# Machine Learning, a tutorial

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# Last Week Part I

- What is machine learning?
  - The process and the roles
- Data type and feature engineering
  - a.k.a. "Real-world Data is Dirty"
- Your first model: Linear Regression
  - Logistic model
  - ....which is tricky.....

## Last week

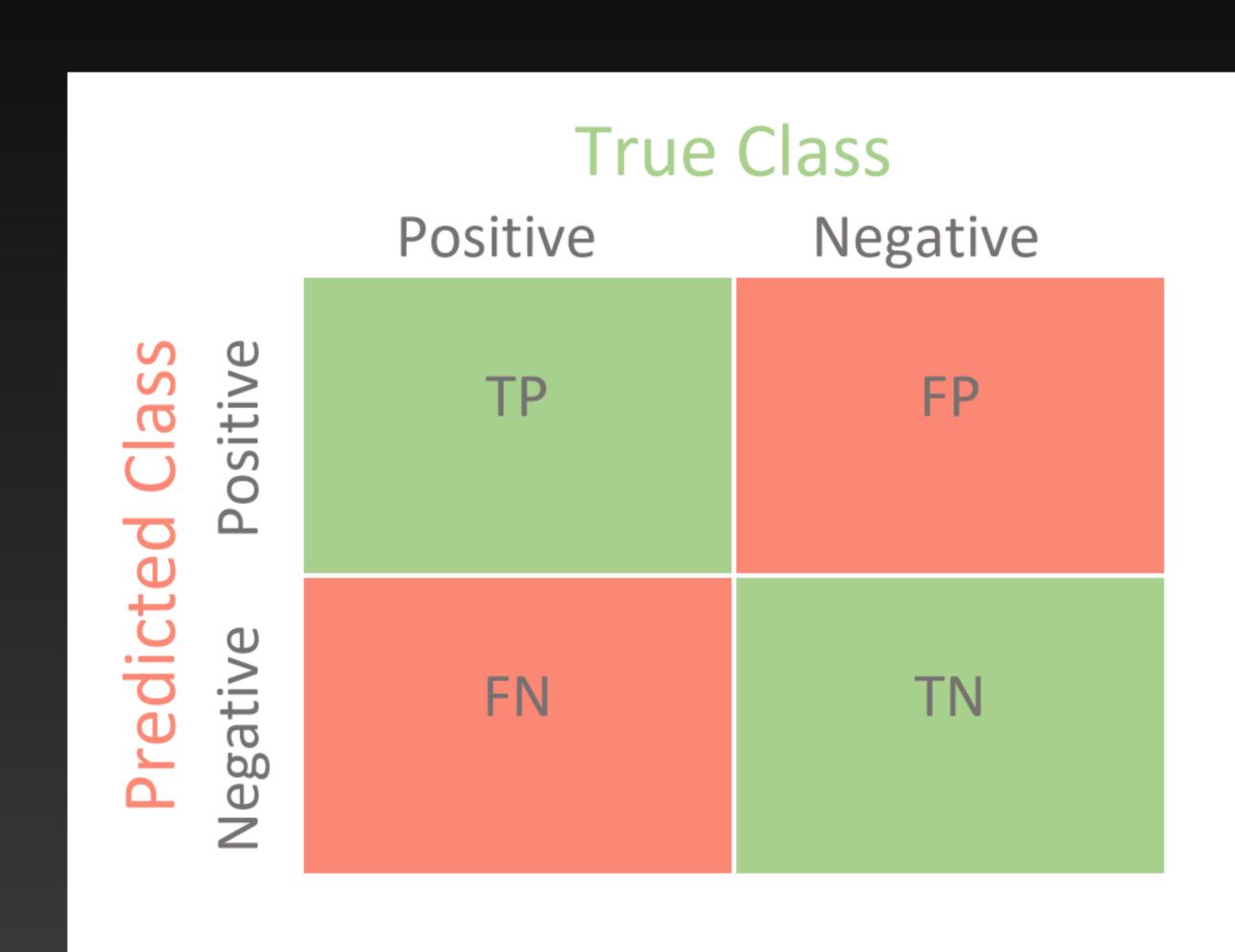
- Fill the missing values
- Encode categorical variable for linear/logistic models
- Deal with outlier, nonlinearity, feature interaction
- => Try between many methods, evaluate their performance
  - How?

## Outline Part II

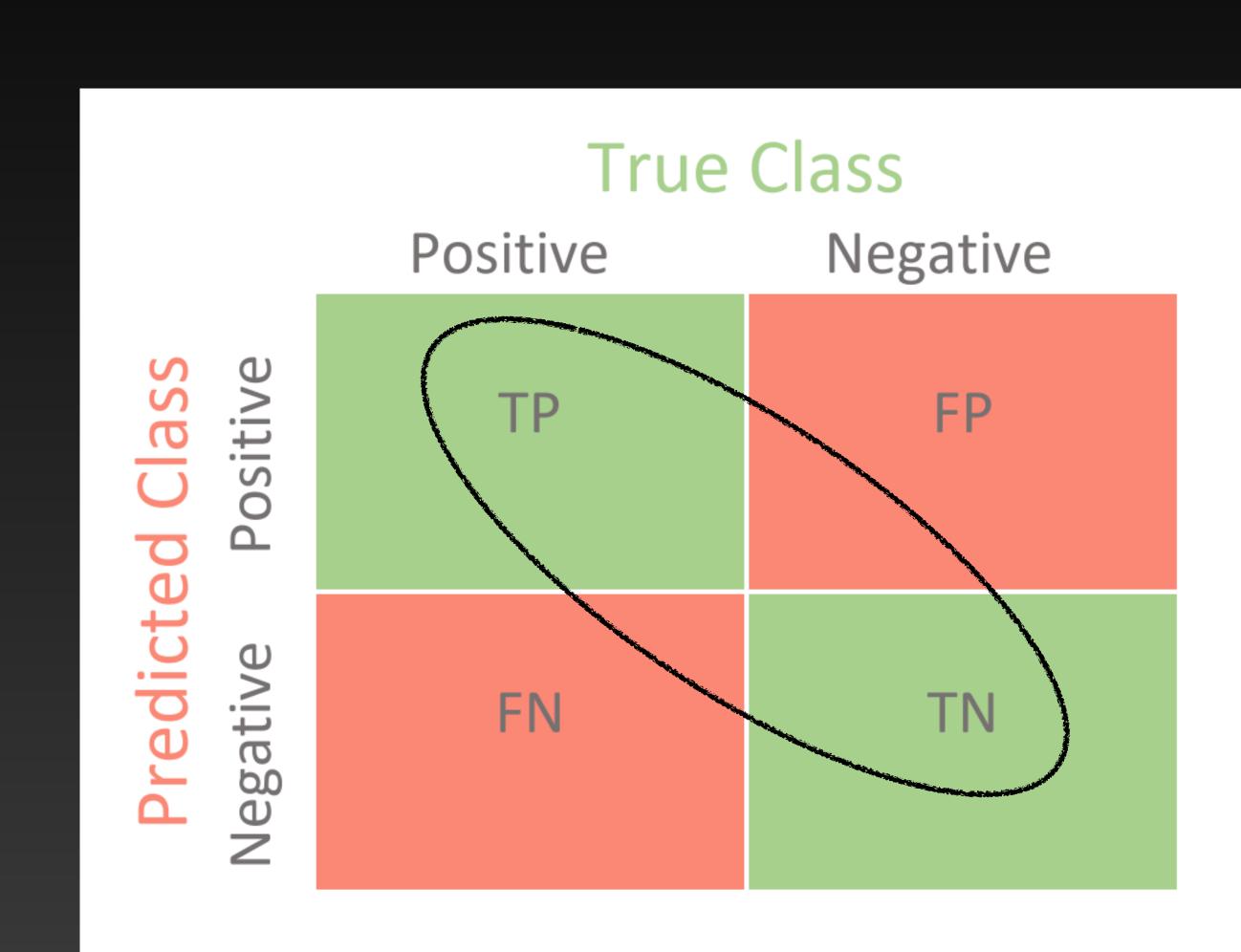
- Model evaluation
  - For Classification
- Tree-based models
- Hyperparameter Tuning

- Answer = true\_value
- Prediction from model = pred\_value,
- PERFORMANCE of the model is f(true\_value, pred\_value)
- There are many fs

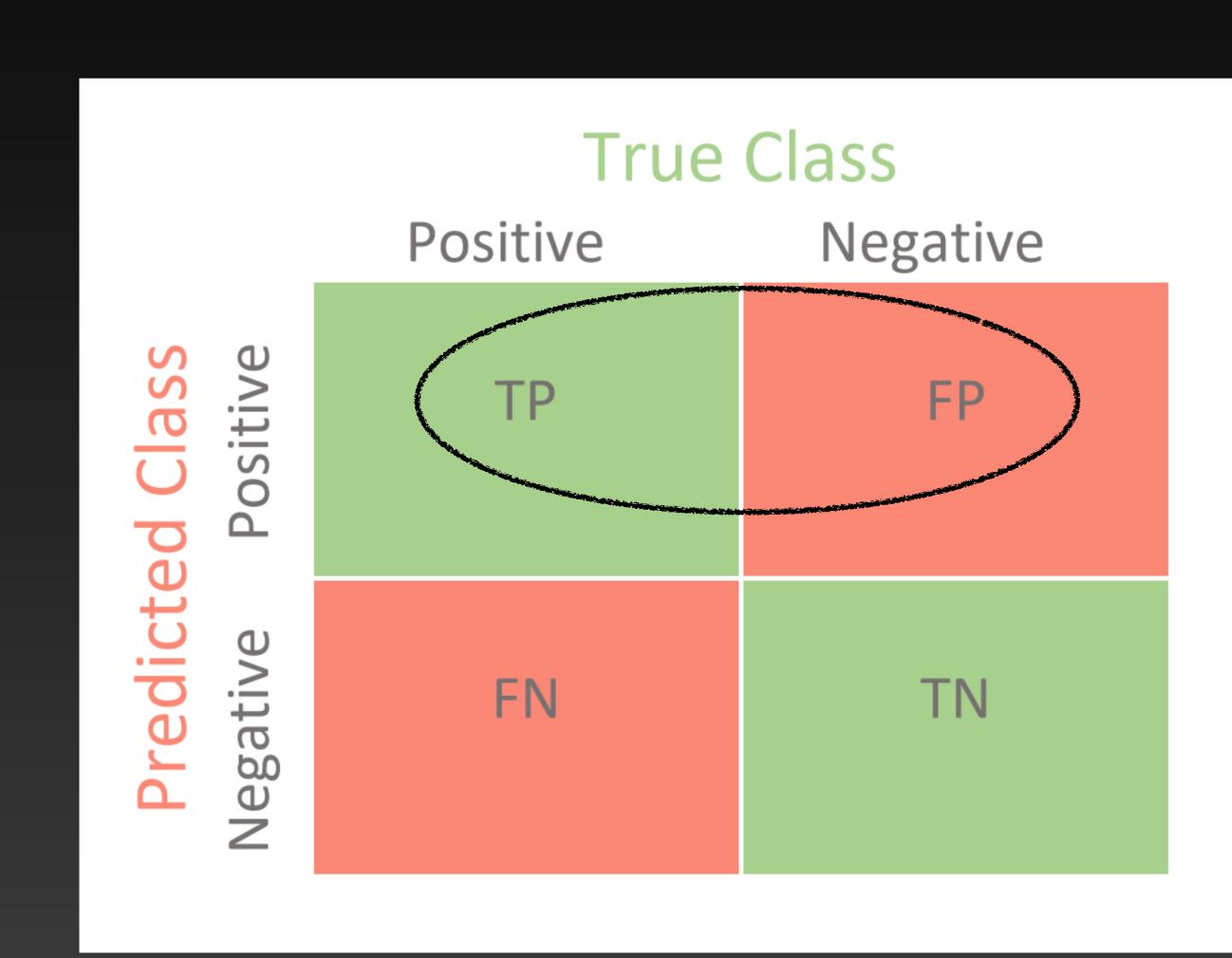
- In a binary classification setting:
  - True positive = 有病確診
  - True negative = 沒病回家
  - False postive = 冤枉被關
  - False negative = 出去害人
- Confusion matrix



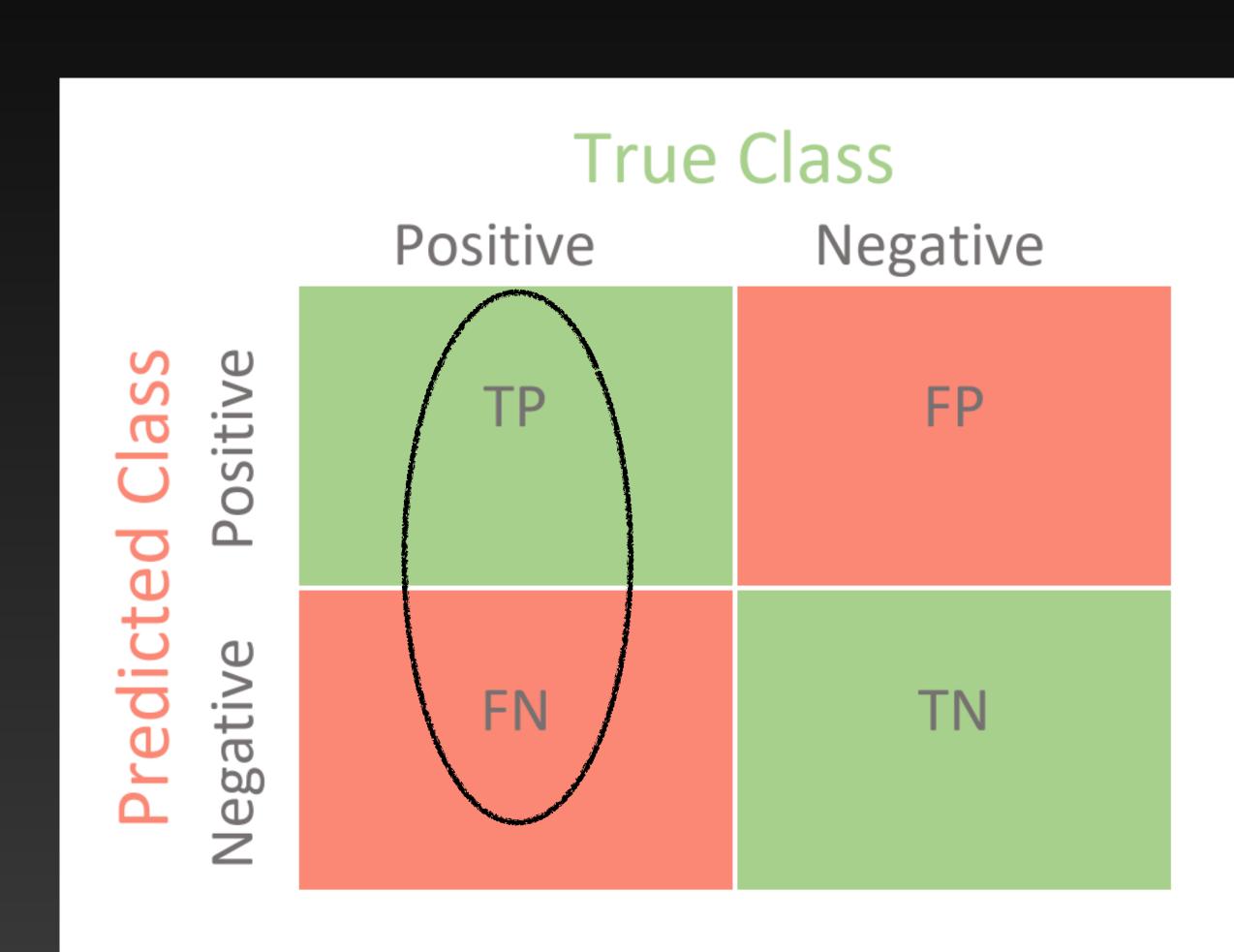
- Accuracy = (TP + TN) / ALL
- 「有預測正確的比例」
- The most common f
- 「如果真實答案有99%在一個類別別,1%在另外一個」
- => 99% accuracy with a nobrain guess



- Precision = TP / (TP + FP)
- 「預測成True的人裡面,實際是 True的比例」
- i classes, i precision values
- 「快篩會不會害很多人白白被抓去隔離?」



- Recall = TP / (TP + FN)
- 「實際是True的人裡面,有預測 成True的比例」
- => 跟Precision概念相反
- 哪一個好,端看業務需求
- also called Sensitivity

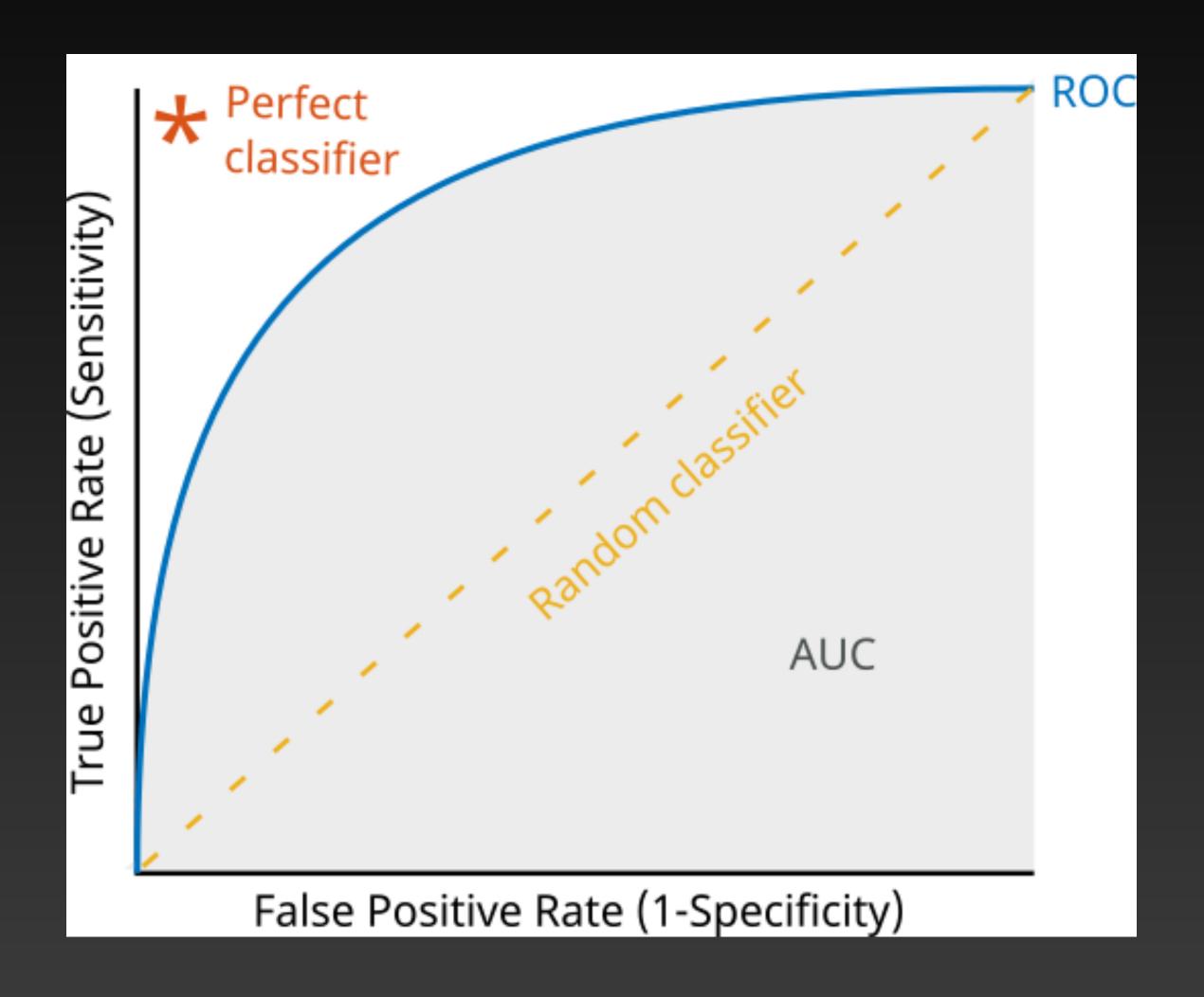


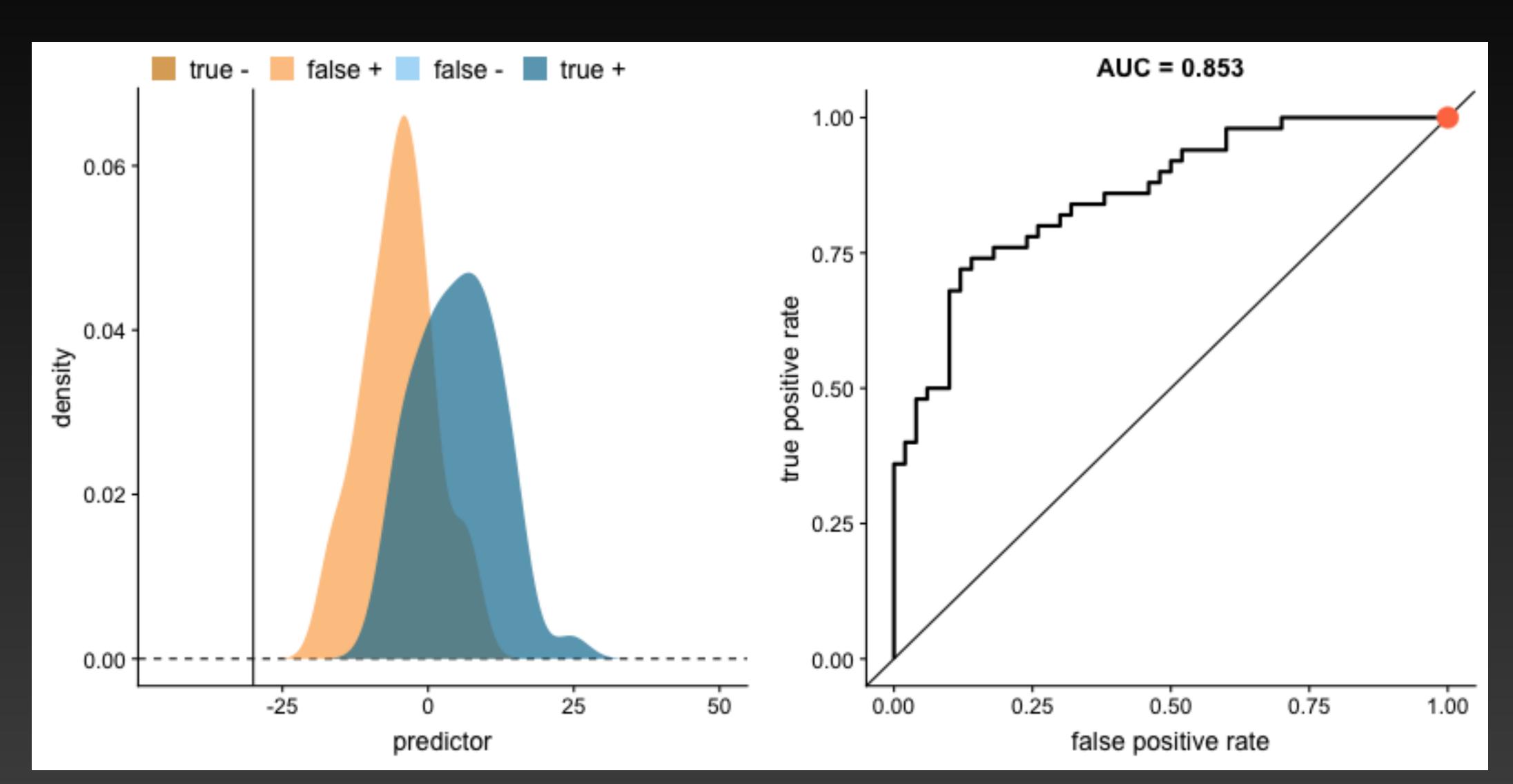


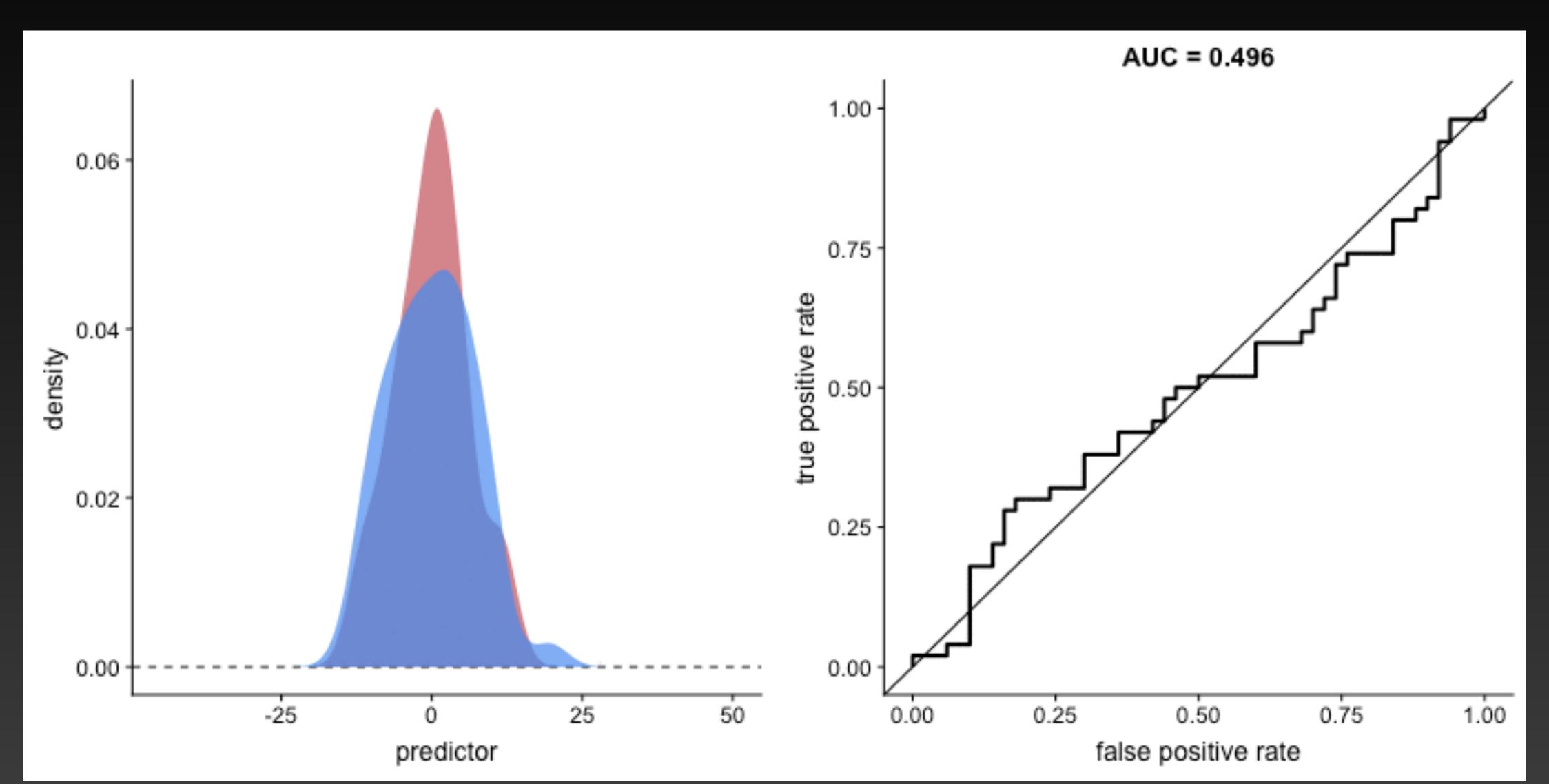
- Recall of True = Sensitivity = TP / (TP + FN) = True positive rate
  - 「實際是True的人裡面,有預測成True的比例」
- Recall of False = Specificity
  - 「實際是False的人裡面,有預測成False的比例」
- 1 Specificity = FP / (TN + FP) = False positive rate
  - 「實際是False的人裡面,沒有預測成False的比例」

- IF pred\_value > 0 THEN True
  - All predicted as True => FN = TN = 0, TPR = FPR = 1
- IF pred\_value > 1 THEN True
  - All predicted as False => TP = FP = 0, TPR = FPR = 0
- IF pred\_value > 0.5 THEN True
  - ?

- X = FPR, Y = TPR. Go through all the threshold values, we will get a curve: receiver operating characteristic (ROC) curve
- AUC: area under the curve









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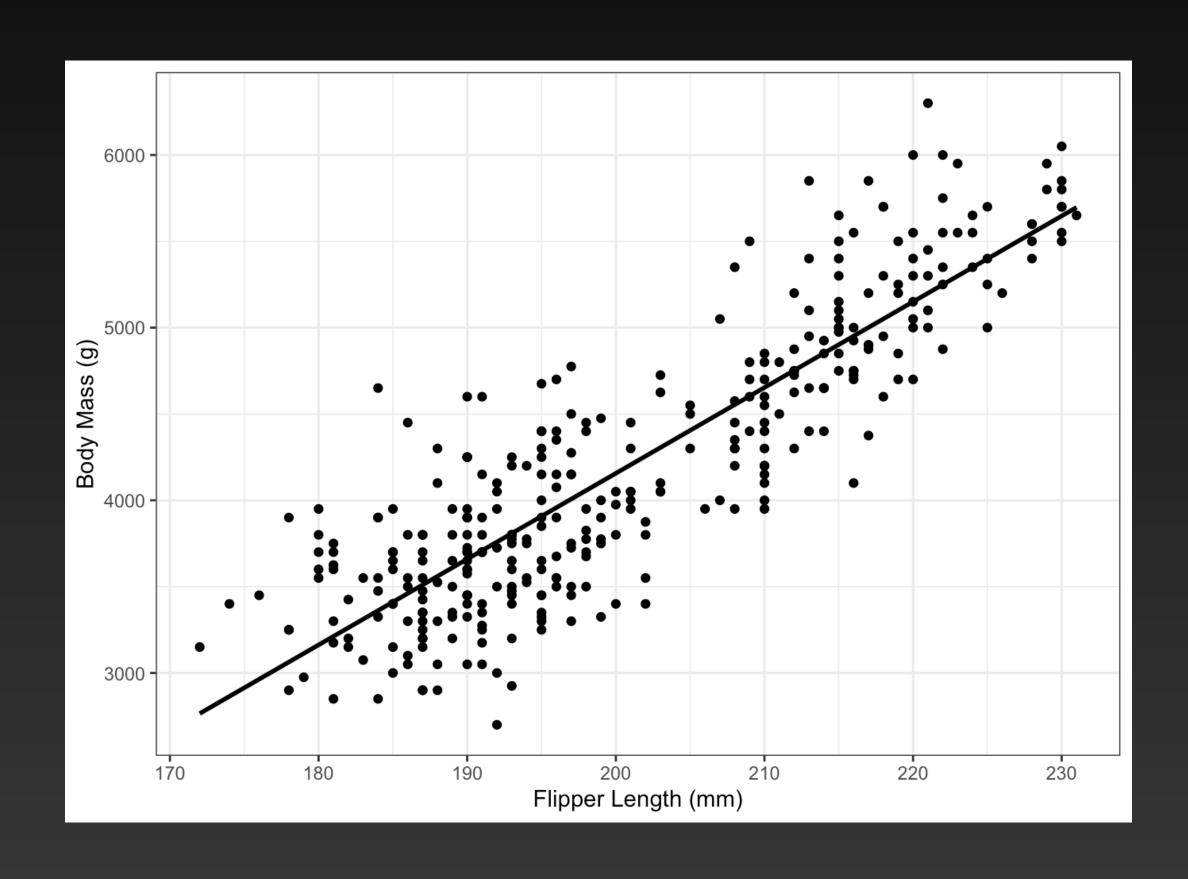






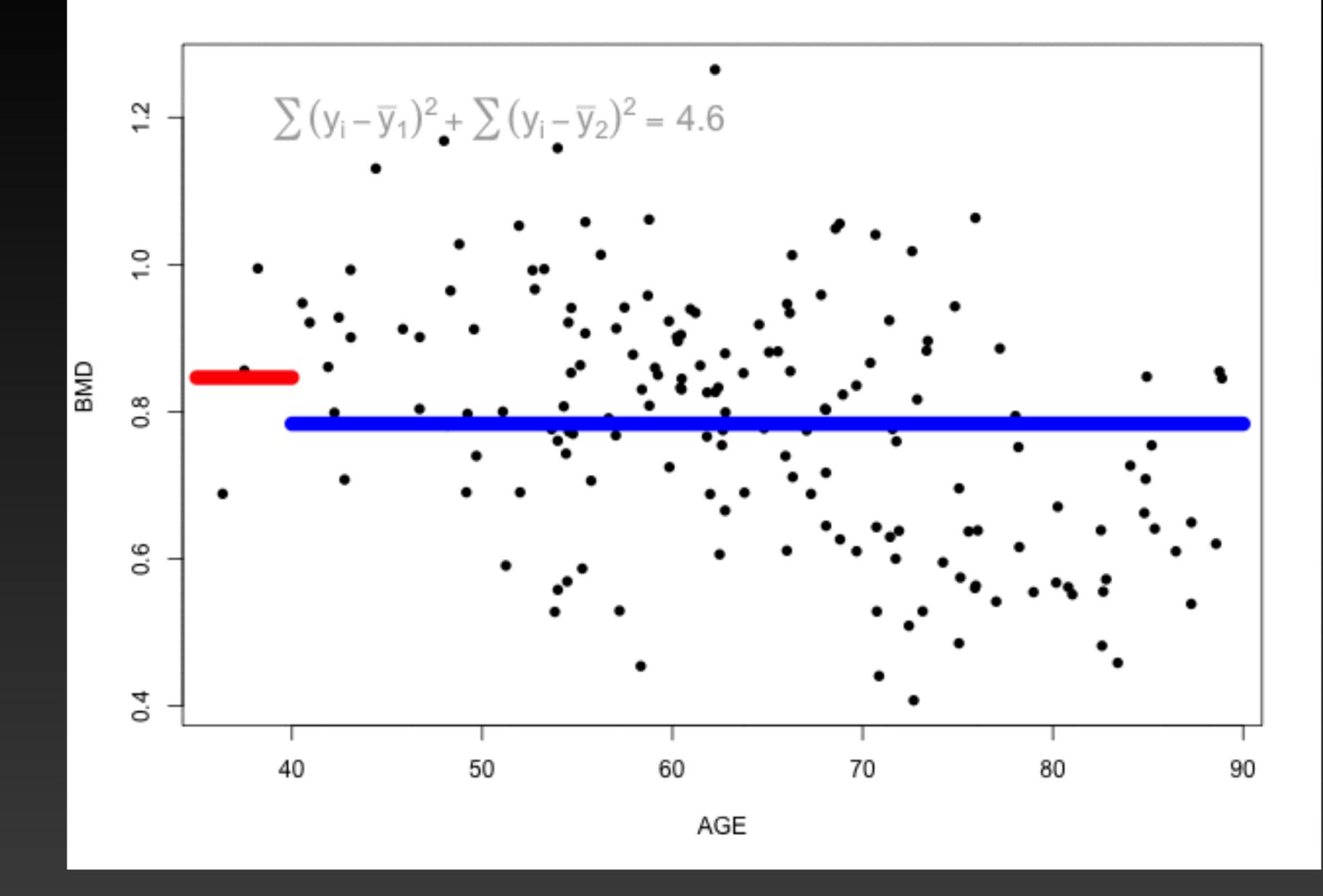
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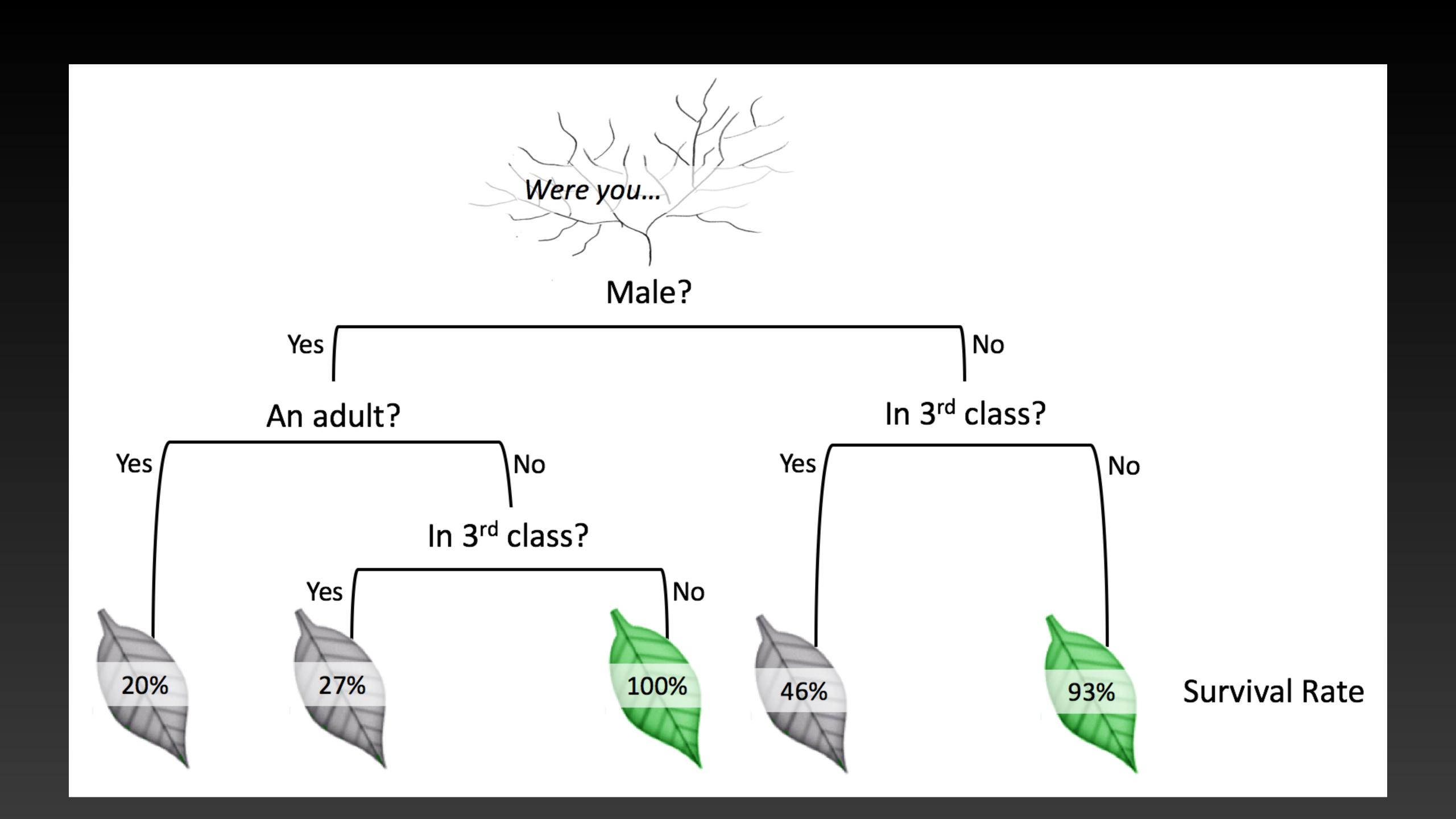
- You know the power of tree-based models now
- What is prediction?
  - E(y | X)
- The key concept of linear regression (and variants):
  - Link E(y | X = 1), E(y | X = 2), E(y | X = 3)..... together, in a linear way



## Tree-based models

- The key concept of decision tree
  - Find an optimal cut point "X = k" to maximize abs[E(y | X > k) E(y | X < = k)]
  - Link all X >= k together, assign predicted value  $E(y \mid X >= k)$ , and vice versa
  - Keep cutting until reach certain condition



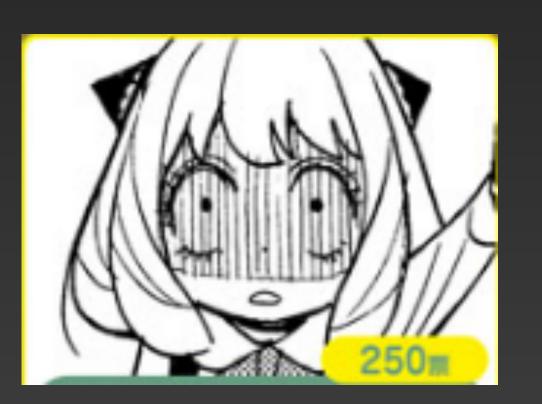


## Decision Tree

- Recall all the problems we need to handle when working with linear model
  - Missing values
  - Categorical variables
  - Non-linearity & interaction
  - Outliers (!)
- In many cases, you don't have to worry much about them with decision tree
- Why?

## Decision Tree

- It sounds magic right?
  - Easy to understand, not much feature engineer work
- A decision tree has its own inherent problems
  - If we let the tree growth to its limit, it produce unstable and bumpy predictions
  - a.k.a Overfitting (Good when training but poor in test)
  - So it needs to be pruned .....even so......





- 三個臭皮匠,勝過一個諸葛亮
- Economics is all about division of labor
- 一個和尚挑水喝,兩個和尚抬水喝,三個和尚沒水喝





- Linear regression, decision tree are poorly performed in most cases
- Combining several poor models in a right way boosts performance!

- => Ensemble methods
- IN A RIGHT WAY
- $\sum tree = forest$

- Random forest
- Having many many decision trees, average all the results
- "The definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results."
- NOT THE SAME
  - Different rows for each tree (Bootstrap sampling)
  - Different columns for each tree
- Bagging = Bootstrap aggregating

- Except setting the features in the model, there is nothing we can manipulate in linear regression or decision tree
- However, for more advanced models, there are hyperparameters. A good set of hyperparameters gives you best prediction results
- To random forest:
  - The size of one tree, leaf.....
  - The number of trees in forest
  - ....etc...

- Remember that: a good prediction model doing well on unknown / future data, instead of training set
- So we have to split our data into two, to simulate "unknown / future"
- However, less data means poorer prediction



- Random forest offers a estimation of "Accuracy on test set": oob score
- oob score enable us to skip the split and use more data in training!
- To determine a good set of hyperparameters, you can stick to the train/test splitting tradition or follow the job score



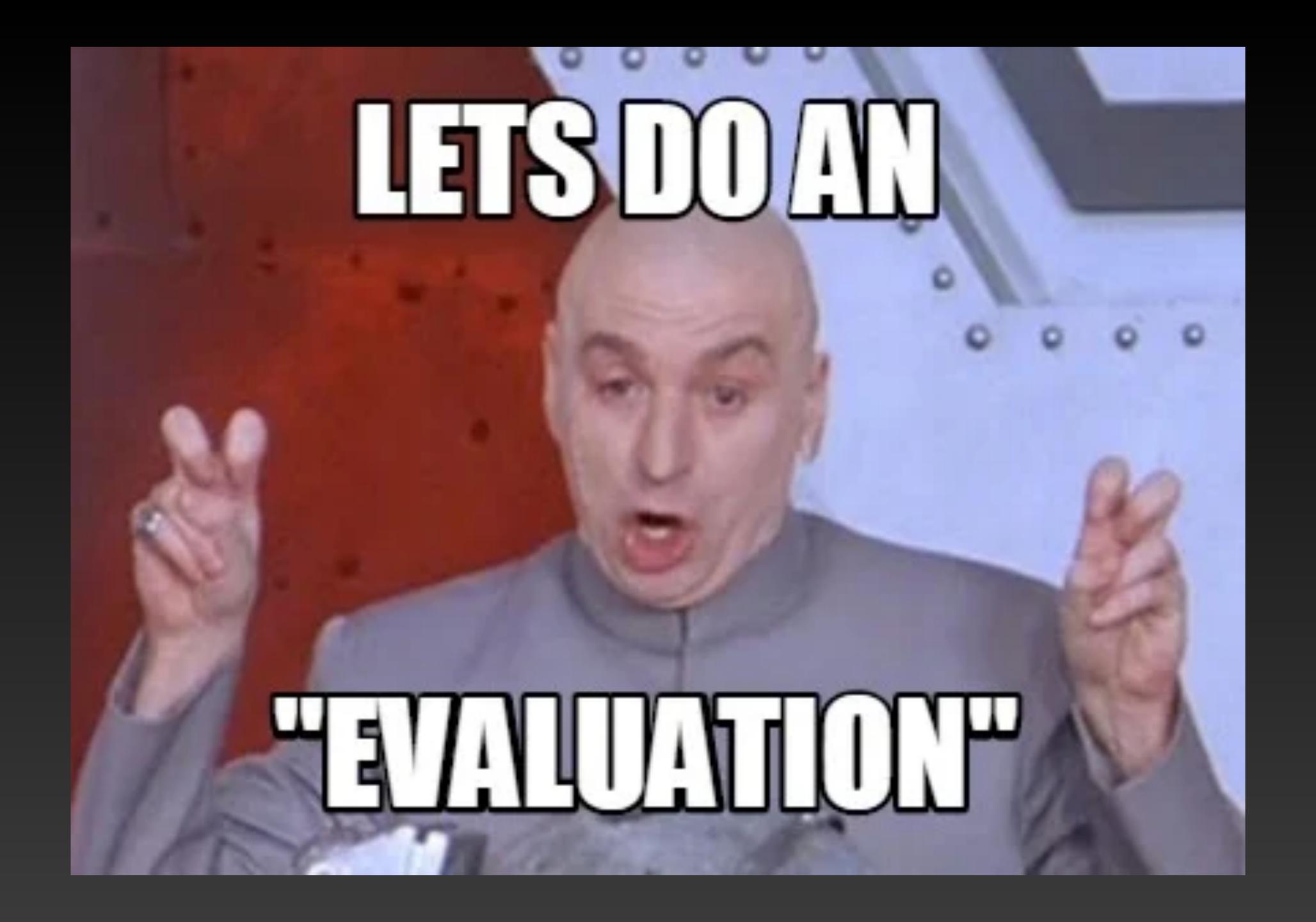
## More than a forest

- "Predicted value" itself is valuable though
- There is more information for us when doing machine learning
  - "How is the relationship between age and being tranported?"
- With linear model?
- With tree-based model?



## Any question?

- What we have so far:
  - Data: Handling with missing value, categorical variables, non-linearity, interaction, outliers.....
  - Models: Linear regression & Tree-based models
  - Evaluation: Accuracy, ROC AUC
    - oob score
- It's already a simple but complete machine learning pipeline

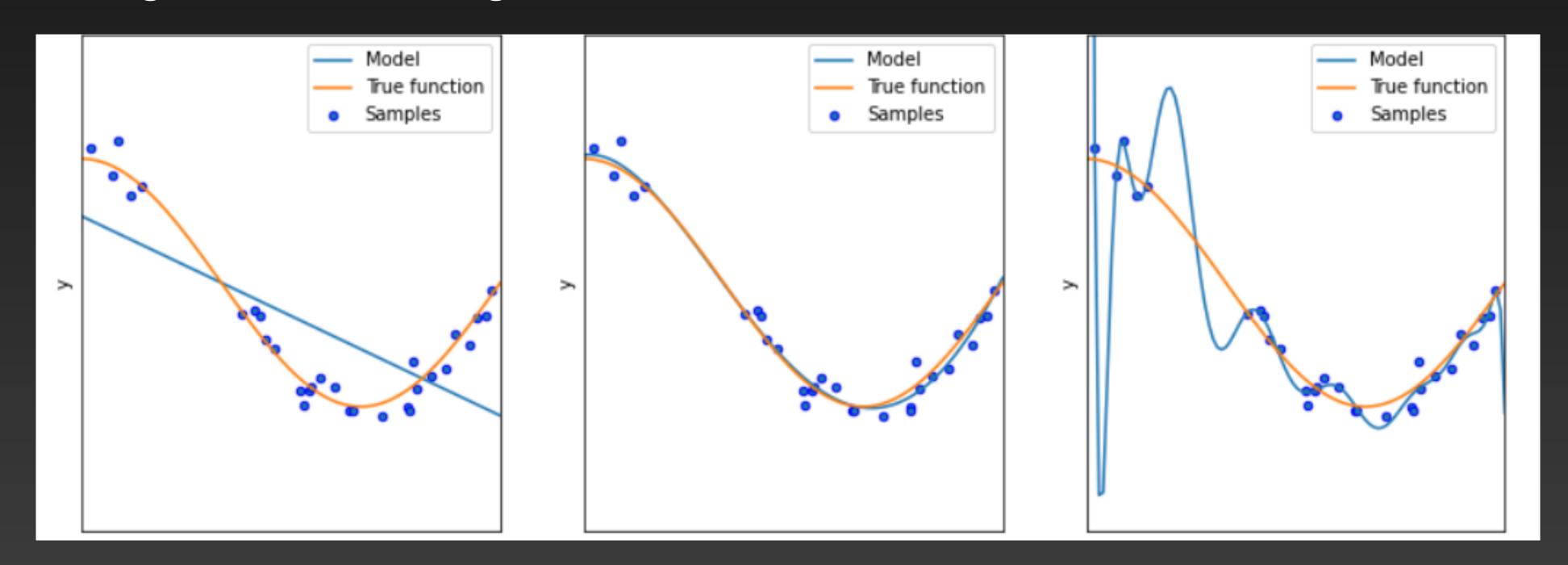


- In the section of decision tree, I've mention the idea of "overfitting"
- Recall that: a good prediction model doing well on unknown / future data, instead of training set
- Data = Pattern + Noise
- The unknown/future data may be similar with training data. Not identical.

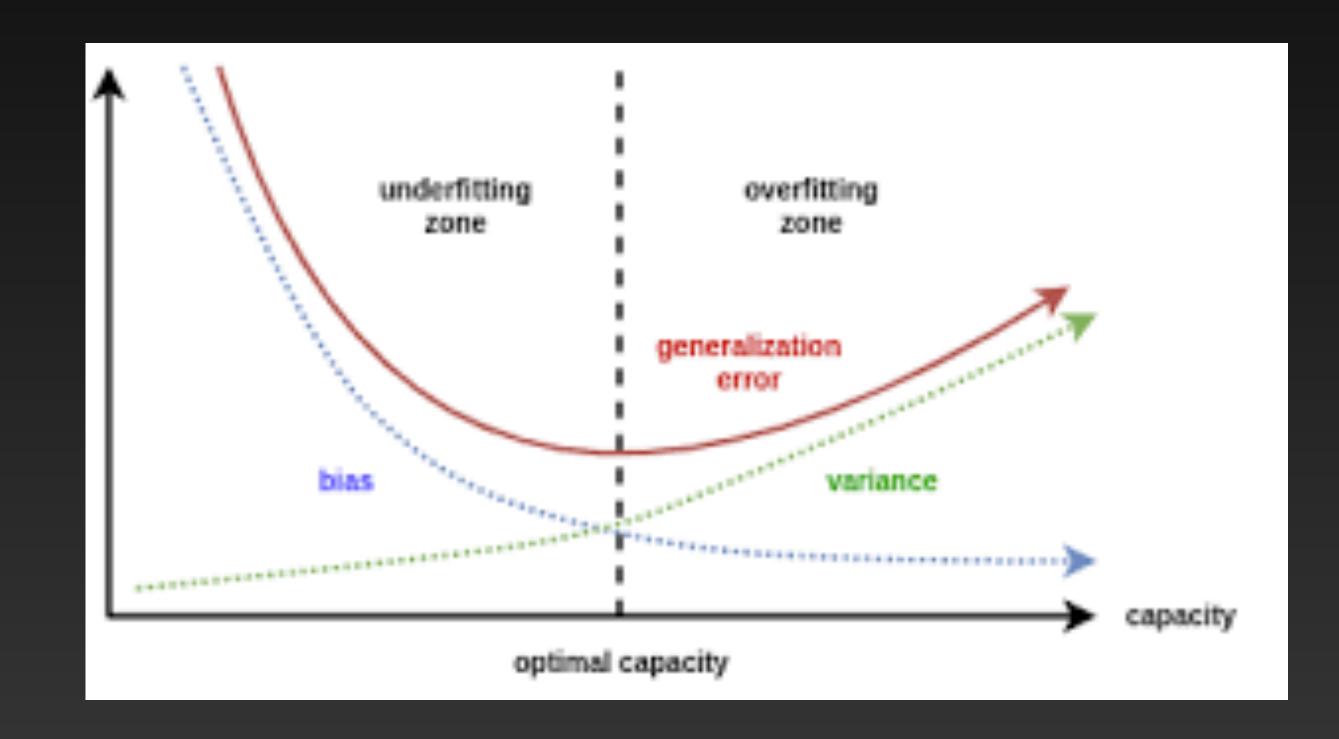
Performance on unknown data: Generalization error



- Overfitting: Being obsessed with training data, even with some special cases or noisy ones
- Overfitting & Underfitting



- Another way to understand this issue: Bias-variance tradeoff
- Bias: being "wrong"
- Variance: being "unstable"
- Overfitting: Low bias (in training),
   High variance (in testing)
- Underfitting: High bias, Low variance

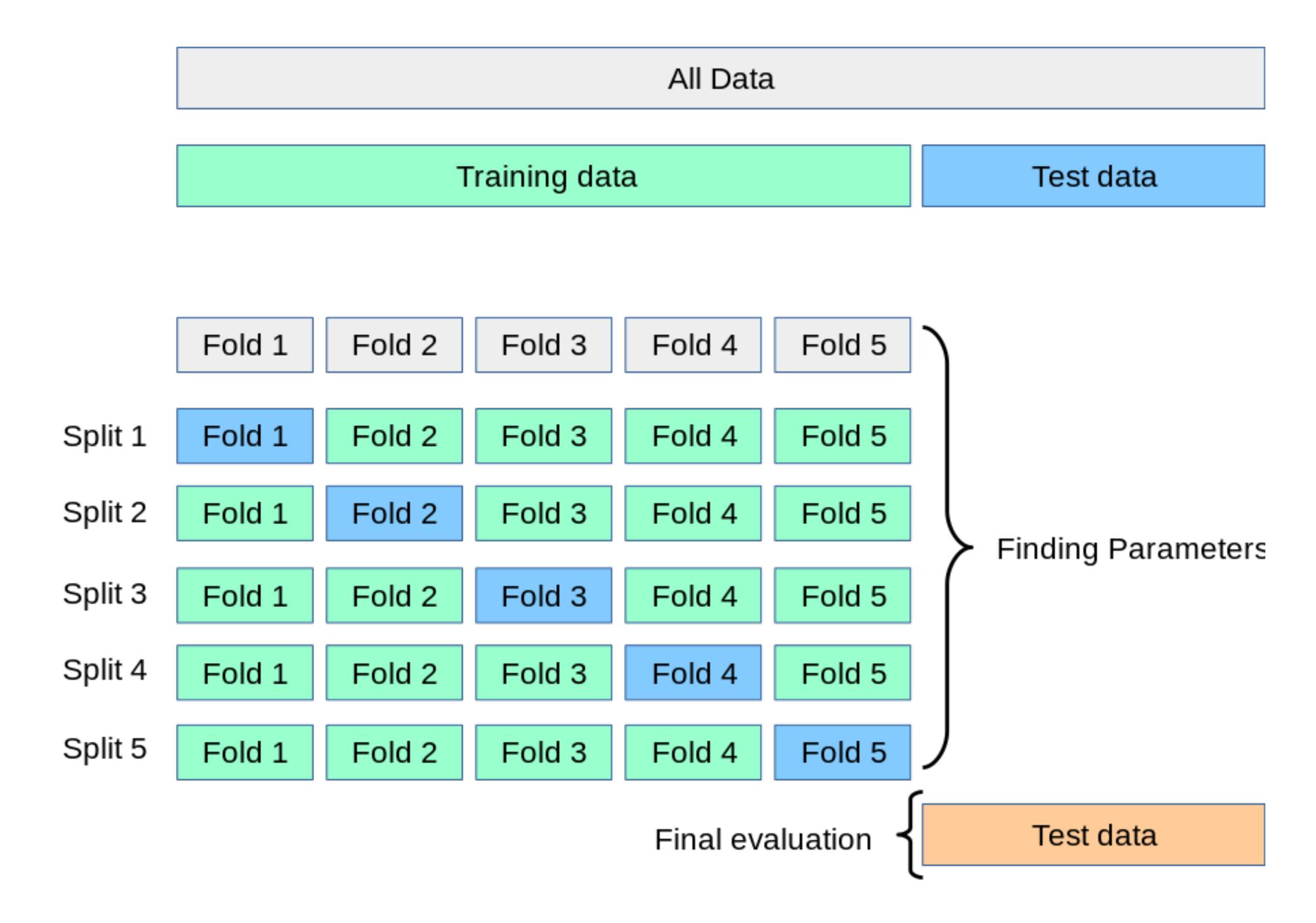


- What do we have to deal with it?
  - Train/test split
  - Evaluate performance with test data (= Imitation of generalized scene)
- It's fine when we just want to compare between few models
- The number of models comes up?
  - Hyperparameter searching
- Now you're obsessed with the test data!



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