

# Day 11: Naive Bayes and Decision Trees

Parametric Learning: learn model parameters  
(e.g., linear and logistic regression)

Non-Parametric Learning: models that don't  
learn parameters  
(e.g., KNN and Naive Bayes)

Naive Bayes

Uses Bayes' Rule:

$$P(\underbrace{y}_{\text{label}} \mid \underbrace{x}_{\text{data}}) = \frac{P(x|y)P(y)}{P(x)}$$

To classify:

$P(y = \text{label} \mid X = \text{data})$  for

- Evaluate  $P(x)$  for all possible labels
- Choose label with max probability

In practice,  $P(x)$  doesn't make a difference, so we don't bother calculating;

$$\frac{P(x|y=\text{dog})P(\text{dog})}{\cancel{P(x)}}$$

vs.

$$\frac{P(x|y=\text{cat})P(\text{cat})}{\cancel{P(x)}}$$



Same denominator, so can ignore

Note on HW3: this is what HW3 means when it says "only call the numerator"

Using conditional independence assumption:

Using

$$P(X = x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4 | y)$$
$$= P(x_1 | y) P(x_2 | y) P(x_3 | y) P(x_4 | y)$$

$$P(X | y = \text{dog}) P(y = \text{dog})$$
$$= P(x_1 | \text{dog}) P(x_2 | \text{dog}) P(x_3 | \text{dog}) P(x_4 | \text{dog}) P(\text{dog})$$

To "train": Precompute probabilities

$x_1$	$x_2$	$x_3$	$x_4$	$y$
0	0	1	1	car
0	1	0	1	car
1	0	1	1	car
1	1	0	0	bike
1	0	1	0	bike

$$P(y = \text{car}) = 3/5$$

$$P(y = \text{bike}) = 2/5$$

$$P(x_1 | \text{car}) = 1/3$$

$$P(x_1 | \text{bike}) = 1$$

$$P(x_2 | \text{car}) = 1/3$$

$$P(x_2 | \text{bike}) = 1/2$$

...

Problem: What is  $P(x_i | y) = 0$ ?

$$P(x_1 | y) \cdot \dots \cdot 0 \cdot \dots \cdot P(x_n | y) \cdot P(y) = 0$$

The Fix: Laplace Smoothing

\* add 1 to the numerator

\* add  $\frac{(\# \text{ classes})}{\dots}$  to the denominator



↖ # of outputs

Example: Predict between "spam", "maybe spam",  
and "definitely not spam";

$$P(x_i = \text{"ostrich"} | y = \text{"spam"}) = \frac{0 + 1}{(\# \text{spam}) + 3}$$

$$P(x_i = \text{"ostrich"} | y = \text{"maybe spam"}) = \frac{0 + 1}{(\# \text{maybe spam}) + 3}$$

...

Common variation;

use a smoothing parameter  $\beta$

- adding  $\beta$  to the numerator
- adding  $\beta(\# \text{classes})$  to the denominator

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In HW3,  $\beta$  is the smoothing parameter

A practical consideration:

Underflow:  $0.000000000000...003 \rightarrow 0$

Standard fix: maximize  $\log(P(\dots))$

$$\log(ab) = \log(a) + \log(b)$$

So, maximizing  $P(y_i = c | X)$  is the same as  
maximizing  $\log P(y_i = c | X)$

$$\log \left( \prod_{j=1}^d [P(X_{ij} | y_i = c)] P(y_i = c) \right)$$

$$\sum_{j=1}^d \log [P(X_{ij} | y_i = c)] + \log P(y_i = c)$$

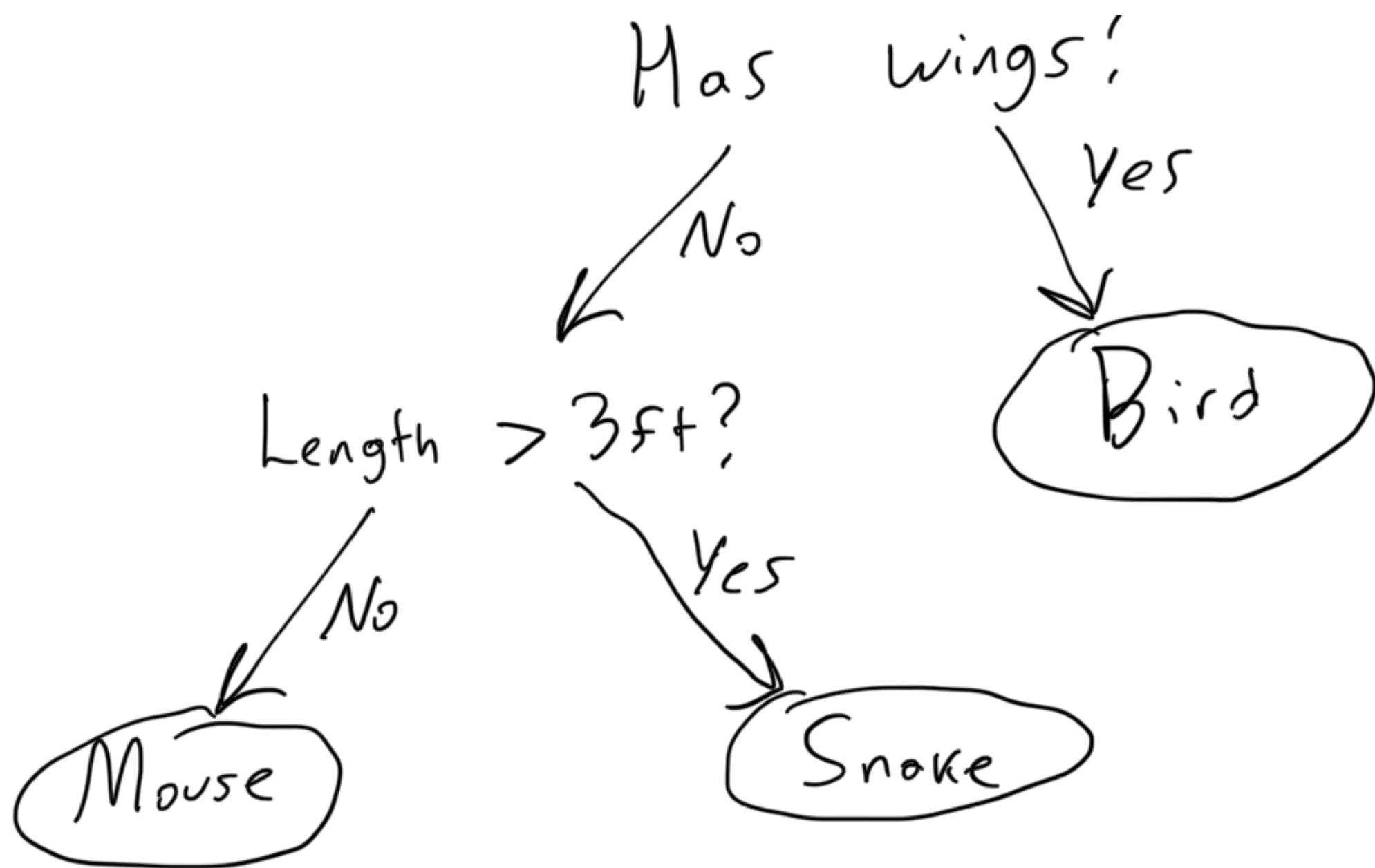
$$= \sum_{j=1}^n \log \left[ \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{1}(y_i = j) \right]$$

↑ Not needed for HW3 (the log stuff),  
but this is always needed in  
the real world (when # features is large)

## Decision Trees for Classification

Animal Decision Tree Classifier:

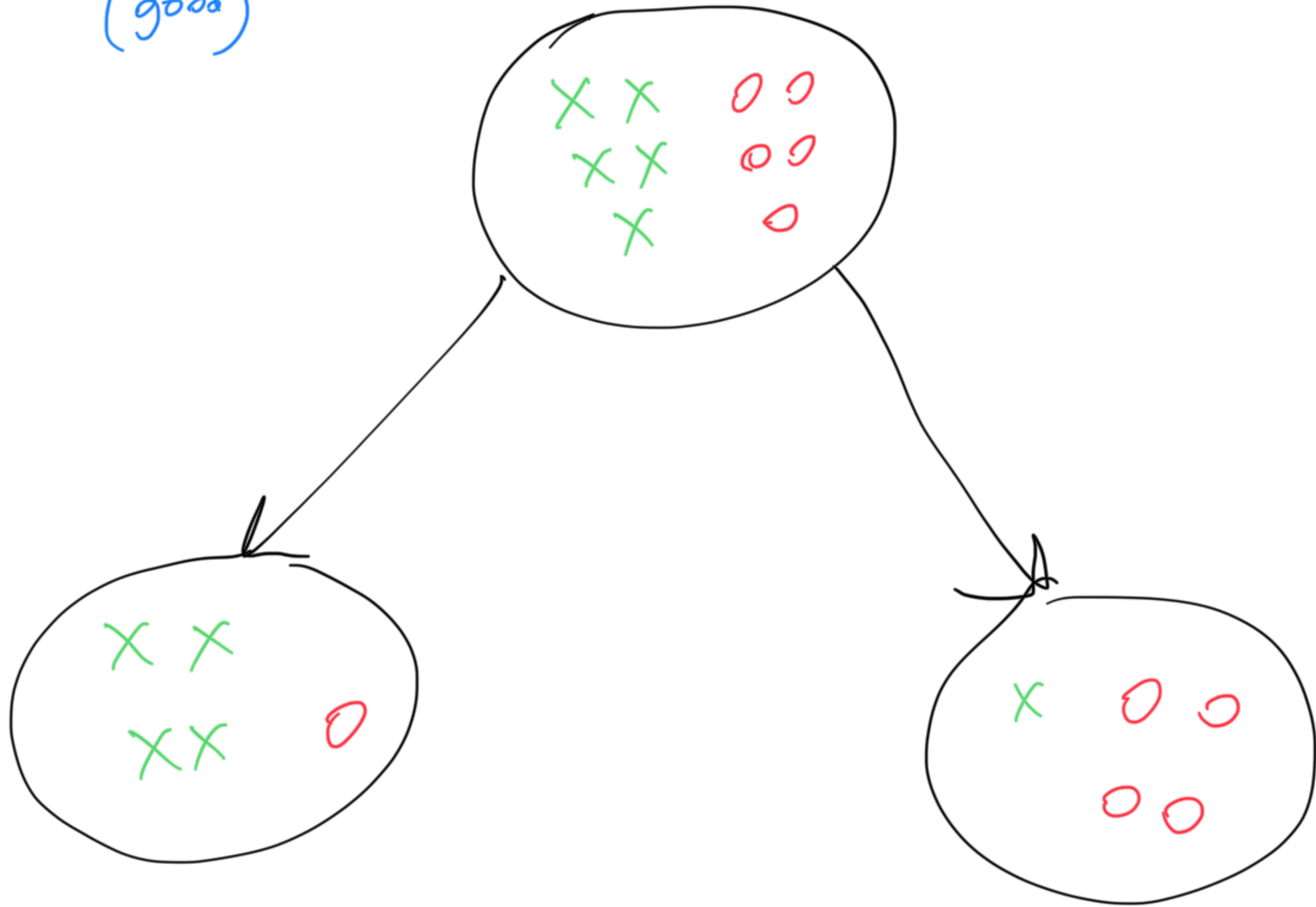




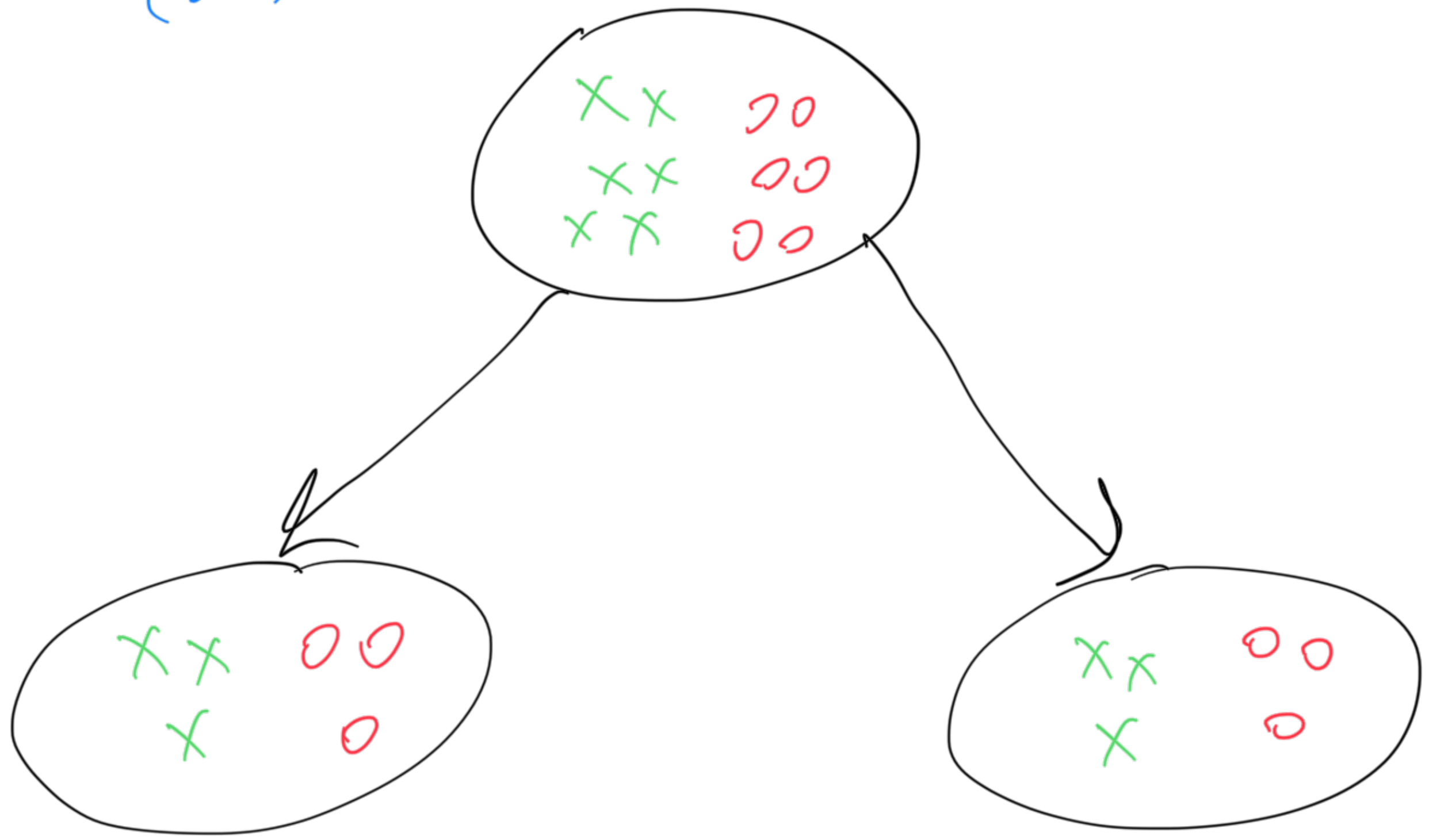
Prediction : go down the tree until you reach a leaf node

"Training" : many variants, but general idea: recursively split tree on input features with the largest "information gain"

High Information Gain:  
(good)



Low Information Gain:  
(Bad)



Basic Algorithm: ID3

« Iterative Dichotomiser 3 »

ID3 (data  $D$ , features  $F$ ):

- ① Calculate splitting metric for every feature  $f \in F$  of dataset  $D$
- ② Split  $D$  into subsets based on the splitting metric
- ③ make a node for the selected feature  $f$  which minimizes/maximizes the metric
- ④ recurse on the subsets using the non-selected features

Many possible splitting metrics;  
one popular one:

Gini Impurity

$$G = 1 - \sum_{i=1}^K p_i^2 \quad / \quad K = \# \text{ of classes}$$

$p_i = \text{probability of being in class } i$

(split on lowest impurity)

High impurity; same probability per class

$$1 - \underbrace{(0.5)^2}_{0.25} - \underbrace{(0.5)^2}_{0.25} = 0.5$$

Low impurity; high probability for one class,  
low probability for the other

$$1 - \underbrace{(0.99)^2}_{0.9801} - \underbrace{(0.01)^2}_{0.0001} = 0.0198$$

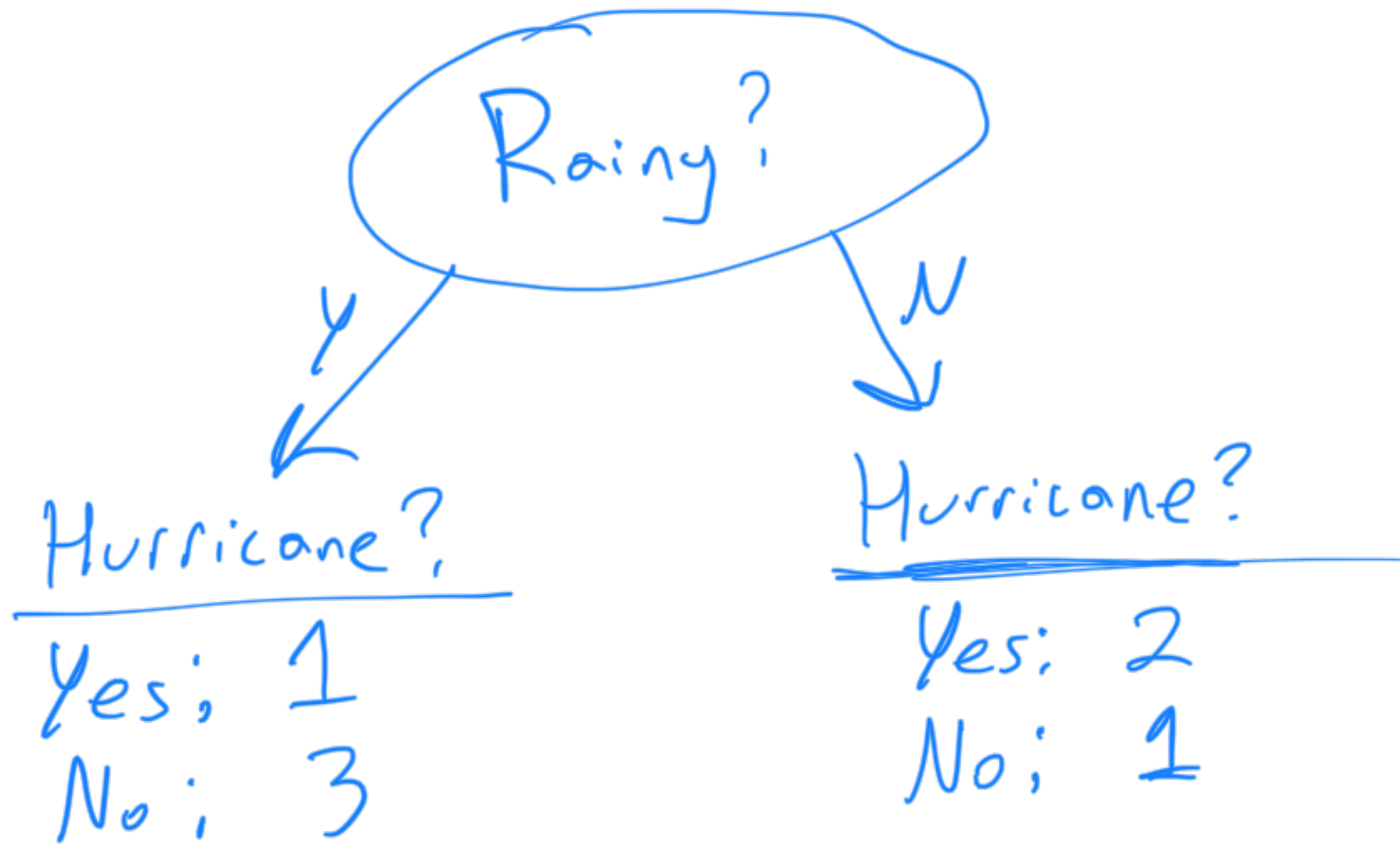


Example (using Gini impurity as our splitting metric):

Raining?	Humid?	Temp.	Hurricane?
Y	Y	7	No
Y	N	12	No
N	Y	18	Yes
N	Y	35	Yes
Y	Y	38	Yes
Y	N	50	No
N	N	83	No

First, see which input has the ↓ impurity:

Rainy



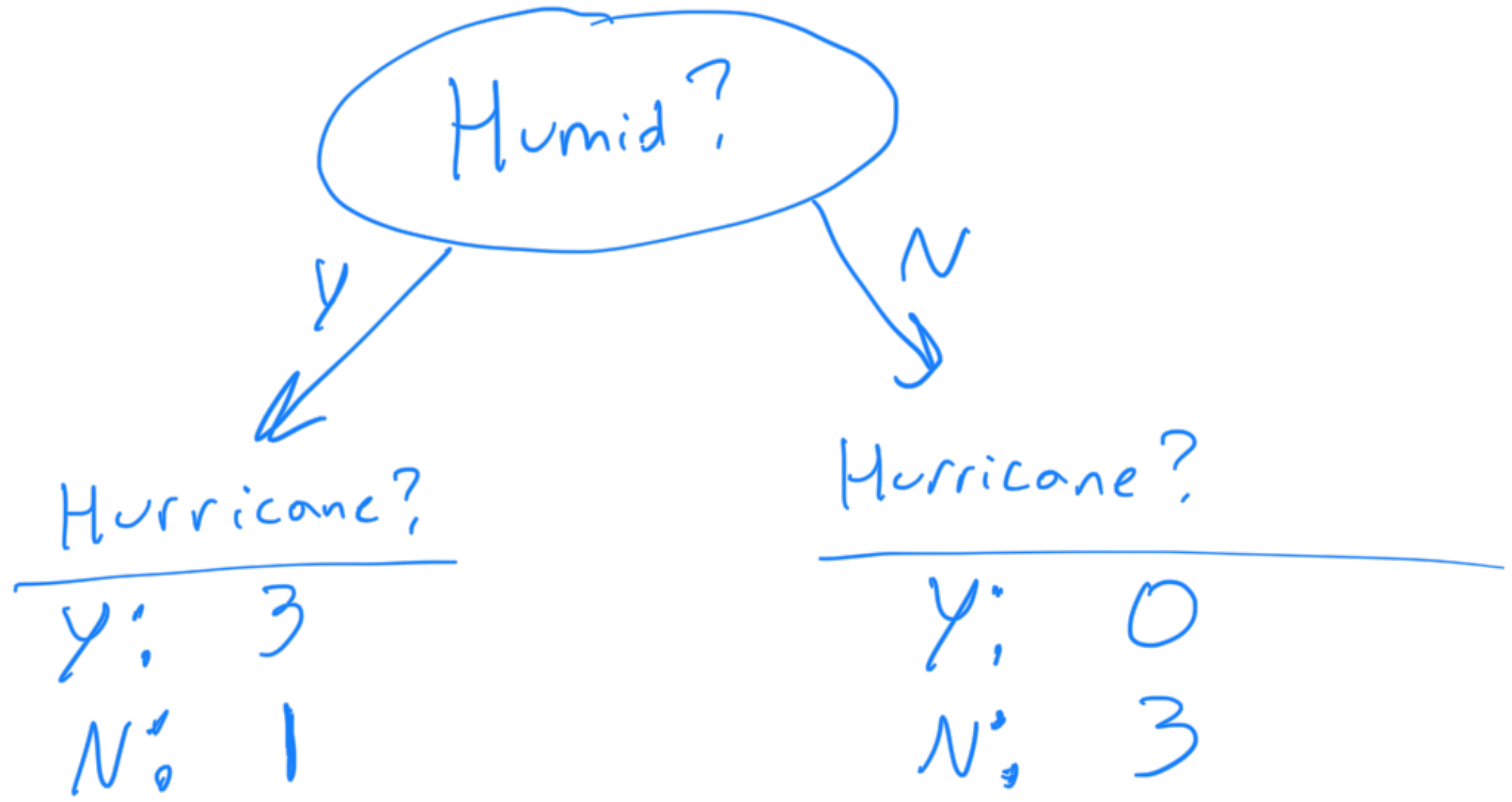
$$G(\text{Hurricane} = \text{yes}) = 1 - \left(\frac{1}{1+3}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{3}{1+3}\right)^2 = 0.375$$

$$G(\text{Hurricane} = \text{no}) = 1 - \left(\frac{2}{2+1}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{1}{2+1}\right)^2 = 0.444$$

$$/ - \left(\frac{4}{4+3}\right) 0.375 + \left(\frac{3}{4+3}\right) 0.444$$

$$G_{total} = \frac{1}{(4+3)} \dots = 0.405$$

Humid



...

$$G_{total} = 0.214$$

Temp.

Temp	Hurricane:
9.5	N G = 0.429
15	N G = 0.343
26.5	Y G = 0.476
36.5	Y G = 0.476
44	Y G = 0.343
66.5	N G = 0.429
	N

Temp. < 9.5 ?

Y  
 Hurricane?  
 Y: 0

N  
 Hurricane?  
 Y: 3  
 N: 3

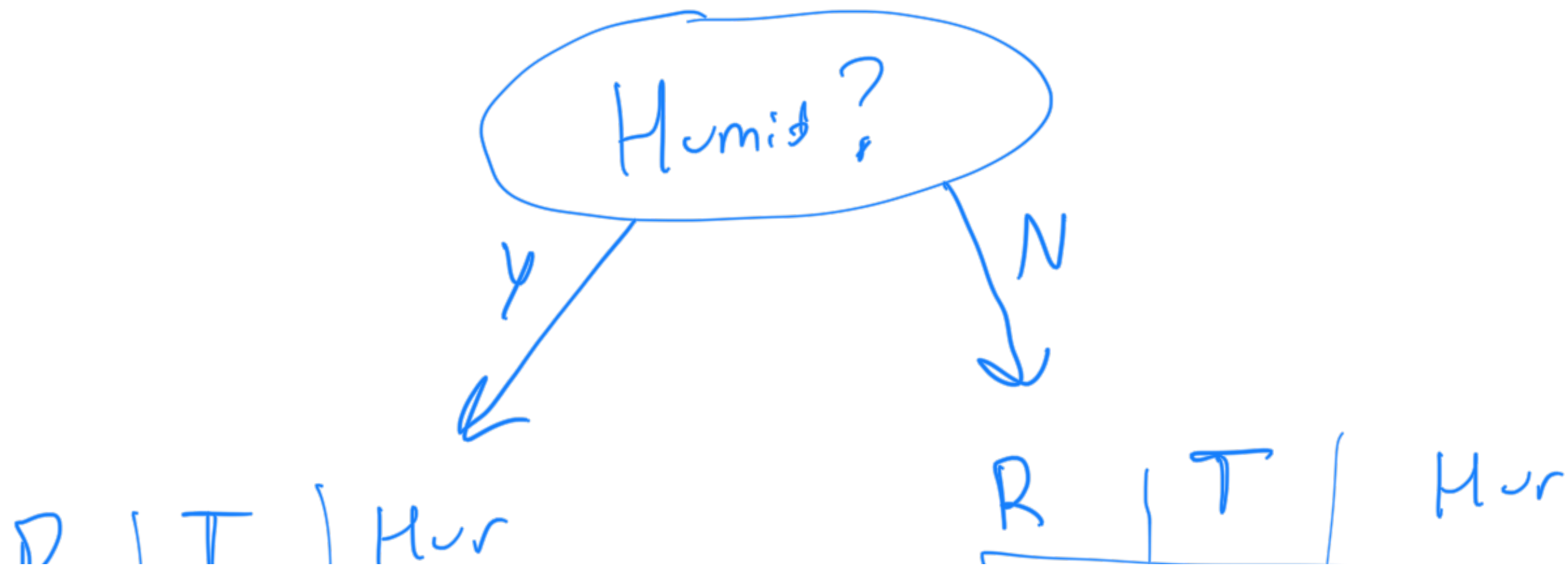
$$G_{\text{total}} = \left( \frac{1}{1+6} \right) G_{\text{temp} < 9.5} + \left( \frac{6}{1+6} \right) G_{\text{temp} \geq 9.5}$$

$$= 0.429$$

Deciding on the root node:

Since "Humid?" has lowest  $G$ ,

"Humid?" is our root node:





K		
y	7	N
N	18	y
N	35	y
y	38	y

(Recursively)

Run through the  
same process  
but on this  
smaller sub-dataset

y	12	N
y	50	N
N	83	N

100% of the data points  
have "Hurricane = No", so  
stop splitting  
(make this a leaf node)