

Gradient boost (classification)

How gradient booting works

Likes Popcorn	Age	Favorite Color	Loves Troll 2
Yes	12	Blue	Yes
Yes	87	Green	Yes
No	44	Blue	No
Yes	19	Red	No
No	32	Green	Yes
No	14	Blue	Yes

If we have the above dataset, and we want to predict if a person love to watch “Troll2” or not

How gradient booting works

Step 1: we start from a leaf (the “initial prediction” for all samples)

Likes Popcorn	Age	Favorite Color	Loves Troll 2
Yes	12	Blue	Yes
Yes	87	Green	Yes
No	44	Blue	No
Yes	19	Red	No
No	32	Green	Yes
No	14	Blue	Yes

How gradient booting works

Step 1: we start from a leaf (the “initial prediction” for all samples)

In gradient boosting for classification, the original leaf is the “log(odds)” of “Yes”

Likes Popcorn	Age	Favorite Color	Loves Troll 2
Yes	12	Blue	Yes
Yes	87	Green	Yes
No	44	Blue	No
Yes	19	Red	No
No	32	Green	Yes
No	14	Blue	Yes

How gradient booting works

Step 1: we start from a leaf (the “initial prediction” for all samples)

In gradient boosting for classification, the original leaf is the “log(odds)” of “Yes”

- 4 people in the dataset “Loves Trolls == True”

Likes Popcorn	Age	Favorite Color	Loves Troll 2
Yes	12	Blue	Yes
Yes	87	Green	Yes
No	44	Blue	No
Yes	19	Red	No
No	32	Green	Yes
No	14	Blue	Yes

How gradient booting works

Step 1: we start from a leaf (the “initial prediction” for all samples)

In gradient boosting for classification, the original leaf is the “log(odds)” of “Yes”

Likes Popcorn	Age	Favorite Color	Loves Troll 2
Yes	12	Blue	Yes
Yes	87	Green	Yes
No	44	Blue	No
Yes	19	Red	No
No	32	Green	Yes
No	14	Blue	Yes

- 4 people in the dataset “Loves Trolls == True”

- 2 people in the dataset “Loves Trolls == False”

How gradient booting works

Step 1: we start from a leaf (the “initial prediction” for all samples)

Likes Popcorn	Age	Favorite Color	Loves Troll 2
Yes	12	Blue	Yes
Yes	87	Green	Yes
No	44	Blue	No
Yes	19	Red	No
No	32	Green	Yes
No	14	Blue	Yes

In gradient boosting for classification, the original leaf is the “log(odds)” of “Yes”

- 4 people in the dataset “Loves Trolls == True”
- 2 people in the dataset “Loves Trolls == False”

Then “log(odds)” is $\log(4/2) = 0.69$

How gradient booting works

Step 1: we start from a leaf (the “initial prediction” for all samples)

Likes Popcorn	Age	Favorite Color	Loves Troll 2
Yes	12	Blue	Yes
Yes	87	Green	Yes
No	44	Blue	No
Yes	19	Red	No
No	32	Green	Yes
No	14	Blue	Yes

In gradient boosting for classification, the original leaf is the “log(odds)”

- 4 people in the dataset “Loves Trolls == True”

- 2 people in the dataset “Loves Trolls == False”

Then “log(odds)” is $\log(4/2) = 0.69$

So the first/original leaf is $\text{Log(odds)} = 0.69$

How gradient booting works

Likes Popcorn	Age	Favorite Color	Loves Troll 2
Yes	12	Blue	Yes
Yes	87	Green	Yes
No	44	Blue	No
Yes	19	Red	No
No	32	Green	Yes
No	14	Blue	Yes

Step 1: we start from a leaf (the “initial prediction” for all samples)

The first/original leaf is $\text{Log(odds)} = 0.69$

Step 2: Create “probability” and use it to do the classification

How gradient booting works

Likes Popcorn	Age	Favorite Color	Loves Troll 2
Yes	12	Blue	Yes
Yes	87	Green	Yes
No	44	Blue	No
Yes	19	Red	No
No	32	Green	Yes
No	14	Blue	Yes

Step 1: we start from a leaf (the “initial prediction” for all samples)

The first/original leaf is $\text{Log}(\text{odds}) = 0.69$

Step 2: Create “probability” and use it to do the classification

The probability is estimated by the “Logistic Function”, which is

$$\text{Probability}_{\text{Yes}} = \frac{e^{\log(\text{odds})}}{1 + e^{\log(\text{odds})}}$$

How gradient booting works

Likes Popcorn	Age	Favorite Color	Loves Troll 2
Yes	12	Blue	Yes
Yes	87	Green	Yes
No	44	Blue	No
Yes	19	Red	No
No	32	Green	Yes
No	14	Blue	Yes

Step 1: we start from a leaf (the “initial prediction” for all samples)

The first/original leaf is Log(odds) = 0.69

Step 2: Create “probability” and use it to do the classification

The probability is estimated by the “Logistic Function”, which is

$$Probability_{Yes} = \frac{e^{\log(odds)}}{1 + e^{\log(odds)}} = \frac{e^{0.69}}{1 + e^{0.69}} = 0.67$$

So we got 0.67 as the probability of “loving Troll2” (or “Yes”)

How gradient booting works

Step 1: we start from a leaf (the “initial prediction” for all samples)

The first/original leaf is Log(odds) = 0.69

Step 2: Create “probability” and use it to do the classification

The probability is estimated by the “Logistic Function”, which is

$$Probability_{Yes} = \frac{e^{\log(odds)}}{1 + e^{\log(odds)}} = \frac{e^{0.69}}{1 + e^{0.69}} = 0.67$$

So we got 0.67 as the probability of “loving Troll2” (or “Yes”)

Likes Popcorn	Age	Favorite Color	Loves Troll 2
Yes	12	Blue	Yes
Yes	87	Green	Yes
No	44	Blue	No
Yes	19	Red	No
No	32	Green	Yes
No	14	Blue	Y

Normally, the probability of “Yes” can be calculated as $4/6 = 0.67$

How gradient booting works

The probability of “Yes”
(initial guess)

Likes Popcorn	Age	Favorite Color	Loves Troll 2	Prob (Yes)
Yes	12	Blue	Yes	0.67
Yes	87	Green	Yes	
No	44	Blue	No	
Yes	19	Red	No	
No	32	Green	Yes	
No	14	Blue	Yes	

Step 1: we start from a leaf (the “initial prediction” for all samples)

The first/original leaf is

$$\text{Log(odds)} = 0.69$$

Step 2: Create “probability” and use it to do the classification

The probability is estimated by the “Logistic Function”, which is

$$Probability_{Yes} = \frac{e^{\log(odds)}}{1 + e^{\log(odds)}} = \frac{e^{0.69}}{1 + e^{0.69}} = 0.67$$

So we got 0.67 as the probability of “loving Troll2” (or “Yes”)

How gradient booting works

Likes Popcorn	Age	Favorite Color	Loves Troll 2
Yes	12	Blue	Yes
Yes	87	Green	Yes
No	44	Blue	No
Yes	19	Red	No
No	32	Green	Yes
No	14	Blue	Yes

Step 1: we start from a leaf (the “initial prediction” for all samples)

The first/original leaf is $\text{Log(odds)} = 0.69$

Step 2: Create “probability” and use it to do the classification

We got **0.67** as the predicted probability of “loving Troll2”

Step 3: calculate Residual

How gradient booting works

Likes Popcorn	Age	Favorite Color	Loves Troll 2
Yes	12	Blue	Yes
Yes	87	Green	Yes
No	44	Blue	No
Yes	19	Red	No
No	32	Green	Yes
No	14	Blue	Yes

100%

Step 1: we start from a leaf (the “initial prediction” for all samples)

The first/original leaf is $\text{Log}(\text{odds}) = 0.69$

Step 2: Create “probability” and use it to do the classification

We got 0.67 as the predicted probability of “loving Troll2”

Step 3: calculate Residual

For example for the first sample

People loves Troll2 from the observation, so the observation is 100%

And the predicted probability is 0.67 Therefore the residual is:

$$100\% - 67\% = 33\%$$

How gradient booting works

Step 1: we start from a leaf (the “initial prediction” for all samples)

The first/original leaf is Log(odds) = 0.69

Likes Popcorn	Age	Favorite Color	Loves Troll 2	Residual
Yes	12	Blue	Yes	0.3
Yes	87	Green	Yes	0.3
No	44	Blue	No	-0.7
Yes	19	Red	No	-0.7
No	32	Green	Yes	0.3
No	14	Blue	Yes	0.3

Step 2: Create “probability” and use it to do the classification

we got 0.67 as the predicted probability of “loving Troll2”

Step 3: calculate Residual

For example for the first sample

People loves Troll2 from the observation, so the observation is 100%

And the predicted probability is 0.67 Therefore the residual is:

100% - 67% = 33%

By doing this over all samples, we can have the Residuals column as the left

How gradient booting works

Step 1: we start from a leaf (the “initial prediction” for all samples)

The first/original leaf is Log(odds) = 0.69

Likes Popcorn	Age	Favorite Color	Loves Troll 2	Residual
Yes	12	Blue	Yes	0.3
Yes	87	Green	Yes	0.3
No	44	Blue	No	-0.7
Yes	19	Red	No	-0.7
No	32	Green	Yes	0.3
No	14	Blue	Yes	0.3

Step 2: Create “probability” and use it to do the classification

we got 0.67 as the predicted probability of “loving Troll2”

Step 3: calculate Residual

For example for the first sample

People loves Troll2 from the observation, so the observation is 100%

And the predicted probability is 0.67 Therefore the residual is:

100% - 67% = 33%

By doing this over all samples, we can have the Residuals column as the left

The purpose of gradient boosting is to grow trees that gives the smallest “Residuals”

How gradient booting works

Step 1: we start from a leaf (the “initial prediction” for all samples)

The first/original leaf is

Log(odds) = 0.69

Step 2: Create “probability” and use it to do the classification

We got 0.67 as the predicted probability of “loving Troll2”

Step 3: calculate Residual

Step 4: Build the first tree and predict the Residual

Likes Popcorn	Age	Favorite Color	Loves Troll 2	Residual
Yes	12	Blue	Yes	0.3
Yes	87	Green	Yes	0.3
No	44	Blue	No	-0.7
Yes	19	Red	No	-0.7
No	32	Green	Yes	0.3
No	14	Blue	Yes	0.3

How gradient booting works

Likes Popcorn	Age	Favorite Color	Loves Troll 2	Residual
Yes	12	Blue	Yes	0.3
Yes	87	Green	Yes	0.3
No	44	Blue	No	-0.7
Yes	19	Red	No	-0.7
No	32	Green	Yes	0.3
No	14	Blue	Yes	0.3

Step 1: we start from a leaf (the “initial prediction” for all samples)

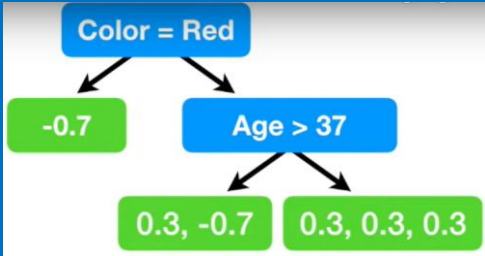
The first/original leaf is $\text{Log(odds)} = 0.69$

Step 2: Create “probability” and use it to do the classification

We got 0.67 as the predicted probability of “loving Troll2”

Step 3: calculate Residual

Step 4: Build the first tree and predict the Residual



Following the regular tree building process, we can have the tree as left

How gradient booting works

Likes Popcorn	Age	Favorite Color	Loves Troll 2	Residual
Yes	12	Blue	Yes	0.3
Yes	87	Green	Yes	0.3
No	44	Blue	No	-0.7
Yes	19	Red	No	-0.7
No	32	Green	Yes	0.3
No	14	Blue	Yes	0.3

Step 1: we start from a leaf (the “initial prediction” for all samples)

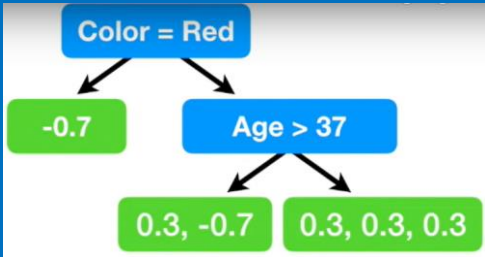
The first/original leaf is $\text{Log(odds)} = 0.69$

Step 2: Create “probability” and use it to do the classification

We got 0.67 as the predicted probability of “loving Troll2”

Step 3: calculate Residual

Step 4: Build the first tree and predict the Residual



Following the regular tree building process, we can have the tree as left

Step 5: Combine the tree and the first/original leaf to predict “log(odds)”

How gradient booting works

Likes Popcorn	Age	Favorite Color	Loves Troll 2	Residual
Yes	12	Blue	Yes	0.3
Yes	87	Green	Yes	0.3
No	44	Blue	No	-0.7
Yes	19	Red	No	-0.7
No	32	Green	Yes	0.3
No	14	Blue	Yes	0.3

Step 1: we start from a leaf (the “initial prediction” for all samples)

The first/original leaf is $\text{Log(odds)} = 0.69$

Step 2: Create “probability” and use it to do the classification

We got 0.67 as the predicted probability of “loving Troll2”

Step 3: calculate Residual

Step 4: Build the first tree and predict the Residual



Following the regular tree building process, we can have the tree as left

Step 5: Combine the tree and the first/original leaf to predict “log(odds)”

Let’s look at the example for the 2nd and 3rd sample, which go through the three like above

How gradient booting works

Likes Popcorn	Age	Favorite Color	Loves Troll 2	Residual
Yes	12	Blue	Yes	0.3
Yes	87	Green	Yes	0.3
No	44	Blue	No	-0.7
Yes	19	Red	No	-0.7
No	32	Green	Yes	0.3
No	14	Blue	Yes	0.3

However, here the output for the tree is “Residual”, we need to convert it to “log(odds)”

Step 1: we start from a leaf (the “initial prediction” for all samples)

The first/original leaf is $\text{Log(odds)} = 0.69$

Step 2: Create “probability” and use it to do the classification

We got **0.67** as the predicted probability of “loving Troll2”

Step 3: calculate Residual

Step 4: Build the first tree and predict the Residual



Following the regular tree building process, we can have the tree as left

Step 5: Combine the tree and the first/original leaf to predict “log(odds)”

Let’s look at the example for the 2nd and 3rd sample, which go through the three like above

The “log(odds)” is calculated based on:

$$\frac{\sum \text{Residual}_i}{\sum [\text{Previous Probability}_i \times (1 - \text{Previous Probability}_i)]}$$

How gradient booting works

Step 1: we start from a leaf (the “initial prediction” for all samples)

The first/original leaf is $\text{Log(odds)} = 0.69$

Step 2: Create “probability” and use it to do the classification

We got 0.67 as the predicted probability of “loving Troll2”

Step 3: calculate Residual

Step 4: Build the first tree and predict the Residual



Following the regular tree building process, we can have the tree as left

Step 5: Combine the tree and the first/original leaf to predict “log(odds)”

Let’s look at the example for the 2nd and 3rd sample, which go through the three like above

The prediction is calculated base $0.3 + (-0.7)$

$$\frac{\sum \text{Residual}_i}{\sum [\text{Previous Probability}_i \times (1 - \text{Previous Probability}_i)]}$$

0.67 1 - 0.67

How gradient booting works

Step 1: we start from a leaf (the “initial prediction” for all samples)

The first/original leaf is $\text{Log(odds)} = 0.69$

Step 2: Create “probability” and use it to do the classification

We got 0.67 as the predicted probability of “loving Troll2”

Step 3: calculate Residual

Step 4: Build the first tree and predict the Residual



Following the regular tree building process, we can have the tree as left

Step 5: Combine the tree and the first/original leaf to predict “log(odds)”

Let’s look at the example for the 2nd and 3rd sample, which go through the three like above

Likes Popcorn	Age	Favorite Color	Loves Troll 2	Residual
Yes	12	Blue	Yes	0.3
Yes	87	Green	Yes	0.3
No	44	Blue	No	-0.7
Yes	19	Red	No	-0.7
No	32	Green	Yes	0.3
No	14	Blue	Yes	0.3

How gradient booting works

Likes Popcorn	Age	Favorite Color	Loves Troll 2	Residual
Yes	12	Blue	Yes	0.3
Yes	87	Green	Yes	0.3
No	44	Blue	No	-0.7
Yes	19	Red	No	-0.7
No	32	Green	Yes	0.3
No	14	Blue	Yes	0.3

Step 1: we start from a leaf (the “initial prediction” for all samples)

The first/original leaf is $\text{Log(odds)} = 0.69$

Step 2: Create “probability” and use it to do the classification

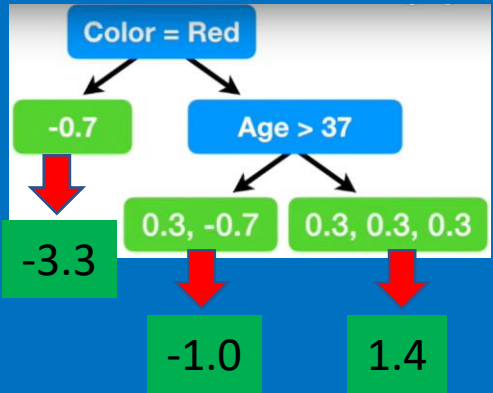
We got 0.67 as the predicted probability of “loving Troll2”

Step 3: calculate Residual

Step 4: Build the first tree and predict the Residual

Step 5: Combine the tree and the first/original leaf to predict “log(odds)”

Similarly, we can postprocess the tree and get the log(odds) prediction as below



How gradient booting works

Step 1: we start from a leaf (the “initial prediction” for all samples)

The first/original leaf is $\text{Log(odds)} = 0.69$

Step 2: Create “probability” and use it to do the classification

We got 0.67 as the predicted probability of “loving Troll2”

Step 3: calculate Residual

Step 4: Build the first tree and predict the Residual

Step 5: Combine the tree and the first/original leaf to predict “log(odds)”

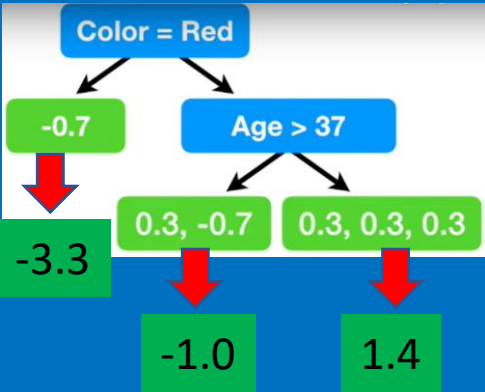
Likes Popcorn	Age	Favorite Color	Loves Troll 2	Residual
Yes	12	Blue	Yes	0.3
Yes	87	Green	Yes	0.3
No	44	Blue	No	-0.7
Yes	19	Red	No	-0.7
No	32	Green	Yes	0.3
No	14	Blue	Yes	0.3

$\text{Log(odds)} = 0.69$

+

0.8

*Original leaf**Learning rate*



How gradient booting works

Likes Troll 2	Age	Favorite Color	Loves Troll 2	Residual
Yes	12	Blue	Yes	0.3
Yes	87	Green	Yes	0.3
No	44	Blue	No	-0.7
Yes	19	Red	No	-0.7
No	32	Green	Yes	0.3
No	14	Blue	Yes	0.3

Step 1: we start from a leaf (the “initial prediction” for all samples)

The first/original leaf is $\text{Log(odds)} = 0.69$

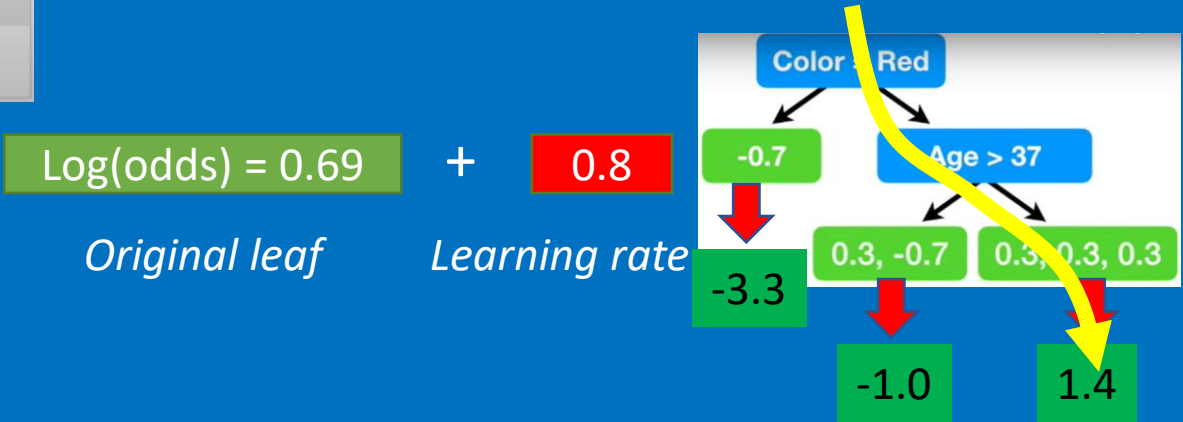
Step 2: Create “probability” and use it to do the classification

We got 0.67 as the predicted probability of “loving Troll2”

Step 3: calculate Residual

Step 4: Build the first tree and predict the Residual

Step 5: Combine the tree and the first/original leaf to predict “log(odds)”



So for the first sample, we can have the predicted Log(odds) as $0.69 + 0.8 \times 1.4 = 1.8$

How gradient booting works

Step 1: we start from a leaf (the “initial prediction” for all samples)

The first/original leaf is Log(odds) = 0.69

Step 2: Create “probability” and use it to do the classification

we got 0.67 as the predicted probability of “loving Troll2”

Step 3: calculate Residual

Step 4: Build the first tree and predict the Residuals

Step 5: Combine the tree and the first/original leaf to predict “log(odds)”

So for the first sample, we can have the predicted Log(odds) as $0.69 + 0.8 \times 1.4 = 1.8$

Likes Pepperoni	Age	Favorite Color	Loves Troll 2	Residual
Yes	12	Blue	Yes	0.3
Yes	87	Green	Yes	0.3
No	44	Blue	No	-0.7
Yes	19	Red	No	-0.7
No	32	Green	Yes	0.3
No	14	Blue	Yes	0.3

Log(odds) =
1.8

How gradient booting works

Step 1: we start from a leaf (the “initial prediction” for all samples)

The first/original leaf is Log(odds) = 0.69

Step 2: Create “probability” and use it to do the classification

we got 0.67 as the predicted probability of “loving Troll2”

Step 3: calculate Residual

Step 4: Build the first tree and predict the Residuals

Step 5: Combine the tree and the first/original leaf to predict “log(odds)”

So for the first sample, we can have the predicted Log(odds) as $0.69 + 0.8 \times 1.4 = 1.8$

Following this, we can predict “log(odds)” for all other samples

Likes Troll 2	Age	Favorite Color	Loves Troll 2	Residual
Yes	12	Blue	Yes	0.3
Yes	87	Green	Yes	0.3
No	44	Blue	No	-0.7
Yes	19	Red	No	-0.7
No	32	Green	Yes	0.3
No	14	Blue	Yes	0.3

Log(odds) =
1.8

How gradient booting works

Step 1: we start from a leaf (the “initial prediction” for all samples)

The first/original leaf is Log(odds) = 0.69

Step 2: Create “probability” and use it to do the classification
we got 0.67 as the predicted probability of “loving Troll2”

Step 3: calculate Residual

Step 4: Build the first tree and predict the Residuals

Step 5: Combine the tree and the first/original leaf to predict “log(odds)”

So for the first sample, we can have the predicted Log(odds) as $0.69 + 0.8 \times 1.4 = 1.8$

Following this, we can predict “log(odds)” for all other samples

Step 6: Convert the predicted “log(odds)” to probability

Likes Troll 2	Age	Favorite Color	Loves Troll 2	Residual
Yes	12	Blue	Yes	0.3
Yes	87	Green	Yes	0.3
No	44	Blue	No	-0.7
Yes	19	Red	No	-0.7
No	32	Green	Yes	0.3
No	14	Blue	Yes	0.3

Log(odds) =
1.8

How gradient booting works

Step 1: we start from a leaf (the “initial prediction” for all samples)

The first/original leaf is Log(odds) = 0.69

Step 2: Create “probability” and use it to do the classification

we got 0.67 as the predicted probability of “loving Troll2”

Step 3: calculate Residual

Step 4: Build the first tree and predict the Residuals

Step 5: Combine the tree and the first/original leaf to predict “log(odds)”

So for the first sample, we can have the predicted Log(odds) as $0.69 + 0.8 \times 1.4 = 1.8$

Following this, we can predict “log(odds)” for all other samples

Step 6: Convert the predicted “log(odds)” to probability

For example, for the first sample,

We can convert log(odds) to probability as $\frac{e^{1.8}}{1+e^{1.8}} = 0.9$

Likes Troll 2	Age	Favorite Color	Loves Troll 2	Residual
Yes	12	Blue	Yes	0.3
Yes	87	Green	Yes	0.3
No	44	Blue	No	-0.7
Yes	19	Red	No	-0.7
No	32	Green	Yes	0.3
No	14	Blue	Yes	0.3

Log(odds) = 1.8

P=0.9

0.67

How gradient booting works

Likes Popcorn	Age	Favorite Color	Loves Troll 2	First prediction	Update prediction 1
Yes	12	Blue	Yes	0.67	0.9
Yes	87	Green	Yes		
No	44	Blue	No		
Yes	19	Red	No		
No	32	Green	Yes		
No	14	Blue	Yes		

Step 1: we start from a leaf (the “initial prediction” for all samples)

The first/original leaf is $\text{Log(odds)} = 0.69$

Step 2: Create “probability” and use it to do the classification

We got 0.67 as the predicted probability of “loving Troll2”

Step 3: calculate Residual

Step 4: Build the first tree and predict the Residuals

Step 5: Combine the tree and the first/original leaf to predict “log(odds)”

Step 6: Convert the predicted “log(odds)” to probability

For example, for the first sample,

We can convert log(odds) to probability as $\frac{e^{1.8}}{1+e^{1.8}} = 0.9$

How gradient booting works

Likes Popcorn	Age	Favorite Color	Loves Troll 2	First prediction	Update prediction 1
Yes	12	Blue	Yes	0.67	0.9
Yes	87	Green	Yes		
No	44	Blue	No		
Yes	19	Red	No		
No	32	Green	Yes		
No	14	Blue	Yes		

The updated prediction (0.9) is clearly better than the original one (0.67)

Step 1: we start from a leaf (the “initial prediction” for all samples)

The first/original leaf is $\text{Log(odds)} = 0.69$

Step 2: Create “probability” and use it to do the classification

We got **0.67** as the predicted probability of “loving Troll2”

Step 3: calculate Residual

Step 4: Build the first tree and predict the Residuals

Step 5: Combine the tree and the first/original leaf to predict “log(odds)”

Step 6: Convert the predicted “log(odds)” to probability

For example, for the **first sample**,

We can convert log(odds) to probability as $\frac{e^{1.8}}{1+e^{1.8}} = 0.9$

How gradient booting works

Likes Popcorn	Age	Favorite Color	Loves Troll 2	First prediction	Update prediction 1
Yes	12	Blue	Yes	0.67	0.9
Yes	87	Green	Yes		0.5
No	44	Blue	No		0.5
Yes	19	Red	No		0.1
No	32	Green	Yes		0.9
No	14	Blue	Yes		0.9

Step 1: we start from a leaf (the “initial prediction” for all samples)

The first/original leaf is $\text{Log(odds)} = 0.69$

Step 2: Create “probability” and use it to do the classification

We got **0.67** as the predicted probability of “loving Troll2”

Step 3: calculate Residual

Step 4: Build the first tree and predict the Residuals

Step 5: Combine the tree and the first/original leaf to predict “log(odds)”

Step 6: Convert the predicted “log(odds)” to probability

For example, for the **first sample**,

We can convert log(odds) to probability as $\frac{e^{1.8}}{1+e^{1.8}} = 0.9$

We do these for all the samples, and can get the updated predictions for all of them

How gradient booting works

Likes Popcorn	Age	Favorite Color	Loves Troll 2	First prediction	Update prediction 1
Yes	12	Blue	Yes	0.67	0.9
Yes	87	Green	Yes		0.5
No	44	Blue	No		0.5
Yes	19	Red	No		0.1
No	32	Green	Yes		0.9
No	14	Blue	Yes		0.9

Step 1: we start from a leaf (the “initial prediction” for all samples)

The first/original leaf is $\text{Log(odds)} = 0.69$

Step 2: Create “probability” and use it to do the classification

We got **0.67** as the predicted probability of “loving Troll2”

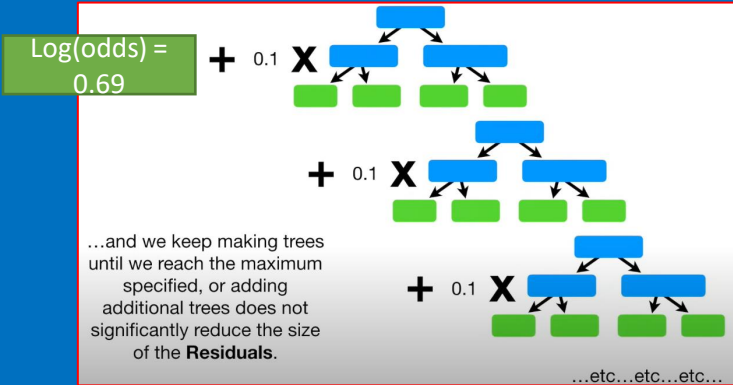
Step 3: calculate Residual

Step 4: Build the first tree and predict the Residuals

Step 5: Combine the tree and the first/original leaf to predict “log(odds)”

Step 6: Convert the predicted “log(odds)” to probability

Step 7: We then repeat Step 3-6 with the updated predictions, until the calculated residuals do not change much



How gradient booting works

Likes Popcorn	Age	Favorite Color	Loves Troll 2	First prediction	Update prediction 1
Yes	12	Blue	Yes	0.67	0.9
Yes	87	Green	Yes		0.5
No	44	Blue	No		0.5
Yes	19	Red	No		0.1
No	32	Green	Yes		0.9
No	14	Blue	Yes		0.9

In prediction, we just need to use the test data to go through all the trees and add them up, the results are predicted Log(odds), which can be converted to probability and indicate the classified category

Step 1: we start from a leaf (the “initial prediction” for all samples)

The first/original leaf is $\text{Log(odds)} = 0.69$

Step 2: Create “probability” and use it to do the classification

We got **0.67** as the predicted probability of “loving Troll2”

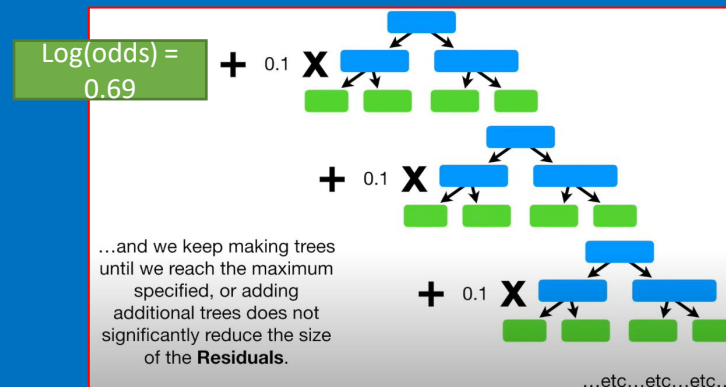
Step 3: calculate Residual

Step 4: Build the first tree and predict the Residuals

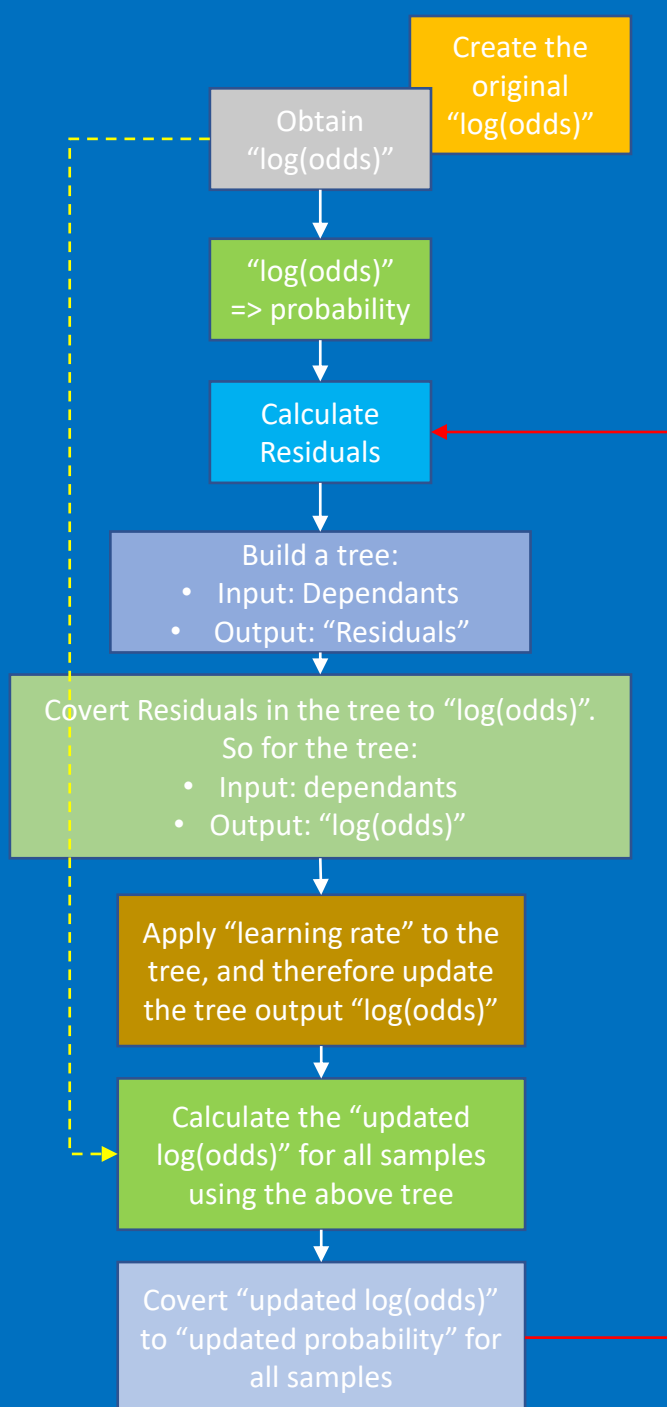
Step 5: Combine the tree and the first/original leaf to predict “log(odds)”

Step 6: Convert the predicted “log(odds)” to probability

Step 7: We then repeat Step 3-6 with the updated predictions, until the calculated residuals do not change much



Summary



For example

