
DECISION TREE AND RANDOM FOREST
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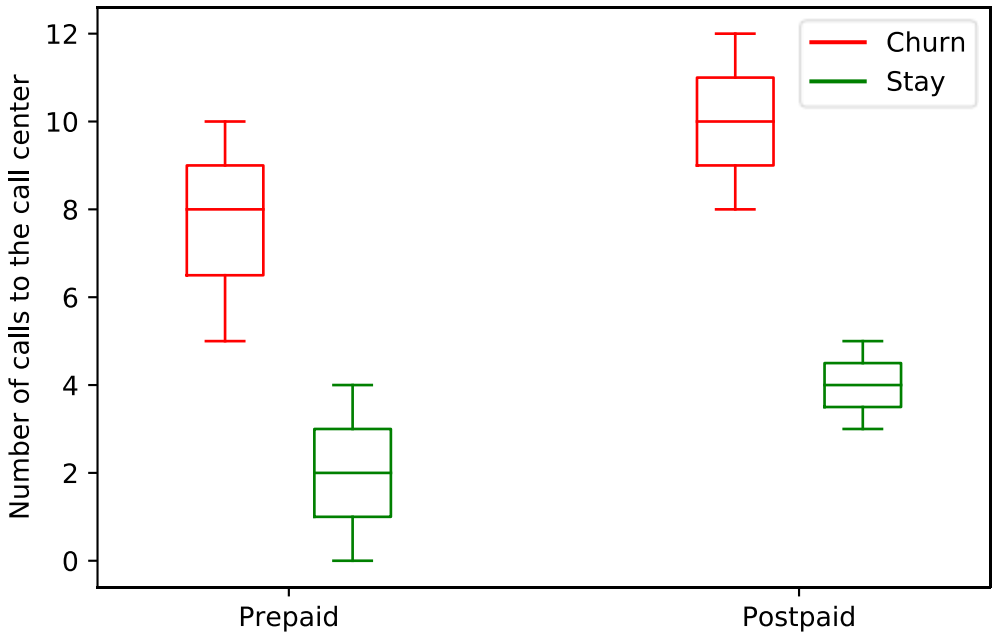
◦ Visualization



Decision Tree

Given data

Group	Call	Churn
Prepaid	5	Yes
Prepaid	8	Yes
Prepaid	10	Yes
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Prepaid	2	No
Prepaid	4	No
Postpaid	8	Yes
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Postpaid	12	Yes
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Postpaid	4	No
Postpaid	5	No

- Concepts

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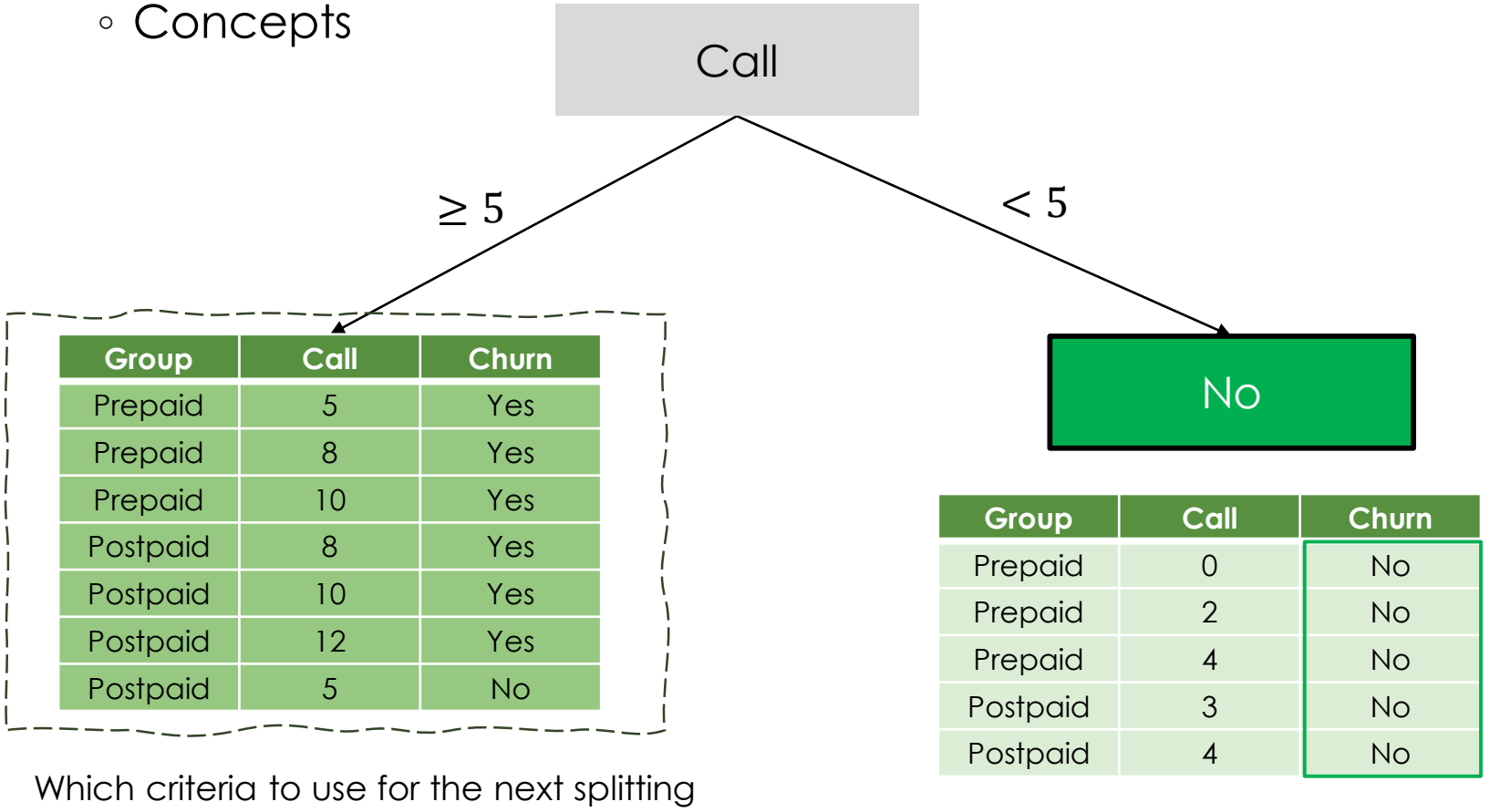
Note: In this example, **call** refers to the number of calls to the call center

Decision Tree

The decision tree makes data partitioning until no more data to be partitioned

◦ Concepts



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Which criteria to use for the next splitting

Group	Call	Churn
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Prepaid	2	No
Prepaid	4	No
Postpaid	3	No
Postpaid	4	No

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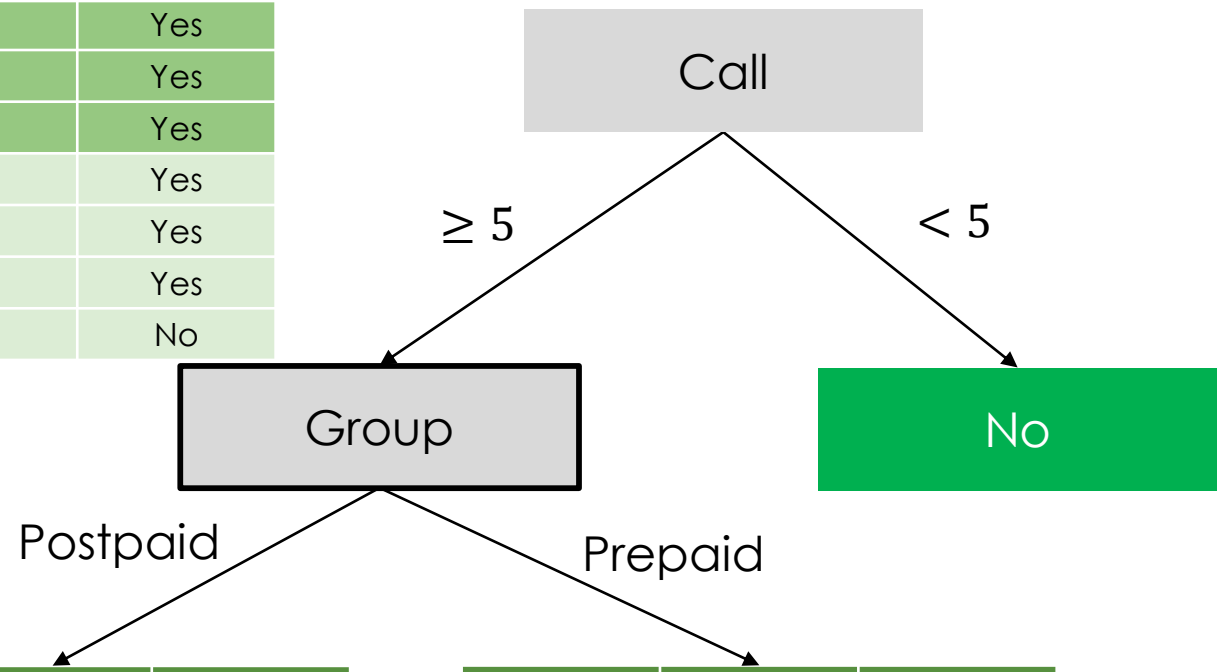

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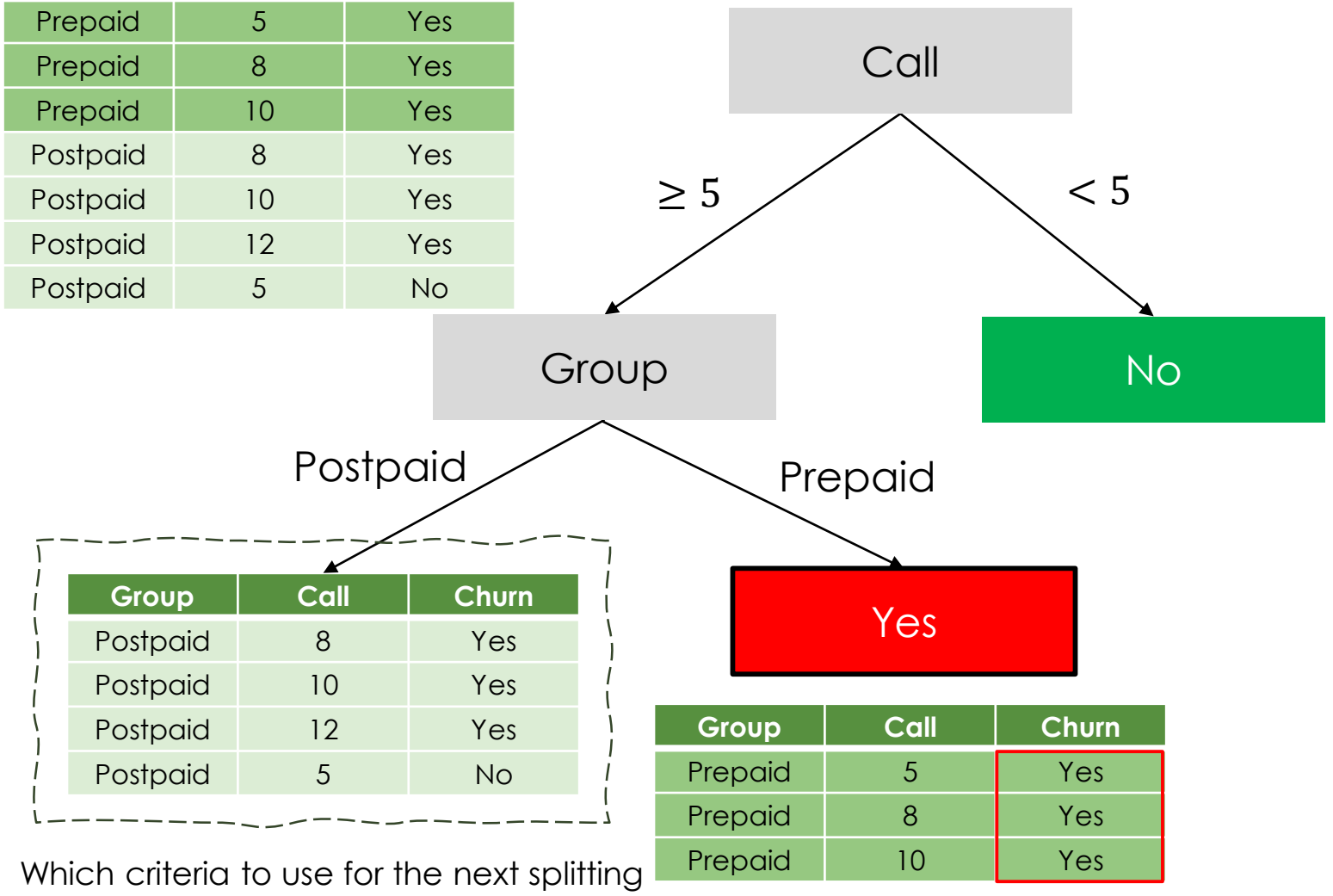

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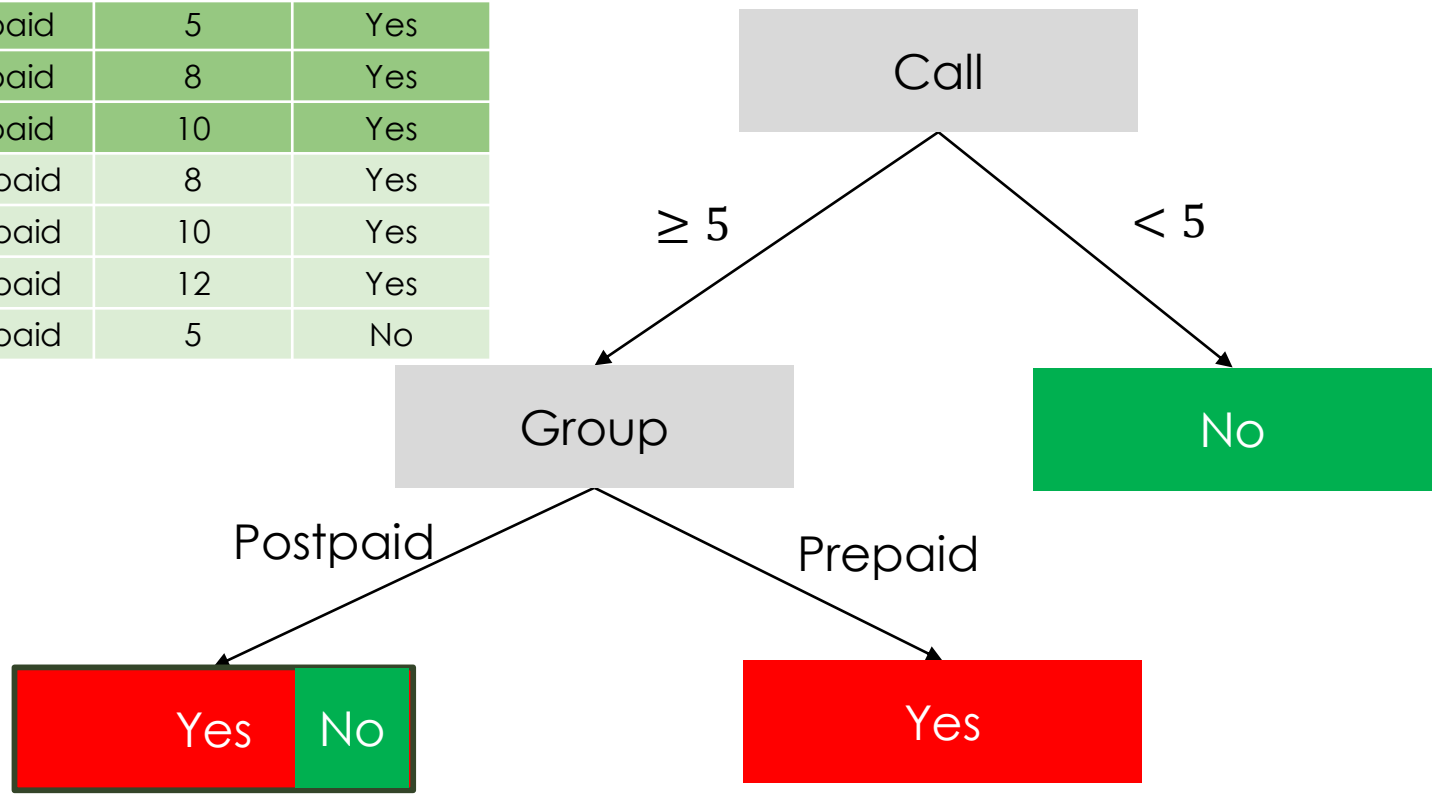

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If the maximum depth is defined as 2, the decision tree will stop learning at this stage

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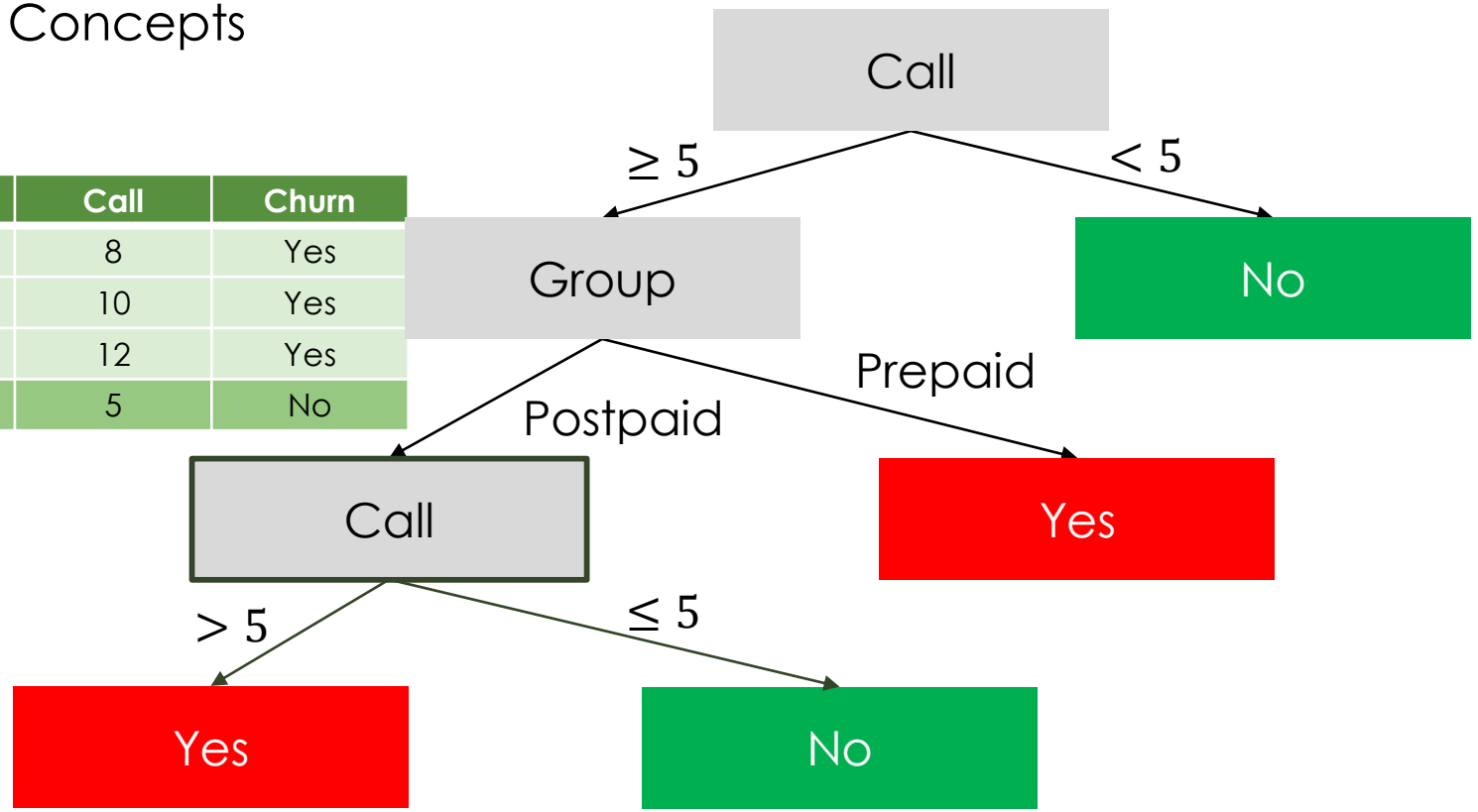

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Postpaid	12	Yes

Group	Call	Churn
Postpaid	5	No

Otherwise, the decision tree will keep partitioning data until the end

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- Impurity measures for classification task
  - Entropy
  - Gini
  - Classification error

- Impurity measure for regression task
  - Variance

Impurity Measure

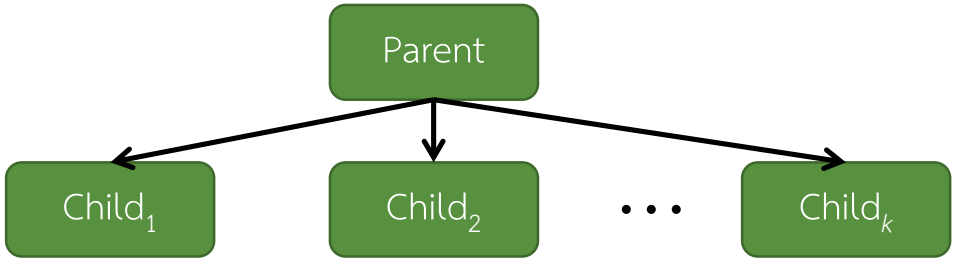
Impurity measure is applied to make decision which criteria to use for splitting

- Entropy

$$H(x) = \sum_j -P(j) log_2 P(j)$$

where j is any possible value in a given feature
$P(j)$ is the probability of j

- Splitting



Information Gain

$$IG(Parent, Children) = H(Parent) - \sum_i \frac{N_{Child_k}}{N_{parent}} \cdot H(Child_i)$$

Where $H(\cdot)$ is entropy of a particular node
$N_{parrent}$ is the number of datapoint of the parent node
N_{child_k} is the number of datapoint of the k^{th} child node

Impurity Measure

Impurity measure is applied to make decision which criteria to use for splitting

◦ Entropy (Example): Measure Entropy of Call

Call	Churn
5	Yes
8	Yes
10	Yes
0	No
2	No
4	No
8	Yes
10	Yes
12	Yes
3	No
4	No
5	No

Call $H(parent) = -\frac{6}{12}\log_2\frac{6}{12} - \frac{6}{12}\log_2\frac{6}{12} = 1$

$P(churn = Yes)$ $P(churn = No)$

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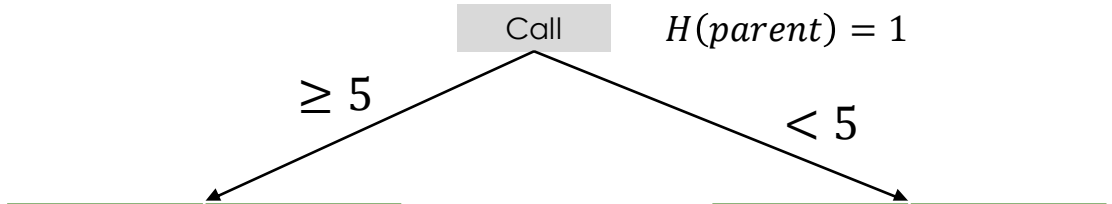

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12	Yes
5	No

Call	Churn
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4	No
3	No
4	No

$$H(call \geq 5) = -\frac{6}{7}\log_2\frac{6}{7} - \frac{1}{7}\log_2\frac{1}{7} = 0.59$$

$$H(call < 5) = -\frac{5}{5}\log_2\frac{5}{5} - \frac{0}{5}\log_2\frac{0}{5} = 0$$

select feature from most of Information gain from Entropy Model

$$IG(parent, children) = H(parent) - \frac{N_{call\geq 5}}{N_{parent}} \cdot H(call \geq 5) - \frac{N_{call<5}}{N_{parent}} \cdot H(call < 5)$$

$$= 1 - \frac{7}{12}(0.59) - \frac{5}{12}(0)$$

$$= 0.65$$

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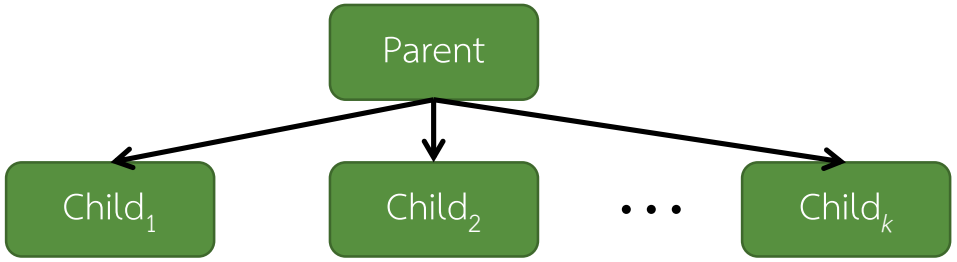
- Gini

$$G(x) = 1 - \sum_j P(j)^2$$

where j is any possible value in a given feature
$P(j)$ is the probability of j

- Splitting



$$Gini(Parent, Children) = G(Parent) - \sum_i \frac{N_{Child_k}}{N_{parent}} \cdot G(Child_i)$$

Where $G(\cdot)$ is Gini of a particular node
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- Gini (Example): Measure Gini of Call

Call	Churn
5	Yes
8	Yes
10	Yes
0	No
2	No
4	No
8	Yes
10	Yes
12	Yes
3	No
4	No
5	No

Call

$$G(parent) = 1 - \left(\frac{6}{12}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{6}{12}\right)^2 = 0.5$$

$P(churn = Yes)$

$P(churn = No)$

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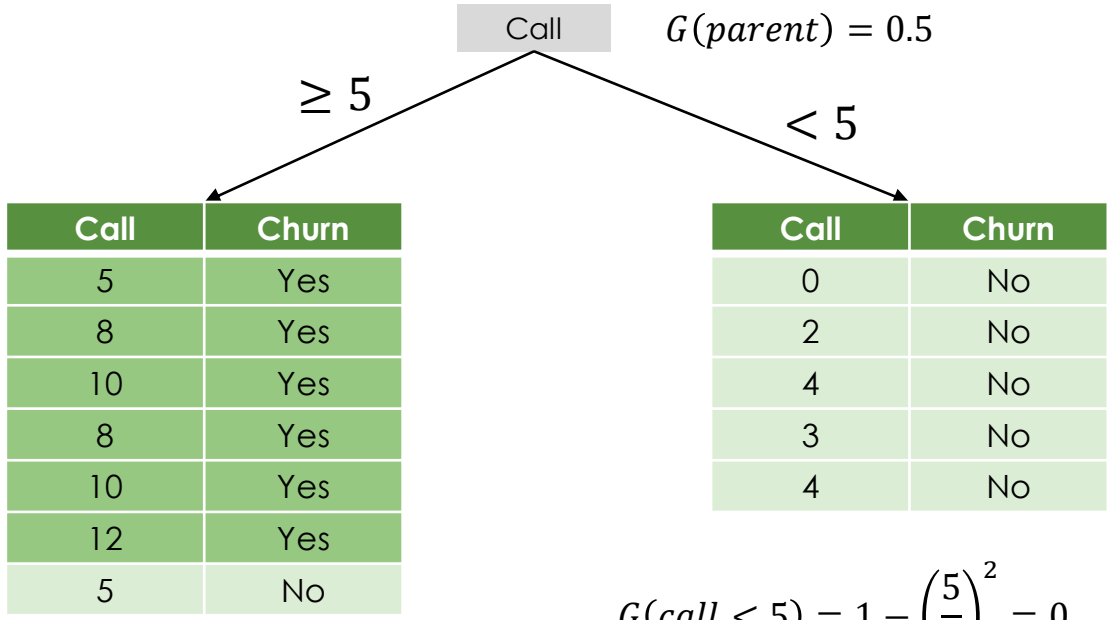

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5	No

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2	No
4	No
3	No
4	No

$$G(call \geq 5) = 1 - \left(\frac{1}{7}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{6}{7}\right)^2 = 0.24$$

$$G(call < 5) = 1 - \left(\frac{5}{5}\right)^2 = 0$$

$$G(parent, children) = G(parent) - \frac{N_{call \geq 5}}{N_{parent}} \cdot G(call \geq 5) - \frac{N_{call < 5}}{N_{parent}} \cdot G(call < 5)$$

$$= 0.5 - \frac{7}{12}(0.24) - \frac{5}{12}(0)$$

$$= 0.36$$

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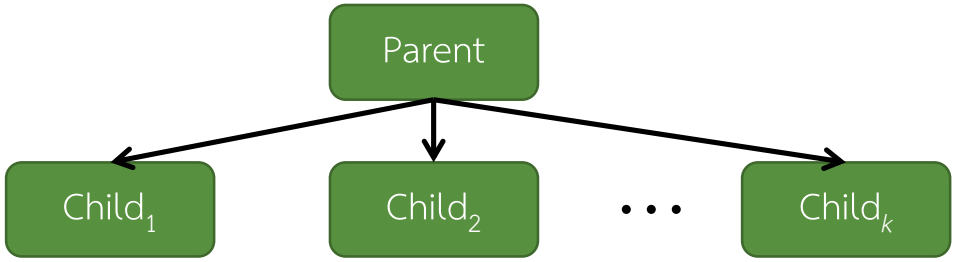
- Classification Error

$$E(x) = 1 - \max\{P(j)\}$$

where j is any possible value in a given feature
$P(j)$ is the probability of j

- Splitting



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Call $E(parent) = 1 - \frac{6}{12} = 0.5$

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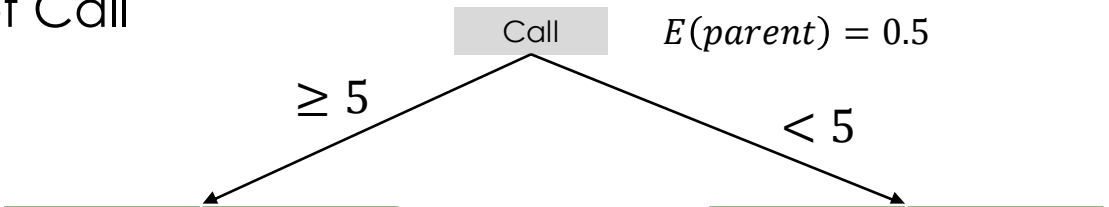

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$E(call < 5) = 1 - 1 = 0$

$E(call \geq 5) = 1 - \frac{6}{7} = 0.14$

$$E(parent, children) = E(parent) - \frac{N_{call \geq 5}}{N_{parent}} \cdot E(call \geq 5) - \frac{N_{call < 5}}{N_{parent}} \cdot E(call < 5)$$

$$= 0.5 - \frac{7}{12}\,(0.14) - \frac{5}{12}(0)$$

$$= 0.41$$

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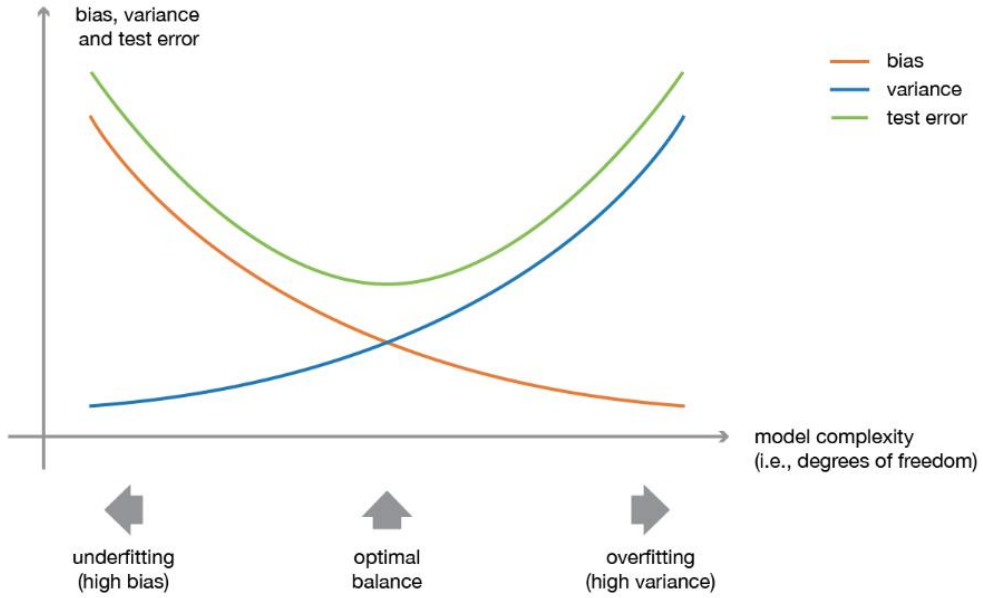
Random Forest

Ensemble Technique

- Theory
  - **Weak learners** (or **base models**) models can be used as building blocks for designing more complex models by combining several of them
  - Basic Idea:
    - Trying reducing bias and/or variance of such weak learners by combining several of them together
    - Such combination creates a **strong learner** (or **ensemble model**) that achieves better performances



Bias and Variance Trade-off

Ensemble Learning

Combining multiple weak models is outperform a single strong model

- Bagging
  - Homogeneous weak learners
  - Learn independently in parallel then combine output using averaging method

- Boosting
  - Homogeneous weak learners
  - Learn sequentially in adaptive way then combine output using specific strategy

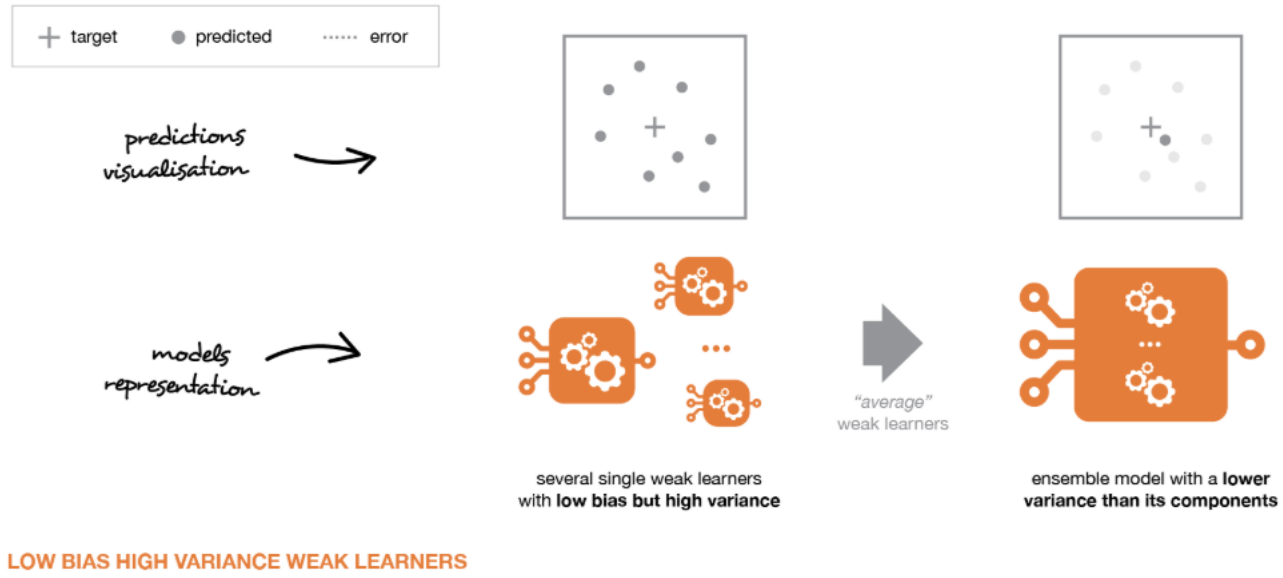
- Stacking
  - Heterogeneous weak learners
  - Learn in dependently in parallel then train the meta-model from the output of weak learners

Ensemble Learning

Three ensemble concepts

- Bagging
- Boosting
- Stacking

◦ Concepts



Ensemble Learning

Bagging employs **homogeneous weak learners** to **learn independently in parallel** then **combine output using averaging method**

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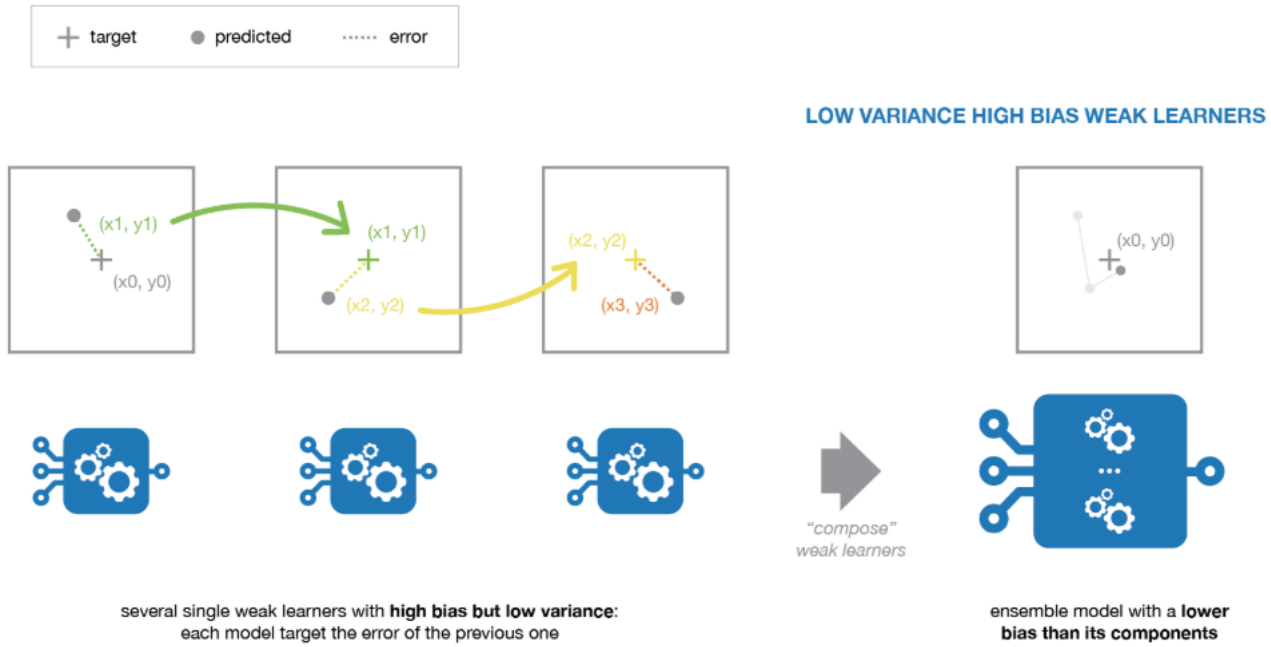

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Boosting employs **homogeneous weak learners** to **learn sequentially** then **combine output using specific strategy**

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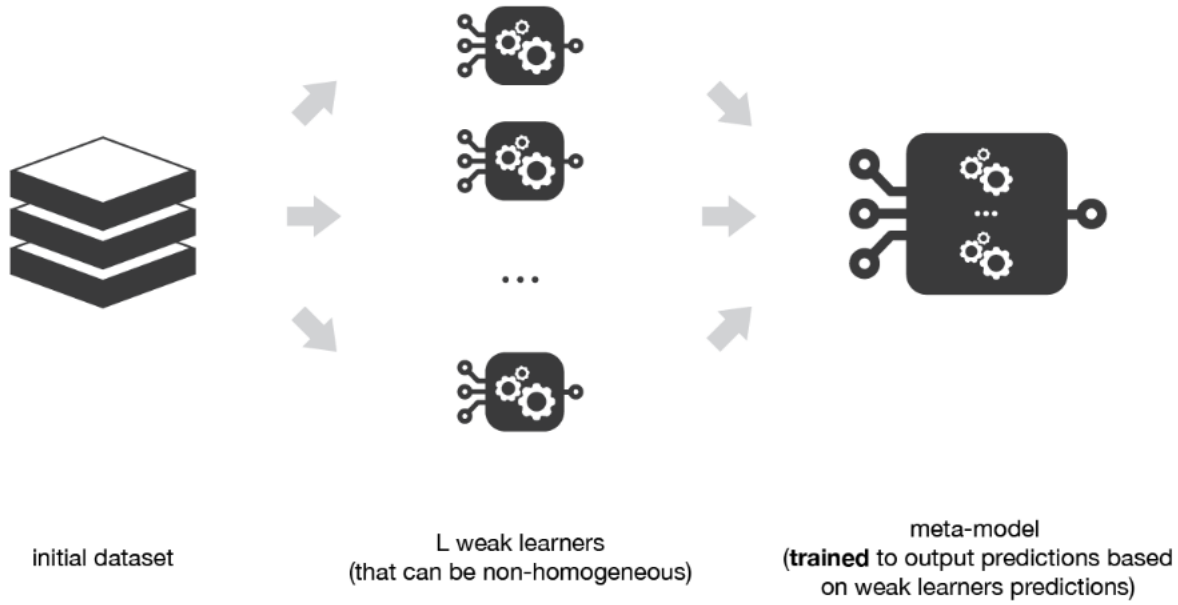


Ensemble Learning

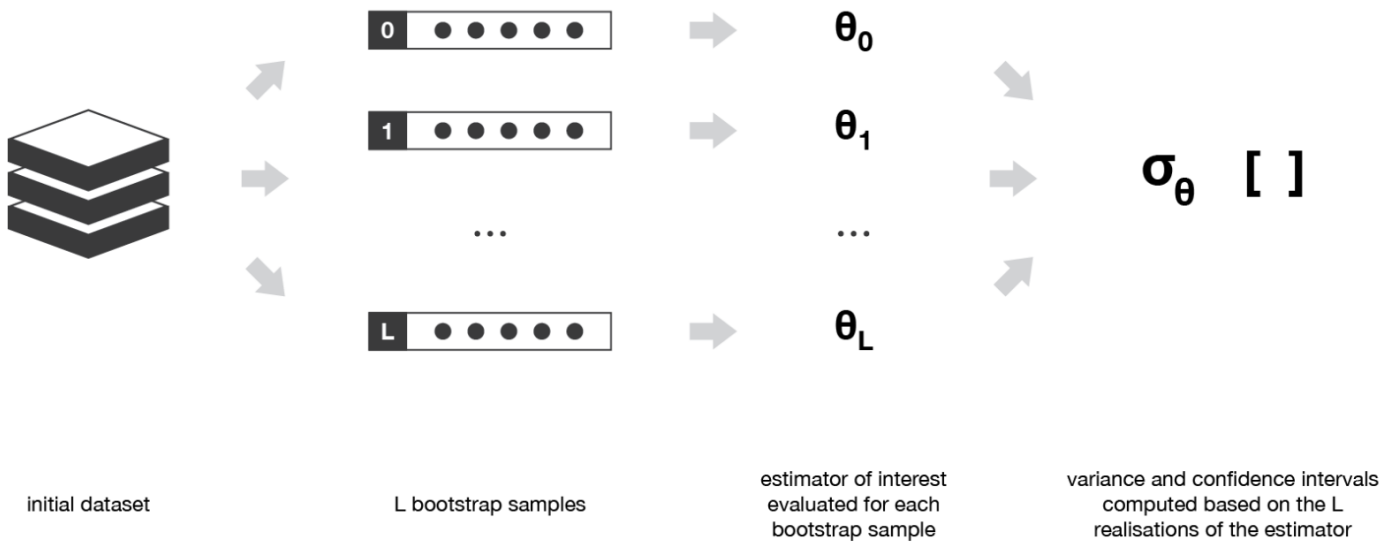
Stacking employs **heterogeneous weak learners** to **learn independently in parallel** then **train the meta-model from the output of weak learners**

◦ Concepts: Random sampling with replacement

Training Bagging Ensemble

Bootstrap sampling

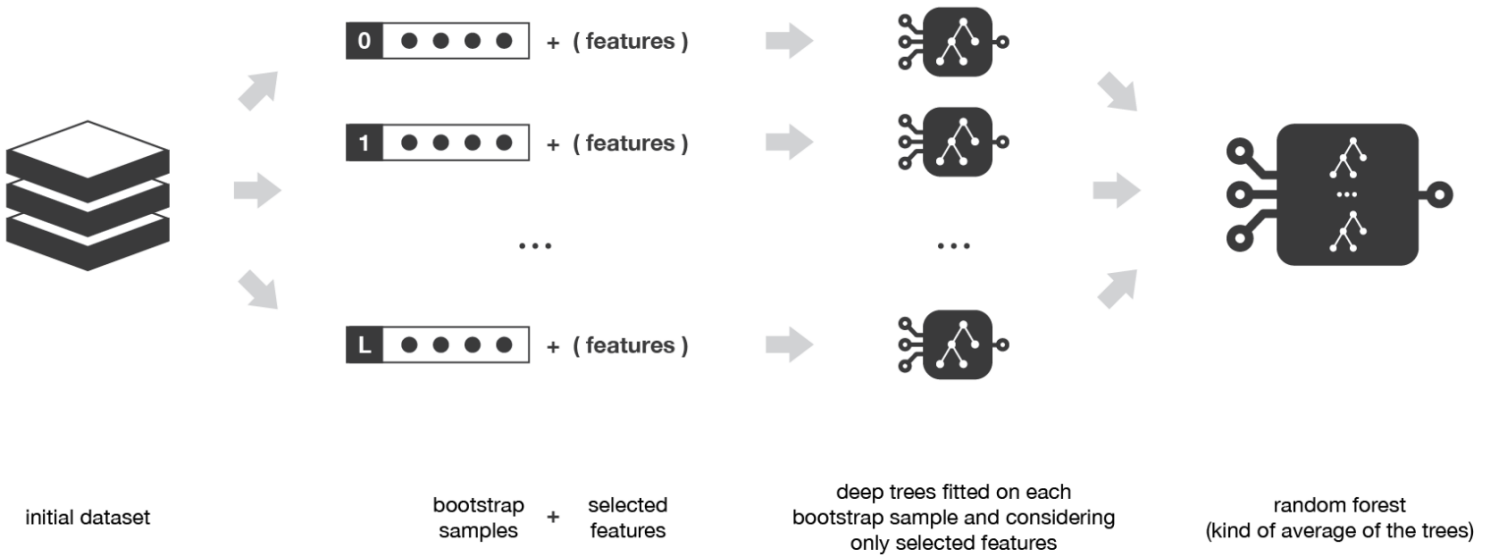
◦ Concepts



Training Bagging Ensemble

Multiple sets of bootstrap samples are almost equivalent to the population

◦ Concepts



Training Bagging Ensemble

Bootstrap samples is often used for training bagging ensemble model

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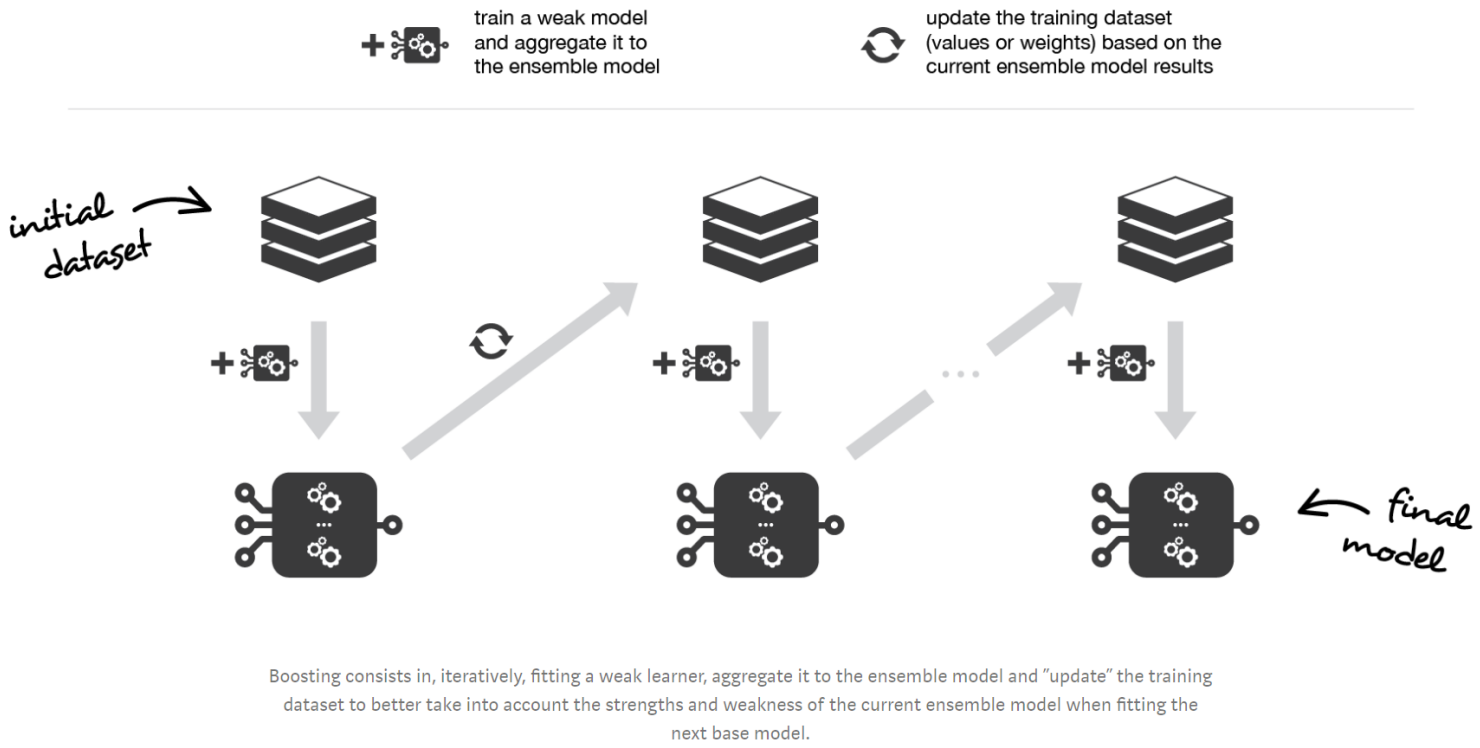
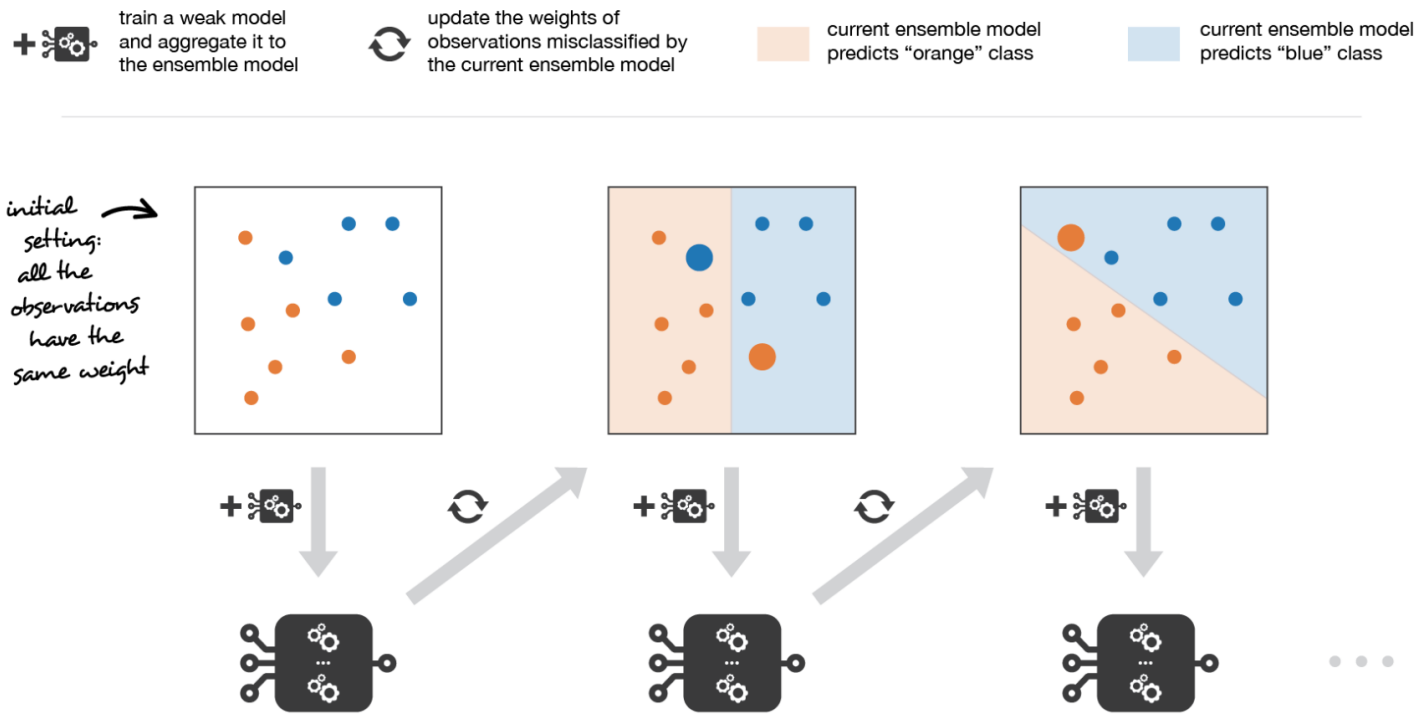


Boosting consists in, iteratively, fitting a weak learner, aggregate it to the ensemble model and "update" the training dataset to better take into account the strengths and weakness of the current ensemble model when fitting the next base model.

Training Boosting Ensemble

Focus on reducing bias

- Adaptive Boosting (AdaBoost)



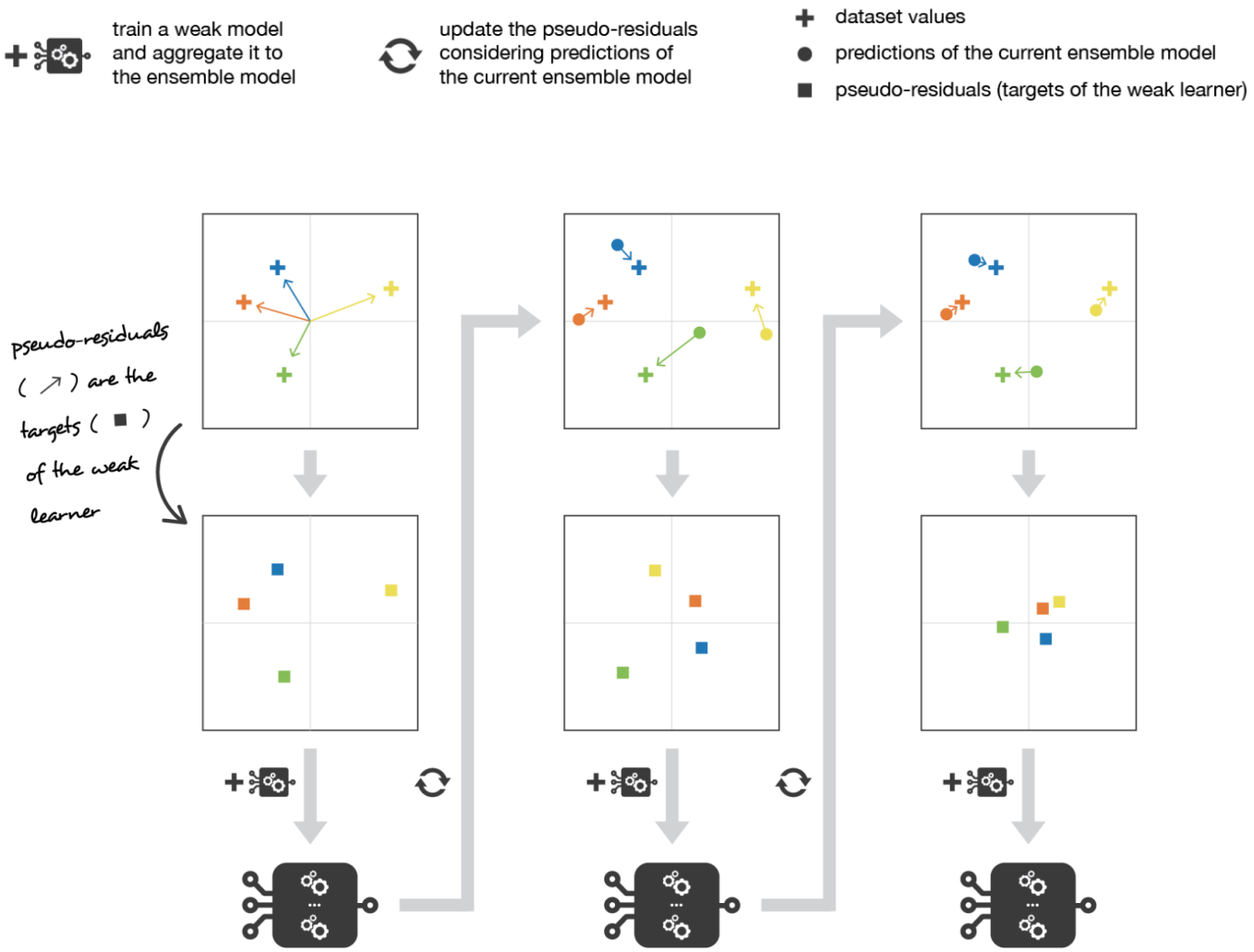
Training Boosting Ensemble

Adaboost updates weights of the observations at each iteration

Weights of well classified observations decrease relatively to weights of misclassified observations

Models that perform better have higher weights in the final ensemble model

◦ Gradient Boosting

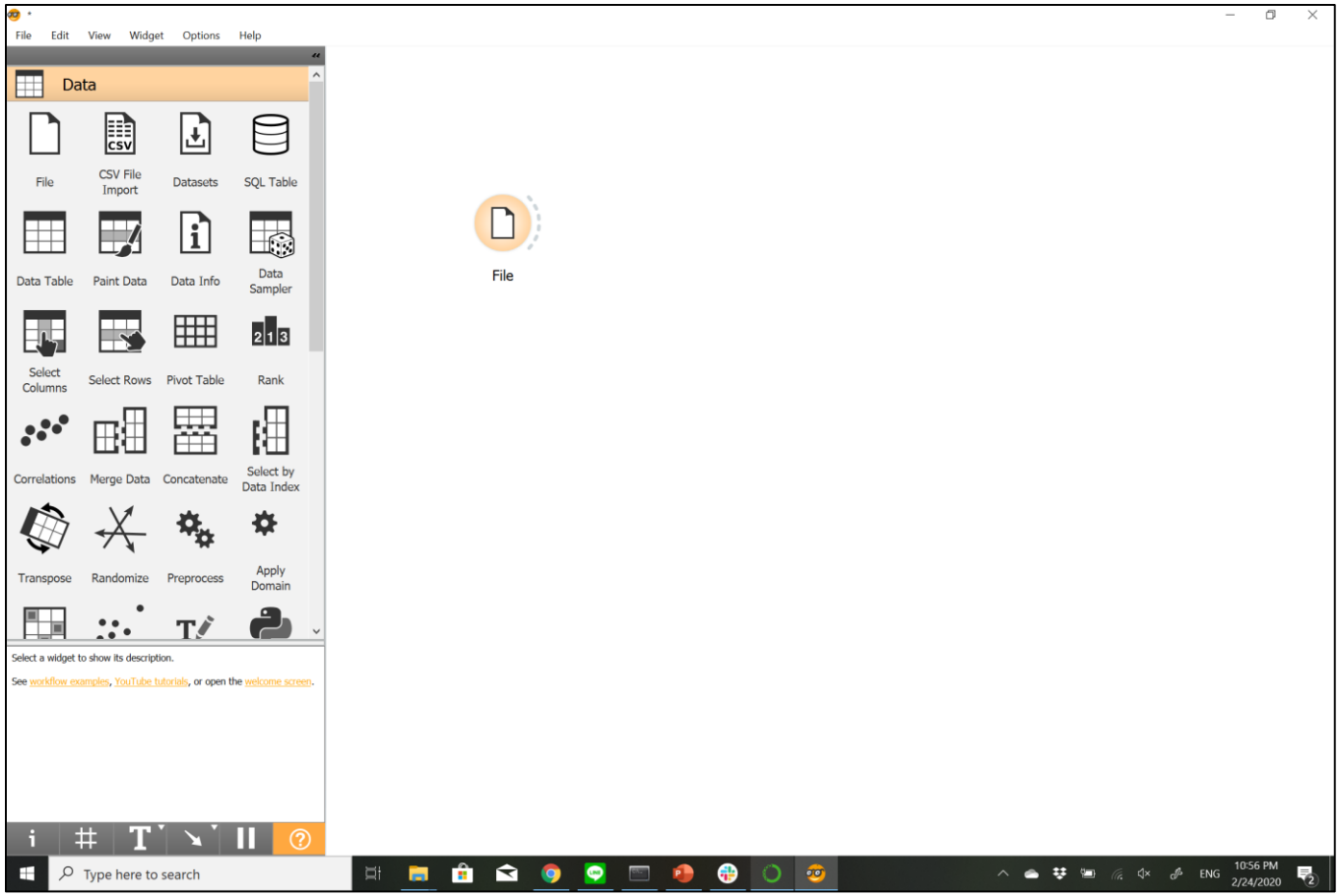


Training Boosting Ensemble

Gradient boosting updates values of the observations at each iteration

Weak learners are trained to fit the pseudo-residuals that indicate in which direction to correct the current ensemble model predictions to lower the error

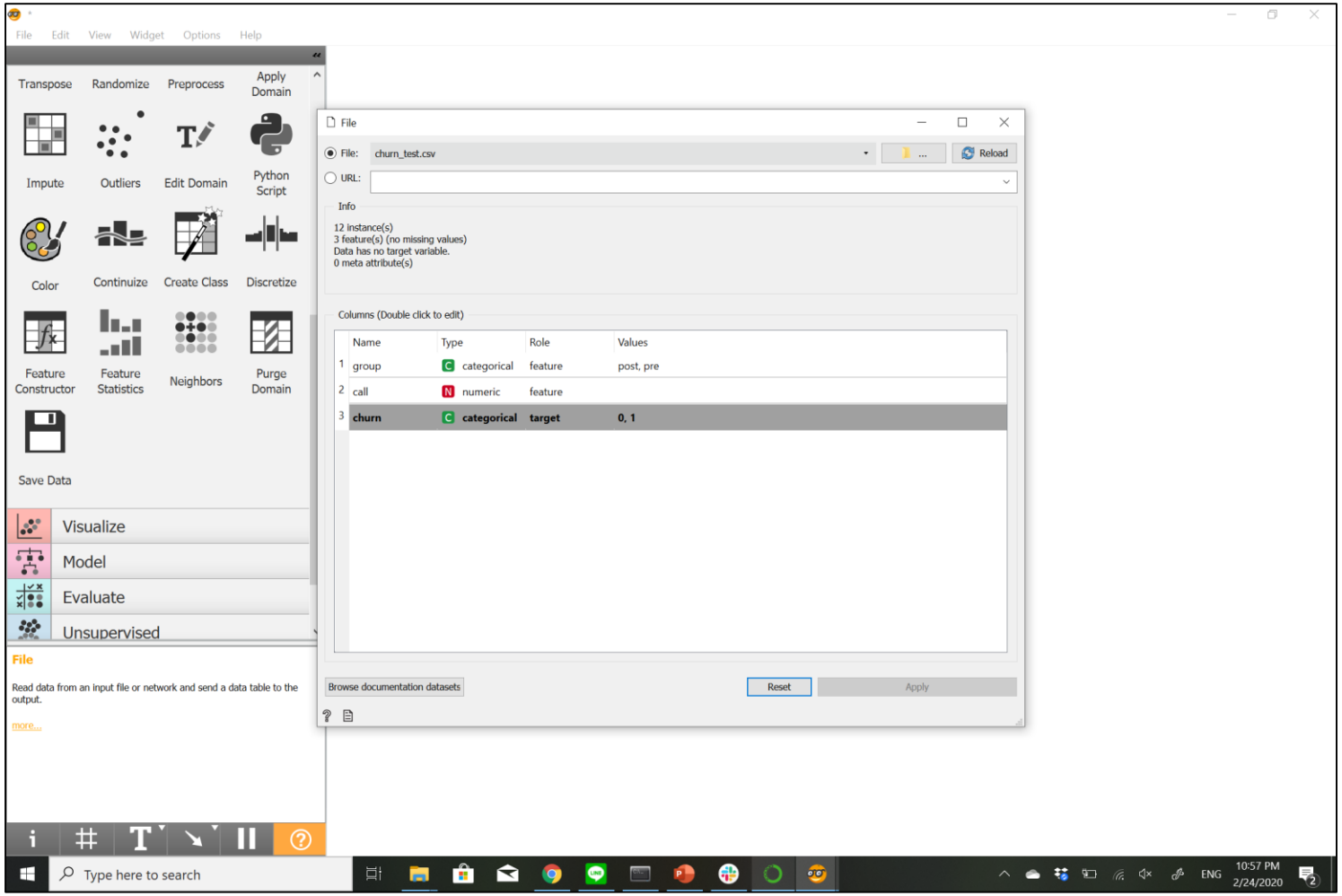
◦ Import data



Decision Tree in Orange

Build your model in 10 seconds

- Identify features and target



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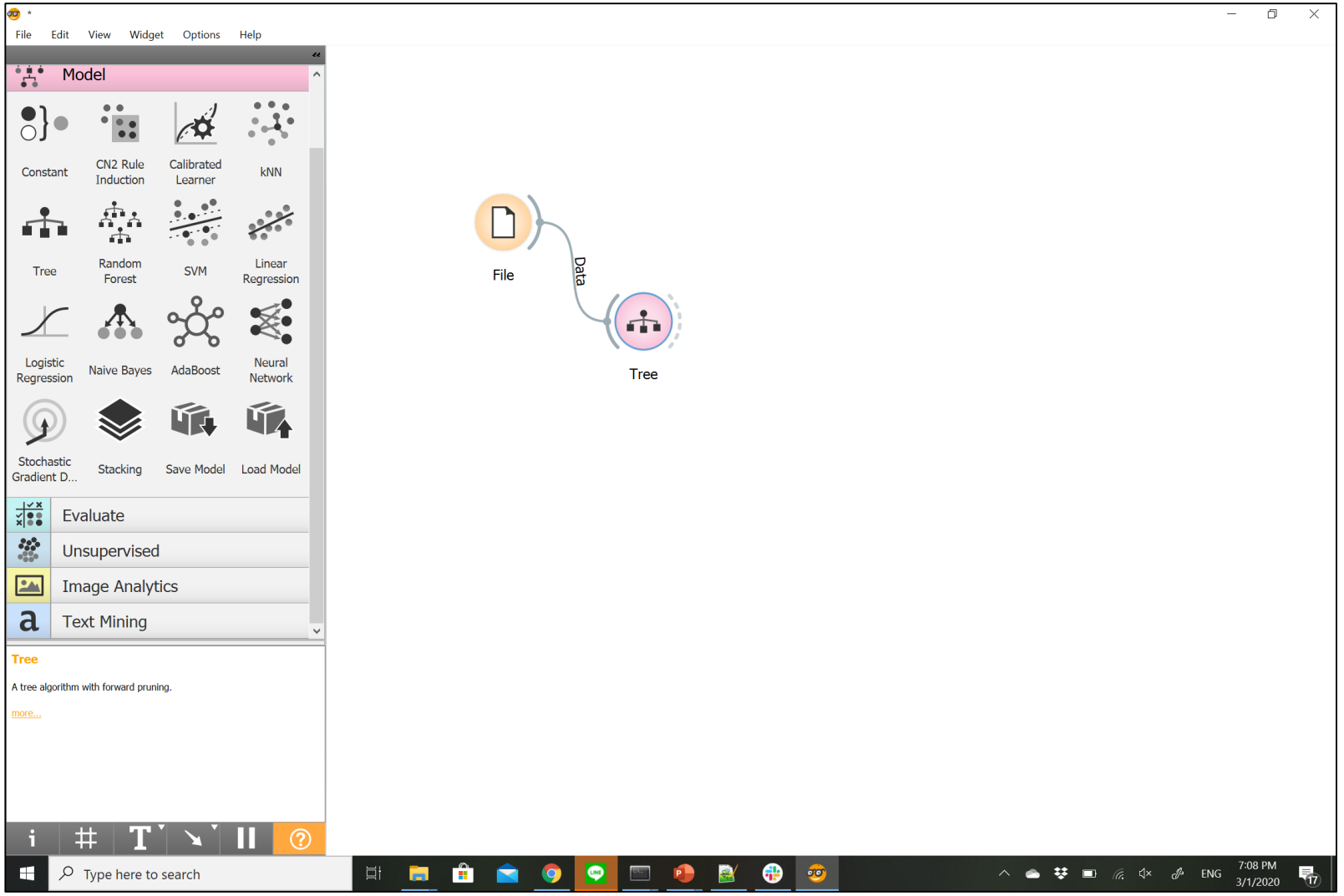
- Add model



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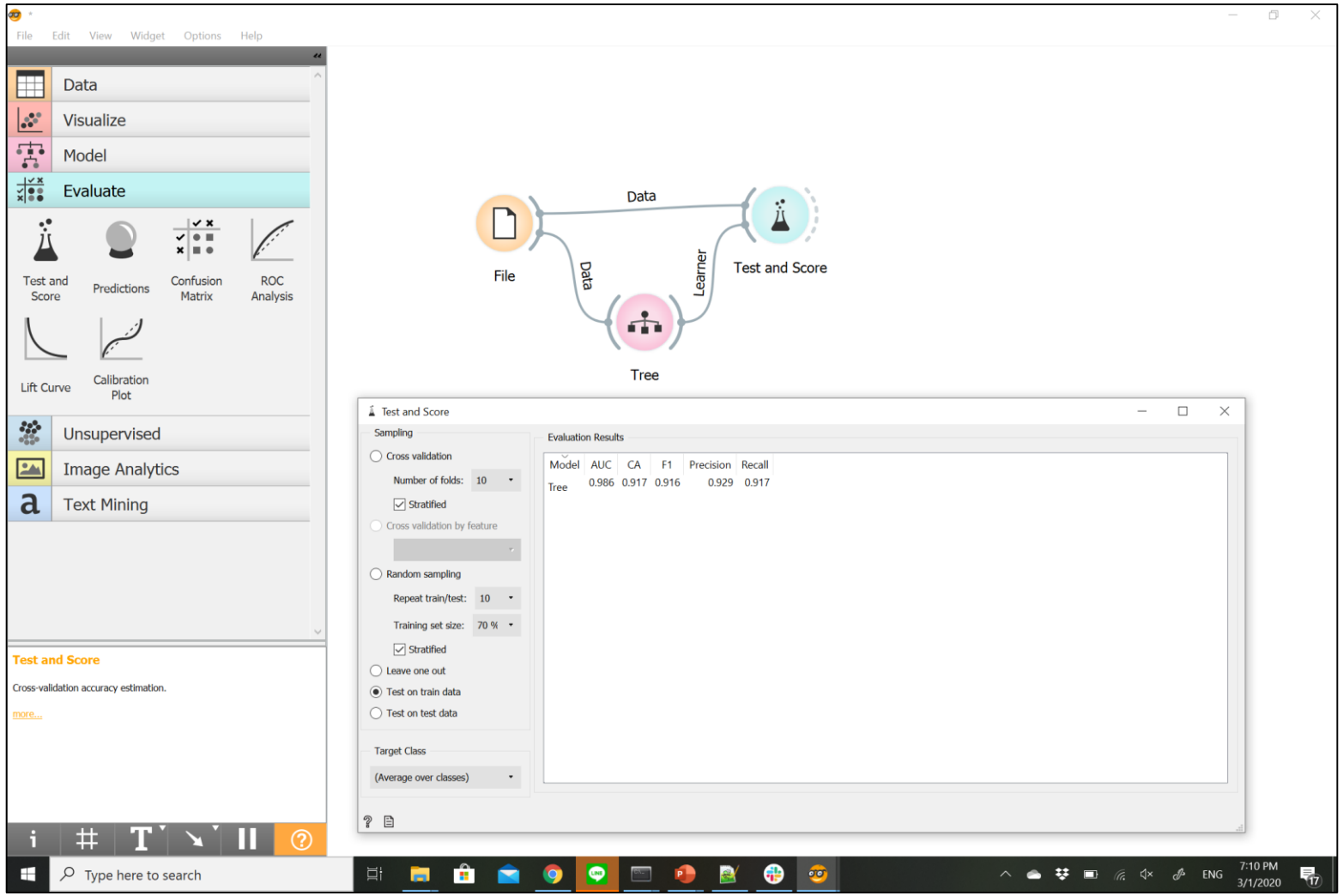
◦ Evaluate your model



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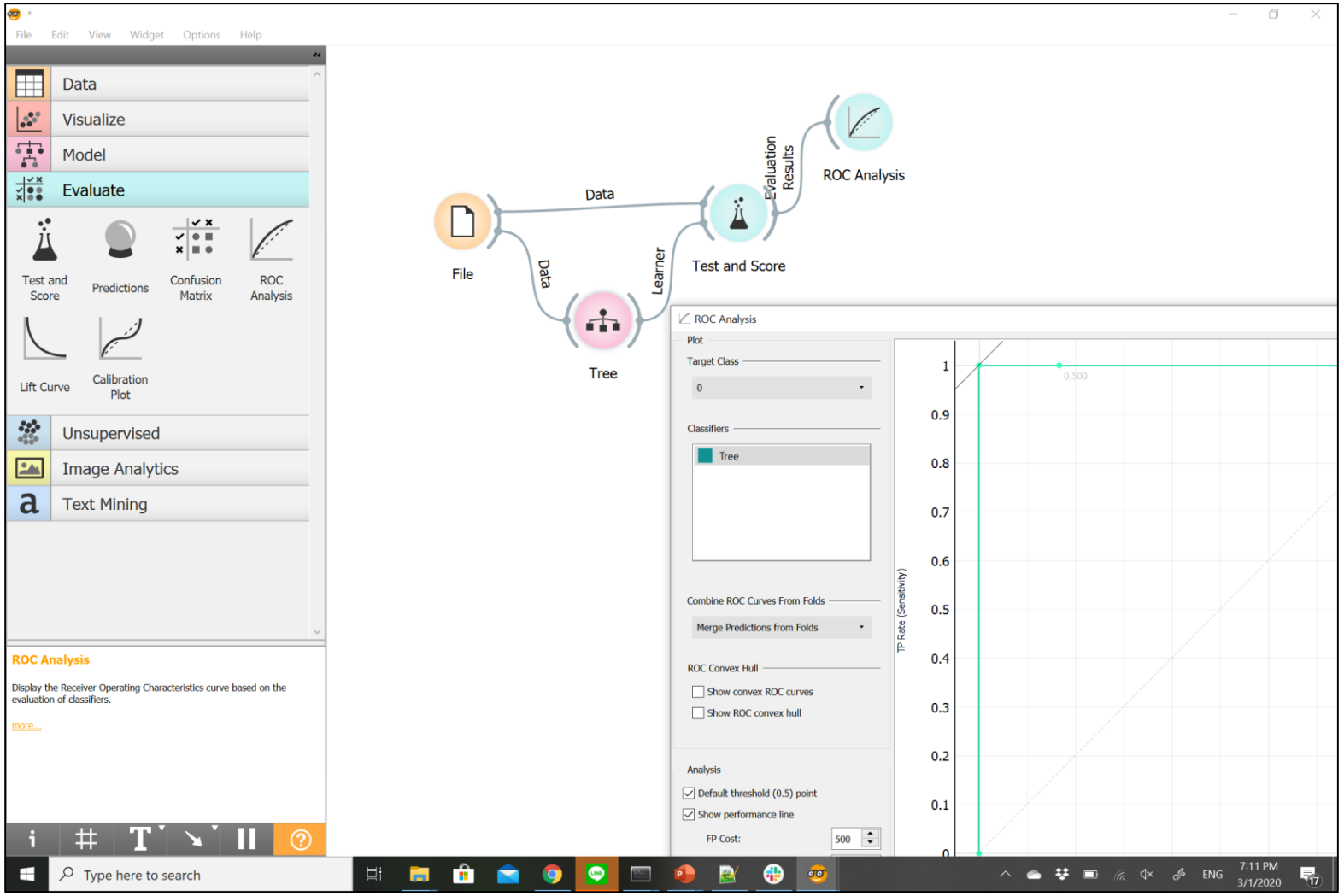
- ROC Plot



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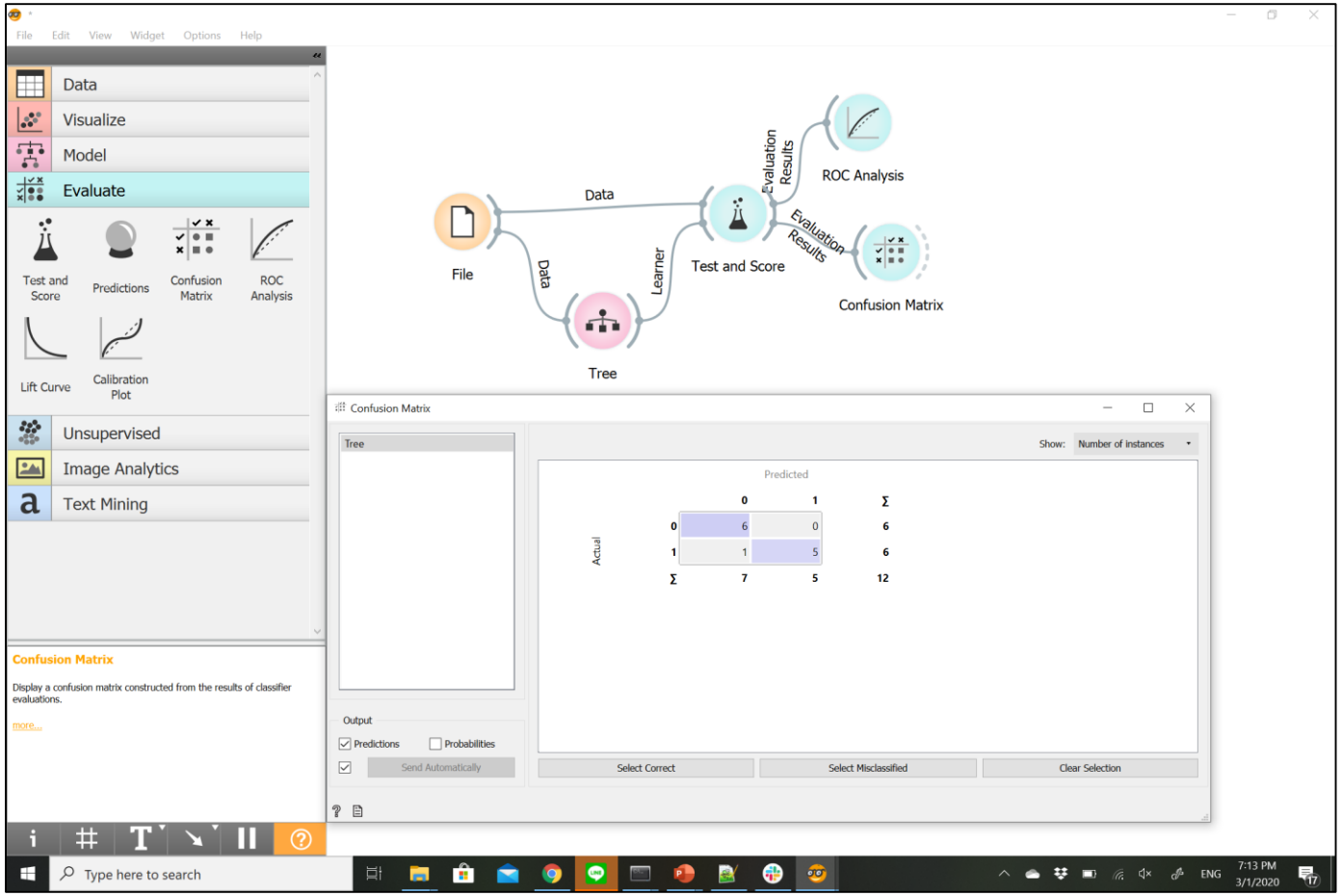
◦ Confusion Matrix



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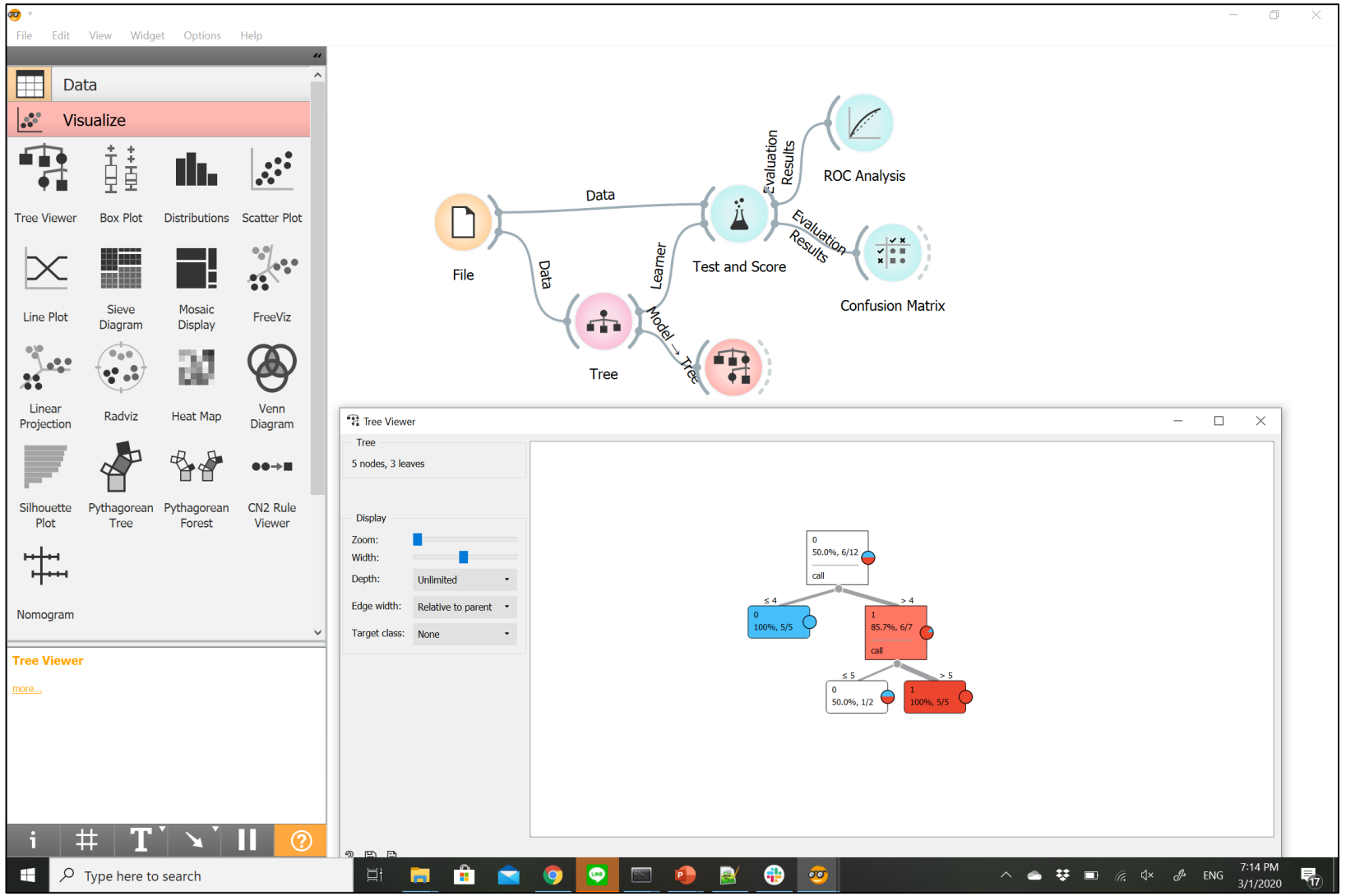
Build your model in 10 seconds

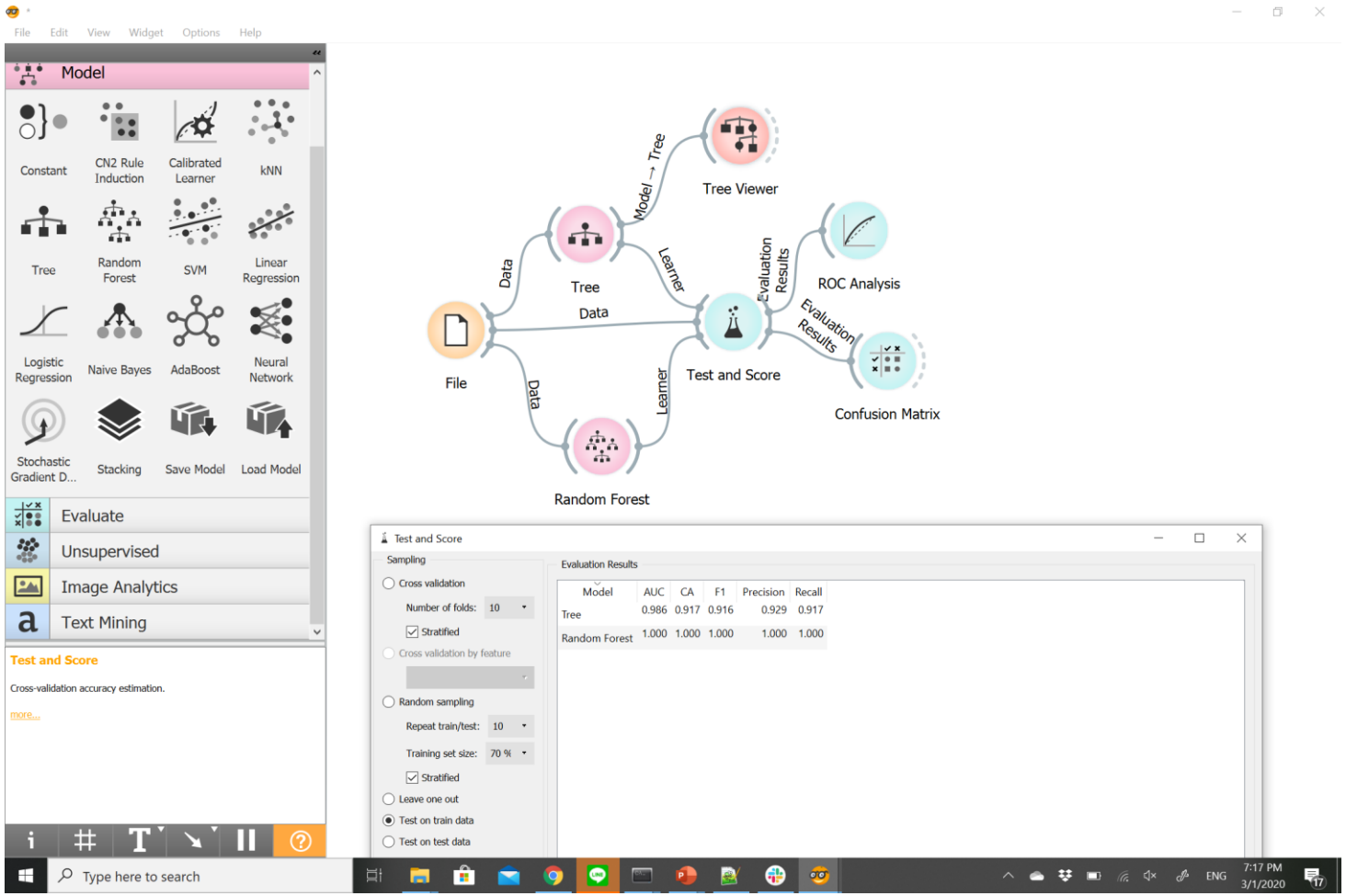
- View your tree



Decision Tree in Orange

Build your model in 10 seconds

- Add the random forest in to the canvas

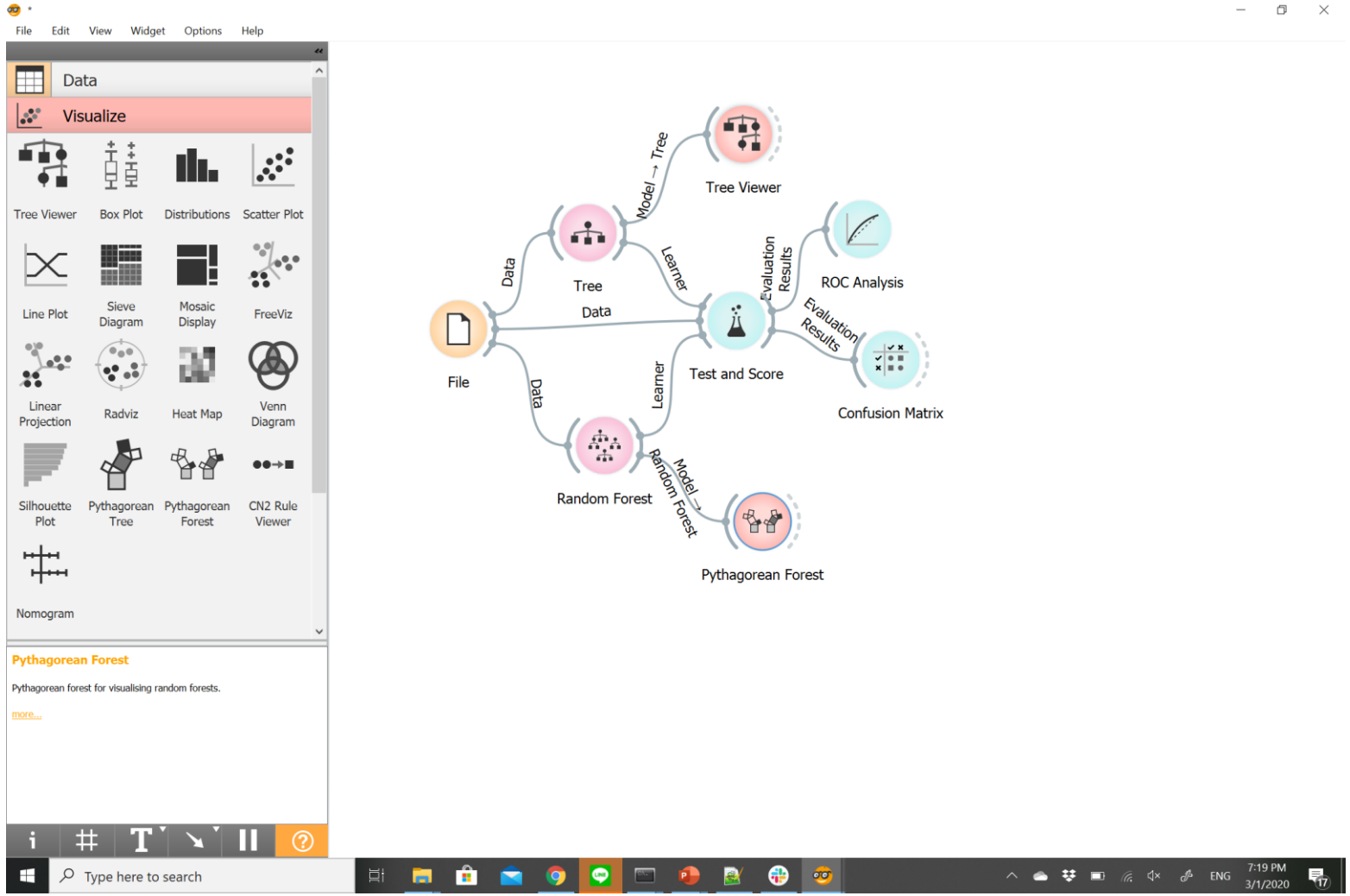


Random Forest in Orange

Build your model in 10 seconds

You can train multiple models together

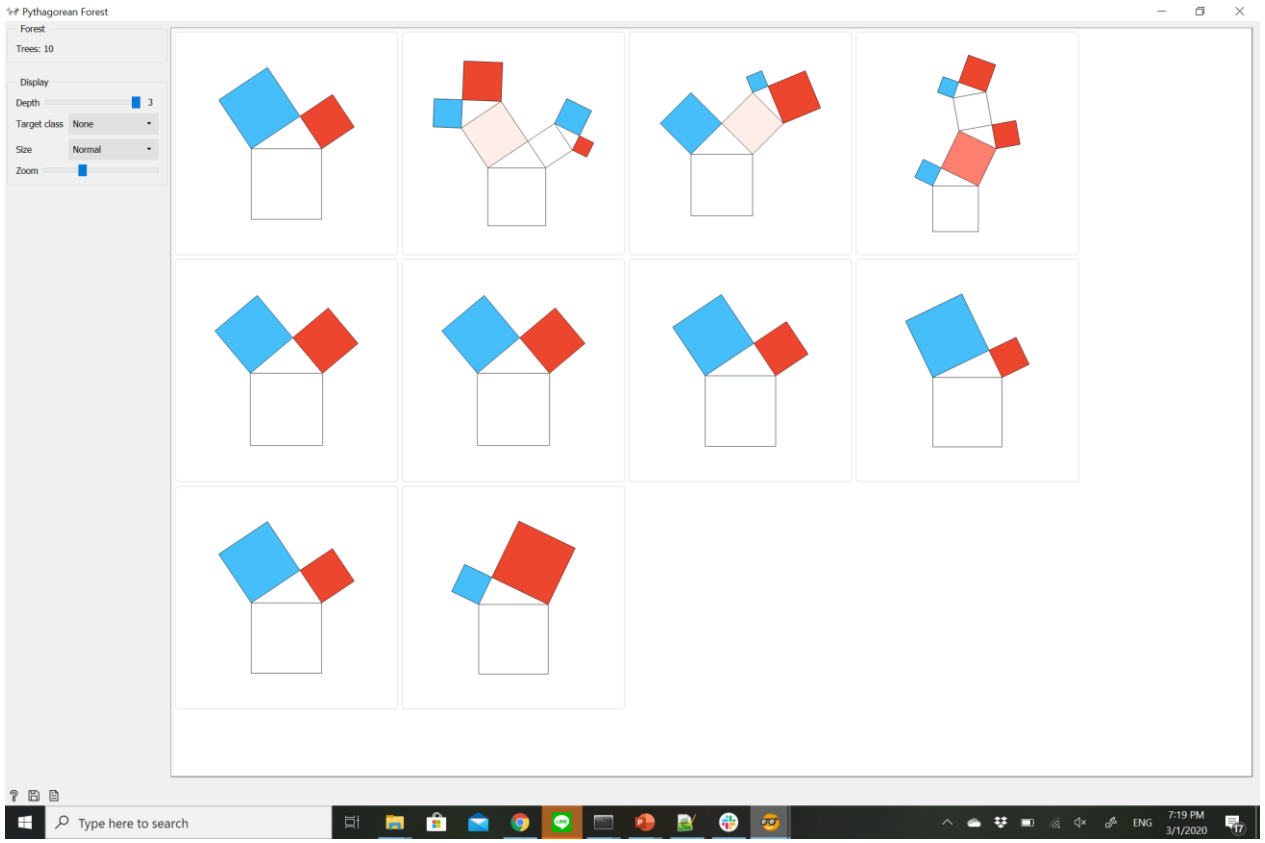
- Visualize your random forest with the Pythagorean forest



Random Forest in Orange

Build your model in 10 seconds

- Visualize your random forest with the Pythagorean forest



Random Forest in Orange

Build your model in 10 seconds

- Build your model using Kaggle dataset

Exercise

Our sample data is very small for demonstration purpose

Now it is the time to work with the dataset churn prediction of telecom in Kaggle Competition