DATA MINING 2
Gradient Boost

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Gradient Boosting for Regression

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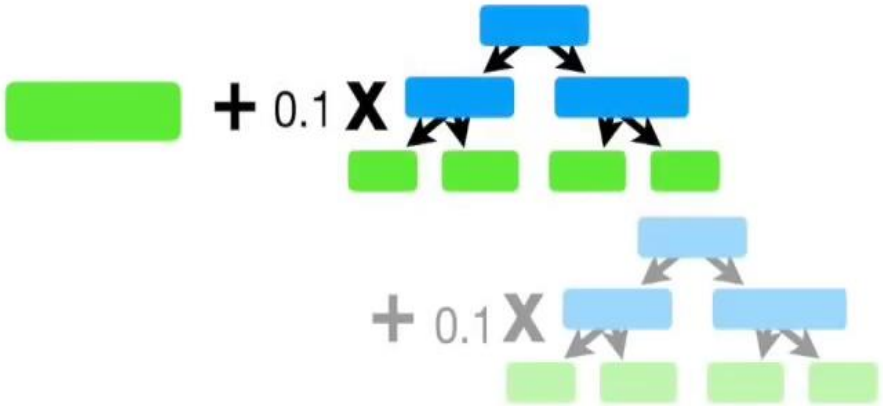

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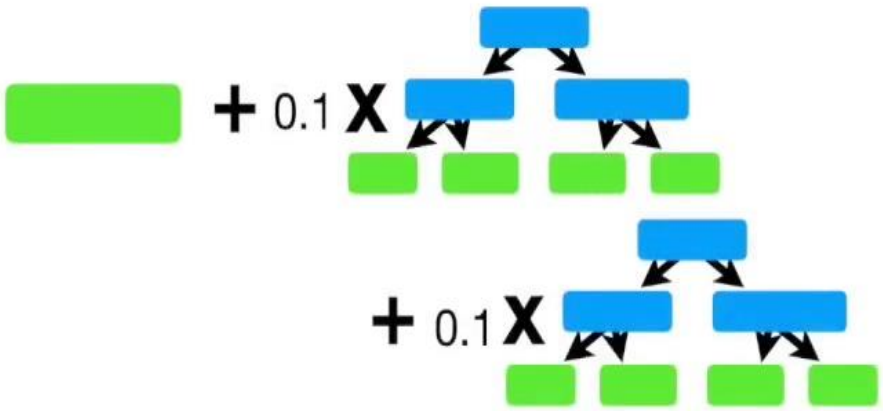

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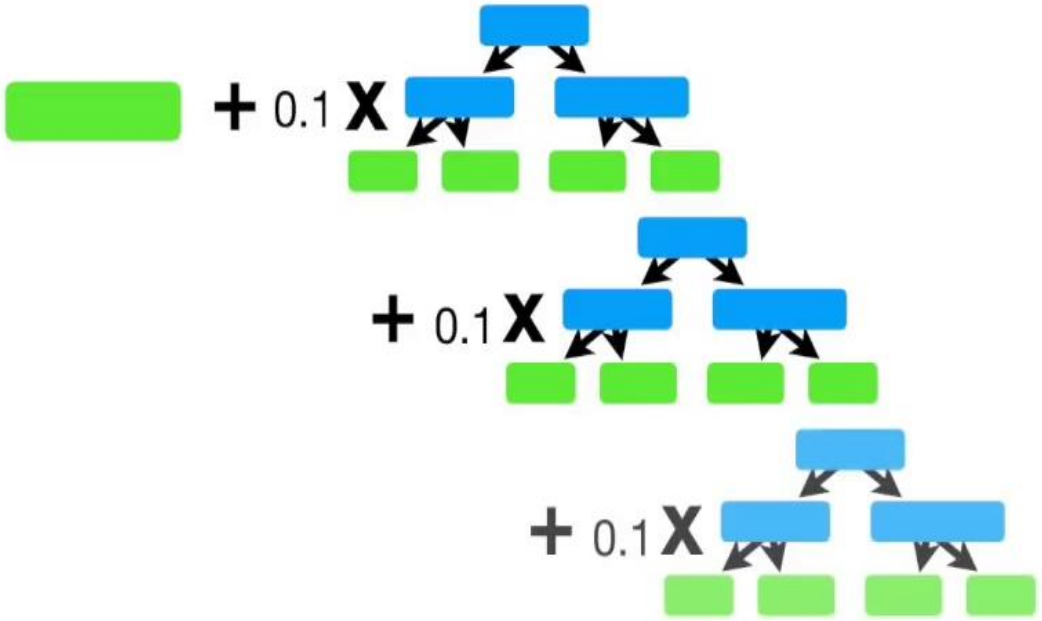

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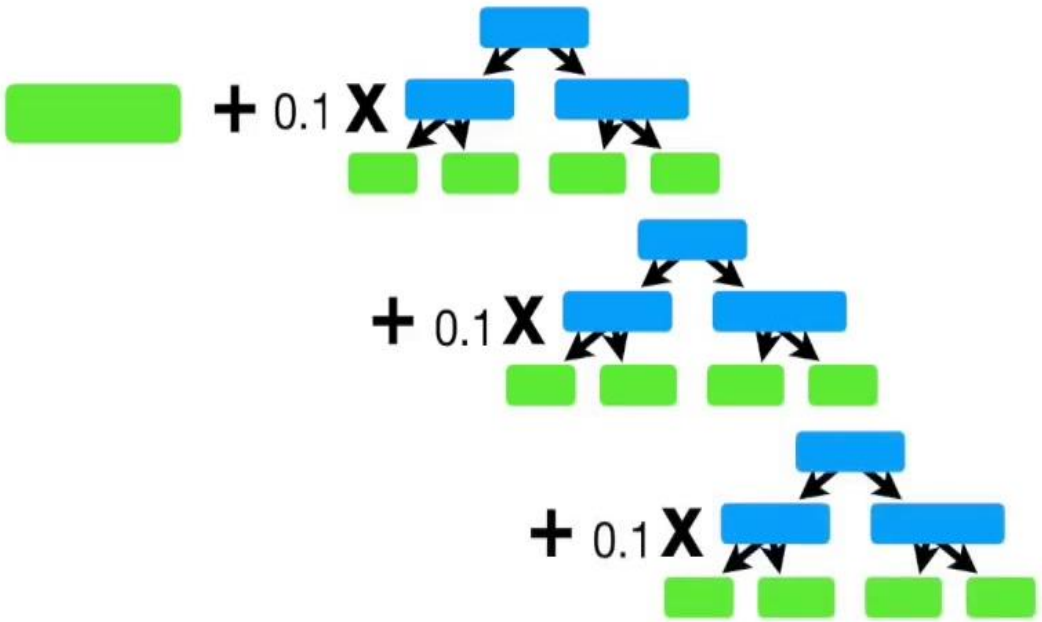

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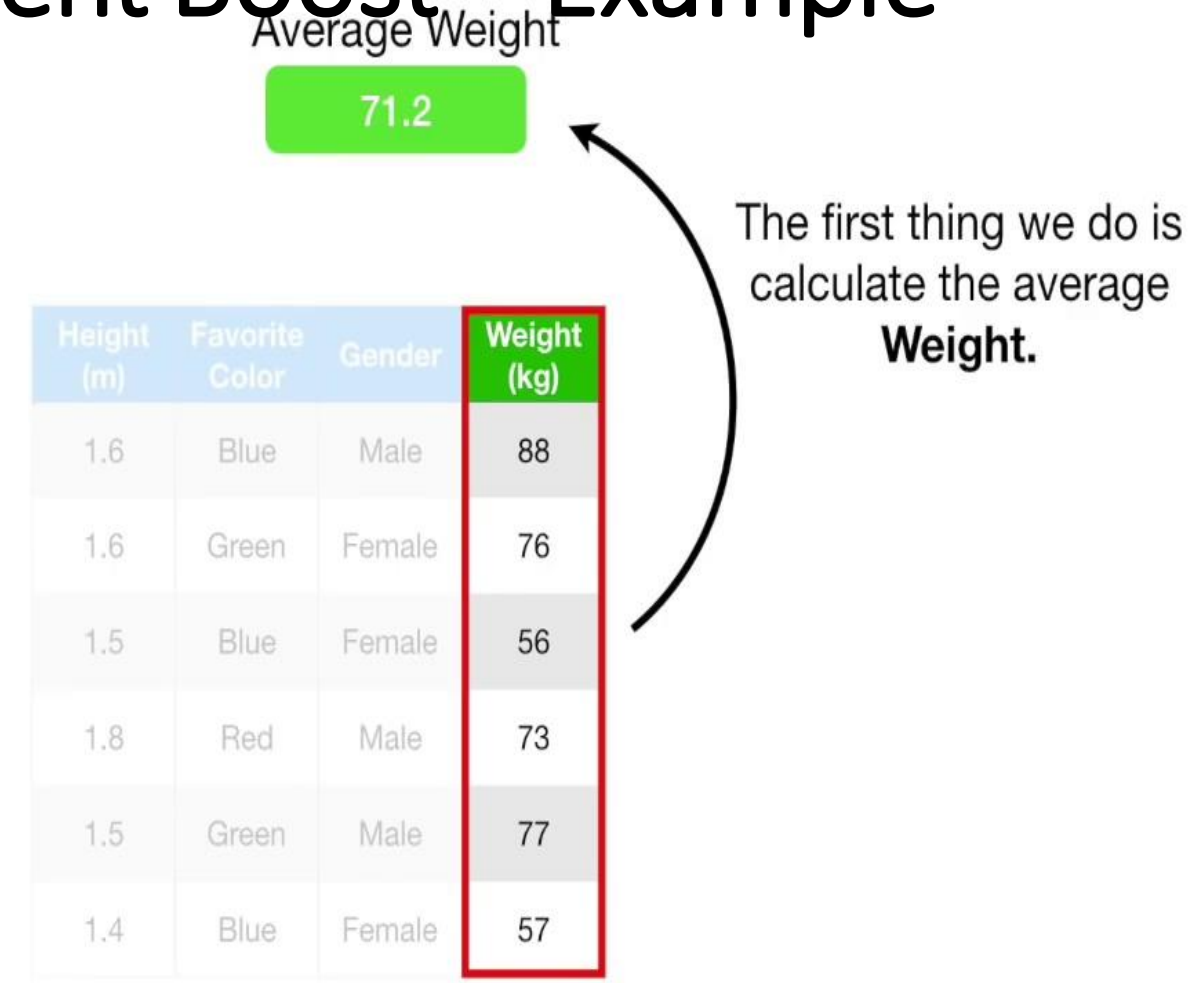

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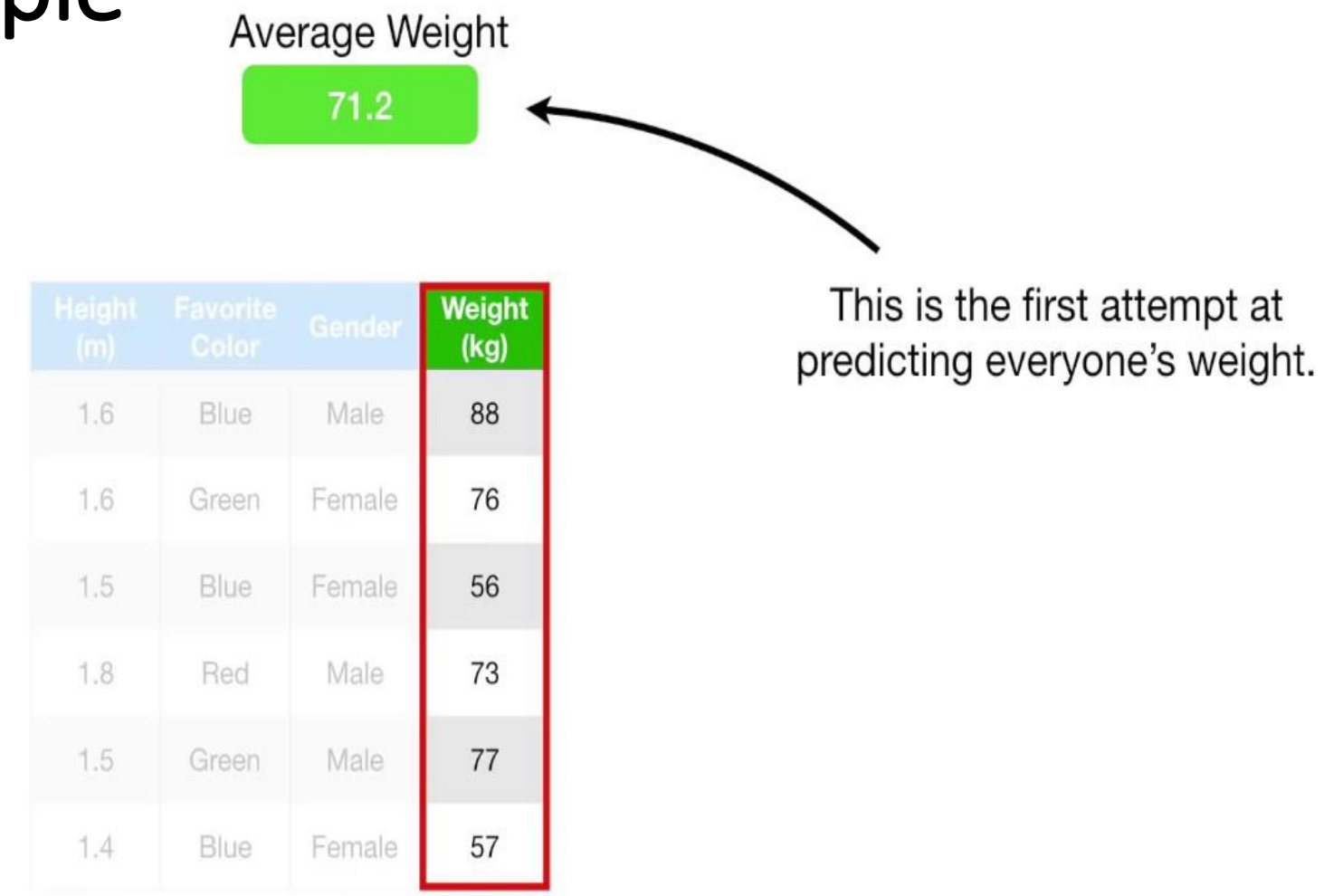

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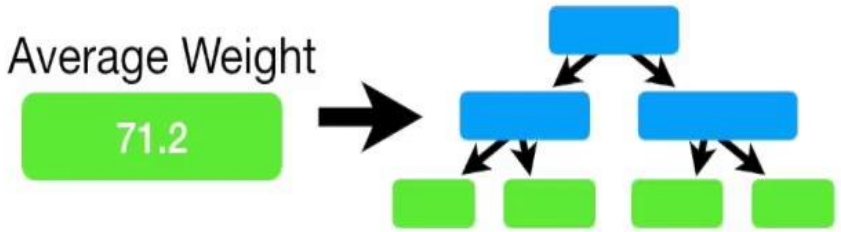

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The next thing we do is build a tree based on the errors from the first tree.

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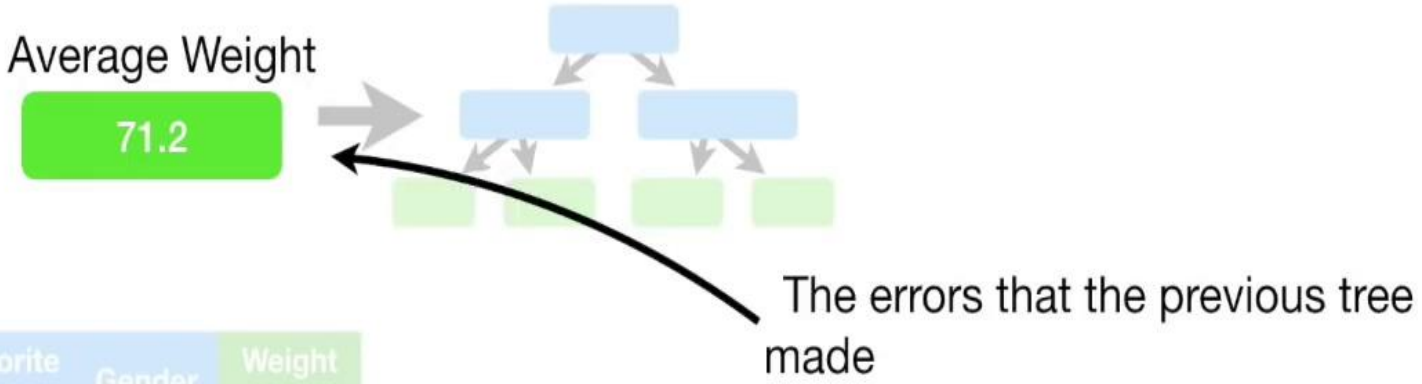

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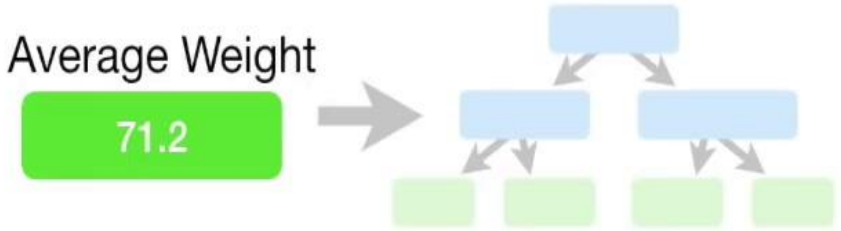

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The errors that the previous tree made are the differences between the **Observed Weights**

(**Observed Weight** - Predicted Weight)

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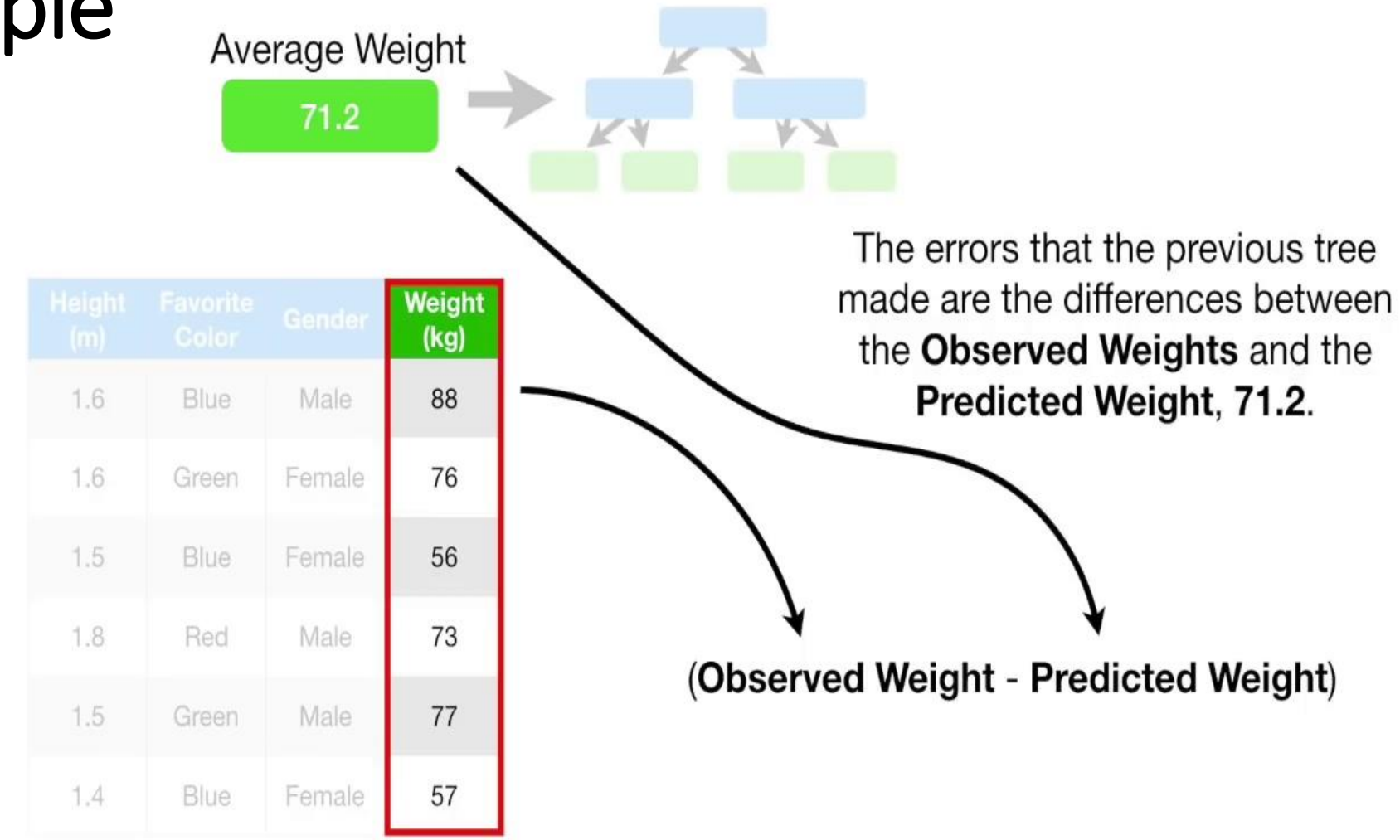

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Example

Average Weight

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…and save the difference, which is called a **Pseudo Residual**, in a new column.

(**88** - **71.2**) = 16.8

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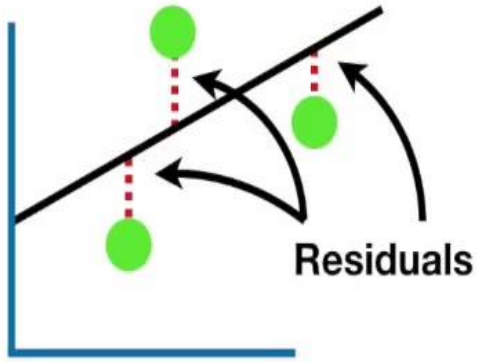
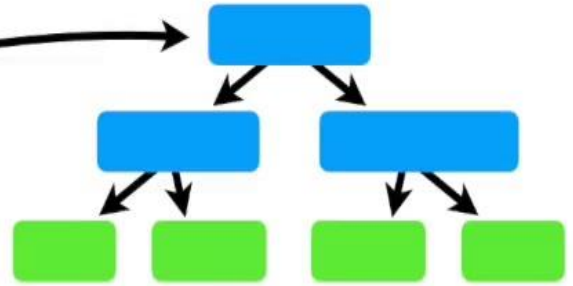
NOTE: The term **Pseudo Residual** is based on **Linear Regression**, where the difference between the **Observed** values and the **Predicted** values results in **Residuals**.



Example

Now we will build a **Tree**



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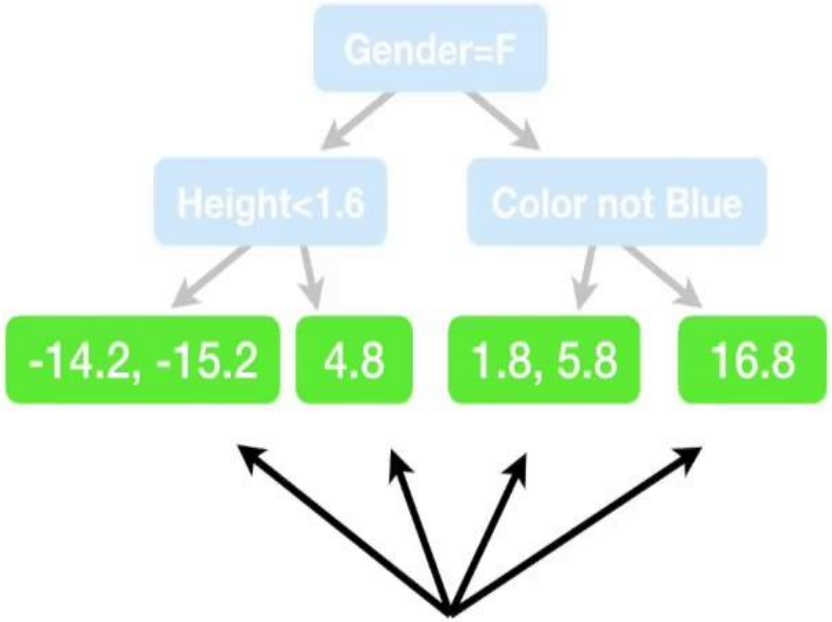

Remember, in this example we are only allowing up to four leaves…

…but when using a larger dataset, it is common to allow anywhere from **8** to **32**.

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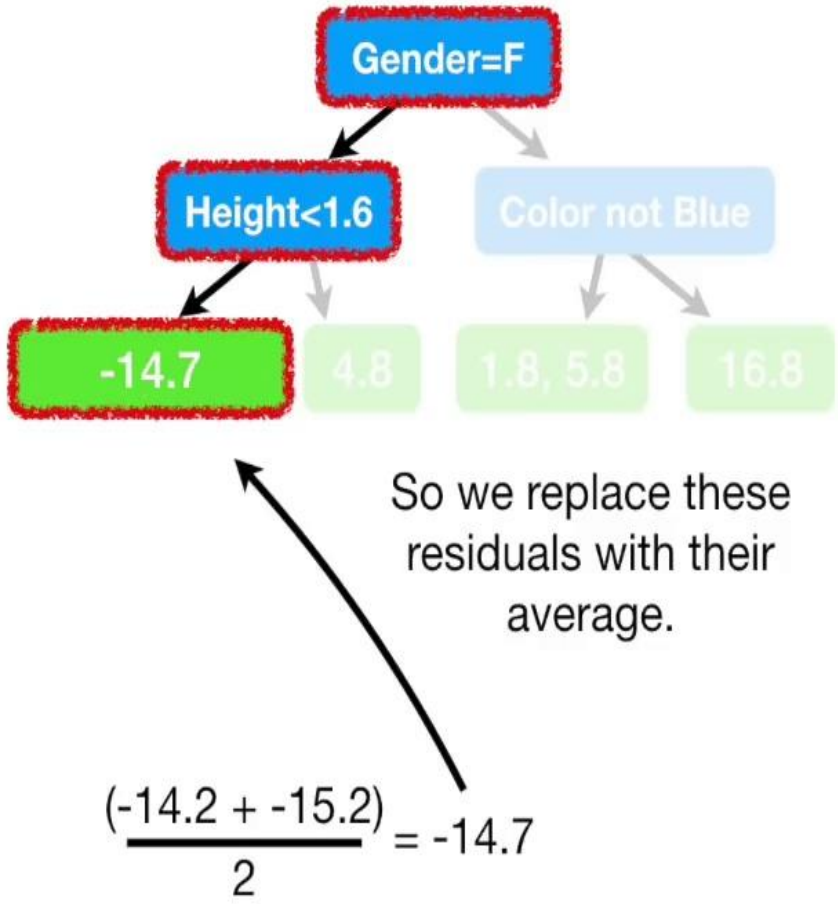

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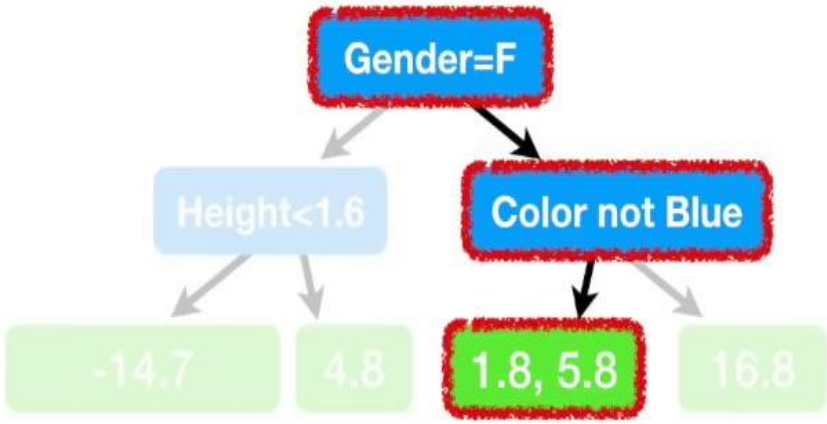

So we replace these residuals with their average.

$$\frac{(1.8 + 5.8)}{2}$$

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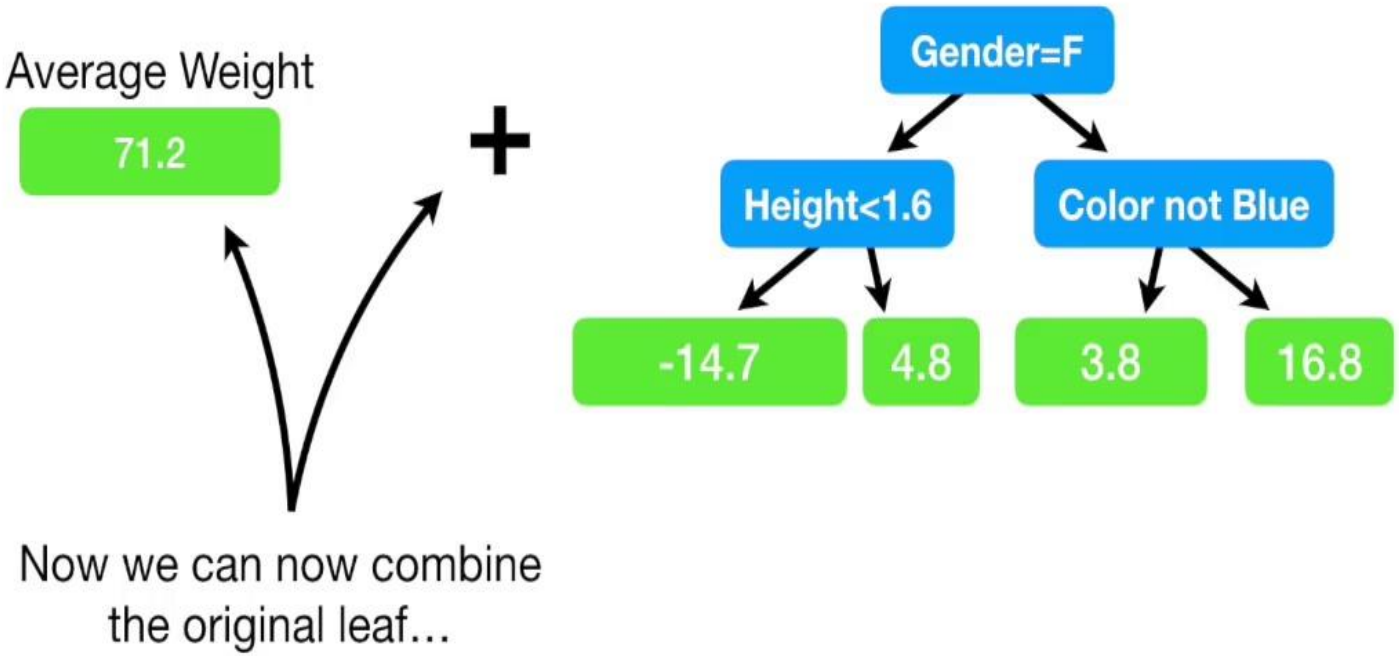
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Now we can now combine
the original leaf…

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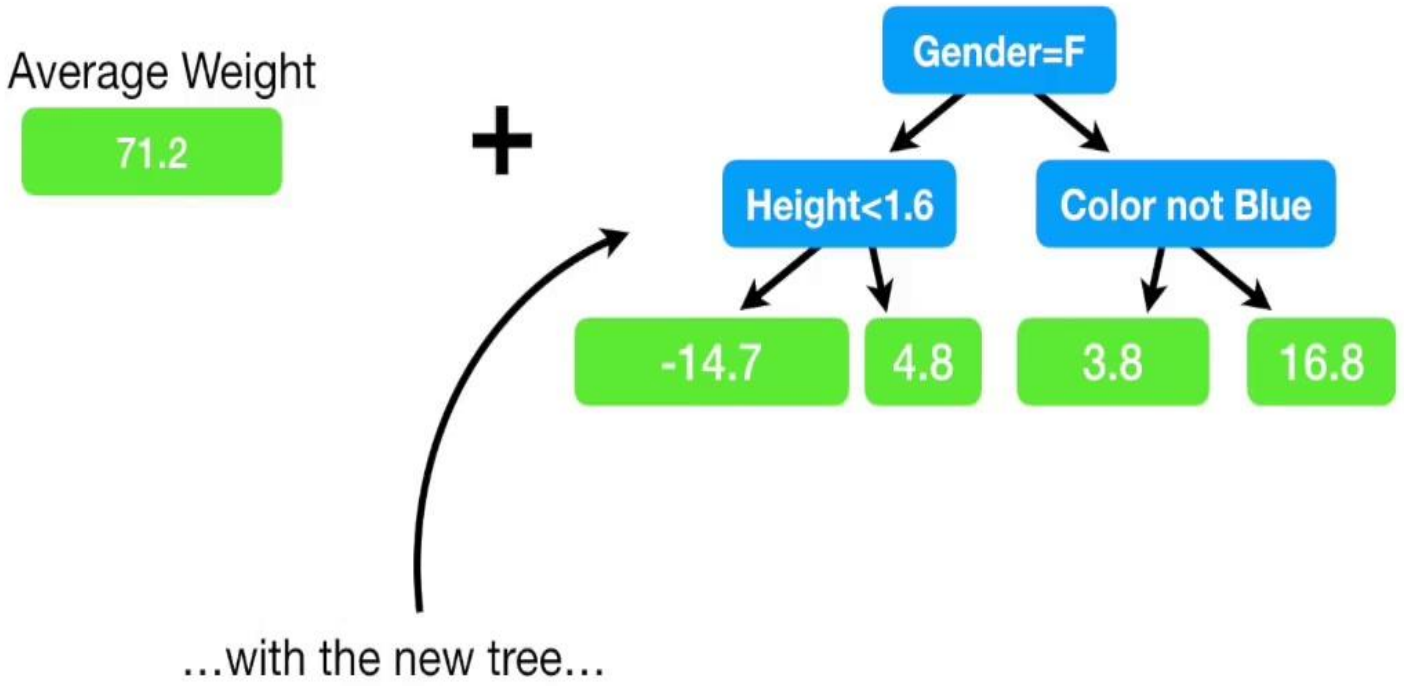
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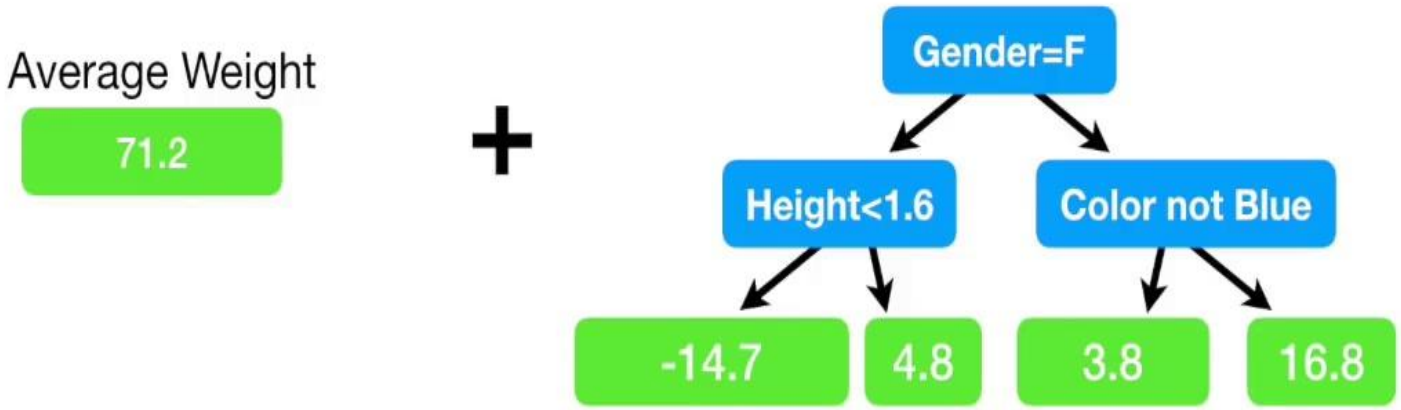

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…to make a new **Prediction** of an individual's **Weight** from the **Training Data**.

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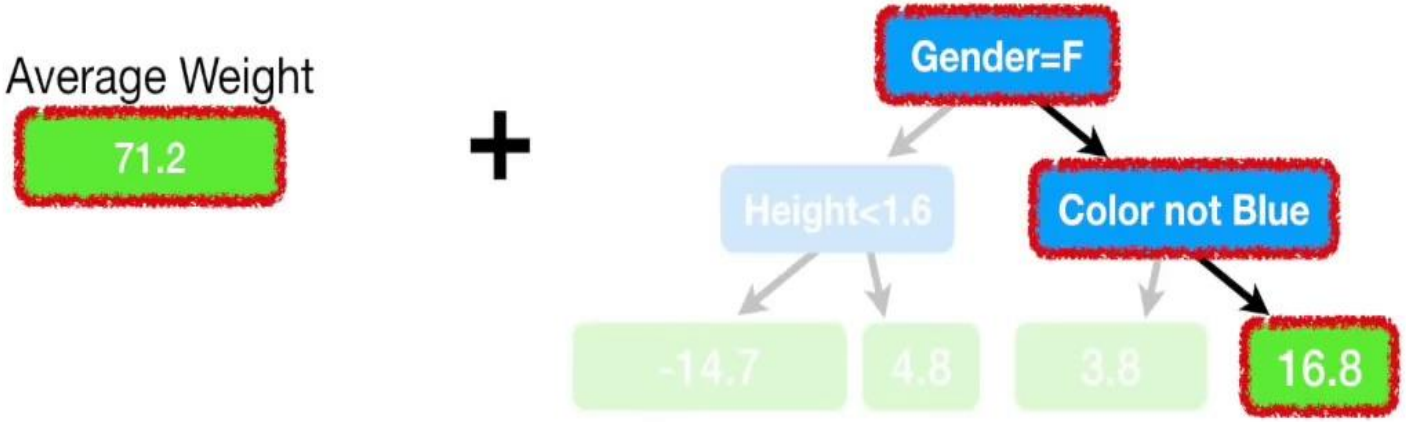

...so the **Predicted Weight** = 71.2 + 16.8 = 88

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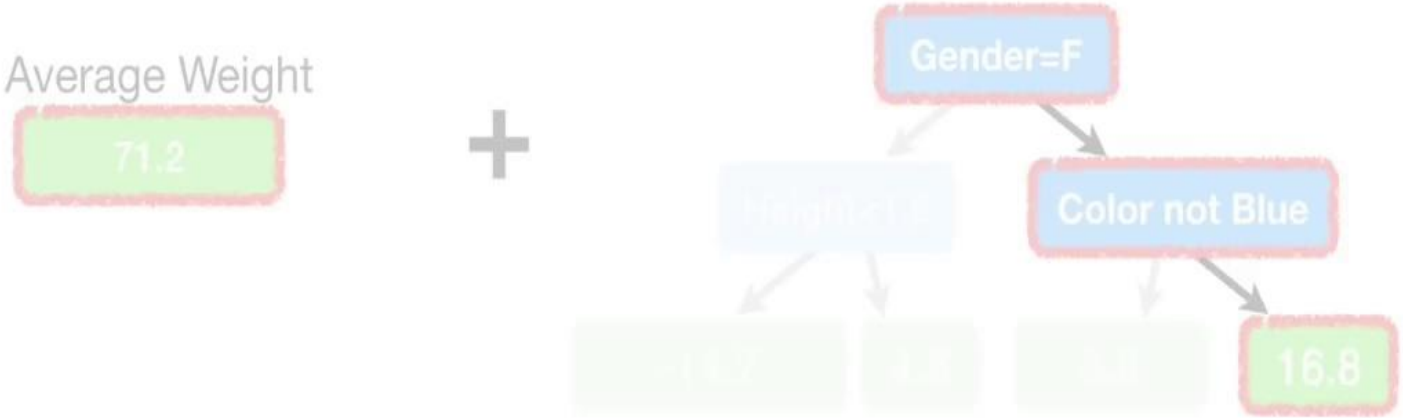

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Is this awesome???

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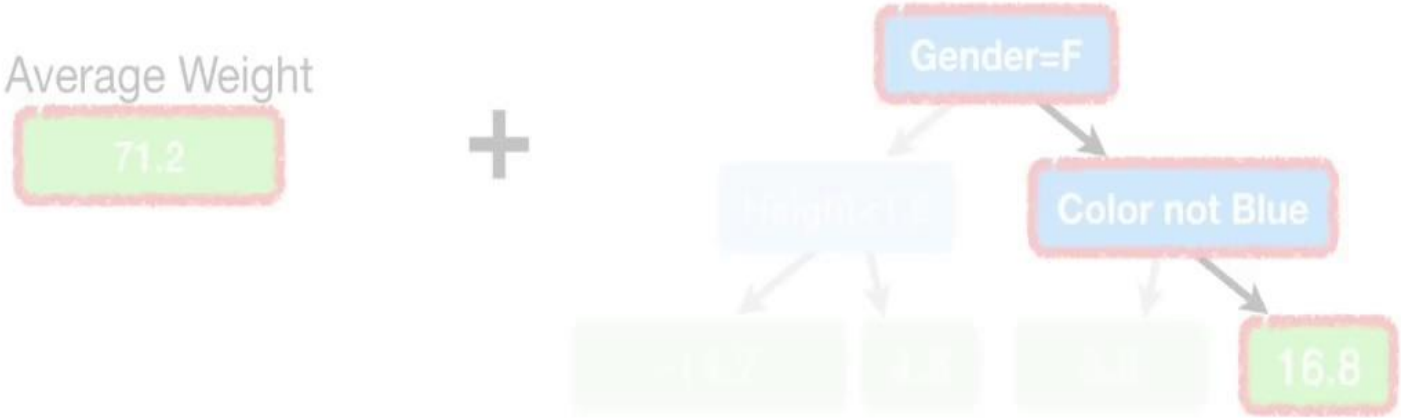

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No. The model fits the **Training Data** too well.

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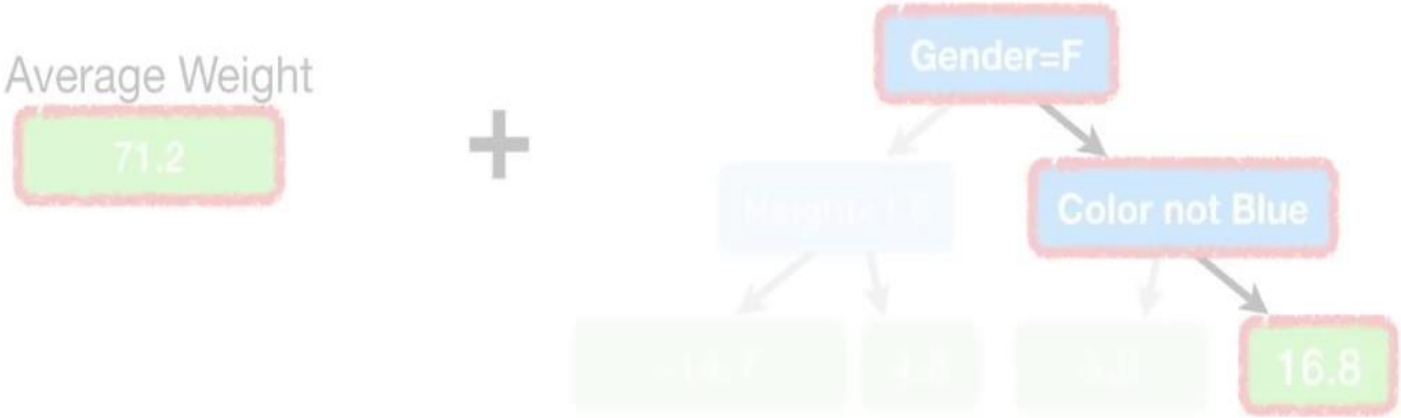

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In other words, we have low **Bias**, but probably very high **Variance**.

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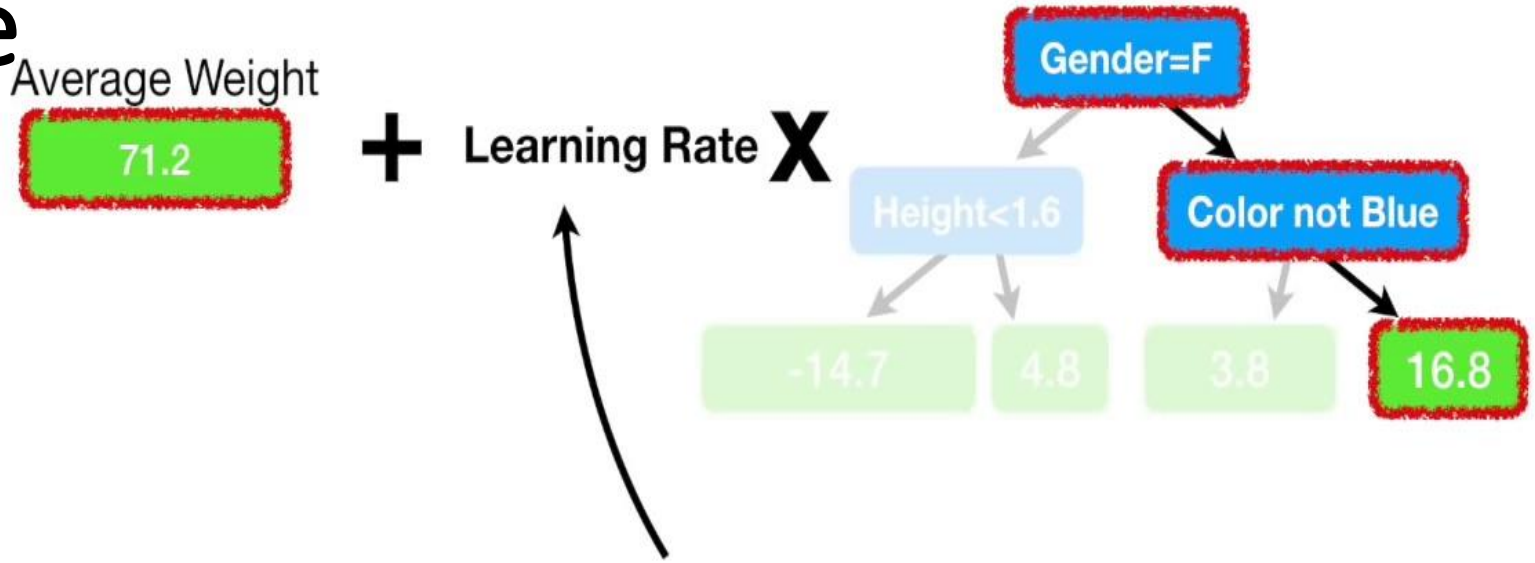

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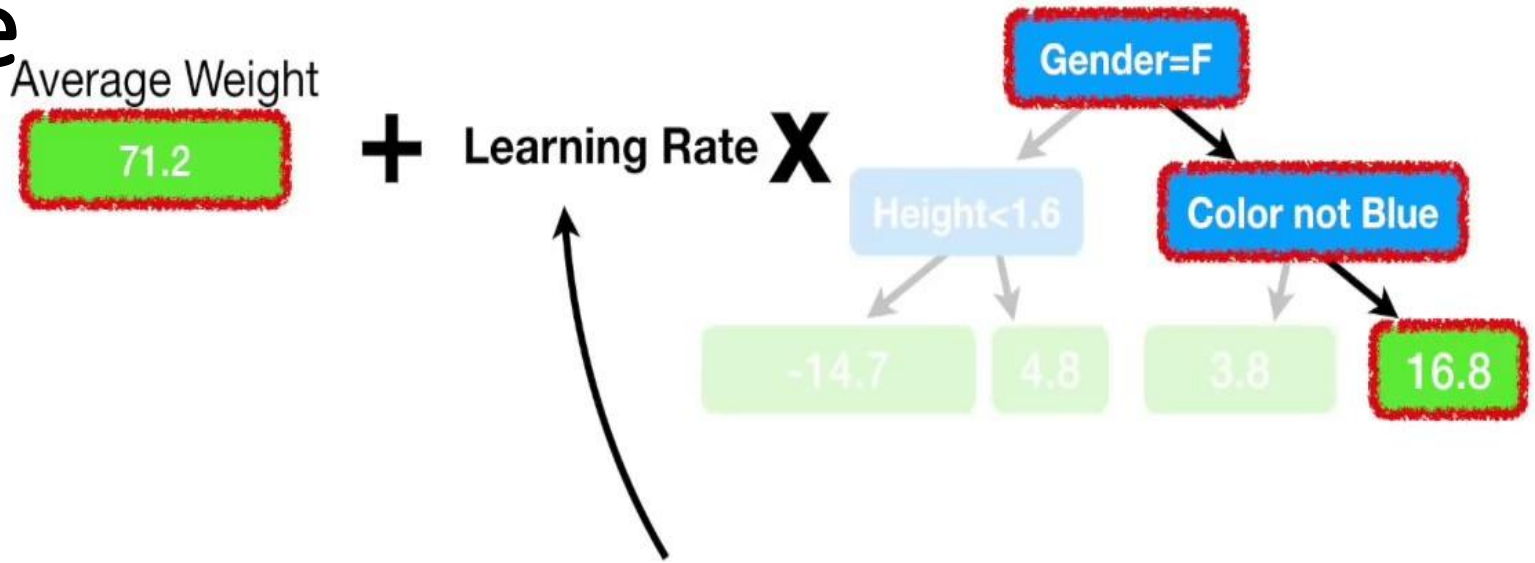

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The **Learning Rate** is a value between **0** and **1**.

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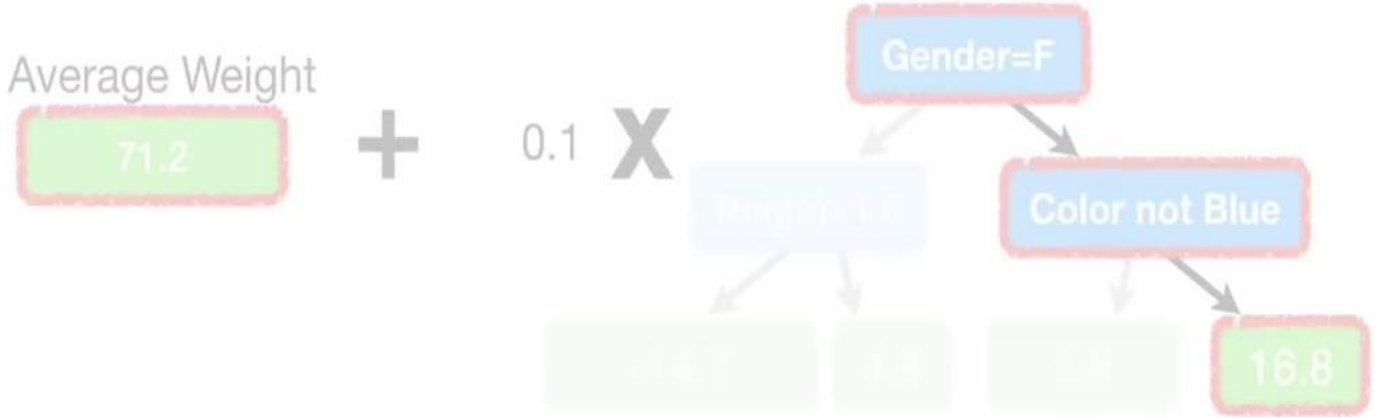

Predicted Weight = 71.2 + (0.1 x 16.8) = 72.9

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With the **Learning Rate** set to **0.1**, the new **Prediction** isn't as good as as it was before...

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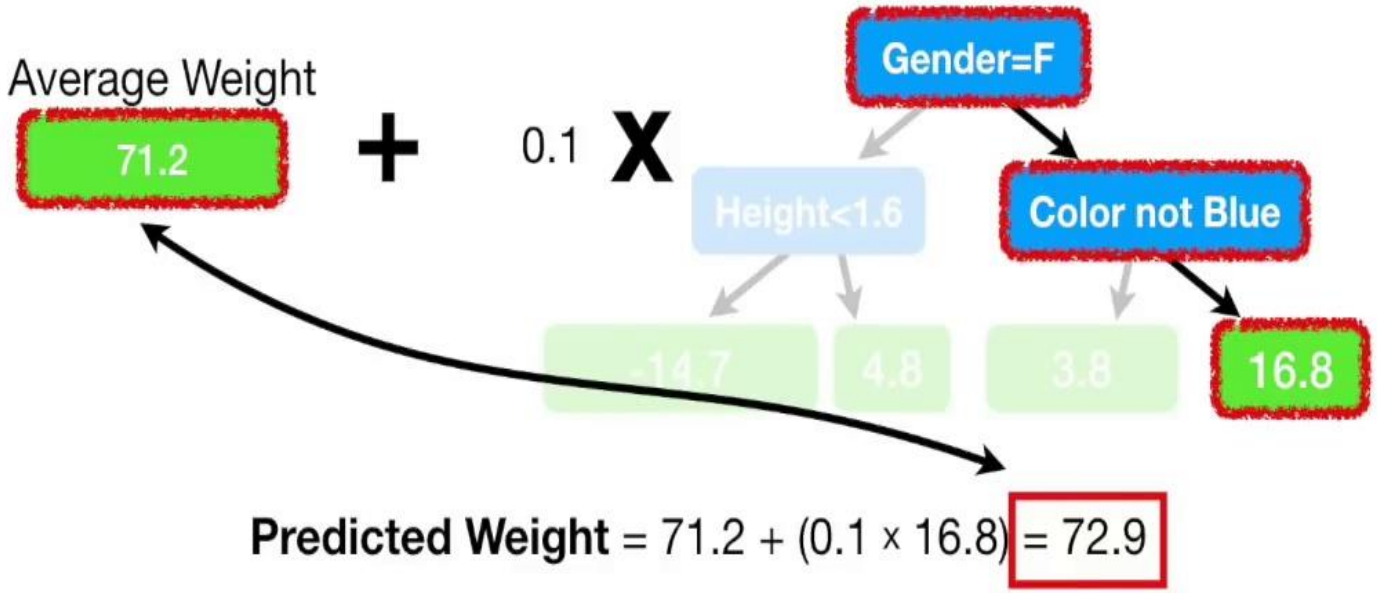

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…but it's a little bit better than the **Prediction** made with just the original leaf, which predicted that all samples would weigh **71.2**.

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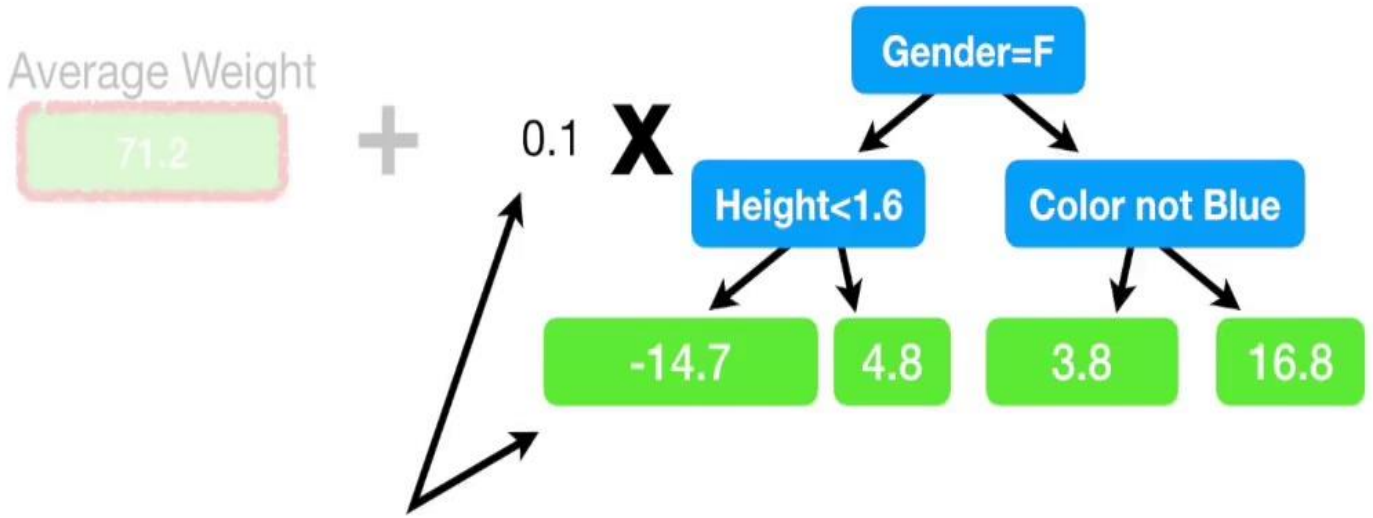

In other words, scaling the tree by the **Learning Rate** results in a small step in the right direction.

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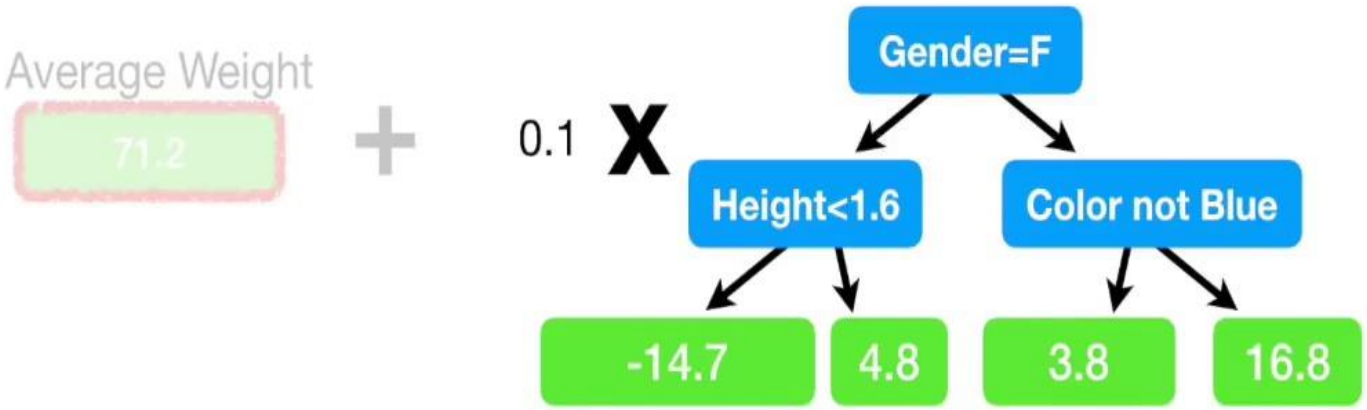

So let's build another tree so we can take another small step in the right direction.

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Just like before, we calculate the **Pseudo Residuals**, the difference between the **Observed Weights** and our latest **Predictions**.

← **Residual** = (**Observed** - **Predicted**)

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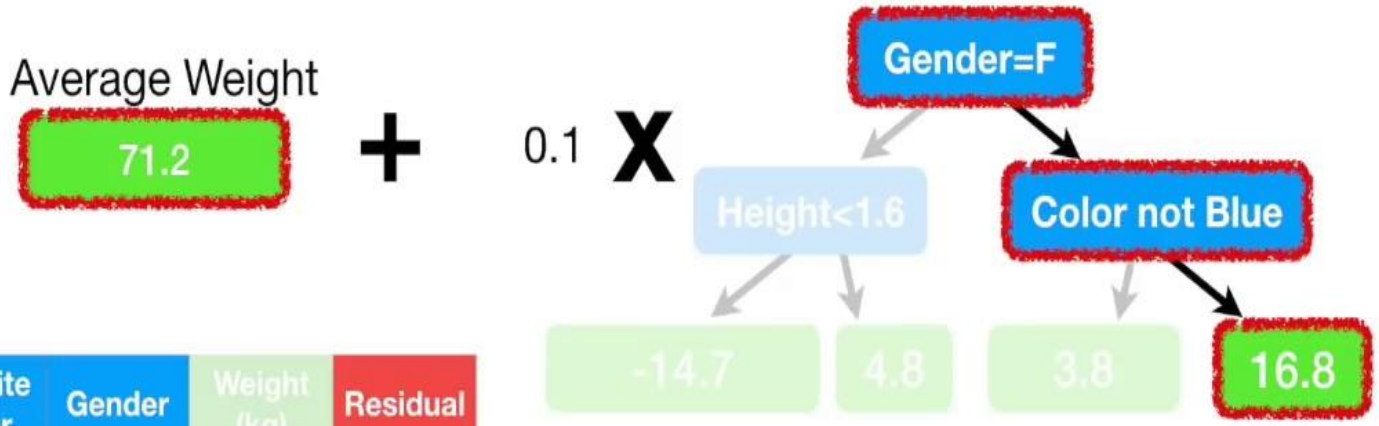

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Residual = (**88** - (71.2 + 0.1 x 16.8))

= 15.1

…and we save that in the column for **Pseudo Residuals**.

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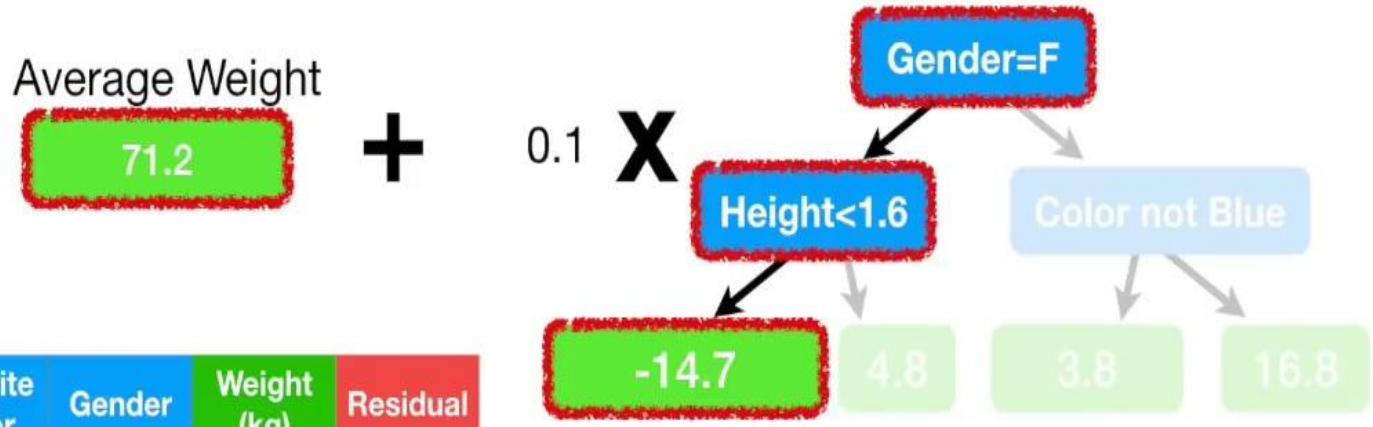

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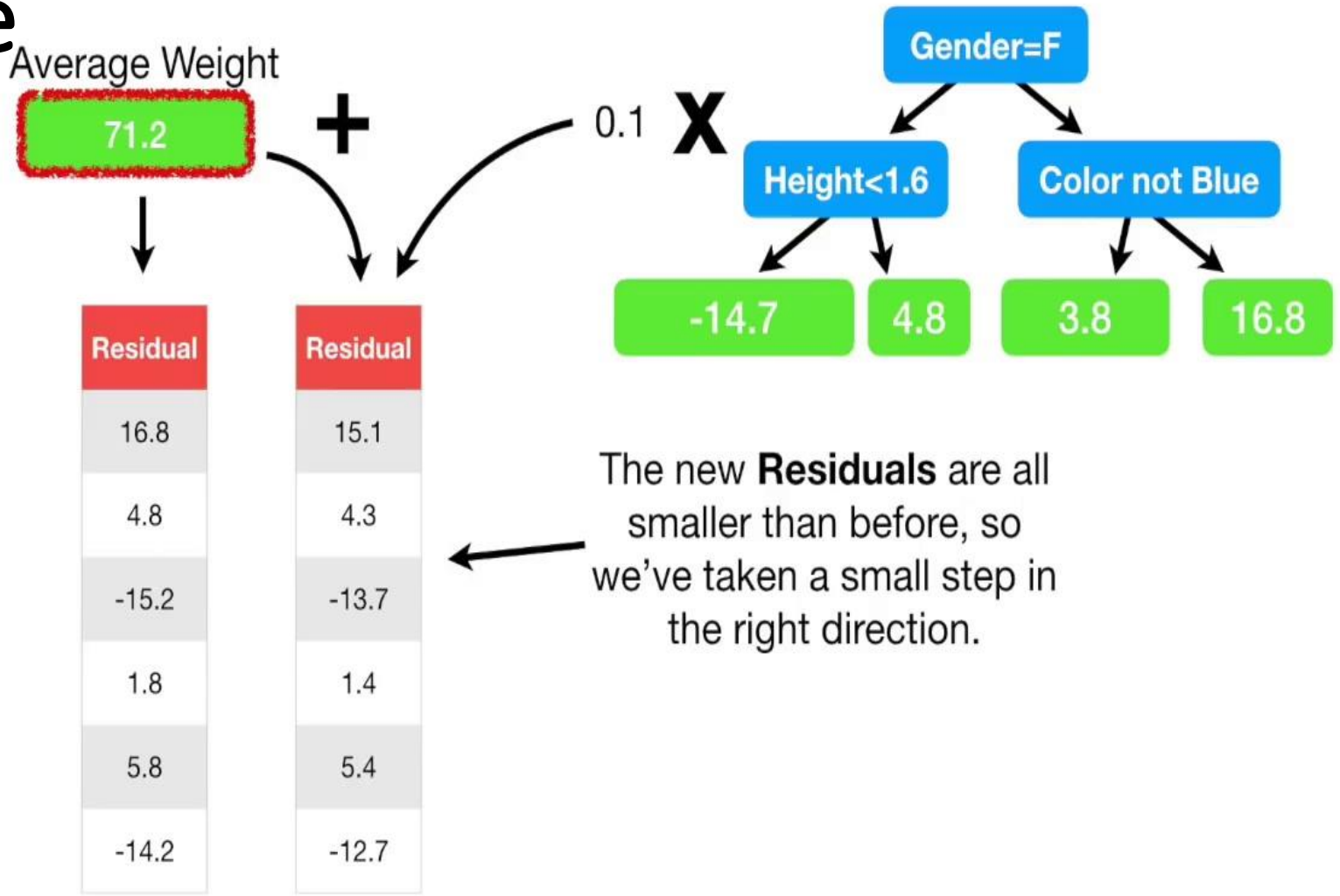
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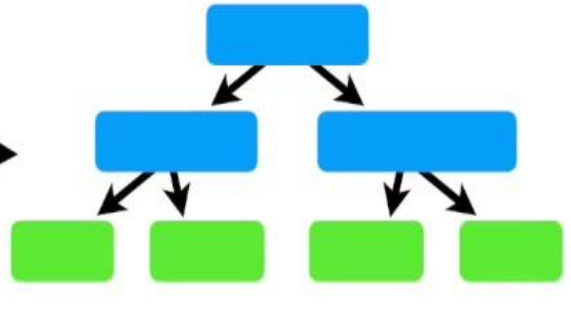
The new **Residuals** are all smaller than before, so we've taken a small step in the right direction.

Example

Now let's build a new tree to predict the new **Residuals**.



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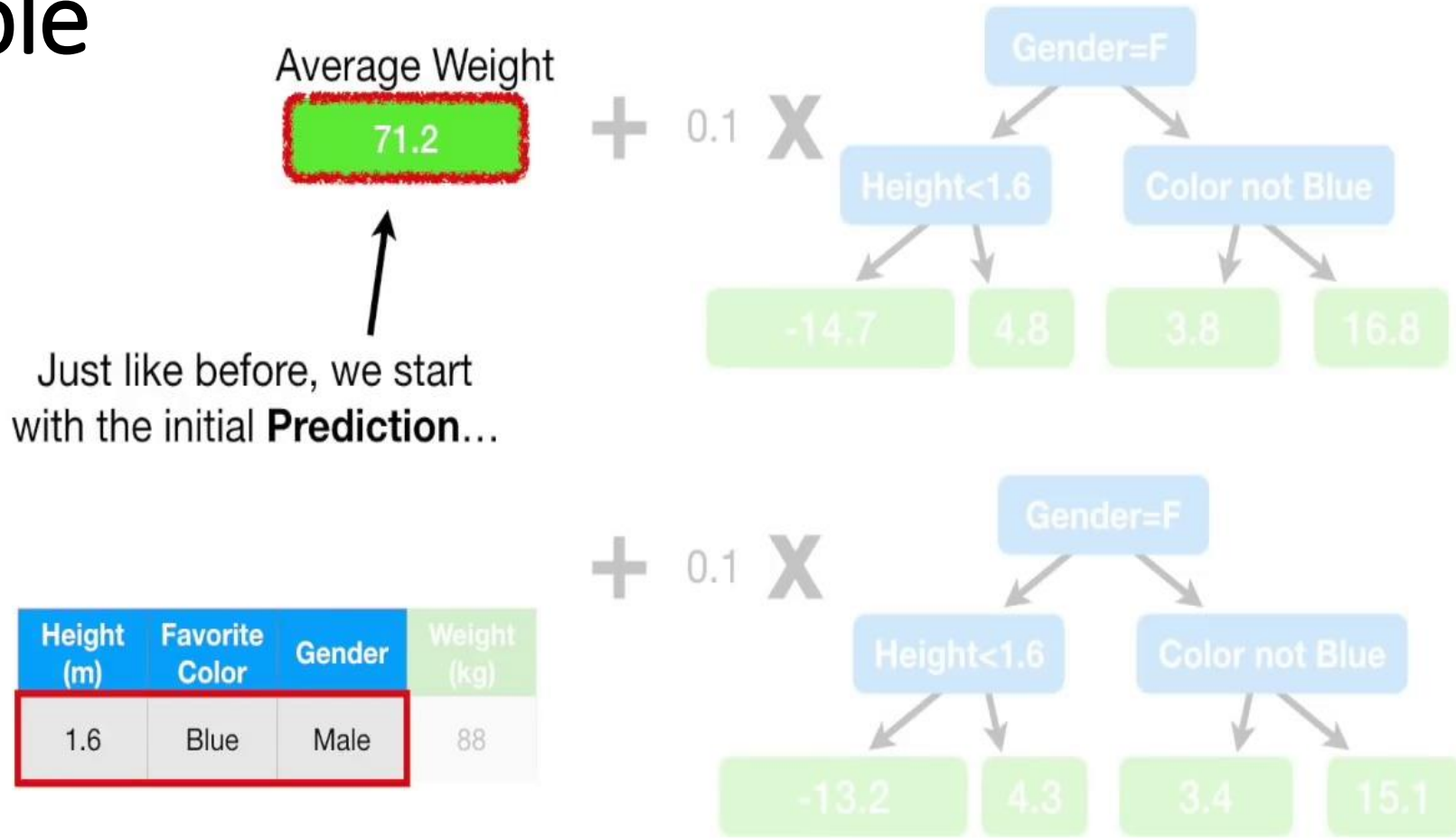

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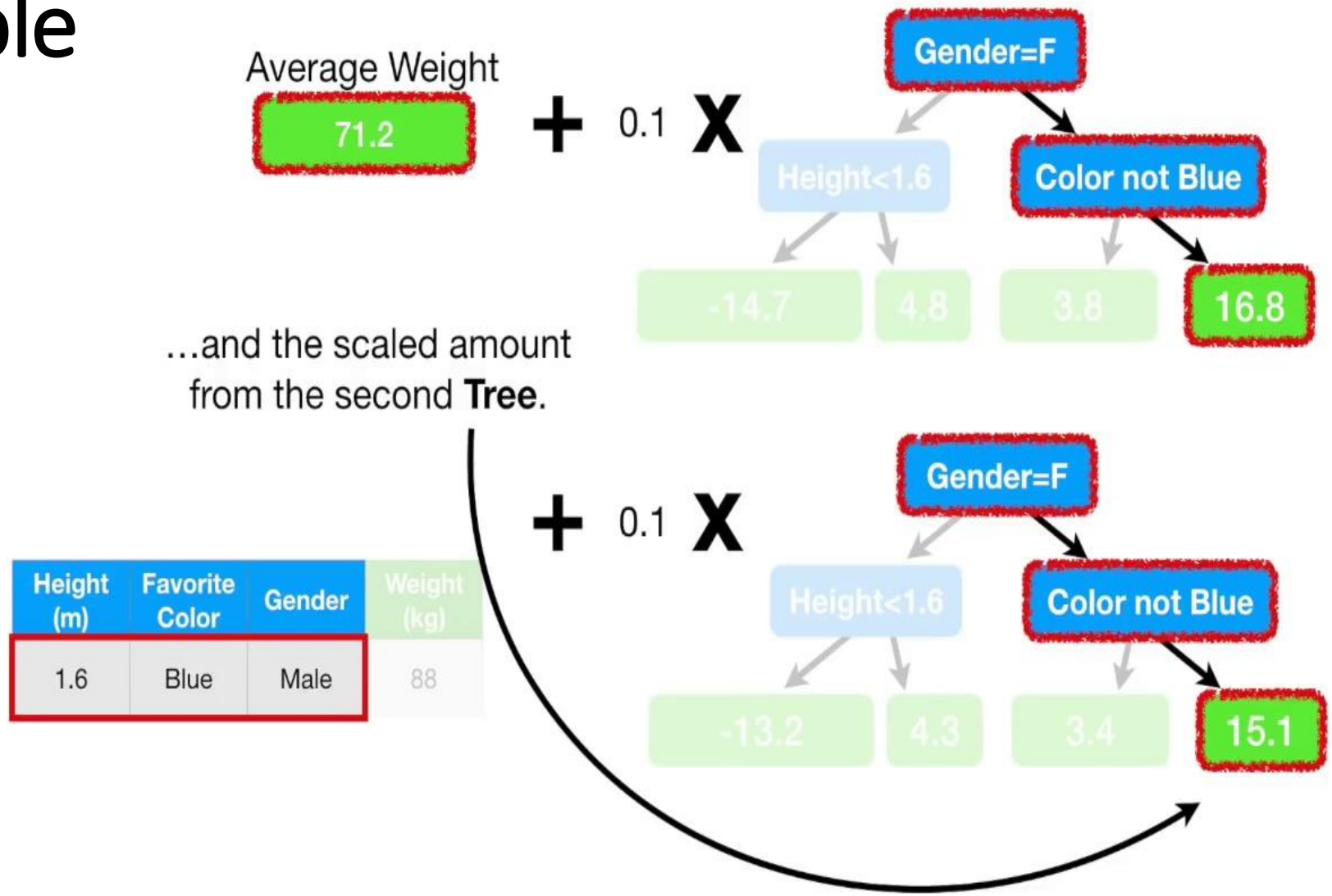
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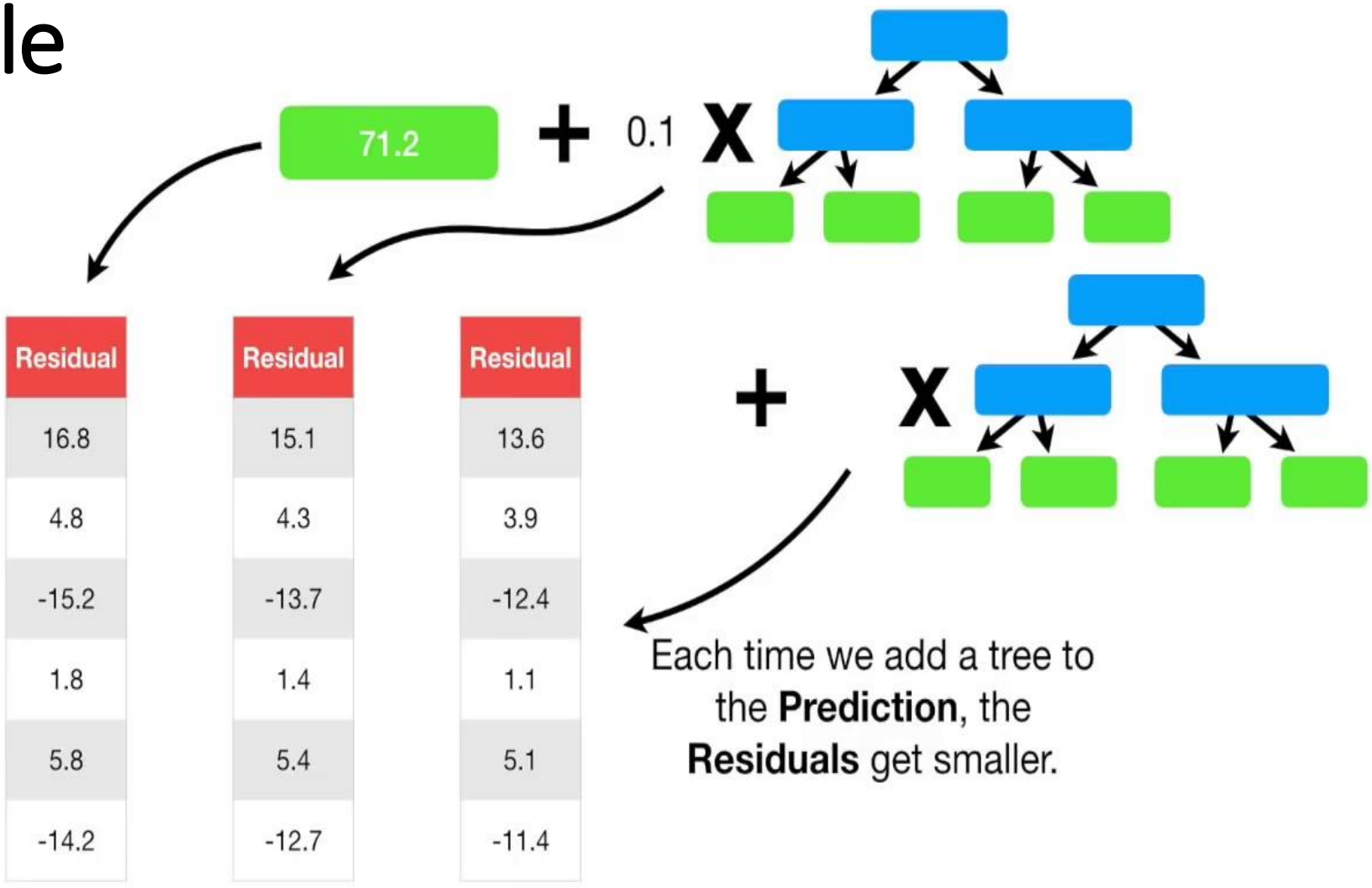
Example

That gives us…

$71.2 + (0.1 \times 16.8) + (0.1 \times 15.1)$

$= 74.4$

Example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Residual
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Each time we add a tree to the **Prediction**, the **Residuals** get smaller.

GB Algorithm

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(D) Update $F_m(x) = F_{m-1}(x) + \nu \sum_{j=1}^{J_m} \gamma_{jm} I(x \in R_{jm})$

Step 3: Output $F_M(x)$

GB Algorithm

Input: Data $\{(x_i, y_i)\}_{i=1}^{n}$ and a differentiable **Loss Function** $L(y_i, F(x))$

The **Loss Function** that is most commonly used when doing **Regression** with **Gradient Boost** is…

$$\frac{1}{2}\,(\textbf{Observed} - \textbf{Predicted})^2$$

Height (m)	Favorite Color	Gender	Weight (kg)
1.6	Blue	Male	88
1.6	Green	Female	76
1.5	Blue	Female	56

GB Algorithm

Input: Data $\{(x_i, y_i)\}_{i=1}^{n}$, and a differentiable **Loss Function** $L(y_i, F(x))$

The reason why people choose this **Loss Function** for **Gradient Boost** is that when we differentiate it with respect to "**Predicted**"...

$$\frac{d}{d\,Predicted}\ \frac{1}{2}(\textbf{Observed} - \textbf{Predicted})^2$$

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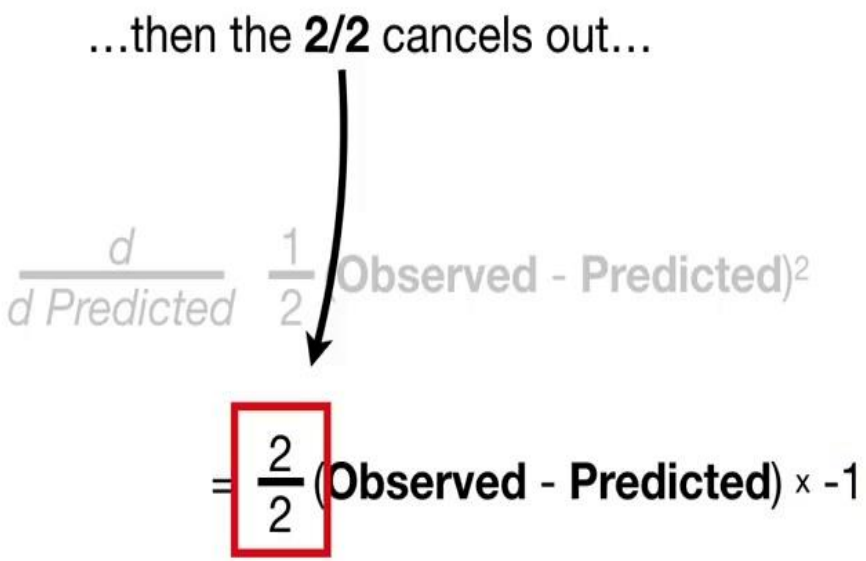

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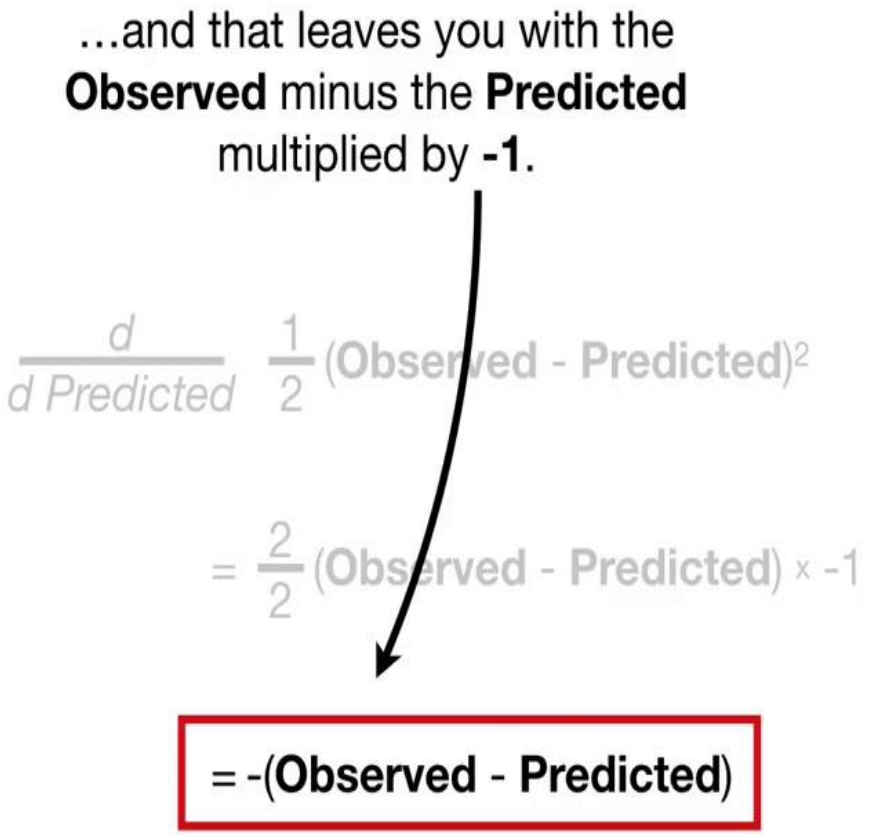

GB Algorithm

Input: Data $\{(x_i, y_i)\}_{i=1}^{n}$, and a differentiable **Loss Function** $L(y_i, F(x))$

In other words, we are left with the *negative* **Residual**, and this makes the math easier since **Gradient Boost** uses the derivative a lot.

$$\frac{d}{d\,Predicted}\ \frac{1}{2}(Observed - Predicted)^2$$

$$= \frac{2}{2}(Observed - Predicted) \times -1$$

$$= -(Observed - Predicted)$$

GB Algorithm

Input: Data $\{(x_i, y_i)\}_{i=1}^{n}$, and a differentiable **Loss Function** $L(y_i, F(x))$

The y_i's are the **Observed** values...

$\frac{1}{2}$(Observed - Predicted)^2

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GB Algorithm

Input: Data $\{(x_i, y_i)\}_{i=1}^{n}$, and a differentiable **Loss Function** $L(y, F(x))$

...and ***F(x)*** is a function that gives us the **Predicted** values.

$$\frac{1}{2}(\text{Observed} - \text{Predicted})^2$$

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GB Algorithm

Input: Data $\{(x_i, y_i)\}_{i=1}^{n}$, and a differentiable **Loss Function** $L(y_i, F(x))$

Step 1: Initialize model with a constant value: $F_0(x) = \underset{\gamma}{\operatorname{argmin}} \sum_{i=1}^{n} L(y_i, \gamma)$

We start by initializing the model with a constant value...

GB Algorithm

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Step 1: Initialize model with a constant value: $F_0(x) = \underset{\gamma}{\operatorname{argmin}} \sum_{i=1}^{n} L(y_i, \gamma)$

$$\frac{1}{2}(88 - \textbf{Predicted})^2 +$$

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The summation means that we add up one **Loss Function** for each **Observed** value…

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$$\frac{1}{2}(88 - \textbf{Predicted})^2 + \frac{1}{2}(76 - \textbf{Predicted})^2 + \frac{1}{2}(56 - \textbf{Predicted})^2$$

…and the "**argmin over gamma**" means we need to find a **Predicted** value that minimizes this sum.

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$\frac{1}{2}$ (88 - **Predicted**)^2 +

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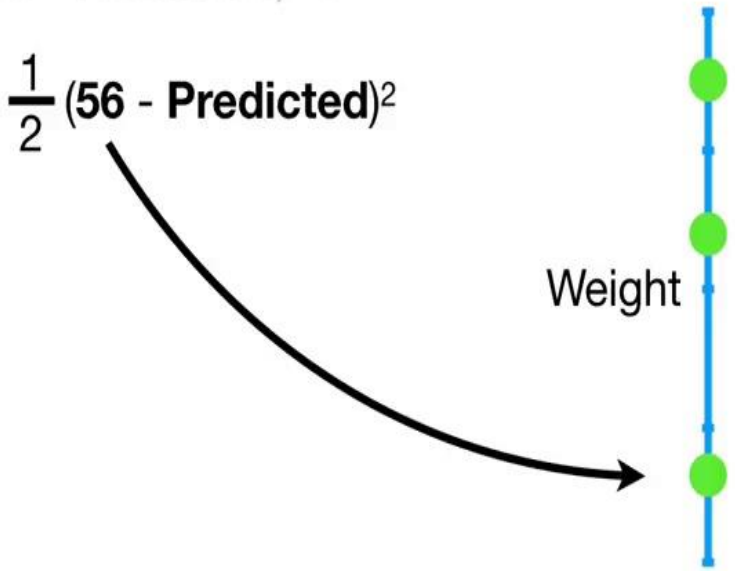

In other words, if we plot the **Observed Weights** on a number line…

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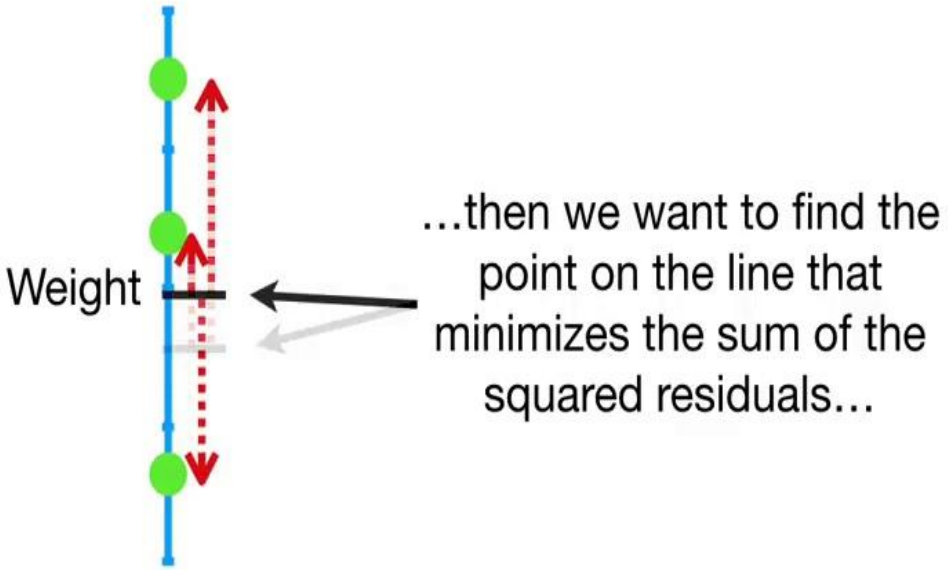

GB Algorithm

Input: Data $\{(x_i, y_i)\}_{i=1}^{n}$, and a differentiable **Loss Fu**

Step 1: Initialize model with a constant value: $F_0(x)$

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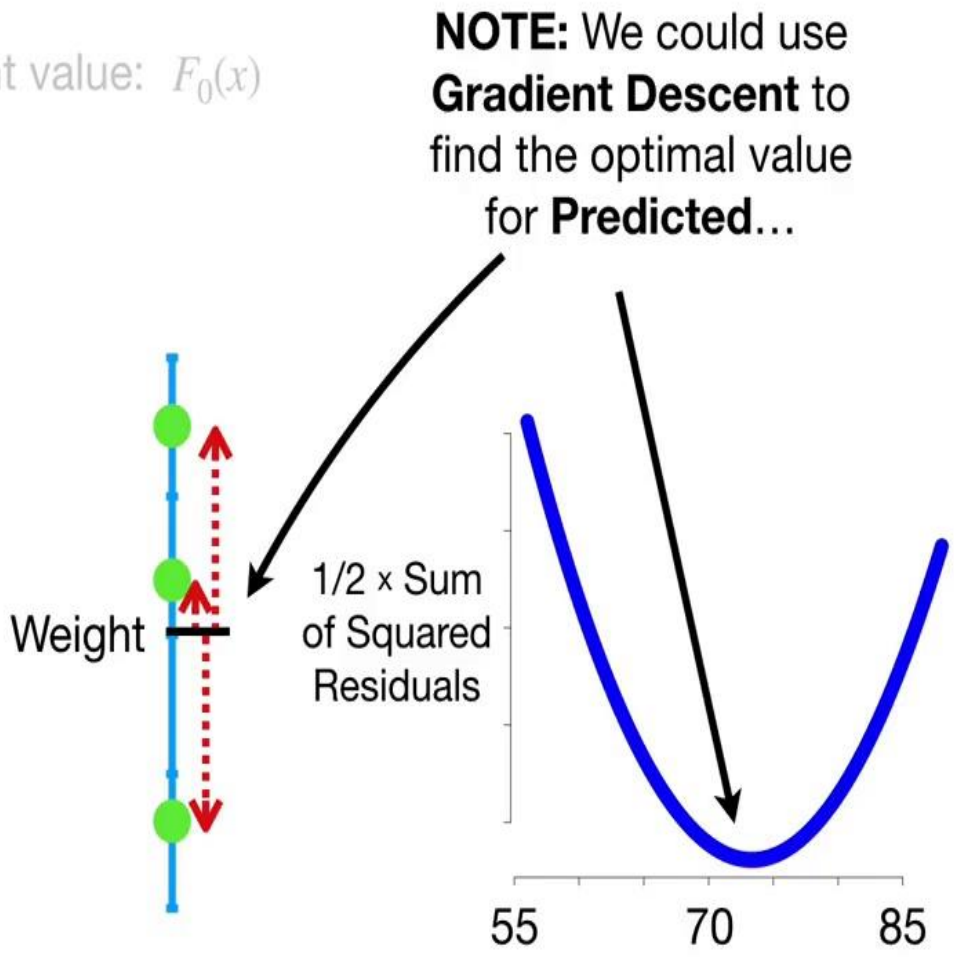

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Predicted $= \frac{88 + 76 + 56}{3}$

…and we end up with the **Average** of the **Observed Weights**.

GB Algorithm

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Step 1: Initialize model with a constant value: $F_0(x) = \underset{\gamma}{\operatorname{argmin}} \sum_{i=1}^{n} L(y_i, \gamma)$

We have now created the initial predicted value, $F_0(x)$…

$$F_0(x) = \frac{88 + 76 + 56}{3}$$

GB Algorithm

Input: Data $\{(x_i, y_i)\}_{i=1}^{n}$, and a differentiable **Loss Function** $L(y_i, F(x))$

Step 1: Initialize model with a constant value: $F_0(x) = \underset{\gamma}{\operatorname{argmin}} \sum_{i=1}^{n} L(y_i, \gamma)$

…and it equals **73.3**.

$$F_0(x) = \frac{88 + 76 + 56}{3}$$

$$= 73.3$$

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That means that the initial predicted value, ***F₀(x)***, is just a leaf.

73.3

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GB Algorithm

Now we can work on **Step 2**…

Step 2: for $m = 1$ to M:

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This part is just the derivative of the **Loss Function**…

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…with respect to the **Predicted** value…

GB Algorithm

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$$\frac{d}{d\,\text{Predicted}}\,\frac{1}{2}\,(\textbf{Observed - Predicted})^2$$

…and we've already calculated this.

$$= -(\textbf{Observed - Predicted})$$

GB Algorithm

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1.6	Blue	Male	88	14.7
1.6	Green	Female	76	2.7
1.5	Blue	Female	56	-17.3

We've finished **Part A** of **Step 2** by calculating a **Residual** for each sample.

GB Algorithm

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NOTE: Before we move on, I just want to point out that this derivative is the **Gradient** that **Gradient Boost** is named after.

GB Algorithm

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I also want to point that the $r_{i,m}$ values are technically called **Pseudo Residuals**.

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All this is saying is that we will build a regression tree…

GB Algorithm

Now let's do **Part C.**

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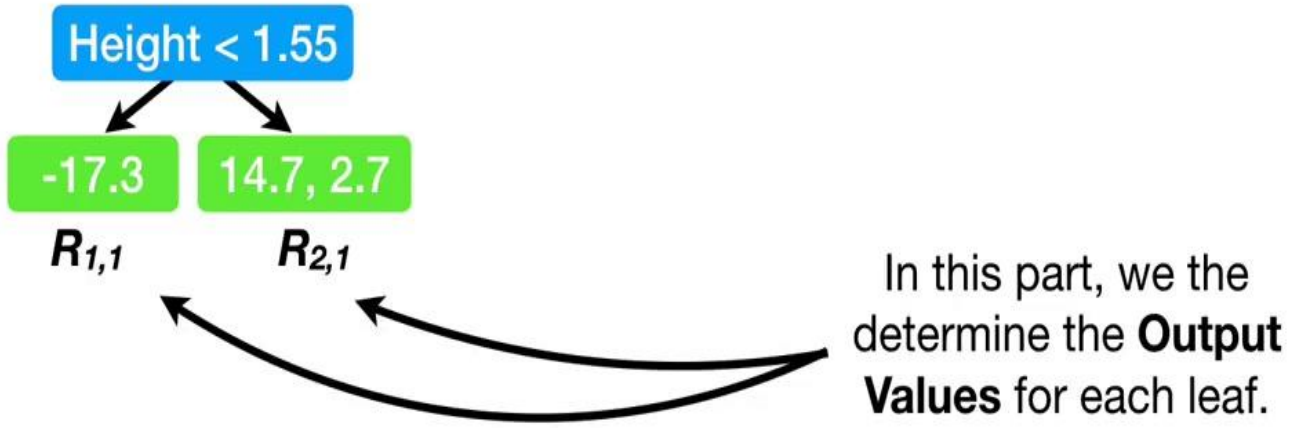

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GB Algorithm

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NOTE: This minimization is like what we did in **Step 1**.

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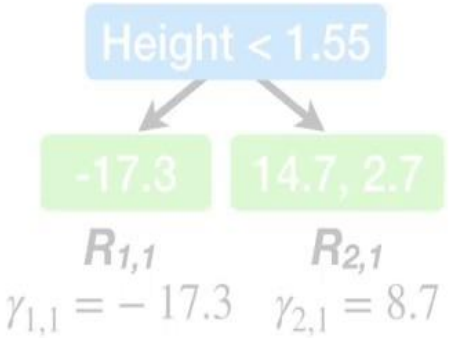
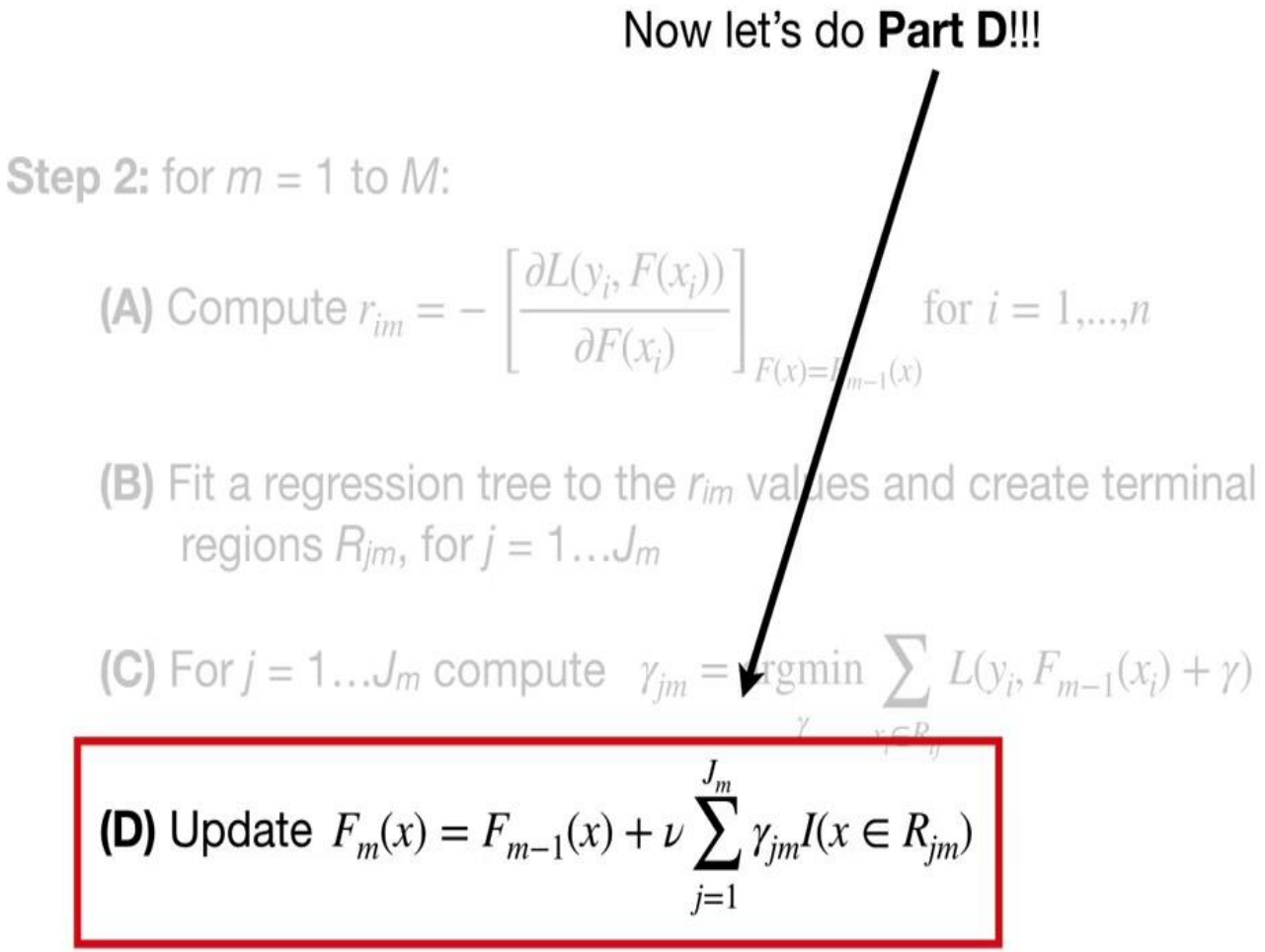


Given our choice of **Loss Function**, the **Output Values** are *always* the average of the **Residuals** that end up in the same leaf.

$$\frac{1}{2}(\textbf{Observed} - \textbf{Predicted})^2$$

GB Algorithm



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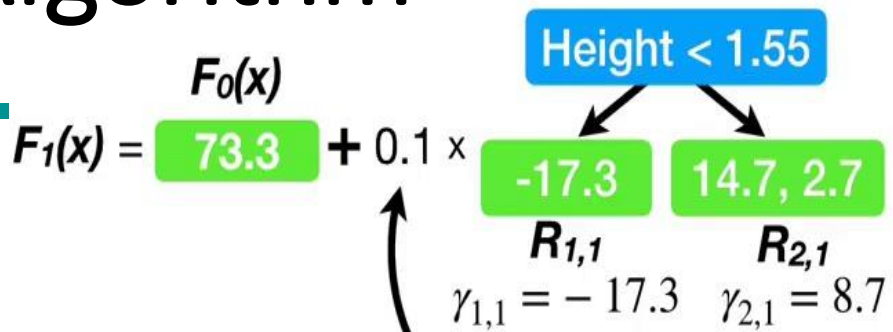

In this example, we'll set **nu** to **0.1**.

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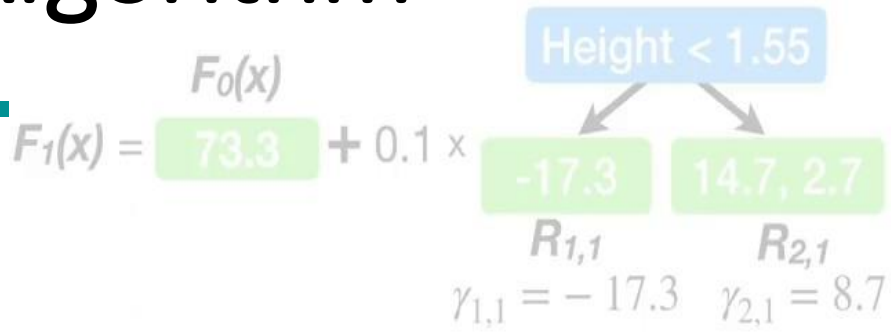
GB Algorithm



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Now we will use ***F₁(x)*** to make new **Predictions** for each sample.

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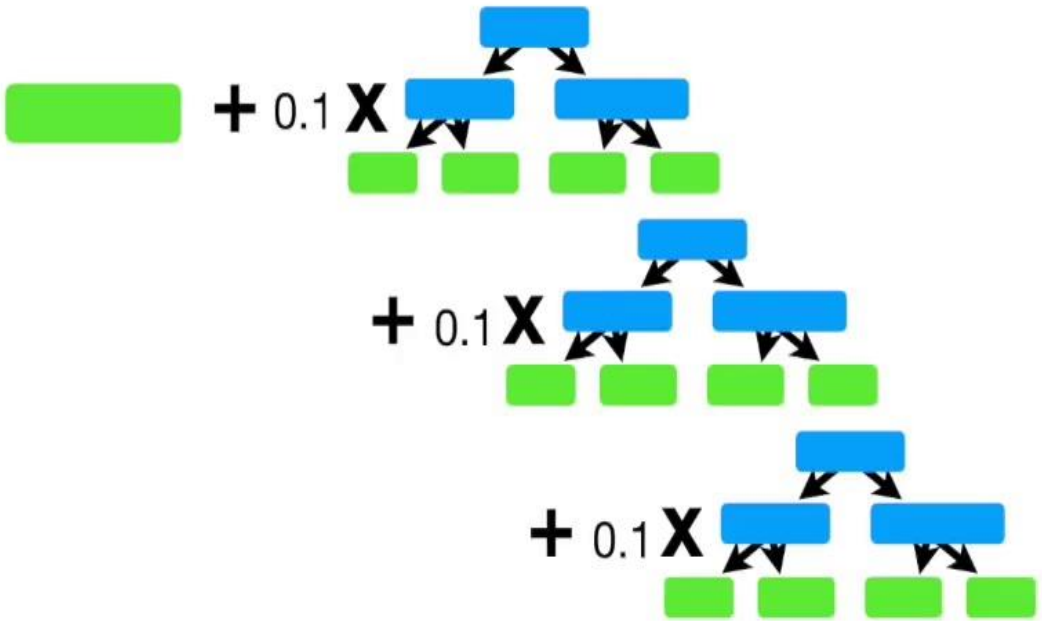
Gradient Boosting for Classification

Example

…and walk through, step-by-step, the most common way that **Gradient Boost** fits a model to this **Training Data**.

Likes Popcorn	Age	Favorite Color	Loves Troll 2
Yes	12	Blue	Yes
Yes	87	Green	Yes
No	44	Blue	No
Yes	19	Red	No
No	32	Green	Yes
No	14	Blue	Yes



Example

When we use **Gradient Boost for Classification**, the initial **Prediction** for every individual is the **log(odds)**.

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Yes	12	Blue	Yes
Yes	87	Green	Yes
No	44	Blue	No
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Example

log(4/2) = 0.7 ← So this is the **Initial Prediction**.

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Example

log(4/2) = 0.693

Just like with **Logistic Regression**, the easiest way to use the **log(odds)** for **Classification** is to convert it to a **Probability**...

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...and we do that with a **Logistic Function**.

Example

log(4/2) = 0.693

So we plug the **log(odds)** into the **Logistic Function**...

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No	44	Blue	No
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Probability of Loving Troll 2 $= \frac{e^{\log(odds)}}{1 + e^{\log(odds)}}$

Example

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…and we get **0.7** as the **Probability of Loving Troll 2.**

$$\text{Probability of Loving Troll 2} = \frac{e^{\log(4/2)}}{1 + e^{\log(4/2)}} = 0.7$$

0.666

Example

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NOTE this are rounded values

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Example

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Probability of **Loving Troll 2** = 0.7

0.666

Since the **Probability** of **Loving Troll 2** is greater than **0.5**, we can **Classify** everyone in the **Training Dataset** as someone who **Loves Troll 2**.

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We can measure how bad the initial **Prediction** is by calculating **Pseudo Residuals**, the difference between the **Observed** and the **Predicted** values.

Residual = (**Observed** - **Predicted**)

Example

log(4/2) = 0.7

Probability of Loving Troll 2 = 0.7

Then we calculate the rest of the **Residuals**…

Residual = (**Observed** - **Predicted**)

Likes Popcorn	Age	Favorite Color	Loves Troll 2	Residual
Yes	12	Blue	Yes	0.3
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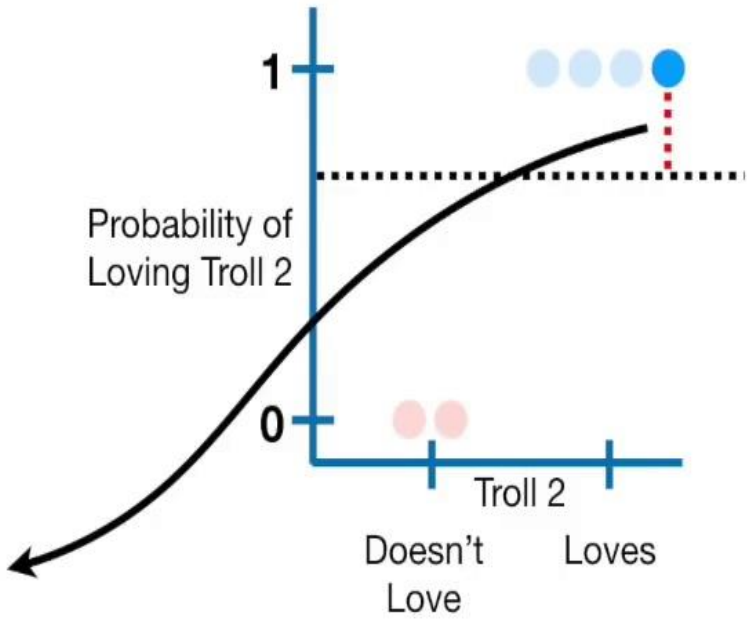
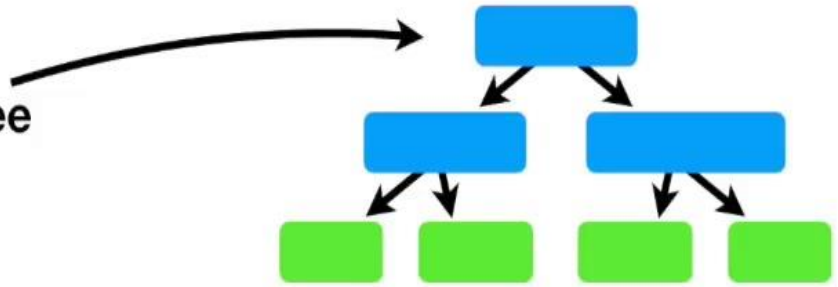


Example

Now we will build a **Tree**



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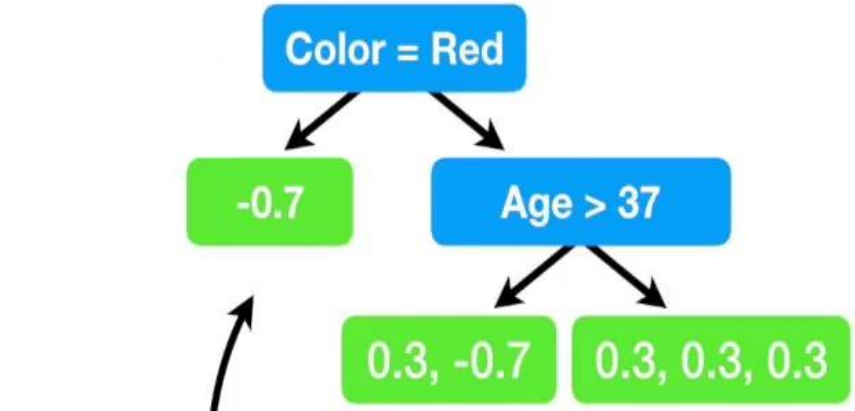
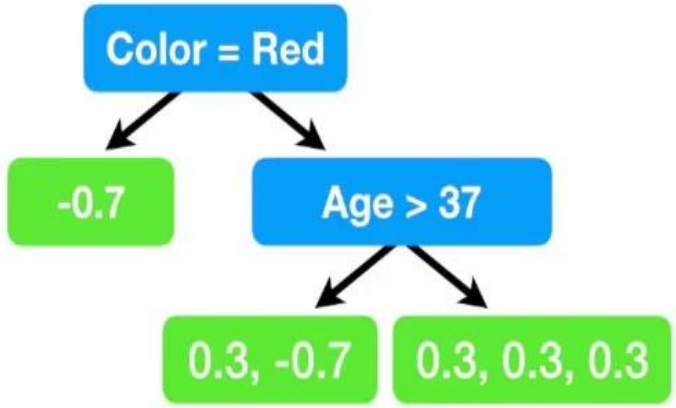
No	32	Green	Yes	0.3
No	14	Blue	Yes	0.3



And here's the tree!

Example

Likes Popcorn	Age	Favorite Color	Loves Troll 2	Residual
Yes	12	Blue	Yes	0.3
Yes	87	Green	Yes	0.3
No	44	Blue	No	-0.7
Yes	19	Red	No	-0.7
No	32	Green	Yes	0.3
No	14	Blue	Yes	0.3



In this simple example, we are limiting the number of leaves to **3**.

In practice people often set the maximum number of leaves to be between **8** and **32**

Example

When we used **Gradient Boost** for **Regression**, a leaf with single **Residual** had an **Output Value** equal to that **Residual**.

Example

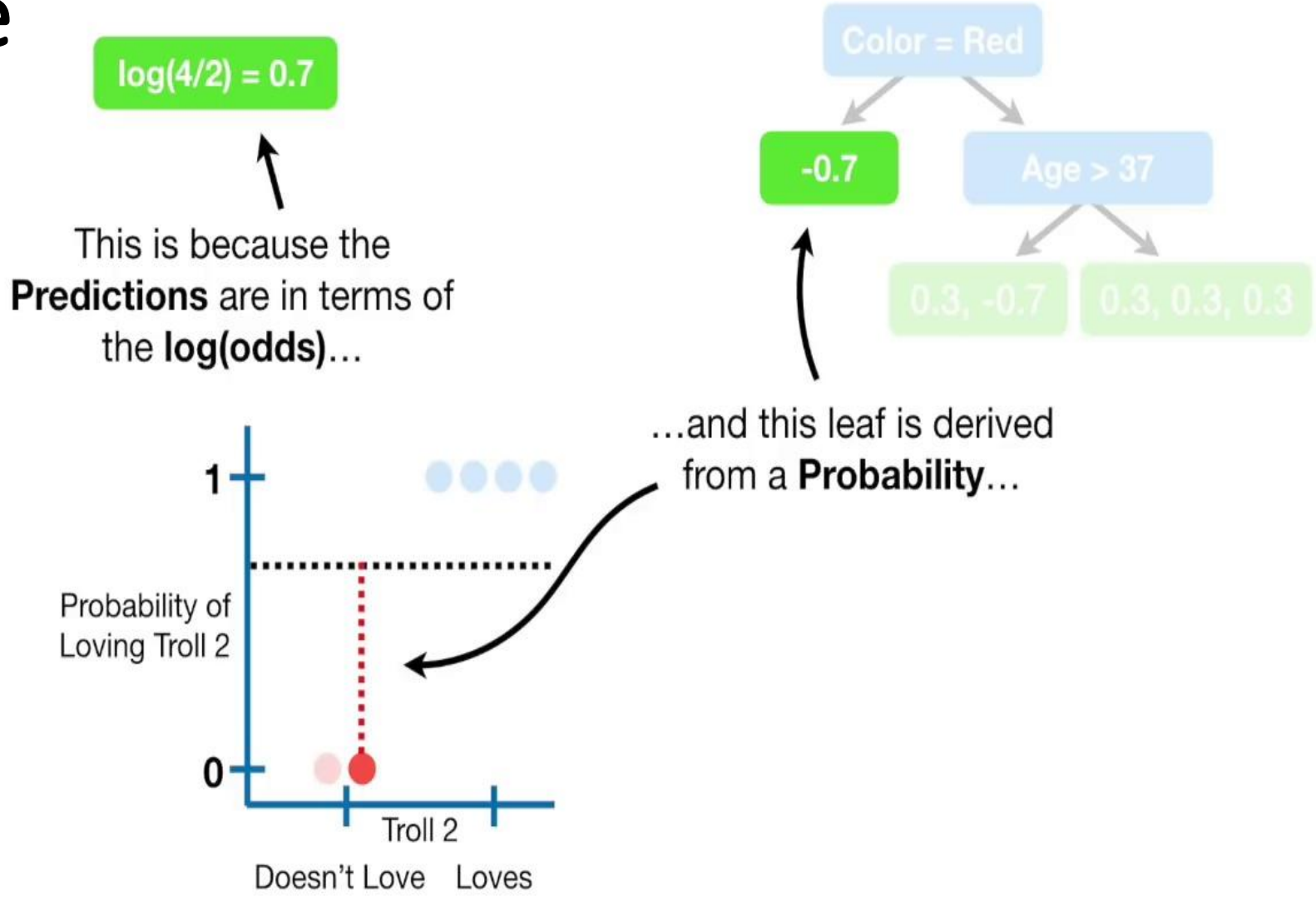
In contrast, when we use **Gradient Boost** for **Classification**, the situation is a little more complex.

Example

log(4/2) = 0.7

This is because the **Predictions** are in terms of the **log(odds)**...

Example


log(4/2) = 0.7
This is because the **Predictions** are in terms of the **log(odds)**...
Color = Red
-0.7
Age > 37
0.3, -0.7
0.3, 0.3, 0.3
...and this leaf is derived from a **Probability**...
1
0
Probability of Loving Troll 2
Troll 2
Doesn't Love
Loves

Example

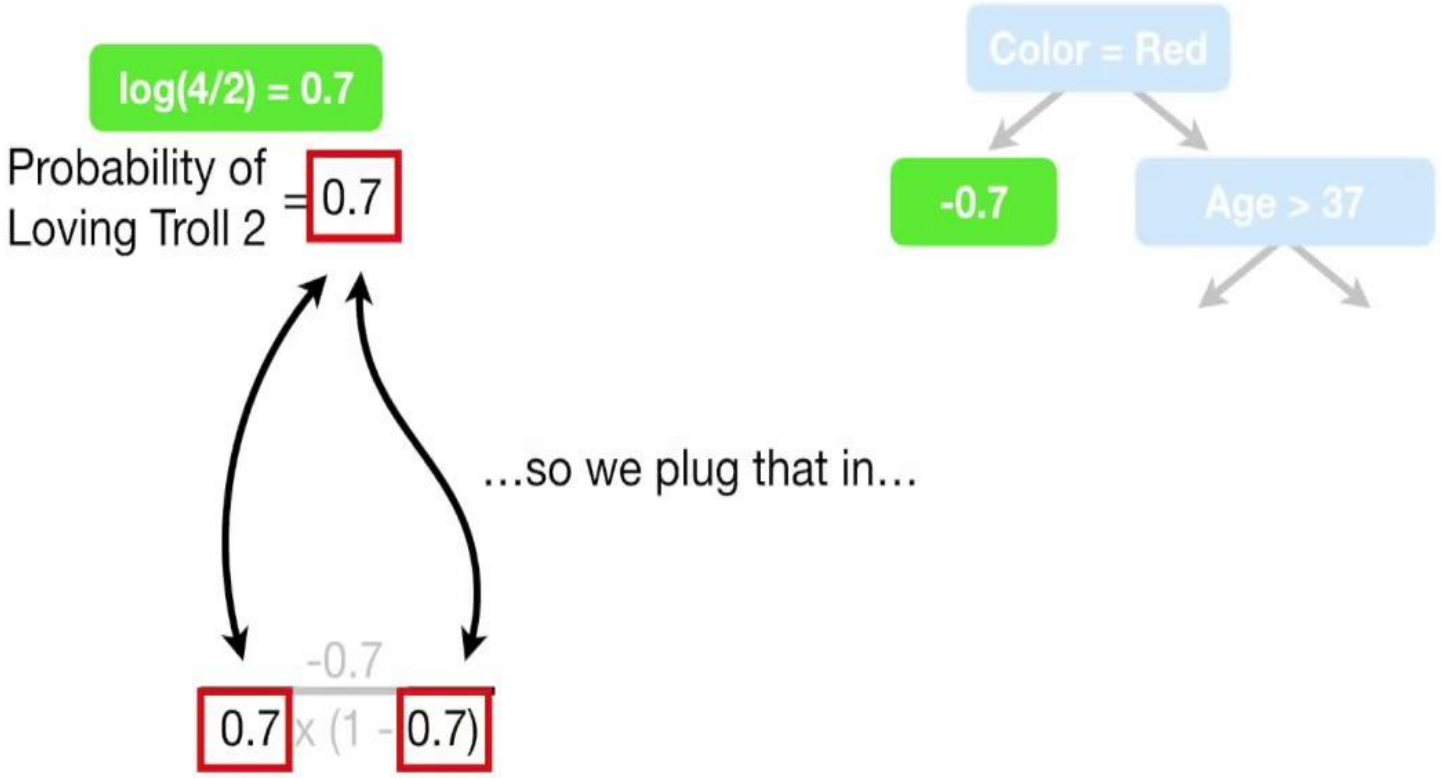

log(4/2) = 0.7
Color = Red
-0.7
Age > 37
0.3, -0.7
0.3, 0.3, 0.3
...so we can't just add them together to get a new **log(odds) Prediction** without some sort of transformation.

Example

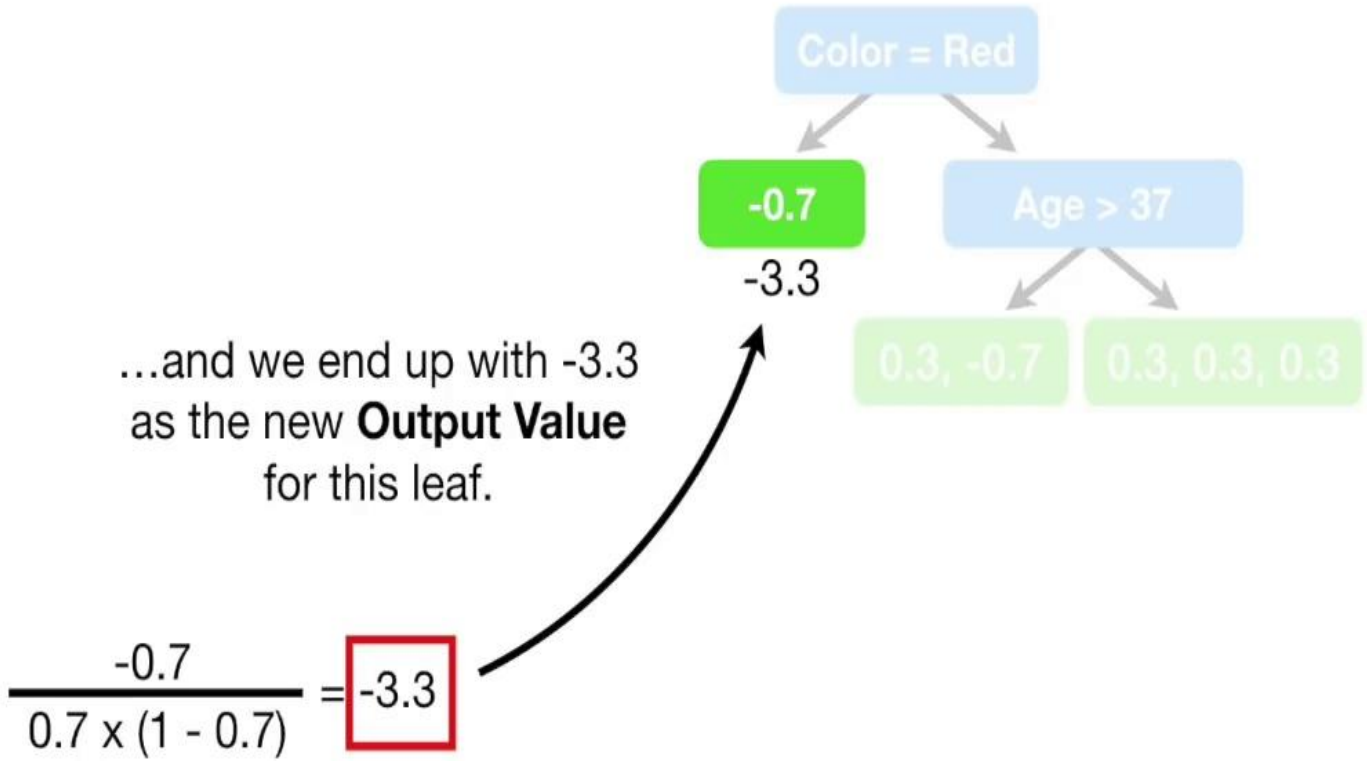
When we use **Gradient Boost** for **Classification**, the most common transformation is the following formula.

$$\frac{\sum \text{Residual}_i}{\sum \left[\text{Previous Probability}_i \times (1 - \text{Previous Probability}_i)\right]}$$

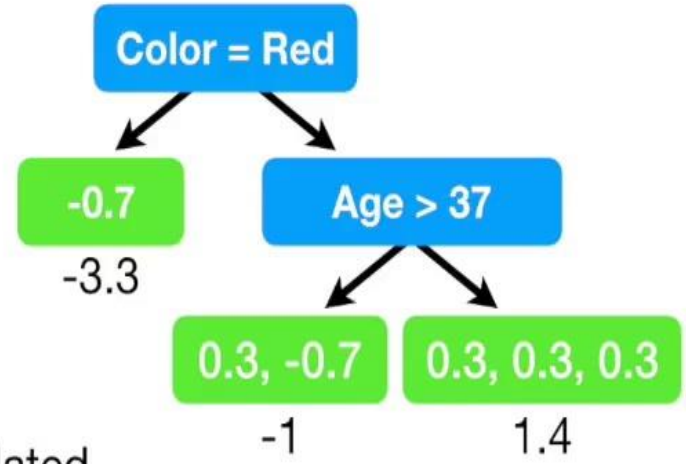
Example


log(4/2) = 0.7
Probability of Loving Troll 2 = 0.7
Color = Red
-0.7
Age > 37
...so we plug that in...
-0.7
0.7 x (1 - 0.7)

Example

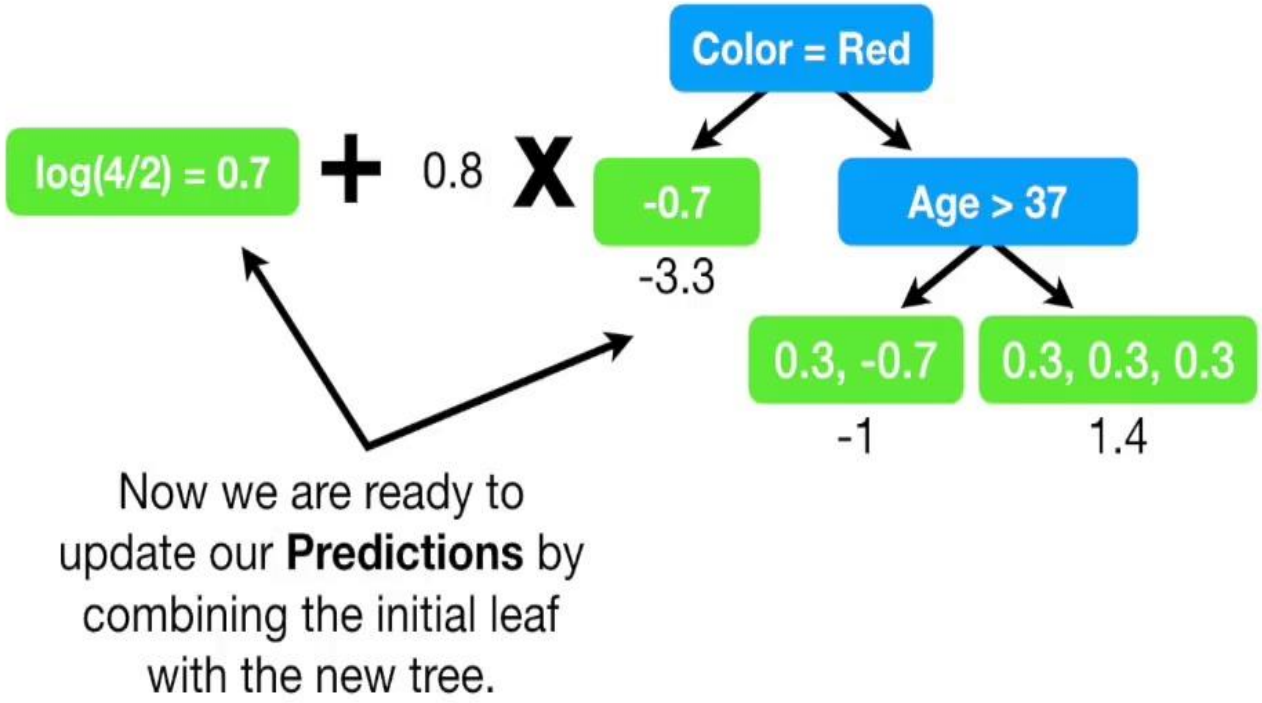

Color = Red
-0.7
Age > 37
-3.3
0.3, -0.7
0.3, 0.3, 0.3
…and we end up with -3.3
as the new **Output Value**
for this leaf.
-0.7
0.7 x (1 - 0.7)
= -3.3

Example



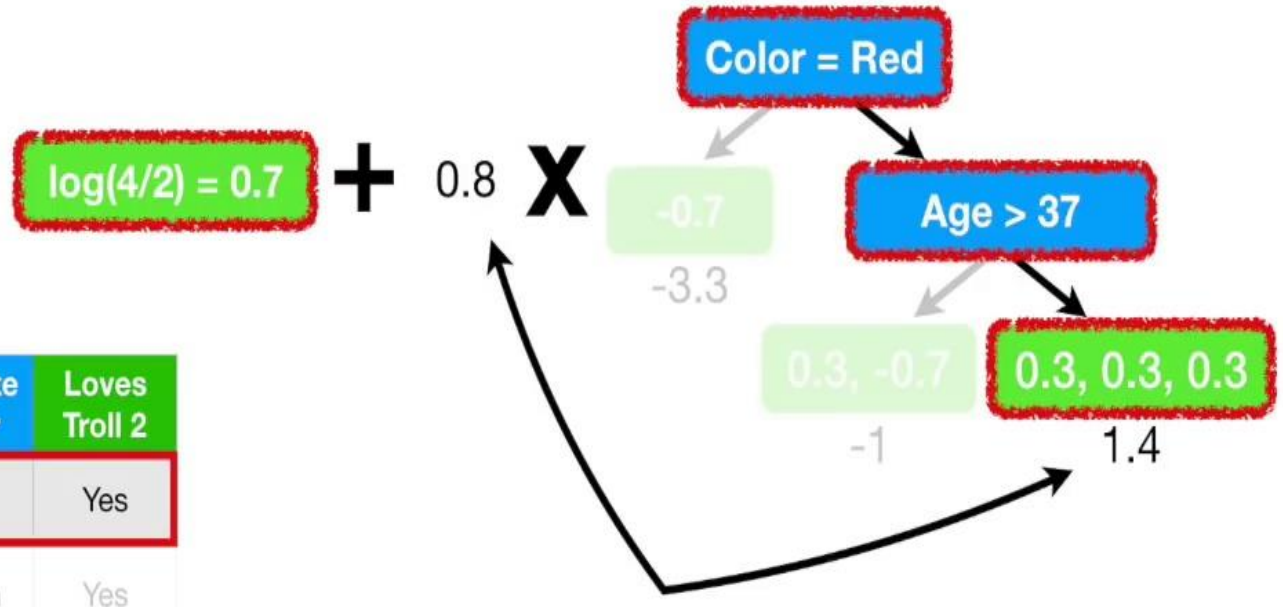
We've calculated **Output Values** for all three leaves in the tree!

Example


log(4/2) = 0.7
+
0.8
X
Color = Red
-0.7
-3.3
Age > 37
0.3, -0.7
-1
0.3, 0.3, 0.3
1.4
Now we are ready to update our **Predictions** by combining the initial leaf with the new tree.

Example

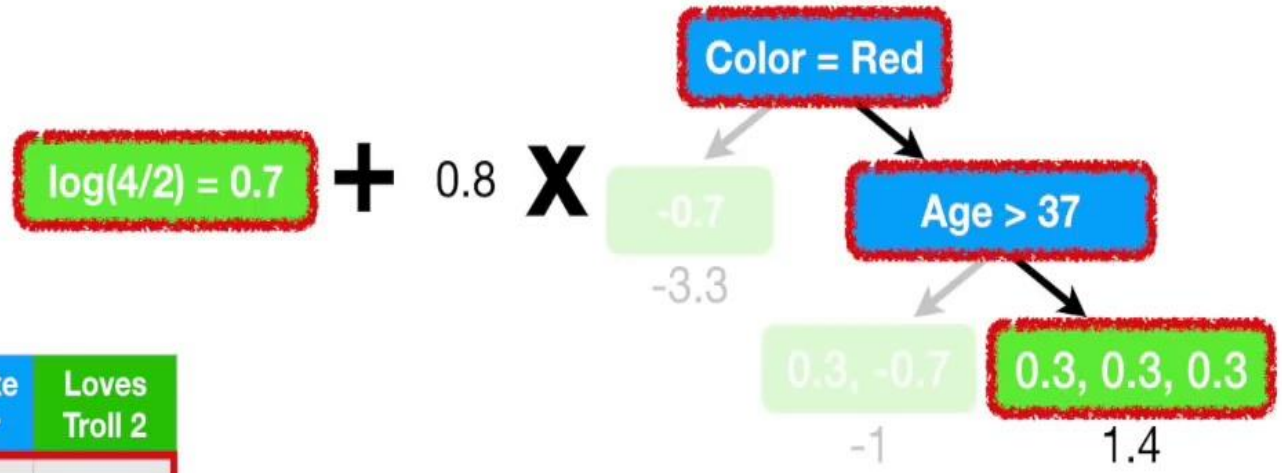
Likes Popcorn	Age	Favorite Color	Loves Troll 2
Yes	12	Blue	Yes
Yes	87	Green	Yes
No	44	Blue	No
Yes	19	Red	No
No	32	Green	Yes
No	14	Blue	Yes



…plus the **Output Value** from the tree scaled by the **Learning Rate**…

log(odds) Prediction = 0.7 + (0.8 x 1.4)

Example



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No	32	Green	Yes
No	14	Blue	Yes

...and the new **log(odds) Prediction = 1.8**.

log(odds) Prediction = 0.7 + (0.8 x 1.4) = 1.8

Example

Likes Popcorn	Age	Favorite Color	Loves Troll 2
Yes	12	Blue	Yes
Yes	87	Green	Yes
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Yes	19	Red	No
No	32	Green	Yes
No	14	Blue	Yes

Now we convert the new **log(odds) Prediction** into a **Probability**...

$$\text{Probability} = \frac{e^{\log(\text{odds})}}{1 + e^{\log(\text{odds})}}$$

$$\log(\text{odds})\ \text{Prediction} = 0.7 + (0.8 \times 1.4) = 1.8$$

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Yes	19	Red	No
No	32	Green	Yes
No	14	Blue	Yes

Now we convert the new **log(odds) Prediction** into a **Probability**...

$$\text{Probability} = \frac{e^{1.8}}{1 + e^{1.8}} = 0.9$$

$$\text{log(odds) Prediction} = 0.7 + (0.8 \times 1.4) = 1.8$$

Example

log(4/2) = 0.7

Initial Probability of **Loving Troll 2** = 0.7

Likes Popcorn	Age	Favorite Color	Loves Troll 2
Yes	12	Blue	Yes
Yes	87	Green	Yes
No	44	Blue	No
Yes	19	Red	No
No	32	Green	Yes
No	14	Blue	Yes

…so we are taking a small step in the right direction since this person **Loves Troll 2**.

$$\text{Probability} = \frac{e^{1.8}}{1 + e^{1.8}} = 0.9$$

log(odds) Prediction = 0.7 + (0.8 x 1.4) = 1.8

Example

Likes Popcorn	Age	Favorite Color	Loves Troll 2	Predicted Prob.
Yes	12	Blue	Yes	0.9
Yes	87	Green	Yes	
No	44	Blue	No	
Yes	19	Red	No	
No	32	Green	Yes	
No	14	Blue	Yes	

We save the new **Predicted Probability** here.

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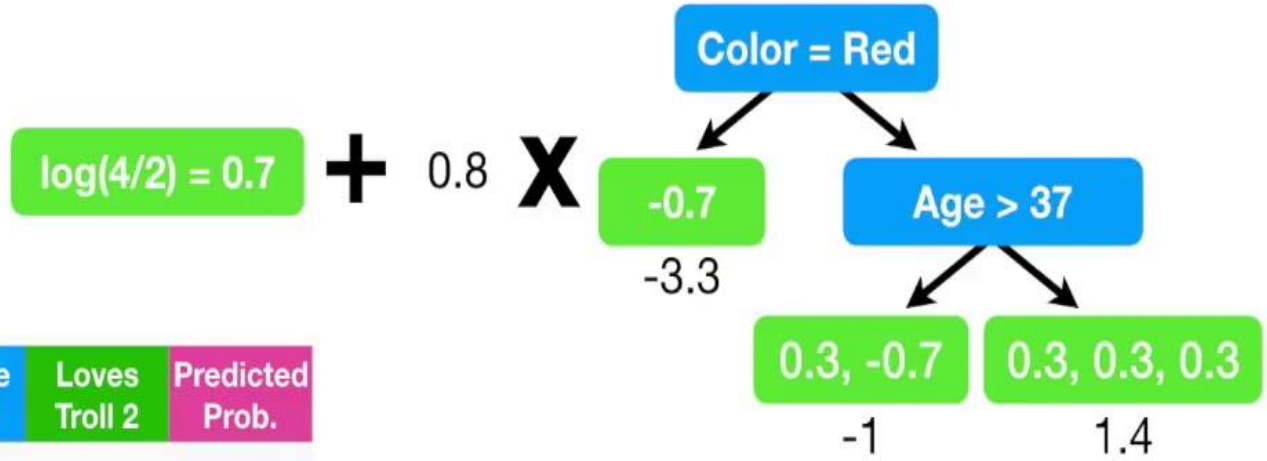
log(odds) Prediction = 0.7 + (0.8 x 1.4) = 1.8

Example



Likes Popcorn	Age	Favorite Color	Loves Troll 2	Predicted Prob.
Yes	12	Blue	Yes	0.9
Yes	87	Green	Yes	0.5
No	44	Blue	No	0.5
Yes	19	Red	No	0.1
No	32	Green	Yes	0.9
No	14	Blue	Yes	0.9

Then we calculate the **Predicted Probabilities** for the remaining people.

Example

And now, just like before, we calculate the new **Residuals**…

Likes Popcorn	Age	Favorite Color	Loves Troll 2	Predicted Prob.	Residual
Yes	12	Blue	Yes	0.9	
Yes	87	Green	Yes	0.5	
No	44	Blue	No	0.5	
Yes	19	Red	No	0.1	
No	32	Green	Yes	0.9	
No	14	Blue	Yes	0.9	

Example

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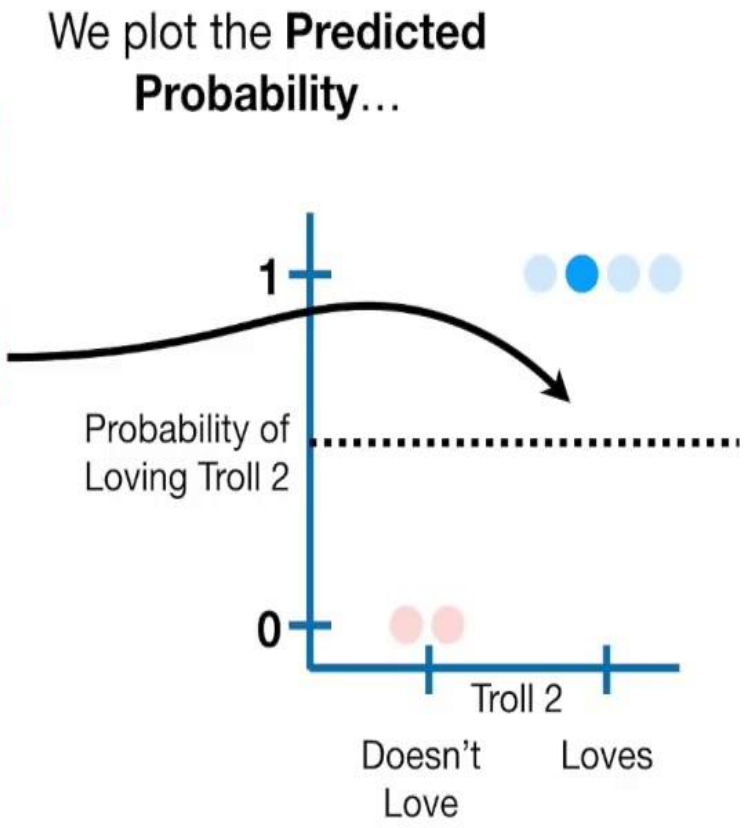

Example

...and the **Residual** is the difference. → **Residual = (Observed - Predicted)**

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Yes	12	Blue	Yes	0.9	0.1
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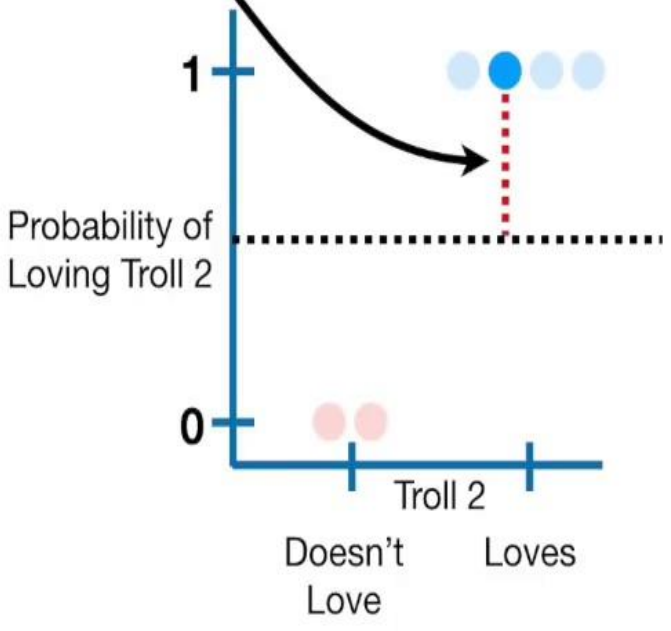

Example

Now that we have the **Residuals**, we can build a new tree...

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Yes	12	Blue	Yes	0.9	0.1
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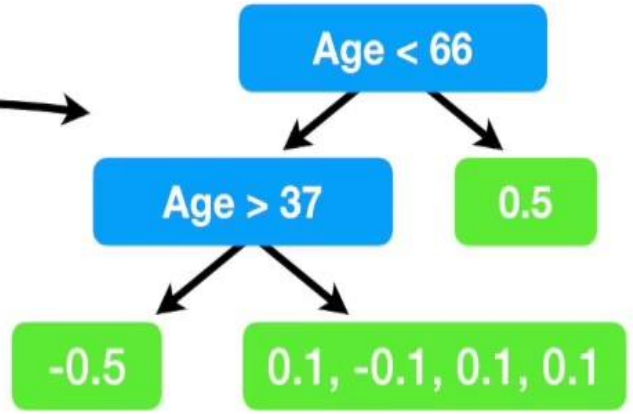
No	14	Blue	Yes	0.9	0.1



GB Algorithm

Input: Data $\{(x_i, y_i)\}_{i=1}^{n}$, and a differentiable **Loss Function** $L(y_i, F(x))$

Step 1: Initialize model with a constant value: $F_0(x) = \underset{\gamma}{\operatorname{argmin}} \sum_{i=1}^{n} L(y_i, \gamma)$

Step 2: for $m = 1$ to M:

(A) Compute $r_{im} = -\left[\frac{\partial L(y_i, F(x_i))}{\partial F(x_i)}\right]_{F(x)=F_{m-1}(x)}$ for $i = 1,...,n$

(B) Fit a regression tree to the r_{im} values and create terminal regions R_{jm}, for $j = 1 \ldots J_m$

(C) For $j = 1 \ldots J_m$ compute $\gamma_{jm} = \underset{\gamma}{\operatorname{argmin}} \sum_{x_i \in R_{ij}} L(y_i, F_{m-1}(x_i) + \gamma)$

(D) Update $F_m(x) = F_{m-1}(x) + \nu \sum_{j=1}^{J_m} \gamma_{jm} I(x \in R_{jm})$

Step 3: Output $F_M(x)$

GB Algorithm

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Now we need a differentiable **Loss Function** that will work for **Classification**.

GB Algorithm

Likes Popcorn	Age	Favorite Color	Loves Troll 2
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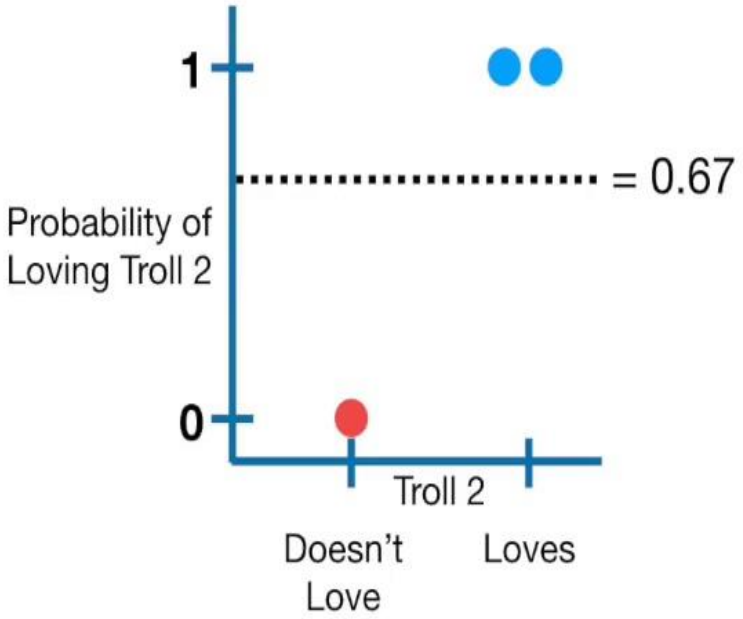
Log(Likelihood of the Observed Data given the Prediction) =

$$\sum_{i=1}^{N} y_i \times \log(p) + (1 - y_i) \times \log(1 - p)$$



$$-\left[\textbf{Observed} \times \log(\boldsymbol{p}) + (1 - \textbf{Observed}) \times \log(1 - \boldsymbol{p})\right]$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^{N} \boldsymbol{y_i} \times \log(\boldsymbol{p}) + (1 - \boldsymbol{y_i}) \times \log(1 - \boldsymbol{p})$$

1) $-\textbf{Observed} \times \log(\boldsymbol{p}) - (1 - \textbf{Observed}) \times \log(1 - \boldsymbol{p})$

2) $-\textbf{Observed} \times \log(\boldsymbol{p}) - \log(1 - \boldsymbol{p}) + \textbf{Observed} \times \log(1 - \boldsymbol{p})$

3) $-\textbf{Observed} \times [\log(\boldsymbol{p}) - \log(1 - \boldsymbol{p})] - \log(1 - \boldsymbol{p})$

4) $-\textbf{Observed} \times \log(\text{odds}) - \log(1 - \boldsymbol{p})$

5) $-\textbf{Observed} \times \log(\text{odds}) + \log(1 + e^{\log(\text{odds})})$

We converted the **negative log(likelihood)** of the data, which is a function of the predicted probability, ***p***…

…into a function of the predicted **log(odds)**.

This is the Loss function

GB Algorithm

$$\frac{d}{d\ log(odds)} -\textbf{Observed} \times \log(odds) + \log(1 + e^{\log(odds)}) =$$

So let's take the derivative of the **Loss Function** with respect to the predicted **log(odds)**.

GB Algorithm

$$\frac{d}{d\,log(odds)} \text{-Observed} \times \log(odds) + \log(1 + e^{\log(odds)}) =$$

$$= \text{-Observed} + \frac{e^{\log(odds)}}{1 + e^{\log(odds)}}$$

$$= \text{-Observed} + p$$

Indeed, in the previous example we performed

- 1 – 0.7 = 0.3
- 0 – 0.7 = -0.7

GB Algorithm

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Step 1: Initialize model with a constant value: $F_0(x) = \underset{\gamma}{\operatorname{argmin}} \sum_{i=1}^{n} L(y_i, \gamma)$

We have created the initial predicted **log(odds)**, $F_0(x)$…

$$F_0(x) = \log\left(\frac{2}{1}\right)$$

GB Algorithm

Input: Data $\{(x_i, y_i)\}_{i=1}^{n}$, and a differentiable **Loss Function** $L(y_i, F(x))$

Step 1: Initialize model with a constant value: $F_0(x) = \underset{\gamma}{\operatorname{argmin}} \sum_{i=1}^{n} L(y_i, \gamma)$

So this is the initial leaf, ***F₀(x)***.

$$F_0(x) = \log\left(\frac{2}{1}\right)$$

$$= 0.69$$

log(2/1) = 0.69

GB Algorithm

Step 2: for $m = 1$ to M:

(A) Compute $r_{im} = -\left[\frac{\partial L(y_i, F(x_i))}{\partial F(x_i)}\right]_{F(x)=F_{m-1}(x)}$ for $i = 1,\ldots,n$

This is just the derivative of the **Loss Function**…

$$\frac{d}{d\ log(odds)} \text{-}\mathbf{Observed} \times \log(odds) + \log(1 + e^{\log(odds)})$$

GB Algorithm

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This is just the derivative of the **Loss Function**…

$$\frac{d}{d\ log(odds)} \text{-}\mathbf{Observed} \times \log(odds) + \log(1 + e^{\log(odds)})$$

…with respect to the predicted **log(odds)**…

GB Algorithm

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$$\frac{d}{d\ log(odds)} \textbf{-Observed} \times \log(odds) + \log(1 + e^{\log(odds)})$$

…and we've already calculated this.

$$= (\textbf{-Observed} + \frac{e^{\log(odds)}}{1 + e^{\log(odds)}})$$

GB Algorithm

Step 2: for $m = 1$ to M:

(A) Compute $r_{im} = -\left[\frac{\partial L(y_i, F(x_i))}{\partial F(x_i)}\right]_{F(x)=F_{m-1}(x)}$ for $i = 1,\ldots,n$

…and that leaves us with this equation for calculating **Pseudo Residuals**.

$$\left(\text{Observed} - \frac{e^{\log(\text{odds})}}{1 + e^{\log(\text{odds})}}\right)$$

GB Algorithm

Step 2: for $m = 1$ to M:

(A) Compute $r_{im} = -\left[\frac{\partial L(y_i, F(x_i))}{\partial F(x_i)}\right]_{F(x)=F_{m-1}(x)}$ for $i = 1,\ldots,n$

NOTE: As we have seen before, we can replace this term with the predicted probability, ***p***…

→ **(Observed - *p*)**

↕

(Observed - $\frac{e^{\log(odds)}}{1 + e^{\log(odds)}}$ **)**

GB Algorithm

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(A) Compute $r_{im} = -\left[\frac{\partial L(y_i, F(x_i))}{\partial F(x_i)}\right]_{F(x)=F_{m-1}(x)}$ for $i = 1,\ldots,n$

…so we can think of the **Pseudo Residuals** as the **Observed** probability minus the **Predicted** probability… → (**Observed** - ***p***)

(**Observed** - $\frac{e^{\log(odds)}}{1 + e^{\log(odds)}}$)

GB Algorithm

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(B) Fit a regression tree to the r_{im} values and create terminal regions R_{jm}, for $j = 1\ldots J_m$

Now we are ready for **Part B**, where we will build a regression tree.

GB Algorithm

Now let's do **Part C**.

Step 2: for $m = 1$ to M:

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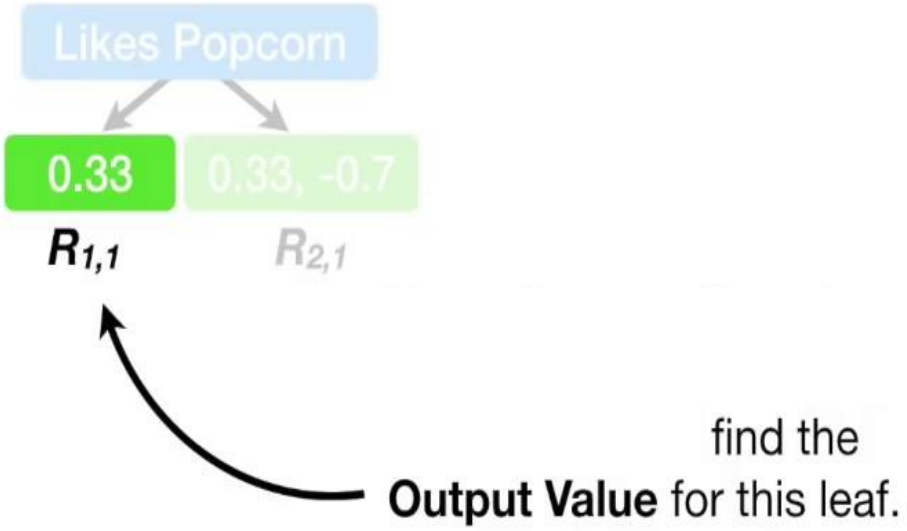
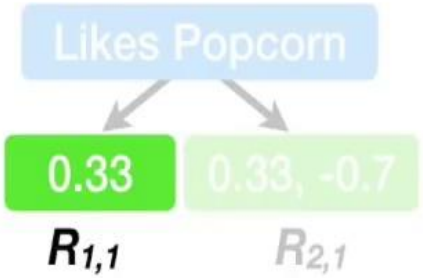


$$\gamma_{1,1} = \underset{\gamma}{\operatorname{argmin}} \sum_{x_i \in R_{ij}} L(y_i, F_{m-1}(x_i) + \gamma)$$

GB Algorithm



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$$\frac{\sum \text{Residual}_i}{\sum \left[\text{Previous Probability}_i \times (1 - \text{Previous Probability}_i)\right]}$$

$$\gamma_{1,1} = \frac{\textbf{Residual}}{\boldsymbol{p} \times (1 - \boldsymbol{p})}$$

0.33/(2/3 x 1/3) = 1.48

GB Algorithm

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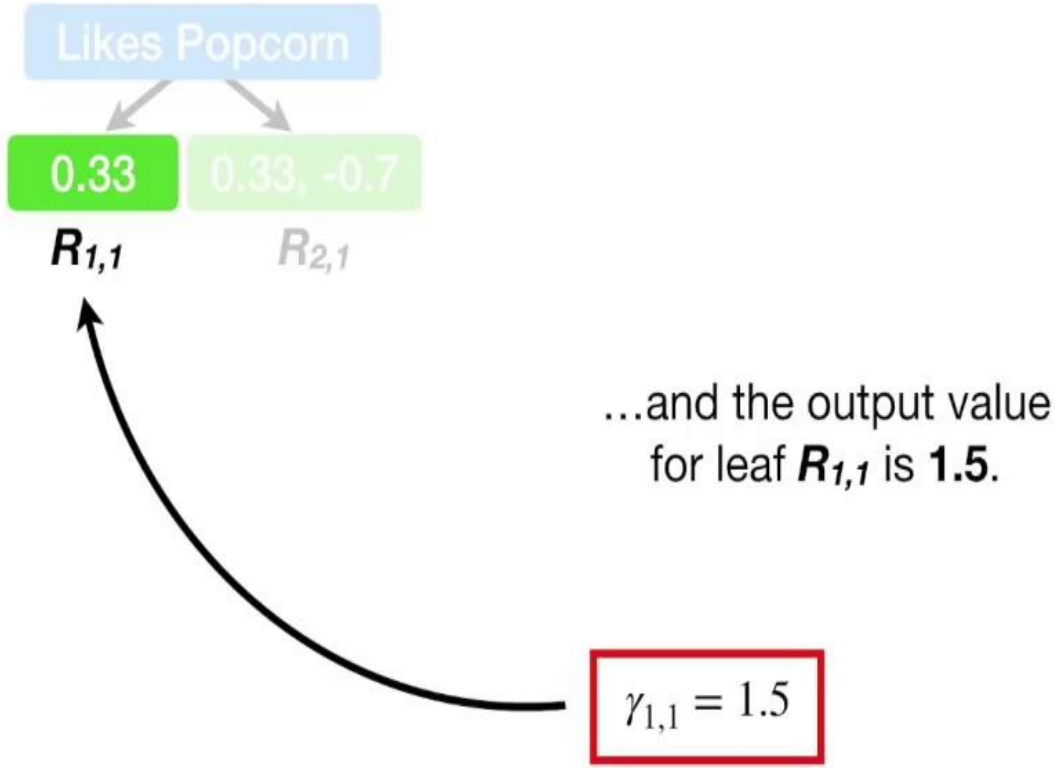

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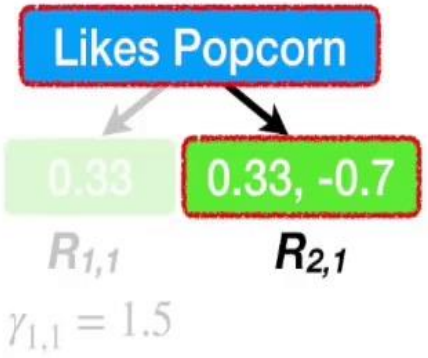

Likes Popcorn	Age	Favorite Color	Loves Troll 2
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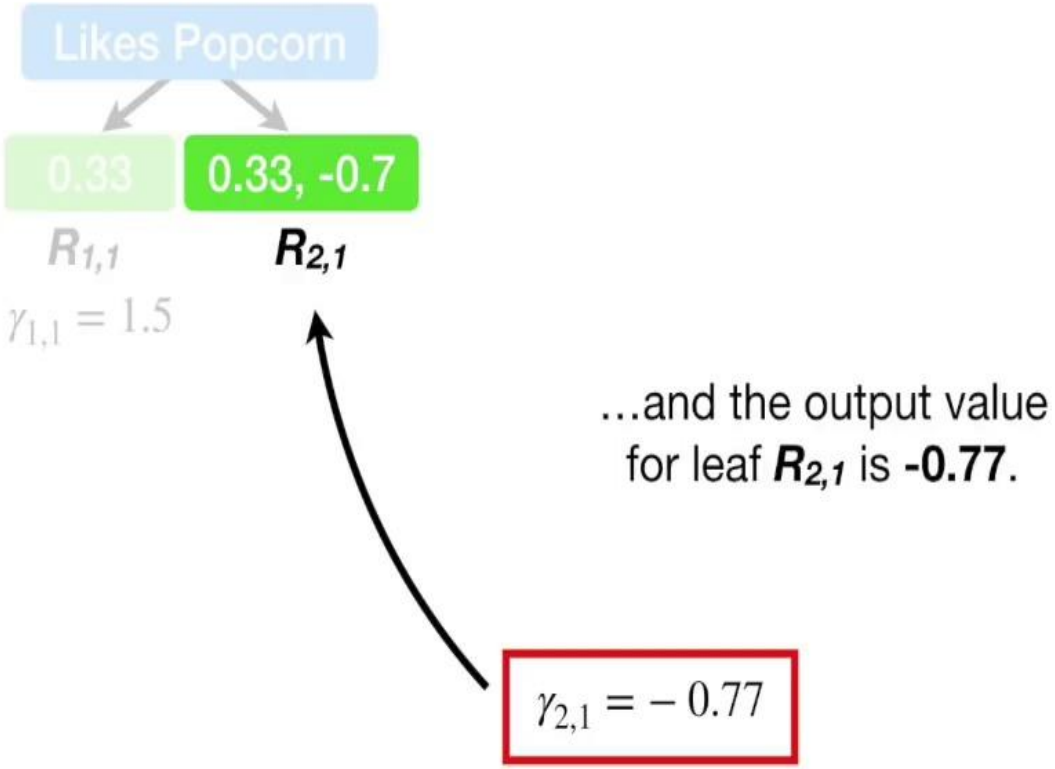
No	87	Green	Yes
No	44	Blue	No

$$\gamma_{2,1} = \frac{\text{Residual}_2 + \text{Residual}_3}{[\,p_2 \times (1 - p_2)\,] + [\,p_3 \times (1 - p_3)\,]}$$

$$\frac{\sum \text{Residual}_i}{\sum \left[\text{Previous Probability}_i \times (1 - \text{Previous Probability}_i)\right]}$$

GB Algorithm

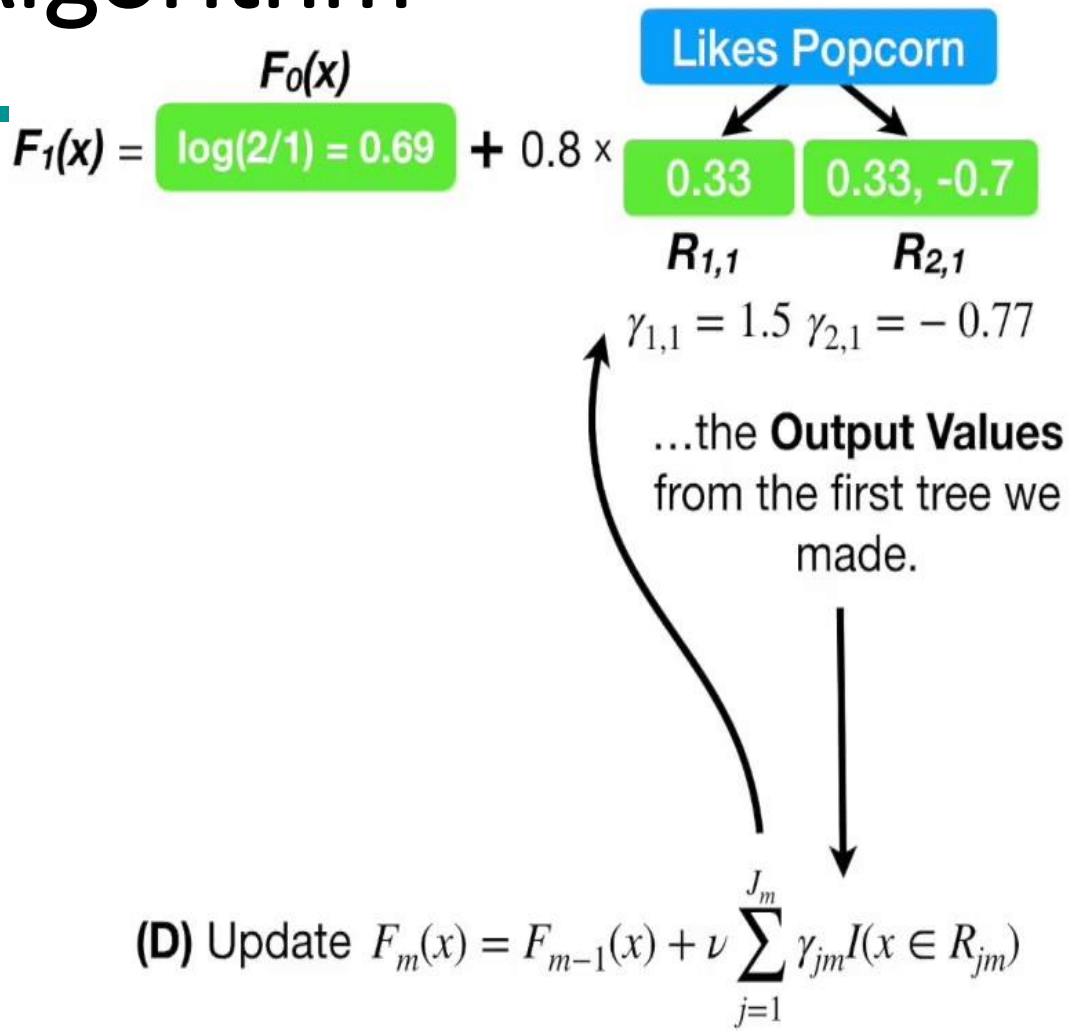


GB Algorithm

In **Part D**, we make a new prediction for each sample.

(D) Update $F_m(x) = F_{m-1}(x) + \nu \sum_{j=1}^{J_m} \gamma_{jm} I(x \in R_{jm})$

GB Algorithm



Gradient Boost Improved

- XGBoost (Extreme Gradient Boost)
- LightGBM (Light Gradient Boosting Machine)
- Both designed for large complex datasets

Mass	Age	BP	Color	Movie	Car	Hair	etc.
120	23	102	Brown	T2	Ford	Long	…
150	25	98	Brown	Frozen	Kia	Short	…
165	22	130	Black	Spiderman	Ford	Short	…
123	45	98	Red	T2	Kia	Long	…
156	33`	78	Brown	Frozen 2	Ford	Long	…
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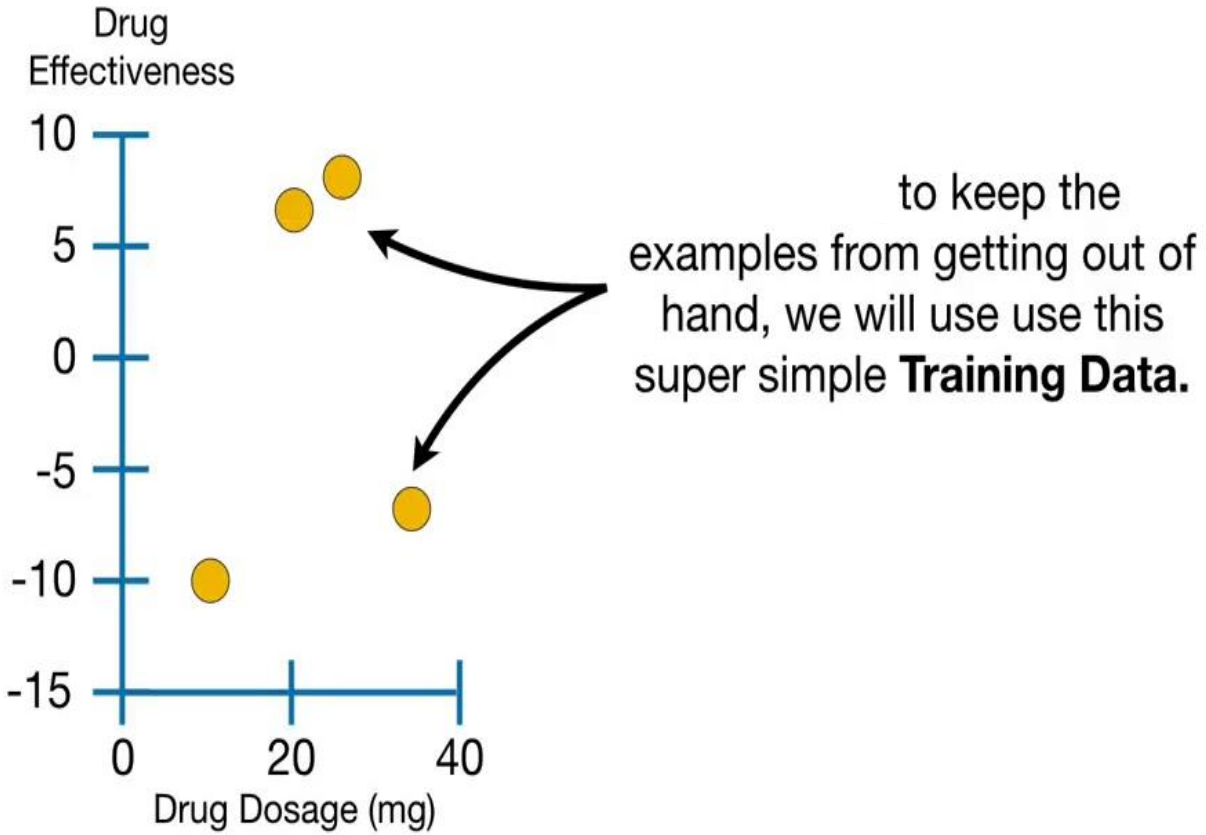

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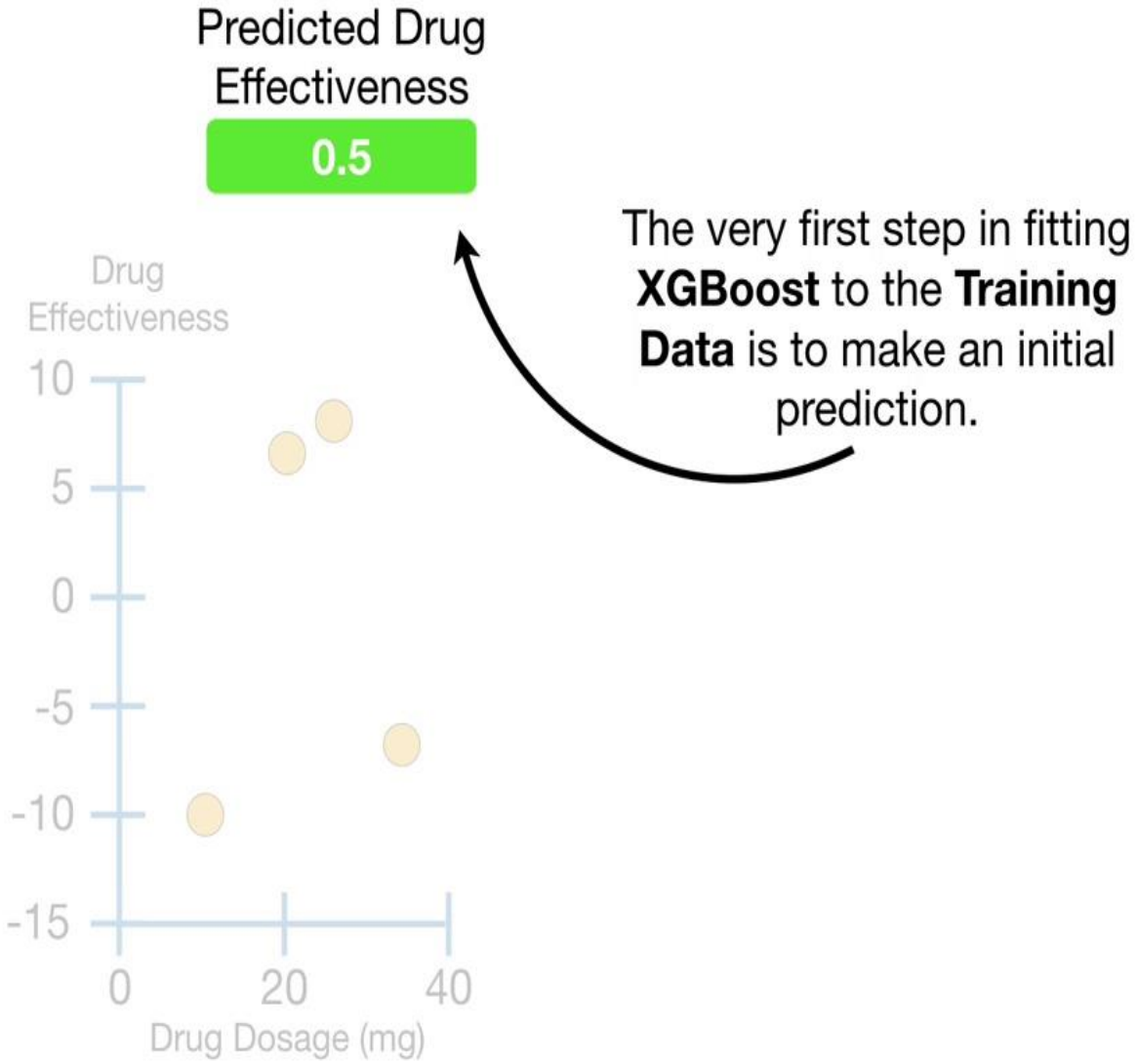

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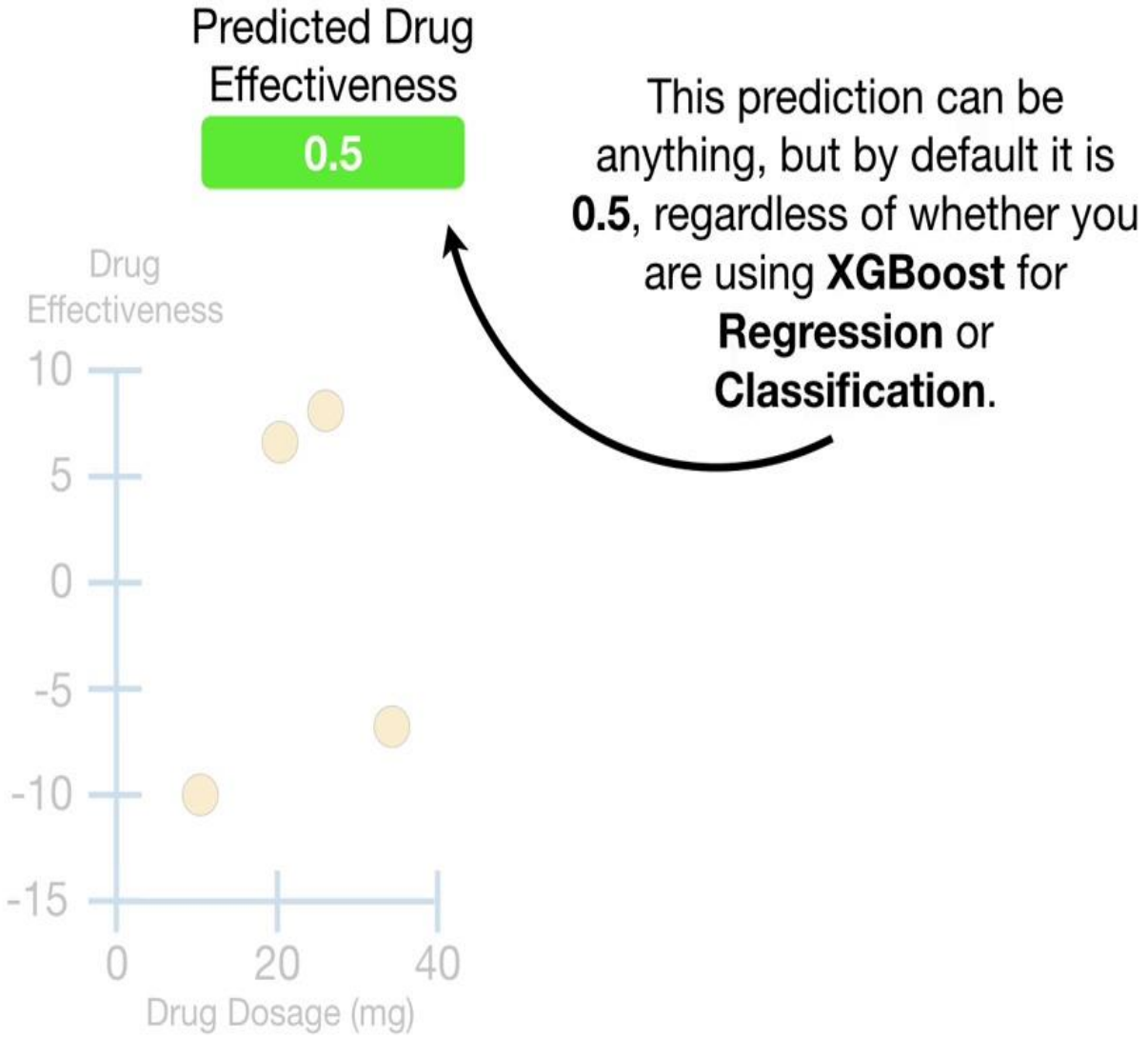

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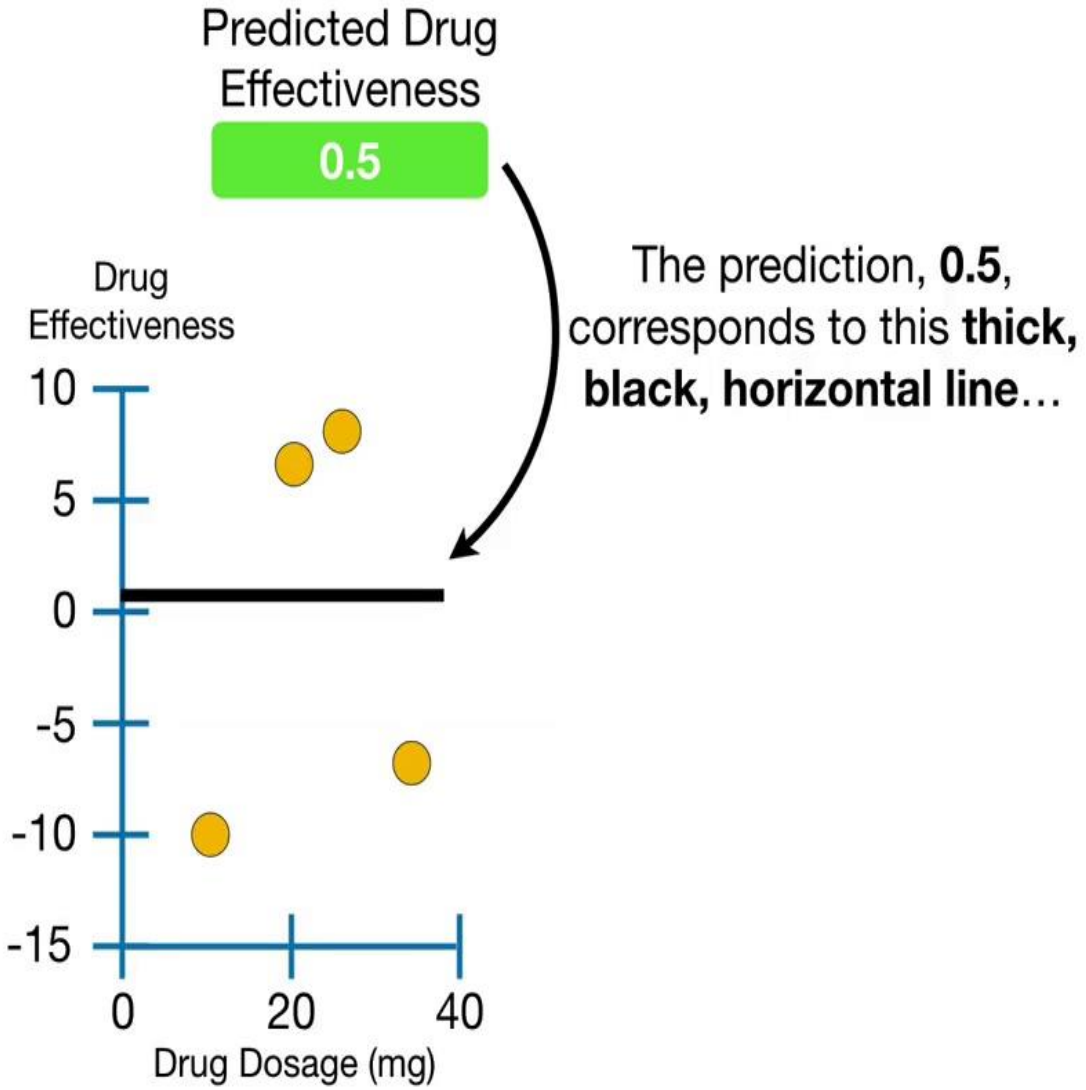

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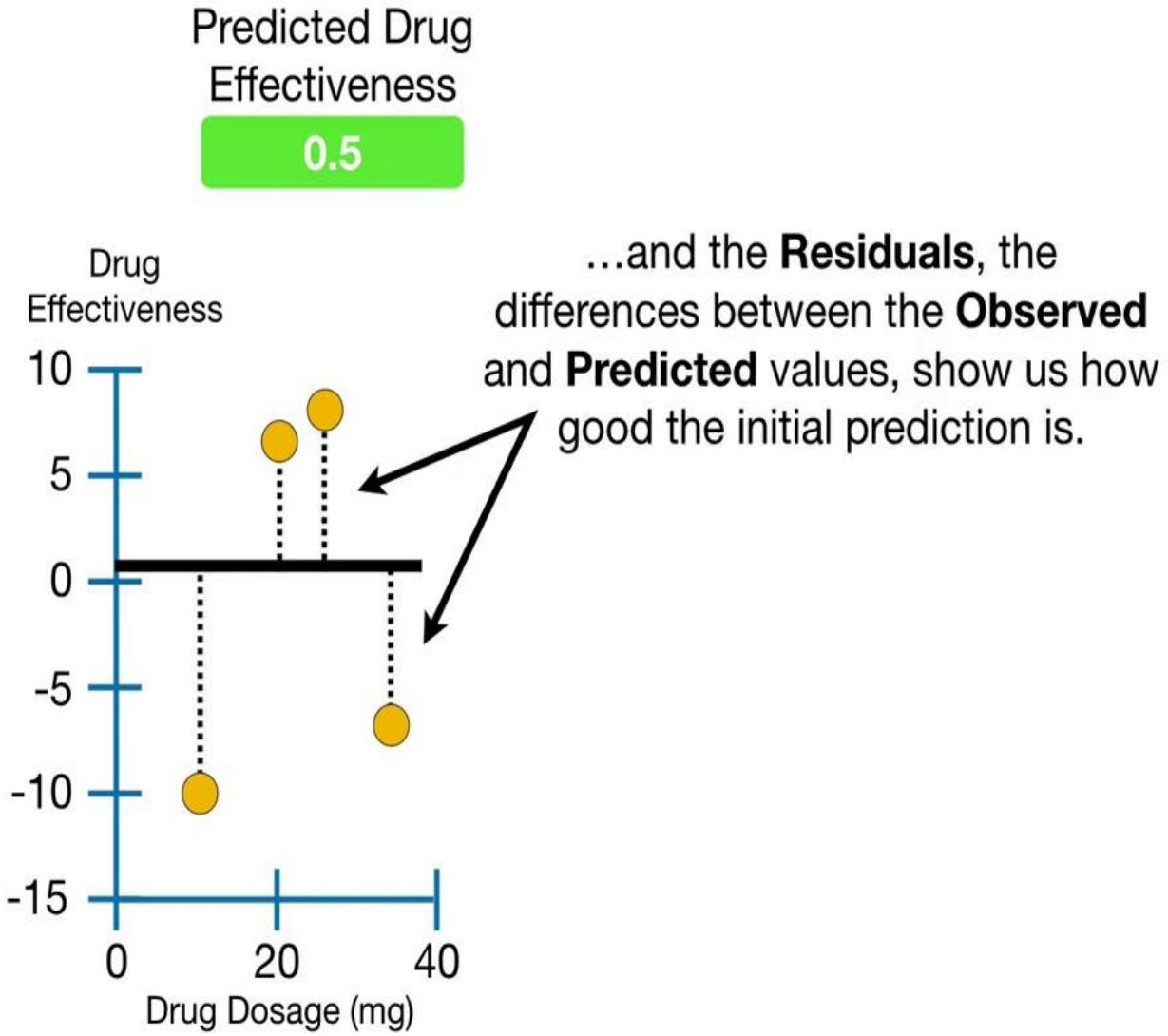

XGBoost Tree

Predicted Drug Effectiveness

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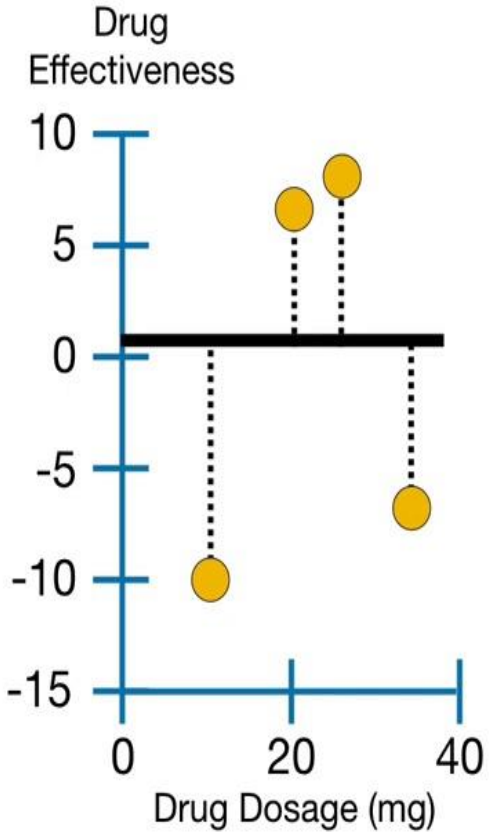
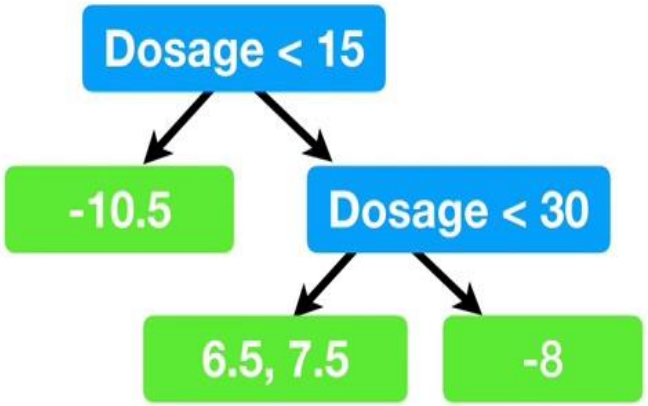
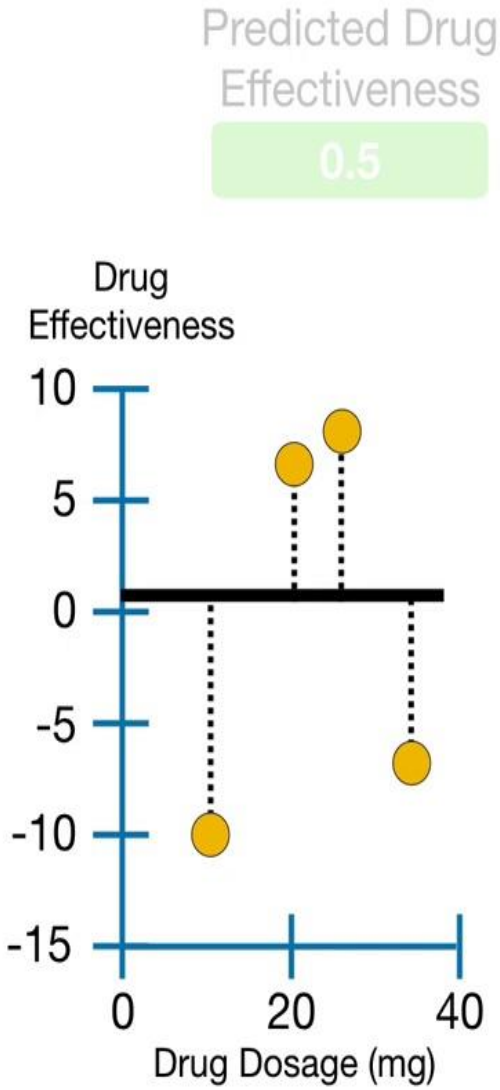
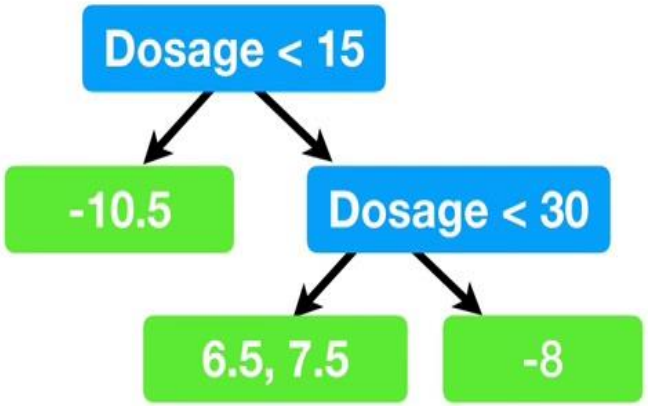




However, unlike unextreme **Gradient Boost**, which typically uses regular, off-the-shelf, **Regression Trees**…

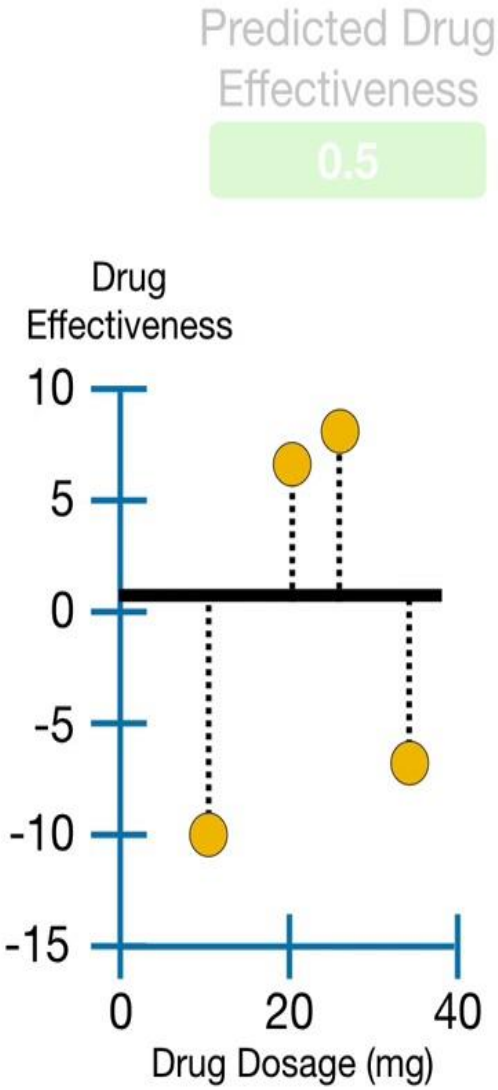
XGBoost Tree

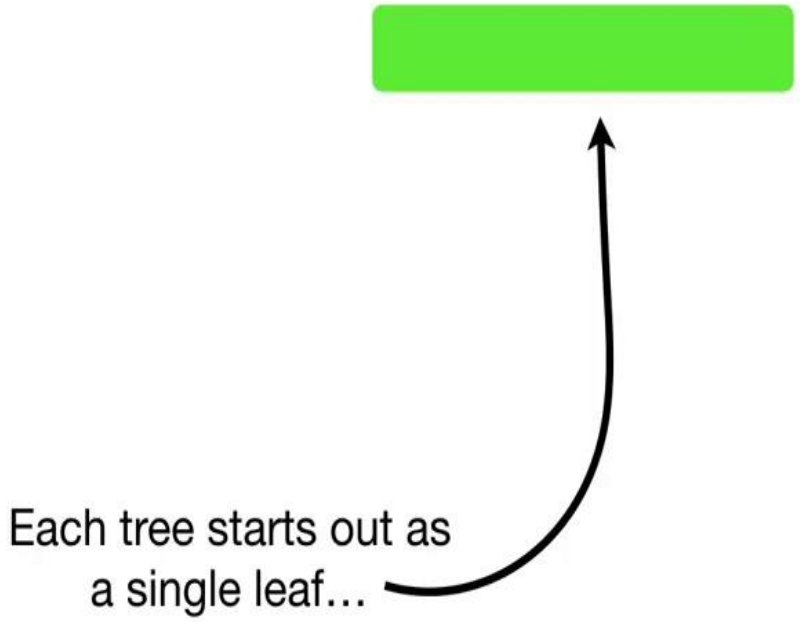




...**XGBoost** uses a unique **Regression Tree** that I call an **XGBoost Tree**.

XGBoost Tree





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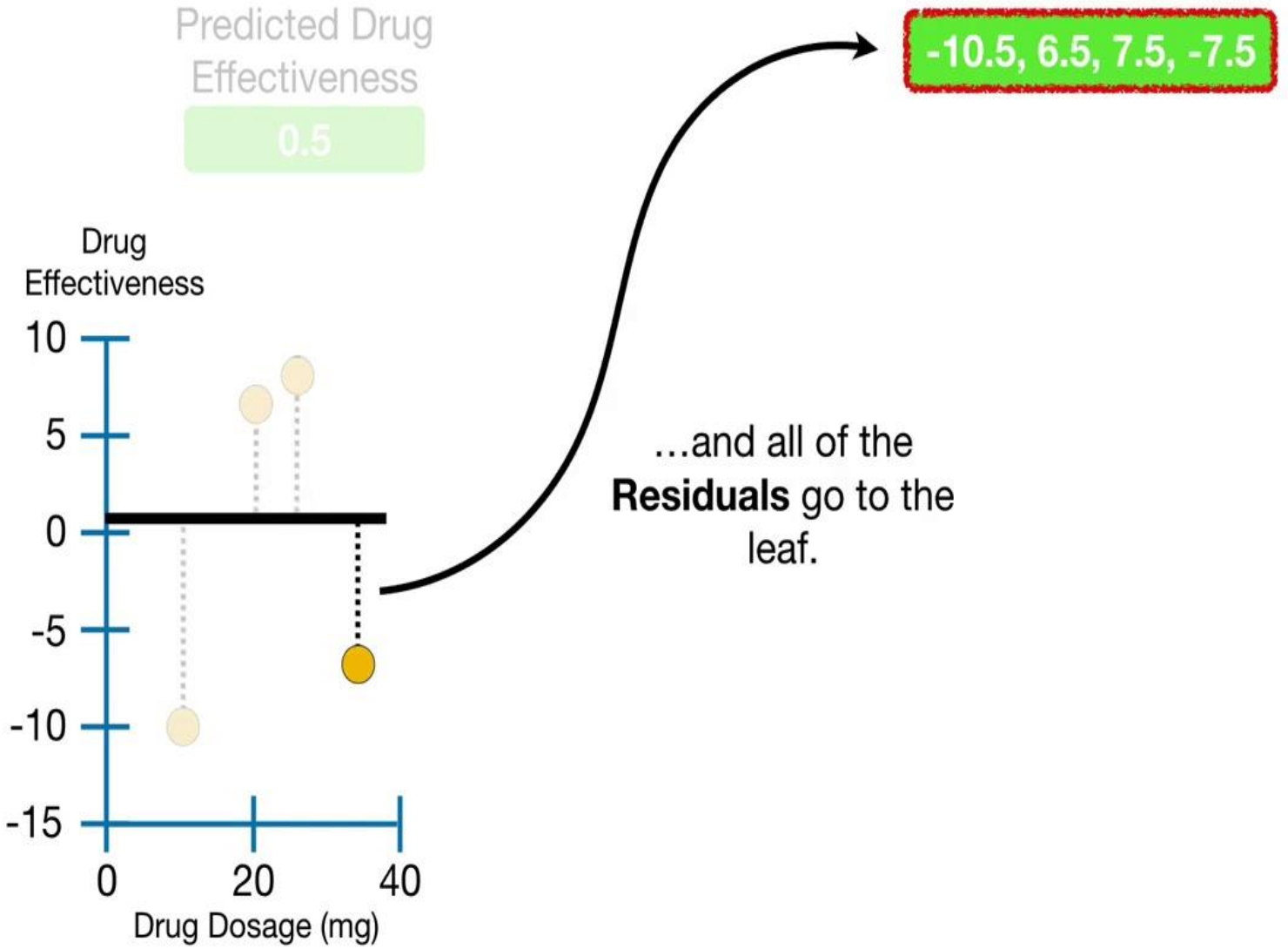

XGBoost Tree

Predicted Drug Effectiveness

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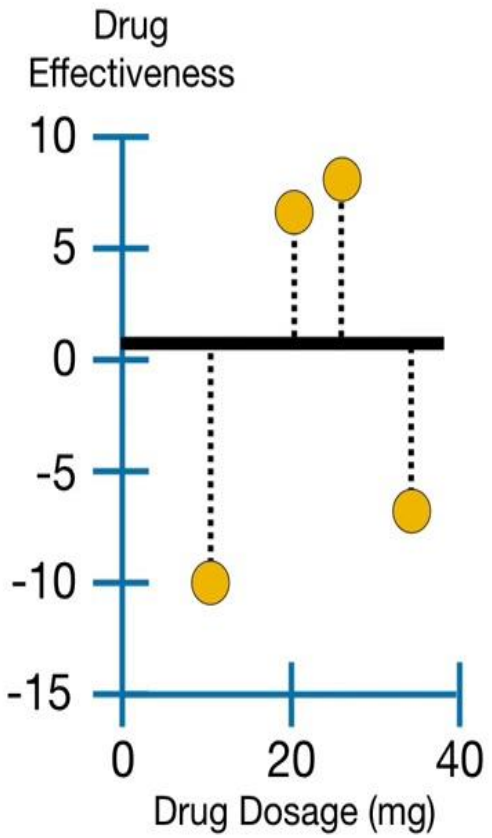
-10.5, 6.5, 7.5, -7.5



Now we calculate a **Quality Score**, or **Similarity Score**, for the **Residuals**.

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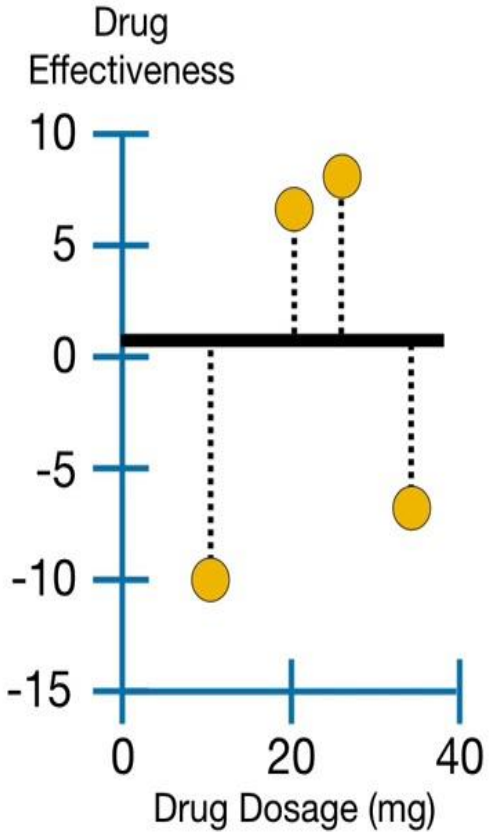

$$\text{Similarity Score} = \frac{\text{Sum of Residuals, Squared}}{\text{Number of Residuals} + \lambda}$$

NOTE: λ (lambda) is a **Regularization** parameter,

XGBoost Tree

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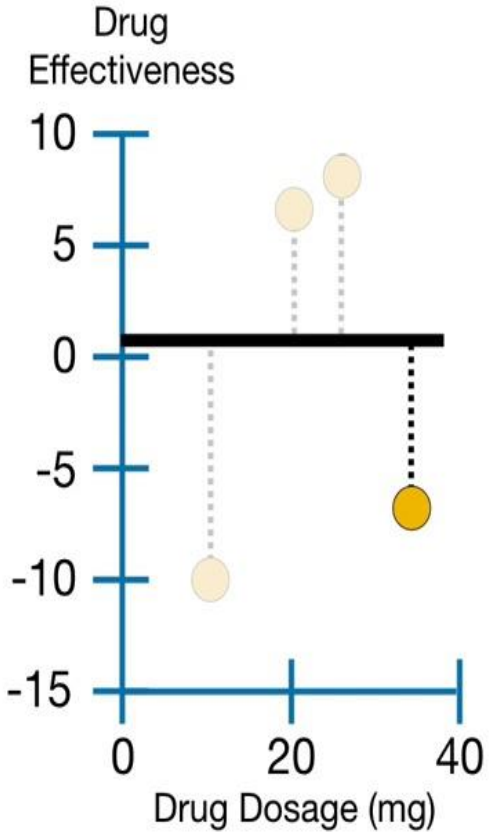

-10.5, 6.5, 7.5, -7.5

$$\text{Similarity Score} = \frac{(-10.5 + 6.5 + 7.5 + -7.5)^2}{4 + 0}$$

XGBoost Tree

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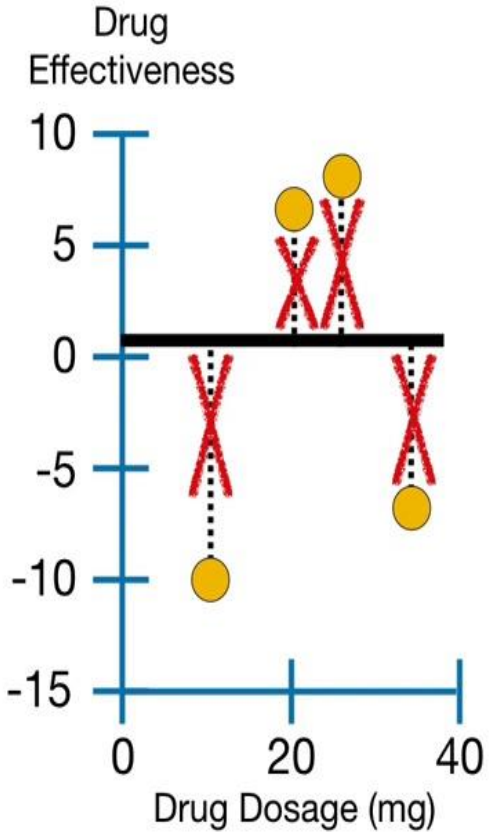

$$\text{Similarity Score} = \frac{(-4)^2}{4 + 0} = 4$$

Thus, the **Similarity Score** for the **Residuals** in the root = **4**.

XGBoost Tree

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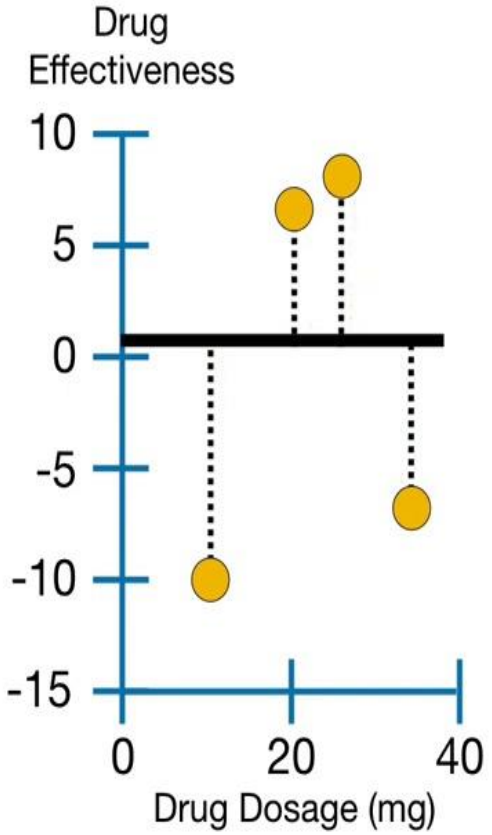

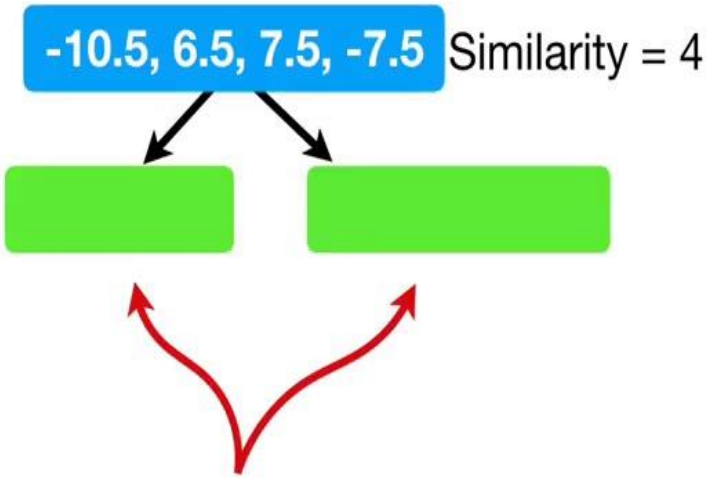

Now the question is whether or not we can do a better job clustering similar **Residuals** if we split them into two groups.

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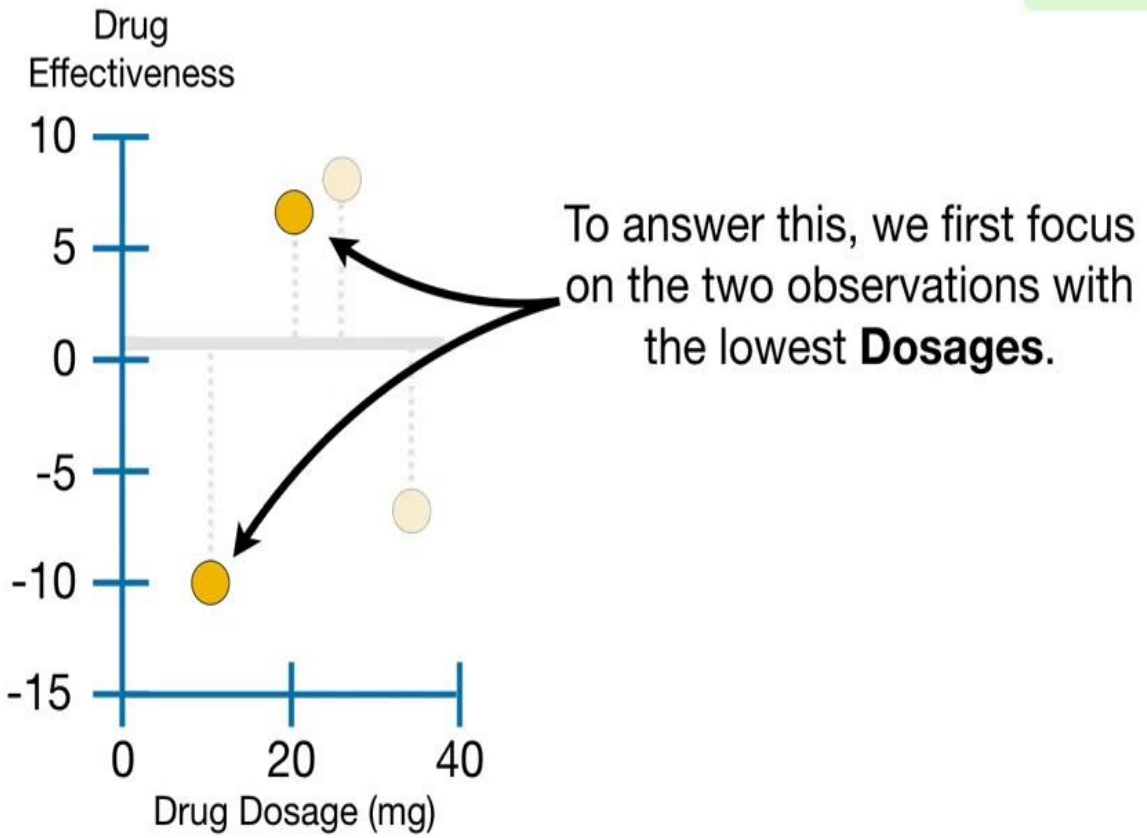

XGBoost Tree

Predicted Drug Effectiveness

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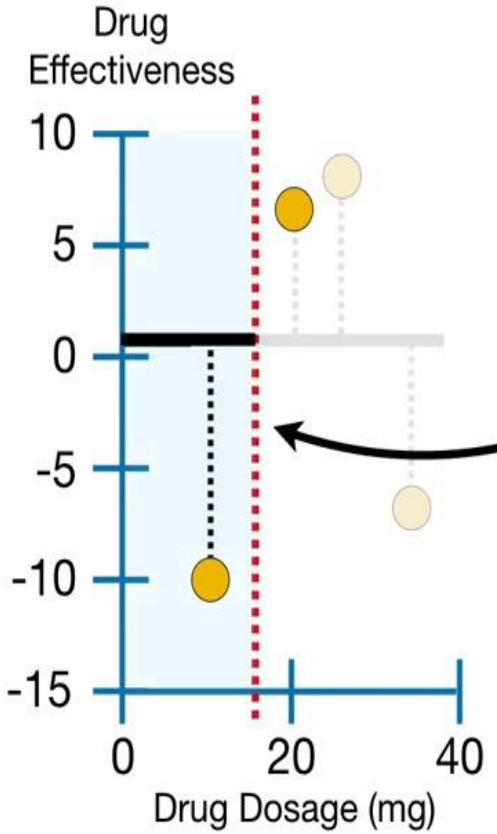
-10.5, 6.5, 7.5, -7.5 Similarity = 4



Their average **Dosage** is **15**, and that corresponds to this **dotted red line**.

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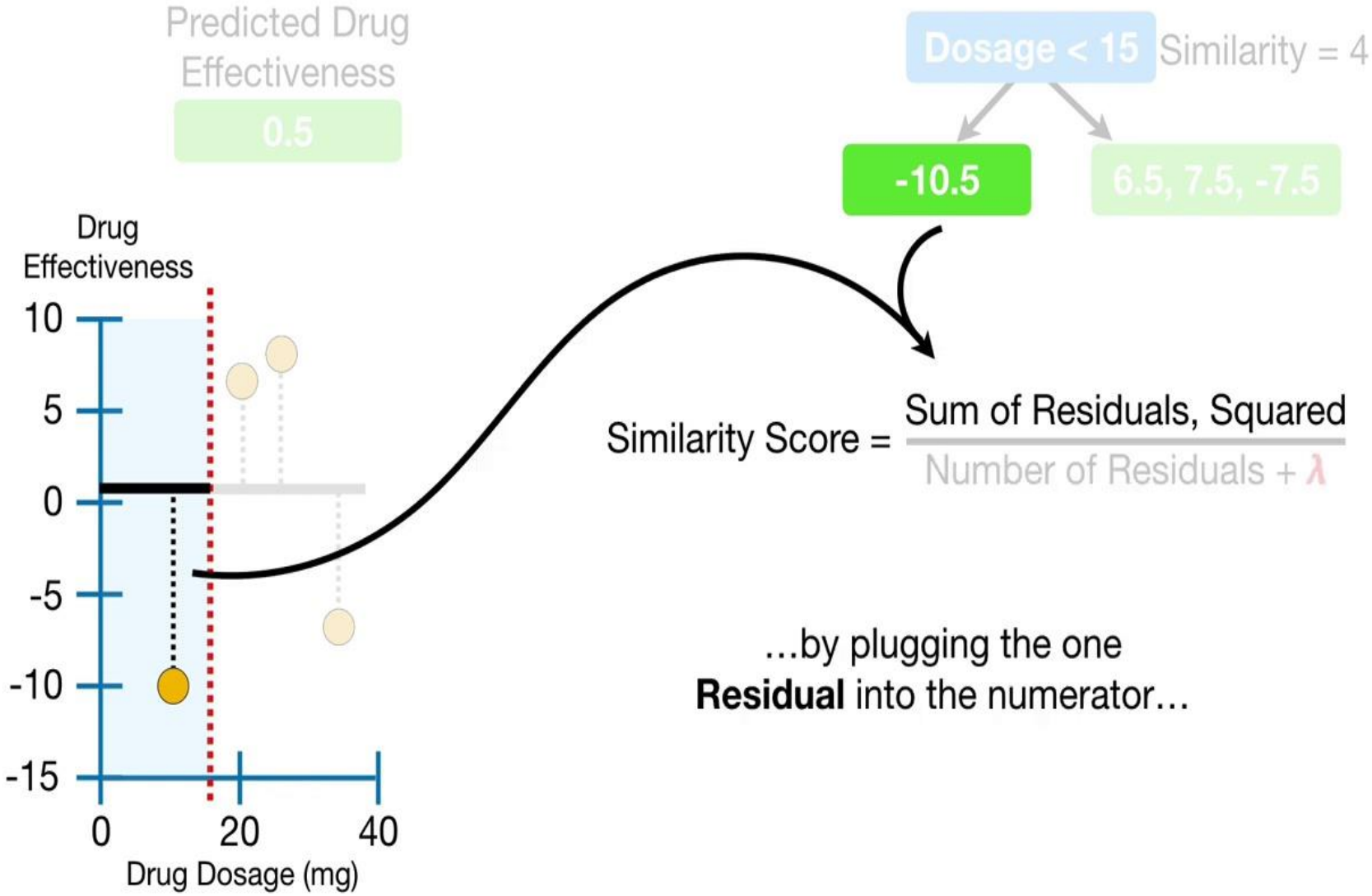

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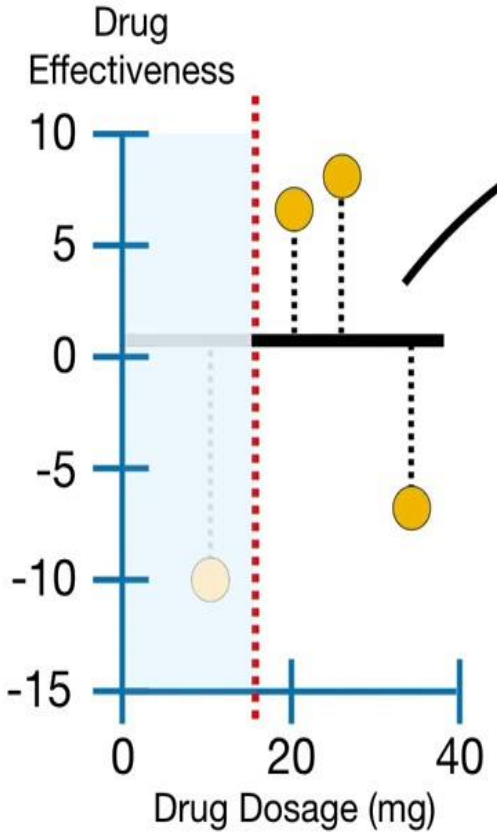

Predicted Drug Effectiveness

0.5

Dosage < 15

Similarity = 4

-10.5

6.5, 7.5, -7.5

Similarity =

110.25

$$\text{Similarity Score} = \frac{\text{Sum of Residuals, Squared}}{\text{Number of Residuals} + \lambda}$$

…and calculate the **Similarity Score** for the **Residuals** that go to the leaf on the right.

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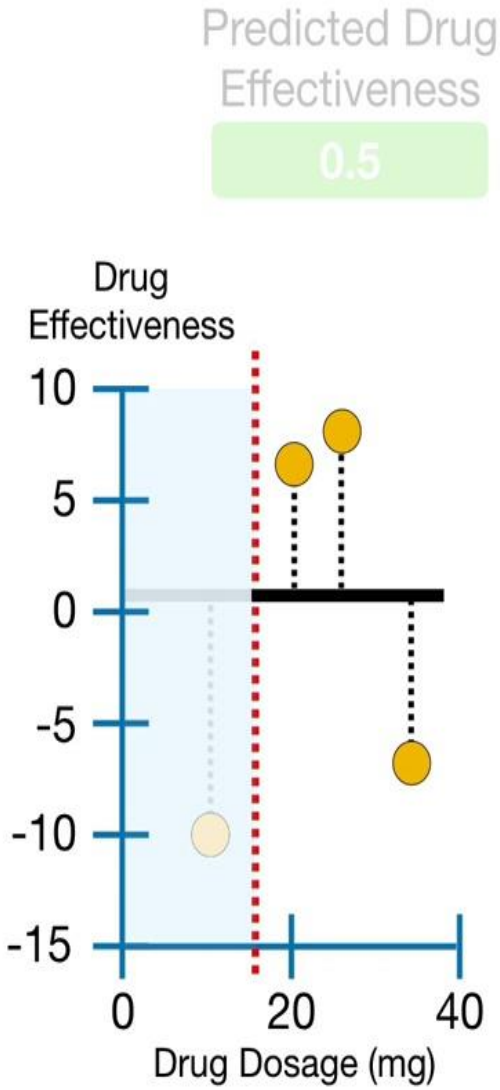

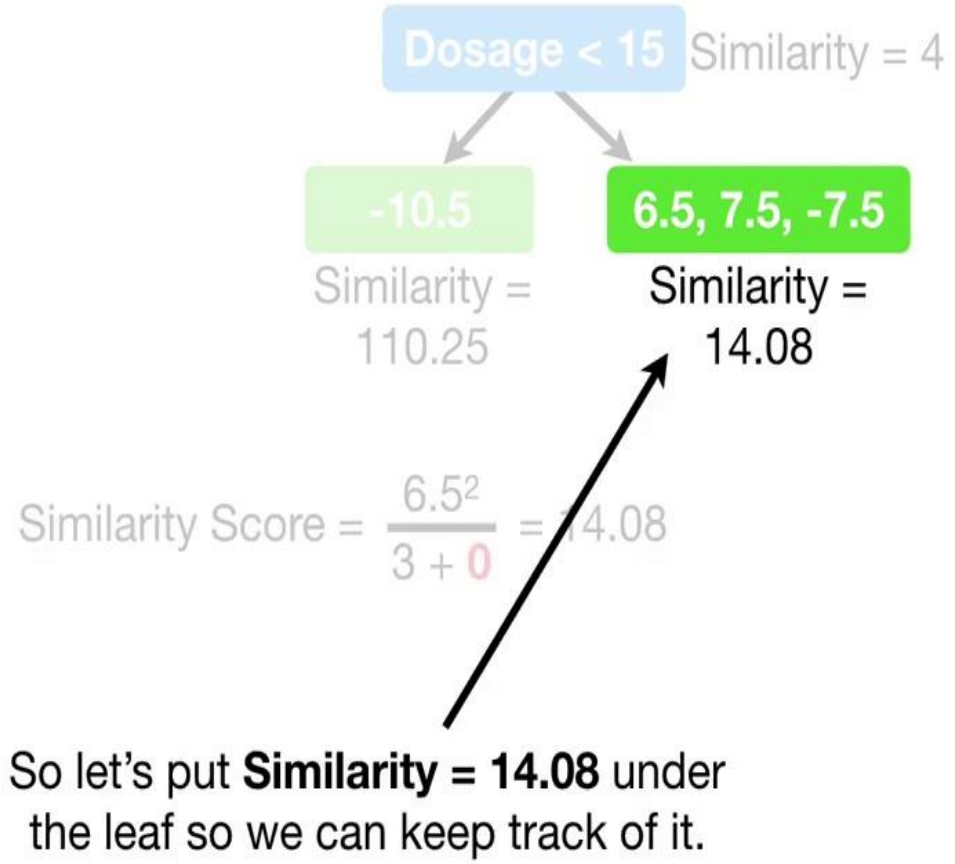

So let's put **Similarity = 14.08** under the leaf so we can keep track of it.

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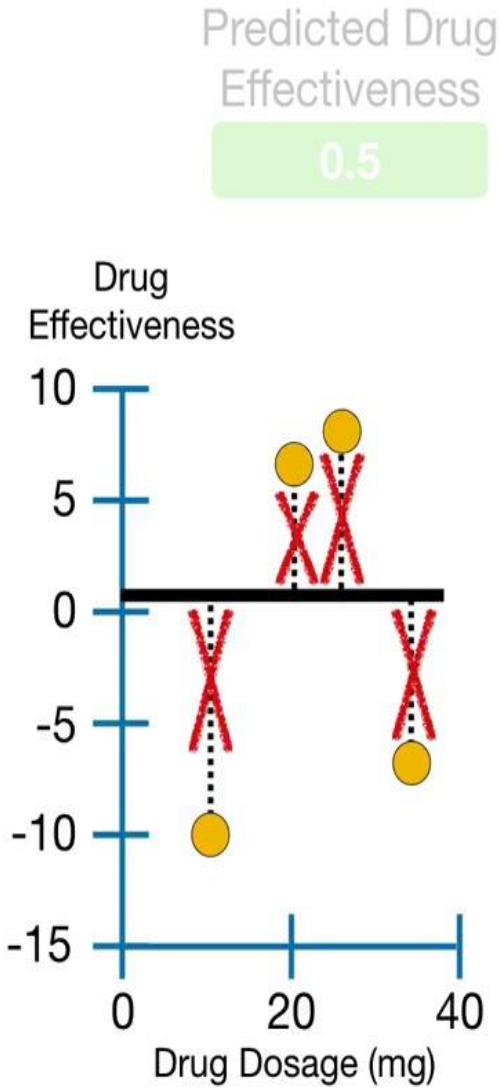

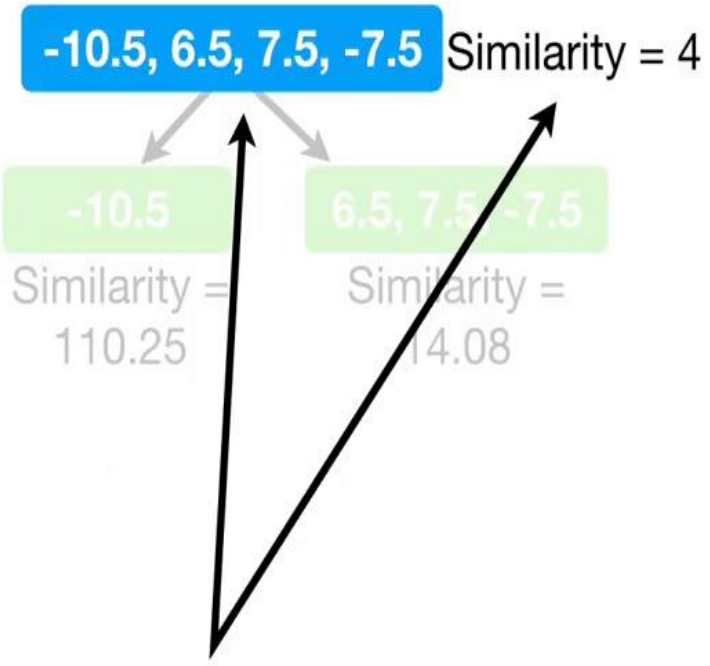

when the **Residuals** in a node are very different, they cancel each other out and the **Similarity Score** is relatively small.

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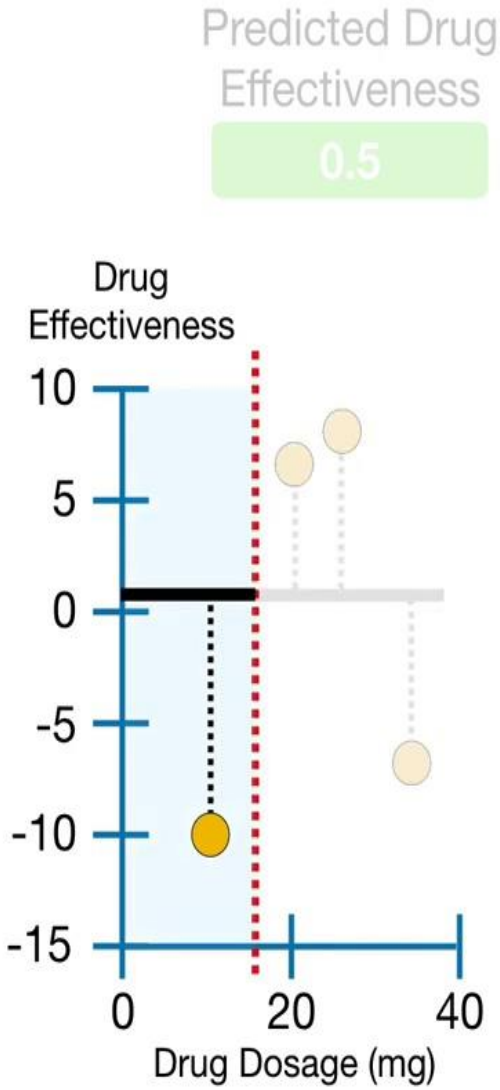

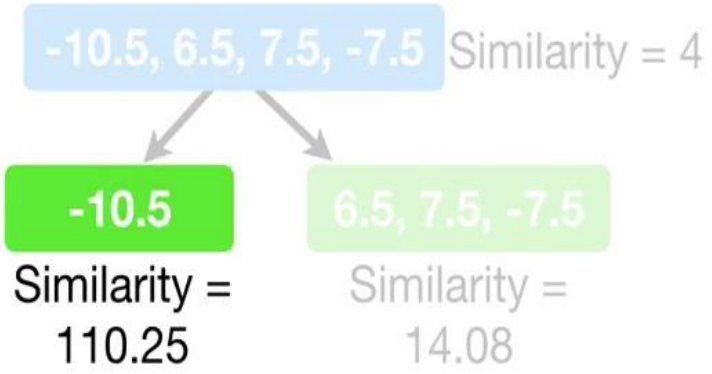

In contrast, when the **Residuals** are similar, or there is just one of them, they do not cancel out and the **Similarity Score** is relatively large.

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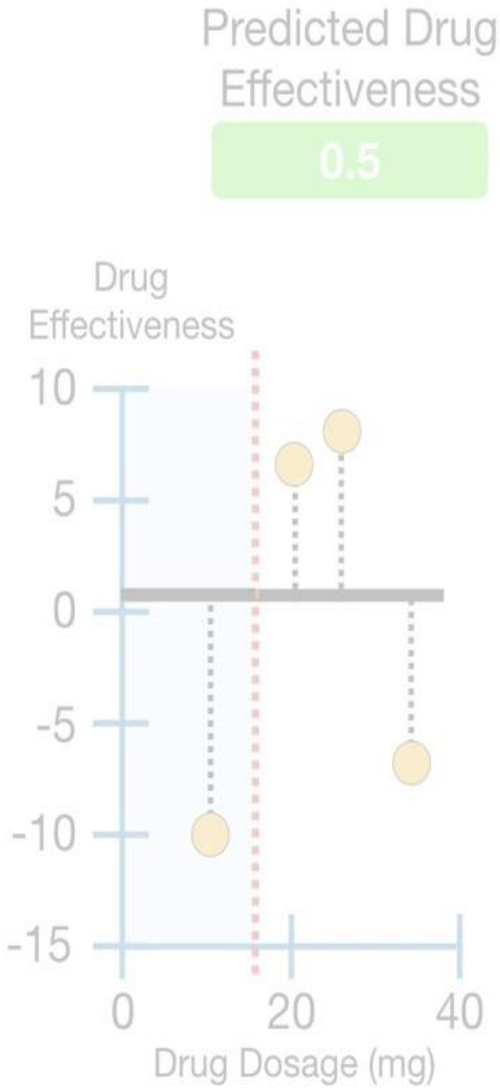

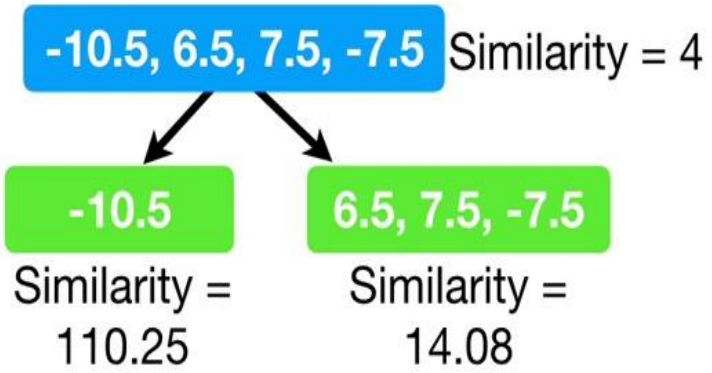

Now we need to quantify how much better the leaves cluster similar **Residuals** than the root.

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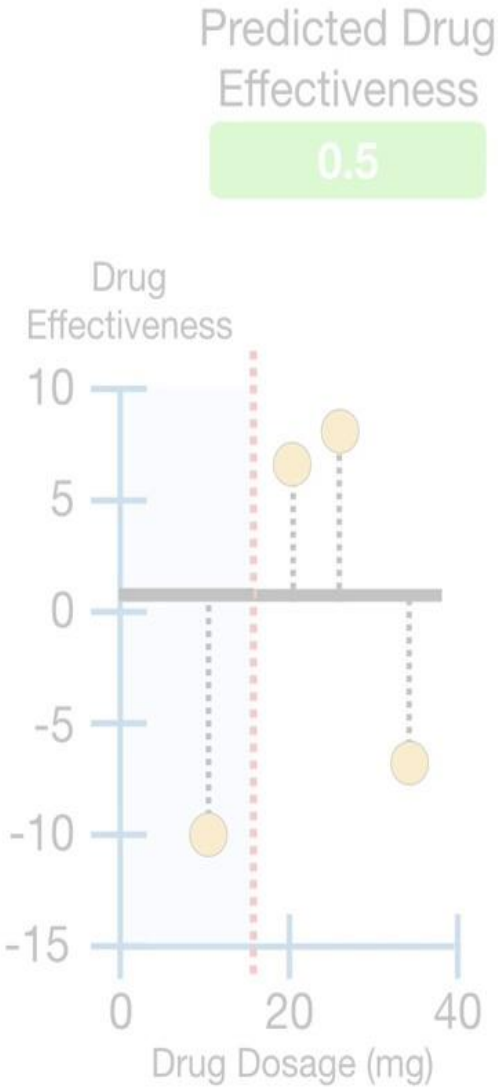

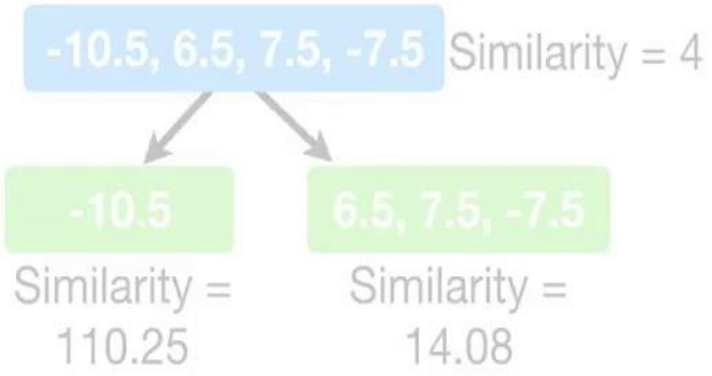

$$\text{Gain} = \text{Left}_{\text{Similarity}} + \text{Right}_{\text{Similarity}} - \text{Root}_{\text{Similarity}}$$

We do this by calculating the **Gain** of splitting the **Residuals** into two groups.

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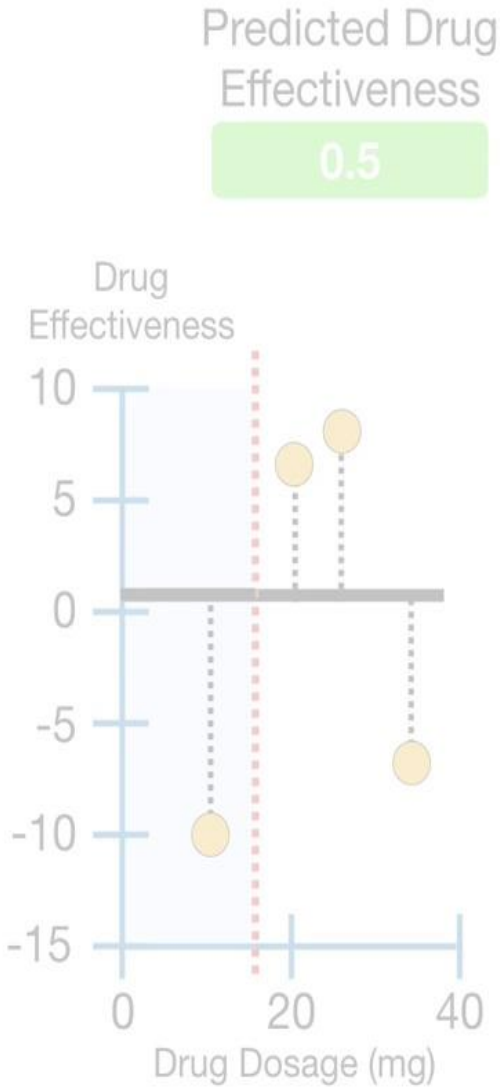

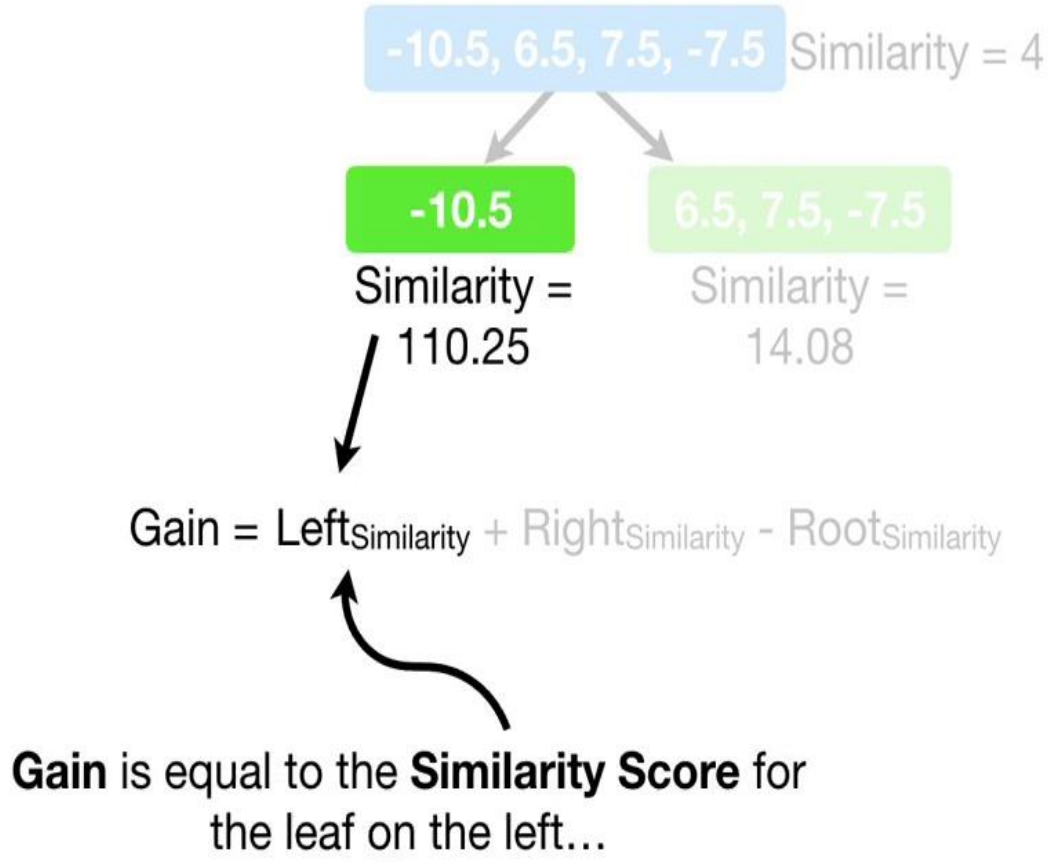

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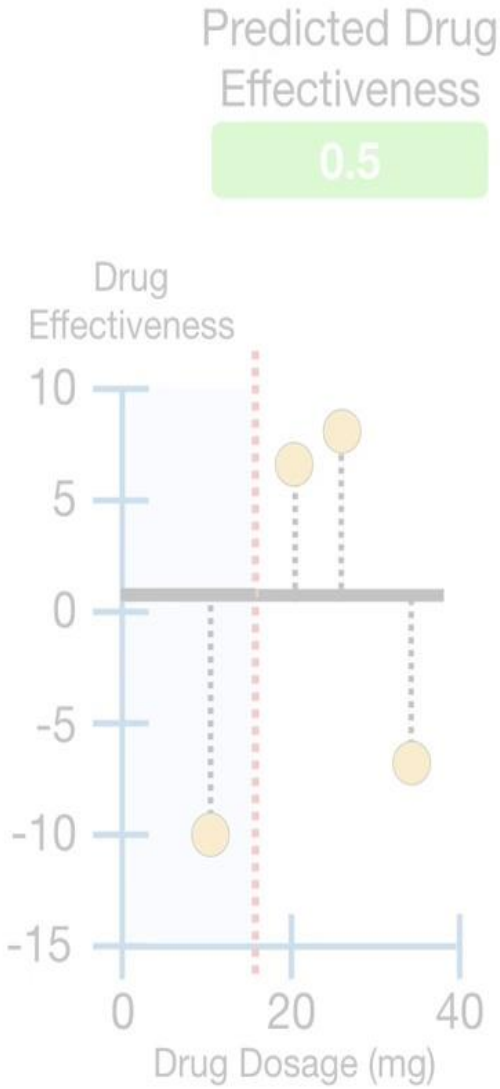

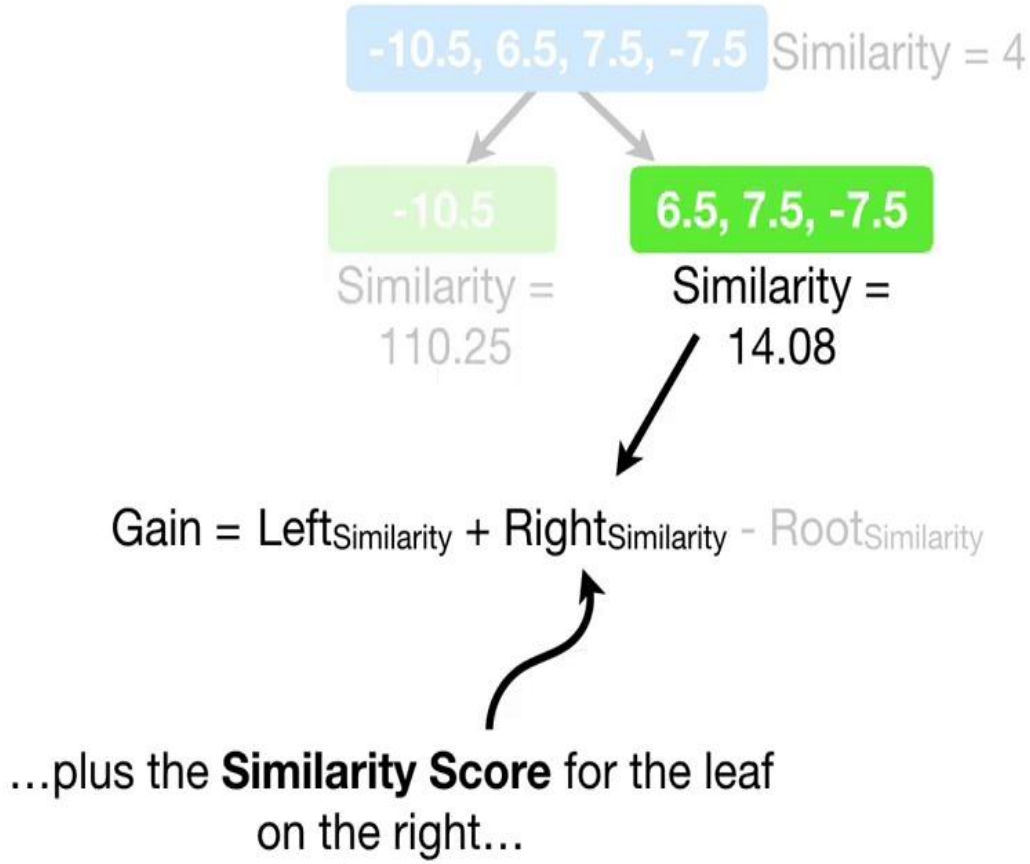

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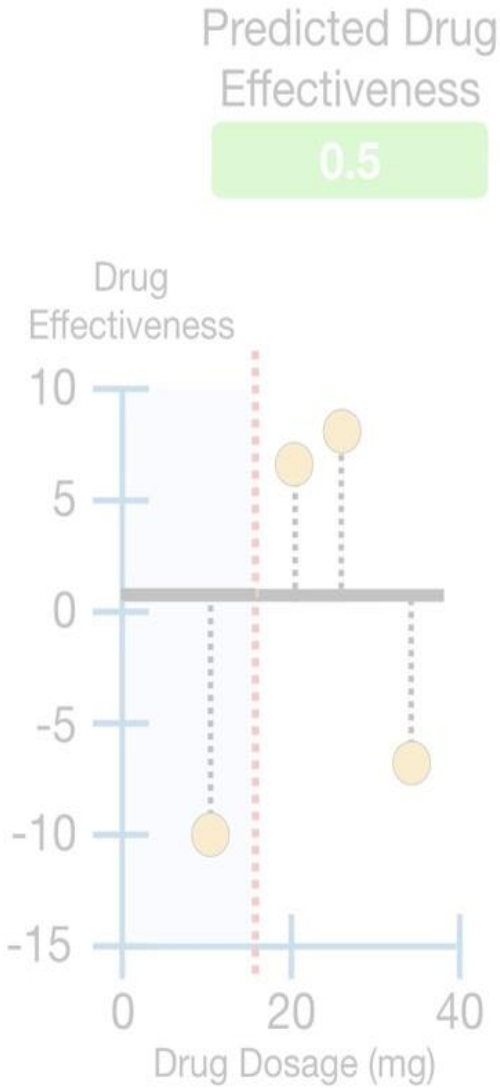

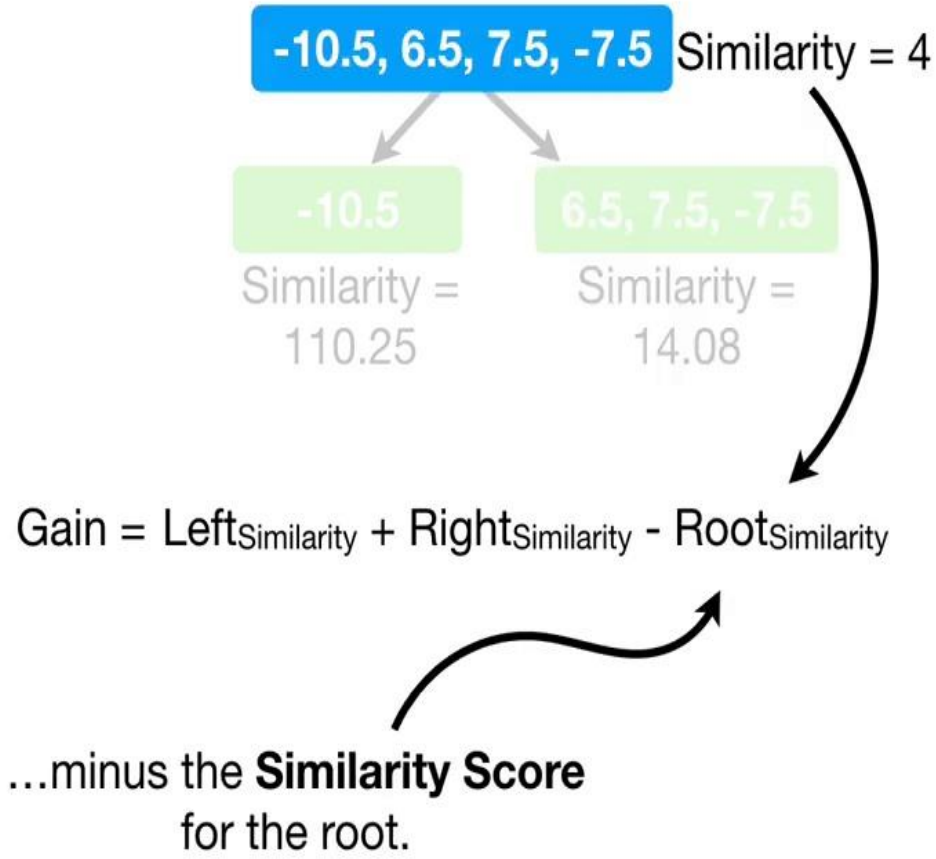

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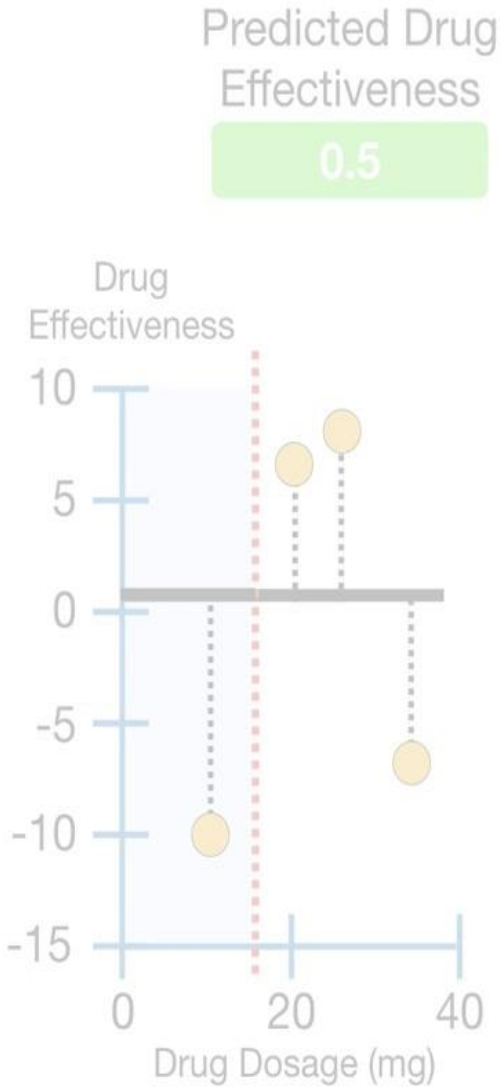

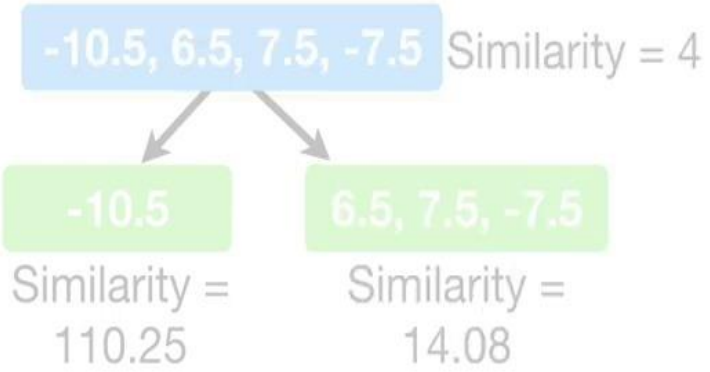

Gain = 110.25 + 14.08 - 4 = 120.33

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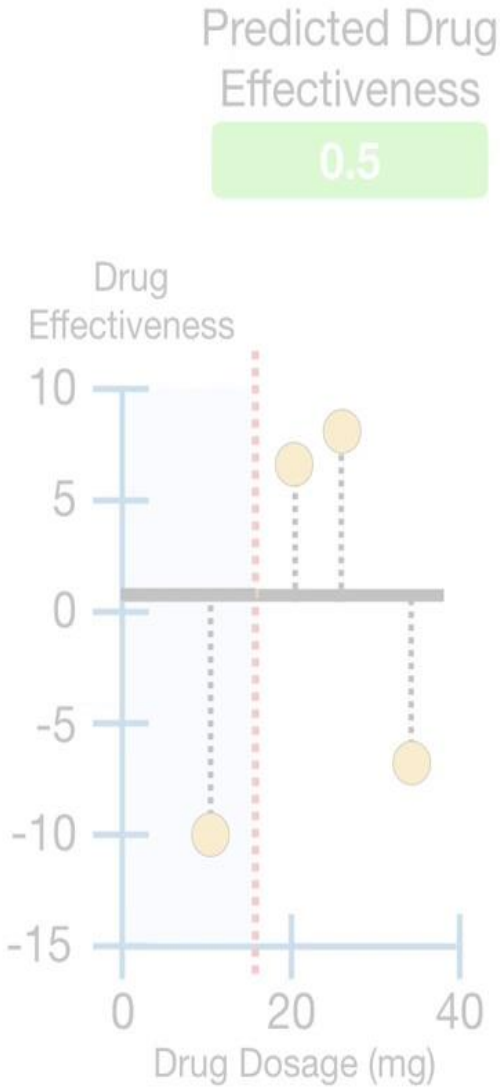

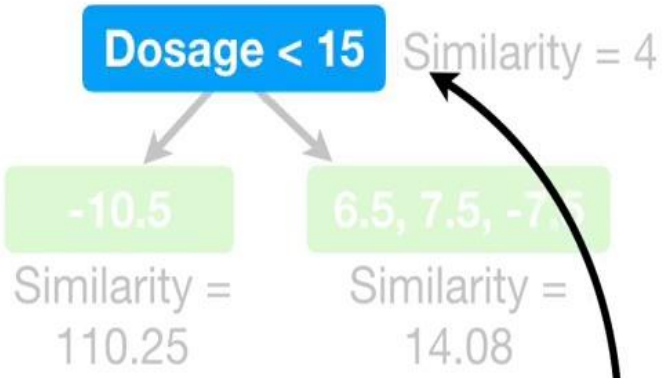

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Now that we have calculated the **Gain** for the threshold **Dosage < 15**, we can compare it to the **Gain** calculated for other thresholds.

XGBoost Tree

Predicted Drug Effectiveness

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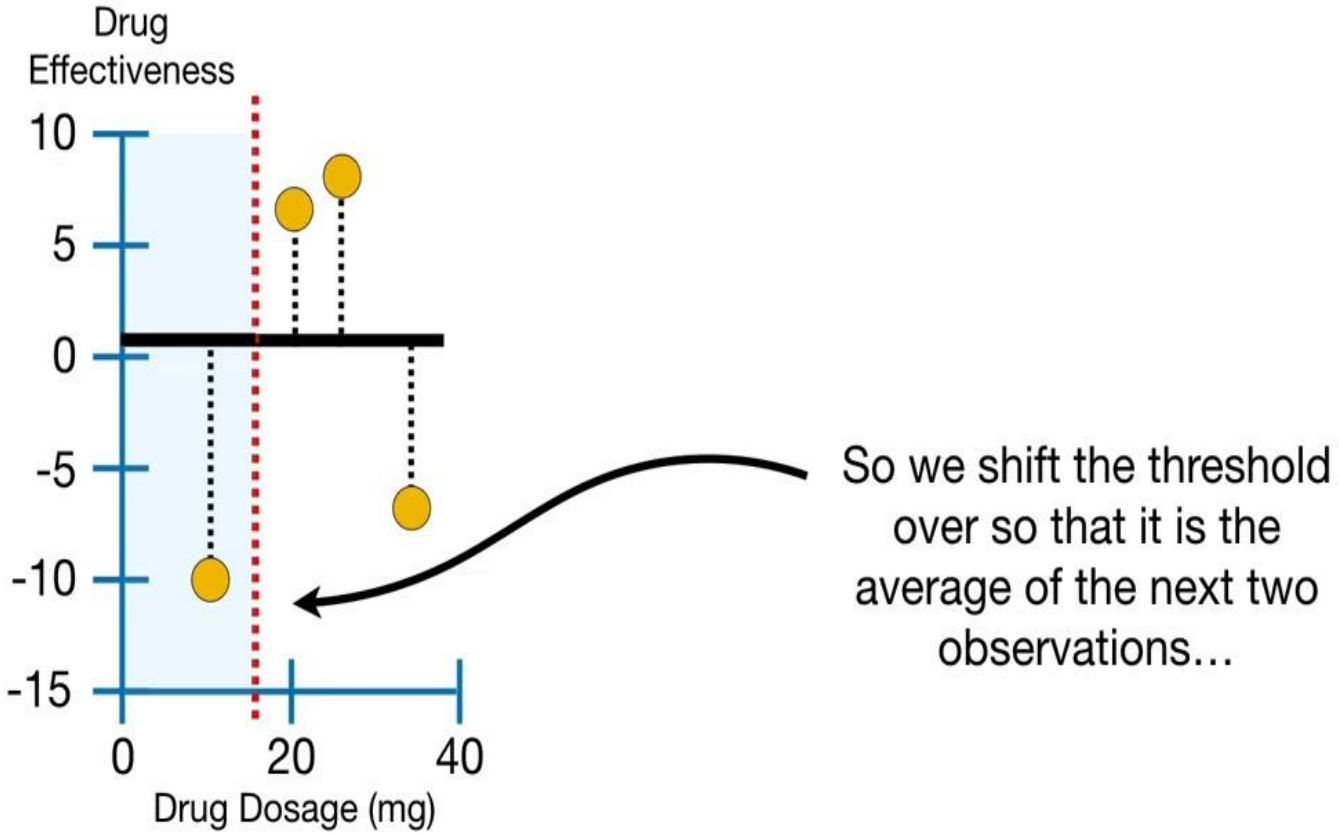

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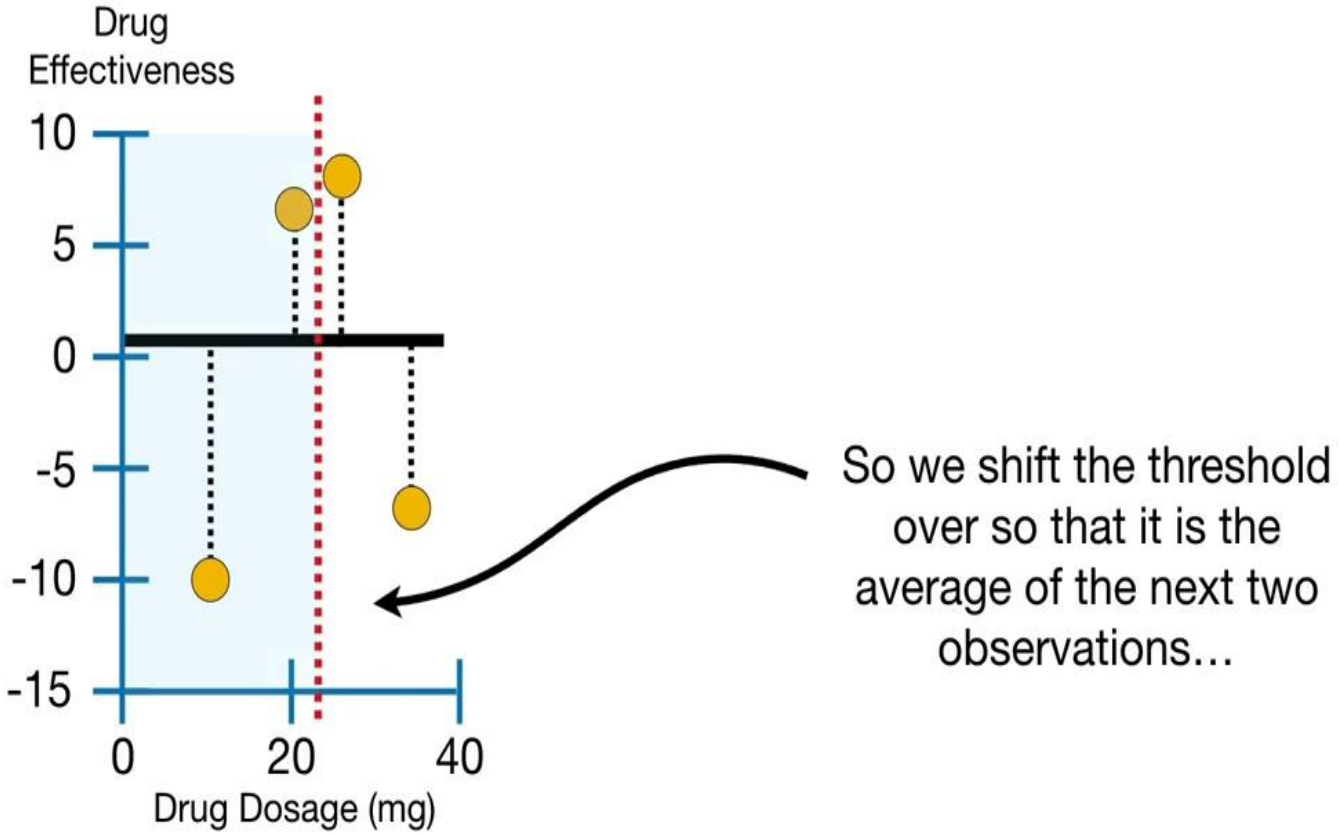

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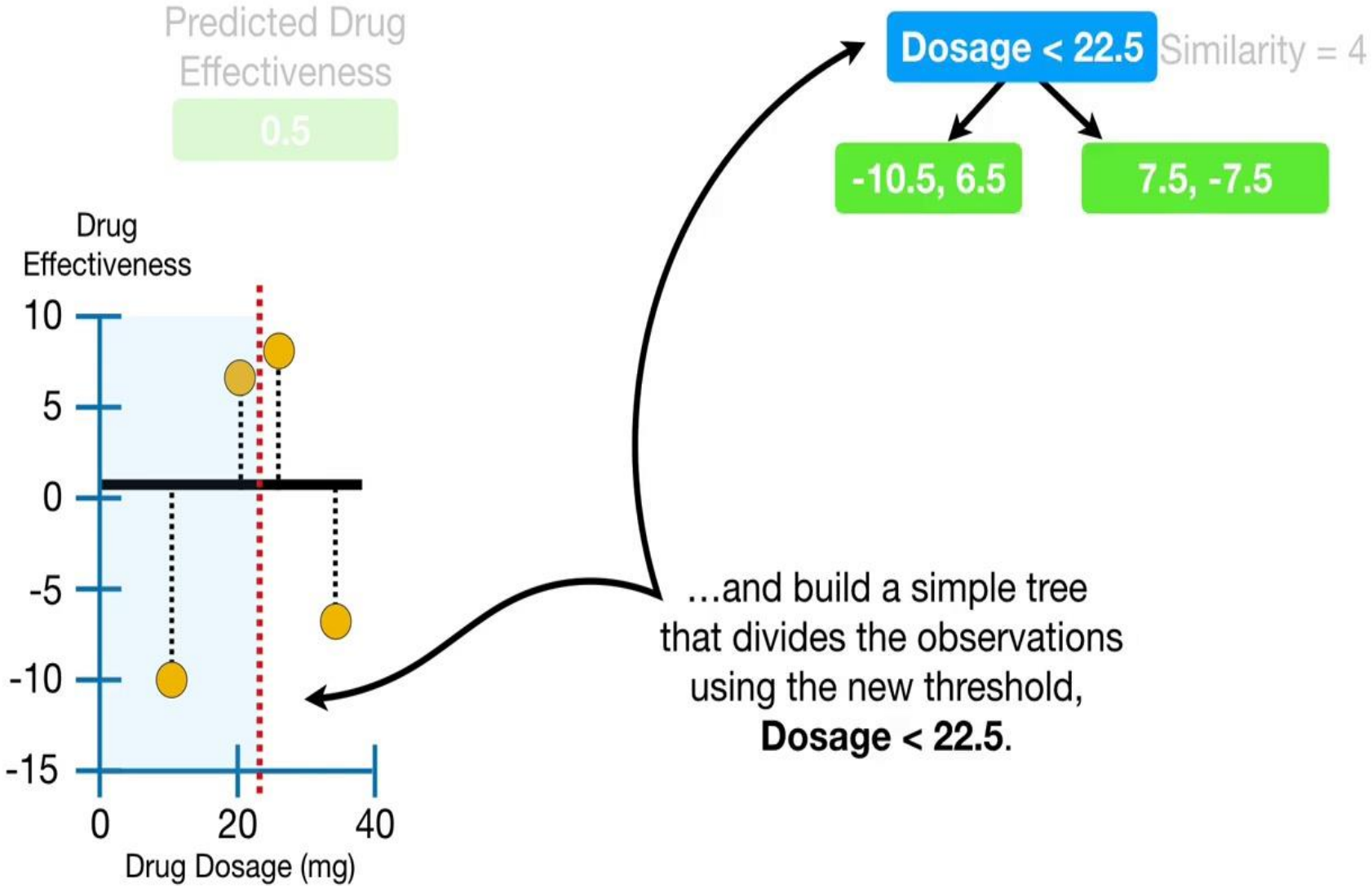

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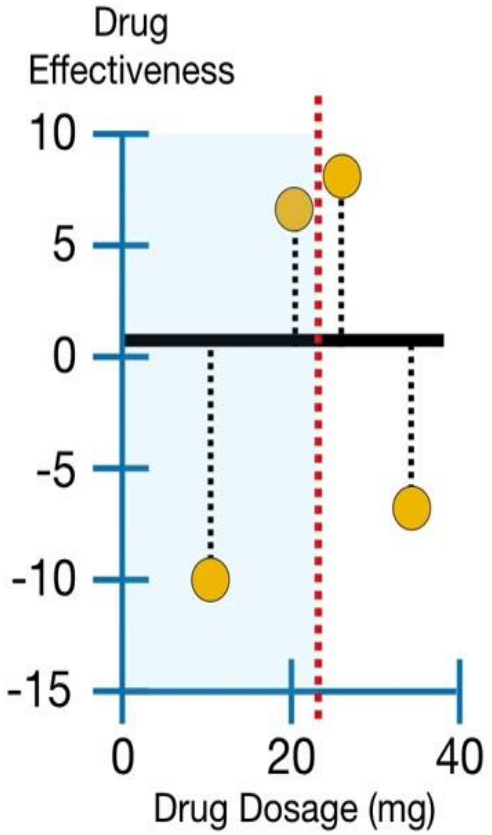

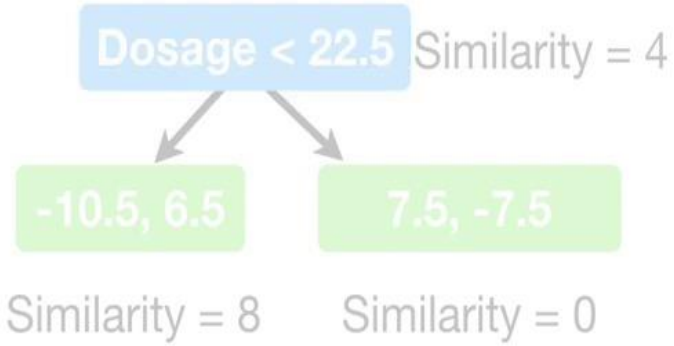

Gain = 8 + 0 - 4 = 4

Since the **Gain** for **Dosage < 22.5** (**Gain = 4**) is less than the **Gain** for **Dosage < 15** (**Gain = 120.33**), **Dosage < 15** is better at splitting the **Residuals** into clusters of similar values.

XGBoost Tree

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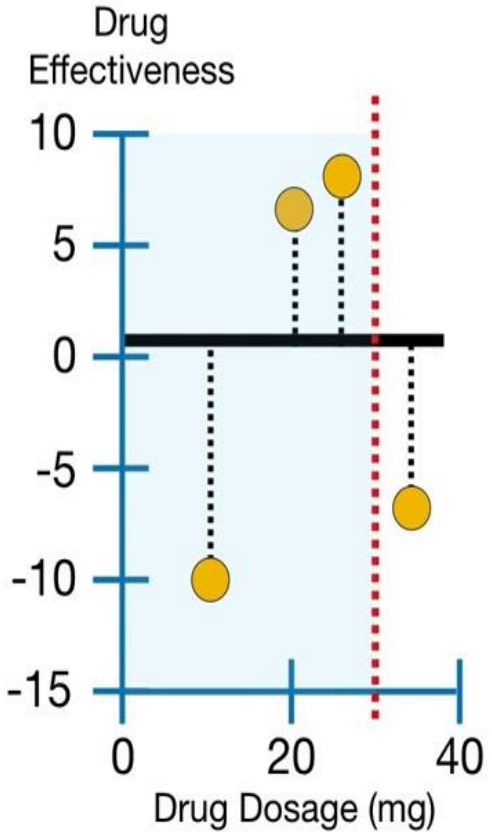
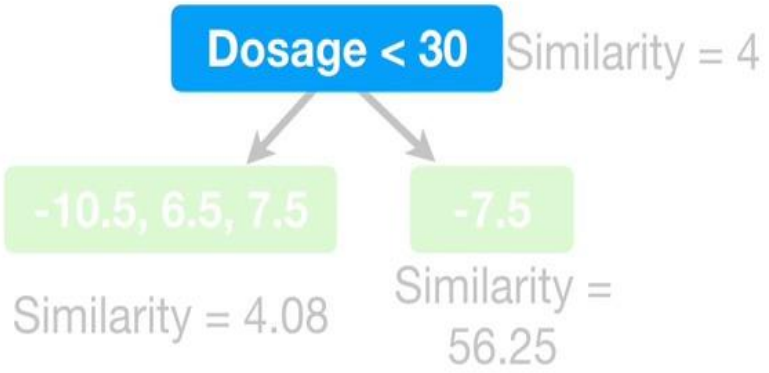
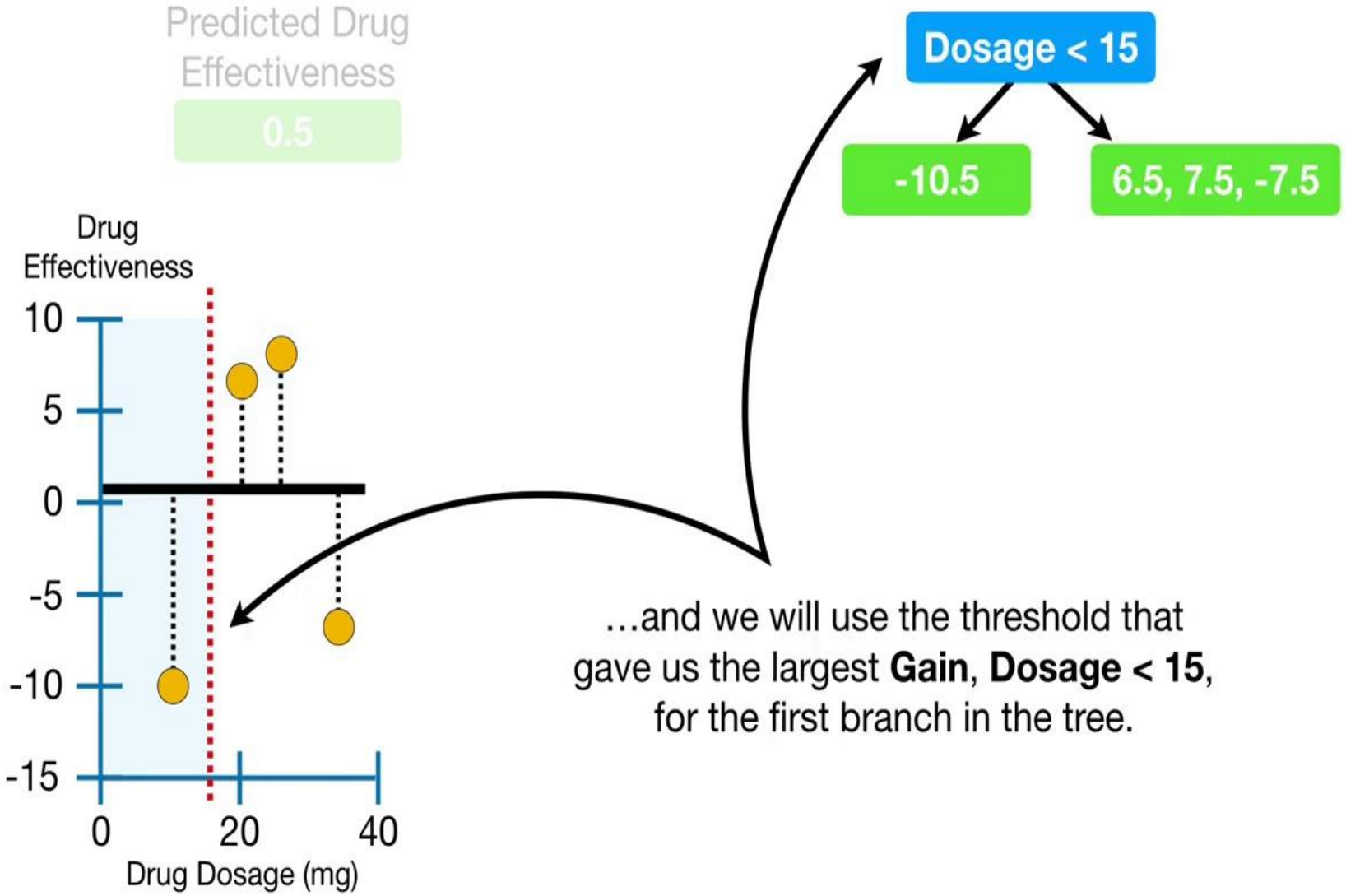




Gain = 4.08 + 56.25 - 4 = 56.33

Again, since the **Gain** for **Dosage < 30** (**Gain = 56.33**) is less than the **Gain** for **Dosage < 15** (**Gain = 120.33**), **Dosage < 15** is better at splitting the observations.

XGBoost Tree



XGBoost Tree

Predicted Drug Effectiveness

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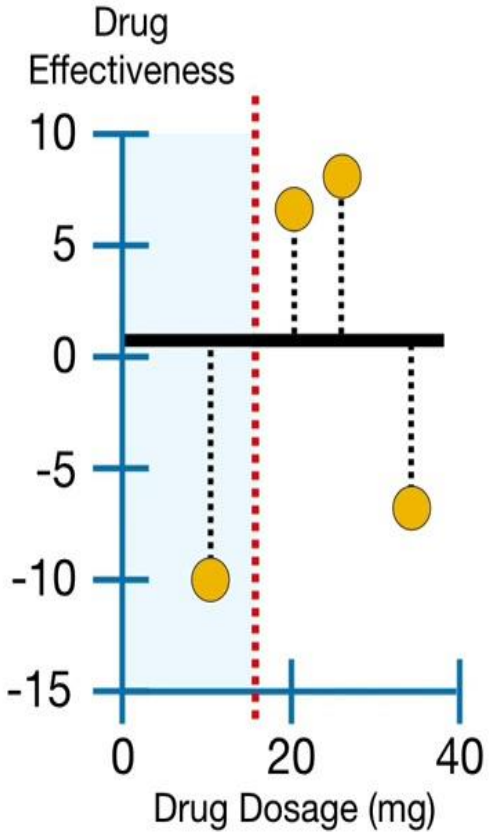

Now, since there is only one **Residual** in the leaf on the left, we can't split it any further.

XGBoost Tree

Predicted Drug Effectiveness

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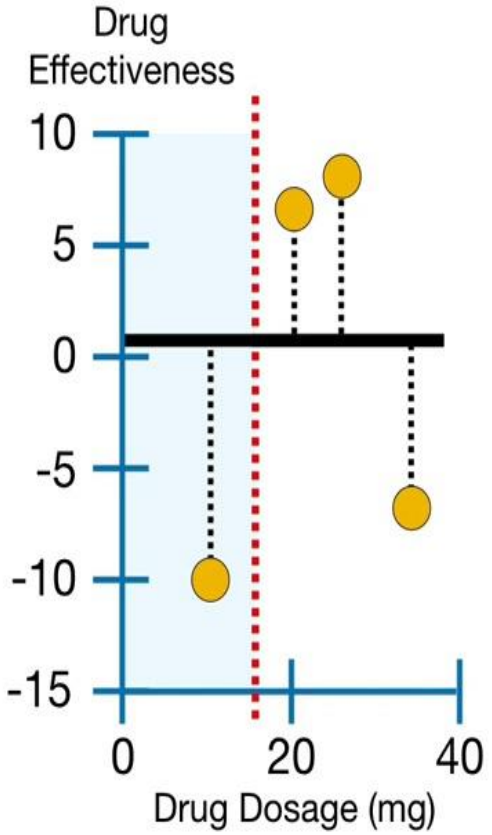
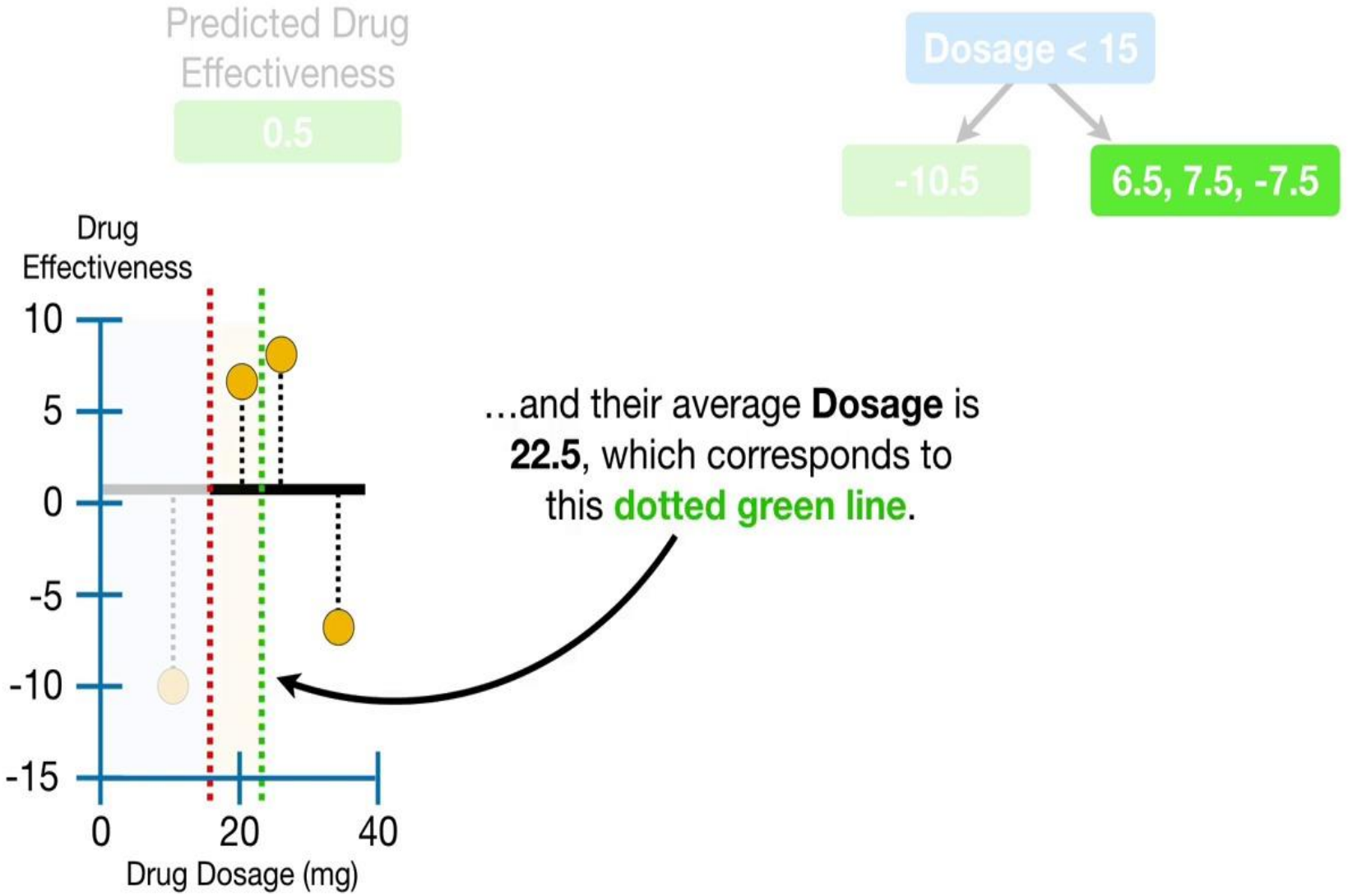


However, we can split the **3 Residuals** in the leaf on the right.

XGBoost Tree

XGBoost Tree



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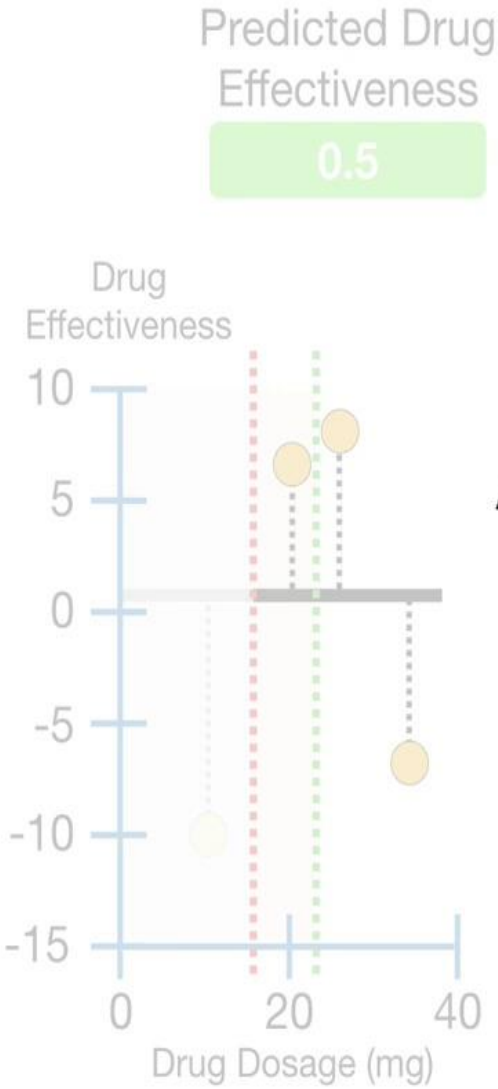
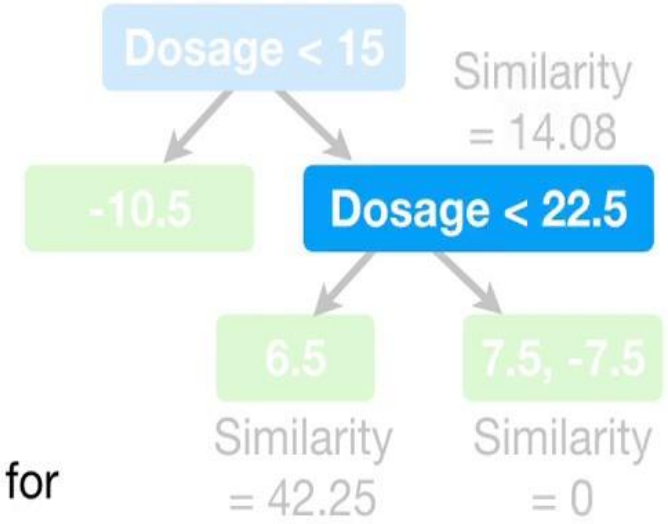
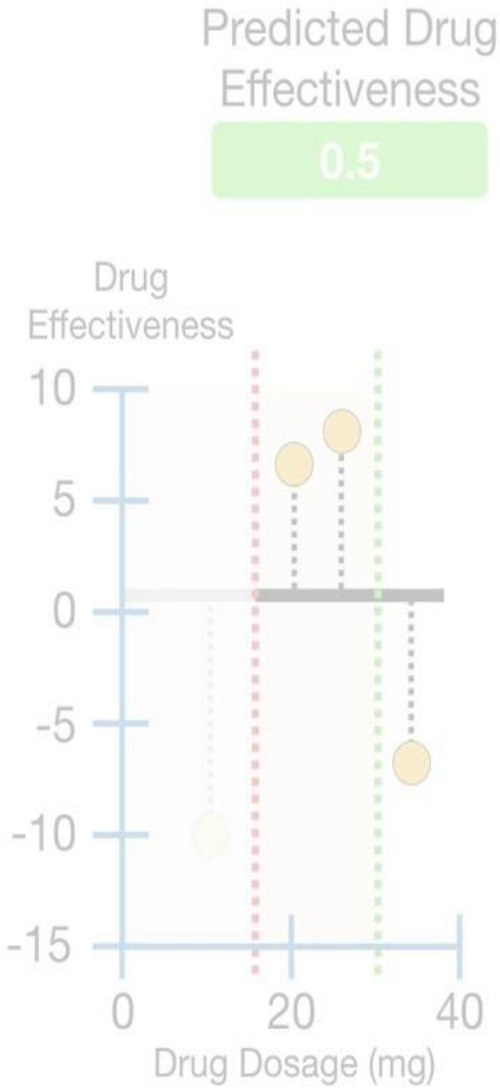


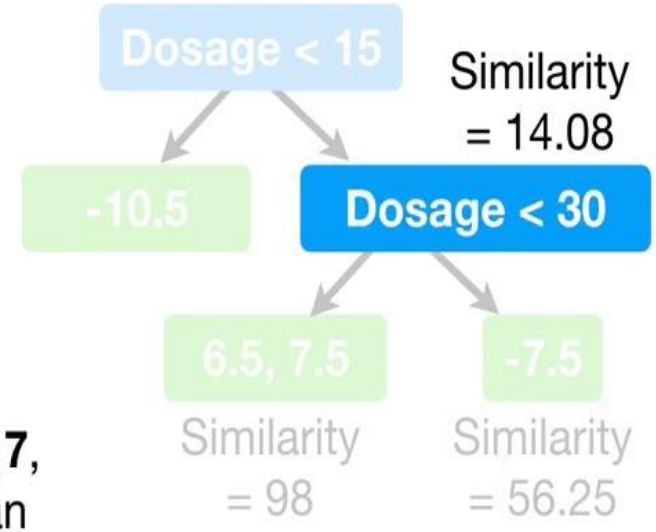


And we get **Gain = 28.17** for when the threshold is **Dosage < 22.5**.

Gain = 42.25 + 0 - 14.08 = 28.17

XGBoost Tree

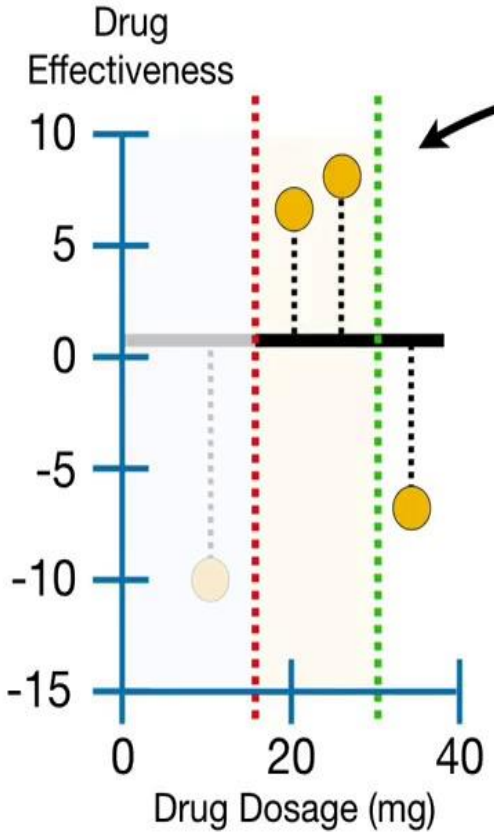




And we get **Gain = 140.17**, which is much larger than **28.17**, when the threshold was **Dosage < 22.5**.

Gain = 98 + 56.25 - 14.08 = 140.17

XGBoost Tree



Predicted Drug Effectiveness

0.5

Dosage < 15

Dosage < 30

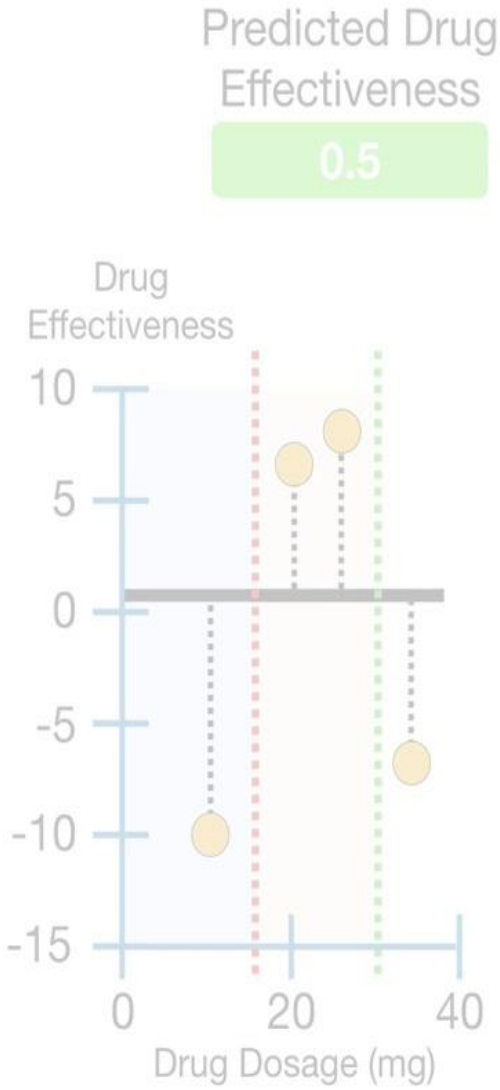
6.5, 7.5

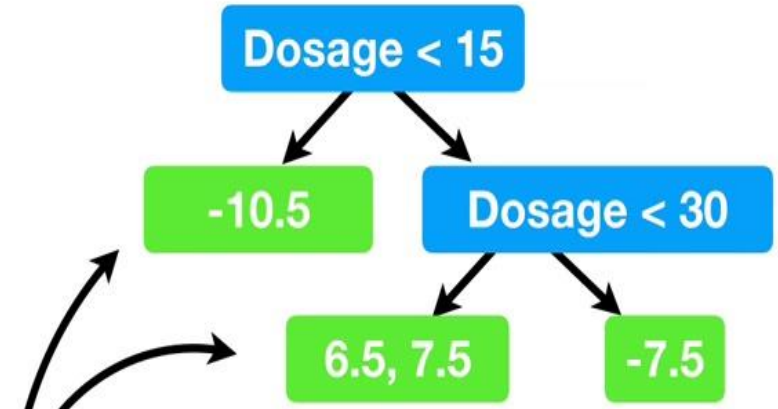
-7.5

So we will use **Dosage < 30** as the threshold for this branch.

Gain = 98 + 56.25 - 14.08 = 140.17

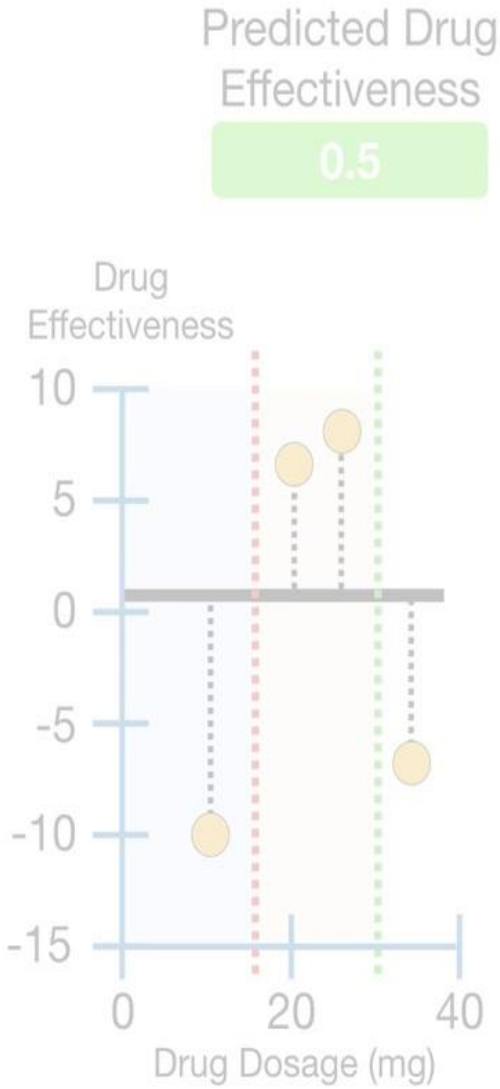
XGBoost Tree

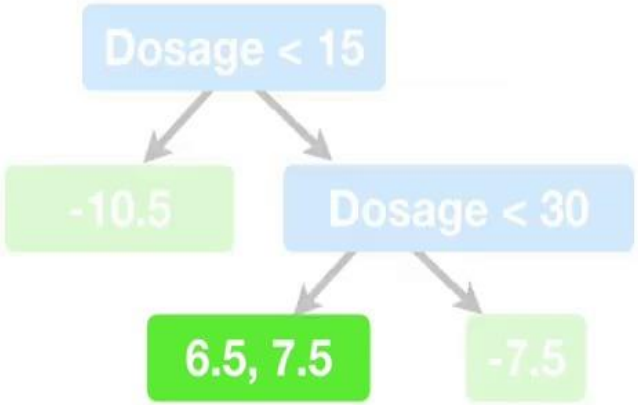




NOTE: To keep this example from getting out of hand, I've limited the tree depth to two levels…

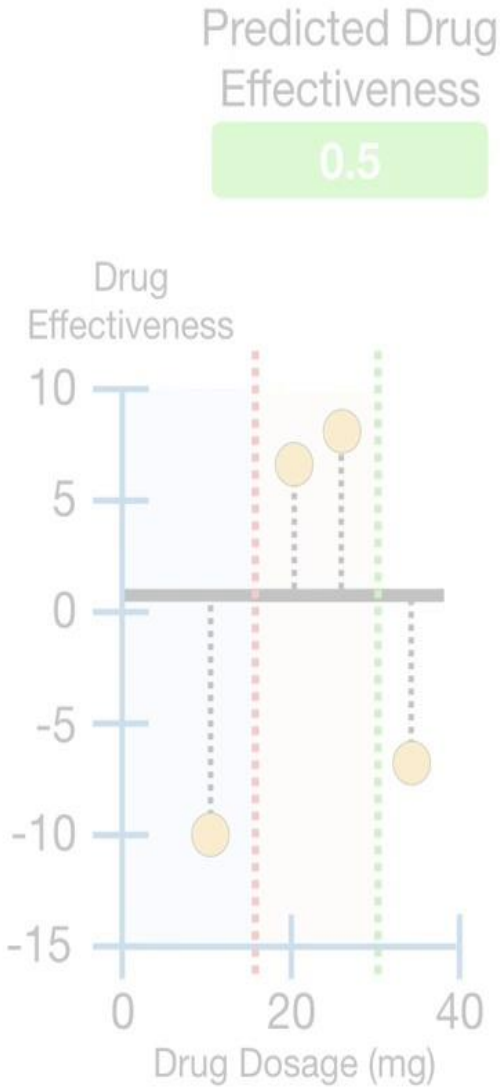
XGBoost Tree

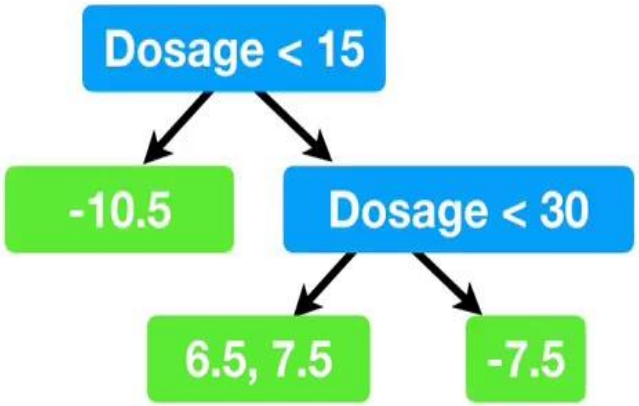




...and this means we will not split this leaf any further, and we are done building this tree.

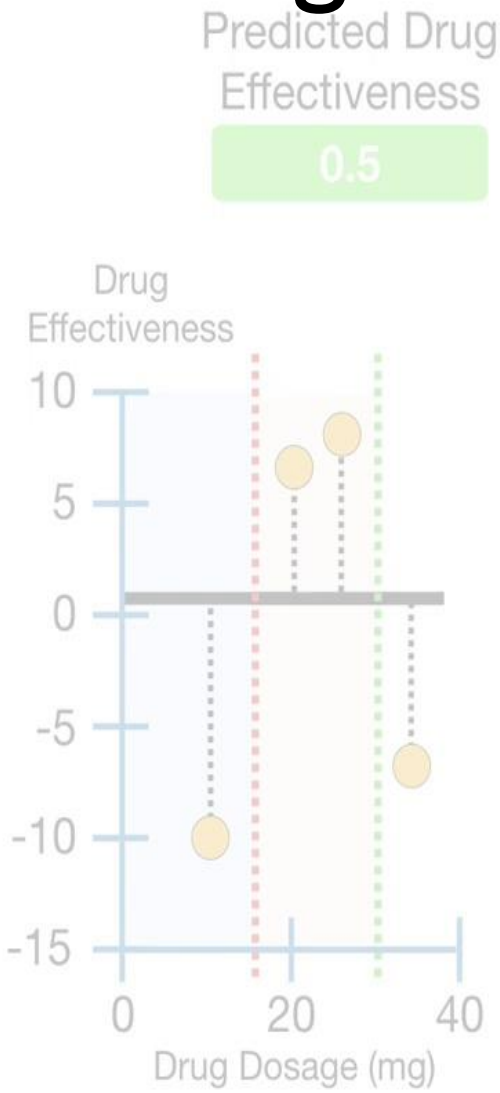
XGBoost Tree

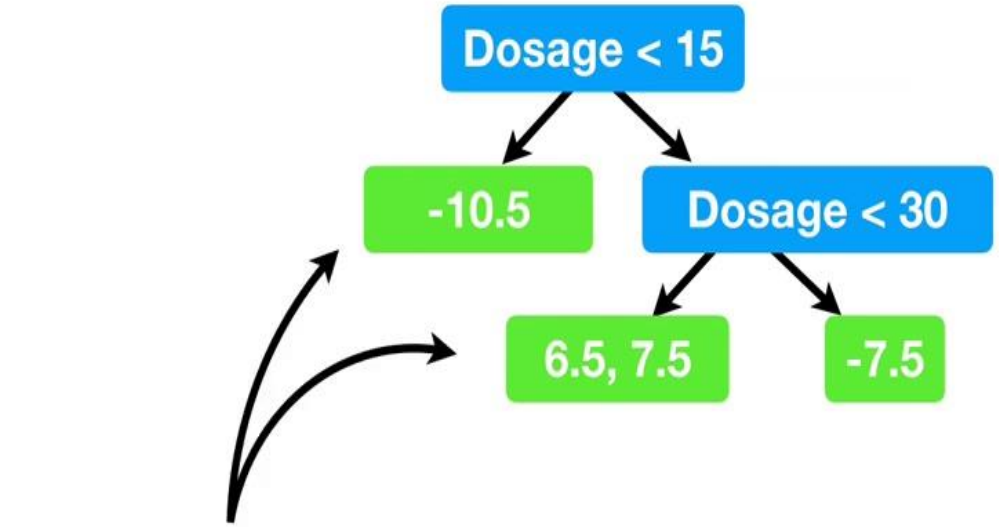




However, the default is to allow up to **6** levels.

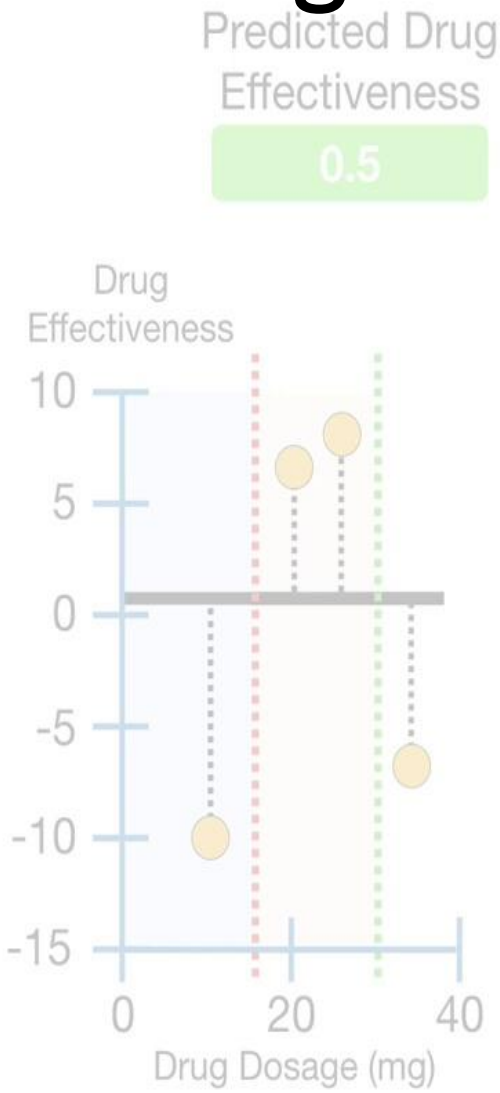
Tree Pruning

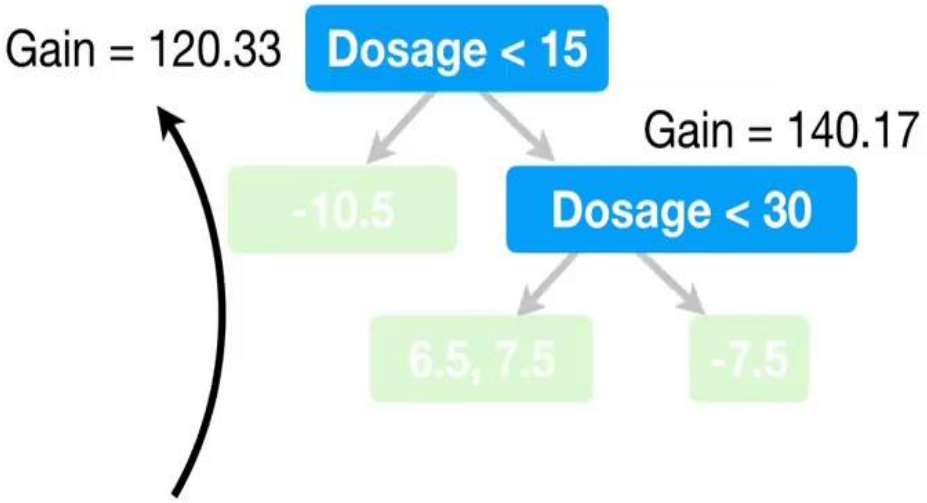




Now we need to talk about how to **Prune** this tree.

Tree Pruning

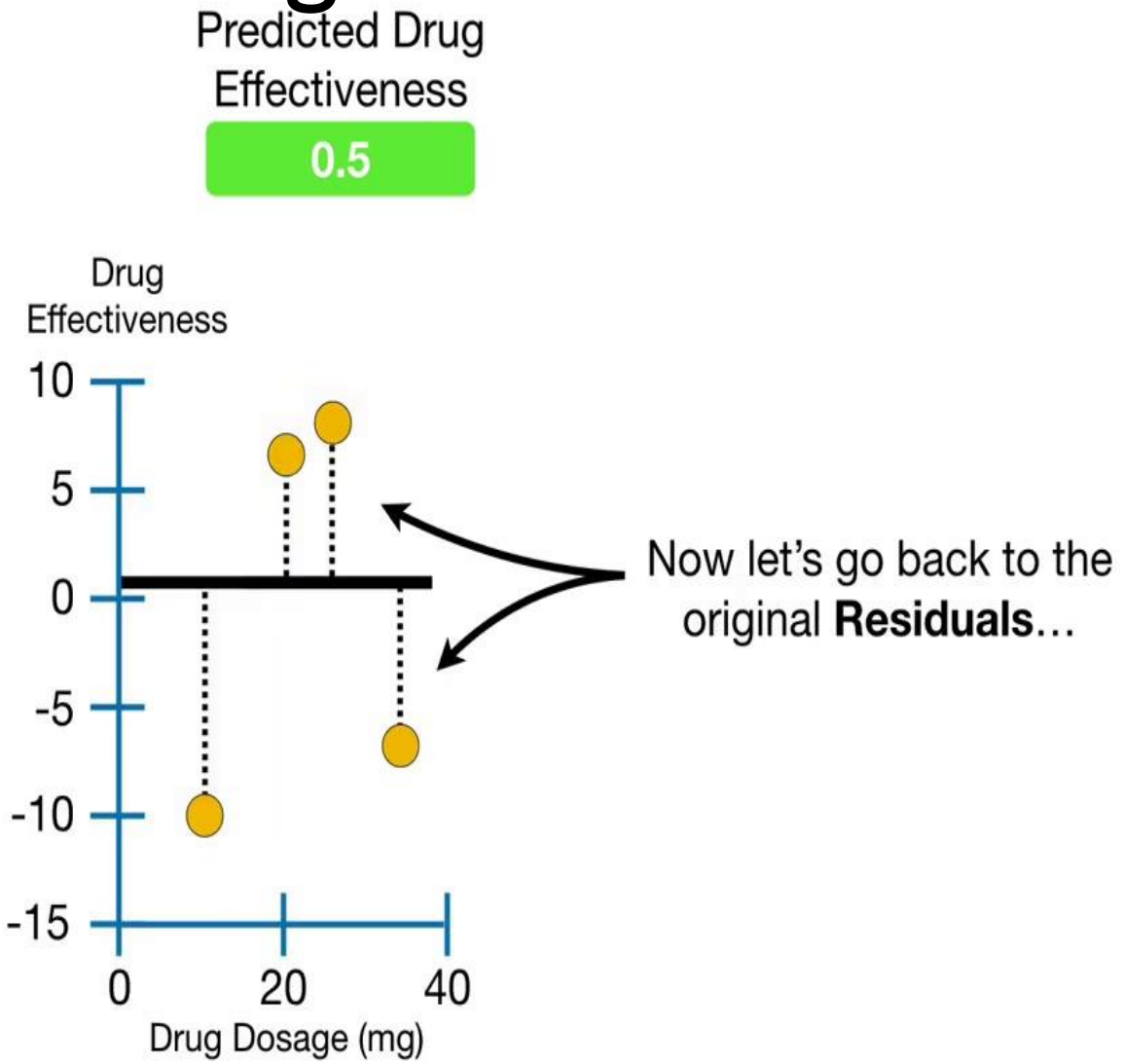




We **Prune** an **XGBoost Tree** based on its **Gain** values.

We set a threshold parameter **gamma**.
Then *we cut leaves with a gain less than* **gamma**.

Tree Pruning



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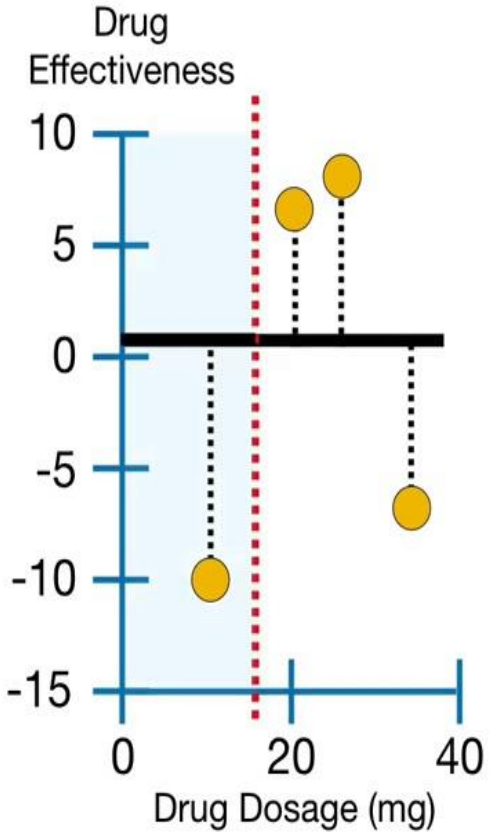
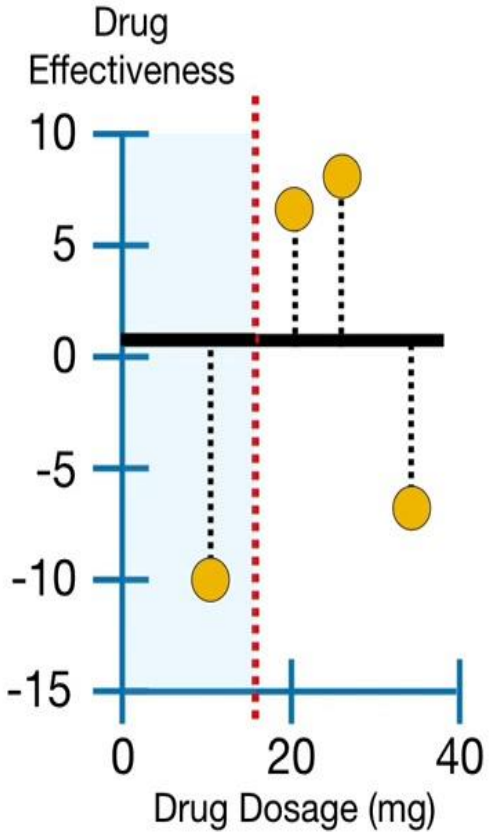


$$\text{Similarity Score} = \frac{\text{Sum of Residuals, Squared}}{\text{Number of Residuals} + \lambda}$$

…only this time, when we calculate **Similarity Scores**, we will set **λ (lambda) = 1**.

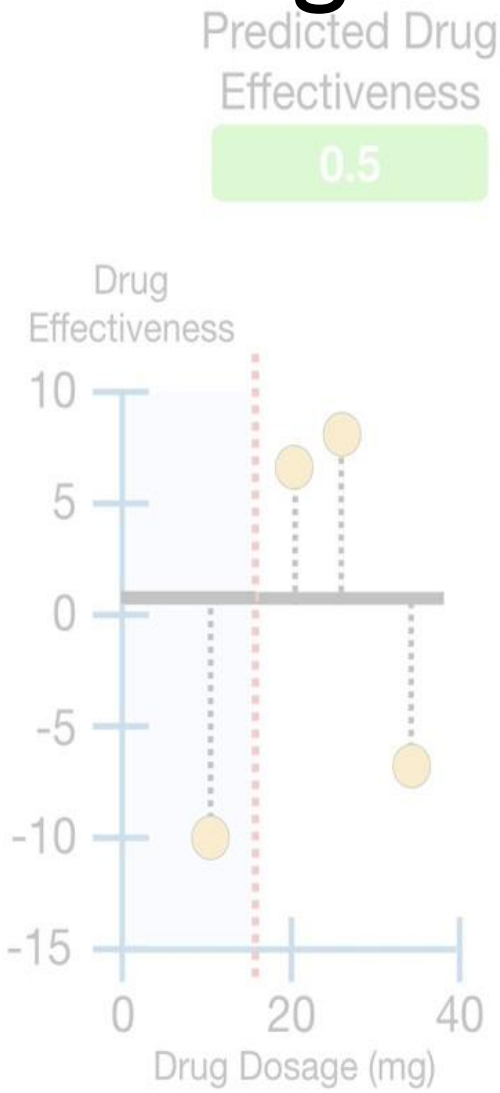
Tree Pruning

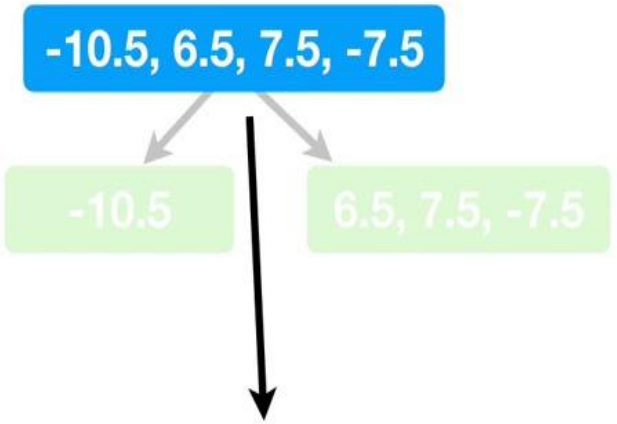


$$\text{Similarity Score} = \frac{\text{Sum of Residuals, Squared}}{\text{Number of Residuals} + 1}$$

Remember **λ (lambda)** is a **Regularization Parameter**, which means that it is intended to reduce the prediction's sensitivity to individual observations.

Tree Pruning

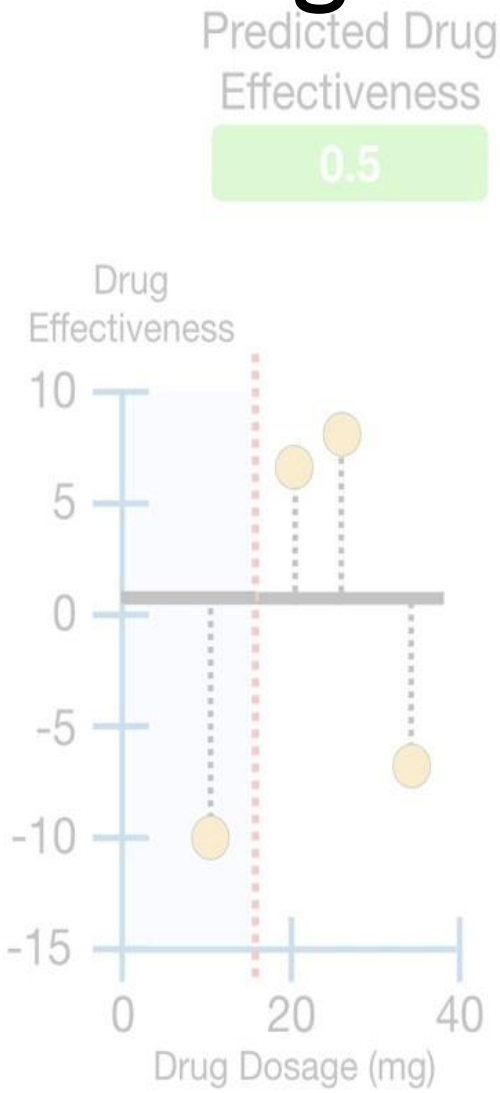


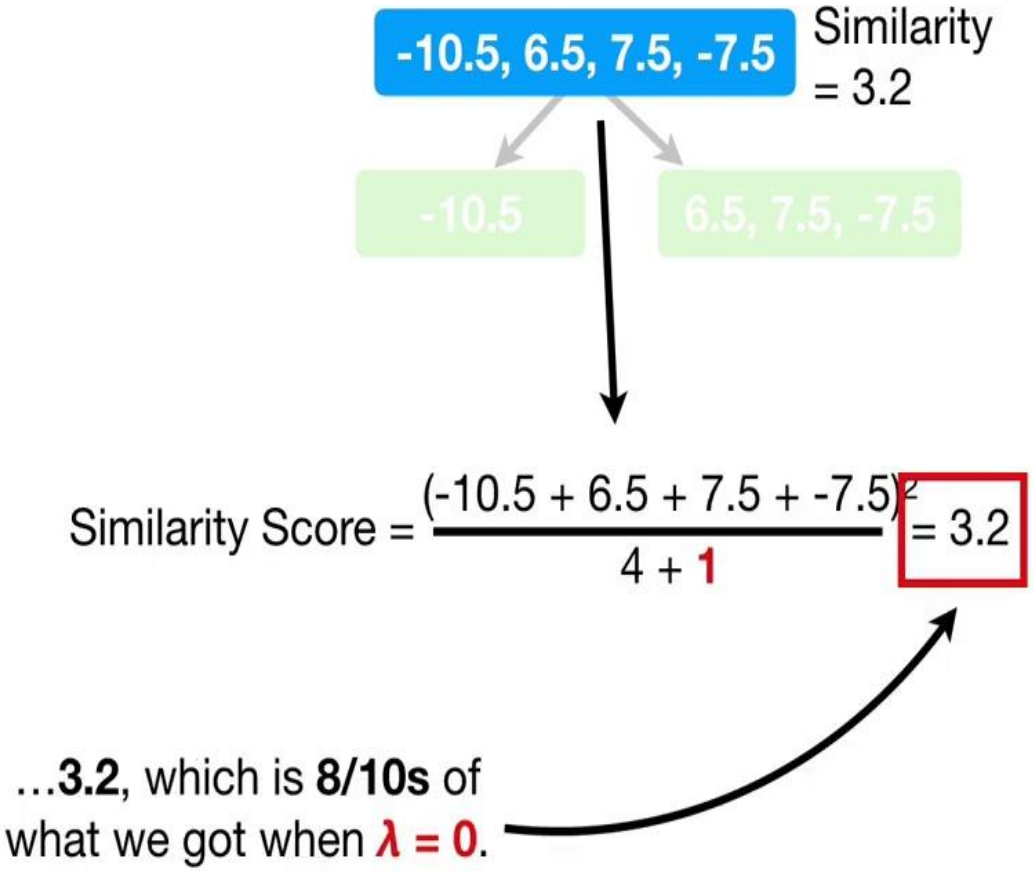


$$\text{Similarity Score} = \frac{(-10.5 + 6.5 + 7.5 + -7.5)^2}{4 + 1}$$

Now the **Similarity Score** for the root is…

Tree Pruning





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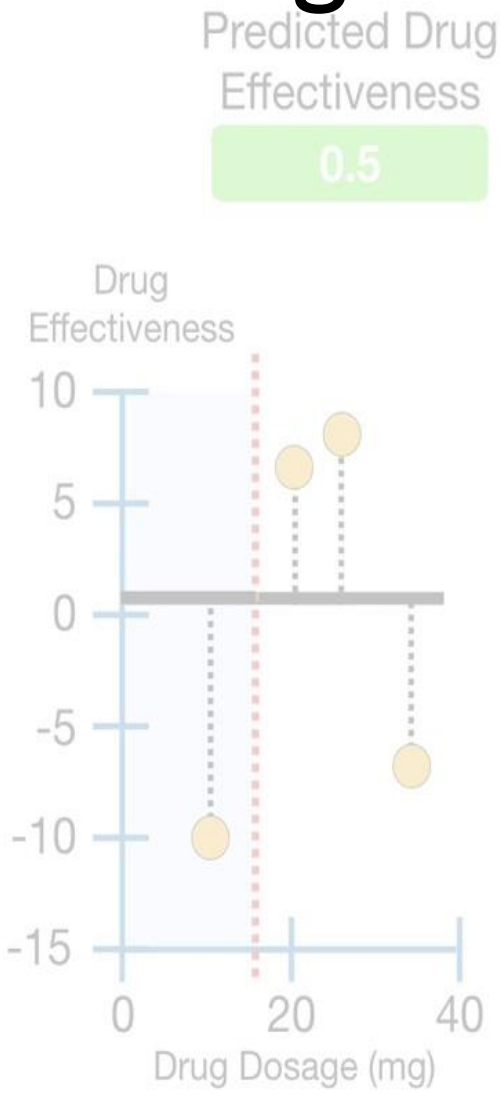
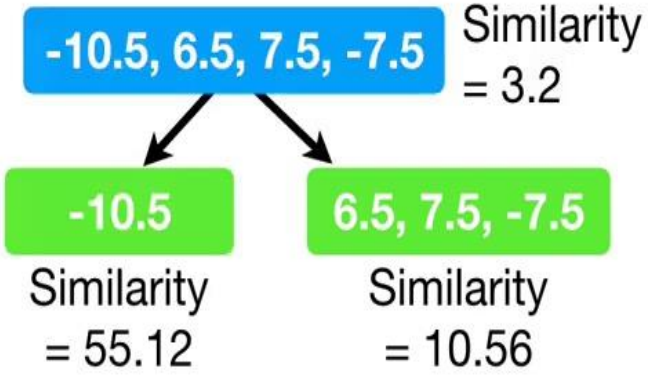
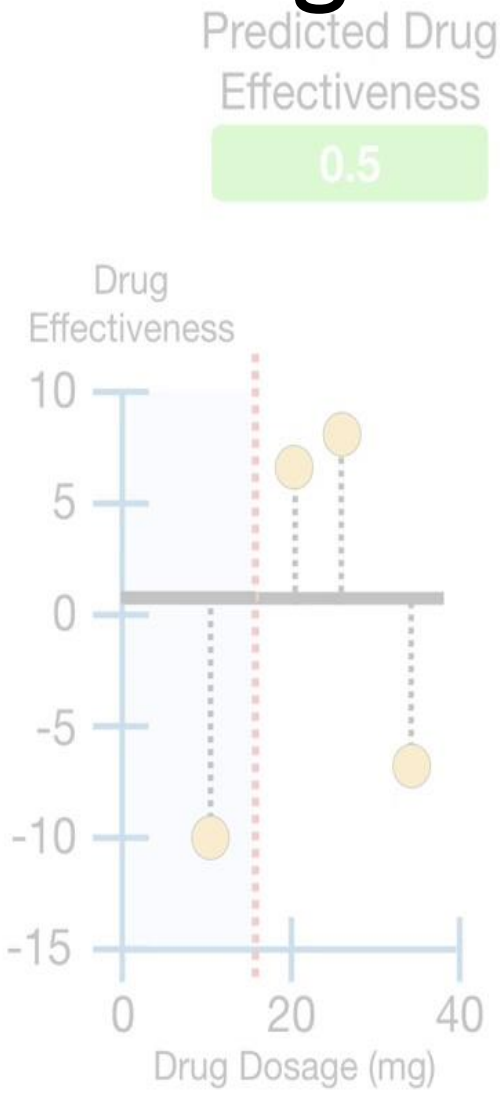
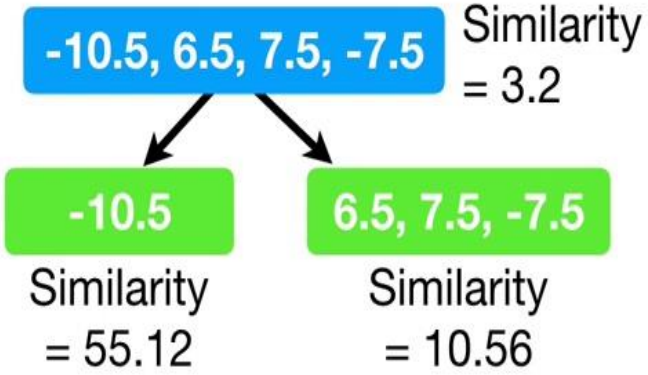




So, one thing we see is that when $\lambda > 0$, the **Similarity Scores** are smaller…

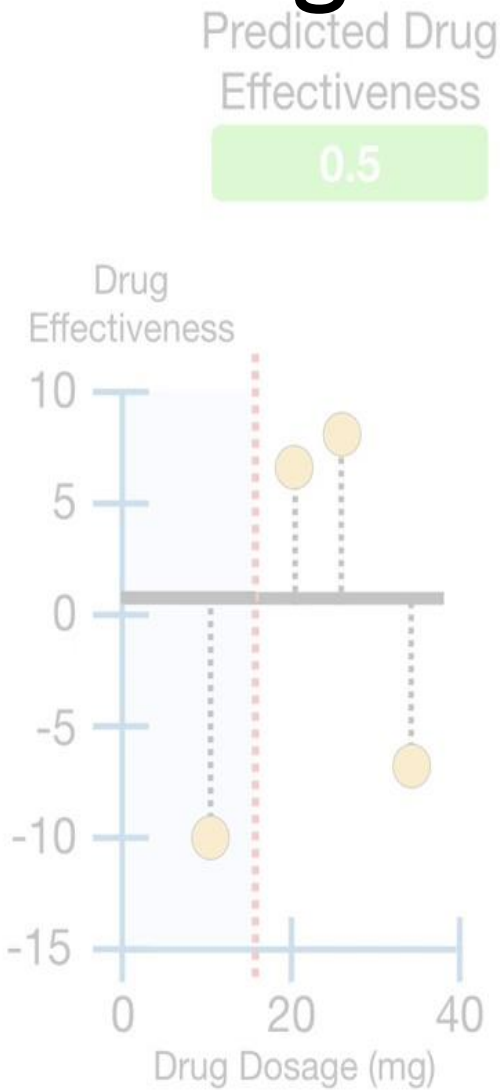
Tree Pruning

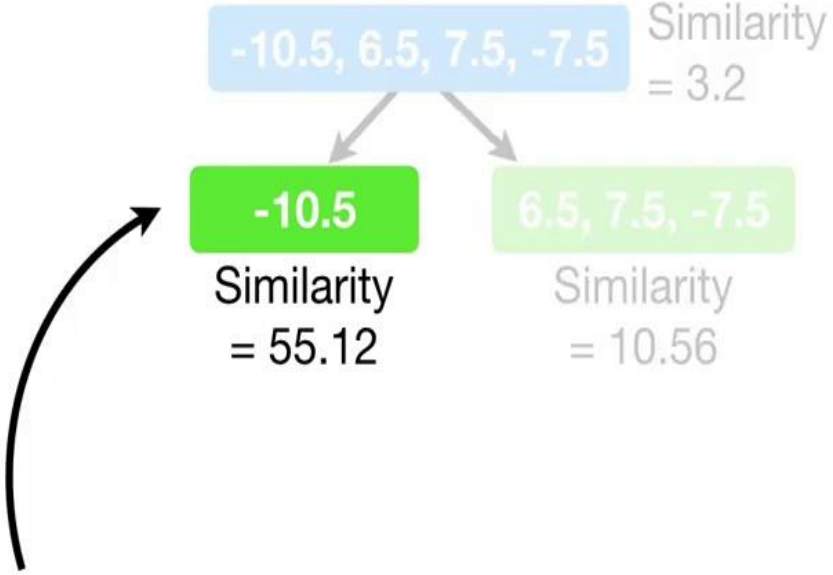




…and the amount of decrease is **inversely proportional** to the number of **Residuals** in the node.

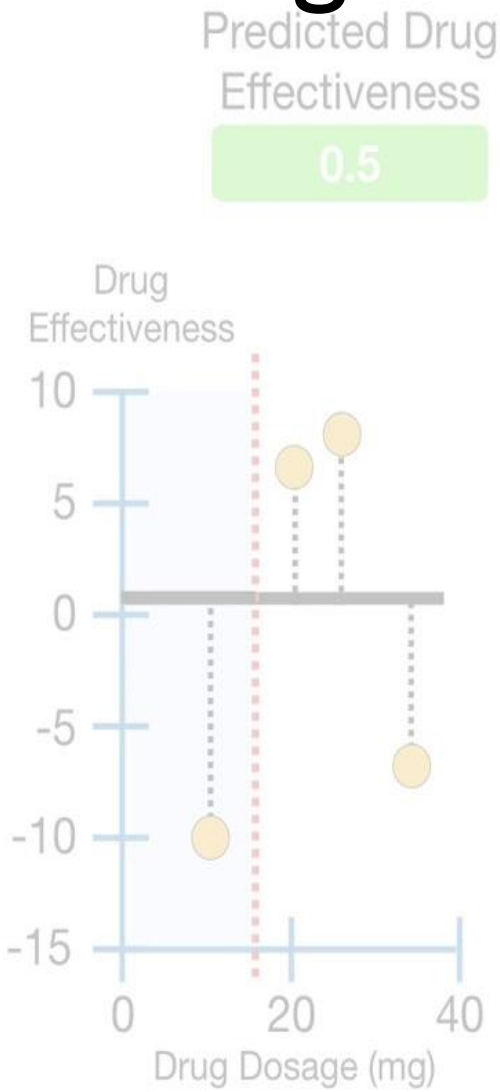
Tree Pruning

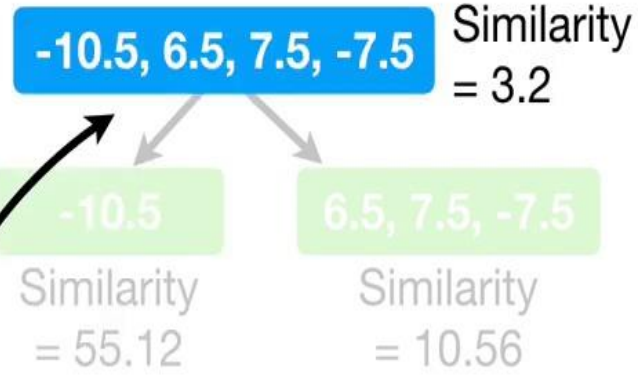




In other words, the leaf on the left had only **1 Residual**, and it had the largest decrease in **Similarity Score**, **50%**.

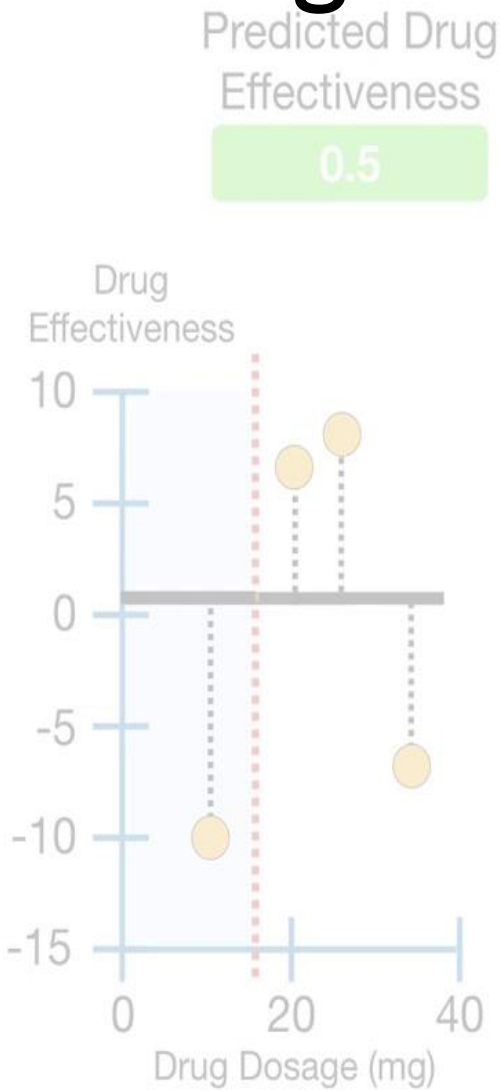
Tree Pruning

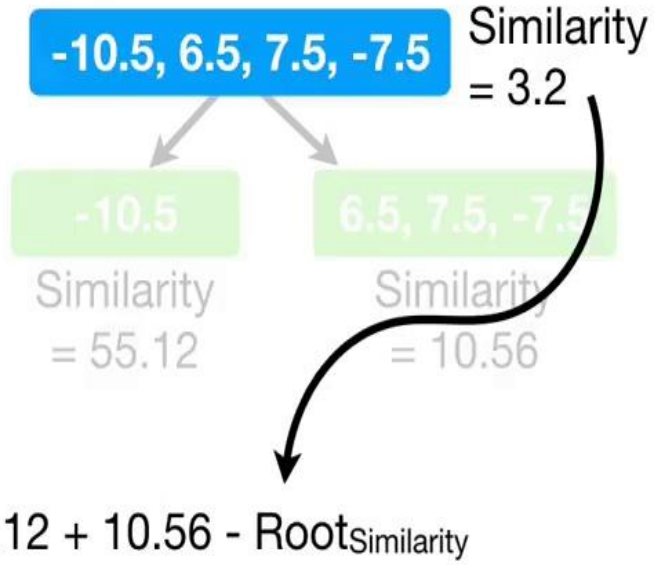




In contrast, the root had all **4** **Residuals** and the smallest decrease, **20%**.

Tree Pruning

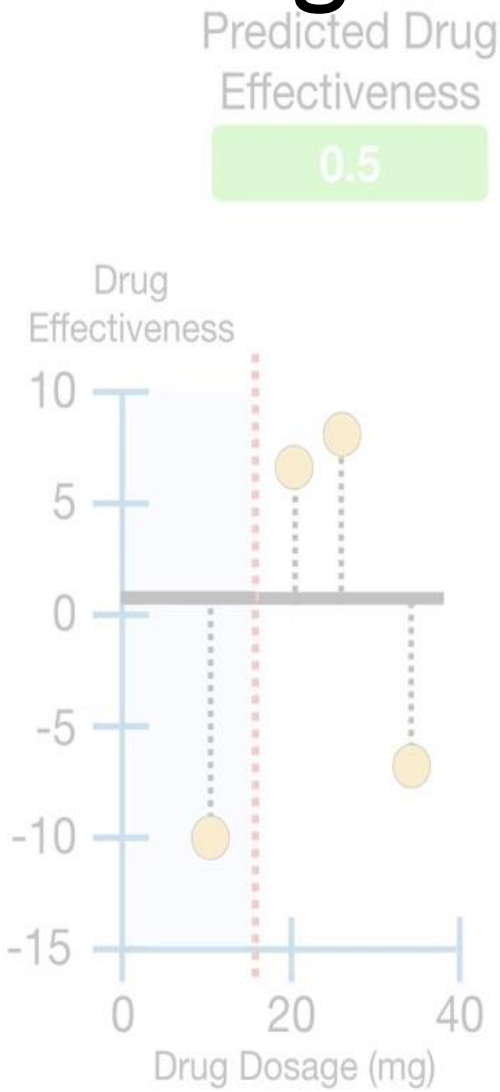


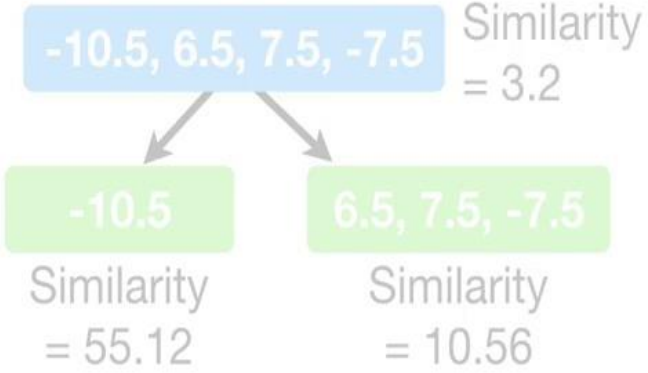


$$\text{Gain} = 55.12 + 10.56 - \text{Root}_{\text{Similarity}}$$

Now when we calculate the **Gain**…

Tree Pruning

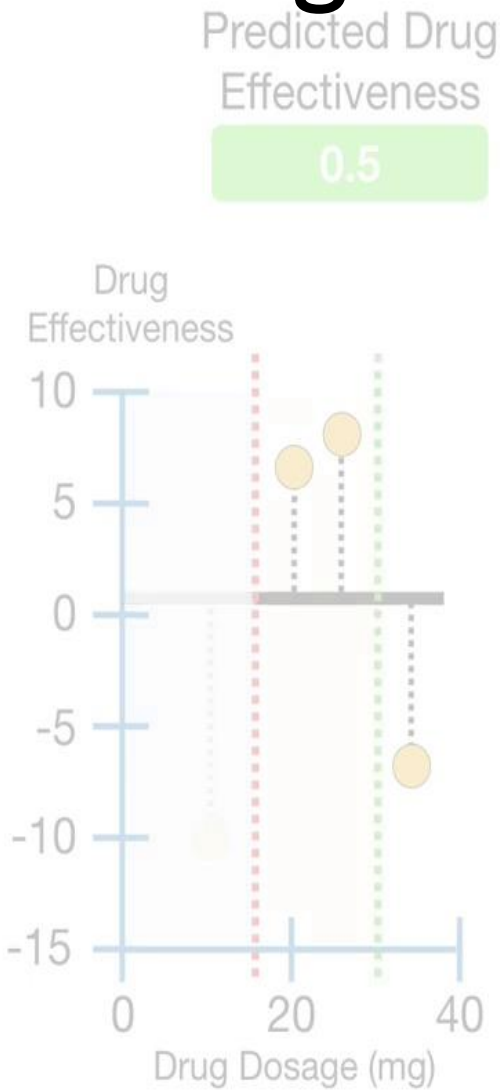


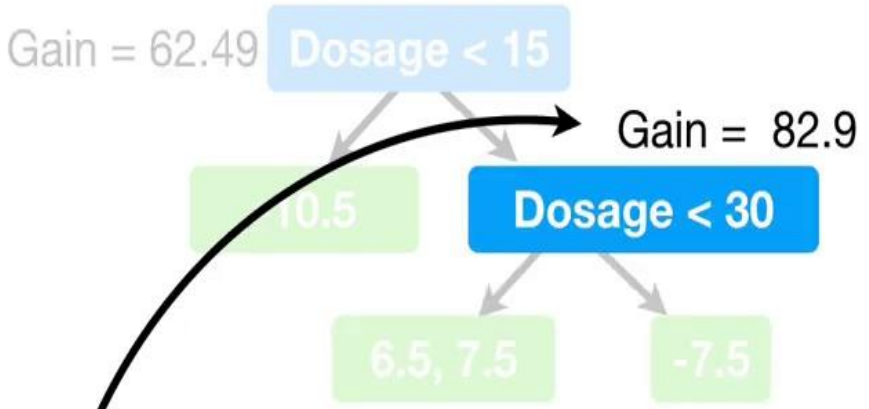


Gain = 55.12 + 10.56 - 3.2 = 62.48

…we get **66**, which is a lot less than **120.33**, the value we got when $\lambda = 0$.

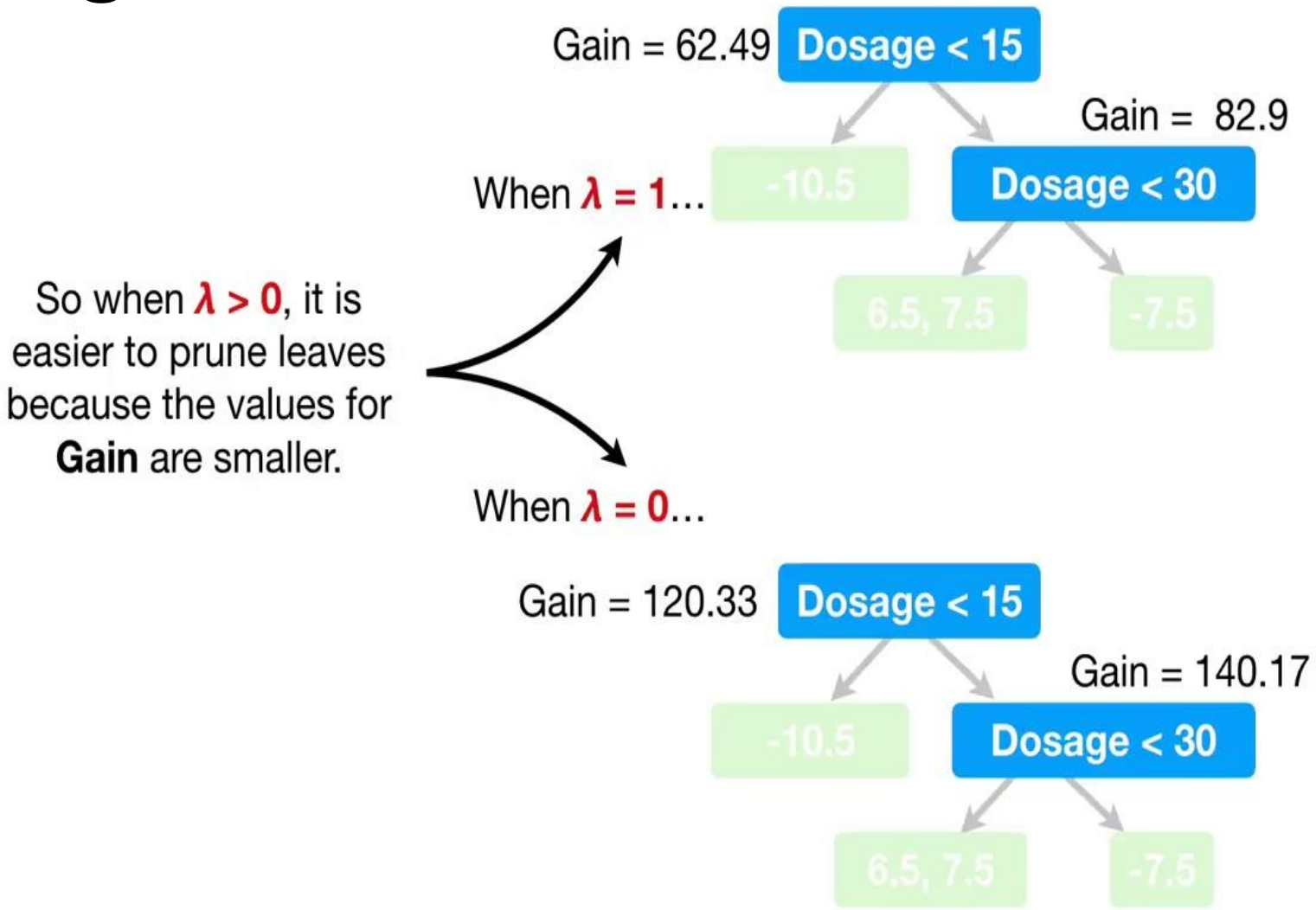
Tree Pruning





Similarly, when $\lambda = 1$, the **Gain** for the next branch is smaller than before.

Tree Pruning



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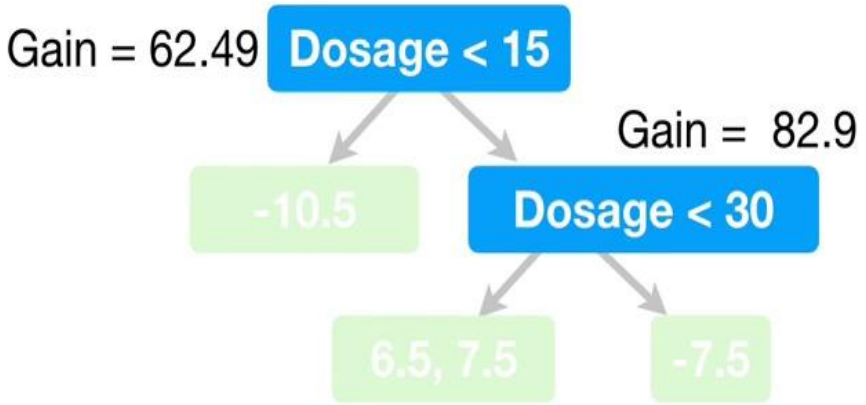

NOTE: Before we move on, I want illustrate one last feature of **λ (lambda)**.

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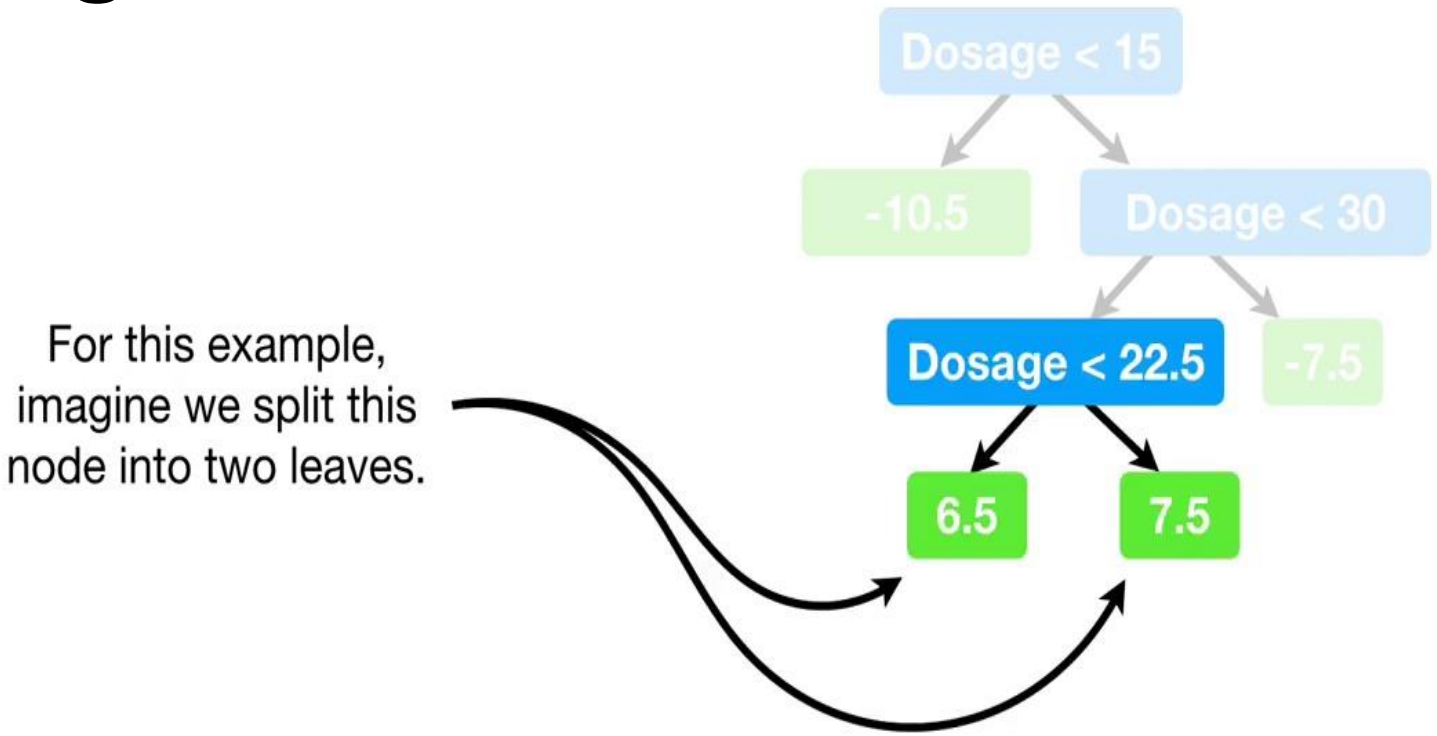

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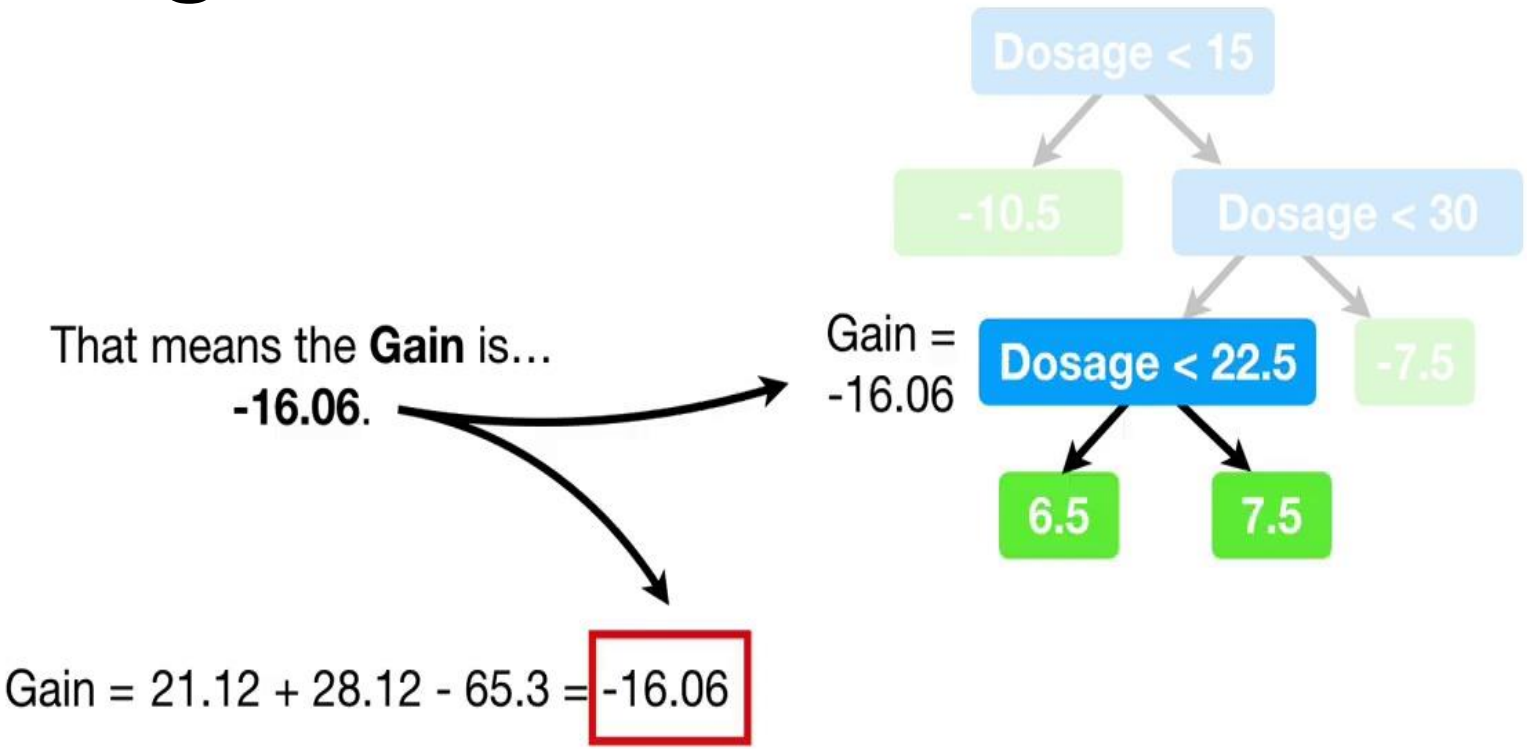

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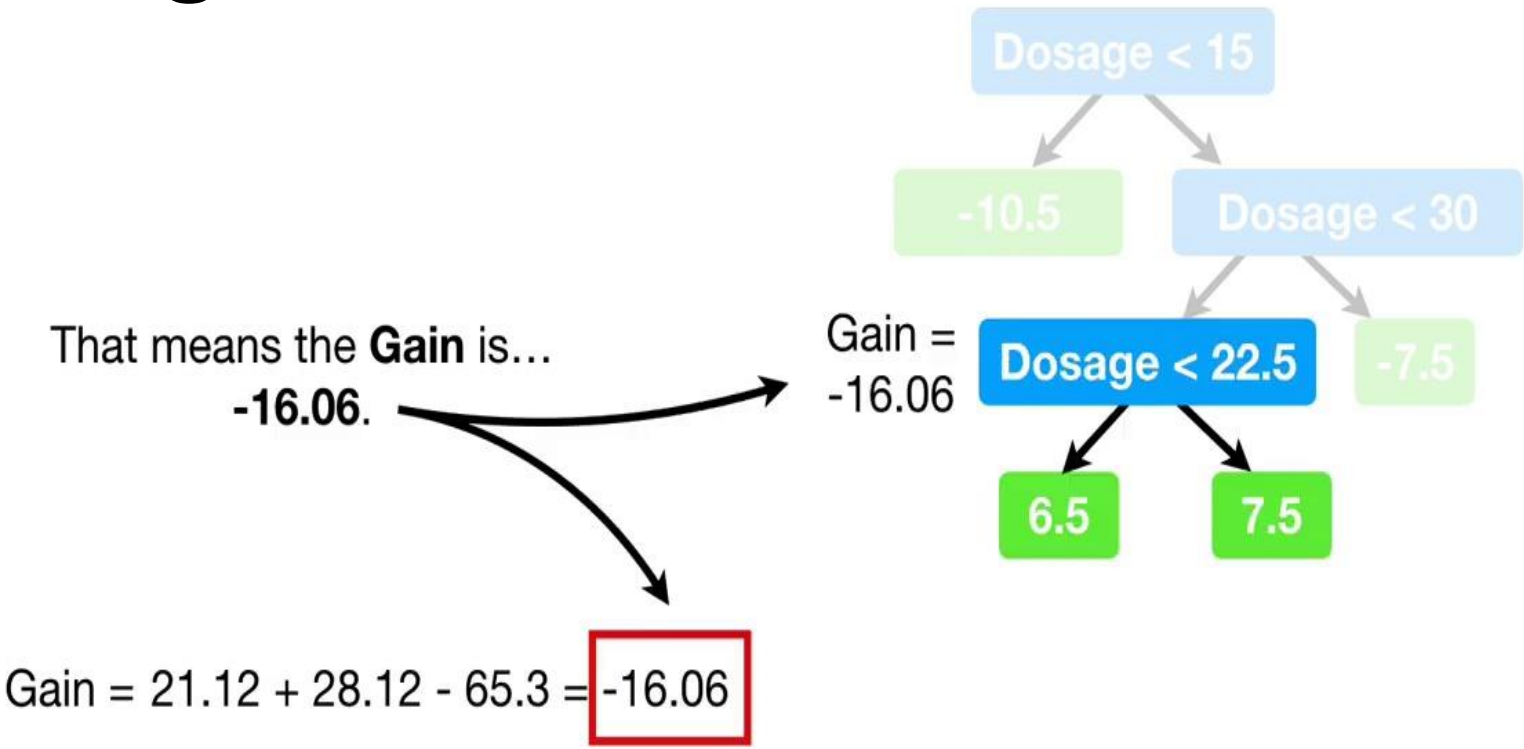
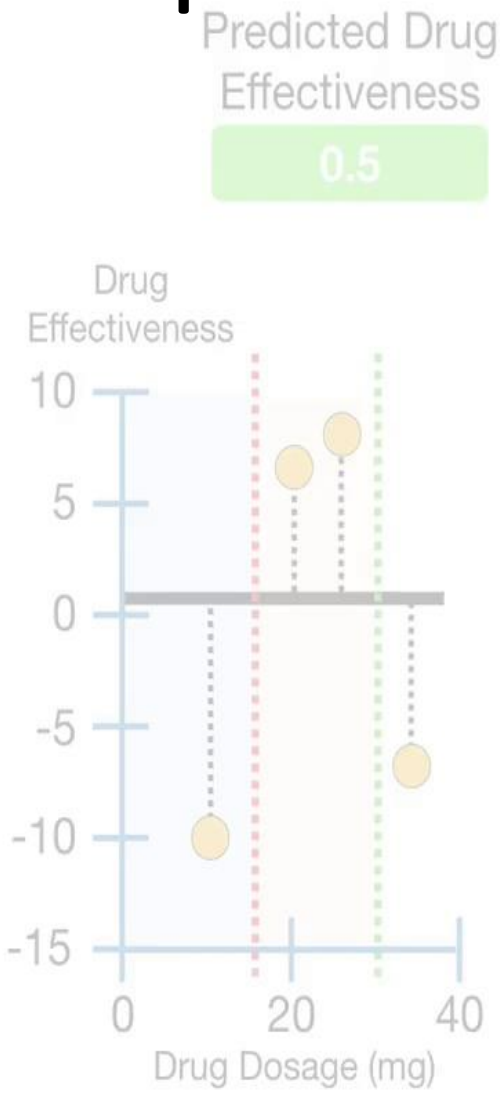
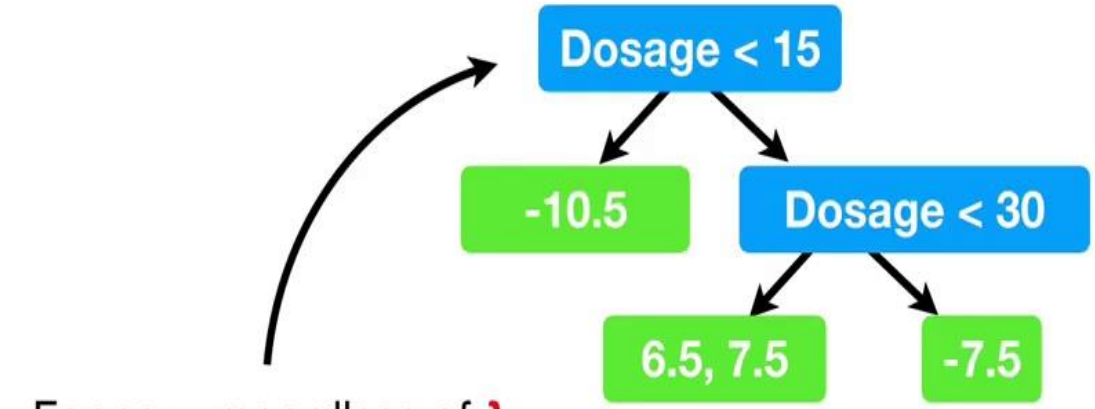


Also if we set **gamma** equals to 0 we prune this branch

Leaves Update





For now, regardless of **λ (lambda)** and **γ (gamma)**, let's assume this is the tree we are working with…

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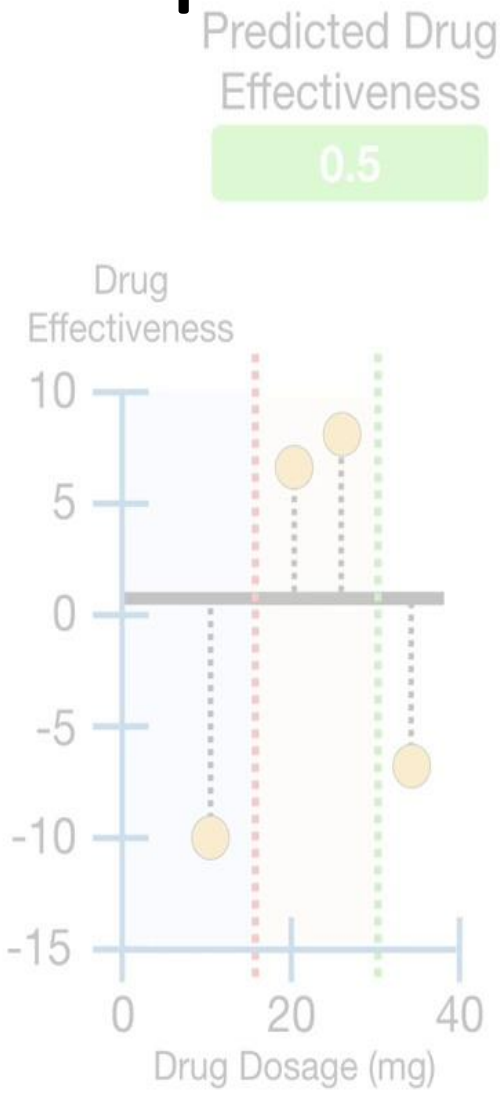

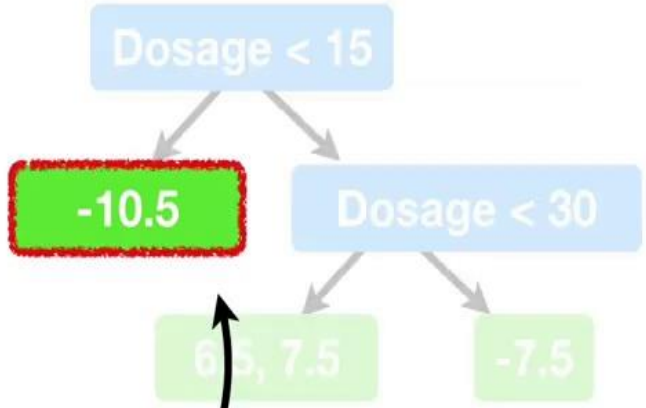

...and determine the **Output Values** for the leaves.

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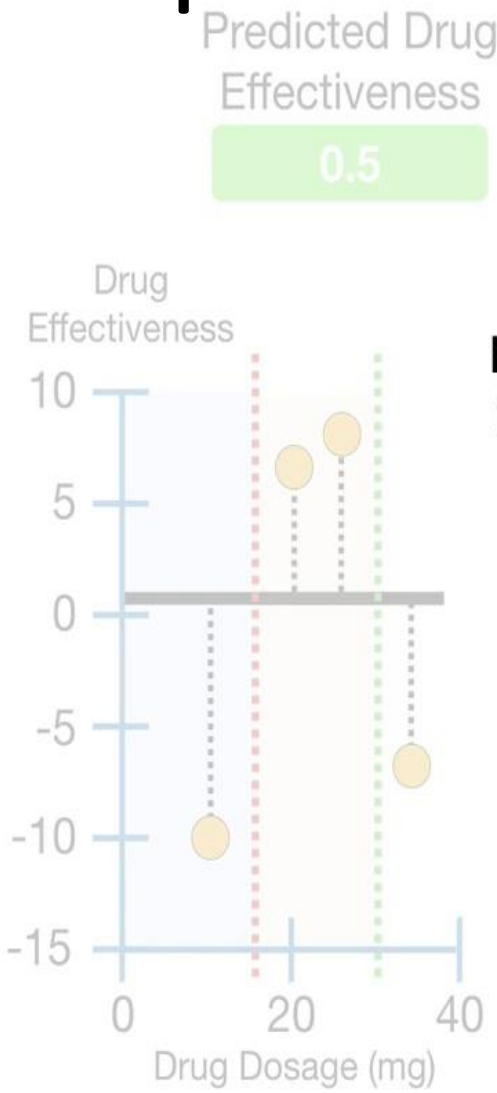
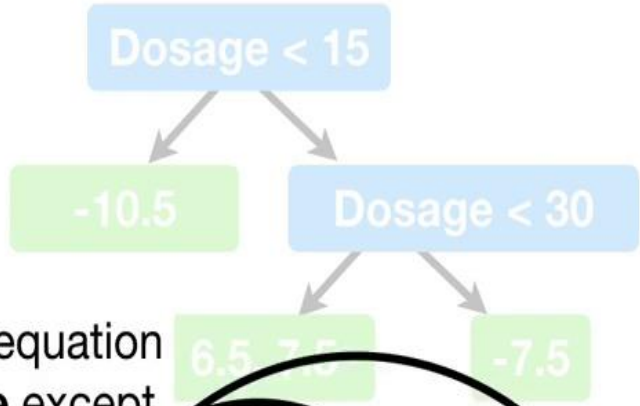


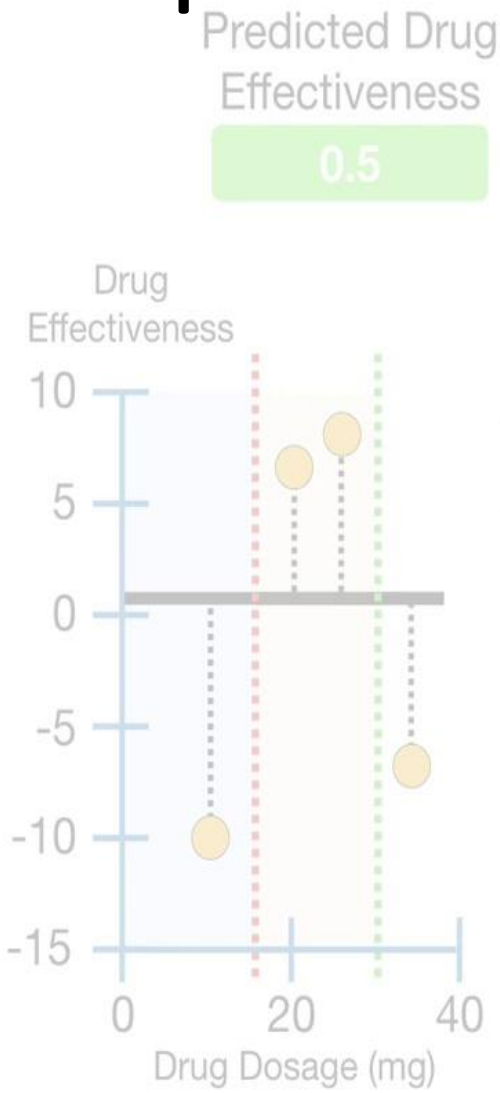


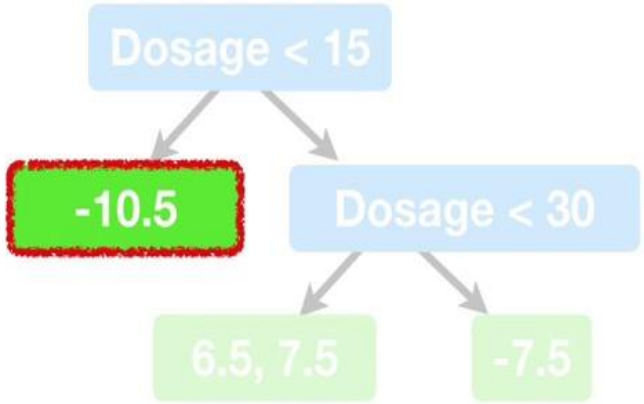
NOTE: The **Output Value** equation is like the **Similarity Score** except we do not square the sum of the residuals.

$$\text{Output Value} = \frac{\text{Sum of Residuals}}{\text{Number of Residuals} + \lambda}$$

$$\text{Similarity Score} = \frac{\text{Sum of Residuals, Squared}}{\text{Number of Residuals} + 1}$$

Leaves Update

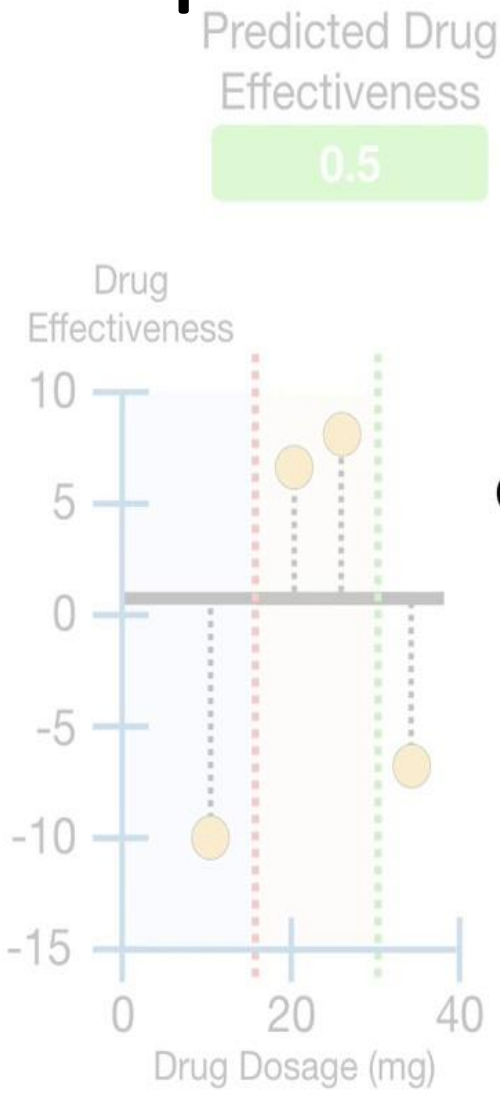


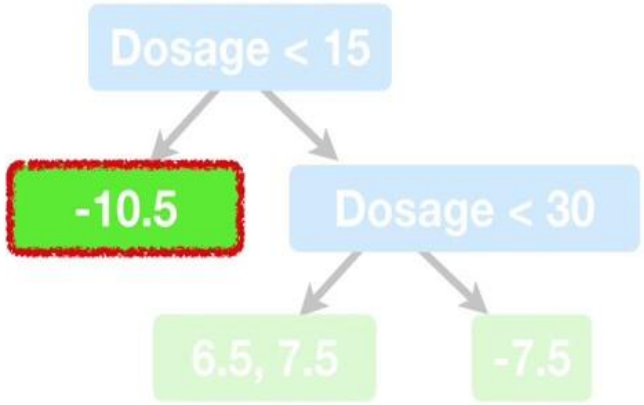


If $\lambda = 0$, then there is no **Regularization** and the **Output Value = -10.5**.

$$\text{Output Value} = \frac{-10.5}{1 + 0} = -10.5$$

Leaves Update





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$$\text{Output Value} = \frac{-10.5}{1 + \lambda}$$

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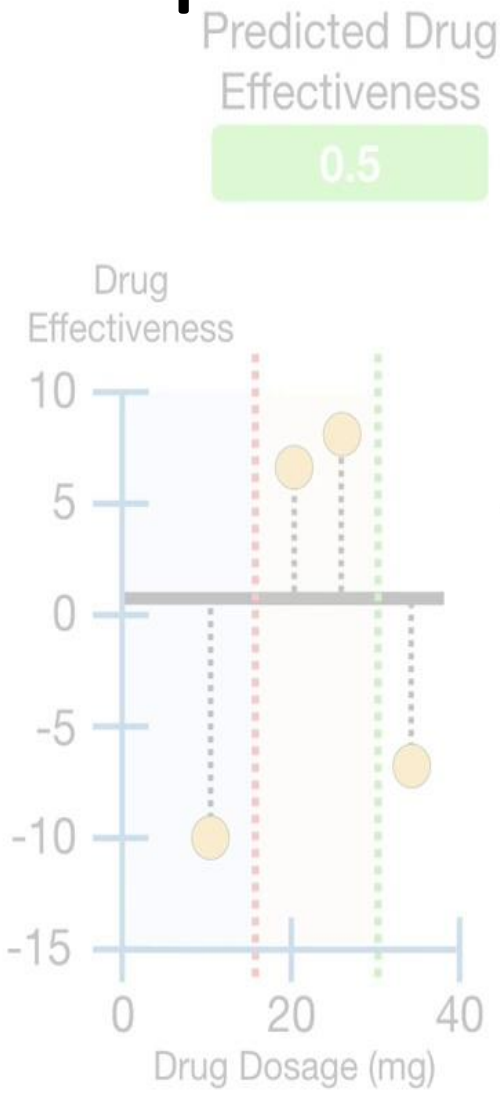

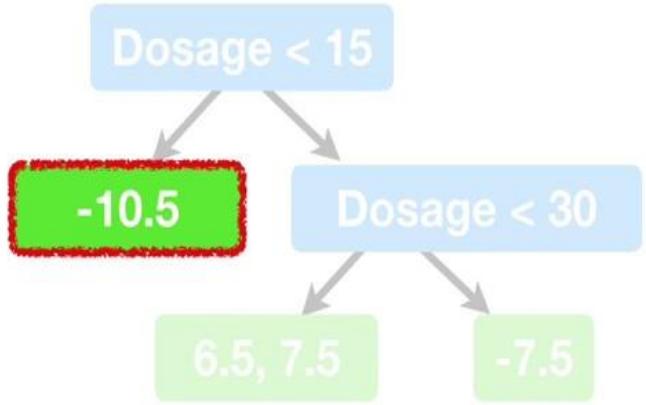

…the **Output Value = -5.25**.

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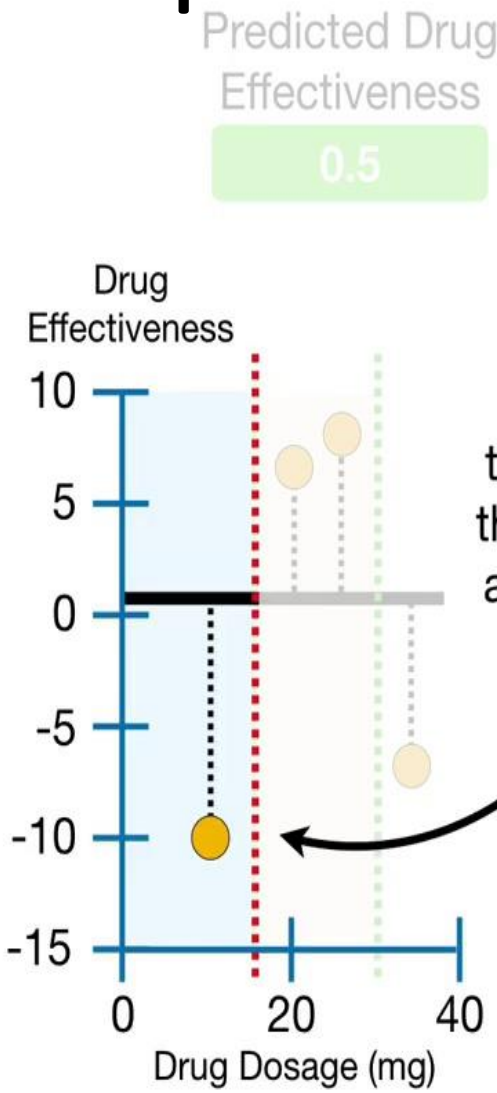

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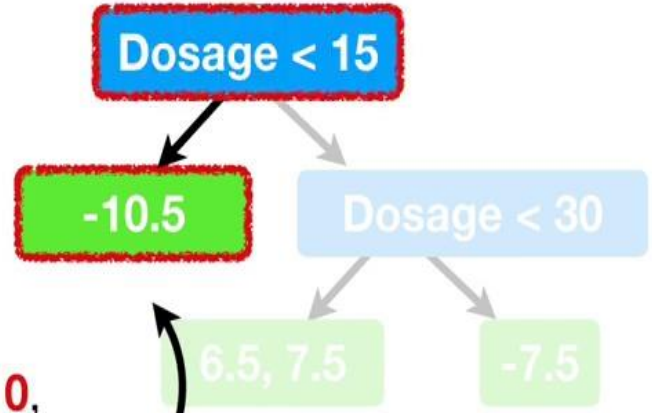

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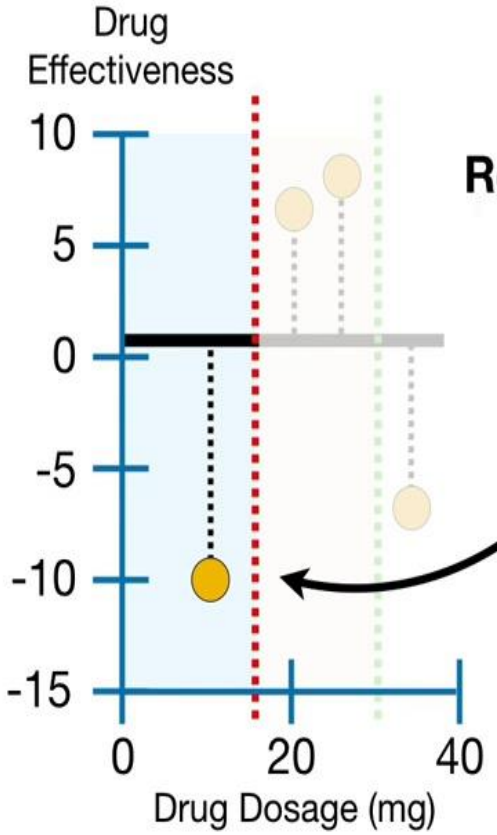
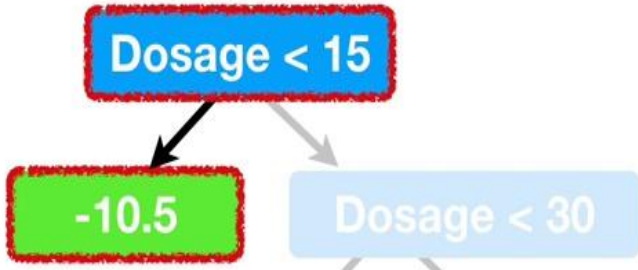


Thus, **λ (lambda)**, the **Regularization Parameter**, will reduce the prediction's sensitivity to this individual observation.



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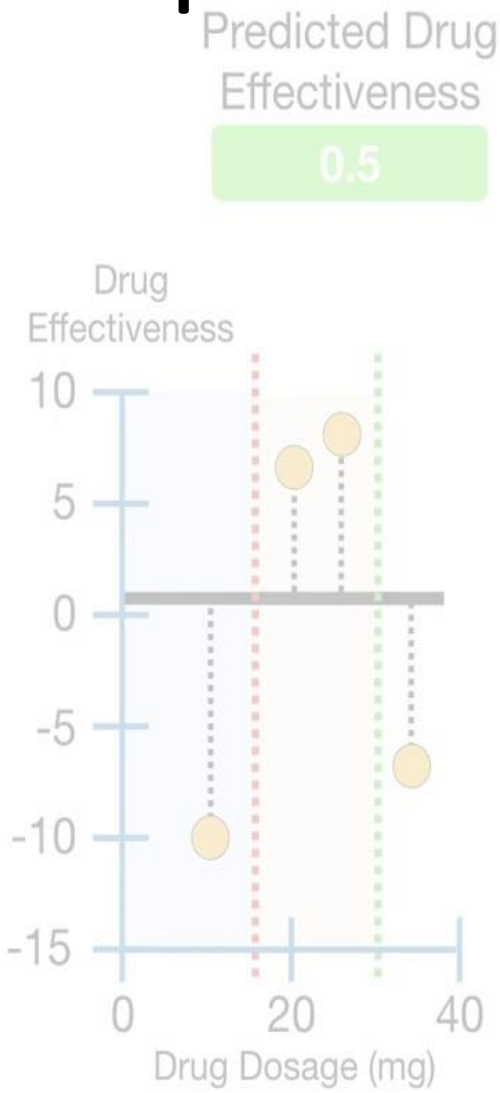

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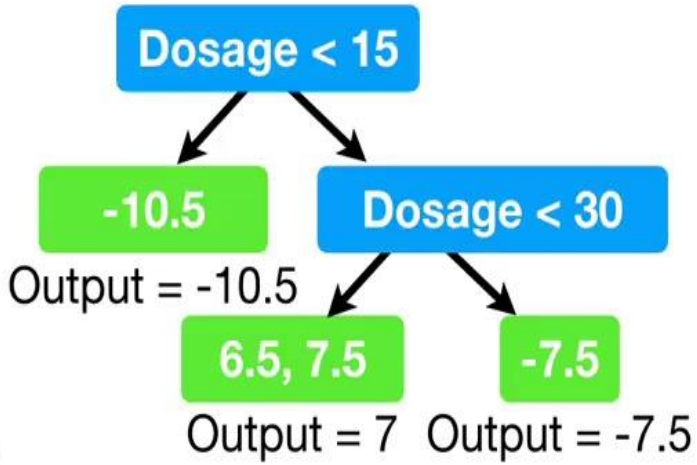

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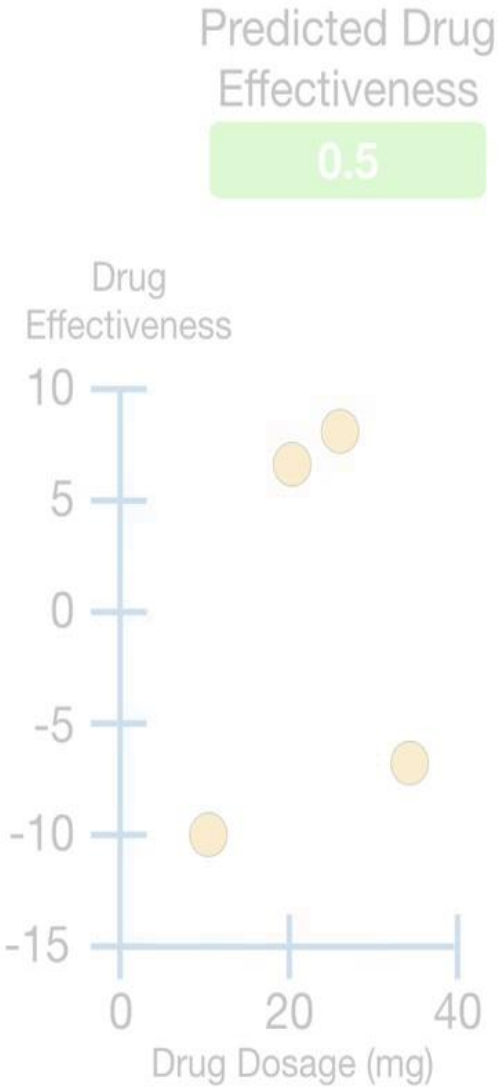

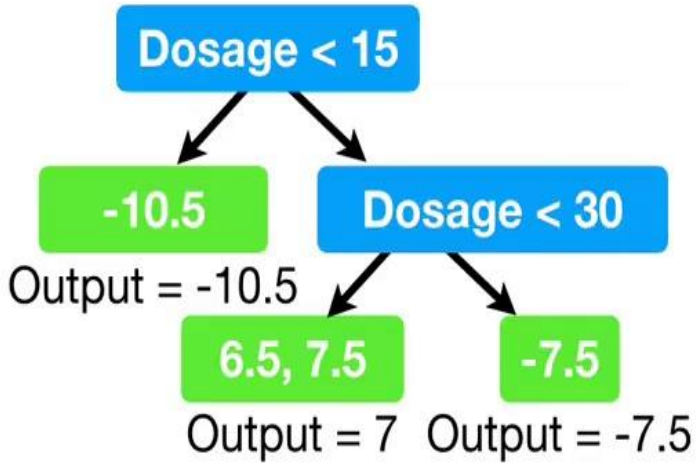

Since we have built our first tree,
we can make new **Predictions**.

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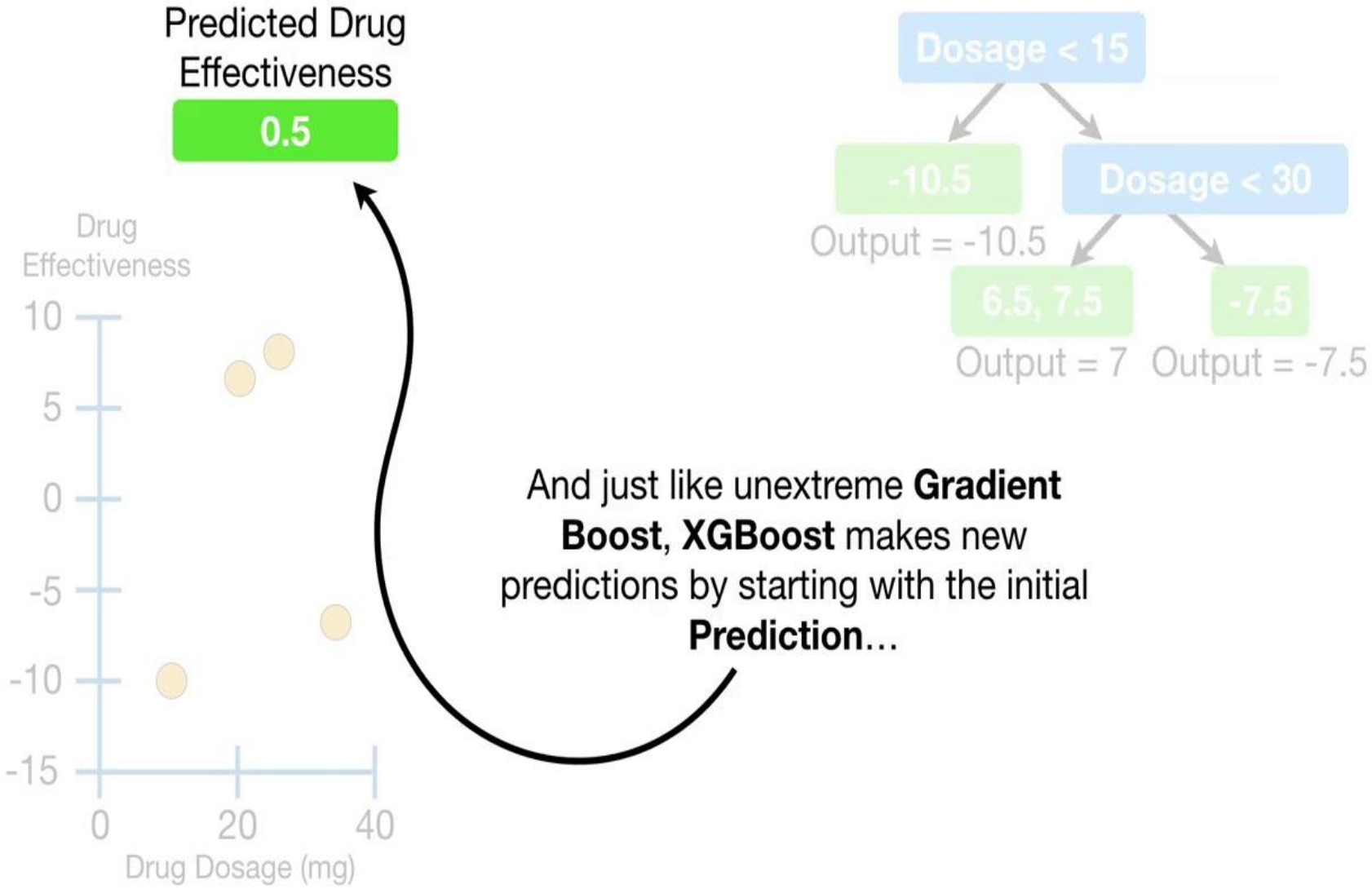

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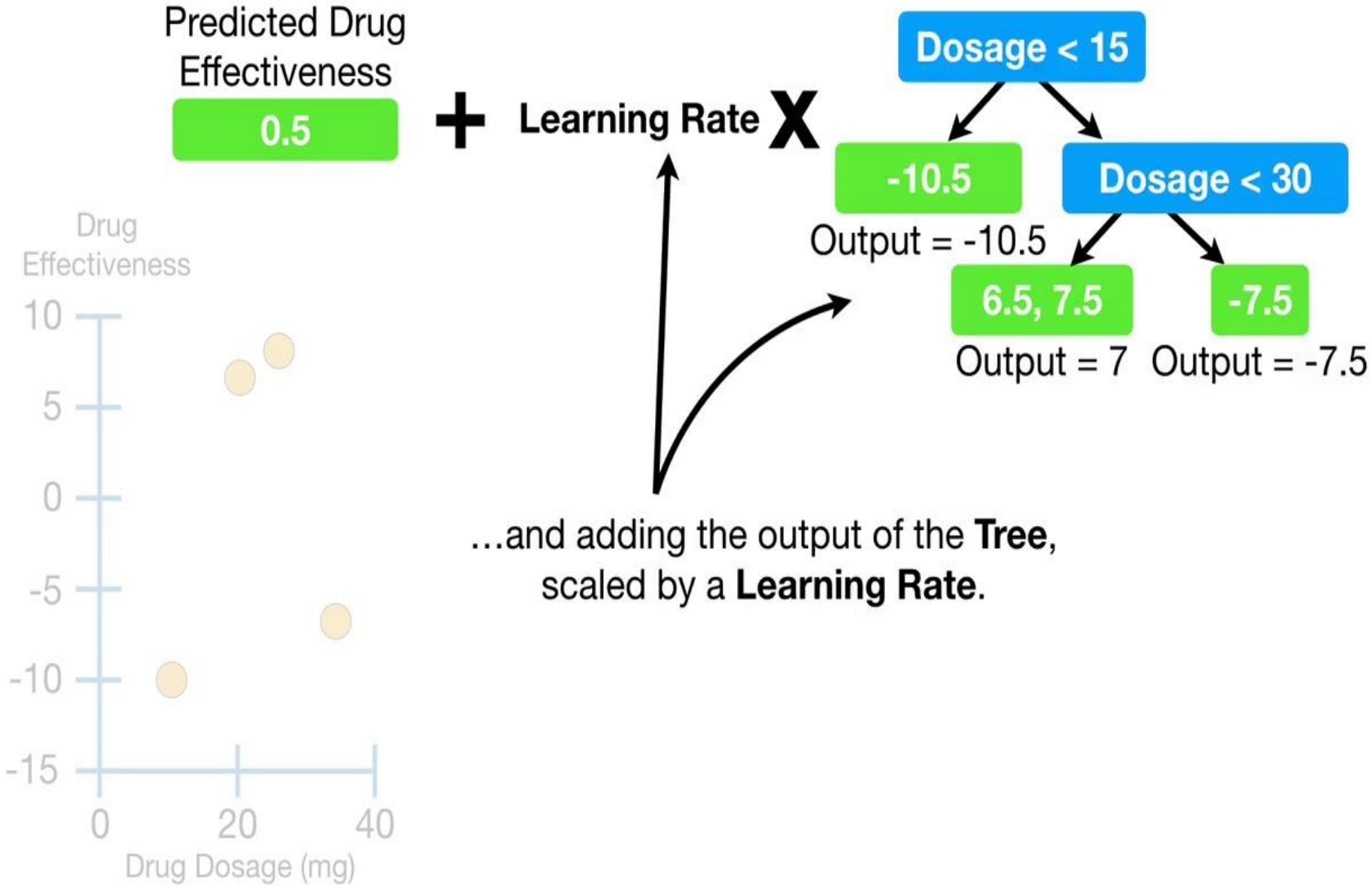

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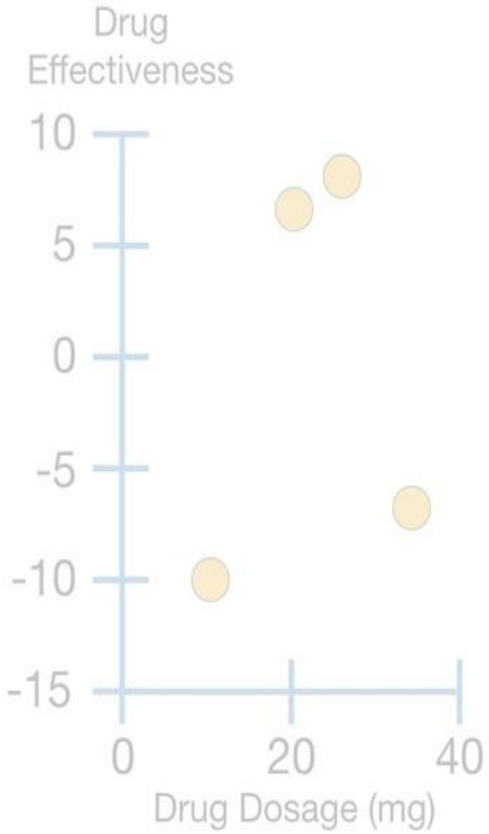

Predicted Drug Effectiveness

0.5

+ Learning Rate X

Dosage < 15

-10.5

Output = -10.5

Dosage < 30

6.5, 7.5

Output = 7

-7.5

Output = -7.5

XGBoost calls the **Learning Rate**, ***ε*** **(eta)**, and the default value is **0.3**, so that's what we'll use.

Tree Prediction

Predicted Drug Effectiveness

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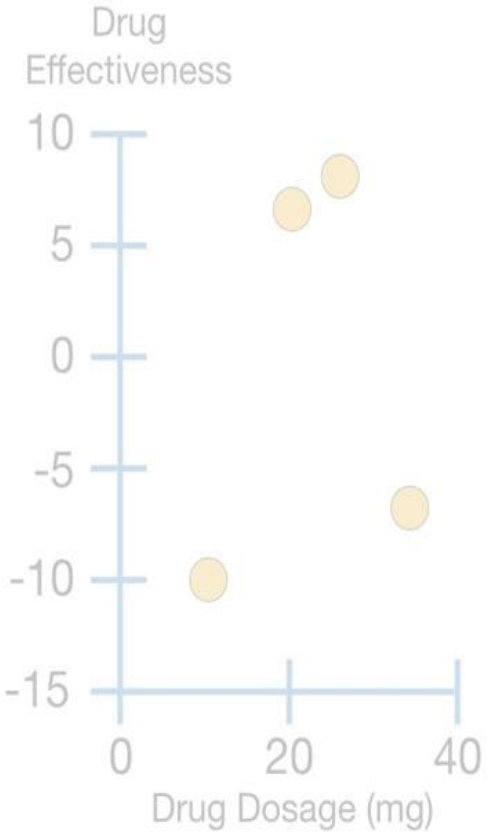

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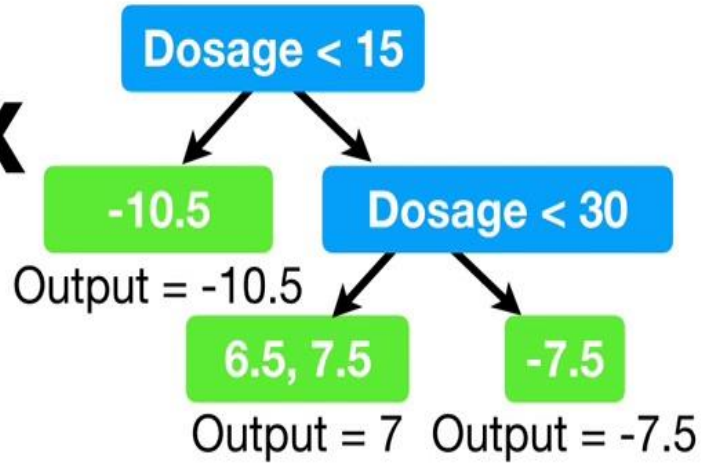

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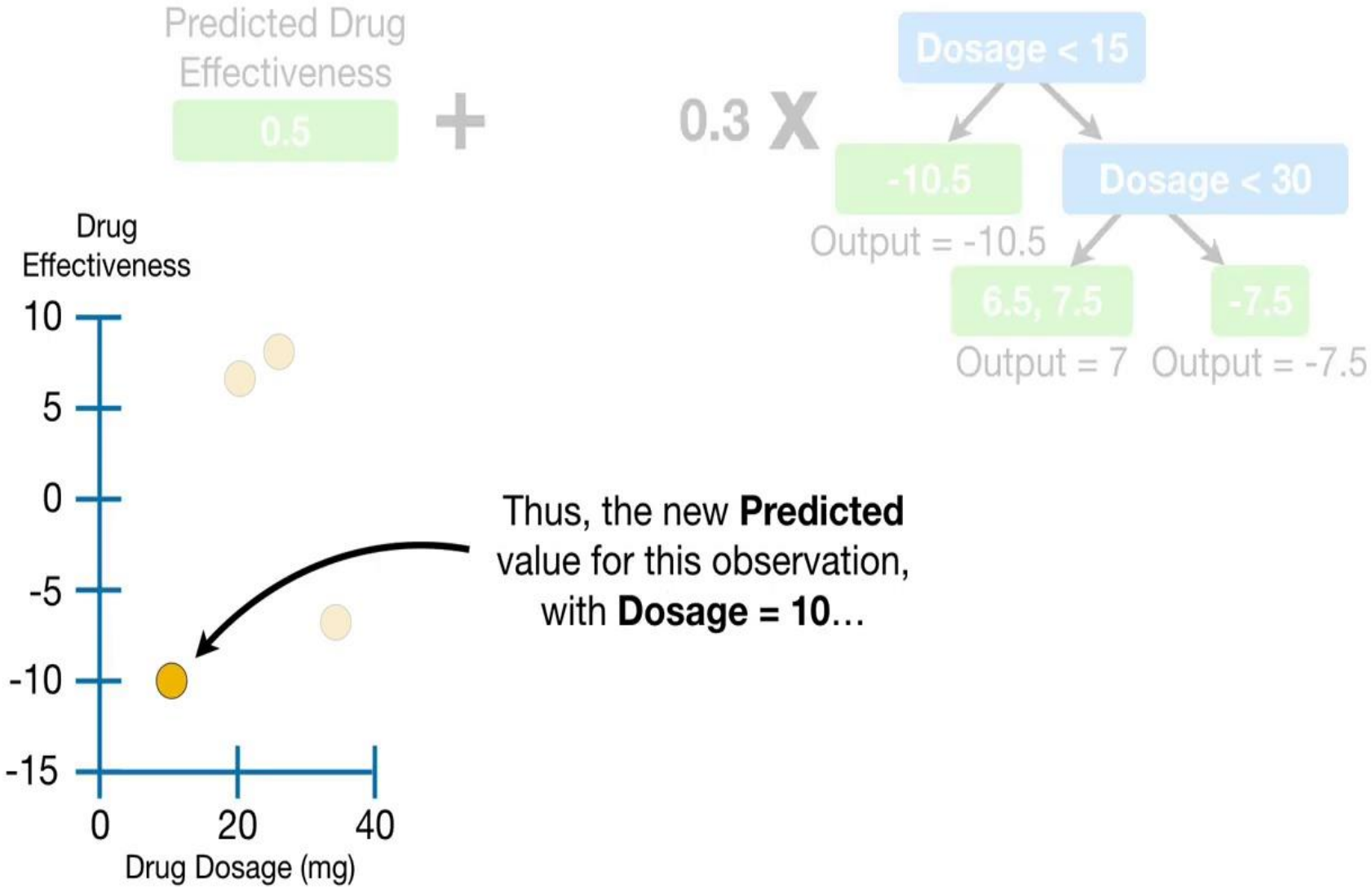

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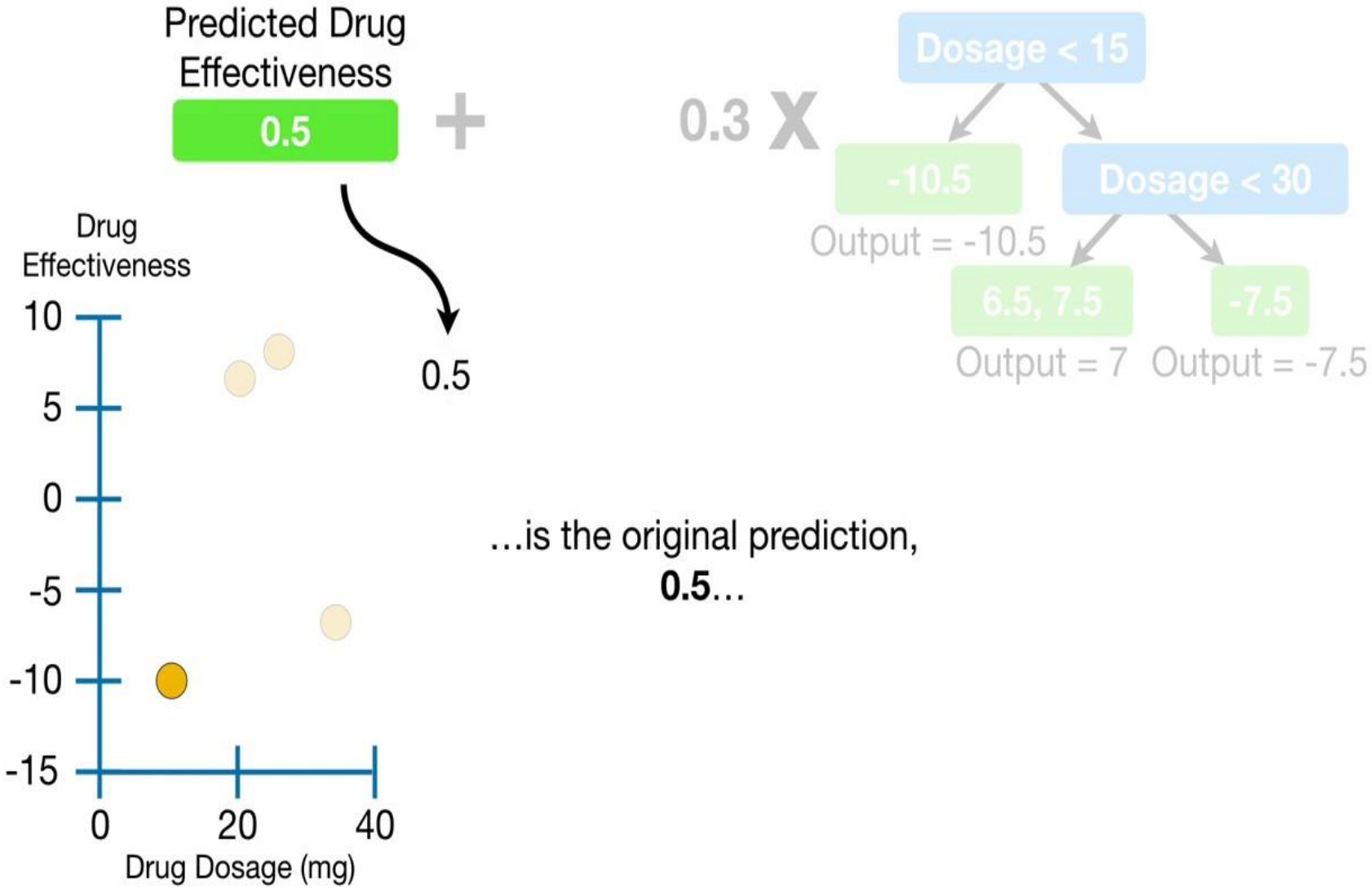

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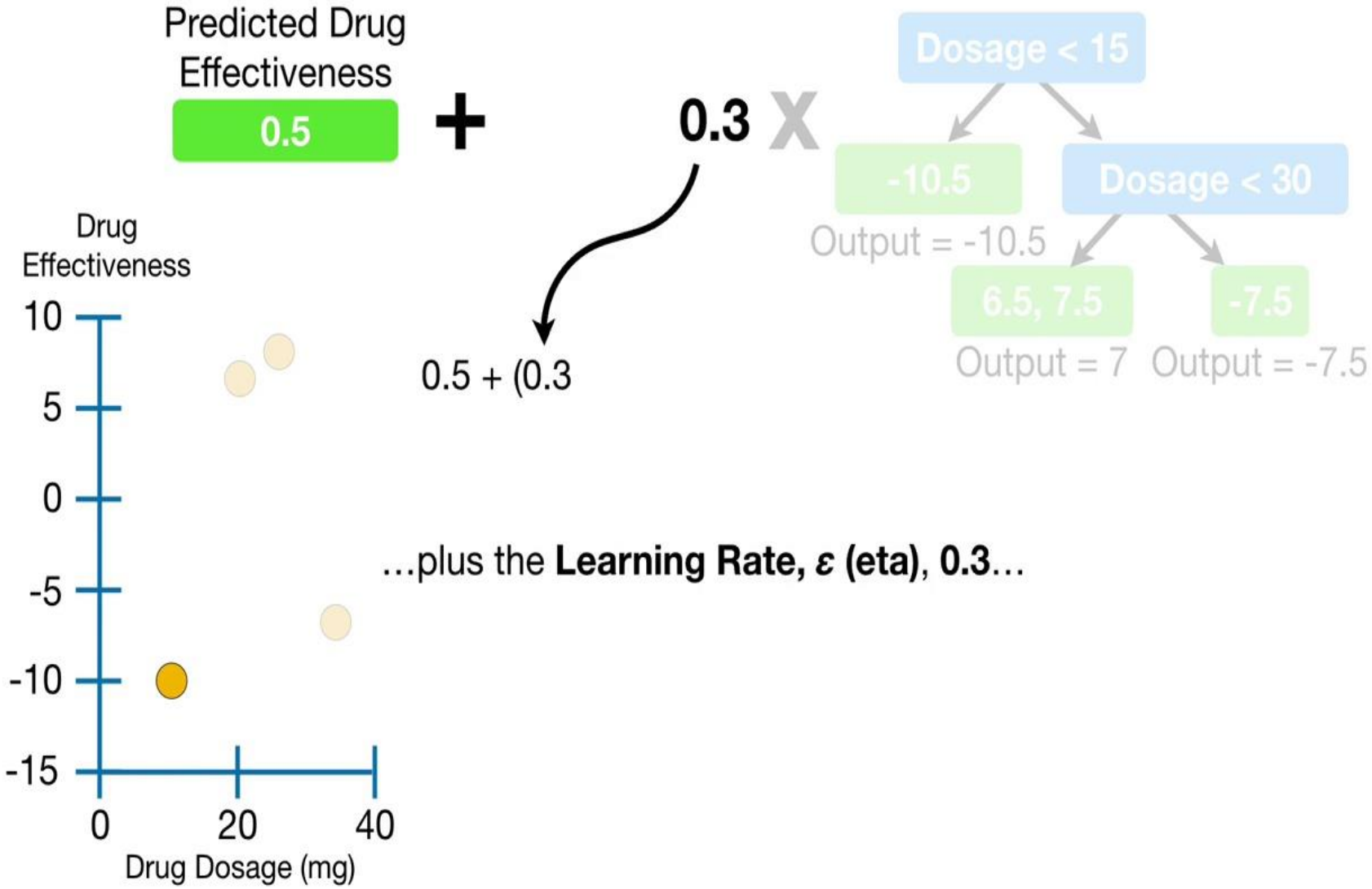

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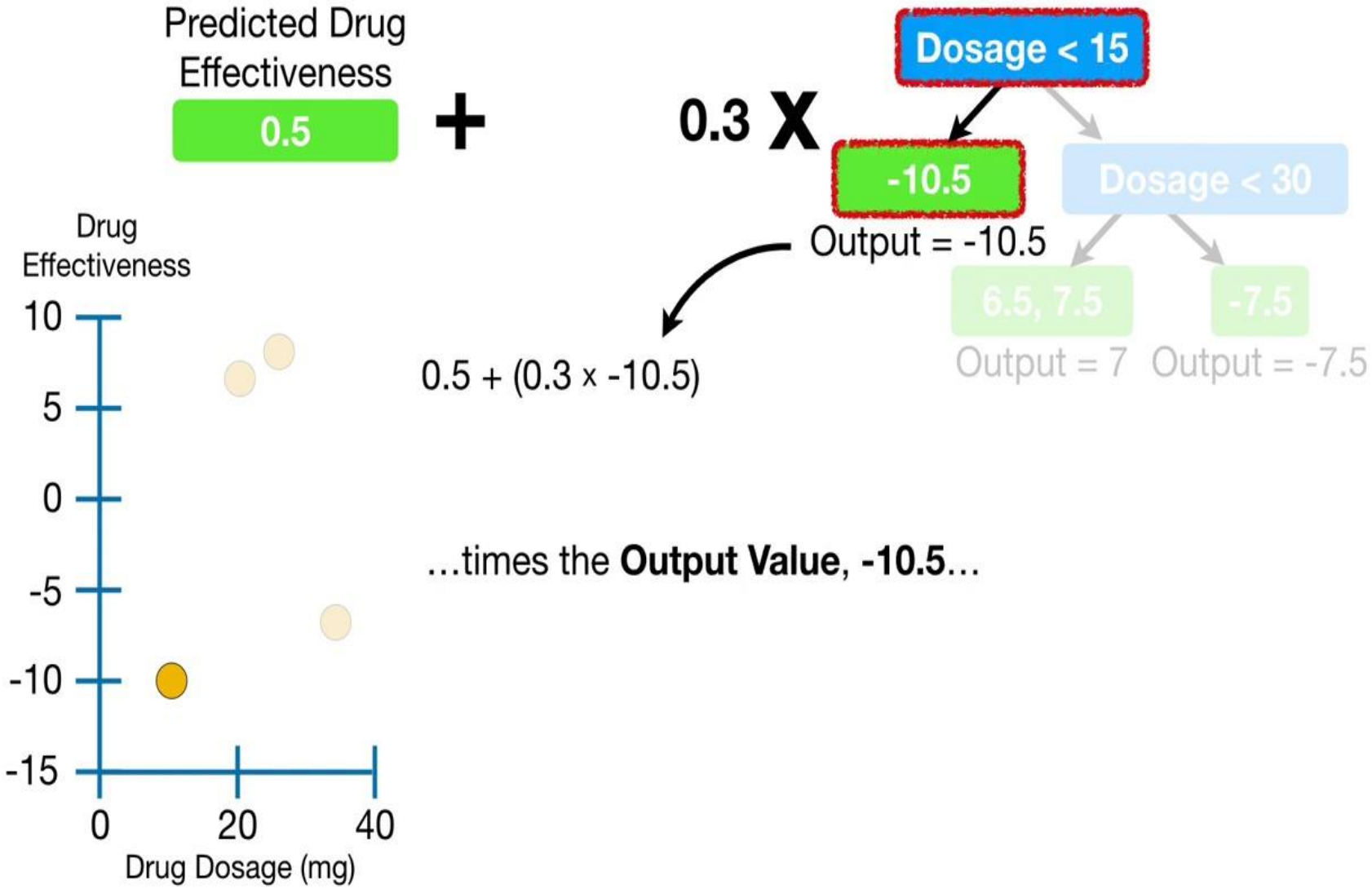

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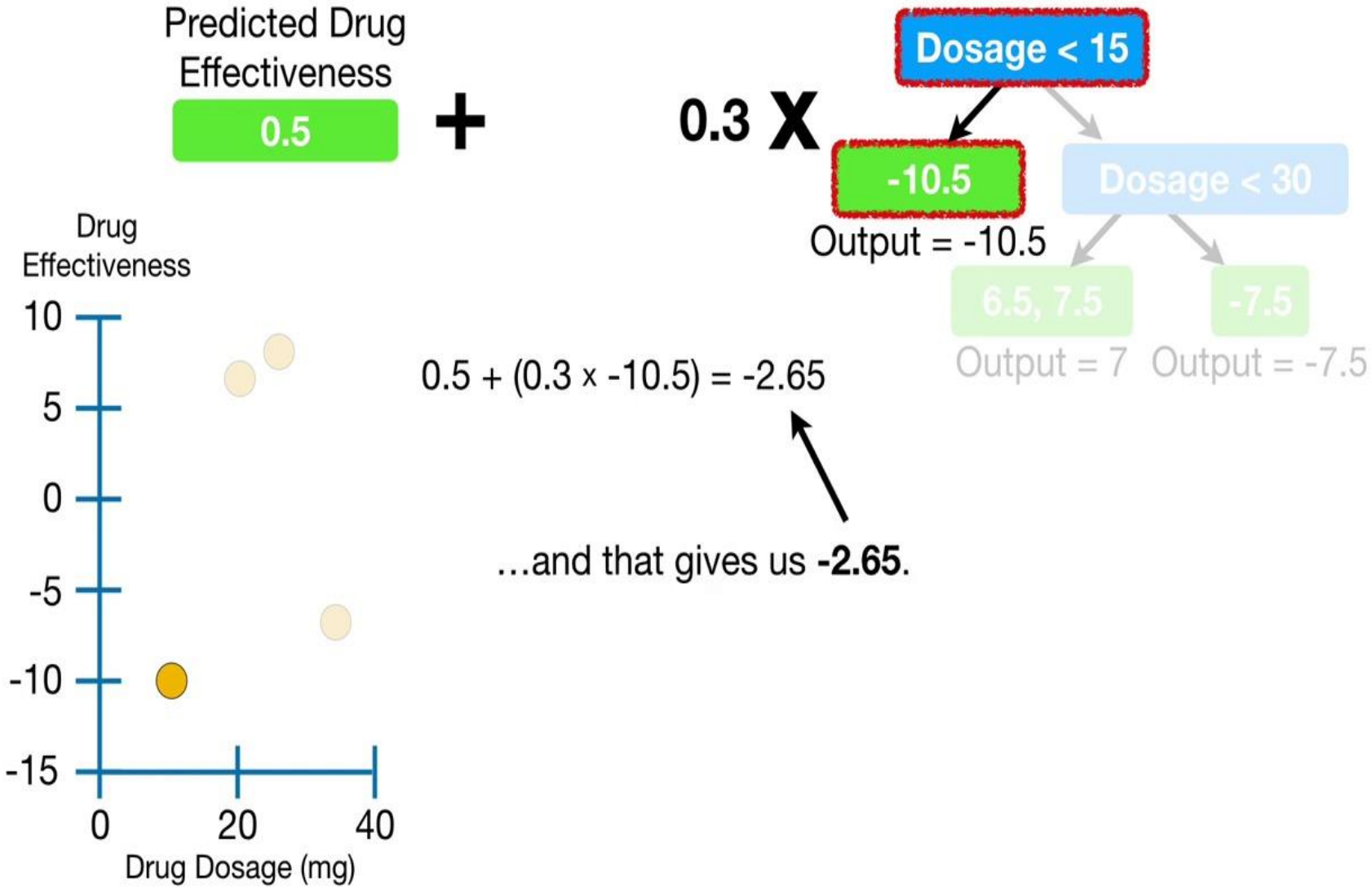

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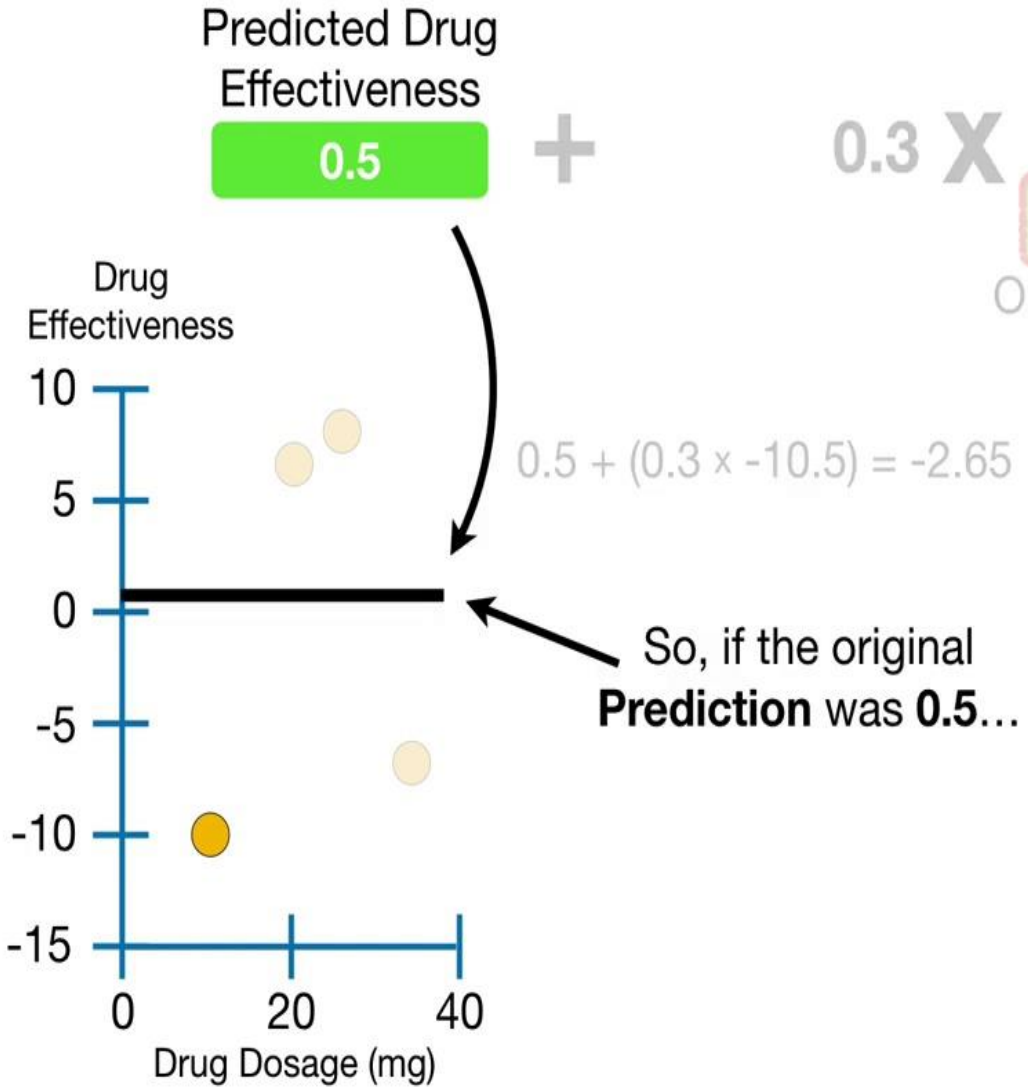

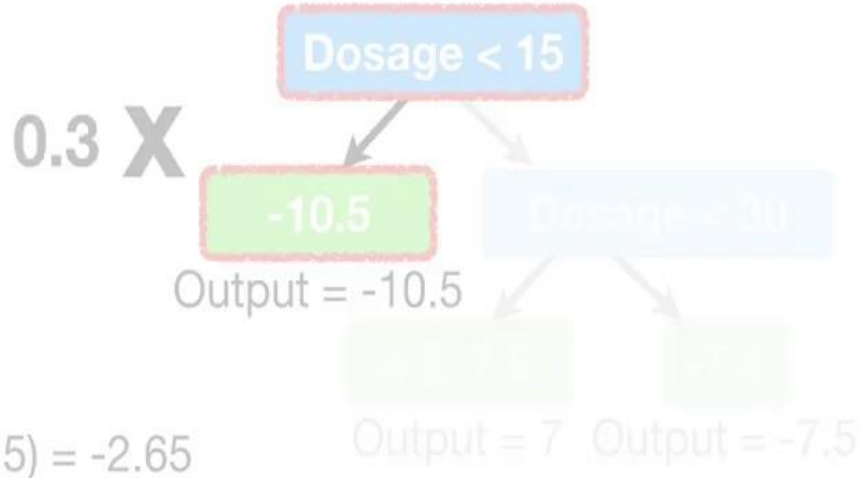

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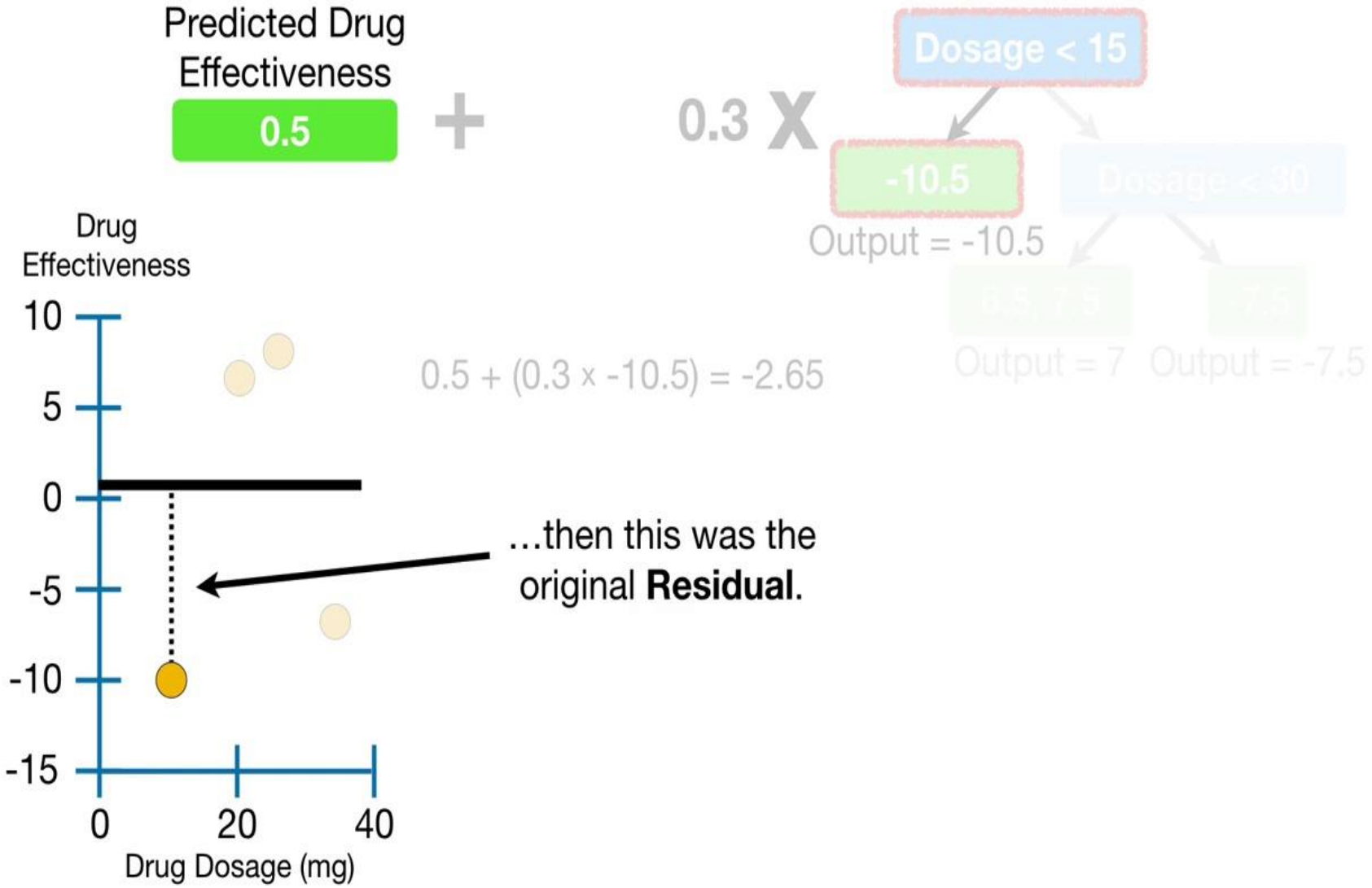

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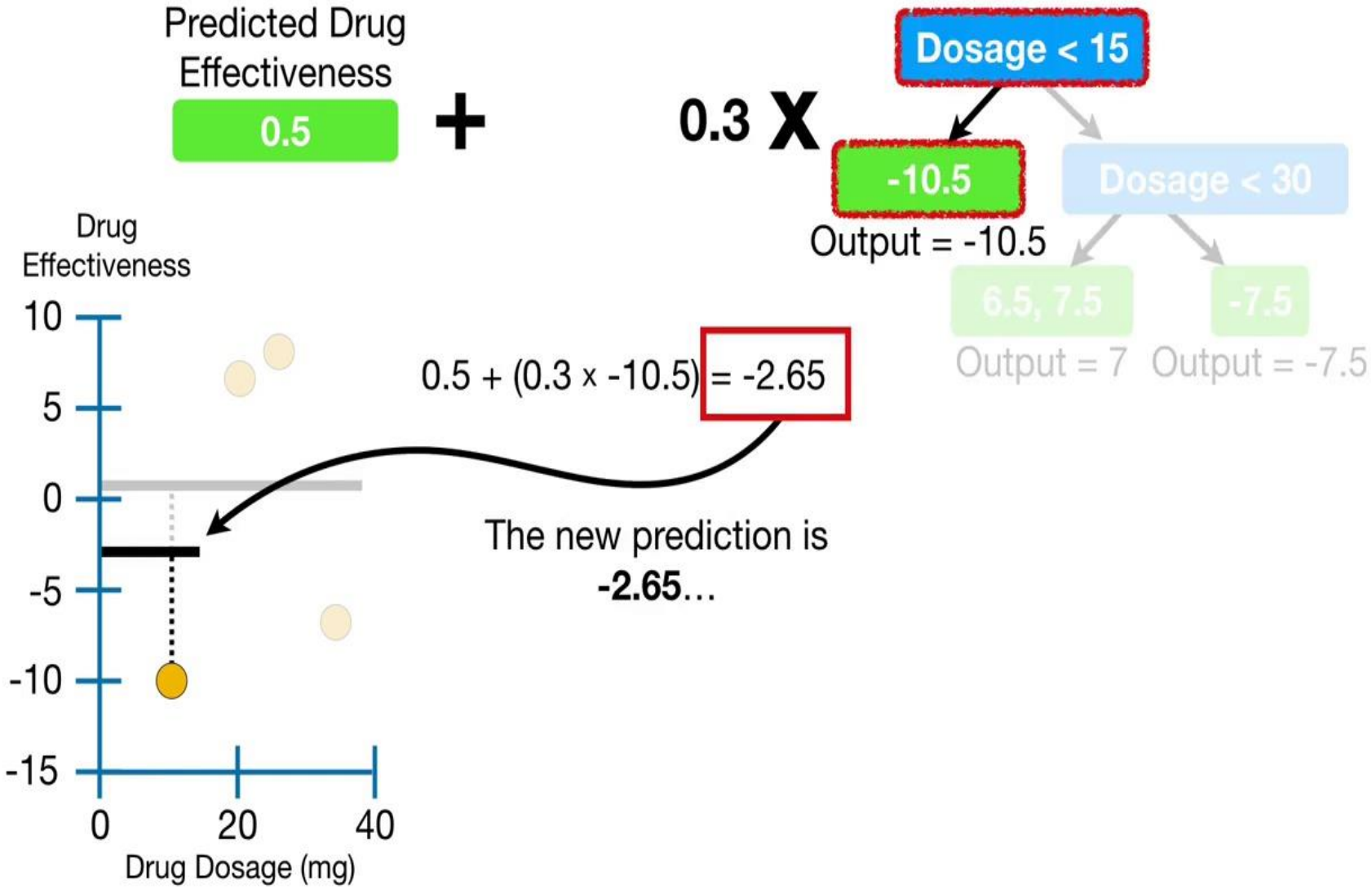

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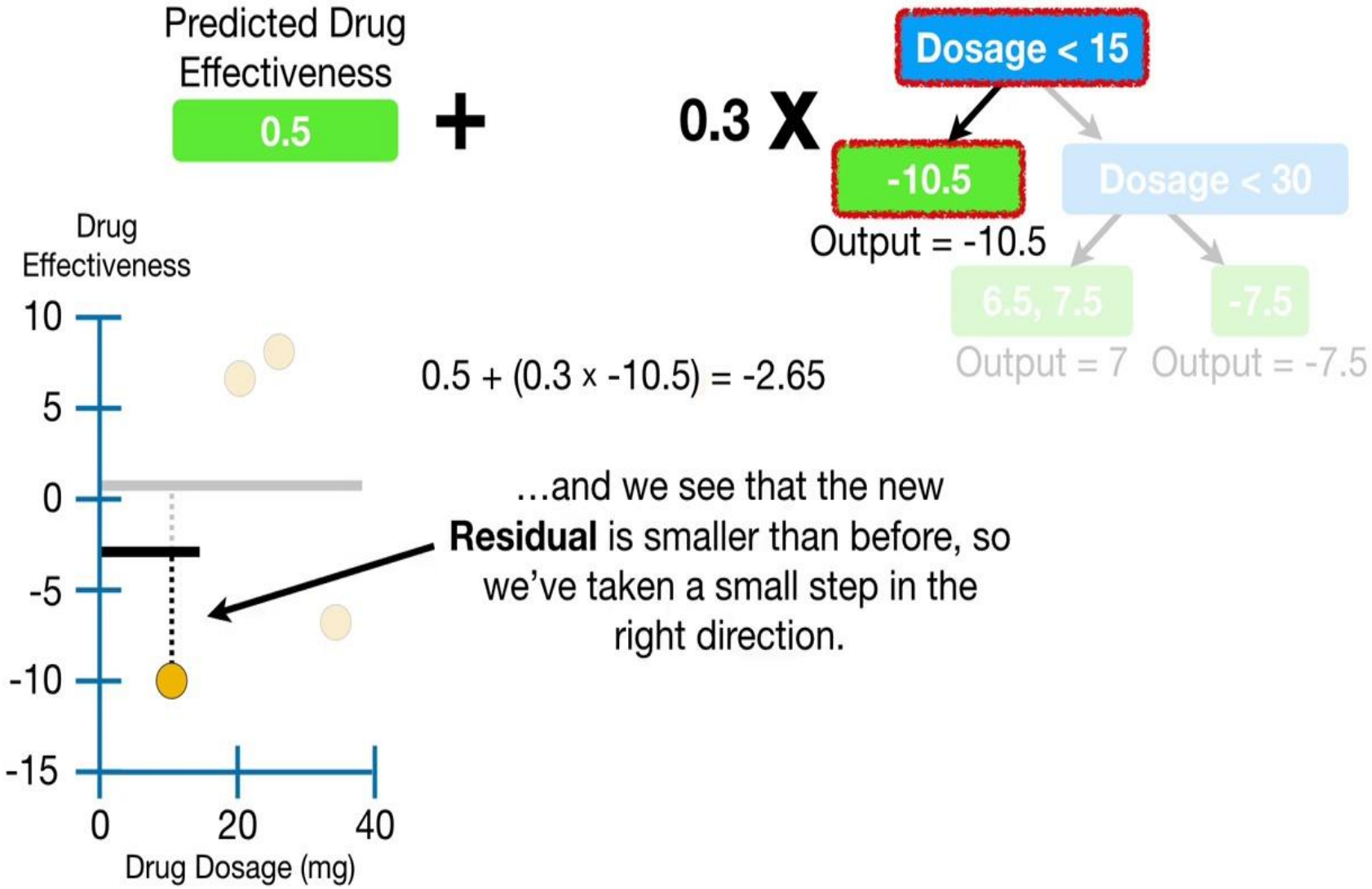

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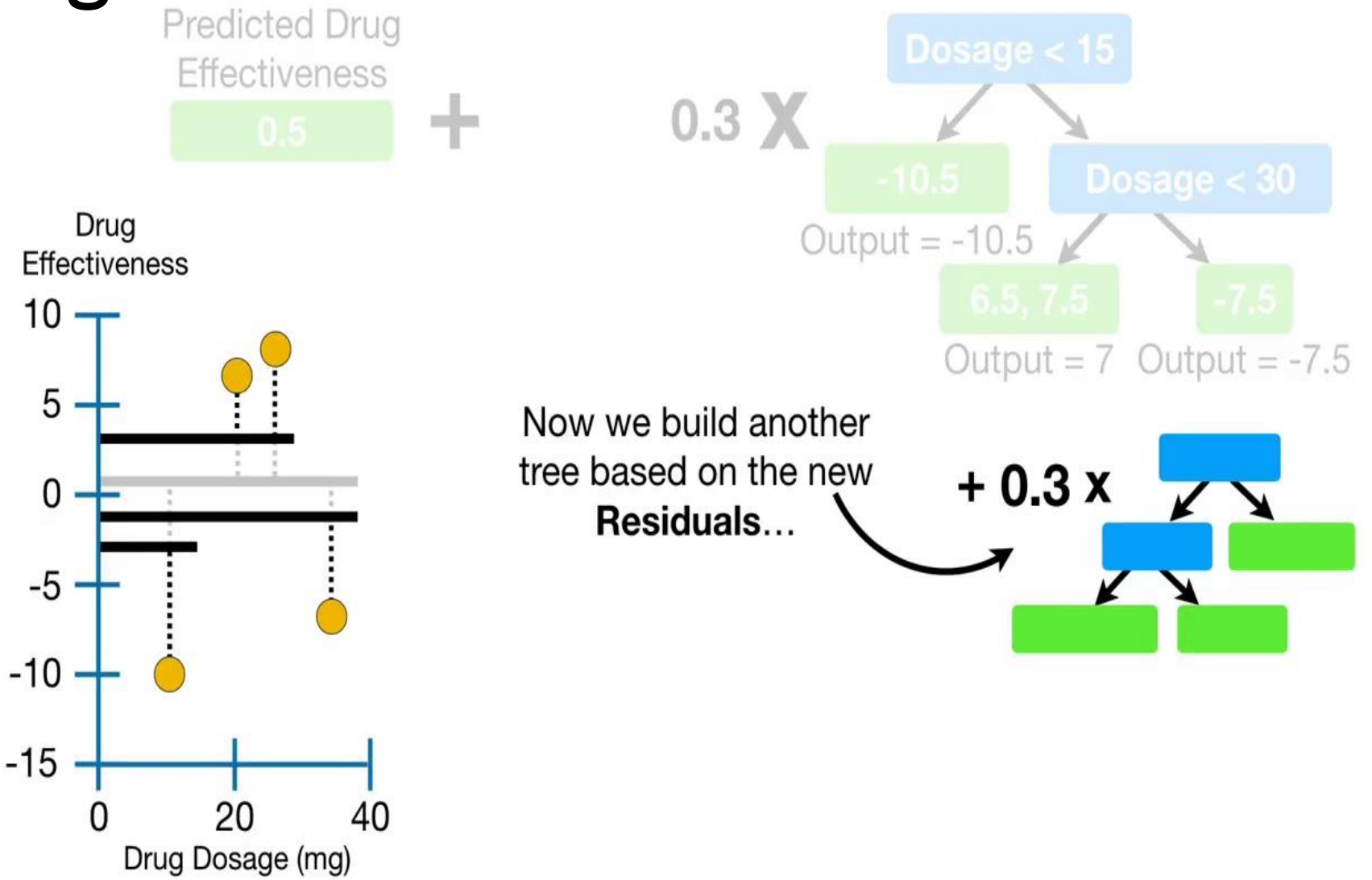

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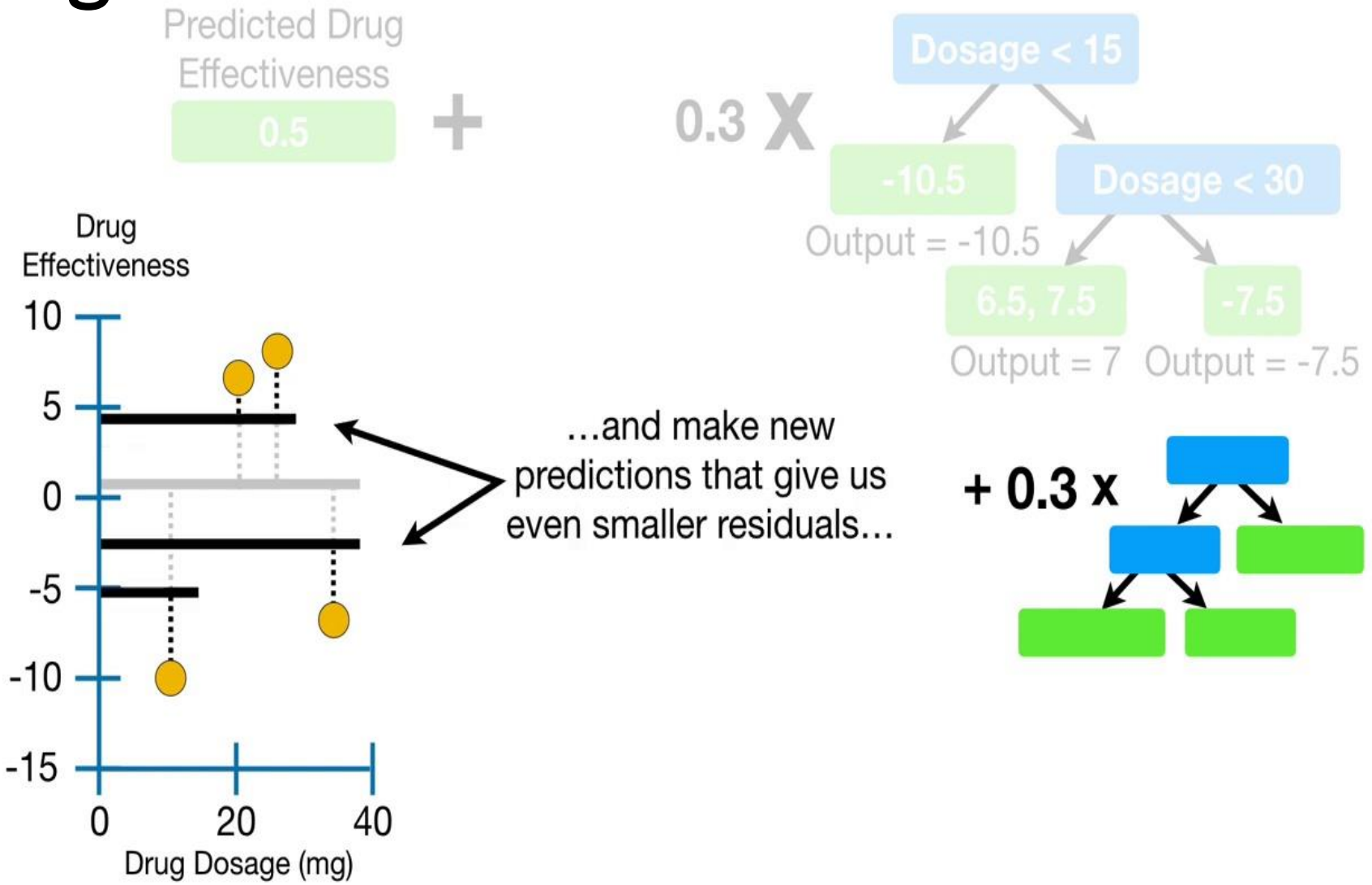

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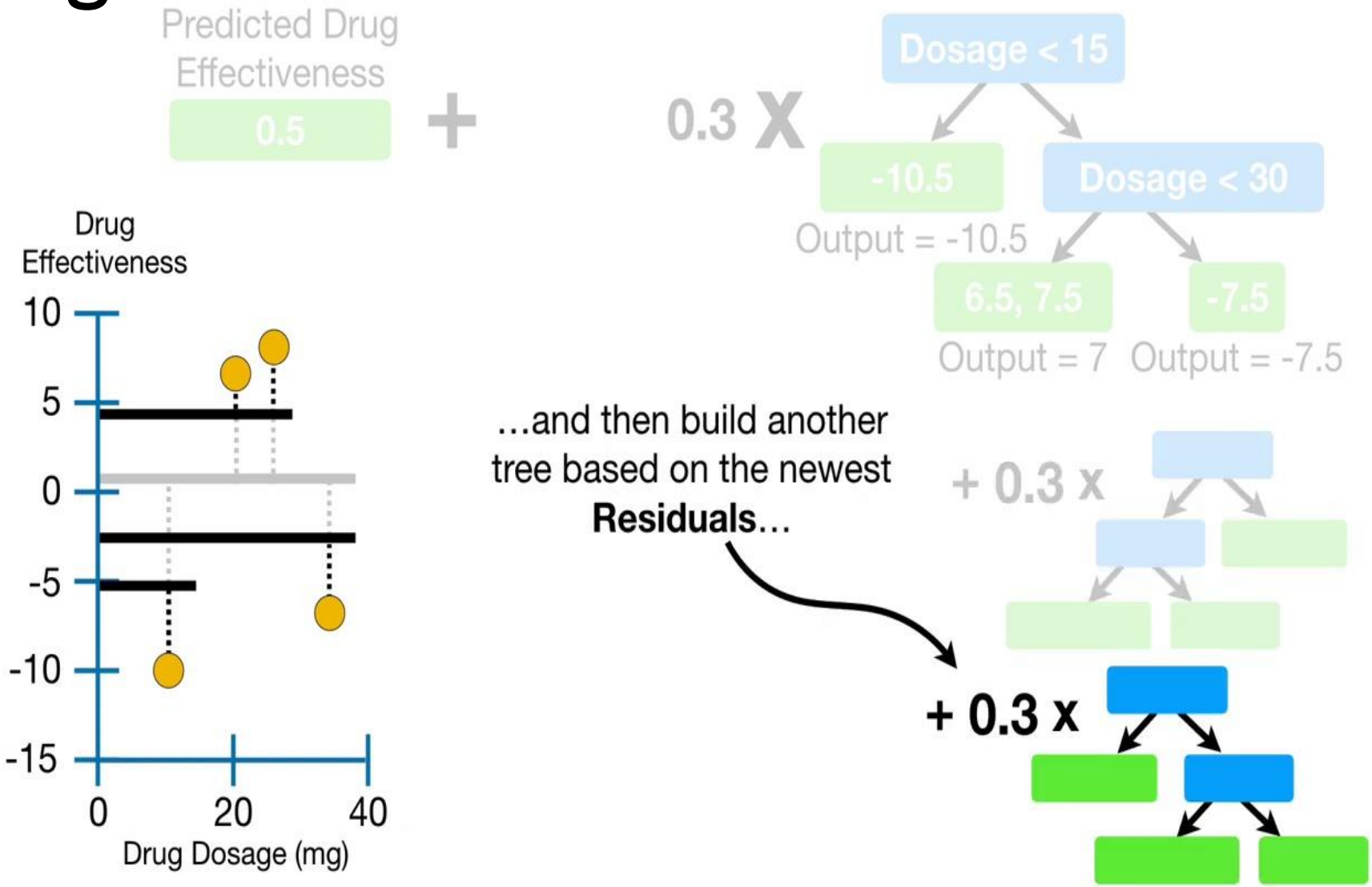
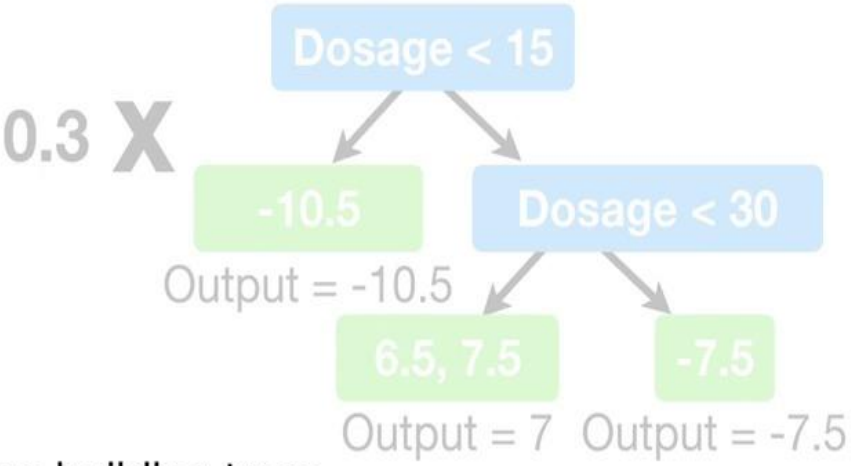
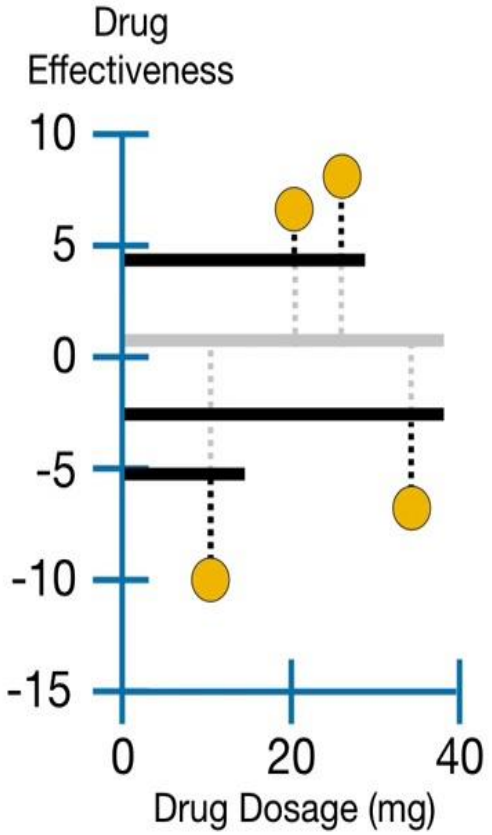


Building More Trees

Predicted Drug Effectiveness

0.5 + 0.3 X





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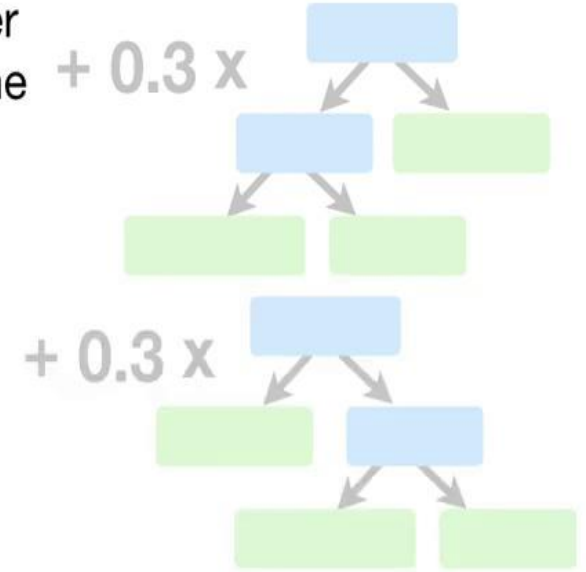

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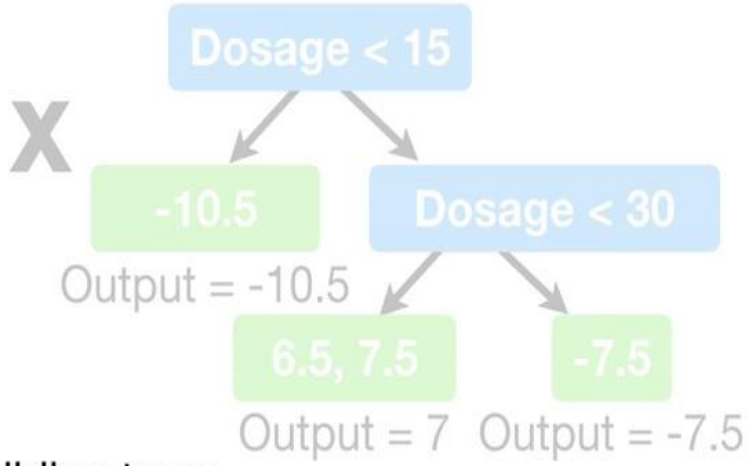

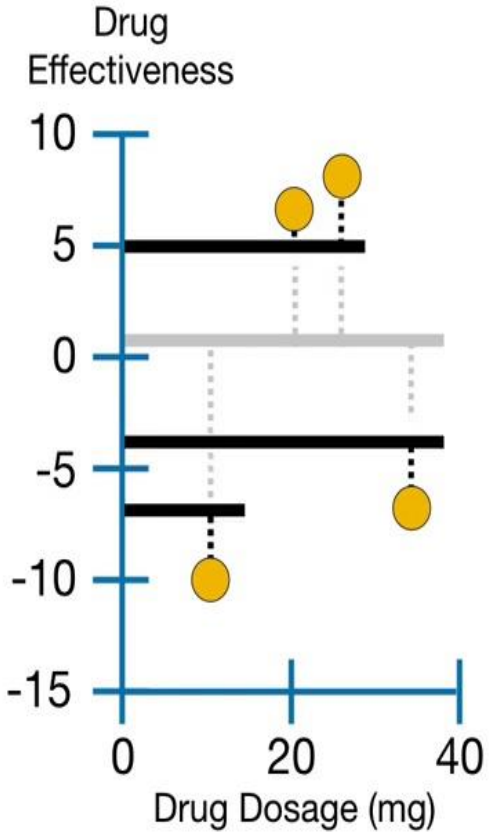

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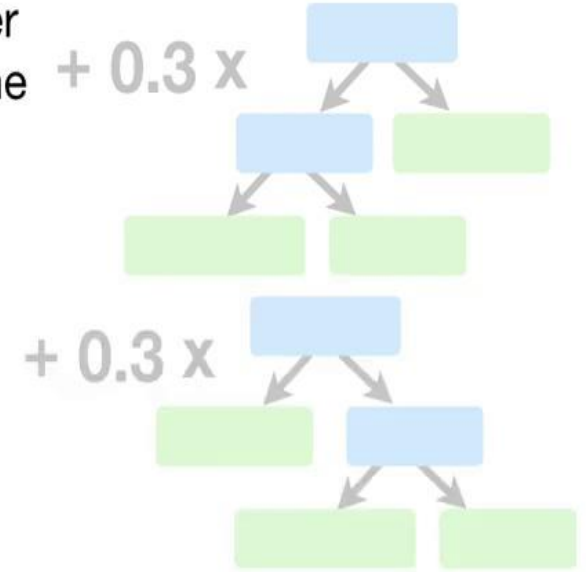

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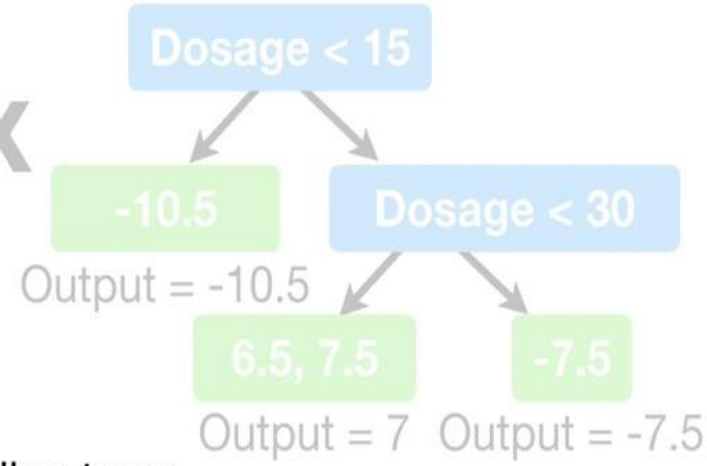

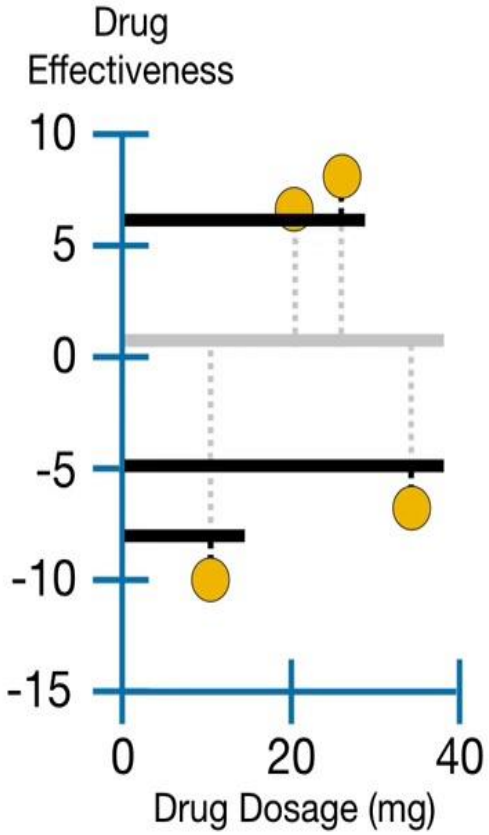

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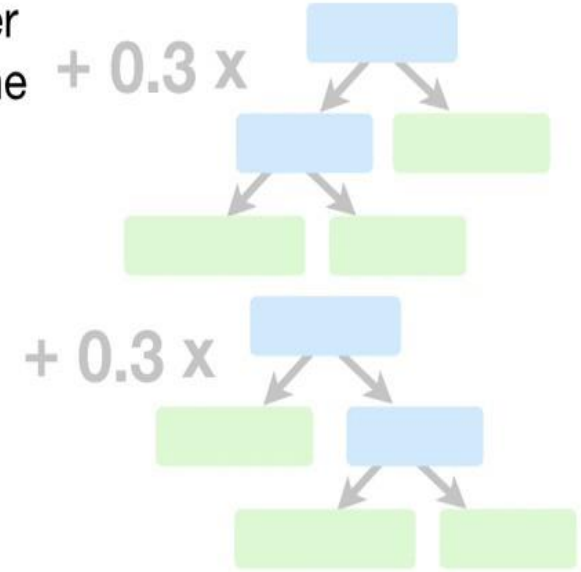

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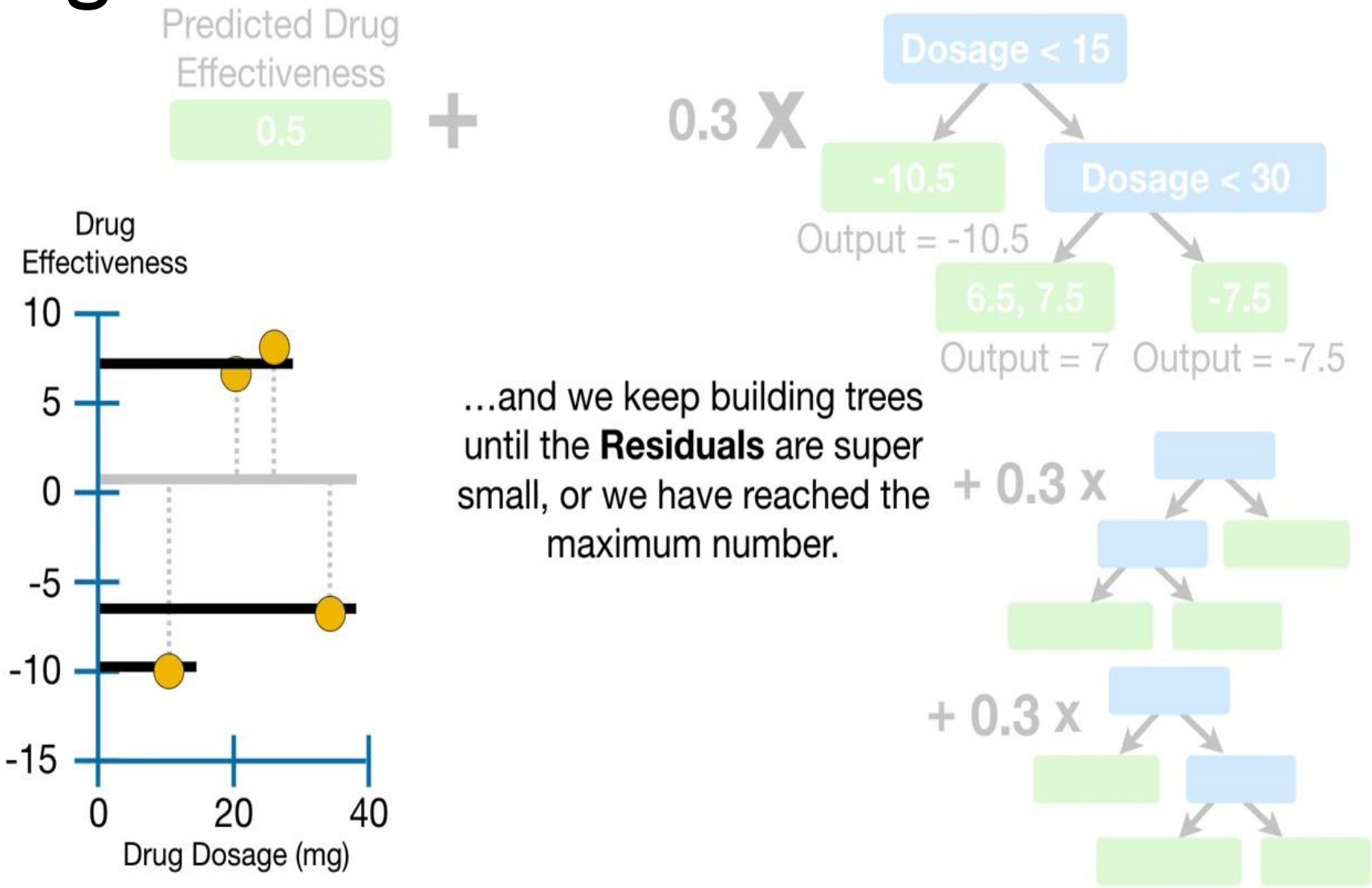
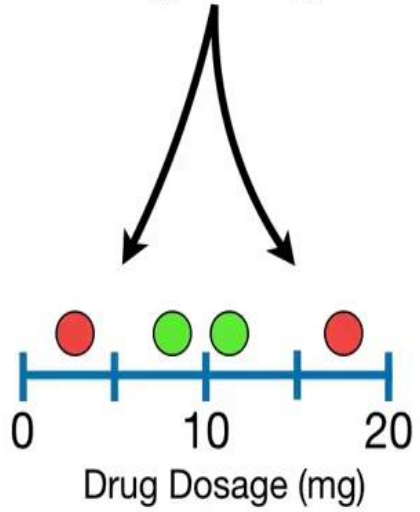


XGBoost for Classification

to keep the examples from getting out of hand, we will use this super simple **Training Data** consisting of **4** different **Drug Dosages**.



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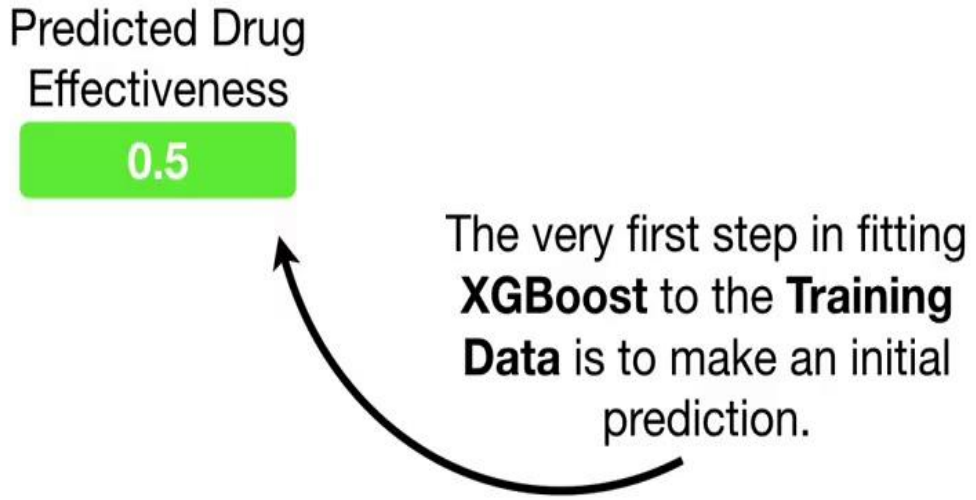
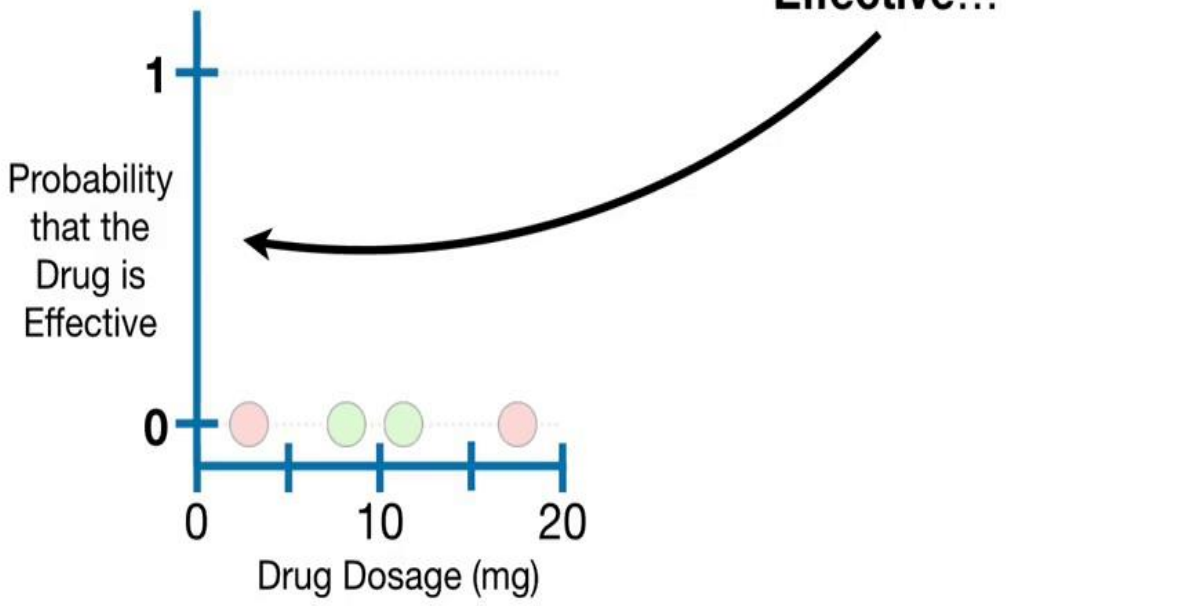


XGBoost for Classification

Predicted Drug Effectiveness

0.5

We can illustrate the initial prediction by adding a ***y*-axis** to our graph to represent the **Probability that the Drug is Effective**...



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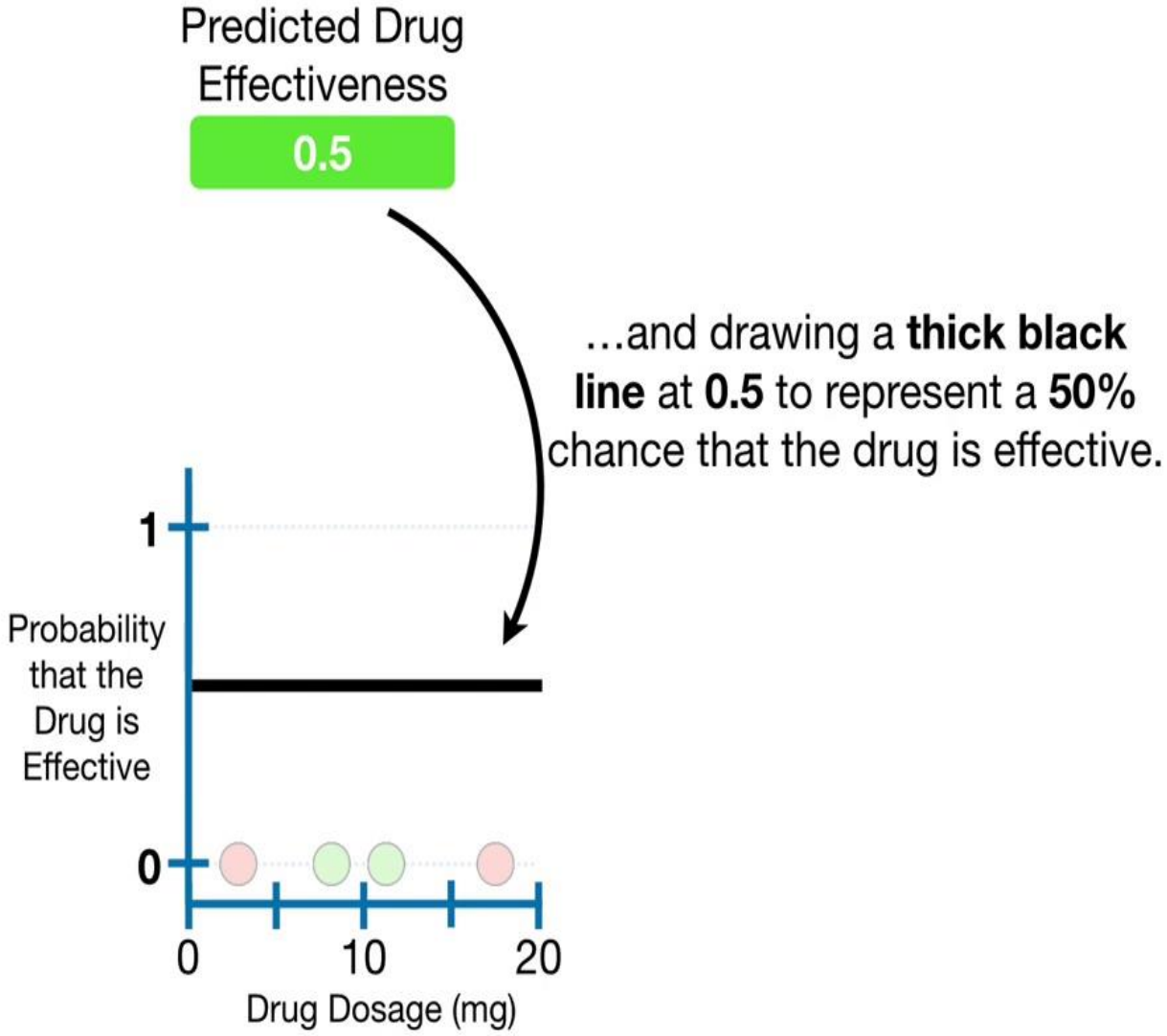

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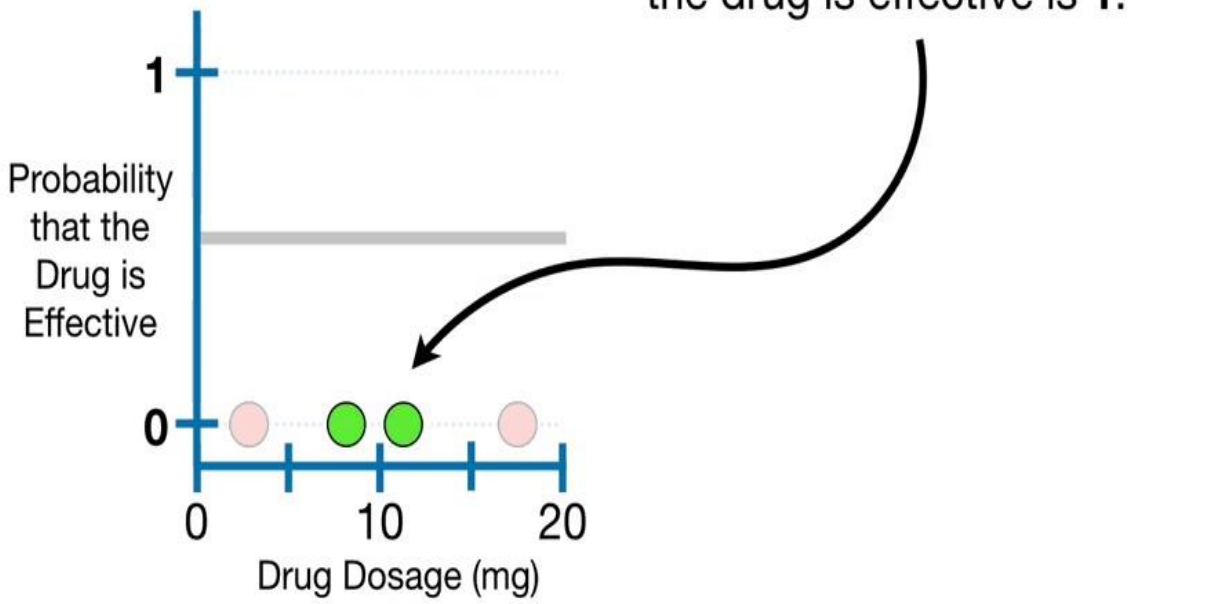

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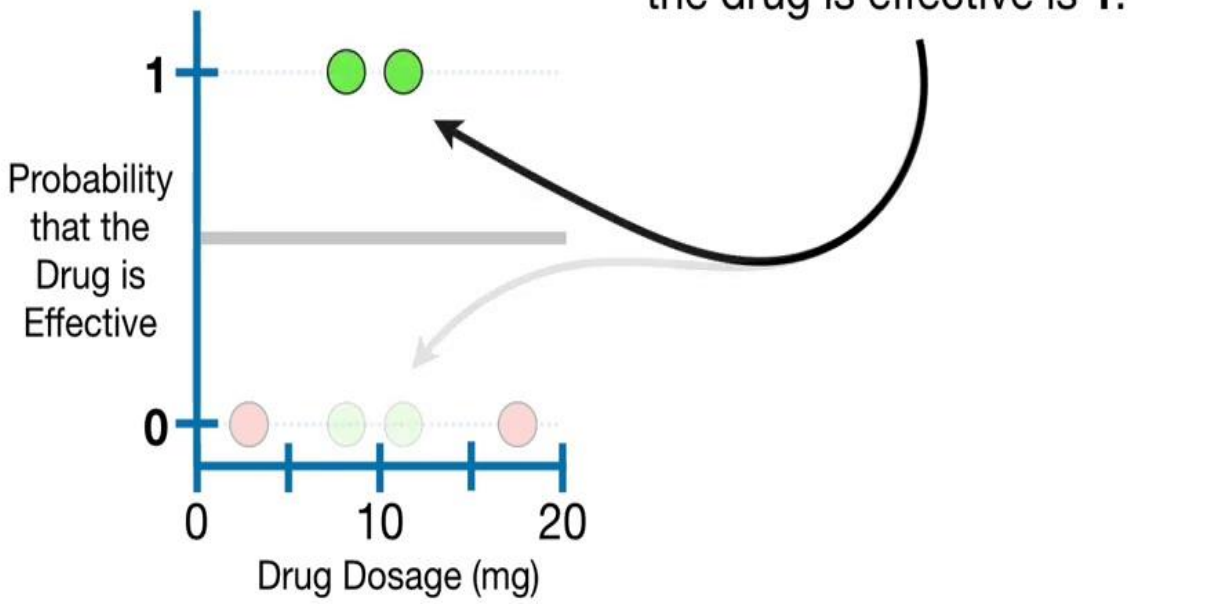

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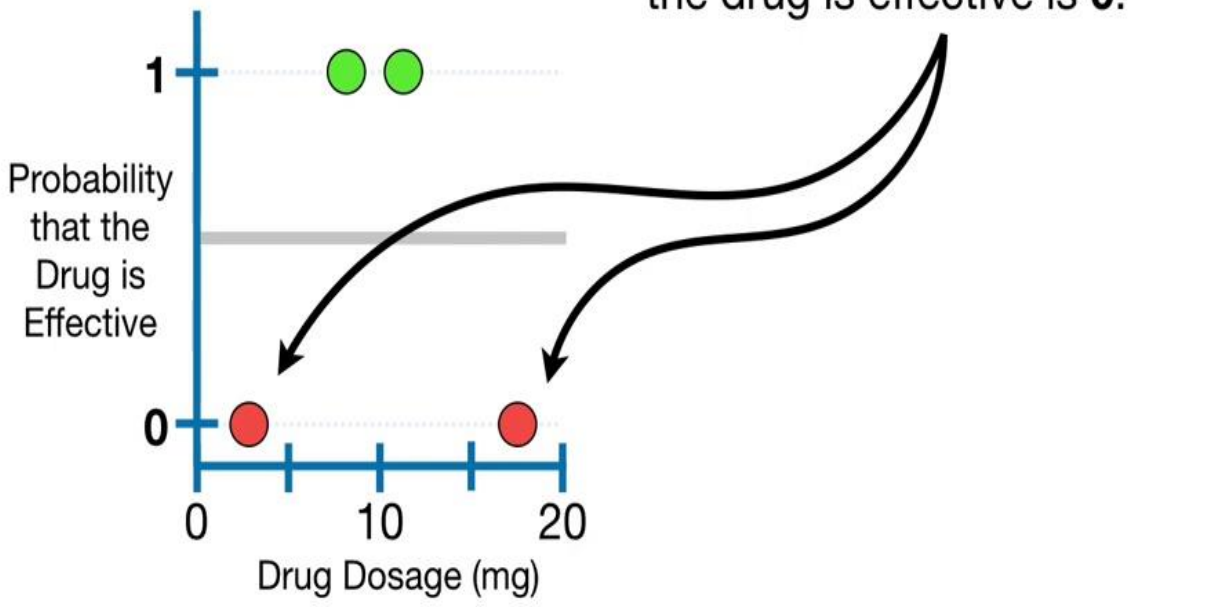

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Predicted Drug Effectiveness

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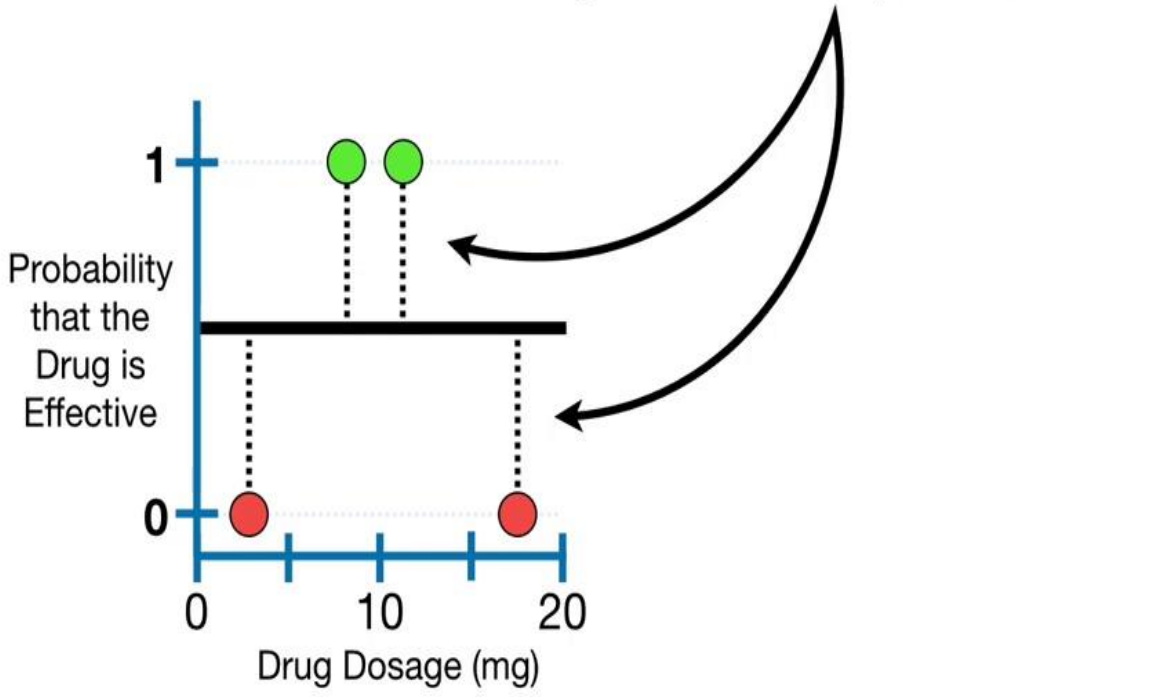
The **Residuals**, the differences between the **Observed** and **Predicted** values, show us how good the initial prediction is.



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Predicted Drug Effectiveness

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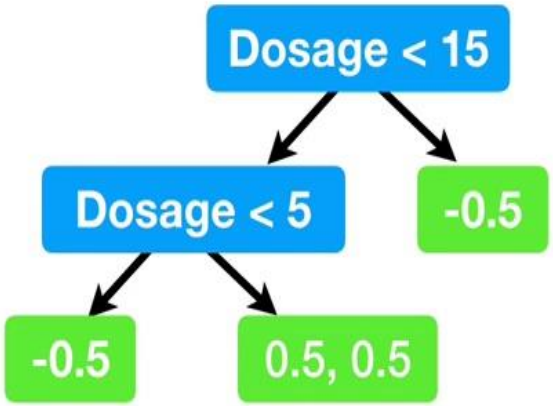
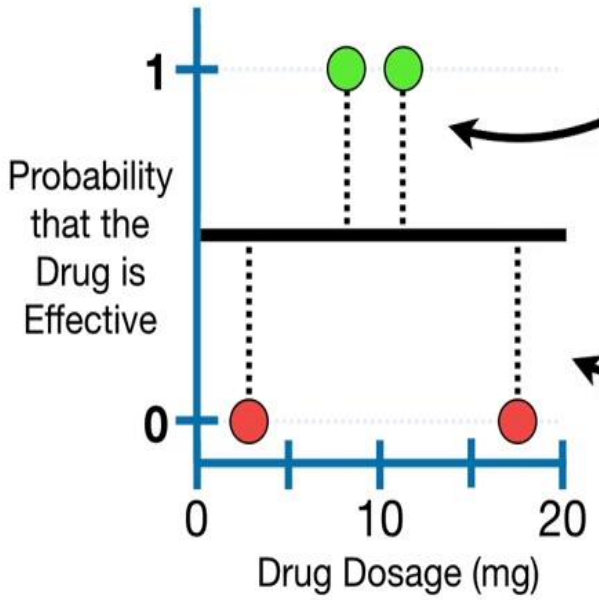
Now, just like we did for **Regression**, we fit an **XGBoost Tree** to the **Residuals**...





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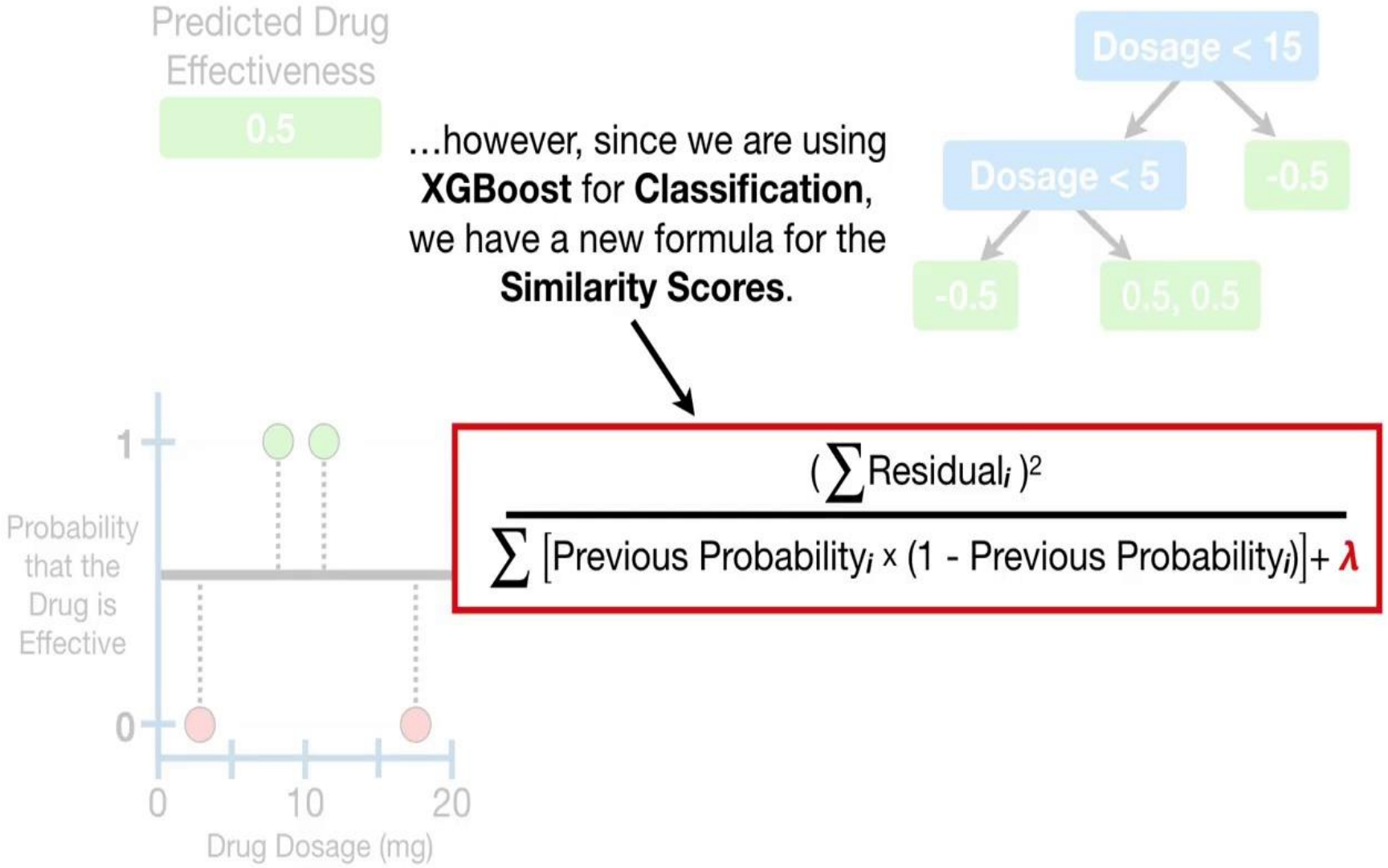

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Predicted Drug Effectiveness

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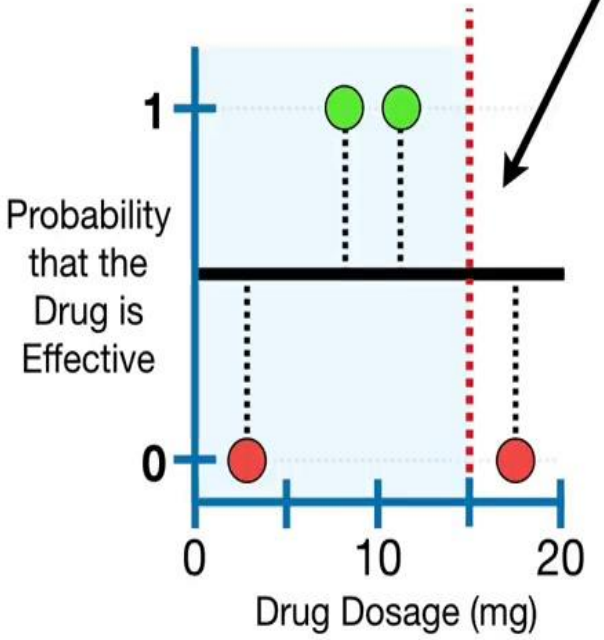
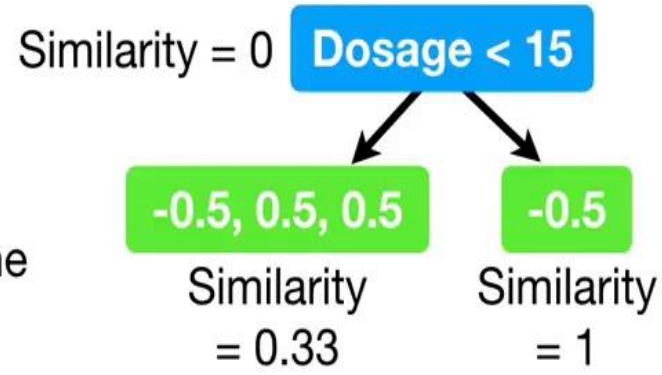
So when we split the **Observations** based on the threshold **Dosage < 15**, **Gain = 1.33**.





Gain = 0.33 + 1 - 0 = 1.33

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Predicted Drug Effectiveness

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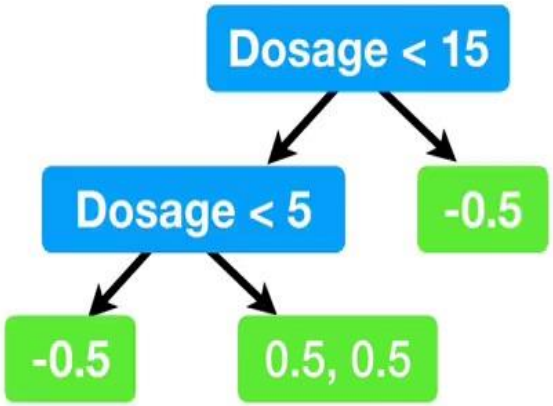
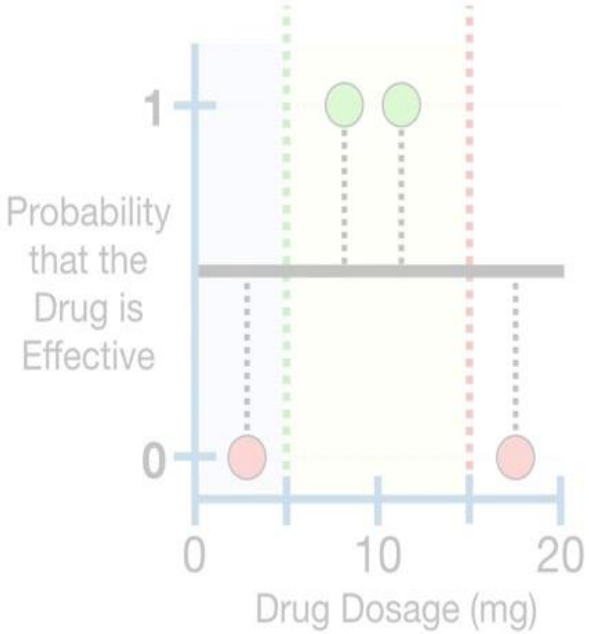
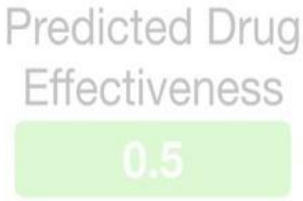
Now, since I'm limiting trees to **2** levels, we will not split this leaf any further, and we are done building this tree.

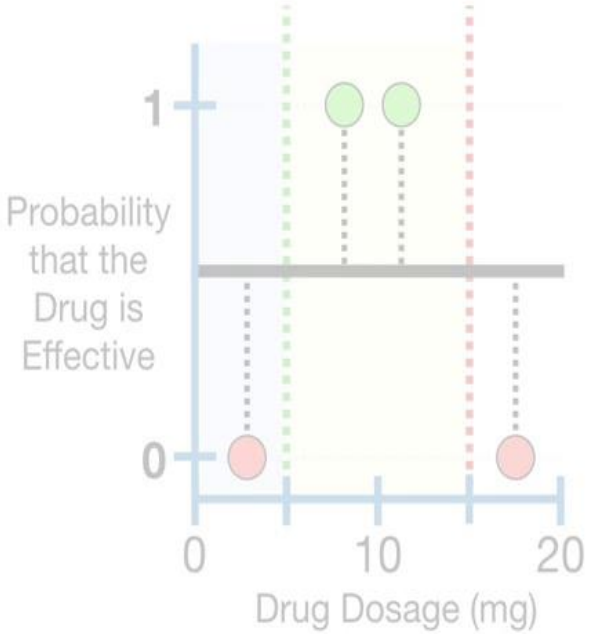


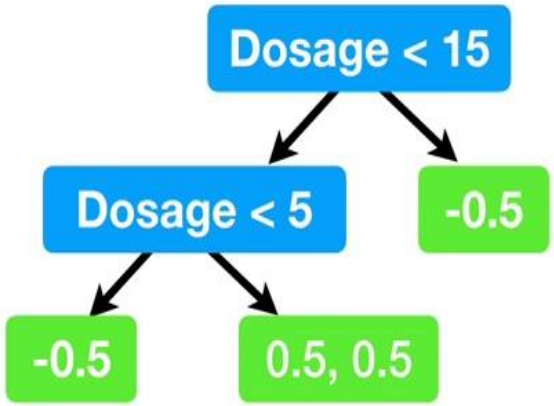


XGBoost for Classification



The minimum number of **Residuals** in each leaf is determined by calculating something called **Cover**.





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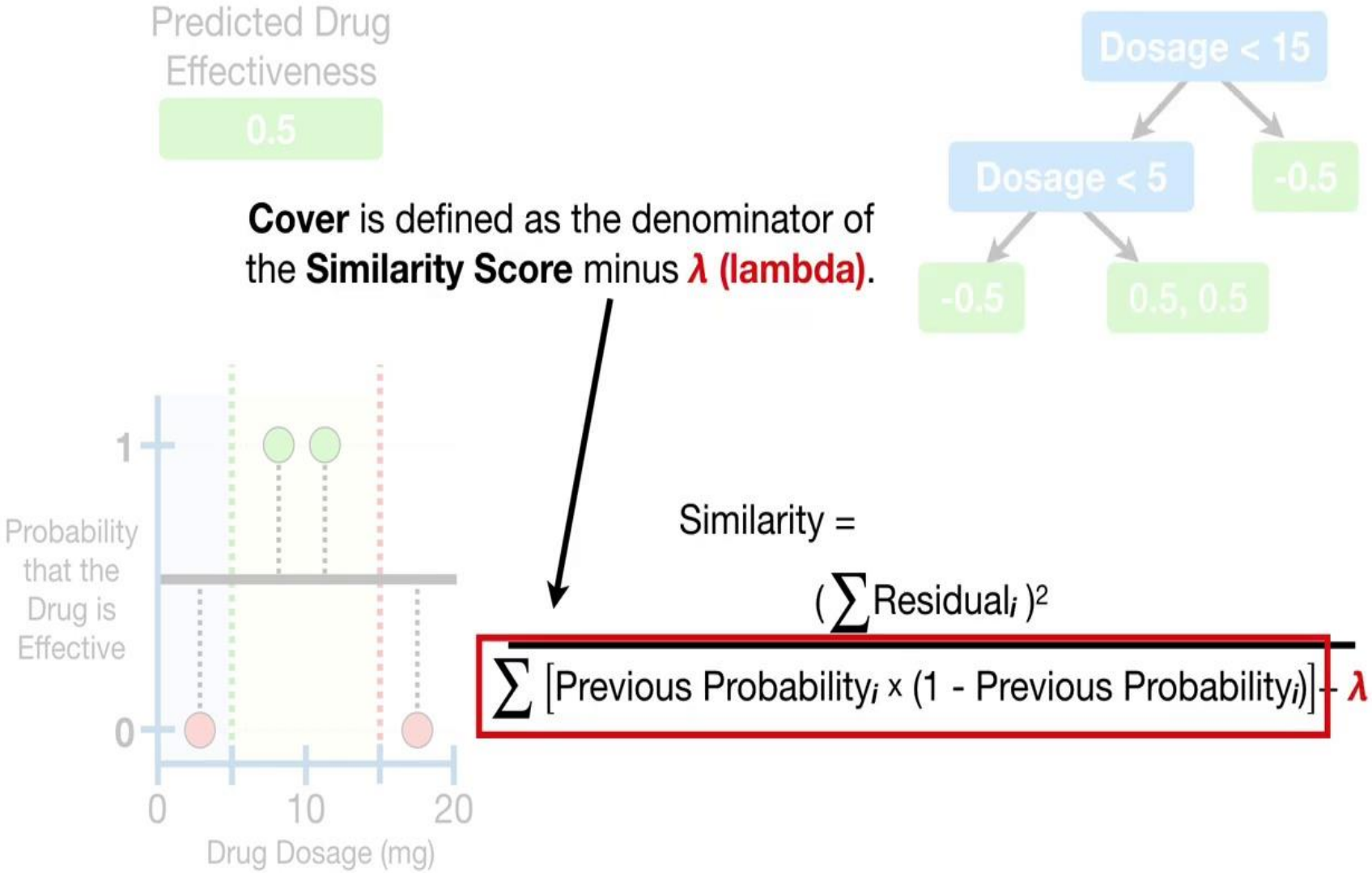

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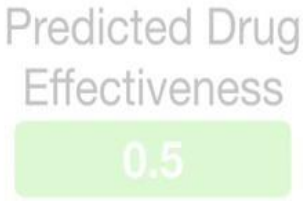
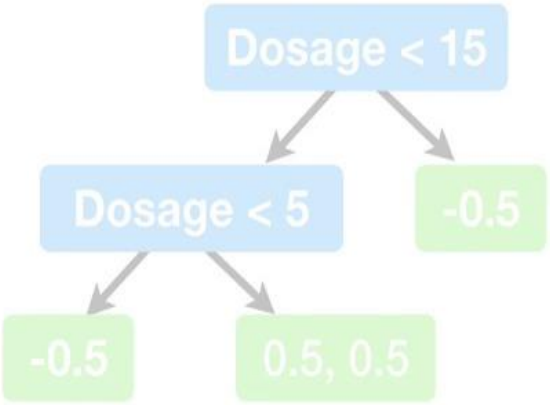
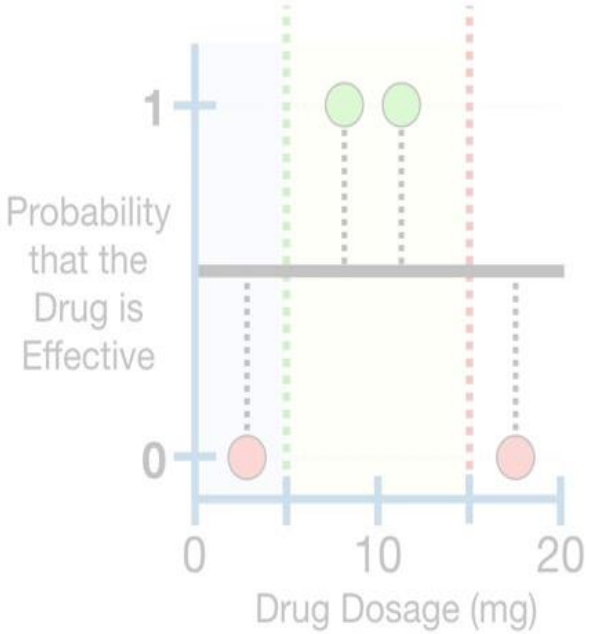


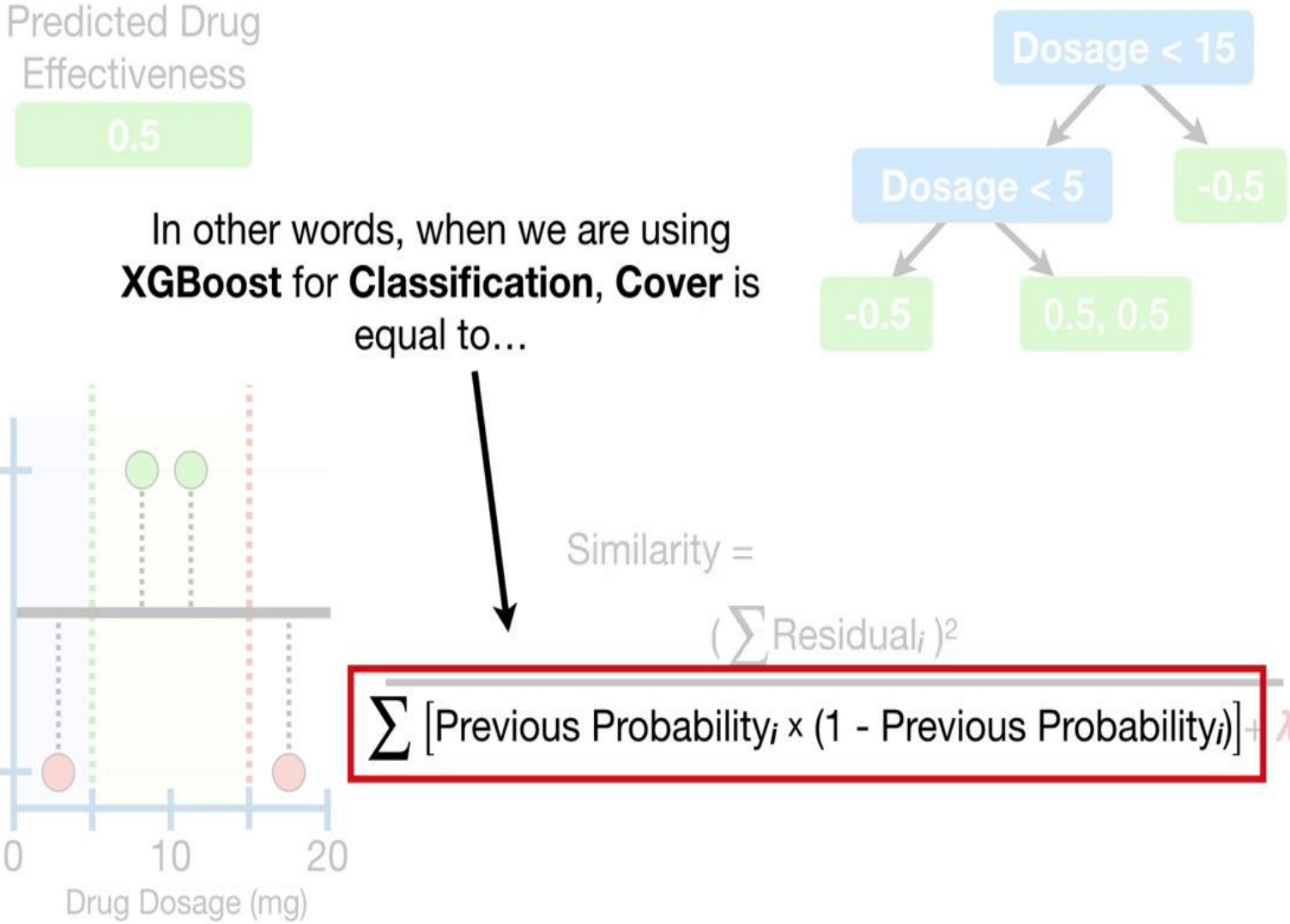


In other words, when we are using **XGBoost** for **Classification**, **Cover** is equal to...



$$\text{Similarity} = \frac{\left(\sum \text{Residual}_i\right)^2}{\sum \left[\text{Previous Probability}_i \times (1 - \text{Previous Probability}_i)\right] + \lambda}$$

XGBoost for Classification



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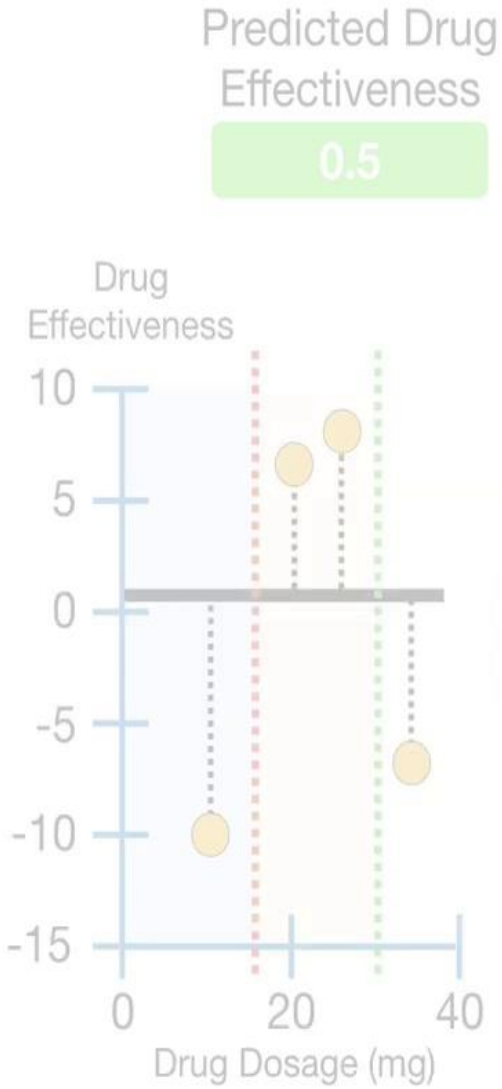
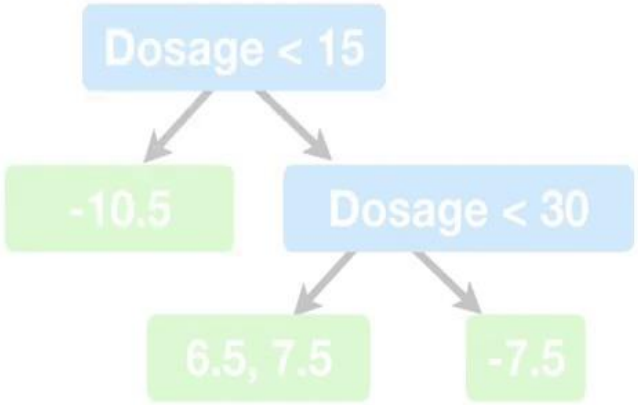
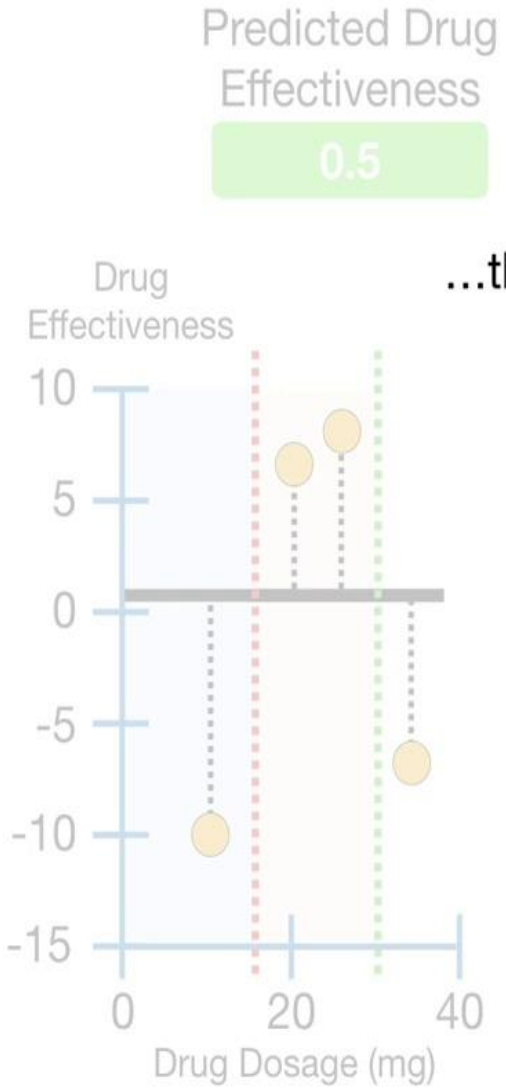


In contrast, when **XGBoost** is used for **Regression** and we are using this formula for the **Similarity Score**…

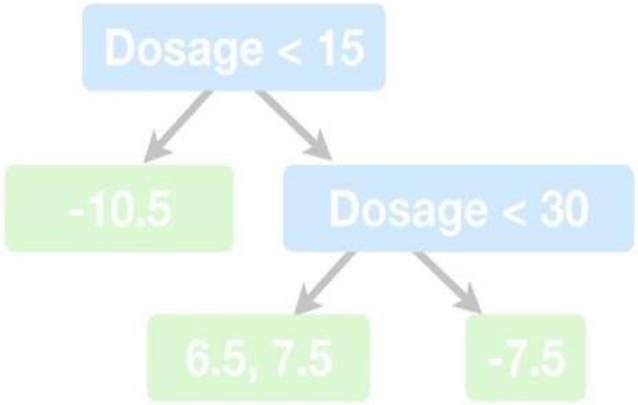


$$\text{Similarity Score} = \frac{\text{Sum of Residuals, Squared}}{\text{Number of Residuals} + \lambda}$$

XGBoost for Classification

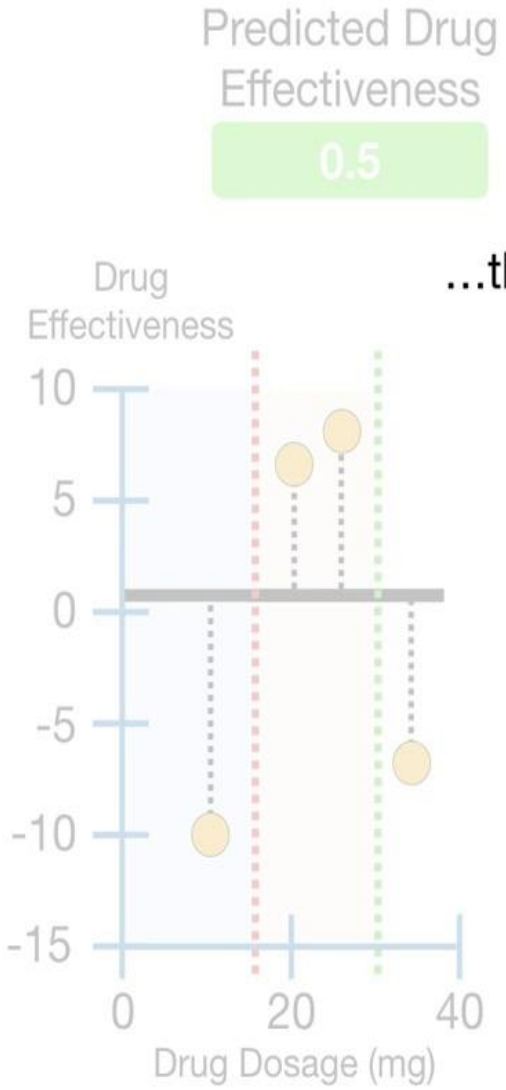


...then **Cover** is equal to...

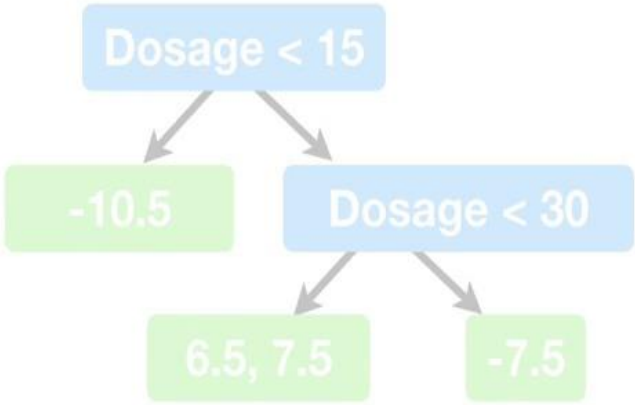


$$\text{Similarity Score} = \frac{\text{Sum of Residuals, Squared}}{\text{Number of Residuals} + \lambda}$$

XGBoost for Classification

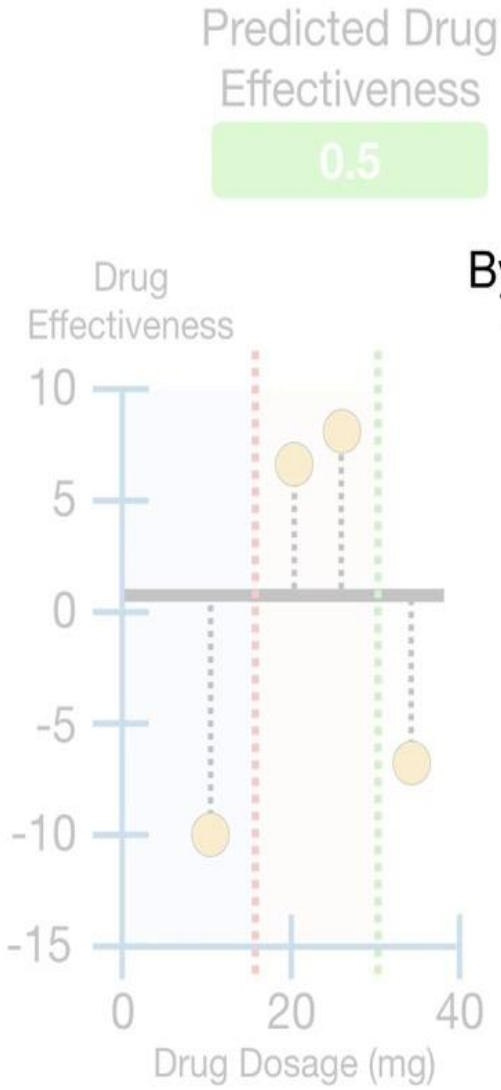


…then **Cover** is equal to…

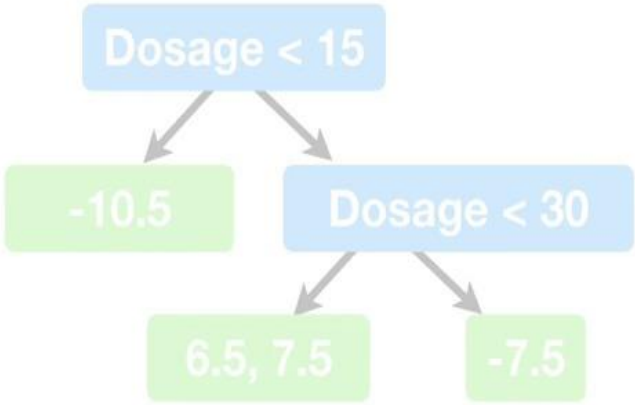


Similarity Score = $\frac{\text{Sum of Residuals, Squared}}{\text{Number of Residuals} + \lambda}$

XGBoost for Classification

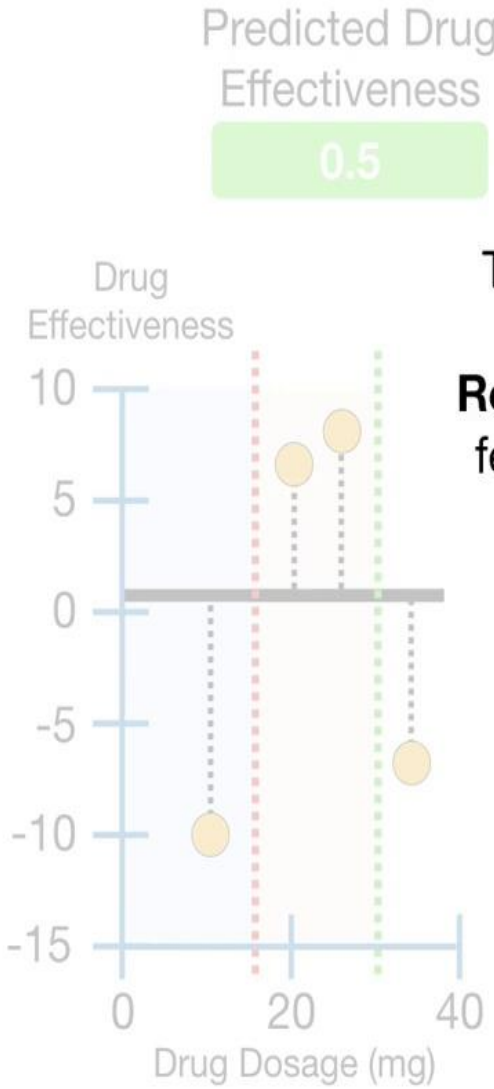


By default, the minimum value for **Cover** is **1**.

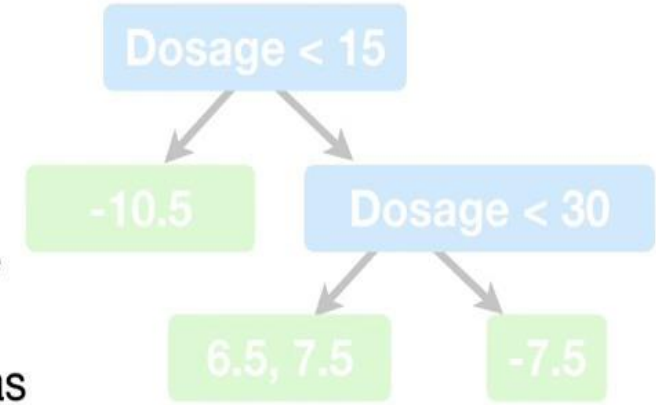


$$\text{Similarity Score} = \frac{\text{Sum of Residuals, Squared}}{\text{Number of Residuals} + \lambda}$$

XGBoost for Classification

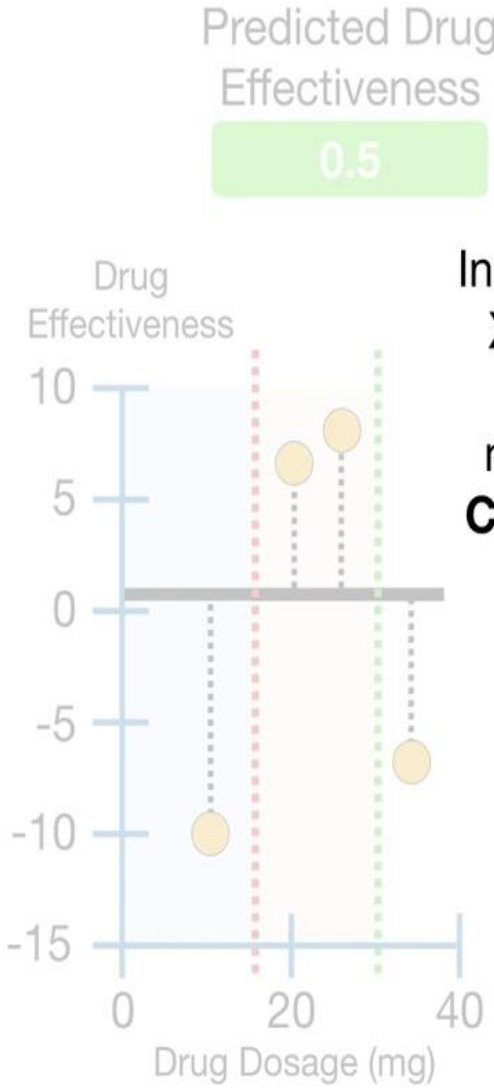


Thus, by default, when we use **XGBoost** for **Regression**, we can have as few as **1 Residual** per leaf.

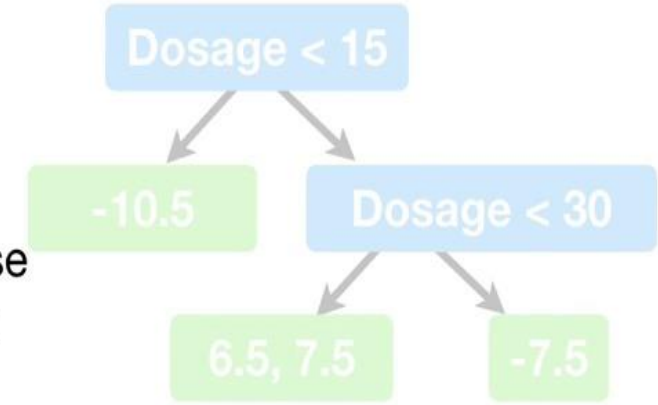


$$\text{Similarity Score} = \frac{\text{Sum of Residuals, Squared}}{\text{Number of Residuals} + \lambda}$$

XGBoost for Classification



In other words, when we use **XGBoost** for **Regression** and use the default minimum value for **Cover**, **Cover** has no effect on how we grow the tree.



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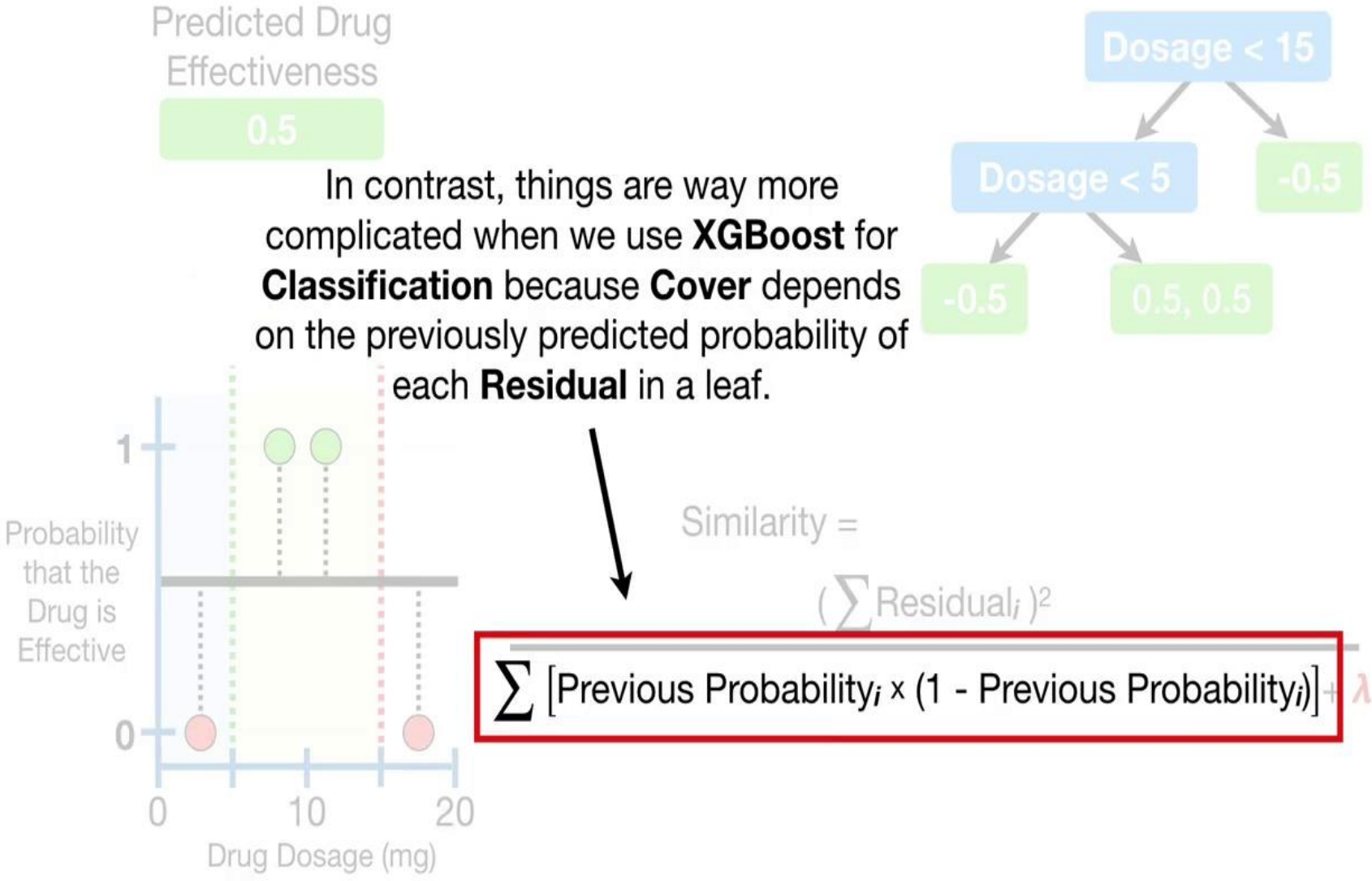
XGBoost for Classification



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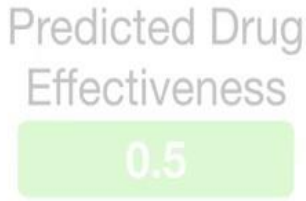
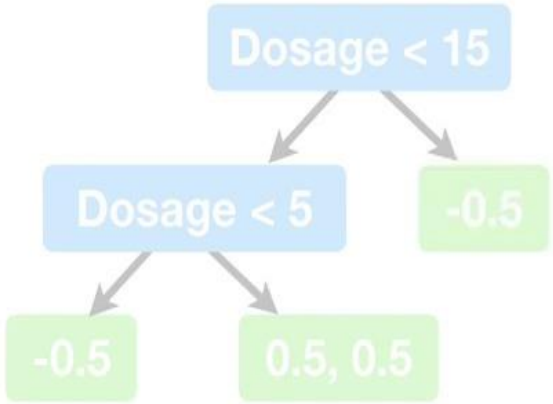
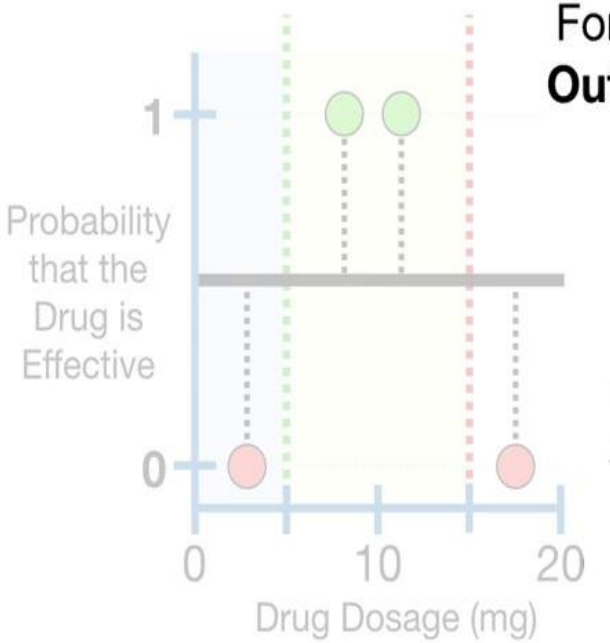


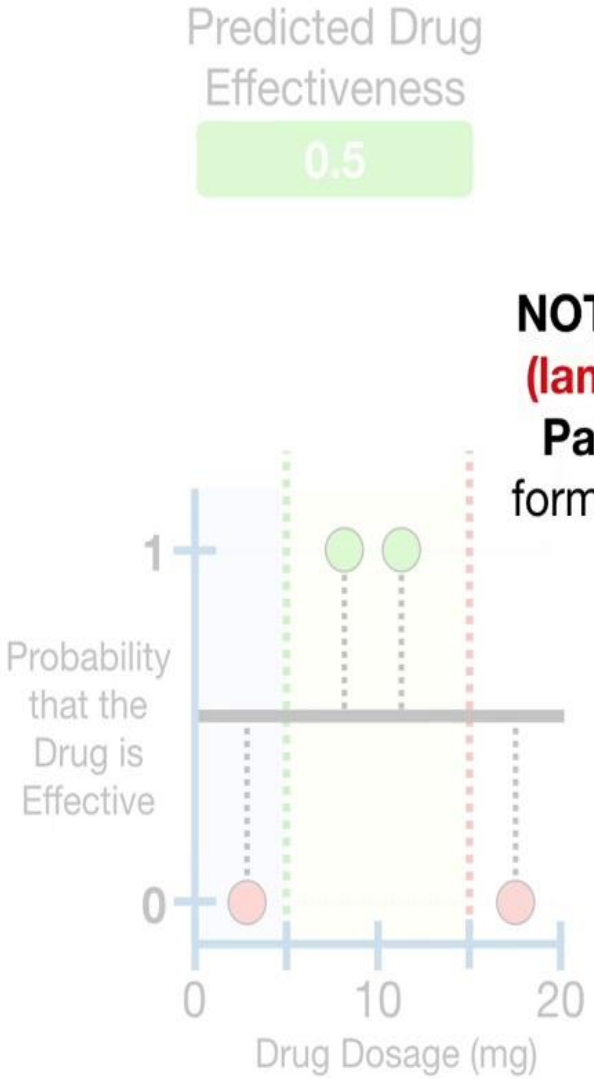


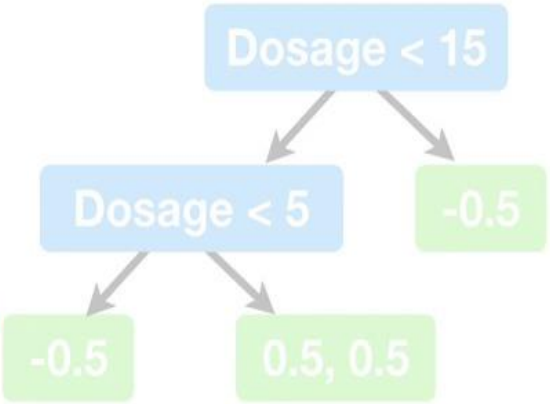


For **Classification**, the **Output Value** for a leaf is...

$$\frac{\left(\sum \text{Residual}_i\right)}{\sum\left[\text{Previous Probability}_i \times (1 - \text{Previous Probability}_i)\right] + \lambda}$$

XGBoost for Classification





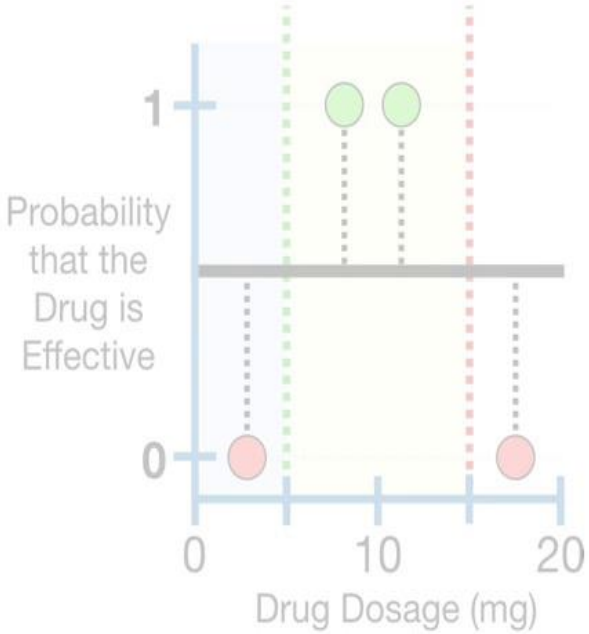
NOTE: With the exception of **λ (lambda)**, the **Regularization Parameter**, this is the same formula we used for unextreme **Gradient Boost**.

$$\frac{\left(\sum \text{Residual}_i\right)}{\sum\left[\text{Previous Probability}_i \times (1 - \text{Previous Probability}_i)\right] + \lambda}$$

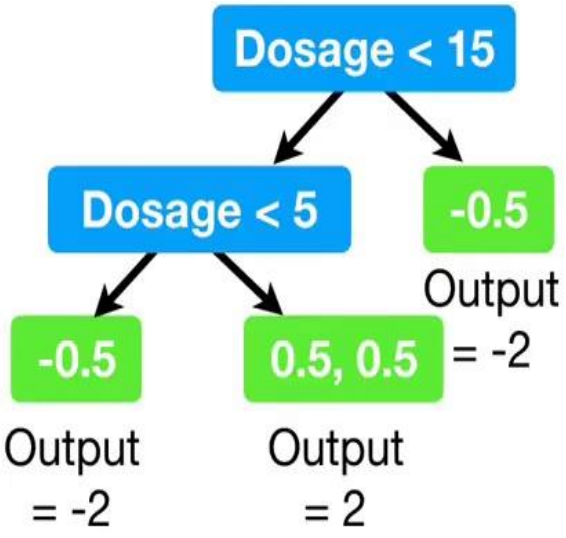
XGBoost for Classification

Predicted Drug Effectiveness

0.5



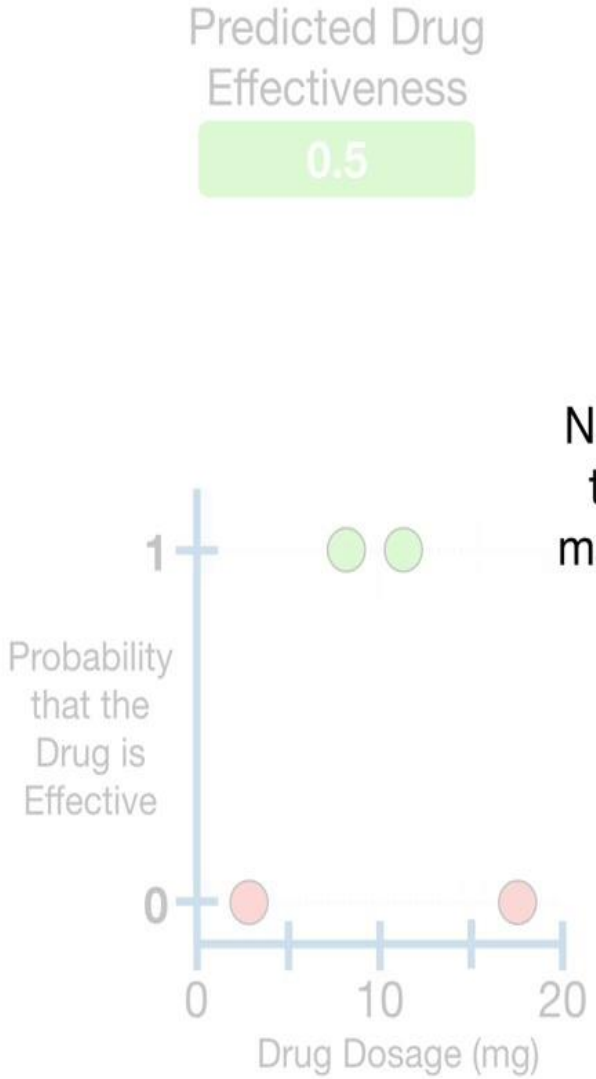
The first tree is complete!



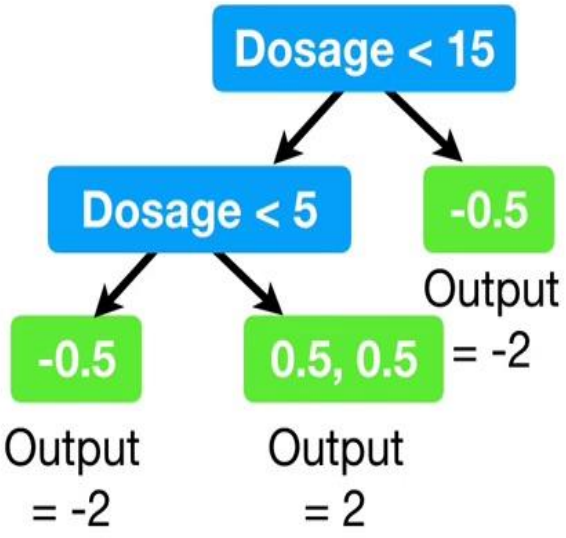
-0.5/(0.5 x (1-0.5) + 0) = -2

$$\frac{\left(\sum \text{Residual}_i\right)}{\sum\left[\text{Previous Probability}_i \times (1 - \text{Previous Probability}_i)\right] + \lambda}$$

XGBoost for Classification



Now that we have built the first tree, we can make new **Predictions**.



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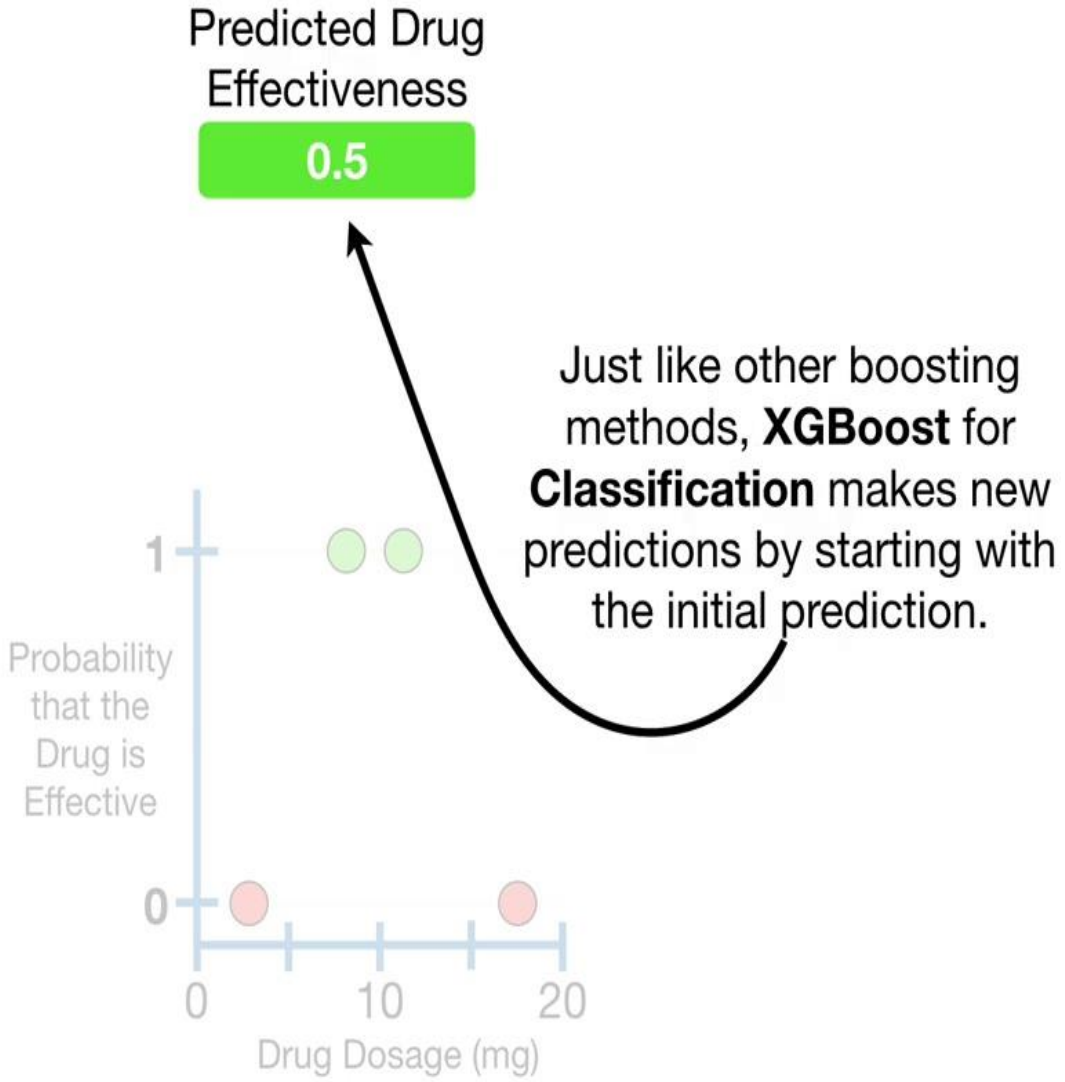

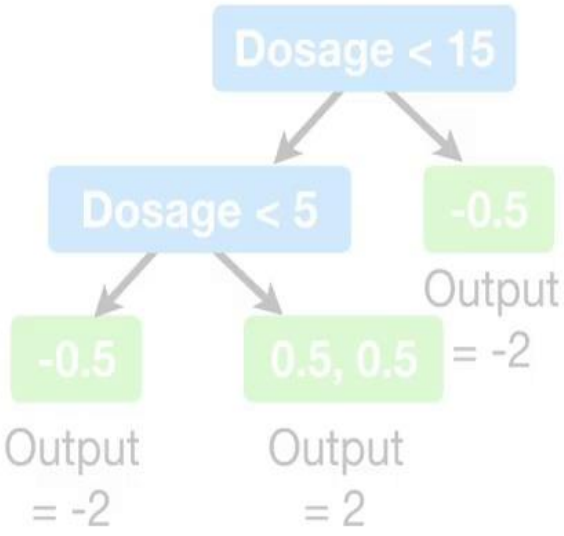

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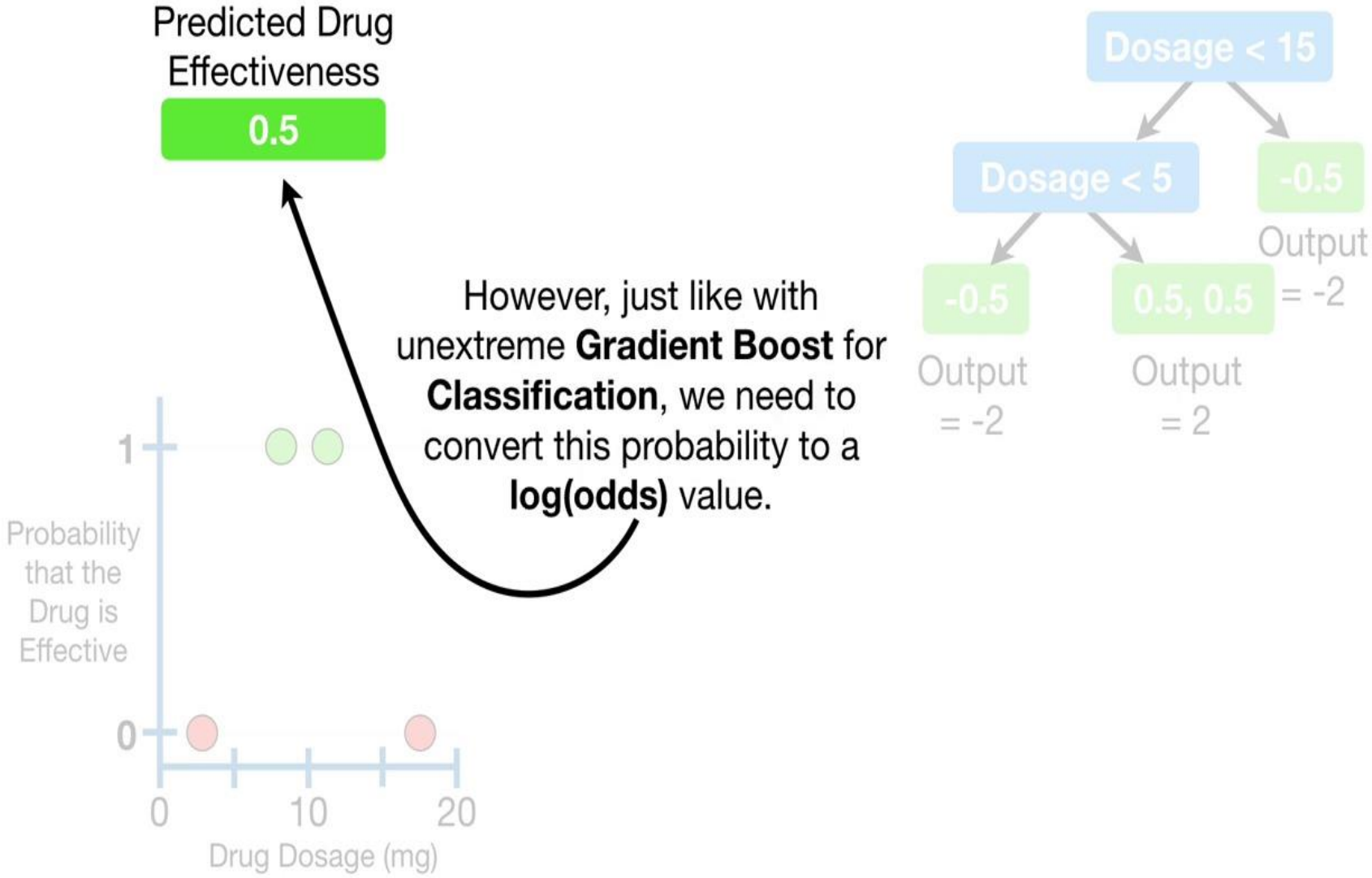

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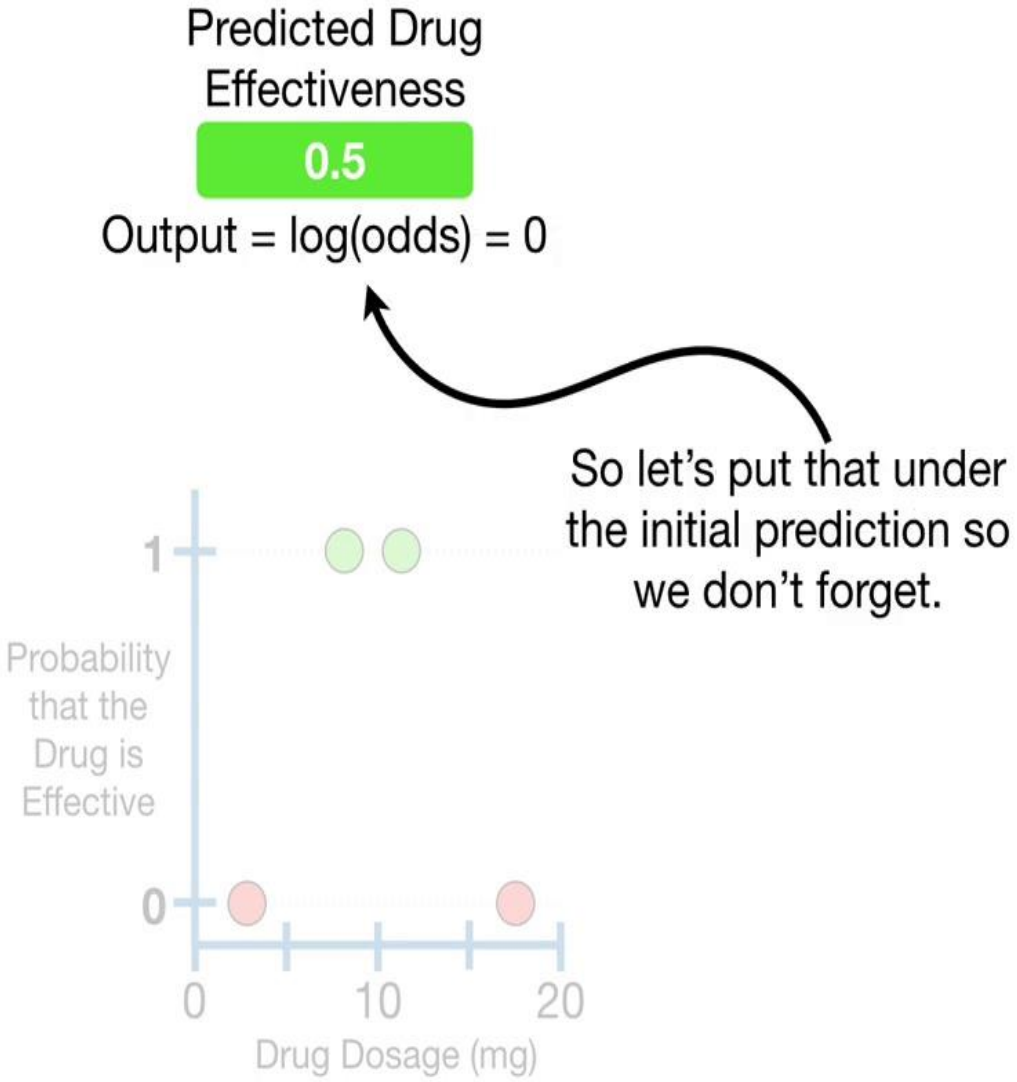

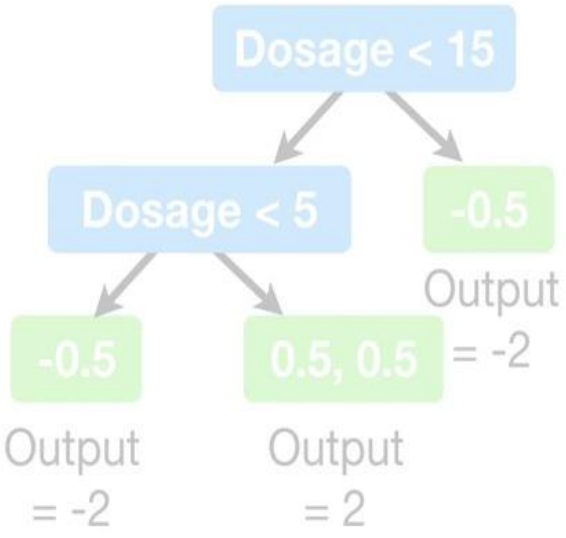

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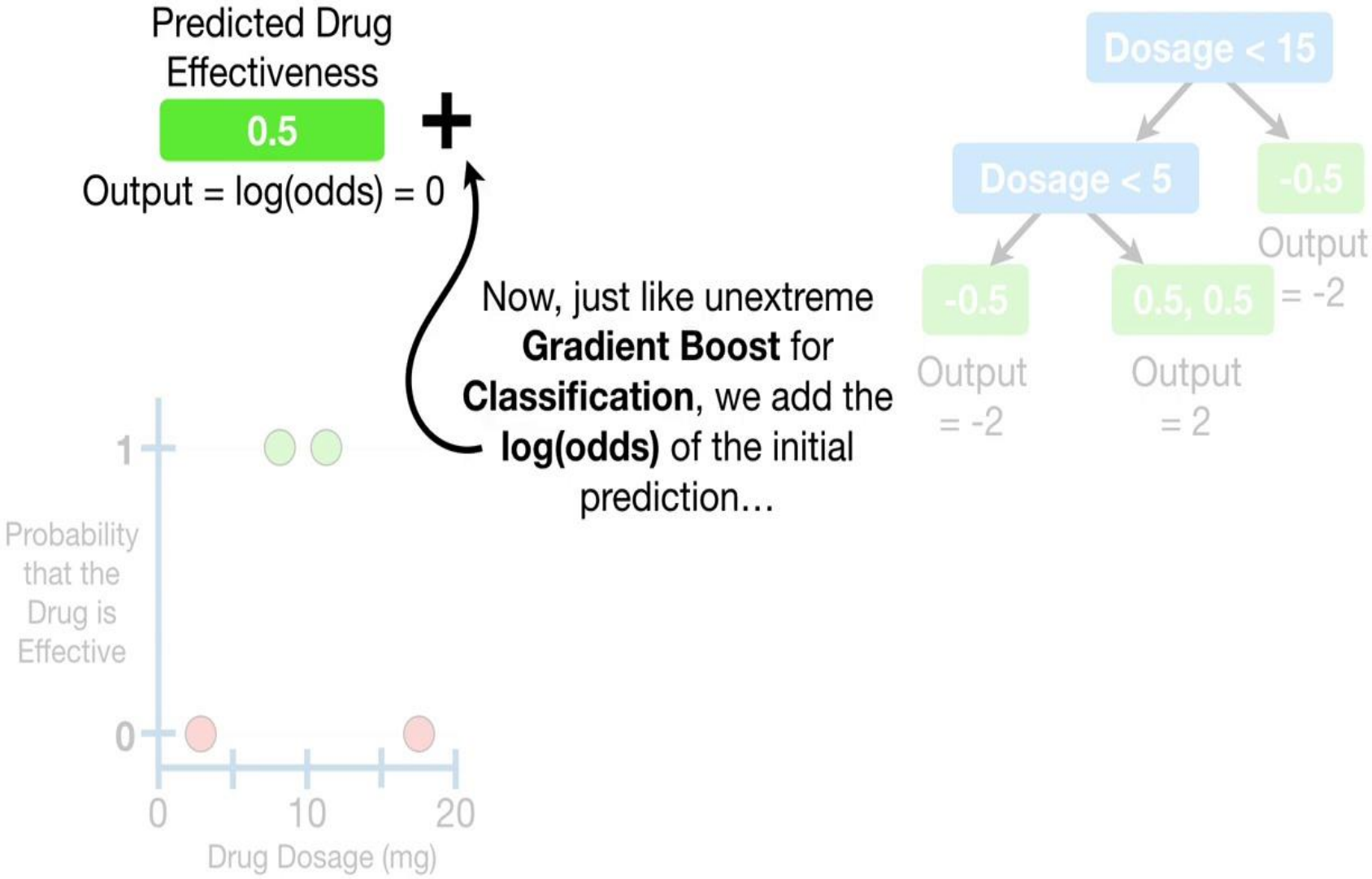

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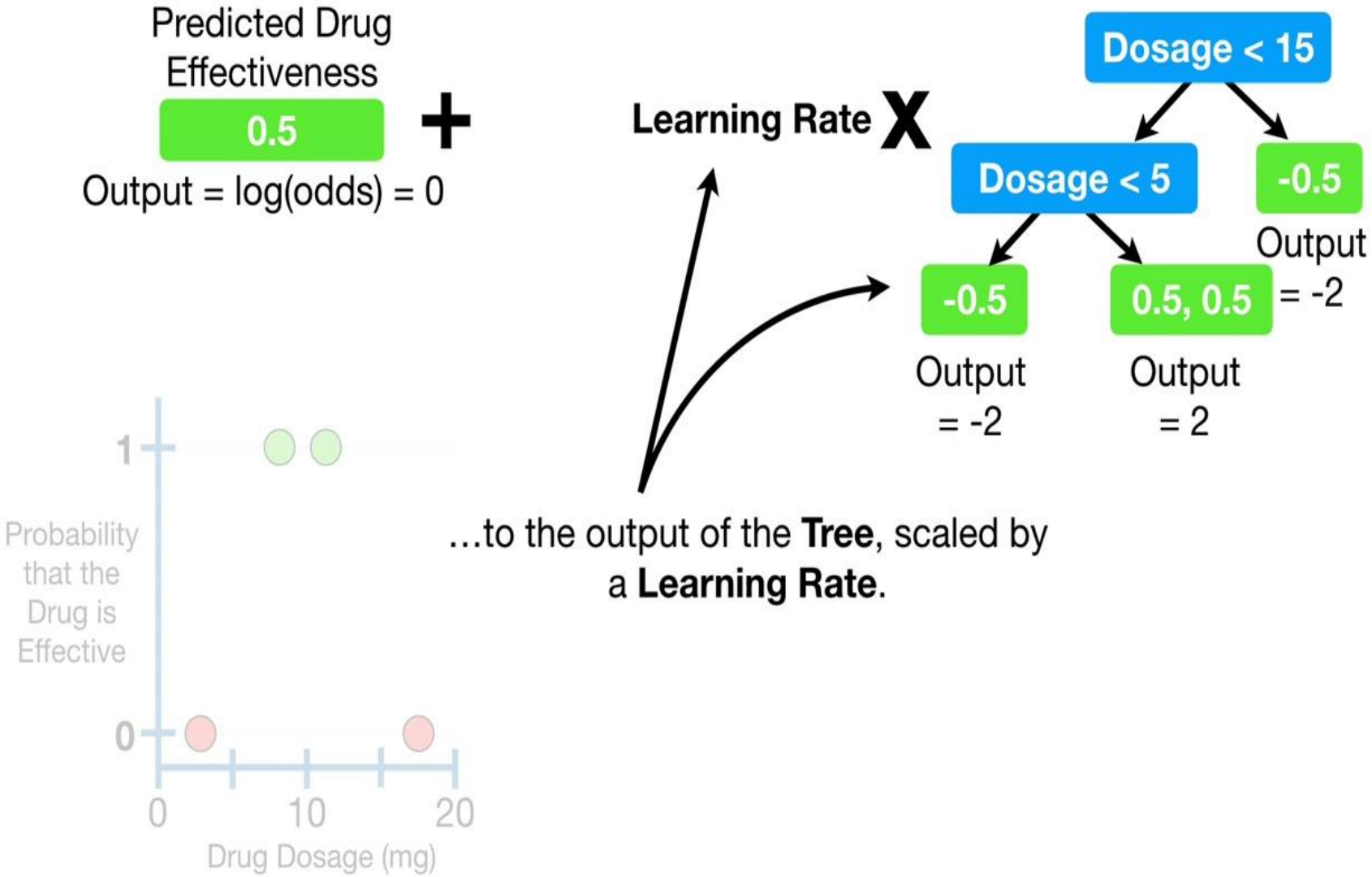

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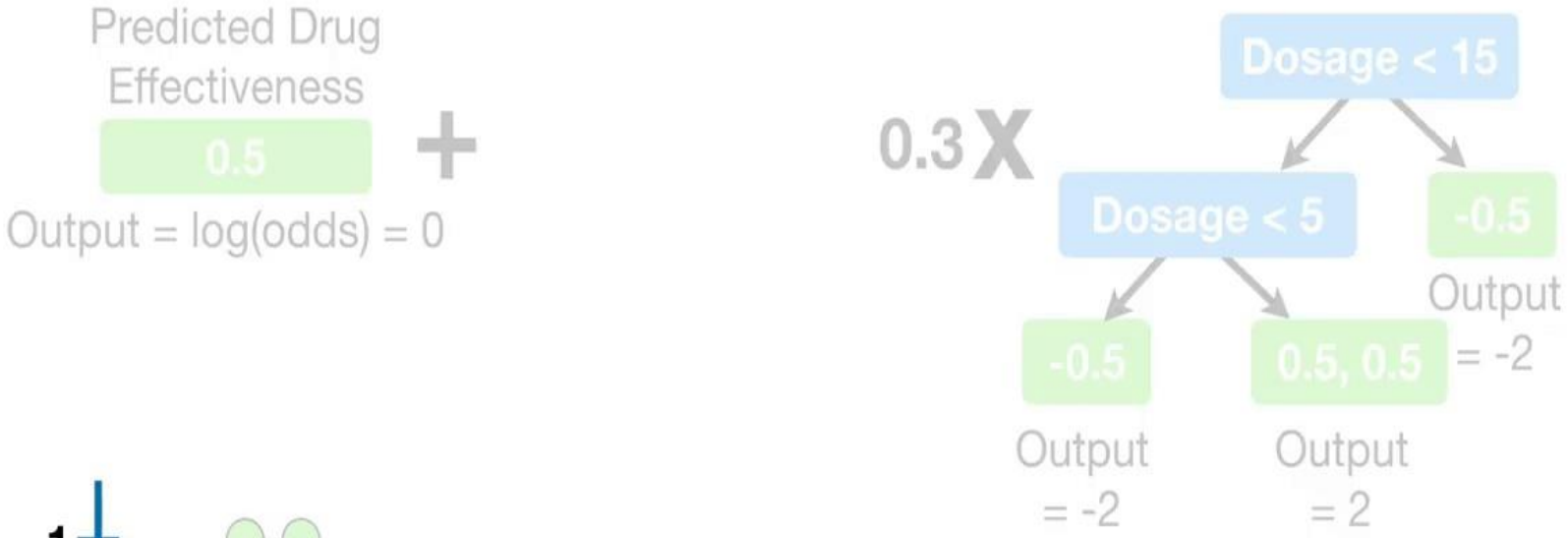

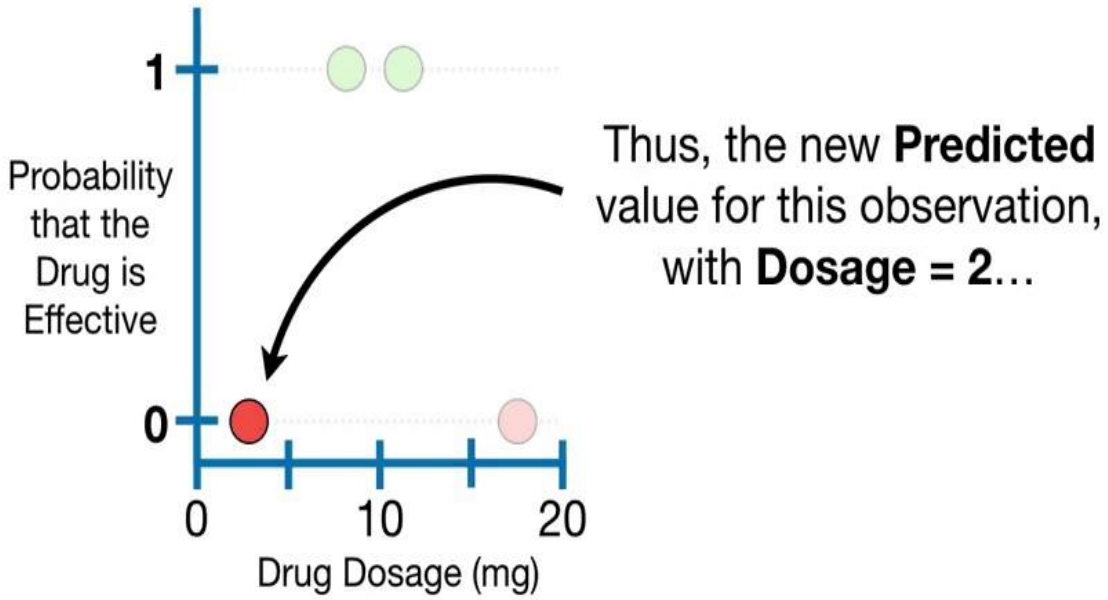

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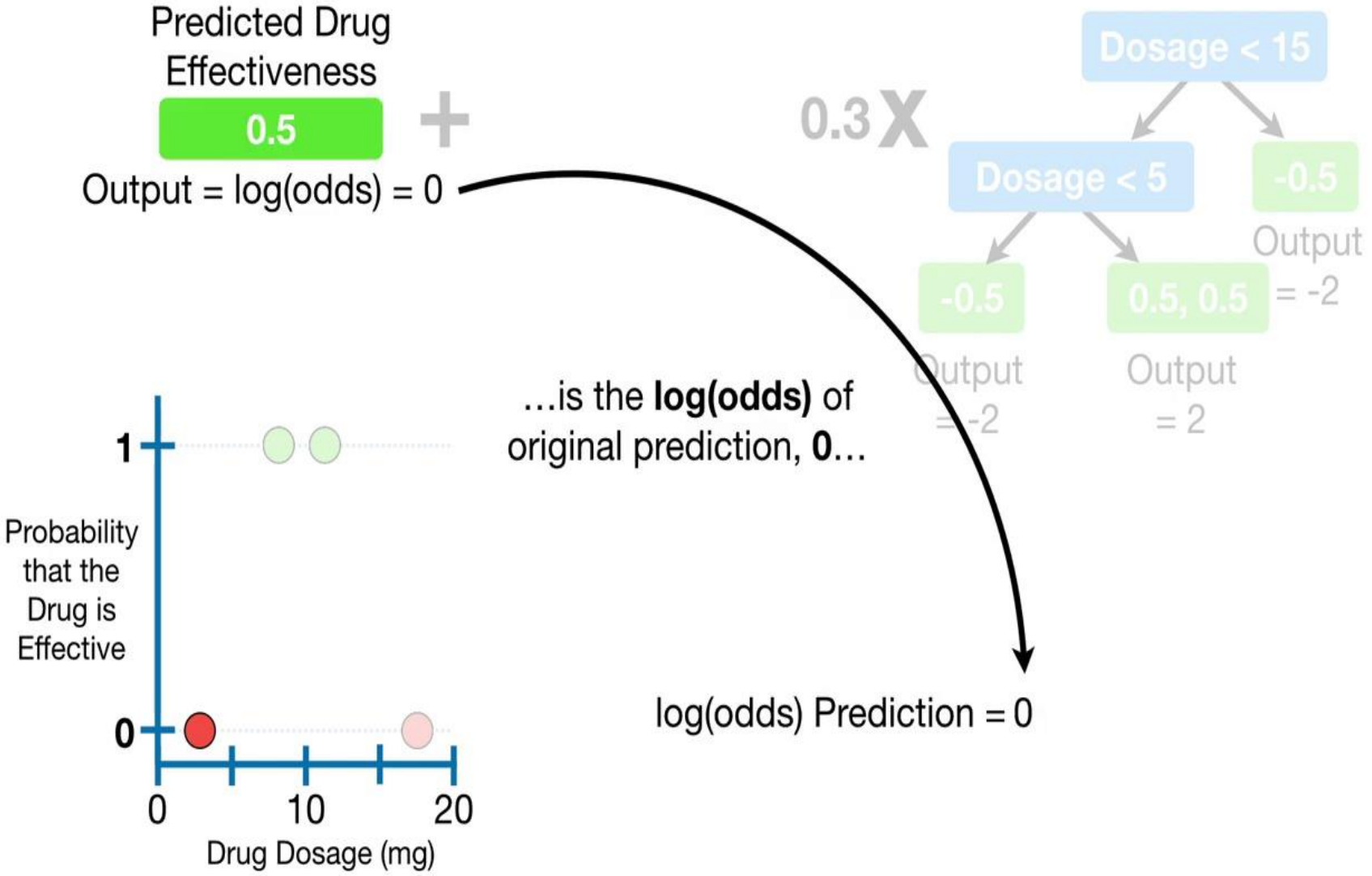

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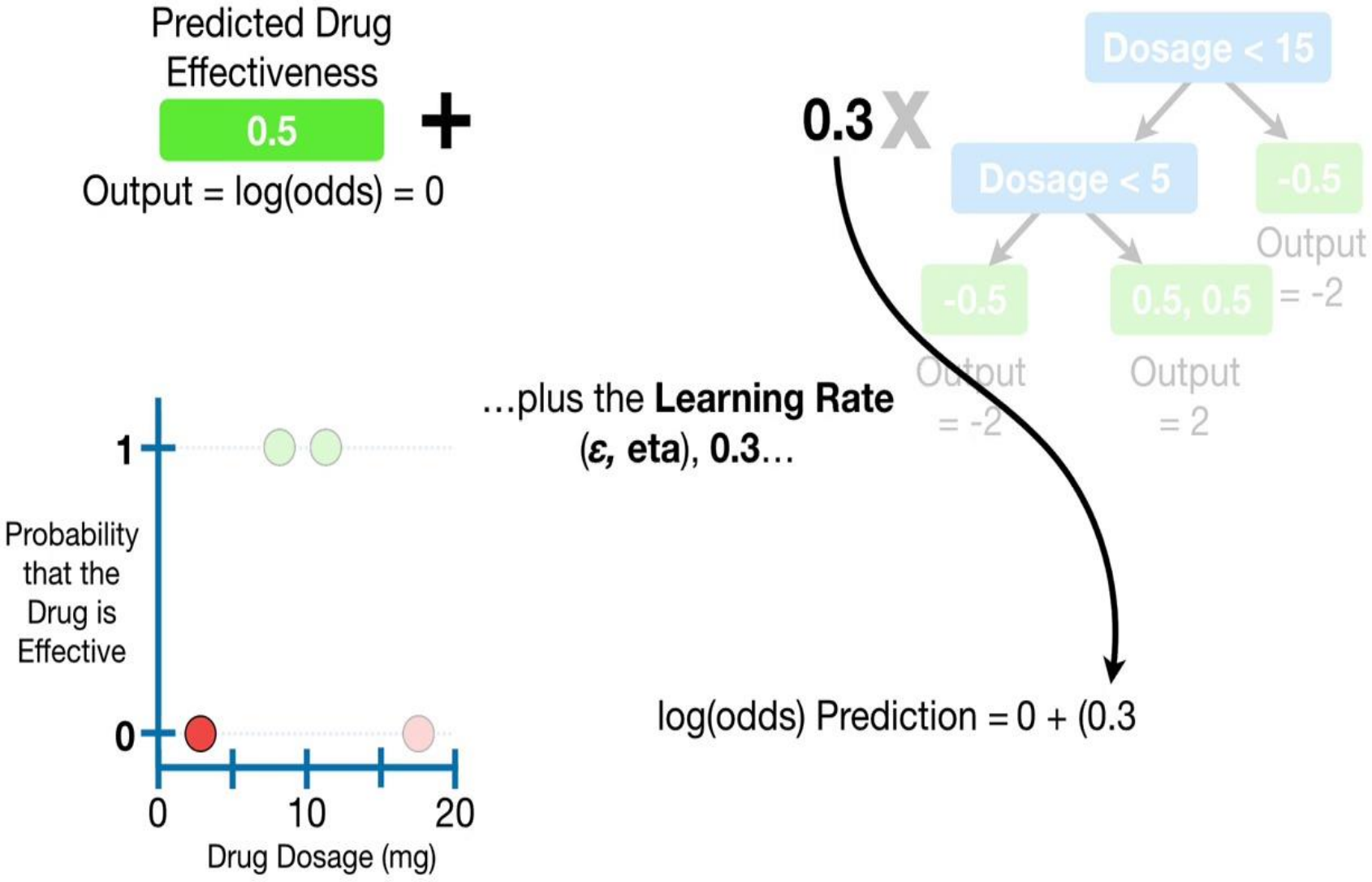

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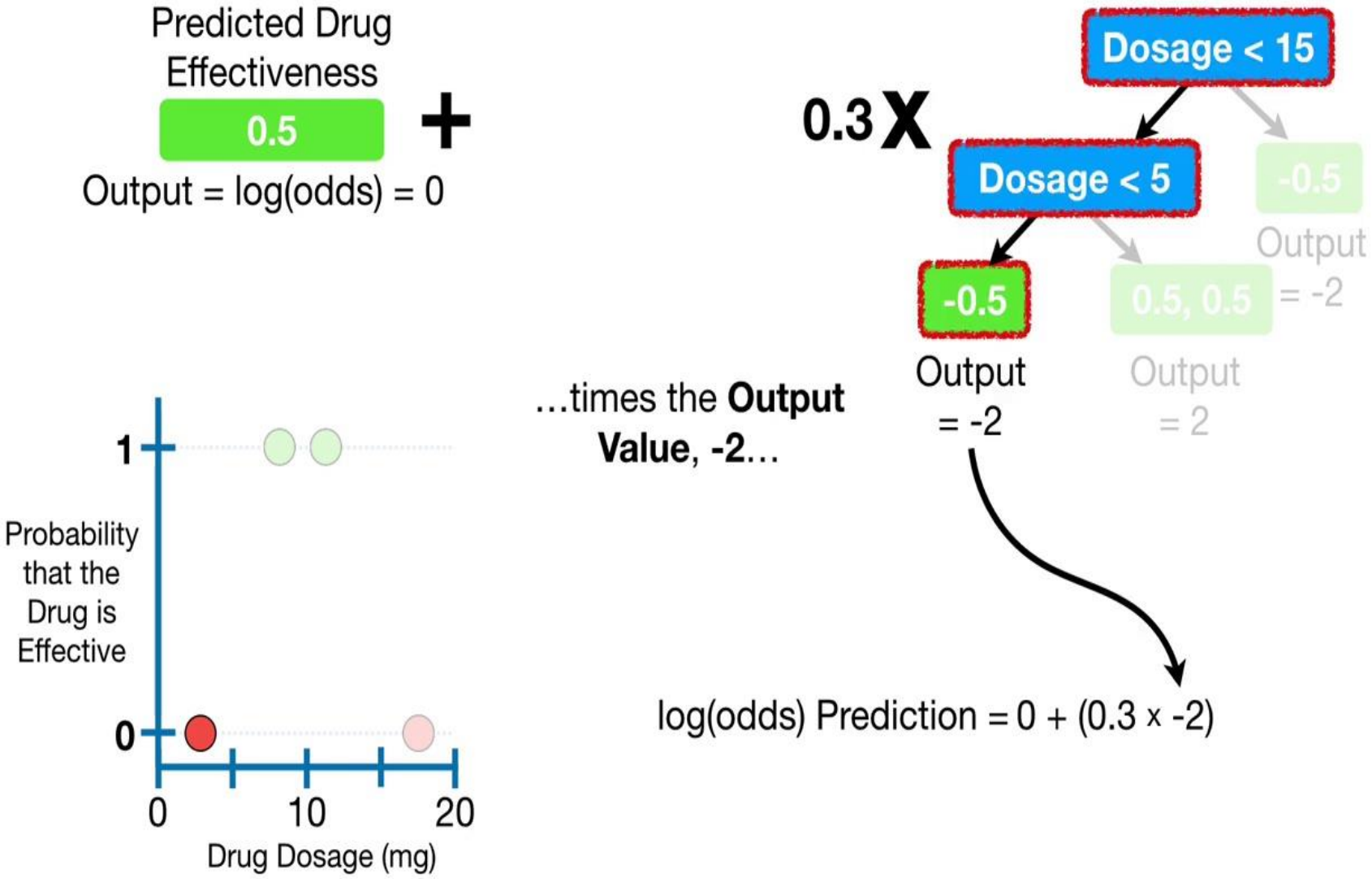

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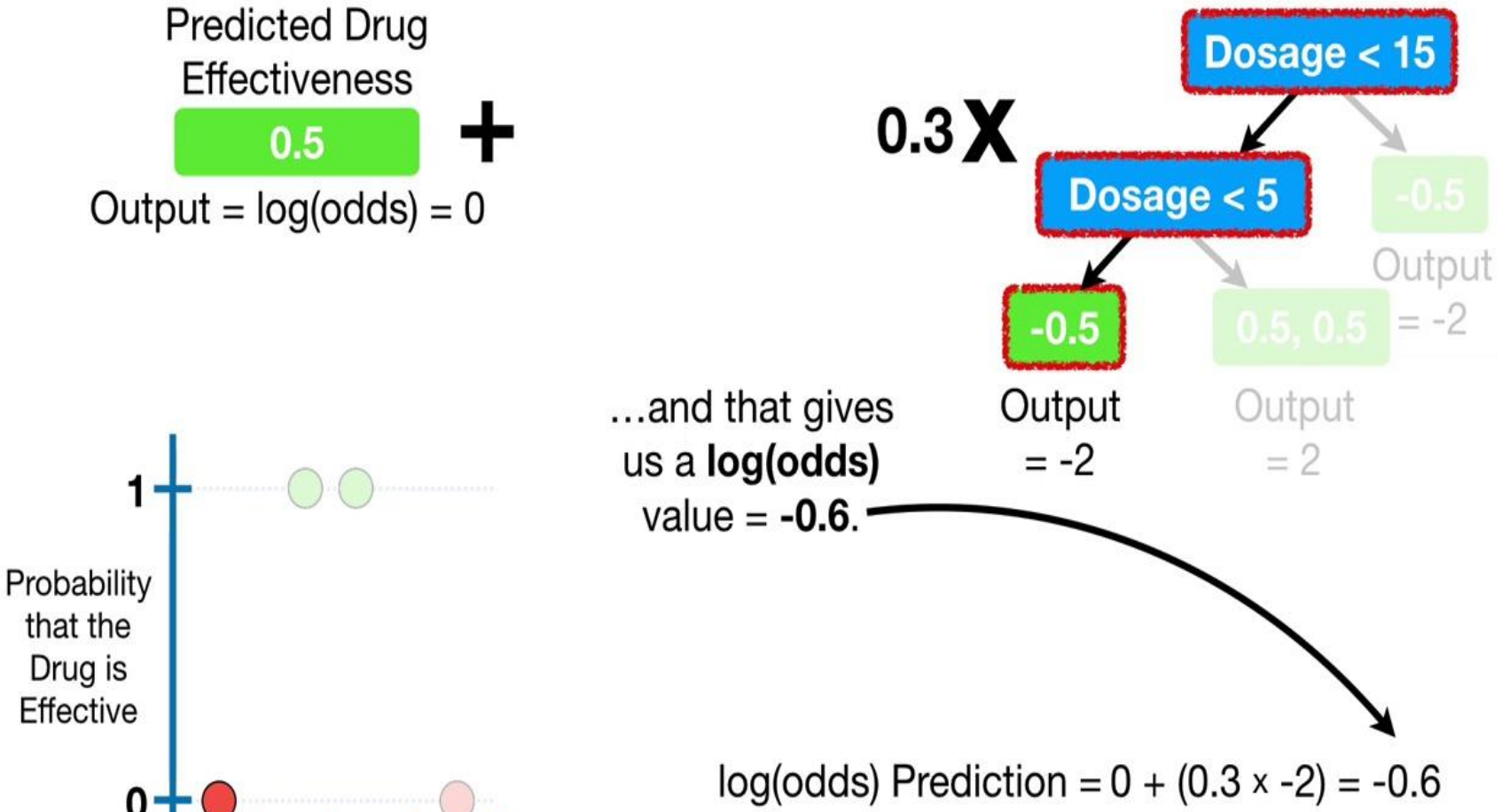

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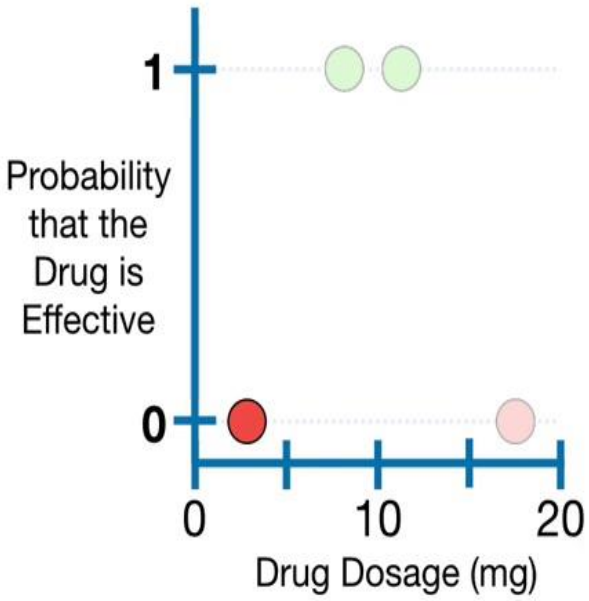
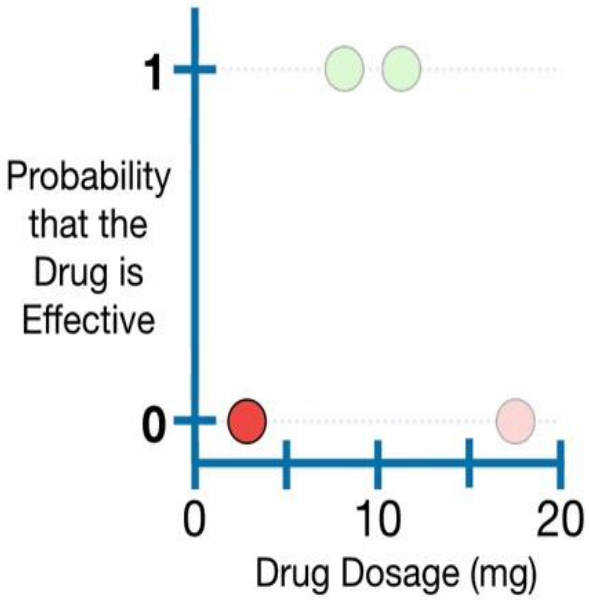


To convert a **log(odds)** value into a probability, we plug it into the **Logistic Function**.

$$\text{Probability} = \frac{e^{\log(\text{odds})}}{1 + e^{\log(\text{odds})}}$$

log(odds) Prediction = 0 + (0.3 x -2) = -0.6

XGBoost for Classification



…and the the new predicted probability is **0.35**.

$$\text{Probability} = \frac{e^{-0.6}}{1 + e^{-0.6}} = 0.35$$

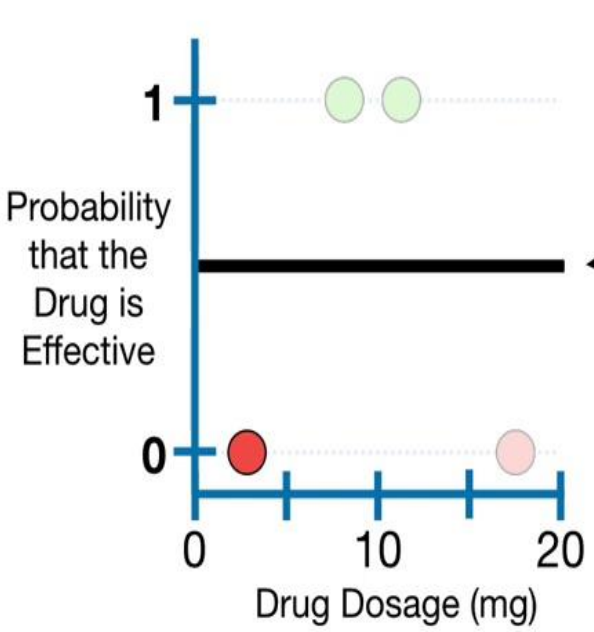
log(odds) Prediction = 0 + (0.3 x -2) = -0.6

XGBoost for Classification

Predicted Drug Effectiveness

0.5

Output = log(odds) = 0



Remember, the original **Prediction** was **0.5**...

$$\text{Probability} = \frac{e^{-0.6}}{1 + e^{-0.6}} = 0.35$$

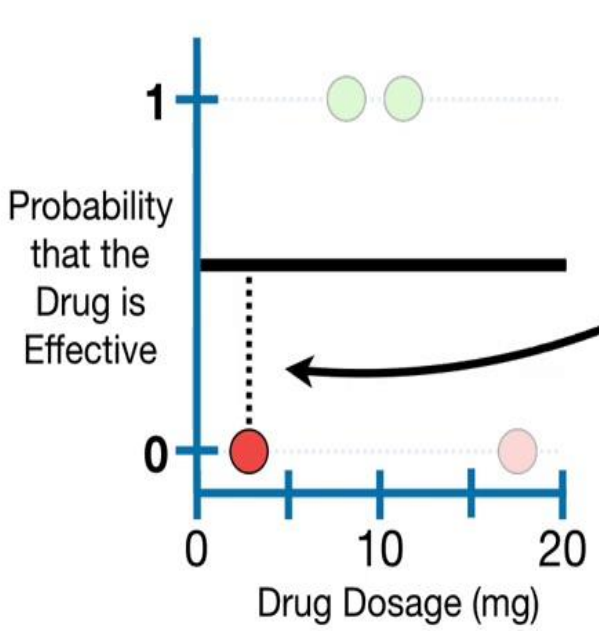
log(odds) Prediction = 0 + (0.3 x -2) = -0.6

XGBoost for Classification

Predicted Drug Effectiveness

0.5

Output = log(odds) = 0



...and this was the original **Residual**.

$$\text{Probability} = \frac{e^{-0.6}}{1 + e^{-0.6}} = 0.35$$

log(odds) Prediction = 0 + (0.3 x -2) = -0.6

XGBoost for Classification

Predicted Drug Effectiveness

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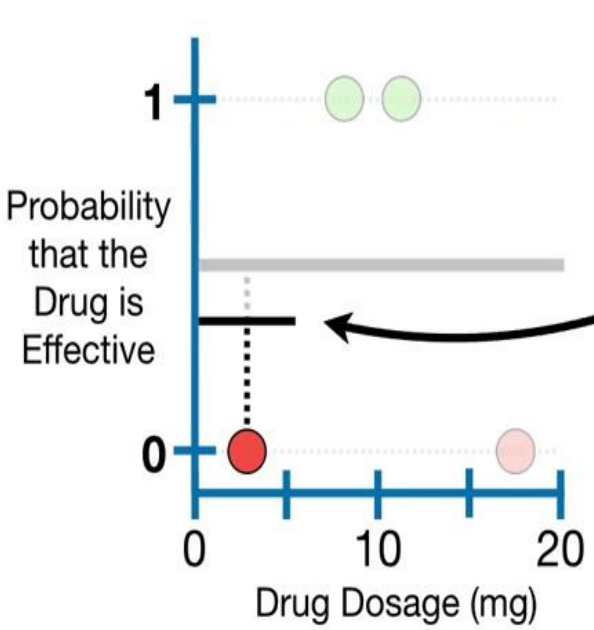
Output = log(odds) = 0



Now the new predicted probability is **0.35**...

$$\text{Probability} = \frac{e^{-0.6}}{1 + e^{-0.6}} = 0.35$$

log(odds) Prediction = 0 + (0.3 x -2) = -0.6

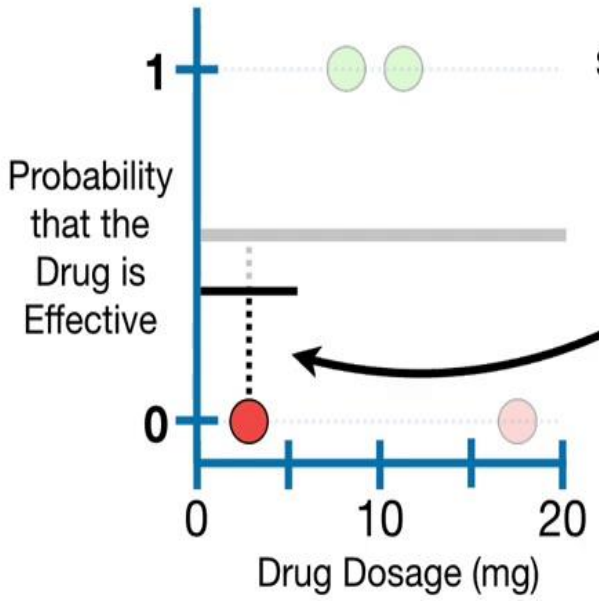
XGBoost for Classification

Predicted Drug Effectiveness

0.5

Output = log(odds) = 0

…and the new **Residual** is smaller than before, so we have taken a small step in the right direction!!!



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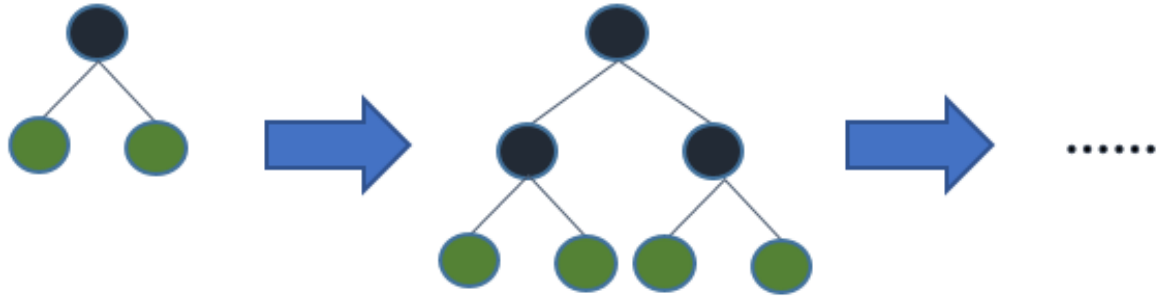
log(odds) Prediction = 0 + (0.3 x -2) = -0.6

LightGBM

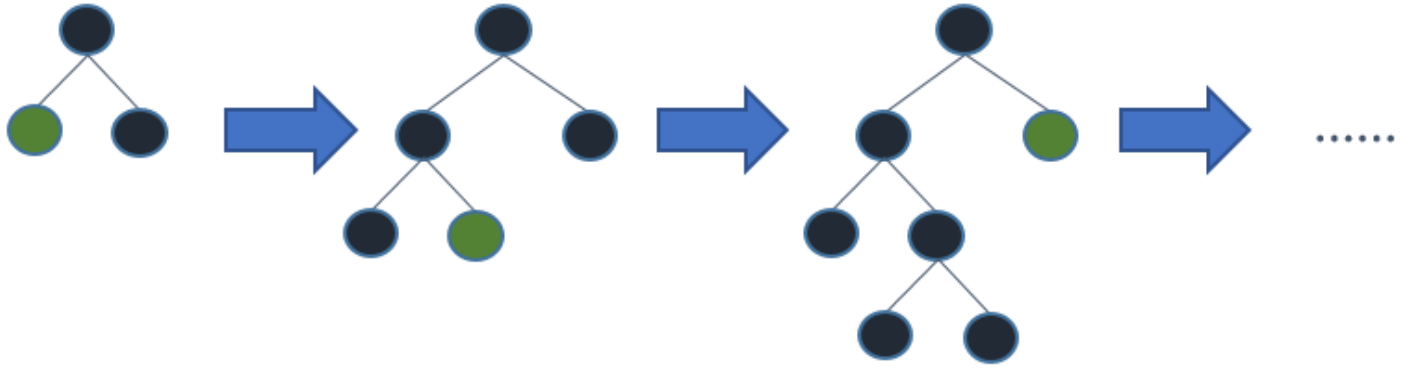
- LightGBM (by Microsoft) is a distributed high-performance framework that uses decision trees for classification, and regression tasks.
- Advantage w.r.t. XGBoost
  - Faster training speed and accuracy resulting from LightGBM being a histogram-based algorithm that performs bucketing of values (also requires lesser memory)
  - Compatible with large and complex datasets but is much faster during training
  - Support for both parallel learning and GPU learning

LightGBM vs XGBoost

- XGBoost: level-wise (horizontal) growth



- LightGBM: out leaf-wise (vertical) growth



- LightGBM is significantly faster than XGBoost but delivers almost equivalent performance

Gradient-Based One-Side Sampling (GOSS)

- In Gradient Boosted Decision Trees, the data instances have no native weight which is leveraged by GOSS.
- Data instances with larger gradients contribute more towards information gain.
- To maintain the accuracy of the information, GOSS retains instances with larger gradients and performs random sampling on instances with smaller gradients.

Exclusive Feature Bundling (EFB)

- Exclusive Feature Bundling is a near lossless method to reduce the number of effective features.
- Just like One-Hot encoded features, in the sparse space, many features rarely take non-zero values simultaneously.

LightGBM and XGBoost

- Handling Categorical Features
- Handling Missing Values

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