

# DT Algorithm



*Be ready for*  
**DT**  
**Python 1 & 2**  
*Session*

# Decision Tree Theory

## Hyperparameters:

### **“min\_samples\_split” parameter: (default=2)**

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

### **“min\_samples\_leaf” parameter: (default=1)**

The minimum number of samples required to be at leaf node.

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## Hyperparameters:

### **“splitter” parameter: (default=“best”)**

The strategy used to choose the split each node. (“best”, “random”)

### **“max\_features” parameter: (default=None)**

**Number of features to consider when looking for the best split.**

# Decision Tree Theory

## Hyperparameters:

**“criterion” parameter: (default="gini")**

The function to measure the quality of a split.

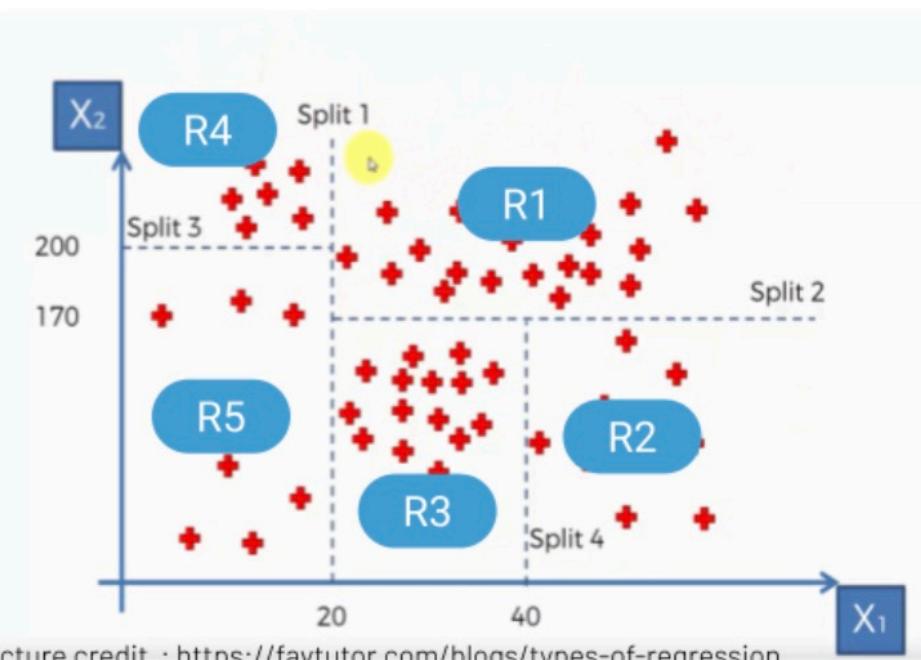
**“max\_depth” parameter: (default=None)**

The maximum depth of the tree.

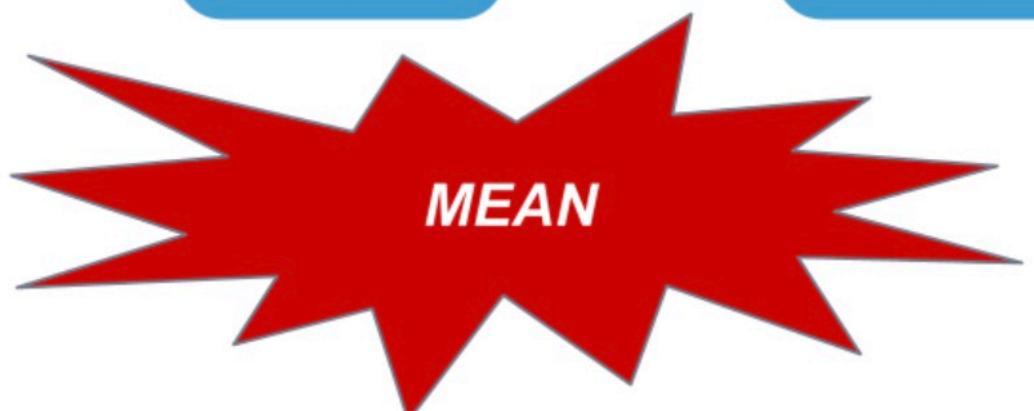
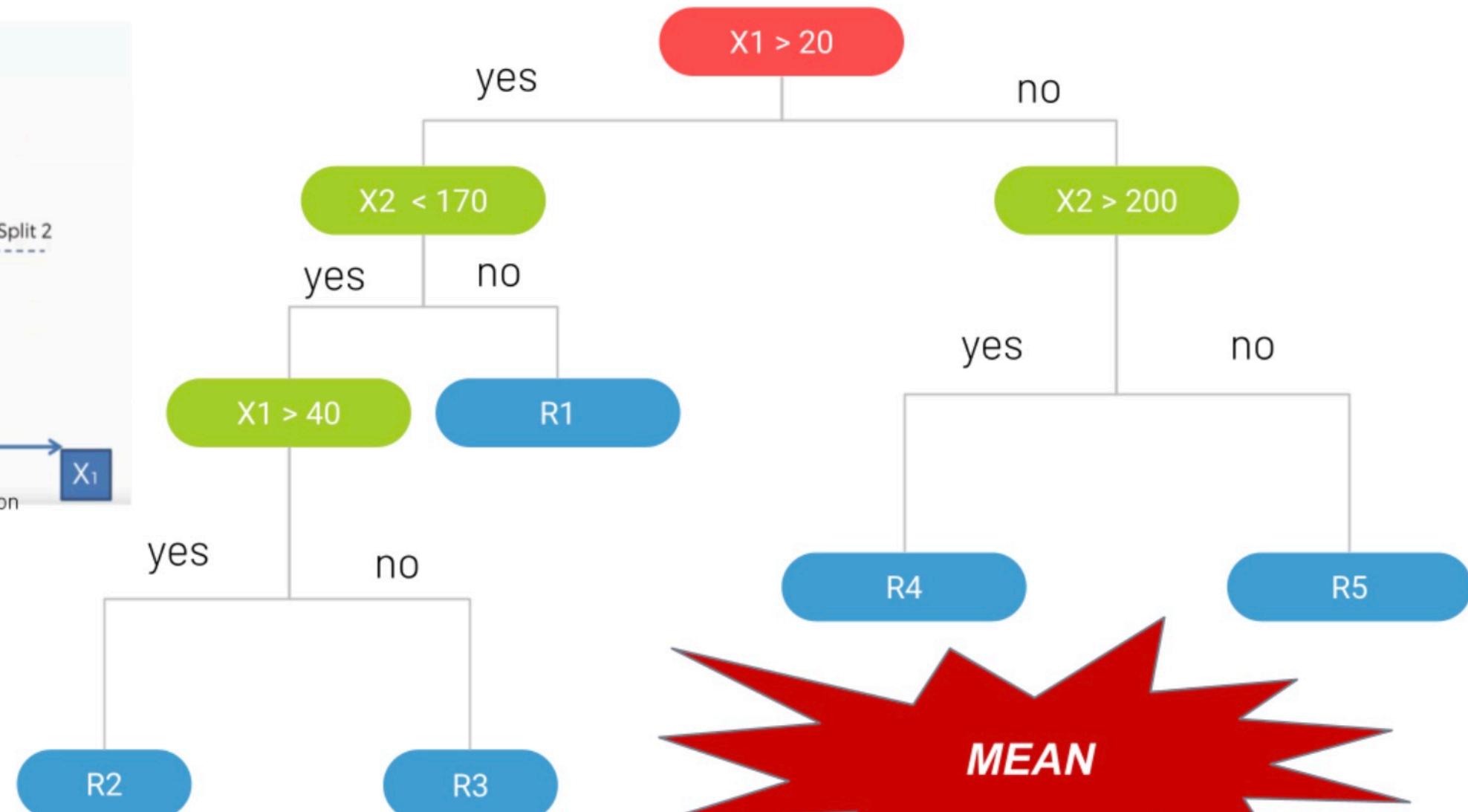
*If None, then nodes are expanded until all leaves are pure or until all leaves contain less than min\_sample\_split samples.*

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## Regression- Variance



If the numerical sample is completely homogeneous its standard deviation is zero.



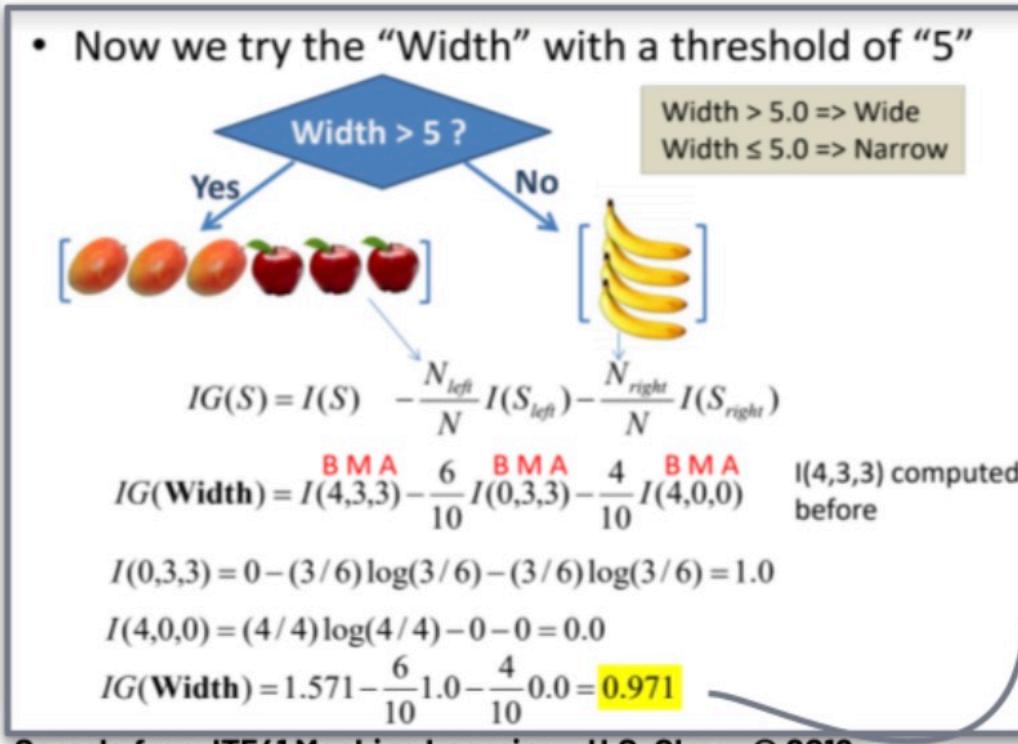
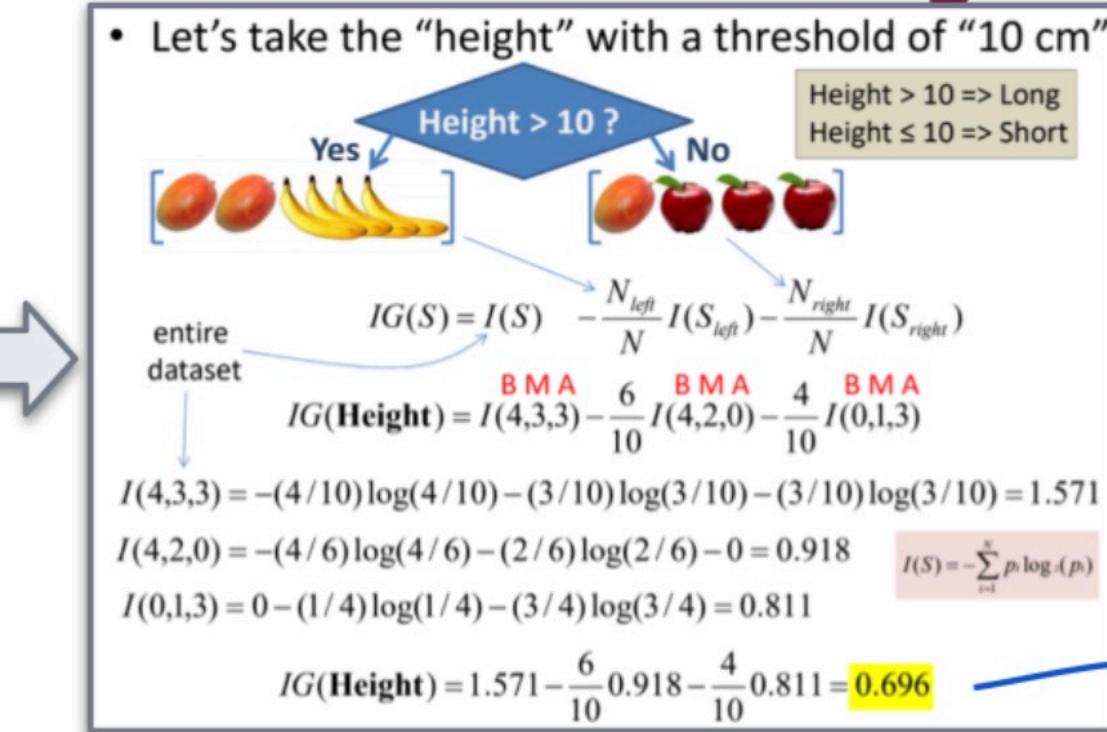
Mean is the value in the leaf nodes.

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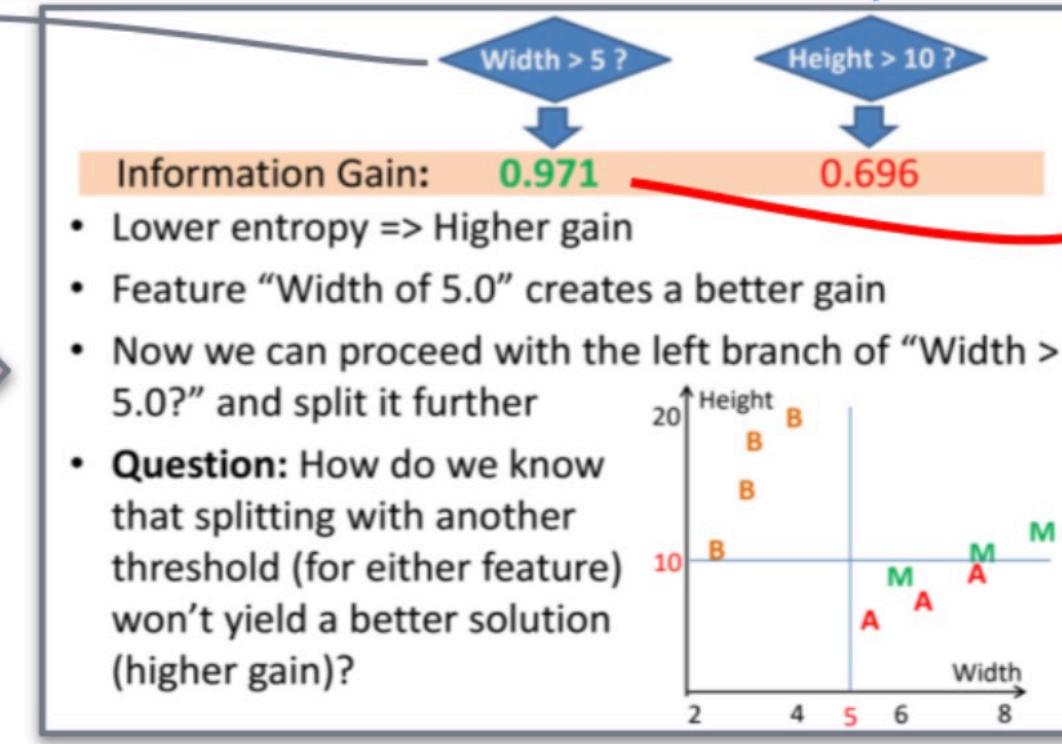
## Information Gain - Entropy

– 2 features width, height  
 – 3 classes mango, apple, banana  
 – Data:

ID	Height (cm)	Width (cm)	Class
1	9	6	Mango
2	6	5.3	Apple
3	18	3.2	Banana
4	6.7	6.2	Apple
5	20	4	Banana
6	15	3.1	Banana
7	9	7.5	Apple
8	11.5	7.5	Mango
9	11	2.5	Banana
10	13	9	Mango



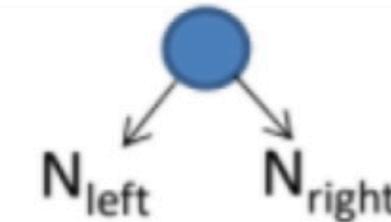
results



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For a **decision algorithm**, we start at the root node and split the data on the feature that results in the largest Information Gain (IG)

$$IG(S) = I(S) - \frac{N_{left}}{N} I(S_{left}) - \frac{N_{right}}{N} I(S_{right})$$



Entropy of the original (parent) collection before split

Number of Data points

Entropy of the left and right child collection

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Entropy of a group in which all examples belong to the same class.

$$H(S) = -1 \log_2(1) = 0 \quad (\text{perfect purity, no uncertainty})$$

Entropy of a group with 50% in either class:

$$H(S) = -0.5 \log_2(0.5) - 0.5 \log_2(0.5) = 1 \quad (\text{maximum uncertainty})$$

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Another criterion is "**Information Gain**" based on a purity measure called **Entropy**\*.

### Entropy Formula

$$H = - \sum_{i=1}^n P(x_i) \log_2 P(x_i)$$

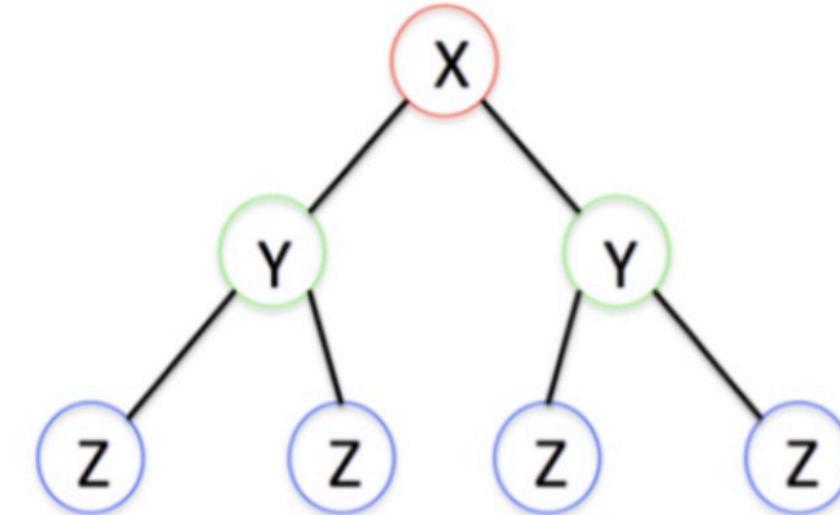
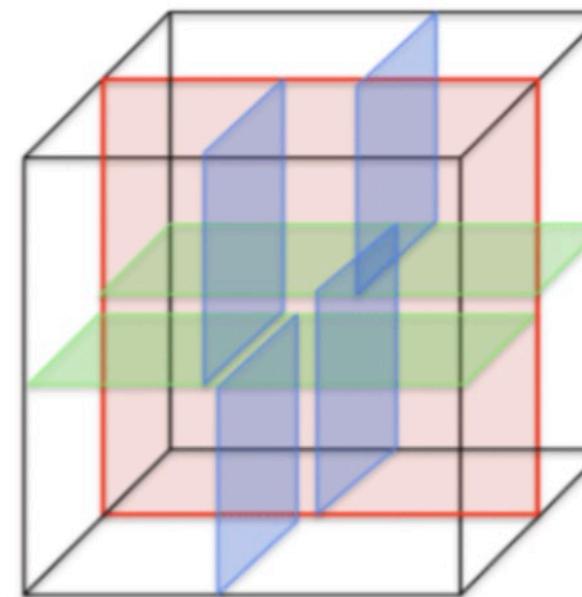
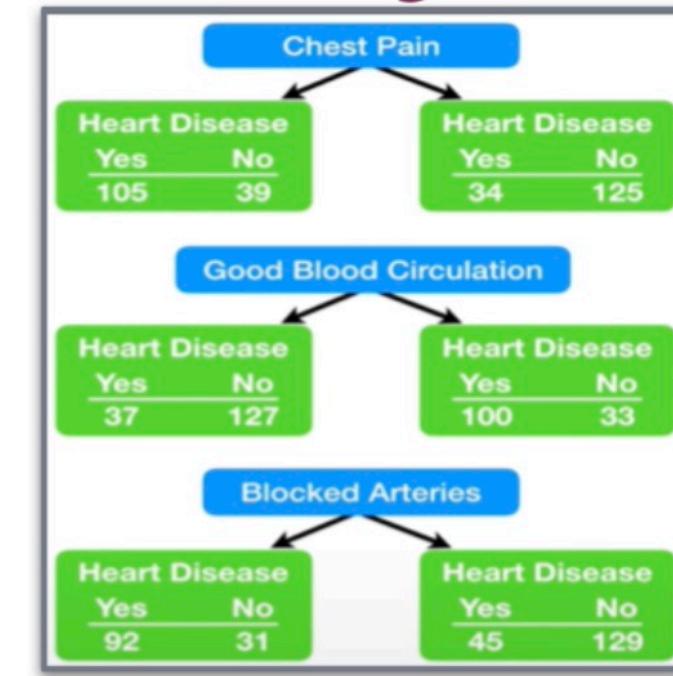
The diagram illustrates the Entropy formula. A box labeled "# of classes" has a red arrow pointing to the variable  $n$  in the formula. Another box labeled "Entropy" has a red arrow pointing to the leftmost term  $P(x_i)$ . A third box labeled "Probability of class 'i'" has a red arrow pointing to the rightmost term  $\log_2 P(x_i)$ .

\***Entropy** is a measure of uncertainty.

## Gini Index Theory

# Decision Tree Theory

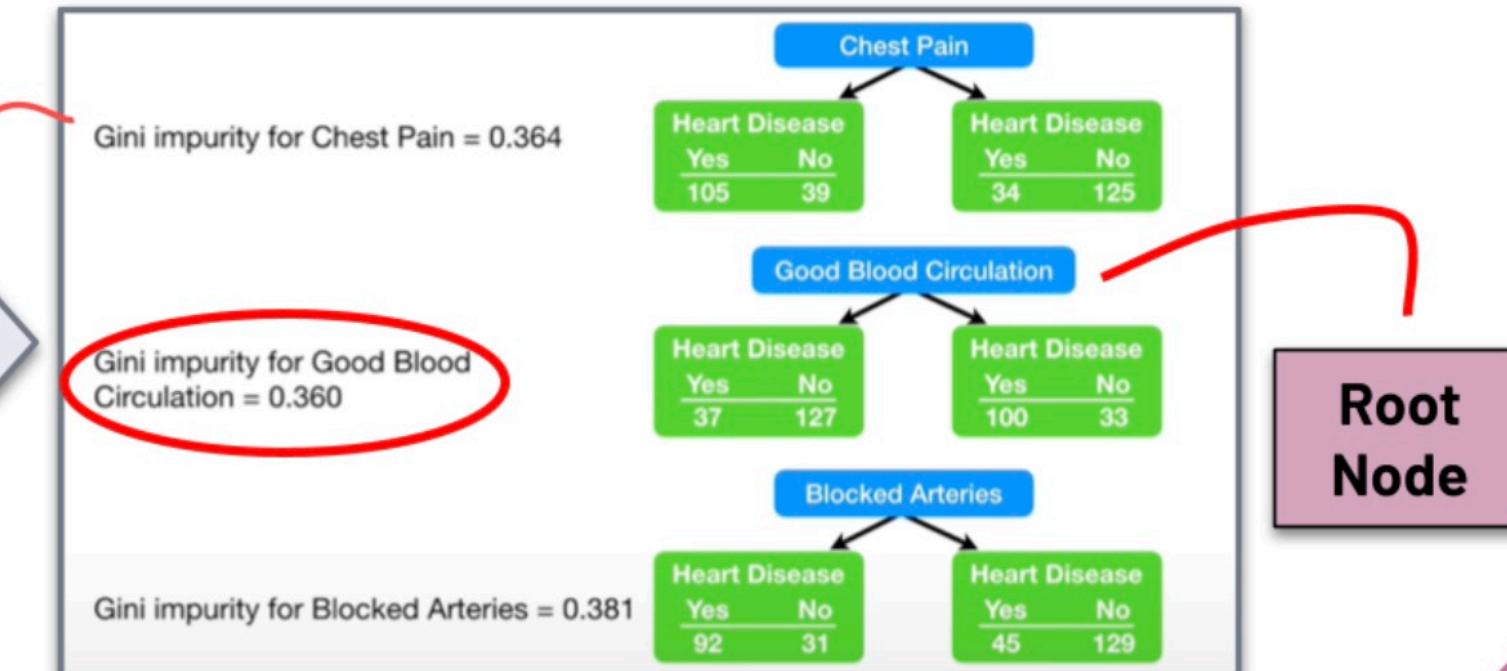
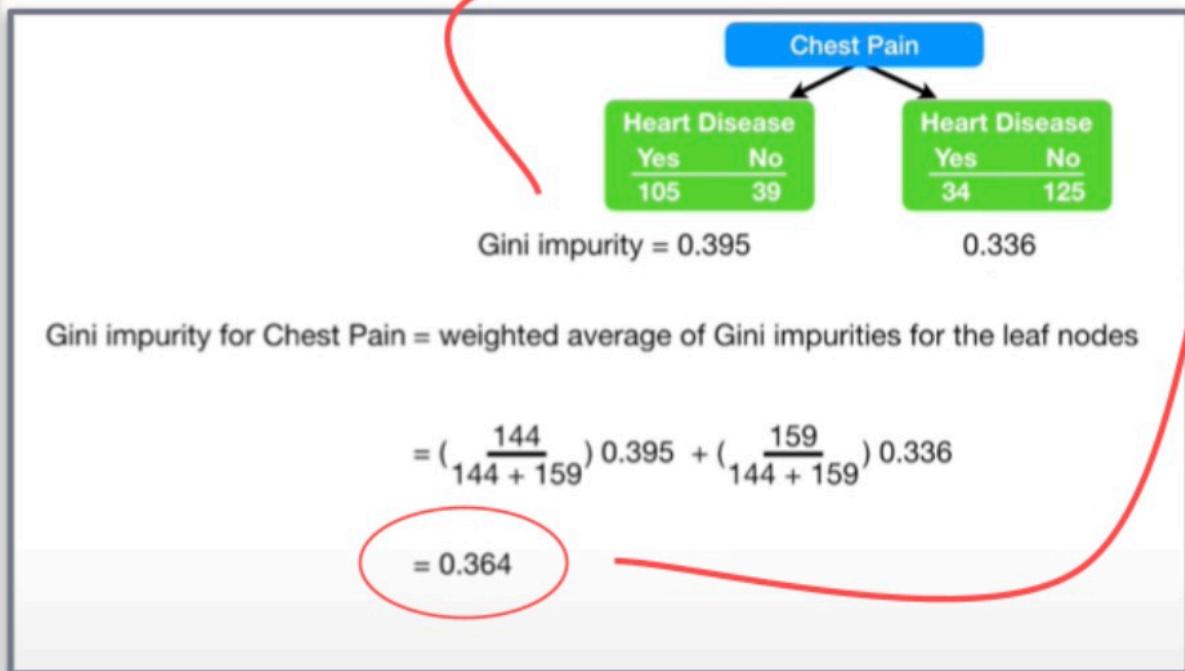
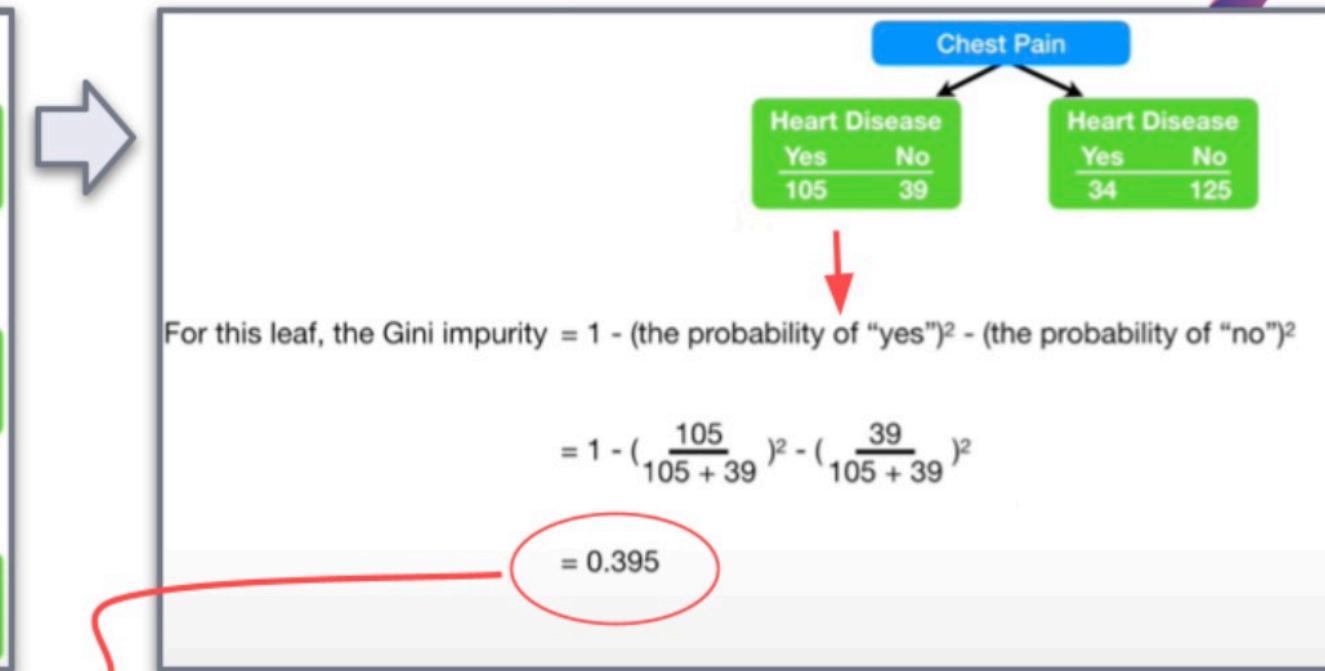
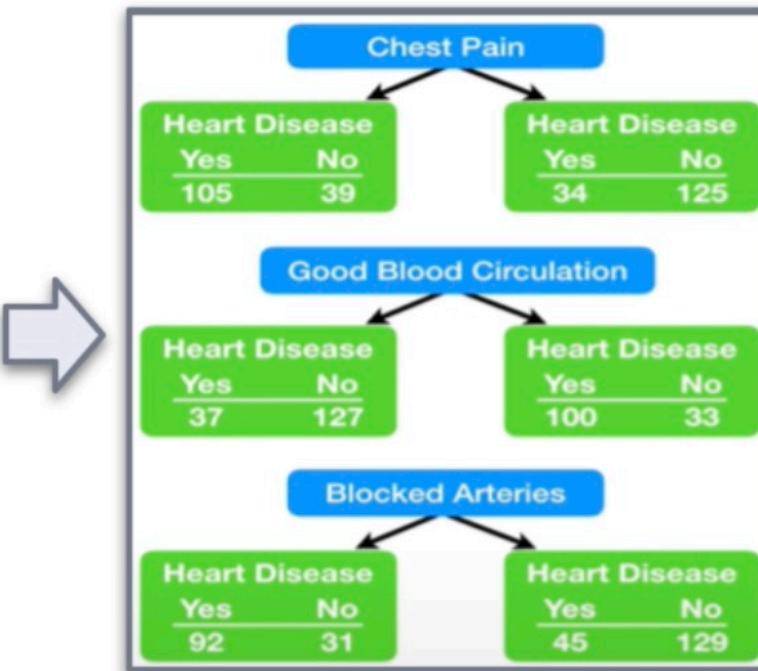
Chest Pain	Good Blood Circulation	Blocked Arteries	Heart Disease
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Yes	No	???	Yes
etc...	etc...	etc...	etc...



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## Gini Index Theory

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**Gini index (or Gini impurity index)** is a criterion to *minimize the probability of misclassification.*

## Gini Index Formula

$$Gini = 1 - \sum_{i=1}^n P^2(x_i)$$

# of classes

Probability of class “i”

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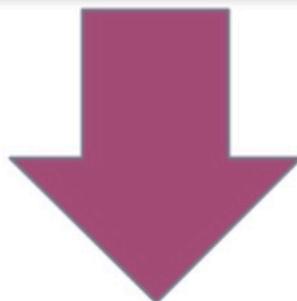


- Which attribute to start with at the **main root** ?
- **Where to split** the attribute from ?
- What is the sequence of other attributes down the tree?

We need some **sort of a measure** to decide which attribute to **start splitting** with.



**Gini Index**  
**(Gini Impurity Index)**

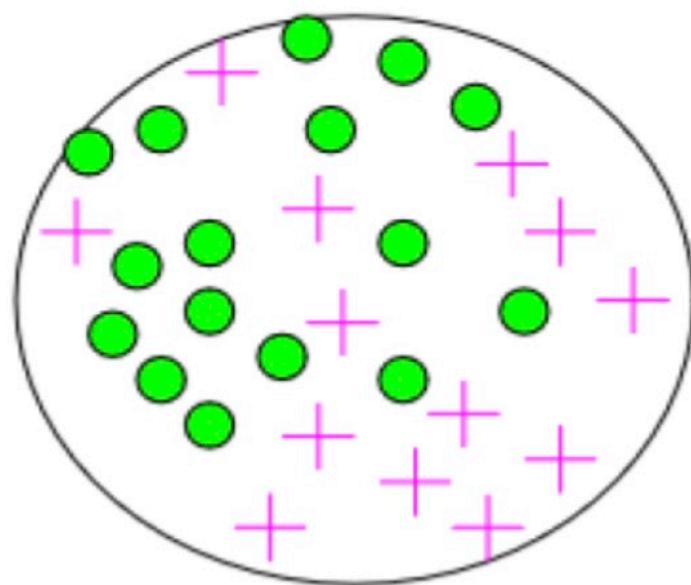


**Information Gain /**  
**Entropy**

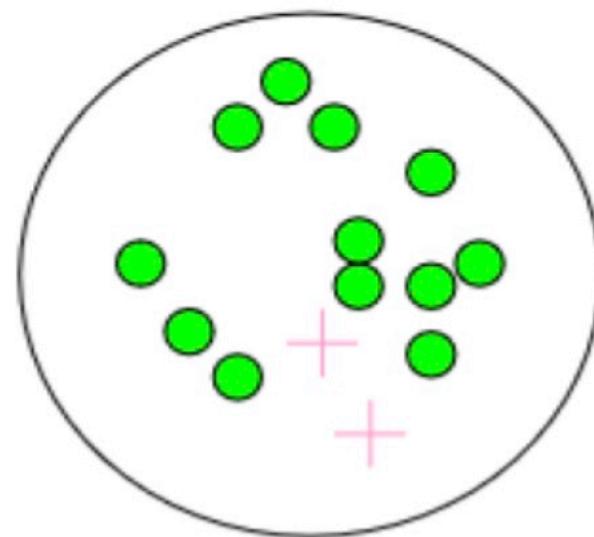
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## Impurity

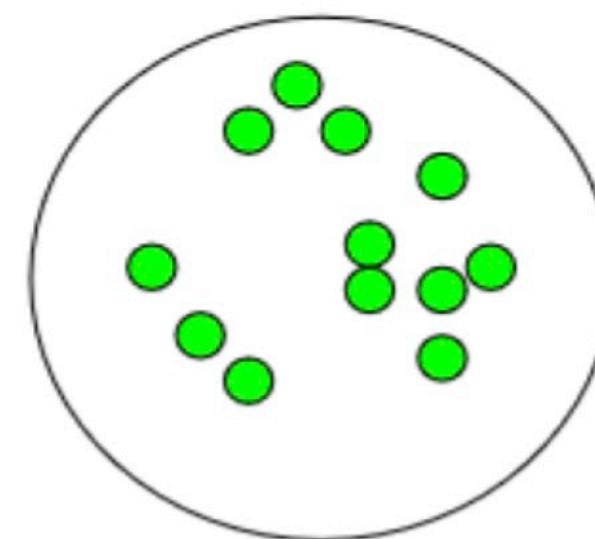
**Very impure group**



**Less impure**



**Minimum impurity**



# Decision Tree Theory



## Main Question:

**How do we determine how the tree will be split?**

*The most important criterion when dividing is to ensure the highest **homogeneity** in the sub-decision nodes and to ensure that the leaf node is **pure** in terms of target variables.*

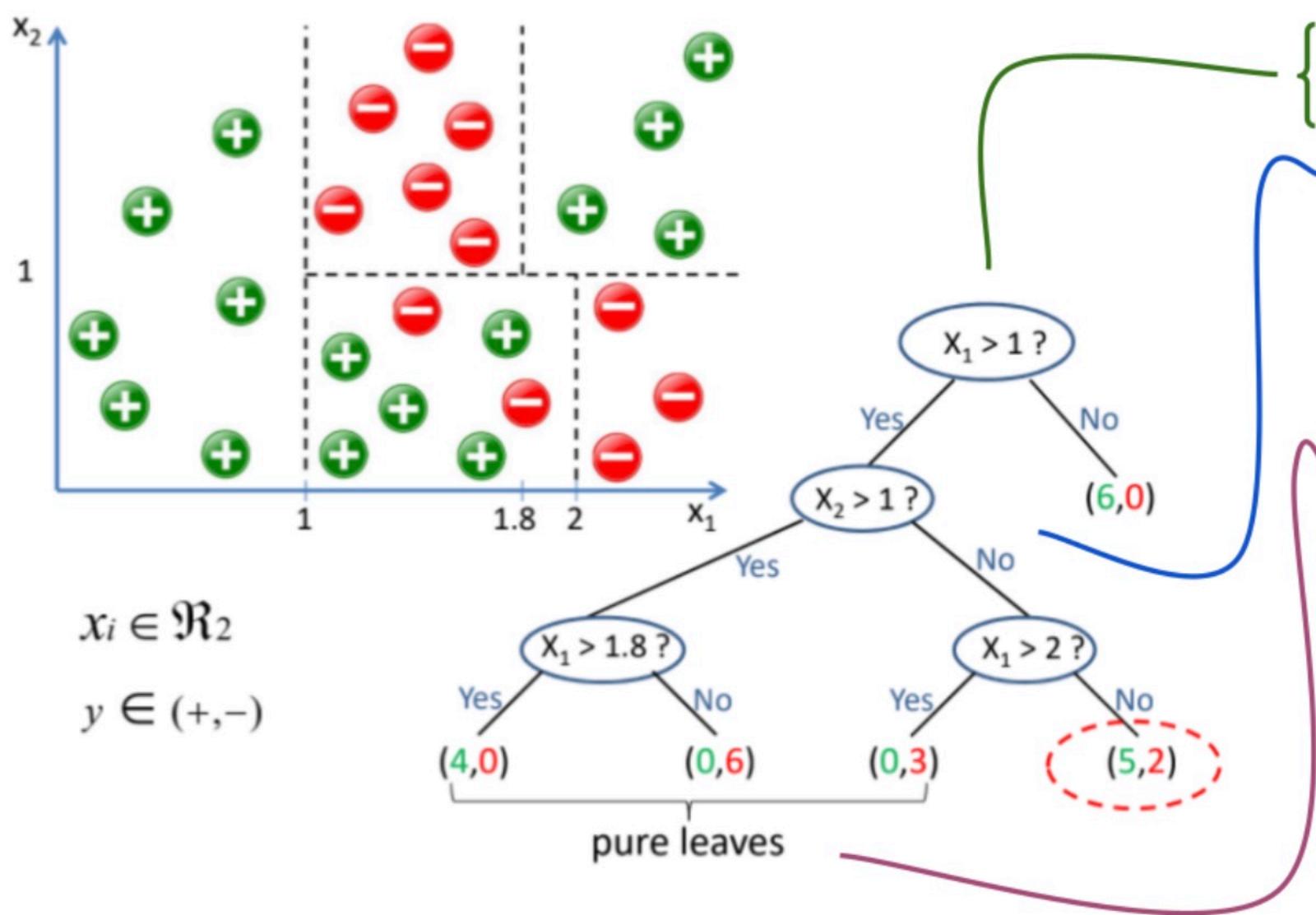
## Other Questions:

- Which attribute to start with at the **main root**?
- **Where to split** the attribute from?
- What is the sequence of other attributes down the tree?
- When to **stop branching** the tree?

# Decision Tree Theory



## Decision Tree Algorithm Working Cycle:



0. Start at the root (with all training examples)
1. Select an attribute that best separates the classes
2. Split it into subsets (child nodes)
  - If the attribute value is categorical:  
=> select category(ies)
  - If the attribute is numerical:  
=> select a threshold

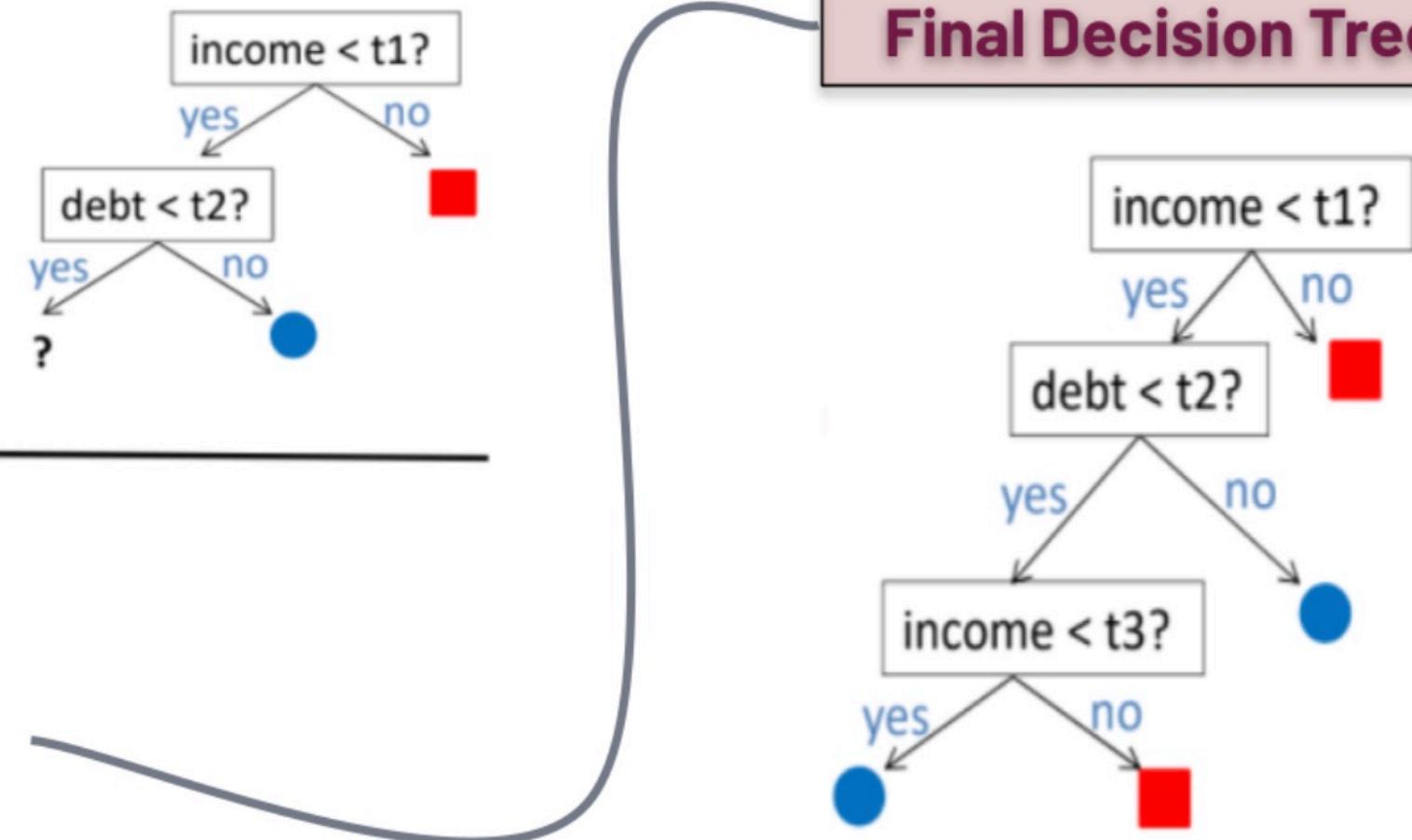
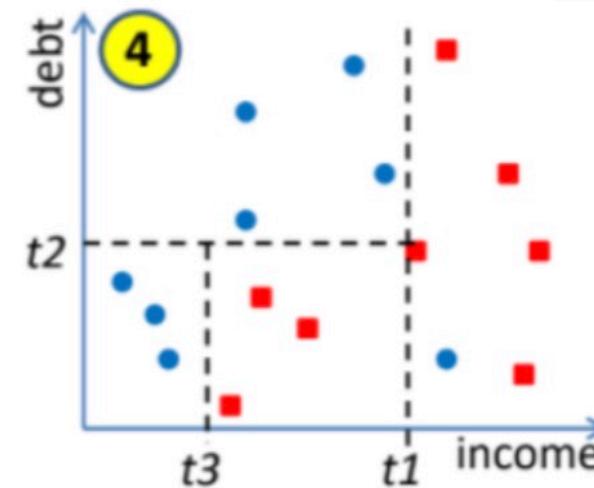
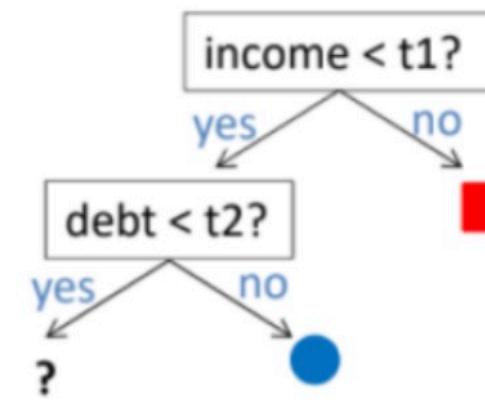
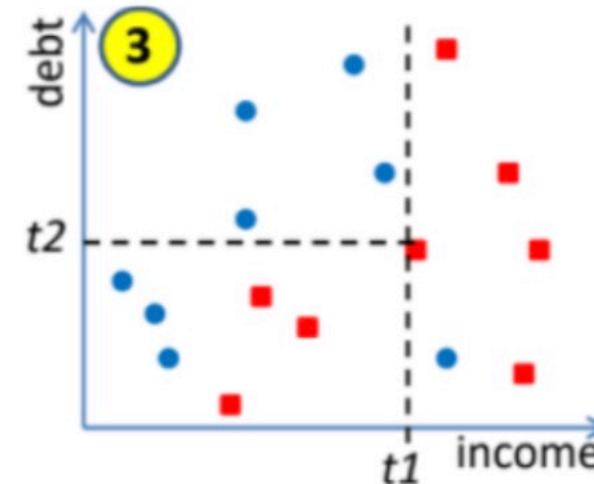
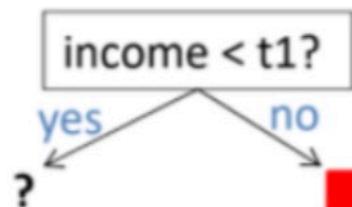
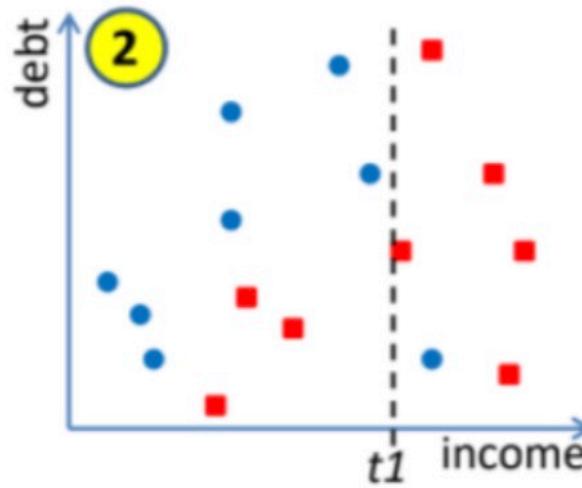
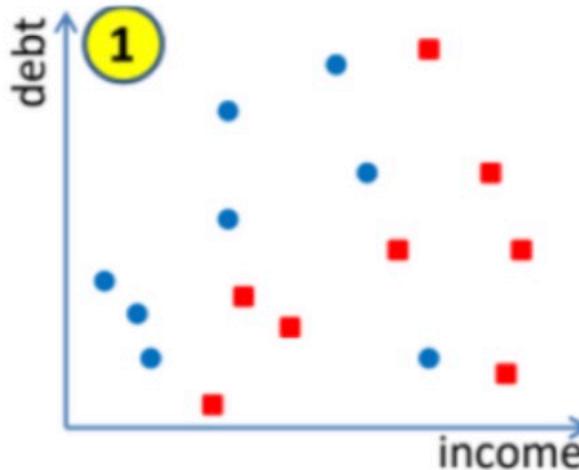
3. Are they pure (all samples from the same class)?
  - If yes: stop (training set is perfectly classified)
  - If no: select an attribute and split further, go to (3)

**Classification:** When you have a new data point, start at the root and traverse down the tree to get to the subset this new data point belongs to

# Decision Tree Theory



## DT Sample :

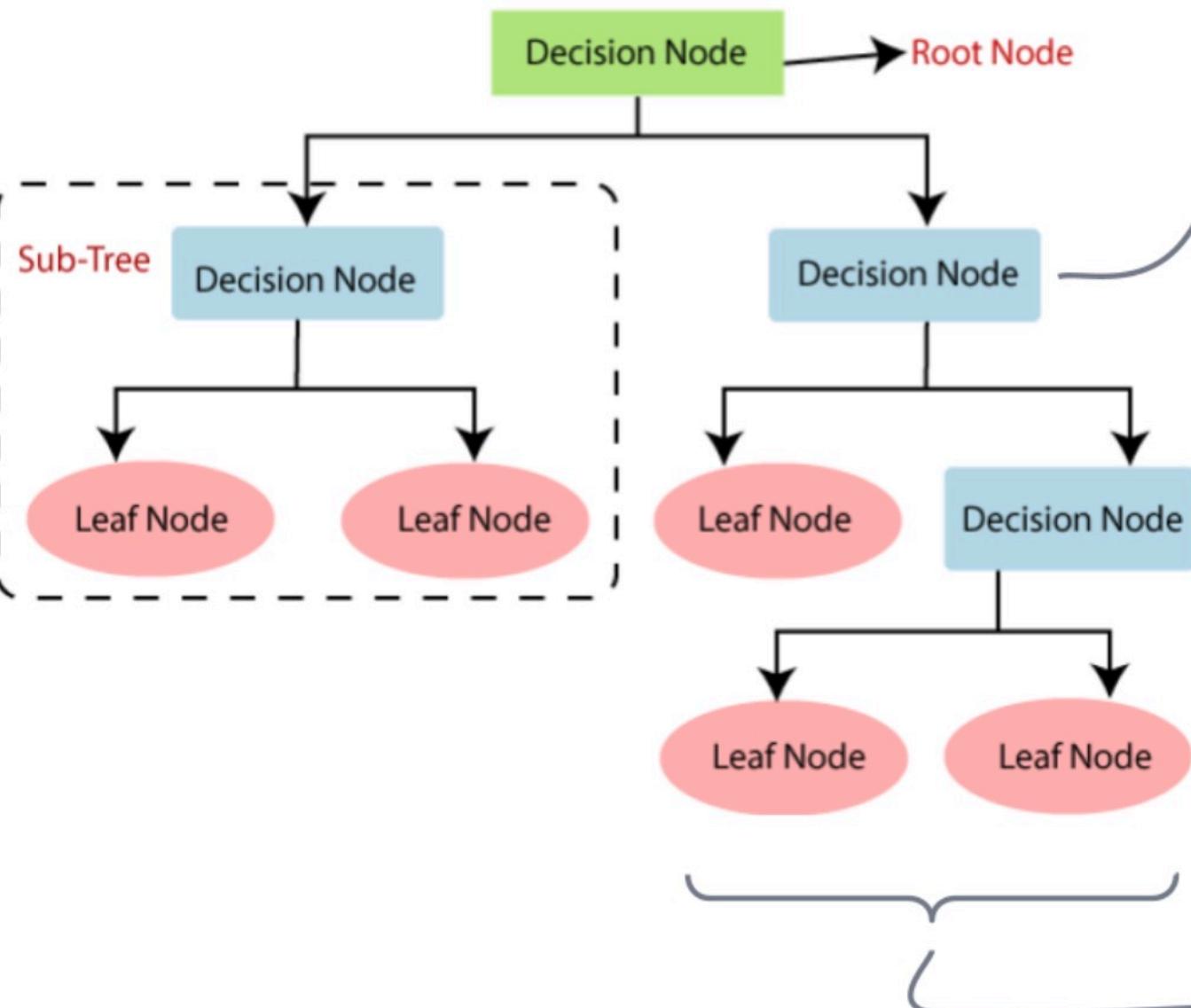


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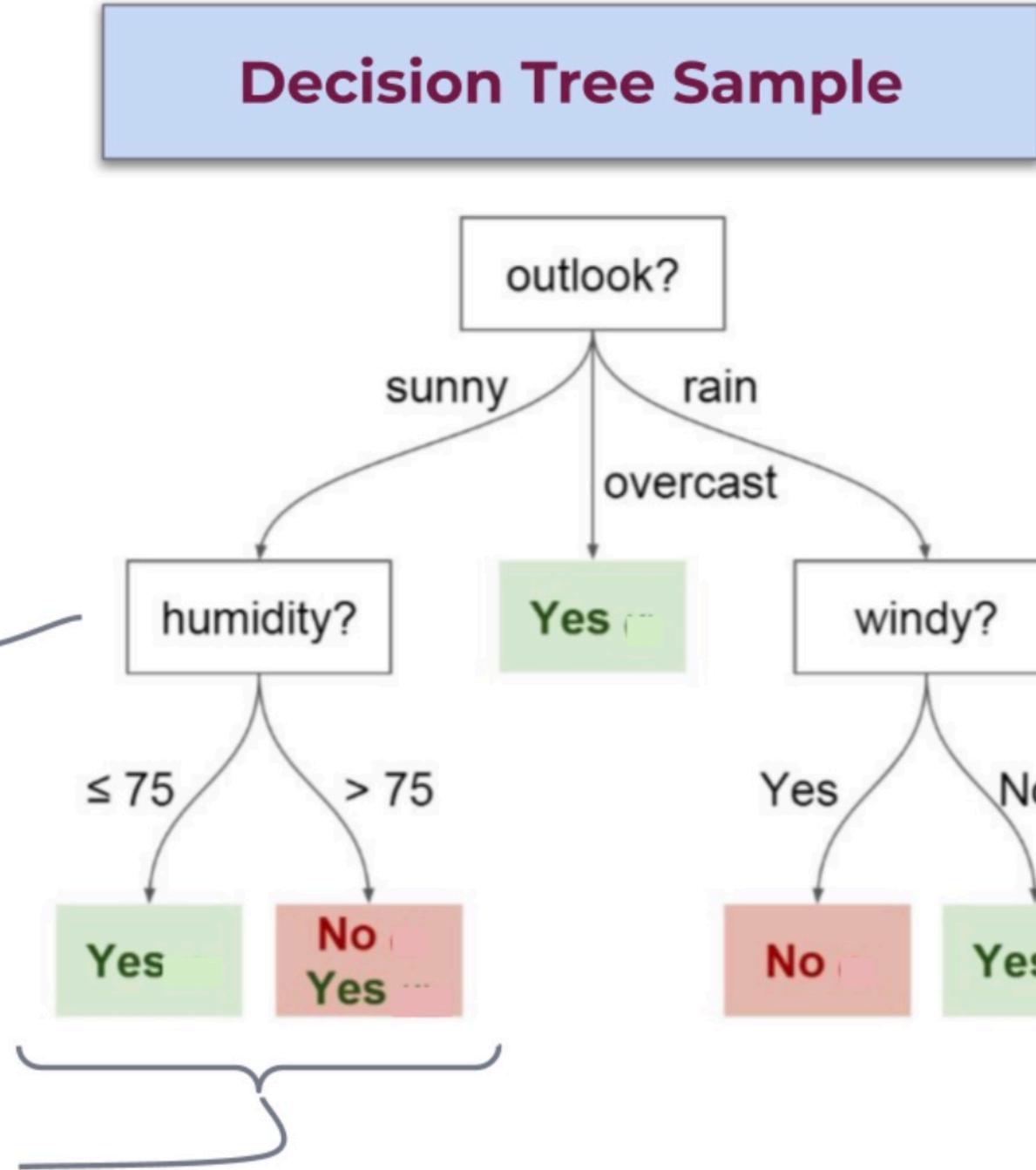


Question: Will your friends come to the picnic?

## Decision Tree Diagram



## Features



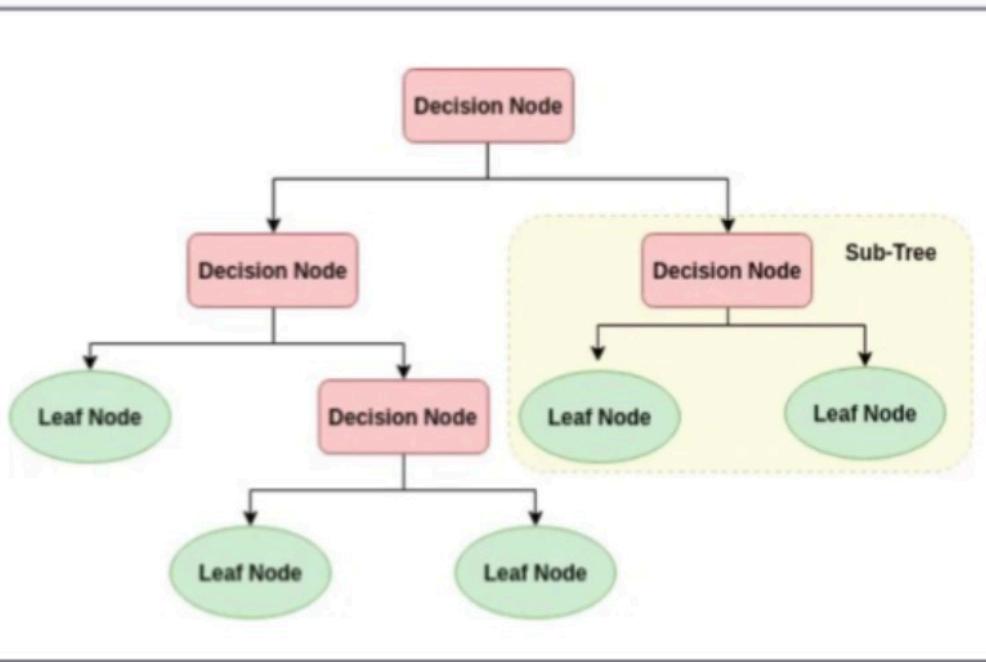
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DT is one of the **Tree-based machine learning algorithms** that are considered as the ***most widely used*** and ***successful*** algorithms.

**Usage areas of Decision Tree classification problems:**



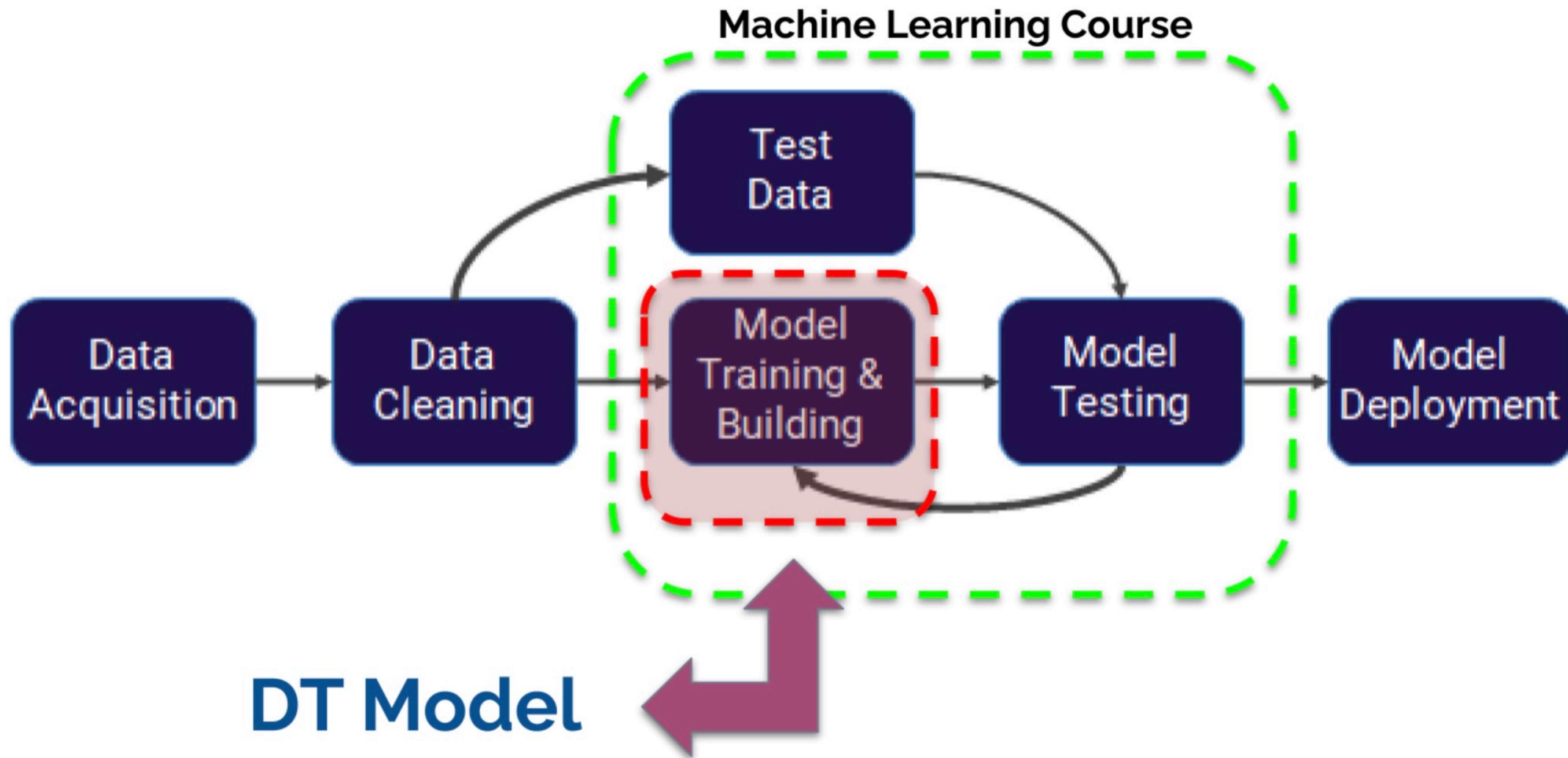
- \* Medical Diagnosis,
- \* Text Classification,
- \* Credit Risk Analysis etc.



# Decision Tree Theory



# Where are we?





# Decision Tree Theory

## Classification

Gini Index

Information Gain-Entropy

## Regression

## DT with Python



# SUMMARY of PREVIOUS CLASS

- **SVM: Support vectors, Hyperplane**
- **Hard margin, soft margin classification, “C” parameter**
- **Kernel Trick**
- **Kernels: {'linear', 'poly', 'rbf', 'sigmoid'}**
- **“gamma” parameter:** Higher gamma, higher overfitting risk



# Decision Tree Theory

## Session-12

