

Model-Based Recursive Partitioning for Stratified and Personalised Treatment Effect Estimation

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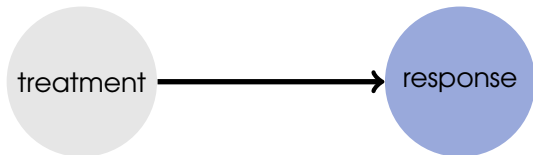


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Treatment Effect



```
base_model <- model(response ~ treatment, data)
```

Stratified Treatment Effects

```
base_model <- model(response ~ treatment, data)

ismale <- data$gender == "male"
model_male <- model(response ~ treatment,
                    data[ismale, ])
model_female <- model(response ~ treatment,
                     data[!ismale, ])
```

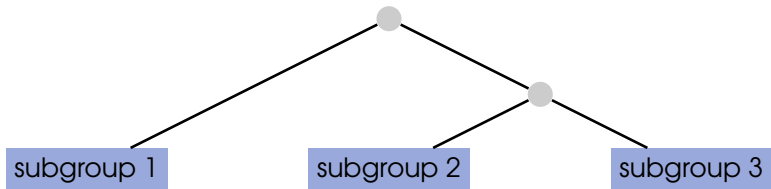


Stratified Treatment Effects

```
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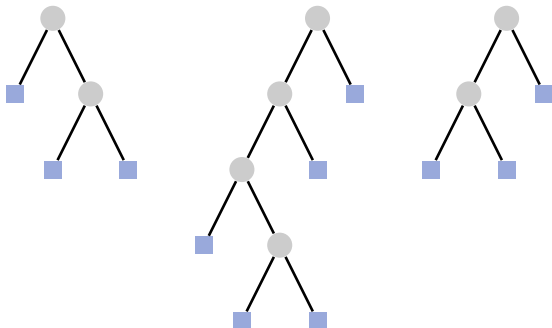
ismale <- data$gender == "male"
model_male <- model(response ~ treatment,
                    data, weights = ismale)
model_female <- model(response ~ treatment,
                      data, weights = !ismale)
```

Stratified Treatment Effects using model-based trees



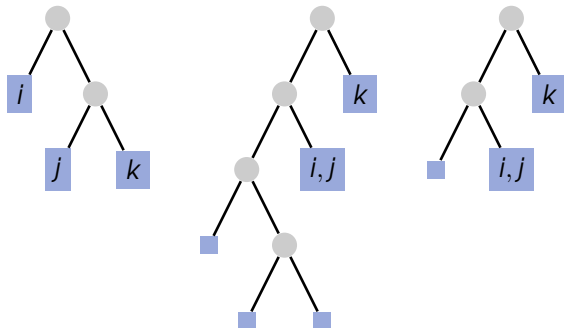
```
model_sg1 <- model(response ~ treatment, data,  
                  weights = (subgroup == 1))
```

Personalised Treatment Effects using model-based forests



```
model_i <- model(response ~ treatment, data,  
                 weights = w_i)
```

Personalised Treatment Effects using model-based forests



$$w_i = \begin{pmatrix} \vdots \\ w_{ij} = 2 \\ \vdots \\ w_{ik} = 0 \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix}$$

```
model_i <- model(response ~ treatment, data,  
                 weights = w_i)
```

The R Package `model4you`

Base model:

```
base_model <- model(response ~ treatment, data)
```

Stratified treatment effects:

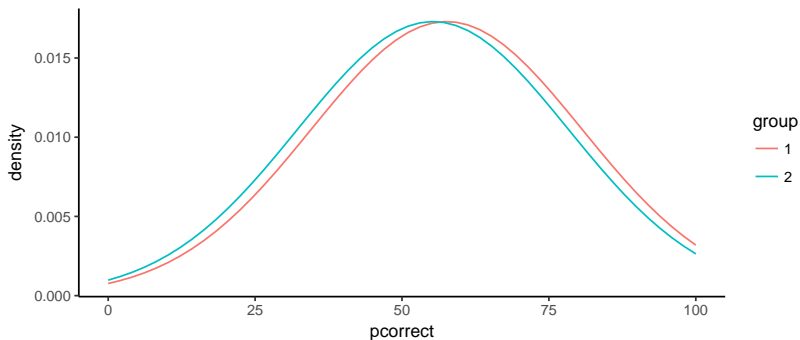
```
strat_models <- pmtree(base_model)
```

Personalised treatment effects:

```
pm_forest <- pmforest(base_model)  
pers_models <- pmodel(pm_forest)
```

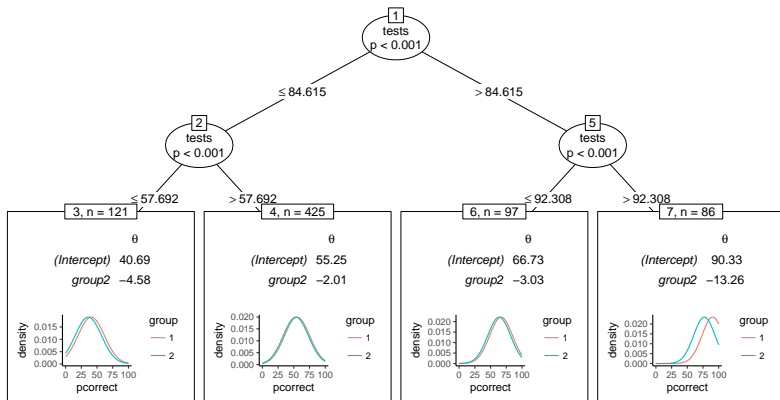

Math Exam: Base Model

```
base_model <- lm(pcorrect ~ group, data = MathExam)
lplot(base_model)
```



Math Exam: Stratified Treatment Effects

```
tree <- pmtree(base_model,
               control = ctree_control(maxdepth = 2))
plot(tree, terminal_panel = node_pmterminal(tree, confint = FALSE,
                                           plotfun = lmpplot))
```



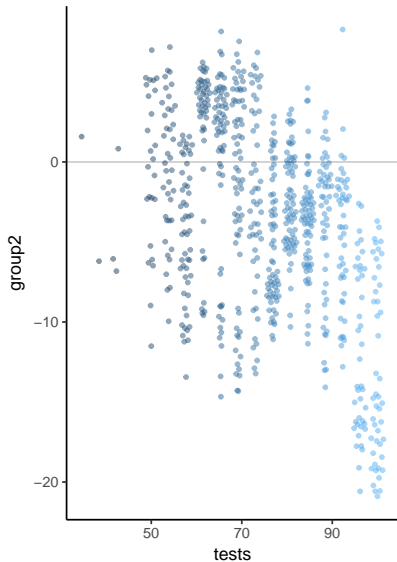
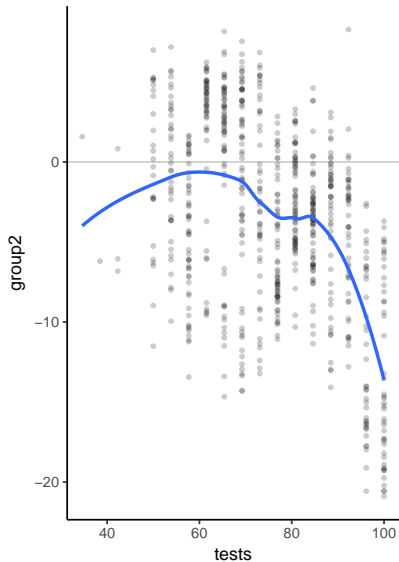
Math Exam: Personalised Treatment Effects

```
forest <- pmforest(base_model)
p_models <- pmodel(forest)
```

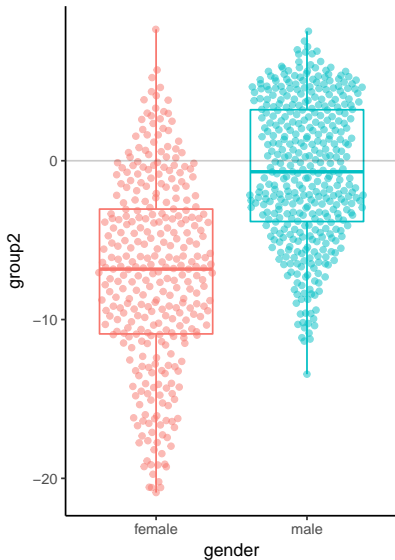
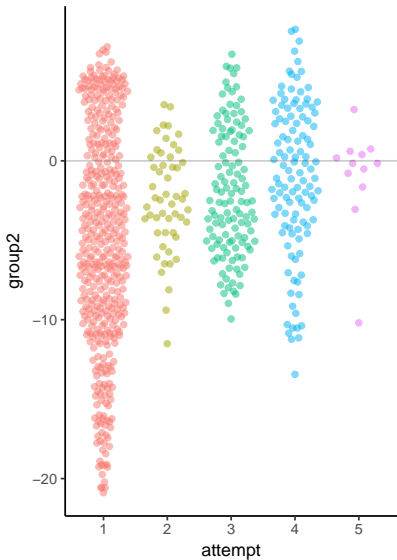
```
head(p_models)
```

```
##      (Intercept)      group2
## 1      54.50209 -10.393418
## 2      40.52339  -6.102260
## 3      54.25518  -8.054807
## 4      55.12411 -10.001973
## 5      62.76284  -6.374043
## 6      41.83793  -7.017029
```

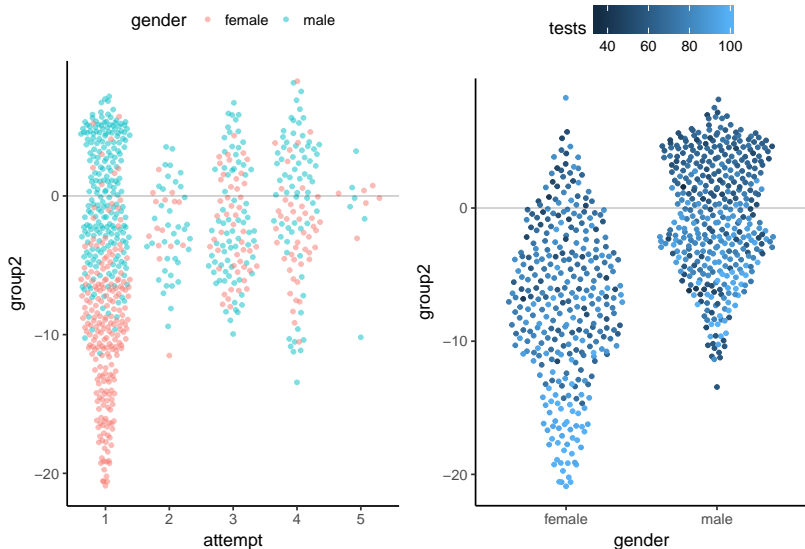
Math Exam: Personalised Treatment Effects



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Related work

`partykit` Model-based trees and forests in general

`trtf` Transformation trees and forests

`disttree` Distributional trees and forests

`glmertree` Mixed model trees

`psychotree` Psychometric model trees

`palmtree` PALM (parially additive linear model) trees

Publications:

- ▶ H. Seibold, A. Zeileis, T. Hothorn
Model-based Recursive Partitioning for Subgroup Analyses
International Journal of Biostatistics, 2016.
- ▶ H. Seibold, A. Zeileis, T. Hothorn
Individual Treatment Effect Prediction for ALS Patients
Statistical Methods in Medical Research, 2017.

Data: `data("MathExam14W", package = "psychotools")`

Code: <https://r-forge.r-project.org/projects/partykit>

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