Data Mining

Ensemble Techniques

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Ensemble Methods

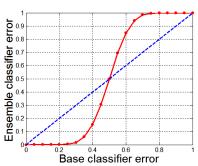
- Construct a set of classifiers from the training data
- Predict class label of test records by combining the predictions made by multiple classifiers

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Why Ensemble Methods work?

- Suppose there are 25 base classifiers
 - Each classifier has error rate, $\varepsilon = 0.35$
 - Assume errors made by classifiers are uncorrelated
 - Probability that the ensemble classifier makes a wrong prediction:



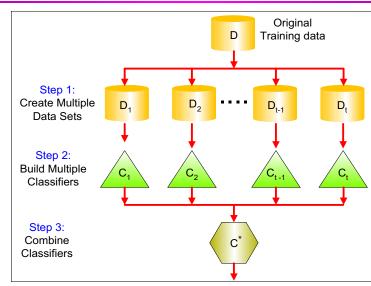
$$P(X \ge 13) = \sum_{i=13}^{25} {25 \choose i} \varepsilon^{i} (1 - \varepsilon)^{25 - i} = 0.06$$

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General Approach



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Types of Ensemble Methods

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

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Bagging

Sampling with replacement

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

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

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Bagging Algorithm

Algorithm 5.6 Bagging Algorithm

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

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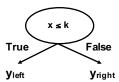
Bagging Example

Consider 1-dimensional data set:

Original Data:

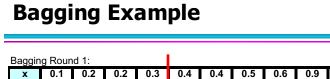
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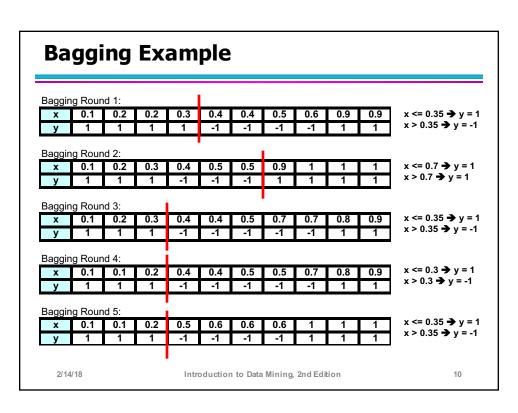
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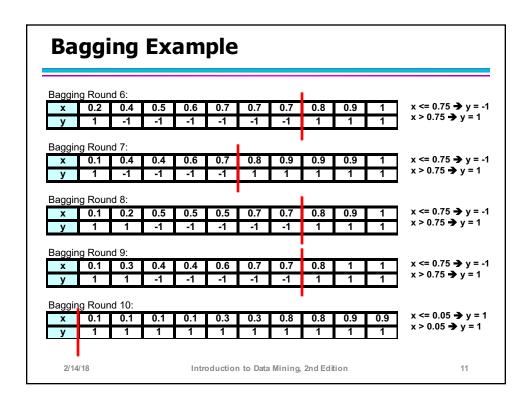
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x <= 0.35 → y = 1

 $x > 0.35 \Rightarrow y = -1$





Bagging Example

Summary of Training sets:

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

Bagging Example

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

Round	x=0.1	x=0.2	x=0.3	x=0.4	x=0.5	x=0.6	x=0.7	x=0.8	x=0.9	x=1.0
1	1	1	1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1
2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
3	1	1	1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1
4	1	1	1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1
5	1	1	1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1
6	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	1	1	1
7	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	1	1	1
8	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	1	1	1
9	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	1	1	1
10	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Sum	2	2	2	-6	-6	-6	-6	2	2	2
Sign	1	1	1	-1	-1	-1	-1	1	1	1

Predicted Class

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Boosting

- An iterative procedure to adaptively change distribution of training data by focusing more on previously misclassified records
 - Initially, all N records are assigned equal weights
 - Unlike bagging, weights may change at the end of each 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
Boosting (Round 1)	7	3	2	8	7	9	4	10	6	3
Boosting (Round 2)	5	4	9	4	2	5	1	7	4	2
Boosting (Round 3)	4	4	8	10	4	5	4	6	3	4

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

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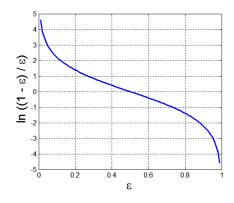
AdaBoost

- Base classifiers: C₁, C₂, ..., C_T
- Error rate:

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

• Importance of a classifier:

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



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AdaBoost Algorithm

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_i 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
- Classification:

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

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AdaBoost Algorithm

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Algorithm 5.7 AdaBoost Algorithm
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1: \mathbf{w} = \{w_j = 1/n \mid j = 1, 2, \cdots, n\}. {Initialize the weights for all n instances.} 2: Let k be the number of boosting rounds. 3: for i = 1 to k do 4: Create training set D_i by sampling (with replacement) from D according to \mathbf{w}. 5: Train a base classifier C_i on D_i. 6: Apply C_i to all instances in the original training set, D. 7: \epsilon_i = \frac{1}{n} \Big[ \sum_j w_j \ \delta(C_i(x_j) \neq y_j) \Big] {Calculate the weighted error} 8: if \epsilon_i > 0.5 then 9: \mathbf{w} = \{w_j = 1/n \mid j = 1, 2, \cdots, n\}. {Reset the weights for all n instances.} 10: Go back to Step 4. 11: end if 12: \alpha_i = \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{1-\epsilon_i}{\epsilon_i}. 13: Update the weight of each instance according to equation (5.88). 14: end for 15: C^*(\mathbf{x}) = \arg \max_y \sum_{j=1}^T \alpha_j \delta(C_j(\mathbf{x}) = y)).
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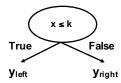
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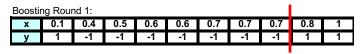
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AdaBoost Example

• Training sets for the first 3 boosting rounds:



Boosting Round 2:

x 0.1 0.1 0.2 0.2 0.2 0.2 0.3 0.3 0.3 0.3 0.

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ı	Х	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.7
	у	1	1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1

Summary:

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

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AdaBoost Example

Weights

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

Classification

Round	x=0.1	x=0.2	x=0.3	x=0.4	x=0.5	x=0.6	x=0.7	x=0.8	x=0.9	x=1.0
1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	1	1	1
2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
3	1	1	1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1
Sum	5.16	5.16	5.16	-3.08	-3.08	-3.08	-3.08	0.397	0.397	0.397
Sign	1	1	1	-1	-1	-1	-1	1	1	1

Predicted Class

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