

Advanced Machine Learning



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Recap - Weak learnability

Definition (γ -Weak-Learnability)

A learning algorithm, A, is a γ -weak-learner for a class \mathcal{H} if there exists a function $m_{\mathcal{H}}:(0,1) \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ such that:

- for every $\delta > 0$ *(confidence)*
- for every labeling $f \in \mathcal{H}, f: \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \{-1, +1\}$ *(realizability case)*
- for every distribution \mathcal{D} over \mathcal{X}

when we run the learning algorithm A on a training set, consisting of $m \geq m_{\mathcal{H}}(\delta)$ examples sampled i.i.d. from \mathcal{D} and labeled by f , the algorithm A returns a hypothesis h (h might not be from \mathcal{H} - improper learning) such that, with probability at least $1-\delta$ (over the choice of examples), $L_{\mathcal{D},f}(h) \leq 1/2 - \gamma$.

A hypothesis class \mathcal{H} is γ -weak-learnable if there exists a γ -weak-learner for that class.

Recap - Weak vs Strong learnability

Strong learnability implies the ability to find an arbitrarily good classifier (with error rate at most ε for an arbitrarily small $\varepsilon > 0$).

In weak learnability, however, we only need to output a hypothesis whose error rate is at most $1/2 - \gamma$, namely, whose error rate is slightly better than what a random labeling would give us.

The hope is that it may be easier to come up with *efficient* weak learners than with efficient (strong) PAC learners. If we have access to an *efficient* weak learner, can we use it to build an *efficient* strong learner?

We will see that strong learnability \Leftrightarrow weak learnability

\Rightarrow easy to show, based on the definition

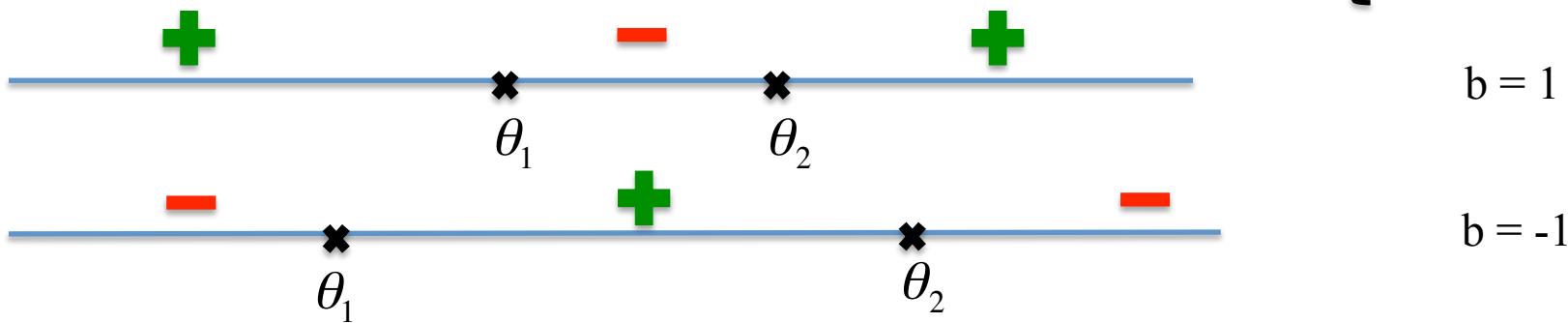
\Leftarrow use boosting (improper learning algorithm) that combines weak learners to obtain a strong learner.

If the learning problem is hard, boosting cannot help as we can't find efficient weak learners.

Recap - Weak learnability - example

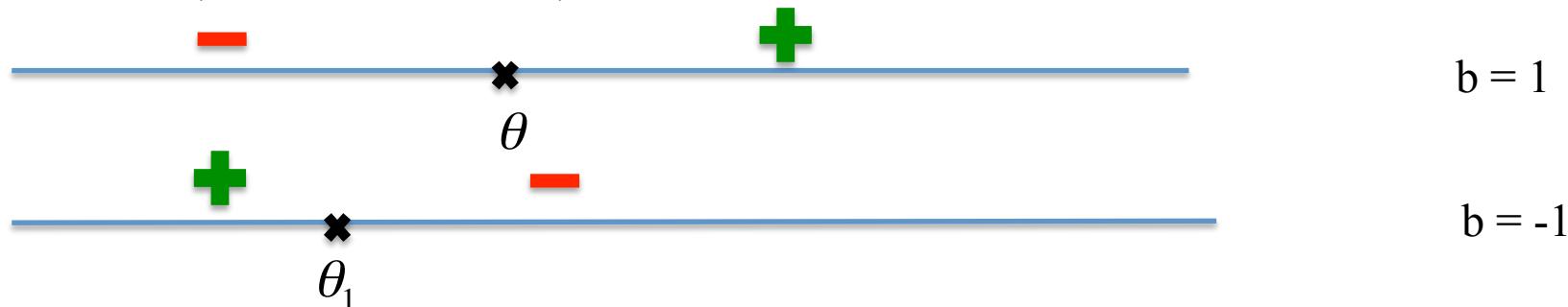
Let $\mathcal{X} = \mathbb{R}$, \mathcal{H} is the class of 3-piece classifiers (signed intervals):

$$H = \{h_{\theta_1, \theta_2, b} \mid \theta_1, \theta_2 \in \mathbb{R}, \theta_1 < \theta_2, b \in \{-1, +1\}\} \quad h_{\theta_1, \theta_2, b}(x) = \begin{cases} +b, & \text{if } x < \theta_1 \text{ or } x > \theta_2 \\ -b, & \text{if } \theta_1 \leq x \leq \theta_2 \end{cases}$$



Consider \mathcal{B} the class of Decision Stumps = class of 1-node decision trees

$$\mathcal{B} = \{h_{\theta, b} : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \{-1, 1\}, h_{\theta, b}(x) = \text{sign}(x - \theta) \times b, \theta \in \mathbb{R}, b \in \{-1, +1\}\}.$$



$\text{ERM}_{\mathcal{B}}$ is a γ -weak learner for \mathcal{H} , for $\gamma < 1/6$.

Efficient implementation of ERM for Decision Stumps

In practice, we use the following base hypothesis class of decision stumps over \mathbf{R}^d for weak learners:

$$\mathcal{H}_{DS}^d = \{h_{i,\theta,b}: \mathbf{R}^d \rightarrow \{-1, 1\}, h_{i,\theta,b}(\mathbf{x}) = \text{sign}(\theta - x_i) \times b, 1 \leq i \leq d, \theta \in \mathbf{R}, b \in \{-1, +1\}\}$$

-pick a coordinate i (from 1 to d), project the input $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_d)$ on the i -th coordinate and obtain x_i , if $x_i \leq \text{threshold } \theta$ label the example with b , else with $-b$

Efficient implementation of the ERM rule for the class \mathcal{H}_{DS}^d in $O(d \times m \times \log_2 m)$.

Today's lecture: Overview

- Boosting
- Face detection with AdaBoost

A formal description of boosting

Given:

- training set $S = ((\mathbf{x}_1, y_1), \dots, (\mathbf{x}_m, y_m))$ of size m , $y_i \in \{-1, +1\}$
- weak learner
- T – number of rounds

For $t = 1, \dots, T$ (number of rounds):

- construct distribution $\mathbf{D}^{(t)}$ on $\{1, \dots, m\}$ ($\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \dots, \mathbf{x}_m$)
- find weak classifier (“rule of thumb”) $h_t : X \rightarrow \{-1, +1\}$ with error $\varepsilon_t < 0.5$ on $\mathbf{D}^{(t)}$:
$$\varepsilon_t = \Pr_{i \sim D^{(t)}}[h_t(x_i) \neq y_i] = \sum_{i=1}^m D^{(t)}(i) \times 1_{[h_t(x_i) \neq y_i]}$$
- output final/combined classifier h_{final} using all the learned weak classifiers h_t .
Each round involves building the distribution $\mathbf{D}^{(t)}$ as well as a single call to the weak learner. Therefore, if the weak learner can be implemented efficiently (as happens in the case of ERM with respect to decision stumps – improper learning) then the total training process will be efficient. Different variants of boosting comes from constructing distribution $\mathbf{D}^{(t)}$ + obtaining the final classifier h_{final}

First boosting algorithms

- [Schapire ‘89]:
 - first provable boosting algorithm
- [Freund ‘90]:
 - “optimal” algorithm that “boosts by majority”
- [Drucker, Schapire & Simard ‘92]:
 - first experiments with boosting
 - limited by practical drawbacks
- [Freund & Schapire ‘95]:
 - introduced “AdaBoost” algorithm
 - strong practical advantages over previous boosting algorithms

AdaBoost

- construct distribution $\mathbf{D}^{(t)}$ on $\{1, \dots, m\}$:

- $\mathbf{D}^{(1)}(i) = 1/m$
- given $\mathbf{D}^{(t)}$ and h_t : $D^{(t+1)}(i) = \frac{D^{(t)}(i) \times e^{-w_t h_t(x_i) y_i}}{Z_{t+1}}$

where Z_{t+1} normalization factor ($\mathbf{D}^{(t+1)}$ is a distribution): $Z_{t+1} = \sum_{i=1}^m D^{(t)}(i) \times e^{-w_t h_t(x_i) y_i}$

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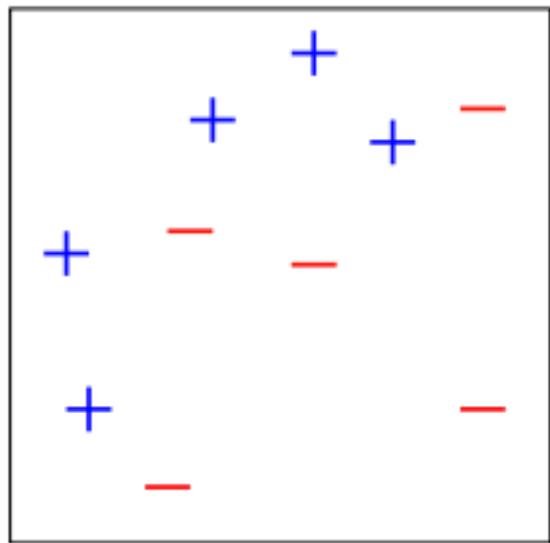
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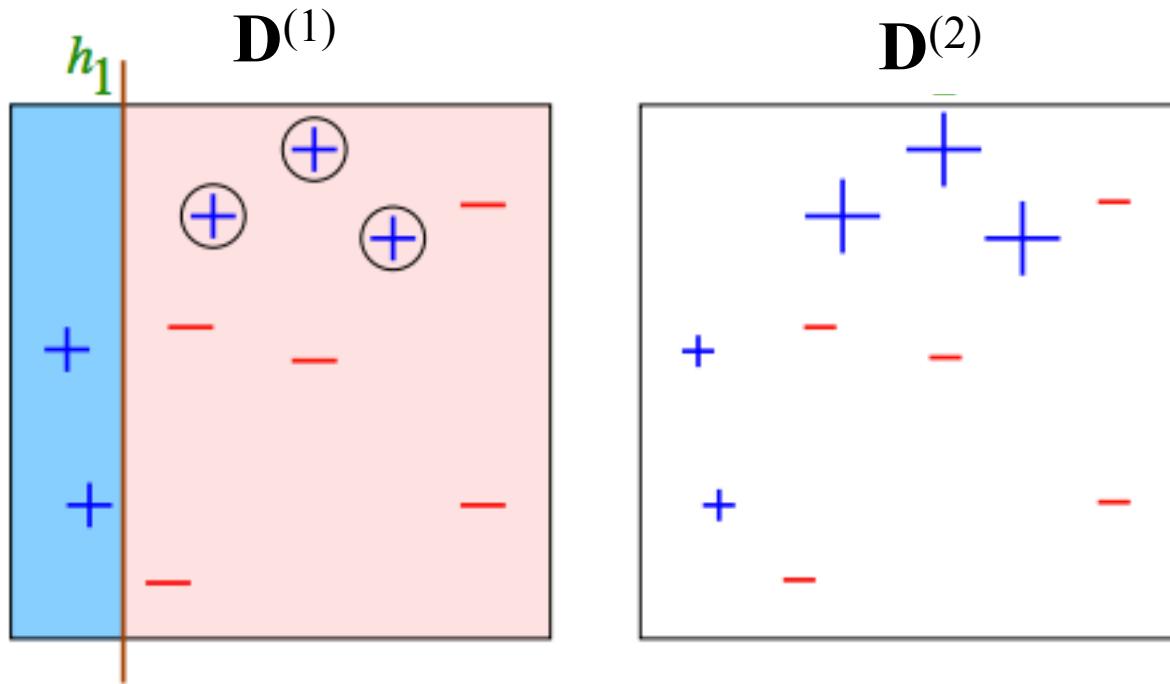
Toy example

$\mathbf{D}^{(1)}$



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Toy example – Round 1

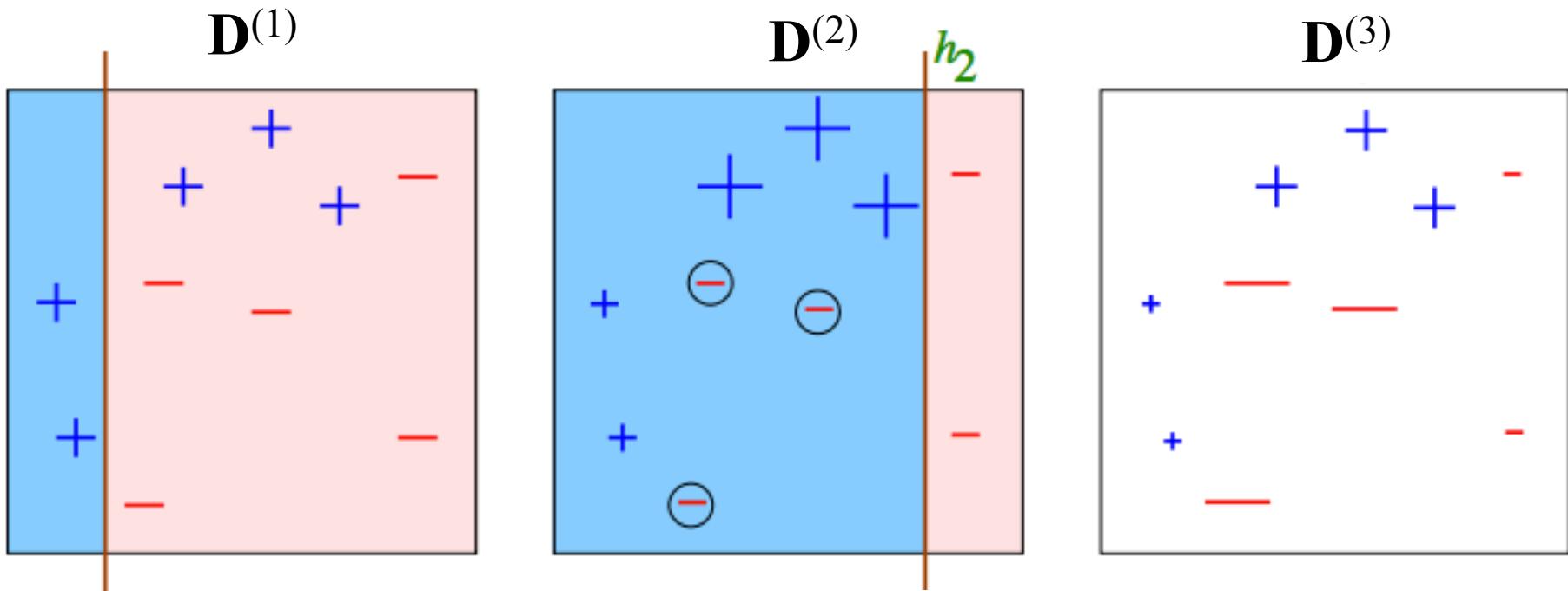


$$\varepsilon_1 = 0.30$$

$$w_1 = 0.42$$

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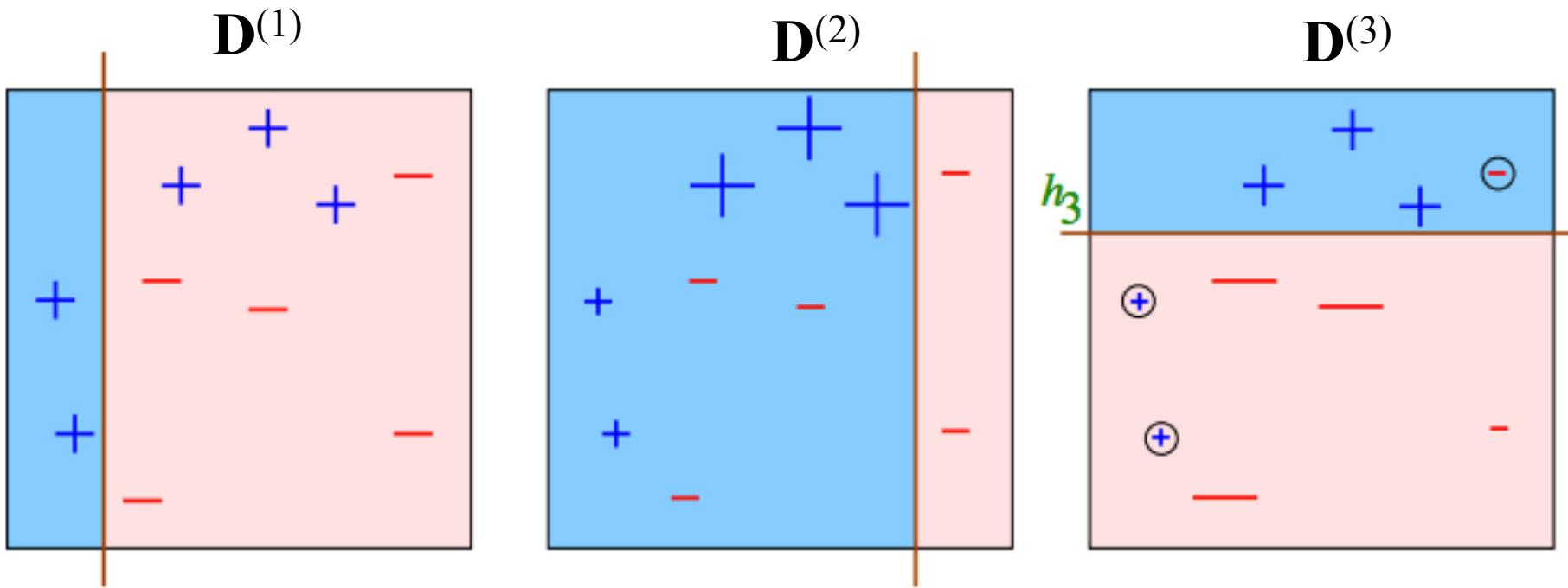
Toy example – Round 2



$$\begin{aligned}\varepsilon_2 &= 0.21 \\ w_2 &= 0.65\end{aligned}$$

Weak classifiers = vertical or horizontal half- planes = hypothesis from \mathcal{H}_{DS}^2

Toy example – Round 3

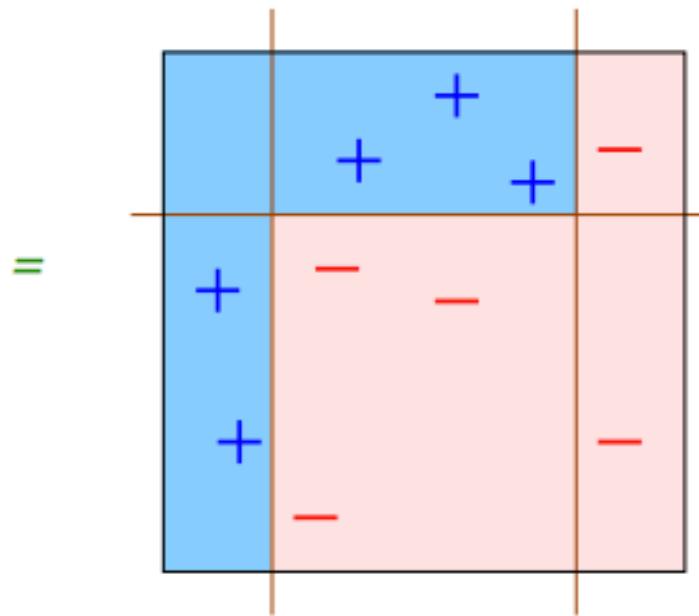
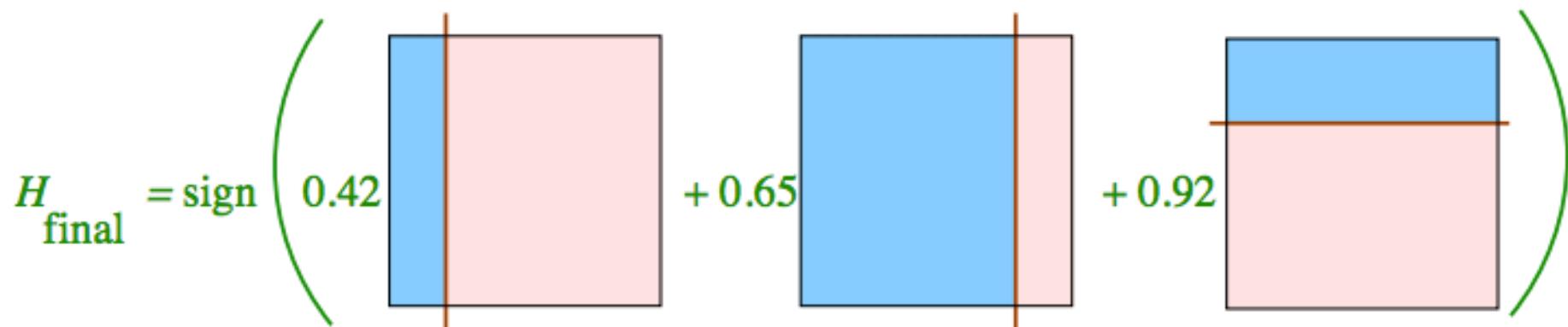


$$\varepsilon_3 = 0.14$$

$$w_3 = 0.92$$

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Toy example – final classifier



Bound on the training error

Theorem

Let S be a training set and assume that at each iteration of AdaBoost, the weak learner returns a hypothesis for which the error $\varepsilon_t \leq 1/2 - \gamma$, where $\gamma > 0$. Then, the training error of the output hypothesis of AdaBoost after T rounds is at most:

$$L_S(h_{final}) \leq e^{-2\gamma^2 T}$$

Proof

-in the book, apply some mathematical tricks that do not present interest for us to discuss

So we can asymptotically obtain zero training error, provided we make many rounds T and we are able to find weak learners that return a hypothesis for which the error $\varepsilon_t \leq 1/2 - \gamma$, where $\gamma > 0$.

Of course, we are interested in the generalization error.

Generalization error for AdaBoost

Remember from lecture 8 (use of the Sauer lemma):

for every \mathcal{D} and every $\delta \in (0,1)$, with probability of at least $1 - \delta$ over the choice of $S \sim \mathcal{D}^m$ we have:

$$|L_{\mathcal{D}}(h) - L_S(h)| \leq \frac{4 + \sqrt{\log(\tau_H(2m))}}{\delta \sqrt{2m}} \leq \frac{4 + \sqrt{d \log(2em/d)}}{\delta \sqrt{2m}} \leq \frac{2\sqrt{d \log(2em/d)}}{\delta \sqrt{2m}}$$

where $d = \text{VCdim}(\mathcal{H})$, \mathcal{H} is the class from which h_{final} comes.

As T grows, we have seen that $L_S(h_{final}) \rightarrow 0$.

As T grows, what happens with the $\text{VCdim}(\mathcal{H})$?

Generalization error for AdaBoost

A popular approach for constructing a weak learner is to apply the ERM rule with respect to a base hypothesis class \mathcal{B} (e.g., ERM over $\mathcal{H}_{\text{DS}}^d$ = decision stumps in d dimensions).

Given a base hypothesis class \mathcal{B} (e.g., decision stumps), the output of AdaBoost will be a member of the following class:

$$L(\mathcal{B}, T) = \{h: \mathbf{R}^d \rightarrow \{-1, 1\}, h(x) = \text{sign}(\sum_{t=1}^T w_t h_t(x)) \ , w \in \mathbf{R}^T, h \in \mathcal{B}\}$$

Remember the bias-complexity tradeoff: decompose the error of a predictor that chooses h_S from a restricted class \mathcal{H} into two components:

$$L_D(h_S) = \varepsilon_{\text{app}} + \varepsilon_{\text{est}}$$

Generalization error for AdaBoost

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The approximation error (ε_{app})

the minimum risk achievable by a predictor in the hypothesis class \mathcal{H}
it is determined only by \mathcal{H} , enlarging it decreases the approximation error

$$\varepsilon_{\text{app}} = \min_{h \in H} L_D(h)$$

the expressiveness of $L(\mathcal{B}, T)$ grows with T
in other words, the approximation error decreases with T

The estimation error (ε_{est})

it measures how well our particular sample let us estimate the best classifier
the quality of this estimation depends on the training set size and on the size
(complexity) of \mathcal{H}

we'll show that the estimation error increases with T
therefore, the parameter T of AdaBoost enables us to control the bias-complexity trade-off

Generalization error for AdaBoost

Lemma

Let \mathcal{B} be a base class and let $L(\mathcal{B}, T)$ be as defined as previously:

$$L(\mathcal{B}, T) = \{h: \mathbf{R}^d \rightarrow \{-1, 1\}, h(x) = \text{sign}\left(\sum_{t=1}^T w_t h_t(x)\right), w \in \mathbf{R}^T, h \in \mathcal{B}\}$$

Assume that both T and $\text{VCdim}(\mathcal{B})$ are at least 3. Then, we have that:

$$\text{VCdim}(L(\mathcal{B}, T)) \leq T \times (\text{VCdim}(\mathcal{B}) + 1) \times (3 \times \log(T \times (\text{VCdim}(\mathcal{B}) + 1)) + 2).$$

Proof

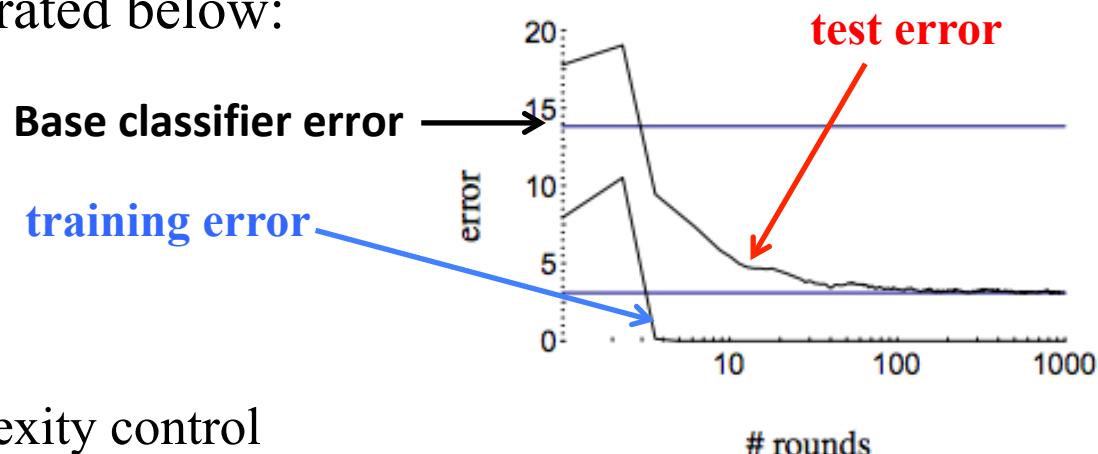
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Generalization error for AdaBoost

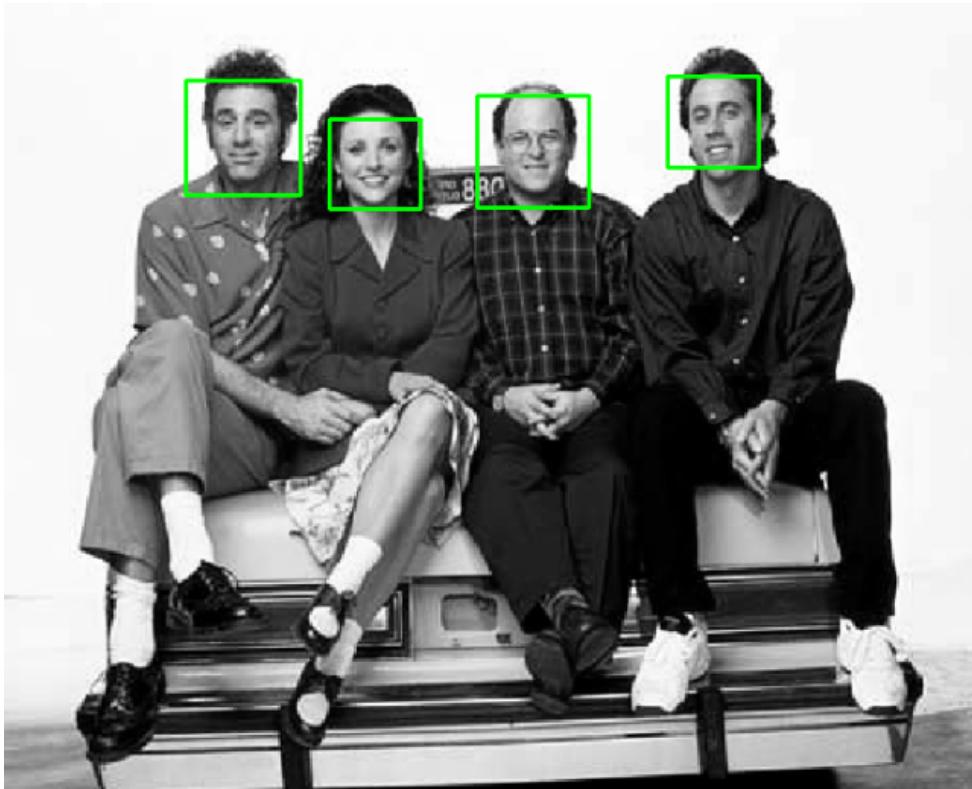
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The upper bound grows as $O(T \times \text{VCdim}(\mathcal{B}) \times \log(T \times \text{VCdim}(\mathcal{B})))$, thus, the bound suggests that AdaBoost could overfit for large values of T , and indeed this can occur.

However, in many cases, it has been observed empirically that the generalization error of AdaBoost decreases as a function of the number of rounds of boosting T , as illustrated below:



- number of rounds T is complexity control
- use validation set + “early stopping” to select T



Face detection with AdaBoost

P. Viola and M. Jones. [*Rapid object detection using a boosted cascade of simple features.*](#)
CVPR 2001.

P. Viola and M. Jones. [*Robust real-time face detection.*](#) IJCV 57(2), 2004.

Face detection vs face recognition



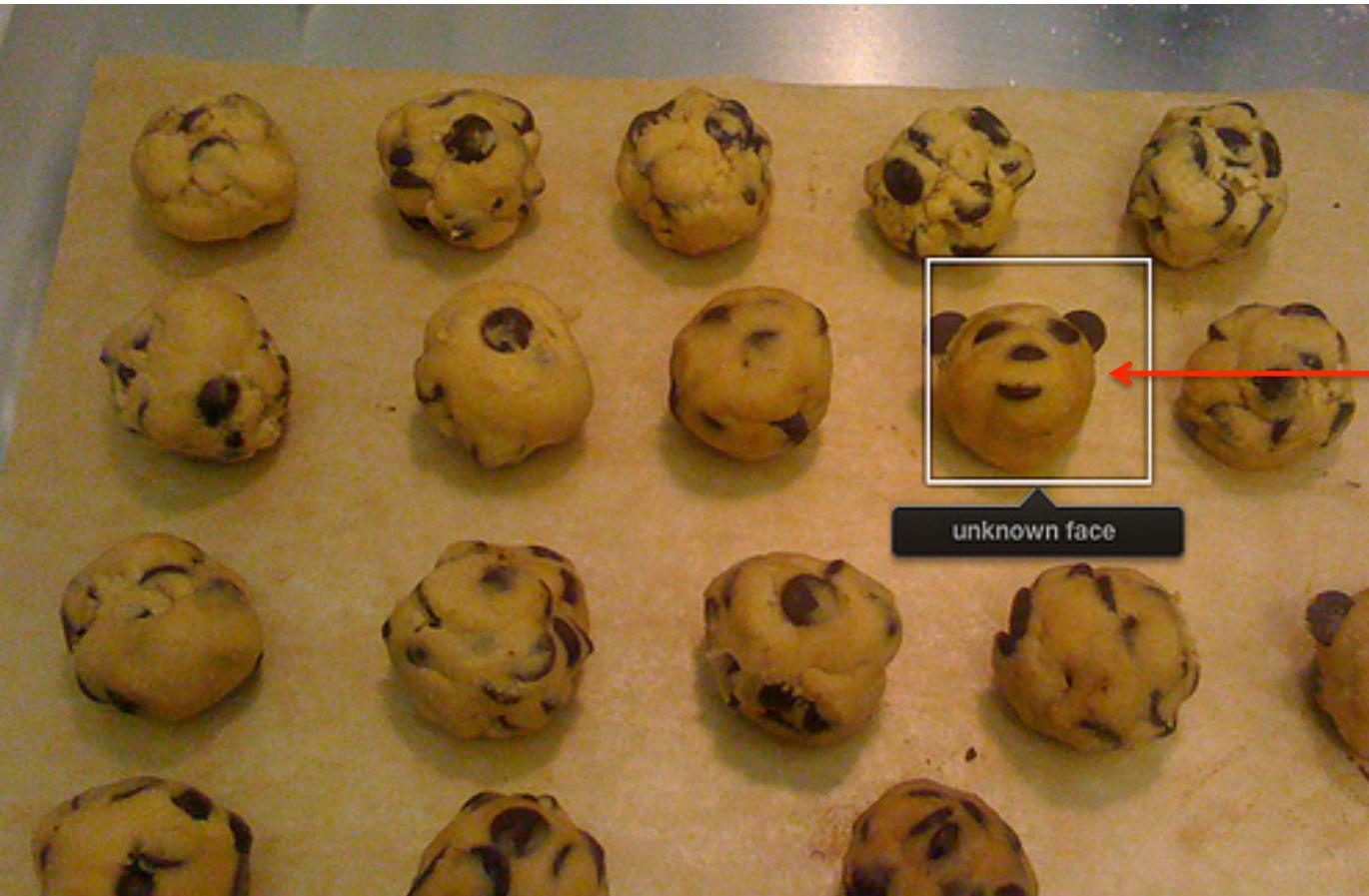
Detection



Recognition

“Maria”

Precision



$$PRECISION = \frac{TP}{TP + FP}$$

TP – true positives, FP – false positives

Recall



ZOOM



$$RECALL = \frac{TP}{TP + FN}$$

TP – true positives, FN – false negatives

Viola-Jones face detector

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Abstract

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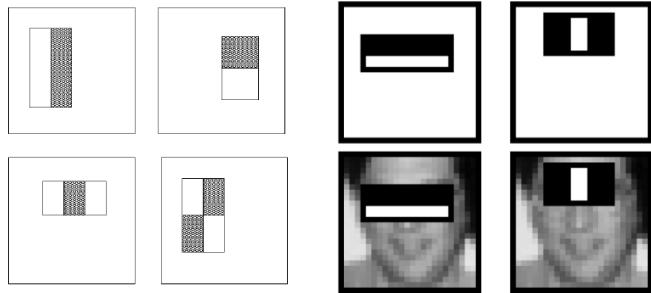
tected at 15 frames per second on a conventional 700 MHz Intel Pentium III. In other face detection systems, auxiliary information, such as image differences in video sequences,

Viola-Jones face detector

Main idea:

- represent local texture with efficiently computable “rectangular” features within window of interest
- select discriminative features to be weak classifiers
- use boosted combination of them as final classifier
- form a cascade of such classifiers, rejecting clear negatives quickly

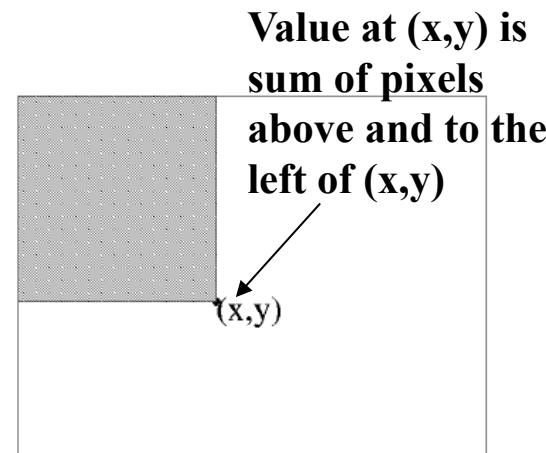
Viola-Jones face detector: features



“Rectangular” filters

Feature output is difference between adjacent regions

Efficiently computable with integral image: any sum can be computed in constant time.

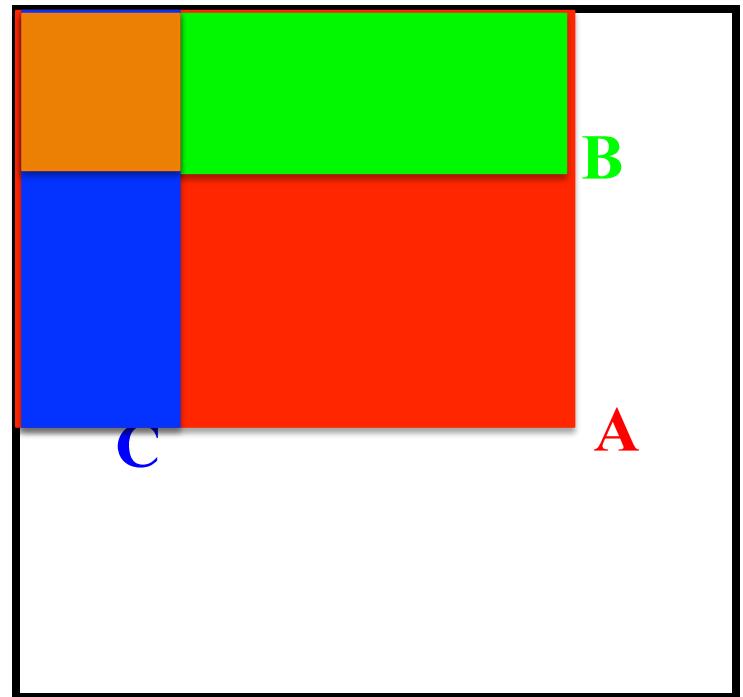


Integral image

Computing sum within a rectangle

- Let A,B,C,D be the values of the integral image at the corners of a rectangle
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$$\text{sum} = \text{A} - \text{B} - \text{C} + \text{D}$$



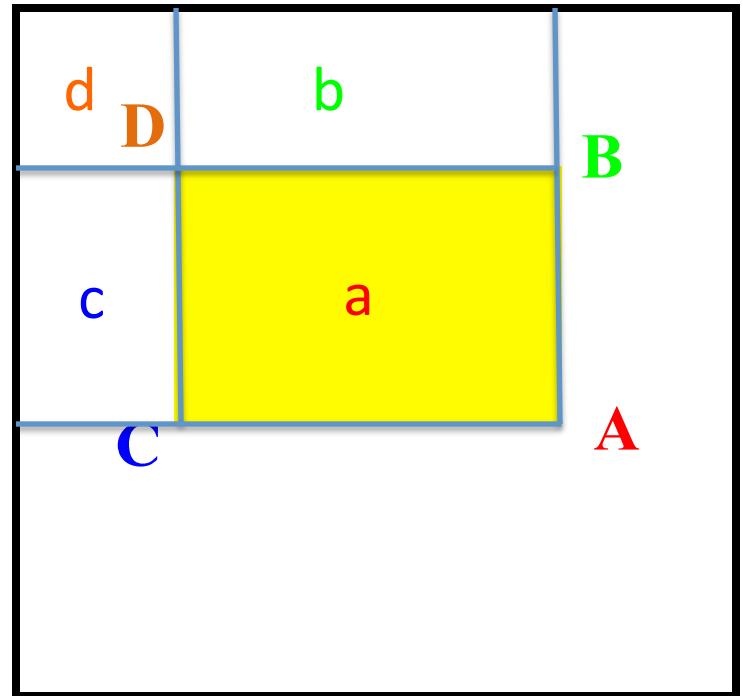
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- Only 3 operations (one addition and two subtractions) are required for any size of rectangle!

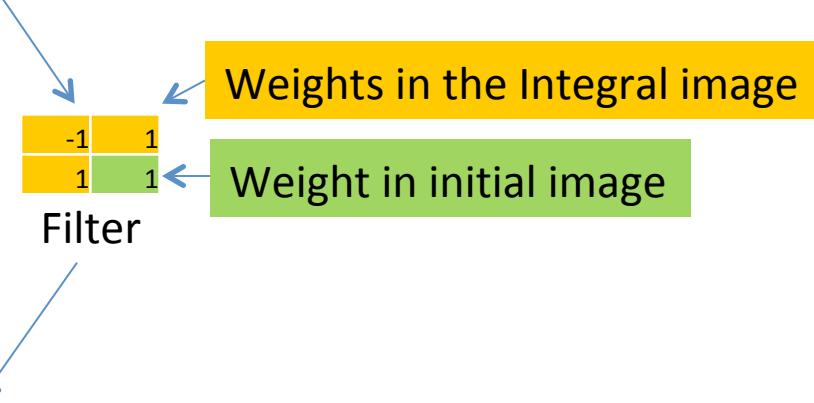
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Initial image

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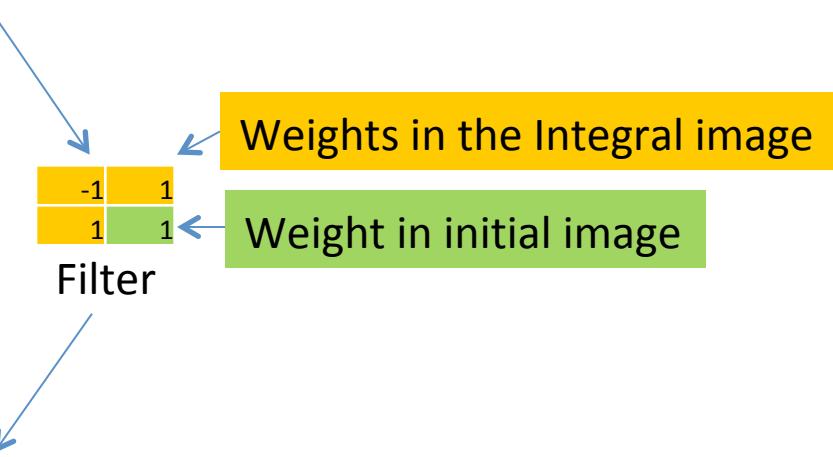
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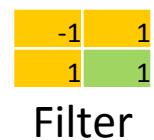
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Integral image



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Weights in the Integral image

Weight in initial image

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Filter

Weights in the Integral image

Weight in initial image

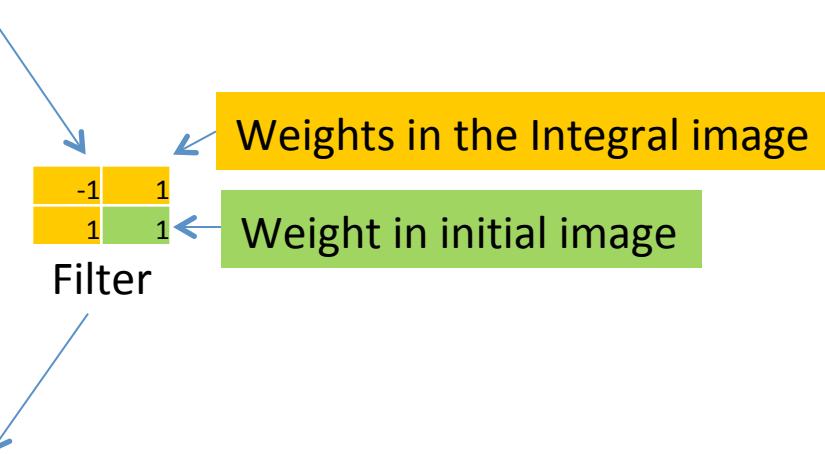
Building the integral image

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Initial image

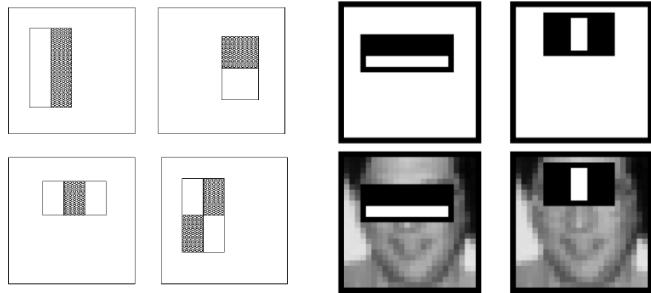
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| 85 | 126 | 212 | 230 | 260 | 293 | 321 | 352 | 404 | 479 |
| 93 | 137 | 238 | 278 | 313 | 347 | 395 | 436 | 500 | 597 |
| 101 | 152 | 254 | 316 | 370 | 433 | 487 | 548 | 621 | 745 |
| 117 | 175 | 288 | 367 | 436 | 501 | 580 | 660 | 762 | 896 |
| 151 | 235 | 377 | 487 | 561 | 632 | 741 | 838 | 944 | 1088 |
| 184 | 296 | 468 | 582 | 684 | 776 | 911 | 1013 | 1151 | 1316 |
| 185 | 315 | 500 | 619 | 748 | 856 | 1019 | 1140 | 1310 | 1498 |
| 197 | 340 | 541 | 683 | 825 | 940 | 1124 | 1250 | 1422 | 1625 |

Integral image



$O(N)$ operations!
N is # pixels in the image

Viola-Jones face detector: features

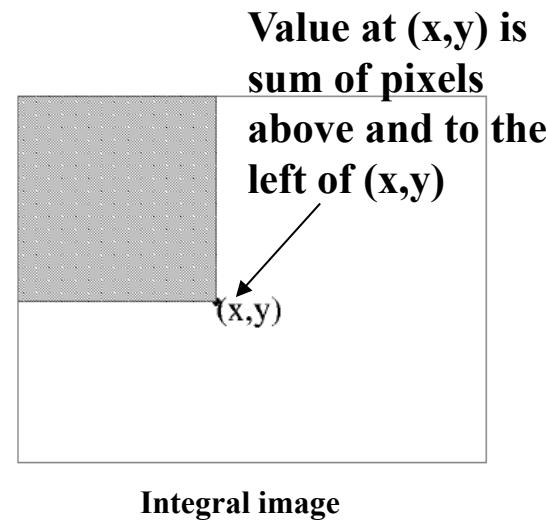


“Rectangular” filters

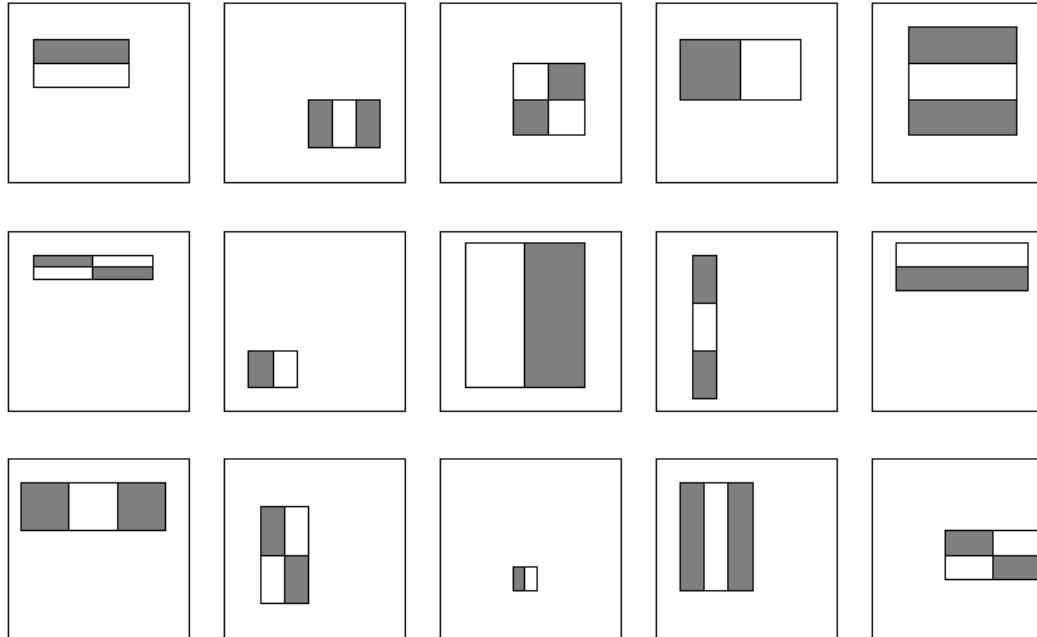
Feature output is difference between adjacent regions

Efficiently computable with integral image: any sum can be computed in constant time

Avoid scaling images → scale features directly for same cost



Viola-Jones face detector: features



Considering all possible filter parameters:
position, scale, and type:

180,000+ possible
features associated with
each 24 x 24 window

Which subset of these features should we use to determine if a window has a face?

Use AdaBoost both to select the informative features and to form the classifier

Training data

Faces

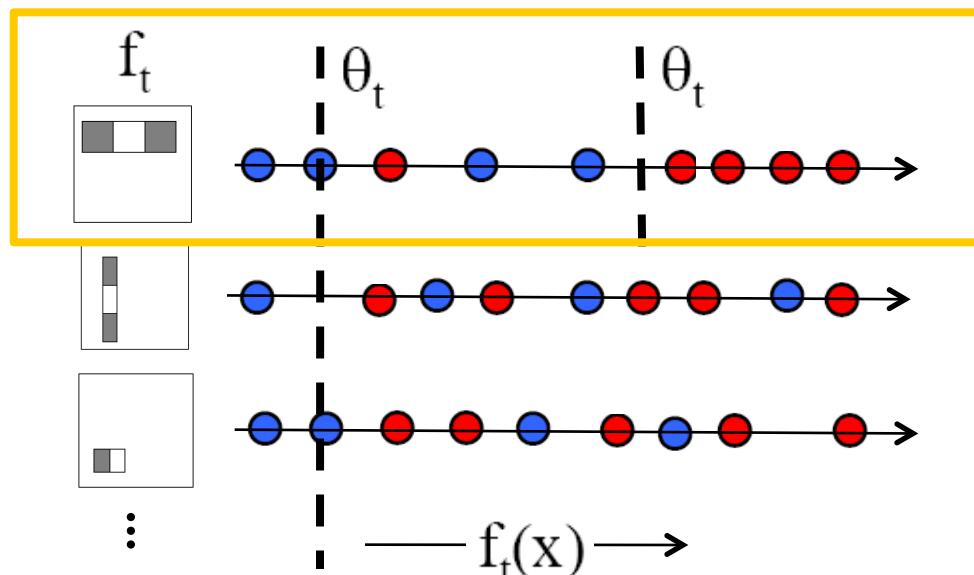


non-Faces



Viola-Jones detector: AdaBoost

- Want to select the single rectangle feature and threshold that best separates **positive** (faces) and **negative** (non-faces) training examples, in terms of *weighted* error.



Outputs of a possible rectangle feature on faces and non-faces.

Resulting weak classifier:

minimum number of examples are misclassified. A weak classifier $h_j(x)$ thus consists of a feature f_j , a threshold θ_j and a parity p_j indicating the direction of the inequality sign:

$$h_j(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } p_j f_j(x) < p_j \theta_j \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

For next round, reweight the examples according to errors, choose another filter/threshold combo.

The resulting weak classifier is in fact from $\mathcal{H}_{DS}^d = \{h_{i,\theta,b}: \mathbf{R}^d \rightarrow \{-1,1\}\}$,
 $h_{i,\theta,b}(x) = \text{sign}(\theta - x_i) \times b, 1 \leq i \leq d, \theta \in \mathbf{R}, b \in \{-1,+1\}\}$

- Given example images $(x_1, y_1), \dots, (x_n, y_n)$ where $y_i = 0, 1$ for negative and positive examples respectively.
- Initialize weights $w_{1,i} = \frac{1}{2m}, \frac{1}{2l}$ for $y_i = 0, 1$ respectively, where m and l are the number of negatives and positives respectively.
- For $t = 1, \dots, T$:

- Normalize the weights,

$$w_{t,i} \leftarrow \frac{w_{t,i}}{\sum_{j=1}^n w_{t,j}}$$

so that w_t is a probability distribution.

- For each feature, j , train a classifier h_j which is restricted to using a single feature. The error is evaluated with respect to w_t , $\epsilon_j = \sum_i w_i |h_j(x_i) - y_i|$.
- Choose the classifier, h_t , with the lowest error ϵ_t .
- Update the weights:

$$w_{t+1,i} = w_{t,i} \beta_t^{1-\epsilon_t}$$

where $e_i = 0$ if example x_i is classified correctly, $e_i = 1$ otherwise, and $\beta_t = \frac{\epsilon_t}{1-\epsilon_t}$.

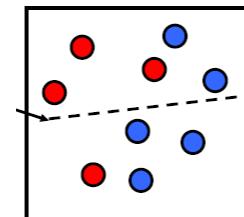
- The final strong classifier is:

$$h(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \sum_{t=1}^T \alpha_t h_t(x) \geq \frac{1}{2} \sum_{t=1}^T \alpha_t \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

where $\alpha_t = \log \frac{1}{\beta_t}$

AdaBoost Algorithm

Start with uniform weights on training examples



$\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$

For T rounds

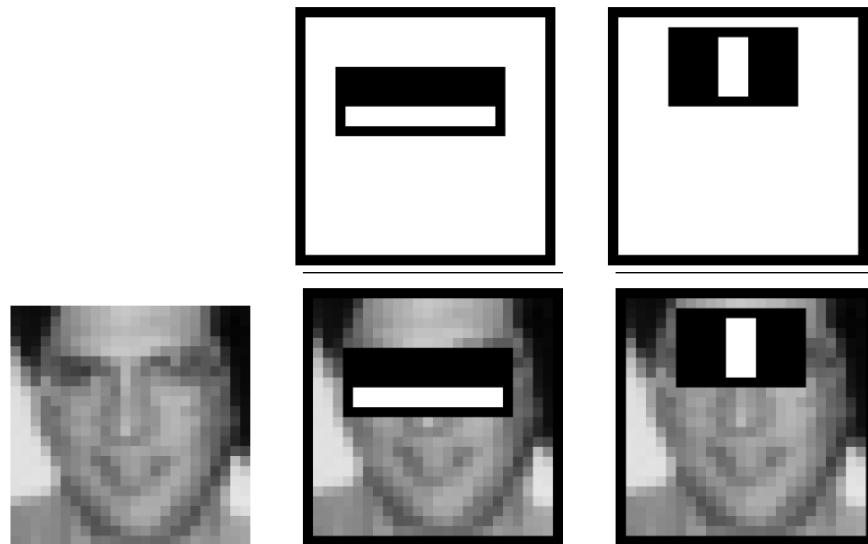
Evaluate *weighted* error for each feature, pick best.

Re-weight the examples:

Incorrectly classified \rightarrow more weight
Correctly classified \rightarrow less weight

Final classifier is combination of the weak ones, weighted according to error they had.

Viola-Jones Face Detector: Results

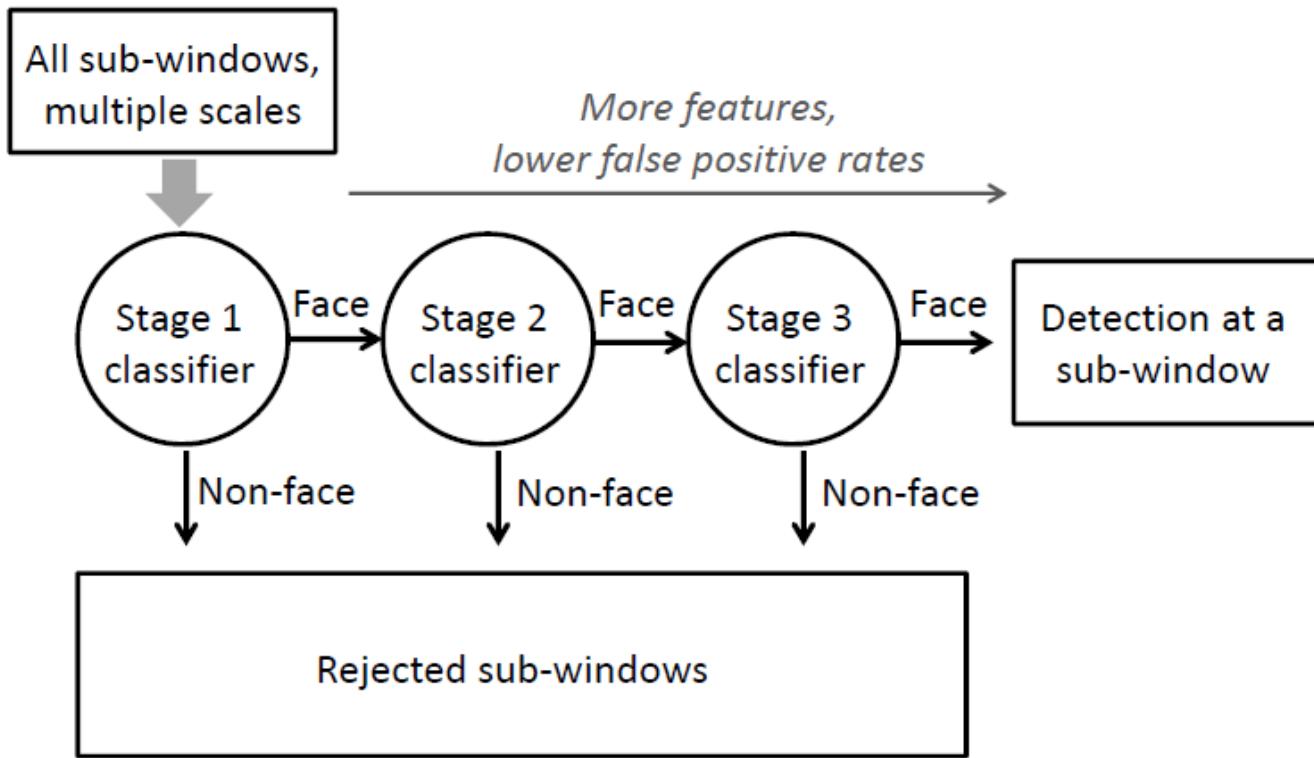


First two features selected

Faster?

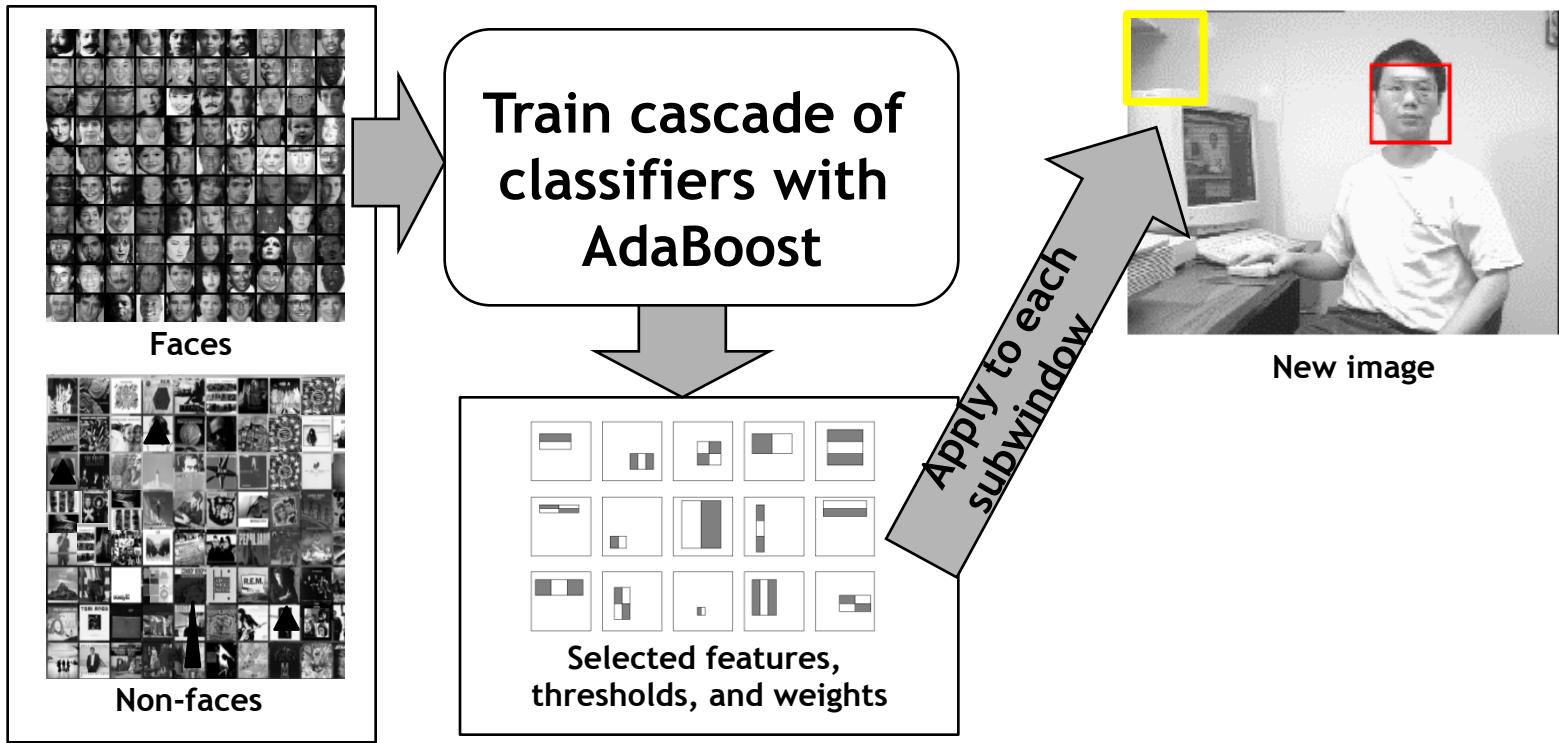
- Even if the filters are fast to compute, each new image has a lot of possible windows to search.
- How to make the detection more efficient?

Cascading classifiers for detection



- Form a *cascade* with low false negative rates early on
- Apply less accurate but faster classifiers first to immediately discard windows that clearly appear to be negative

Viola-Jones detector: summary



Train with 5K positives, 350M negatives
Real-time detector using 38 layer cascade
6061 features in all layers

Implementation available in OpenCV, Matlab

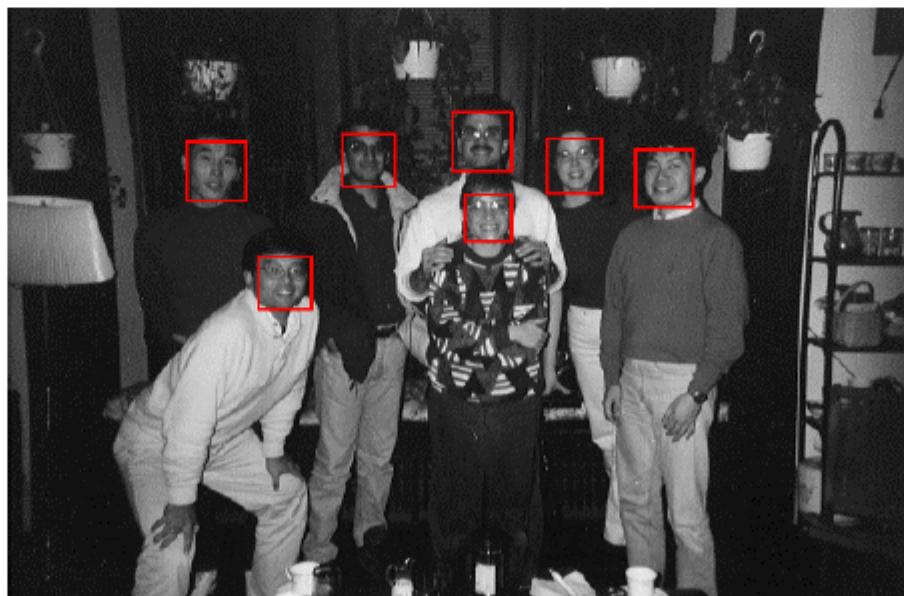
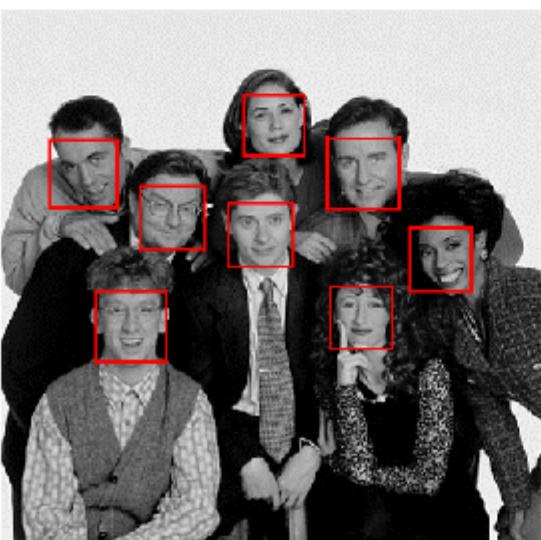
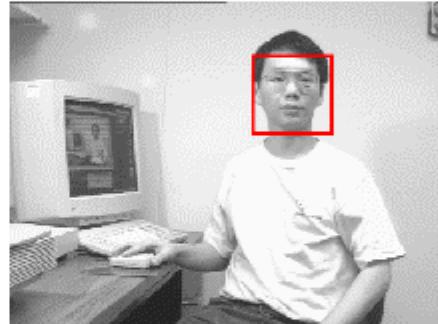
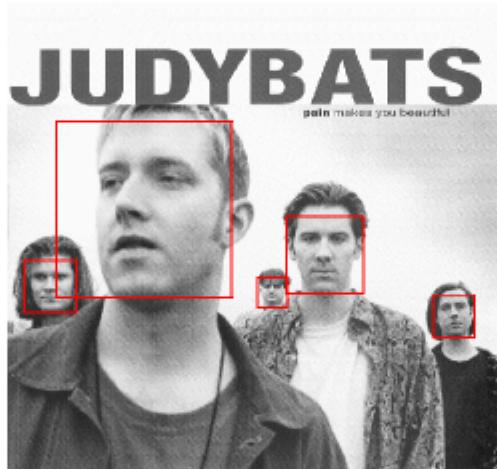
Viola-Jones detector: summary

- A seminal approach to real-time object detection
- Training is slow, but detection is very fast
- Key ideas
 - *Integral images* for fast feature evaluation
 - *Boosting* for feature selection
 - *Attentional cascade* of classifiers for fast rejection of non-face windows

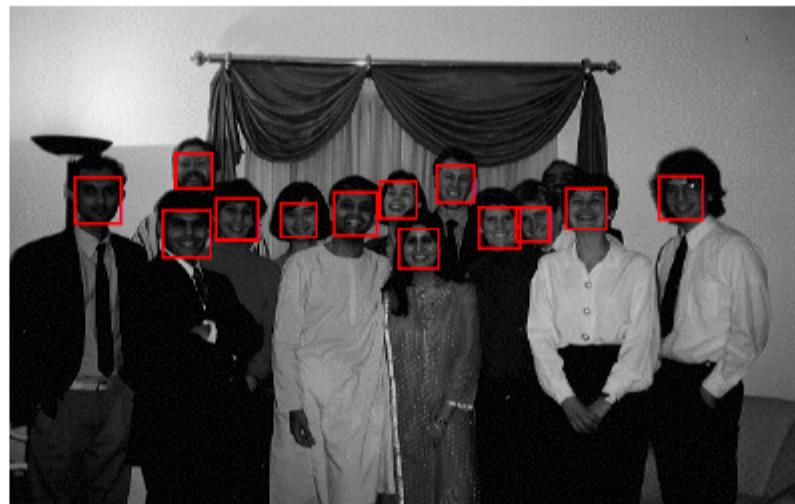
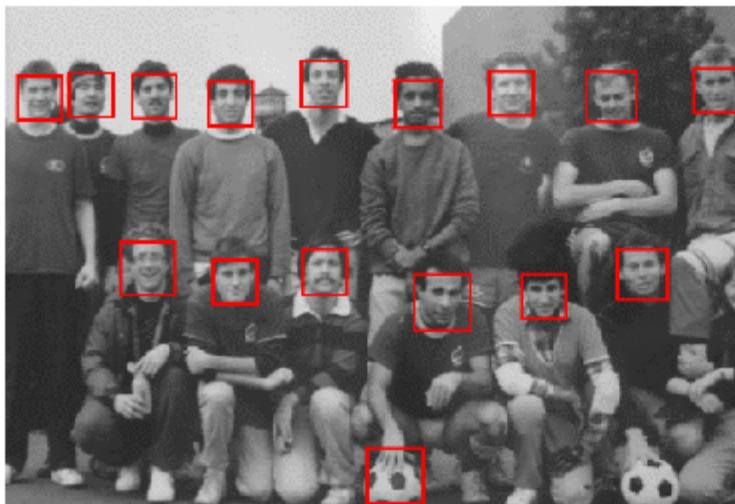
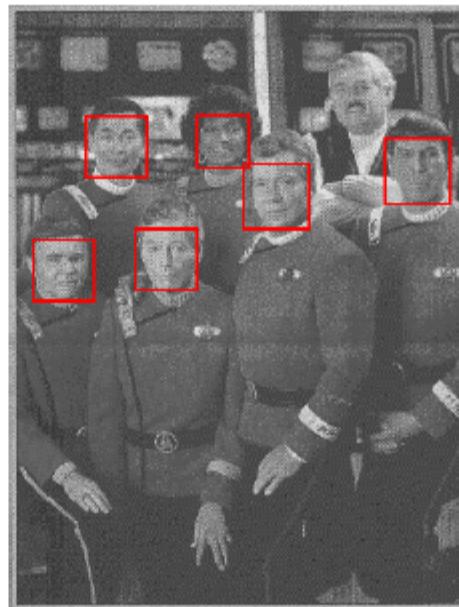
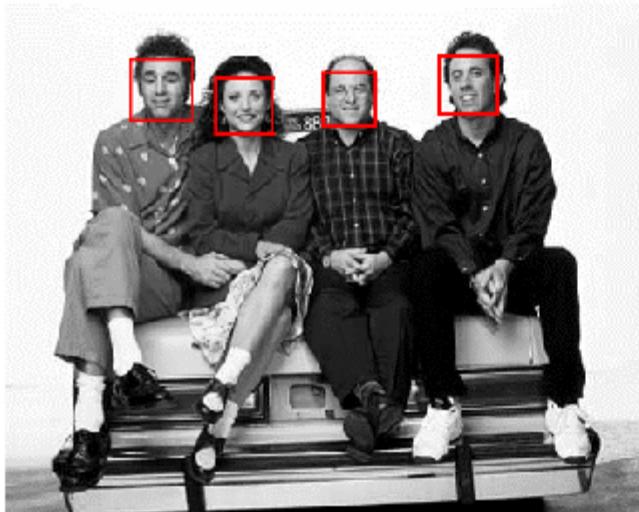
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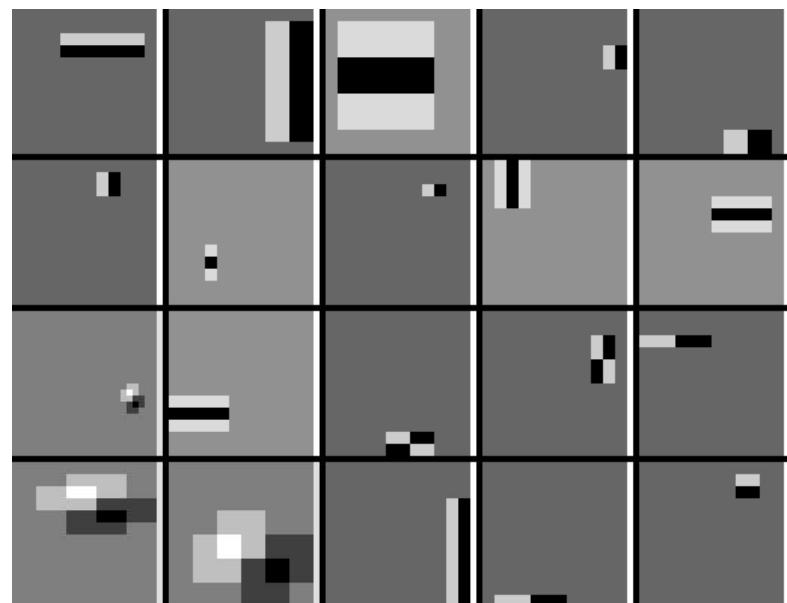


Viola-Jones Face Detector: Results



Detecting profile faces?

Can we use the same detector?



Viola-Jones Face Detector: Results



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cs341 sample video

face detection

Viola-Jones method