Decision trees and Random Forests

AI for ecologists

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Introduction

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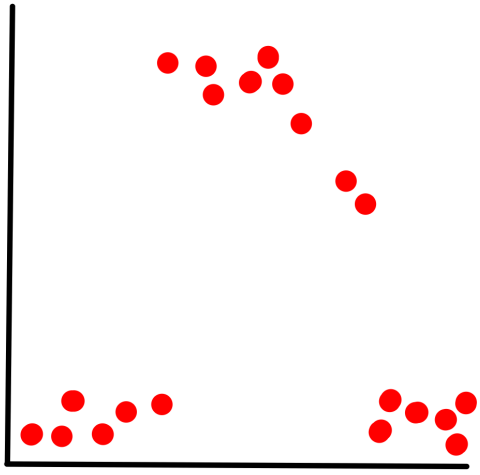

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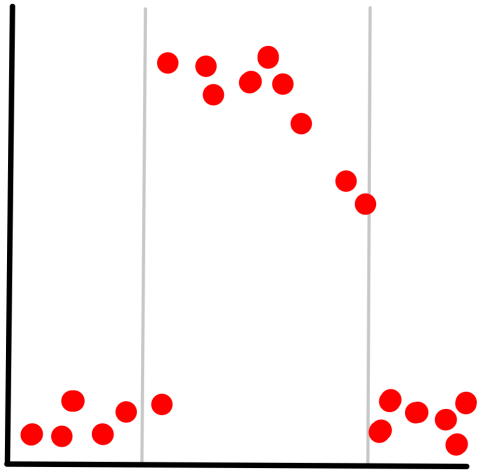

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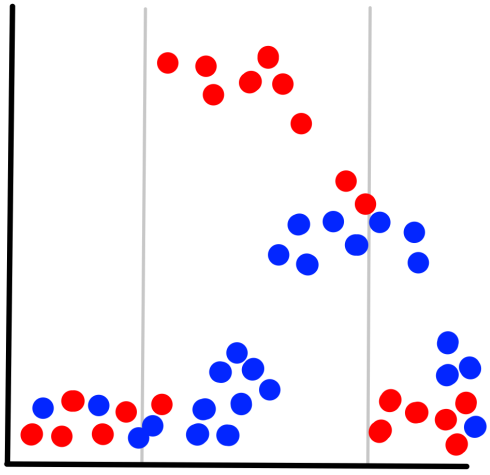

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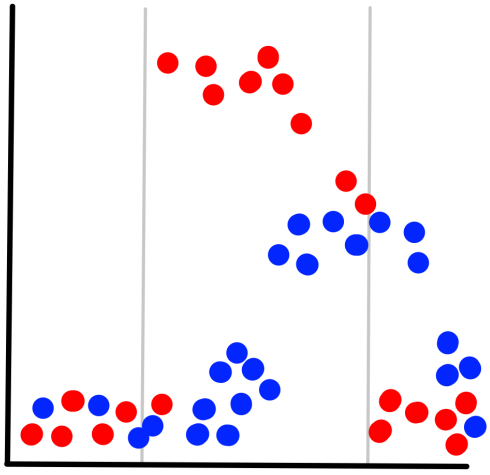

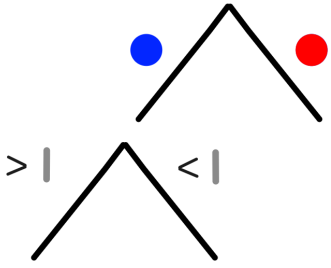

Decision Trees

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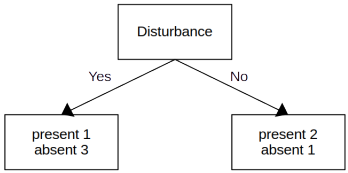

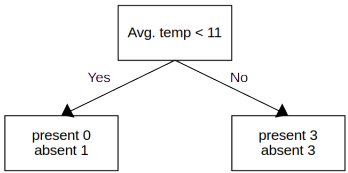

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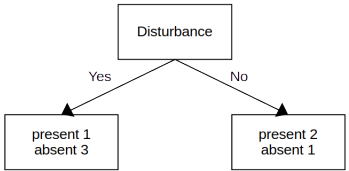

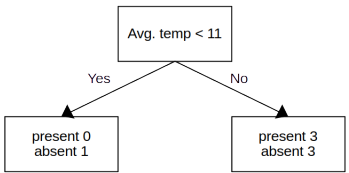

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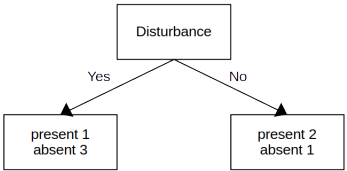

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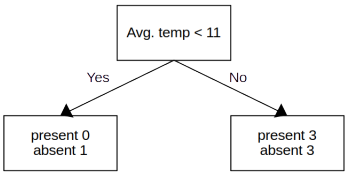

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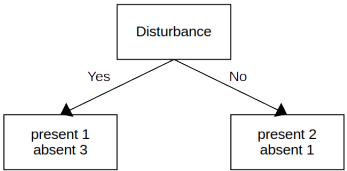

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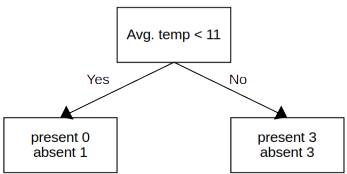

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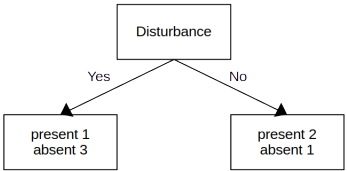

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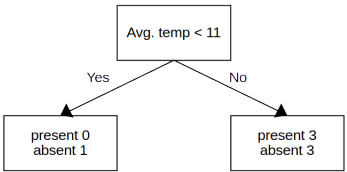

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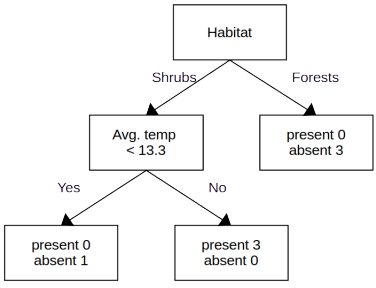

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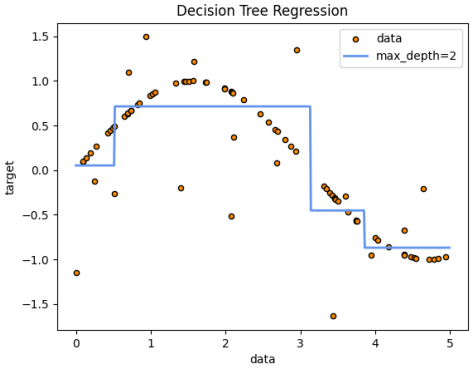

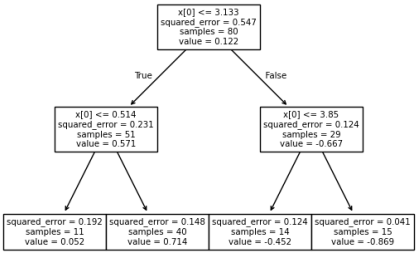

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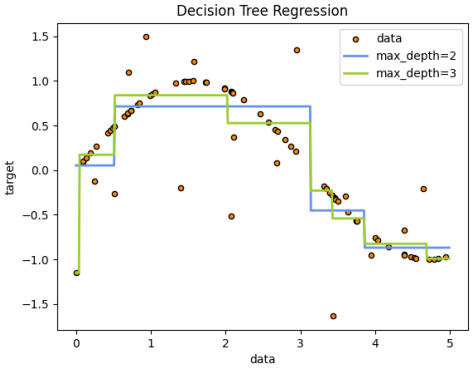

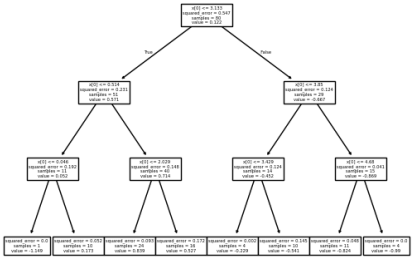

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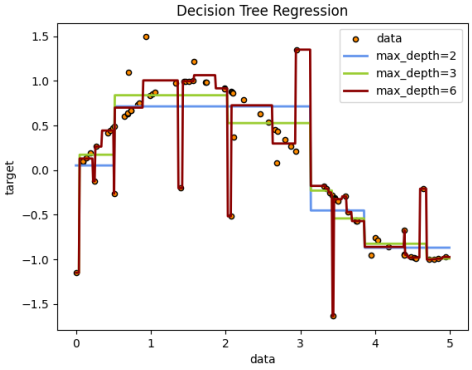

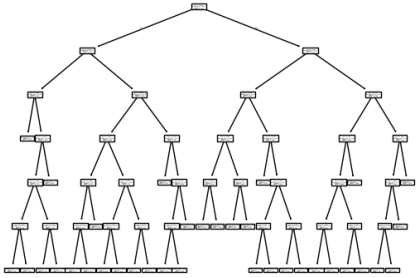

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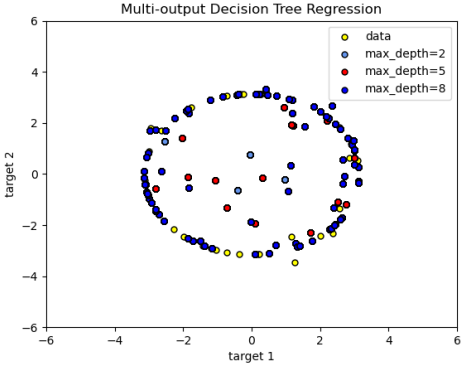

Figure from sklearn documentation

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Main idea

Why not several trees ?

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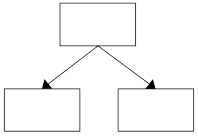

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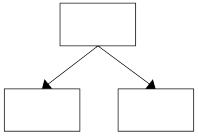

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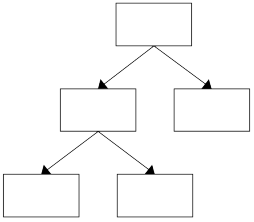

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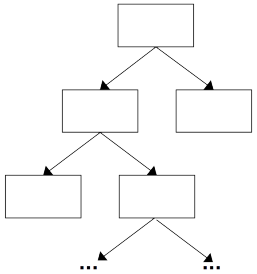

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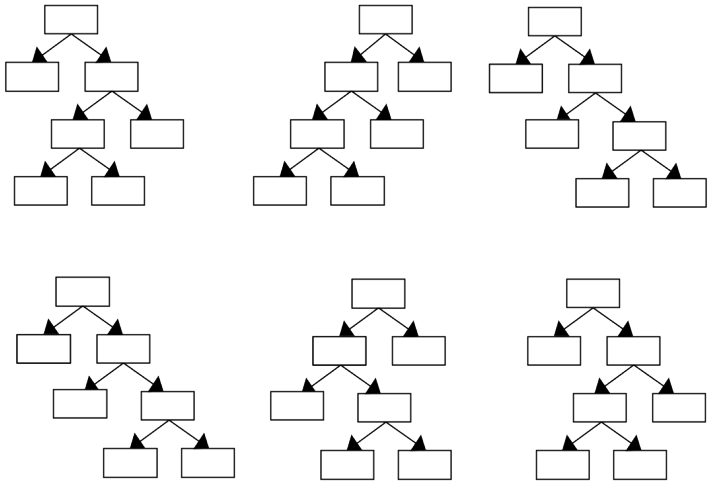

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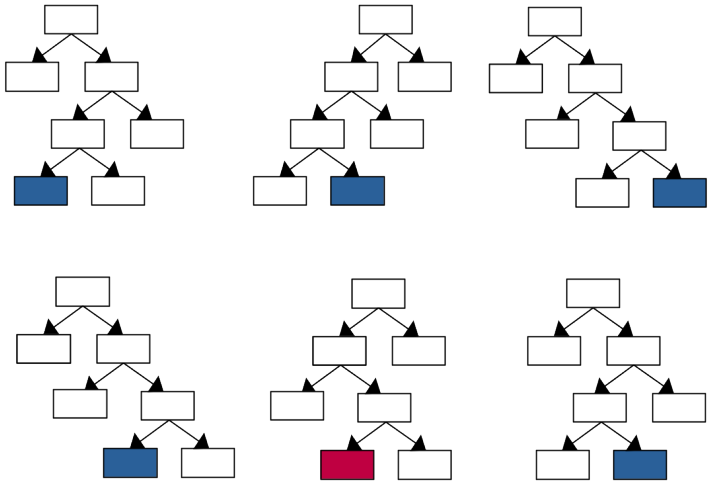

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Decendants and variants

- Adaboost
- Gradient Boosting
- XGBoost
- ...

Usefull ressources

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