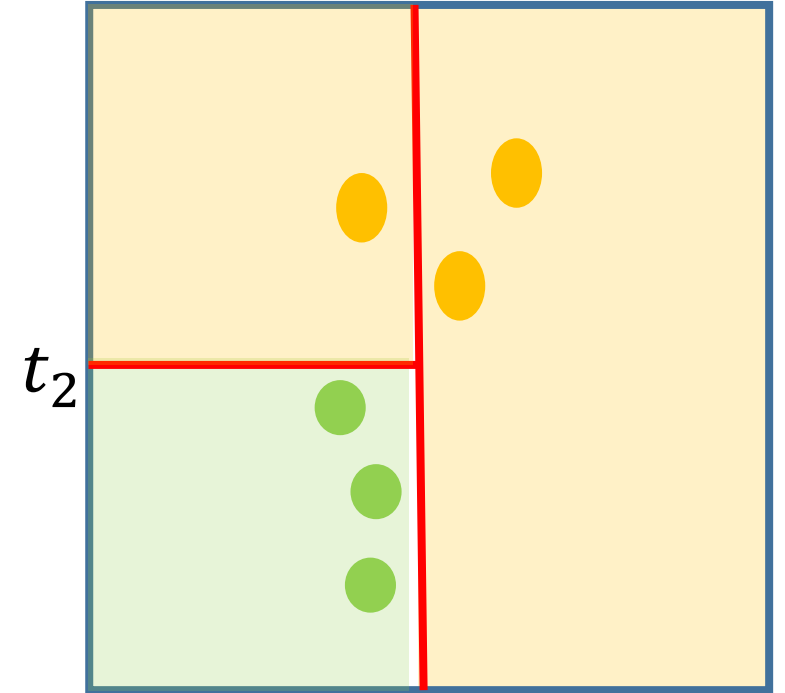
left region right region



t_1

$x_{(1)} \leq t_1$: apple
 $x_{(1)} > t_1$: lemon

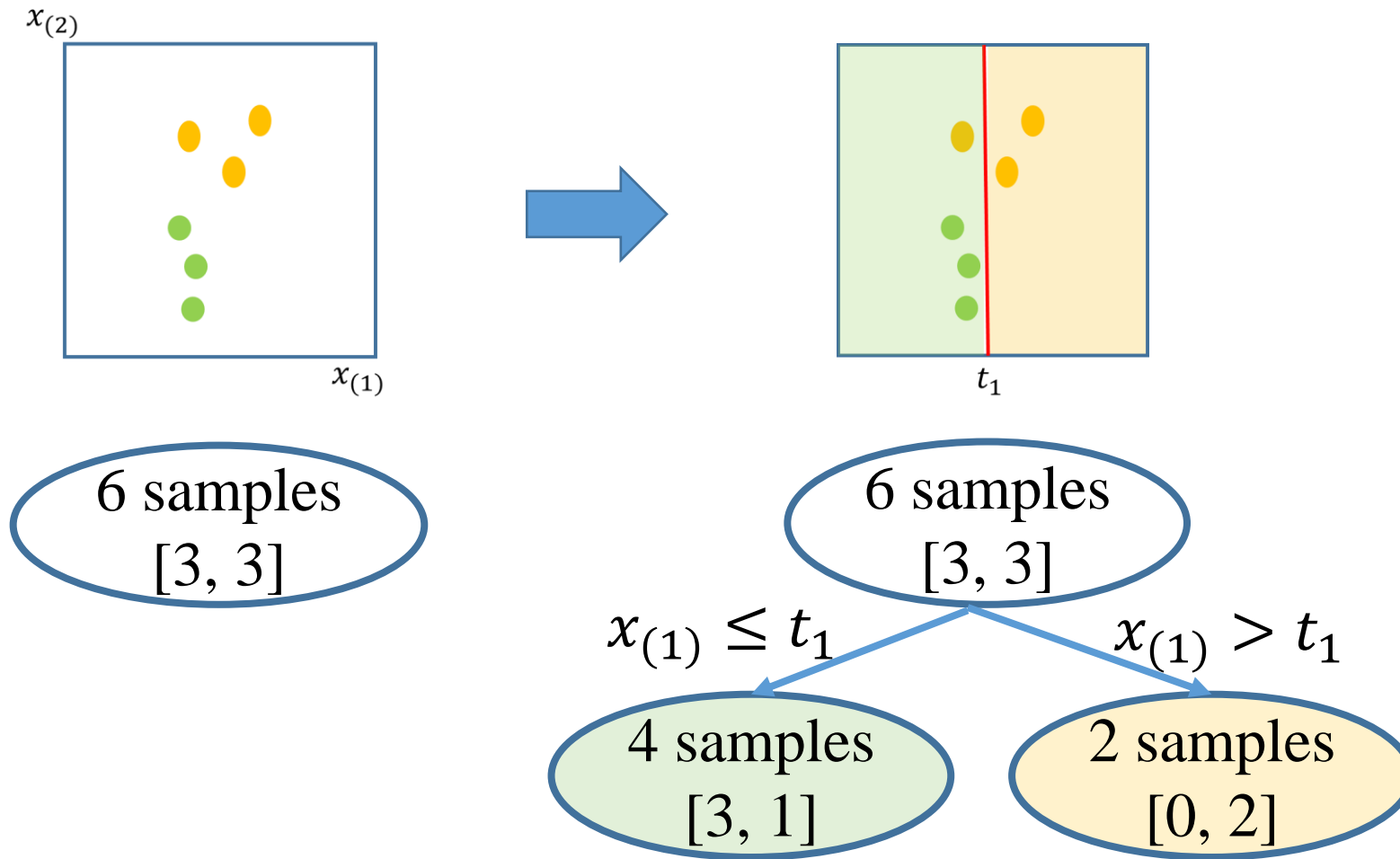
partition the left region



t_2

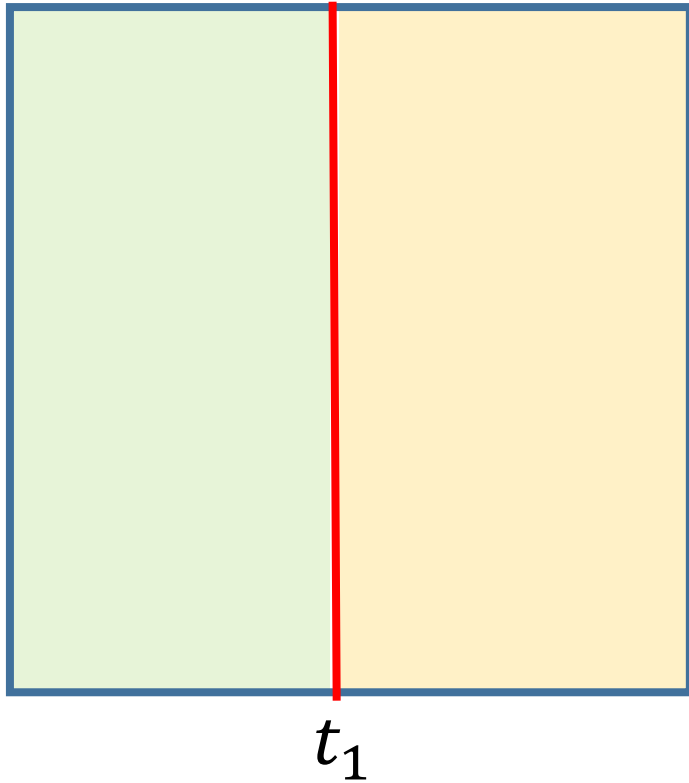
t_1

Given $x_{(1)} \leq t_1$,
 $x_{(2)} \leq t_2$: apple
 $x_{(2)} > t_2$: lemon

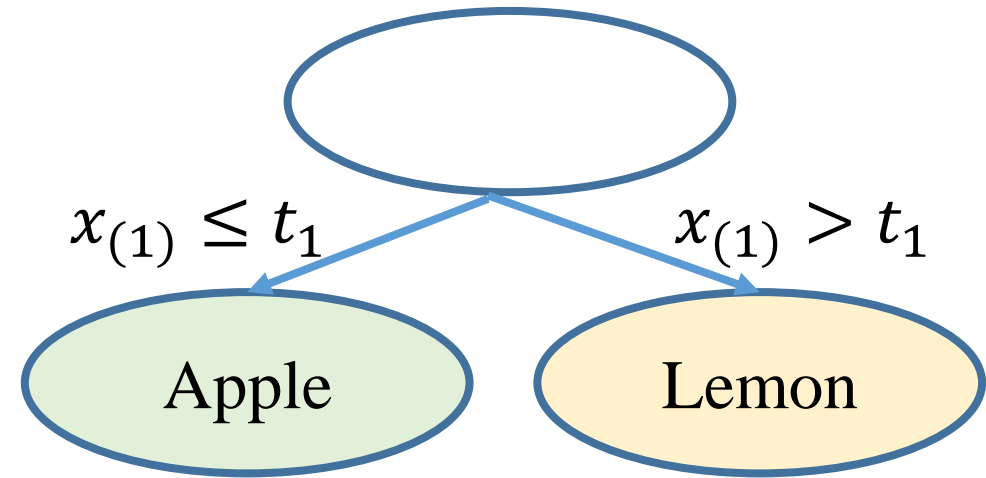


a tree is growing
during training

partition of input space

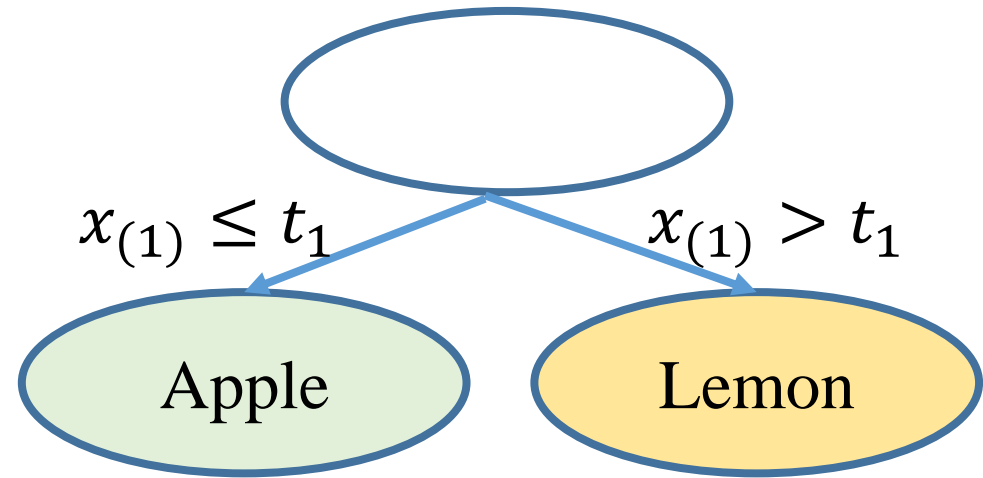
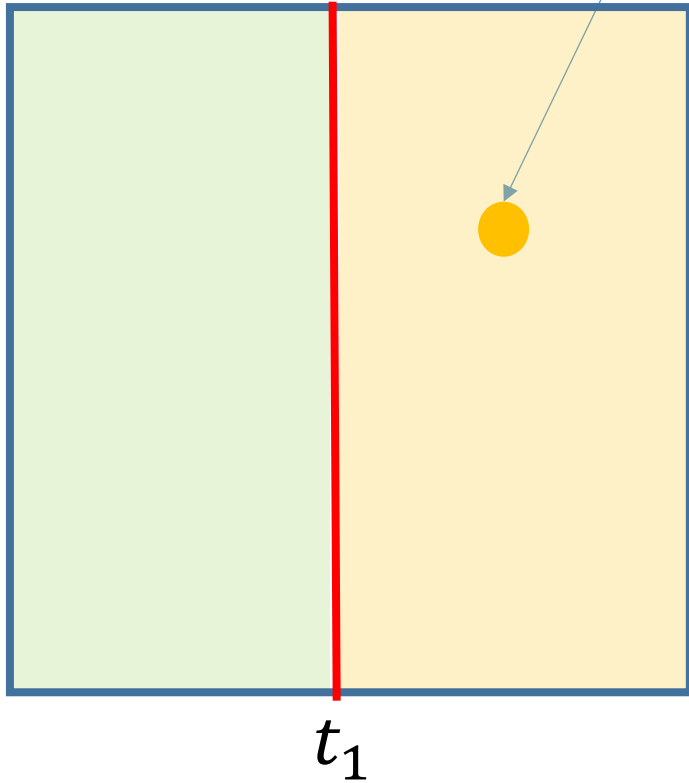


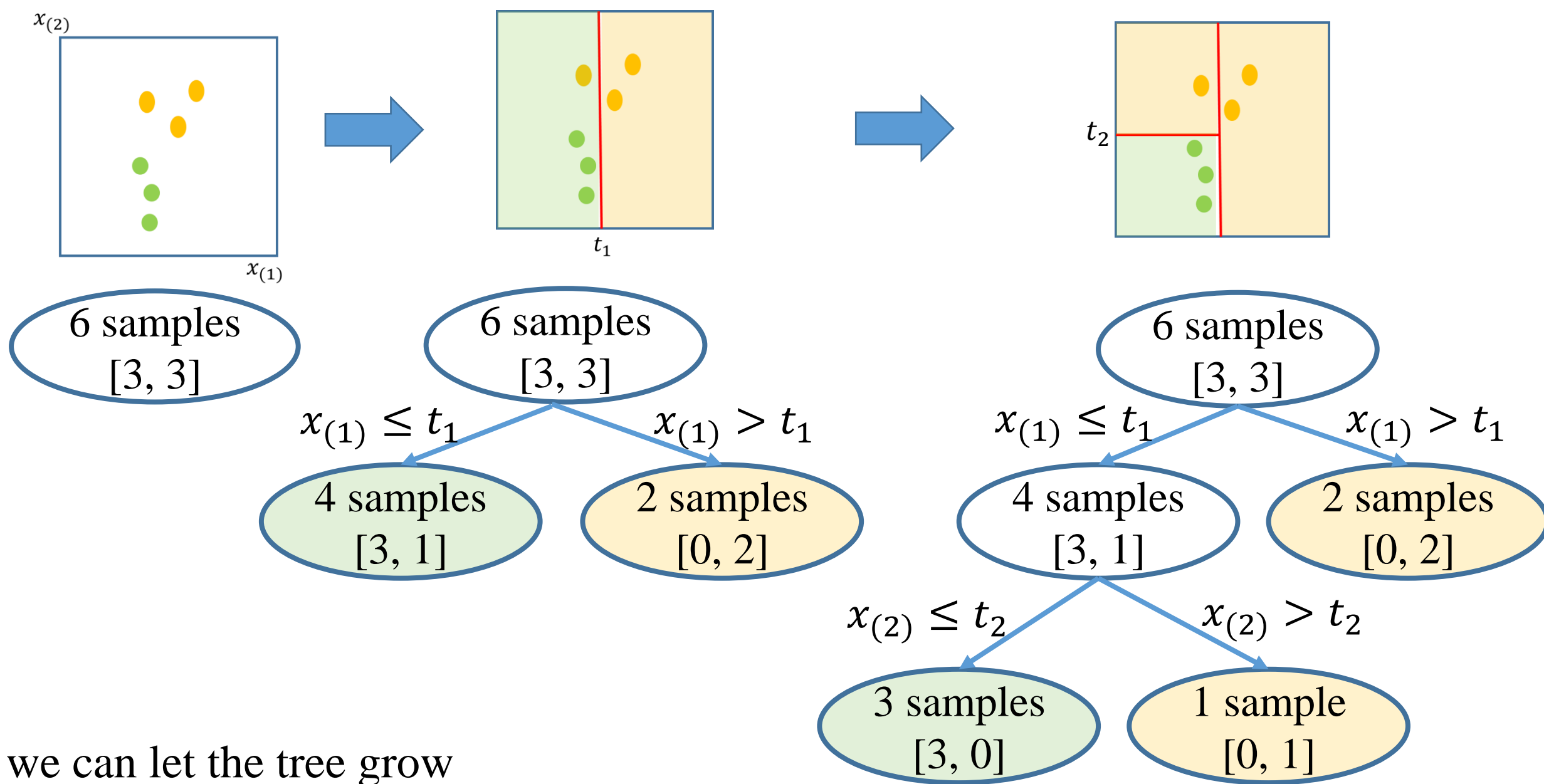
the decision tree T1



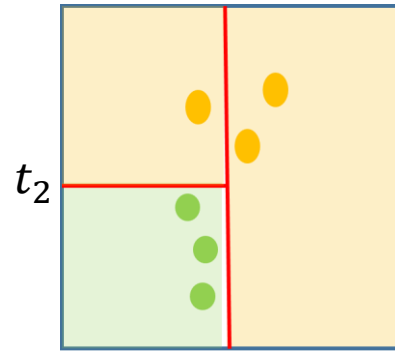
test the decision tree T1

a testing data sample

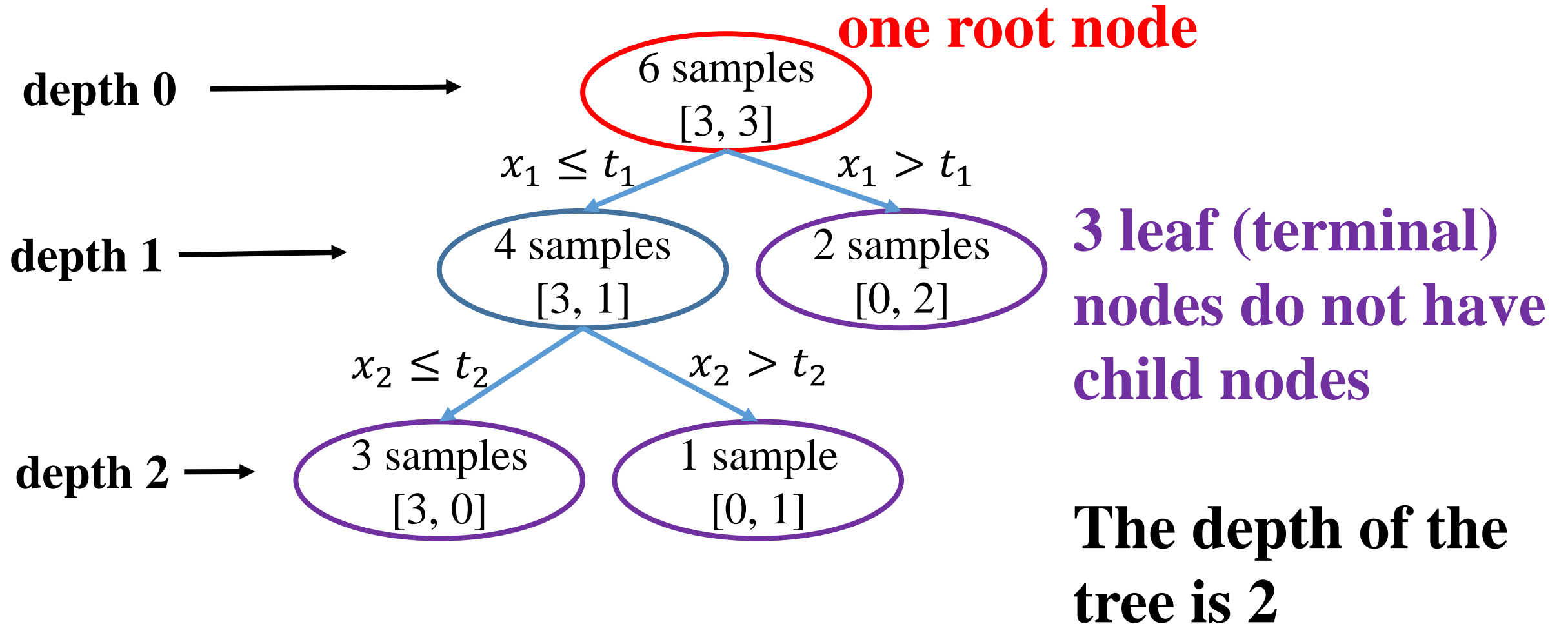




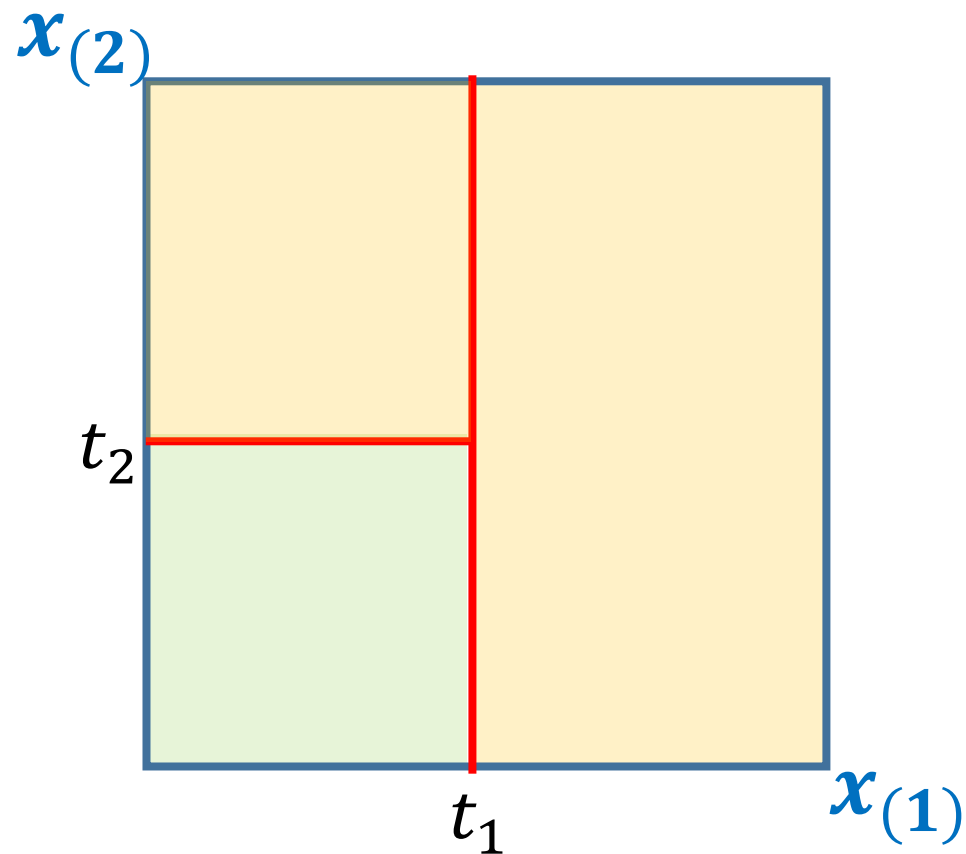
we can let the tree grow
another layer



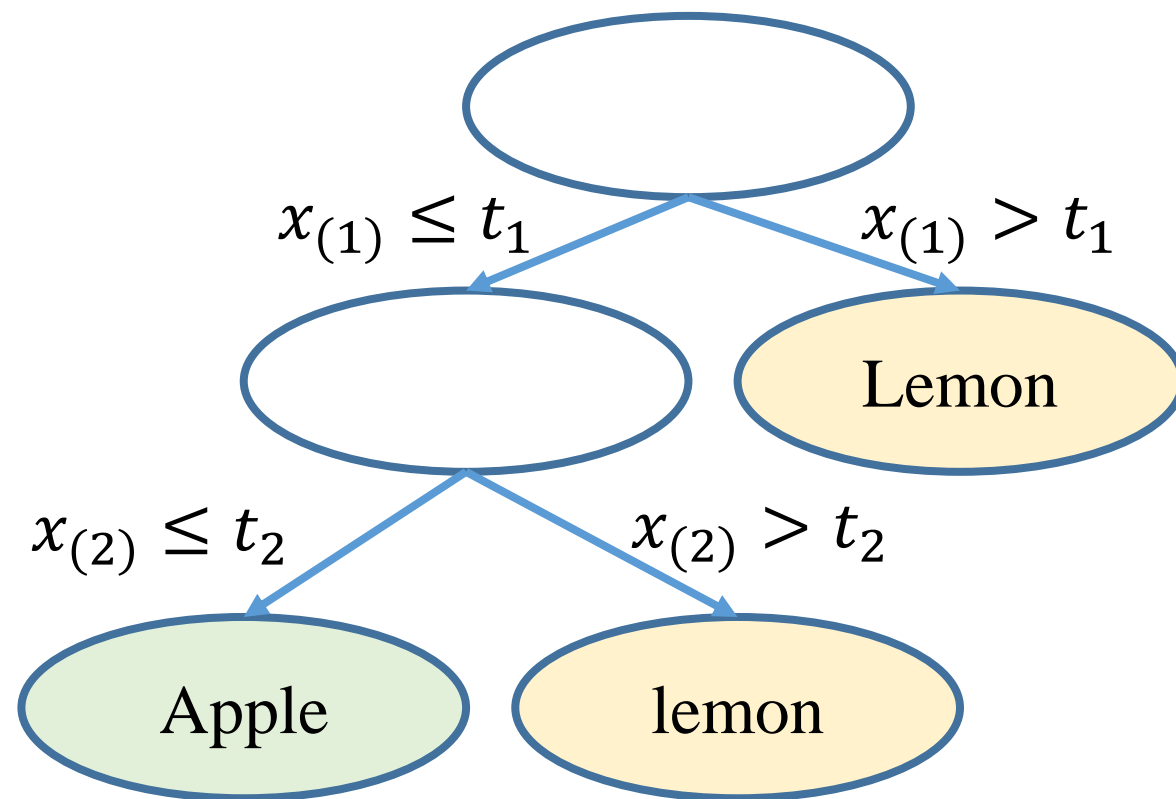
We can further expand this tree such that every leaf node only contains one data sample



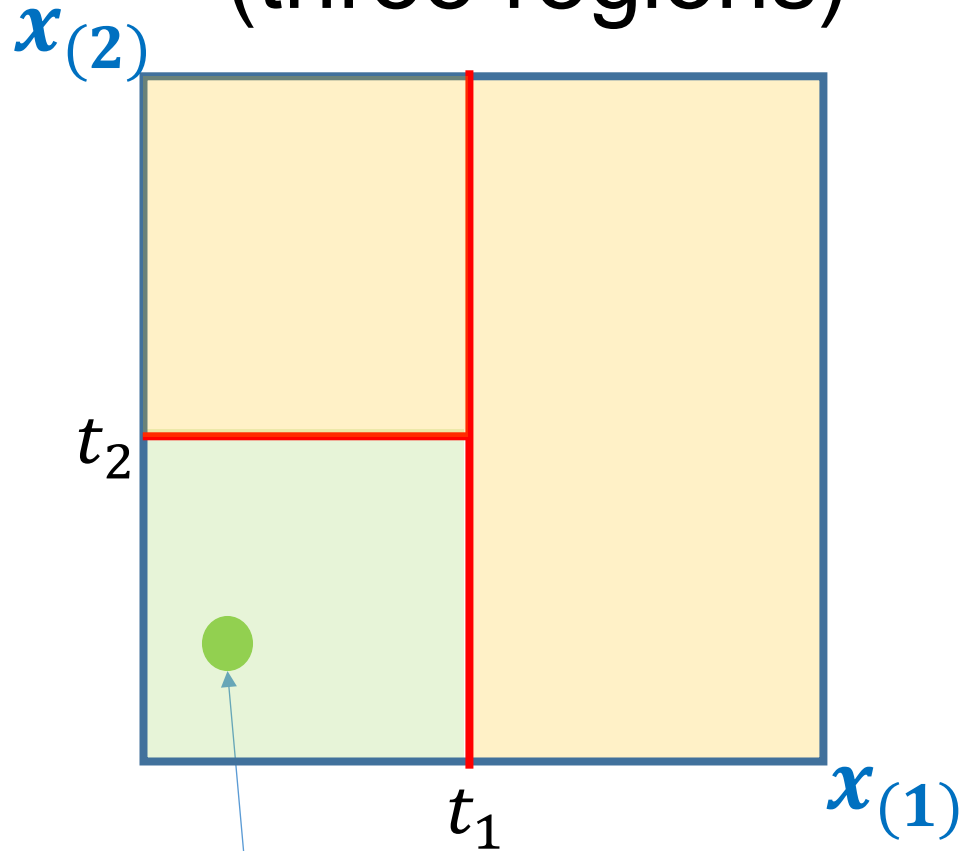
partition of input space



the decision tree T2

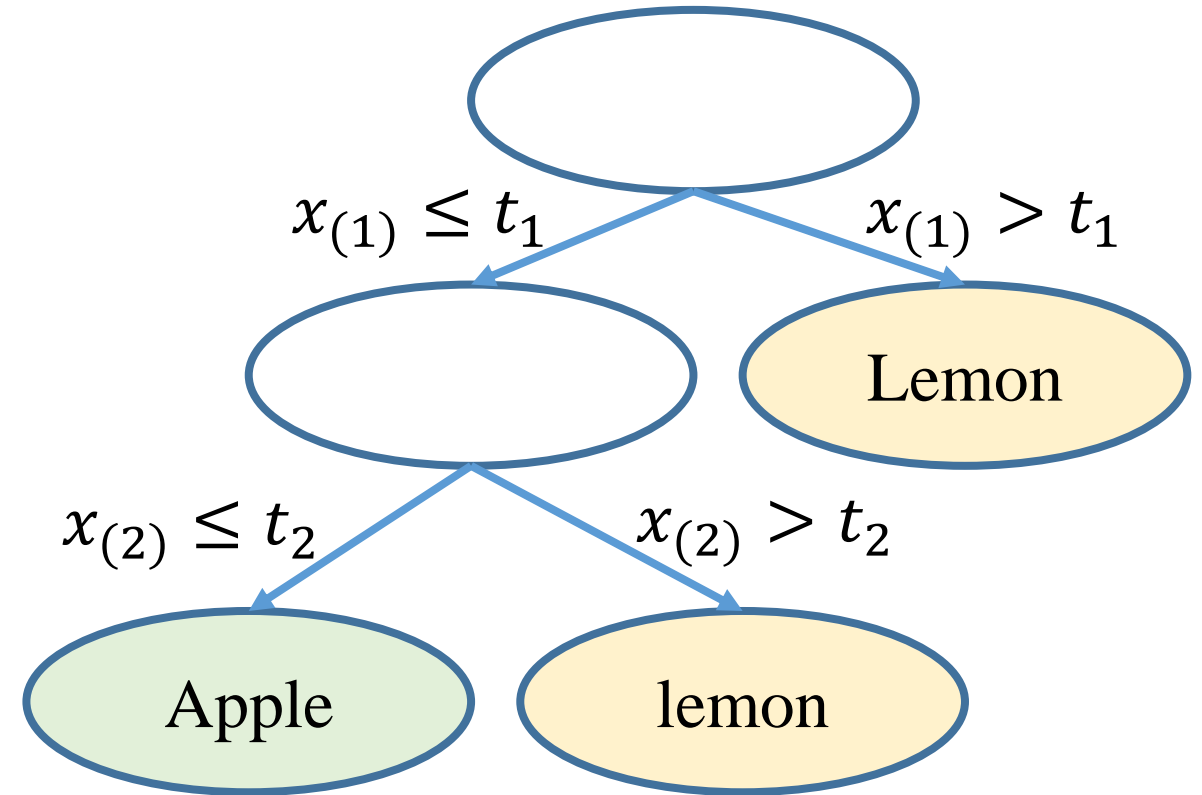


partition of input space
(three regions)



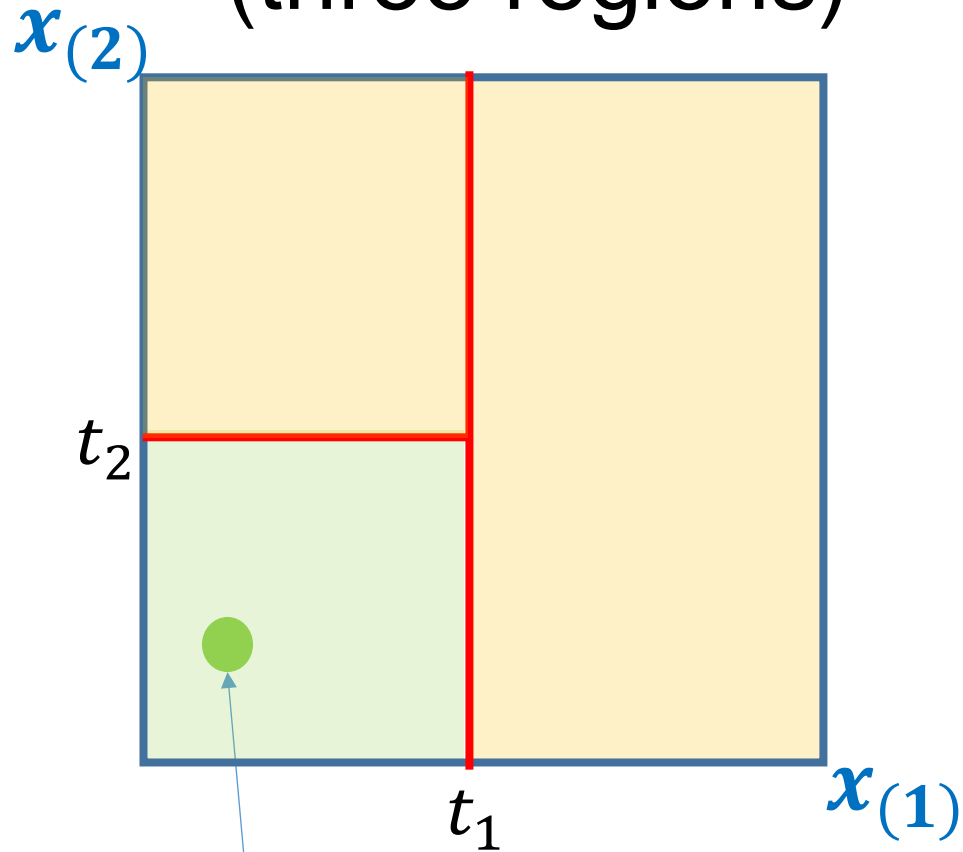
a new data sample x

use the decision tree T2

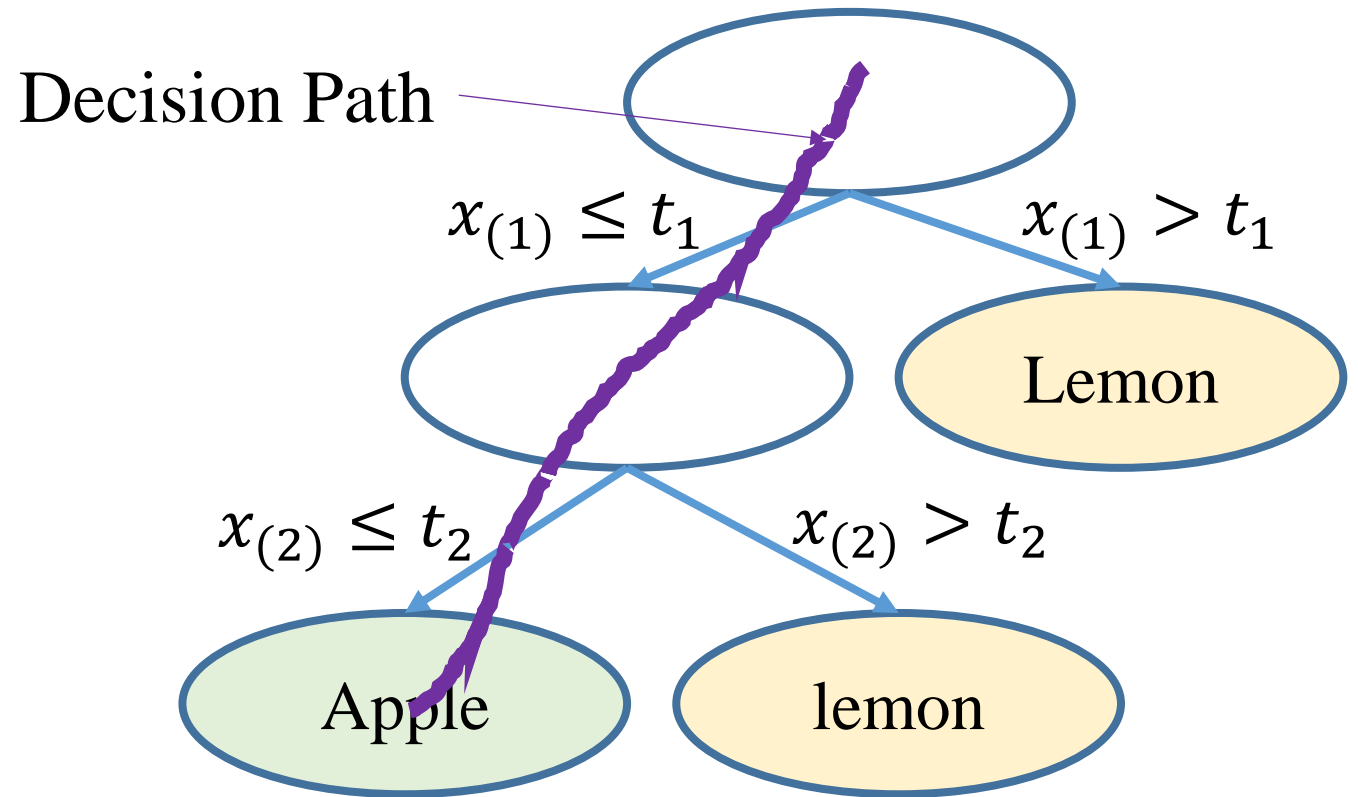


a region corresponds to a leaf node in the tree

partition of input space
(three regions)



use the decision tree T2



The data sample x falls into a region/node

Apply Decision Tree to the fruit dataset

The fruits dataset (a large table)

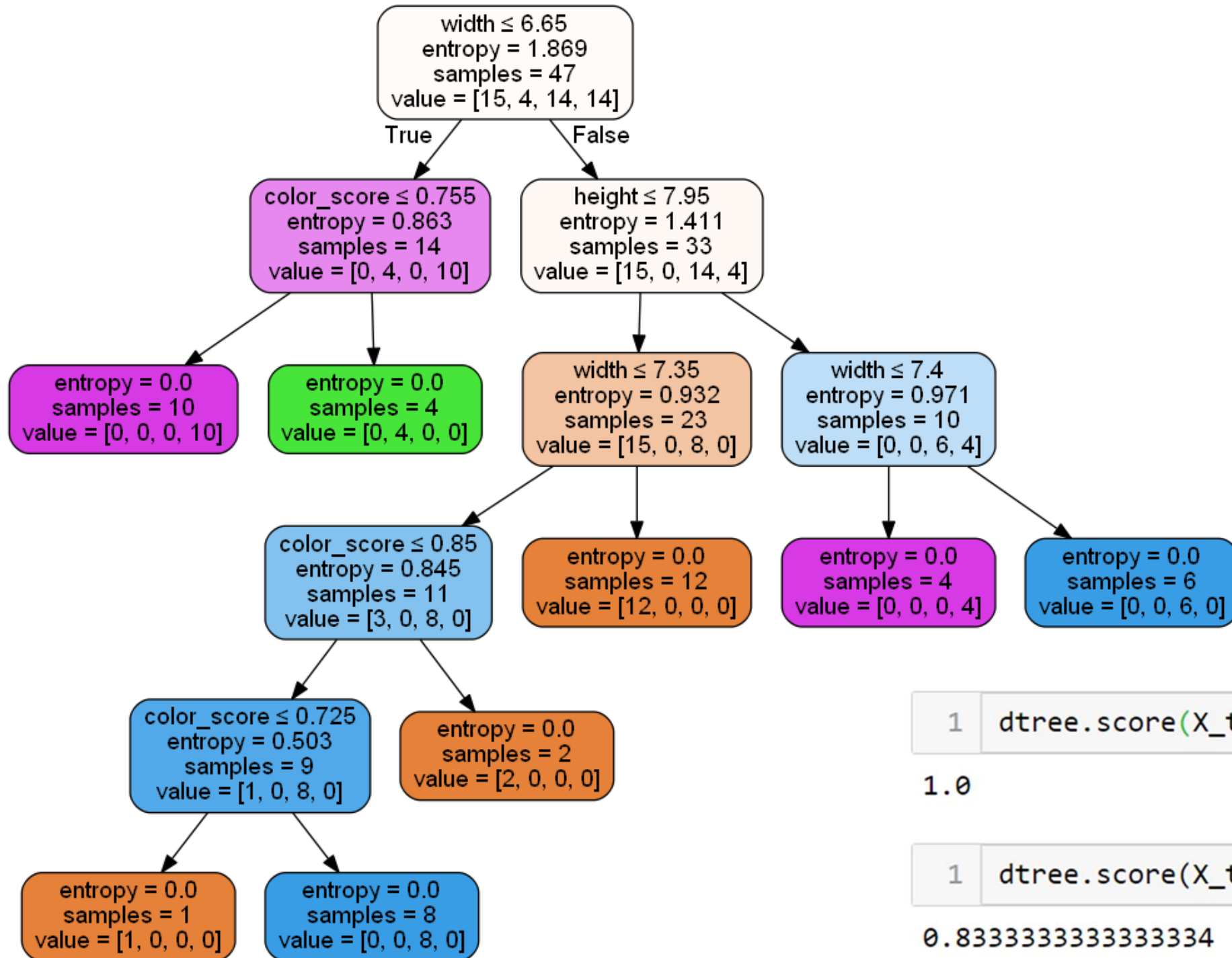
Each row contains the information of a fruit sample/instance

fruit label	fruit_name	subtype	mass (g)	width (cm)	height (cm)	color_score
1	apple	granny_smith	192	8.4	7.3	0.55
4	lemon	spanish_belsan	194	7.2	10.3	0.70

<http://usapple.org/the-industry/apple-varieties/>

The feature vector of a fruit sample: [width, height, color_score]

1:apple,
2:mandarin
3:orange
4:lemon



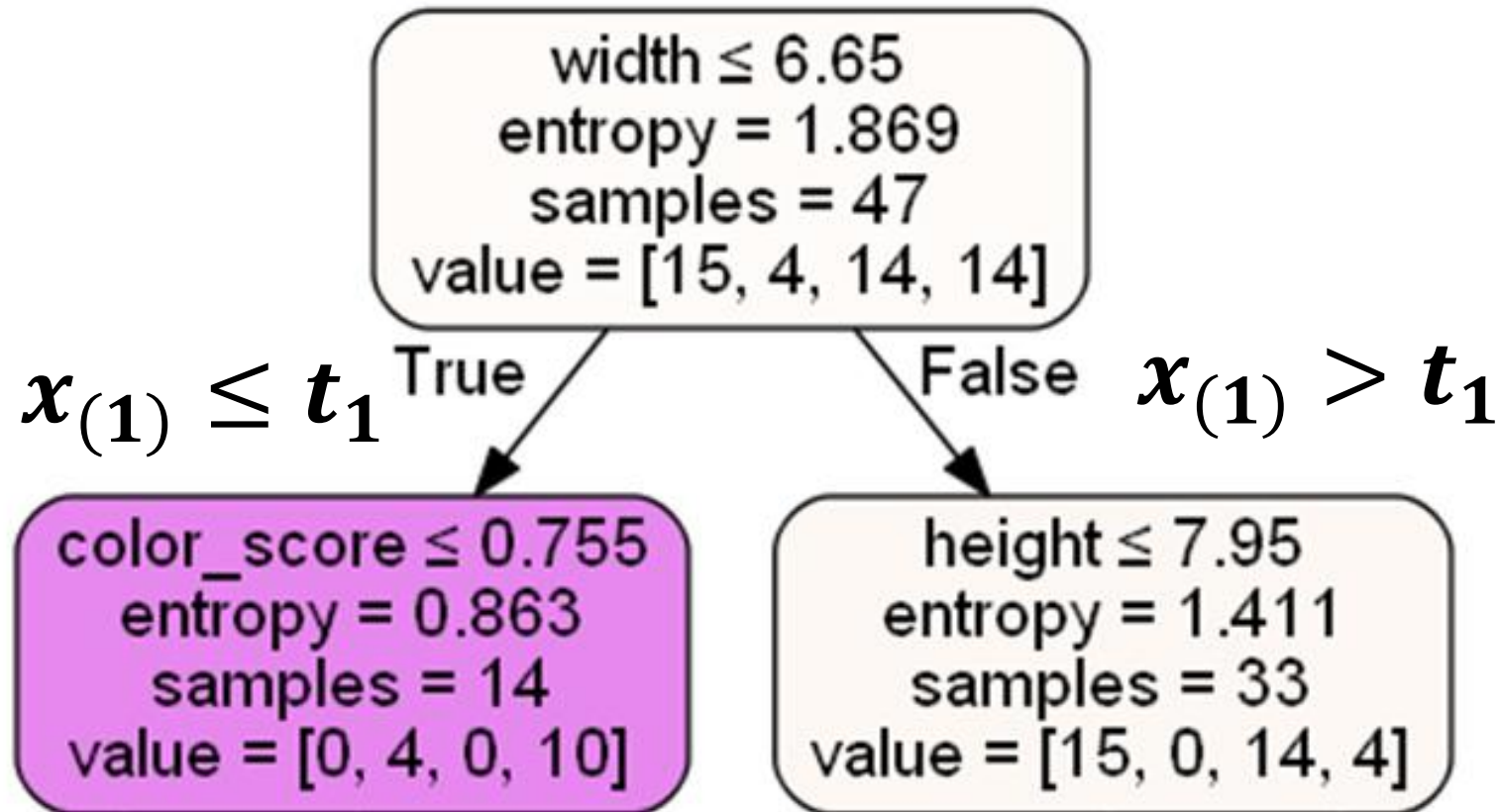
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1 dtree.score(X_train, Y_train)
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1.0

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1 dtree.score(X_test, Y_test)
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0.8333333333333334

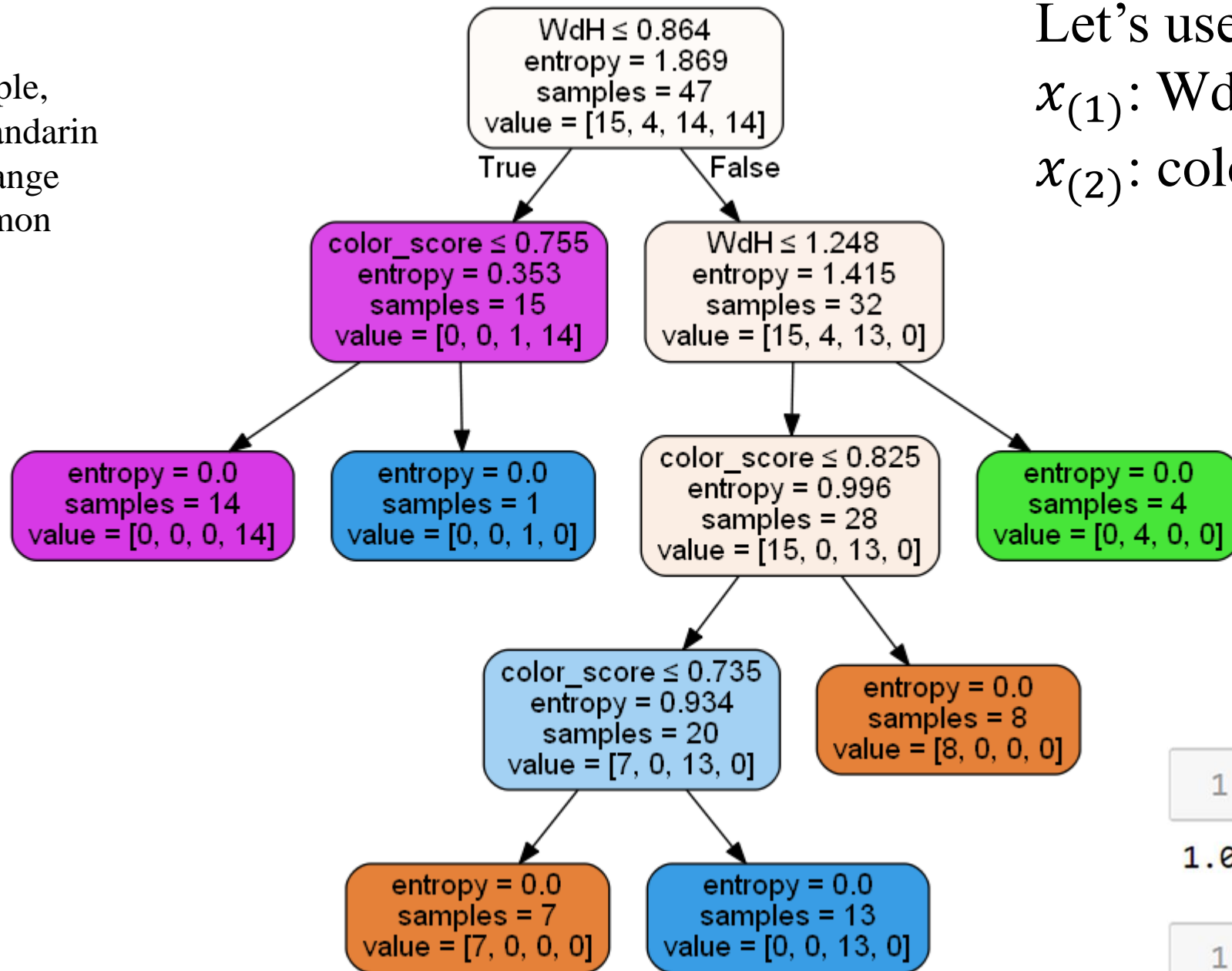
$x_{(1)}$ is width, $t_1 = 6.65$



$x_{(3)}$ is color_score
 $t_3 = 0.755$

$x_{(2)}$ is height
 $t_2 = 7.95$

1:apple,
2:mandarin
3:orange
4:lemon



Let's use two features per sample
 $x_{(1)}$: WdH= width/height
 $x_{(2)}$: color_score

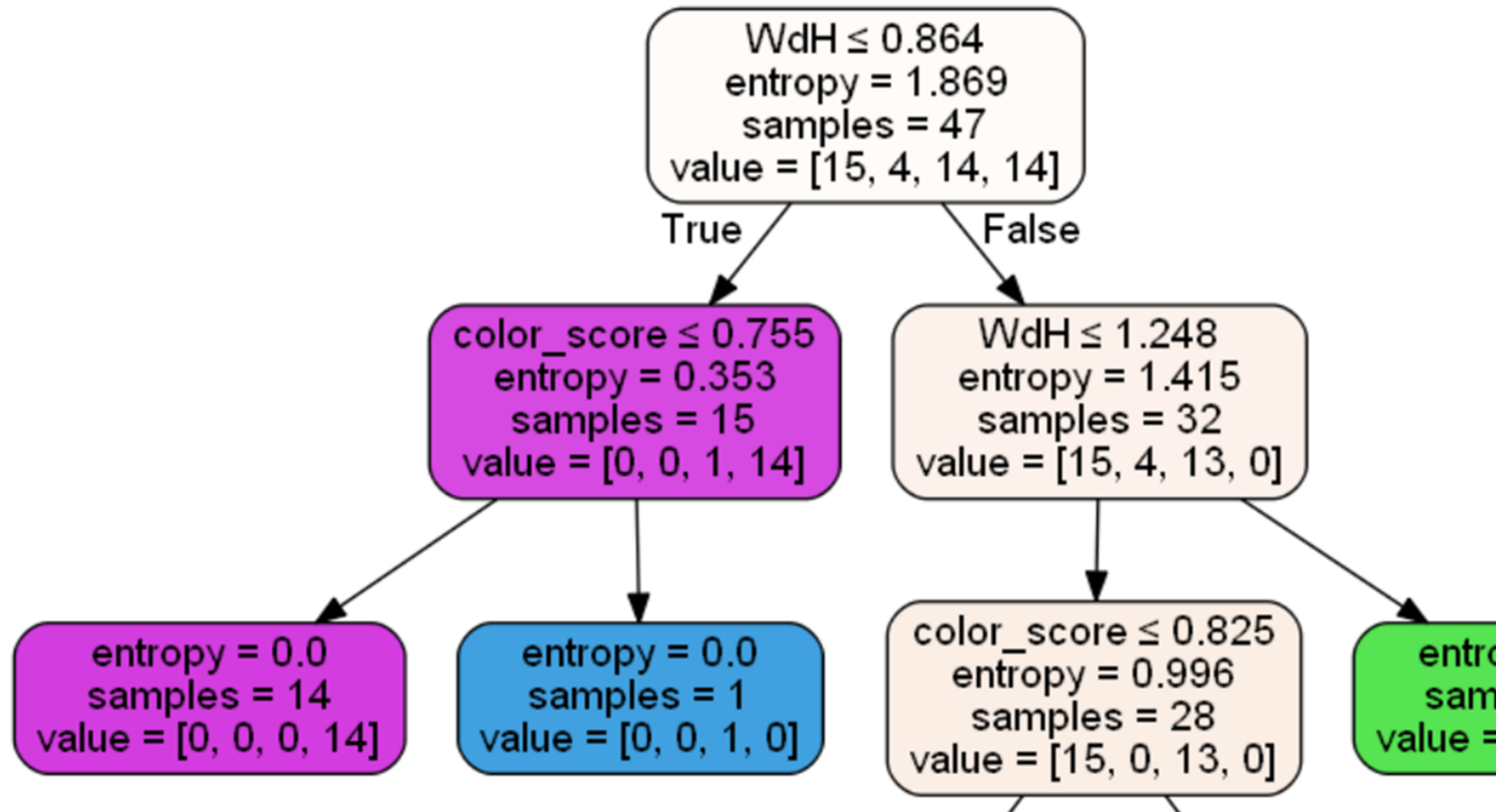
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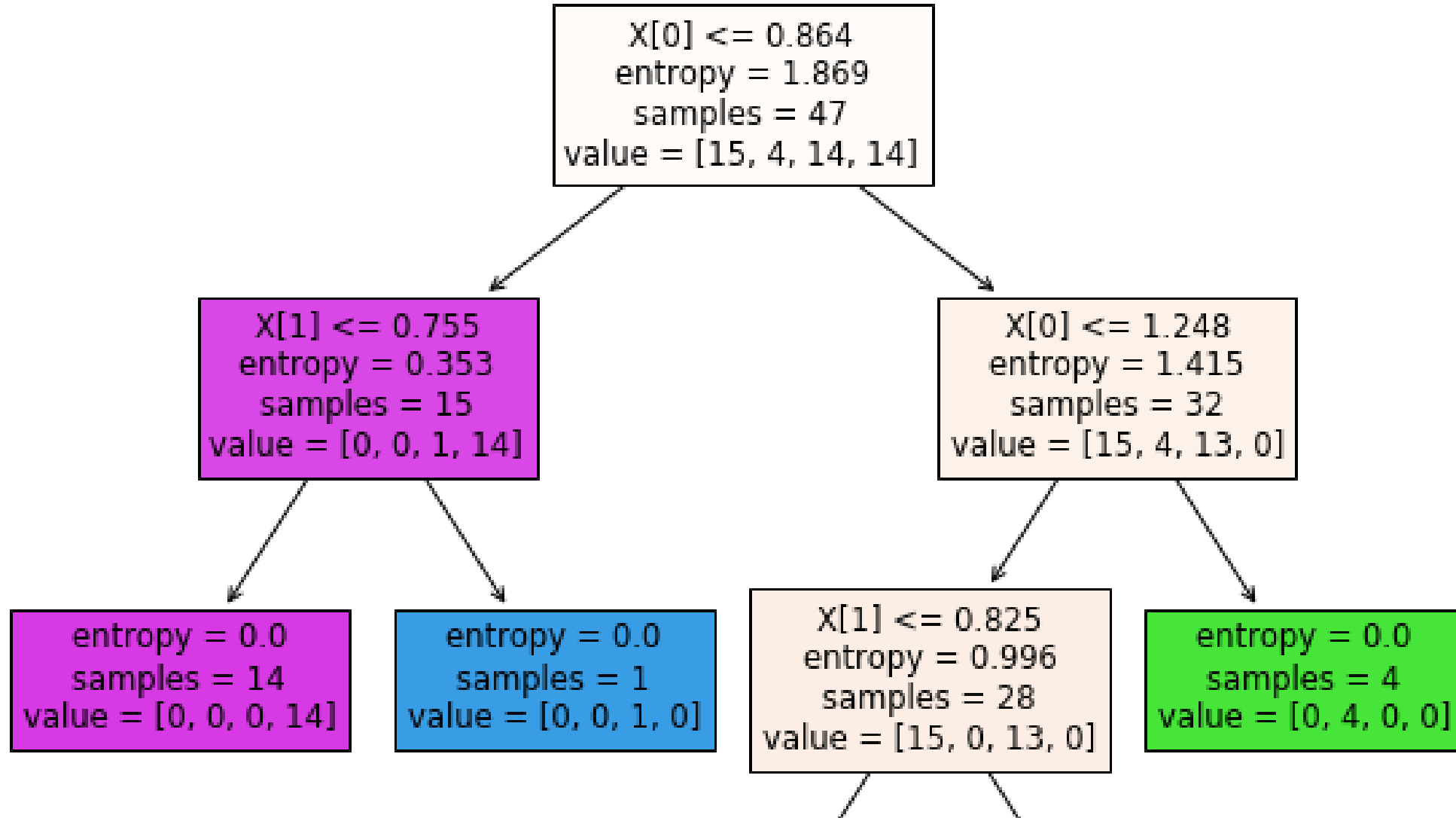
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0.9166666666666666

visualize a decision tree: using graphviz



visualize a decision tree: using plot_tree in sk-learn



Entropy of a discrete random variable

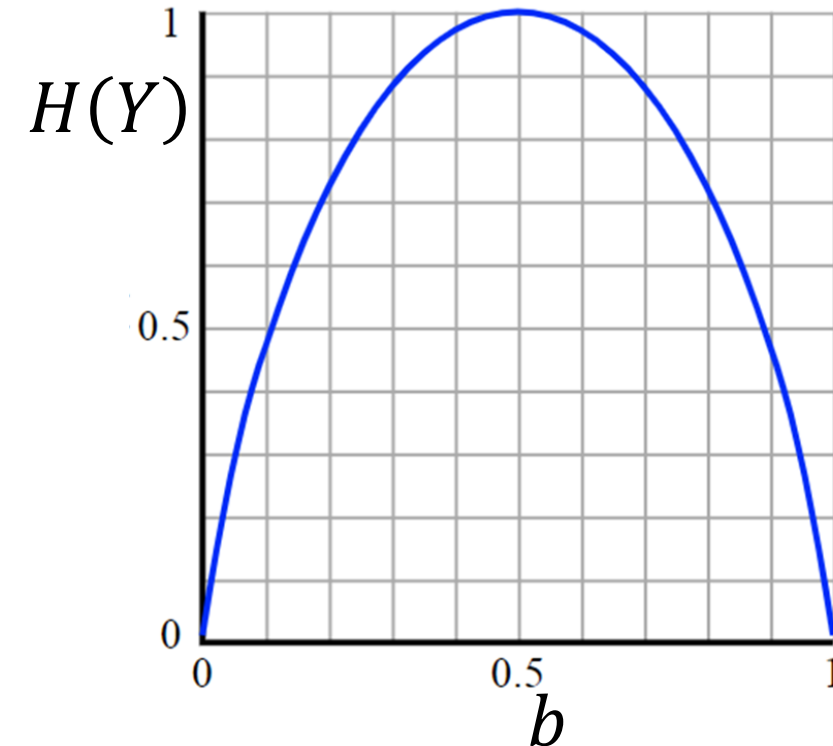
- a discrete random variable Y
the value of Y could be a_1, a_2, \dots, a_K
- it has a probability mass function (PMF): $p(y = a_k) = p_k$
- the entropy is defined to be

$$H(Y) = - \sum_{k=1}^K p_k \log(p_k) \geq 0$$

$$H(Y) \equiv H(p)$$

- Example: $P(Y = 1) = b$ and $P(Y = 0) = 1 - b$

$$H(Y) = -b \log(b) - (1 - b) \log(1 - b)$$



width ≤ 6.65
entropy = 1.869
samples = 47
value = [15, 4, 14, 14]

PMF: probability mass
function

On this node:
the distribution (PMF) over the 4 classes is

$$[p_1 \quad p_2 \quad p_3 \quad p_4]$$

$$p_1 = \frac{15}{47}, p_2 = \frac{4}{47}, p_3 = \frac{14}{47}, p_4 = \frac{14}{47}$$

$$\text{Entropy } H(p) = -\sum_{k=1}^4 p_k \log_2(p_k) = 1.869$$

entropy = 0.0
samples = 12
value = [12, 0, 0, 0]

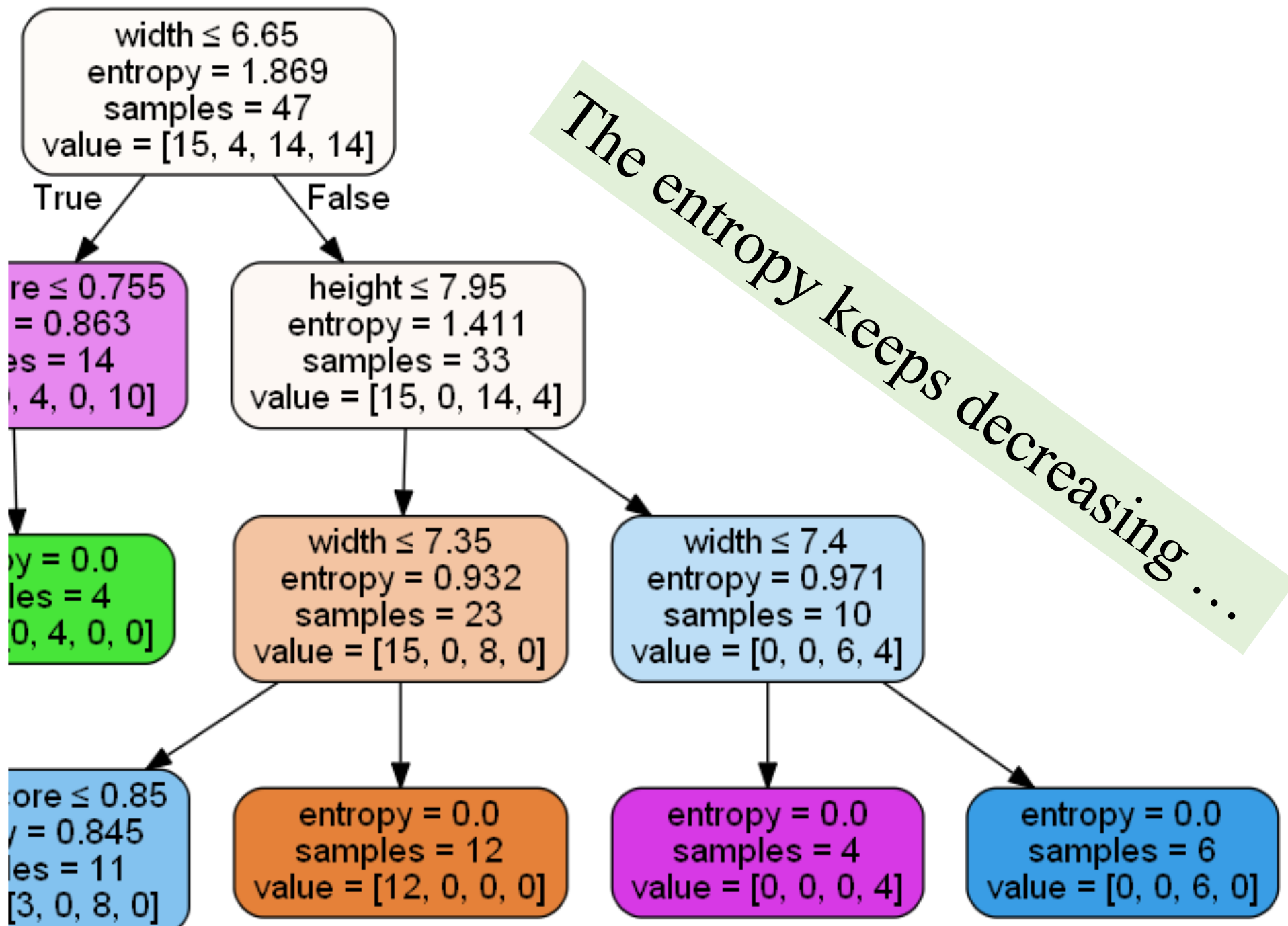
On this node:
the distribution (PMF) over the 4 classes is
 $[p_1 \quad p_2 \quad p_3 \quad p_4]$

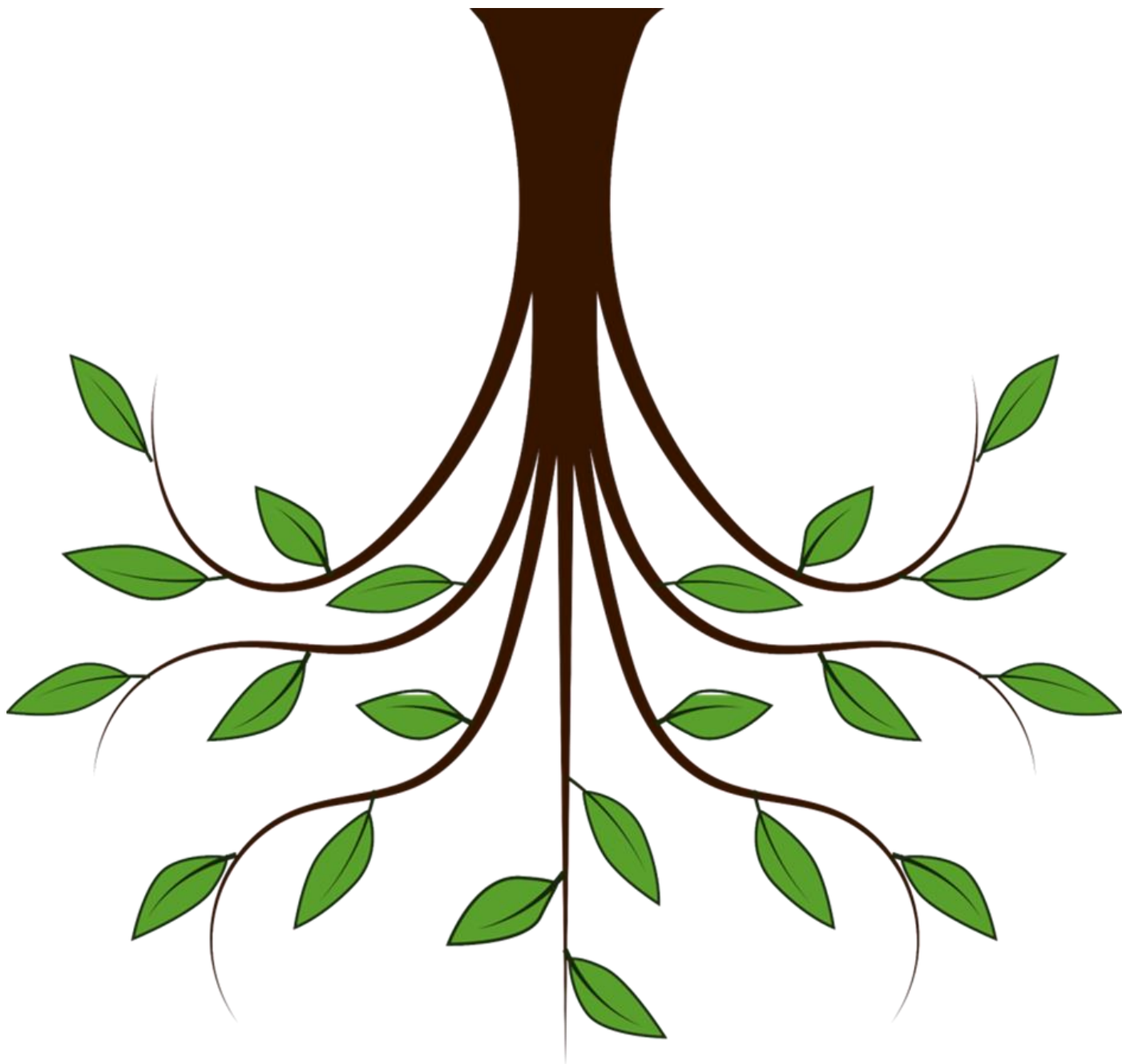
$$p_1 = \frac{12}{12} = 1, p_2 = 0, p_3 = 0, p_4 = 0$$

$$\text{Entropy } H(p) = -\sum_{k=1}^4 p_k \log_2(p_k) = 0$$

$$\text{Define: } 0 \log_2(0) \equiv 0$$

This node only contains apples ($p_1 = 1$).
It is a pure node (of apples)





Use a trained decision tree for classification

- Assume that a tree has been trained (fitted) on the training set.
- A new sample x needs to be classified
- The sample x will eventually fall into one of the leaf nodes.
- The majority class of the training samples in the leaf node is C .
- The predicted class label of the new sample x is C

DecisionTreeClassifier

```
class sklearn.tree. DecisionTreeClassifier(criterion='gini', splitter='best', max_depth=None,  
min_samples_split=2, min_samples_leaf=1, min_weight_fraction_leaf=0.0, max_features=None,  
random_state=None, max_leaf_nodes=None, min_impurity_decrease=0.0,  
min_impurity_split=None, class_weight=None, presort='deprecated', ccp_alpha=0.0) \[source\]
```

Use a trained decision tree for regression

- Assume that a tree has been trained (fitted) on the training set.
- A new sample x needs to be classified
- The sample x will eventually fall into one of the leaf nodes.
- The average target value of the training samples in the leaf node is C .
- The predicted target value (e.g. price) of the new sample x is C

DecisionTreeRegressor

```
class sklearn.tree.DecisionTreeRegressor(criterion='mse', splitter='best', max_depth=None,  
min_samples_split=2, min_samples_leaf=1, min_weight_fraction_leaf=0.0, max_features=None,  
random_state=None, max_leaf_nodes=None, min_impurity_decrease=0.0, min_impurity_split=None,  
presort='deprecated', ccp_alpha=0.0)
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