

## < Decision Tree - Putting it together >

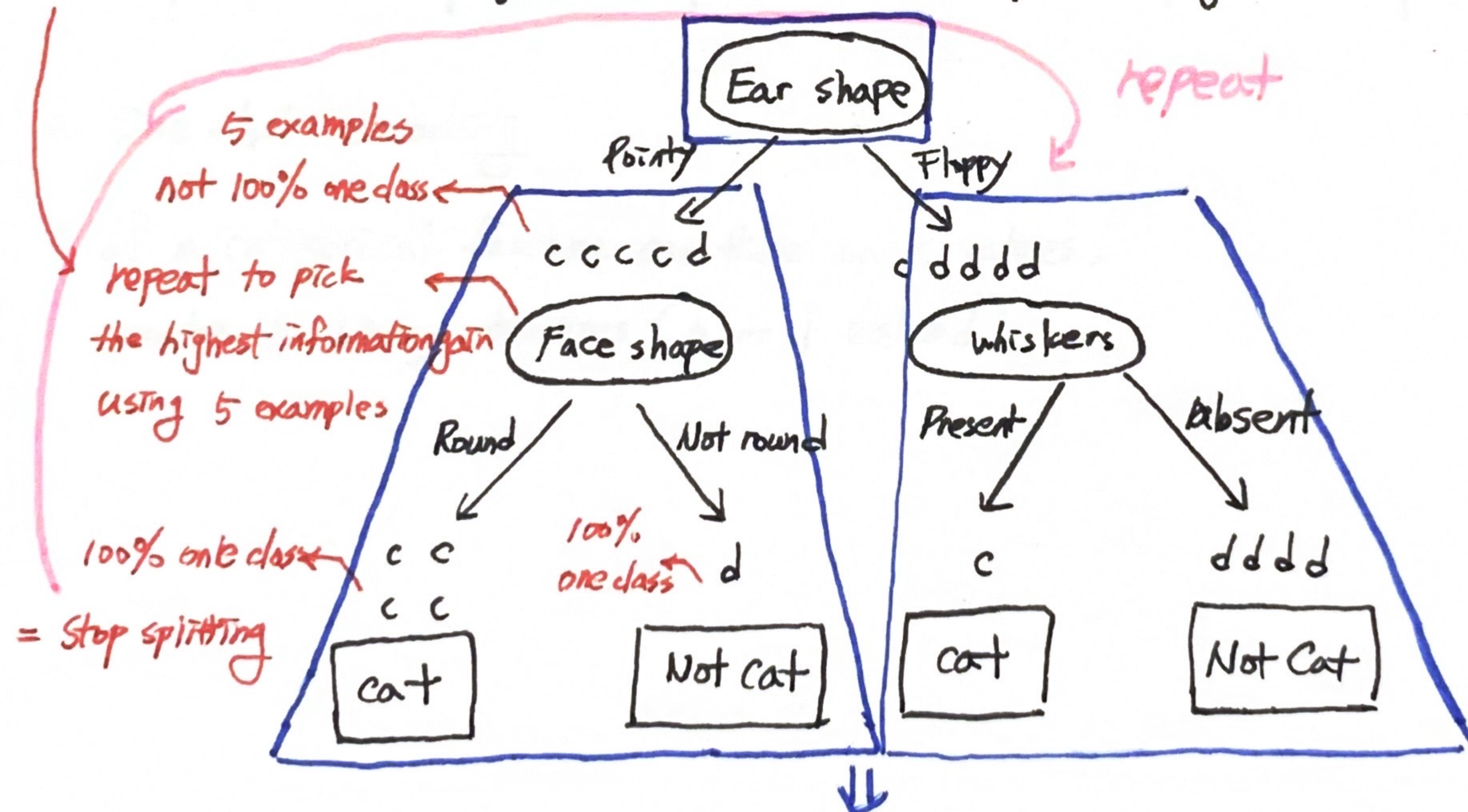
\* Overall process for building decision tree

- ① Start with all examples at the root node
- ② Calculate information gain for all possible features, and pick the one with the highest information gain
- ③ Split dataset according to selected feature, and create left and right branches of tree
- ④ Keep repeating splitting process until stopping criteria is met:
  - When a node is 100% one class
  - When splitting a node will result in the tree exceeding a maximum depth
  - Information gain from additional splits is less than threshold
  - When number of examples in a node is below threshold.

## \* Recursive Splitting

ex) if i choose stopping criteria as when a node is 100% one class

- ① compute information gain for all features and pick the highest information gain = Ear shape



"Recursive algorithm"

= the way you build the decision tree at the root  
is by building other smaller decision trees in sub-branches