

Classification: Decision Tree

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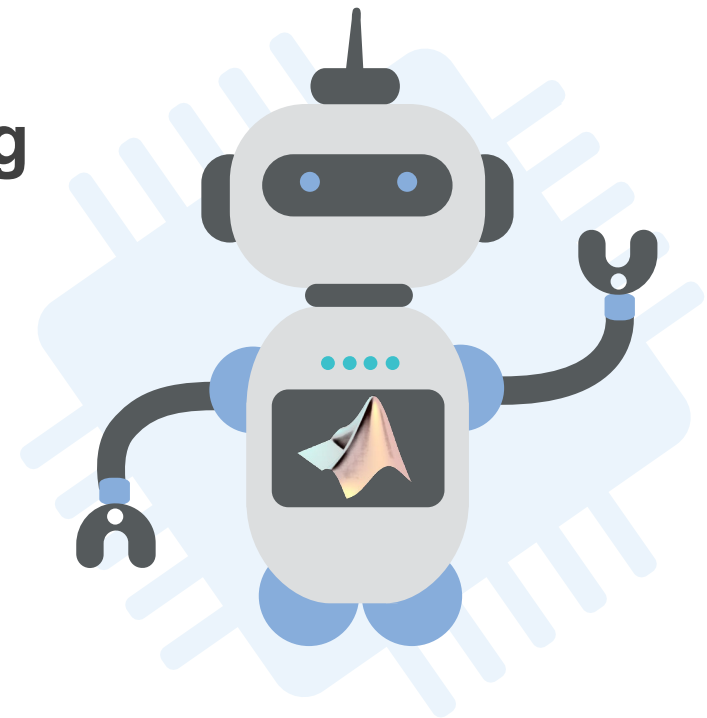
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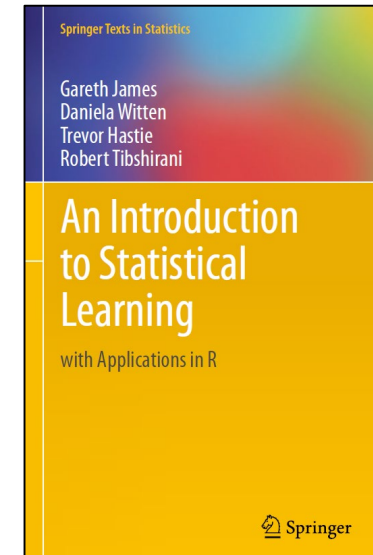
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Classification Trees

Concepts, Pros & Cons

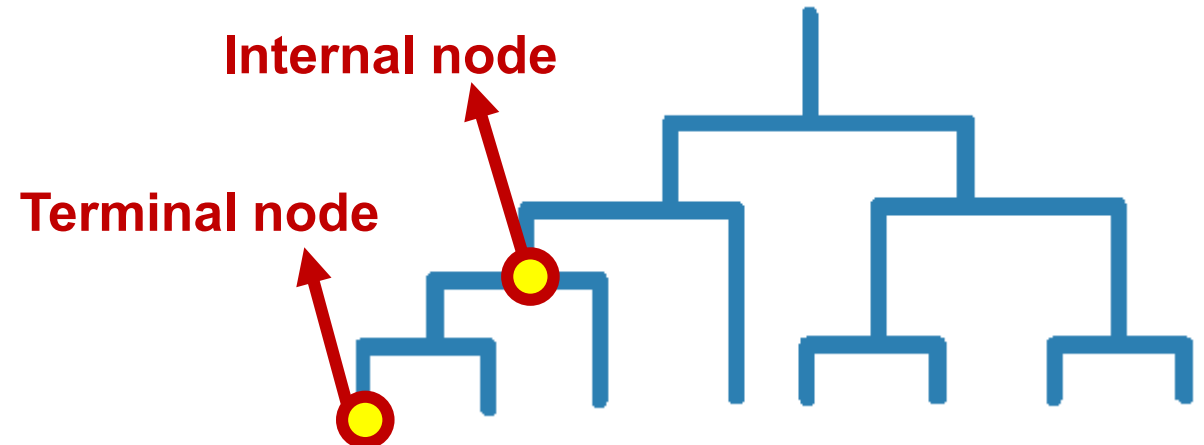
Decision Trees

Classification

- Prediction of a **categorical response**.
- we predict that each observation belongs to **the most commonly occurring class** of training observations in the region to which it belongs.
- The **class proportions** among the training observations that fall into to the same terminal node is of interest.

Regression

- Prediction of a **quantitative value**.
- The prediction is based on **the mean response** of the training observations that belong to the same terminal node.



Algorithm of Decision Tree

1. Use **recursive binary splitting** to grow a large tree on the training data, stopping only when each terminal node has fewer than some minimum number of observations (**'MinLeafSize'**).

Tree growing

2. Apply **cost complexity pruning** to the large tree in order to obtain a sequence of best subtrees, as a function of α (**'PruneAlpha'**).

3. Return the subtree from Step 2 that corresponds to the chosen value of α . (**prune**)

Tree pruning

Decision Trees

Classification

- Prediction of a **categorical response**.

Classification error rate

$$E = 1 - \max_k (\hat{p}_{mk})$$

The proportion (probability) of training observations in the m th node/subgroup that are from the k th class.

Regression

- Prediction of a **quantitative value**.

Residual sum of squares (RSS):

To minimize:

$$\sum_{x_i \in R_1(j,s)} \underbrace{(y_i)}_{\text{true}} - \underbrace{\hat{y}_{R_1}}_{\text{estimated}})^2 + \sum_{x_i \in R_2(j,s)} (y_i - \hat{y}_{R_2})^2$$

Classification error is not sufficiently sensitive for tree-growing.

Decision Trees

Classification

- Prediction of a **categorical response**.

Classification error rate

$$E = 1 - \max_k(\hat{p}_{mk})$$

Node purity is typically used to evaluate the quality of splitting.

Node purity (certainty)

(1) *Gini index:*

$$G = \sum_{k=1}^K \hat{p}_{mk}(1 - \hat{p}_{mk})$$

(2) *Cross entropy:*

$$D = - \sum_{k=1}^K \hat{p}_{mk} \log \hat{p}_{mk}$$

Tree Growing

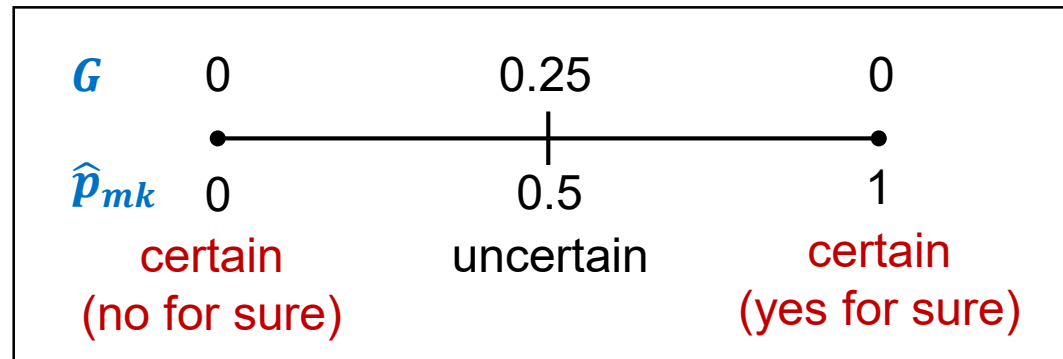
Classification

- Prediction of a **categorical response**.

(1) *Gini index*:

$$G = \sum_{k=1}^K \hat{p}_{mk}(1 - \hat{p}_{mk})$$

Gini index is referred to as a measure of node **purity**—a small Gini value indicates that a node contains predominantly observations from a single class.



Tree Growing

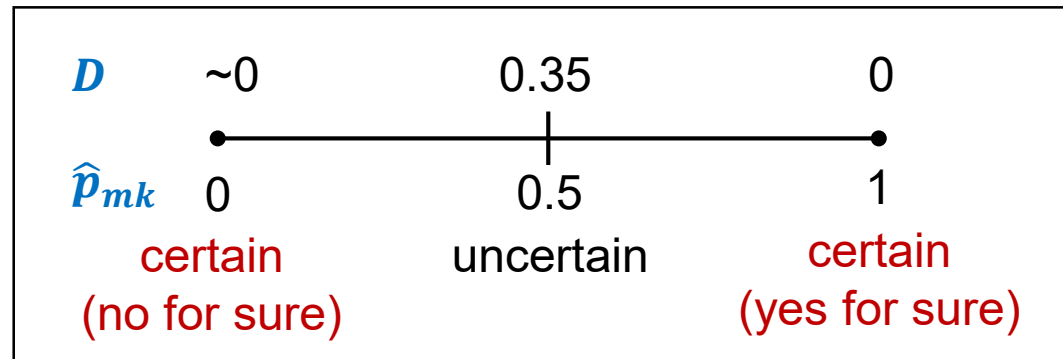
Classification

- Prediction of a **categorical response**.

(2) *Cross entropy*:

$$D = - \sum_{k=1}^K \hat{p}_{mk} \log \hat{p}_{mk}$$

Like the Gini index, the cross-entropy will take on a small value if the m th node is **pure**. In fact, it turns out that the Gini index and the cross-entropy are quite similar numerically.



Tree Pruning

Classification error rate

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- Any of these three approaches might be used when *pruning* the tree, but the classification error rate is preferable if prediction accuracy of the final pruned tree is the goal.

Heart Dataset

Including data from 303 patients.

- **Age**
- **Sex**
- **Chest Pain:** typical angina, atypical angina, non-anginal pain, asymptomatic
- **Rest BP:** resting blood pressure
- **Chol:** serum cholestoral in mg/dl
- **FBS:** fasting blood sugar > 120 mg/dl (1: true; 0: false)
- **Rest ECG:** 0: normal; 1: having ST-T wave abnormality; 2: showing probable or definite left ventricular hypertrophy by Estes' criteria
- **Max HR:** maximum heart rate achieved
- **ExAng:** exercise induced angina (1: yes; 0: no)
- **Oldpeak:** ST depression induced by exercise relative to rest
- **Slope:** the slope of the peak exercise ST segment
1: upsloping; 2: flat; 3: downsloping
- **Ca:** number of major vessels (0-3) colored by flourosopy
- **Thal:** Thallium stress test (normal, fixed defect, reversable defect)

AHD (the predicted attribute, diagnosis based on angiography)
(Yes: $\geq 50\%$ diameter narrowing; No: $< 50\%$ diameter narrowing;)

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Exercise – Classification Tree

- Predict “AHD” (Yes or No)

- Should remove patients with missing data.
- Perform cvpartition to hold out 30% data.

```
predictors={'Age', 'Sex', 'ChestPain', 'RestBP', 'Chol', 'Fbs', 'RestECG',  
'MaxHR', 'ExAng', 'Oldpeak', 'Slope', 'Ca', 'Thal'};
```

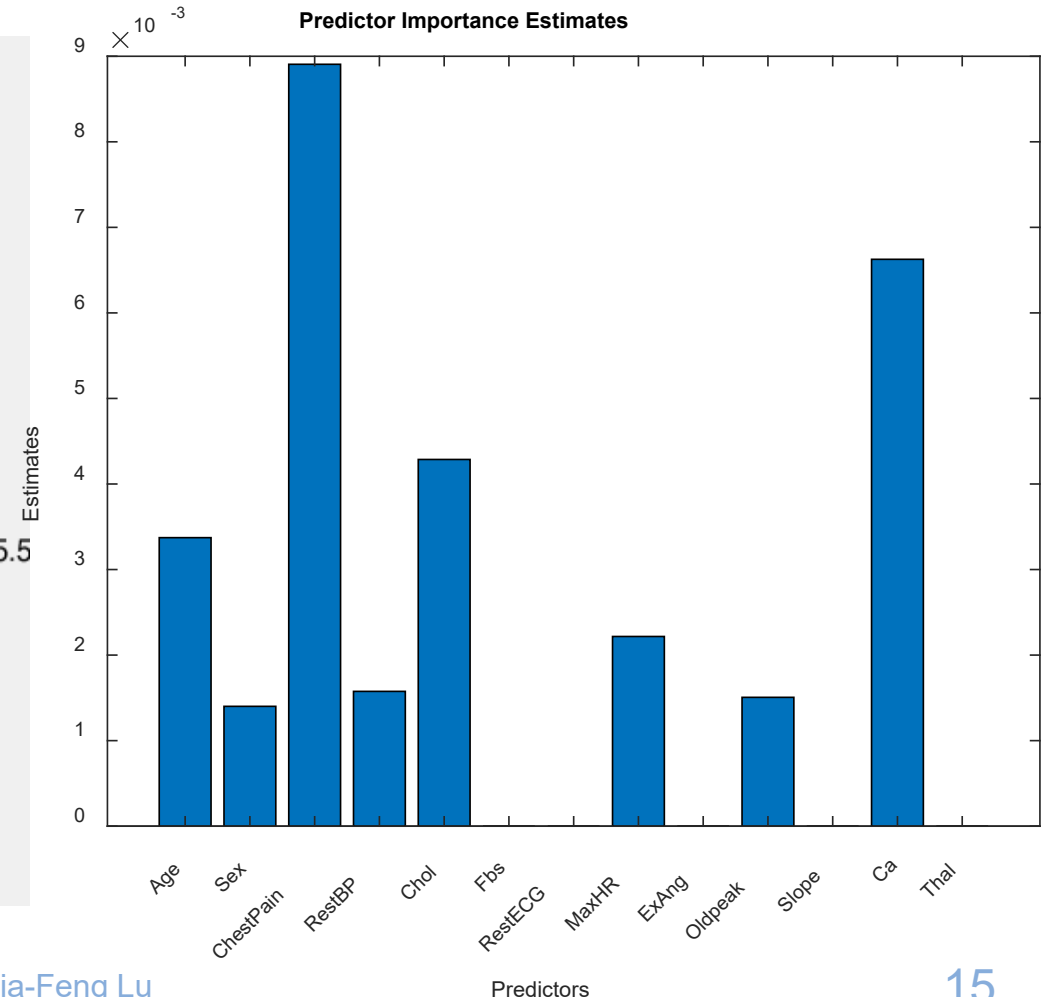
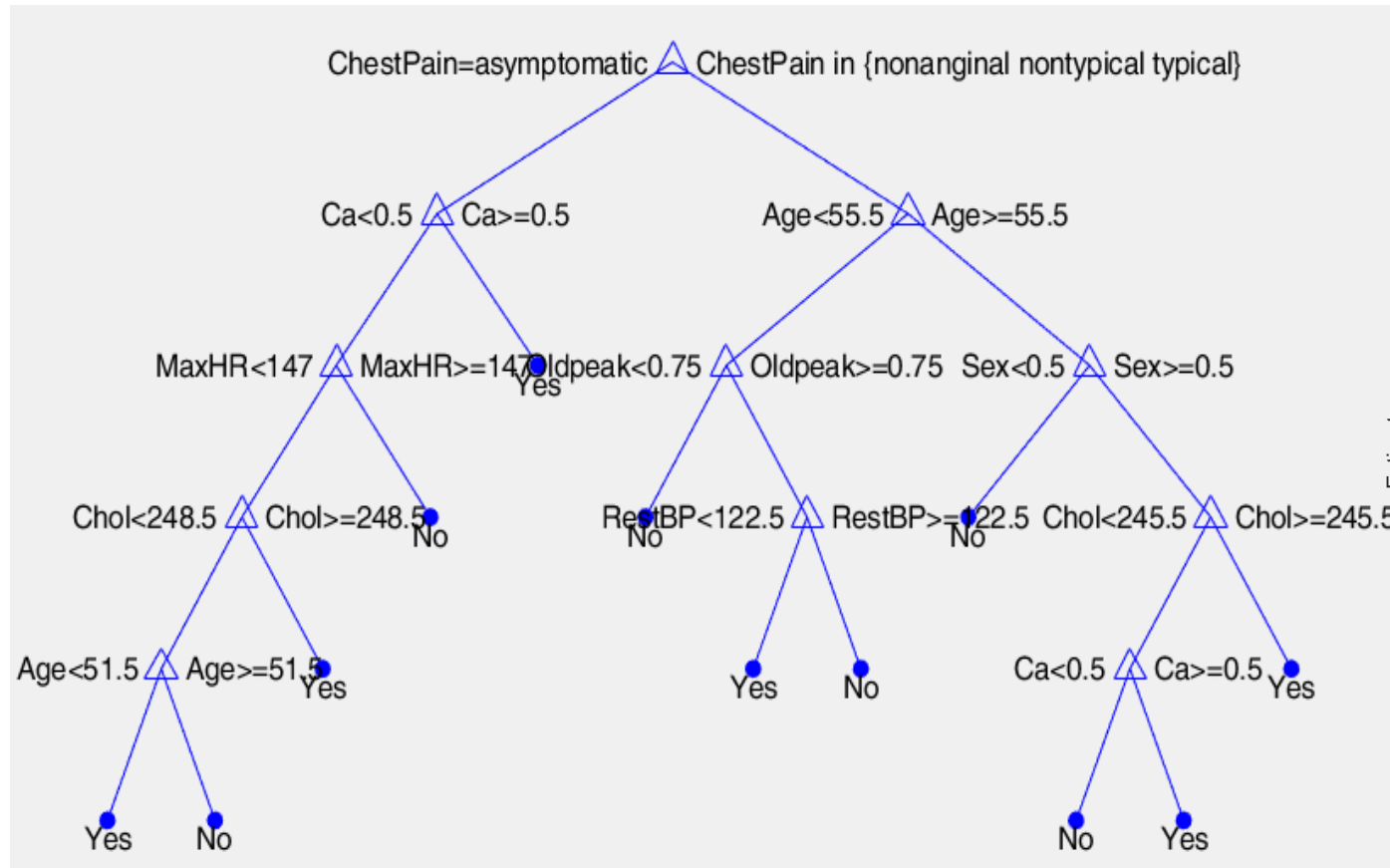
```
tree_allv = fitctree(dataTrain,'AHD','PredictorNames',predictors,...  
    'SplitCriterion', 'deviance', ... % 'deviance': cross entropy, 'gdi': Gini index  
    'OptimizeHyperparameters','all',...  
    'HyperparameterOptimizationOptions',...  
    struct('UseParallel',true,'AcquisitionFunctionName','expected-improvement-  
plus','kfold',5));
```

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Exercise – Classification Tree

```
view(tree_allv, 'Mode', 'graph')
```

```
imp = predictorImportance(tree_allv);
```



Exercise – Classification Tree

```
AHD_predict=predict(tree_allv,dataTest);  
[cm,order] = confusionmat(dataTest.AHD,AHD_predict)  
accuracy = trace(cm)/sum(cm(:))
```

cm =

```
39    9  
12   29
```

accuracy =

0.7640

Confusion Matrix		True status	
		Yes	No
Predicted status	Yes	True Positive (TP)	False Positive (FP) Type I error
	No	False Negative (FN) Type II error	True Negative (TN)

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Tree-based Methods

Pros

- Trees are very easy to explain to people. (High interpretability)
- Decision trees are more closely mirror human decision-making strategy than other approaches.
- Trees can be displayed graphically, and are easily interpreted even by a non-expert (especially if they are small).
- Trees can easily handle qualitative predictors without the need to create dummy variables.

Cons

- Unfortunately, trees generally do not have the same level of predictive accuracy as some of the other regression and classification approaches.

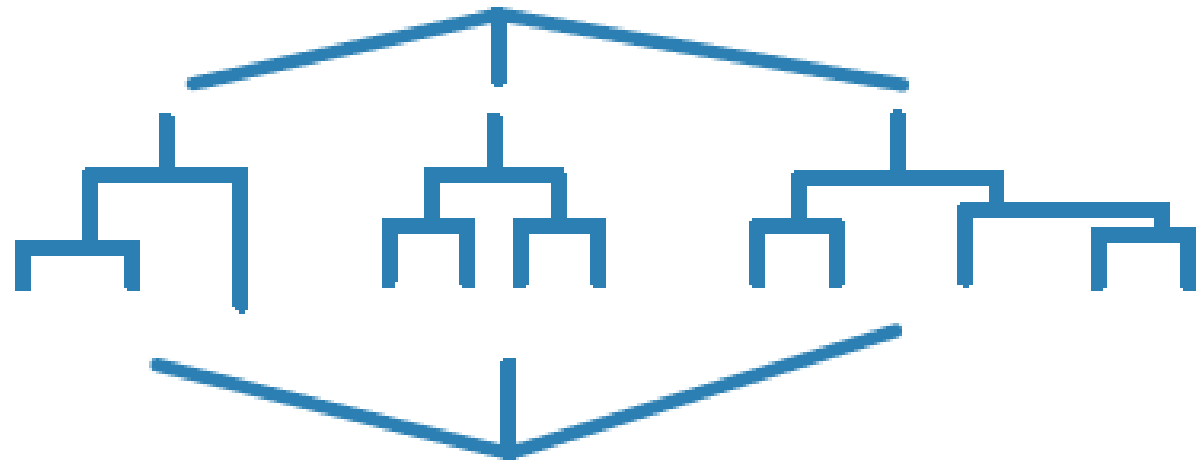


Bagging, Random Forests, Boosting

Tree voting and sequential learning

Ensemble Methods of Tree

- Use trees as building blocks to construct more powerful prediction models.
- Several “weaker” decision trees (**weak learner**) are combined into a “stronger” ensemble.
- Bagging
- Random forests
- Boosting

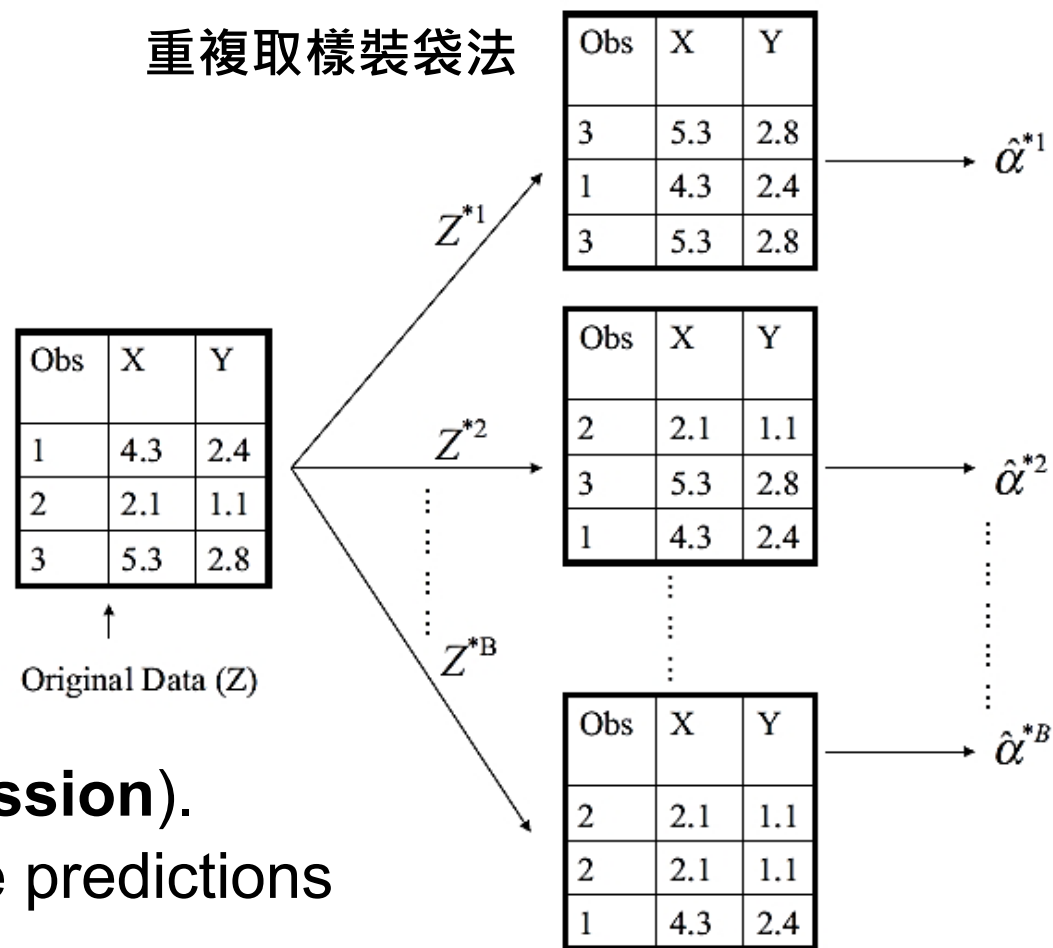


High Variance of Decision Trees

- The decision trees suffer from *high variance*.
 - if we split the training data into two parts at random, and fit a decision tree to both halves, the results that we get could be quite different.
- *Bootstrap aggregation*, or *bagging*, is a general-purpose procedure for reducing the variance of a statistical learning method.
 - To take many training sets from the population, build a separate prediction model using each training set, and average the resulting predictions.

Bagging

- Rather than repeatedly obtaining independent data sets from the population, **bootstrap method** instead obtains distinct data sets by **repeatedly sampling** observations from the original (single) data set **with replacement**.
- We then train decision trees on each bootstrapped training set
 - **Average** all the predictions (**regression**).
 - Take a **majority vote** among all the predictions (**classification**).



Out-of-Bag Error Estimation

- A very straightforward way to estimate the test error of a bagged model.
- One can show that on average, each bagged tree makes use of around two-thirds of the observations.
- The remaining **one-third of the observations** not used to fit a given bagged tree are referred to as the **out-of-bag (OOB)** observations.
- We can predict the response for an observation using each of the trees in which that observation was OOB.

Exercise – Bagging Tree

- Predict “AHD” (Yes or No)
 - Should remove patients with missing data.
 - Perform cvpartition to hold out 30% data.

B=100; % the number of bootstrapped/bagged training sets used

t = templateTree('SplitCriterion', 'deviance', 'NumVariablesToSample','all');

tree_bag = **fitcensemble**(dataTrain,'AHD','PredictorNames',predictors,...

'Method','Bag',...

'NumLearningCycles',B,'Learners',t,...

'OptimizeHyperparameters',{'MinLeafSize','MaxNumSplits'},...

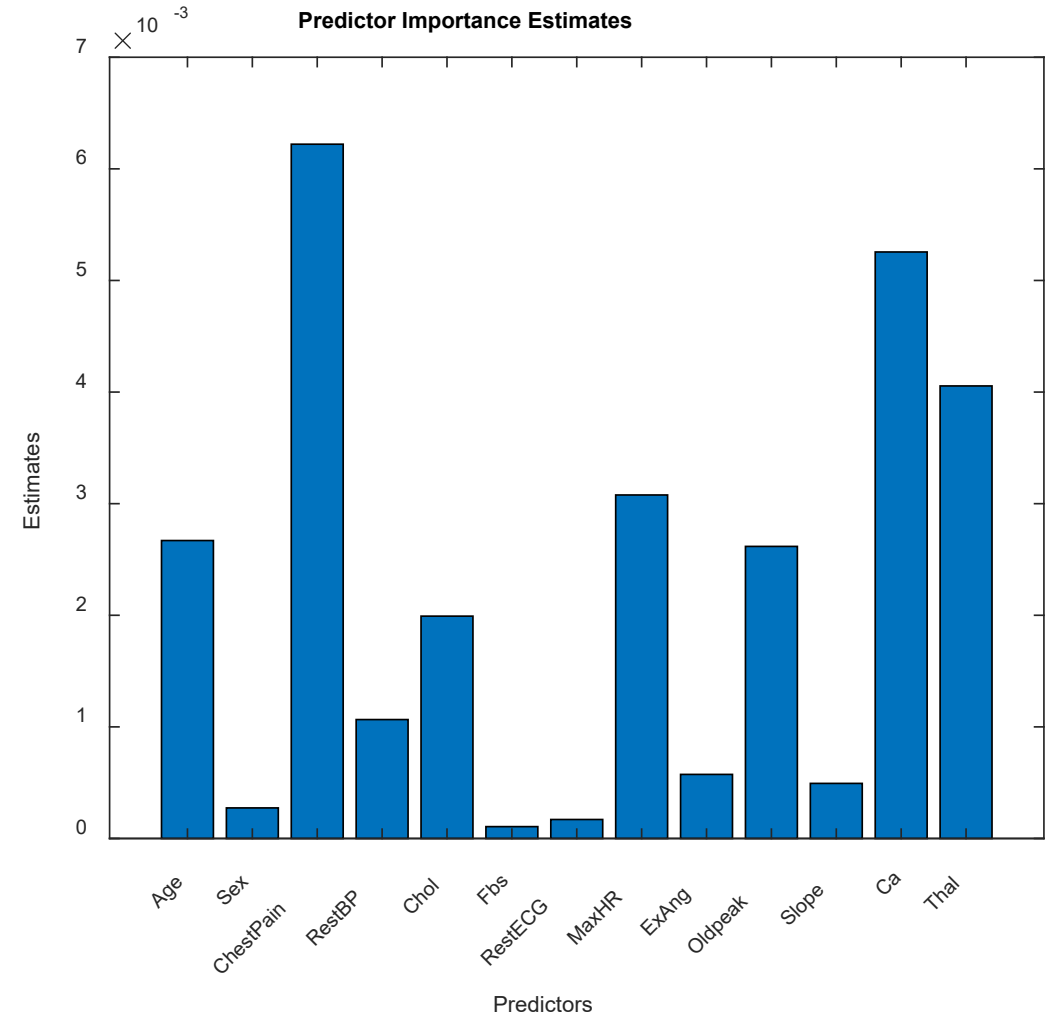
'HyperparameterOptimizationOptions',...

struct('UseParallel',true,'AcquisitionFunctionName','expected-improvement-plus','kfold',5));

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Variable Importance Measures

- Bagging improves prediction accuracy at the expense of interpretability.
 - It can be difficult to interpret the resulting model.
- Instead, one can obtain an overall summary of the importance of each predictor using the RSS (for bagging regression trees) or the Gini index (for bagging classification trees).



Exercise – Classification Tree

```
AHD_predict=predict(tree_bag,dataTest);  
[cm,order] = confusionmat(dataTest.AHD,AHD_predict)  
accuracy = trace(cm)/sum(cm(:))
```

```
cm =  
  
    42     6  
    11    30  
  
accuracy =  
  
    0.8090
```

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Random Forests

- Provide an improvement over bagged trees by way of a small tweak that **decorrelates** the trees.
- As in bagging, we build a number of decision trees on bootstrapped training samples.
- But when building these decision trees, each time a split in a tree is considered, **only a random sample of m predictors is chosen as split candidates from the full set of p predictors.**
 - Typically we choose **$m \approx \sqrt{p}$** .

Random Sample: Decorrelation

- The algorithm is *not even allowed* to consider a majority of the available predictors (ex: 4 out of the 13 predictors for the Heart data set).
- This process can avoid a strong predictors dominating the most of bagged trees.
- We can think of this process as *decorrelating the trees*, thereby making the average of the resulting trees less variable and hence more reliable.

Exercise – Bagging Tree

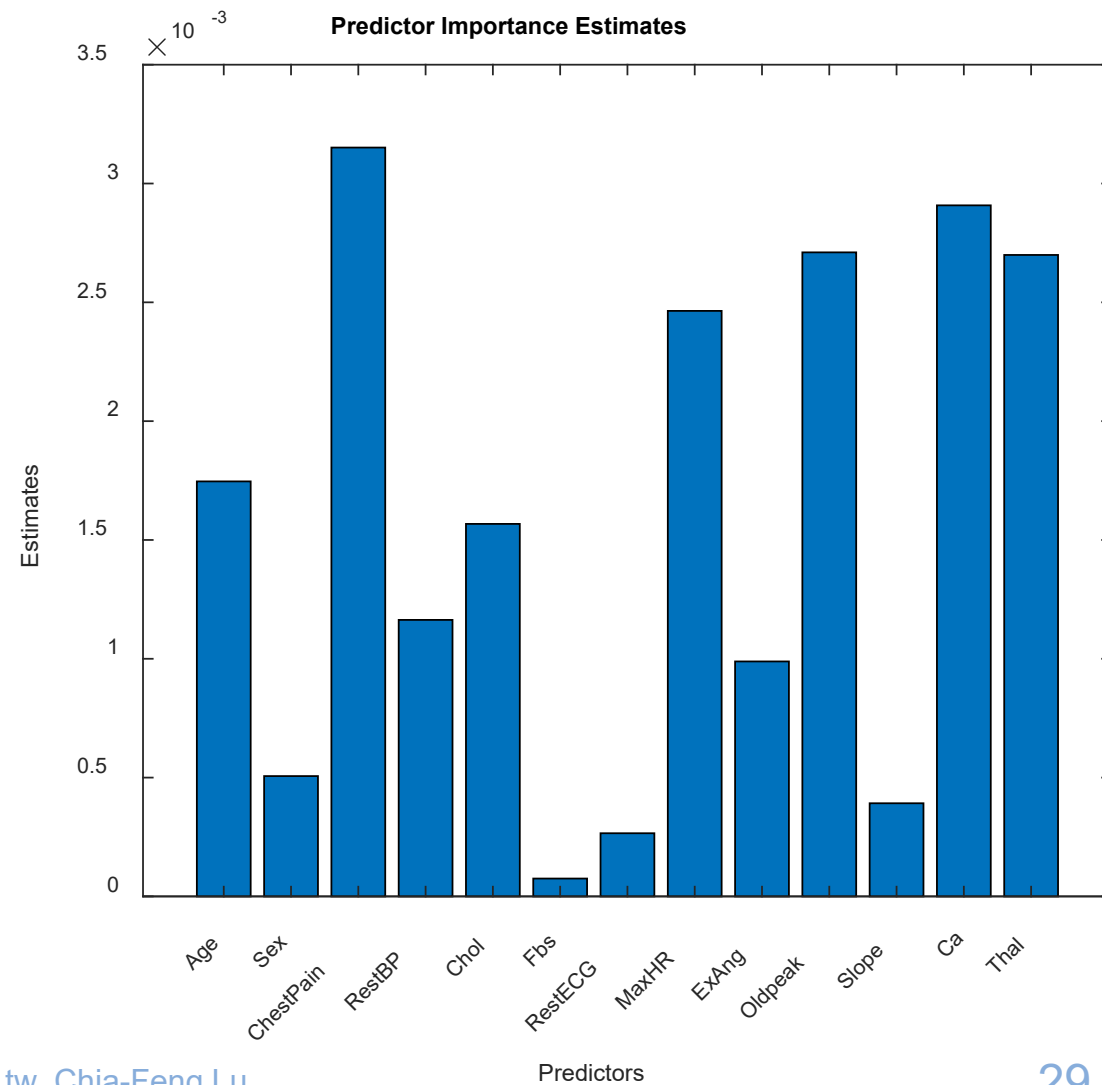
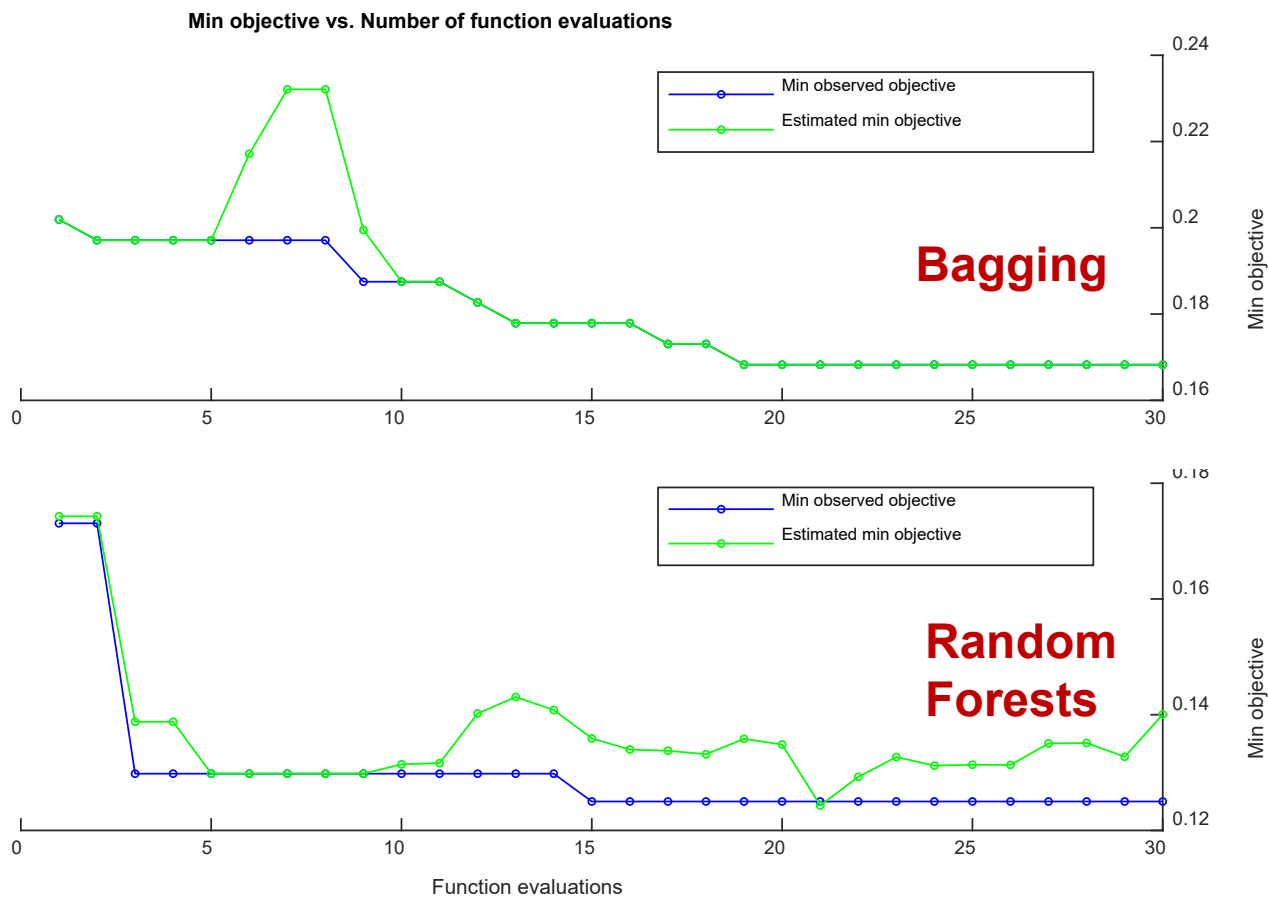
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```
t = templateTree('SplitCriterion', 'deviance',...
    'NumVariablesToSample', sqrt(size(dataTest,2)-1),...
    'Reproducible',true); % For reproducibility of random predictor selections
tree_RF = fitcensemble(dataTrain,'AHD','PredictorNames',predictors,...
    'Method','Bag',...
    'NumLearningCycles',B,'Learners',t,...
    'OptimizeHyperparameters',{'MinLeafSize','MaxNumSplits'},...
    'HyperparameterOptimizationOptions',...
    struct('UseParallel',true,'AcquisitionFunctionName','expected-improvement-
plus','kfold',5));
```

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Variable Importance Measures



Exercise – Classification Tree

```
AHD_predict=predict(tree_RF,dataTest);  
[cm,order] = confusionmat(dataTest.AHD,AHD_predict)  
accuracy = trace(cm)/sum(cm(:))
```

cm =

41 7
10 31

accuracy =

0.8090

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Boosting

- Boosting **does not** involve bootstrap sampling; instead each tree is fit on a modified version of the original data set.
- The trees are grown **sequentially**: each tree is grown using information from previously grown trees.
- The samples that classified incorrectly in the previous tree will be re-examed/emphasized in the next tree.

fitcensemble 'Method'

'AdaBoostM1'	Adaptive boosting
'AdaBoostM2'	Adaptive boosting
'GentleBoost'	Gentle adaptive boosting
'LogitBoost'	Adaptive logistic regression
'LPBoost'	Linear programming boosting — Requires Optimization Toolbox™
'RobustBoost'	Robust boosting — Requires Optimization Toolbox
'RUSBoost'	Random undersampling boosting
'TotalBoost'	Totally corrective boosting — Requires Optimization Toolbox

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Carseats Dataset

Including simulated sales of child car seats at 400 different stores.

- **Sales**
 - Unit sales (in thousands)
- **CompPrice**
 - Price charged by competitor
- **Income**
 - Community income level (in thousands of dollars)
- **Advertising**
 - Local advertising budget for company (in thousands of dollars)
- **Population**
 - Population size in region (in thousands)
- **Price**
 - Price company charges for car seats
- **ShelveLoc**
 - Bad, Good and Medium indicating the quality of the shelving location
- **Age**
 - Average age of the local population
- **Education**
 - Education level at each location
- **Urban**
 - Whether the store is in an urban or rural location
- **US**
 - Whether the store is in the US or not

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