

# **STA130H1F**

## **Class #8 - Classification Trees**

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# Plan for today's class

1. Supervised vs unsupervised learning
2. Classification trees
  - Interpretation
  - Methodology
  - Training and testing
  - Accuracy
3. ROC curves

Reference (available on Quercus) Baumer, Benjamin S., Daniel T. Kaplan, and Nicholas J. Horton. Modern data science with R. CRC Press, 2017. Pages 173-180, 189-192.

# Learning from Data

# "Machine learning" / "Deep learning"

- Objective: discover patterns in data
- How might this be done?

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- Unsupervised learning:
  - Goal is to discover the underlying structure/distribution in the data
  - We don't know the "true answer": there is no teacher to "supervise" the process
  - Example: clustering analysis

# Supervised learning

In this class: we'll only focus on supervised learning

- Response variable: the thing we want to predict  $(y)$ 
  - also known as: output, label, or dependent variable
- Predictor(s)  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_p$ : the variable(s) we want to base the prediction on
  - also known as: features, covariates, inputs, independent variables

Use  $x_s$  to predict  $y$ .

# Types of supervised learning

Categorical response:

ex: men/women, nationality, ...

⇒ classification trees

Continuous response:

ex: height, weight, grades, ...

⇒ linear regression.

# Example: Titanic

Sample of passengers of the Titanic

```
titanic <- "https://goo.gl/At238b" %>%
  read_csv %>% # read in the data
  select(survived, embarked, sex,
         sibsp, parch, fare) %>%
  mutate(embarked = factor(embarked),
         sex = factor(sex)) %>%
  mutate(survived = ifelse(survived==1, "yes", "no"))

glimpse(titanic)
```

```
## Observations: 1,309
## Variables: 6
## $ survived <chr> "yes", "yes", "no", "no", "no", "yes", "yes", "no", "...
## $ embarked <fct> S, S, S, S, S, S, S, C, C, C, S, S, S, C, C, ...
## $ sex      <fct> female, male, female, male, female, male, female, male, ...
## $ sibsp    <int> 0, 1, 1, 1, 1, 0, 1, 2, 0, 1, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, ...
## $ parch    <int> 0, 2, 2, 2, 2, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, ...
## $ fare     <dbl> 211.3375, 151.5500, 151.5500, 151.5500, 151.5500, 26....
```

# of siblings  
spouse

# of parents/children:

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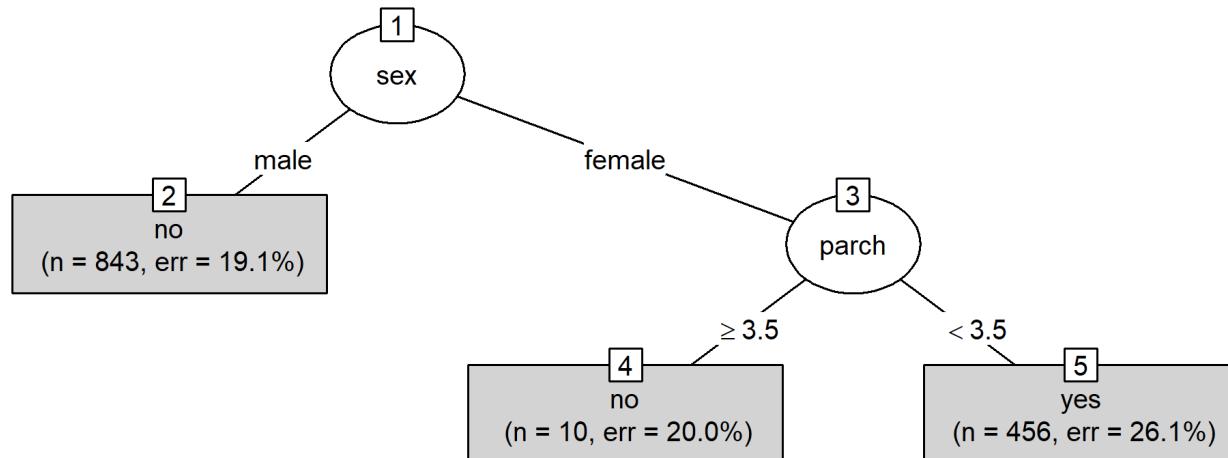
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library(partykit)

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plot(as.party(rtree_fit), type="simple", gp=gpar(cex=0.8))
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"decision" nodes are oval

→ rectangular

- what is n?  $\Rightarrow$  # of obs. that end up in that bucket  
when you answer the questions in  
the tree
- what is err?

Error rate: % of incorrect predictions.

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  - what is n?
  - what is err?
- How to use the tree to make a prediction for a new observation?

↳ start at the top.

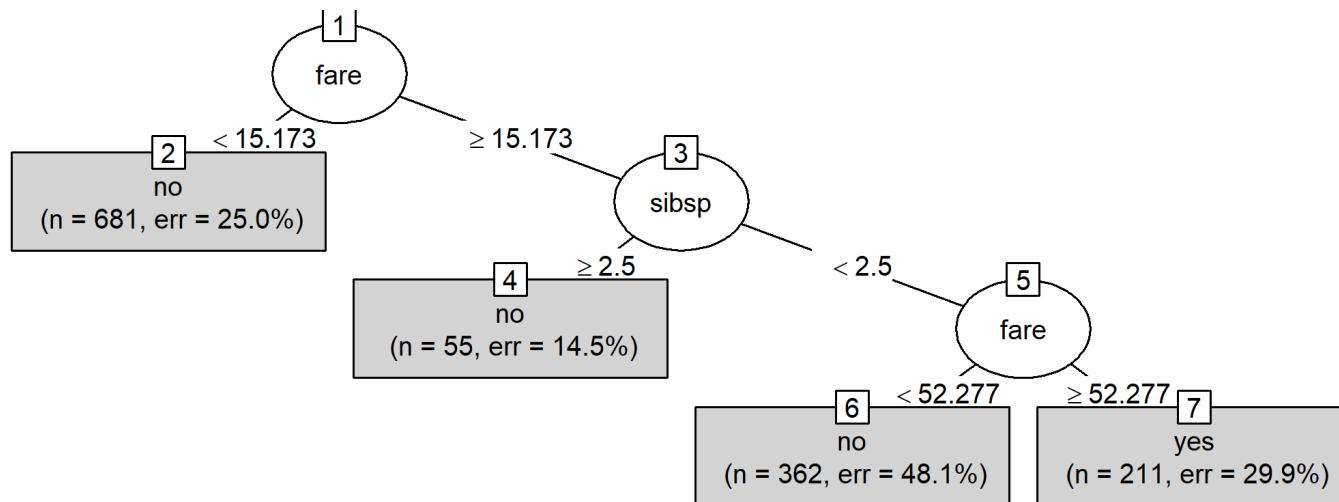
Ask the first question and follow the appropriate branch of the tree

Repeat until you reach a terminal node

↳ get the prediction

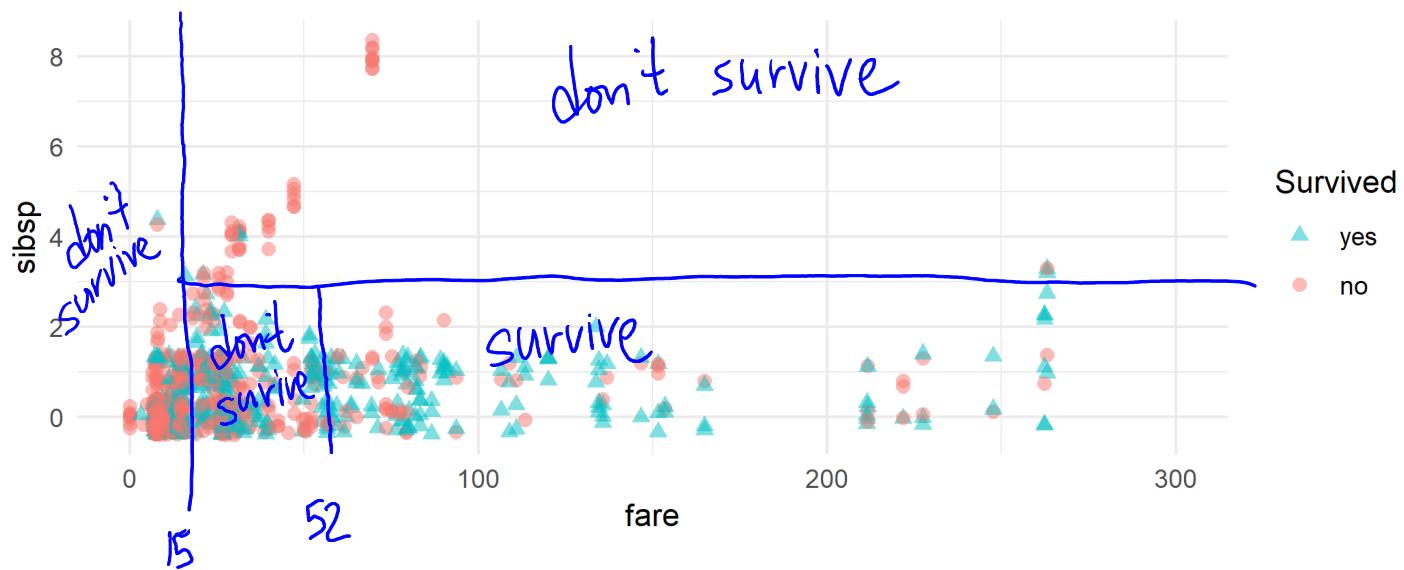
# Geometric interpretation of a classification tree

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                     control = rpart.control(cp=0.02))  
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```



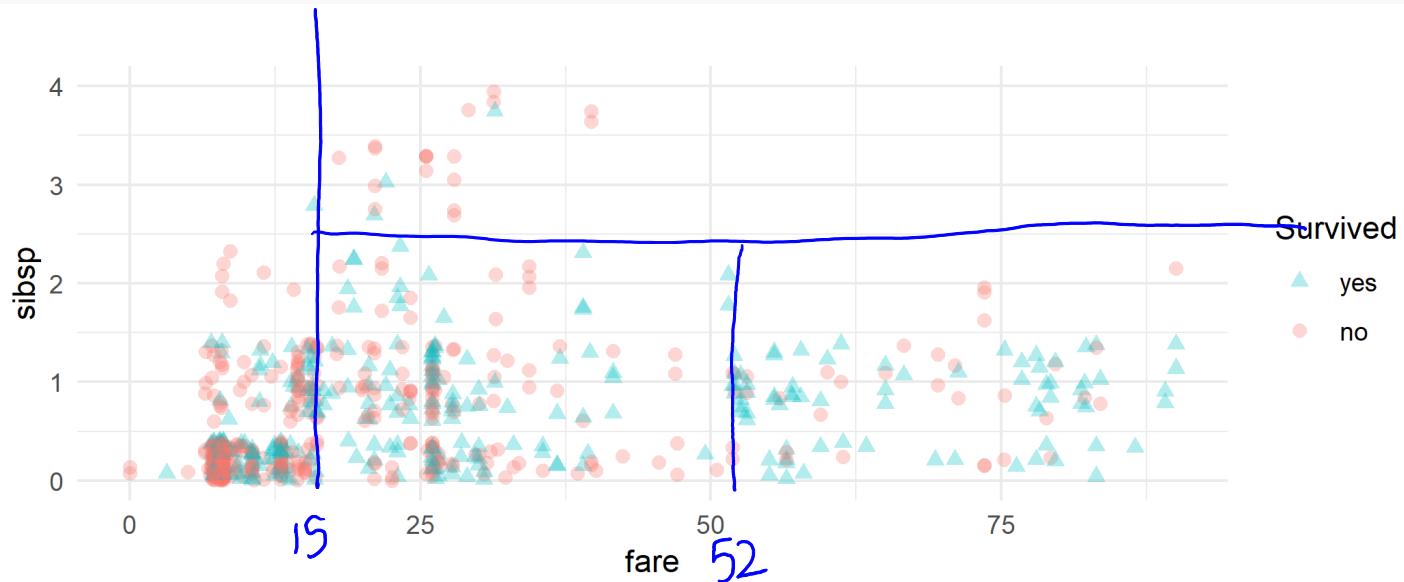
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```
ggplot(titanic,  
       aes(fare, sibsp, shape = factor(survived),  
            colour = factor(survived))) +  
  geom_point(size = 2, position="jitter", alpha=0.5) + xlim(0,300) +  
  theme_minimal() +  
  scale_color_discrete(name = "Survived", breaks = c("yes", "no")) +  
  scale_shape_discrete(name = "Survived", breaks = c("yes", "no"))
```



# Geometric interpretation of a classification tree: Zooming in

```
ggplot(titanic,  
       aes(fare, sibsp, shape = factor(survived),  
            colour = factor(survived))) + ylim(0,4) +  
  geom_point(size = 2, position="jitter", alpha=0.3) + xlim(0,90) +  
  theme_minimal() +  
  scale_color_discrete(name = "Survived", breaks = c("yes", "no")) +  
  scale_shape_discrete(name = "Survived", breaks = c("yes", "no"))
```



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- a response variable ( $y$ )  $\Rightarrow$  the thing we want to predict
- A set of candidate predictors  $\Rightarrow$  your  $x$  variables
- A method to evaluate if a split is "good"
- A rule to stop splitting
- A rule for assigning each terminal node to a category

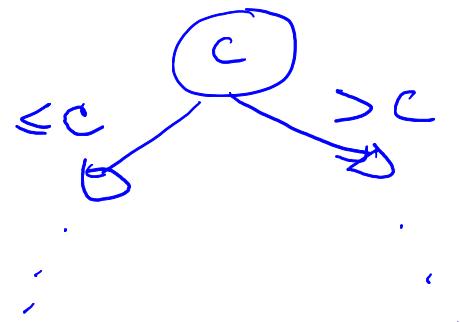
# What kind of questions can we ask?

Numerical predictors:

pick a threshold ( $c$ ).

↳ bigger than  $c$

↳ less than  $c$



Categorical predictors:

↳ define sets of values : {NA, SA, Europe}

{Asia, Africa}

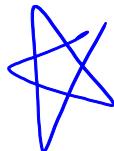
All questions need to binary. (two choices)

↳ yes/no

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Categorical predictors:



Key feature: all questions must be binary (yes/no)

# Method to build a classification tree

At each node, the algorithm searches through the predictors one at a time

1. For each variable: find the "best" split
2. Compare the best split for each variable
3. Select the best of the best as the decision rule
4. Repeat steps 1-3 for each of the child nodes

# Principles for building a classification tree

Two goals:

1. We want each node to be as "pure" as possible
2. Don't want to have a tree that is too complex

↳ less useful in terms of interpretation.

↳ risk of overfitting ⇒ too specific to the data used to fit the tree.

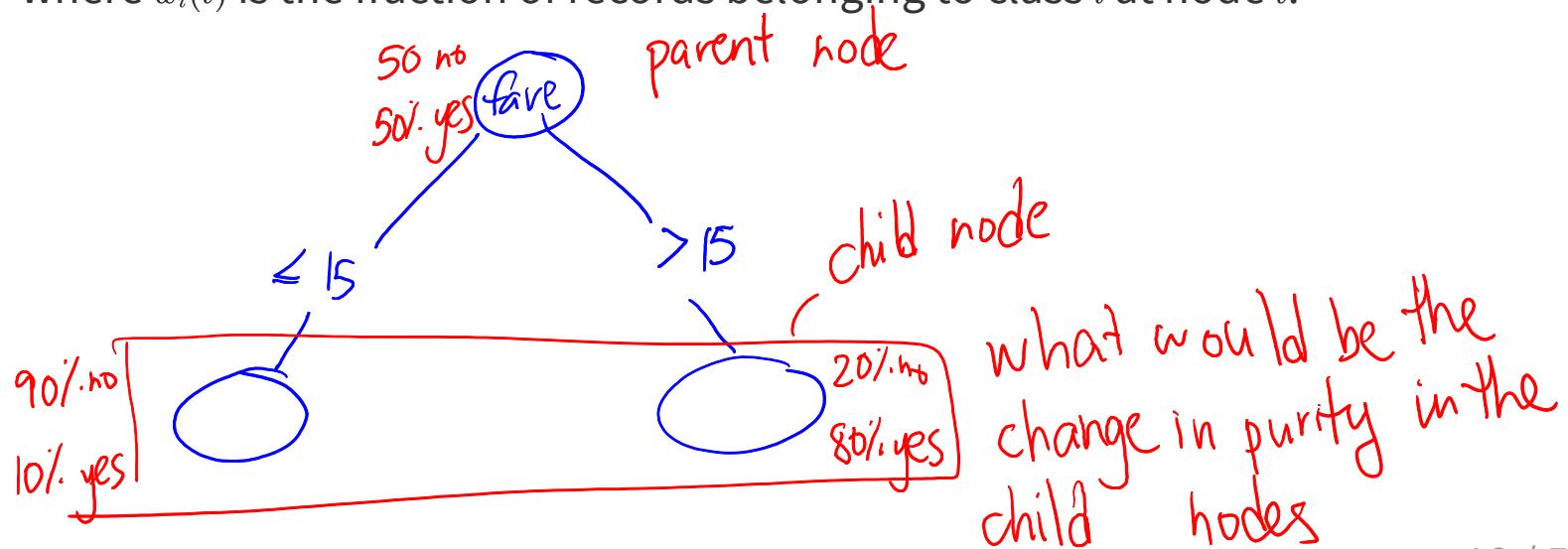
# Impurity

A node is **impure** if all classes are "equally" mixed together (or at least, very mixed together)

There are several measures of impurity

$$Gini(t) = 1 - (w_1(t))^2 + (w_2(t))^2 \rightarrow \text{default used}$$
$$Entropy(t) = -w_1(t) \log_2(w_1(t)) + w_2(t) \log_2(w_2(t)) \text{ by rpart}(\cdot)$$

where  $w_i(t)$  is the fraction of records belonging to class  $i$  at node  $t$ .



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A simple stop-splitting rule is to set a threshold (e.g.  $\beta > 0$ ) and say a node is terminal if  $\underline{\Delta I} < \beta$

↳ to weigh the value of increasing purity  
with the added complexity of the tree/overfitting

# Example: Predicting high income earners

```
census <- read.csv("http://archive.ics.uci.edu/ml/
                     machine-learning-databases/adult/adult.data",
                     header = FALSE)
names(census) <- c("age", "workclass", "fnlwgt",
                   "education", "education.num",
                   "marital.status", "occupation",
                   "relationship", "race", "sex",
                   "capital.gain", "capital.loss",
                   "hours.per.week", "native.country",
                   "income")
```

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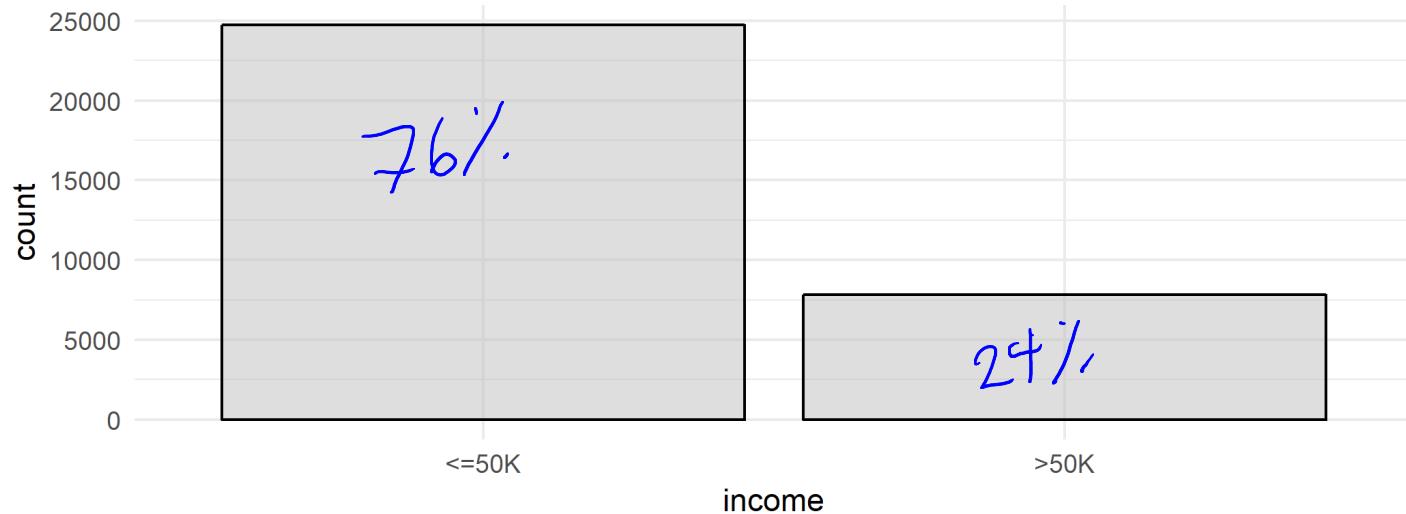
```
glimpse(census)
```

```
## Observations: 32,561
## Variables: 15
## $ age <int> 39, 50, 38, 53, 28, 37, 49, 52, 31, 42, 37, 30, ...
## $ workclass <chr> "State-gov", "Self-emp-not-inc", "Private", "Pr...
## $ fnlwgt <int> 77516, 83311, 215646, 234721, 338409, 284582, 1...
## $ education <chr> "Bachelors", "Bachelors", "HS-grad", "11th", "B...
## $ education.num <int> 13, 13, 9, 7, 13, 14, 5, 9, 14, 13, 10, 13, 13, ...
## $ marital.status <chr> "Never-married", "Married-civ-spouse", "Divorce...
## $ occupation <chr> "Adm-clerical", "Exec-managerial", "Handlers-cl...
## $ relationship <chr> "Not-in-family", "Husband", "Not-in-family", "H...
## $ race <chr> "White", "White", "White", "Black", "Black", "W...
## $ sex <chr> "Male", "Male", "Male", "Male", "Female", "Fema...
## $ capital.gain <int> 2174, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 14084, 5178, 0, 0, 0...
## $ capital.loss <int> 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, ...
## $ hours.per.week <int> 40, 13, 40, 40, 40, 40, 16, 45, 50, 40, 80, 40, ...
## $ native.country <chr> "United-States", "United-States", "United-State...
## $ income <chr> "<=50K", "<=50K", "<=50K", "<=50K", "<=50K", "<...
> 50K
```

We want to predict which individuals are high income earners

# Example: Predicting high income earners

```
census %>% ggplot(aes(income)) +  
  geom_bar(colour = "black", fill = "grey", alpha = 0.5) +  
  theme_minimal()
```



What trivial prediction could we make? (sometimes called null model)

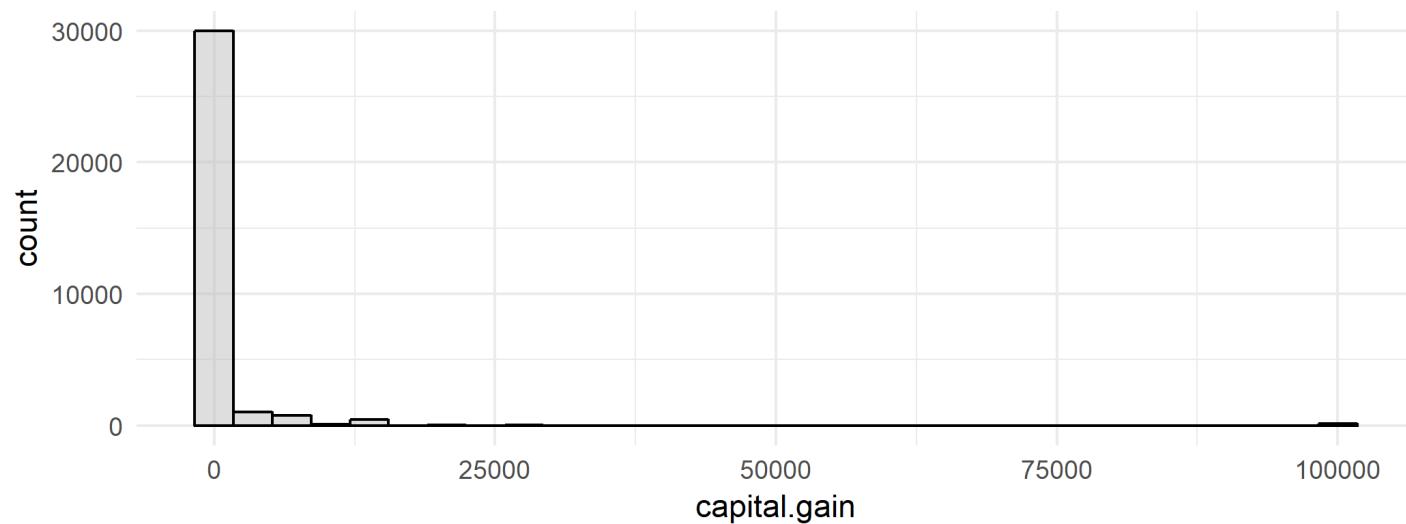
↳ always predict <50k

What would the accuracy be?

↳ we'd be correct 76% of the time!

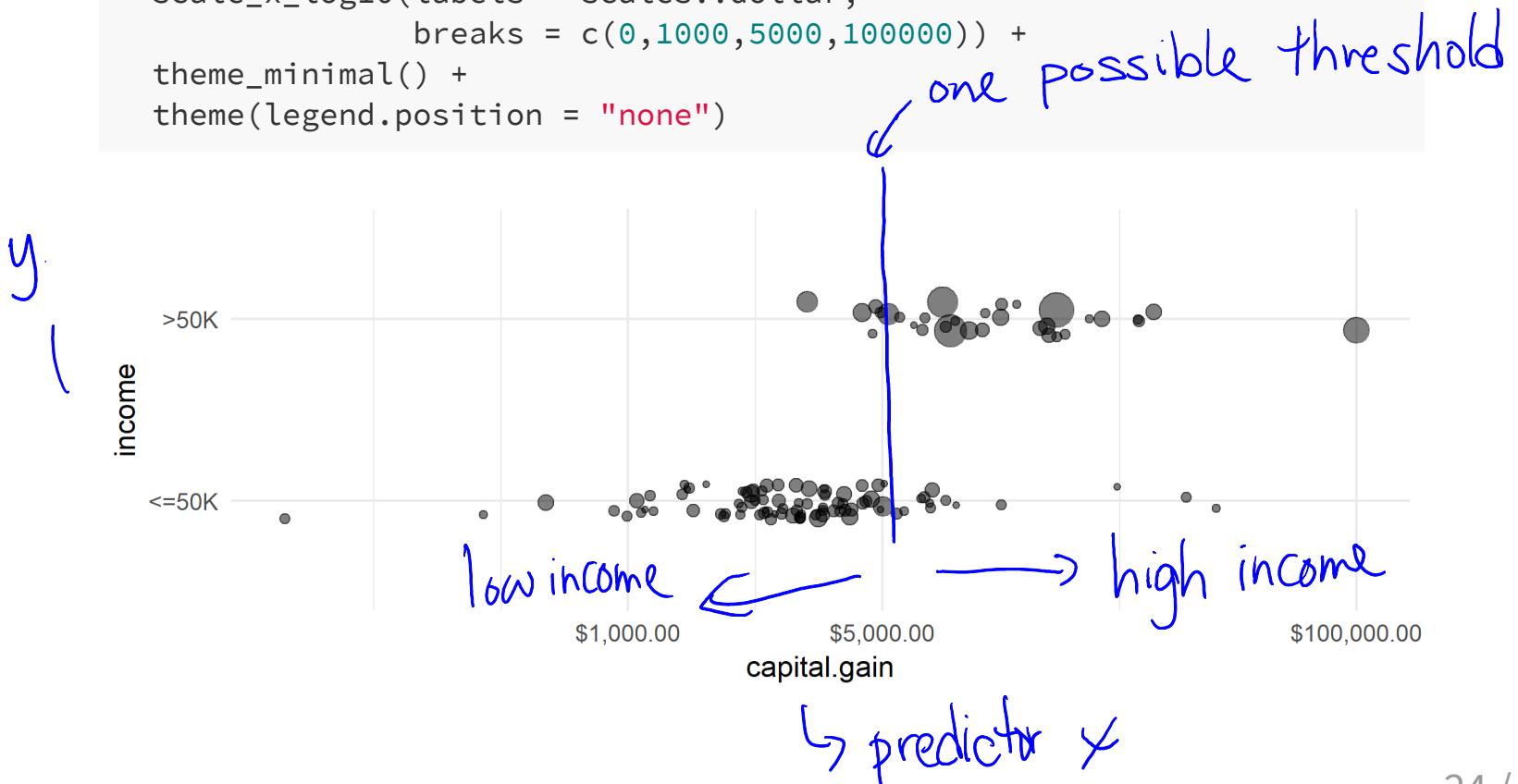
## Example: Predicting high income earners

```
census %>% ggplot(aes(capital.gain)) +  
  geom_histogram(colour = "black", fill = "grey", alpha = 0.5) +  
  theme_minimal()
```



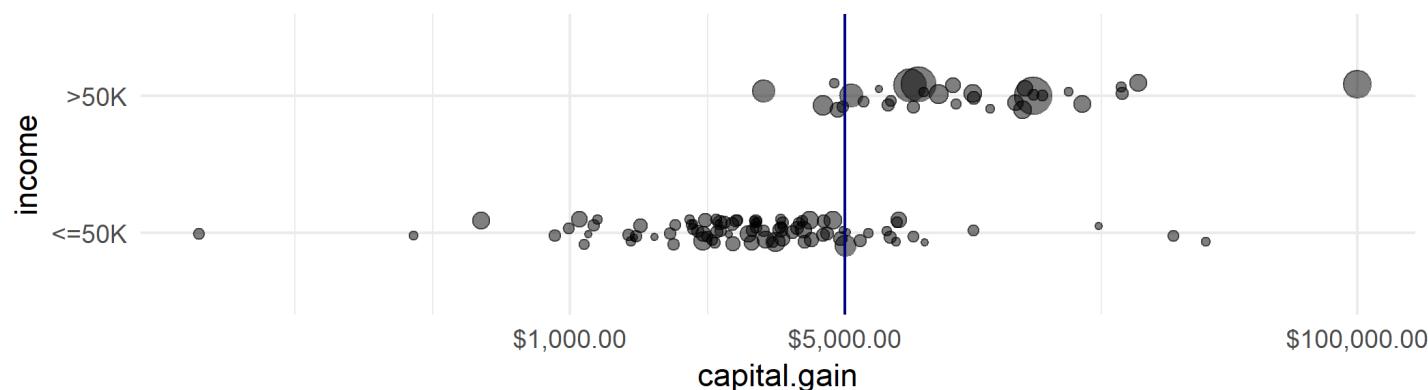
## Example: Predicting high income earners

```
census %>% ggplot(aes(x = capital.gain, y = income)) +  
  geom_count(position = position_jitter(width = 0, height = 0.1),  
             alpha = 0.5) +  
  scale_x_log10(labels = scales::dollar,  
                 breaks = c(0,1000,5000,100000)) +  
  theme_minimal() +  
  theme(legend.position = "none")
```



First try: classify people with capital gains less than \$5000 as low earners and greater than \$5000 as high earners.

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  scale_x_log10(labels = scales::dollar,  
                 breaks = c(0,1000,5000,100000)) +  
  geom_vline(xintercept = 5000, color = "navyblue", lty = 1) +  
  theme_minimal() + theme(legend.position = "none")
```

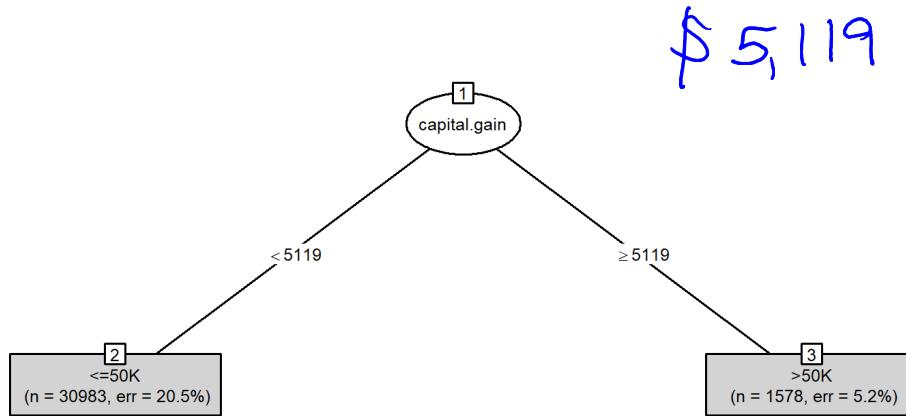


What is the "best" split of the `capital.gain` variable to predict which individuals are high income earners?

## Fitting a tree

*rpart(y ~ x, data)*

```
tree <- rpart(income ~ capital.gain, data = census,  
               parms = list(split = "gini"))  
plot(as.party(tree), type = "simple", gp = gpar(cex = 0.5))
```



R tested all possible thresholds and picked the one with the biggest value for  $\Delta I$ .

# Validation methods

# Comparing prediction accuracy

```
predicted.income <- ifelse(census$capital.gain <= 5000,  
                           yes="<=50K", no=">50K")  
true.income <- census$income
```

Threshold: \$5,000

		true.income	
		<=50K	>50K
predicted.income	<=50K	24568	6345
	>50K	152	1496

Threshold: \$5,119

		true.income	
		<=50K	>50K
predicted.income	<=50K	24638	6345
	>50K	82	1496

Which tree is more accurate?

Accuracy:  $\frac{24,568 + 1496}{\text{total } \#}$



# Question

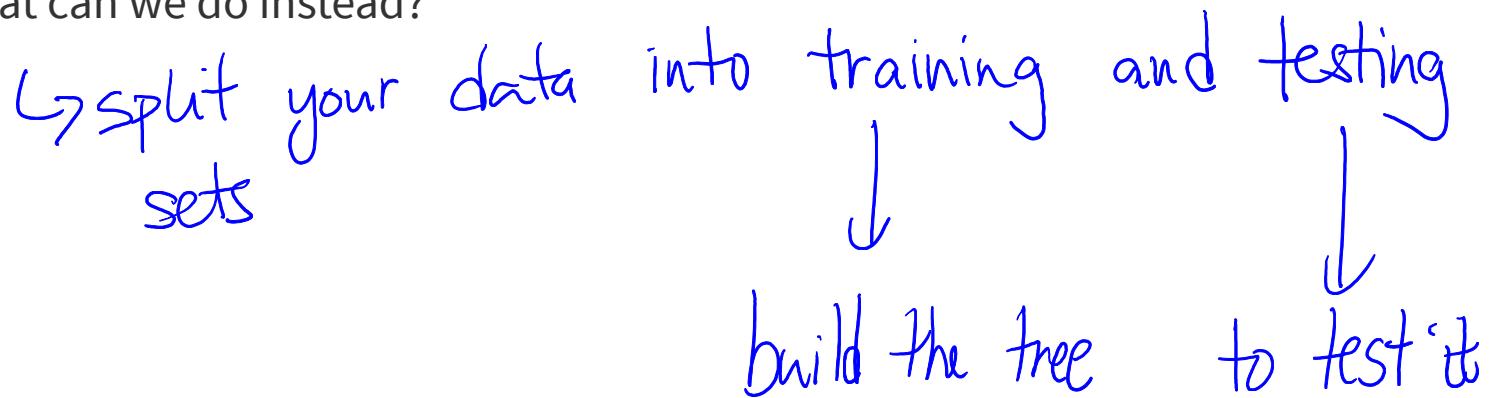
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↳ No. we want to see how well our tree performs for new data.

# Question

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What can we do instead?



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Resampling can also be used to assess the accuracy of a prediction model

↳ divide our sample into two samples  
↳ without replacement  
↳ training  
↳ testing

# Validation set approach

Randomly divide data into "training" and "testing" datasets

1. Separate data into training and testing subsets, by randomly selecting rows
  - Ex: 80% training, 20% testing ("hold-out") sample
  - No formal rules for percentages
2. Fit model using training data
3. Run "test" data through the fitted tree and check how many of them are correctly classified

↳ you need to know the values of  $y$  to assess prediction accuracy.

# Training and Testing Classification

## Trees

```
set.seed(364)
```

```
n <- nrow(census) # number of observations in census data  
n
```

full sample.

```
## [1] 32561
```

```
# random sample of 20% of row indexes
```

```
test_idx <- sample.int(n, size = round(0.2 * n))
```

```
# training data is all observations except from training row indexes
```

```
train <- census[-test_idx, ]
```

```
nrow(train)
```

→ a random sample with 20% of the numbers between 1 and 32,561

↳ exclude observations w. index in test\_idx.

```
## [1] 26049
```

```
# test data
```

```
test <- census[test_idx, ]
```

```
nrow(test)
```

↳ include only obs. w index in test\_idx

```
## [1] 6512
```

```
train <- train %>% mutate(income = factor(income),  
                           workclass = factor(workclass),  
                           education = factor(education),  
                           marital.status = factor(marital.status),  
                           occupation = factor(occupation),  
                           relationship = factor(relationship),  
                           race = factor(race),  
                           sex = factor(sex))  
  
test <- test %>% mutate(income = factor(income),  
                           workclass = factor(workclass),  
                           education = factor(education),  
                           marital.status = factor(marital.status),  
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                           race = factor(race),  
                           sex = factor(sex))
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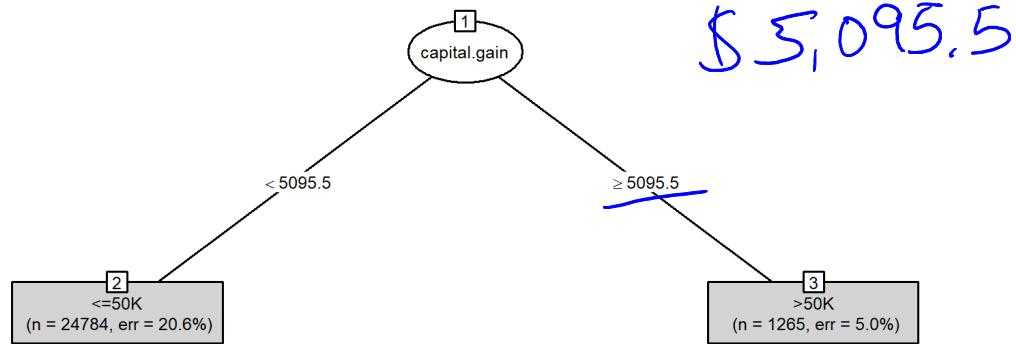
before we used census

```
library(rpart)
tree <- rpart(income ~ capital.gain, data = train,
              parms = list(split = "gini"))
tree
```

```
## n= 26049
##
## node), split, n, loss, yval, (yprob)
##      * denotes terminal node
##
## 1) root 26049 6317 <=50K (0.75749549 0.24250451)
##    2) capital.gain< 5095.5 24784 5115 <=50K (0.79361685 0.20638315) *
##    3) capital.gain>=5095.5 1265    63 >50K (0.04980237 0.95019763) *
```

# Example: Predicting High Earners

```
library(partykit)
plot(as.party(tree), type = "simple", gp = gpar(cex = 0.5))
```



Is this different from the tree we fit before? Yes, the cutpoint is different.  
why? Used diff. data to build

Is it surprising? No, they are quite close (only 25\$)

# Example: Predicting High Earners

What is the prediction accuracy of this tree?

```
predicted_tree <- predict(object = tree, newdata = test,  
                           type = "class")  
table(predicted_tree,test$income) # confusion matrix
```

use the testing  
data to  
check  
performance

```
##  
## predicted_tree <=50K >50K  
##           <=50K   4969  1230  
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$$\frac{4969 + 294}{\text{total}}$$

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What would happen if you measured the accuracy of a tree using the same data that built it?

↳ overestimate the accuracy.

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- The test's error rate depends on which observations are in the training / validation sets (random)
- Only a subset of observations are used to build the tree
  - Statistical models perform better when more data is used to fit them
  - The validation set approach may **overestimate** the error rate

# Accuracy of a classification tree

Consider the confusion matrix:

		truth			
		Predicted	<= 50K	>50K	Total
		<=50K	a	b	a+b
		>50K	c	d	c+d
		Total	a+c	b+d	N = a+b+c+d

|| Assume we are trying to predict >50K. So this outcome will be considered positive, and <=50K is negative.

- True positive rate (sensitivity):  $d/(b+d)$
- True negative rate (specificity):  $a/(a+c)$
- False positive rate:  $c/(a+c)$
- False negative rate:  $b/(b+d)$
- Accuracy:  $(a+d)/N$

True positive rate: Among all observations which are actually "positive", TPR is the proportion for which we predict "positive".

$$\Rightarrow \# \text{ actually positive} = b + d$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{sensitivity} = d / b + d$$

\* just be careful to check which row/column is "positive"/"negative" in each ex.

True negative rate(TNR): Among all obs. which are actually "negative", TNR is the proportion for which we predict "negative".

$$\Rightarrow \# \text{ actually negative} = a + c$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{specificity} = a / a + c$$

Note: a good classifier has high sensitivity and high specificity (higher is better)

False positive rate (FPR) and False negative rate (FNR) are defined similarly.

Note that  $TPR + FNR = 1$

and  $TNR + FPR = 1$ .

↪ Look at the formulas & table to understand why this is.

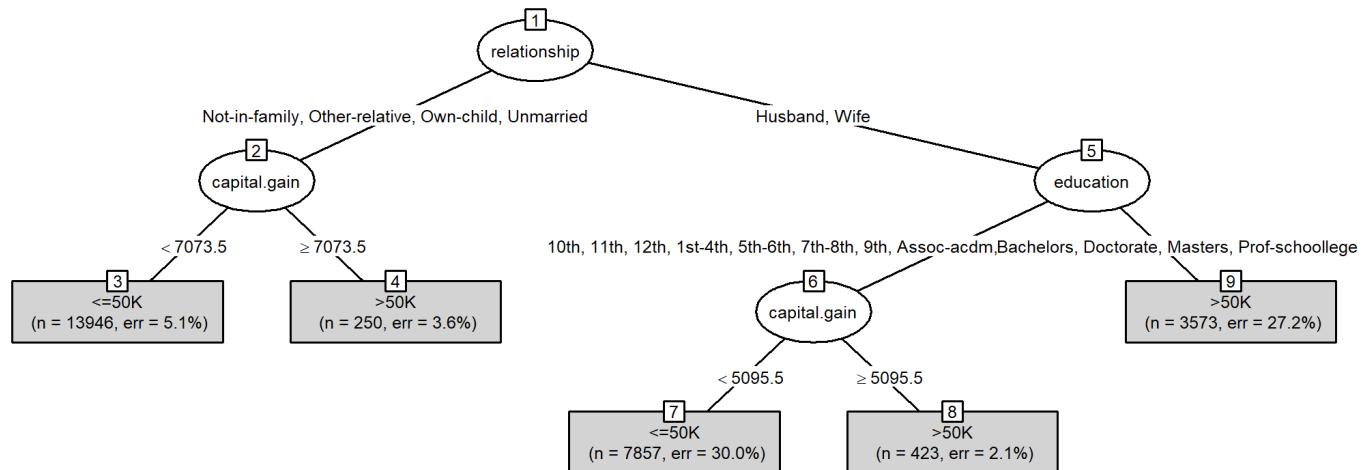
# Classification Trees - Adding more variables

We have used only one variable to predict income, but we can use the other variables in the data to try and improve the accuracy.

```
form <- as.formula("income ~ age + workclass + education +  
                     marital.status + occupation + relationship +  
                     race + sex + capital.gain + capital.loss +  
                     hours.per.week")  
mod_tree <- rpart(form, data = train)
```

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## mod\_tree

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##       4) capital.gain< 7073.5 13946 706 <=50K (0.94937617 0.05062383) *
##       5) capital.gain>=7073.5 250      9 >50K (0.03600000 0.96400000) *
##    3) relationship=Husband,Wife 11853 5370 <=50K (0.54695014 0.45304986)
##       6) education=10th,11th,12th,1st-4th,5th-6th,7th-8th,9th,Assoc-acdm,Assoc-
##          12) capital.gain< 5095.5 7857 2355 <=50K (0.70026728 0.29973272) *
##          13) capital.gain>=5095.5 423      9 >50K (0.02127660 0.97872340) *
##    7) education=Bachelors,Doctorate,Masters,Prof-school 3573  972 >50K (0.27
```

# Accuracy of Classification Tree

```
predicted_mod <- predict(mod_tree, newdata = test, type = "class")  
table(predicted_mod, test$income)
```

~~TP~~

50% threshold

```
##  
## predicted_mod <=50K >50K  
##           <=50K   4731   755  
##           >50K    257   769
```

$$N = 4731 + 755 + 257 + 769 = 6512$$

- The overall accuracy is:

$$\frac{4731 + 769}{N} = 0.8446$$

→ the `predict(.)` function here is used to get predictions for the `test` data based on our tree `mod-tree` (built using training data on p 39-40); `type=class` means we want just the predicted category for each observation in test data, so output is a vector

Instead of giving just the predicted category, we want to get the predicted probability for each category. row for each observation and one column for each possible category.

## Accuracy of Classification Tree

Output here is a matrix, w. one row for each observation and one column for each possible category.

Instead of predicting class directly we can predict **probability** of being high income

```
predicted_tree <- predict(object=mod_tree,newdata=test,type="prob")  
predicted_tree[c(1,2,6),]
```

```
##           <=50K      >50K  
## 1 0.7002673 0.2997327 →  
## 2 0.2720403 0.7279597 →  
## 6 0.0212766 0.9787234 →
```

Can use diff thresholds

↳ predicted probs are related for err rates in each terminal node

Question: Where do these predicted probabilities come from?

Look at obs 1 from test data. On p43, we see that based on mod-tree, the probability this individual is low income is 0.70 and the probability they have a high income is 0.30.

↳ From mod-tree (on p40) we can see that this individual must land in terminal node 7. In this node, there are 7857 individuals (from the training data):

- ↳ 70% of them have low income
- ↳ 30% of them have high income

(look at the error rate for this terminal node).

Similarly:

- Observation 2 from test set (2nd row on p43) lands in terminal node 9
- Observation 6 from test set (3d row on p43) lands in terminal node 8.

# Accuracy of Classification Tree

What if we use 0.5 as threshold

```
# if predicted prob of >50K is >=0.5 then predicted class is >50K
# otherwise predicted class is <=50K
m <- table(predicted_tree[,2] >= 0.5, test$income) ← If probability of high income
row.names(m) <- c("Pred <50K", "Pred >=50K") is ≥ 0.50, the predicted
m class is high income; otherwise it is low income.
```

```
##          <=50K >50K
## Pred <50K    4731  755
## Pred >=50K    257   769
```

$$\text{Accuracy: } \frac{4731 + 769}{N} = 0.8446$$

↳ same as on p42, because R uses threshold of 0.50 by default.

# Classification Tree Accuracy

If the probability of "high income" is  $\geq 0.24$ , predicted class is "high income", Otherwise predicted class is "low income".

Since only 24% of the sample earns >50K perhaps this is a more sensible cutoff for prediction.

```
predicted_tree <- predict(object = mod_tree, newdata = test,  
                           type = "prob")  
m <- table(predicted_tree[,2] >= 0.24, test$income)  
row.names(m) <- c("Pred <50K", "Pred >=50K")  
m
```

```
##  
##          <=50K >50K  
##  Pred <50K    3370  166  
##  Pred >=50K   1618 1358
```

→ different

Accuracy:  $\frac{3370 + 1358}{N} = 0.7260.$

↳ lower accuracy than when the threshold was 0.50.

# ROC Curves

Used to compare various classifiers to each other, and decide which to help us use

The ROC curve is a plot of the true positive rate versus the false positive rate for various cut-points.

```
pred <- ROCR::prediction(predictions = predicted_tree[,2],  
                           test$income) ← true values  
perf <- ROCR::performance(pred, 'tpr', 'fpr')  
perf_df <- data.frame(perf@x.values, perf@y.values) ← create data frame w  
names(perf_df) <- c("fpr", "tpr") TPR and FPR values  
roc <- ggplot(data = perf_df, aes(x = fpr, y = tpr)) +  
  geom_line(color = "blue") +  
  geom_abline(intercept = 0, slope = 1, lty = 3) +  
  ylab(perf@y.name) + xlab(perf@x.name)
```

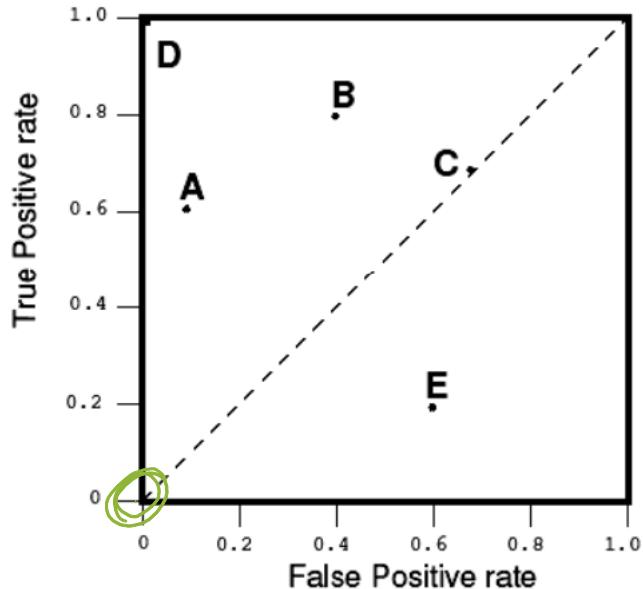
} plot ROC curve.

You can copy the code above to make an ROC curve, you just need to change the values in the first two lines (highlighted)

# ROC Curves



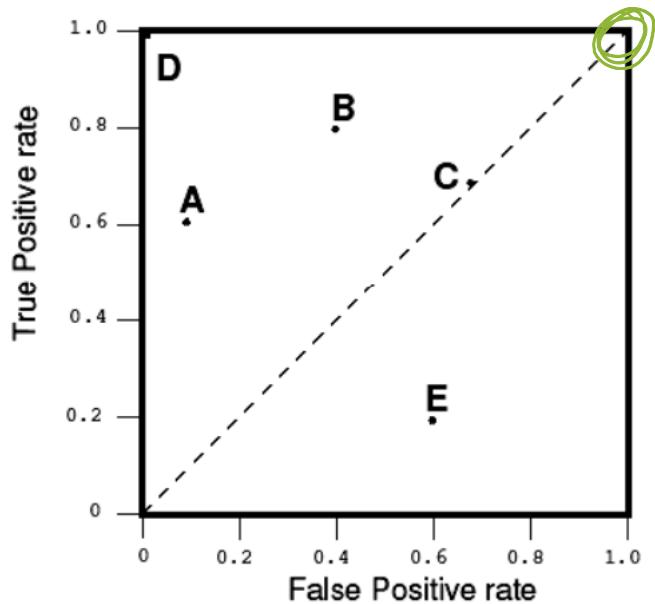
# Lower left point



i.e. always predict  
Never classify as 'positive'      "negative"

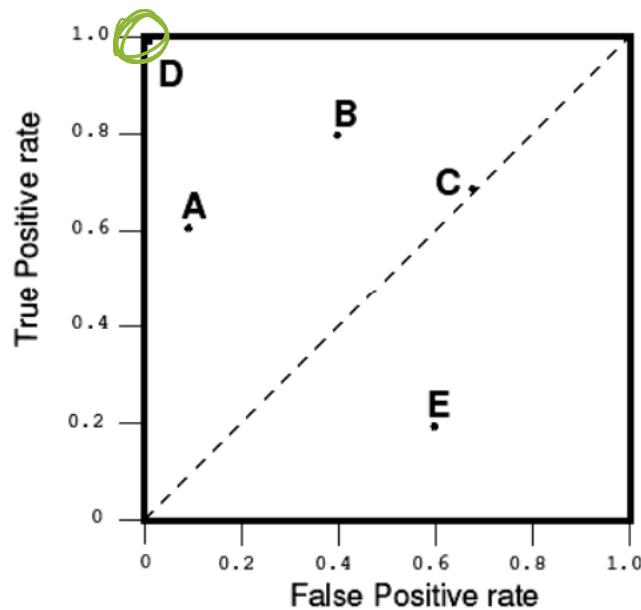
- no false positive errors → good
- no true positives → bad  
(because we always predict "negative")

# Upper right point



- (predict)  
Always classify as 'positive'
- all true positives are classified correctly  $\Rightarrow$  good
  - none of the true negatives are classified incorrectly  $\Rightarrow$  bad
    - ↳ i.e. all of the obs. which are actually "negative" are predicted incorrectly.

# Upper left point (0,1)



Gets everything perfect!

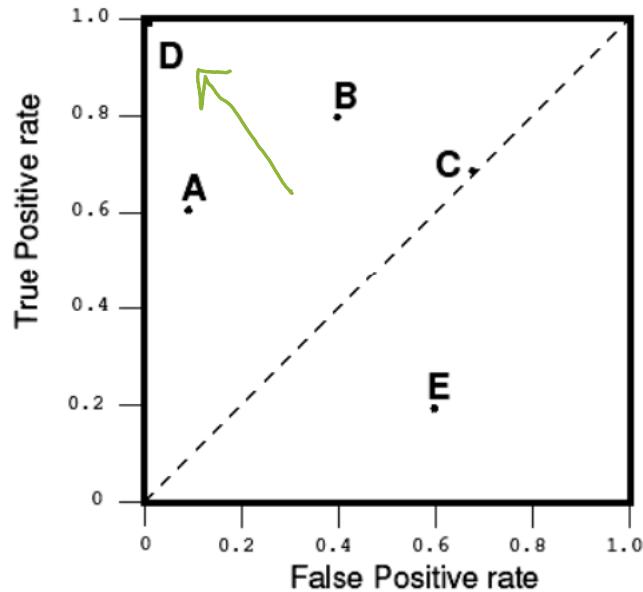
- No false positive errors

- All true positives

No false negative errors



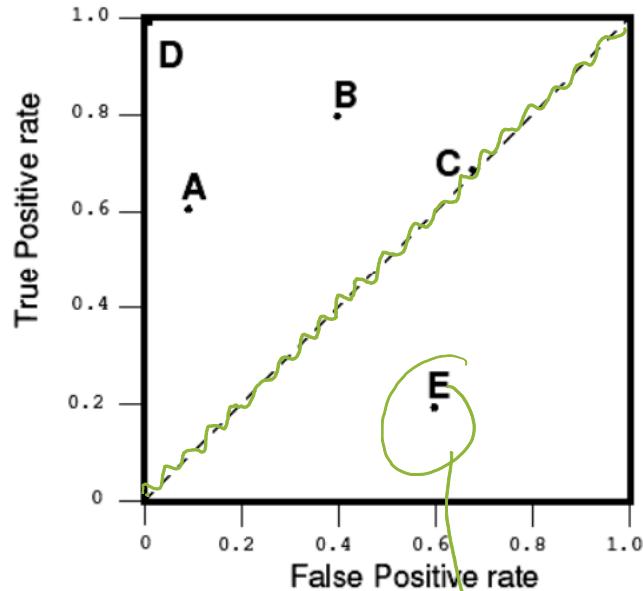
# All other points



Better to be close to top left corner

- TP rate is higher ✓
- FP rate is lower ✓
- ideally both! ✓✓

# Point C: random performance



The diagonal line represents the strategy of randomly guessing!

- At (0.7, 0.7), C is guessing the positive class 70% of the time

↳ not using information from the predictors.

↳ This classifier's performance is worse than if you just flipped a coin to make the predictions! It is not a useful predictor.

# ROC Curves

- The ROC curve is a plot of all possible threshold values for classification.
- The upper-left corner represents a perfect classifier, which would have a true positive rate of 1 and a false positive rate of 0.
- A random classifier would lie along the diagonal, since it would be equally likely to make either kind of mistake.

# ROC Curves

The true positive rate and false positive rate for a tree classifier with cutpoint 0.5.

```
predicted_tree <- predict(object = mod_tree, newdata = test,
                           type = "prob")
m <- table(predicted_tree[,2] >= 0.50, test$income)
row.names(m) <- c("Pred <50K", "Pred >=50K")
tpr_50 <- m[4]/sum(m[,2])
fpr_50 <- m[2]/sum(m[,1])
tpr_50
```

} calculates TPR and FPR when  
cutpoint of 0.50 is used

```
## [1] 0.5045932
```

```
fpr_50
```

```
## [1] 0.05152366
```

# ROC Curves

The true positive rate and false positive rate for a tree classifier with cutpoint 0.24.

```
predicted_tree <- predict(object = mod_tree, newdata = test,  
                           type = "prob")  
m <- table(predicted_tree[,2] >= 0.24, test$income)  
row.names(m) <- c("Pred <50K", "Pred >=50K")  
tpr_24 <- m[4]/sum(m[,2])  
fpr_24 <- m[2]/sum(m[,1])  
tpr_24
```

} calculates TPR and FPR with  
cutpoint of 0.24

```
## [1] 0.8910761
```

cutpoint: 0.50      cutpoint: 0.24

```
fpr_24
```

TPR  
(sensitivity)      0.56      0.89

```
## [1] 0.3243785
```

FPR  
(1-specificity)      0.05      0.32

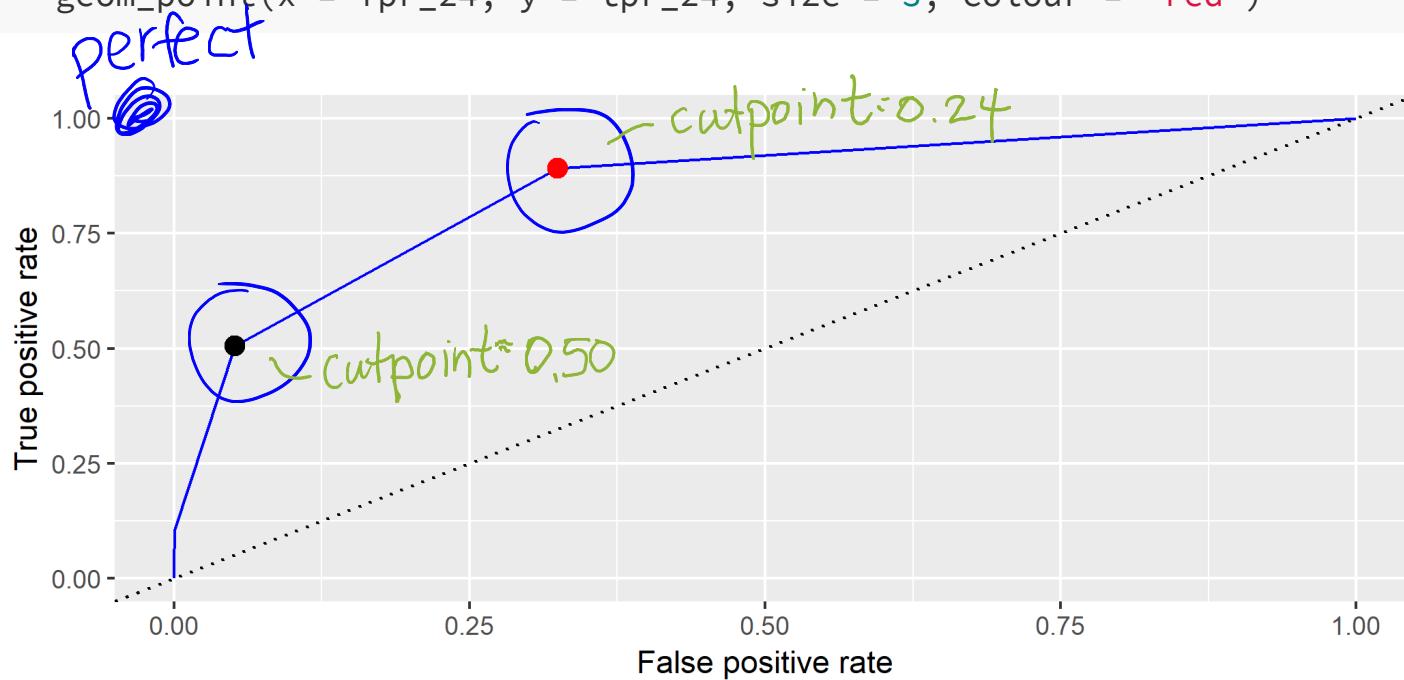
\* Cutpoint of 0.24 has higher sensitivity (good!) but also higher FPR, which is equivalent to lower specificity (bad!).

# ROC Curves

If you care more about making false positive / false negative errors, you may prefer one of the cutpoints over the other.

The tree with a cutpoint of 0.5 is shown as the black dot and the tree with a cutpoint of 0.24 is shown as the red dot.

```
roc + geom_point(x = fpr_50, y = tpr_50, size = 3, colour = "black") +  
  geom_point(x = fpr_24, y = tpr_24, size = 3, colour = "red")
```



Which cutoff is better? they are about the same

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