

# Introduction to Machine Learning

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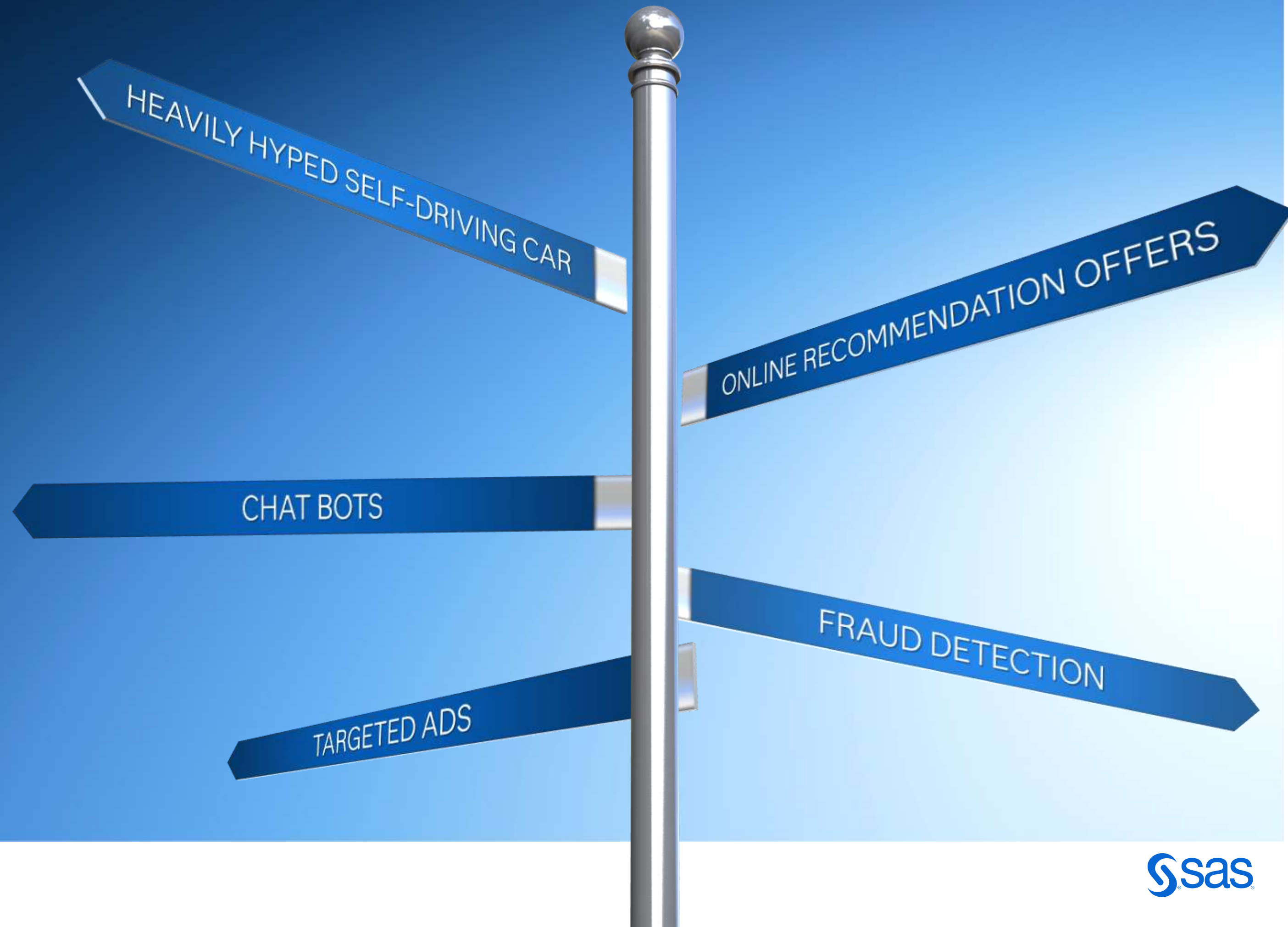
Intro to ML Modeling Algorithms



Machine Learning in SAS Viya



# Machine Learning



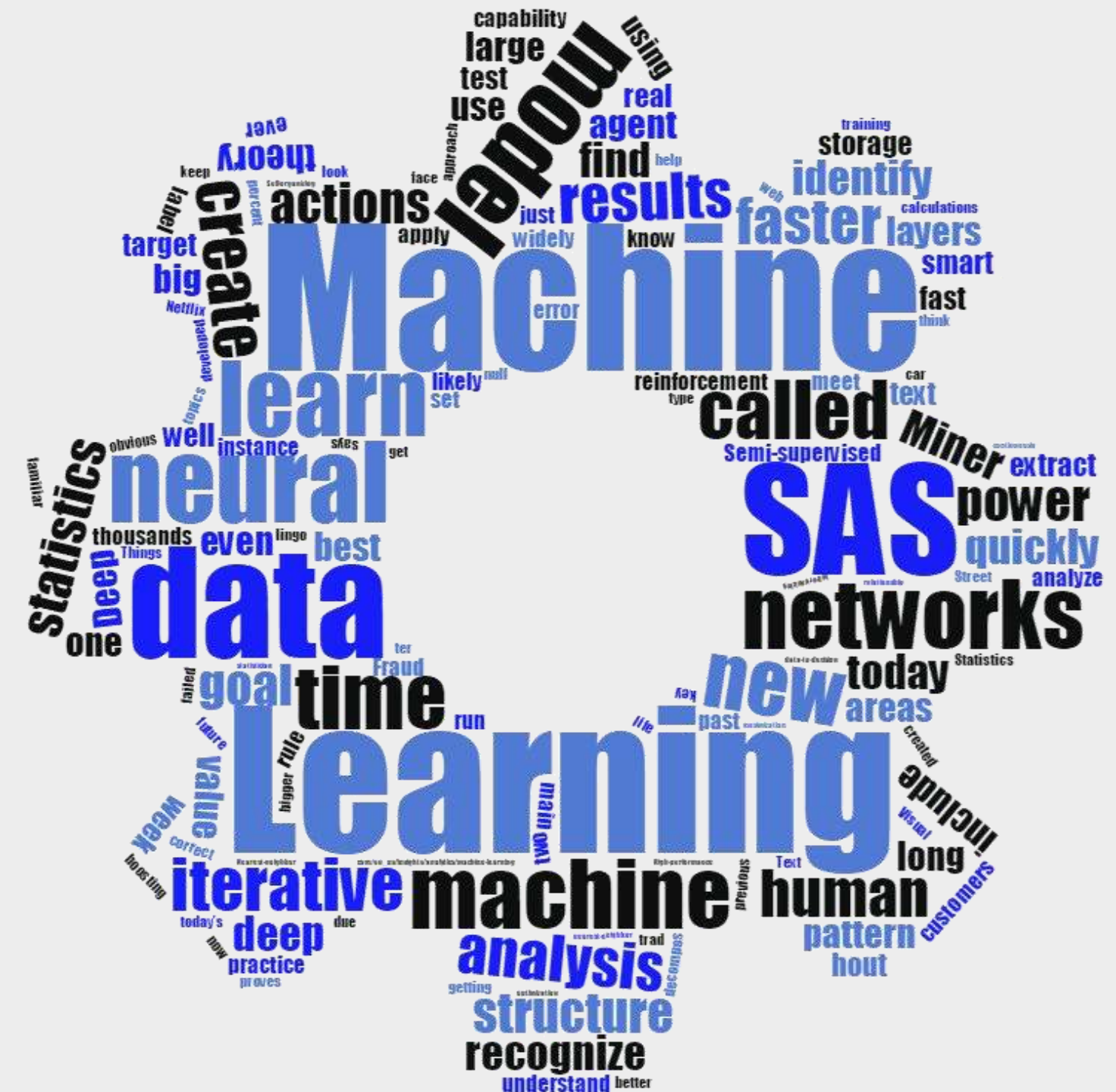


# What is Machine Learning?

## Definition

- Automatic
- Adaptive

*Using iterative processes, machine learning builds models that automatically adapt with little or no human intervention.*



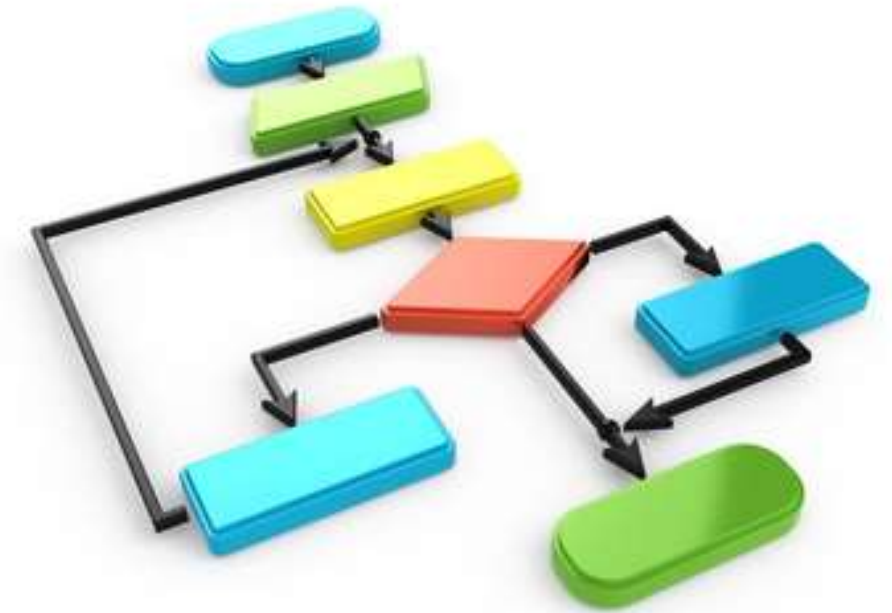
# Why is it so important now?



Data



Computing  
Power



Algorithms

What is  
Artificial  
Intelligence?

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# AI

Science of designing computer  
systems to support and  
accelerate human decisions  
and actions.





# AI

Computer  
Vision

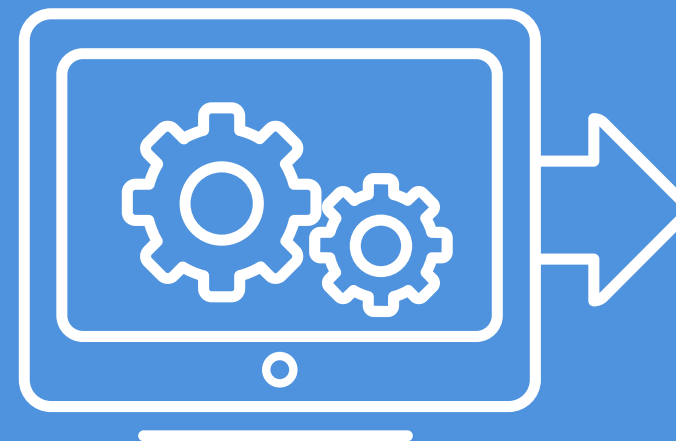
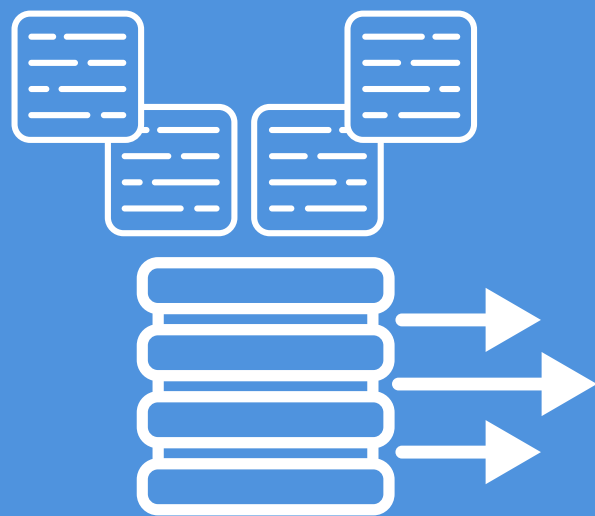
Machine Learning

Natural  
Language  
Processing



# What is Machine Learning?

ML is a branch of artificial intelligence that **automates** the building of systems that learn from data, identify patterns, and predict future results – with **minimal human intervention**.



# AI or ML?

## What's the Difference

AI systems perform tasks that typically require human-level intelligence

- Understanding Language
- Recognizing images and patterns
- Making Decisions
- Learning from the past

Machine Learning uses data & algorithms to learn and make decisions

- ML may be part of the brains in an AI system, or it may be used in a stand-alone usage
- Generally, we think of predictive modeling

# Terminology

## In Machine Learning

# Terminology

Machine learning terms versus inferential statistics terms

*What are all these archaic,  
outmoded and confusing  
terms?*

*What are all these new  
fangled and confusing terms?*



- Feature
- Input
- Target
- Object



- Variable
- Independent Variable
- Dependent Variable
- Observation



# Terminology

What are Machine Learning terminology?

- In statistics we predict a  $Y$  or a dependent variable.
- In data mining,  $Y$  is called a target.
- In machine learning, a target is called a label.
- In statistics and data mining our inputs are called  $X$ 's.
- In machine learning our inputs are called features.
- In statistics and data mining we transform our  $X$ 's.
- In machine learning we do feature creation.



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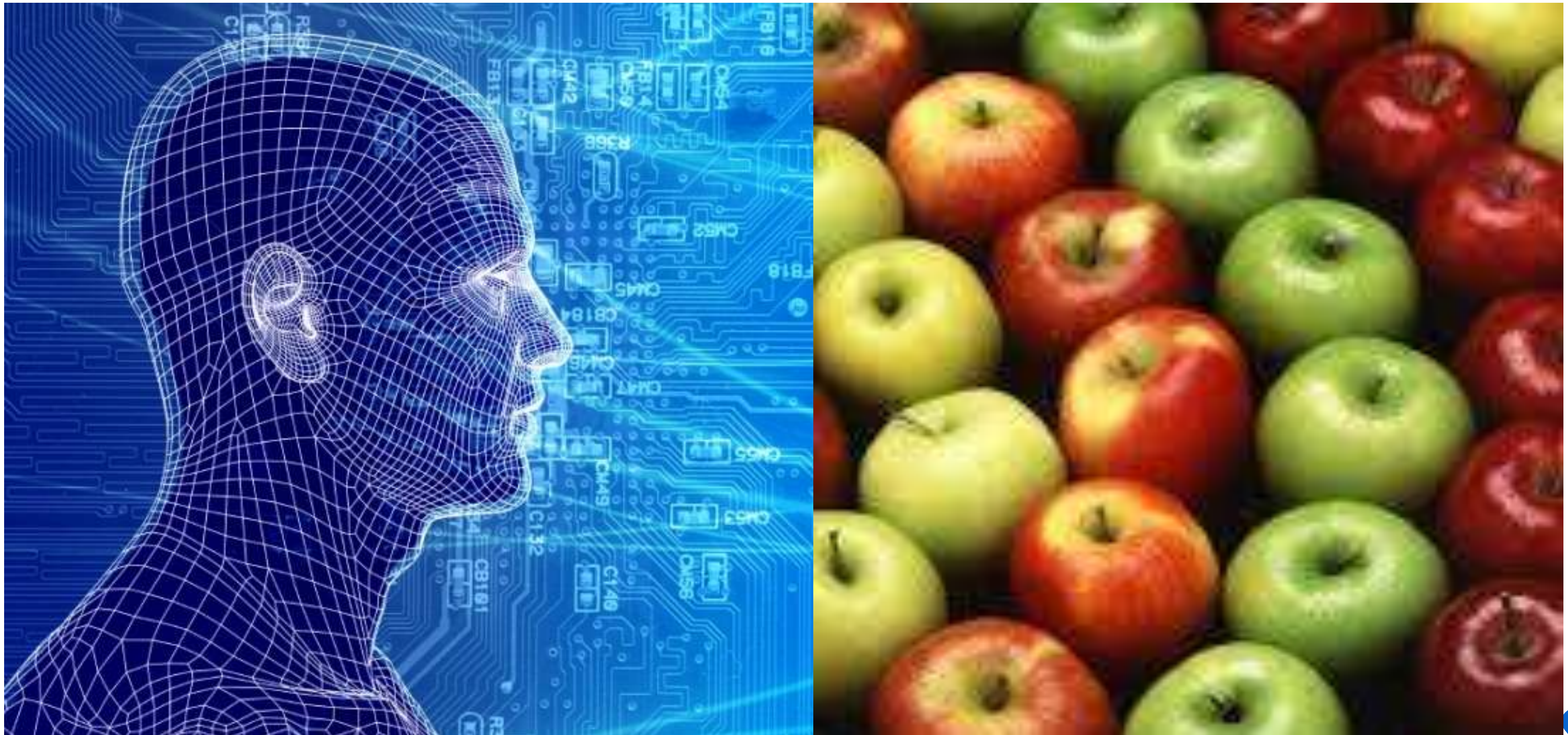
Distinguish apple from orange





# How do Models Learn?

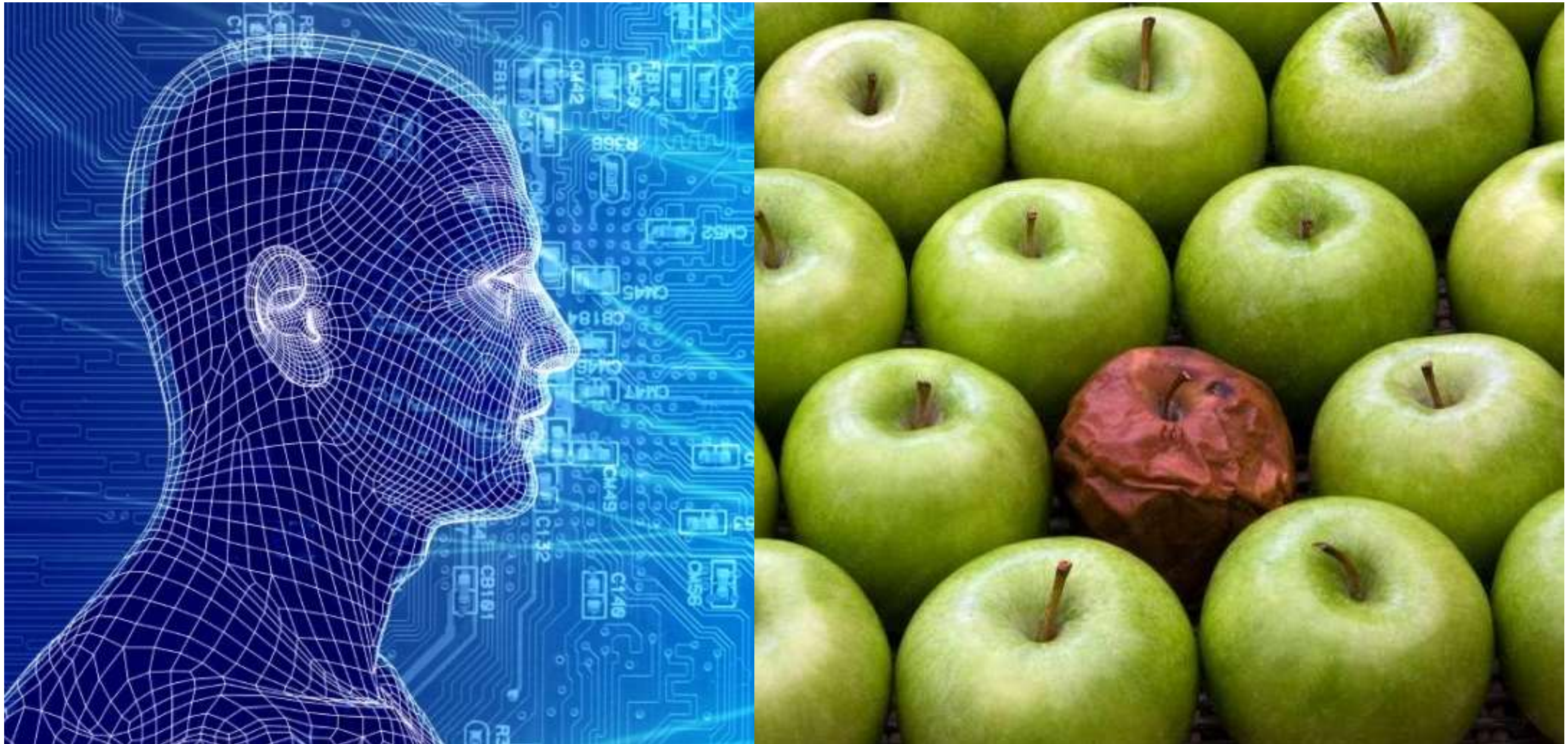
Distinguish Granny Smith apple from Fuji apple





# How do Models Learn?

Finding the rotten apple





# How do Models Learn – New Data

Predictions





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Predictions





# How do Models Learn – New Data

## Predictions

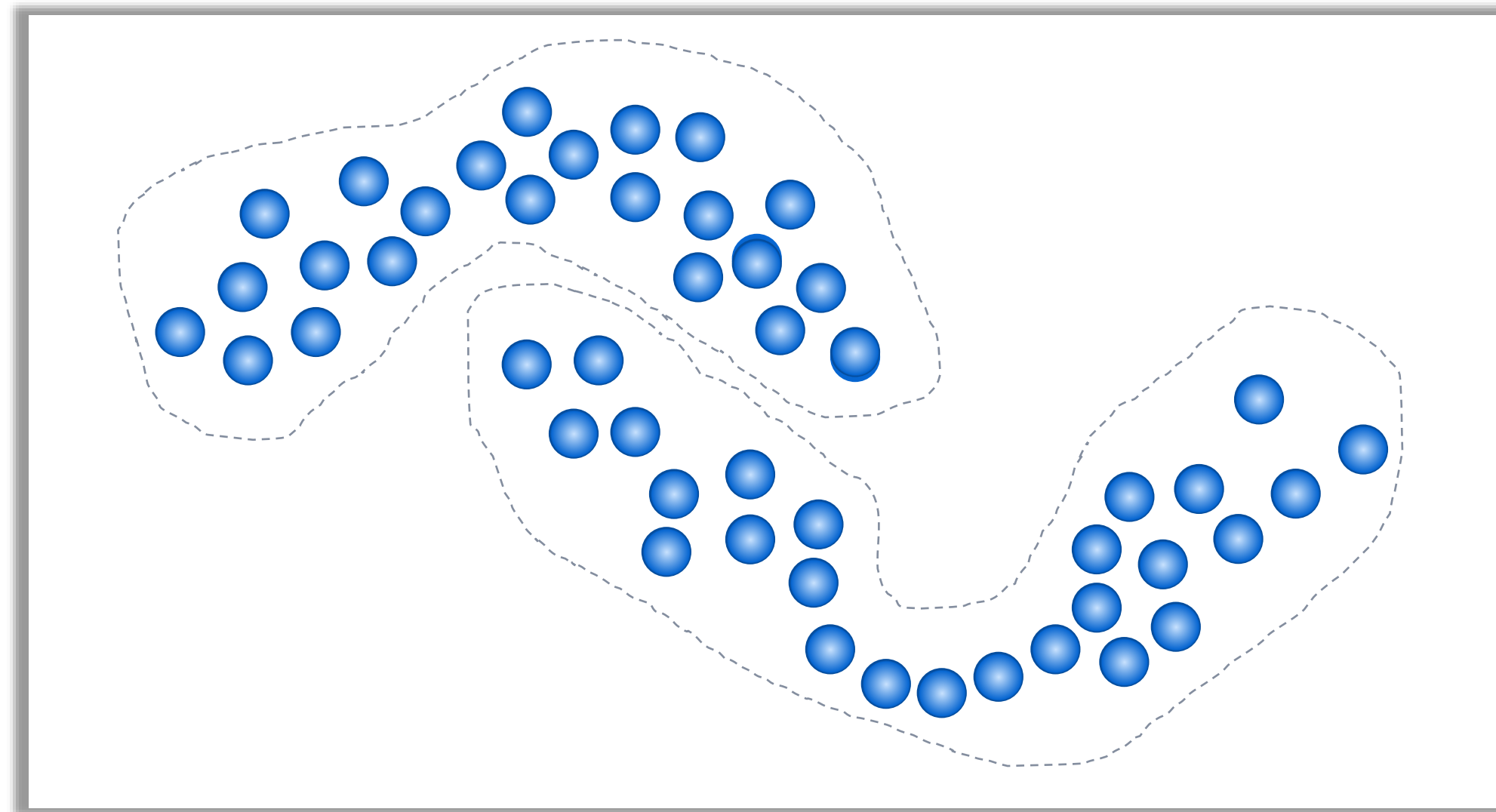




# How Does Machine Learning Work?

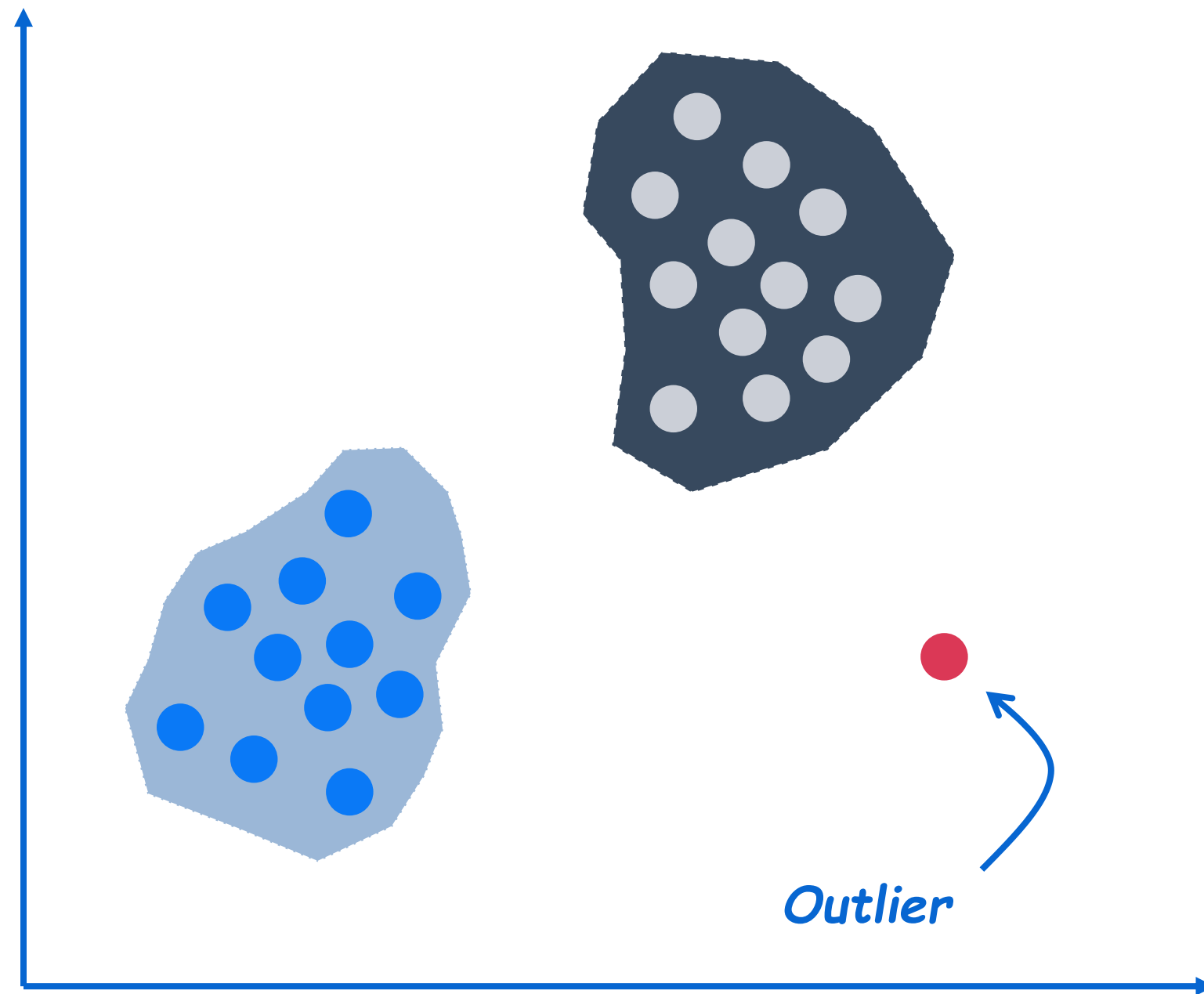
## Unsupervised Learning

Trained on unlabeled examples



# Machine Learning

## Unsupervised Learning



## Clustering

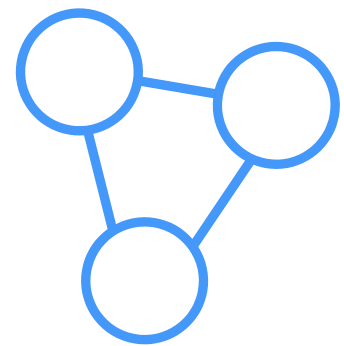
Groups of similar data  
(e.g. related products on  
supermarket basket)

## Anomaly Detection

Identifying outliers  
(e.g. Abnormal credit card  
transactions)

# Machine Learning

## Unsupervised Learning Use Cases



Segmentation



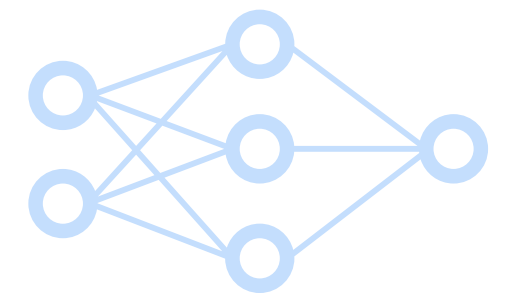
Recommendation  
Engines



Anomaly  
Detection



Predictive  
Maintenance

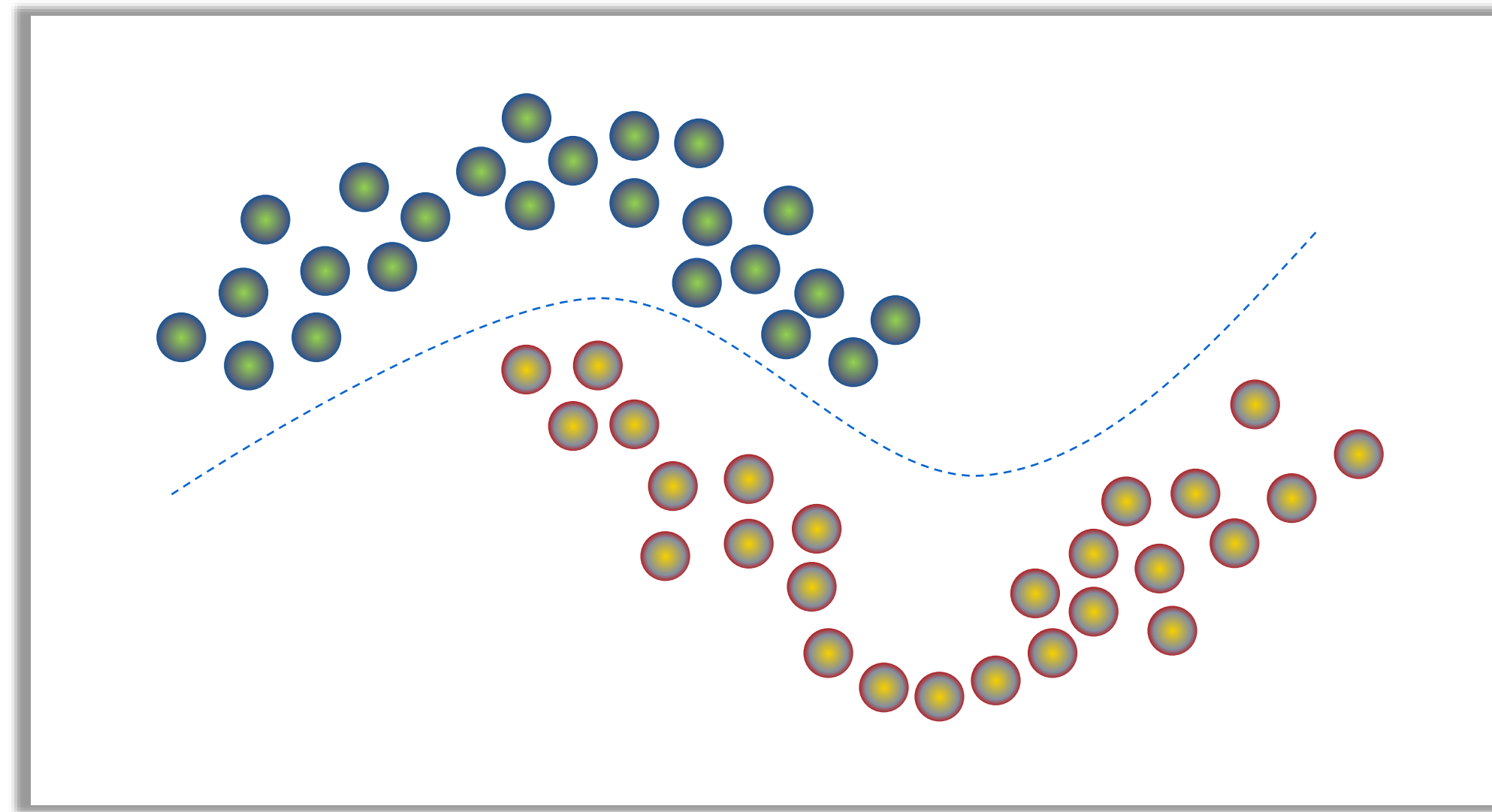


Dimensionality  
Reduction

# How Does Machine Learning Work?

## Supervised Learning

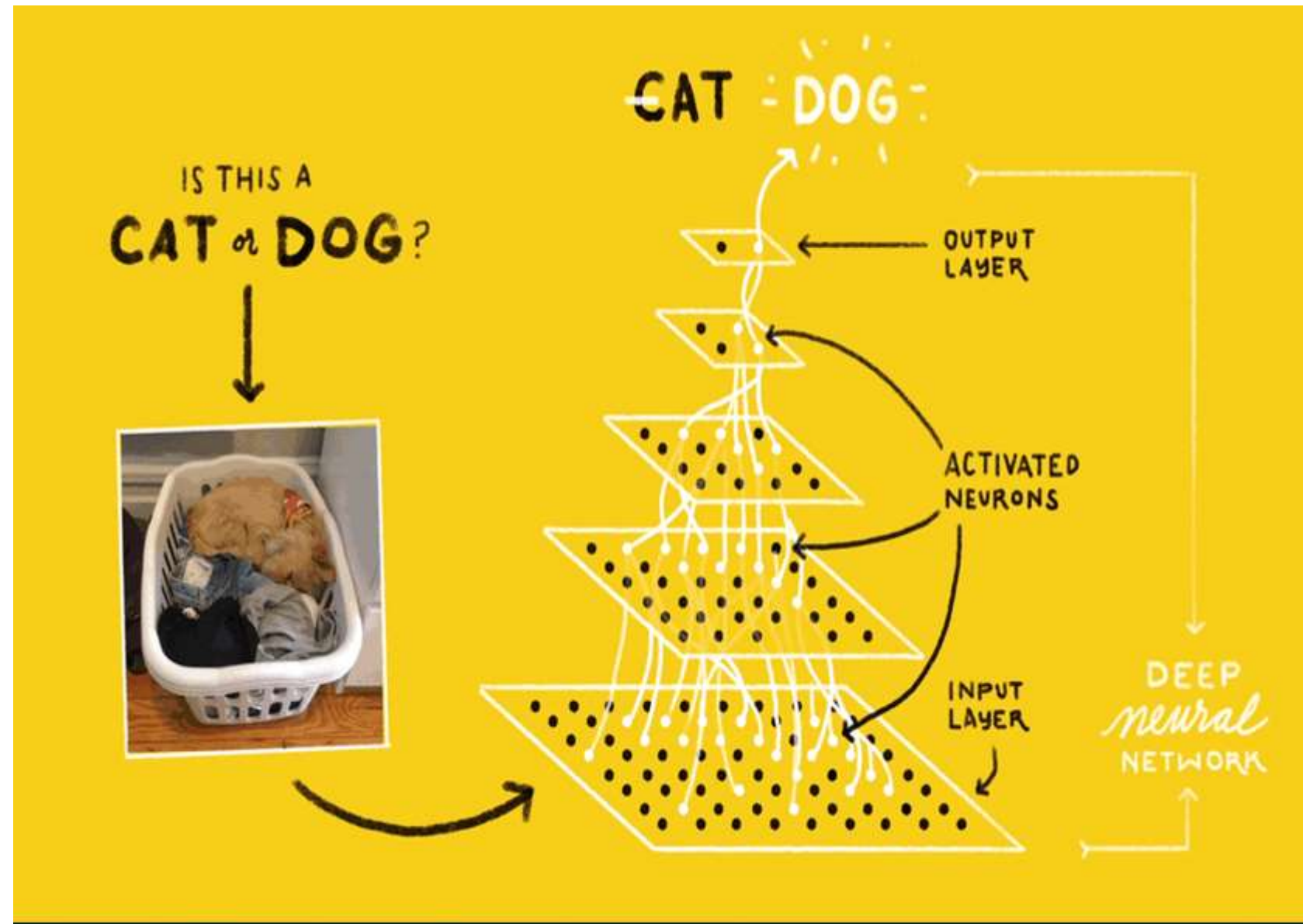
Trained on labeled examples





# Machine Learning

## Supervised Learning



## Regression

Predict a numerical value  
(e.g. price of a house,  
demand for milk)

## Classification

Predict a label or future  
event  
(e.g. Cat or Dog, Probability  
of loan default)

# Machine Learning

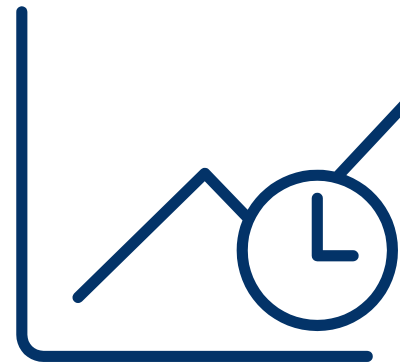
## Supervised Learning Use Cases



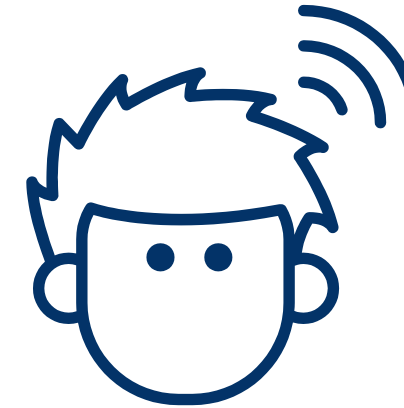
Risk Modeling



Fraud  
Detection



Forecasting



Customer  
Retention



Document  
Classification

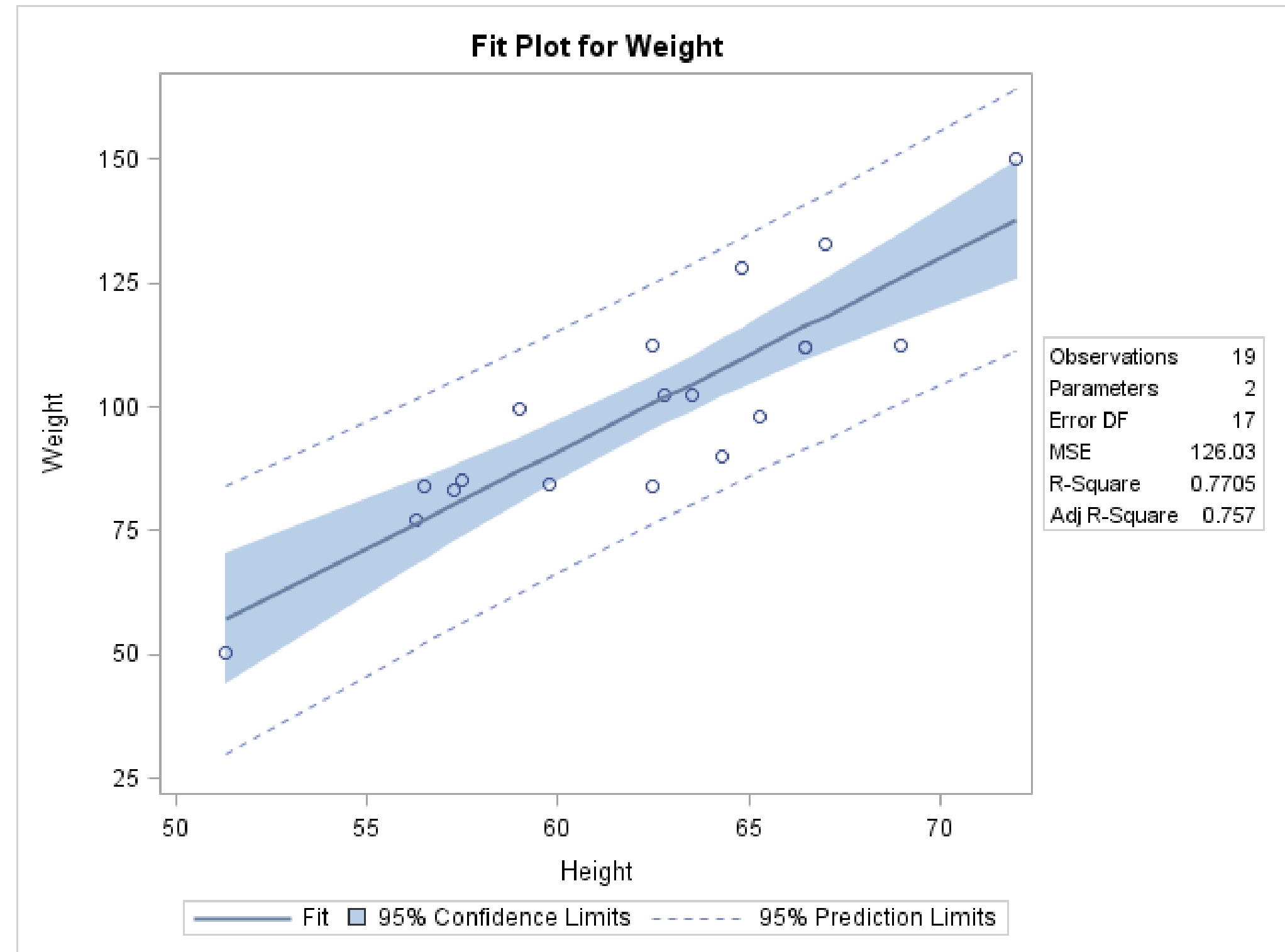
# Machine Learning Algorithms

Available in SAS Viya

# Regression

## What Is It?

- Used to identify the relationship between a dependent variable and one or more independent variables
- Many types – linear, logistic, quantile, polynomial, stepwise, ridge, lasso, ElasticNet, etc...
- Oldie but goodie





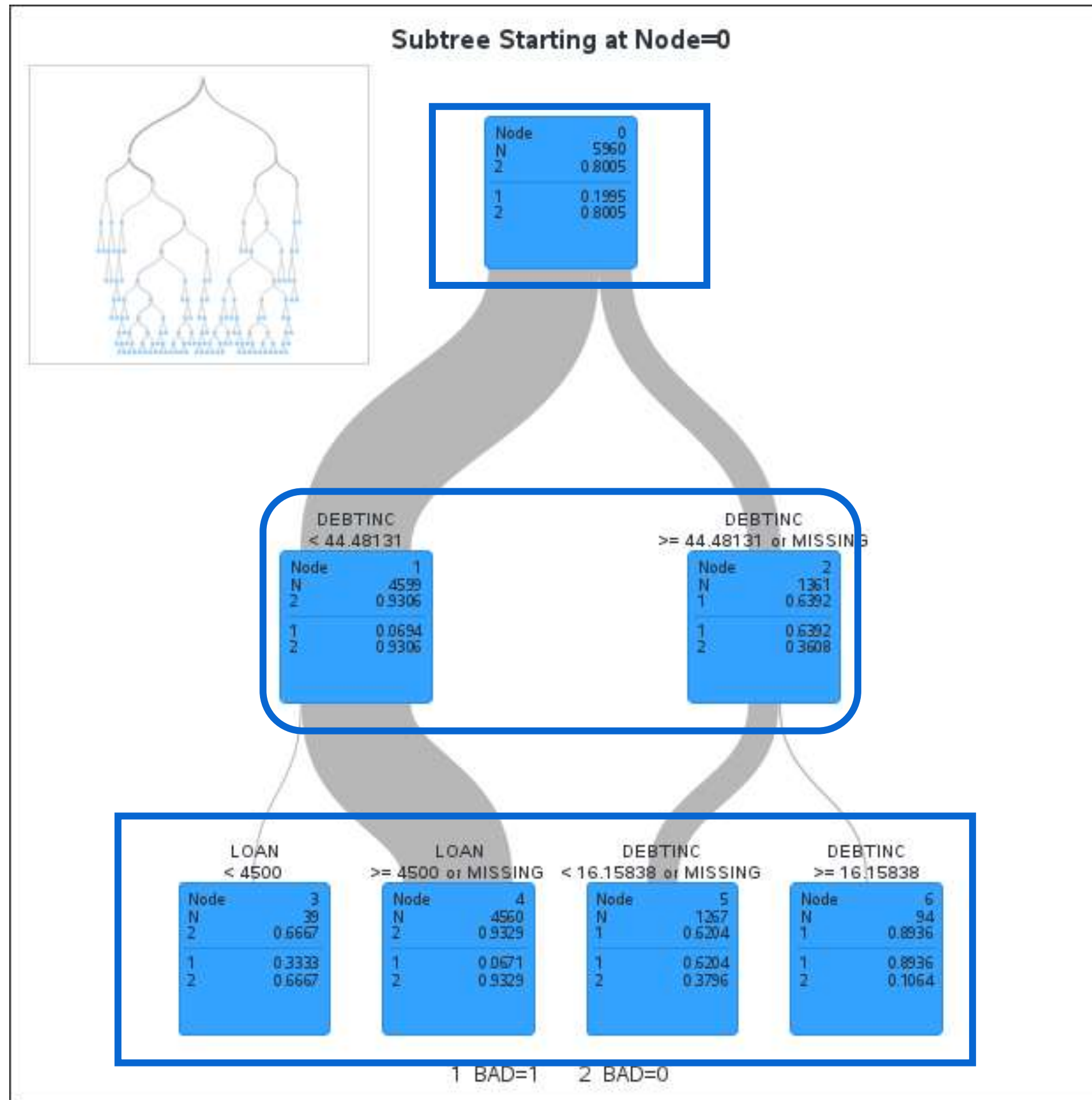
# Decision Trees

## What Is It?

- Linear separation of data using “if then else” logic
- Separation is performed via an exhaustive search of splitting points for each variable.
- Many different architectural variations based on the above architecture
- Users might refer to them as
  - CHAID Trees
  - CART Trees
  - C4.5 Trees
  - C5.0 Trees.
  - Each of the above is simply a variation on the tree a

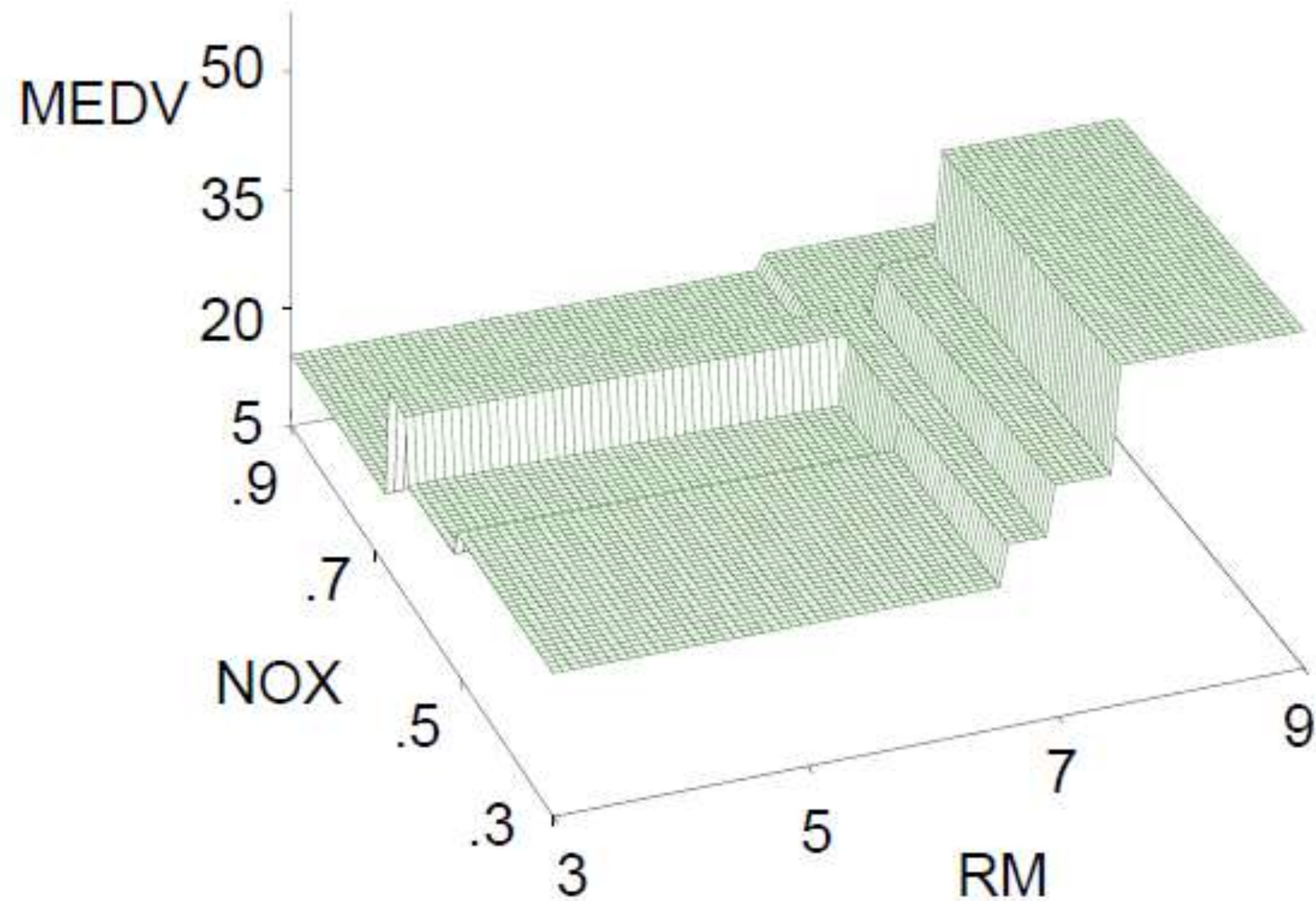
# Decision Tree

- Easy to Visualize



# Decision Trees

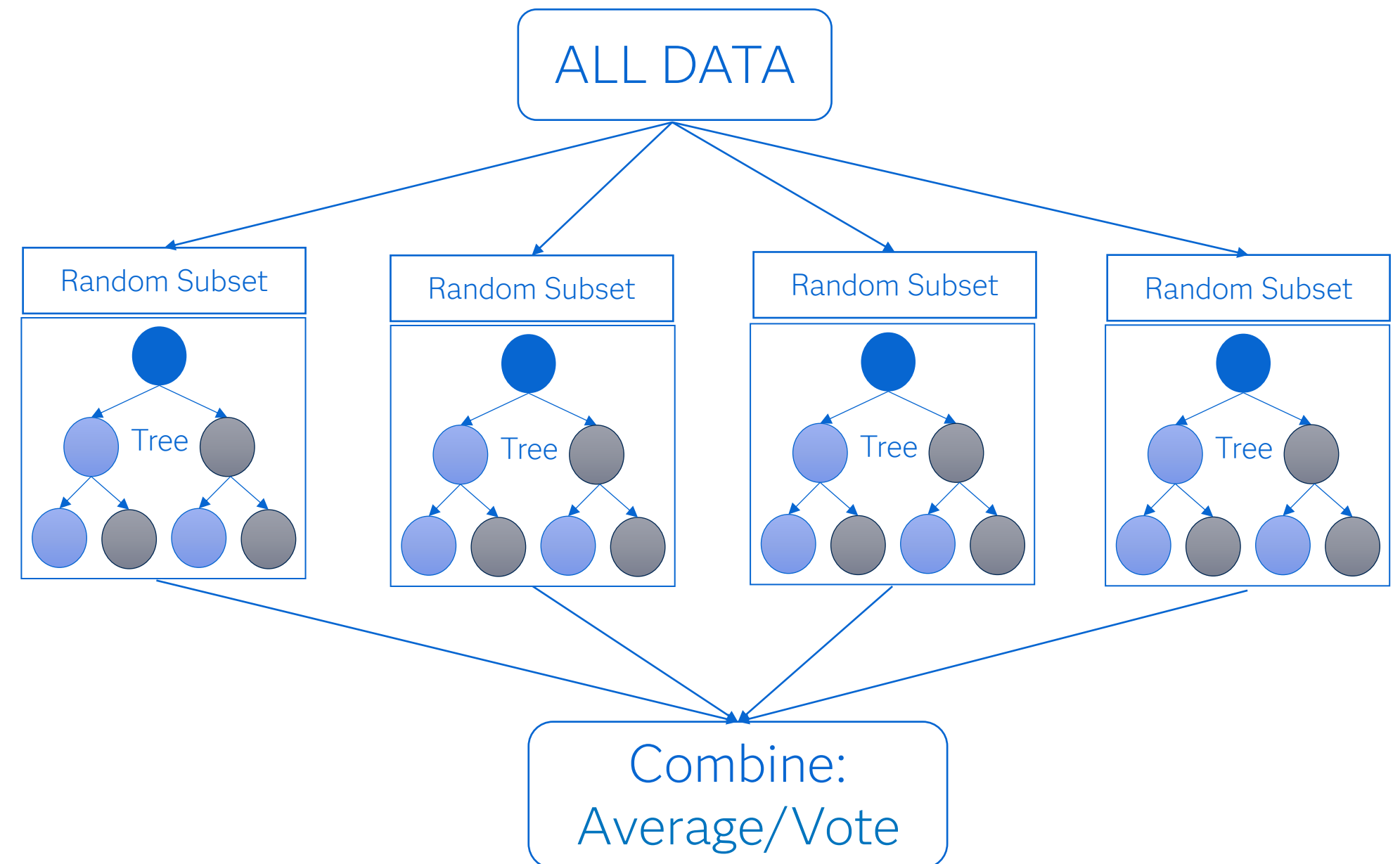
## Multivariate Step Function



# Random Forest

## What Is It?

- A combination of several “decision trees.”
- A random forest consists of a forest of fully trained decision trees.
- The random forest averages the output of all the decision trees in the “forest.”



# Random Forest

## Algorithm

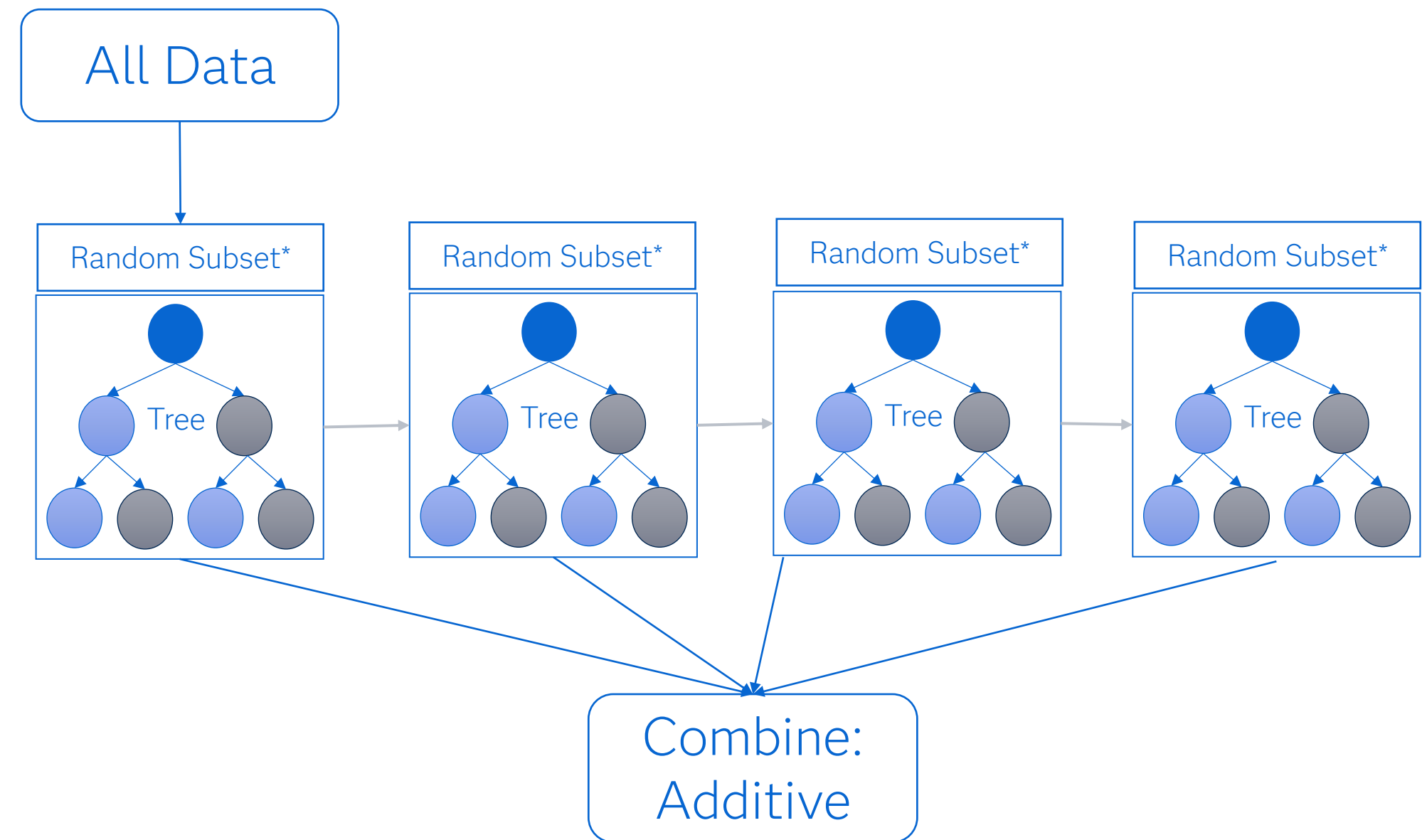
- Select a number of trees in the random forest.
- For each tree in the forest, use the following split algorithm:
  - Select a random sample of data.
  - Select a random subset of variables.
  - Determine the best split from the sample of data and the sample of variables.
  - Keep selecting random data and random subsets of variables until the maximum number of trees is trained.
- When all the trees are built, the prediction is the average of all trees.



# Gradient Boosting

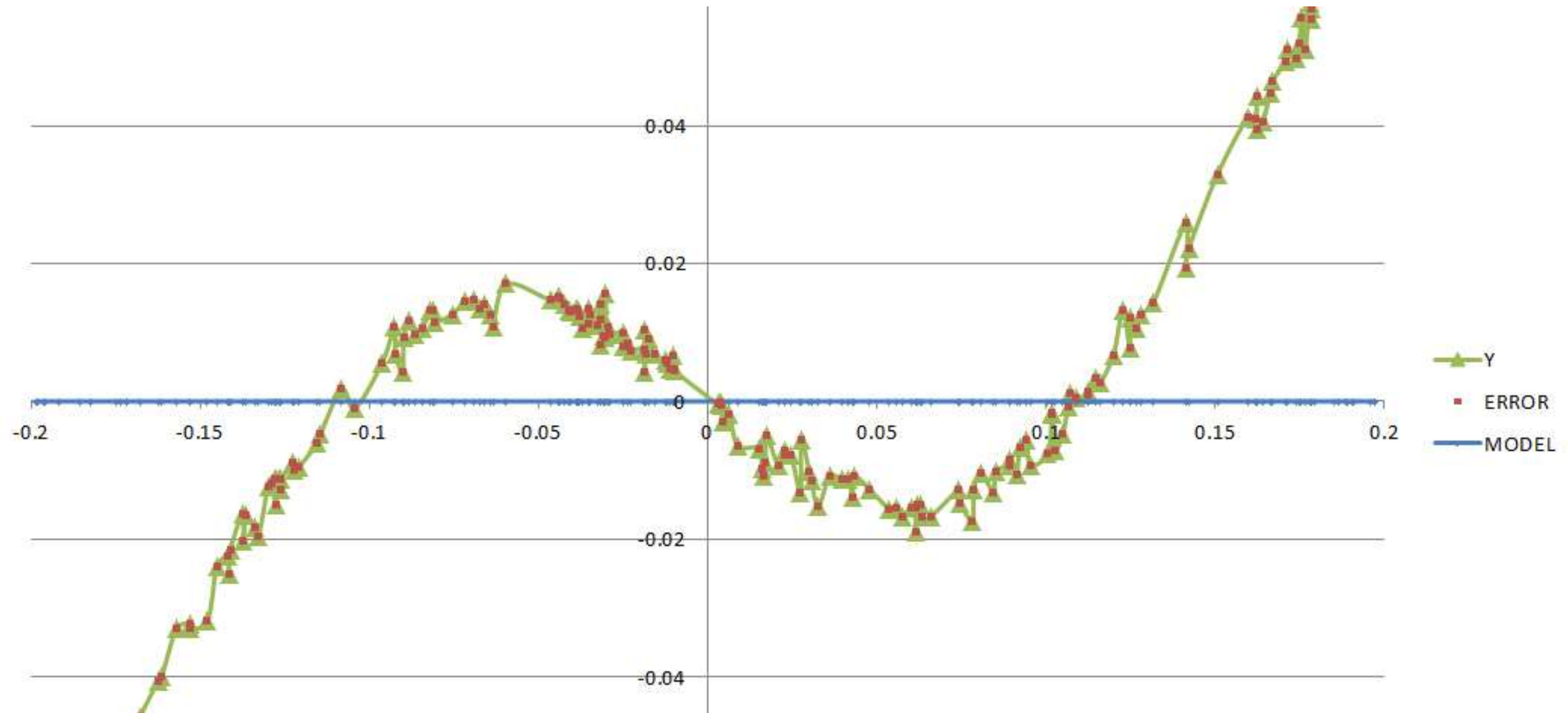
## What Is It?

- A combination of several “decision trees.”
- Gradient boosting consists of a **forest** of **small** decision trees (“**shrubs**”, “stumps”).
- Each **shrub** is poor at predicting target, but each subsequent shrub tries to fit the remaining error.
- Eventually converges to good solution.



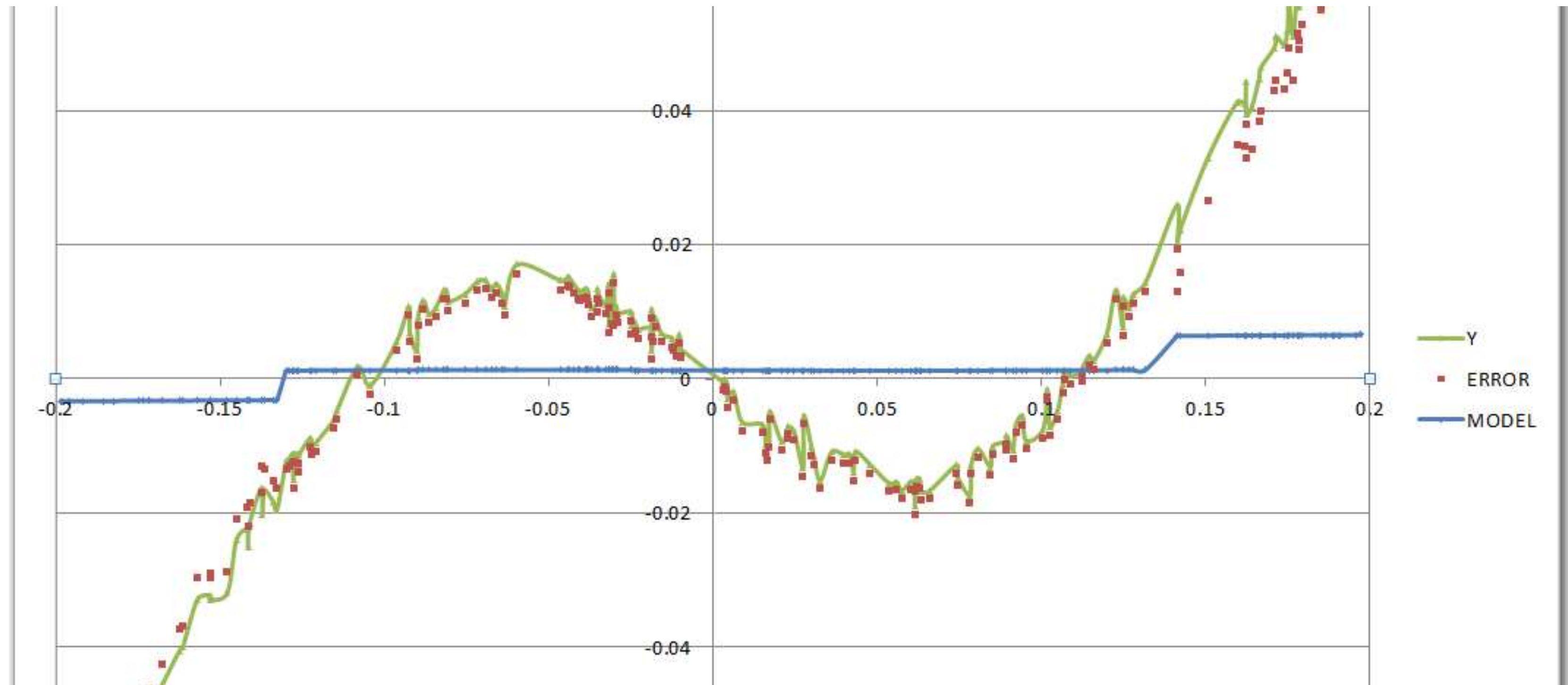
# Gradient Boosting

Example: Iterations=0



# Gradient Boosting

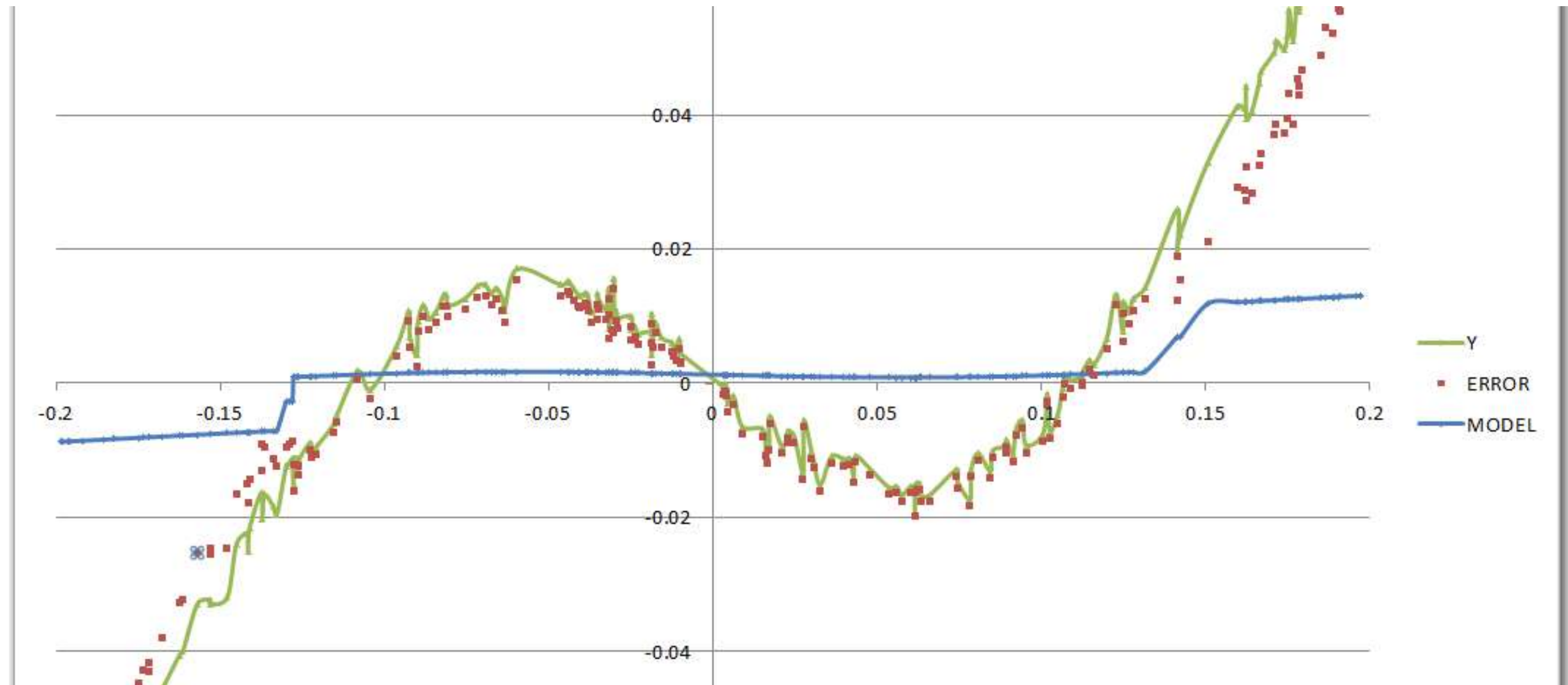
Example: Iterations=1





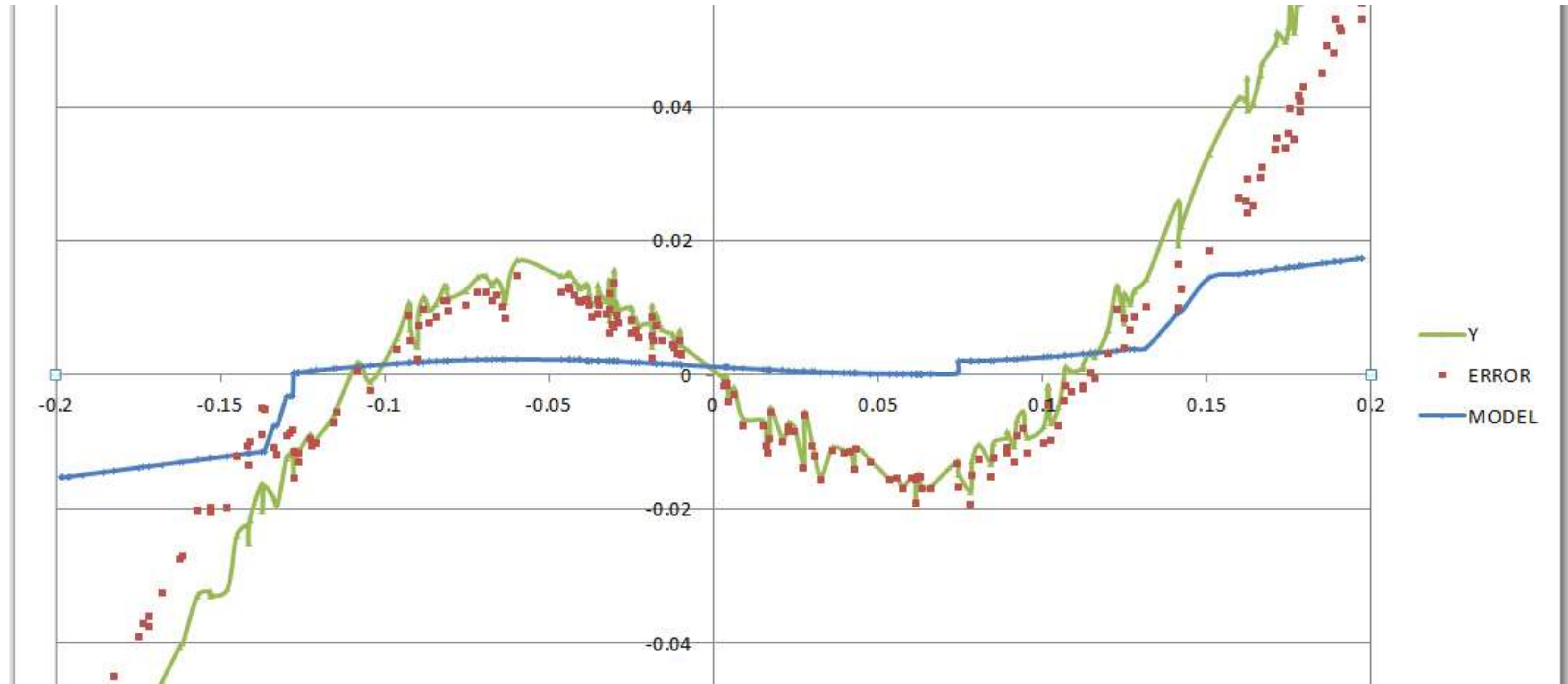
# Gradient Boosting

Example: Iterations=10



# Gradient Boosting

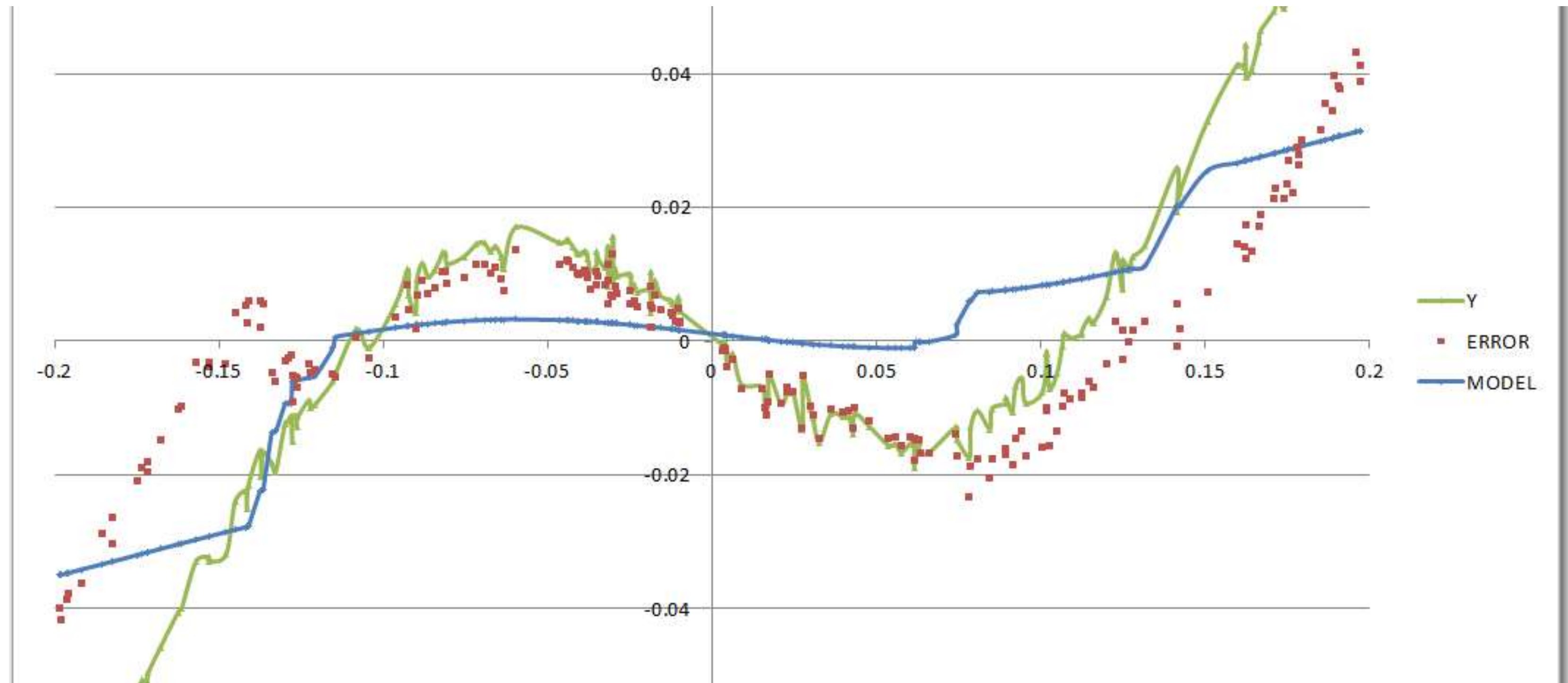
Example: Iterations=25





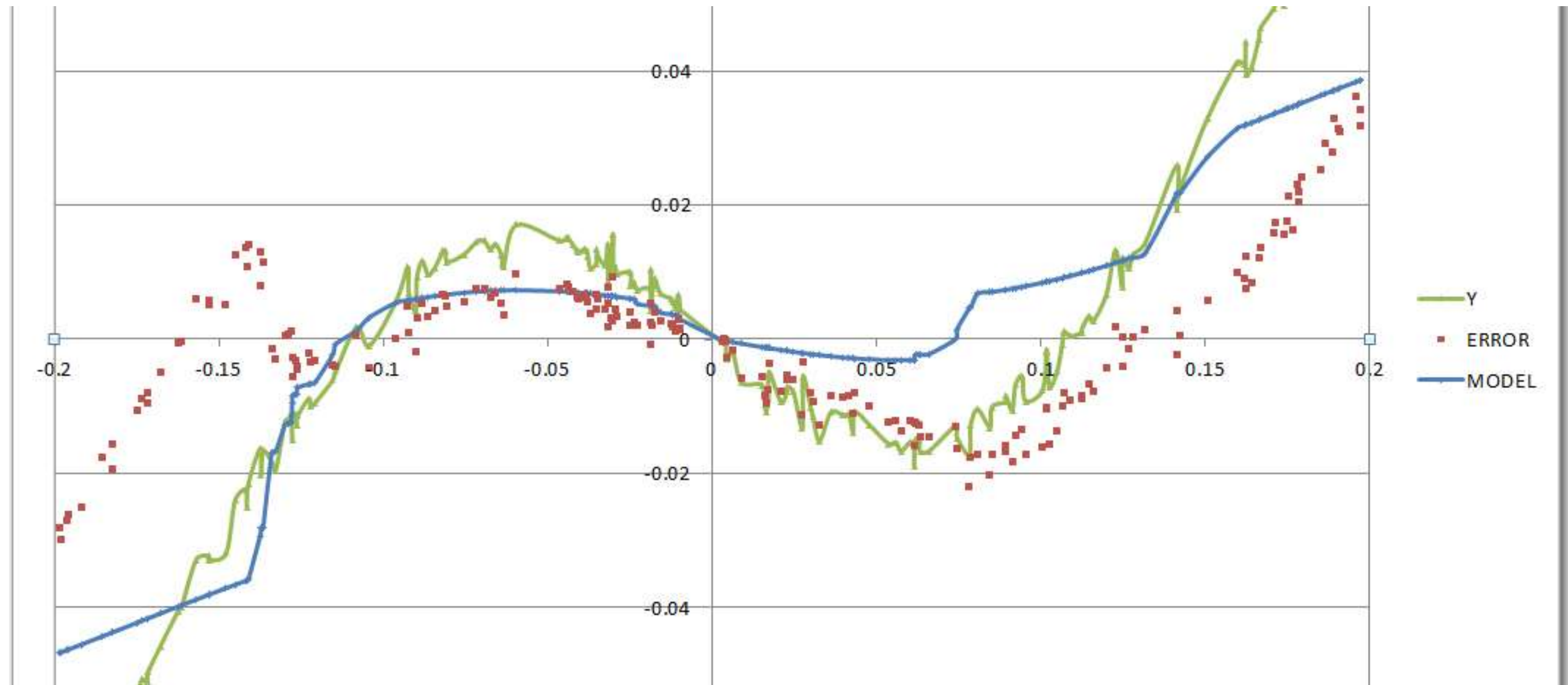
# Gradient Boosting

Example: Iterations=50



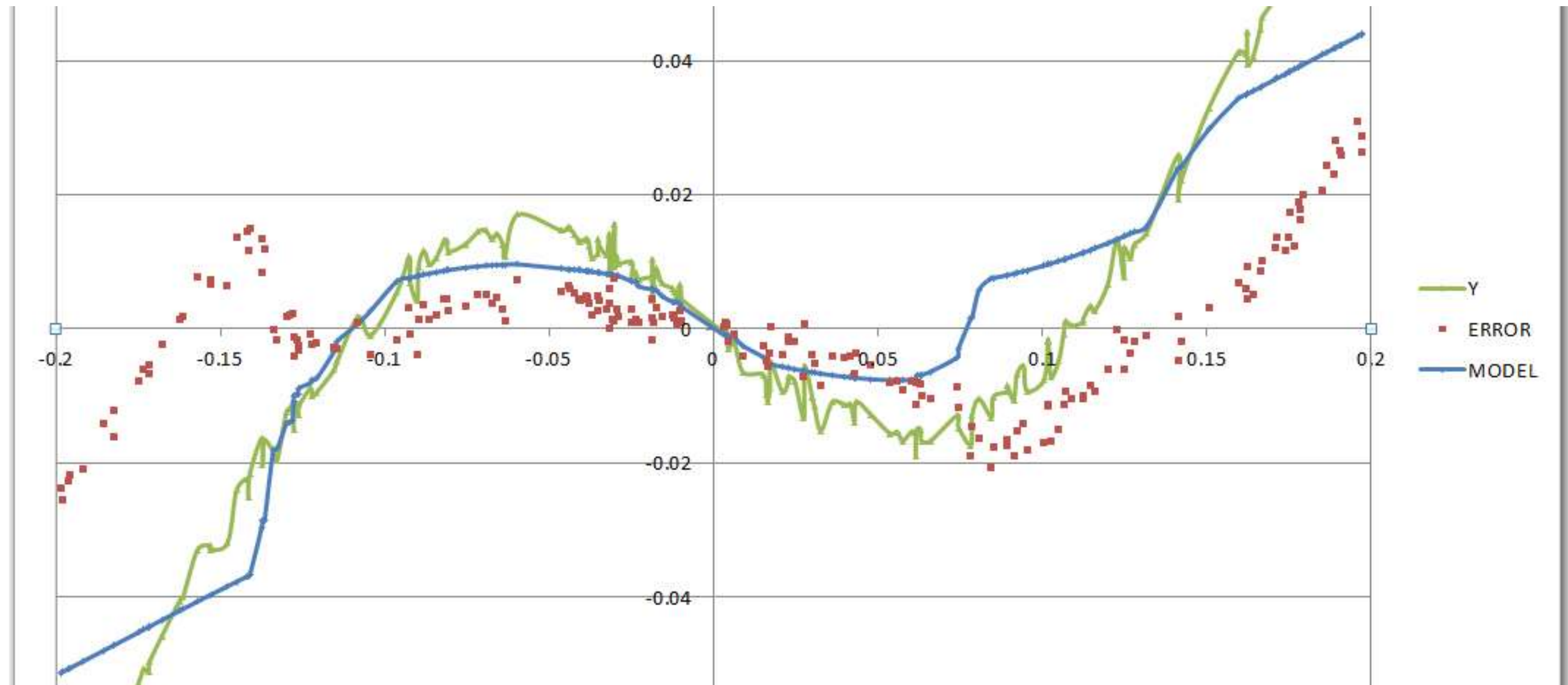
# Gradient Boosting

Example: Iterations=75



# Gradient Boosting

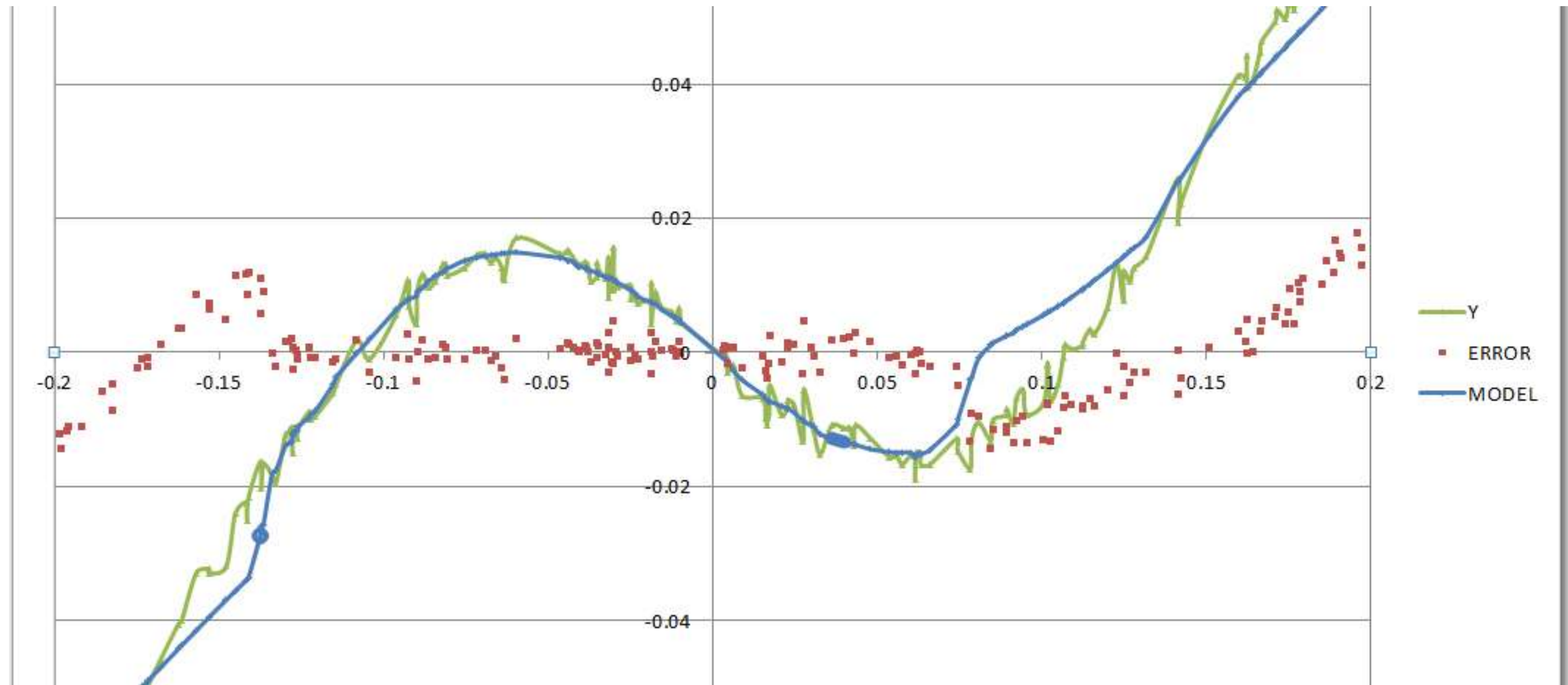
Example: Iterations=100





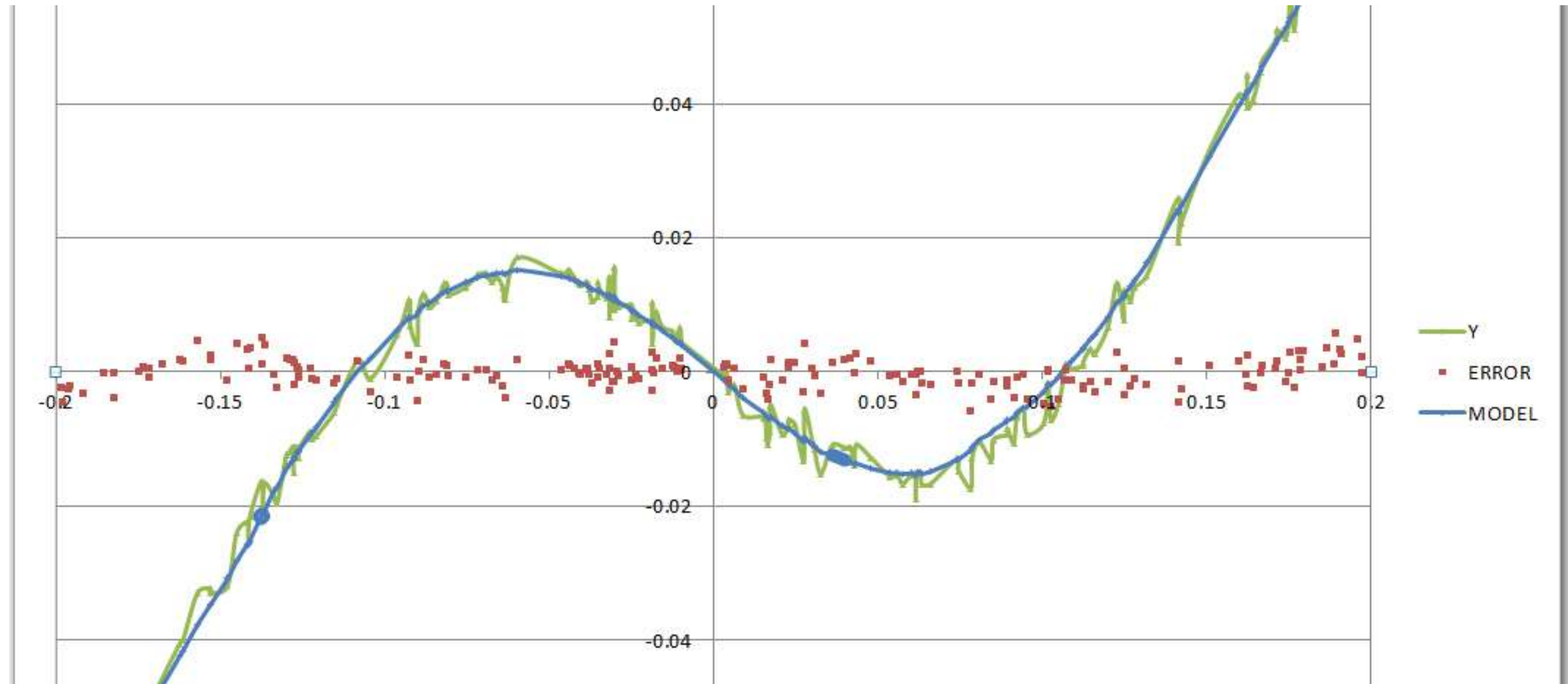
# Gradient Boosting

Example: Iterations=200

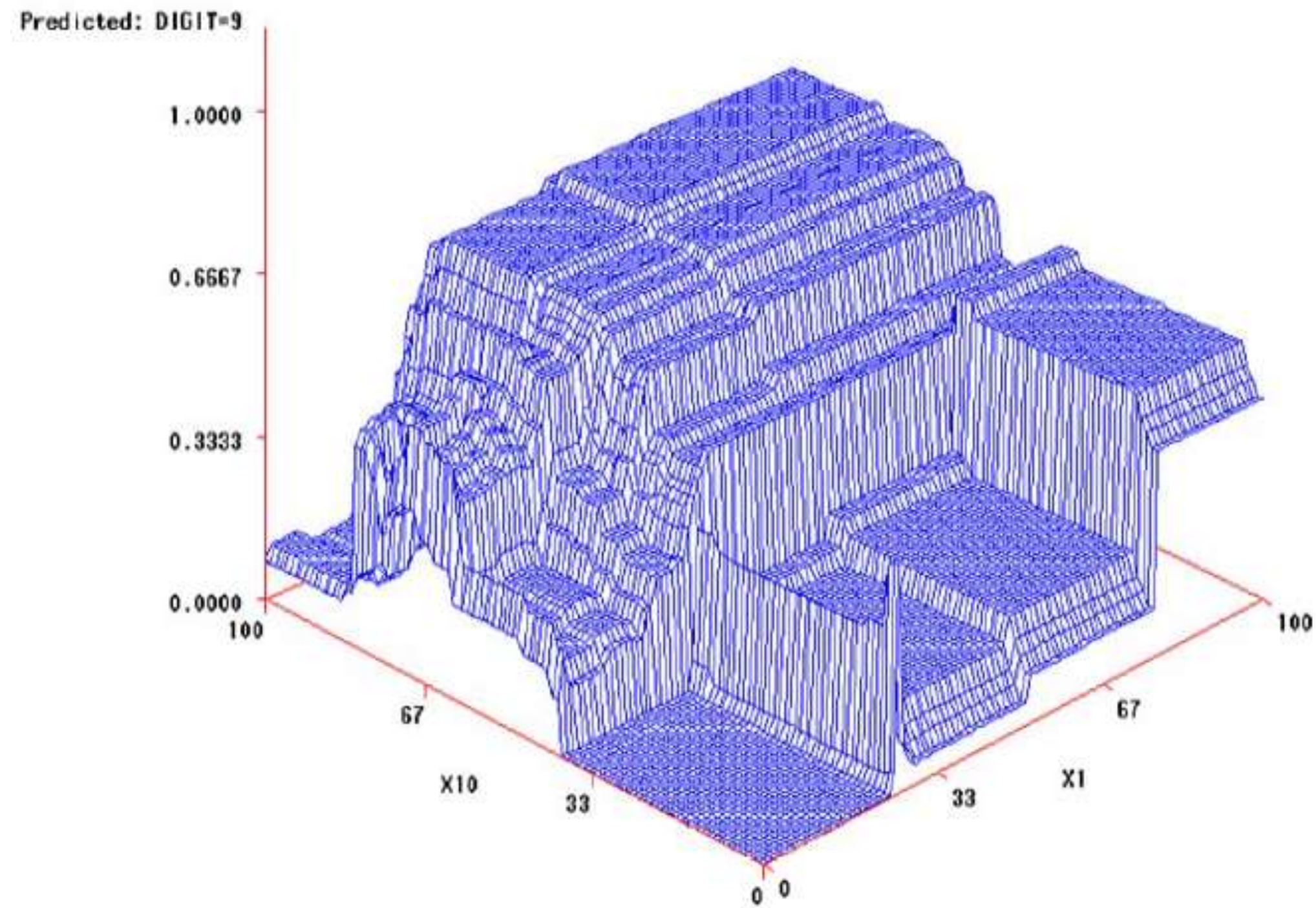


# Gradient Boosting

Example: Iterations=300



# Gradient Boosting

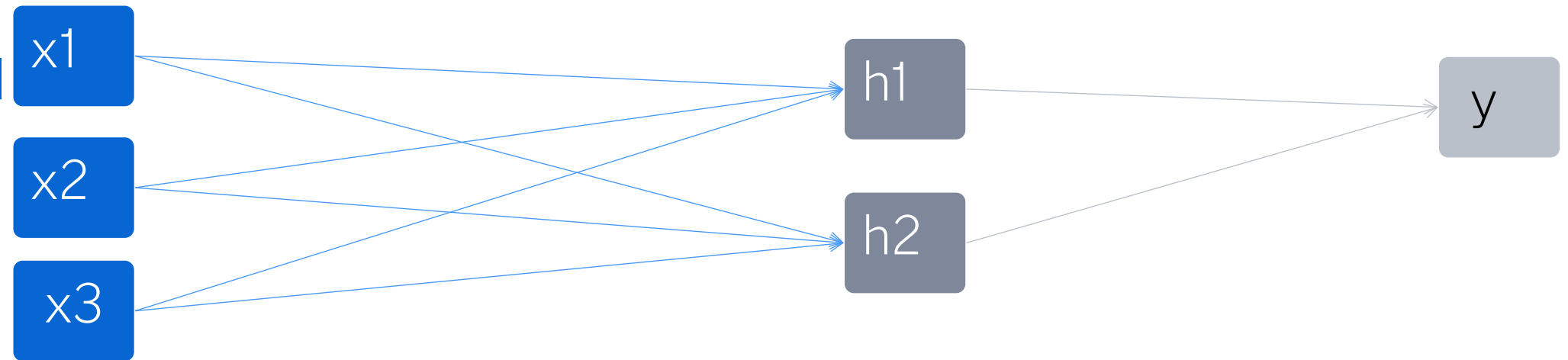




# Neural Network

## What Is It?

- Non-linear relationship between inputs and output
- Prediction more important than ease of explaining model
- Requires a lot of training data
- Users can specify the number of hidden layers, the number of hidden neurons, and associated activation functions for each layer
- Users can configure Input and Target Standardizations, Target Error, and Activation Functions



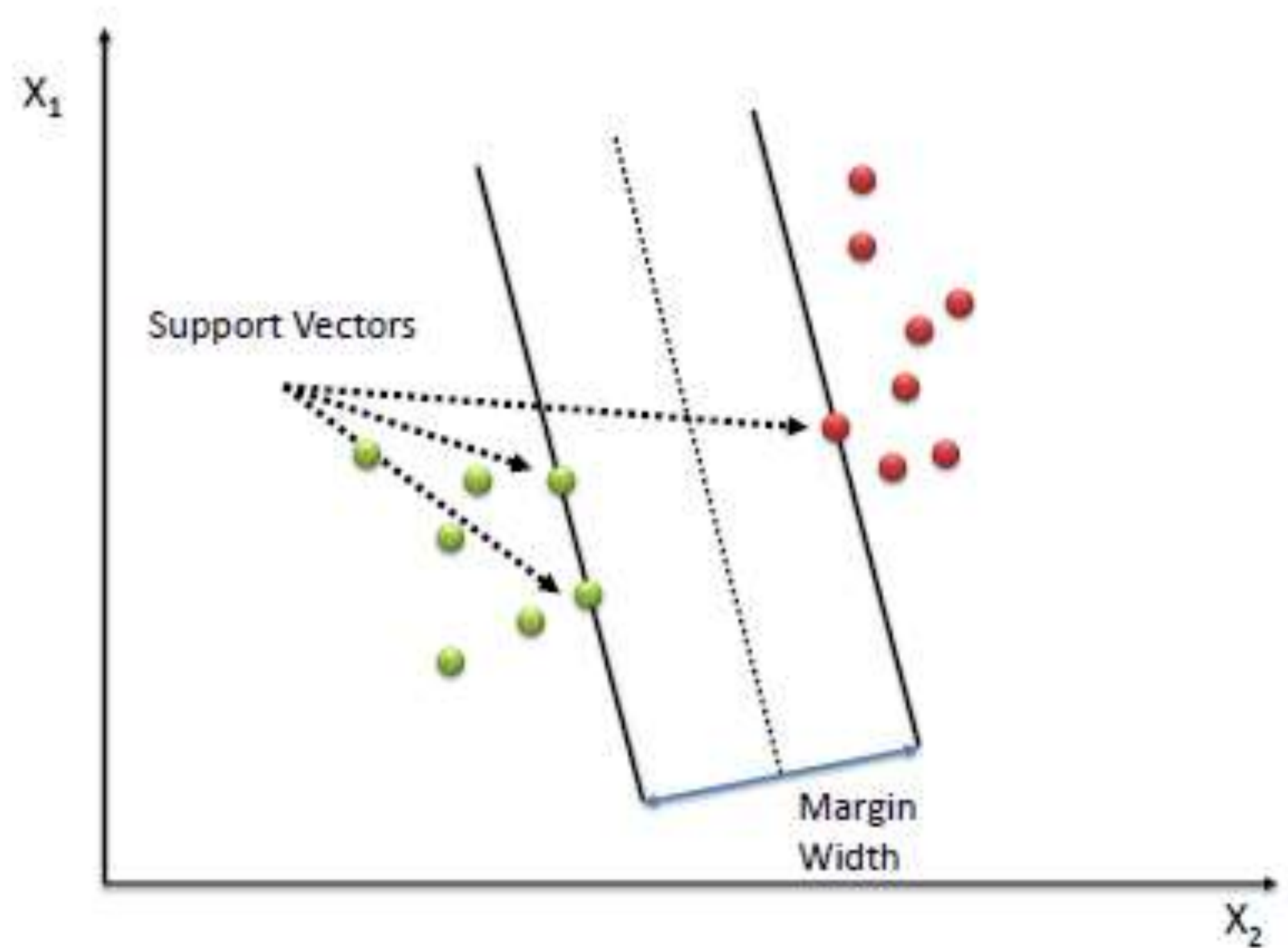
## Many types...

- Feedforward Neural Network
- Radial Basis Function Neural Network
- Multilayer Perceptron
- Convolutional Neural Network (CNN)
- Recurrent Neural Network (RNN)
- Modular Neural Network.
- Sequence-To-Sequence Models

# Support Vector Machines

## What Is It?

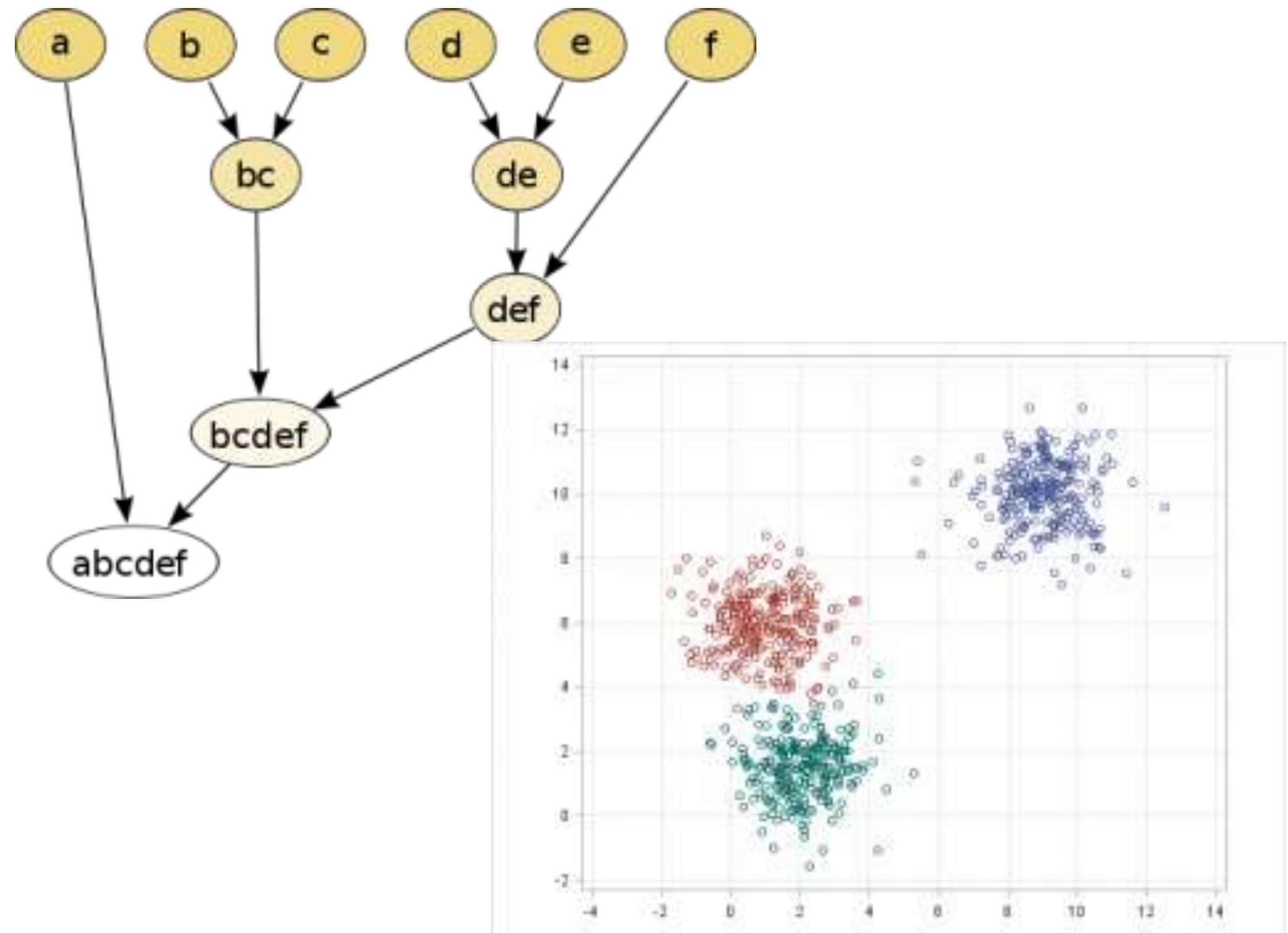
- Enables the creation of linear and nonlinear support vector machine models
- Constructs separating hyperplanes that maximize the margin between two classes
- The vectors (cases) that define the hyperplane are the support vectors
- Enables use of a variety of kernels: linear, polynomial, radial basis function, and sigmoid function. The node also provides interior point and active set optimization methods.



# Clustering

## What Is It?

- Goal: The goal of clustering is to partition data into groups so that the observations within a group are as similar as possible to each other, and as dissimilar as possible to the observations in other groups.
- Many types - Hierarchical, k-means, SOM, etc..

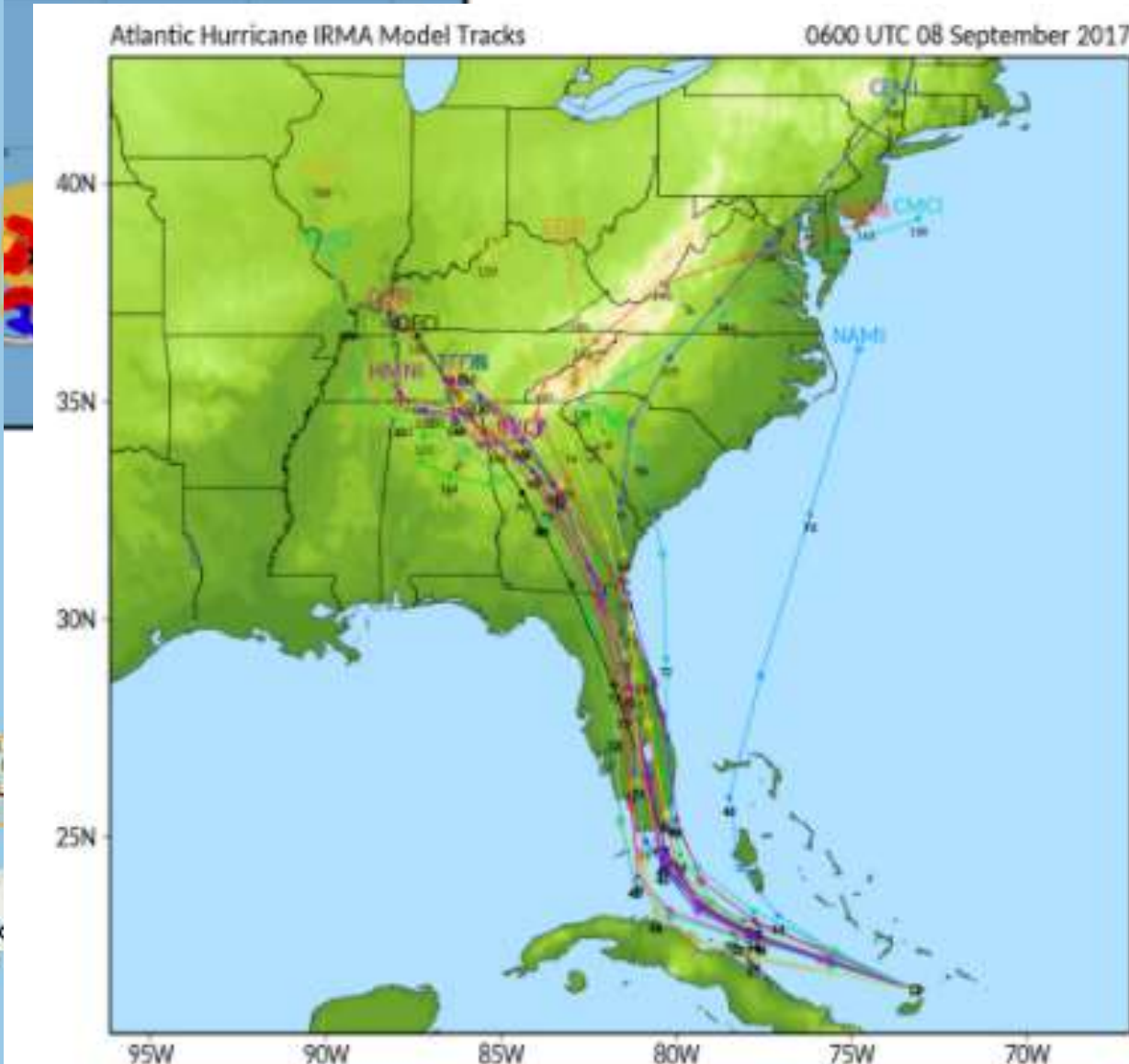




# Ensemble Modeling

## What Is It?

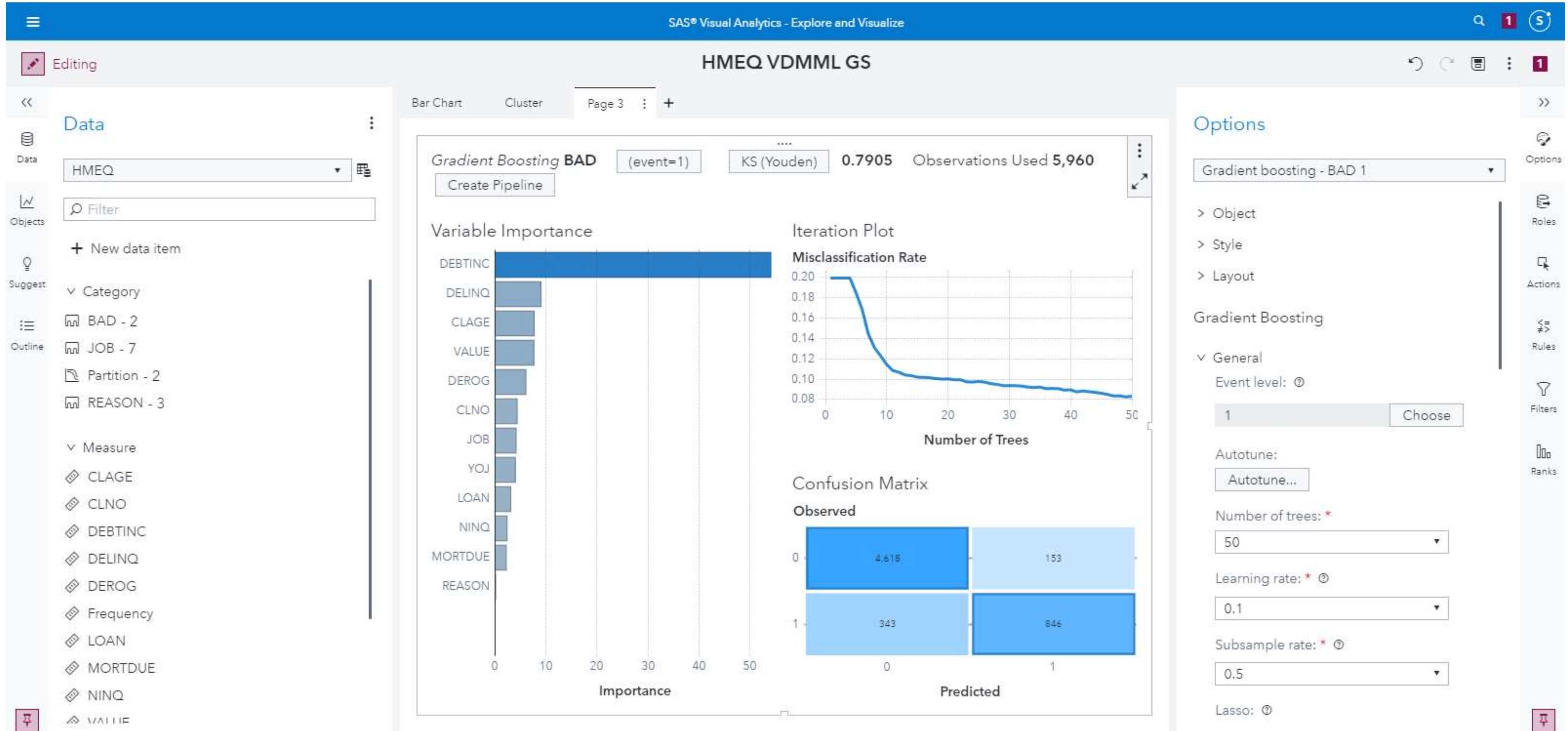
- **Two or more** predictive models **combined** to create a potentially more accurate model
- Works better when model predictions are uncorrelated
- Creates new models by combining the posterior probabilities (for class targets) or the predicted values (for interval targets) from multiple predecessor models.
- 3 Methods
  - Average
  - Maximum
  - Voting



# Machine Learning in SAS Viya

# Interfaces

## Building a Model from Scratch in the Visual Reporting Interface

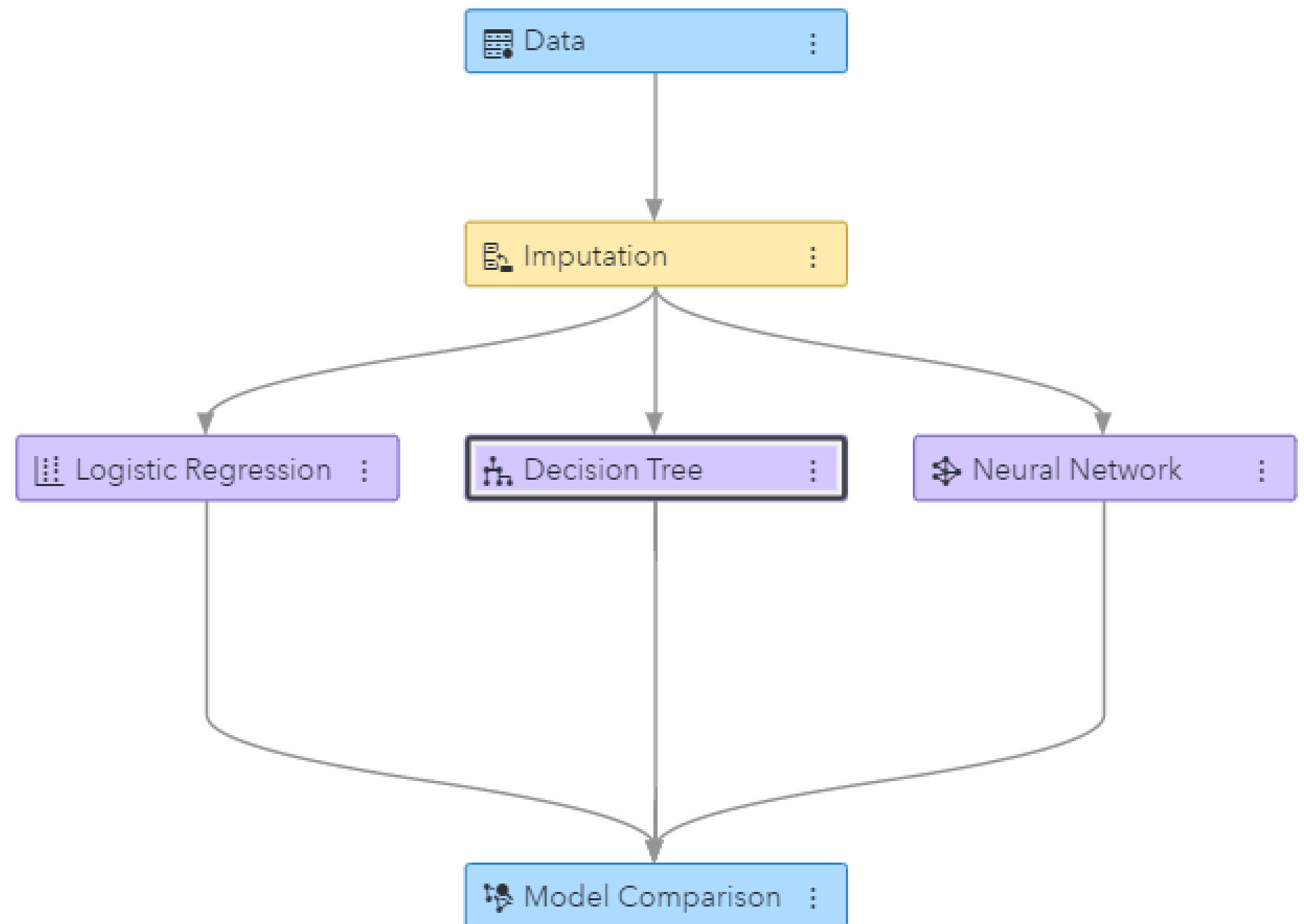




# Interfaces

## Build Models Using Pipelines in Model Studio















- Drag-and-drop pipelines including preprocessing and machine learning techniques
- Customizable and portable nodes and SAS best practice pipelines (Toolbox)
- Support for SAS coding (macro, data step, procs, batch Enterprise Miner) within pipelines
- Collaboration using the “Toolbox” – a collection of SAS Best Practice Pipelines, in addition to user-generated templates
















[Example Code for Pipeline](#)

# SAS® Visual Data Mining and Machine Learning Pipelines

## ▼ Data Mining Preprocessing

-  Anomaly Detection
-  Clustering
-  Feature Extraction
-  Feature Machine
-  Filtering
-  Imputation
-  Interactive Grouping
-  Manage Variables
-  Reject Inference
-  Replacement
-  Text Mining
-  Transformations
-  Variable Clustering
-  Variable Selection








## ▼ Supervised Learning

-  Batch Code
-  Bayesian Network
-  Decision Tree
-  Forest
-  GLM
-  Gradient Boosting
-  Linear Regression
-  Logistic Regression
-  Model Composer
-  Neural Network
-  Quantile Regression
-  Score Code Import
-  SVM

## ▼ Postprocessing

-  Ensemble

## ▼ Miscellaneous

-  Data Exploration
-  Open Source Code
-  SAS Code
-  Save Data
-  Score Data
-  Scorecard
-  Segment Profile

# Building Pipelines

Use prebuilt templates or [automatically generate the pipeline](#)

New Pipeline

Name \*

Pipeline 2

Description:

☐ Select a pipeline template

Blank template

Browse

☒ Automatically generate the pipeline

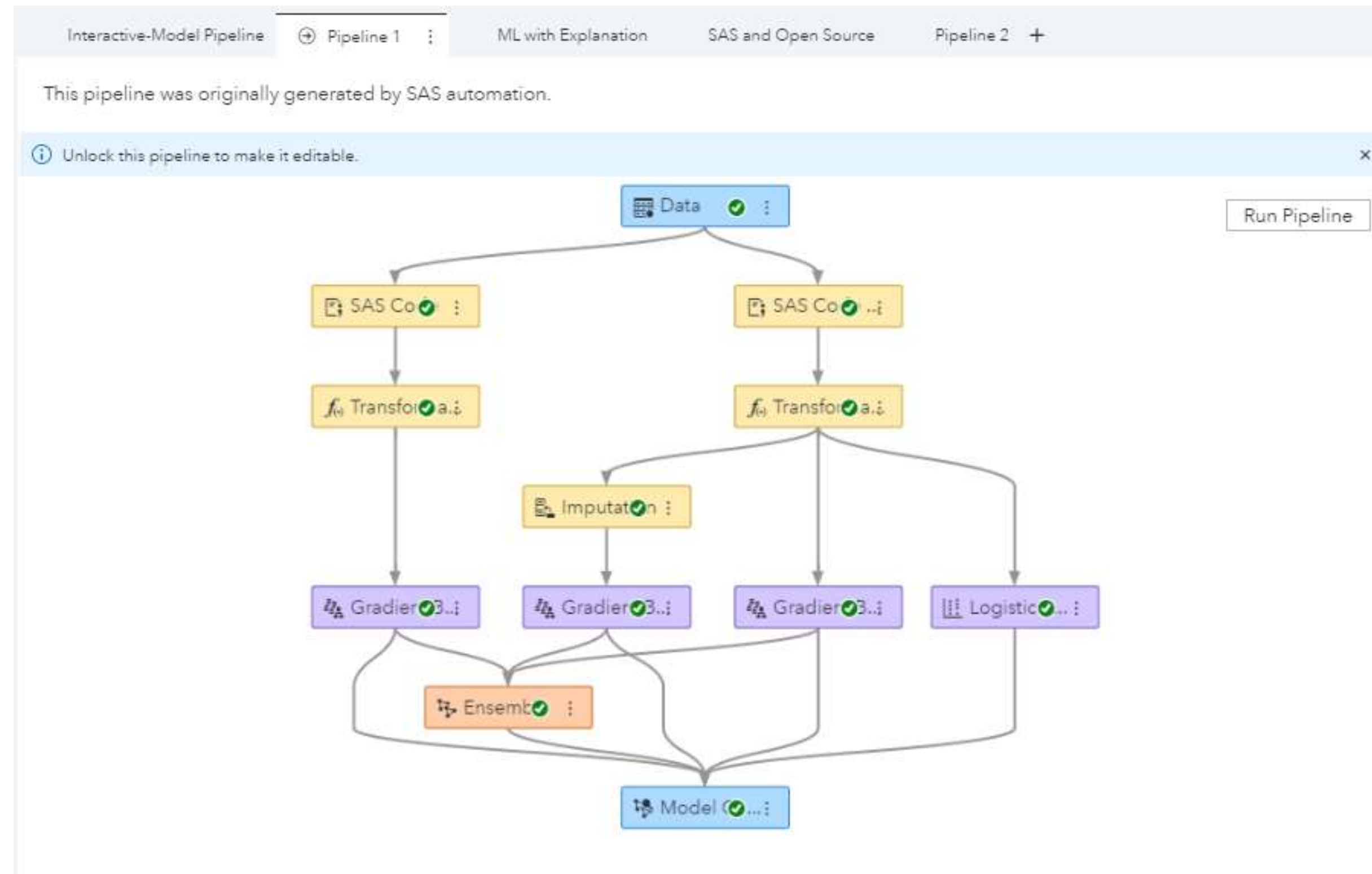
☒ Set automation time limit

15 minutes

Advanced Settings

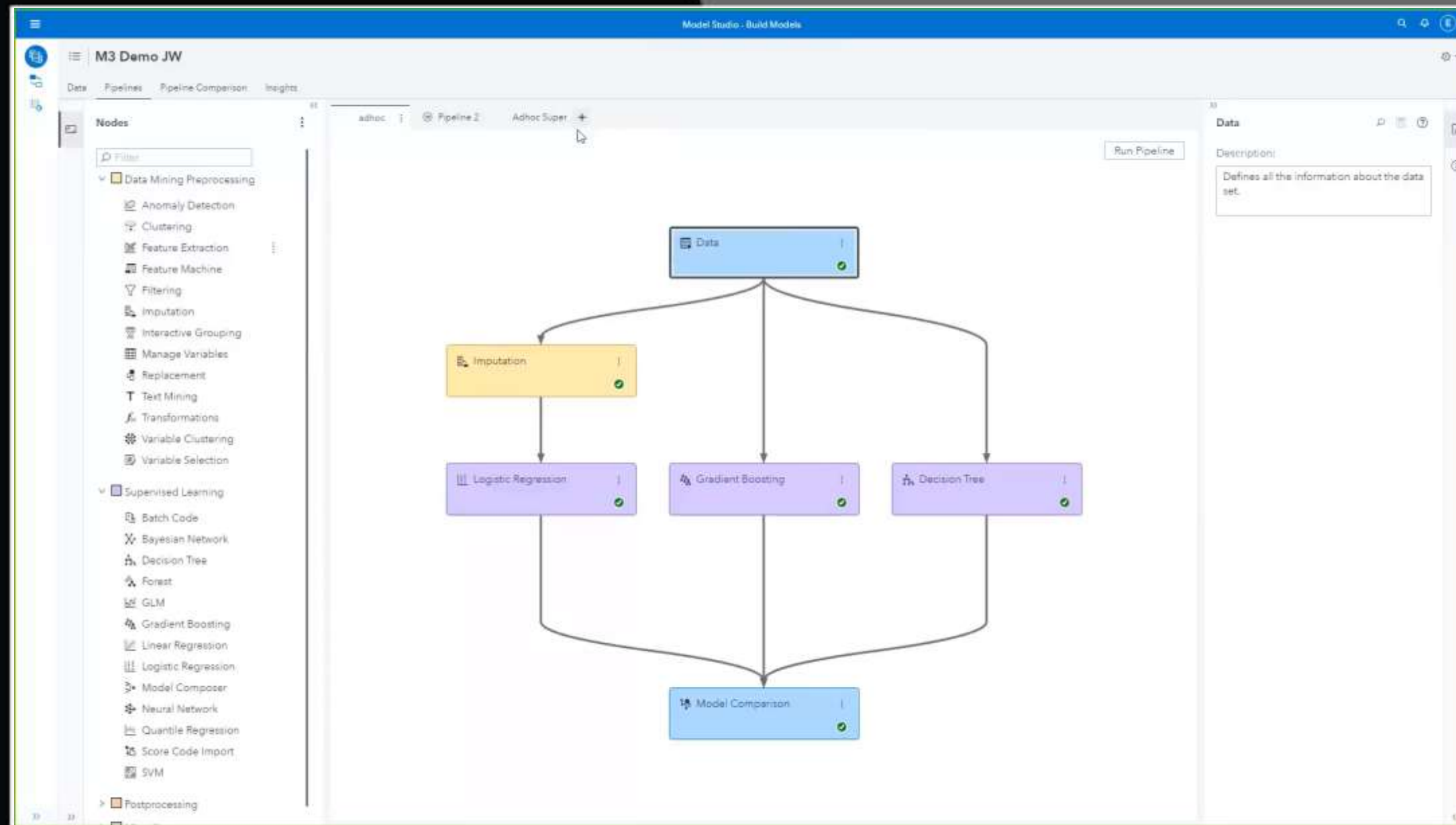
Save

Cancel





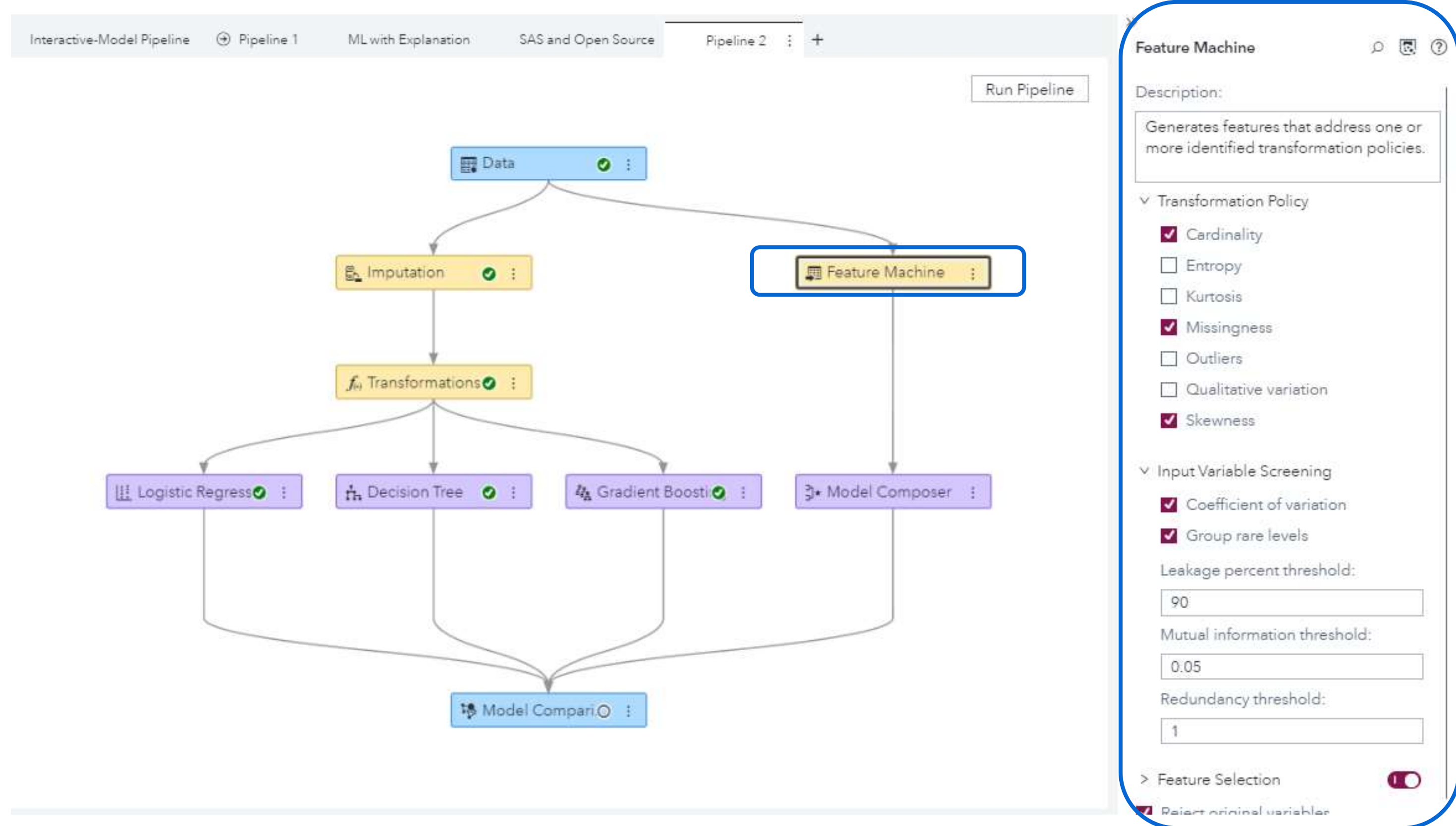
# Automated Pipelines



- ✓ Repository of best practice pipelines
- ✓ Models by SAS or by end-user
- ✓ Dynamically reads thru data
- ✓ Fixes data quality issues w/ ML
- ✓ Performs Data transformations
- ✓ Recommends & builds models
- ✓ Optimizes across models
- ✓ Fully editable, no black-box

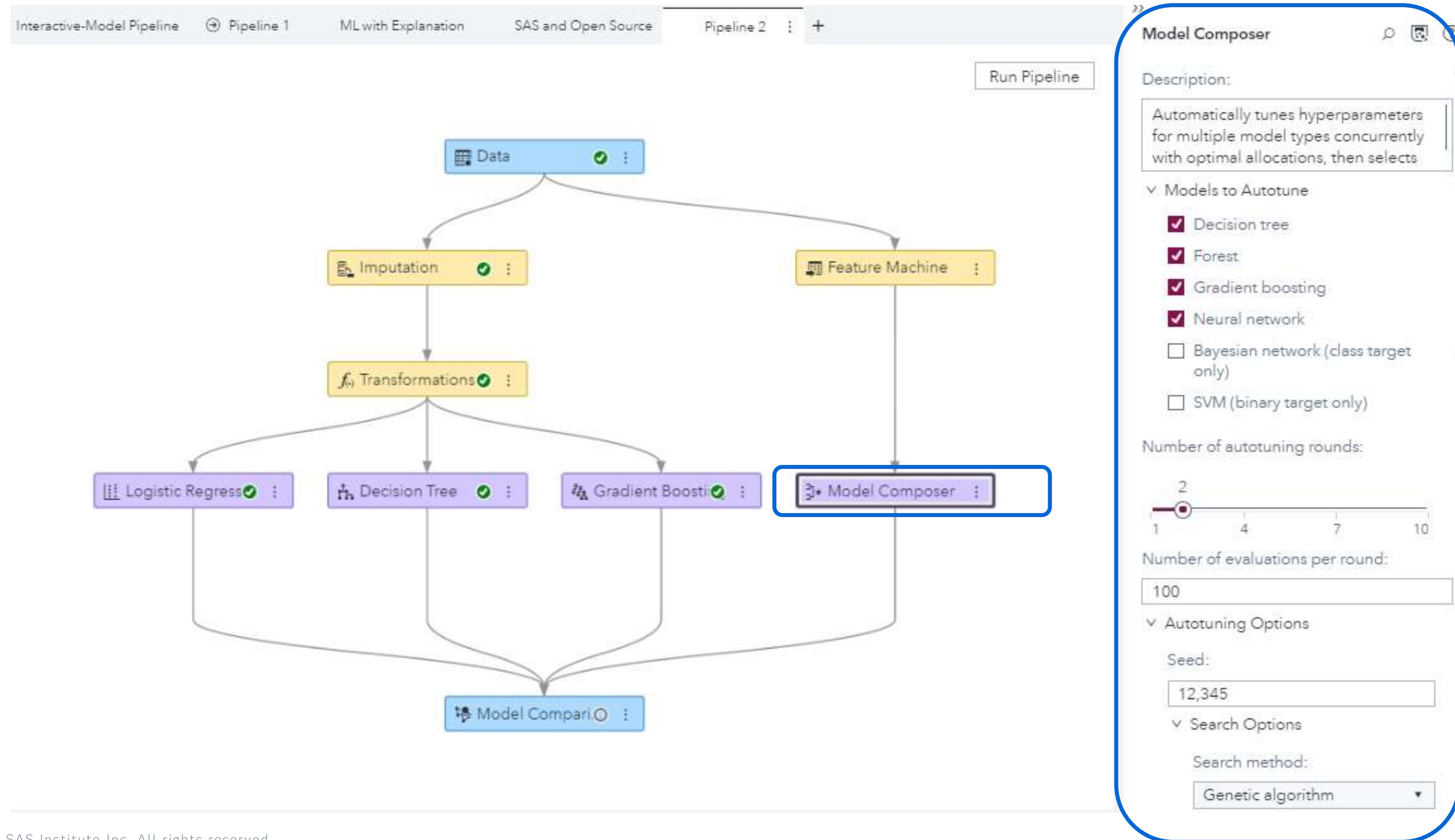
# Automatically Create Features

## Feature Machine Node



# Automatically Tune Hyperparameters for Multiple Model Types

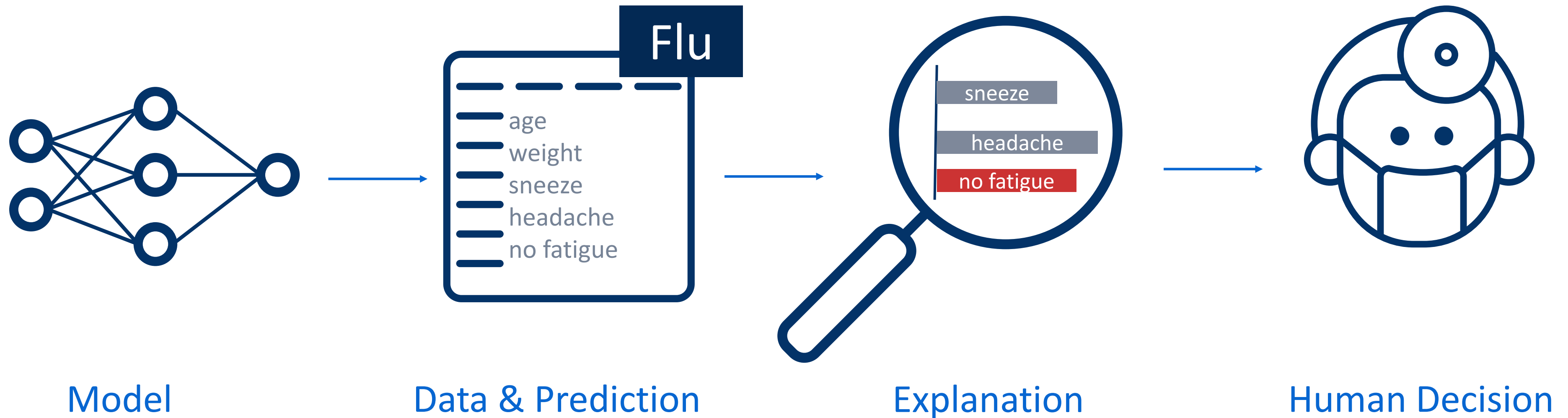
## Model Composer Node





# Interpretable Machine Learning

Why is it important?



# Interpretable Machine Learning

## Popular Approaches

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**Variable Importance**

②

**Partial Dependency Plots**

③

**Individual Conditional Expectation (ICE)**

④

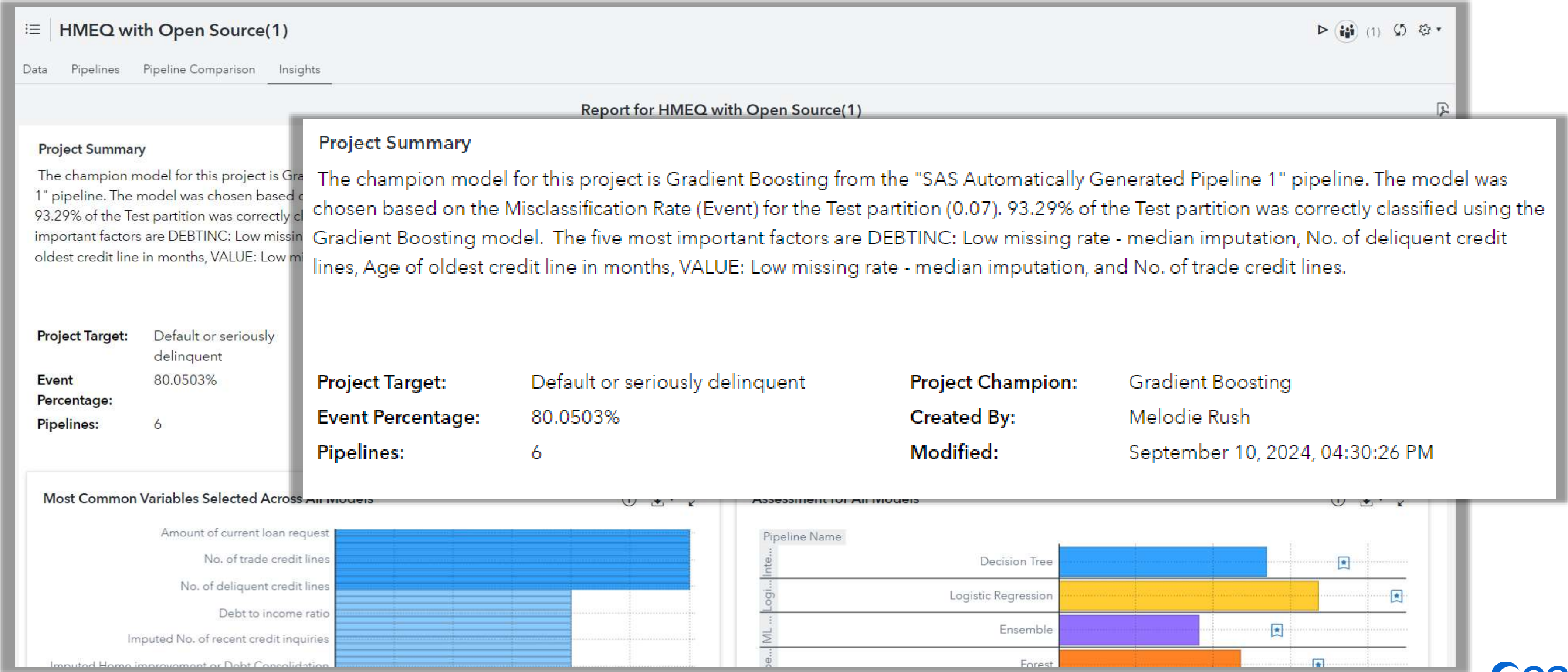
**Local Interpretable Model-Agnostic  
Explanation (LIME)**

⑤

**SHapley Additive exPlanations (SHAP)**

# Automated Insights & Interpretability

Description in simple language





# Automated Insights & Interpretability

## Model Interpretability Charts

- Variable Importance Plots and Rankings
- Partial Dependence (PD) Plots
- LIME (Local Interpretable Model-agnostic Explanations)
- ICE (Individual Conditional Expectation) Plots
- Kernel SHAP Method (Shapley Values)

Model Interpretability

Global Interpretability

☒ Variable importance

☒ PD plots

Local Interpretability

☒ ICE plots

☒ LIME

☒ HyperSHAP

Maximum number of HyperSHAP variables:

20

1

34

67

100

Specify instances to explain:

Random

LIME Tables

☒ Explainer Information table

☒ Explainer Fidelity table

PD/ICE Options

Maximum number of variables:

5

1

4

7

10

Number of observations:

1,000

Number of tick points:

50

3

100

Truncate lower tail:

5

0

50

100

Truncate upper tail:

95

0

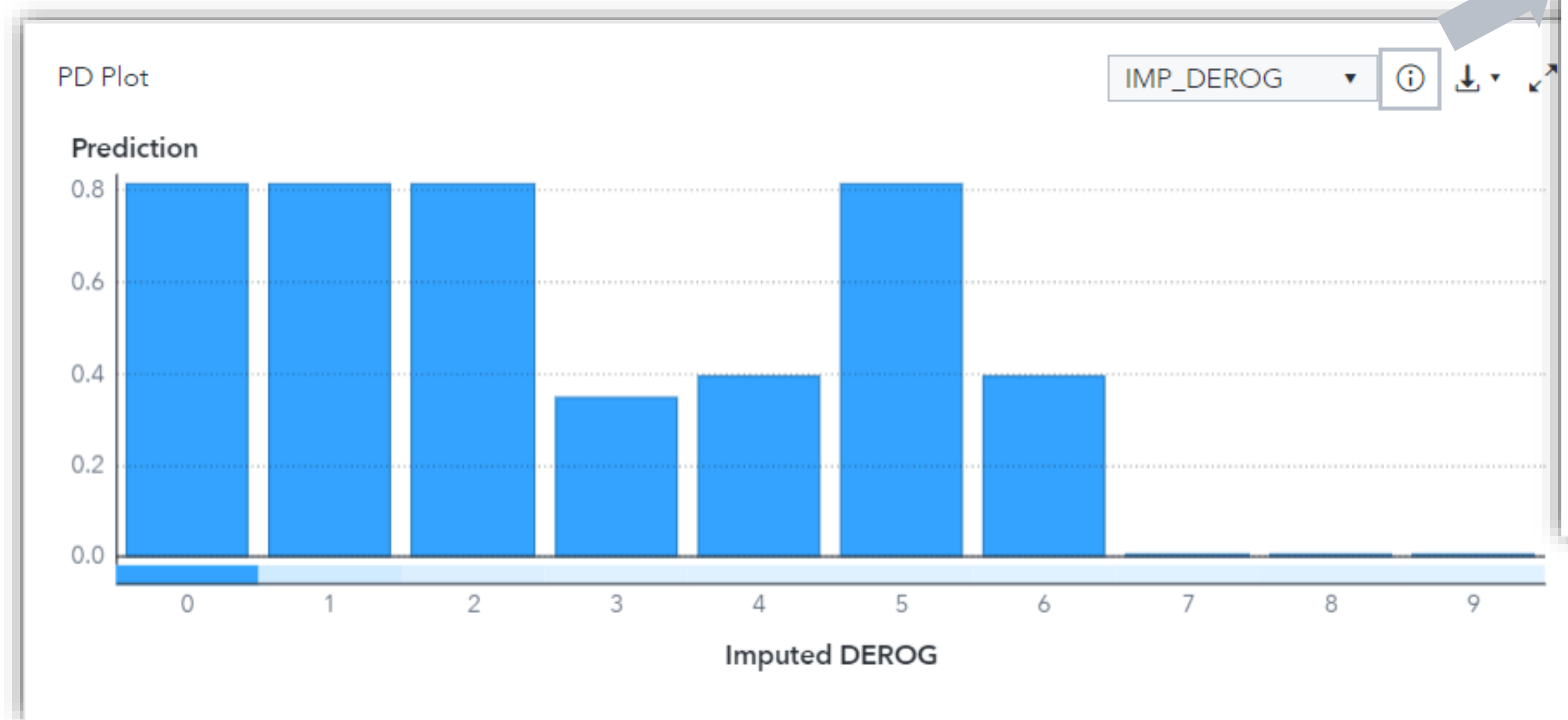
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100

# Automated Insights & Interpretability

## Model Interpretability Charts

Each interpretability chart has insights included



### IMP\_DEROG

This plot shows the relationship between IMP\_DEROG and the predicted target, averaging out the effects of the other inputs. It displays values of IMP\_DEROG on the x-axis and the corresponding average prediction for the target variable on the y-axis.

The highest average target prediction is 0.81 and occurs when IMP\_DEROG = 0; the lowest average target prediction is 0 and occurs when IMP\_DEROG = 8.

When the input variable is nominal, the graph is a bar chart, and when the input variable is interval, the graph is a line plot. For interval inputs, the 95% confidence interval for the average target prediction is indicated by the shaded band around the line.

The x-axis includes a heatmap that shows the distribution of IMP\_DEROG. When the input variable is interval, its extreme values are eliminated by truncating the lower and upper tails of its distribution. The amount of truncation can be controlled by the properties under "PD and ICE Options".

# Interfaces

## Building a Model Using SAS Studio Tasks

The screenshot displays the SAS Studio interface for developing SAS code. The left sidebar shows the 'Tasks' pane with a search filter and a list of tasks. The 'Gradient Boosting' task is selected under 'SAS Viya Machine Learning' > 'Supervised Learning'. The main workspace shows the configuration for the 'Gradient Boosting' task. The 'DATA' section is expanded, showing 'PUBLIC.HMEQ' as the input data. The 'Partition Data' section is expanded, showing 'Validation data' selected for input data containing training data. The 'Identify partitions' section is expanded, showing 'Specify a sample proportion' selected, with a 'Proportion of validation cases' of 0.30. The 'ROLES' section is expanded, showing 'Target' selected, with 'Use a nominal target' selected. The 'Nominal target' is set to 'BAD'. The right pane shows the generated SAS code, which includes a comment block and the following code:

```
1 /*  
2 *  
3 * Task code generated by SAS® Studio 5.2  
4 *  
5 * Generated on '2/9/20, 1:41 PM'  
6 * Generated by 'sasdemo'  
7 * Generated on server 'sasserver'  
8 * Generated on SAS platform 'Linux LIN X64 3.10.0-957.27.2.el7.x86_64'  
9 * Generated on SAS version 'V.03.05M0P110619'  
10 * Generated on browser 'Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64) AppleWebKit/  
11 * Generated on web client 'http://10.96.17.31/SASStudioV/main?locale=en_US'  
12 */  
13  
14 ods noproctitle;  
15  
16 proc gradboost data=PUBLIC.HMEQ;  
17     partition fraction(validate=0.3);  
18     target BAD / level=nominal;  
19     input LOAN MORTDUE VALUE YOJ DEROG DELINQ CLAGE NINQ CLNO DEBTINC /  
20         level=interval;  
21     input REASON JOB / level=nominal;  
22 run;
```



# SAS Visual Data Mining and Machine Learning

## Programming Tasks in SAS Studio

### SAS Viya Statistics

- Clustering
- Principal Component Analysis
- Linear Regression
- Logistic Regression
- Generalized Linear Model
- Partial Least Squares
- Quantile Regression
- Decision Tree

### SAS Viya Machine Learning

#### Automated Machine Learning

#### Unsupervised Learning

#### Supervised Learning

Neural Network

Forest

Gradient Boosting

Factorization

Support Vector

Bayesian Network

#### Semi-supervised Learning

Semi-supervised

#### Computer Vision

Load Images

### SAS Viya Machine Learning

#### Automated Machine Learning

Automated Feature Engineering

#### Unsupervised Learning

Fast k-Nearest Neighbor

Robust Principal Component Analysis

Moving Window Principal Component Analysis

Support Vector Data Description

Market Basket Analysis

# Interfaces

## Building a Model Using SAS Studio Snippets

The screenshot shows the SAS Studio interface with the following components:


- Top Bar:** SAS® Studio - Develop SAS Code
- Menu Bar:** New, Options, View, Open, Save All
- Snippets Pane (Left):**
  - Filter
  - My Snippets
  - SAS Snippets
    - Data
    - Descriptive
    - Graph
    - IML
    - Macro
    - SAS Viya Cloud Analytic Services
    - SAS Viya Machine Learning
      - Load Data
      - Prepare and Explore Data
      - Compare Two ML Algorithms
      - Compare Several ML Algorithms
      - Generalized Linear Models
      - Unsupervised Learning
      - Supervised Learning
    - SAS Viya Image Processing
      - Load Images
      - Resize Images
      - Rescale Images
      - Mutate Images

- Code Editor (Right):**
- Code
- Run, Cancel, Copy to My Snippets, Debug
- Code Snippet:

```
115     by _NAME_;
116 run;
117
118 /* Variance explained by Iteration plot */
119 proc sgplot data=out_iter_trans;
120     title "Variance Explained by Iteration";
121     yaxis label="Variance Explained";
122     vbar Iteration / response=COL1 group=_NAME_;
123 run;
124
125 /******
126 /* Build a predictive model using Random Forest
127 /******
128 proc forest data=&caslibname._prepped ntrees=50 numbin=20 minleafsize=5;
129     input &interval_inputs. / level = interval;
130     input &class_inputs. / level = nominal;
131     target &target / level = nominal;
132     partition rolevar=_partind_(train='1' validate='0');
133     code file="&outdir./forest.sas";
134     ods output FitStatistics=fitstats;
135 run;
136
137 /******
138 /* Score the data using the generated model
139 /******
140 data &caslibname._scored_forest;
141     set &caslibname._prepped;
142     %include "&outdir./forest.sas";
143 run;
144
```

# Interfaces

## Building a Model Using Open Source

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Run a Decision Tree & Gradient Boosting Model

```
In [16]: #Decision Tree
sas.decisionTree.dtreeTrain(
    table={
        "name":"hmeq_part",
        "where":"strip(put(_partind_, best.))='1'"
    },
    inputs=all_inputs,
    target="bad",
    nominals=class_vars,
    crit="GAIN",
    prune=True,
    varImp=True,
    missing="USEINSEARCH",
    casOut={"name":"tree_model", "replace":True}
)

# Score
sas.decisionTree.dtreeScore(
    table={"name":"hmeq_part"},
    modelTable={"name":"tree_model"},
    casOut={"name":"_scored_tree", "replace":True},
    copyVars={"bad", "_partind_"}
)
```



# Review

What we covered today



What is Machine Learning?



Machine Learning Terminology



Intro to ML Modeling Algorithms



Machine Learning in SAS Viya

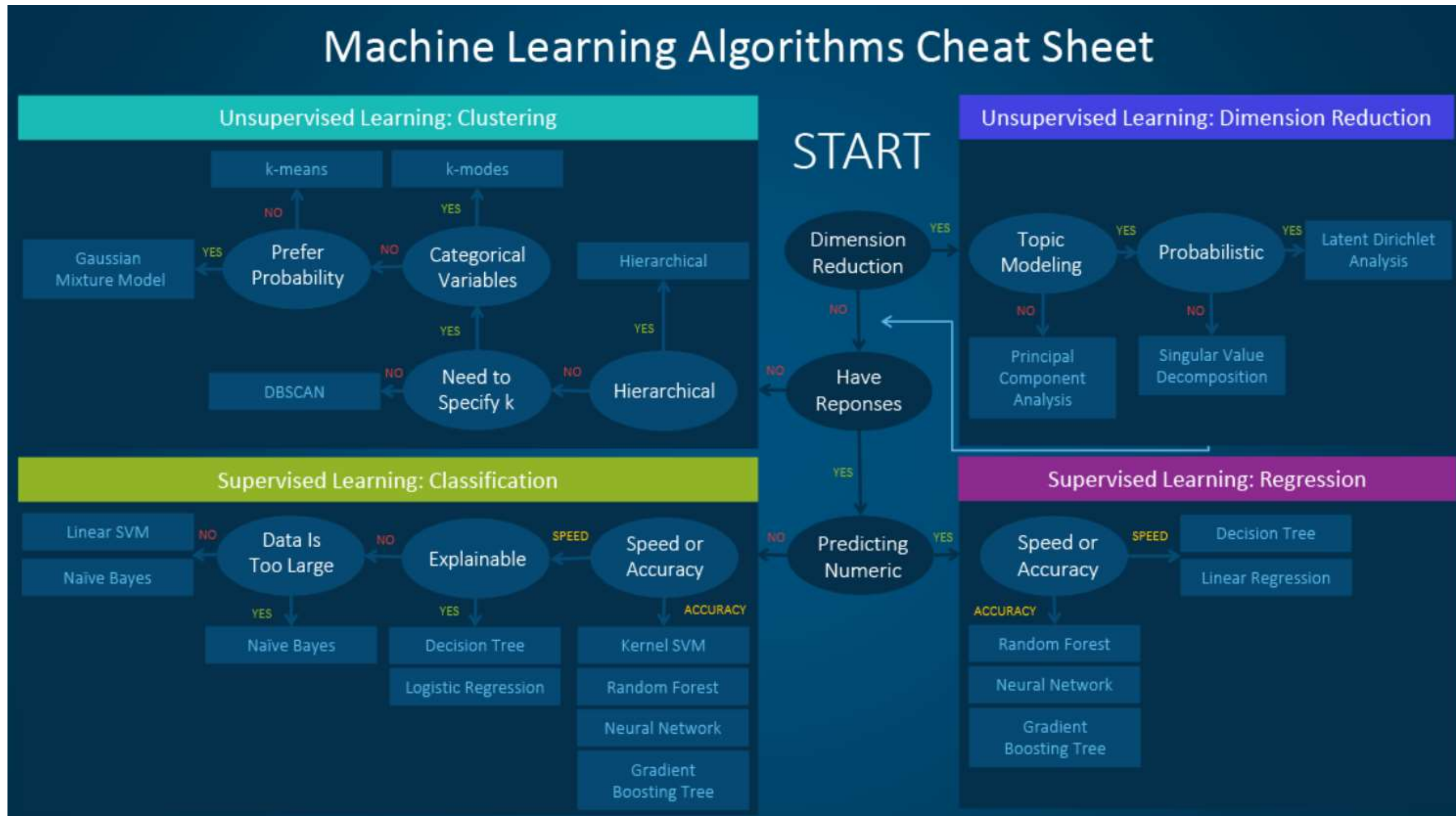


# Resources

Where to learn more



# Machine Learning Algorithms Cheat Sheet



[Access Here](#)



# Recommended Resources

An Overview of SAS® Visual Data Mining and Machine Learning on SAS® Viya  
<https://support.sas.com/resources/papers/proceedings17/SAS1492-2017.pdf>

Video - Automated Machine Learning at Scale  
[http://www.sas.com/en\\_us/webinars/automated-machine-learning-scale.html](http://www.sas.com/en_us/webinars/automated-machine-learning-scale.html)

Machine learning - what it is and why it matters (reading)  
[http://www.sas.com/en\\_us/insights/analytics/machine-learning.html](http://www.sas.com/en_us/insights/analytics/machine-learning.html)

Live web and classroom training - Big Data, Data Mining, and Machine Learning  
[Big Data course](#)

# SAS Tutorial

## Videos

How to Choose a Machine Learning Algorithm

<https://youtu.be/-oZcf0QEzYM>

Transforming variables in SAS

<https://communities.sas.com/t5/SAS-Data-Mining-and-Machine/New-video-Transforming-Variables-in-SAS/m-p/710687#M8553>

# Thank you for your time and attention!

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