

Boosting

- add new trees depending on the previous tree

residuals of the previous tree

- (Y, X)

$$-\hat{f}^{(b)}(x_i) = \hat{f}^{(b-1)}(x_i) + \lambda \hat{T}_b(x_i)$$

want to predict e_i^{b-1} at x_i

start boosting \bar{Y}

$e_i = \bar{Y} - y_i \rightarrow$ want a tree to predict these residuals,

classification trees

Y - category/class

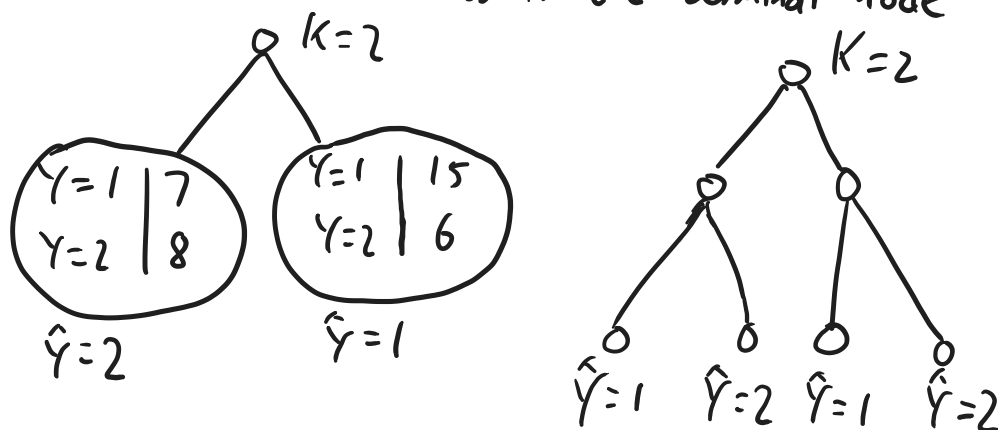
K possible values

- how to get "best" split

- \hat{Y} for terminal nodes

- how we prune (only prune if only using one tree)

- $\hat{Y} \rightarrow$ most common class in the terminal node



how to choose "best" split

- misclassification rate not the right answer

- want to split to get "pure" nodes

n_t = # obs in node t

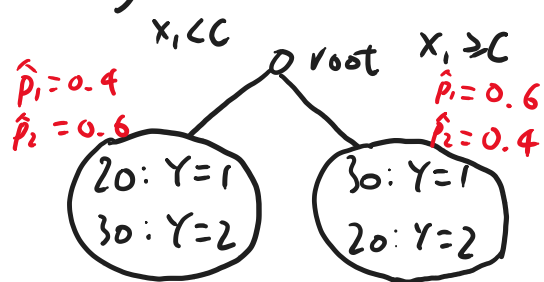
\hat{p}_{tk} = proportion of obs in node t from class k

$$= \frac{n_{tk}}{n_t}$$

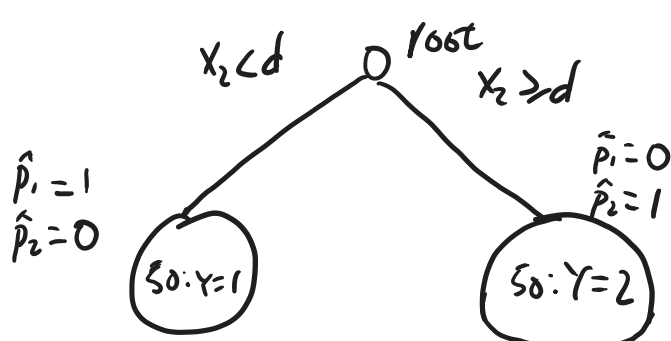
Gini Index want to minimize

$$\sum_{k=1}^K \hat{p}_{tk} (1 - \hat{p}_{tk}) \text{ across the proposed split}$$

e.g: $K=2, n=100$



$$\rightarrow Gini = \underbrace{0.4(0.6) + 0.6(0.4)}_{\text{left}} + \underbrace{0.6(0.4) + 0.4(0.6)}_{\text{right}} = 0.96$$



$$\rightarrow Gini = 1(0) + 0(1) + 0(1) + 1(0) = 0$$