

# Machine Learning

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INFO 201

# Today's Objectives

Discuss differences/similarities between **statistics** and **machine learning**

Describe the task of **classification**

Introduce **decision tree** approach to classification

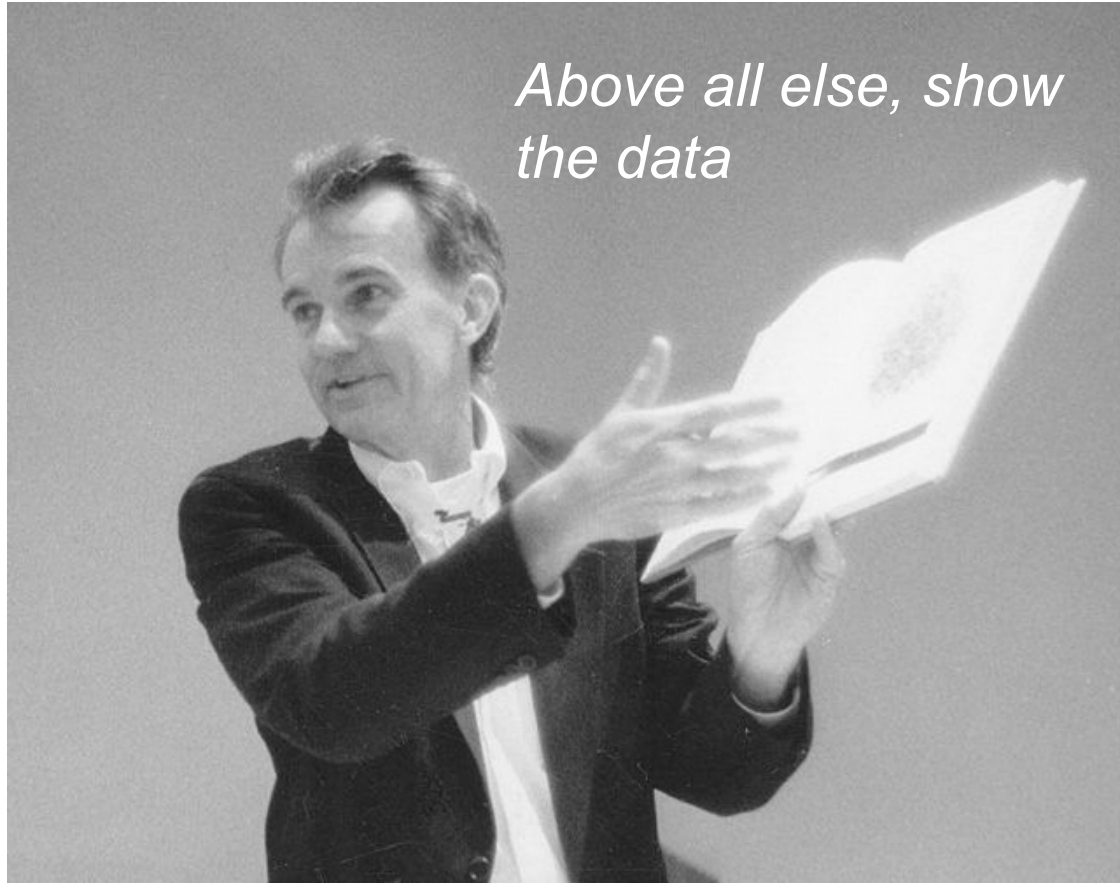
Practice building a Shiny App for machine learning

# Machine Learning

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What do we do to  
data?

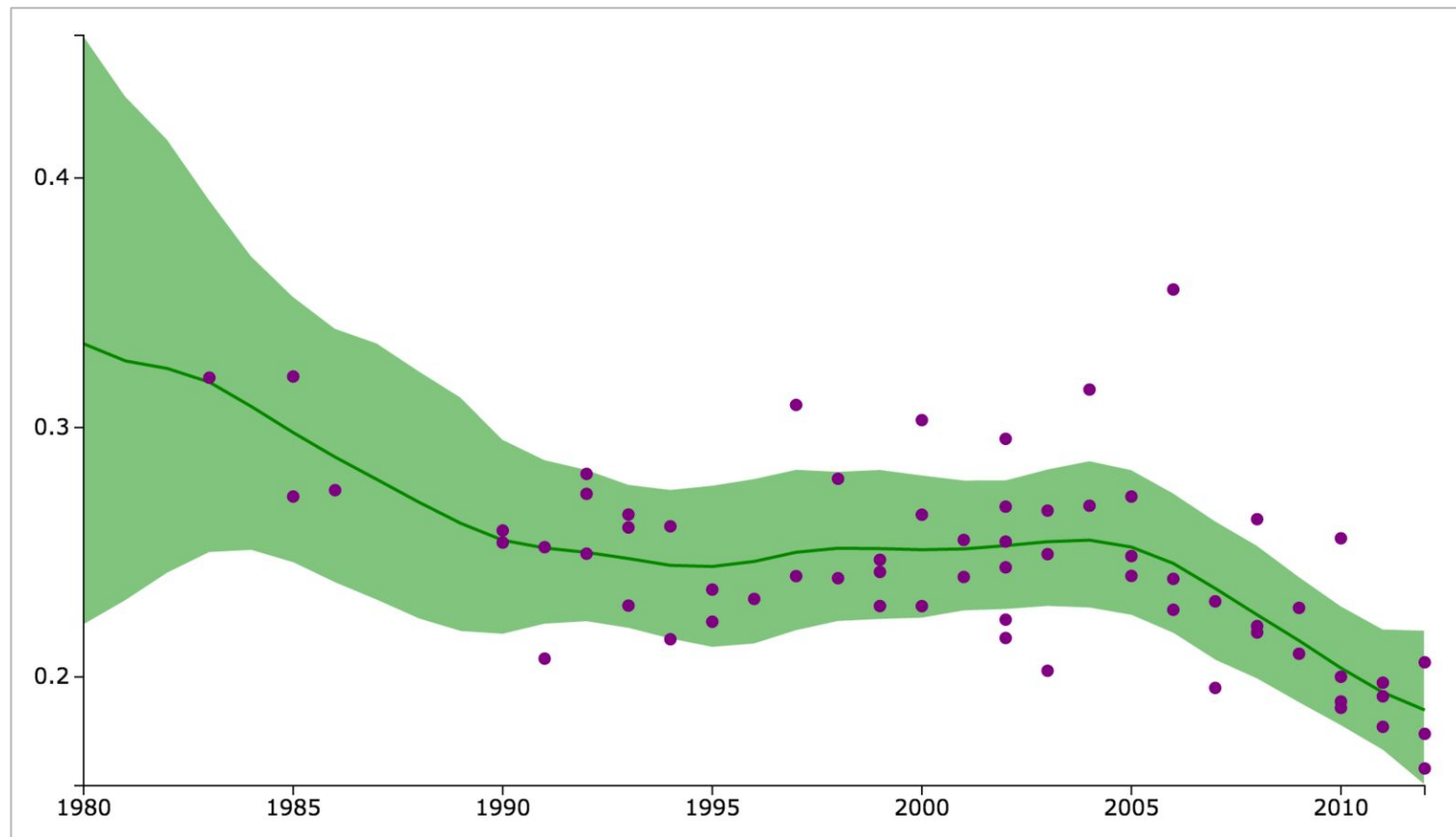
*Above all else, show  
the data*



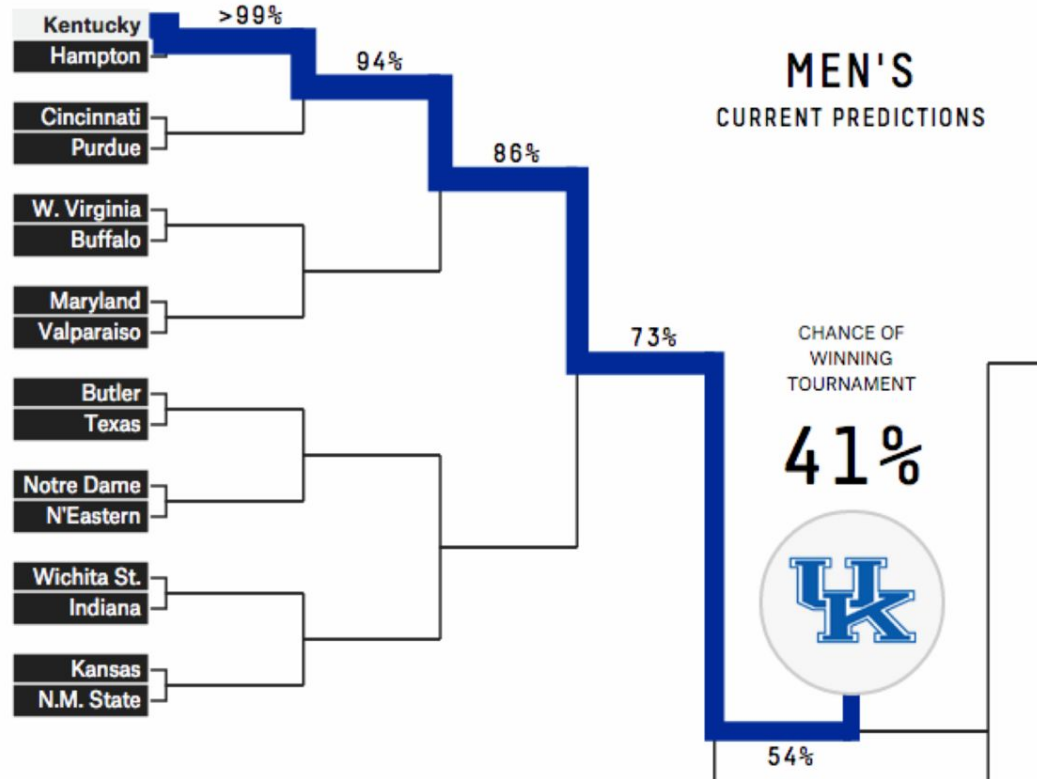
Nothing



Clean



## MIDWEST





**Machine learning** and **statistics** are a set of tools used to **ask questions about data**. They leverage *mathematical concepts* and *computational abilities* to **make inferences** about relationships, or **make predictions** about unobserved contexts.

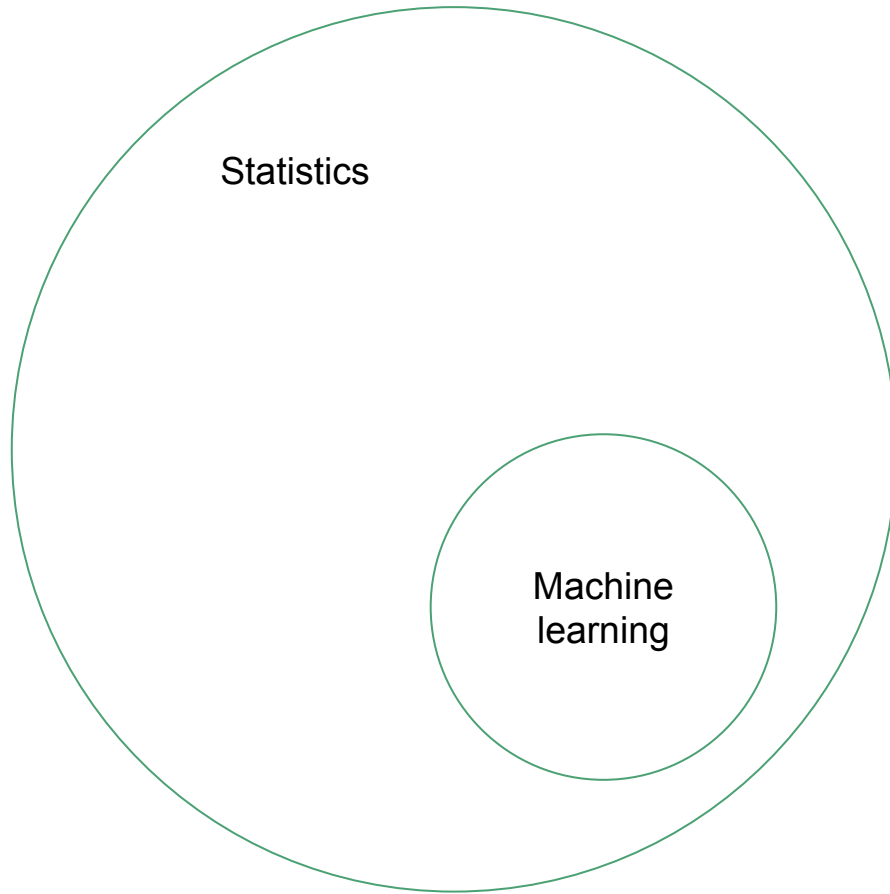
Model  
interpretability

Prediction  
accuracy



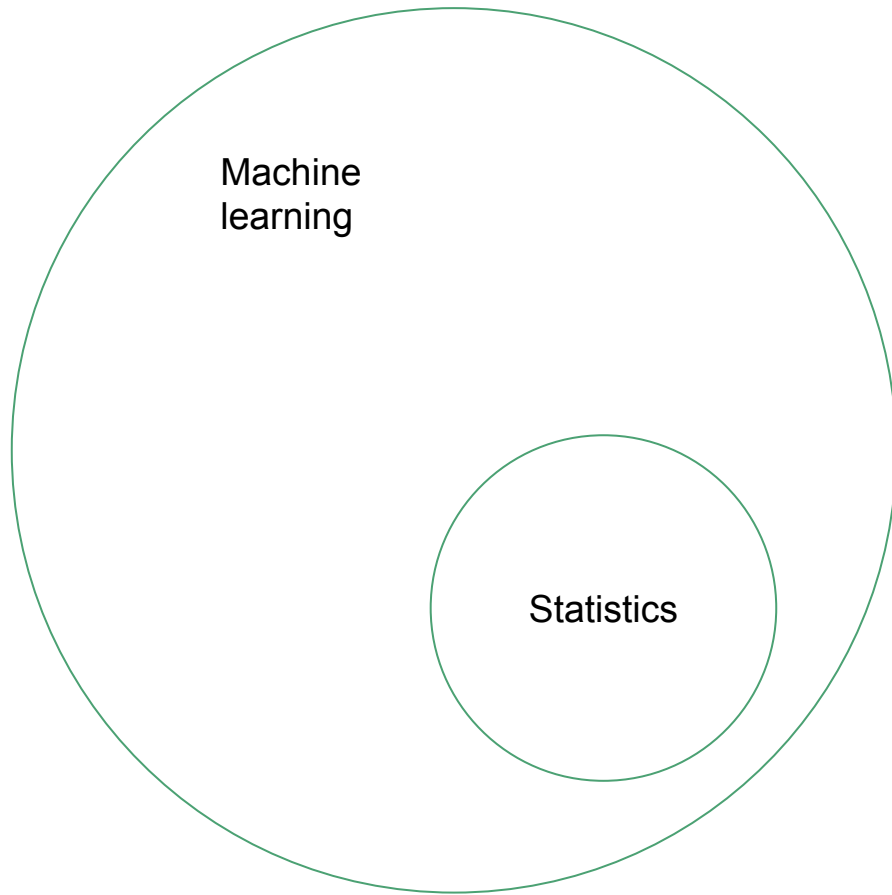
(more stats)

(more ml)



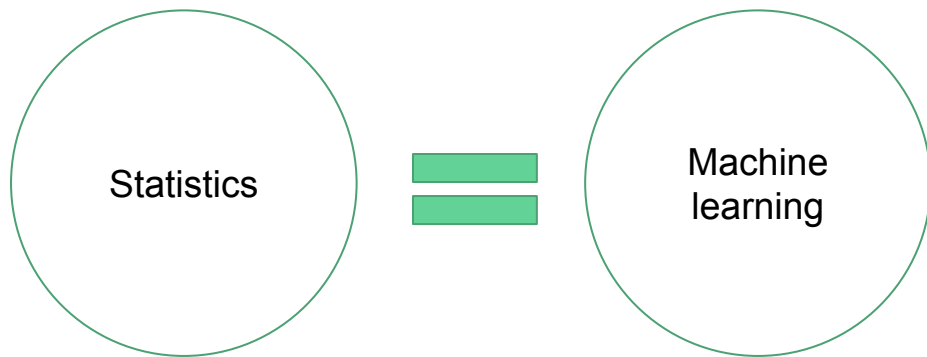
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Many people argue this....



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While many others argue this...



## Glossary

### Machine learning

network, graphs

weights

learning

generalization

supervised learning

unsupervised learning

large grant = \$1,000,000

nice place to have a meeting:  
Snowbird, Utah, French Alps

### Statistics

model

parameters

fitting

test set performance

regression/classification

density estimation, clustering

large grant= \$50,000

nice place to have a meeting:  
Las Vegas in August

And others think this...

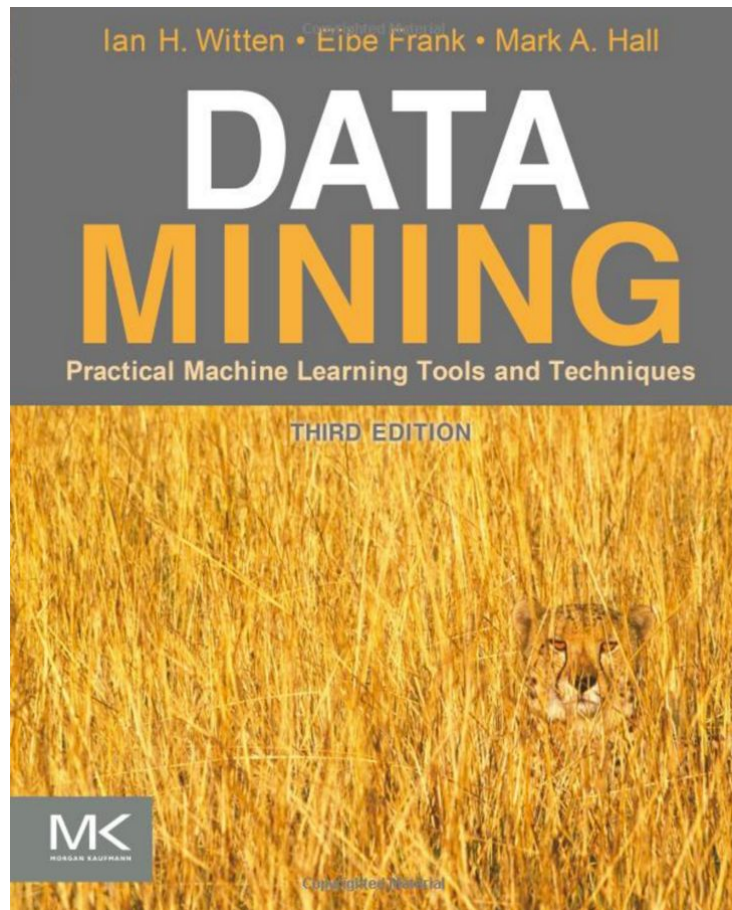
# Other thoughts on ml v.s. stats

Machine learning is statistics on a mac

*machine learning is statistics minus any checking of models and assumptions ([source](#))*

All valid tools to choose from, but you must select the right tool for the task

Simple to use, difficult to use well



A good resource (source of some examples today)

Springer Texts in Statistics

Gareth James  
Daniela Witten  
Trevor Hastie  
Robert Tibshirani

# An Introduction to Statistical Learning

with Applications in R

 Springer

A great (free) resource



# Classification

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Classification is an attempt to determine if an **instance** (observation) is a member of a particular **class**.

In other words,  
classification  
predicting a  
**categorical variable.**

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Rainy	cool	normal	true	no
Overcast	cool	normal	true	yes
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if FEATURE(s) is  
VALUE, OUTCOME  
is VALUE

Write 3 rules to classify observations as skipping/attending class

**Table 1.1** Contact Lens Data

Age	Spectacle Prescription	Astigmatism	Tear Production Rate	Recommended Lenses
young	myope	no	reduced	none
young	myope	no	normal	soft
young	myope	yes	reduced	none
young	myope	yes	normal	hard
young	hypermetrope	no	reduced	none
young	hypermetrope	no	normal	soft
young	hypermetrope	yes	reduced	none
young	hypermetrope	yes	normal	hard
pre-presbyopic	myope	no	reduced	none
pre-presbyopic	myope	no	normal	soft
pre-presbyopic	myope	yes	reduced	none
pre-presbyopic	myope	yes	normal	hard
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What about when the data scales...?



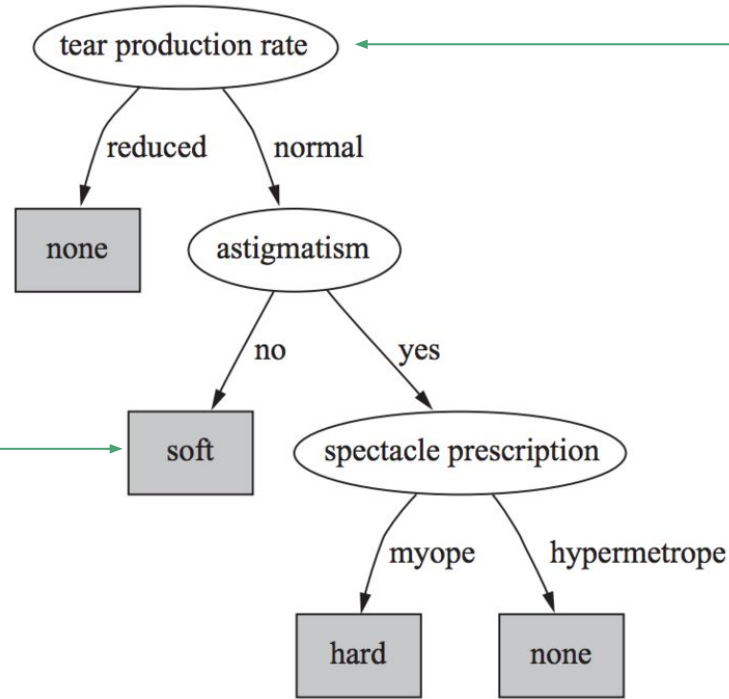
If tear production rate = reduced then recommendation = none.  
If age = young and astigmatic = no and tear production rate = normal  
then recommendation = soft  
If age = pre-presbyopic and astigmatic = no and tear production  
rate = normal then recommendation = soft  
If age = presbyopic and spectacle prescription = myope and  
astigmatic = no then recommendation = none  
If spectacle prescription = hypermetrope and astigmatic = no and  
tear production rate = normal then recommendation = soft  
If spectacle prescription = myope and astigmatic = yes and  
tear production rate = normal then recommendation = hard  
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then recommendation = hard  
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and astigmatic = yes then recommendation = none  
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and astigmatic = yes then recommendation = none

This becomes more cumbersome

# Decision Trees

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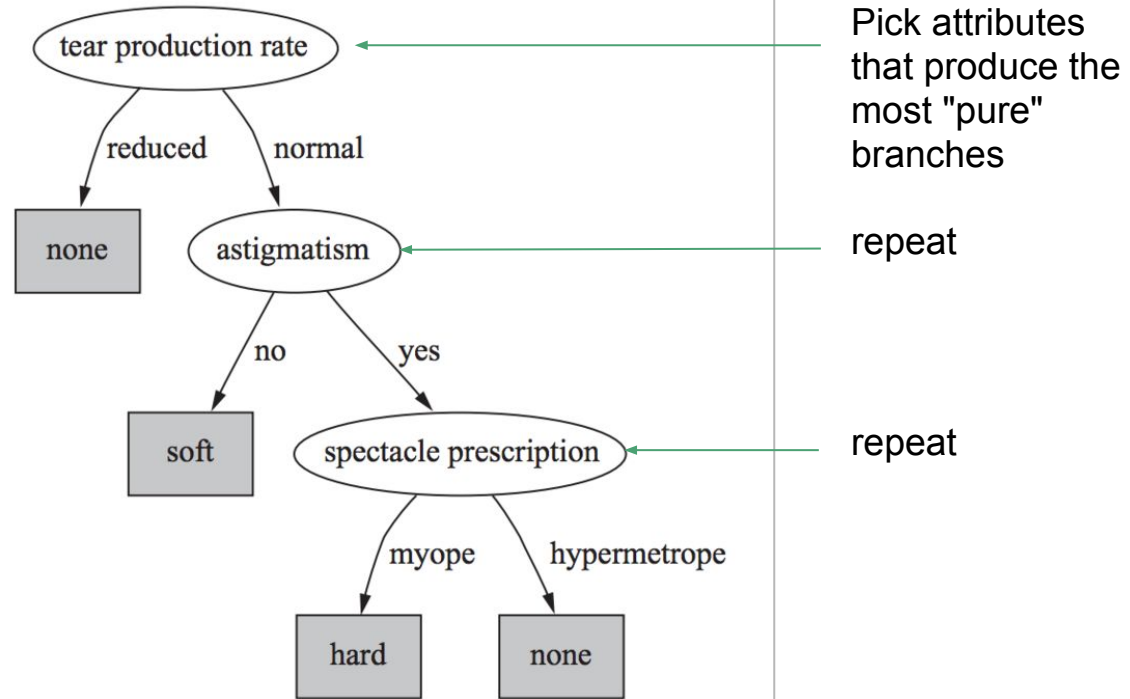
Terminal **nodes**  
**(leafs)** assign a  
**classification**



Each **node** tests  
an **attribute**  
(feature)

**FIGURE 1.2**

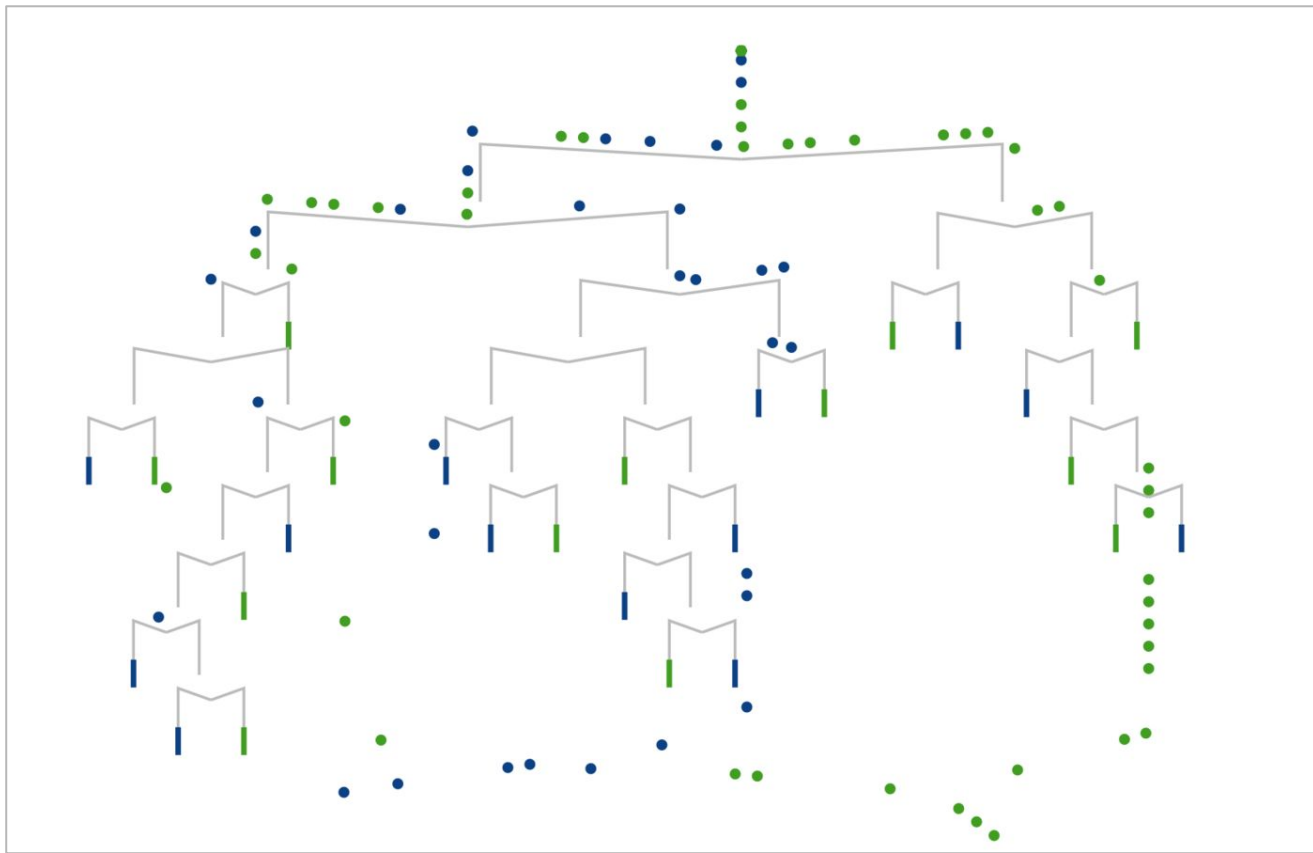
Decision tree for the contact lens data.



**FIGURE 1.2**

Decision tree for the contact lens data.

Translate rules into trees: how to



Explained visually

# Classification in R

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# Classification in R

Pick one (of many) appropriate libraries

Load data into models

Visualize results

```
# One of many libraries for classification / ML
library(rpart)

# Read in data
homes <- read.csv('part_1_data.csv')

# Use rpart to fit a model: predict `in_sf` using all variables
basic_fit <- rpart(in_sf ~ ., data = homes, method="class")

# How well did the model perform?
predicted <- predict(basic_fit, homes, type='class')
accuracy <- length(which(data[, 'in_sf'] == predicted)) / length(predicted) * 100
```



# Training/Testing Data

Right now, we're testing the model on the data used to train it (uh oh...)

To test prediction, we need to set aside data from the model

Many ways to separate data into train/test sets:

```
train.indicies <- sample(seq_len(nrow(homes)), size = 100)
training.data <- homes[train.indicies,]
test.data <- homes[-train.indicies,]
```

# Repetition

You often want to repeat your process

Helps avoid errors due to randomness

Allows you to create confidence intervals

May vary based on approach you're using

## Module 15 Exercise-2

# Integration with Shiny

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How could a Shiny  
app help the  
machine learning  
process?

# Reactive Expressions

Don't repeat time intensive tasks in Shiny

*"Reactive expressions are a bit smarter than regular R functions. They **cache their values** and know when their values have become outdated. What does this mean? The first time that you run a reactive expression, the expression will **save its result** in your computer's memory. The next time you call the reactive expression, **it can return this saved result** without doing any computation (which will make your app faster)." - [source](#)*

# Use a reactive expression so that you only run the code once

```
getResults <- reactive ({  
  return(simple_tree(input$features))  
})  
output$plot <- renderPlot({  
  results <- getResults()  
  return(results$plot)  
})
```

```
sidebarPanel(  
  checkboxGroupInput("features", label = h3("Features to Use"),  
    choices = colnames(homes)[2:ncol(homes)],  
    selected = colnames(homes)[2:ncol(homes)])  
),
```

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Hint: using data to create options



## Module 15 Demo-1

# Upcoming...

Keep working on your final projects!