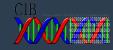
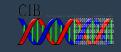


## Unit 3: Classification

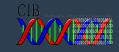


# Section 2: Alternative methods and Advanced Classification



## Rule-Based Classifier

- **X**CLASSIFY RECORDS BY USING A COLLECTION OF "IF...THEN..." RULES
- $\times$ Rule: (Condition)  $\rightarrow$  Y
  - *x*where
    - \* Condition is a conjunction of attributes
    - \* y is the class label
  - *xLHS*: rule antecedent or condition
  - \*RHS: rule consequent
  - \*Examples of classification rules:
    - x (Blood Type=Warm) ^ (Lay Eggs=Yes) → Birds
    - x (Taxable Income < 50K) ^ (Refund=Yes) → Evade=No



## Application of Rule-Based Classifier

## \*A RULE R COVERS AN INSTANCE X IF THE ATTRIBUTES OF THE INSTANCE SATISFY THE CONDITION OF THE RULE

R1: (GIVE BIRTH = NO) ^ (CAN FLY = YES) → BIRDS

R2: (GIVE BIRTH = NO) ^ (LIVE IN WATER = YES) → FISHES

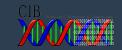
R3: (GIVE BIRTH = YES) ^ (BLOOD TYPE = WARM) → MAMMALS

R4: (GIVE BIRTH = NO)  $\land$  (CAN FLY = NO)  $\rightarrow$  REPTILES

R5: (LIVE IN WATER = SOMETIMES) → AMPHIBIANS

| Name         | Blood Type | Give Birth | Can Fly | Live in Water | Class |
|--------------|------------|------------|---------|---------------|-------|
| hawk         | warm       | no         | yes     | no            | ?     |
| grizzly bear | warm       | yes        | no      | no            | ?     |

THE RULE R1 COVERS A HAWK => BIRD
THE RULE R3 COVERS THE GRIZZLY BEAR => MAMMAL



## Rule Coverage and Accuracy

XCOVERAGE OF A RULE R: A → Y IN A DATASET D

\*Fraction of records that satisfy the antecedent of a rule

$$Coverage(D) = \frac{|A|}{|D|}$$

**X**ACCURACY OF A RULE:

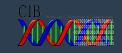
\*Fraction of records that satisfy both the antecedent and consequent of a rule

$$Accuracy(D) = \frac{|A \cap y|}{|A|}$$

(Status=Single) → No

Coverage = 40%, Accuracy = 50%

| Tid | Refund | Marital<br>Status | Taxable Income | Class |
|-----|--------|-------------------|----------------|-------|
| 1   | Yes    | Single            | 125K           | No    |
| 2   | No     | Married           | 100K           | No    |
| 3   | No     | Single            | 70K            | No    |
| 4   | Yes    | Married           | 120K           | No    |
| 5   | No     | Divorced          | 95K            | Yes   |
| 6   | No     | Married           | 60K            | No    |
| 7   | Yes    | Divorced          | 220K           | No    |
| 8   | No     | Single            | 85K            | Yes   |
| 9   | No     | Married           | 75K            | No    |
| 10  | No     | Single            | 90K            | Yes   |



## How does Rule-based Classifier Work?

R1: (Give Birth = no)  $\land$  (Can Fly = yes)  $\rightarrow$  Birds

R2: (Give Birth = no)  $\land$  (Live in Water = yes)  $\rightarrow$  Fishes

R3: (Give Birth = yes)  $\land$  (Blood Type = warm)  $\rightarrow$  Mammals

R4: (Give Birth = no)  $\land$  (Can Fly = no)  $\rightarrow$  Reptiles

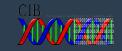
R5: (Live in Water = sometimes) → Amphibians

| Name          | Blood Type | Give Birth | Can Fly | Live in Water | Class |
|---------------|------------|------------|---------|---------------|-------|
| lemur         | warm       | yes        | no      | no            | ?     |
| turtle        | cold       | no         | no      | sometimes     | ?     |
| dogfish shark | cold       | yes        | no      | yes           | ?     |

A lemur triggers rule R3, so it is classified as a mammal

A turtle triggers both R4 and R5: A criterion must be stablished

A dogfish shark triggers none of the rules: Classification is unknown



## Characteristics of Rule-Based Classifier

#### \*MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE RULES

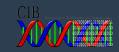
\*Classifier contains mutually exclusive rules if the rules are independent of each other

\*Every record is covered by at most one rule

#### **X**EXHAUSTIVE RULES

\*Classifier has exhaustive coverage if it accounts for every possible combination of attribute values

\*Each record is covered by at least one rule



## From Decision Trees To Rules

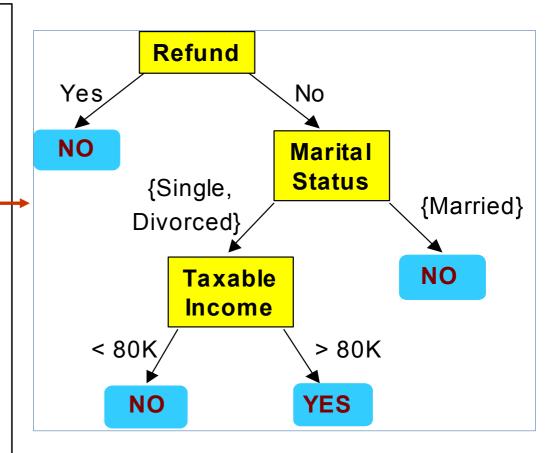
### **Classification Rules**

(Refund=Yes) ==> No

(Refund=No, Marital Status={Single,Divorced}, Taxable Income<80K) ==> No

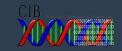
(Refund=No, Marital Status={Single,Divorced}, Taxable Income>80K) ==> Yes

(Refund=No, Marital Status={Married}) ==> No

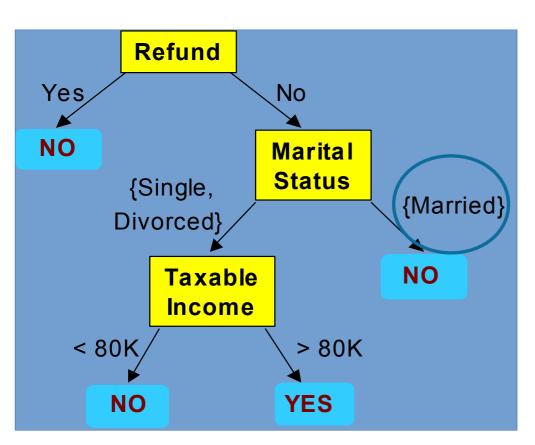


RULES ARE MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE AND EXHAUSTIVE

RULE SET CONTAINS AS MUCH INFORMATION AS THE TREE



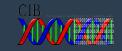
## Rules Can Be Simplified



Initial Rule: (Refund=No) ^ (Status=Married) → No

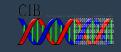
Simplified Rule: (Status=Married) → No

| Tid | Refund | Marital<br>Status | Taxable Income | Cheat |
|-----|--------|-------------------|----------------|-------|
| 1   | Yes    | Single            | 125K           | No    |
| 2   | No     | Married           | 100K           | No    |
| 3   | No     | Single            | 70K            | No    |
| 4   | Yes    | Married           | 120K           | No    |
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| 10  | No     | Single            | 90K            | Yes   |



## Effect of Rule Simplification

- \*Rules are no longer mutually exclusive
  - \*A record may trigger more than one rule
  - **x**Solution?
    - \* Ordered rule set
    - \* Unordered rule set use voting schemes
- \*Rules are no longer exhaustive
  - \*A record may not trigger any rules
  - **x**Solution?
    - x Use a default class



## Ordered Rule Set

\*Rules are rank ordered according to their priority

\*An ordered rule set is known as a decision list

\*When a test record is presented to the classifier

\*It is assigned to the class label of the highest ranked rule it has triggered

\*If none of the rules fired, it is assigned to the default class

R1: (GIVE BIRTH = NO) ∧ (CAN FLY = YES) → BIRDS

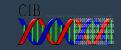
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R3: (GIVE BIRTH = YES) ∧ (BLOOD TYPE = WARM) → MAMMALS

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R5: (LIVE IN WATER = SOMETIMES) → AMPHIBIANS

| Name   | Blood Type | Give Birth | Can Fly | Live in Water | Class |
|--------|------------|------------|---------|---------------|-------|
| turtle | cold       | no         | no      | sometimes     | ?     |



## Rule Ordering Schemes

#### **X**RULE-BASED ORDERING

\*Individual rules are ranked based on their quality (a criterion needed)

\*Lower-ranked rules more difficult to interpret: They imply the negation of the previous ones

#### **X**CLASS-BASED ORDERING

\*Rules that belong to the same class appear together

\*Rules are collectively sorted by group of classes (internal order irrelevant)

#### **Rule-based Ordering**

(Refund=Yes) ==> No

(Refund=No, Marital Status={Single,Divorced}, Taxable Income<80K) ==> No

(Refund=No, Marital Status={Single,Divorced}, Taxable Income>80K) ==> Yes

(Refund=No, Marital Status={Married}) ==> No

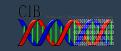
#### **Class-based Ordering**

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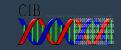
## **Building Classification Rules**

#### **X**DIRECT METHOD:

- \* Extract rules directly from data
- x e.g.: RIPPER, CN2, Holte's 1R

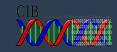
#### XINDIRECT METHOD:

- \* Extract rules from other classification models (e.g. decision trees, neural networks, etc).
- x e.g: C4.5rules



## Direct Method: Sequential Covering

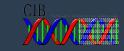
- LET E BE THE TRAINING RECORDS AND A DE THE SET OF ATTRIBUTE-VALUE PAIRS  $\{(A_1, V_1)\}$
- LET  $Y_0$  BE AN ORDERED SET OF CLASSES  $\{Y_1, Y_2, ..., Y_k\}$
- 3. LET  $R = \{\}$  BE THE INITIAL RULE LIST
- 4. **FOR** EACH CLASS  $Y IN Y_o \{Y_k\}$  **DO**
- 5. WHILE STOPPING CONDITION IS NOT MET **DO**
- 6.  $R \leftarrow LEARN-ONE-RULE(E, A, Y)$
- 7. Remove training records from E that are covered by *r*
- ADD R TO THE BOTTOM OF THE RULE LIST:  $R \rightarrow R V R$
- END WHILE
- 10. END FOR
- 11. Insert the default rule,  $\{\} \rightarrow Y_{\kappa}$ , to the bottom of the rule list R



## Learn-one-rule algorithm

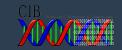
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Learn-One-Rule(target_attribute, attributes, examples, k)
# Returns a single rule that covers some of the Examples
 best-hypothesis = the most general hypothesis
 candidate-hypotheses = \{best-hypothesis\}
 while candidate-hypothesis ; Generate the next more specific candidate-hypotheses
   all-constraints = all "att.=val." contraints
   new-candidate-hypotheses = all specializations of candidate-hypotheses by adding all-constraints
   remove from new-candidate-hypotheses any that are duplicates, inconsistent, or not maximally specific
   # Update best-hypothesis
   best-hypothesis = argmax h \in new-candidate-hypotheses Performance(h,examples,target_attribute)
   # Update candidate-hypotheses
   candidate-hypotheses = the k best from new-candidate-hypotheses according to Performance.
 prediction = most frequent value of target_attribute from examples that match best-hypothesis
 return IF best-hypothesis THEN prediction
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Performance(h, examples, target_attribute)
h-examples = the set of examples that match h
return - Entropy(h-examples) wrt target_attribute
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## Rule extraction

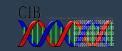
- **X**ONE RULE A → Y IS DESIRABLE IF
  - \*Covers most of the positive examples of class y
  - \*Covers none, or just a few, negative examples
- \*FINDING AN OPTIMAL RULE IS COMPUTATIONALLY EXPENSIVE
  - \*The search space grows exponentially
- \*APPROXIMATE SOLUTIONS



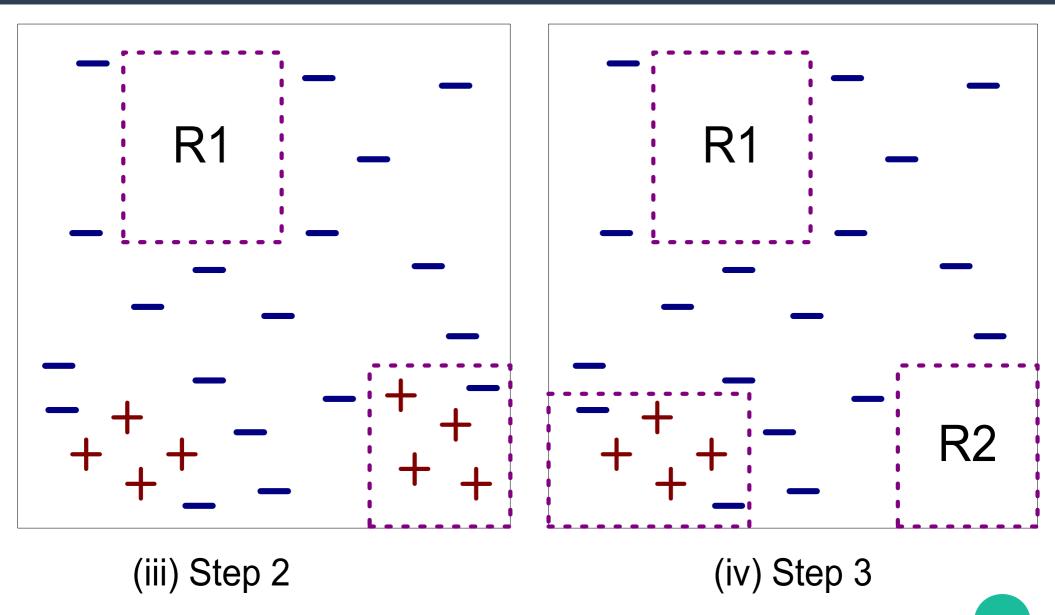
## Example of Sequential Covering

(i) Original Data

(ii) Step 1



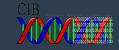
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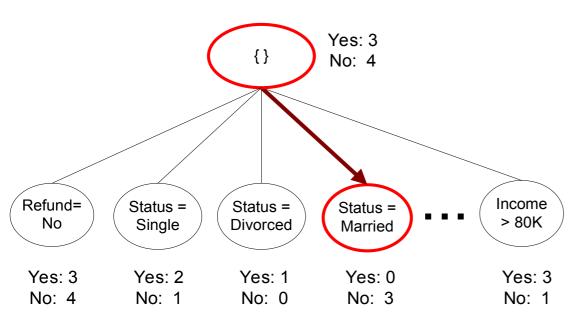
## Aspects of Sequential Covering

- \*Rule Growing
- \*INSTANCE ELIMINATION
- \*Rule Evaluation
- **\***STOPPING CRITERION
- **X**RULE PRUNING

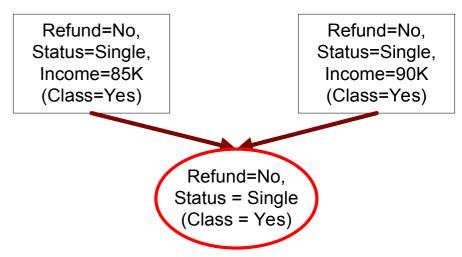


## Rule Growing

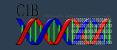
#### **X**TWO COMMON STRATEGIES



(a) General-to-specific



(b) Specific-to-general



## Rule Growing (Examples)

#### **XCN2** ALGORITHM:

- \*Start from an empty conjunct: {}
- \*Add conjuncts that minimizes the entropy measure: {A}, {A,B}, ...
- \*Determine the rule consequent by taking majority class of instances covered by the rule

#### **X**RIPPER ALGORITHM:

- \*Start from an empty rule: {} => class
- \*Add conjuncts that maximizes FOIL's information gain measure:
  - x R0: {} => class (initial rule)
  - x R1: {A} => class (rule after adding conjunct)
  - x Gain(R0, R1) = t [ log (p1/(p1+n1)) log (p0/(p0 + n0)) ]
  - \* where t: number of positive instances covered by both R0 and R1
    - p0: number of positive instances covered by R0
    - n0: number of negative instances covered by R0
    - p1: number of positive instances covered by R1
    - n1: number of negative instances covered by R1



## Instance Elimination

\*WHY DO WE NEED TO ELIMINATE INSTANCES?

\*Otherwise, the next rule is identical to previous rule

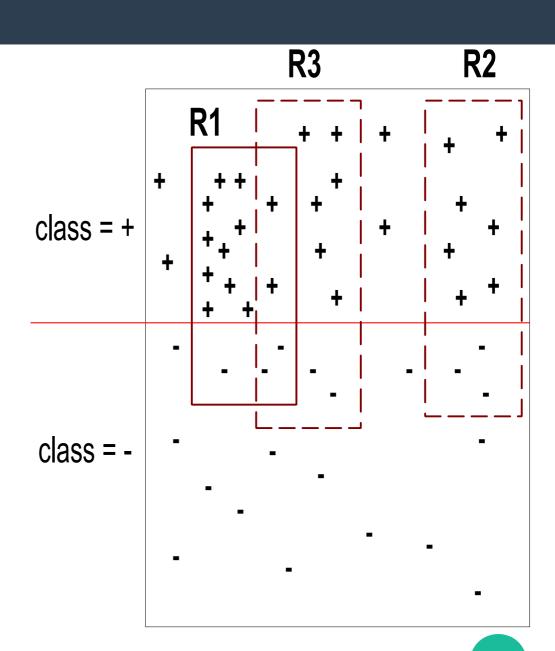
\*WHY DO WE REMOVE POSITIVE INSTANCES?

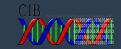
\*Ensure that the next rule is different

\*WHY DO WE REMOVE NEGATIVE INSTANCES?

\*Prevent a bad estimation of the accuracy of a rule

\*Compare rules R2 and R3 in the diagram





## Rule Evaluation

\*METRICS:

\*Accuracy 
$$= \frac{n_c}{n}$$

\*Laplace  $= \frac{n_c + 1}{n + k}$ 

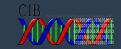
\*M-estimate  $= \frac{n_c + kp}{n + k}$ 

*n* : Number of instances covered by rule

 $n_c$ : Number of instances covered by rule correctly classified

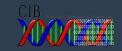
k: Number of classes

*p* : Prior probability



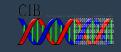
## Stopping Criterion and Rule Pruning

- **X**STOPPING CRITERION
  - **x**Compute the gain
  - \*If gain is not significant, discard the new rule
- \*Rule Pruning
  - \*Similar to post-pruning of decision trees
  - \*Reduced Error Pruning:
    - \* Remove one of the conjuncts in the rule
    - \* Compare error rate on validation set before and after pruning
    - \* If error improves, prune the conjunct

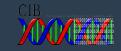


## Summary of Direct Method

- **X**GROW A SINGLE RULE
- \*REMOVE INSTANCES FROM RULE
- \*Prune the rule (if Necessary)
- \*ADD RULE TO CURRENT RULE SET
- **X**REPEAT

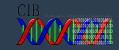


- FOR 2-CLASS PROBLEM, CHOOSE ONE OF THE CLASSES AS POSITIVE CLASS, AND THE OTHER AS NEGATIVE CLASS
  - \*Learn rules for positive class
  - \*Negative class will be default class
- **X**FOR MULTI-CLASS PROBLEM
  - \*Order the classes according to increasing class prevalence (fraction of instances that belong to a particular class)
  - \*Learn the rule set for smallest class first, treat the rest as negative class
  - \*Repeat with next smallest class as positive class



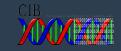
#### **X**GROWING A RULE:

- \*Start from empty rule
- \*Add conjuncts as long as they improve FOIL's information gain
- \*Stop when rule no longer covers negative examples
- \*Prune the rule immediately using incremental reduced error pruning
- \*Measure for pruning: v = (p-n)/(p+n)
  - \* p: number of positive examples covered by the rule in the validation set
  - \* n: number of negative examples covered by the rule in the validation set
- \*Pruning method: delete any final sequence of conditions that maximizes v



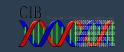
#### **X**BUILDING A RULE SET:

- \*Use sequential covering algorithm
  - \* Finds the best rule that covers the current set of positive examples
  - \* Eliminate both positive and negative examples covered by the rule
- \*Each time a rule is added to the rule set, compute the new description length
  - \* stop adding new rules when the new description length is d bits longer than the smallest description length obtained so far

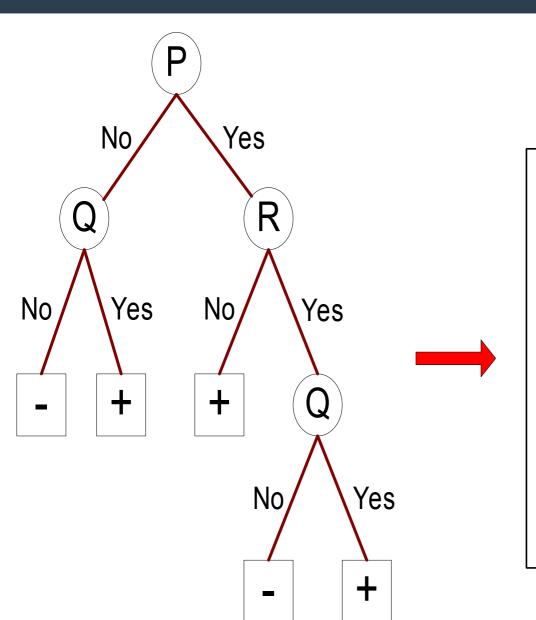


#### **XOPTIMIZE THE RULE SET:**

- \*For each rule r in the rule set R
  - x Consider 2 alternative rules:
    - \*Replacement rule (r\*): grow new rule from scratch
    - \*Revised rule(r'): add conjuncts to extend the rule r
  - X Compare the rule set for r against the rule set for r\* and r'
  - \* Choose rule set that minimizes MDL principle
- \*Repeat rule generation and rule optimization for the remaining positive examples



## **Indirect Methods**



## **Rule Set**

r1: (P=No,Q=No) ==> -

r2: (P=No,Q=Yes) ==> +

r3: (P=Yes,R=No) ==> +

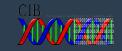
r4: (P=Yes,R=Yes,Q=No) ==> -

r5: (P=Yes,R=Yes,Q=Yes) ==> +



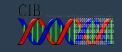
## Indirect Method: C4.5rules

- \*EXTRACT RULES FROM AN UNPRUNED DECISION TREE
- \*For each rule,  $R: A \rightarrow Y$ ,
  - \*consider an alternative rule r': A'  $\rightarrow$  y where A' is obtained by removing one of the conjuncts in A
  - \*Compare the pessimistic error rate for r against all r's
  - \*Prune if one of the r's has lower pessimistic error rate
  - \*Repeat until we can no longer improve generalization error



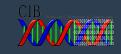
## Indirect Method: C4.5rules

- \*INSTEAD OF ORDERING THE RULES, ORDER SUBSETS OF RULES (CLASS ORDERING)
  - \*Each subset is a collection of rules with the same rule consequent (class)
  - \*Compute description length of each subset
    - \* Description length = L(error) + g L(model)
    - x g is a parameter that takes into account the presence of redundant attributes in a rule set (default value = 0.5)

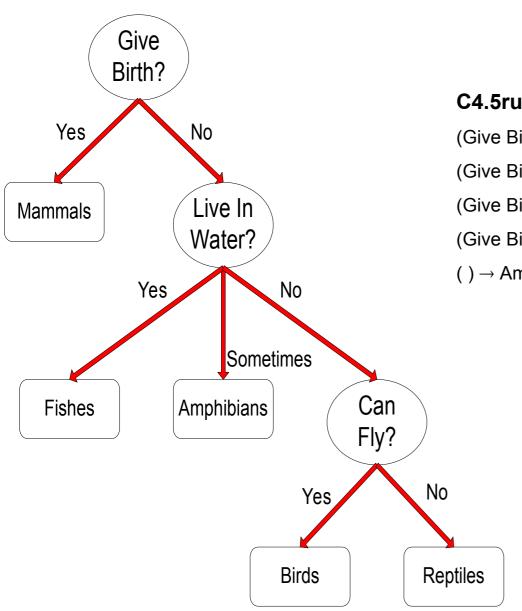


## Example

| Name          | Give Birth | Lay Eggs | Can Fly | Live in Water | Have Legs | Class      |  |
|---------------|------------|----------|---------|---------------|-----------|------------|--|
| human         | yes        | no       | no      | no            | yes       | mammals    |  |
| python        | no         | yes      | no      | no            | no        | reptiles   |  |
| salmon        | no         | yes      | no      | yes           | no        | fishes     |  |
| whale         | yes        | no       | no      | yes           | no        | mammals    |  |
| frog          | no         | yes      | no      | sometimes     | yes       | amphibians |  |
| komodo        | no         | yes      | no      | no            | yes       | reptiles   |  |
| bat           | yes        | no       | yes     | no            | yes       | mammals    |  |
| pigeon        | no         | yes      | yes     | no            | yes       | birds      |  |
| cat           | yes        | no       | no      | no            | yes       | mammals    |  |
| leopard shark | yes        | no       | no      | yes           | no        | fishes     |  |
| turtle        | no         | yes      | no      | sometimes     | yes       | reptiles   |  |
| penguin       | no         | yes      | no      | sometimes     | yes       | birds      |  |
| porcupine     | yes        | no       | no      | no            | yes       | mammals    |  |
| eel           | no         | yes      | no      | yes           | no        | fishes     |  |
| salamander    | no         | yes      | no      | sometimes     | yes       | amphibians |  |
| gila monster  | no         | yes      | no      | no            | yes       | reptiles   |  |
| platypus      | no         | yes      | no      | no            | yes       | mammals    |  |
| owl           | no         | yes      | yes     | no            | yes       | birds      |  |
| dolphin       | yes        | no       | no      | yes           | no        | mammals    |  |
| eagle         | no         | yes      | yes     | no            | yes       | birds      |  |



## C4.5 versus C4.5rules versus RIPPER



#### C4.5rules:

(Give Birth=No, Can Fly=Yes) → Birds

(Give Birth=No, Live in Water=Yes) → Fishes

(Give Birth=Yes) → Mammals

(Give Birth=No, Can Fly=No, Live in Water=No) → Reptiles

( ) → Amphibians

#### RIPPER:

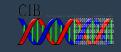
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(Have Legs=No) → Reptiles

(Give Birth=No, Can Fly=No, Live In Water=No) → Reptiles

(Can Fly=Yes, Give Birth=No) → Birds

() → Mammals



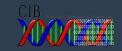
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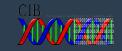
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|        |            | PREDICTED CLASS |        |          |       |     |      |        | PREDICTED CLASS |                 |    |          |       |     |       |
|--------|------------|-----------------|--------|----------|-------|-----|------|--------|-----------------|-----------------|----|----------|-------|-----|-------|
|        |            | Amphibians      | Fishes | Reptiles | Birds | Mam | mals |        |                 | Amphibians Fish | es | Reptiles | Birds | Mam | nmals |
| ACTUAL | Amphibians |                 |        | 0        |       | 0   | 2    | ACTUAL | Amphibians      | 2               | 0  |          | 0     | 0   | 0     |
| CLASS  | Fishes     |                 |        | 3        | 0     | 0   | 0    | CLASS  | Fishes          | 0               | 2  |          | 0     | 0   | 1     |
|        | Reptiles   |                 |        | 0        | 3     | 0   | 1    |        | Reptiles        | 1               | 0  | 1        | 3     | 0   | 0     |
|        | Birds      |                 |        | 0        | 1     | 2   | 1    |        | Birds           | 1               | 0  |          | 0     | 3   | 0     |
|        | Mammals    |                 |        | 2        | 1     | 0   | 4    |        | Mammals         | 0               | 0  |          | 1     |     | 6     |



## Advantages of Rule-Based Classifiers

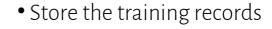
- \*AS HIGHLY EXPRESSIVE AS DECISION TREES
- **X**EASY TO INTERPRET
- **X**EASY TO GENERATE
- **X**CAN CLASSIFY NEW INSTANCES RAPIDLY
- \*Performance comparable to decision trees



# Instance-Based Classifiers

#### Set of Stored Cases

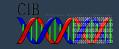
| Atr1 | <br>AtrN | Class |
|------|----------|-------|
|      |          | A     |
|      |          | В     |
|      |          | В     |
|      |          | С     |
|      |          | A     |
|      |          | С     |
|      |          | В     |



• Use training records to predict the class label of unseen cases



| Atrl | •••• | AtrN |
|------|------|------|
|      |      |      |



### Instance Based Classifiers

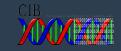
#### **X**EXAMPLES:

\*Rote-learner

\* Memorizes entire training data and performs classification only if attributes of record match one of the training examples exactly

xk Nearest neighbor

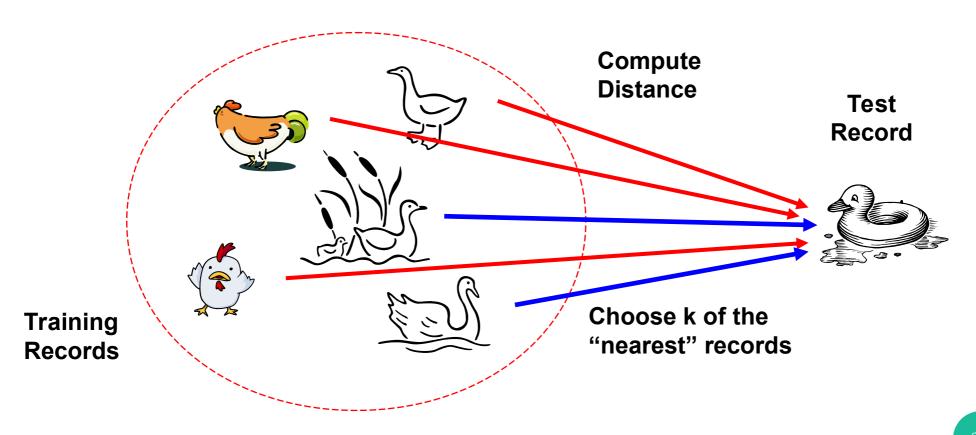
\* Uses k "closest" points (nearest neighbors) for performing classification



# Nearest Neighbor Classifiers

#### **X**BASIC IDEA:

\*If it walks like a duck, quacks like a duck, then it's probably a duck





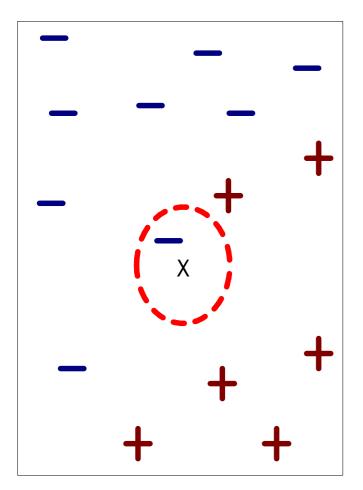
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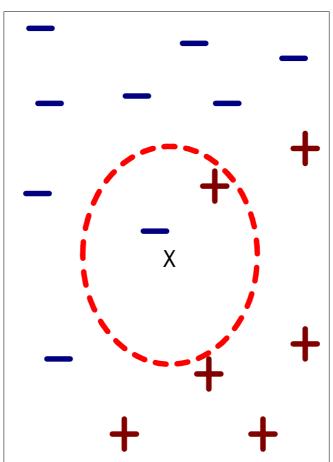
# **Unknown record**

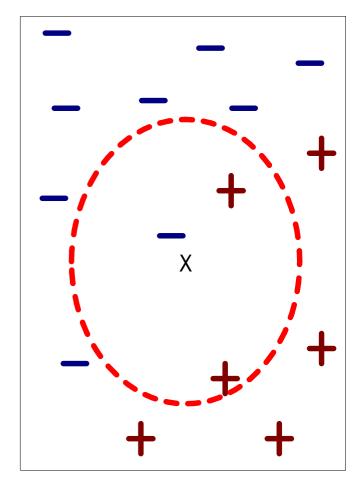
- Requires three things
  - The set of stored records
  - Distance Metric to compute distance between records
  - The value of k, the number of nearest neighbors to retrieve
- To classify an unknown record:
  - Compute distance to other training records
  - Identify k nearest neighbors
  - Use class labels of nearest neighbors to determine the class label of unknown record (e.g., by taking majority vote)



# Definition of Nearest Neighbor

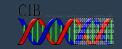






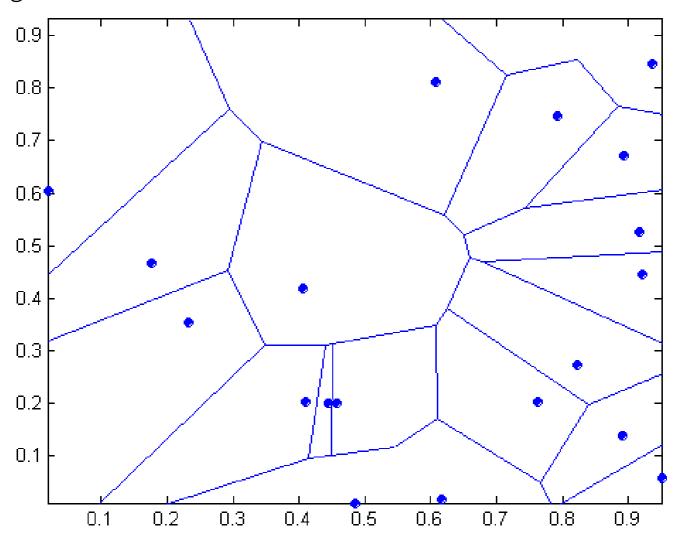
- (a) 1-nearest neighbor
- (b) 2-nearest neighbor
- (c) 3-nearest neighbor

K-nearest neighbors of a record x are data points that have the k smallest distance to x



# 1 nearest-neighbor

#### Voronoi Diagram





# Nearest Neighbor Classification

**X**COMPUTE DISTANCE BETWEEN TWO POINTS:

*x*Euclidean distance

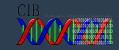
$$d(p,q) = \sqrt{\sum_{i} (p_{i} - q_{i})^{2}}$$

\*DETERMINE THE CLASS FROM NEAREST NEIGHBOR LIST

\*take the majority vote of class labels among the k-nearest neighbors

\*Weigh the vote according to distance?

x weight factor,  $w = 1/d^2$ 

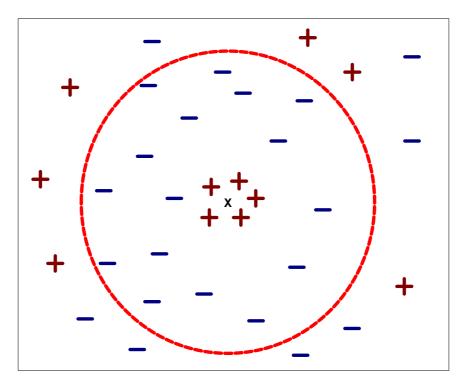


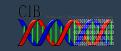
# Nearest Neighbor Classification...

#### **X**CHOOSING THE VALUE OF K:

xIf k is too small, sensitive to noise points

\*If k is too large, neighborhood may include points from other classes





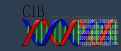
# Nearest Neighbor Classification...

#### **\***Scaling issues

\*Attributes may have to be scaled to prevent distance measures from being dominated by one of the attributes

#### **x**Example:

- \* height of a person may vary from 1.5m to 1.8m
- \* weight of a person may vary from 90lb to 300lb
- x income of a person may vary from \$10K to \$1M



# Nearest Neighbor Classification...

\*PROBLEM WITH EUCLIDEAN MEASURE:

\*High dimensional data

x curse of dimensionality

\*Can produce counter-intuitive results

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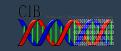
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Solution: Normalize the vectors to unit length

VS



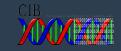
# Nearest neighbor Classification...

XK-NN CLASSIFIERS ARE LAZY LEARNERS

xIt does not build models explicitly

\*Unlike eager learners such as decision tree induction and rulebased systems

\*Classifying unknown records are relatively expensive



# Example: PEBLS

- \*PEBLS: PARALLEL EXAMPLAR-BASED LEARNING SYSTEM (COST & SALZBERG)
  - \*Works with both continuous and nominal features
    - \*For nominal features, distance between two nominal values is computed using modified value difference metric (MVDM)
  - \*Each record is assigned a weight factor
  - \*Number of nearest neighbor, k = 1



# Example: PEBLS

|       | Marital Status |         |          |  |
|-------|----------------|---------|----------|--|
| Class | Single         | Married | Divorced |  |
| Yes   | 2              | 0       | 1        |  |
| No    | 2              | 4       | 1        |  |

| Tid | Refund | Marital<br>Status | Taxable<br>Income | Cheat |
|-----|--------|-------------------|-------------------|-------|
| 1   | Yes    | Single            | 125K              | No    |
| 2   | No     | Married           | 100K              | No    |
| 3   | No     | Single            | 70K               | No    |
| 4   | Yes    | Married           | 120K              | No    |
| 5   | No     | Divorced          | 95K               | Yes   |
| 6   | No     | Married           | 60K               | No    |
| 7   | Yes    | Divorced          | 220K              | No    |
| 8   | No     | Single            | 85K               | Yes   |
| 9   | No     | Married           | 75K               | No    |
| 10  | No     | Single            | 90K               | Yes   |

#### Distance between nominal attribute values:

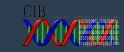
d(Single, Married) 
$$d(V_1, V_2) = \sum_{i} \left| \frac{n_{1i}}{n_1} - \frac{n_{2i}}{n_2} \right|$$

$$= \left| \frac{2}{4} - \frac{0}{4} \right| + \left| \frac{2}{4} - \frac{4}{4} \right| = 1$$
d(Single, Divorced)
$$= \left| \frac{2}{4} - \frac{1}{2} \right| + \left| \frac{2}{4} - \frac{1}{2} \right| = 0$$

d(Married, Divorced) = 
$$|0/4 - 1/2| + |4/4 - 1/2| = 1$$

$$= |0/3 - 3/7| + |3/3 - 4/7| = 6/7$$

|       | Refund |    |  |
|-------|--------|----|--|
| Class | Yes    | No |  |
| Yes   | 0      | 3  |  |
| No    | 3      | 4  |  |



# Example: PEBLS

| Tid | Refund | Marital<br>Status | Taxable Income | Cheat |
|-----|--------|-------------------|----------------|-------|
| X   | Yes    | Single            | 125K           | No    |
| Υ   | No     | Married           | 100K           | No    |

Distance between record X and record Y:

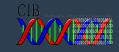
$$\Delta(X,Y) = w_X w_Y \sum_{i=1}^{d} d(X_i,Y_i)^2$$

where:

$$w_X = \frac{\text{Number of times X is used for prediction}}{\text{Number of times X predicts correctly}}$$

 $W_X \approx 1$  if X makes accurate prediction most of the time

 $w_x > 1$  if X is not reliable for making predictions



# Bayes Classifier

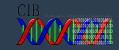
- \*A PROBABILISTIC FRAMEWORK FOR SOLVING CLASSIFICATION PROBLEMS
- **x**Conditional Probability:

$$P(C|A) = \frac{P(A,C)}{P(A)}$$

$$P(A|C) = \frac{P(A,C)}{P(C)}$$

**X**BAYES THEOREM:

$$P(C|A) = \frac{P(A|C)P(C)}{P(A)}$$



# Example of Bayes Theorem

#### \*GIVEN:

- \*A doctor knows that meningitis causes stiff neck 50% of the time
- \*Prior probability of any patient having meningitis is 1/50,000
- \*Prior probability of any patient having stiff neck is 1/20

\* IF A PATIENT HAS STIFF NECK, WHAT'S THE PROBABILITY HE/SHE HAS MENINGITIS?

$$P(M \mid S) = \frac{P(S \mid M)P(M)}{P(S)} = \frac{0.5 \times 1/50000}{1/20} = 0.0002$$



# Bayesian Classifiers

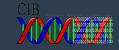
**X**CONSIDER EACH ATTRIBUTE AND CLASS LABEL AS RANDOM VARIABLES

**X**GIVEN A RECORD WITH ATTRIBUTES  $(A_1, A_2, ..., A_N)$ 

\*Goal is to predict class C

\*Specifically, we want to find the value of C that maximizes  $P(C|A_1, A_2,...,A_n)$ 

**x**Can we estimate  $P(C | A_1, A_2, ..., A_N)$  directly from data?



# Bayesian Classifiers

#### **X**APPROACH:

\*compute the posterior probability  $P(C \mid A_1, A_2, ..., A_n)$  for all values of C using the Bayes theorem

$$P(C|A_1A_2...A_n) = \frac{P(A_1A_2...A_n|C)P(C)}{P(A_1A_2...A_n)}$$

\*Choose value of C that maximizes  $P(C \mid A_1, A_2, ..., A_n)$ 

\*Equivalent to choosing value of C that maximizes  $P(A_1, A_2, ..., A_n|C) P(C)$ 

**X**HOW TO ESTIMATE  $P(A_1, A_2, ..., A_N \mid C)$ ?



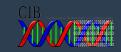
# Naïve Bayes Classifier

 $\star$ Assume independence among attributes  $A_1$  when class is given:

$$xP(A_1, A_2, ..., A_n | C) = P(A_1 | C_j) P(A_2 | C_j)... P(A_n | C_j)$$

**x**Can estimate  $P(A_i | C_j)$  for all  $A_i$  and  $C_j$ .

\*New point is classified to  $C_i$  if  $P(C_i)$   $\Pi$   $P(A_i \mid C_i)$  is maximal.



# How to Estimate Probabilities from Data?

**x**CLASS: 
$$P(C) = N_c/N$$
  
**x**e.g.,  $P(No) = 7/10$ ,  $P(Yes) = 3/10$ 

#### **X**FOR DISCRETE ATTRIBUTES:

$$P(A_1 \mid C_K) = |A_{1K}| / N_c$$

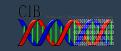
\*where  $|A_{ik}|$  is number of instance belongs to class  $C_k$ 

**x**Examples:

P(Status=Married|No) = 4/7P(Refund=Yes|Yes)=0

# categorical continuous

| Refund | Marital<br>Status             | Taxable Income  | Evode  |
|--------|-------------------------------|---|--|
|        |                               | moonic  | Evade  |
| Yes    | Single                        | 125K  | No   |
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| No     | Single                        | 70K   | No   |
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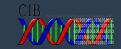


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## **How to Estimate Probabilities from Data?**

#### **X**FOR CONTINUOUS ATTRIBUTES:

- \*Discretize the range into bins
  - \* one ordinal attribute per bin
  - \* violates independence assumption
- **x**Two-way split: (A < v) or (A > v)
  - x choose only one of the two splits as new attribute
- \*Probability density estimation:
  - \* Assume attribute follows a normal distribution
  - \* Use data to estimate parameters of distribution (e.g., mean and standard deviation)
  - \* Once probability distribution is known, can use it to estimate the conditional probability  $P(A_i|c)$



# How to Estimate Probabilities from Data?

#### \*NORMAL DISTRIBUTION:

$$P(A_i|c_j) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma_{ij}^2}} e^{-\frac{(A_i - \mu_{ij})^2}{2\sigma_{ij}^2}}$$

**x**One for each (A<sub>i</sub>,c<sub>i</sub>) pair

\*For (Income, Class=No):

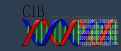
xIf Class=No

x sample mean = 110

*x* sample variance = 2975

| $D(Incoma-120 N_0)-$     | 1                        | $-\frac{(120-110)^2}{2(2975)}$ | =0.0072 |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|---------|
| P(Income = 120   No) = - | $\sqrt{2\pi}(54.54)^{e}$ |                                | -0.00/2 |

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|-----|------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
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# Example of Naive Bayes Classifier

#### naive Bayes Classifier:

P(Refund=Yes|No) = 3/7

P(Refund=No|No) = 4/7

P(Refund=Yes|Yes) = 0

P(Refund=No|Yes) = 1

P(Marital Status=Single|No) = 2/7

P(Marital Status=Divorced|No)=1/7

P(Marital Status=Married|No) = 4/7

P(Marital Status=Single|Yes) = 2/7

P(Marital Status=Divorced|Yes)=1/7

P(Marital Status=Married|Yes) = 0

#### For taxable income:

If class=No: sample mean=110

sample variance=2975

If class=Yes: sample mean=90

sample variance=25

#### Given a Test Record:

X = (Refund = No, Married, Income = 120K)

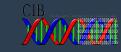
- P(X|Class=Yes) = P(Refund=No| Class=Yes)

  P(Married| Class=Yes)

  P(Income=120K| Class=Yes)

  1 ○ 1.2 10-9 = 0

Since P(X|No)P(No) > P(X|Yes)P(Yes)Therefore P(No|X) > P(Yes|X)=> Class = No



# Naïve Bayes Classifier

\*IF ONE OF THE CONDITIONAL PROBABILITY IS ZERO, THEN THE ENTIRE EXPRESSION BECOMES ZERO

\*PROBABILITY ESTIMATION:

Original: 
$$P(A_i \mid C) = \frac{N_{ic}}{N_c}$$

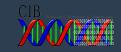
Laplace: 
$$P(A_i \mid C) = \frac{N_{ic} + 1}{N_c + c}$$

m - estimate : 
$$P(A_i \mid C) = \frac{N_{ic} + mp}{N_c + m}$$

c: number of classes

p: prior probability

m: parameter



# Example of Naïve Bayes Classifier

| Name          | Give Birth | Can Fly | Live in Water | Have Legs | Class       |
|---------------|------------|---------|---------------|-----------|-------------|
| human         | yes        | no      | no            | yes       | mammals     |
| python        | no         | no      | no            | no        | non-mammals |
| salmon        | no         | no      | yes           | no        | non-mammals |
| whale         | yes        | no      | yes           | no        | mammals     |
| frog          | no         | no      | sometimes     | yes       | non-mammals |
| komodo        | no         | no      | no            | yes       | non-mammals |
| bat           | yes        | yes     | no            | yes       | mammals     |
| pigeon        | no         | yes     | no            | yes       | non-mammals |
| cat           | yes        | no      | no            | yes       | mammals     |
| leopard shark | yes        | no      | yes           | no        | non-mammals |
| turtle        | no         | no      | sometimes     | yes       | non-mammals |
| penguin       | no         | no      | sometimes     | yes       | non-mammals |
| porcupine     | yes        | no      | no            | yes       | mammals     |
| eel           | no         | no      | yes           | no        | non-mammals |
| salamander    | no         | no      | sometimes     | yes       | non-mammals |
| gila monster  | no         | no      | no            | yes       | non-mammals |
| platypus      | no         | no      | no            | yes       | mammals     |
| owl           | no         | yes     | no            | yes       | non-mammals |
| dolphin       | yes        | no      | yes           | no        | mammals     |
| eagle         | no         | yes     | no            | yes       | non-mammals |

$$P(A|M) = \frac{6}{7} \times \frac{6}{7} \times \frac{2}{7} \times \frac{2}{7} = 0.06$$

$$P(A|N) = \frac{1}{13} \times \frac{10}{13} \times \frac{3}{13} \times \frac{4}{13} = 0.0042$$

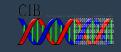
$$P(A|M)P(M) = 0.06 \times \frac{7}{20} = 0.021$$

$$P(A|N)P(N) = 0.004 \times \frac{13}{20} = 0.0027$$

| Give Birth | Can Fly | Live in Water | Have Legs | Class |
|------------|---------|---------------|-----------|-------|
| yes        | no      | yes           | no        | ?     |

P(A|M)P(M) > P(A|N)P(N)

=> Mammals



# Naïve Bayes (Summary)

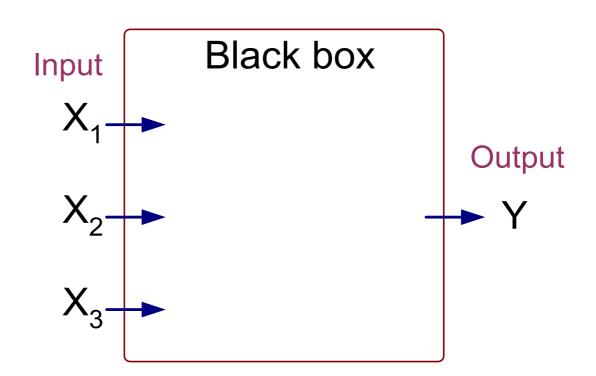
- \*ROBUST TO ISOLATED NOISE POINTS
- \*HANDLE MISSING VALUES BY IGNORING THE INSTANCE DURING PROBABILITY ESTIMATE CALCULATIONS
- \*ROBUST TO IRRELEVANT ATTRIBUTES
- \*Independence assumption may not hold for some attributes

  \*Use other techniques such as Bayesian Belief Networks (BBN)

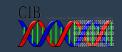


# Artificial Neural Networks (ANN)

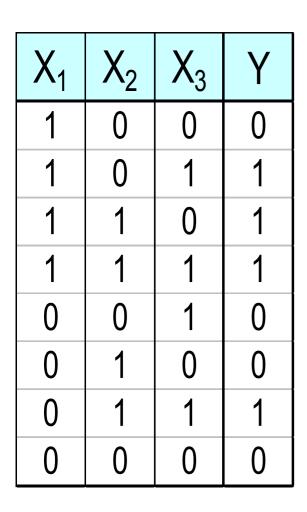
| X <sub>1</sub> | $X_2$ | $X_3$ | Υ |
|----------------|-------|-------|---|
| 1              | 0     | 0     | 0 |
| 1              | 0     | 1     | 1 |
| 1              | 1     | 0     | 1 |
| 1              | 1     | 1     | 1 |
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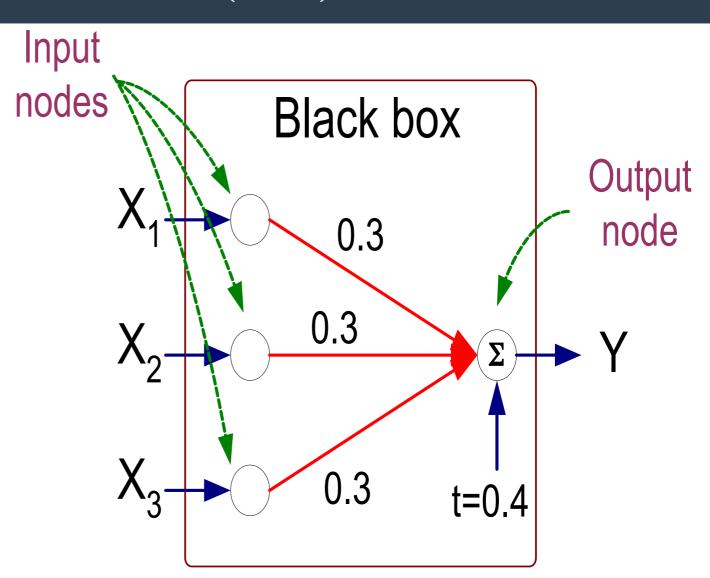


Output Y is 1 if at least two of the three inputs are equal to 1.



# Artificial Neural Networks (ANN)





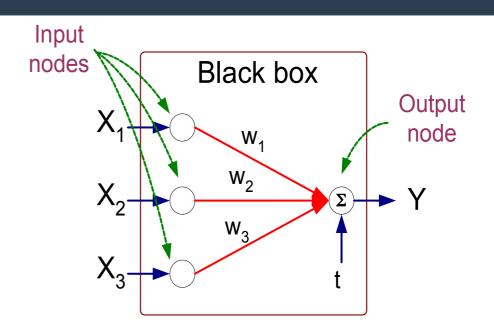


# Artificial Neural Networks (ANN)

\*MODEL IS AN ASSEMBLY OF INTER-CONNECTED NODES AND WEIGHTED LINKS

**X**OUTPUT NODE SUMS UP EACH OF ITS INPUT VALUE ACCORDING TO THE WEIGHTS OF ITS LINKS

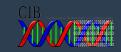
**\***COMPARE OUTPUT NODE AGAINST SOME THRESHOLD T



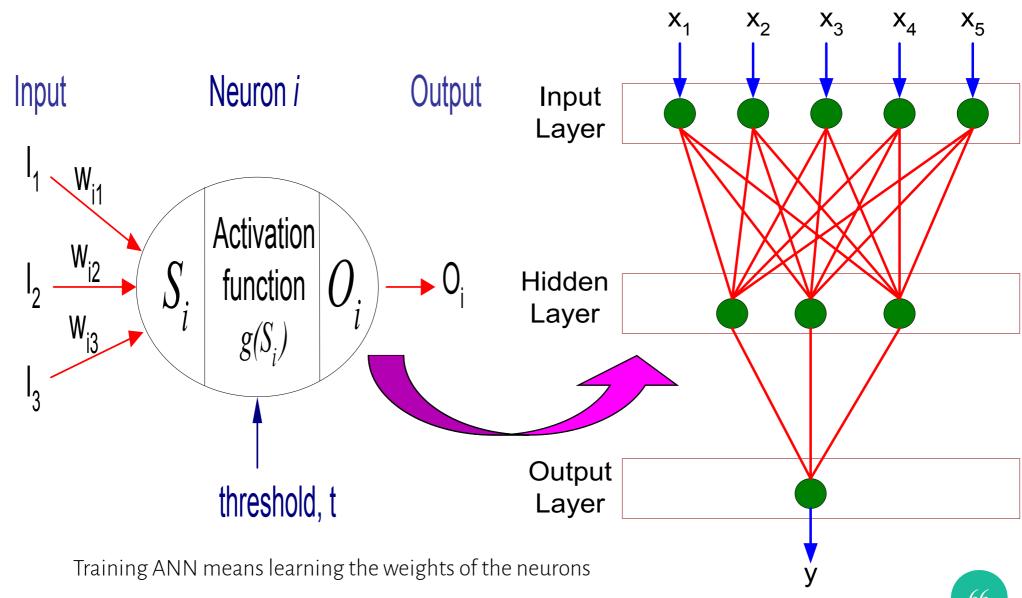
#### **Perceptron Model**

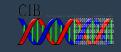
$$Y = I\left(\sum_{i} w_{i} X_{i} - t\right) \text{ or }$$

$$Y = sign\left(\sum_{i} w_{i} X_{i} - t\right)$$



# General Structure of ANN





# Algorithm for learning ANN

XINITIALIZE THE WEIGHTS (Wo, W1, ..., WK)

\*ADJUST THE WEIGHTS IN SUCH A WAY THAT THE OUTPUT OF ANN IS CONSISTENT WITH CLASS LABELS OF TRAINING EXAMPLES

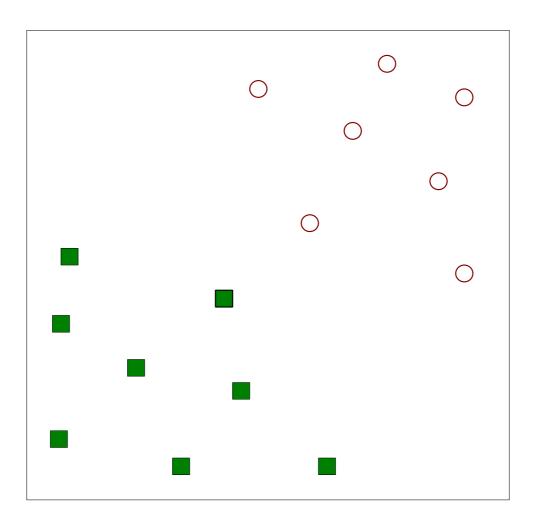
**x**Objective function:

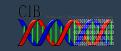
$$E = \sum [Y_i - f(w_i, X_i)]^2$$

\*Find the weights w<sub>i</sub>'s that minimize the above objective function \* e.g., backpropagation algorithm (see lecture notes)

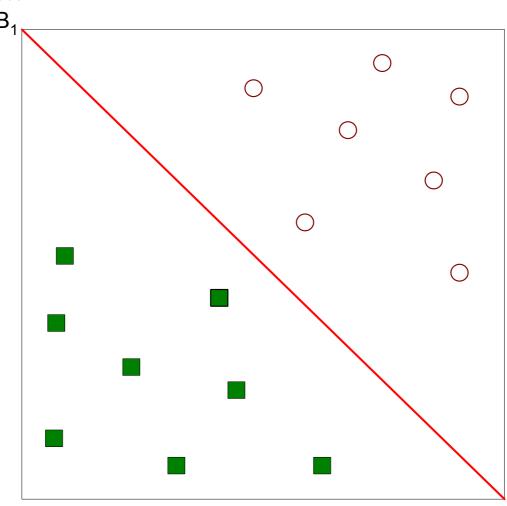


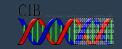
\*FIND A LINEAR HYPERPLANE (DECISION BOUNDARY) THAT WILL SEPARATE THE DATA



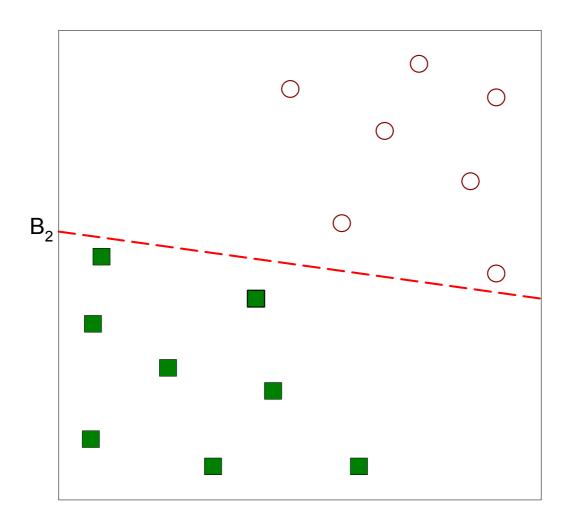


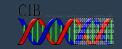
**X**ONE POSSIBLE SOLUTION



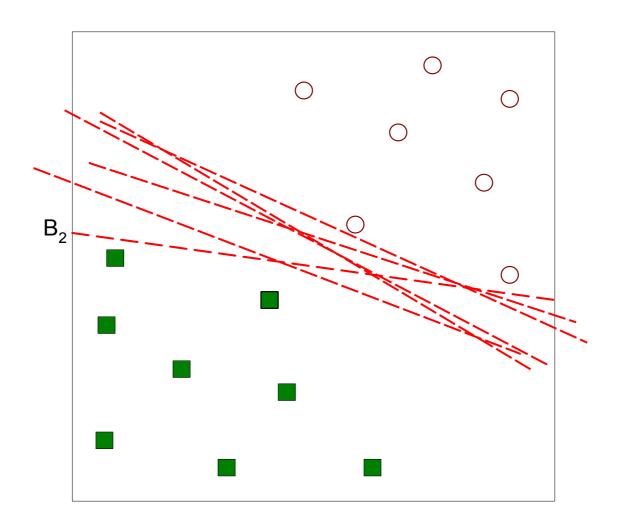


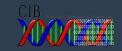
#### \*Another possible solution



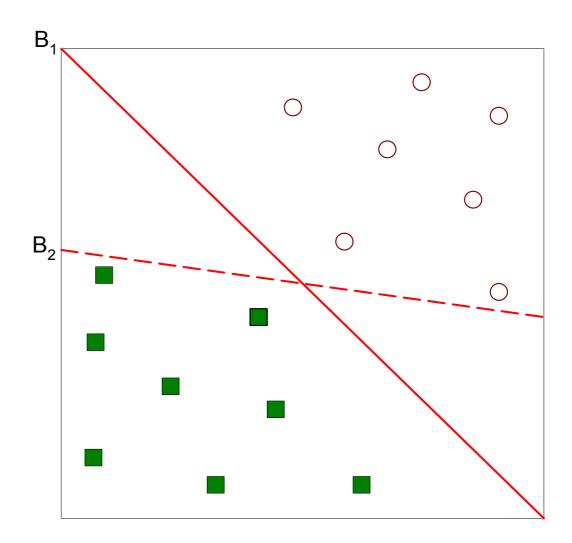


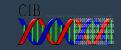
#### **X**OTHER POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS





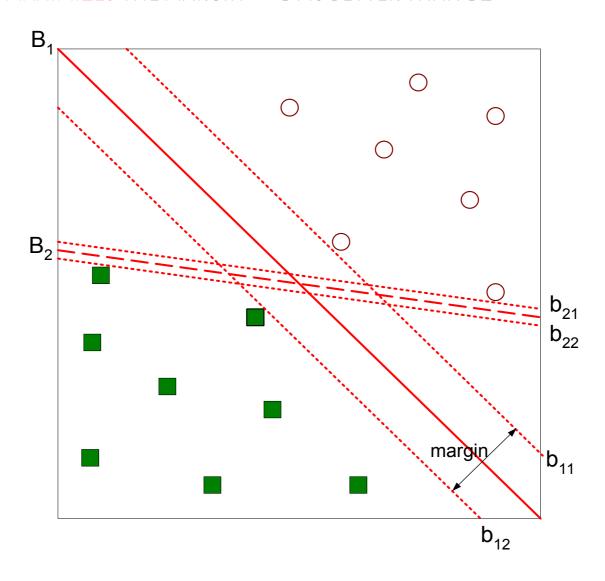
\*Which one is better? B1 or B2?
\*How do you define better?

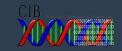




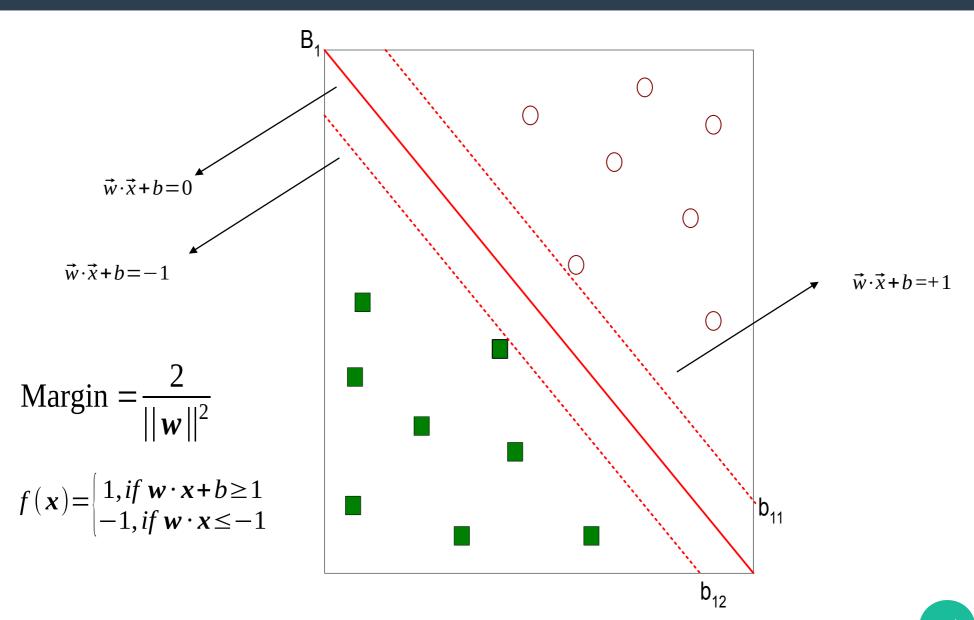
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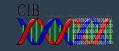
\*FIND HYPERPLANE MAXIMIZES THE MARGIN => B1 IS BETTER THAN B2





#### Support Vector Machines





Support Vector Machines

\*We want to maximize: Margin = 
$$\frac{2}{\|\mathbf{w}\|^2}$$

\*Which is equivalent to minimizing:  $L(w) = \frac{\|\mathbf{w}\|^2}{2}$ 

\*But subjected to the following constraints:

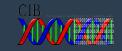
$$L(w) = \frac{\|\mathbf{w}\|^2}{2}$$

\*But subjected to the following constraints:

$$f(x) = \begin{bmatrix} 1, & if \ \mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x} + b \ge 1 \\ -1, & if \ \mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x} \le -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

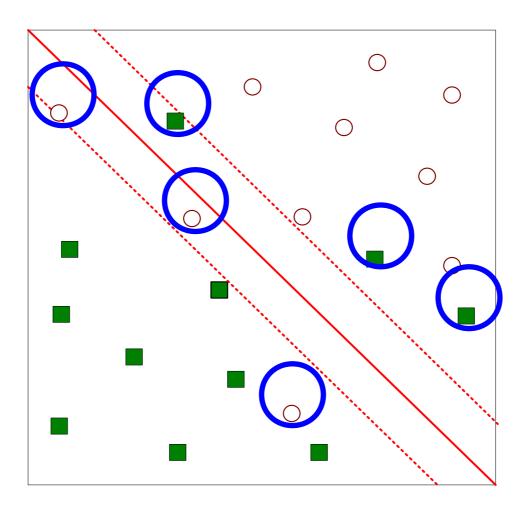
\* This is a constrained optimization problem

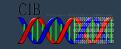
\*Numerical approaches to solve it (e.g., quadratic programming)



# Support Vector Machines

\*WHAT IF THE PROBLEM IS NOT LINEARLY SEPARABLE?



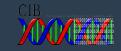


#### Support Vector Machines

- \*WHAT IF THE PROBLEM IS NOT LINEARLY SEPARABLE?
  - \*Introduce slack variables
    - \* Need to minimize:
    - x Subject to:

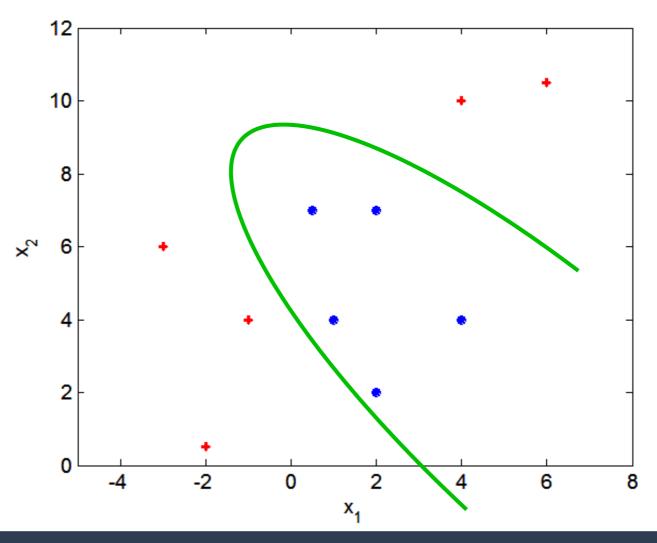
$$L(w) = \frac{||\vec{w}||^2}{2} + C\left(\sum_{i=1}^N \xi_i^k\right)$$

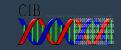
$$f(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } \mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x} + b \ge 1 - \xi_i \\ -1, & \text{if } \mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x} \le -1 + \xi_i \end{cases}$$



# Nonlinear Support Vector Machines

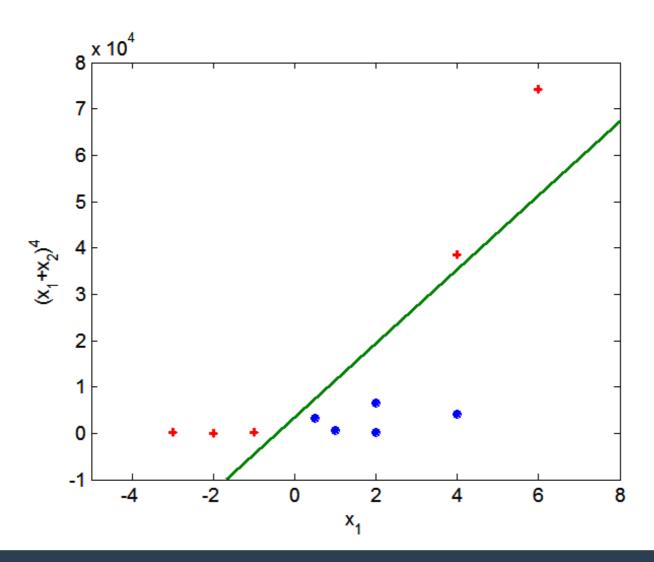
\*WHAT IF DECISION BOUNDARY IS NOT LINEAR?

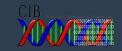




# Nonlinear Support Vector Machines

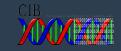
\*TRANSFORM DATA INTO HIGHER DIMENSIONAL SPACE: KERNEL TRICK





#### More than two classes

- \*Transform a N class problem into M two-class problems
- **X**OUTPUT CODING
  - xOne vs all
  - XOne vs one
  - xError correcting output codes (ECOC)



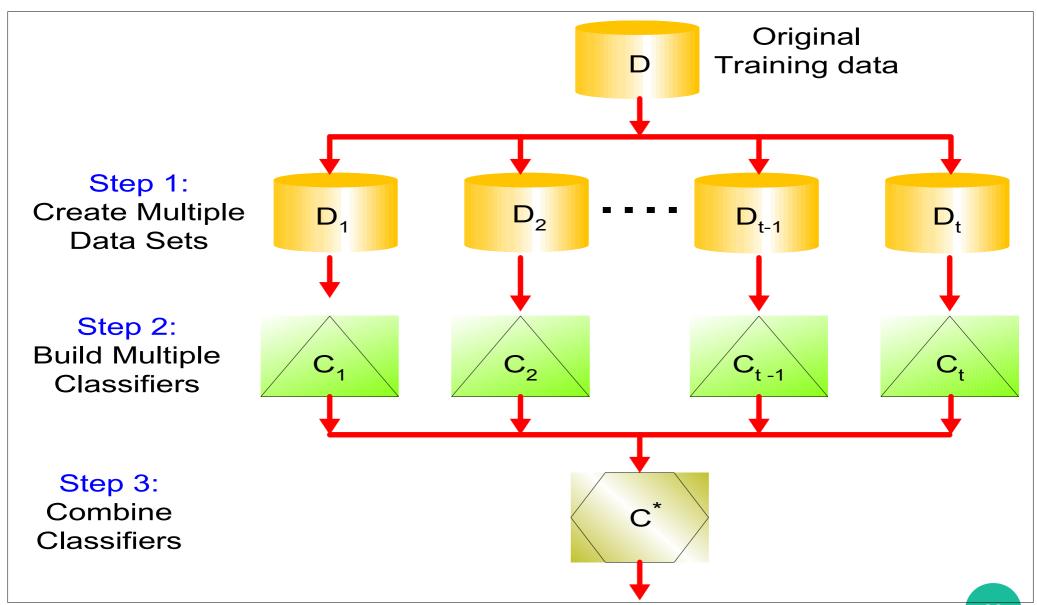
#### **Ensemble Methods**

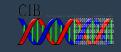
**X**CONSTRUCT A SET OF CLASSIFIERS FROM THE TRAINING DATA

\*Predict class label of previously unseen records by aggregating predictions made by multiple classifiers



#### General Idea





#### Why does it work?

- **X**SUPPOSE THERE ARE 25 BASE CLASSIFIERS
  - ×Each classifier has error rate, ε = 0.35
  - \*Assume classifiers are independent
  - \*Probability that the ensemble classifier makes a wrong prediction:

$$\sum_{i=1}^{25} {25 \choose i} \varepsilon^{i} (1-\varepsilon)^{25-i} = 0.06$$

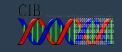


#### Examples of Ensemble Methods

\*How to generate an ensemble of classifiers?

\*Bagging: Constructs classifiers independently

\*Boosting: Constructs ensemble incrementally



# 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  |

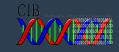
**X**BUILD CLASSIFIER ON EACH BOOTSTRAP SAMPLE

 $\times$ EACH SAMPLE HAS PROBABILITY  $(1-1/N)^{N}$  OF BEING SELECTED



#### Boosting

- \*AN ITERATIVE PROCEDURE TO ADAPTIVELY CHANGE DISTRIBUTION OF TRAINING DATA BY FOCUSING MORE ON PREVIOUSLY MISCLASSIFIED RECORDS
  - \*Each instance is assigned a weight that measures its probability of being sampled
  - \*Initially, all N records are assigned equal weights
  - \*Unlike bagging, weights change at the end of boosting round



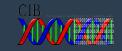
#### Boosting

\*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 |
|---------------------------|---|---|---|----|---|---|---|----|---|----|
| <b>Boosting (Round 1)</b> | 7 | 3 | 2 | 8  | 7 | 9 | 4 | 10 | 6 | 3  |
| <b>Boosting (Round 2)</b> | 5 | 4 | 9 | 4  | 2 | 5 | 1 | 7  | 4 | 2  |
| <b>Boosting (Round 3)</b> | 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



#### Example: AdaBoost

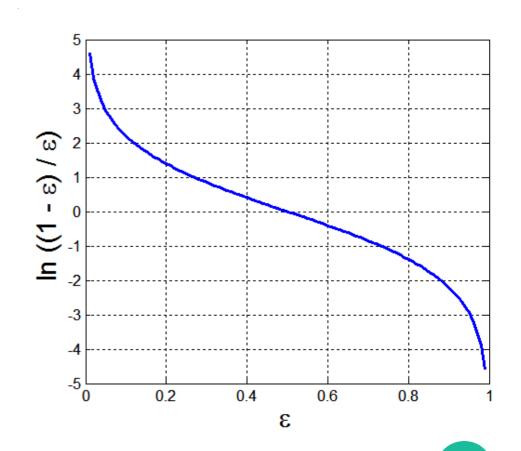
 $\mathbf{x}$ BASE CLASSIFIERS:  $C_1$ ,  $C_2$ , ...,  $C_T$ 

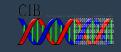
**X**ERROR RATE:

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

X MPORTANCE OF A CLASSIFIER:

$$\alpha_{i} = \frac{1}{2} \ln \left( \frac{1 - \varepsilon_{i}}{\varepsilon_{i}} \right)$$





#### Example: AdaBoost

**X**WEIGHT UPDATE:

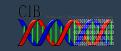
$$w_{i}^{(j+1)} = \frac{w_{i}^{(j)}}{Z_{j}} \begin{cases} \exp^{-\alpha_{j}} & \text{if } C_{j}(x_{i}) = y_{i} \\ \exp^{\alpha_{j}} & \text{if } C_{j}(x_{i}) \neq y_{i} \end{cases}$$

where  $Z_{\cdot}$  is the normalization factor

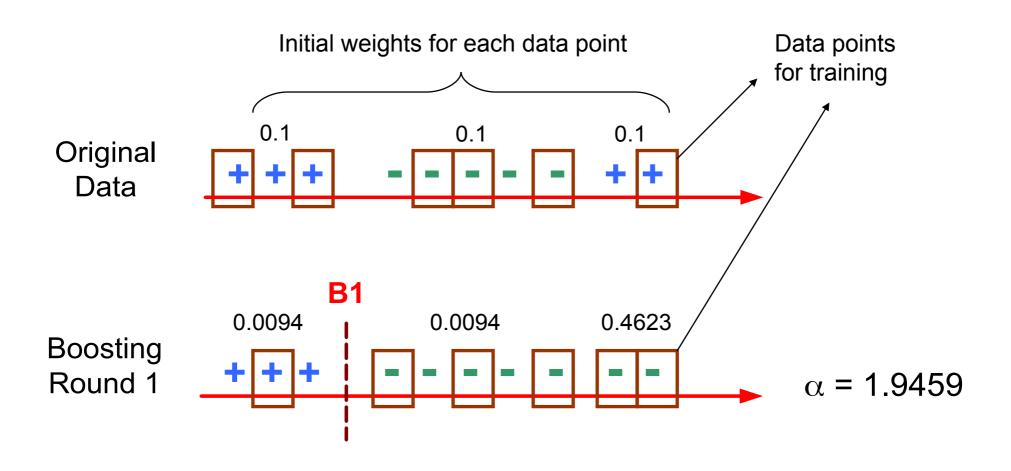
\*IF ANY INTERMEDIATE ROUNDS PRODUCE ERROR RATE HIGHER THAN 50%, THE WEIGHTS ARE REVERTED BACK TO 1/N AND THE RESAMPLING PROCEDURE IS REPEATED

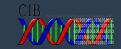
**X**CLASSIFICATION:

$$C^*(x) = \underset{y}{\operatorname{argmax}} \sum_{j=1}^{T} \alpha_j \delta(C_j(x) = y)$$

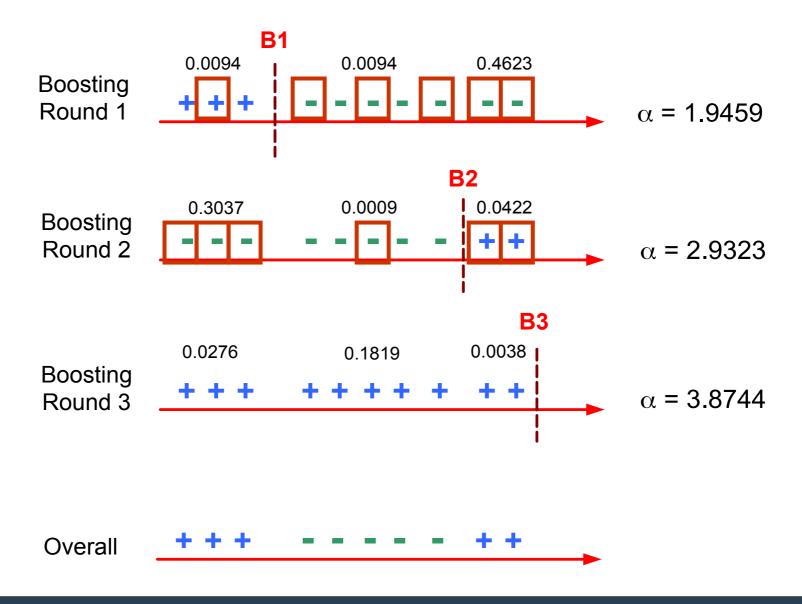


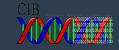
# Illustrating AdaBoost





# Illustrating AdaBoost





#### Bias/variance of error

- \*ERROR IS USUALLY DIVIDED INTO THREE PARTS
  - xIrreducible error
  - \*Bias error: Error of the central tendency of the model
  - \*Variance error: Error of the deviation from the central tendency

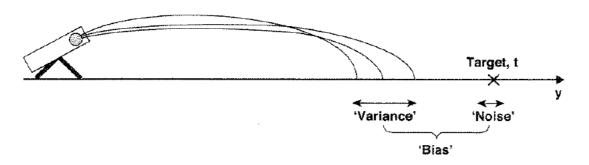
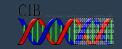


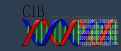
Figure 5.32. Bias-variance decomposition.

- \*Bagging: Reduces variance of the error
- \*Boosting: Reduces both bias and variance of the error



#### Random forest

- \*Ensemble specifically designed for decision trees
- \*INTRODUCES RANDOMNESS ON EACH NODE CALCULATION
  - **\***Boostrap sampling
  - \*Random sampling of features on each node



# Random forest algorithm

- 1. For b = 1 to B:
  - (a) Draw a bootstrap sample  $\mathbf{Z}^*$  of size N from the training data.
  - (b) Grow a random-forest tree  $T_b$  to the bootstrapped data, by recursively repeating the following steps for each terminal node of the tree, until the minimum node size  $n_{min}$  is reached.
    - i. Select m variables at random from the p variables.
    - ii. Pick the best variable/split-point among the m.
    - iii. Split the node into two daughter nodes.
- 2. Output the ensemble of trees  $\{T_b\}_1^B$ .

To make a prediction at a new point x:

Regression: 
$$\hat{f}_{rf}^B(x) = \frac{1}{B} \sum_{b=1}^B T_b(x)$$
.

Classification: Let  $\hat{C}_b(x)$  be the class prediction of the bth random-forest tree. Then  $\hat{C}_{\rm rf}^B(x) = majority\ vote\ \{\hat{C}_b(x)\}_1^B$ .