Introduction to Machine Learning

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Why study machine learning?

- Data explosion
- Computer giants working in this field
- Harvard Business Review: Sexiest job of the 21st century

What is machine learning?

- A computer program that improves its performance at some task through experience

Example – Handwriting recognition

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1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0
0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0
0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0
0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0
0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0

Can this be automated?

https://webdemo.myscript.com/#/demo/write

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If (cell# mod 5) = 3 and cell value = 1.0

and

All other cell values = 0.0

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If (cell# mod 5) = 3 and cell value = 1.0

and

(If (cell# = 7) and cell value = 0.0 or 1.0

and

All other cell values = 0.0)

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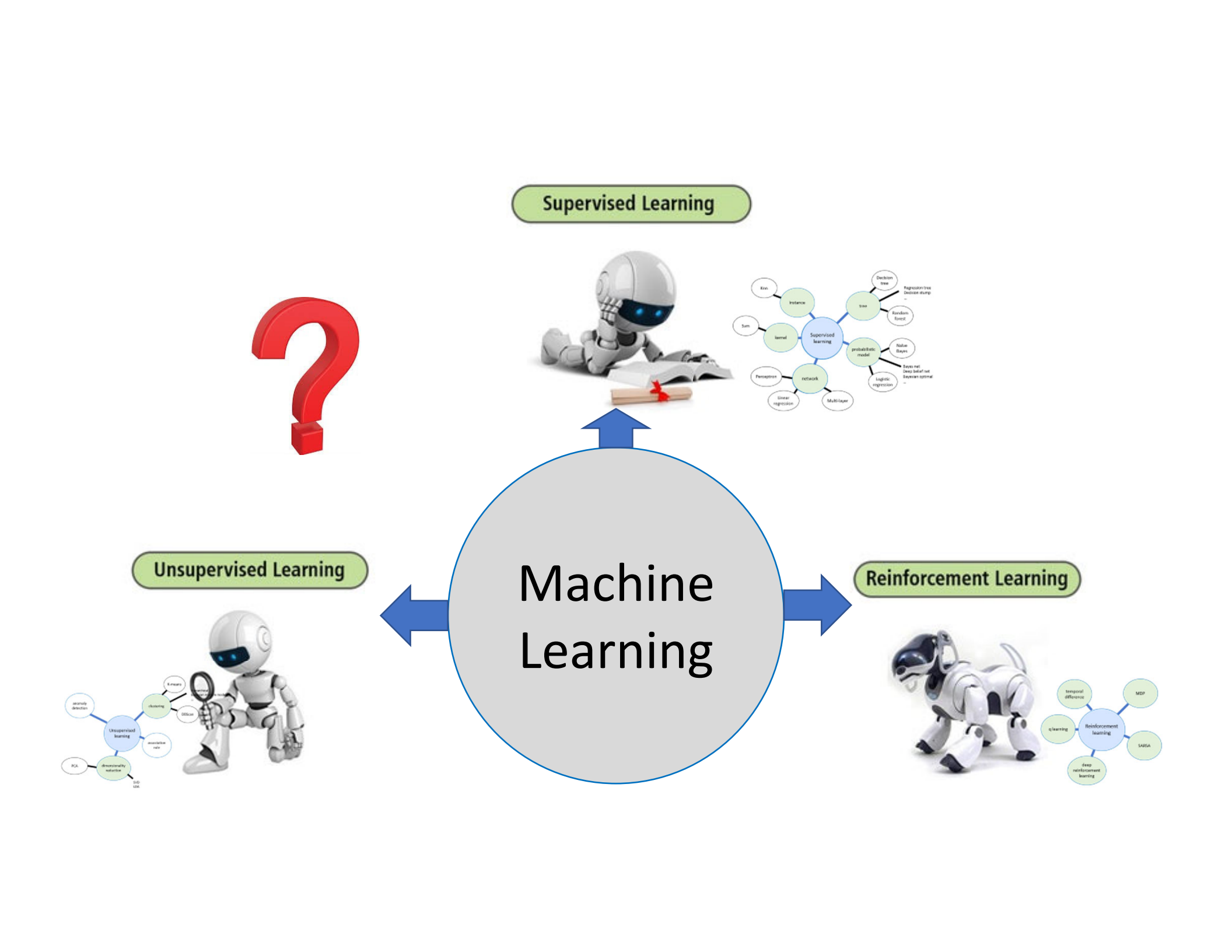
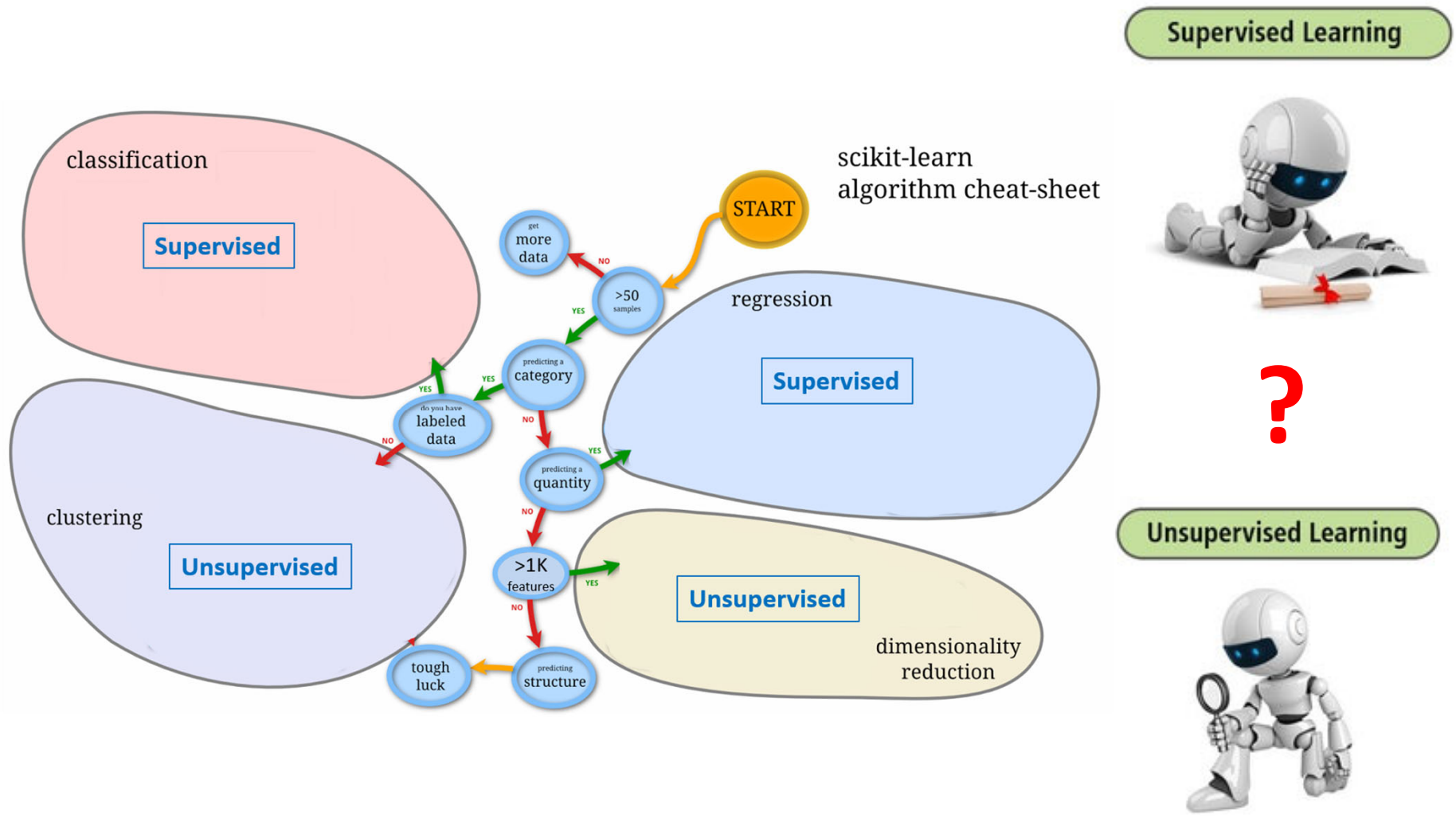
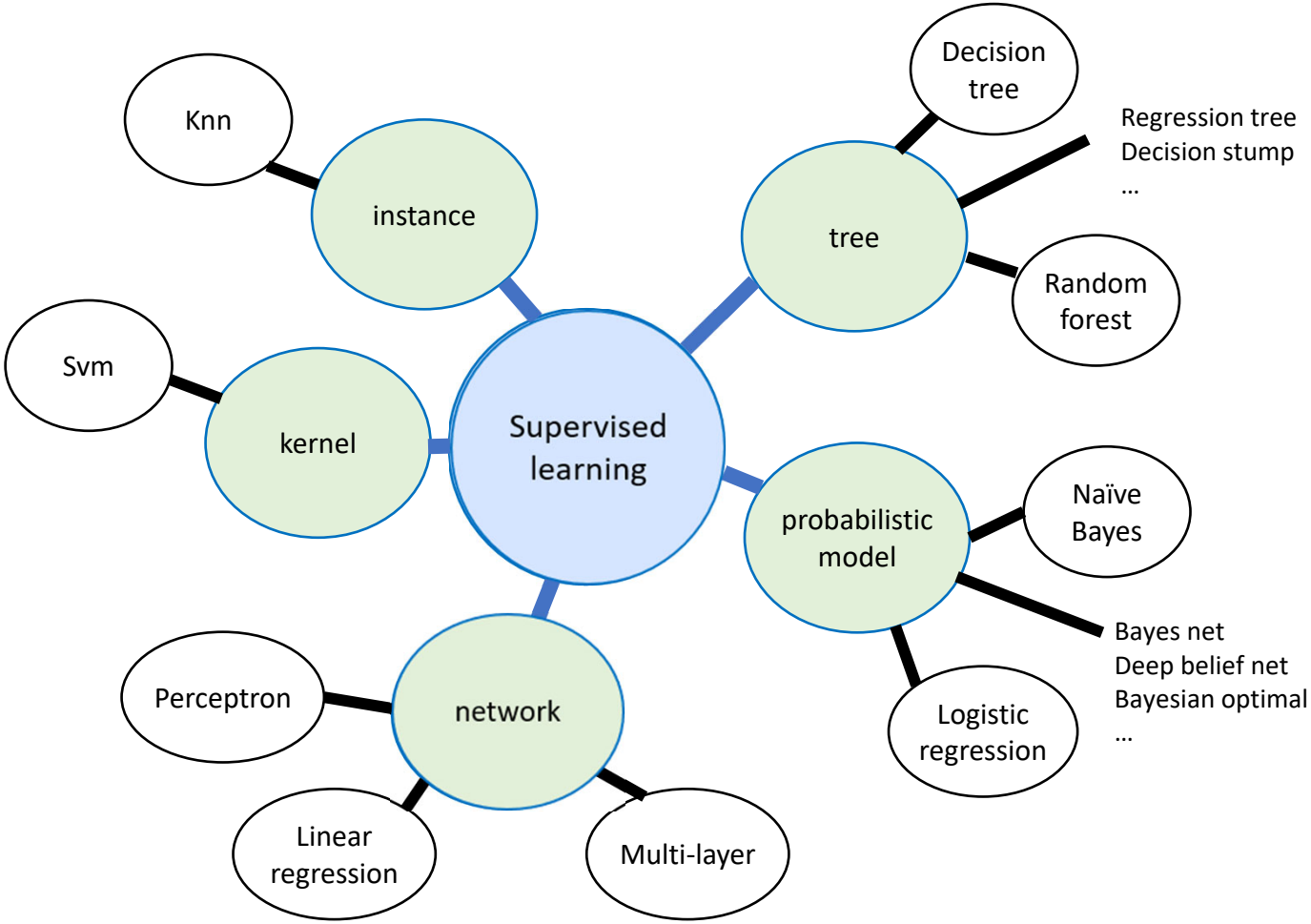
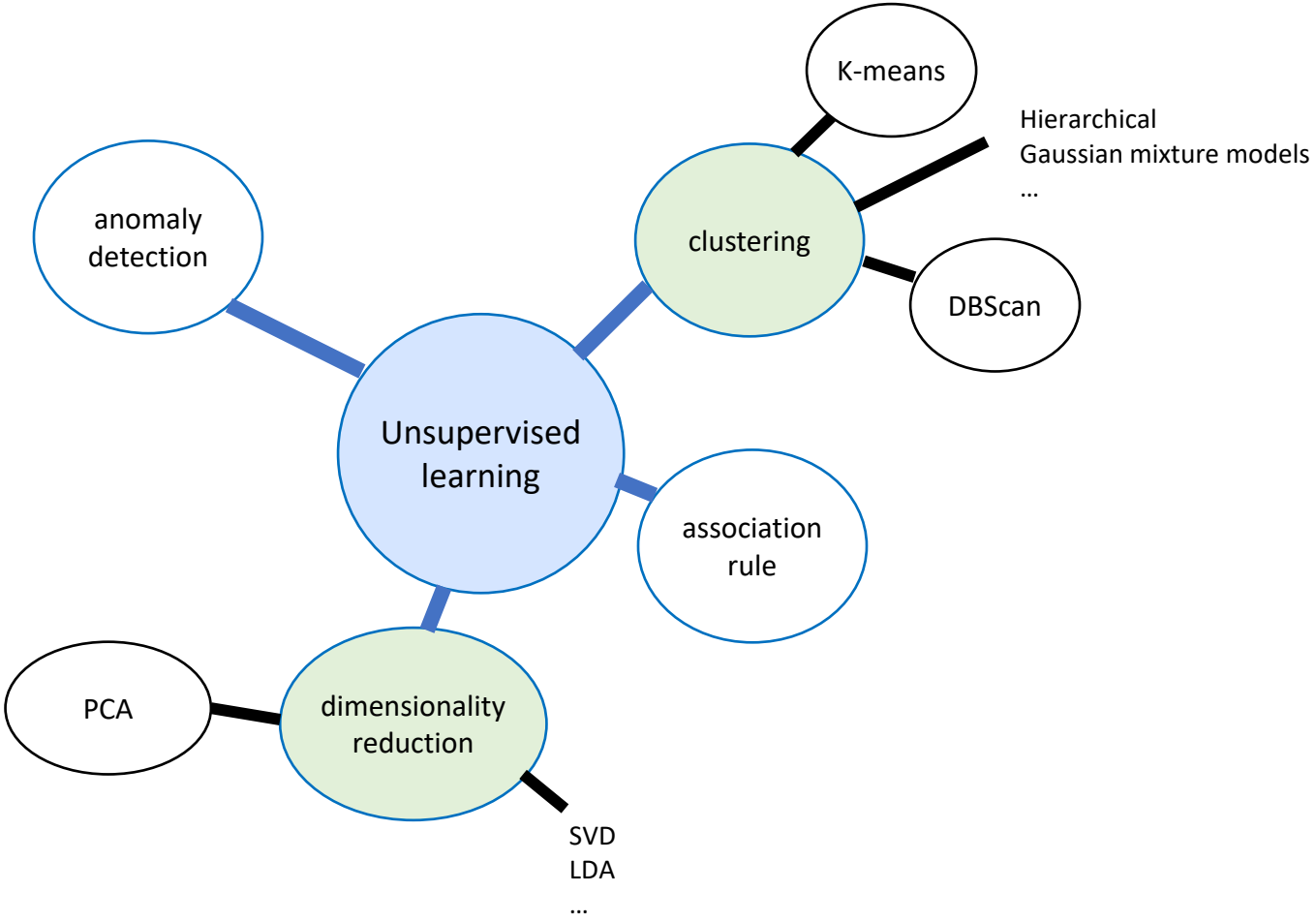

Supervised Learning
Unsupervised Learning
Reinforcement Learning
Machine Learning


scikit-learn
algorithm cheat-sheet
START
get more data
NO
>50 samples
YES
predicting a category
YES
NO
do you have labeled data
YES
NO
predicting a quantity
YES
NO
>1K features
YES
NO
predicting structure
tough luck
classification
Supervised
clustering
Unsupervised
regression
Supervised
Unsupervised
dimensionality reduction
Supervised Learning
?
Unsupervised Learning


Supervised learning
instance
Knn
tree
Decision tree
Regression tree
Decision stump
…
Random forest
kernel
Svm
probabilistic model
Naïve Bayes
Bayes net
Deep belief net
Bayesian optimal
…
Logistic regression
network
Perceptron
Linear regression
Multi-layer


K-means
Hierarchical
Gaussian mixture models
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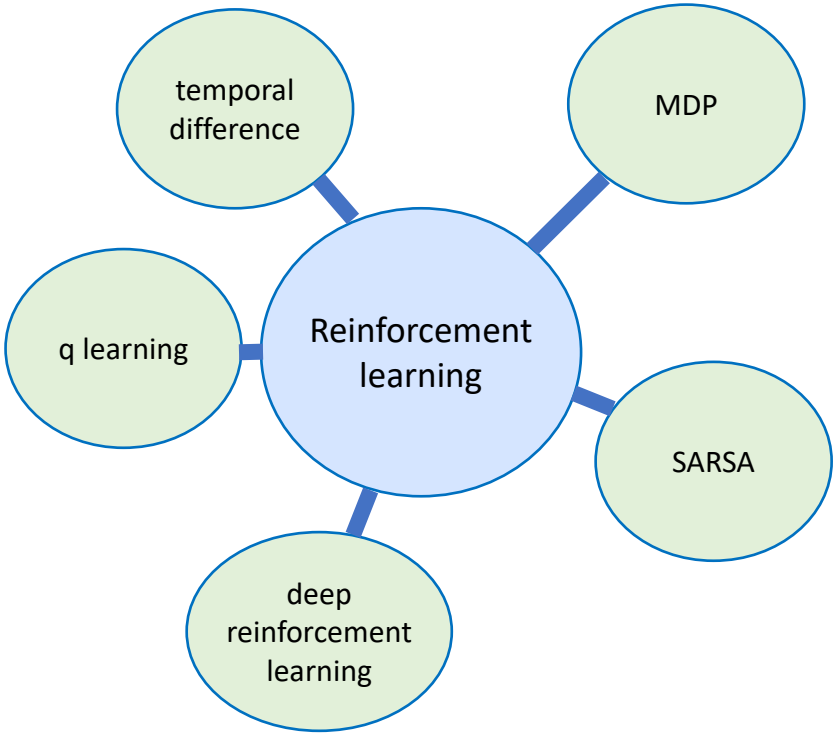
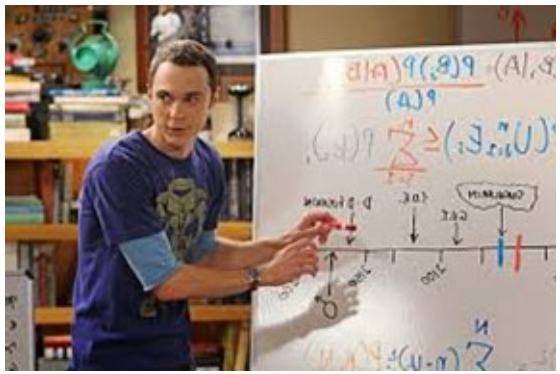
anomaly detection
clustering
DBScan
Unsupervised learning
association rule
PCA
dimensionality reduction
SVD
LDA
...


temporal difference
MDP
q learning
Reinforcement learning
SARSA
deep reinforcement learning

How do we determine if learning has occurred?



Syllabus

Example (with decision tree)

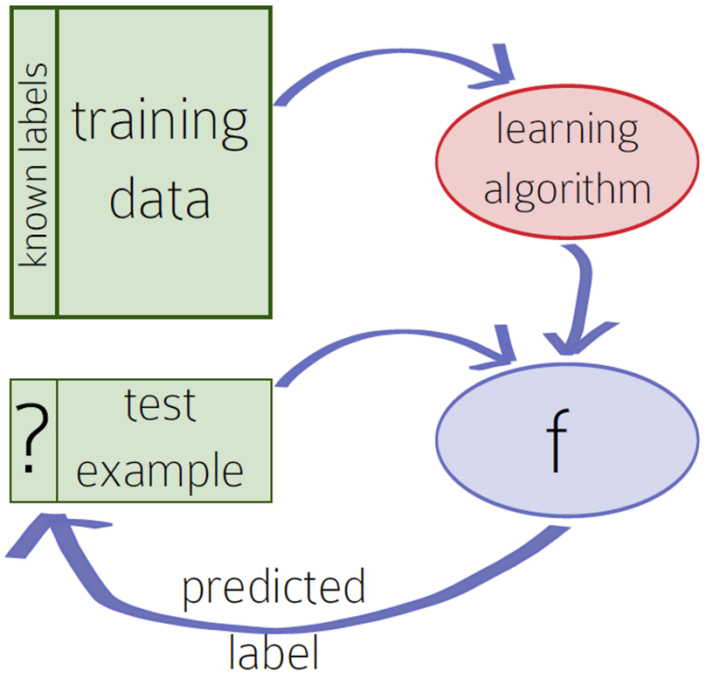
- Predict whether a home is in San Francisco or New York
- Given a set of past examples

Data representation

- Features
- elevation, price per sq ft, year built, #bathrooms, #bedrooms, square feet, price
- Feature values
- Class value (label)

elevation: 50’
price: $1777/sqft
year built: 1920
#bathrooms: 2
#bedrooms: 3
square feet: 800
price: $1,421,600
label: New York

Induction framework

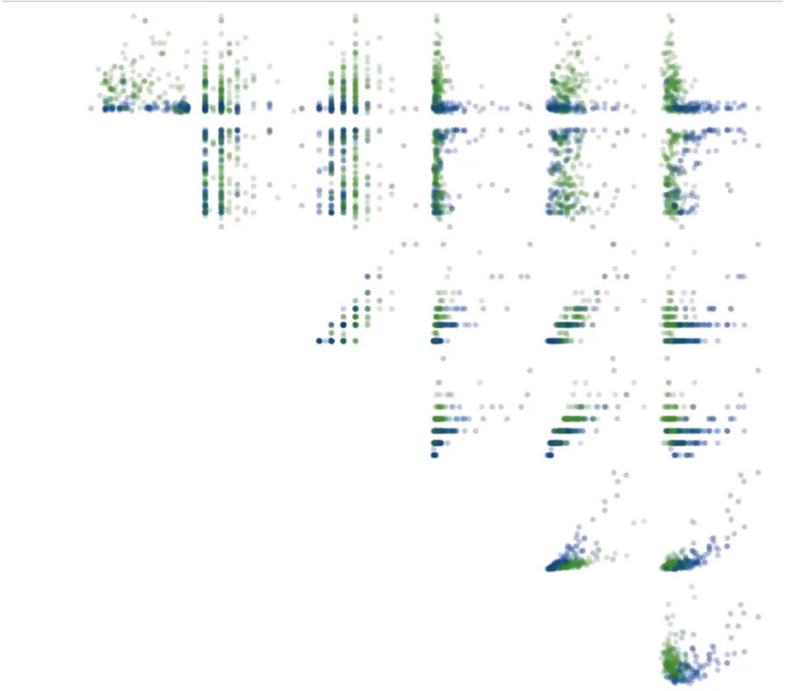


Types of inductive learning problems

- Regression
- Binary classification
- Multiclass classification
- Discovery
- Reinforcement learning

Supervised learning

- Learning task
  - Learn to classify whether a home is in San Francisco or New York
  - Represent each home by elevation



Supervised learning

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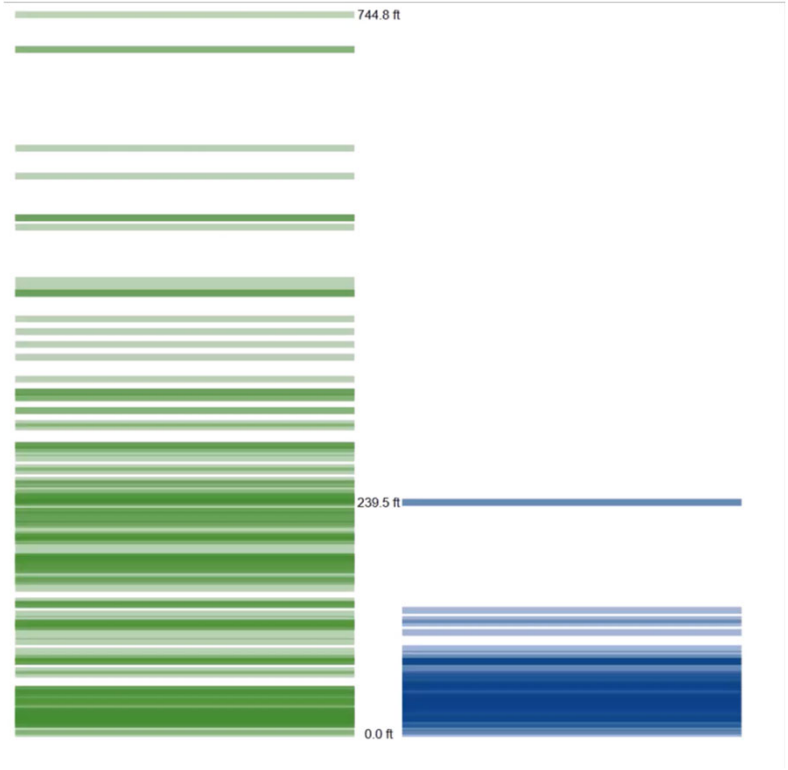
If elevation > 240’ then San Francisco



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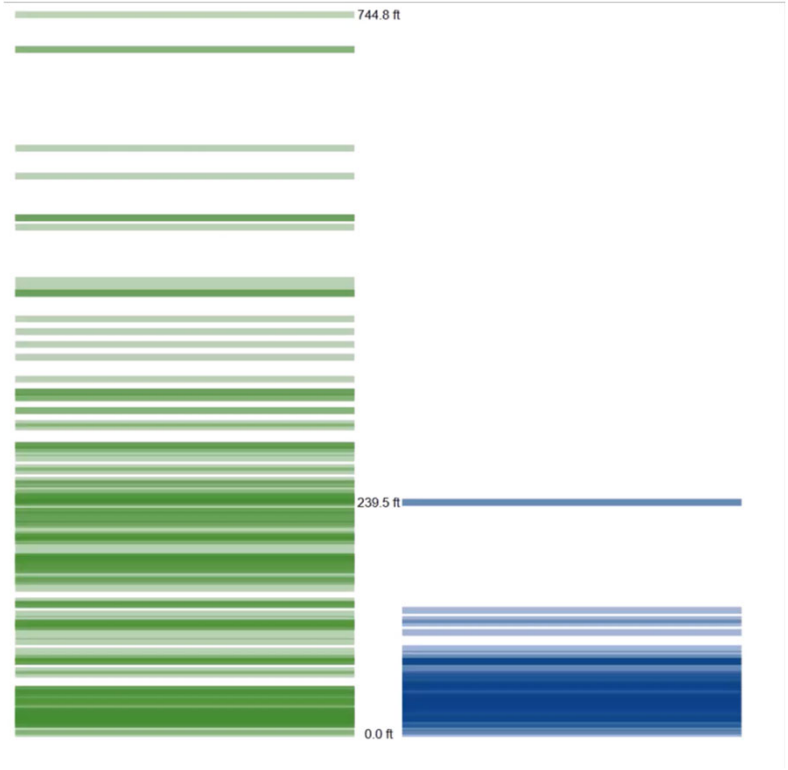

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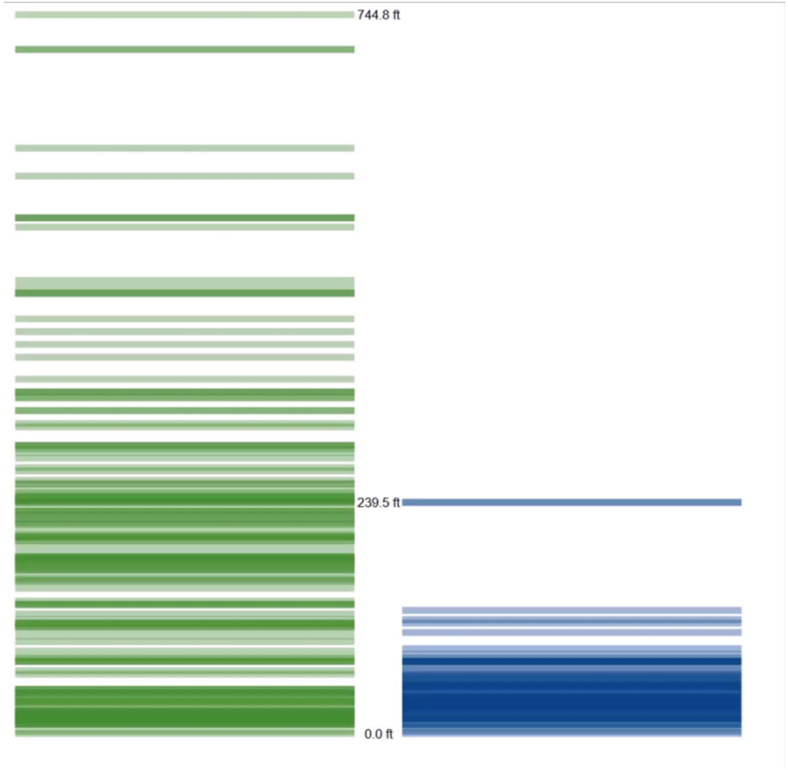

Drawing boundaries

- Visualize rule as boundaries of regions in scatterplot

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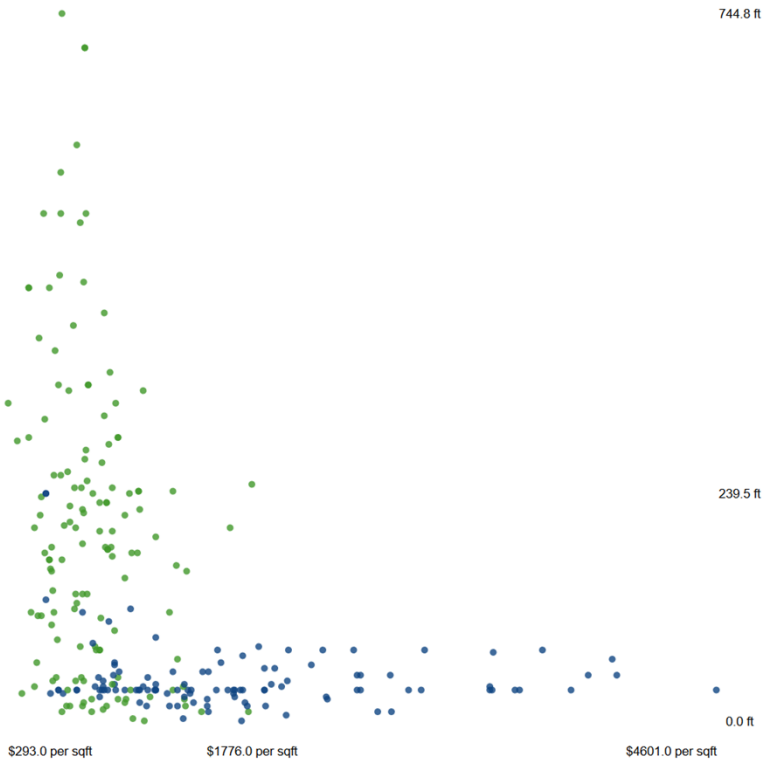
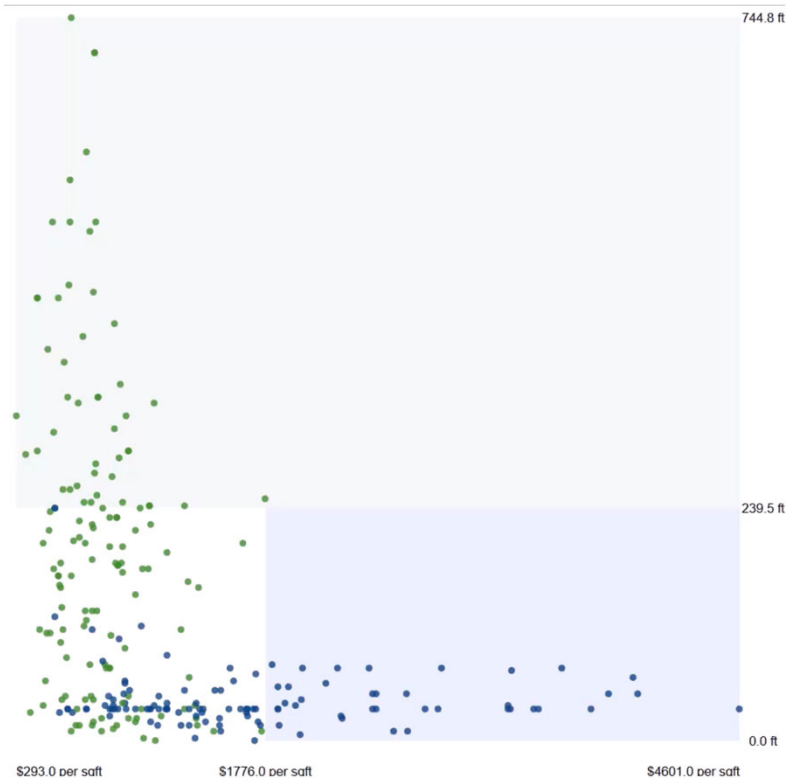
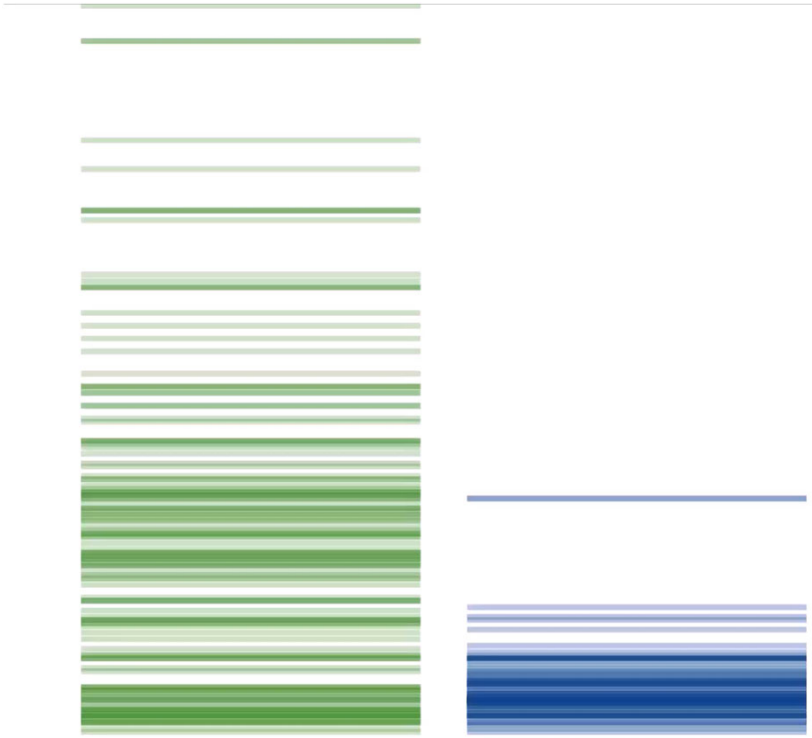


All features

- Seven dimensions



Classifier – Decision tree



- View elevation histogram

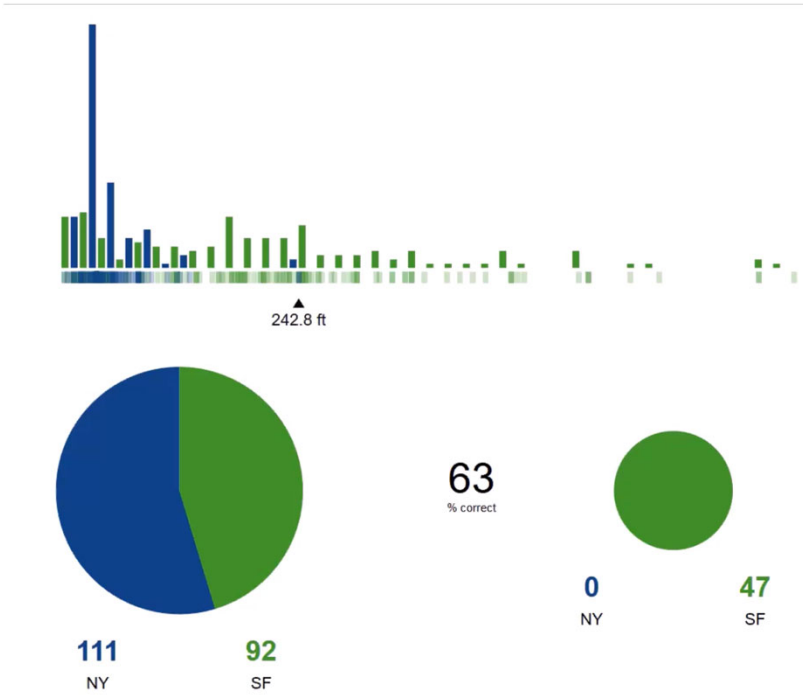
Classifier – Decision tree

- Decision tree uses if-then statements to form boundaries
- If elevation > x then home in San Francisco
- These statements are represented by nodes in a decision tree
- Each node splits the data into branches based on feature values

Classifier – Decision tree

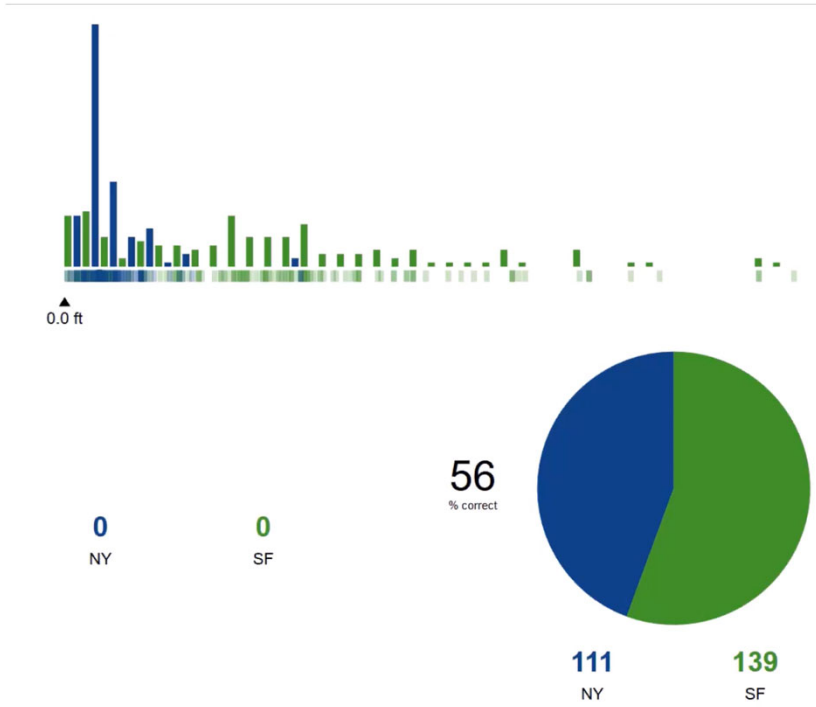
- If elevation > 240’ then home in San Francisco
- This split incorrectly classifies some San Francisco homes as New York homes
- Accuracy is 63% correct
- All the green incorrect labels are false negatives

Classifier – Decision tree



- If elevation > 0’ then home in San Francisco
- If we try to capture every San Francisco home, we will include New York homes
- These will be false positives

Classifier – Decision tree



- The best split makes the groups as homogeneous as possible
- If elevation > 92’ then home in San Francisco

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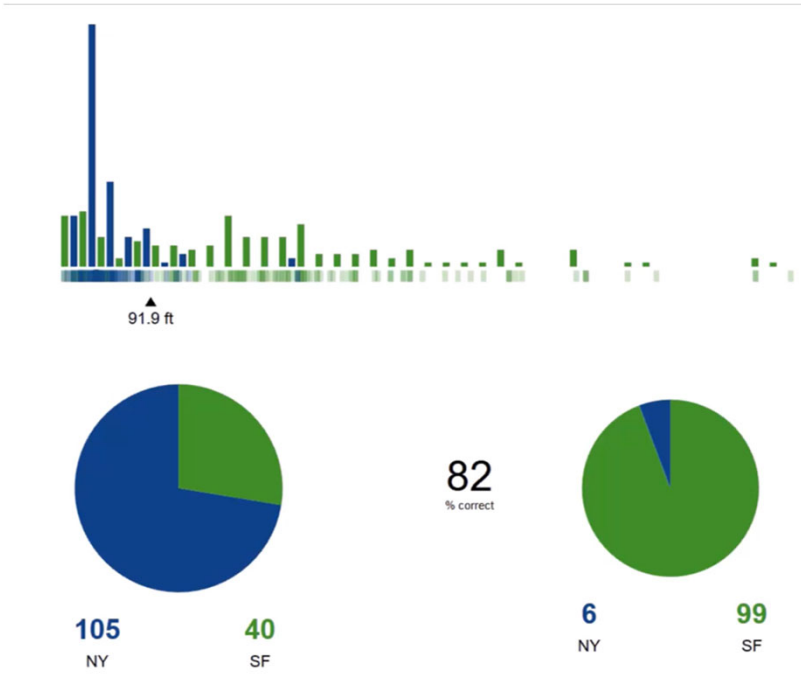
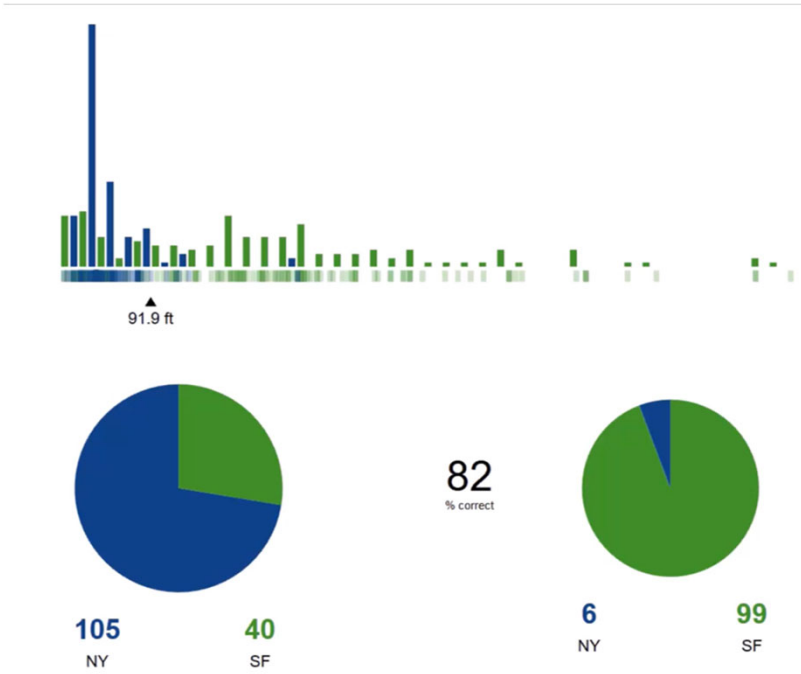


- Even the best split does not fully separate the classes

Classifier – Decision tree



- Solution? Add another split point
- Repeat process on subsets of data
- Recursion

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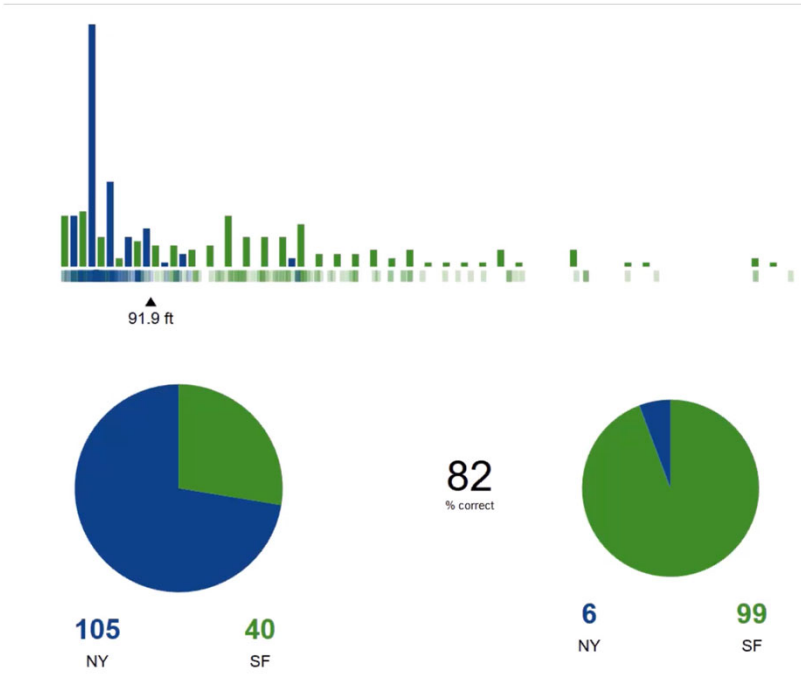

- Consider distribution for each subset

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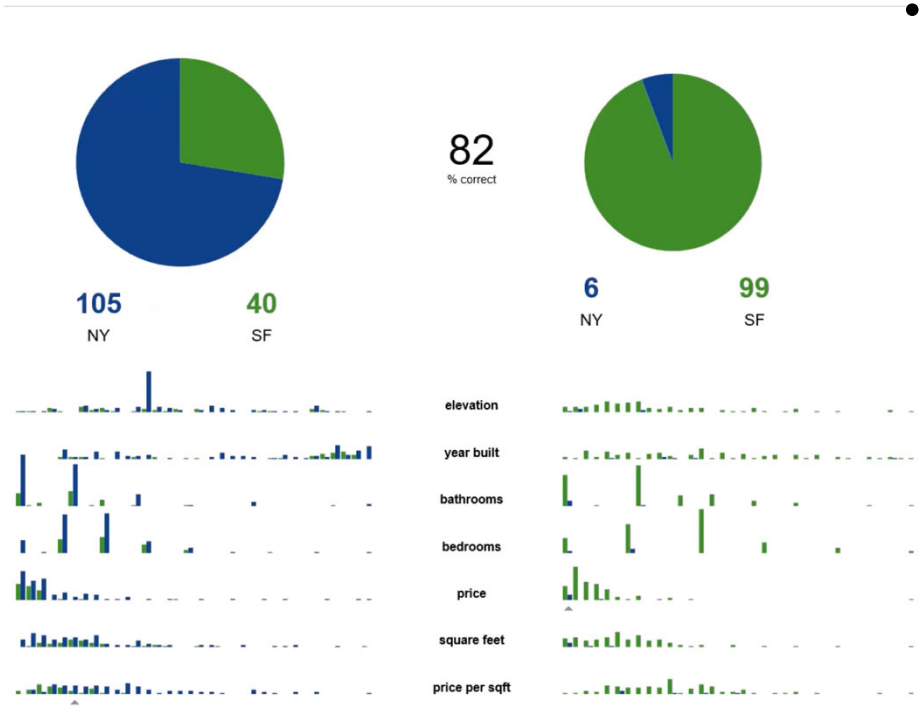

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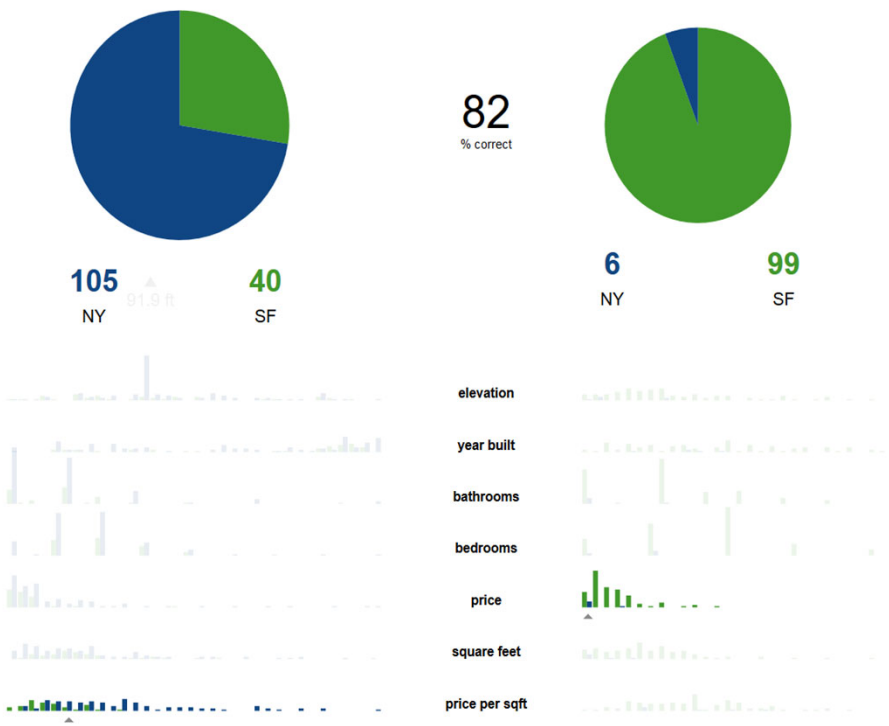
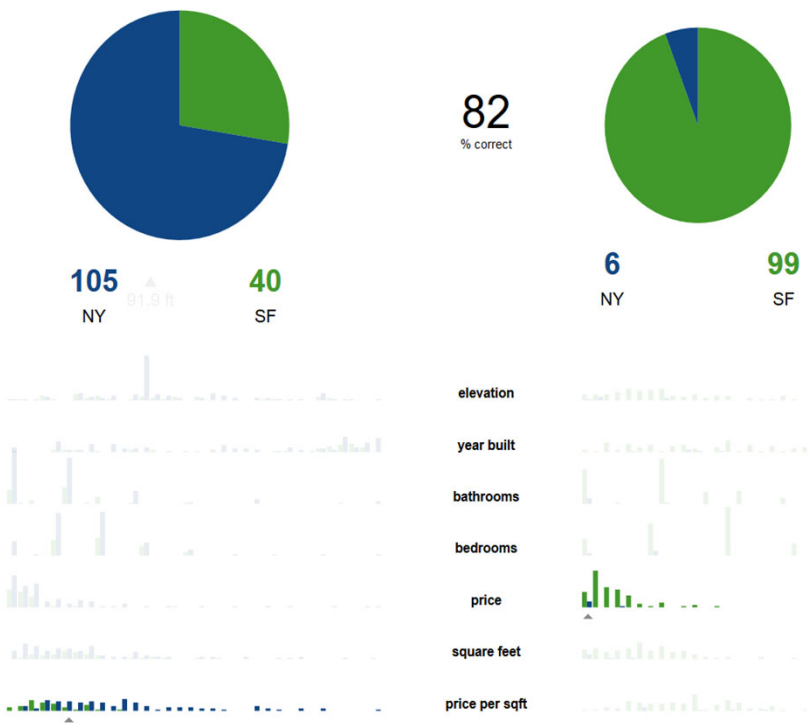


- Best split varies for each subset
- Lower elevation homes
  - Best split variable is price per square foot ($1061)
- Higher elevation homes
  - Best split variable is price of home ($514,500)

Classifier – Decision tree



- Additional nodes add new rule details
- This can increase the tree's accuracy

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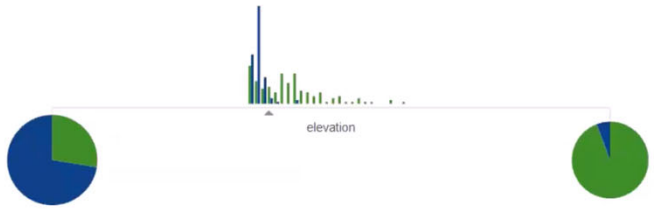
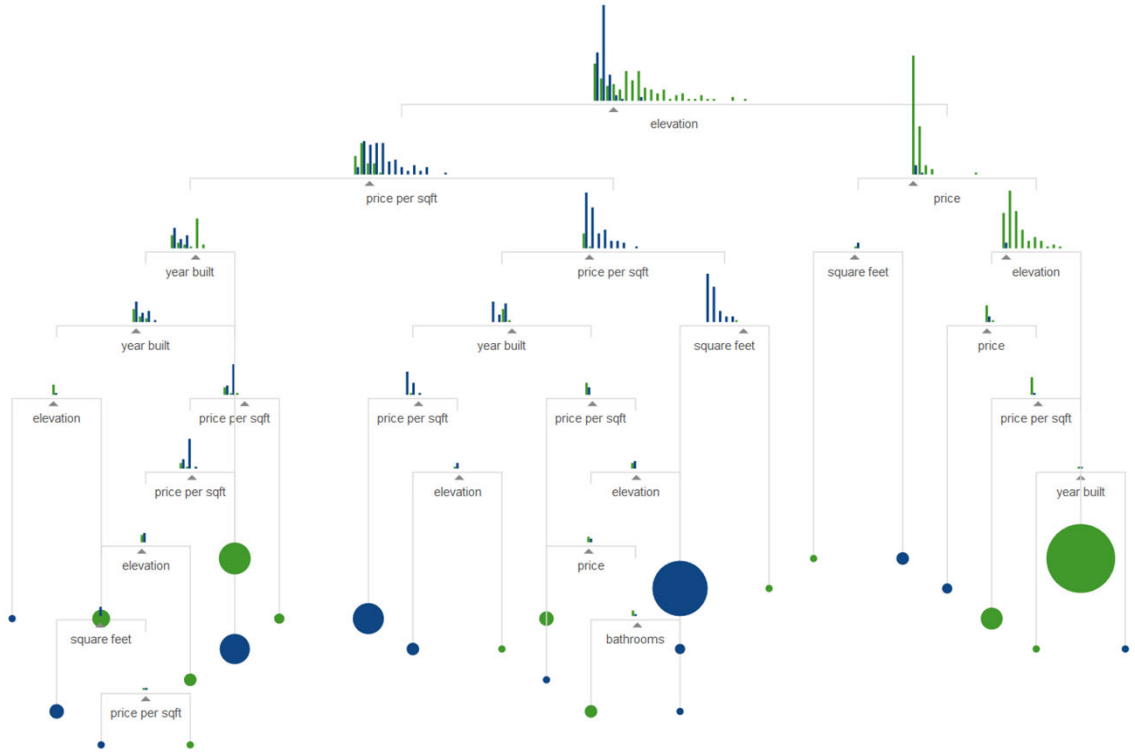
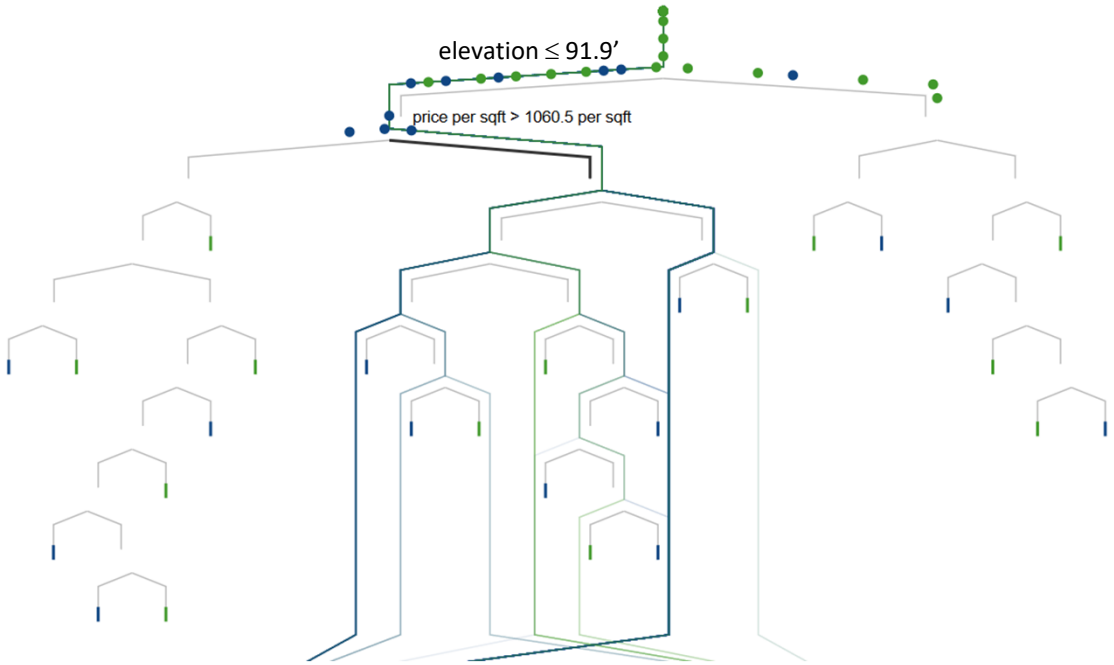


Predict class of new data point



Predict using decision tree



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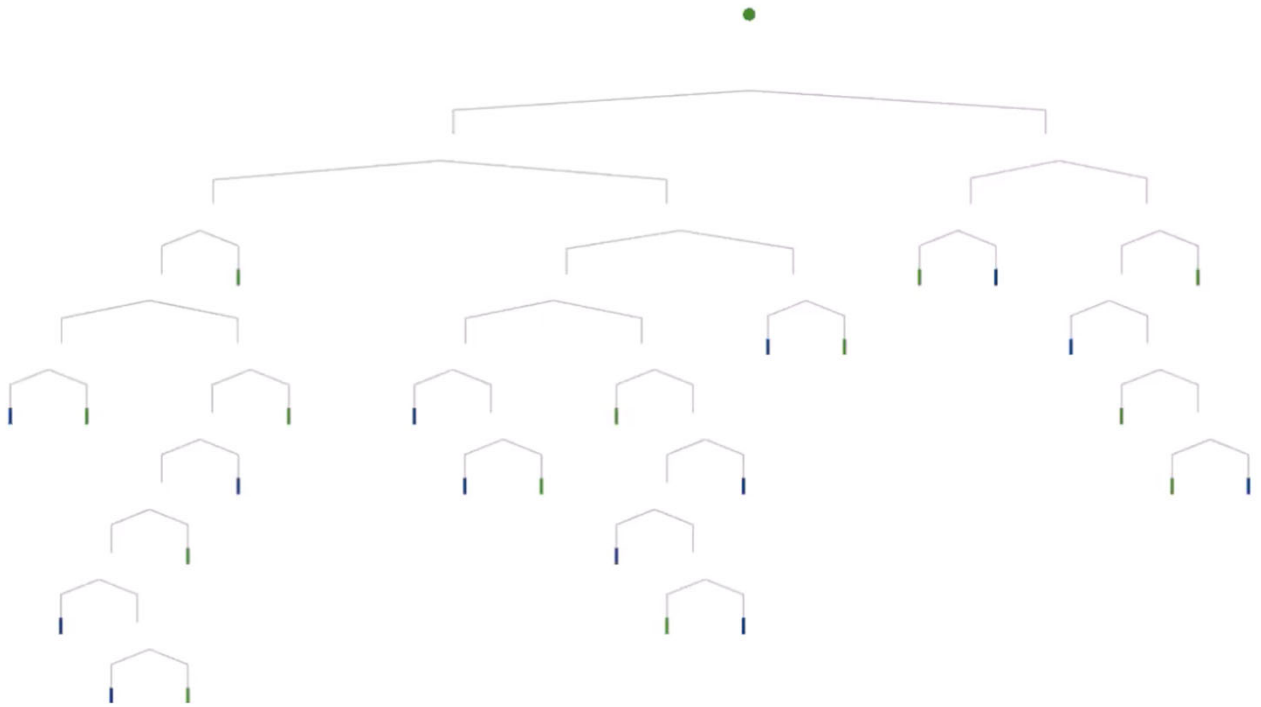
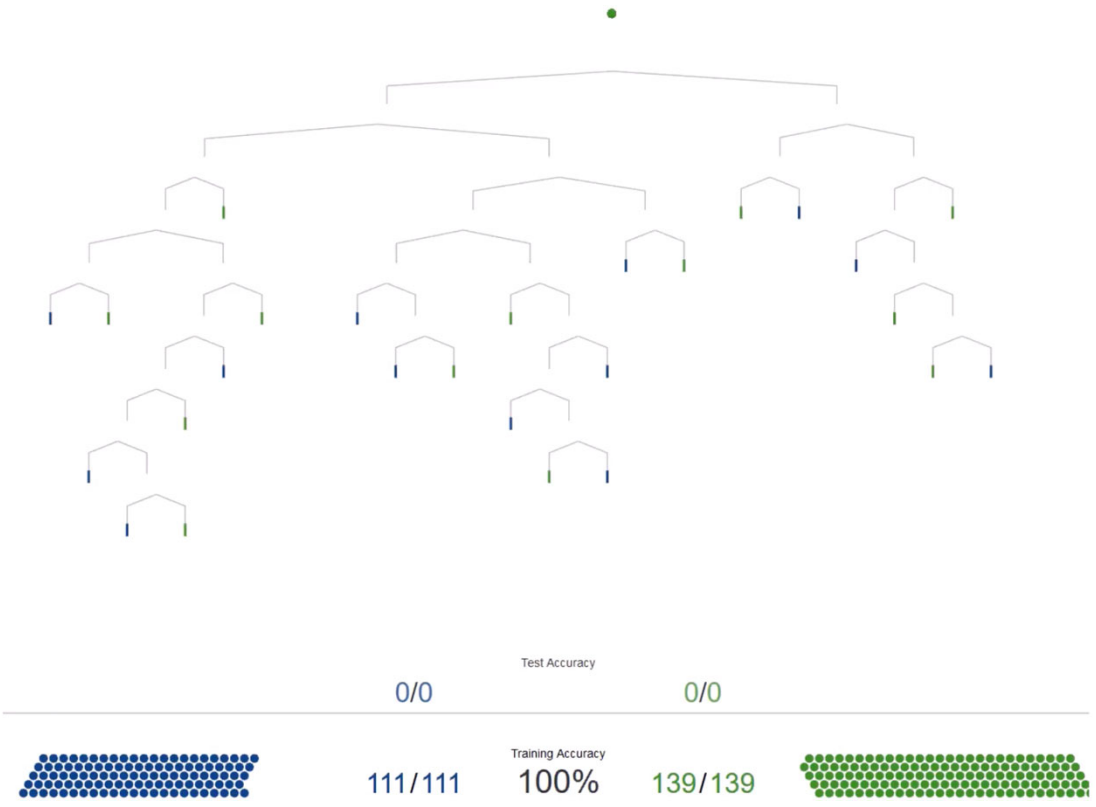


Prediction accuracy

Bigger question - Prediction accuracy on new test data



Performance: loss function

- L(.,.)
- Regression
- Binary classification
- Multiclass classification
- Discovery
- Reinforcement learning

Review