

Data 2060 Final Presentation
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AdaBoosting

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Math behind Machine Learning algorithm

Representation

The final prediction combines weighted outputs of all decision stumps:

$$H(x) = \text{sign} \left(\sum_{t=1}^T \alpha_t h_t(x) \right)$$

Where:

1. T : Total number of decision stumps (weak classifiers).
2. α_t : Weight of the t -th decision stump
3. $h_t(x)$: Prediction of the t -th decision stump
4. x : Sample from training set

Representation

The weight of each weak learner is calculated as

$$\alpha_t = 0.5 * \log((1 - \varepsilon_t) / \varepsilon_t)$$

Where:

ε_t is the error rate of weak learner at iteration t

$$\varepsilon_t = \sum [w_i * I(h_t(x_i) \neq y_i)]$$

Loss

The exponential loss is minimized iteratively by focusing on misclassified samples

$$L = \sum \exp(-y_i * H(x_i))$$

Where:

1. y_i : True label of sample i
2. $H(x_i)$: Combined prediction from all weak learners.

Optimizer

Weights for each sample are updated to emphasize misclassified points:

$$w_i(t + 1) = [w_i(t) * \exp(-\alpha_t * y_i * h_t(x_i))] / z_t$$

Where:

z_t : Normalization factor to maintain a valid distribution



Pseudo-code for Algorithm

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Input: Training set $S = \{(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2), \dots, (x_m, y_m)\}$, weak learner WL , number of rounds T

Output: Final hypothesis $H(x)$

Initialize distribution $D_1(i) = 1/m$ **for** all $i = 1$ to m

for $t = 1$ to T :

1. Train weak learner h_t using distribution D_t
2. Calculate error $\epsilon_t = \sum(D_t(i) * [h_t(x_i) \neq y_i])$ **for** all i
3. Compute $\alpha_t = 0.5 * \log((1 - \epsilon_t) / \epsilon_t)$
4. Update distribution:
 $D_{t+1}(i) = D_t(i) * \exp(-\alpha_t * y_i * h_t(x_i))$
 Normalize D_{t+1} to maintain a probability distribution

Output final hypothesis:

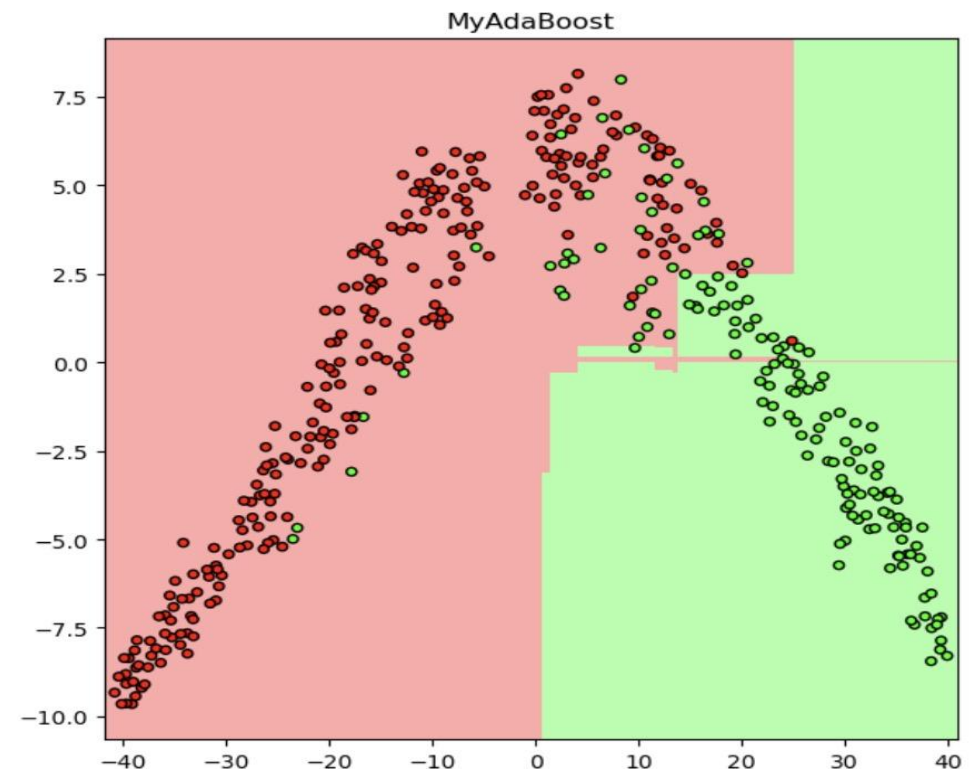
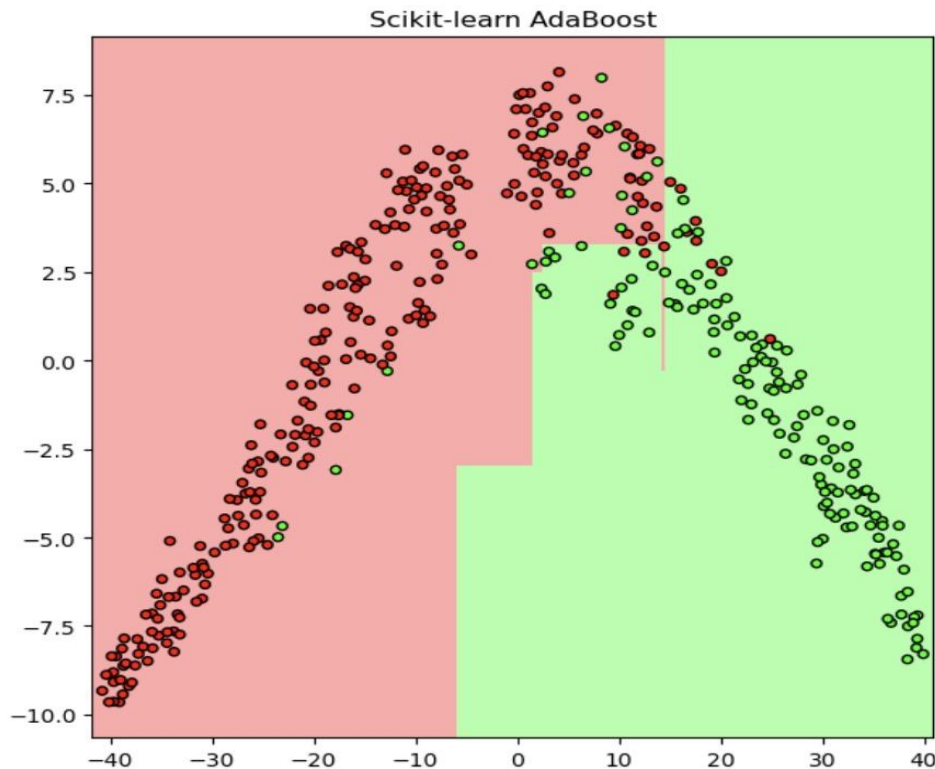
$H(x) = \text{sign}(\sum(\alpha_t * h_t(x) \text{ for } t = 1 \text{ to } T))$



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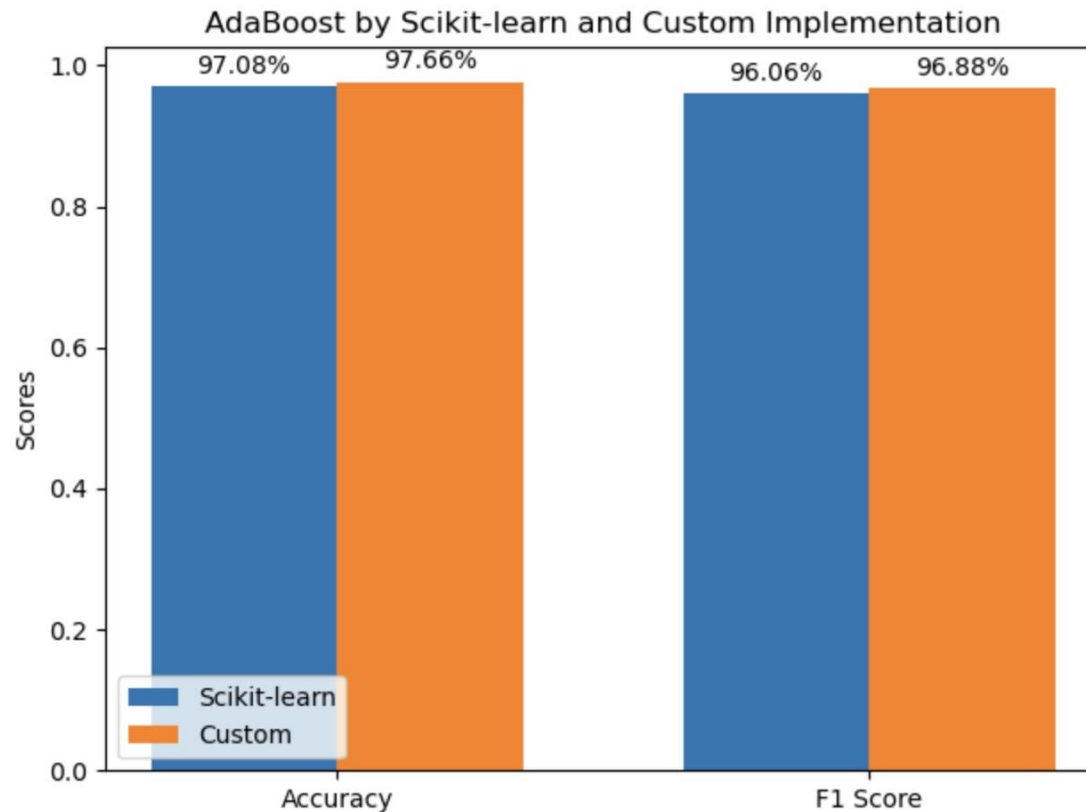
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1. Breast Cancer Wisconsin (Breast) Dataset
2. MyAdaBoost vs Scikit-learn's AdaBoost
3. Decision boundary visualized by t-SNE



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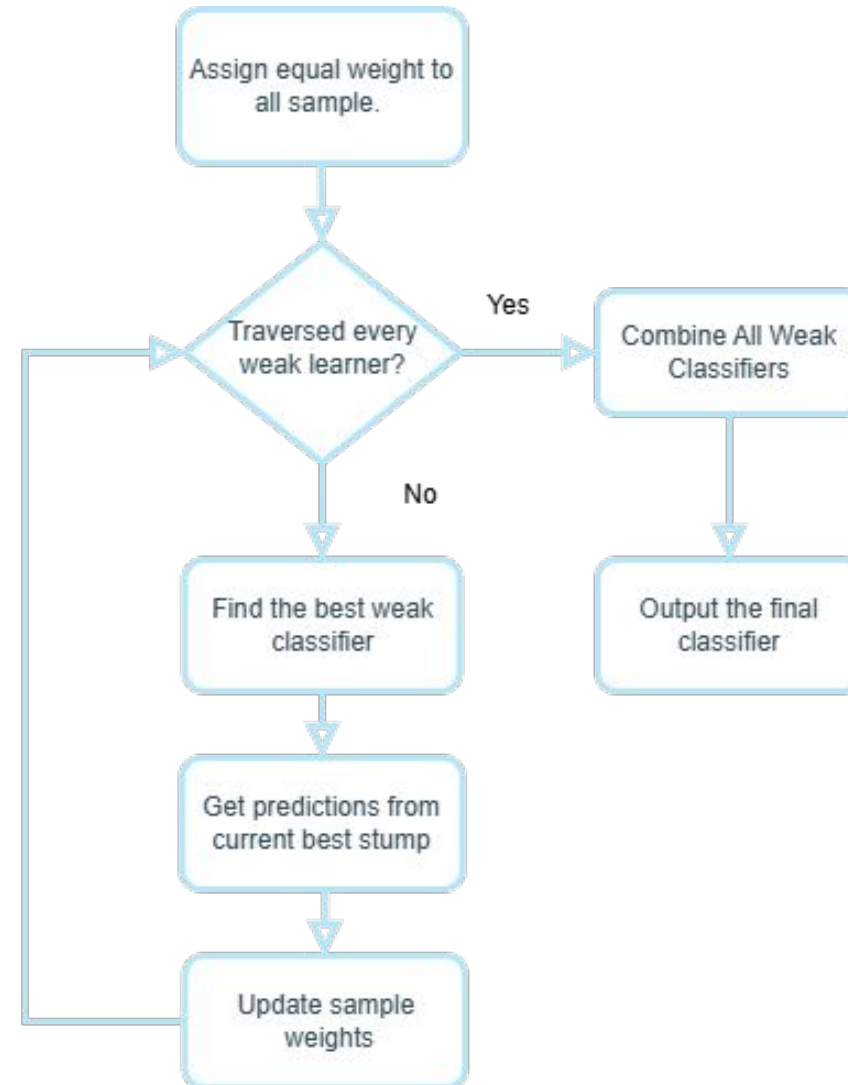
MyAdaBoost: Slightly higher accuracy and F1 score



Our Implementation

4. Our Implementation – Overview

1. Input the dataset and weak
2. Assign equal weights
3. Traverse every weak learner
 - (1) Find best classifier
 - (2) Decision stump prediction
 - (3) Update Sample weights
4. Combine all weak learners
5. Output the Final Classifier



4. Our Implementation – Interesting Things

1. Dynamic Weight Adjustment:

- Adapts sample weights to focus on harder-to-classify instances.

2. Error-Based Weighting:

- Weak classifiers are weighted by their performance

3. Iterative Learning Process:

- Sequentially reduces error by emphasizing misclassified samples.

4. Our Implementation – Challenges

1. Weight Updates and Normalization:

- **Challenge:** Updating sample weights involves exponential operations, which can result in numerical instability.
- **Solution:** Ensure a valid distribution by normalizing the weights through division by the total sum of the sample weights.

2. Error Handling in α Calculation:

- **Challenge:** When error comes to 0 or 1, the calculation of α (classifier weight) can lead to dividing by zero problems.
- **Solution:** Introducing a small epsilon (1×10^{-10})

Thank You!