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# Introduction to Machine Learning Part #1

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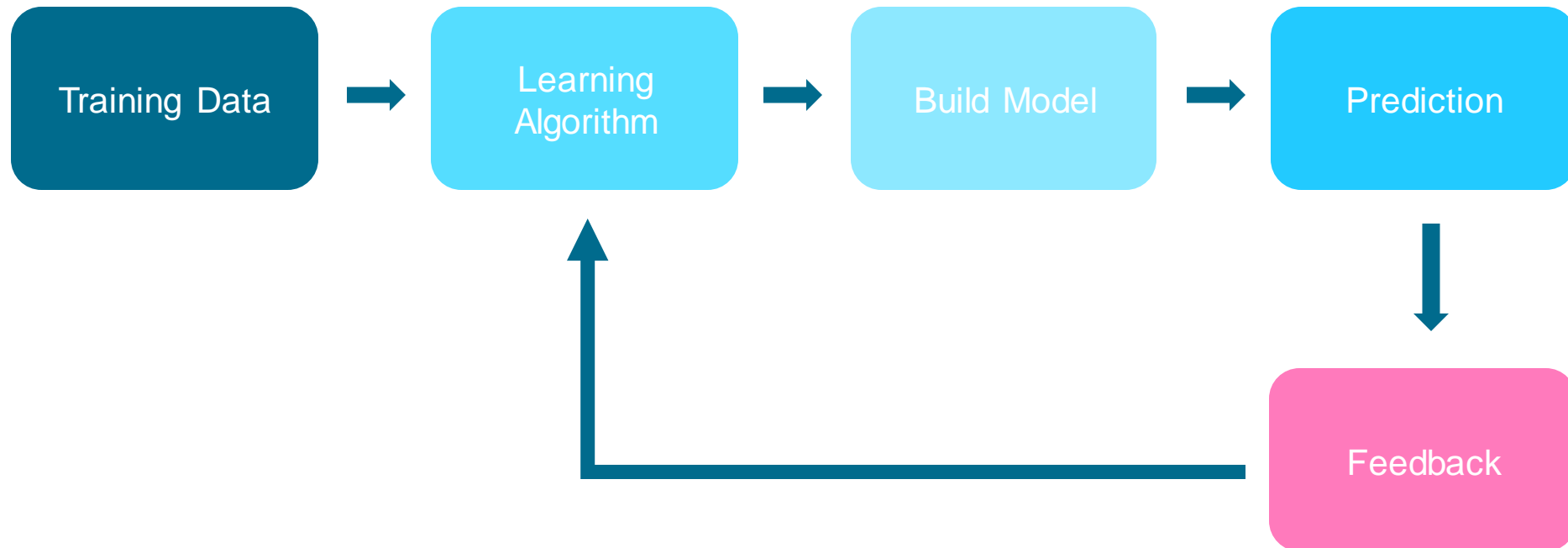
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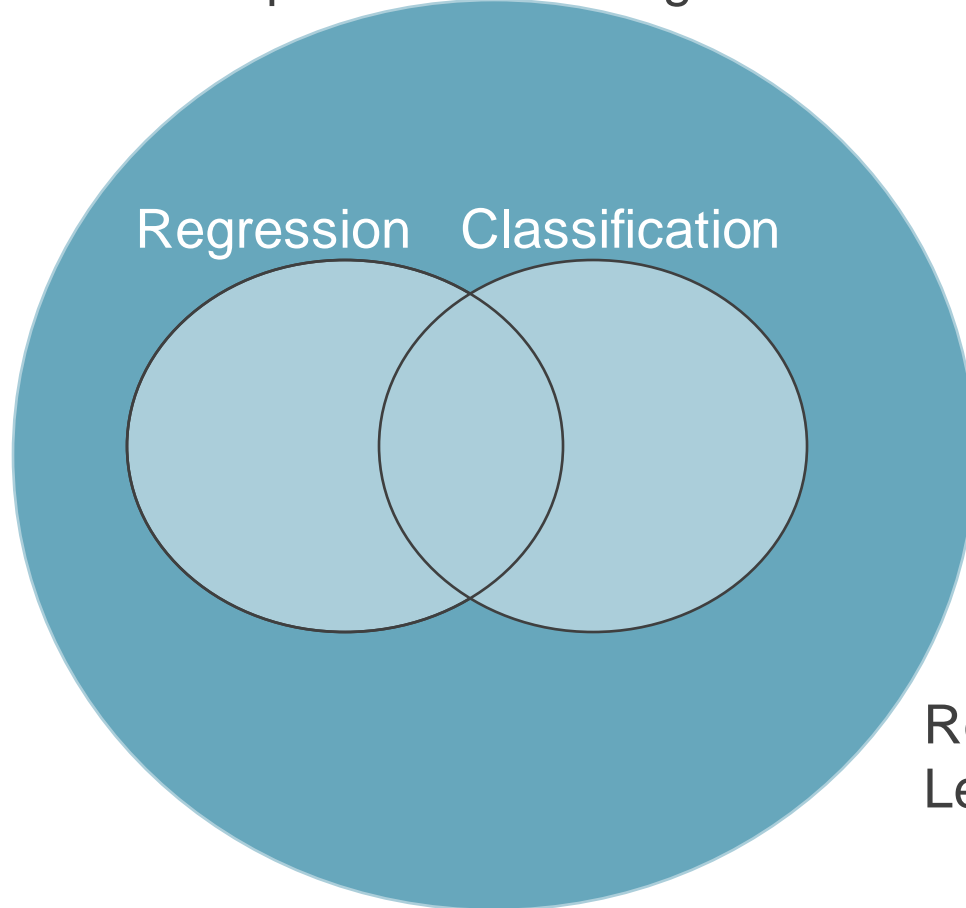
# What is Machine Learning?

- A type of Artificial Intelligence that learns from data
- Computer algorithms that improve without being explicitly programmed

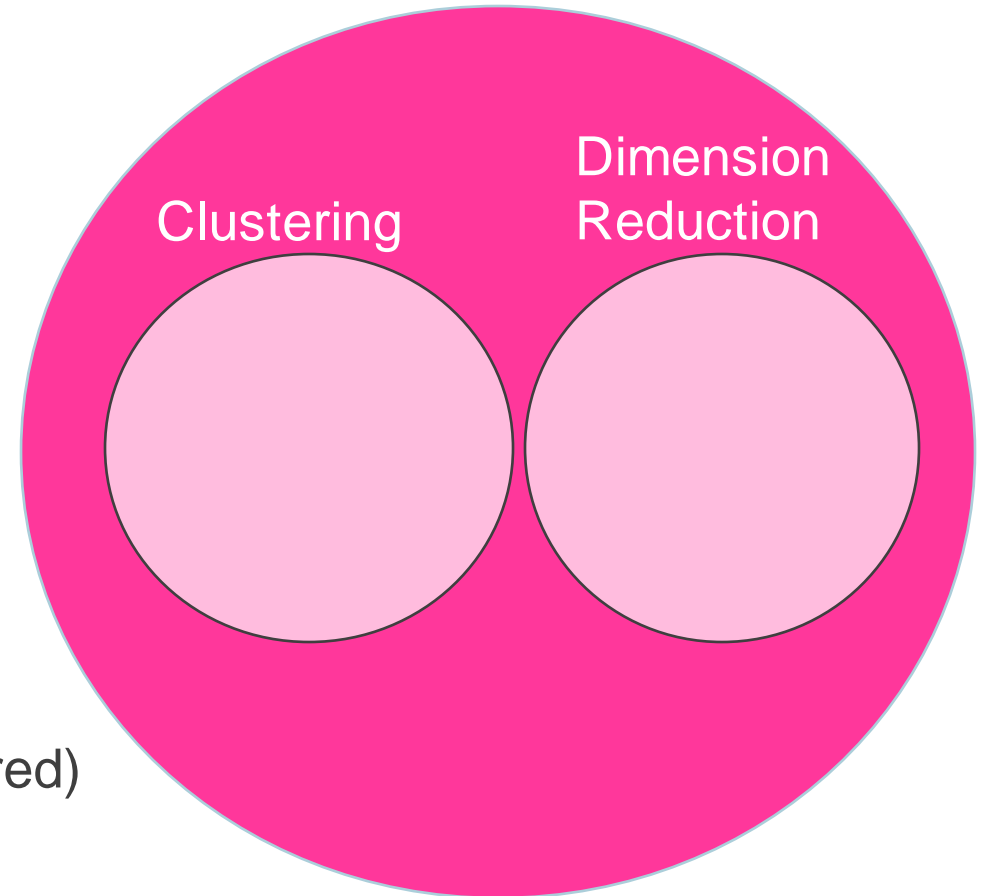


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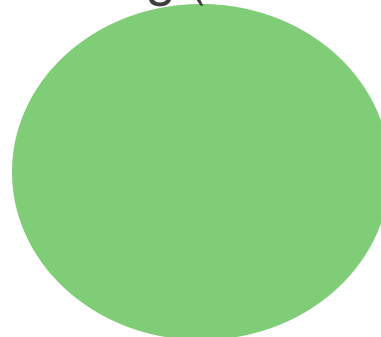
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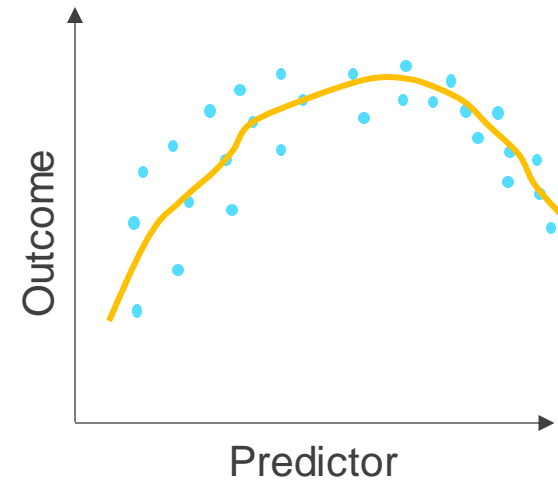
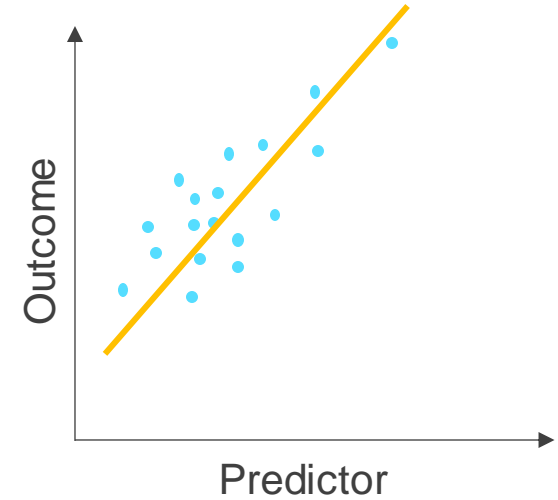


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Learning (not covered)



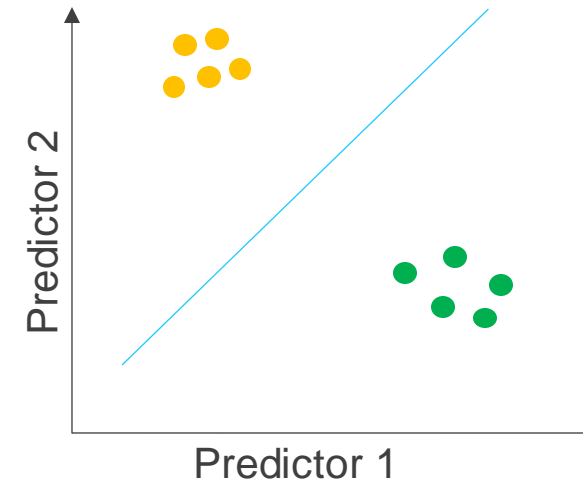
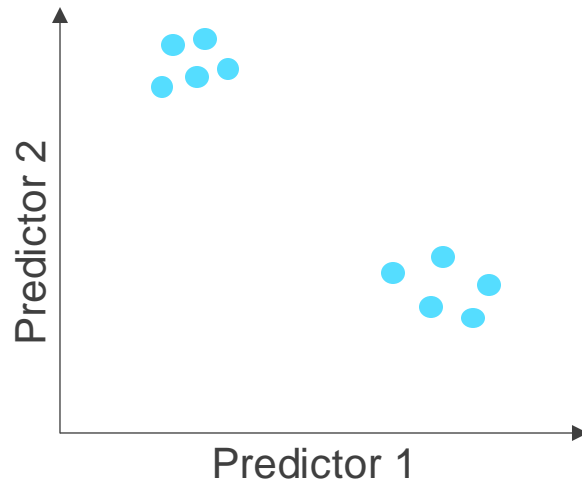
# Supervised Learning

- Regression: predict continuous outcome
  - Linear regression
  - Non-linear regression



# Supervised Learning

- Classification: predict discrete outcome/predict group data belongs to
  - Binary classification
  - Multi-categorical classification



# Classification or Regression?

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## In Class Question:

- Suppose we want to predict the probability that a person will get approved for a credit card.
- We have data from Visa on everyone who submitted a credit card application in 2021.
- Is this a classification or regression problem?

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# What is Entropy?

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Entropy:

- A quantitative measure of **randomness** or **uncertainty**
  - Usually between 0 and 1
  - Higher entropy = higher randomness
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- Used to measure the effectiveness of a classification algorithm

# What is Entropy?

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Think about a scenario: Ice vs Water

Which one has higher randomness?



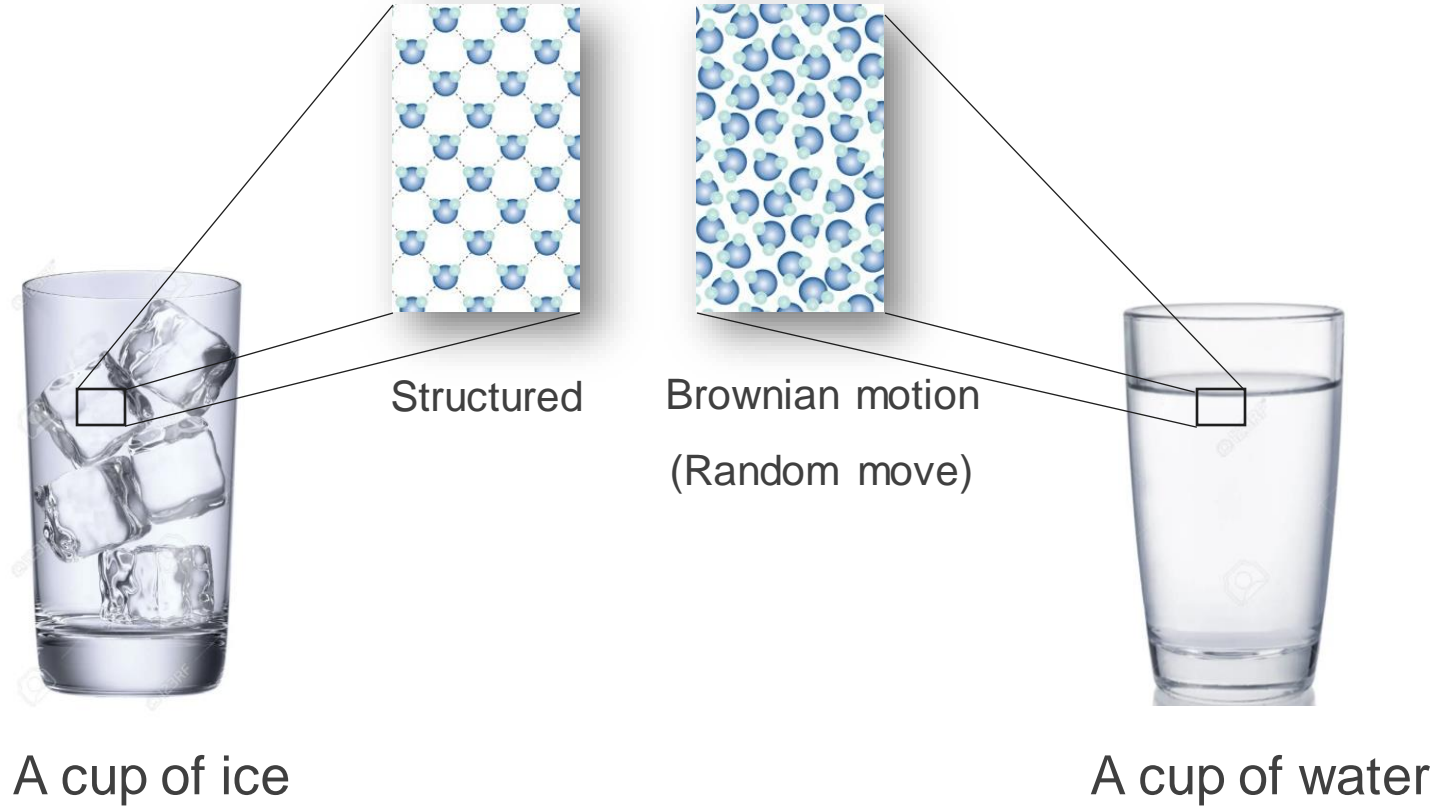
A cup of ice



A cup of water

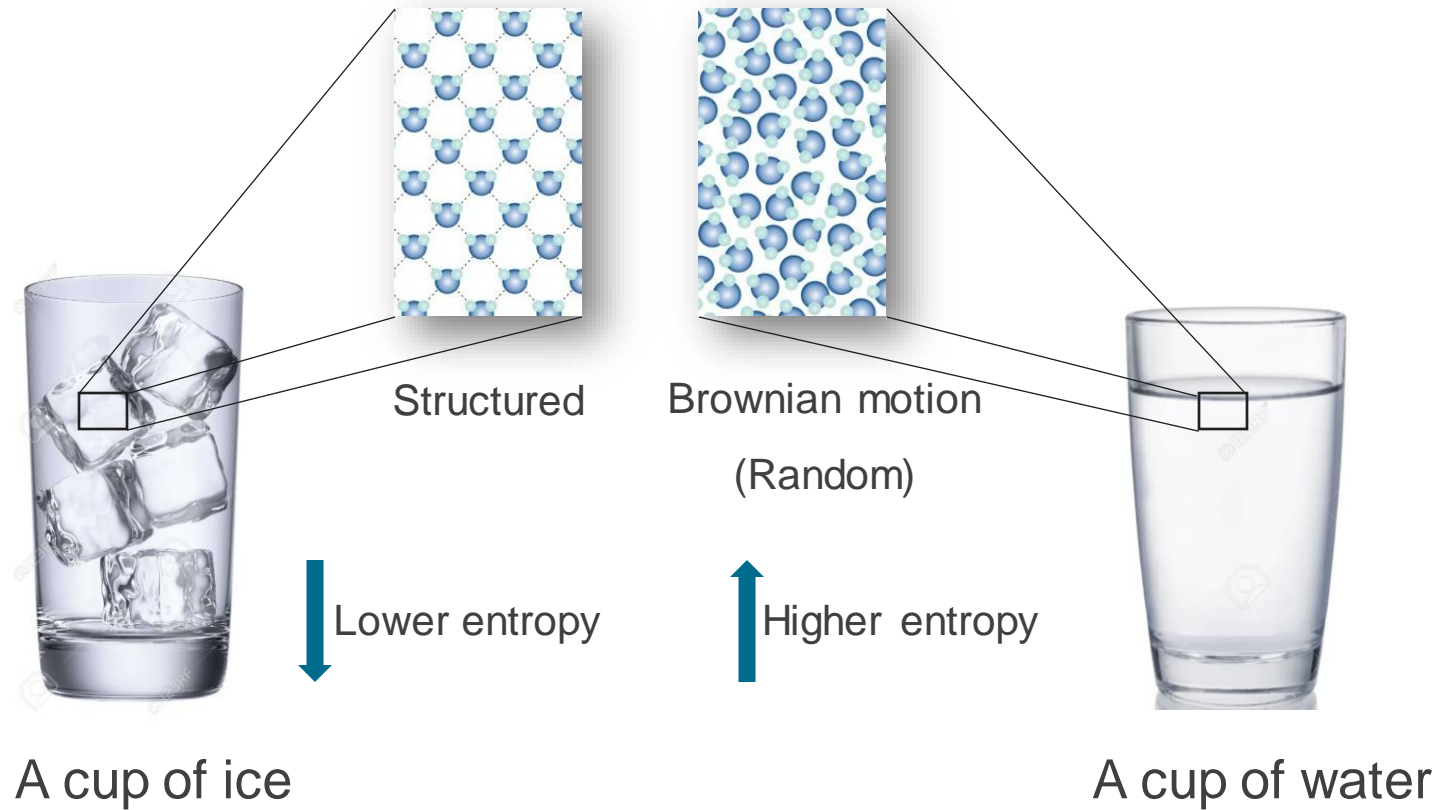
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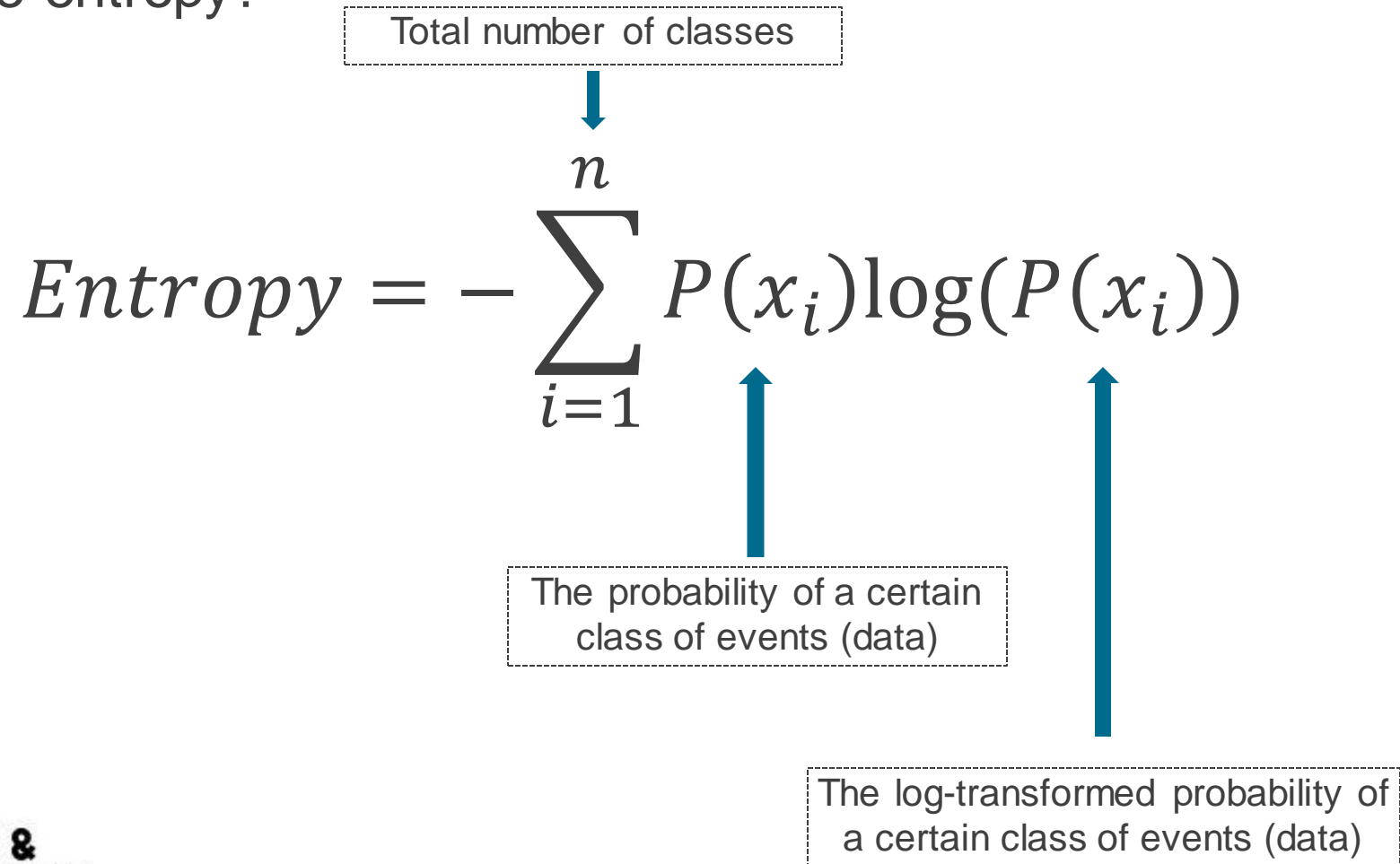
Total number of classes

$n$

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The probability of a certain class of events (data)

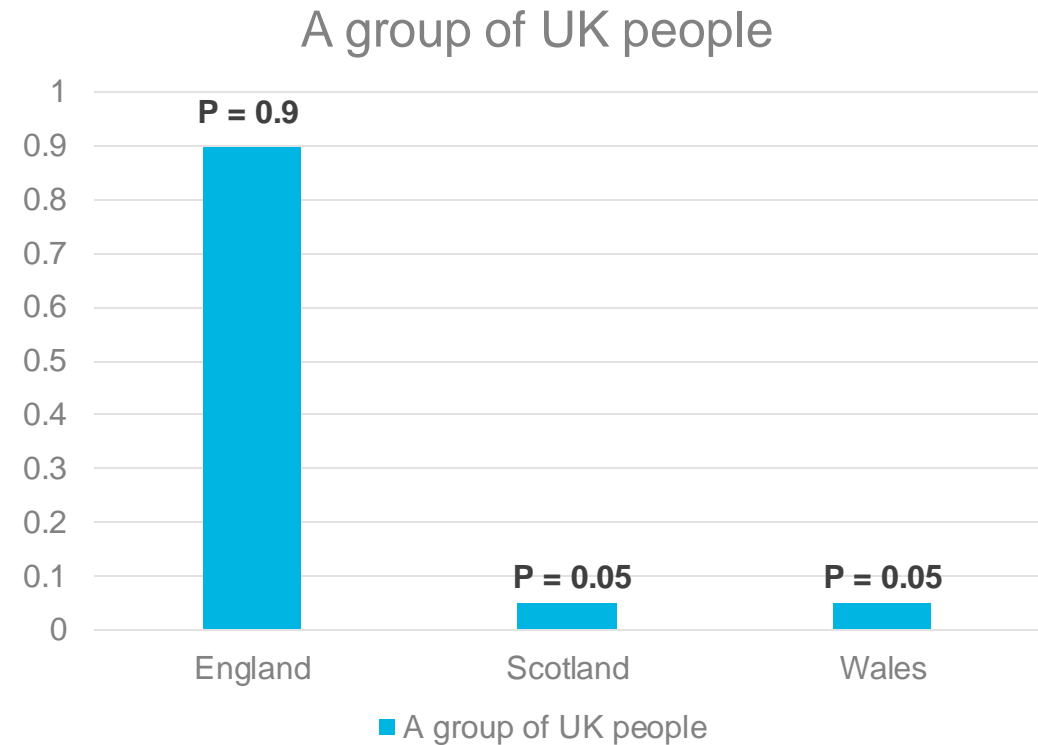
The log-transformed probability of a certain class of events (data)



# What is Entropy?

A real-life example:

- Skewed distribution
- Lower entropy (higher certainty)



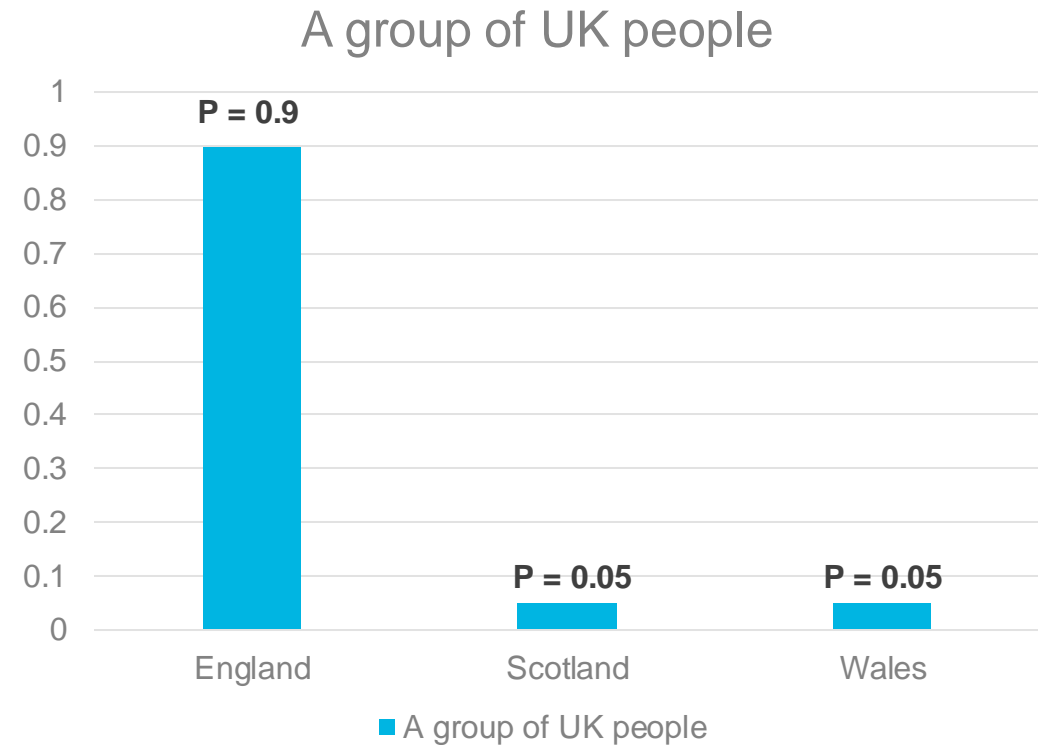
# What is Entropy?

A real-life example #1:

$$Entropy = - \sum_{i=1}^n P(x_i) \log(P(x_i))$$

$$= -0.9 \times \log(0.9) - 0.05 \times \log(0.05) - 0.05 \times \log(0.05)$$

$$= 0.1705$$

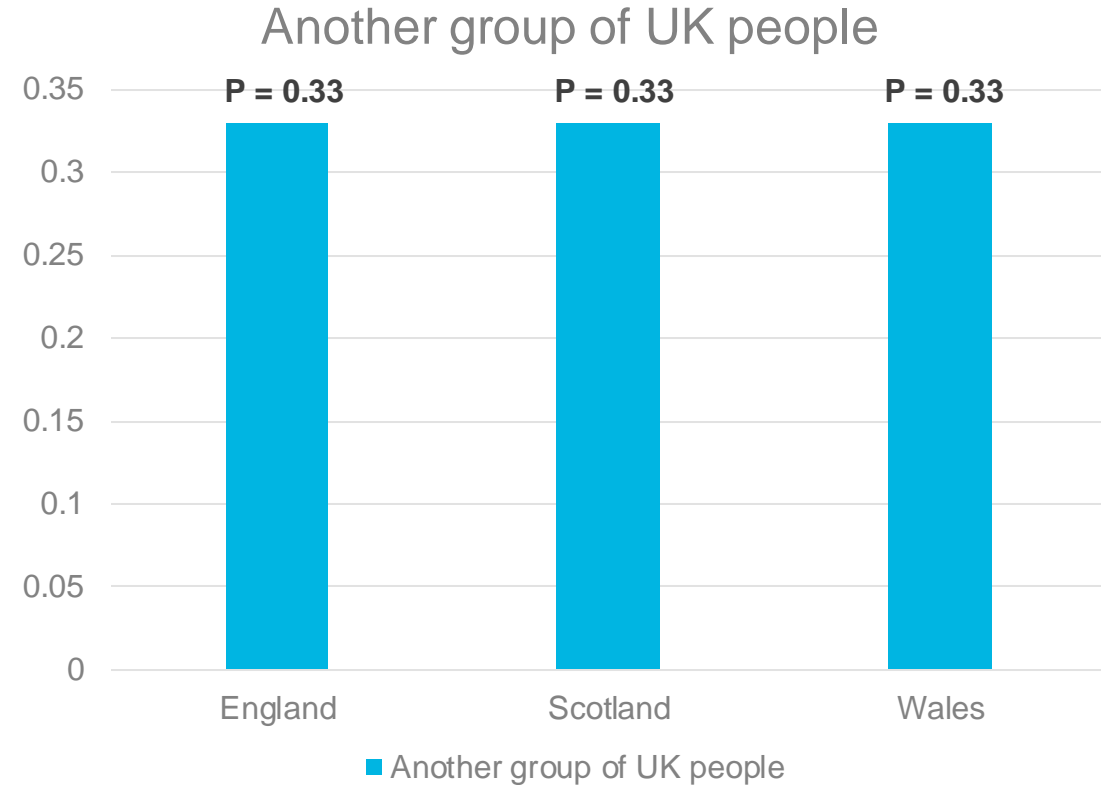




# What is Entropy?

Another real-life example:

- Uniform distribution
- Higher entropy (higher uncertainty)

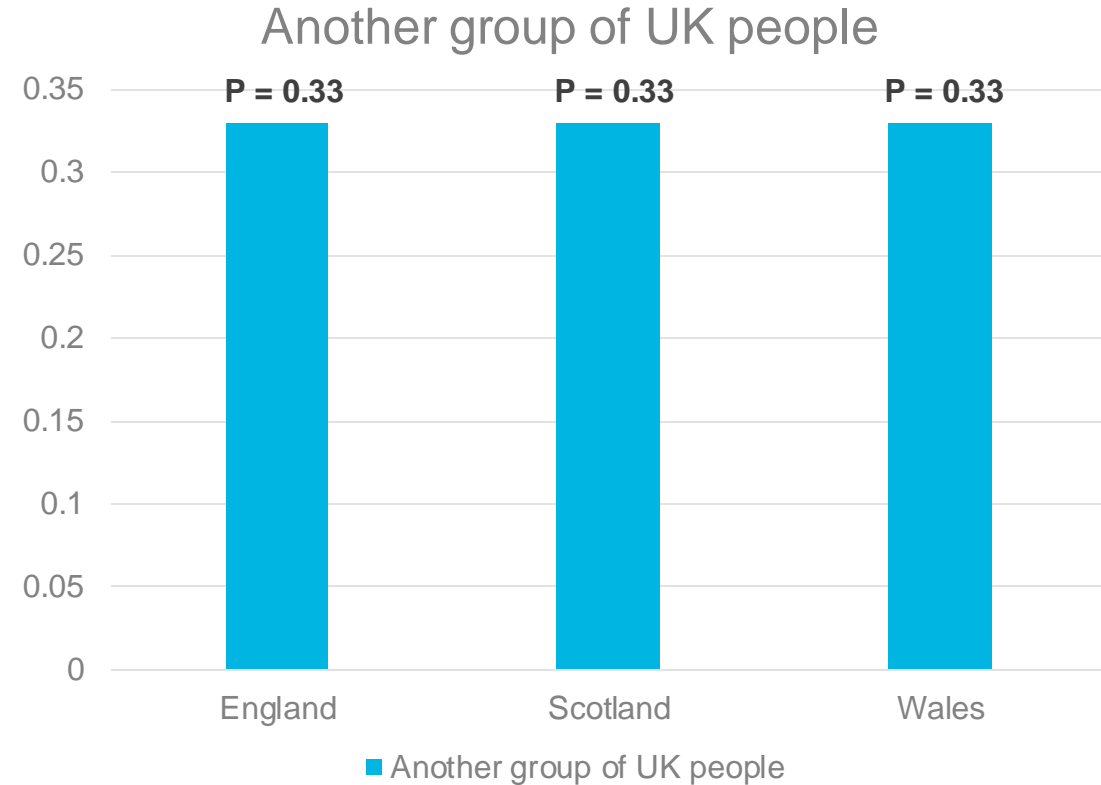


# What is Entropy?

A real-life example #2:

$$Entropy = - \sum_{i=1}^n P(x_i) \log(P(x_i))$$

= It is your turn.



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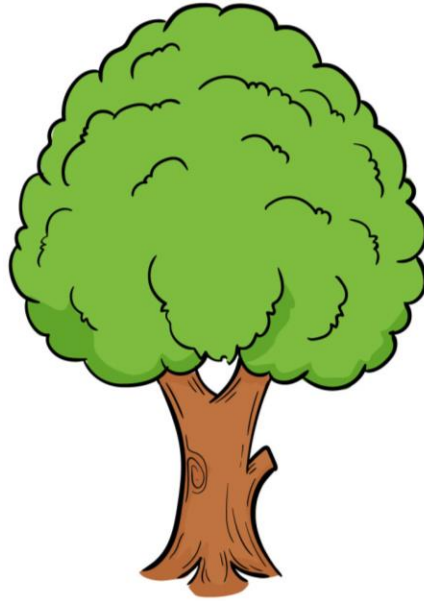
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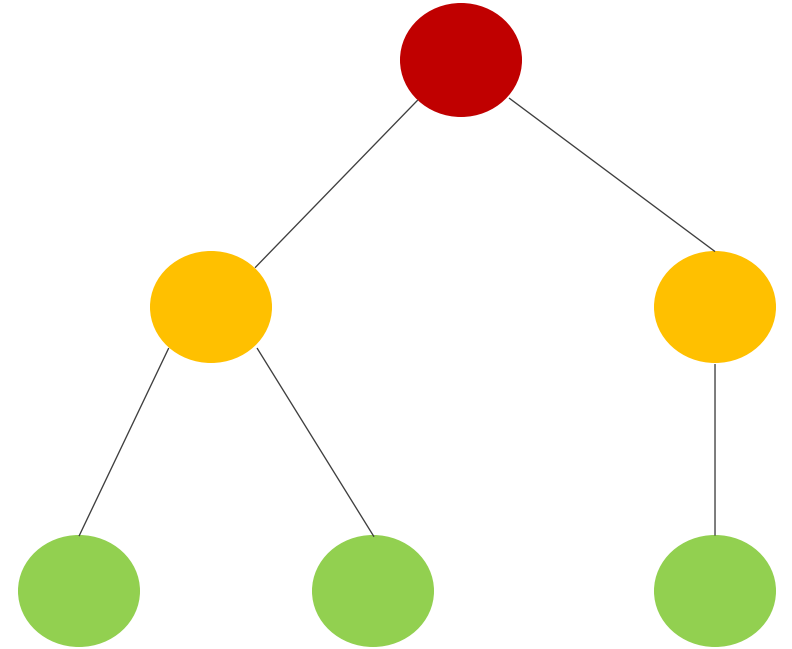
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- “Tree” shape structure
- Split data into smaller groups to **minimize** entropy



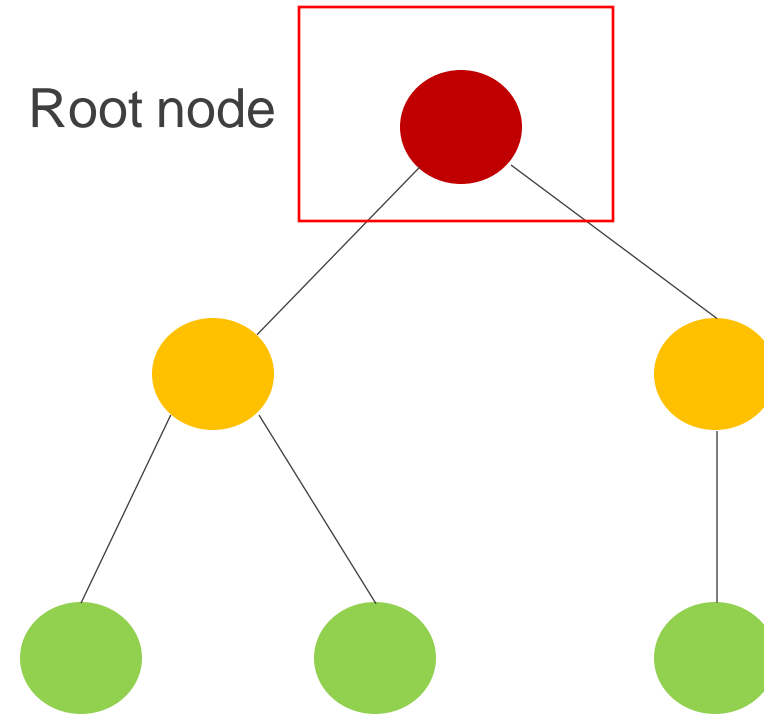
Tree



Decision tree

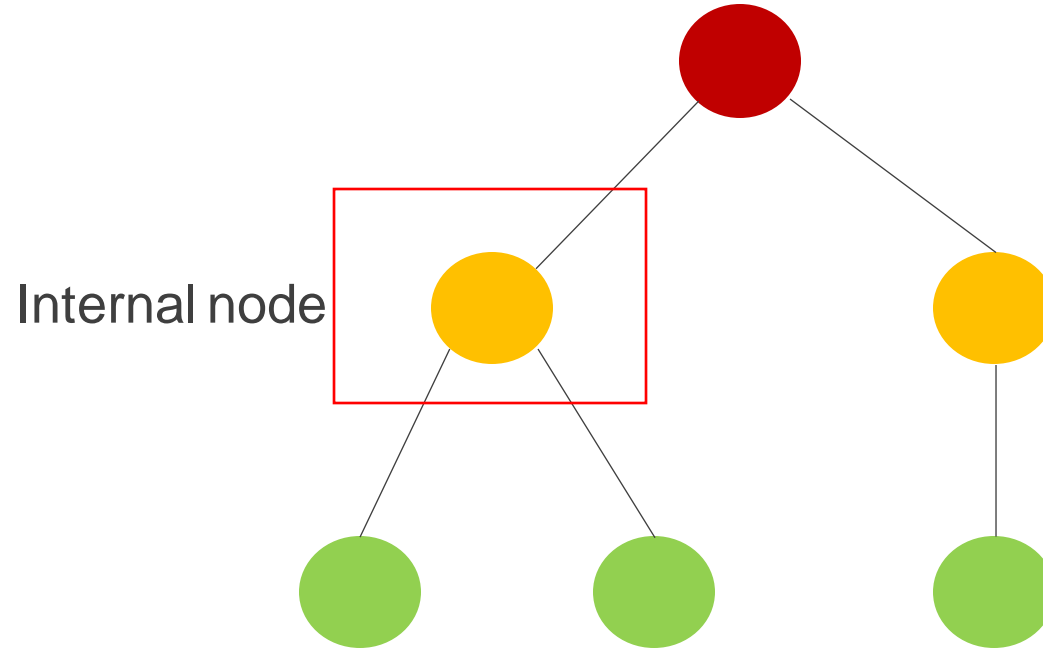
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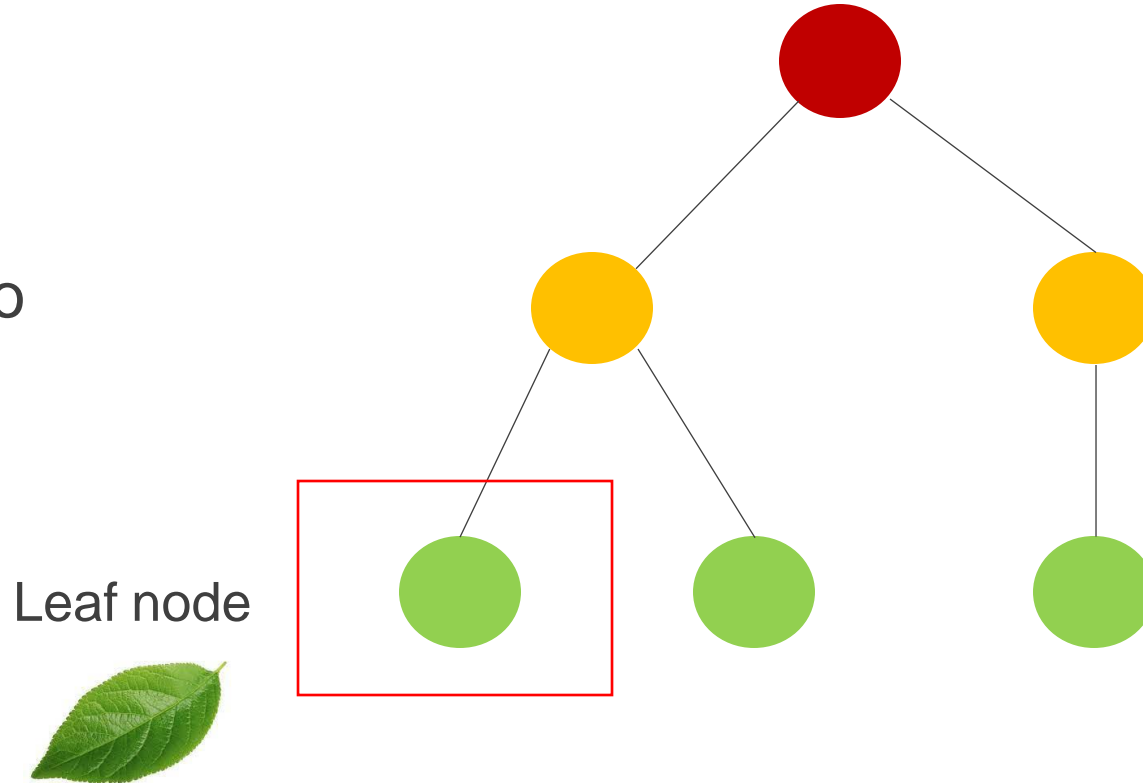
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# Basic Decision Tree

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- A practical example of decision tree: Brexit Dataset

Predictor variables:

- Country (England, Scotland, Wales)
- Gender (Male, Female)
- Age (Young, Old)

Target:

- Leave/Stay





# Basic Decision Tree

- A practical example of decision tree: Brexit Dataset

ID	Country	Gender	Age	Leave
1	Scotland	Male	Old	No
2	Scotland	Male	Old	No
3	England	Male	Young	Yes
4	Wales	Male	Old	Yes
5	Wales	Female	Old	Yes
6	Wales	Female	Young	No

# Basic Decision Tree

Predictor variable				Target
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# Basic Decision Tree

- Step 1: Entropy at root

Yes: 3 No: 3 In total: 6

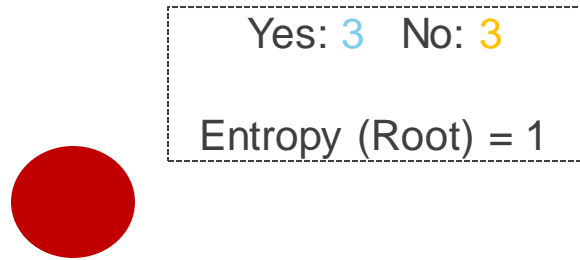
Probability(Yes): 0.5 Probability(No): 0.5

$$\begin{aligned} Entropy(Root) &= - \sum_{i=1}^n P(x_i) \log(P(x_i)) \\ &= -0.5 \times \log(0.5) - 0.5 \times \log(0.5) \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

Target	
ID	Leave
1	No
2	No
3	Yes
4	Yes
5	Yes
6	No

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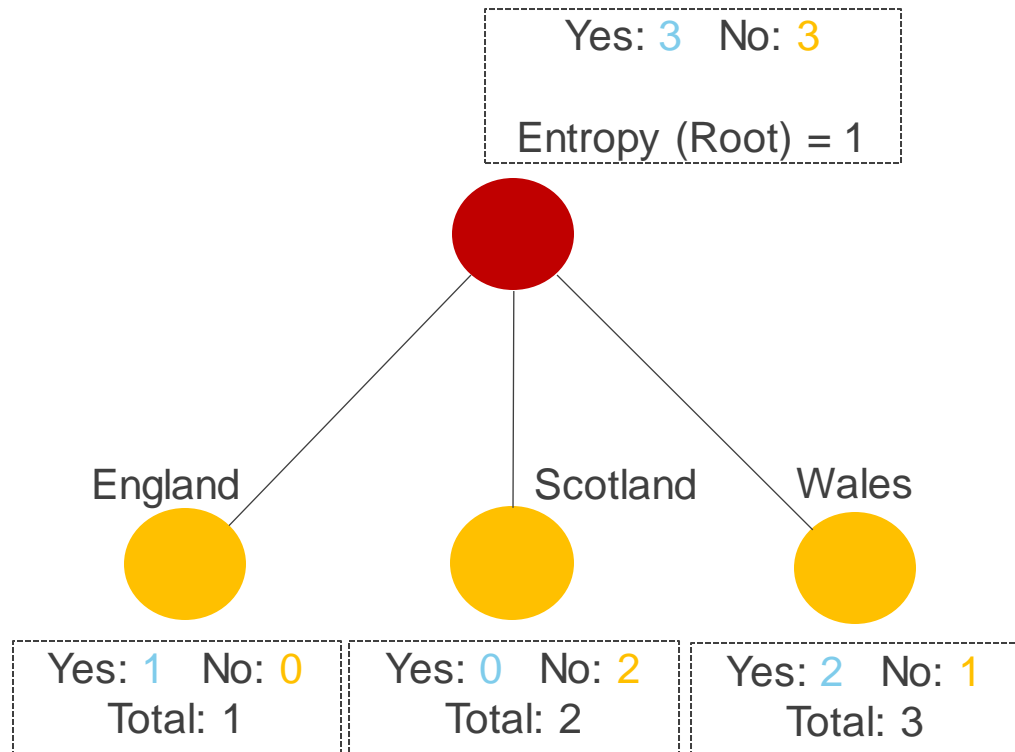
- Step 2: Which predictor for initial split?



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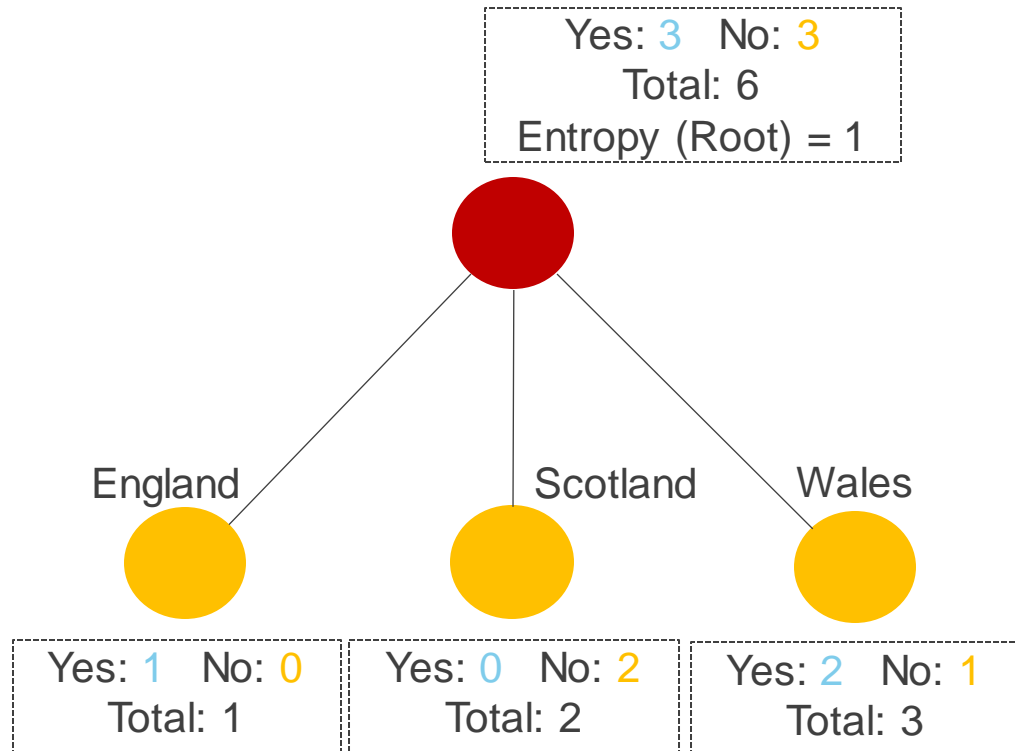
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# Basic Decision Tree

- Step 2: Which predictor for initial split?
  - Country



$$Entropy(England) = -1 \times \log_2 1 - 0 \times \log_2 0 = 0$$

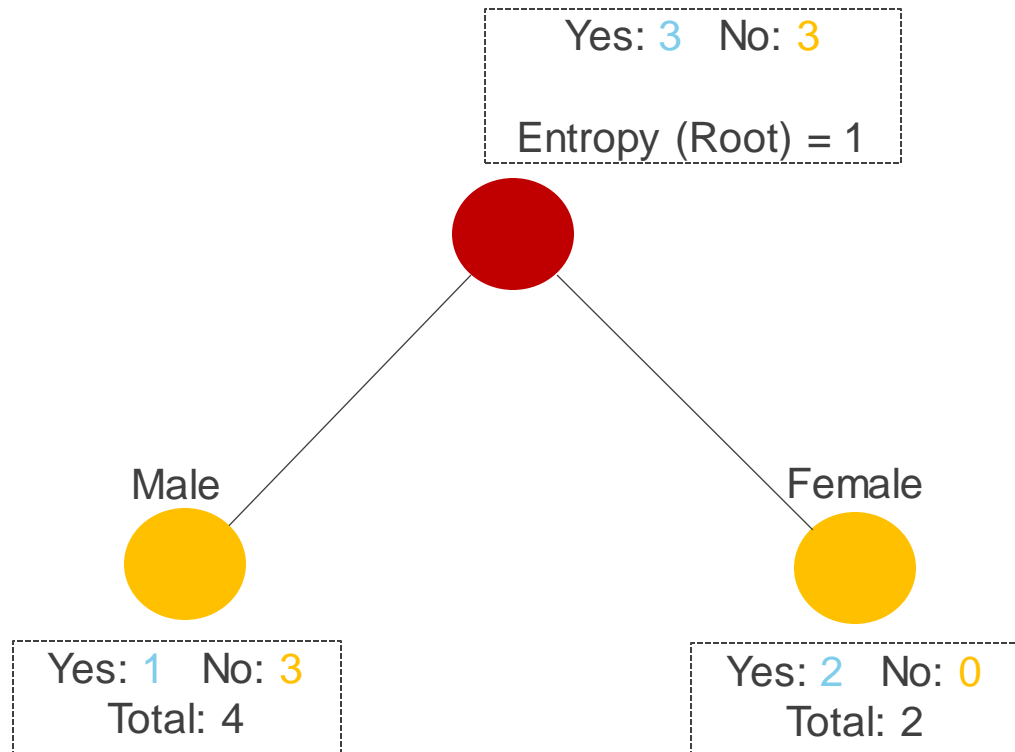
$$Entropy(Scotland) = -0 \times \log_2 0 - 1 \times \log_2 1 = 0$$

$$Entropy(Wales) = -\frac{2}{3} \times \log_2 \frac{2}{3} - \frac{1}{3} \times \log_2 \frac{1}{3} = 0.9183$$

$$Entropy(Country) = \frac{1}{6} \times 0 + \frac{2}{6} \times 0 + \frac{3}{6} \times 0.9183 = 0.4591$$

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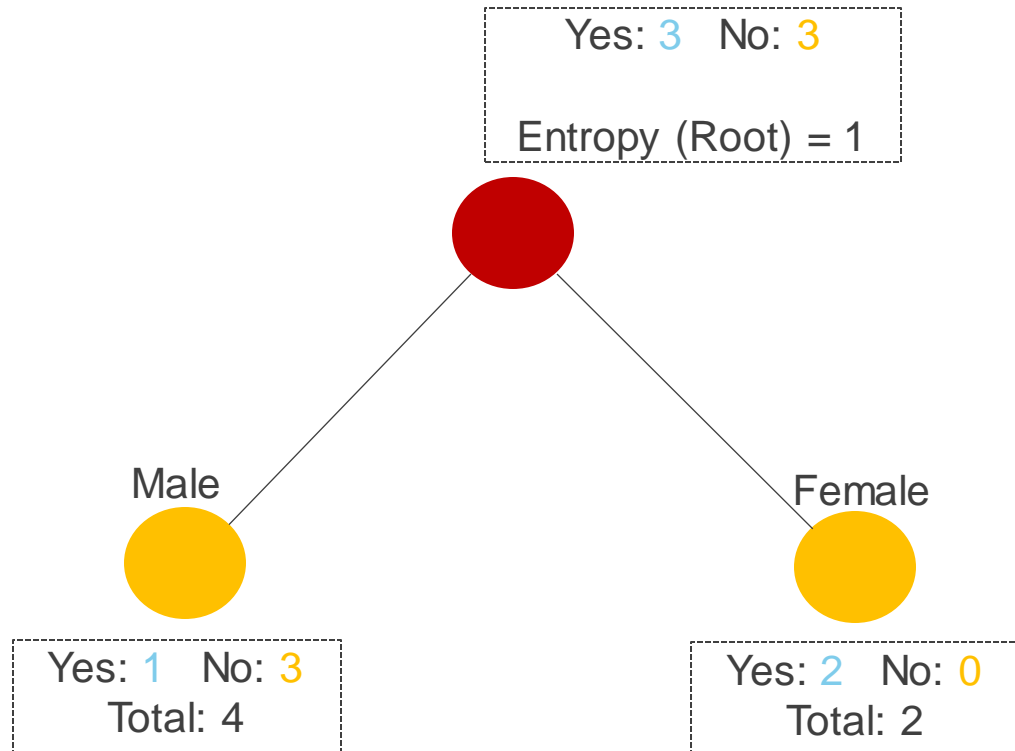
- Step 2: Which predictor for initial split?
  - Gender



ID	Male	Leave
1	Male	No
2	Male	No
3	Male	Yes
4	Female	Yes
5	Female	Yes
6	Male	No

# Basic Decision Tree

- Step 2: Which predictor for initial split?
  - Gender



$$Entropy(Male) = -\frac{1}{4} \times \log_2 \frac{1}{4} - \frac{3}{4} \times \log_2 \frac{3}{4} = 0.8113$$

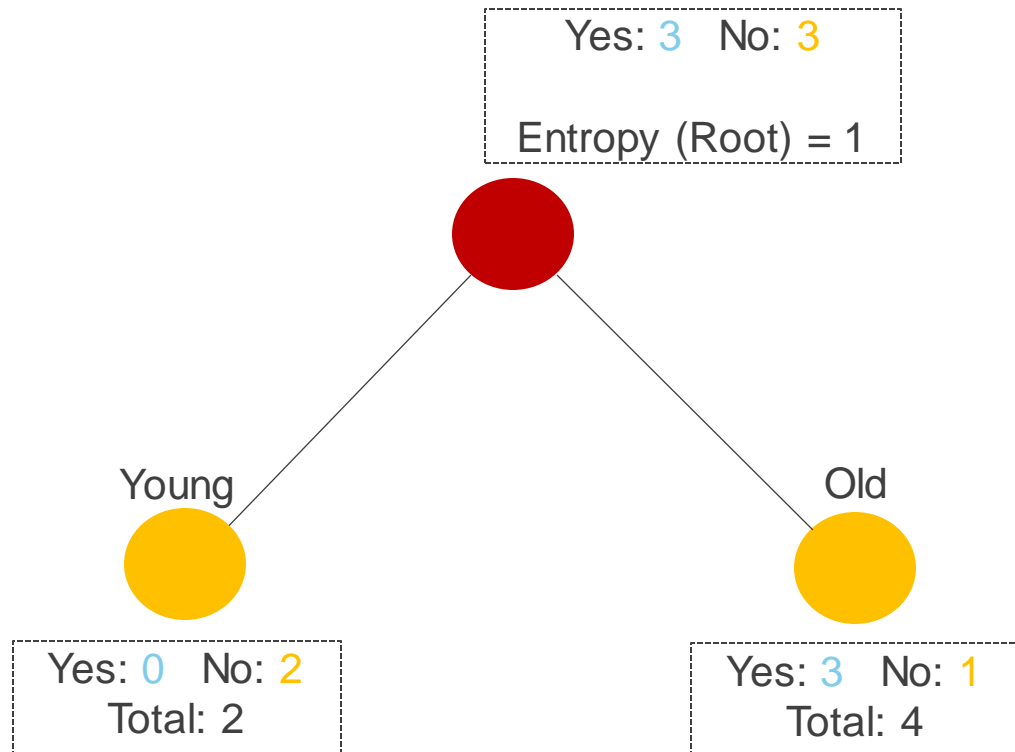
$$Entropy(Female) = -1 \times \log_2 1 - 0 \times \log_2 0 = 0$$

$$Entropy(Gender) = \frac{4}{6} \times 0.8113 + \frac{2}{6} \times 0 = 0.5409$$



# Basic Decision Tree

- Step 2: Which predictor for initial split?
  - Age



ID	Age	Leave
1	Old	No
2	Old	No
3	Young	Yes
4	Old	Yes
5	Old	Yes
6	Young	No

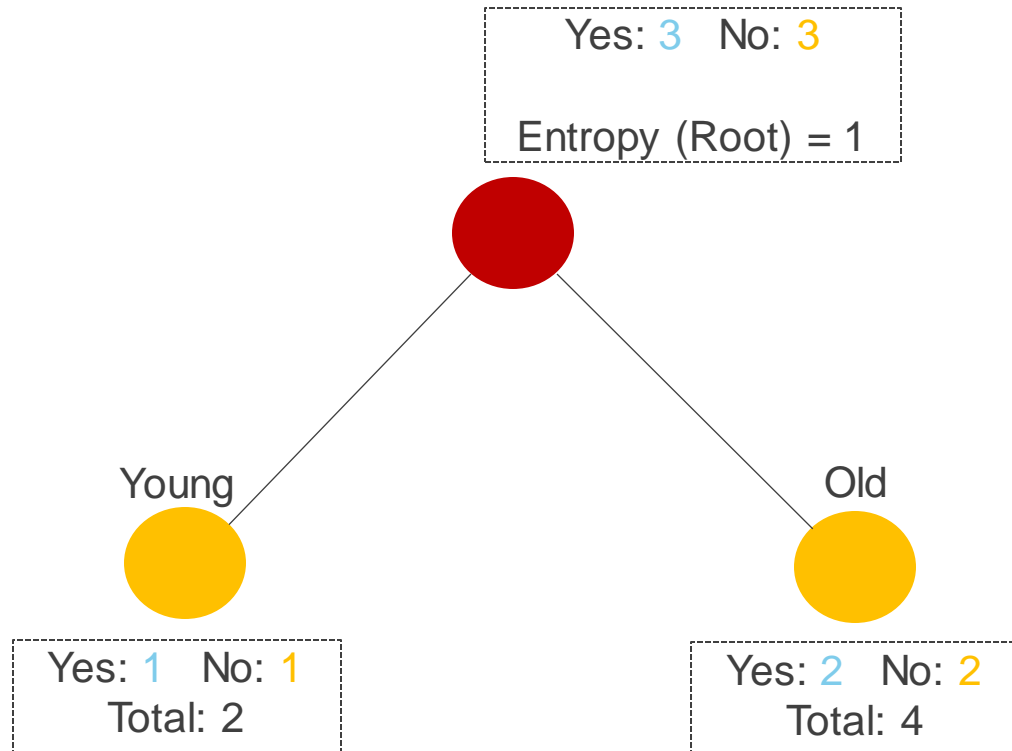
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- It is your turn!
  - Age

$Entropy(Young) = ?$

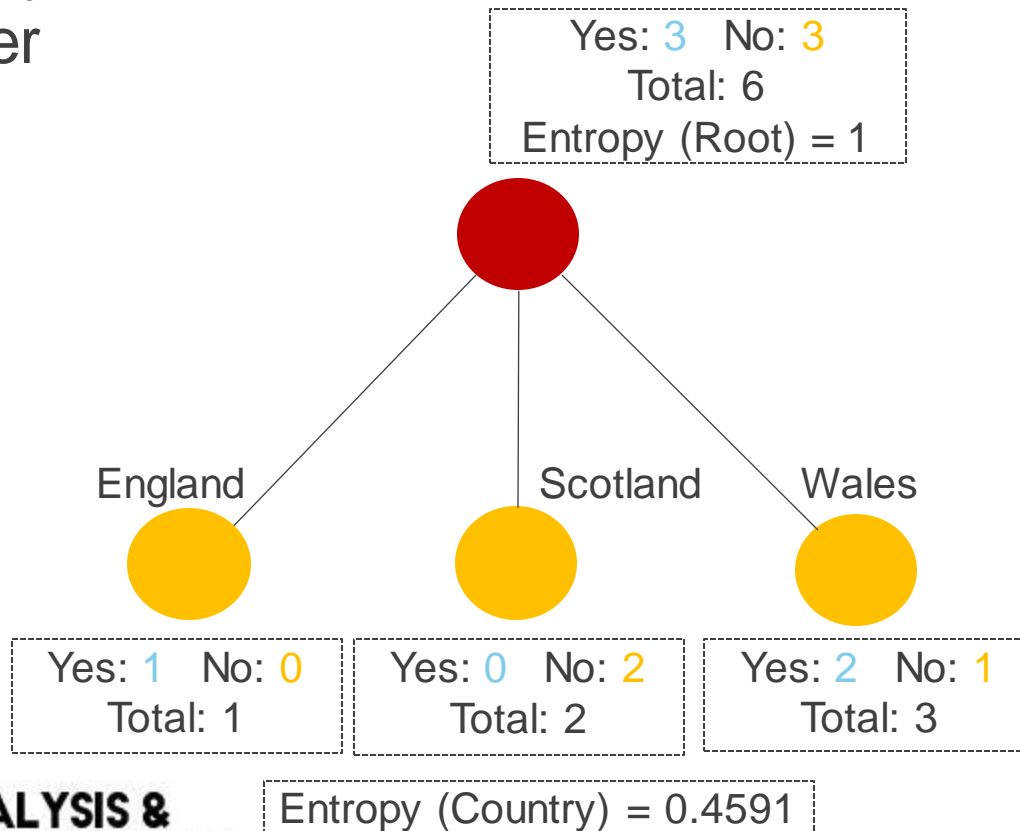
$Entropy(Old) = ?$

$Entropy(Age) = ?$



# Basic Decision Tree

- Step 3: Now let's compare
  - Country
  - Gender
  - Age



$$Entropy(Root) = 1$$

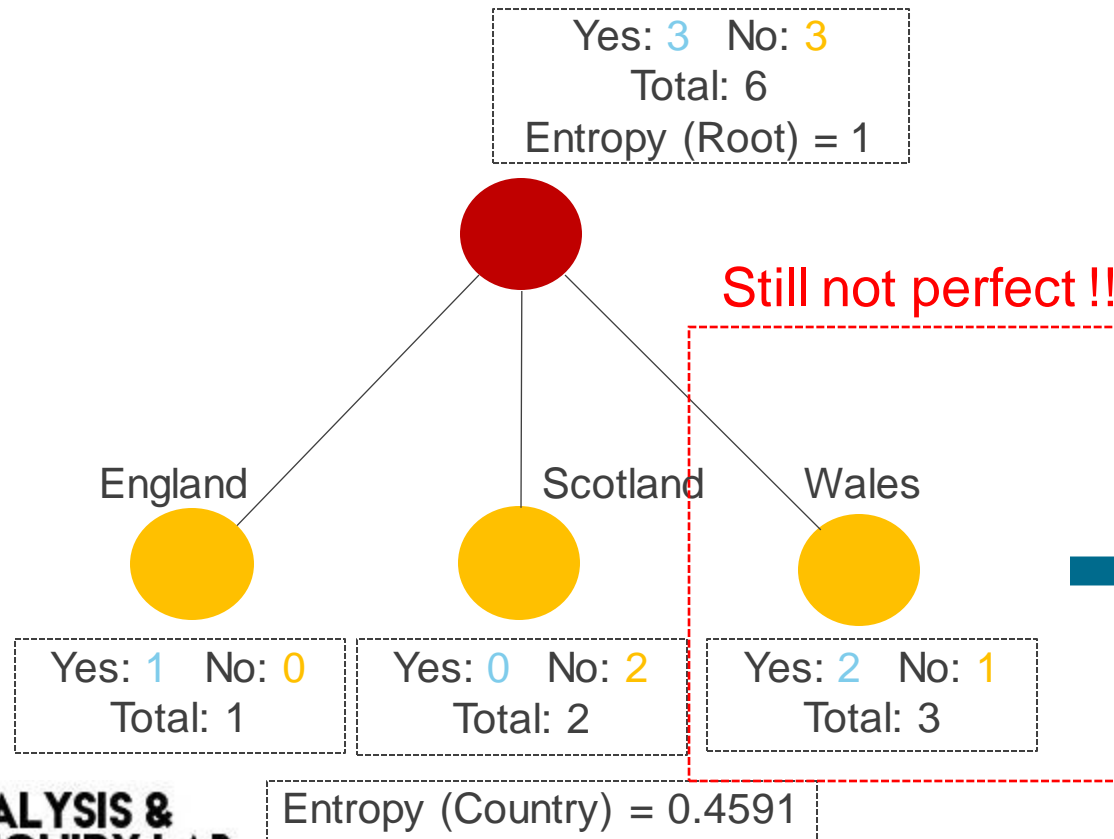
$$Entropy(Country) = 0.4591$$

$$Entropy(Gender) = 0.5409$$

$$Entropy(Age) = 1$$

# Basic Decision Tree

- Step 4: Further split



$$Entropy(Root) = 1$$

$$Entropy(Country) = 0.4591$$

ID	Country	Gender	Age	Leave
4	Wales	Male	Old	Yes
5	Wales	Female	Old	Yes
6	Wales	Female	Young	No

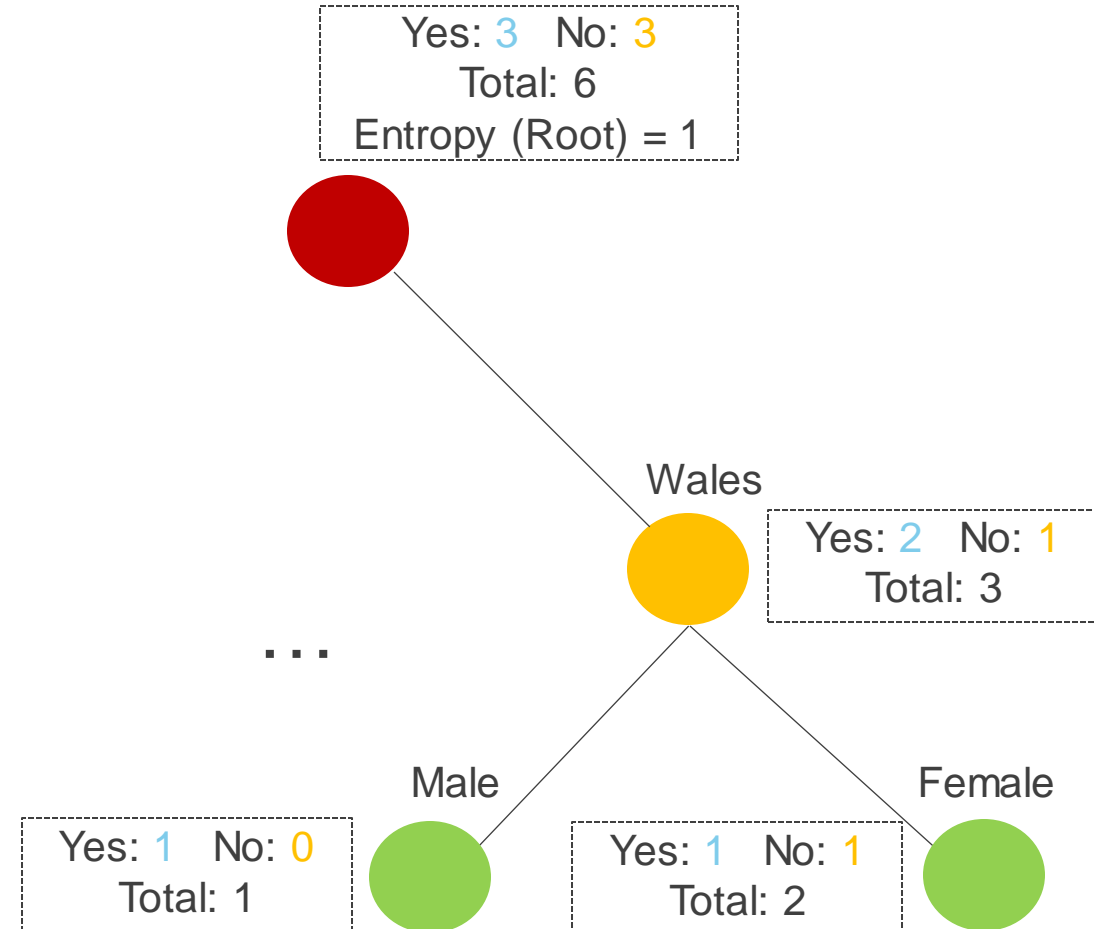
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- Step 4: Further split
  - Gender?

$$\text{Entropy}(\text{Male}) = -\frac{1}{1} \times \log_2 1 - 0 \times \log_2 0 = 0$$

$$\text{Entropy}(\text{Female}) = -\frac{1}{2} \times \log_2 \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \times \log_2 \frac{1}{2} = 1$$

$$\text{Entropy}(\text{Gen}) = \frac{1}{3} \times 0 + \frac{2}{3} \times 1 = 0.667$$



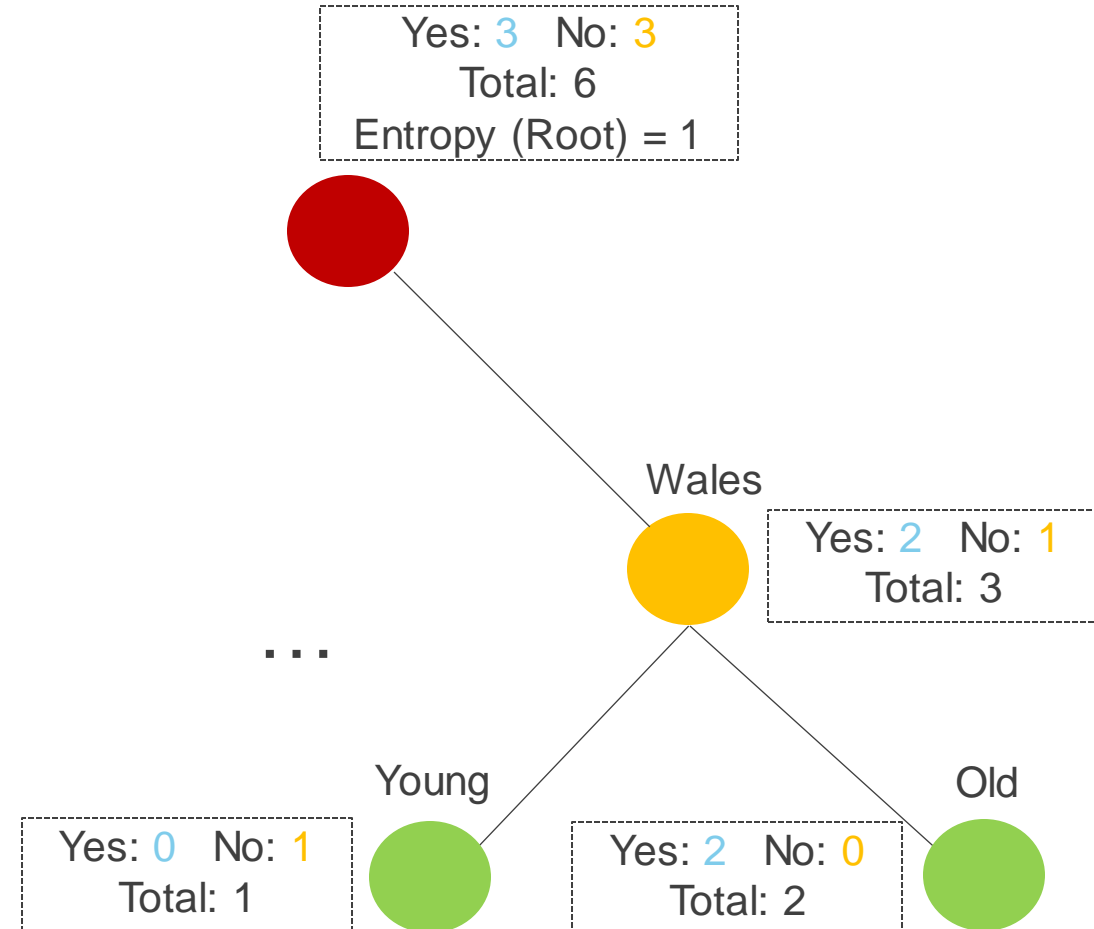
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$Entropy(Young) = \text{Your turn}$

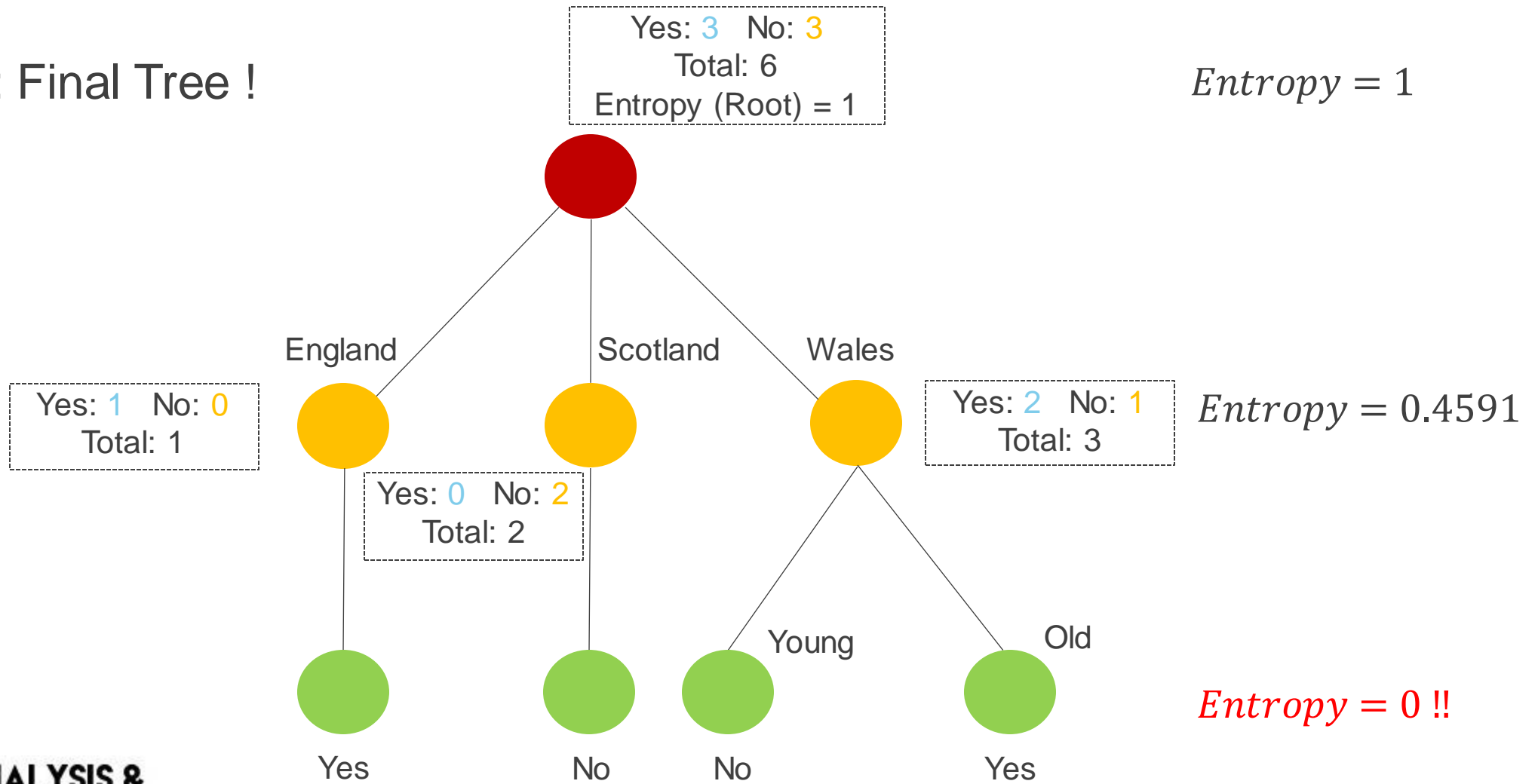
$Entropy(Old) = \text{Your turn}$

$Entropy(Age) = \text{Your turn}$



# Basic Decision Tree

- Step 5: Final Tree !



# Parameters vs. Hyperparameters

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- Parameters are estimated from data
  - e.g. Intercept/slope in linear regression
- Hyperparameters determine what kind of model to fit
- Chosen before you fit the model with data
- Do not depend on the data



# Decision Tree Hyperparameters

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- Maximum tree depth
- Minimum decrease in entropy needed for a split
- Number of features to consider at each split

# Basic Decision Tree

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## Summary:

- **Non-linear** model for classification & regression
- Split data into smaller groups to minimize entropy

# Q & A

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