

DATA MINING 2

Ensemble Methods

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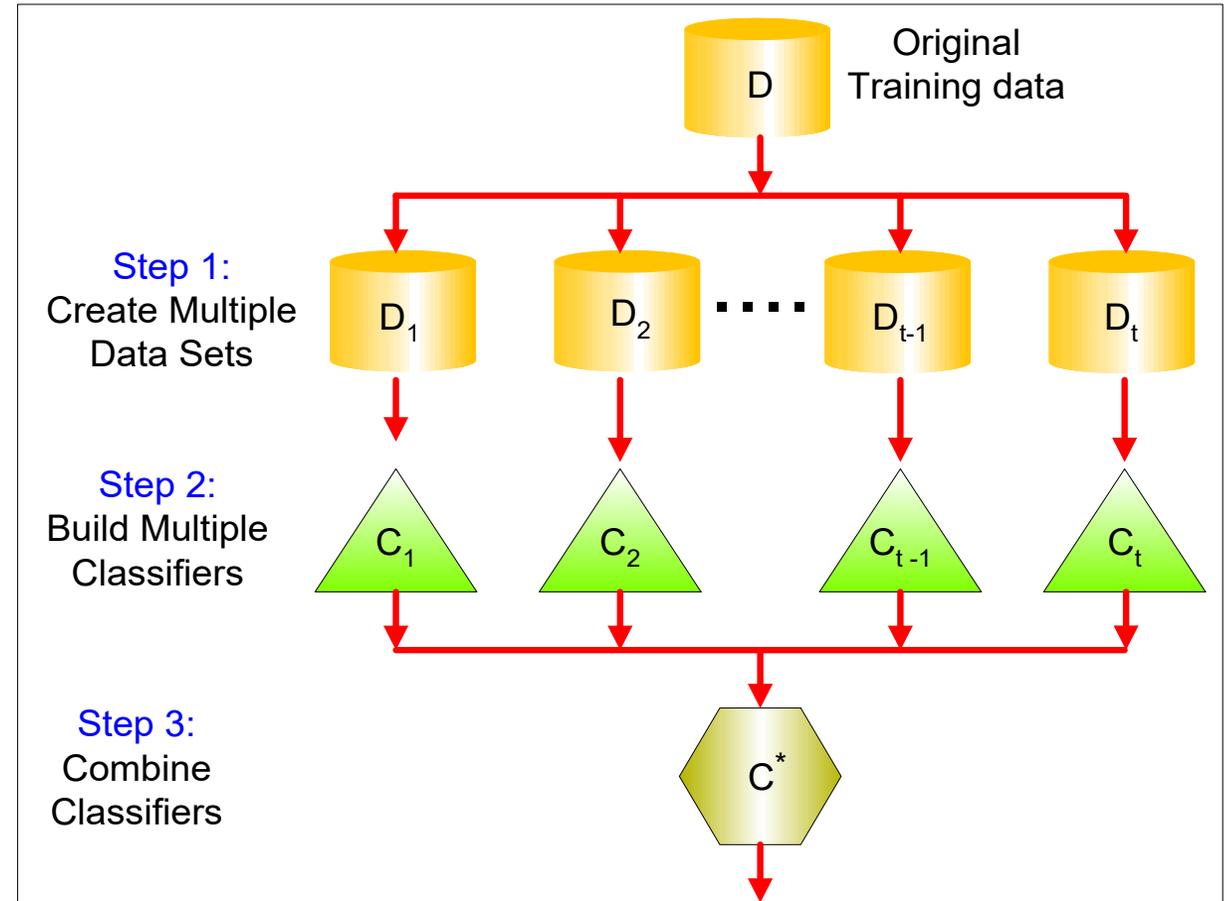
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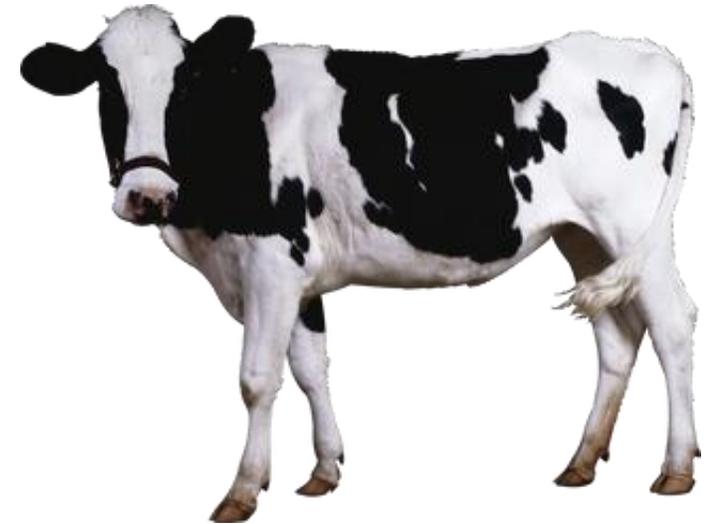
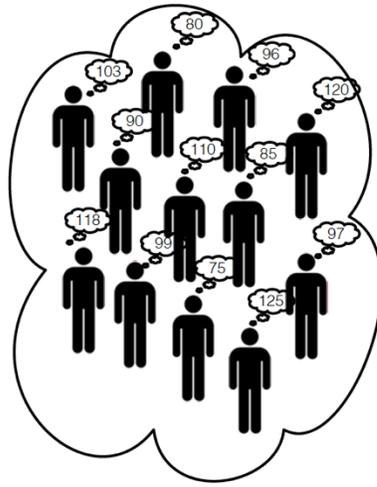
- Improves the accuracy by **aggregating the predictions** of multiple classifiers.
- Construct a set of **base classifiers** from the training data.
- Predict class label of test records by combining the predictions made by multiple classifiers.



The Wisdom of the Crowds

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- The **collective knowledge** of a diverse and independent body of people typically **exceeds** the knowledge of any **single individual** and can be harnessed by voting.
- How much does the cow weigh?
- Crowd's prediction is the average of all predictions.
- This crowd predicts 99.8333 Kg
- The cow weighs 99.657 Kg.

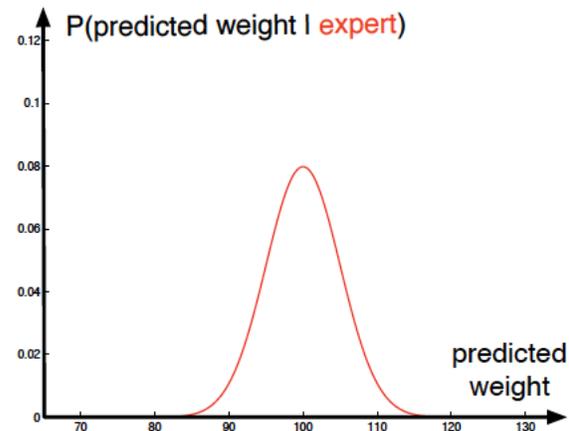
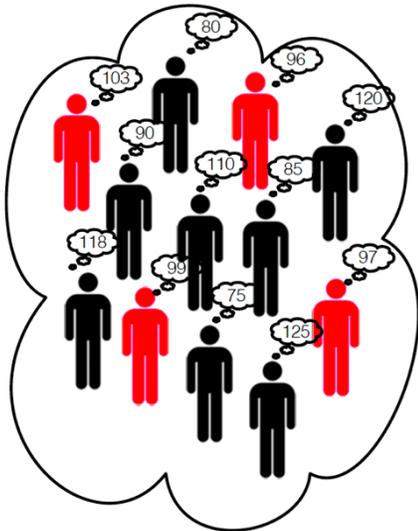


Has crowd made a good estimate?

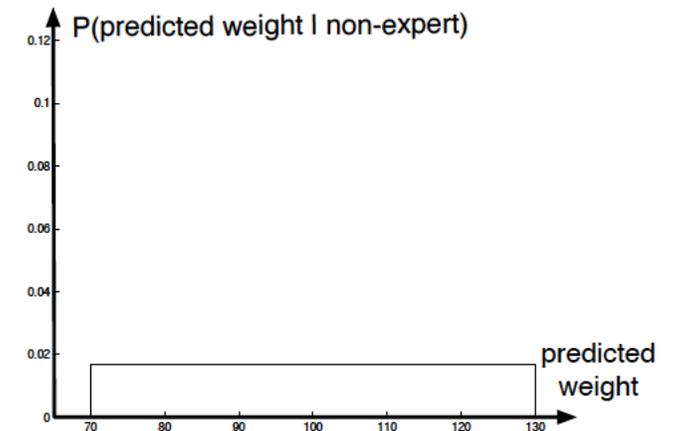
If composition of crowd:

- 30% **experts**.
- 70% non-experts.

and their level of expertise:



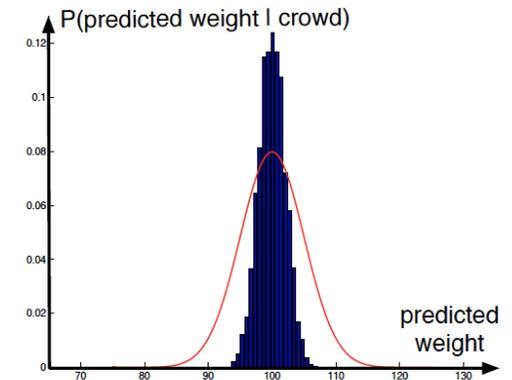
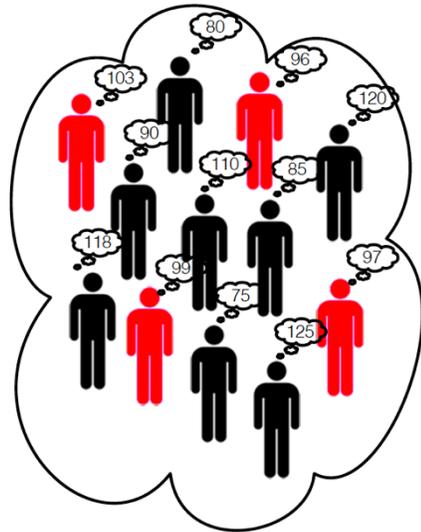
$$P(\text{pred. weight} \mid \text{expert}) : \mathcal{N}(100, 5^2)$$



$$P(\text{pred. weight} \mid \text{non-expert}) : \mathcal{U}(70, 130)$$

Has crowd made a good estimate?

- If the crowd contains 50 independent people:
- On average this crowd will make better estimates than the experts.
- Thus the crowd is wiser than each of the experts!



↑
 $P(\text{pred. weight}|\text{crowd})$ and
 $P(\text{pred. weight}|\text{expert})$

Why didn't I just asked a bunch of experts?

- Large enough crowd → high probability a sufficient number of experts will be in crowd (for any question).
- Random selection → don't make a biased choice in experts.
- For some questions it may be hard to identify a diverse set of experts.

What makes a crowd wise?

- According to James Surowiecki there are four elements required to form a wise crowd
- **Diversity of opinion.** People in crowd should have a range of experiences, education and opinions (this encourages independent predictions).
- **Independence.** Prediction by person in crowd is not influenced by other people in the crowd.
- **Decentralization.** People have specializations and local knowledge.
- **Aggregation.** There is a mechanism for aggregating all predictions into one single prediction.

Back to Machine Learning

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It will exploit *Wisdom of crowd* ideas for specific tasks

- By combining classifier predictions and aims to combine independent and diverse classifiers.

But it will use labelled training data

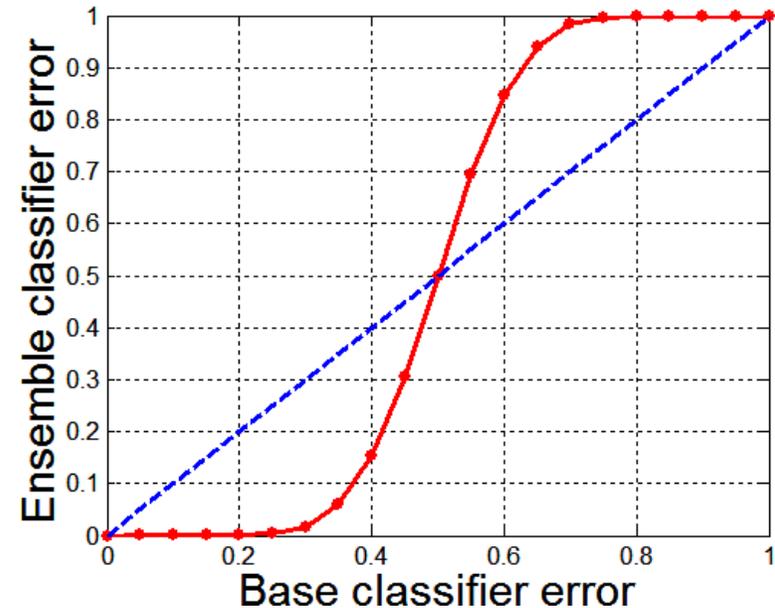
- to identify the **expert** classifiers in the pool;
- to identify **complementary** classifiers;
- to indicate how to the best **combine** them.

Why Ensemble Methods work?

Suppose there are 25 base classifiers

- Each classifier has error rate, $\varepsilon = 0.35$
- Assume errors made by classifiers are uncorrelated
- Probability that the ensemble classifier makes a wrong prediction:

$$P(X \geq 13) = \sum_{i=13}^{25} \binom{25}{i} \varepsilon^i (1 - \varepsilon)^{25-i} = 0.06$$



Types of Ensemble Methods

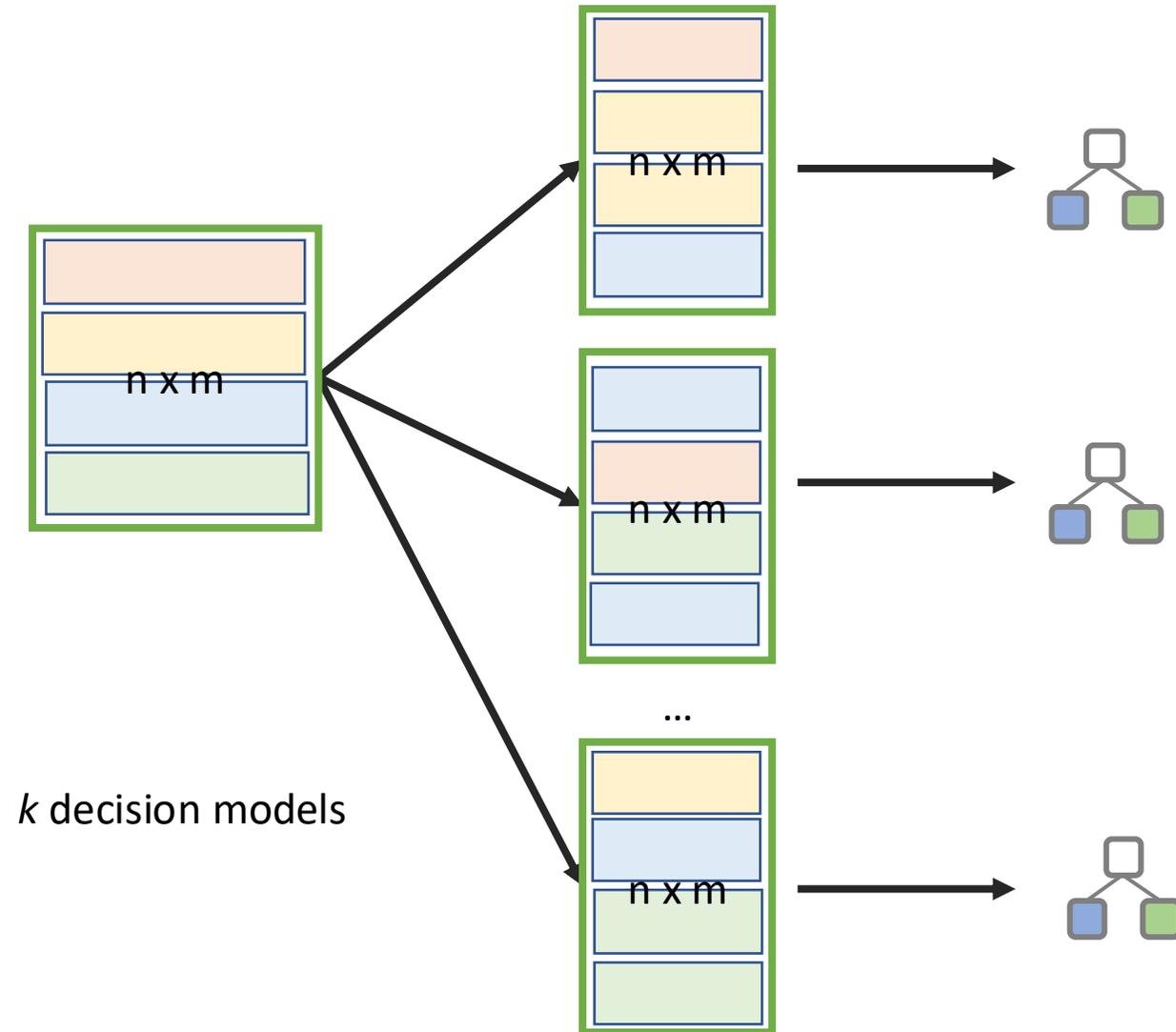
- Manipulate data distribution
 - Example: bagging, boosting
- Manipulate input features
 - Example: random forests
- Manipulate class labels
 - Example: error-correcting output coding

Bagging

Bootstrap

- It is a re-sampling statistical technique with re-entry to approximate the sample distribution of a statistic.
- We consider a dataset with n records $X = \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$.
- From X we sample m datasets of constant size n , say $\{X_1^*, \dots, X_m^*\}$.
- In each bootstrap extraction X_i^* , each record in the original dataset has $1/n$ probability of being extracted and can be extracted more than once or zero.

Bagging (a.k.a. Bootstrap AGGREGatING)



Bagging

- Sampling with replacement

Original Data	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Bagging (Round 1)	7	8	10	8	2	5	10	10	5	9
Bagging (Round 2)	1	4	9	1	2	3	2	7	3	2
Bagging (Round 3)	1	8	5	10	5	5	9	6	3	7

- Build classifier on each bootstrap sample
- Each sample has probability $(1 - 1/n)n$ of being selected

Algorithm 5.6 Bagging Algorithm

- 1: Let k be the number of bootstrap samples.
 - 2: for $i = 1$ to k do
 - 3: Create a bootstrap sample of size n , D_i .
 - 4: Train a base classifier C_i on the bootstrap sample D_i .
 - 5: end for
 - 6: $C^*(x) = \arg \max_y \sum_i \delta(C_i(x) = y)$, $\{\delta(\cdot) = 1$ if its argument is true, and 0 otherwise. $\}$
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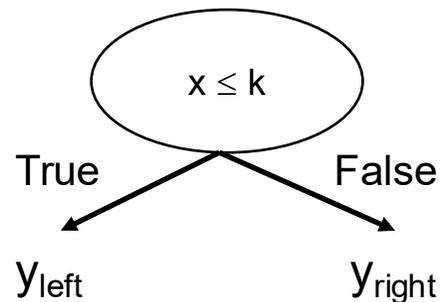
Bagging Example

- Consider 1-dimensional data set:

Original Data:

x	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.9	1
y	1	1	1	-1	-1	-1	-1	1	1	1

- Classifier is a decision stump
 - Decision rule: $x \leq k$ versus $x > k$
 - Split point k is chosen based on entropy



Bagging Example

Bagging Round 1:

x	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.9	0.9
y	1	1	1	1	-1	-1	-1	-1	1	1

$x \leq 0.35 \rightarrow y = 1$
 $x > 0.35 \rightarrow y = -1$

Bagging Example

Bagging Round 1:

x	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.9	0.9
y	1	1	1	1	-1	-1	-1	-1	1	1

$x \leq 0.35 \rightarrow y = 1$
 $x > 0.35 \rightarrow y = -1$

Bagging Round 2:

x	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.9	1	1	1
y	1	1	1	-1	-1	-1	1	1	1	1

$x \leq 0.7 \rightarrow y = 1$
 $x > 0.7 \rightarrow y = 1$

Bagging Round 3:

x	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.9
y	1	1	1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	1	1

$x \leq 0.35 \rightarrow y = 1$
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Bagging Round 4:

x	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.7	0.8	0.9
y	1	1	1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	1	1

$x \leq 0.3 \rightarrow y = 1$
 $x > 0.3 \rightarrow y = -1$

Bagging Round 5:

x	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.6	1	1	1
y	1	1	1	-1	-1	-1	-1	1	1	1

$x \leq 0.35 \rightarrow y = 1$
 $x > 0.35 \rightarrow y = -1$

Bagging Example

Bagging Round 6:

x	0.2	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.9	1
y	1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	1	1	1

$x \leq 0.75 \rightarrow y = -1$
 $x > 0.75 \rightarrow y = 1$

Bagging Round 7:

x	0.1	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.9	1
y	1	-1	-1	-1	-1	1	1	1	1	1

$x \leq 0.75 \rightarrow y = -1$
 $x > 0.75 \rightarrow y = 1$

Bagging Round 8:

x	0.1	0.2	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.9	1
y	1	1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	1	1	1

$x \leq 0.75 \rightarrow y = -1$
 $x > 0.75 \rightarrow y = 1$

Bagging Round 9:

x	0.1	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.8	1	1
y	1	1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	1	1	1

$x \leq 0.75 \rightarrow y = -1$
 $x > 0.75 \rightarrow y = 1$

Bagging Round 10:

x	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.9
y	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

$x \leq 0.05 \rightarrow y = 1$
 $x > 0.05 \rightarrow y = 1$

Bagging Example

- Summary of Training sets:

Round	Split Point	Left Class	Right Class
1	0.35	1	-1
2	0.7	1	1
3	0.35	1	-1
4	0.3	1	-1
5	0.35	1	-1
6	0.75	-1	1
7	0.75	-1	1
8	0.75	-1	1
9	0.75	-1	1
10	0.05	1	1

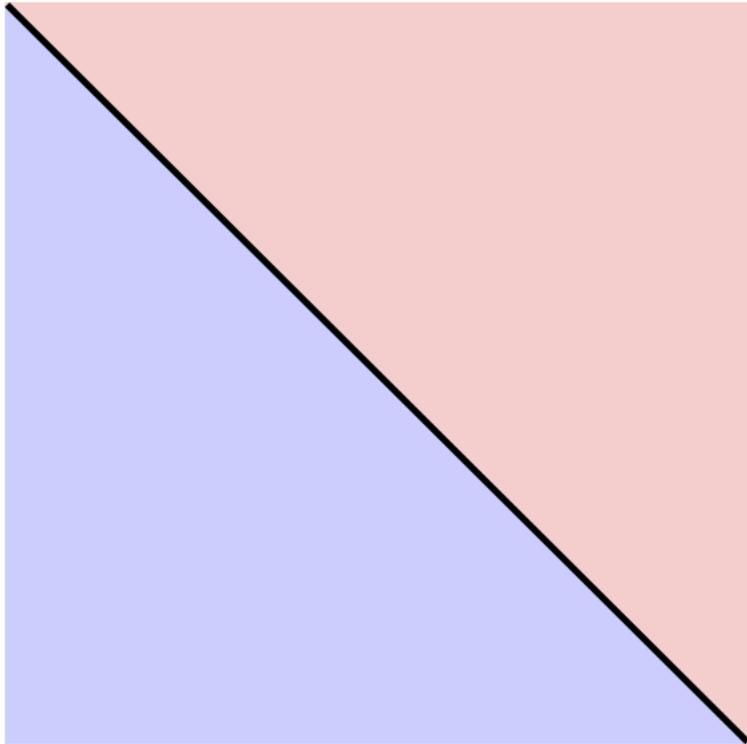
Bagging Example

- Assume test set is the same as the original data
- Use majority vote to determine class of ensemble classifier

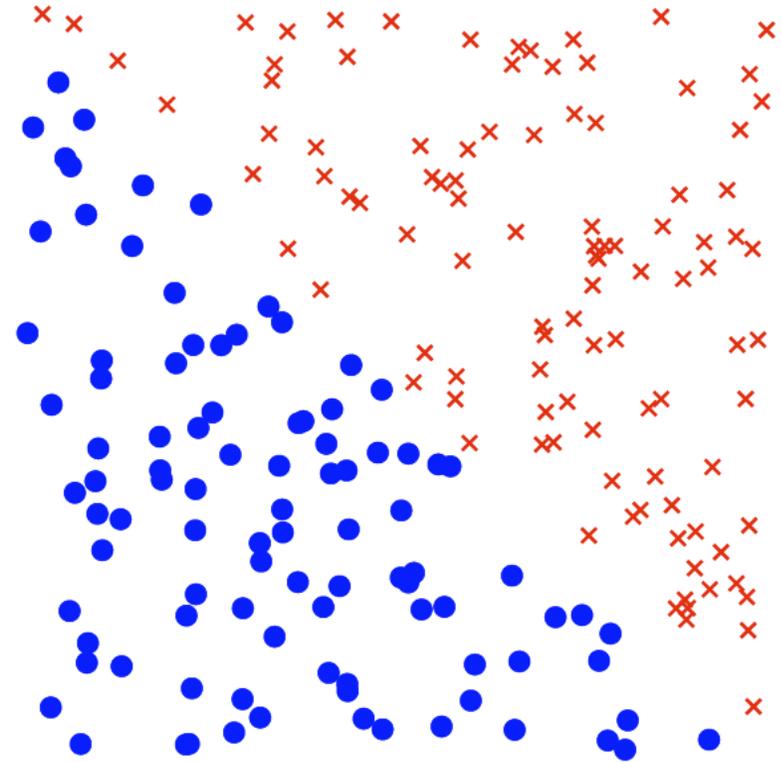
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1	1	1	1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1
2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
3	1	1	1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1
4	1	1	1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1
5	1	1	1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1
6	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	1	1	1
7	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	1	1	1
8	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	1	1	1
9	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	1	1	1
10	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Sum	2	2	2	-6	-6	-6	-6	2	2	2
Sign	1	1	1	-1	-1	-1	-1	1	1	1

Predicted
Class

Bagging Visual Example

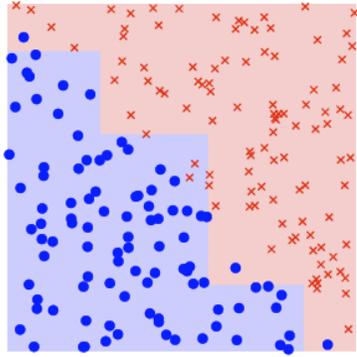


True decision boundary

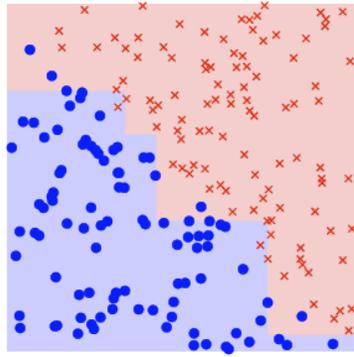


Training data

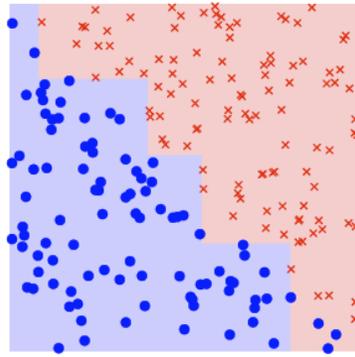
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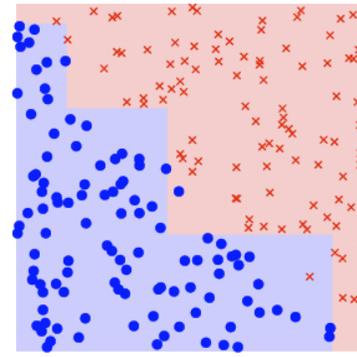
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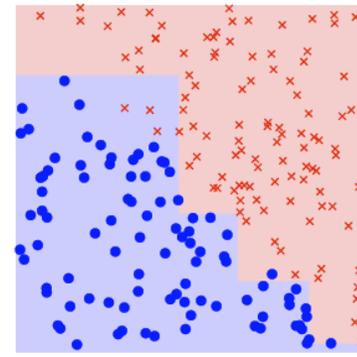
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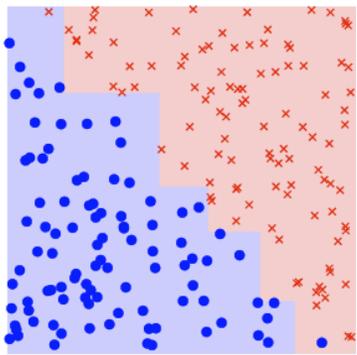
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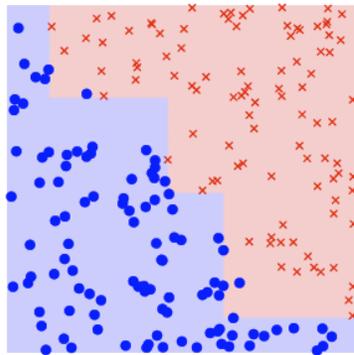
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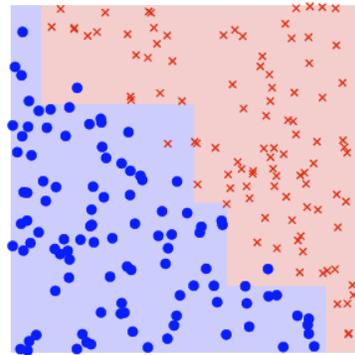
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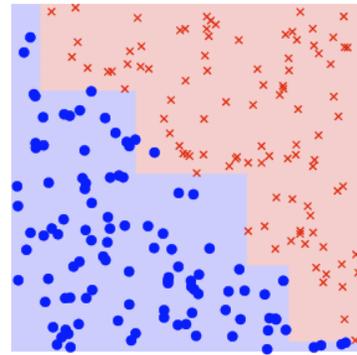
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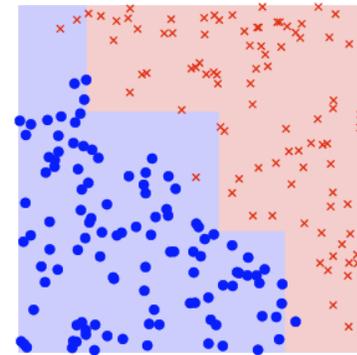
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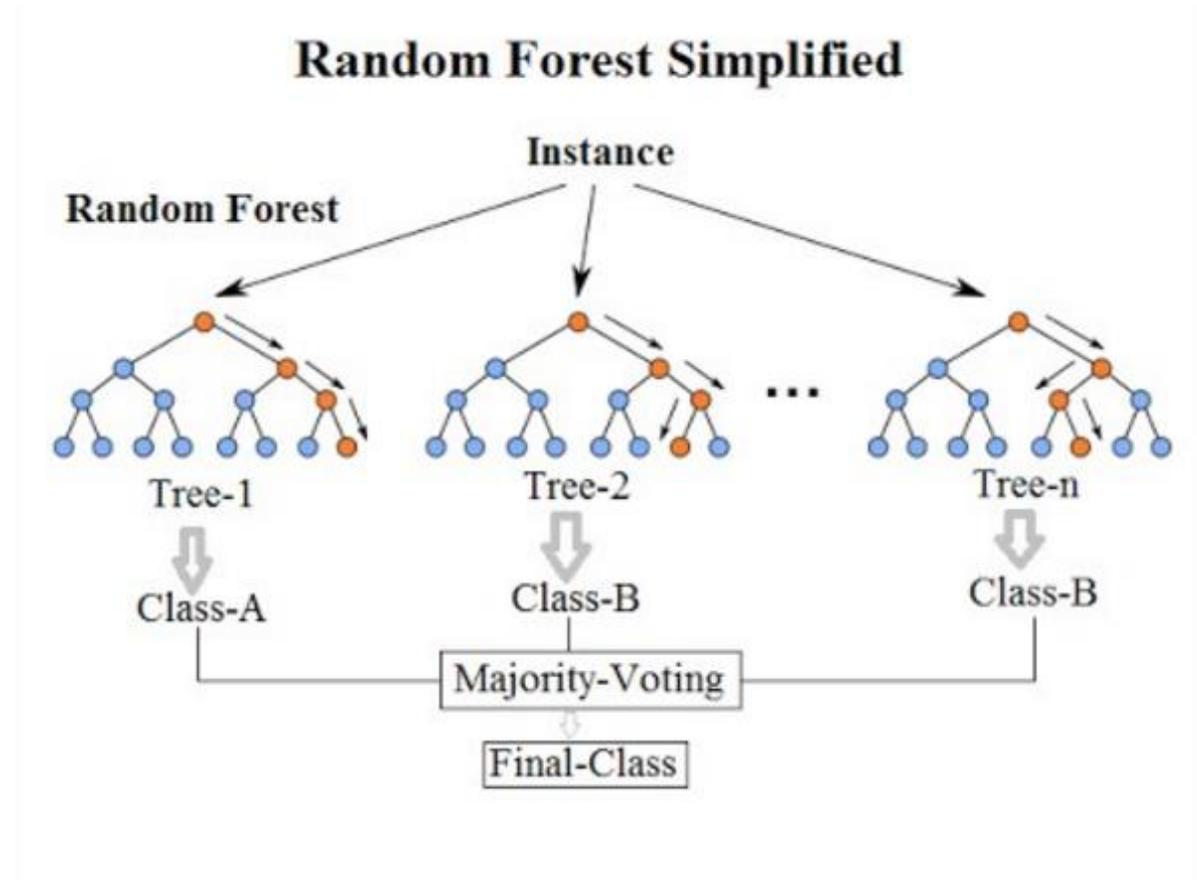


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Random Forests

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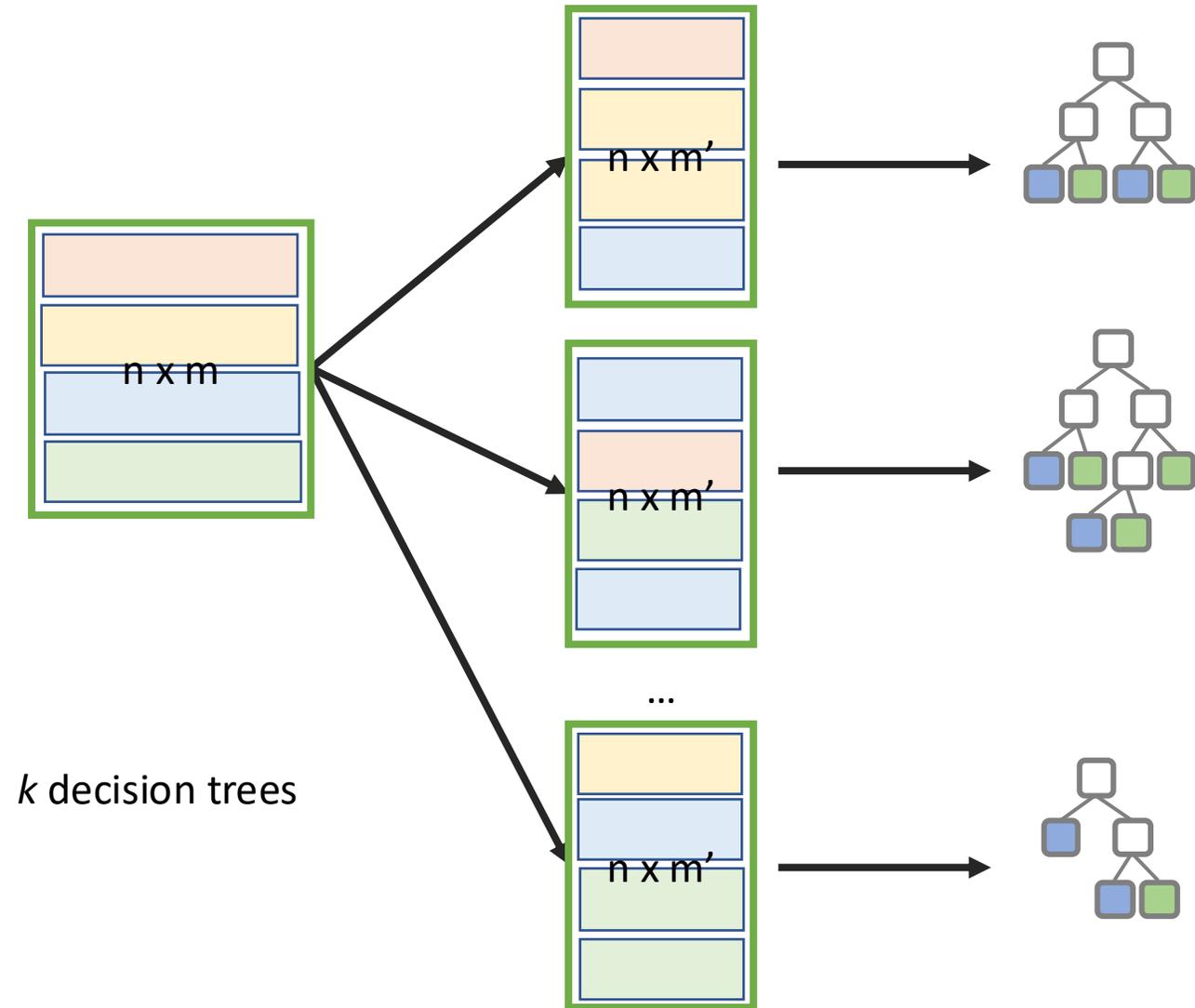
- Is a class of ensemble methods specifically designed for **decision trees**.
- It combines the predictions made by multiple decision trees and outputs the class that is the mode of the class's output by individual trees.



Random Forest

- Each decision tree is built on a **bootstrap sample** based on the values of an **independent** set of random vectors.
 - Unlike AdaBost (see next slides), the random vector are generated from a fixed probability distribution.
 - Bagging using decision trees is a special case of random forests where randomness is injected into the model-building process.
- Each decision tree is built on **m' randomly chosen attributes** from the m available attributes
 - $m' \sim \sqrt{m}$, or
 - $m' \sim \log(m)$

Random Forest



Random Forest - Advantages

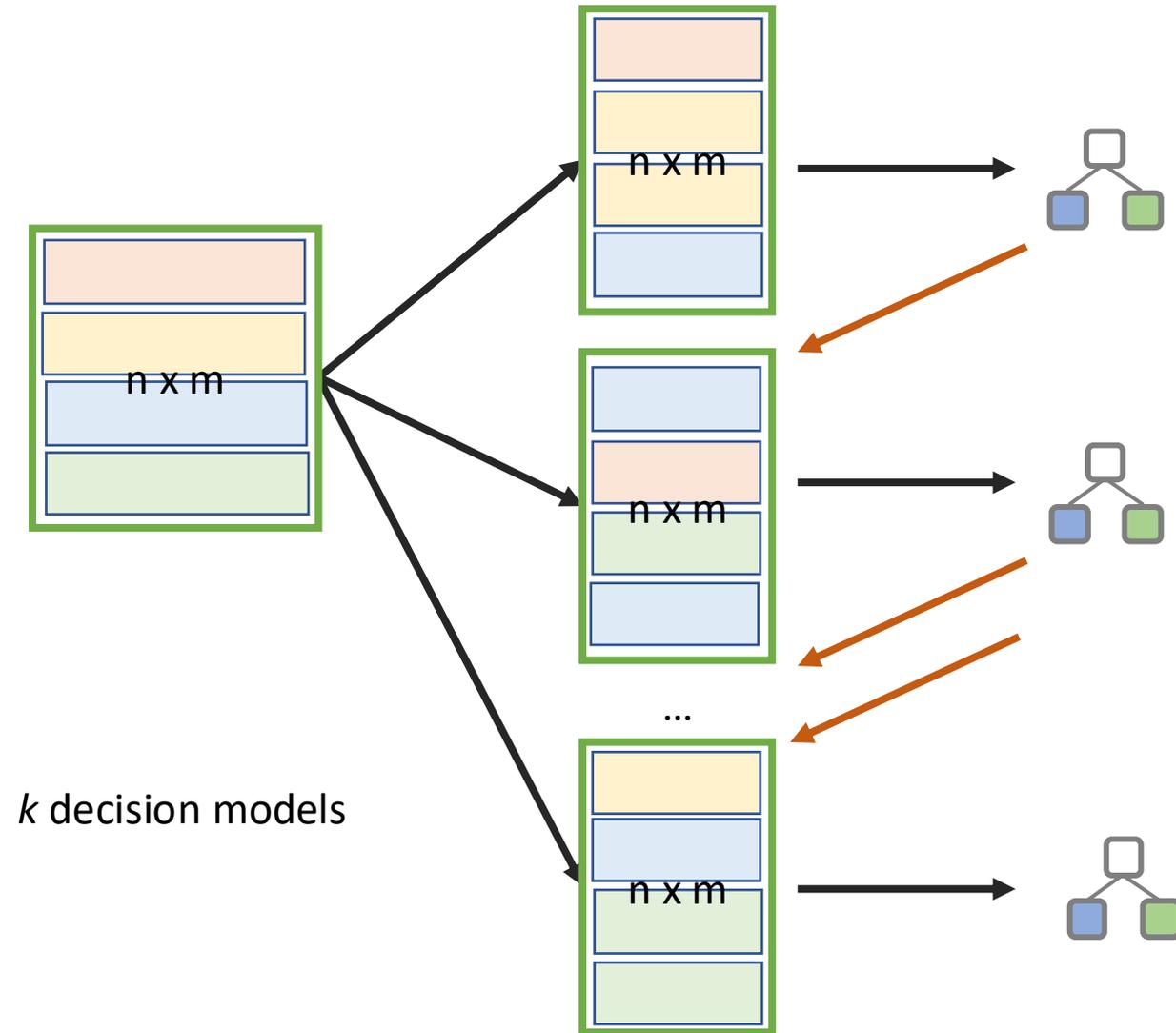
- It is one of the most accurate learning algorithms available. For many data sets, it produces a high accurate classifier.
- It runs efficiently on large databases.
- It can handle thousands of input variables without variable deletion.
- It gives estimates of what variables are important in the classification.
- It generates an internal unbiased estimate of the generalization error as the forest building progresses.

Boosting

Boosting

- An iterative procedure to adaptively change distribution of training data by focusing more on previously misclassified records.
- Initially, all the records are assigned equal weights.
- Unlike bagging, weights may change at the end of each boosting round.

Boosting



Boosting

- Records that are wrongly classified will have their weights increased.
- Records that are classified correctly will have their weights decreased.

Original Data	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Boosting (Round 1)	7	3	2	8	7	9	4	10	6	3
Boosting (Round 2)	5	4	9	4	2	5	1	7	4	2
Boosting (Round 3)	4	4	8	10	4	5	4	6	3	4

- Example 4 is hard to classify
- Its weight is increased, therefore it is more likely to be chosen again in subsequent rounds

AdaBoost

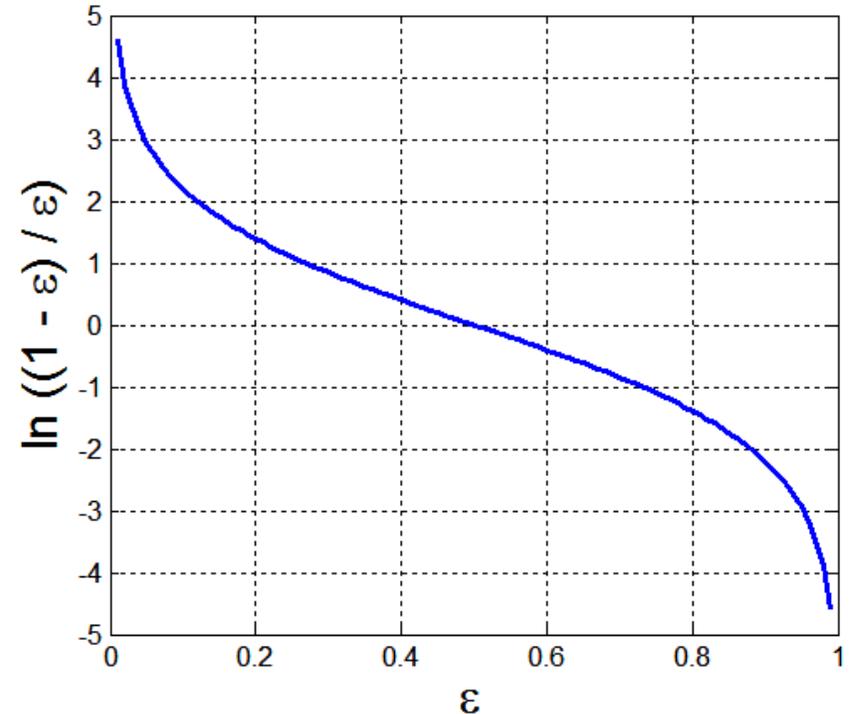
- Base classifiers: C_1, C_2, \dots, C_T
- Error rate:

$$\varepsilon_i = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=1}^N w_j \delta(C_i(x_j) \neq y_j)$$

- Importance of a classifier:

$$\alpha_i = \frac{1}{2} \ln \left(\frac{1 - \varepsilon_i}{\varepsilon_i} \right)$$

High positive importance when error is close to 0,
High negative importance when error is close to 1



AdaBoost Algorithm

- Weight update:

Weight associated
to x_i during the j
boosting round

$$w_i^{(j+1)} = \frac{w_i^{(j)}}{Z_j} \begin{cases} \exp^{-\alpha_j} & \text{if } C_j(x_i) = y_i \\ \exp^{\alpha_j} & \text{if } C_j(x_i) \neq y_i \end{cases}$$

where Z_j is the normalization factor

- If any intermediate round produces error rate higher than 50%, the weights are reverted back to $1/n$ and the resampling procedure is repeated

- Classification:
$$C^*(x) = \arg \max_y \sum_{j=1}^T \alpha_j \delta(C_j(x) = y)$$

AdaBoost Algorithm

Algorithm 5.7 AdaBoost Algorithm

- 1: $w = \{w_j = 1/n \mid j = 1, 2, \dots, n\}$. {Initialize the weights for all n instances.}
 - 2: Let k be the number of boosting rounds.
 - 3: for $i = 1$ to k do
 - 4: Create training set D_i by sampling (with replacement) from D according to w .
 - 5: Train a base classifier C_i on D_i .
 - 6: Apply C_i to all instances in the original training set, D .
 - 7: $\epsilon_i = \frac{1}{n} \left[\sum_j w_j \delta(C_i(x_j) \neq y_j) \right]$ {Calculate the weighted error}
 - 8: if $\epsilon_i > 0.5$ then
 - 9: $w = \{w_j = 1/n \mid j = 1, 2, \dots, n\}$. {Reset the weights for all n instances.}
 - 10: Go back to Step 4.
 - 11: end if
 - 12: $\alpha_i = \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{1-\epsilon_i}{\epsilon_i}$.
 - 13: Update the weight of each instance according to equation (5.88).
 - 14: end for
 - 15: $C^*(\mathbf{x}) = \arg \max_y \sum_{j=1}^T \alpha_j \delta(C_j(\mathbf{x}) = y)$.
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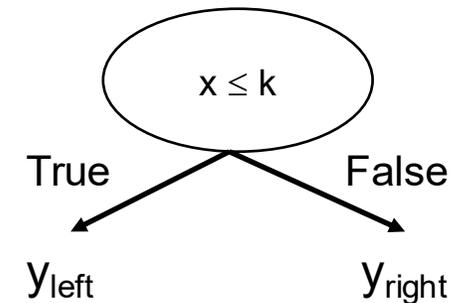
AdaBoost Example

- Consider 1-dimensional data set:

Original Data:

x	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.9	1
y	1	1	1	-1	-1	-1	-1	1	1	1

- Classifier is a decision stump
 - Decision rule: $x \leq k$ versus $x > k$
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AdaBoost Example

- Training sets for the first 3 boosting rounds:

Boosting Round 1:

x	0.1	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.8	1
y	1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	1	1

Boosting Round 2:

x	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
y	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

Boosting Round 3:

x	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.7
y	1	1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1

- Weights:

Round	x=0.1	x=0.2	x=0.3	x=0.4	x=0.5	x=0.6	x=0.7	x=0.8	x=0.9	x=1.0
1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
2	0.311	0.311	0.311	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
3	0.029	0.029	0.029	0.228	0.228	0.228	0.228	0.009	0.009	0.009

AdaBoost Example

- Summary:

Round	Split Point	Left Class	Right Class	alpha
1	0.75	-1	1	1.738
2	0.05	1	1	2.7784
3	0.3	1	-1	4.1195

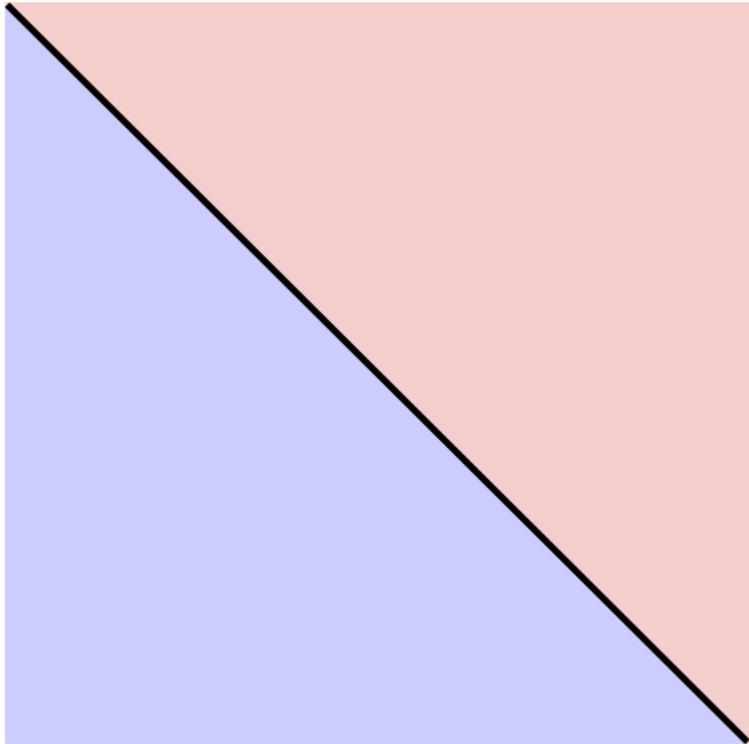
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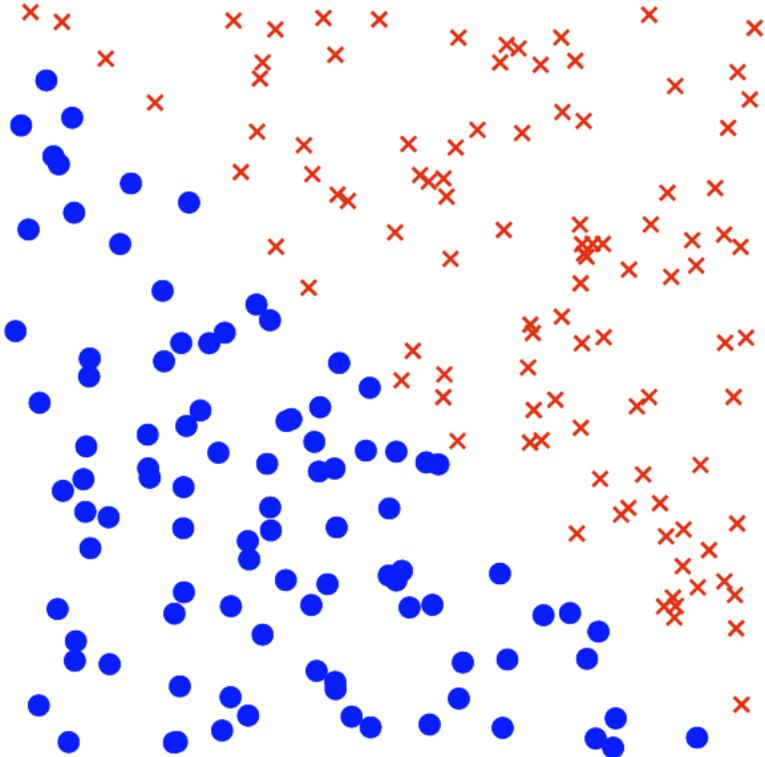
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1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	1	1	1
2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
3	1	1	1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1
Sum	5.16	5.16	5.16	-3.08	-3.08	-3.08	-3.08	0.397	0.397	0.397
Sign	1	1	1	-1	-1	-1	-1	1	1	1

Predicted
Class

AdaBoost Visual Example



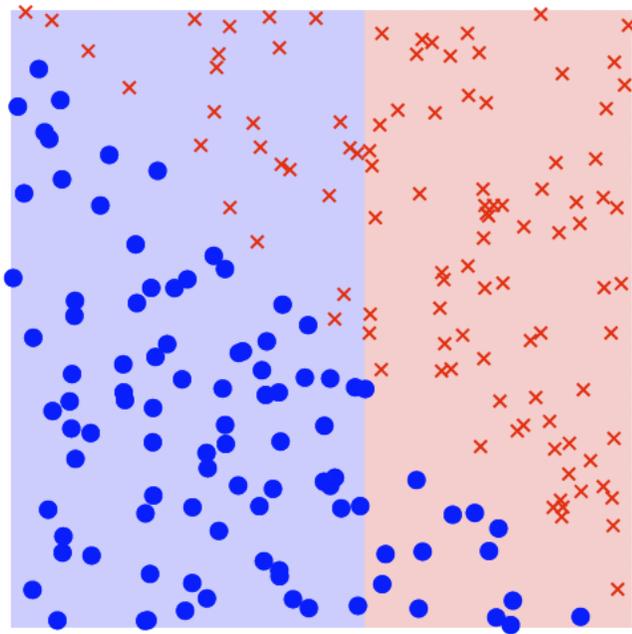
True decision boundary



Training data

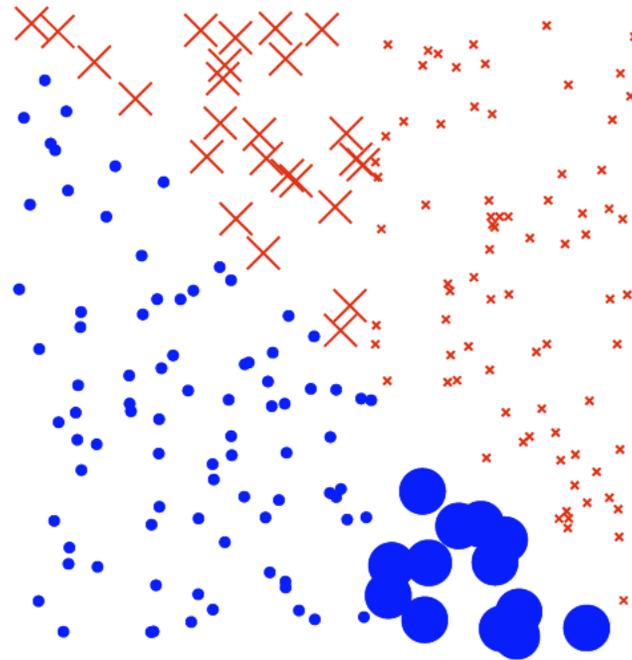
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Round 1



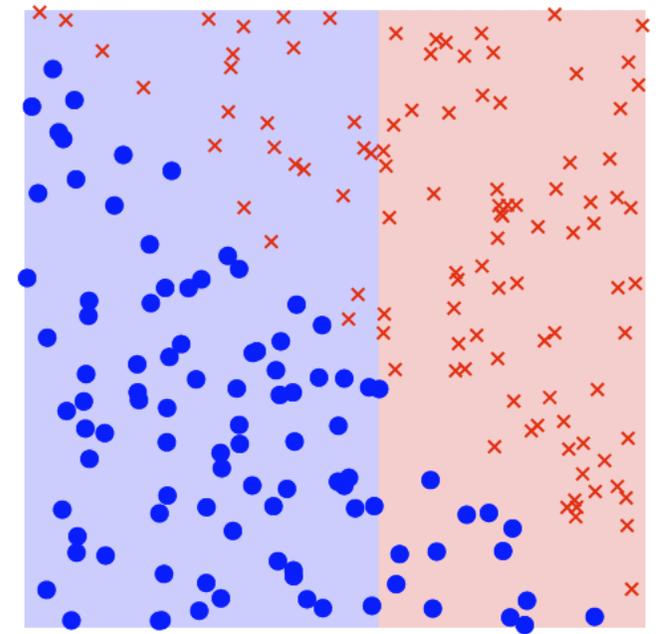
Chosen weak classifier

$$\epsilon_1 = 0.19, \alpha_1 = 1.45$$



Re-weight training points

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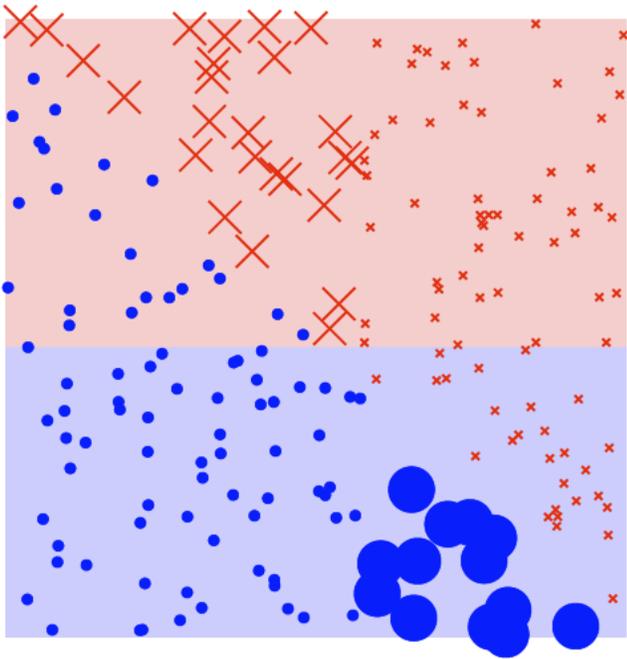


Current strong classifier

$$f_2(\mathbf{x})$$

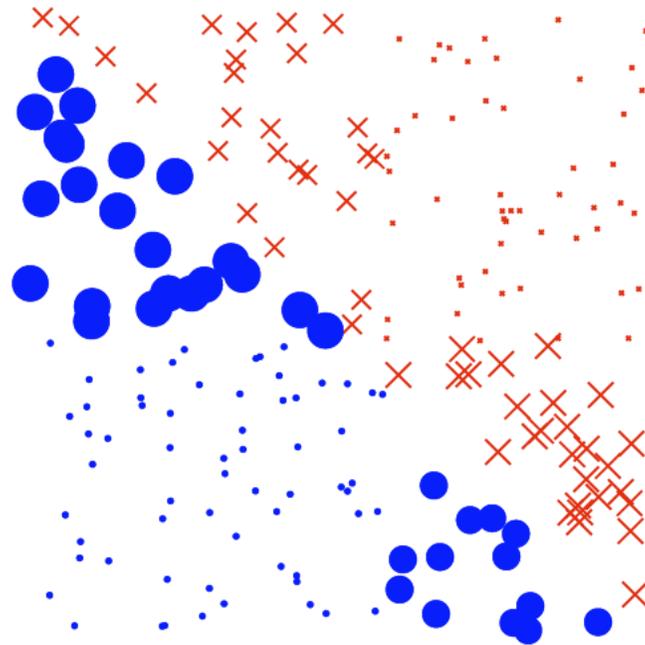
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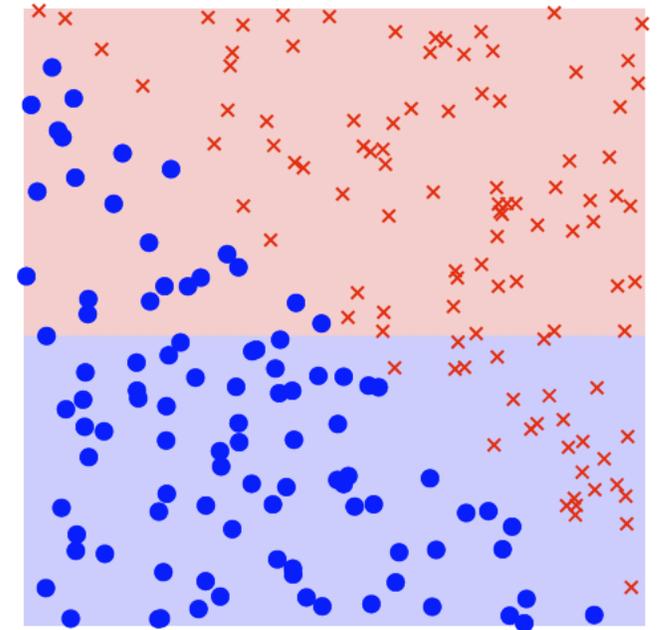
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$$\epsilon_2 = 0.1512, \alpha_2 = 1.725$$



Re-weight training points

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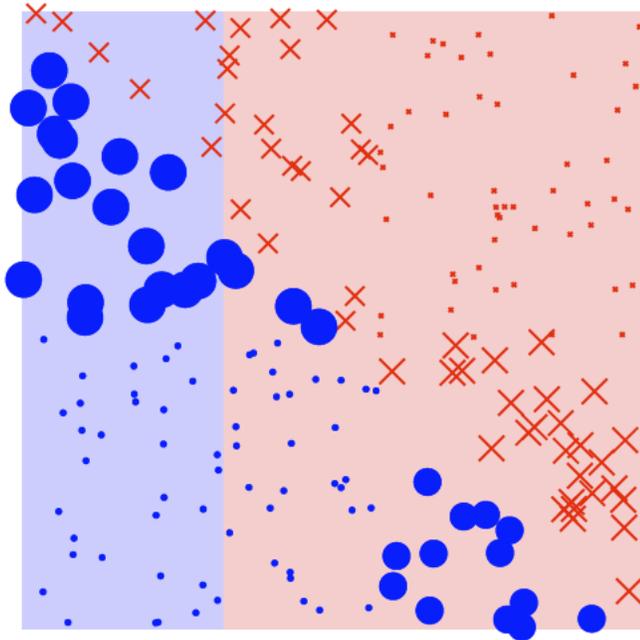


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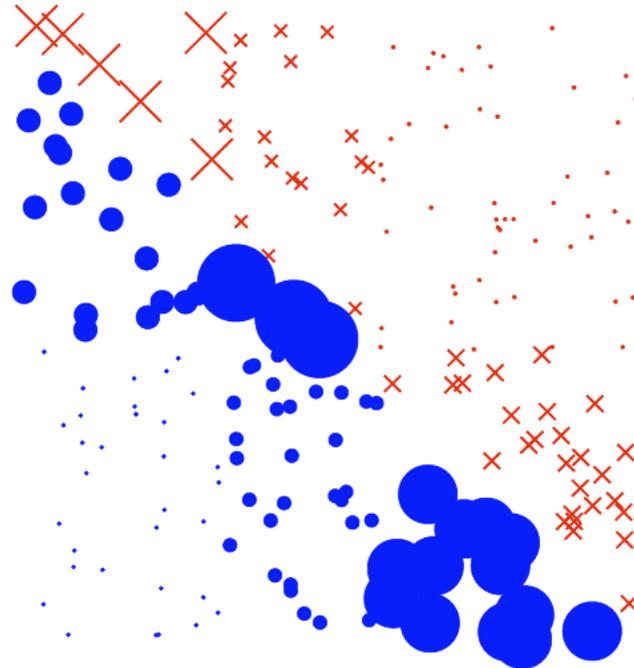
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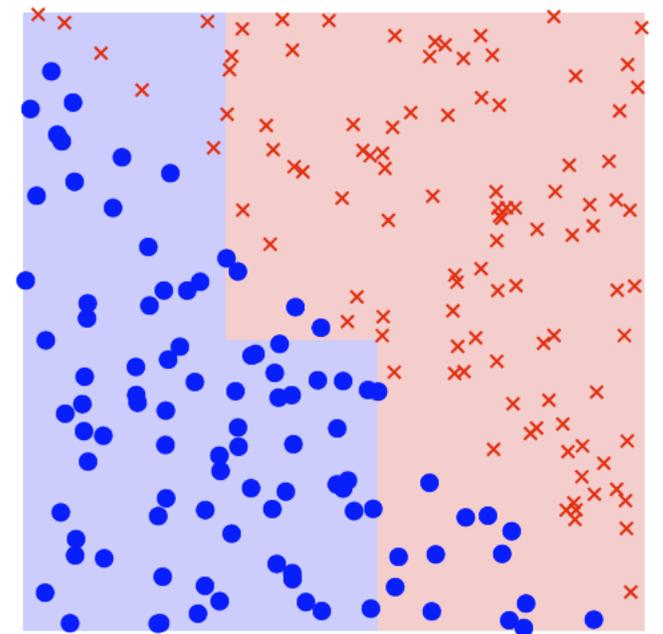
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$$\epsilon_3 = 0.2324, \alpha_3 = 1.1946$$



Re-weight training points

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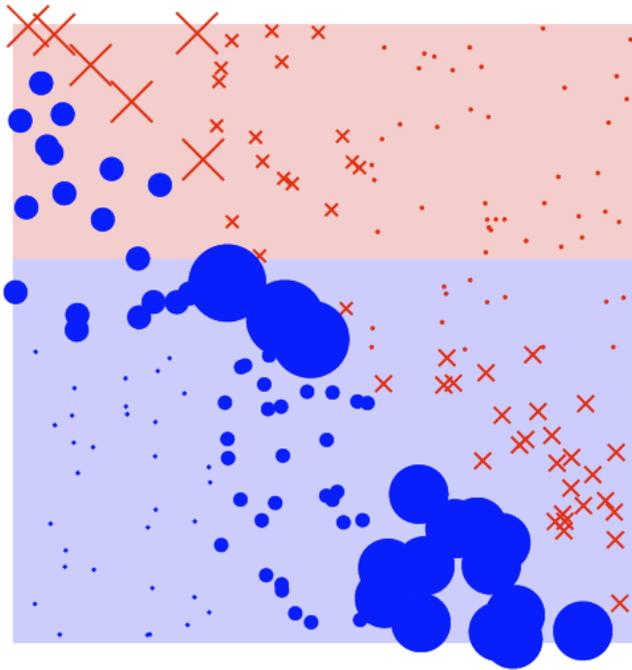


Current strong classifier

$$f_3(\mathbf{x})$$

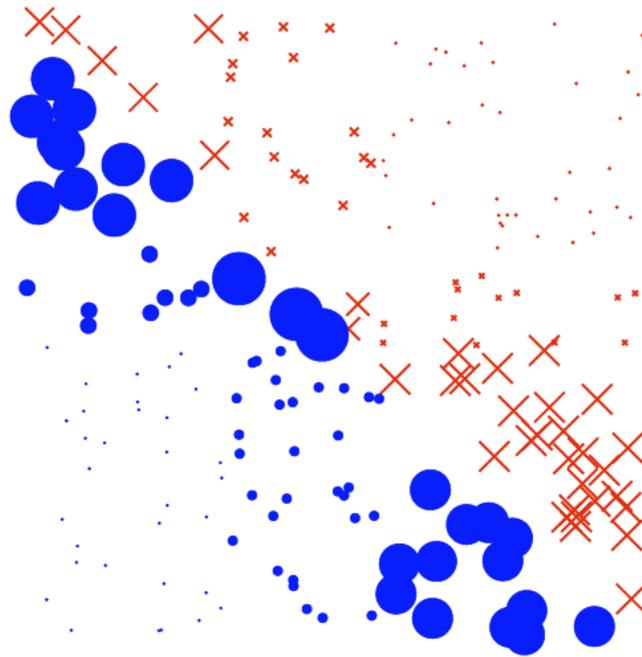
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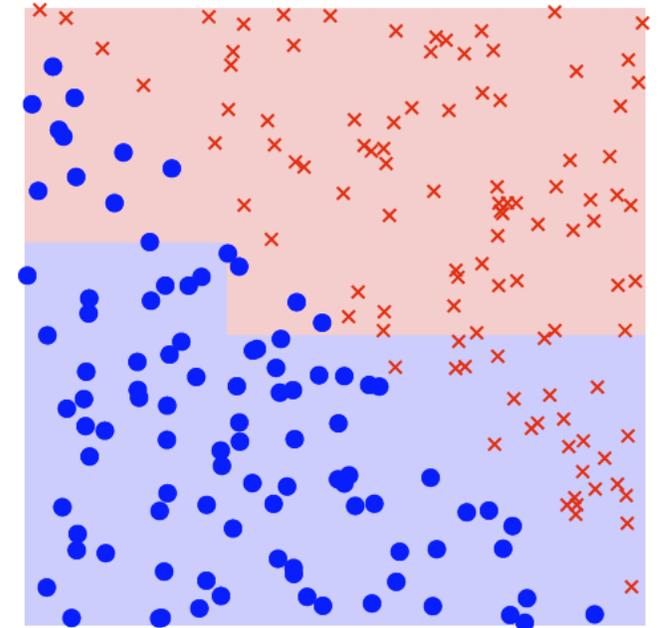
Chosen weak classifier

$$\epsilon_4 = 0.2714, \alpha_4 = 0.9874$$



Re-weight training points

$$w_i^{(5)}, \mathbf{s}$$

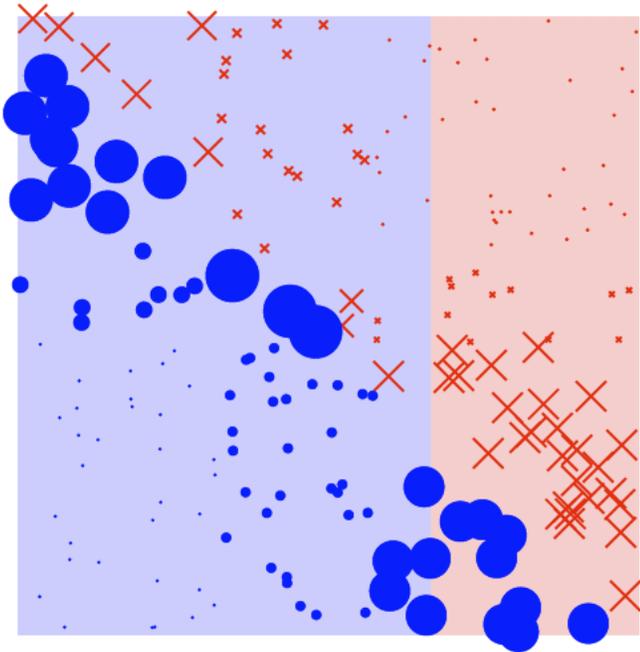


Current strong classifier

$$f_4(\mathbf{x})$$

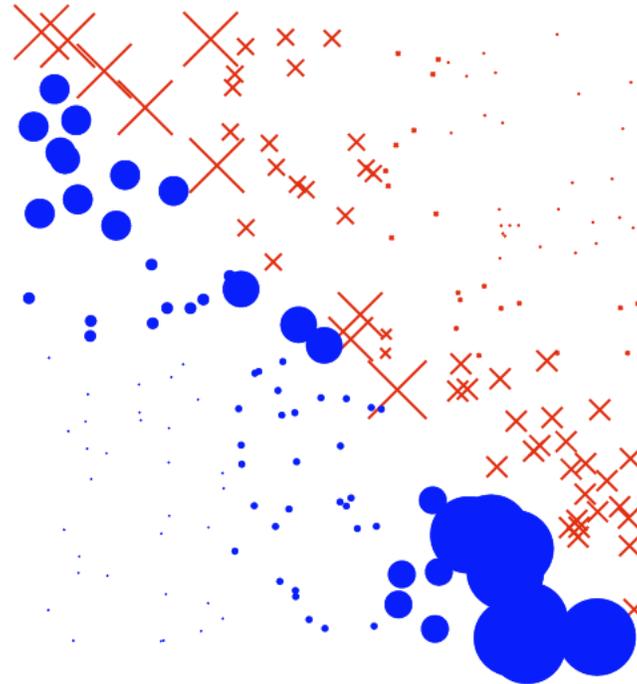
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Round 5



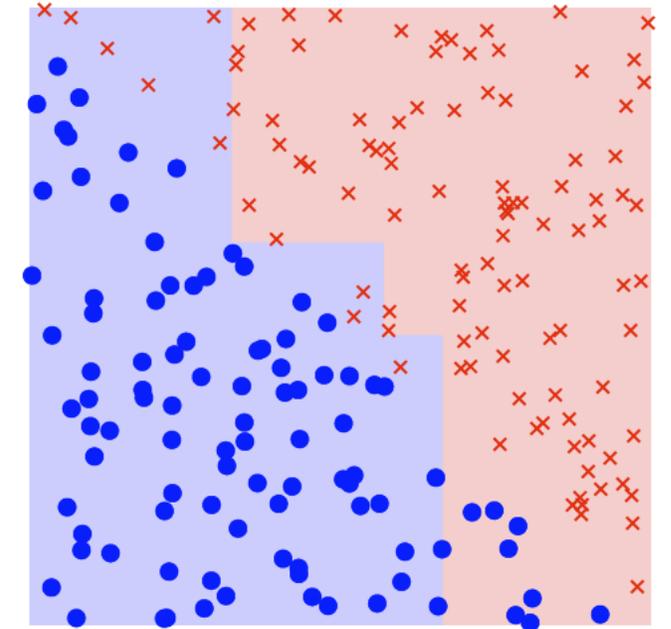
Chosen weak classifier

$$\epsilon_5 = 0.2616, \alpha_5 = 1.0375$$



Re-weight training points

$$w_i^{(6)}, \mathbf{s}$$

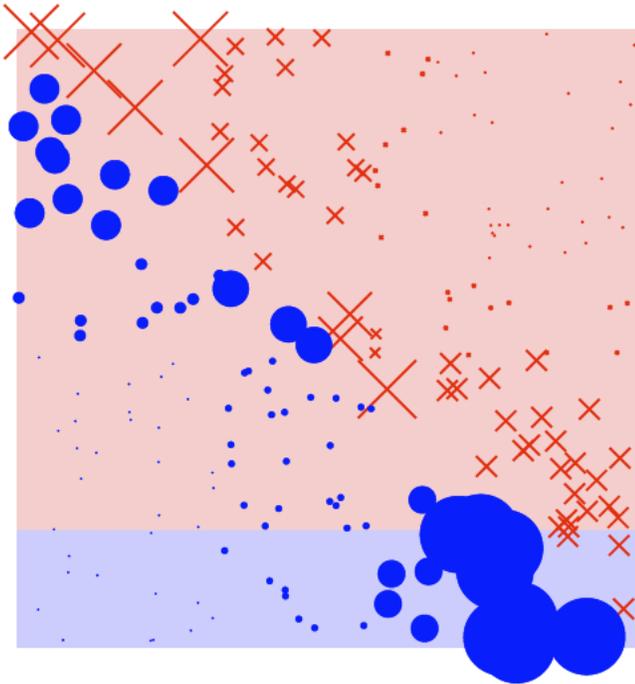


Current strong classifier

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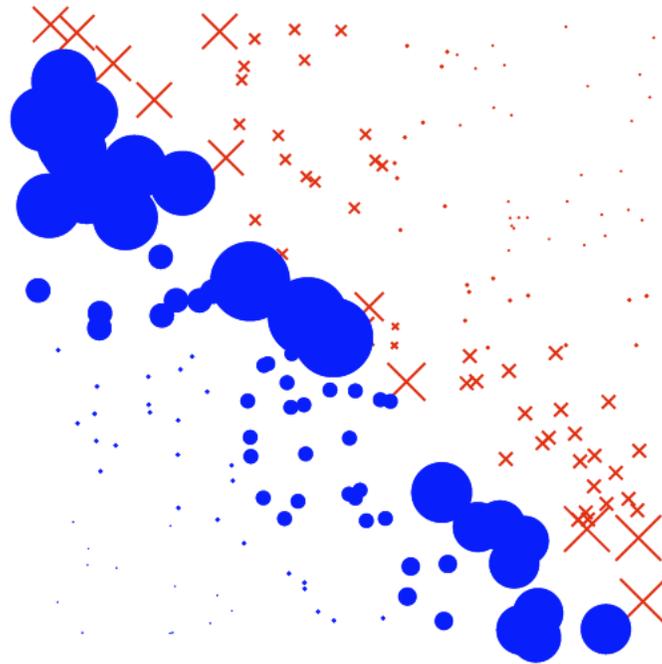
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Round 6



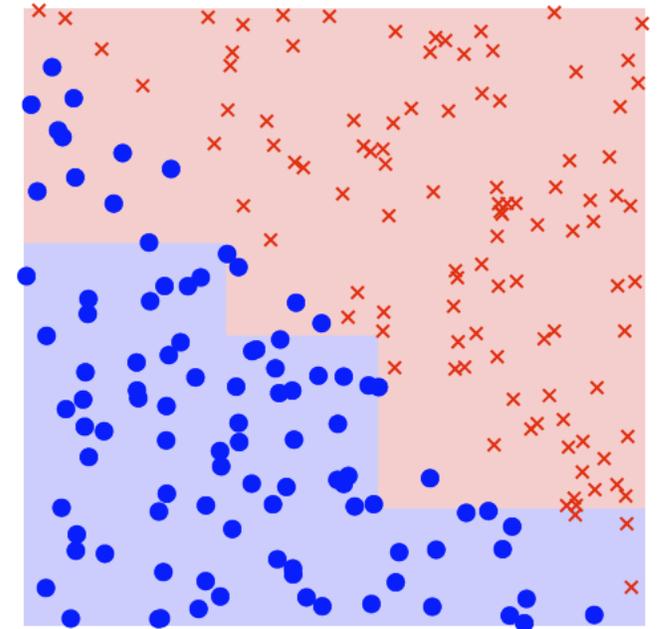
Chosen weak classifier

$$\epsilon_6 = 0.2262, \alpha_6 = 1.2298$$



Re-weight training points

$$w_i^{(7)}, \mathbf{s}$$

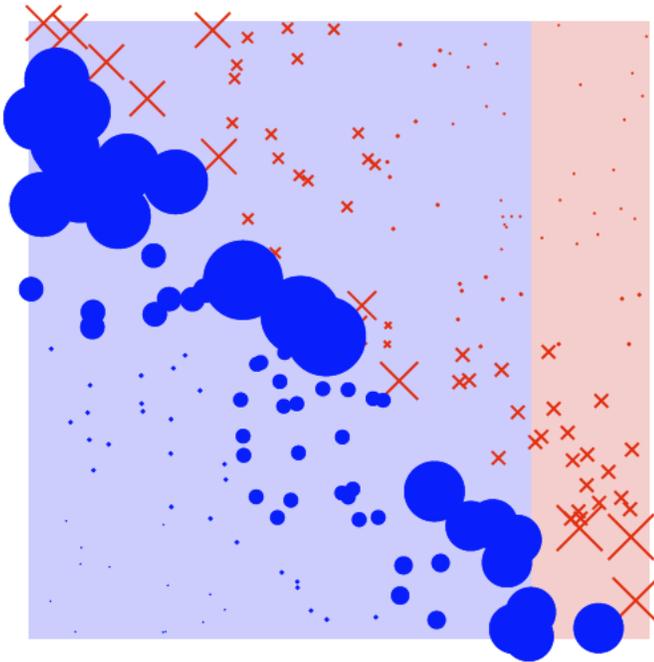


Current strong classifier

$$f_6(\mathbf{x})$$

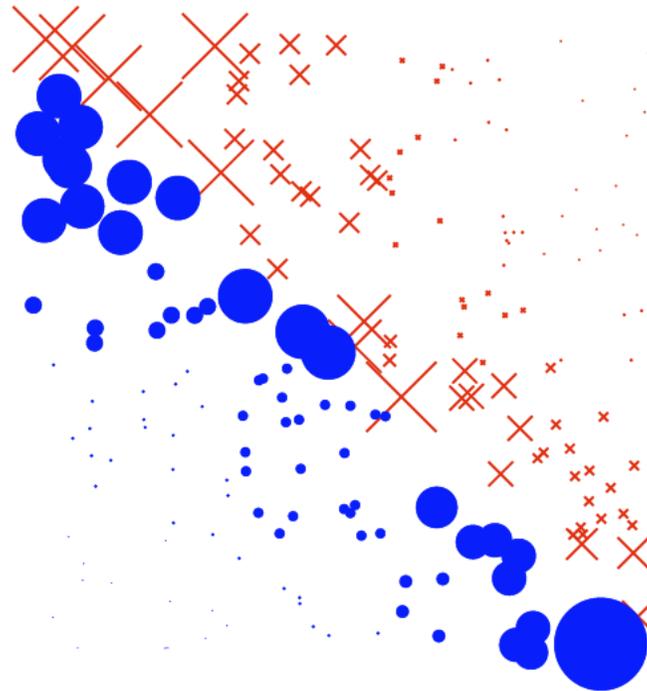
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Round 7



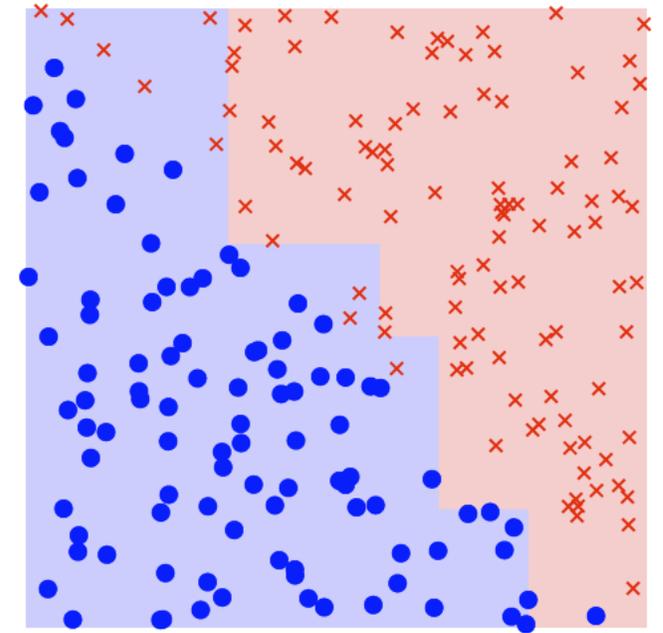
Chosen weak classifier

$$\epsilon_7 = 0.2680, \alpha_7 = 1.0049$$



Re-weight training points

$$w_i^{(8)}, \mathbf{s}$$

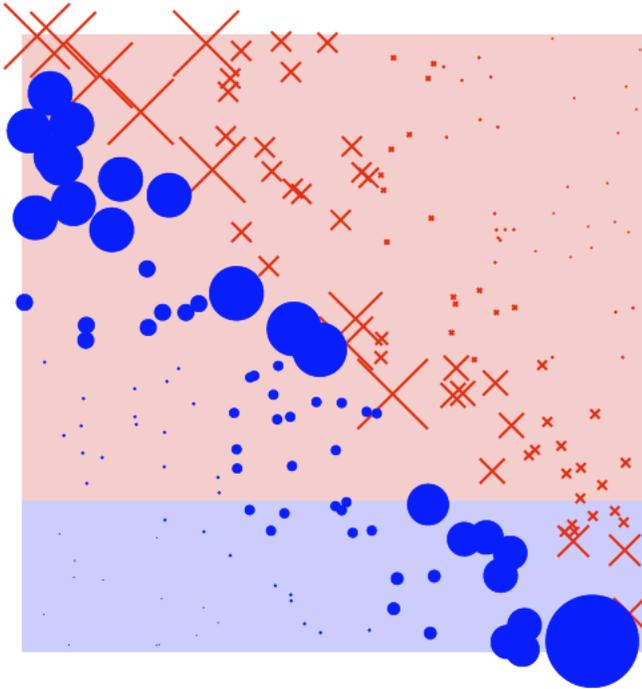


Current strong classifier

$$f_7(\mathbf{x})$$

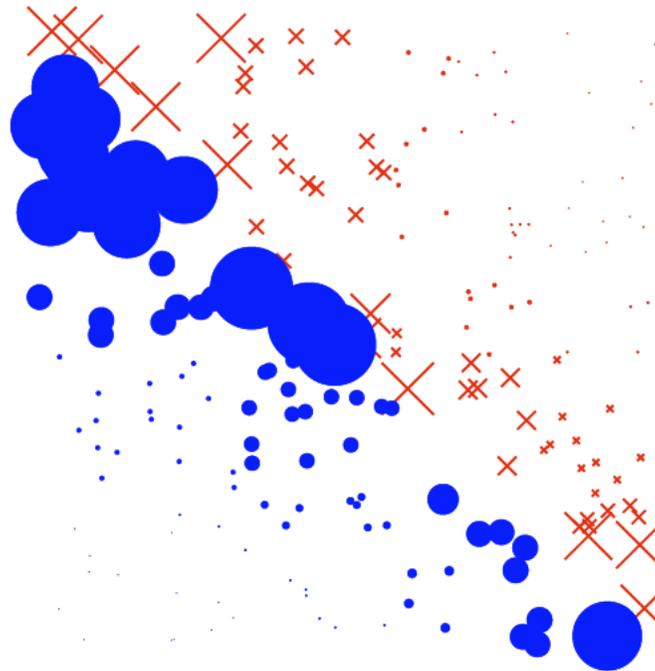
AdaBoost Visual Example

Round 8



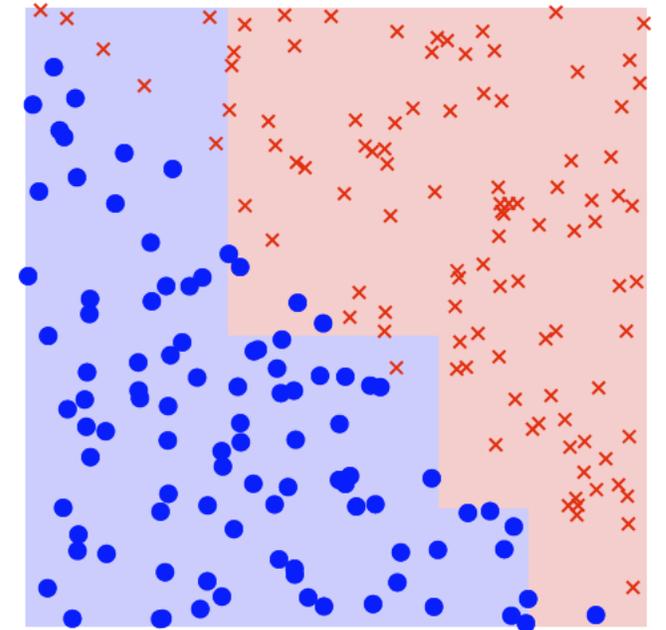
Chosen weak classifier

$$\epsilon_8 = 0.3282, \alpha_8 = 0.7165$$



Re-weight training points

$$w_i^{(9)}, \mathbf{s}$$

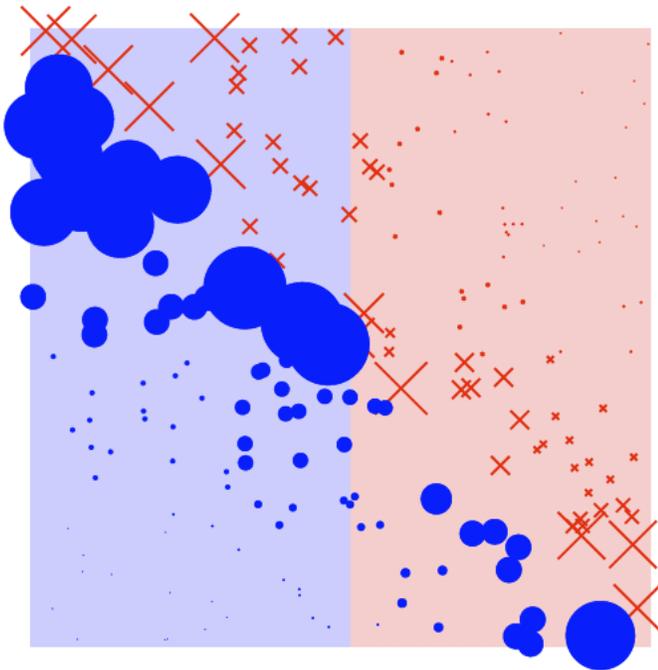


Current strong classifier

$$f_8(\mathbf{x})$$

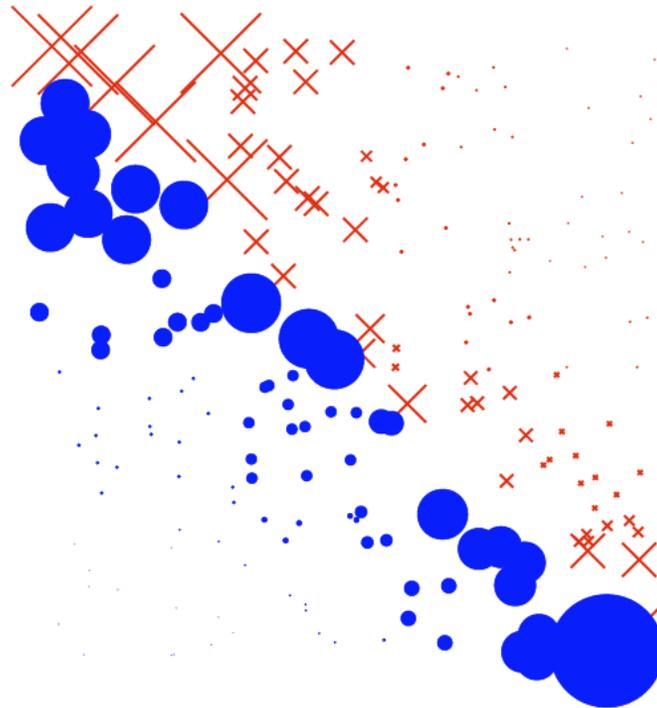
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Round 9



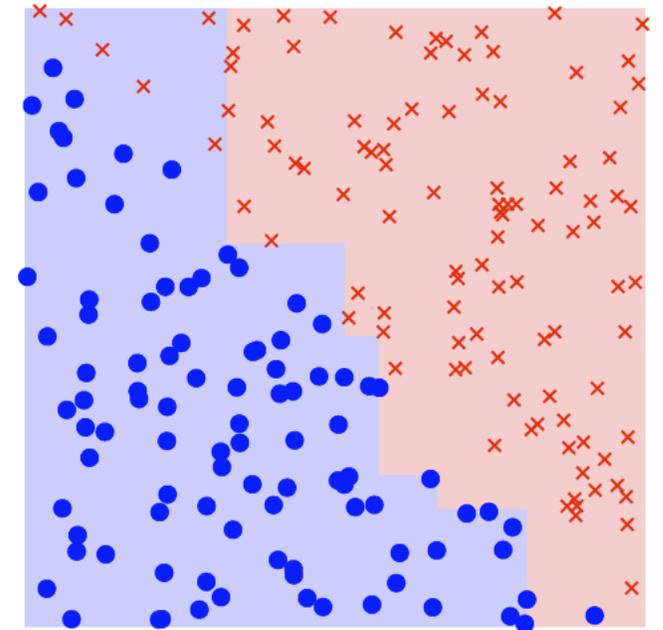
Chosen weak classifier

$$\epsilon_9 = 0.3048, \alpha_9 = 0.8246$$



Re-weight training points

$$w_i^{(10)}, \mathbf{s}$$

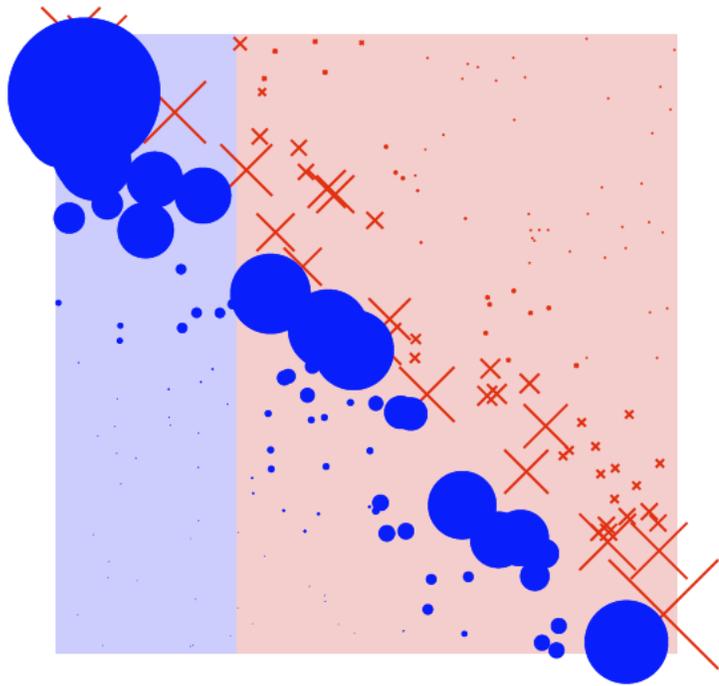


Current strong classifier

$$f_9(\mathbf{x})$$

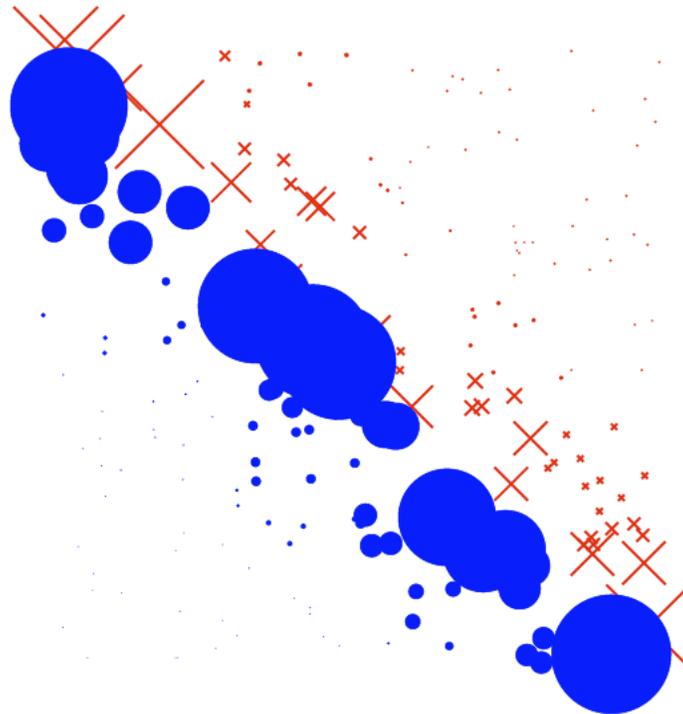
AdaBoost Visual Example

Round 21



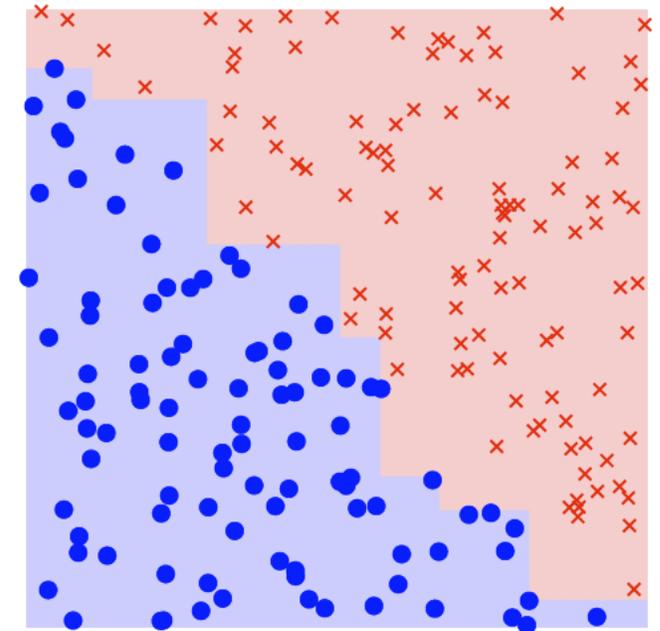
Chosen weak classifier

$$\epsilon_{21} = 0.3491, \alpha_{21} = 0.6232$$



Re-weight training points

$$w_i^{(22)}, \mathbf{s}$$

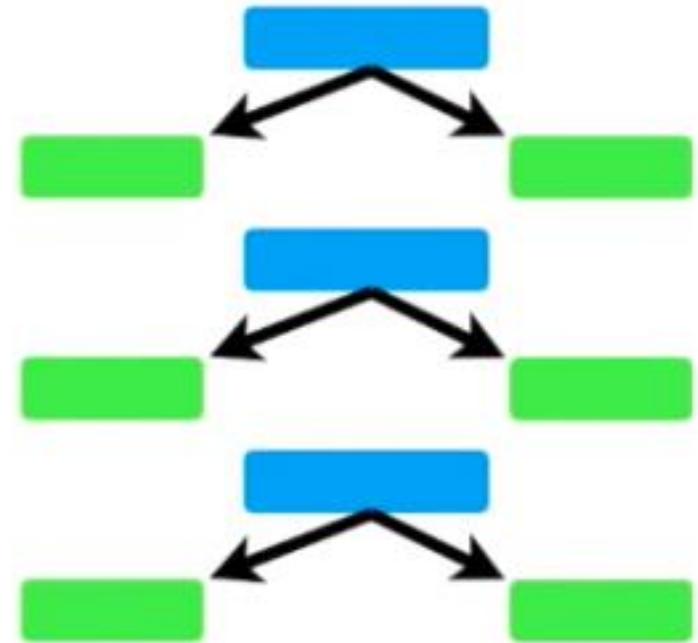


Current strong classifier

$$f_{21}(\mathbf{x})$$

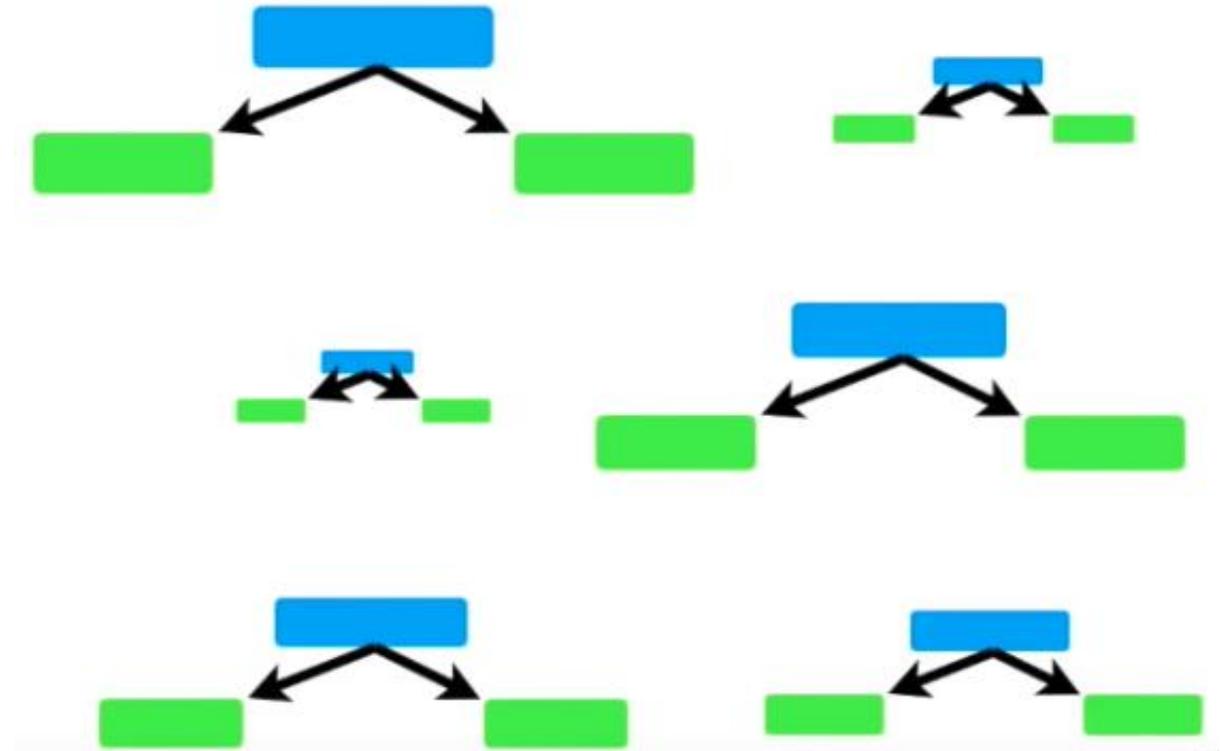
AdaBoost - Reloaded

- AdaBoost uses **stumps**, i.e., decision tree with only one node and two leaves.
- Thus, it uses a forest of stumps.
- Stumps are not good at making accurate classifications.
- Stumps are *weak* learners.



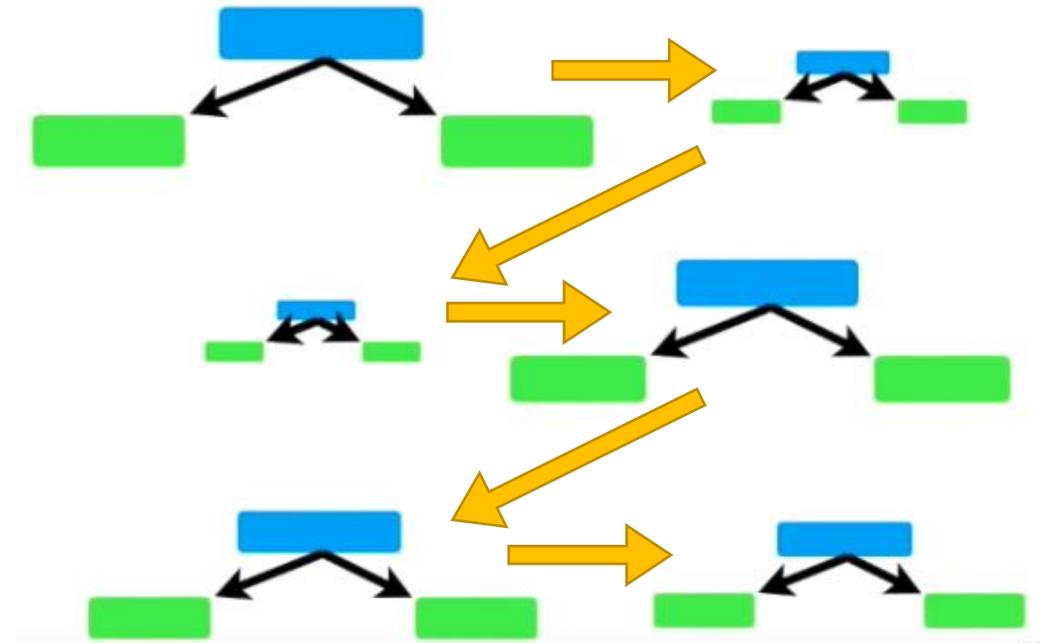
AdaBoost - Reloaded

- In forest of stumps some stumps have more importance in the final classification.



AdaBoost - Reloaded

- Each stump **is not** made independently from the others.
- The error that the first stump makes influences the second stump and so on and so forth.



AdaBoost – Training Step by Step

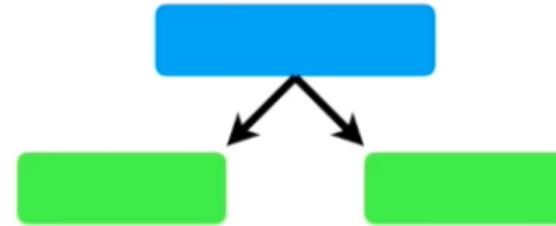
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Yes	Yes	167	Yes	1/8
No	Yes	156	No	1/8
No	Yes	125	No	1/8
Yes	No	168	No	1/8
Yes	Yes	172	No	1/8

- Initially all the records get the same weight: $1/\text{number of samples}$.

AdaBoost – Training Step by Step

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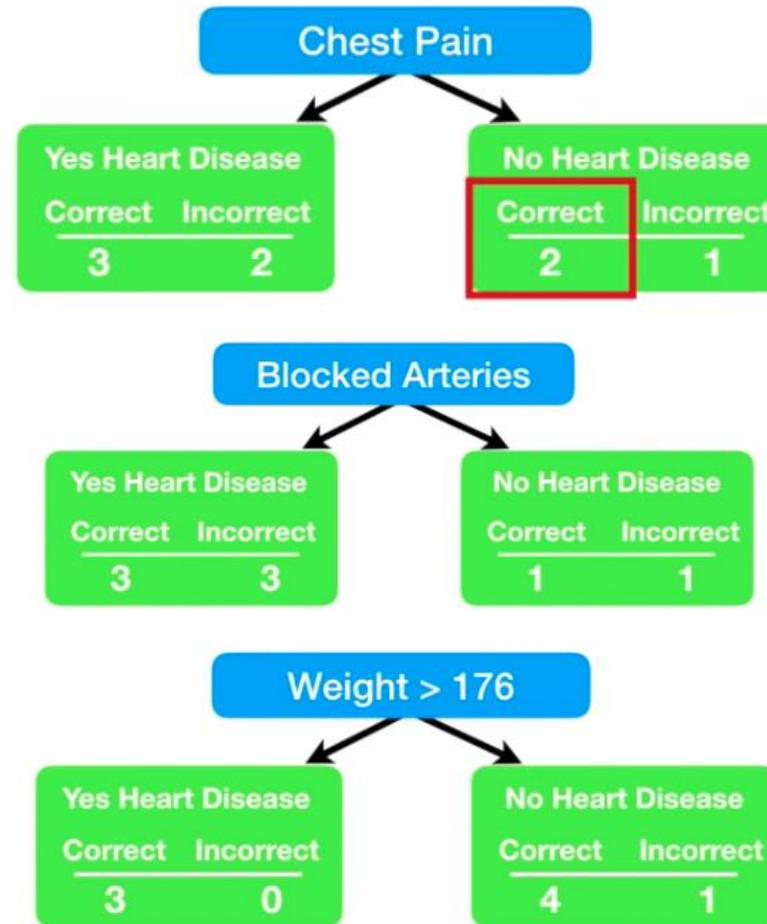
- We search for the first stump of the forest.



- All the weights are the same thus we can ignore them now.

AdaBoost – Training Step by Step

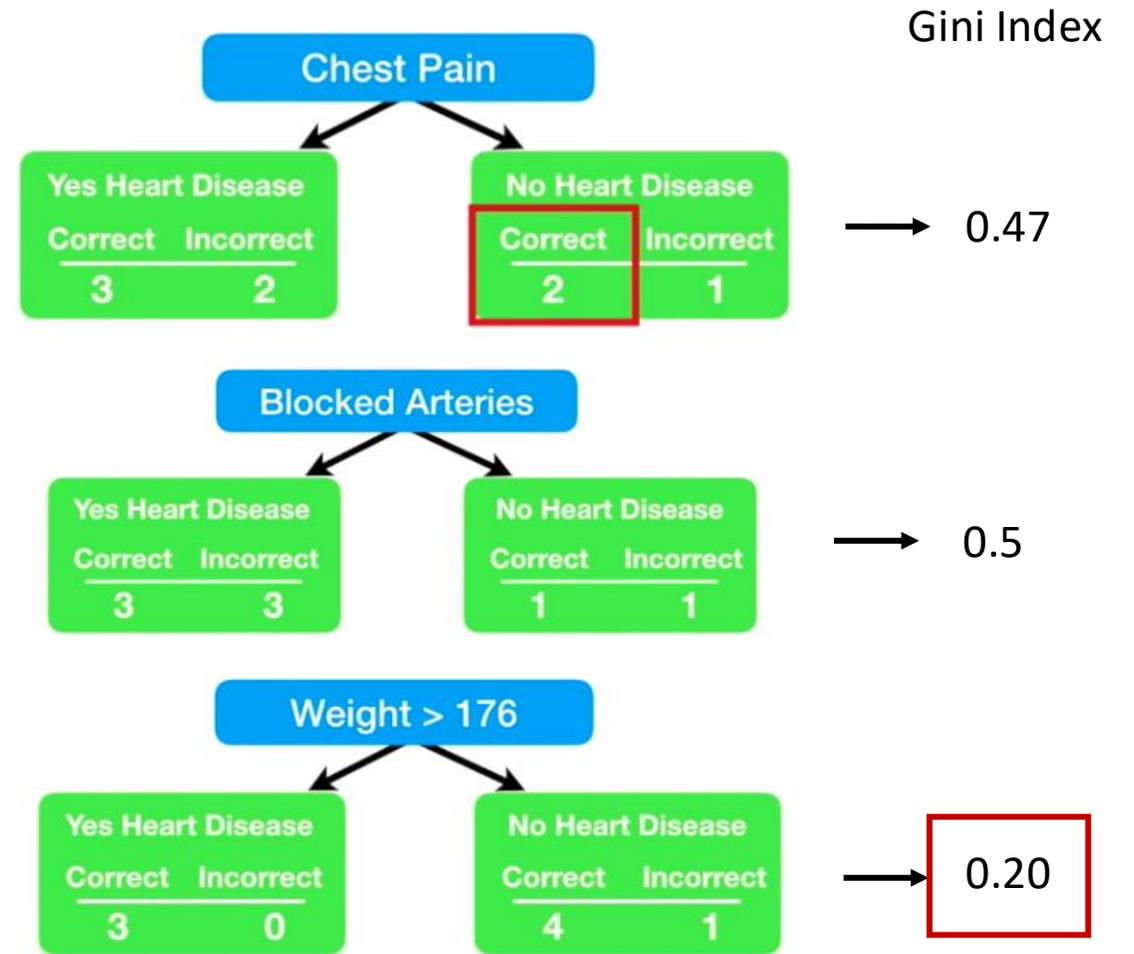
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AdaBoost – Training Step by Step

$$GINI(t) = 1 - \sum_j [p(j|t)]^2$$

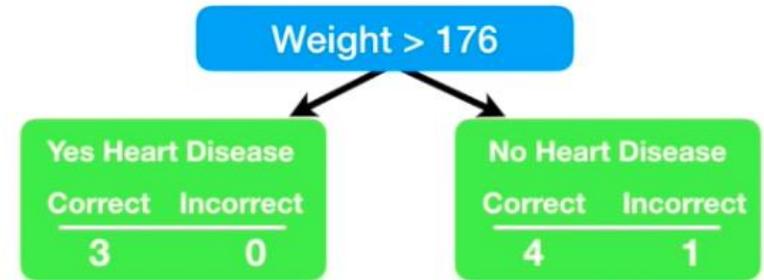
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First Stump in the Forest

AdaBoost – Training Step by Step

- Now we need to determine the importance of this stump in the final classification.
- We determine the importance based on how well it classified the samples in terms of *total error* in the following formula:
- The total error is always between 0 and 1.

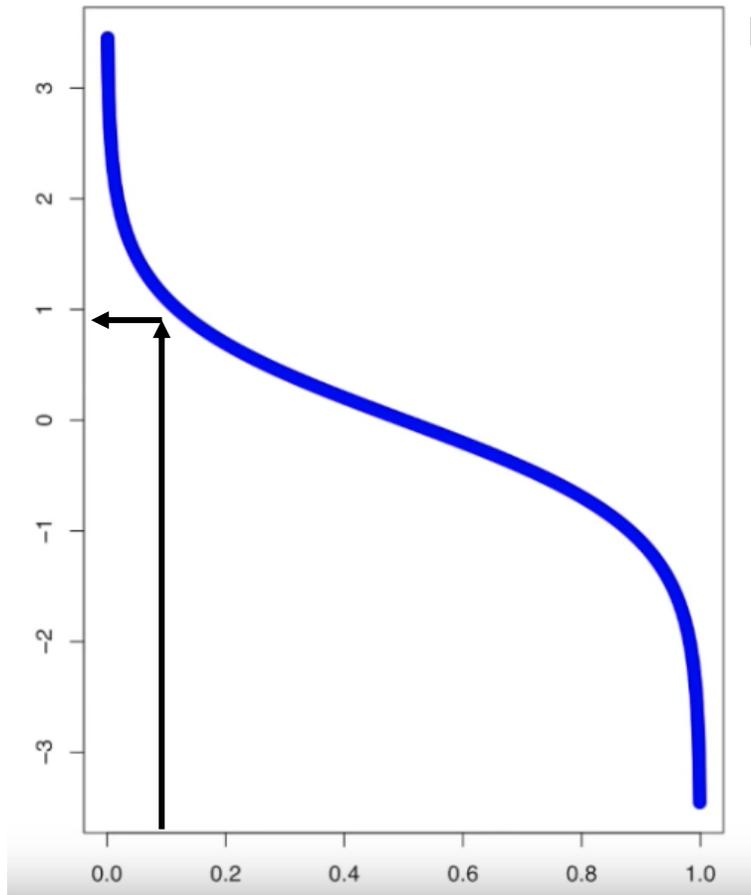


Total Error = 1/8

$$\frac{1}{2} \log\left(\frac{1 - \text{Total Error}}{\text{Total Error}}\right)$$

$$\alpha_i = \frac{1}{2} \ln\left(\frac{1 - \varepsilon_i}{\varepsilon_i}\right)$$

AdaBoost – Training Step by Step



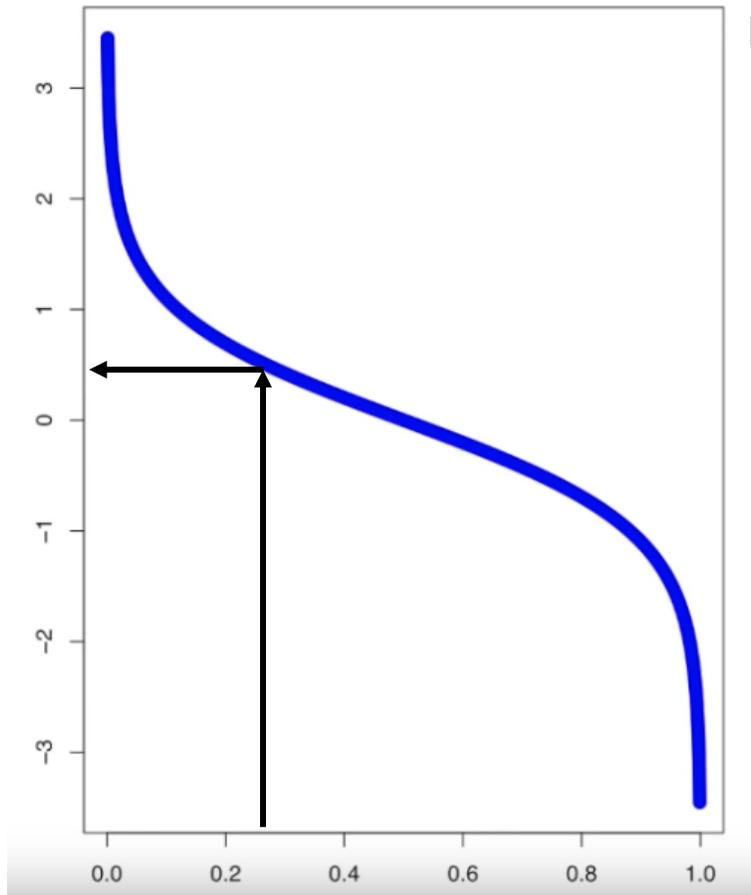
Blue line is the Importance

- In our case the importance is $0.97 = 1/2 \log(7)$



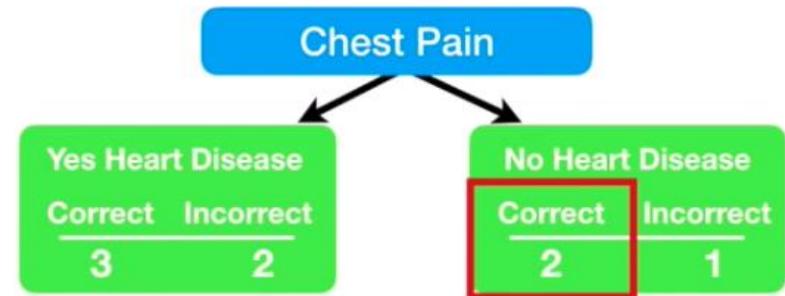
Total Error

AdaBoost – Training Step by Step



Blue line is the Importance

- If it had been Chest Pain
- Total error = $3/8$
- Importance $1/2 \log(7/3) = 0.42$



Total Error

AdaBoost – Training Step by Step

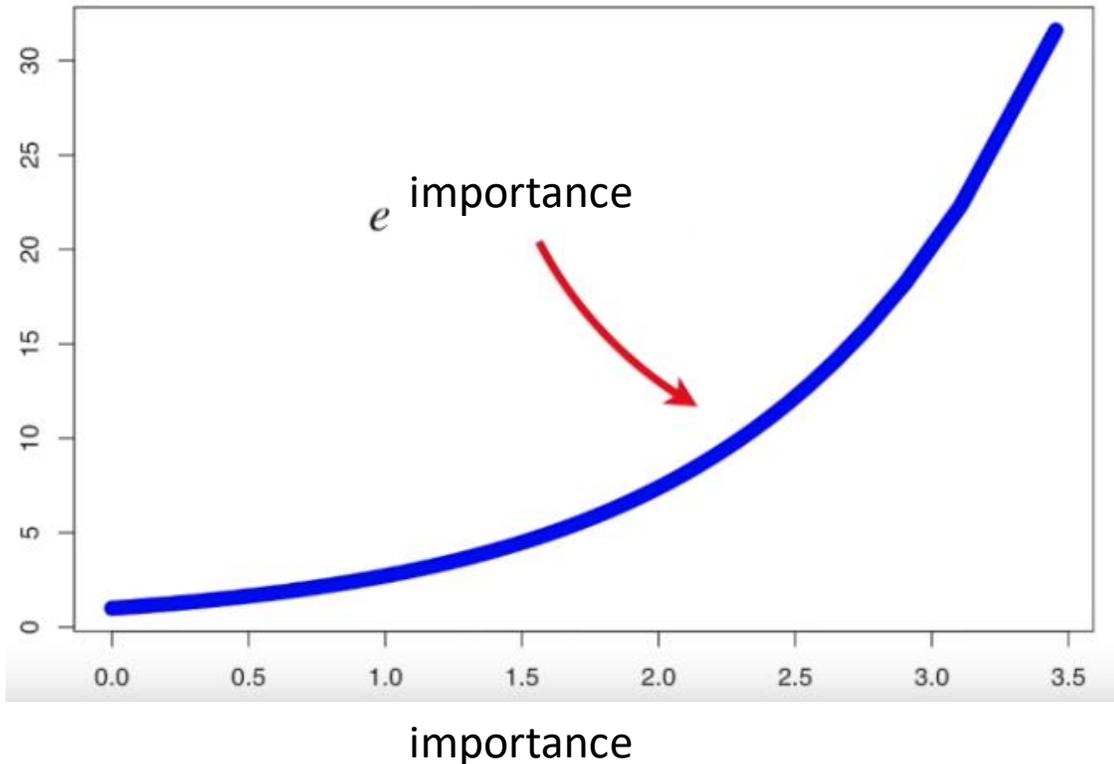
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- Update weights.
- We need to emphasize the usage of this sample in the next iteration by increasing its weight and decreasing the others.

$$\text{New Sample Weight} = \text{sample weight} \times e^{\text{importance}}$$



AdaBoost – Training Step by Step



New Sample Weight = sample weight $\times e^{\text{importance}}$

$$= 1/8 e^{0.97} = 1/8 * 2.64 = 0.33 > 0.125 = 1/8$$

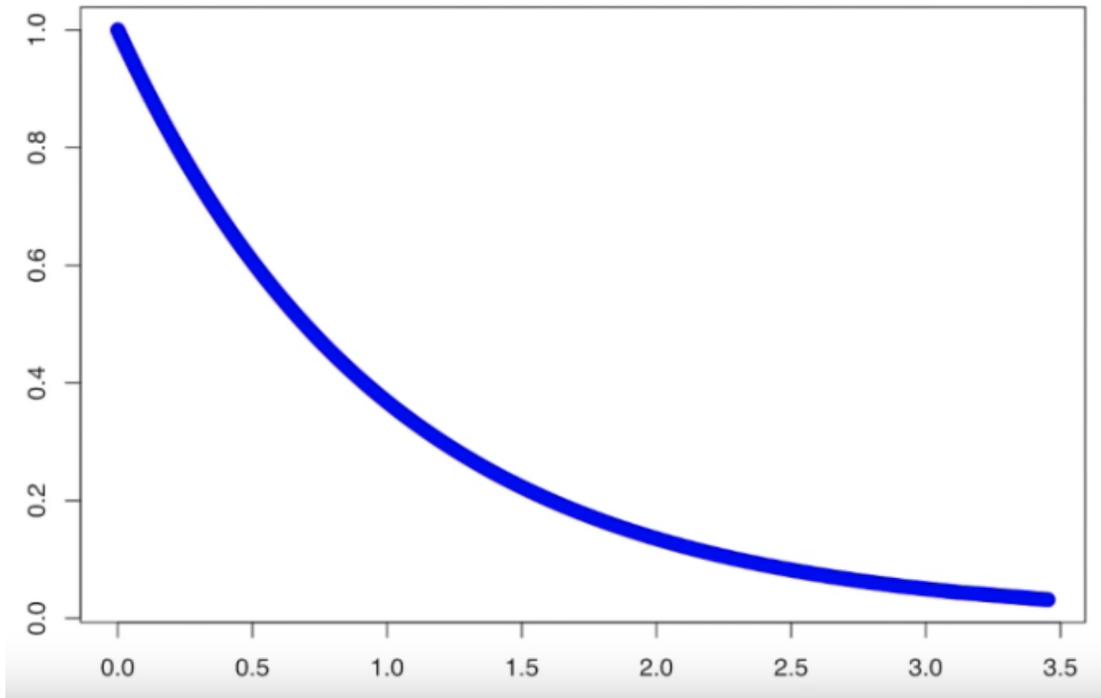
$$w_i^{(j+1)} = \frac{w_i^{(j)}}{Z_j} \begin{cases} \exp^{-\alpha_j} & \text{if } C_j(x_i) = y_i \\ \exp^{\alpha_j} & \text{if } C_j(x_i) \neq y_i \end{cases}$$

where Z_j is the normalization factor

AdaBoost – Training Step by Step

New Sample Weight = sample weight $\times e^{-\text{importance}}$

$$= 1/8 e^{-0.97} = 1/8 * 0.38 = 0.05 < 0.125 = 1/8$$



importance

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AdaBoost – Training Step by Step

Chest Pain	Blocked Arteries	Patient Weight	Heart Disease	Sample Weight	New Weight	Norm. Weight
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Yes	No	210	Yes	1/8	0.05	0.07
Yes	Yes	167	Yes	1/8	0.33	0.49
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- Report the new weights.
- Normalize the new weights so that they sum up to 1.
- Replace the old ones.

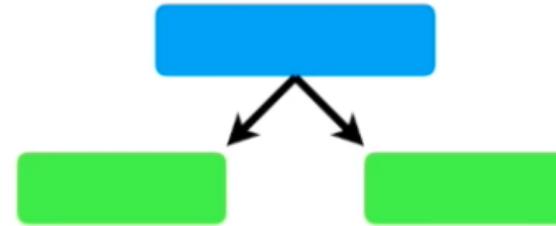
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AdaBoost – Training Step by Step

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- Now we can use the modified sample weight to make the second stump in the forest.



- In theory we could use weighted Gini Index to determine which variable should split the next stump.
- Alternatively, we can make a new training set that contains duplicate copies of the samples with the largest sample weights.

AdaBoost – Training Step by Step

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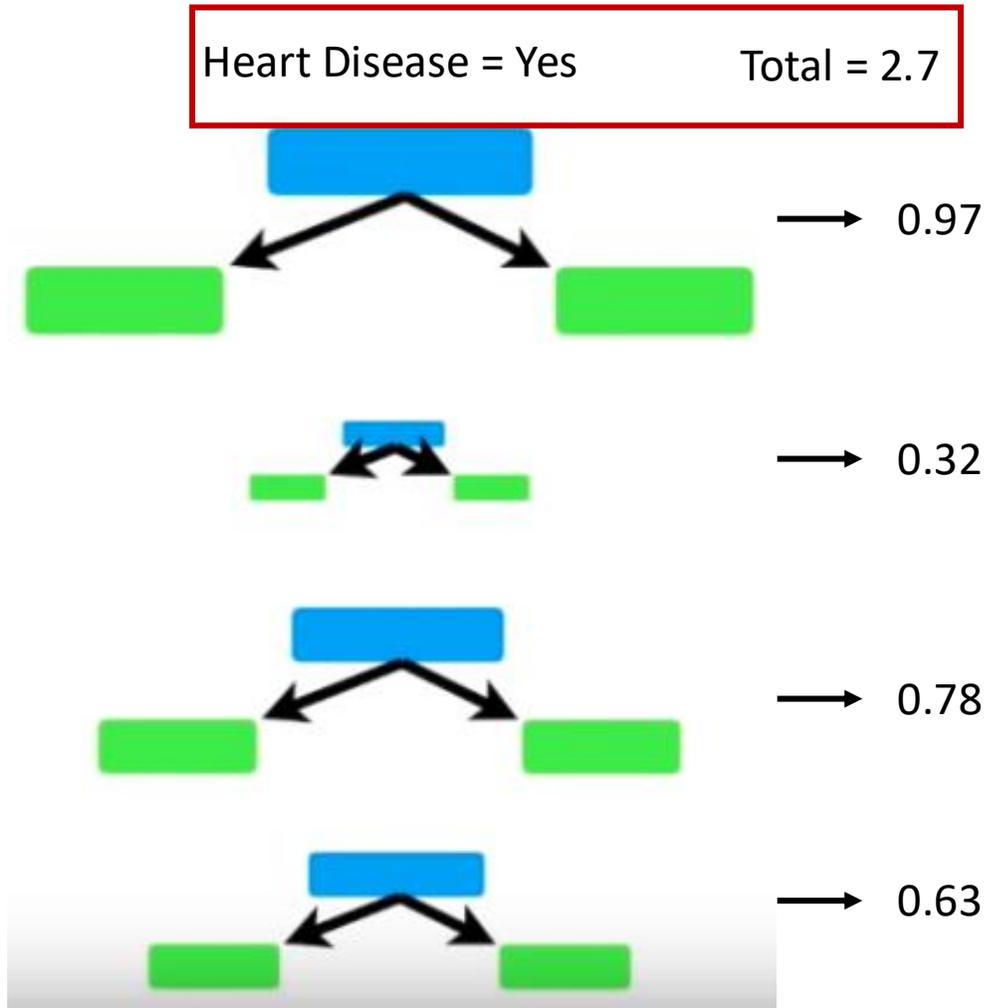
Then we use the new collection of samples to repeat the process.

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AdaBoost – Classification

Given a patient

Chest Pain	Blocked Arteries	Patient Weight
Yes	Yes	205

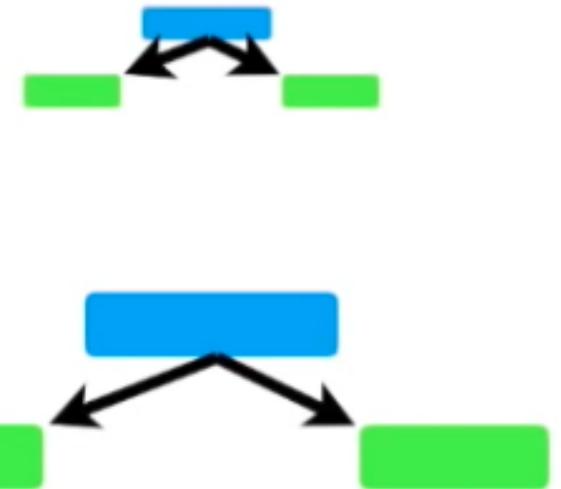


Total = 1.23

Heart Disease = No

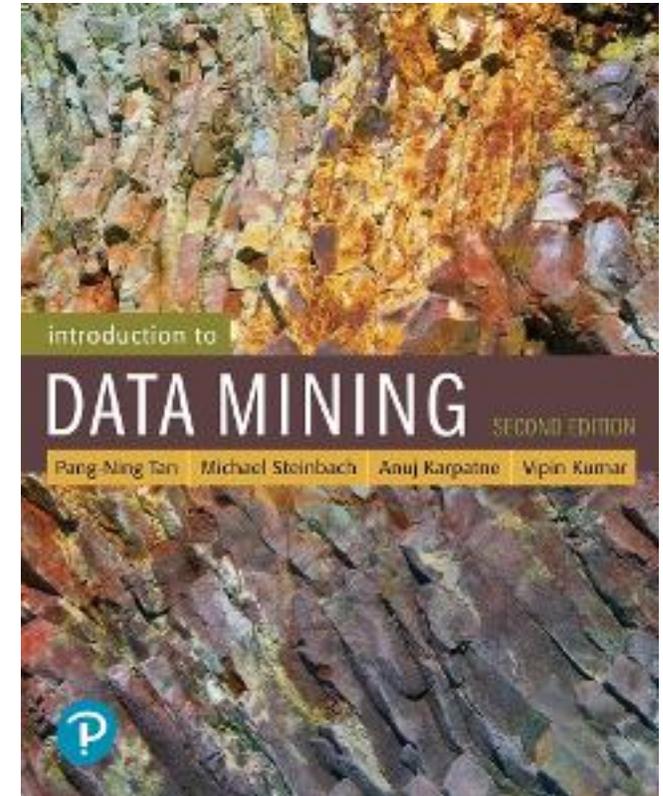
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Exercises - Ensemble

Exercise Ensemble

- We have 3 independent models for the same data, with poor performances
 - Error1 = 45%
 - Error2 = 40%
 - Error3 = 35%
- Is it better to use Model3 alone or to make bagging with all the three models?

Exercise Ensemble - Solution

- TODO: compute the probability of error of the ensemble
- Standard formula (case for 25 models):

$$\sum_{i=13}^{25} \binom{25}{i} \epsilon^i (1 - \epsilon)^{25-i}$$

- Implicitly enumerates all cases with more errors than correct answers ($i \geq 13$ errors against $25-i \leq 12$ correct ones)
 - However, it works only when all models have the same error ϵ
- Here we have to explicitly enumerate all cases

Exercise Ensemble - Solution

- Probability of success  and failure  of each:

	ε	$1-\varepsilon$
– Model1 =	 .45	 .55
– Model2 =	 .40	 .60
– Model3 =	 .35	 .65

Exercise Ensemble - Solution

- We have 8 possible cases

Model1	Model2	Model3
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		

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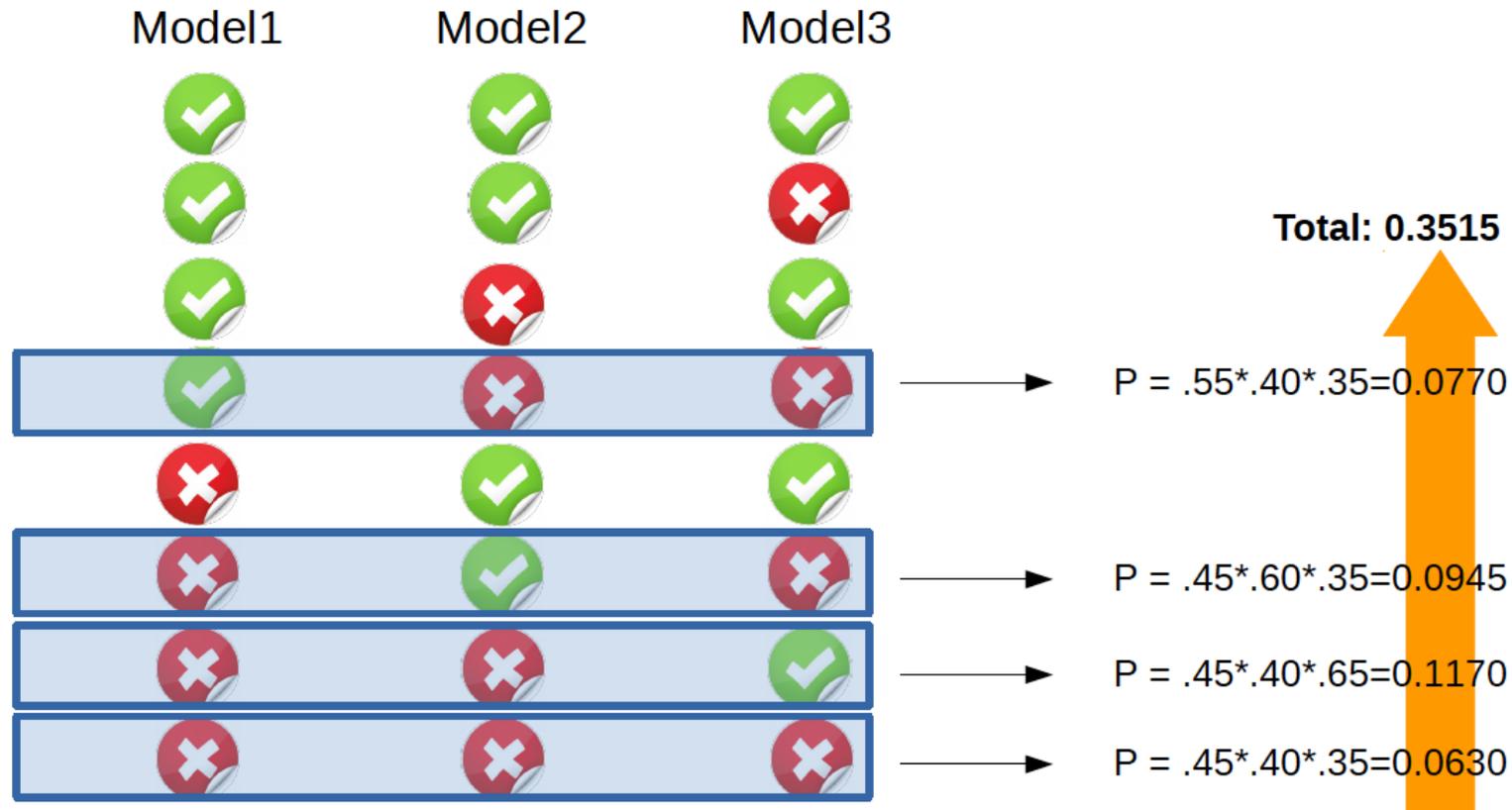
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Exercise Ensemble - Solution

- Outcome:
 - The “expert” model (Model3) has 35% of error
 - The bagging model has 35.15% of error
 - In this specific case Bagging is not better than the “expert” alone...

Exercise AdaBoost

state	travel	sex	class	weight	new weight	norm weight
Italy	Yes	F	Y	1/7		
Germ	Yes	M	Y	1/7		
Italy	No	M	N	1/7		
Italy	No	F	Y	1/7		
France	Yes	M	Y	1/7		
Germ	No	F	N	1/7		
France	Yes	M	N	1/7		

Gain Function = Misclassification Error

1. Find the best split for AdaBoost
2. Which is the value of the importance (alpha) for the best split?
3. Which are the values of the new weights?
4. Which are the values of the new weights normalized?
5. Provide a correct training for the next iteration based on the new weights.

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<u>State</u>	Y	N
Italy	2/3	1/3
France	1/2	1/2
Germ	1/2	1/2

Gain Function = Misclassification Error

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Italy	No	M	N	1/7		
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France	Yes	M	Y	1/7		
Germ	No	F	N	1/7		
France	Yes	M	N	1/7		

<u>State</u>	Y	N
Italy	<u>2/3</u>	1/3
France	<u>1/2</u>	1/2
Germ	<u>1/2</u>	1/2

Child Imp = $3/7 * 1/3 + 2/7 * 1/2 + 2/7 * 1/2 = 3/7$

Gain Function = Misclassification Error

Exercise AdaBoost

state	travel	sex	class	weight	new weight	norm weight
Italy	Yes	F	Y	1/7		
Germ	Yes	M	Y	1/7		
Italy	No	M	N	1/7		
Italy	No	F	Y	1/7		
France	Yes	M	Y	1/7		
Germ	No	F	N	1/7		
France	Yes	M	N	1/7		

Gain Function = Misclassification Error

<u>State</u>	Y	N
Italy	<u>2/3</u>	1/3
France	<u>1/2</u>	1/2
Germ	<u>1/2</u>	1/2

Child Imp = $3/7 * 1/3 + 2/7 * 1/2 + 2/7 * 1/2 = 3/7$

<u>Travel</u>	Y	N
Yes	<u>3/4</u>	1/4
No	1/3	<u>2/3</u>

Child Imp = $4/7 * 1/4 + 3/7 * 1/3 = 2/7$

Exercise AdaBoost

state	travel	sex	class	weight	new weight	norm weight
Italy	Yes	F	Y	1/7		
Germ	Yes	M	Y	1/7		
Italy	No	M	N	1/7		
Italy	No	F	Y	1/7		
France	Yes	M	Y	1/7		
Germ	No	F	N	1/7		
France	Yes	M	N	1/7		

Gain Function = Misclassification Error

<u>State</u>	Y	N
Italy	<u>2/3</u>	1/3
France	<u>1/2</u>	1/2
Germ	<u>1/2</u>	1/2

Child Imp = $3/7 * 1/3 + 2/7 * 1/2 + 2/7 * 1/2 = 3/7$

<u>Travel</u>	Y	N
Yes	<u>3/4</u>	1/4
No	1/3	<u>2/3</u>

Child Imp = $4/7 * 1/4 + 3/7 * 1/3 = 2/7$

<u>Sex</u>	Y	N
M	<u>2/4</u>	2/4
F	<u>2/3</u>	1/3

Child Imp = $4/7 * 2/4 + 3/7 * 1/3 = 3/7$

Exercise AdaBoost

state	travel	sex	class	weight	new weight	norm weight
Italy	Yes	F	Y	1/7		
Germ	Yes	M	Y	1/7		
Italy	No	M	N	1/7		
Italy	No	F	Y	1/7		
France	Yes	M	Y	1/7		
Germ	No	F	N	1/7		
France	Yes	M	N	1/7		

Gain Function = Misclassification Error

<u>State</u>	Y	N
Italy	<u>2/3</u>	1/3
France	<u>1/2</u>	1/2
Germ	<u>1/2</u>	1/2

Child Imp = $3/7 * 1/3 + 2/7 * 1/2 + 2/7 * 1/2 = 3/7$

<u>Travel</u>	Y	N
Yes	<u>3/4</u>	1/4
No	1/3	<u>2/3</u>

Child Imp = $4/7 * 1/4 + 3/7 * 1/3 = 2/7$

<u>Sex</u>	Y	N
M	<u>2/4</u>	2/4
F	<u>2/3</u>	1/3

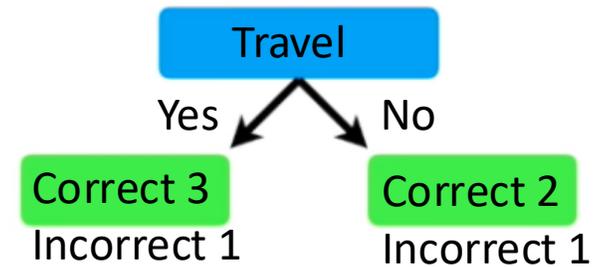
Child Imp = $4/7 * 2/4 + 3/7 * 1/3 = 3/7$

Exercise AdaBoost

state	travel	sex	class	weight	new weight	norm weight
Italy	Yes	F	Y	1/7		
Germ	Yes	M	Y	1/7		
Italy	No	M	N	1/7		
Italy	No	F	Y	1/7		
France	Yes	M	Y	1/7		
Germ	No	F	N	1/7		
France	Yes	M	N	1/7		

Gain Function = Misclassification Error

Split by Travel



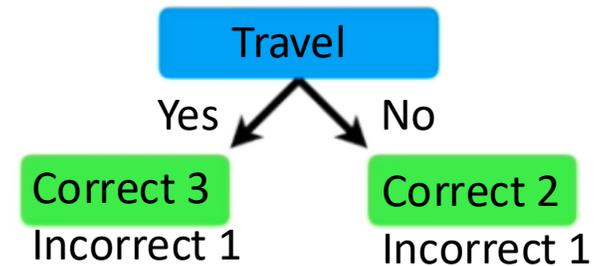
Error = 2/7

Exercise AdaBoost

state	travel	sex	class	weight	new weight	norm weight
Italy	Yes	F	Y	1/7		
Germ	Yes	M	Y	1/7		
Italy	No	M	N	1/7		
Italy	No	F	Y	1/7		
France	Yes	M	Y	1/7		
Germ	No	F	N	1/7		
France	Yes	M	N	1/7		

Gain Function = Misclassification Error

Split by Travel



Error = 2/7

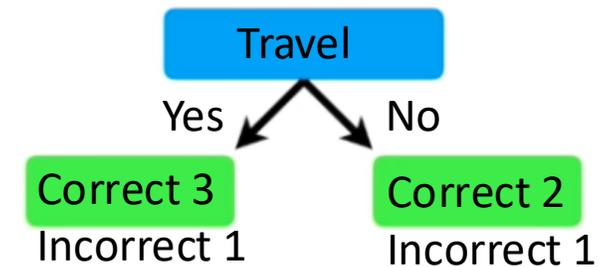
$$\text{Alpha} = 1/2 * \ln((1-2/7)/(2/7)) = 1/2 \ln(5/2) = 0.458$$

Exercise AdaBoost

state	travel	sex	class	weight	new weight	norm weight
Italy	Yes	F	Y	1/7	0.63	
Germ	Yes	M	Y	1/7	0.63	
Italy	No	M	N	1/7	0.63	
Italy	No	F	Y	1/7	1.58	
France	Yes	M	Y	1/7	0.63	
Germ	No	F	N	1/7	0.63	
France	Yes	M	N	1/7	1.58	

Gain Function = Misclassification Error

Split by Travel



Error = 2/7

Alpha = $1/2 * \ln((1-2/7)/(2/7)) = 1/2 \ln(5/2) = 0.458$

$1/7 * e^{0.458} = 1.58$ misclassified

$1/7 * e^{-0.458} = 0.63$ correctly classified

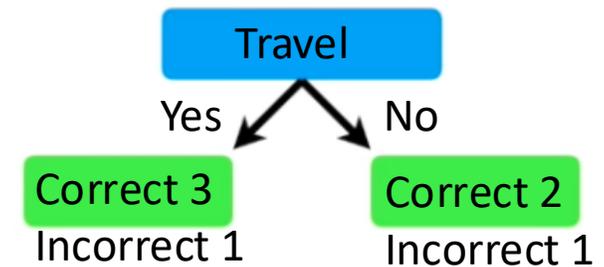
Exercise AdaBoost

state	travel	sex	class	weight	new weight	norm weight
Italy	Yes	F	Y	1/7	0.09	
Germ	Yes	M	Y	1/7	0.09	
Italy	No	M	N	1/7	0.09	
Italy	No	F	Y	1/7	0.23	
France	Yes	M	Y	1/7	0.09	
Germ	No	F	N	1/7	0.09	
France	Yes	M	N	1/7	0.23	

$$Z = 0.91$$

Gain Function = Misclassification Error

Split by Travel



$$\text{Error} = 2/7$$

$$\text{Alpha} = 1/2 * \ln((1-2/7)/(2/7)) = 1/2 \ln(5/2) = 0.458$$

$$1/7 * e^{0.458} = 0.23 \text{ misclassified}$$

$$1/7 * e^{-0.458} = 0.09 \text{ correctly classified}$$

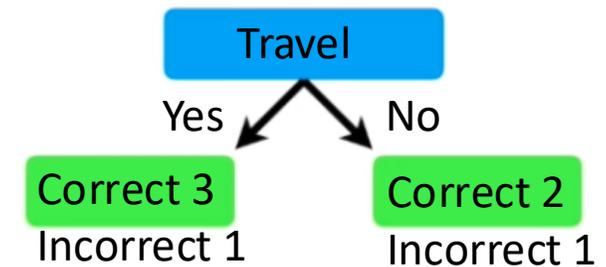
Exercise AdaBoost

state	travel	sex	class	weight	new weight	norm weight
Italy	Yes	F	Y	1/7	0.09	0.09
Germ	Yes	M	Y	1/7	0.09	0.09
Italy	No	M	N	1/7	0.09	0.09
Italy	No	F	Y	1/7	0.23	0.25
France	Yes	M	Y	1/7	0.09	0.09
Germ	No	F	N	1/7	0.09	0.09
France	Yes	M	N	1/7	0.23	0.25

$$Z = 0.91$$

Gain Function = Misclassification Error

Split by Travel



$$\text{Error} = 2/7$$

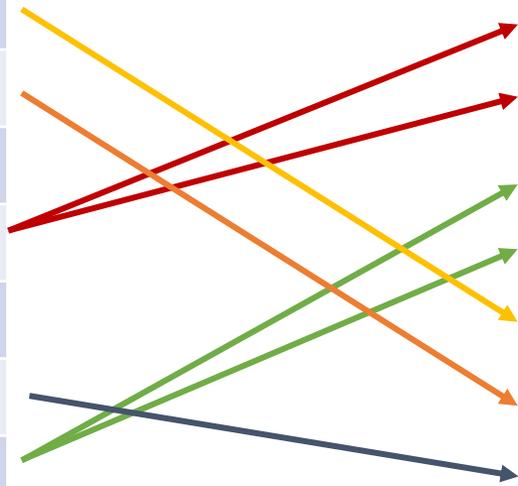
$$\text{Alpha} = 1/2 * \ln((1-2/7)/(2/7)) = 1/2 \ln(5/2) = 0.458$$

$$1/7 * e^{0.458} = 0.23 \text{ misclassified}$$

$$1/7 * e^{-0.458} = 0.09 \text{ correctly classified}$$

Exercise AdaBoost

state	travel	sex	class	weight
Italy	Yes	F	Y	0.09
Germ	Yes	M	Y	0.09
Italy	No	M	N	0.09
Italy	No	F	Y	0.25
France	Yes	M	Y	0.09
Germ	No	F	N	0.09
France	Yes	M	N	0.25



state	travel	sex	class	weight
Italy	No	F	Y	1/7
Italy	No	F	Y	1/7
France	Yes	M	N	1/7
France	Yes	M	N	1/7
Italy	Yes	F	Y	1/7
Germ	Yes	M	Y	1/7
Germ	No	F	N	1/7

Exercise AdaBoost - Classify

state	travel	sex	class
Italy	Yes	F	
Germ	Yes	M	
France	No	M	

If travel = Yes then Y else N - alpha = 0.46

If sex = F then Y else N - alpha = 0.53

If state = Germ then Y else N - alpha = 0.32

