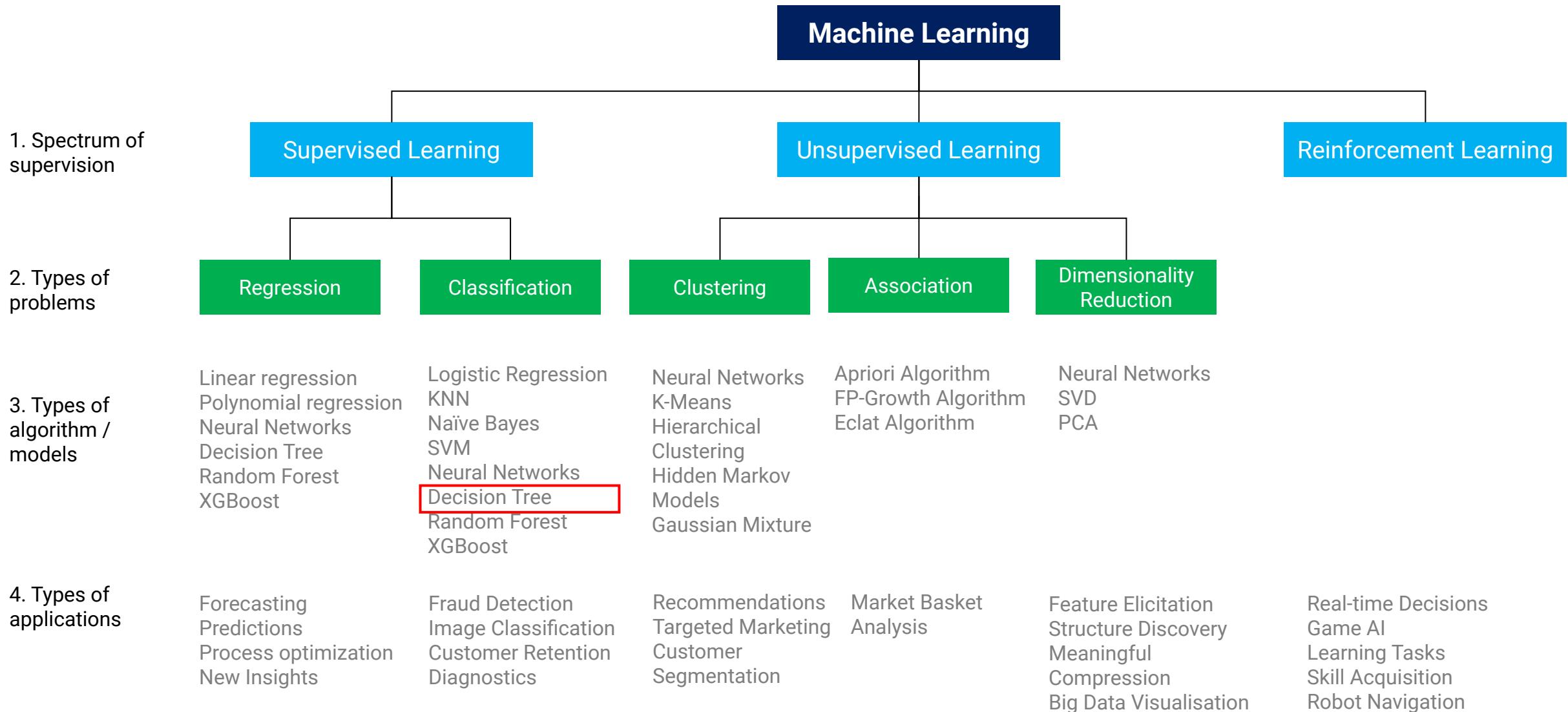




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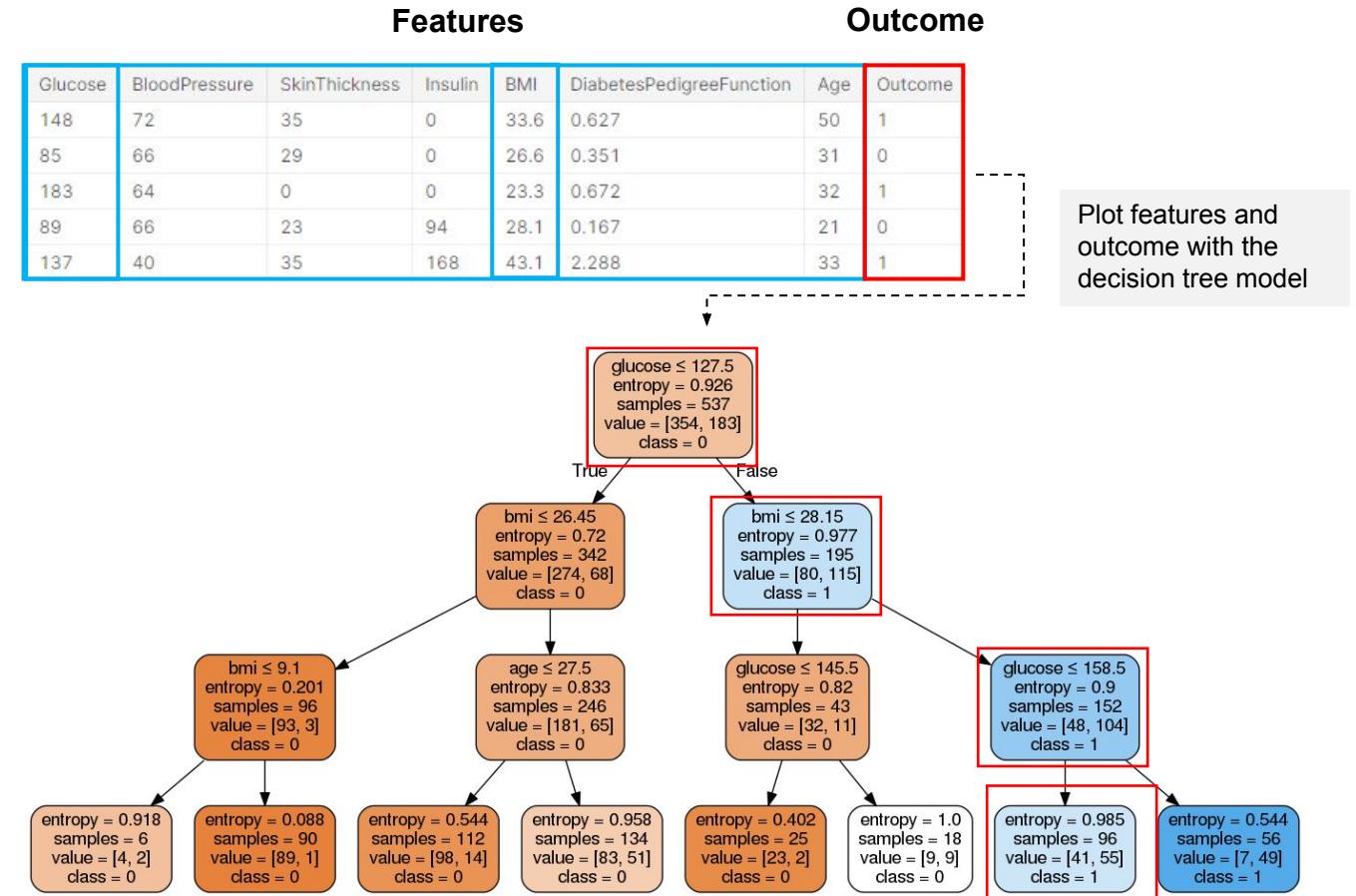




WHAT IS DECISION TREE: MAKING PREDICTIONS WITH A DECISION TREE (CLASSIFICATION)

- The idea behind decision tree (classification) is same as what we covered in session 3 for Decision Tree (regression):

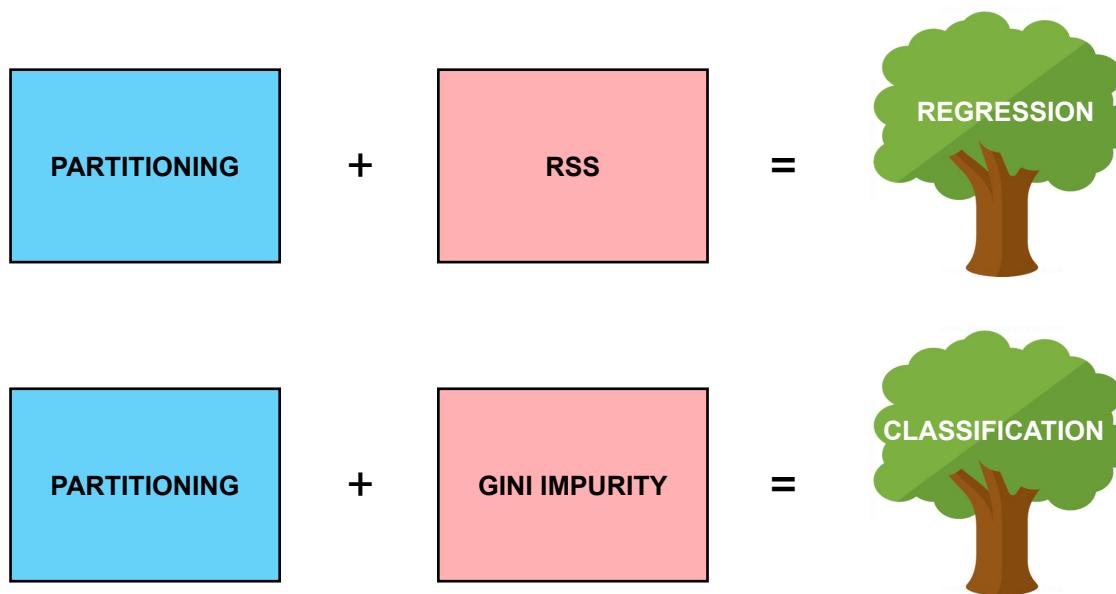
- A tree of rules is constructed based on the data
- To make a prediction, we just compare the features against the rules to derive at the outcome
- Let's use an example to see how we make a prediction with an already constructed tree:
 - Assuming we say we want to predict the chances of diabetes for someone with **(BMI=35, glucose=160)**





WHAT IS DECISION TREE: BROAD MECHANISM BEHIND DECISION TREE (CLASSIFICATION)

- So how did we construct the tree?
- For **Decision Tree (Regression)**, recall that we made use of **partitioning** to generate the tree. And the determinant for how we partitioning is based on **RSS**.
- The mechanism for generating a **Decision Tree (Classification)** is similar. Here we use **partitioning** to generate the tree as well. However, we use the **gini impurity** as the determinant for how we partition



All you need to know for now is that Gini impurity calculates the misclassification rate of a split. And all that is calculated for you by the sklearn library's DecisionTreeClassifier!



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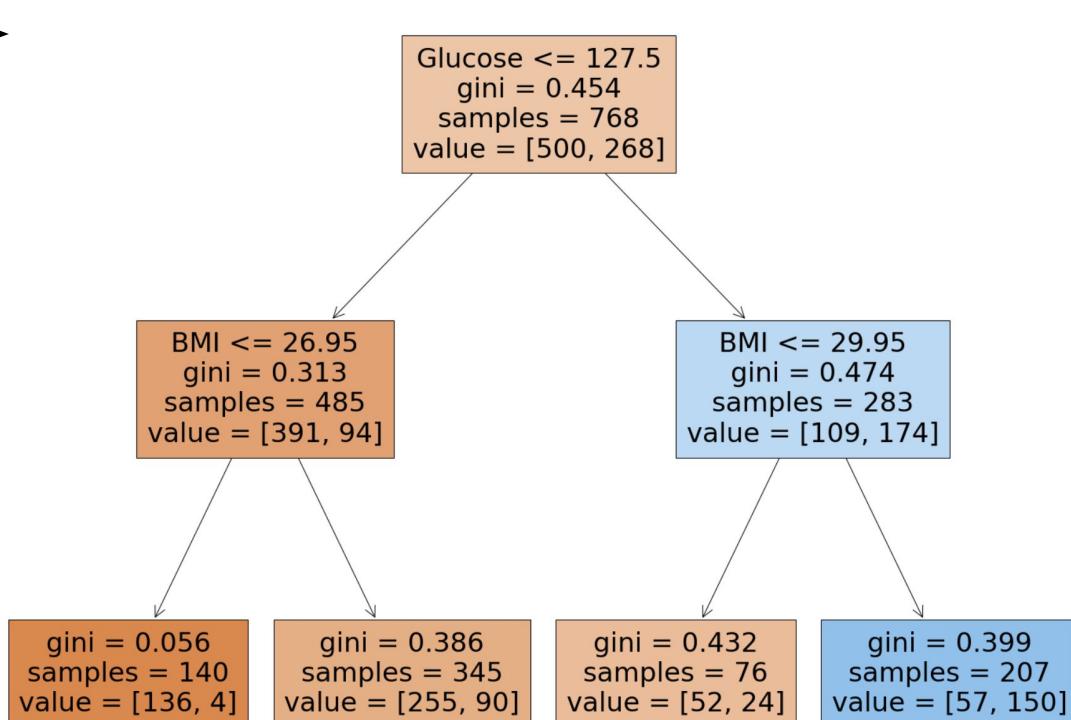
MECHANISM BEHIND MODEL: PARTITIONING & GINI IMPURITY



MECHANISM BEHIND MODEL: PARTITIONING

- Let's create a simple decision tree with the diabetes dataset, using only '**Glucose**' and '**BMI**' to predict diabetes **Outcome**
- Using the final generated decision tree, we will show with step-by-step illustration how this classification decision tree was constructed

Glucose	BloodPressure	SkinThickness	Insulin	BMI	DiabetesPedigreeFunction	Age	Outcome
148	72	35	0	33.6	0.627	50	1
85	66	29	0	26.6	0.351	31	0
183	64	0	0	23.3	0.672	32	1
89	66	23	94	28.1	0.167	21	0
137	40	35	168	43.1	2.288	33	1



MECHANISM BEHIND MODEL: PARTITIONING



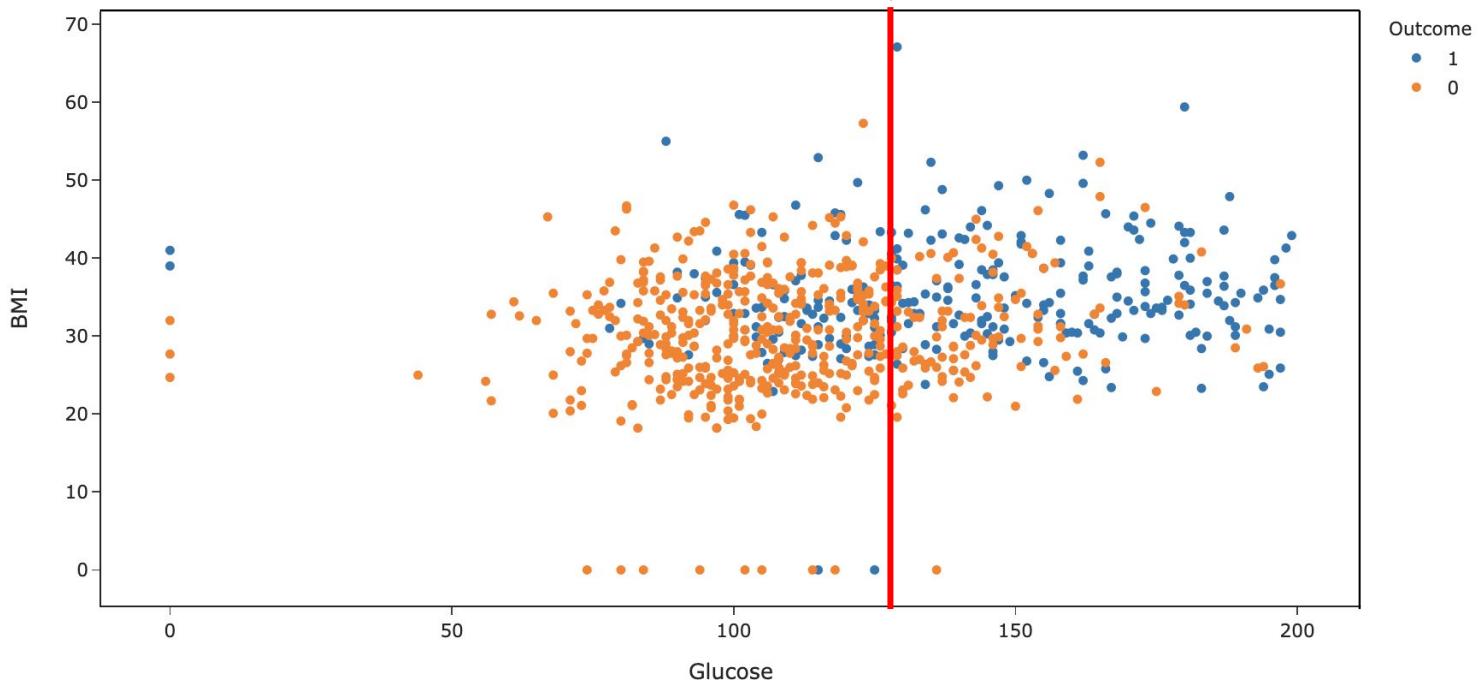
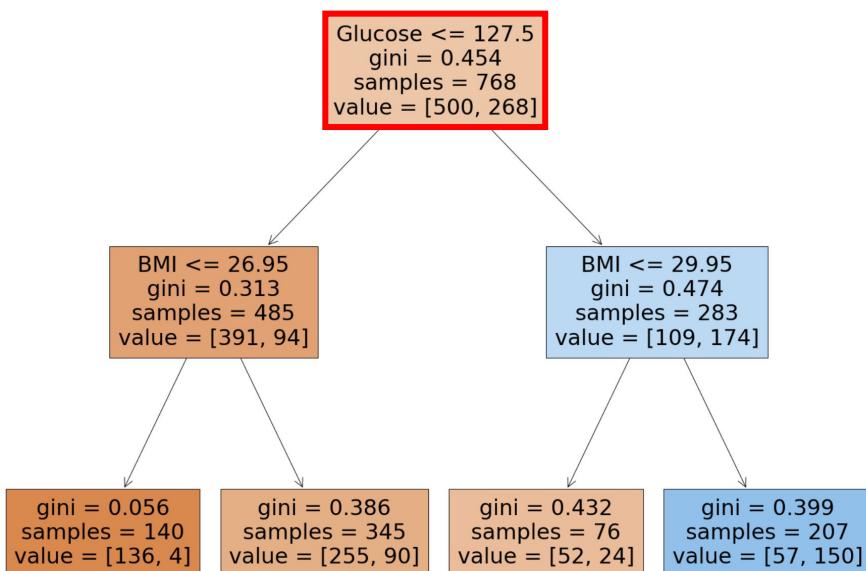
- Step 1: At the very initial split, the decision tree algorithm will try various features & values and calculate the impurity for each of the values. Finally it will select the feature & value that gives the lowest impurity

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- N is the list of classes (In this case $N = \{\text{'Yes}', \text{'No'}\}$)
- K is the category
- $P_{i,K}$ is the probability of category K having class i

Out of N samples, how many are wrongly classified

This is the split with the lowest Gini Impurity: 0.454



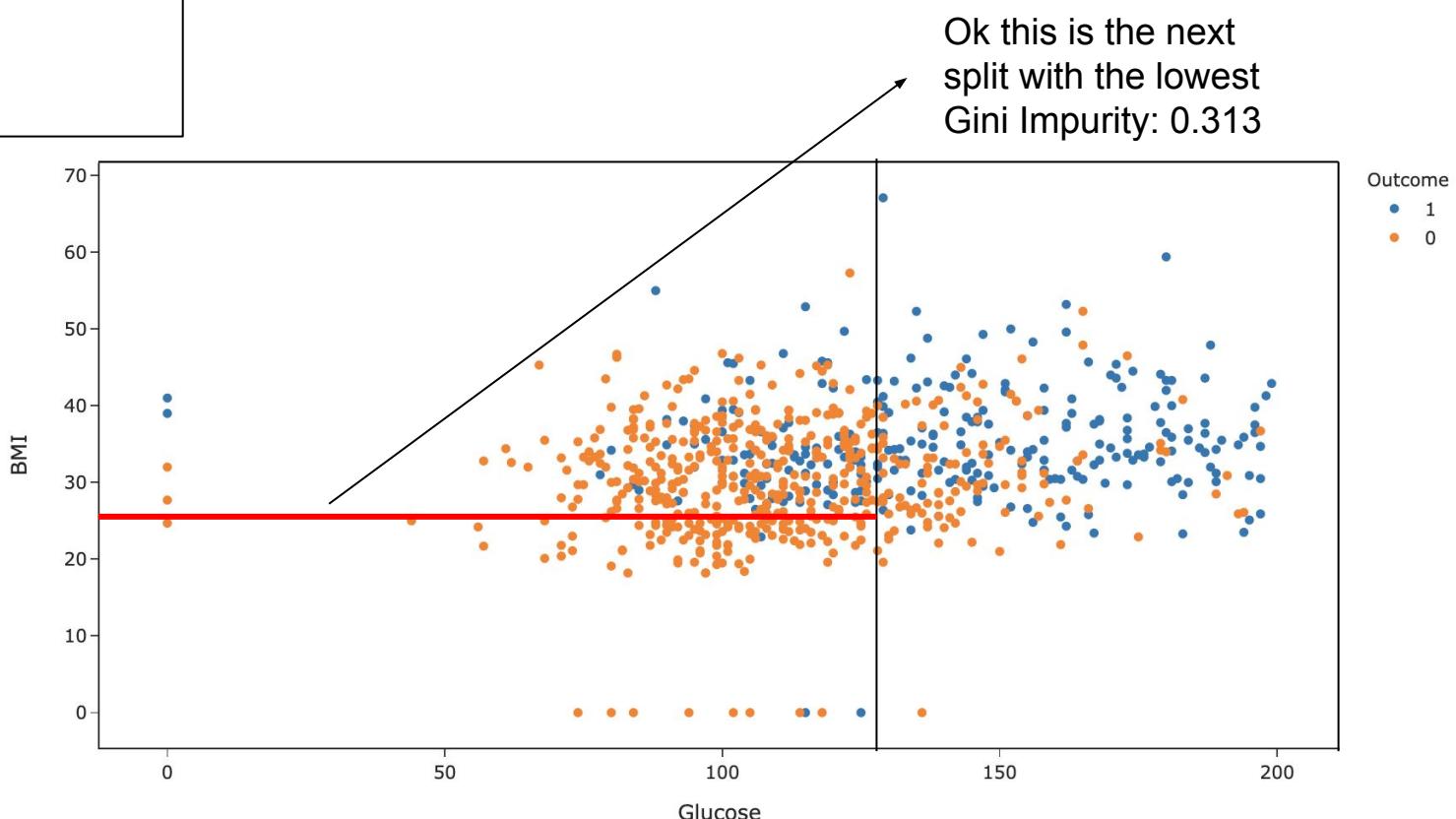
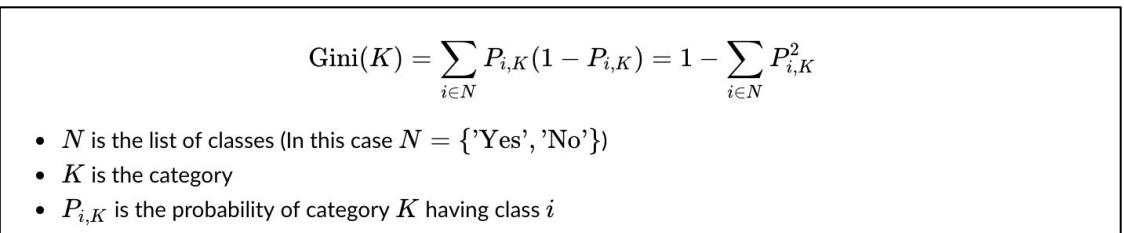
MECHANISM BEHIND MODEL: PARTITIONING



- Step 2: Building on the previous split, the decision tree algorithm would again try various features & values and calculate the Gini Impurity for each of the values. Finally it will select the feature & value that gives the lowest Gini Impurity

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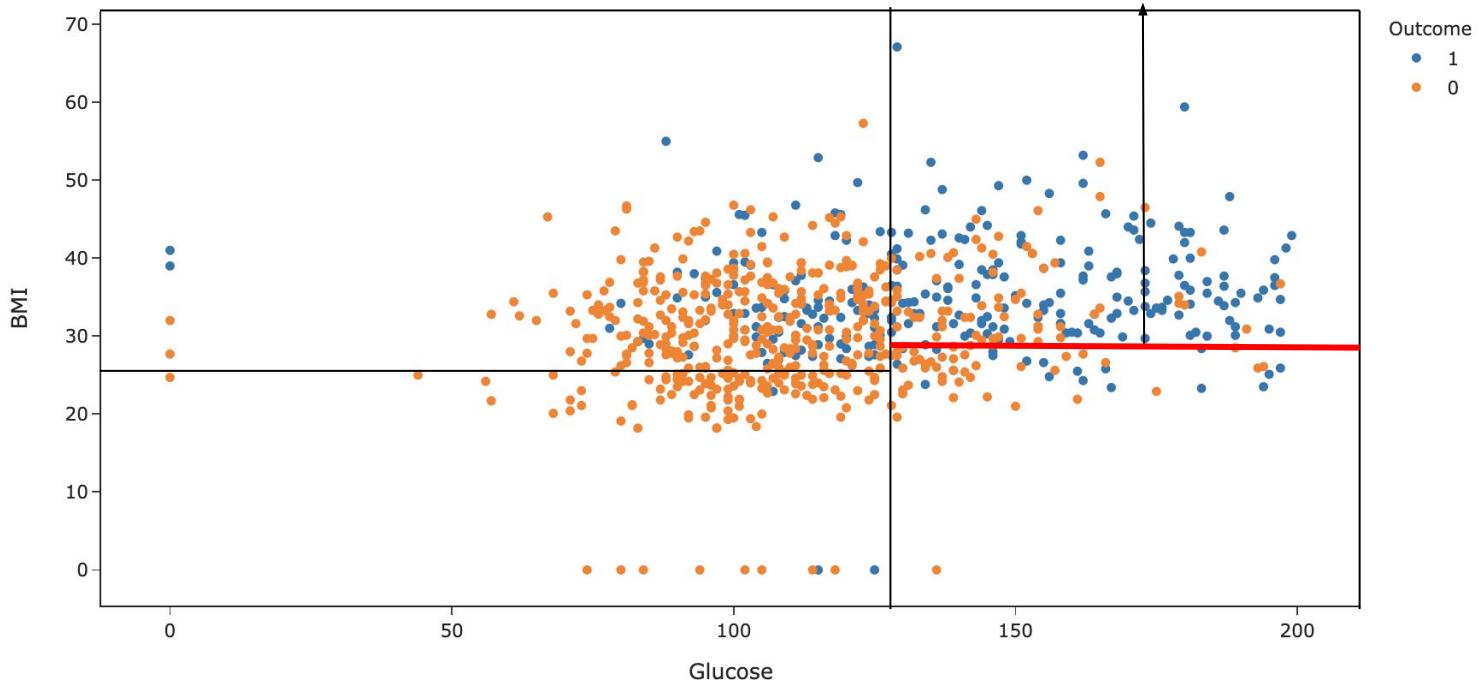
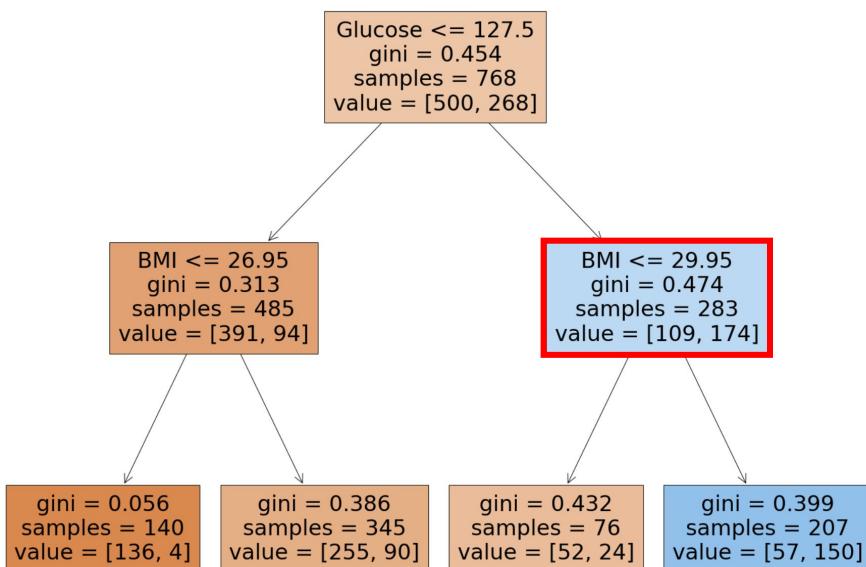
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- Step 2: Repeat step 2 to continue splitting until the splits no longer generates improvement in the Gini Impurity

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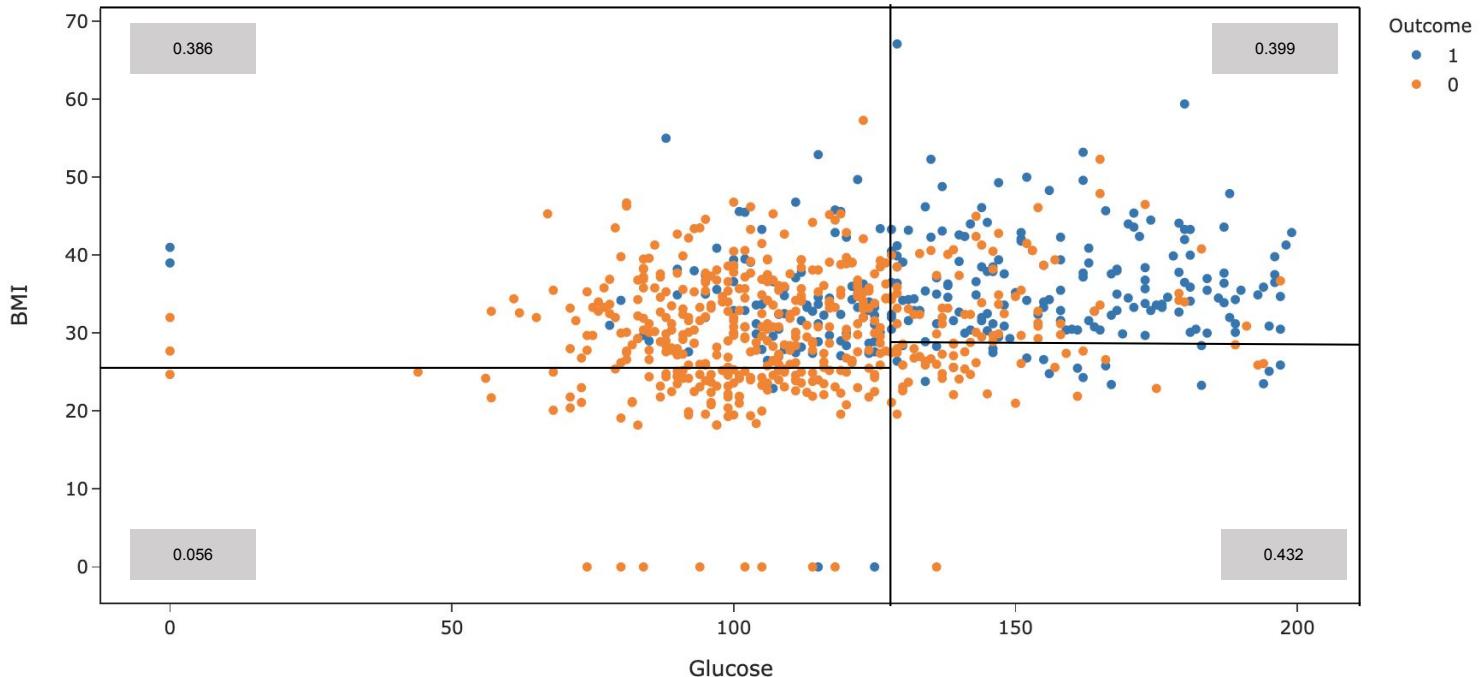
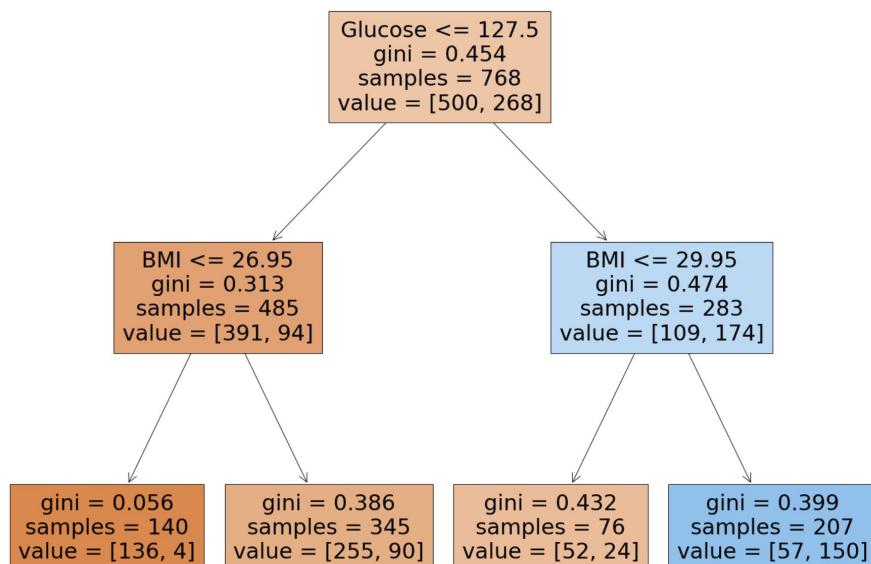
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- **Step 3:** Repeat **step 2** to continue splitting until the splits no longer generates improvement in the Gini Impurity
- **Step 4:** From here on, the algorithm deems that any further splits would not result in any significant improvements in Gini Impurity, and hence it terminates the process for further splits

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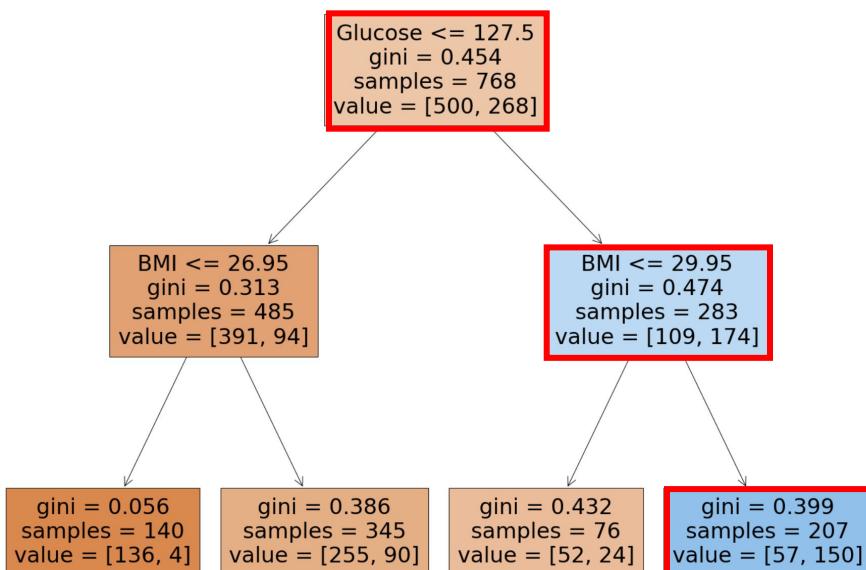


MECHANISM BEHIND MODEL: PARTITIONING



- Let's say we want to use the newly constructed tree to do some prediction:

- BMI = 50, Glucose = 150
- Diabetes Outcome = 1



Probability of diabetes
= 150 / 207
= 0.72 (rounded to 1)

