

AdaBoost Tutorial

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Algorithm 1 Discrete AdaBoost

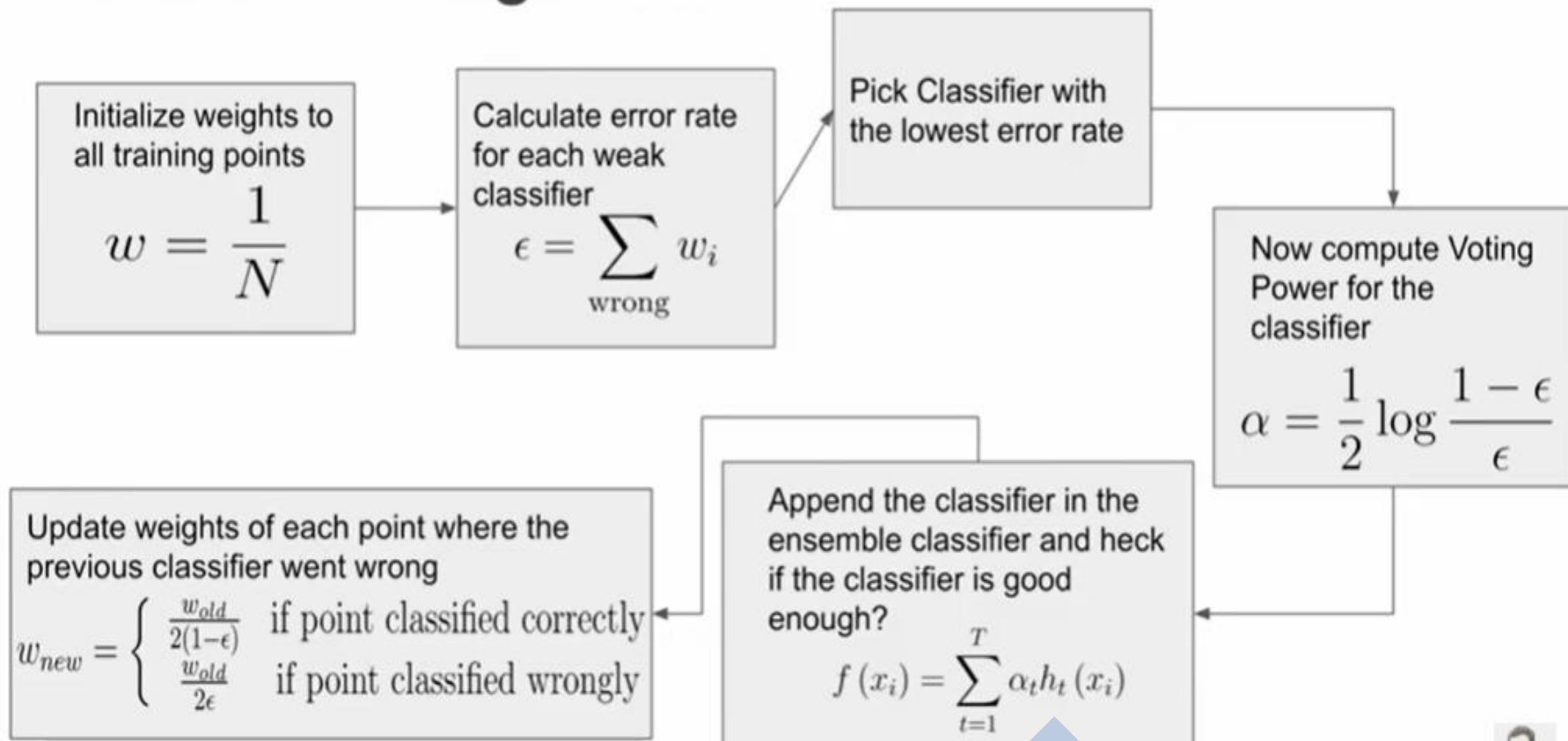
Input: Training data D , number of iterations T , and an initial distribution $w_0(i)$ over the examples.

For $t = 1, \dots, T$:

- Train a weak classifier $h_t = \arg \min_h \sum_{i=1}^n w_{t-1}(i) \mathbf{1}(y_i \neq h(x_i))$.
- Calculate the error of h_t : $\epsilon_t = \sum_{i=1}^n w_{t-1}(i) \mathbf{1}(y_i \neq h_t(x_i))$.
- Set $\alpha_t = \frac{1}{2} \log \frac{1-\epsilon_t}{\epsilon_t}$.
- Set $w_{t+1}(i) = \begin{cases} \frac{w_t(i)}{2(1-\epsilon_t)} & \text{if } y_i = h_{t+1}(x_i) \\ \frac{w_t(i)}{2\epsilon_t} & \text{if } y_i \neq h_{t+1}(x_i) \end{cases}$

Output: Strong classifier $H(x) = \sum_{k=1}^T \alpha_k h_k(x)$.

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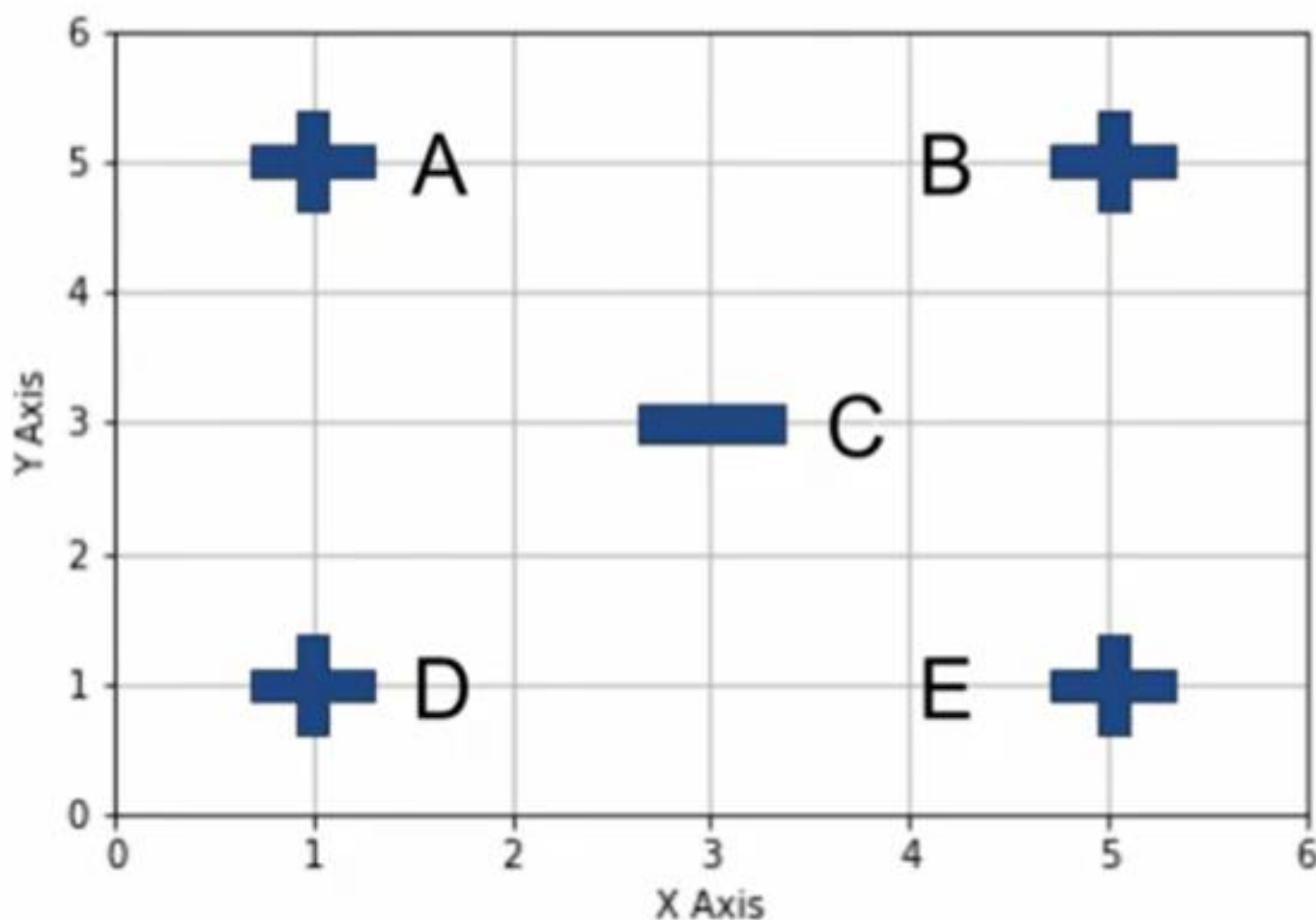
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- Let's start with 5 points.
- 4 points belong to class 1 & are denoted by plus sign.
- 1 point belongs to class 0 and is denoted by minus sign.



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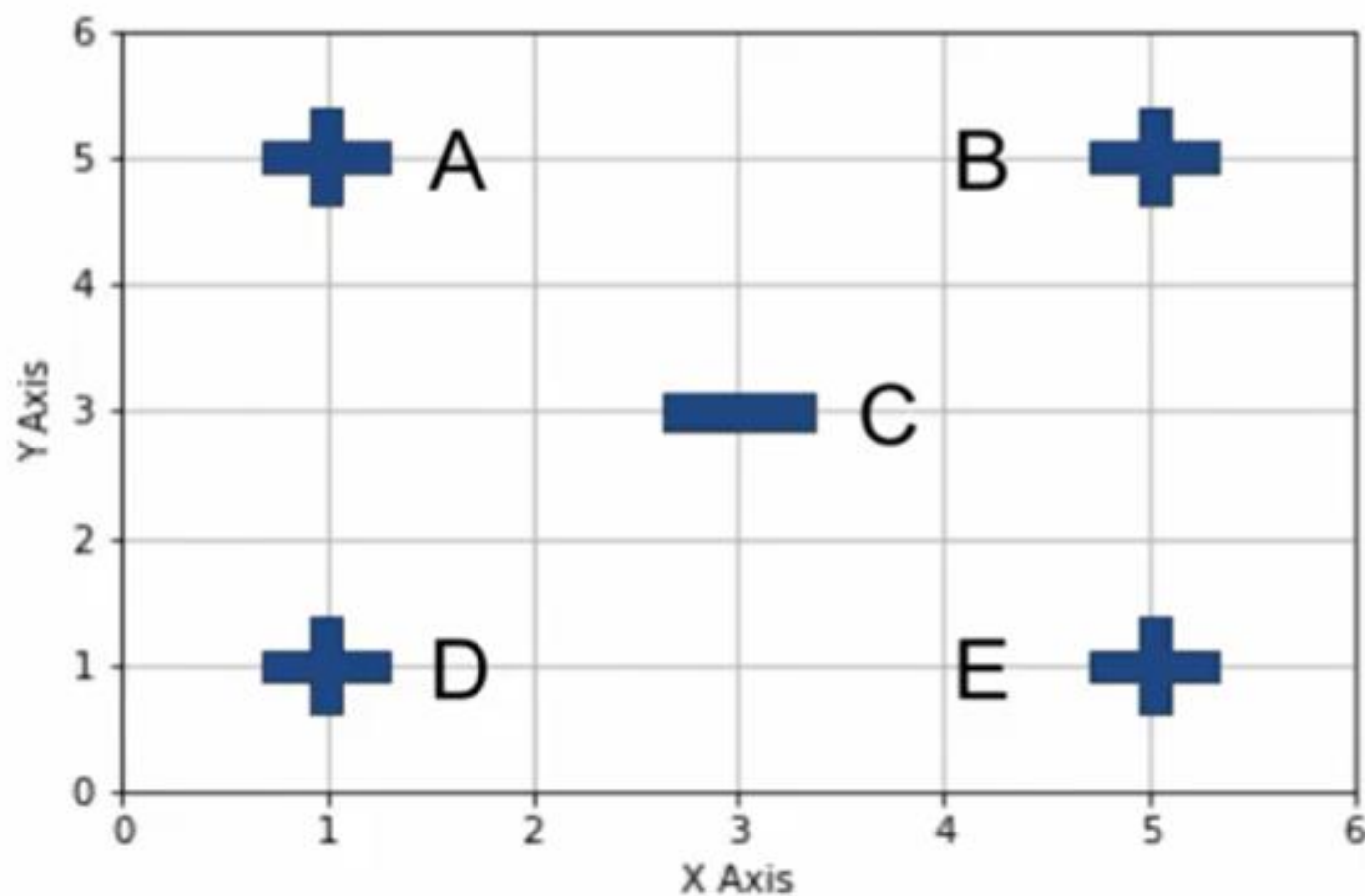
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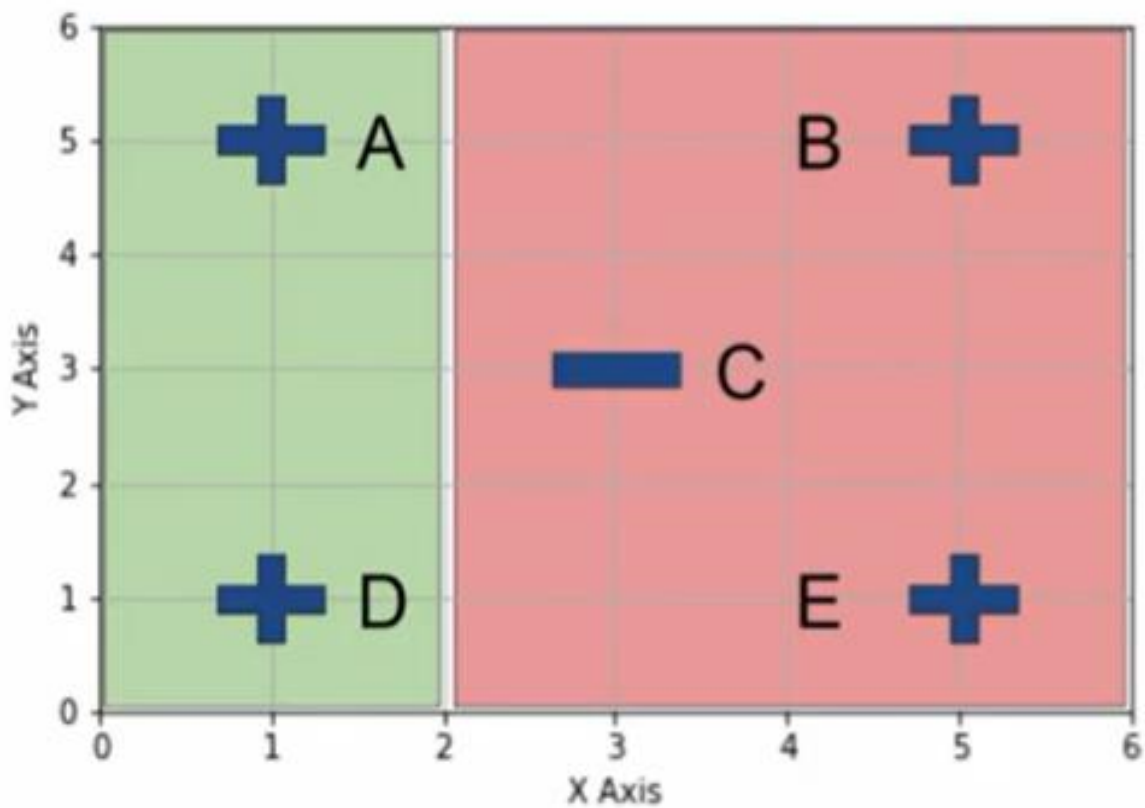
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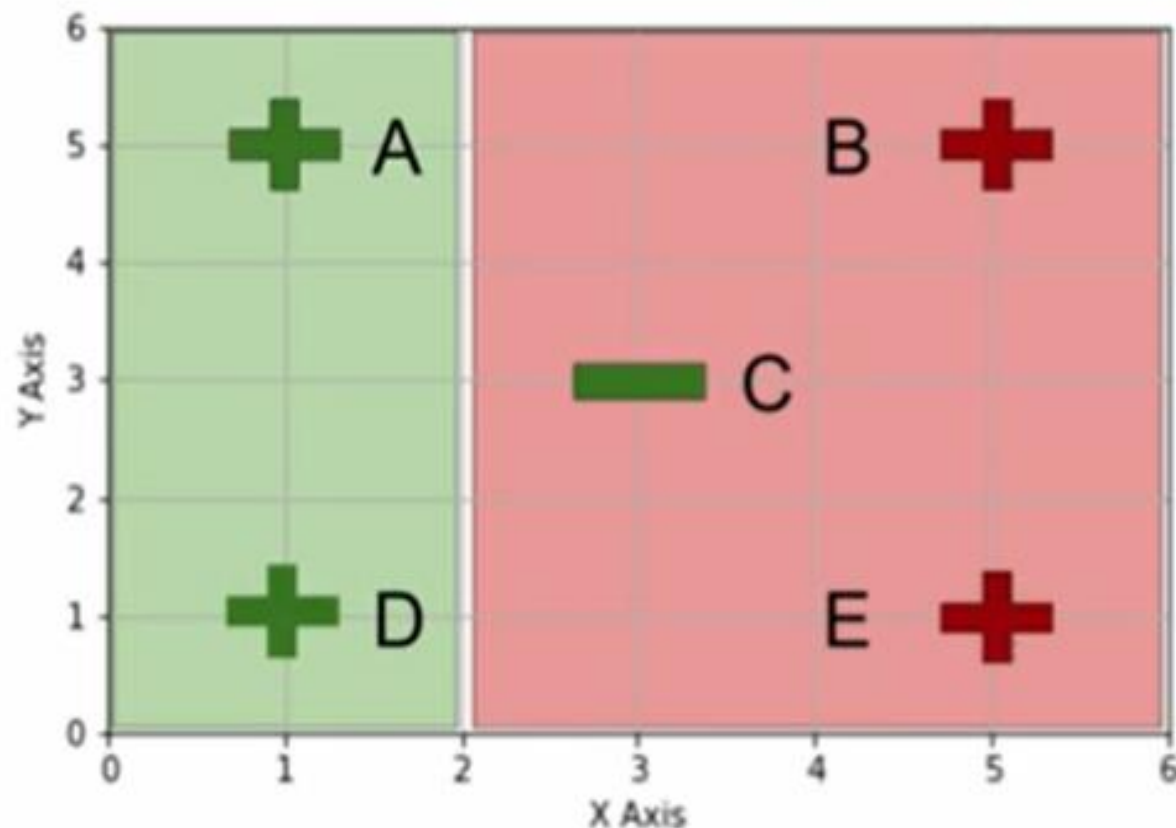
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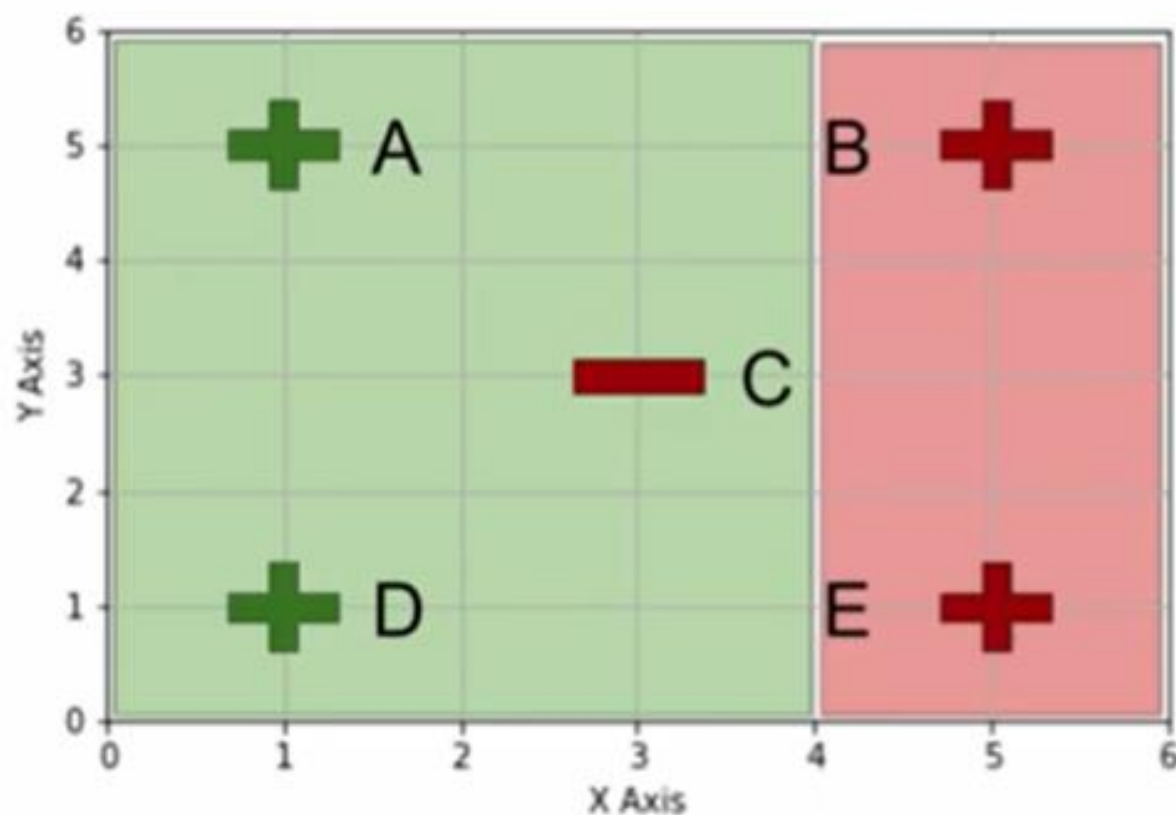
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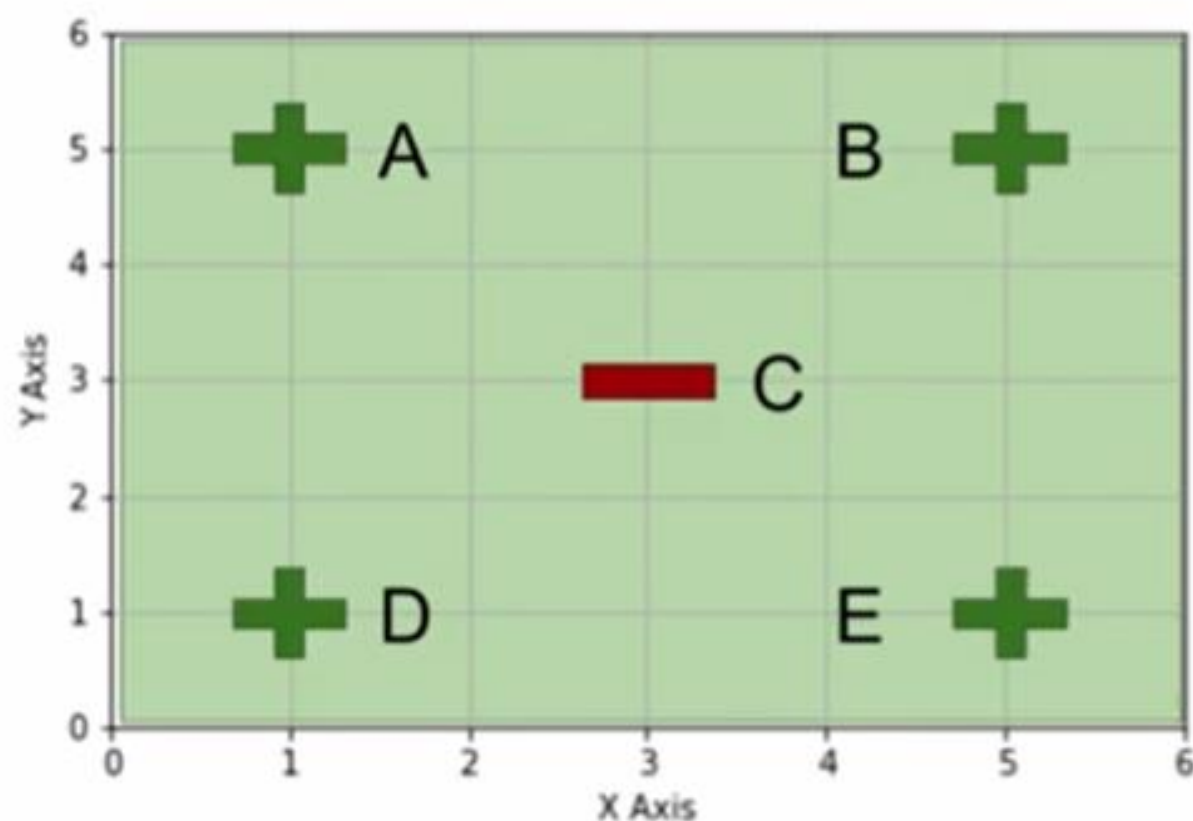
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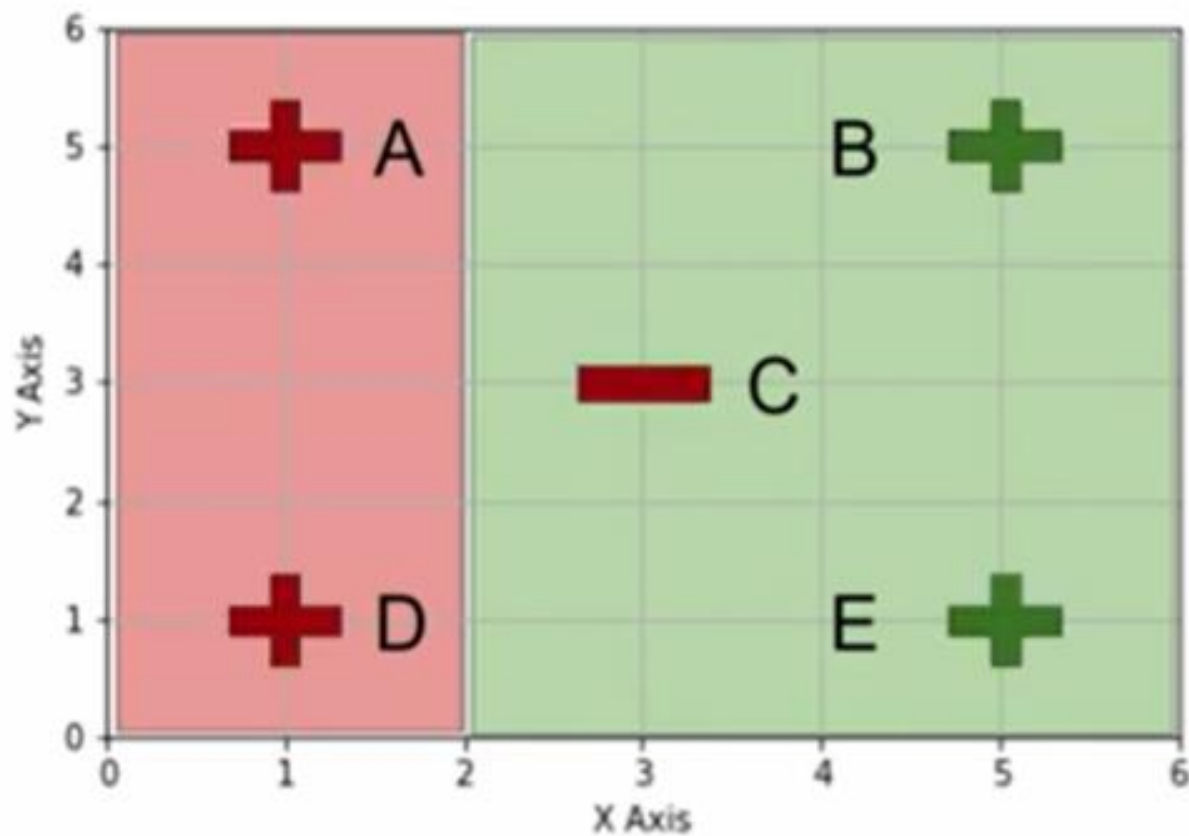
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X > 4		
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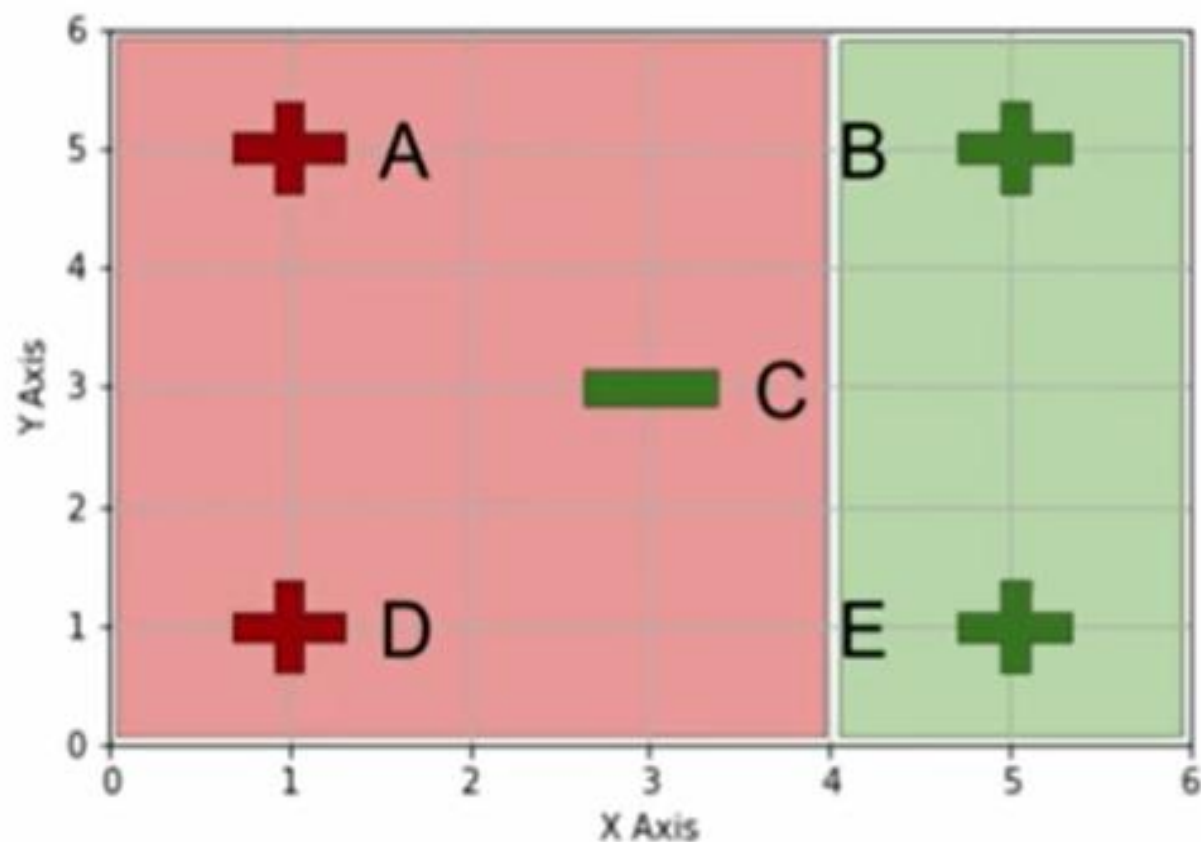
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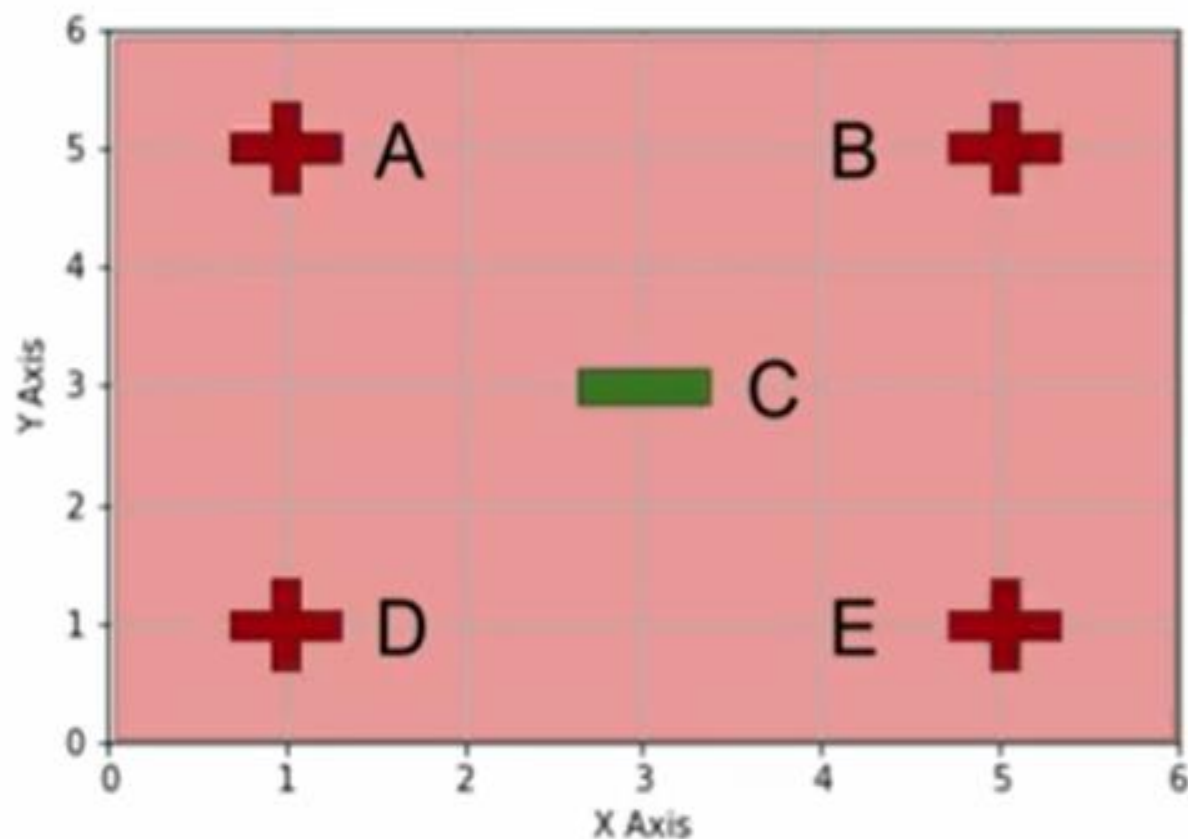
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- Going through the error rates of each classifier, we find that $X < 6$ is the best performing classifier.
- Now, that we have decided on the classifier, let's now find the voting power of the classifier.

Points	Weight
Wa	1/5
Wb	1/5
Wc	1/5
Wd	1/5
We	1/5

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$$\epsilon = 1/5$$

$$\alpha = \frac{1}{2} \log \frac{1 - \frac{1}{5}}{\frac{1}{5}}$$

$$\alpha = \frac{1}{2} \log 4$$

$$h(x) = \frac{1}{2} \log 4 * F(x < 6)$$

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- Points A, B, D and E are correctly classifier.
- Plugging in the value of error = $\frac{1}{5}$ and initial weight of $\frac{1}{5}$ in the 1st equation.
- We get new weight = $\frac{1}{8}$

Points	Weight
Wa	1/8
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- Points C is incorrectly classifier.
- Plugging in the value of error = $\frac{1}{5}$ and initial weight of $\frac{1}{5}$ in the 1st equation.
- We get new weight = $\frac{1}{2}$

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We	1/8



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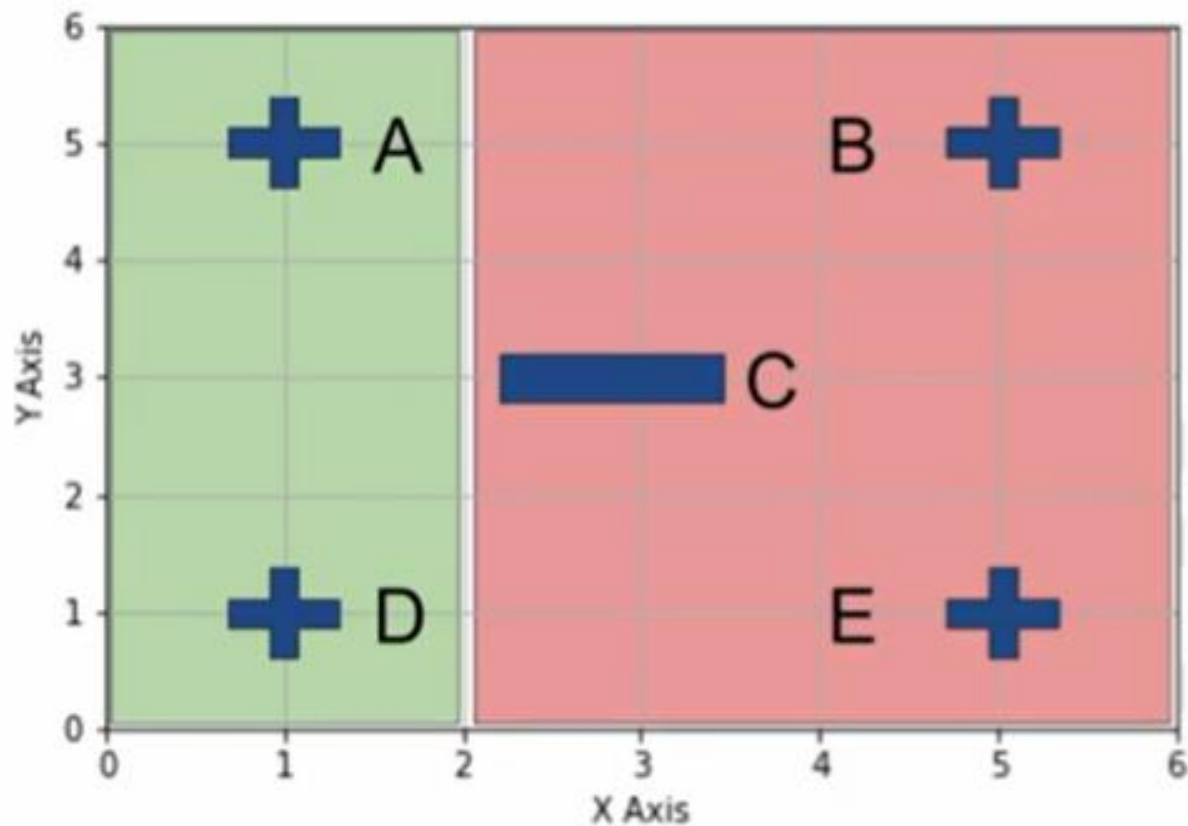
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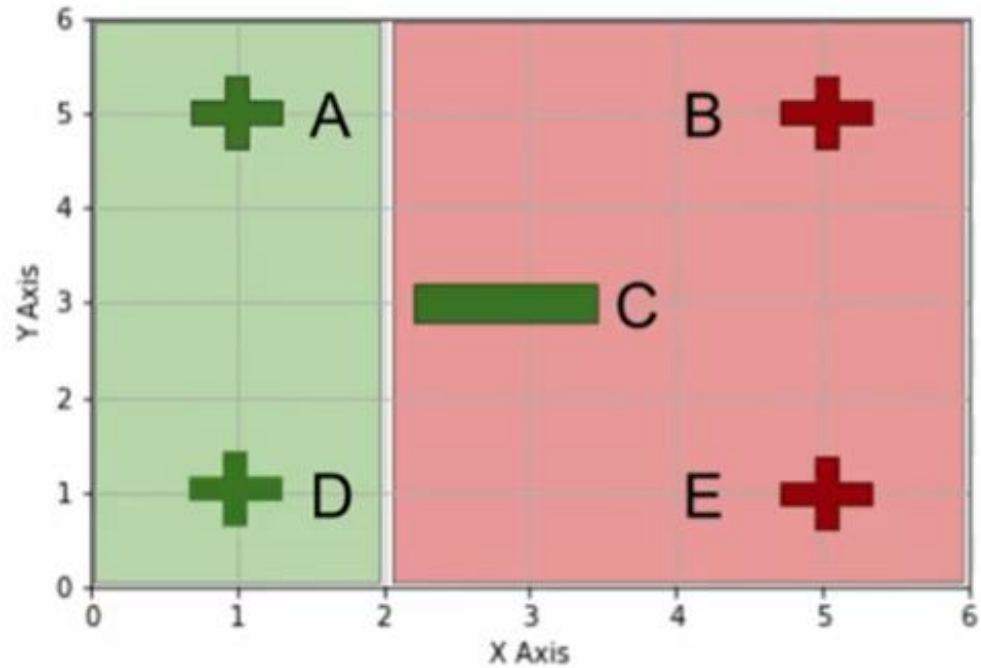
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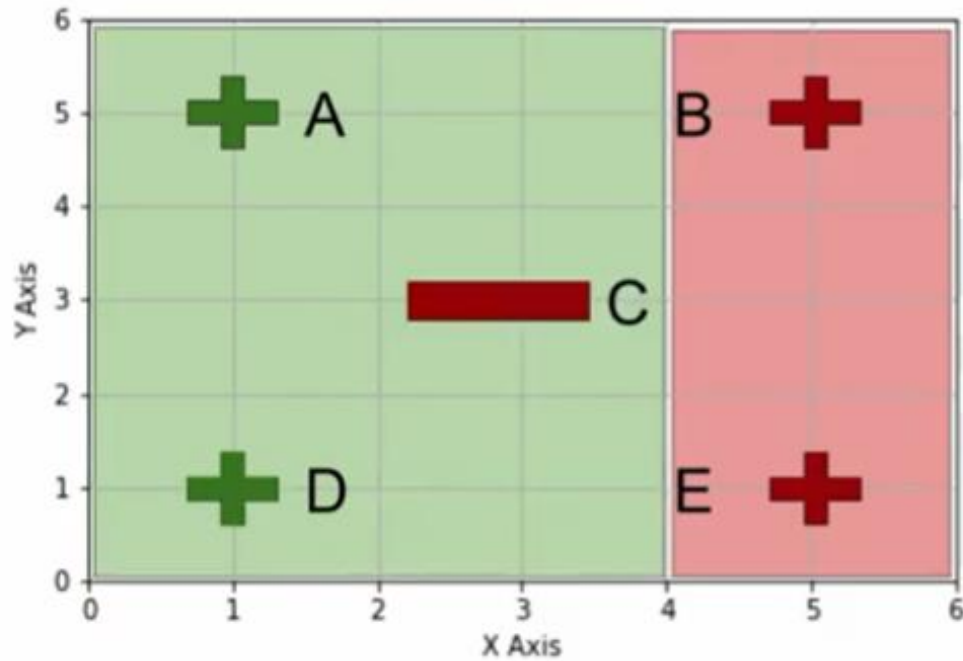
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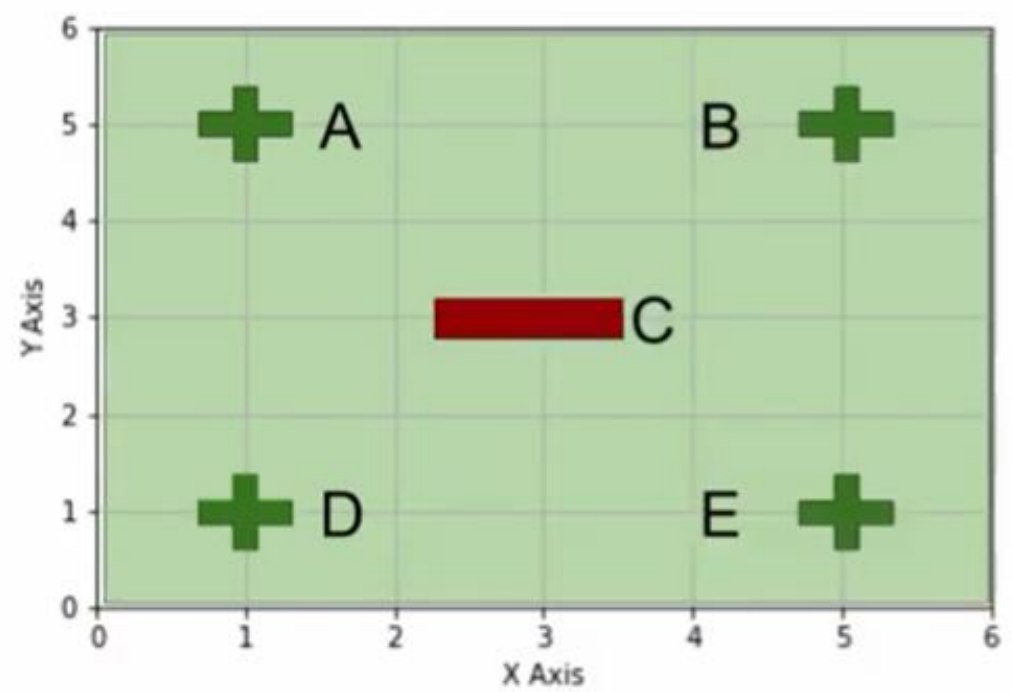
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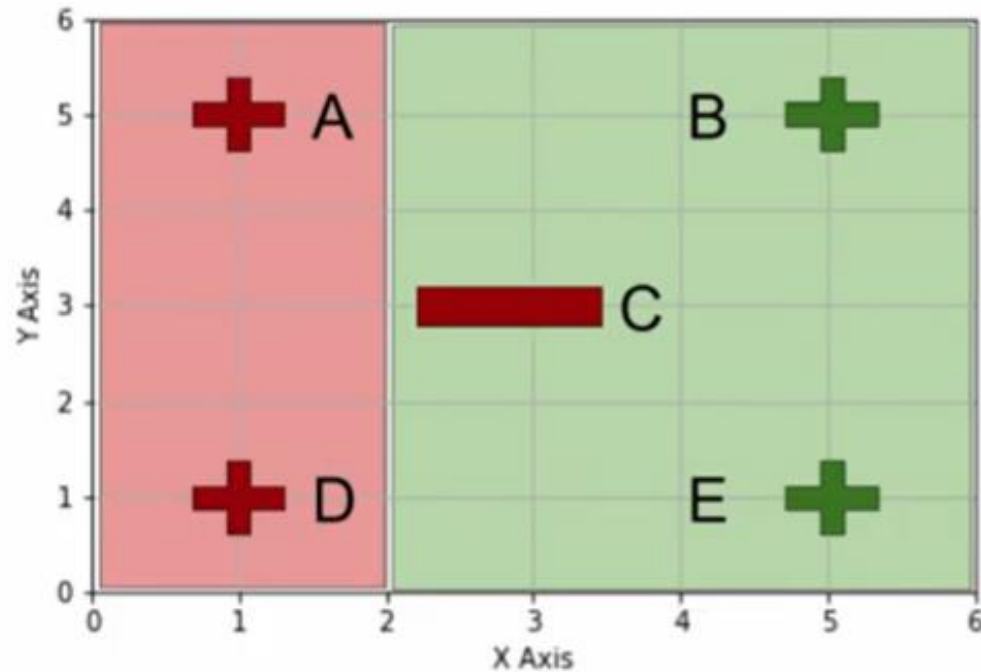
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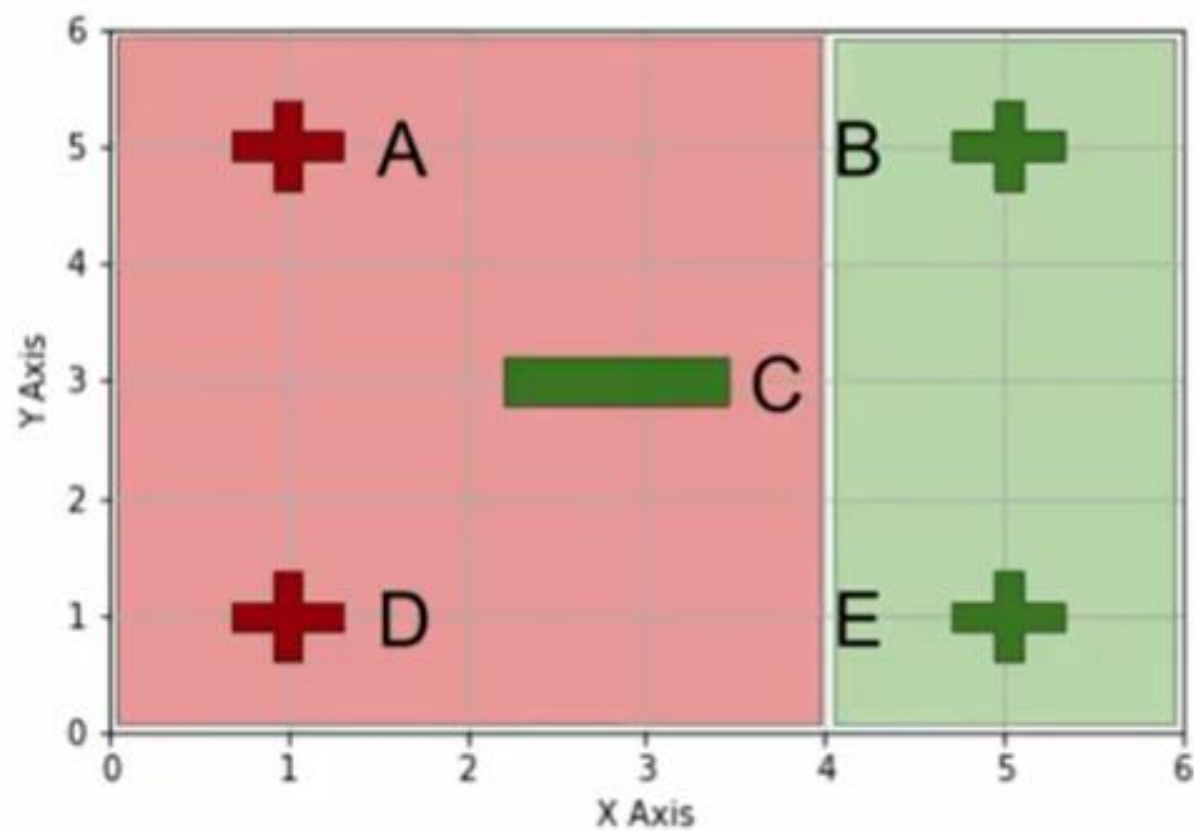
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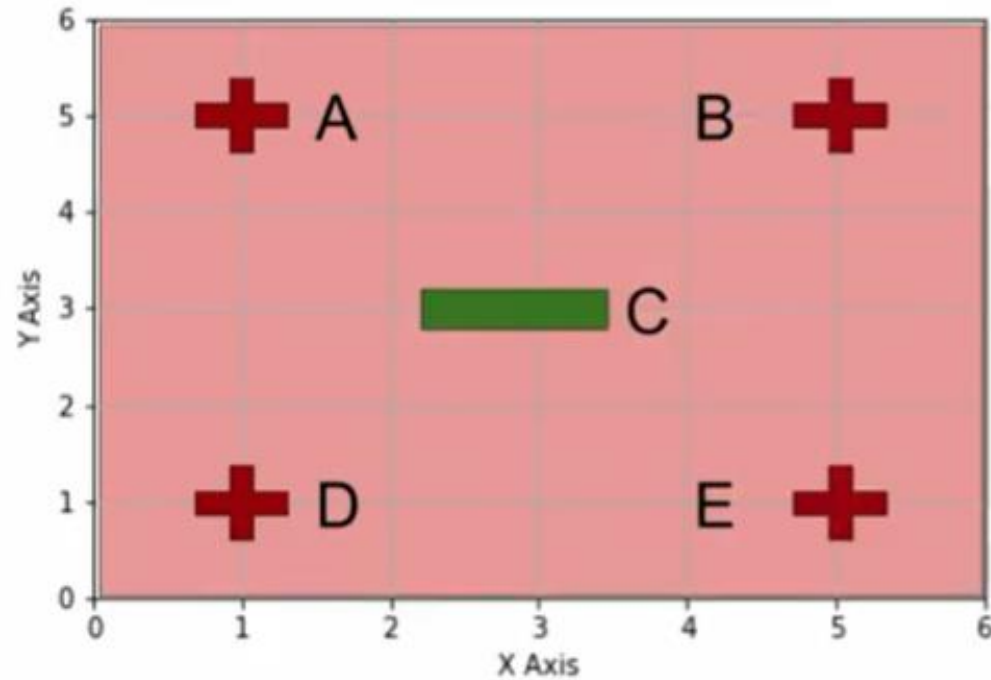
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- Going through the error rates of each classifier, we find that there are 2 candidates $X < 2$ and $X > 4$ with minimum error rate.
- In this round, we will choose the 1st one i.e. $X < 2$ classifier.

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$$\epsilon = 2/8$$

$$\alpha = \frac{1}{2} \log \frac{1-\frac{1}{4}}{\frac{1}{4}}$$

$$\alpha = \frac{1}{2} \log 3$$

$$h(x) = \frac{1}{2} \log 4 * F(x < 6) + \frac{1}{2} \log 3 * F(x < 2)$$

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- Points B and E are incorrectly classified.
- Plugging in the value of error = 2/8 and initial weights from previous round we get the following points weight table

Points	Weight
Wa	1/12
Wb	3/12
Wc	4/12
Wd	1/12
We	3/12

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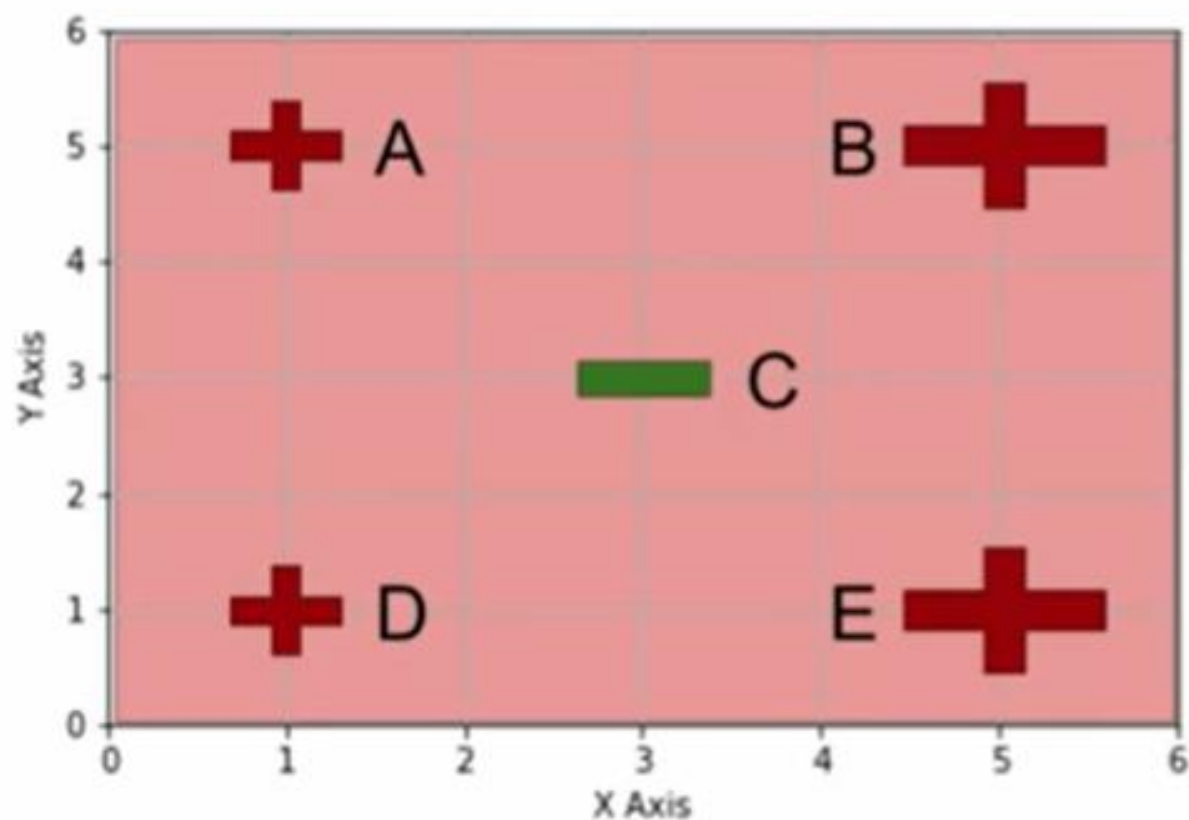
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C	Wrong	Error
$X < 2$	B & E	1/2
$X < 4$	B, C & E	10/12
$X < 6$	C	4/12
$X > 2$	A, D & C	1/2
$X > 4$	A, D	2/12
$X > 6$	A, B, D, E	8/12

- Going through the error rates of each classifier, we find that $X > 4$ is the classifier with minimum error rate.
- In this round, we will choose $X > 4$ classifier.

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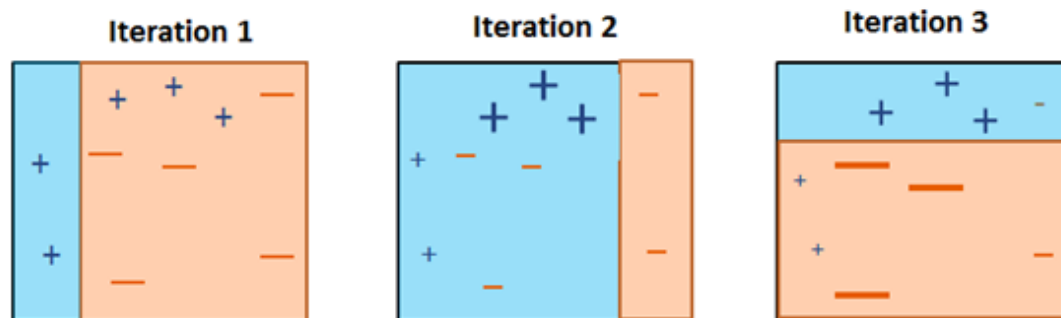
$$\epsilon = 1/6$$

$$\alpha = \frac{1}{2} \log \frac{1-\frac{1}{6}}{\frac{1}{6}}$$

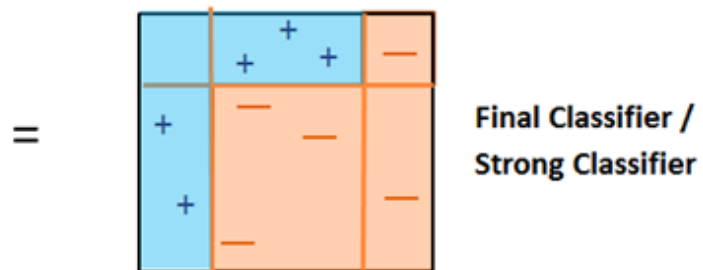
$$\alpha = \frac{1}{2} \log 5$$

$$h(x) = \frac{1}{2} \log 4 * F(x < 6) + \frac{1}{2} \log 3 * F(x < 2) + \frac{1}{2} \log 5 * F(x > 4)$$

AdaBoost Classifier Working Principle with Decision Stump as a Base Classifier



$$H = \text{sign} \left(0.38 \times \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \text{blue} \\ \hline \end{array} + 0.58 \times \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \text{blue} \\ \hline \end{array} + 0.87 \times \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \text{orange} \\ \hline \end{array} \right)$$



Thank You