
Data Mining & Machine Learning

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Ensemble Methods

- **Basic idea** is to learn a set of models and to allow them to vote.
- **Advantage:** improvement in predictive accuracy.
- **Disadvantage:** it is difficult to understand an ensemble of models.
- **Note:** these ensemble methods can be used for both classifications and regressions

Ensemble Methods

- Bagging
- Boosting
 - AdaBoosting
 - Gradient Boosting
 - XGBoost (eXtreme Gradient Boosting)

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Bagging

- Process in bagging:
 - Define the size for training set, n
 - Sample several training sets of size n (instead of just having one training set of size n)
 - Build a **classifier** for each training set
 - Combine the classifier's predictions by voting or averaging.
 - Note: you can use a same classification algorithm to build a classifier (e.g., KNN only) for each training set. Or, you can use different algorithms (e.g., KNN, Decision Tree, SVM, etc.) to build a classifier for each training set

Bagging



Sample
Training
sets

Build
individual
models

Voting
or
Averaging

Voting and Averaging

- Voting is used for classifications, and averaging is used for regressions
- Voting: Hard and Soft voting

Hard voting

Predictions:

Classifier 1 predicts class A

Classifier 2 predicts class B

Classifier 3 predicts class B

2/3 classifiers predict class B, so **class B is the ensemble decision**.

Soft voting

Predictions (identical to the earlier example, but now in terms of probabilities. Shown only for class A here because the problem is binary):

Classifier 1 predicts class A with probability 99%

Classifier 2 predicts class A with probability 49%

Classifier 3 predicts class A with probability 49%

The average probability of belonging to class A across the classifiers is $(99 + 49 + 49) / 3 = 65.67\%$. Therefore, **class A is the ensemble decision**.

Example: Random Forest

- Random Forest is a bagging method where you utilize decision tree as classifiers



Sample
Training
sets

Build
individual
Trees

Voting
or
Averaging

Why does bagging work?

- Bagging reduces variance by voting/averaging, thus reducing the overall expected error
 - In the case of classification there are pathological situations where the overall error might increase
 - Usually, the more classifiers the better

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Boosting

- No model is always the best learner. There are always weak learners – models which may have large classification errors
- General Ideas in Boosting
 - Learn a base model
 - Adjust training set based on the previous base model, and train the next model
 - Repeat the process above to get T models
 - Finally use all T models together to make predictions

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AdaBoosting

- Rough Idea

- 1) Assign equal weights to all instances in training set
- 2) Train a base model
- 3) Adjust weights of instances in training set based on the previous model, e.g., assign more weights to the misclassified instances
- 4) Train another model
- 5) Repeat 3)-4) to get T models
- 6) Combine all T models to make predictions

AdaBoosting

- 1. Initialize the data weighting coefficients $\{w_n\}$ by setting $w_n^{(1)} = 1/N$ for $n = 1, \dots, N$
- 2. For $m = 1, \dots, M$:
 - (a) Fit a classifier $y_m(x)$ to the training data by minimizing the weighted error function
$$J_m = \sum_{n=1}^N w_n^{(m)} I(y_m(x_n) \neq t_n)$$
- Where $I(y_m(x_n) \neq t_n)$ is the indicator function and equals 1 when $y_m(x_n) \neq t_n$ and 0 otherwise.

AdaBoosting

- (b) Evaluate the quantities

$$\varepsilon_m = \frac{\sum_{n=1}^N w_n^{(m)} I(y_m(x_n) \neq t_n)}{\sum_{n=1}^N w_n^{(m)}}$$

and then use these to evaluate

$$\alpha_m = \ln \left\{ \frac{1 - \varepsilon_m}{\varepsilon_m} \right\}$$

AdaBoosting

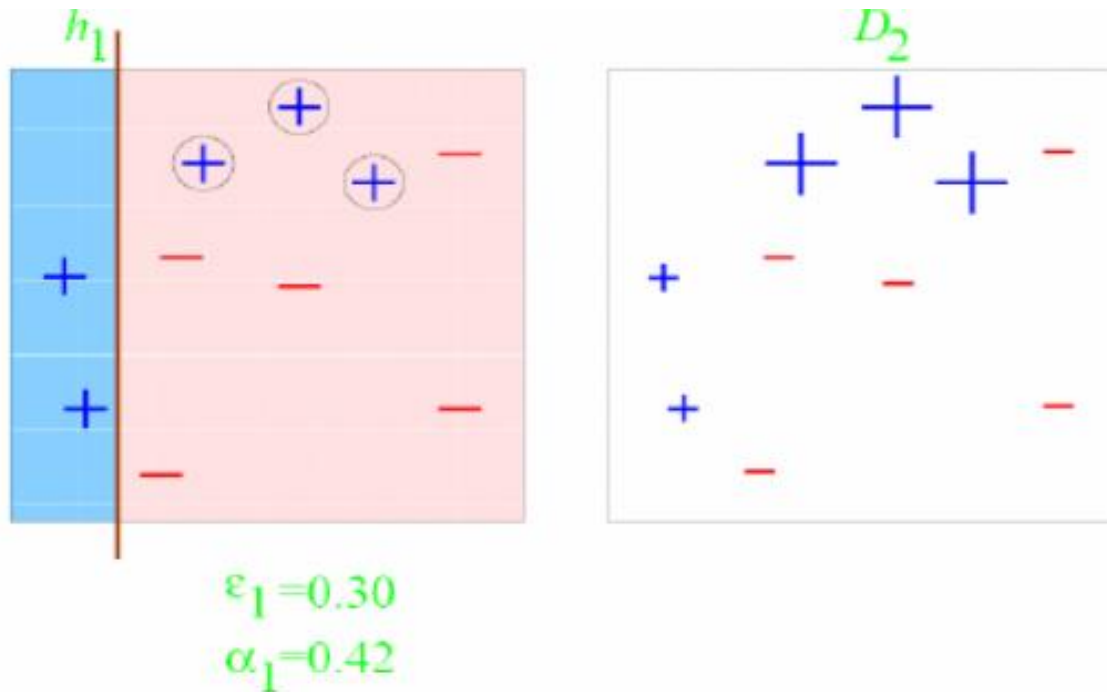
- (c) Update the data weighting coefficients

$$w_n^{(m+1)} = w_n^{(m)} \exp\{\alpha_m I(y_m(x_n) \neq t_n)\}$$

- 3. Make predictions using the final model, which is given by

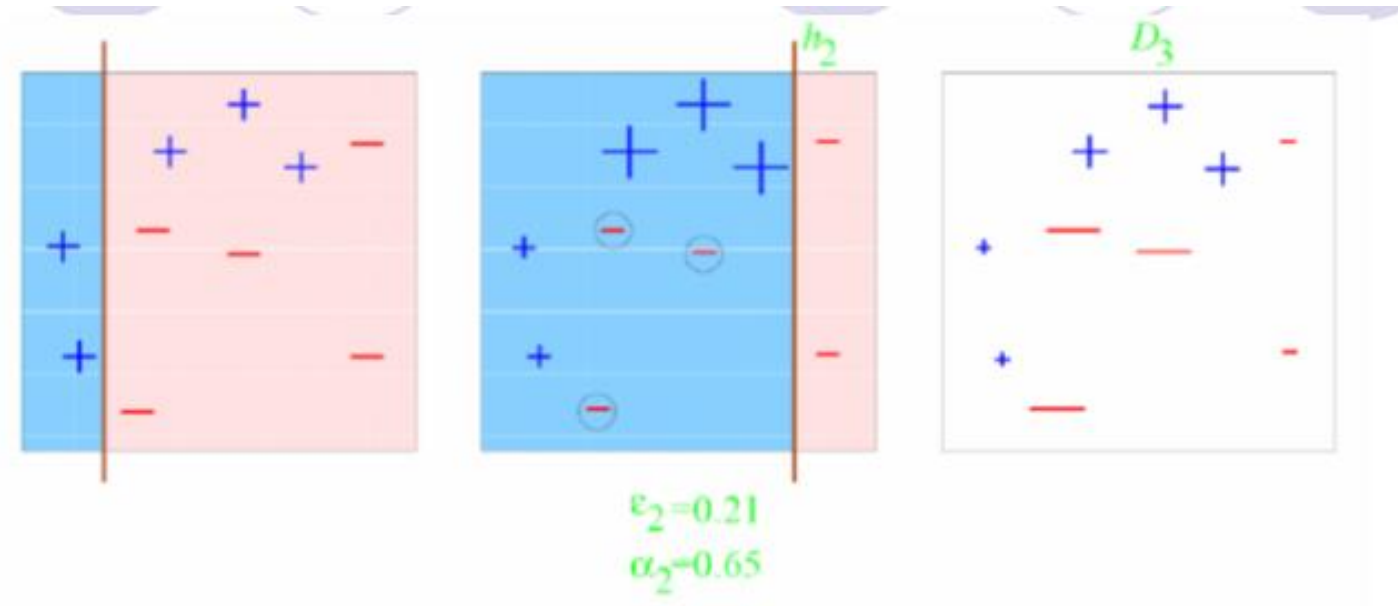
$$Y_M(x) = \text{sign}\left(\sum_{m=1}^M \alpha_m y_m(x)\right)$$

AdaBoosting: Example



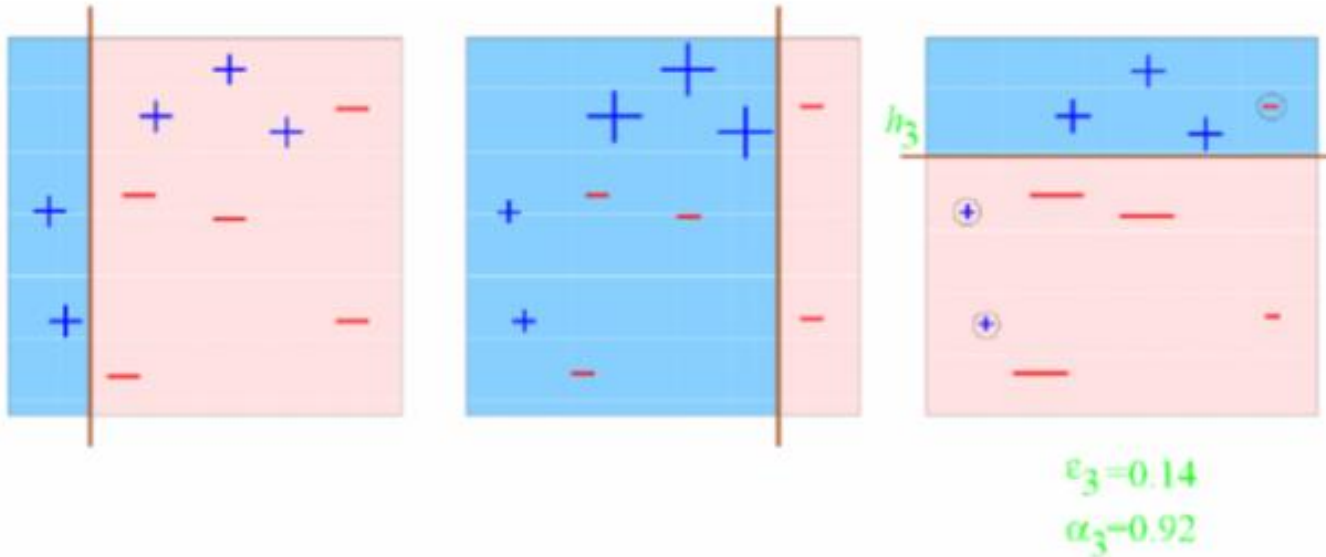
Round 1: Three “plus” points are not correctly classified;
They are given higher weights.

AdaBoosting: Example



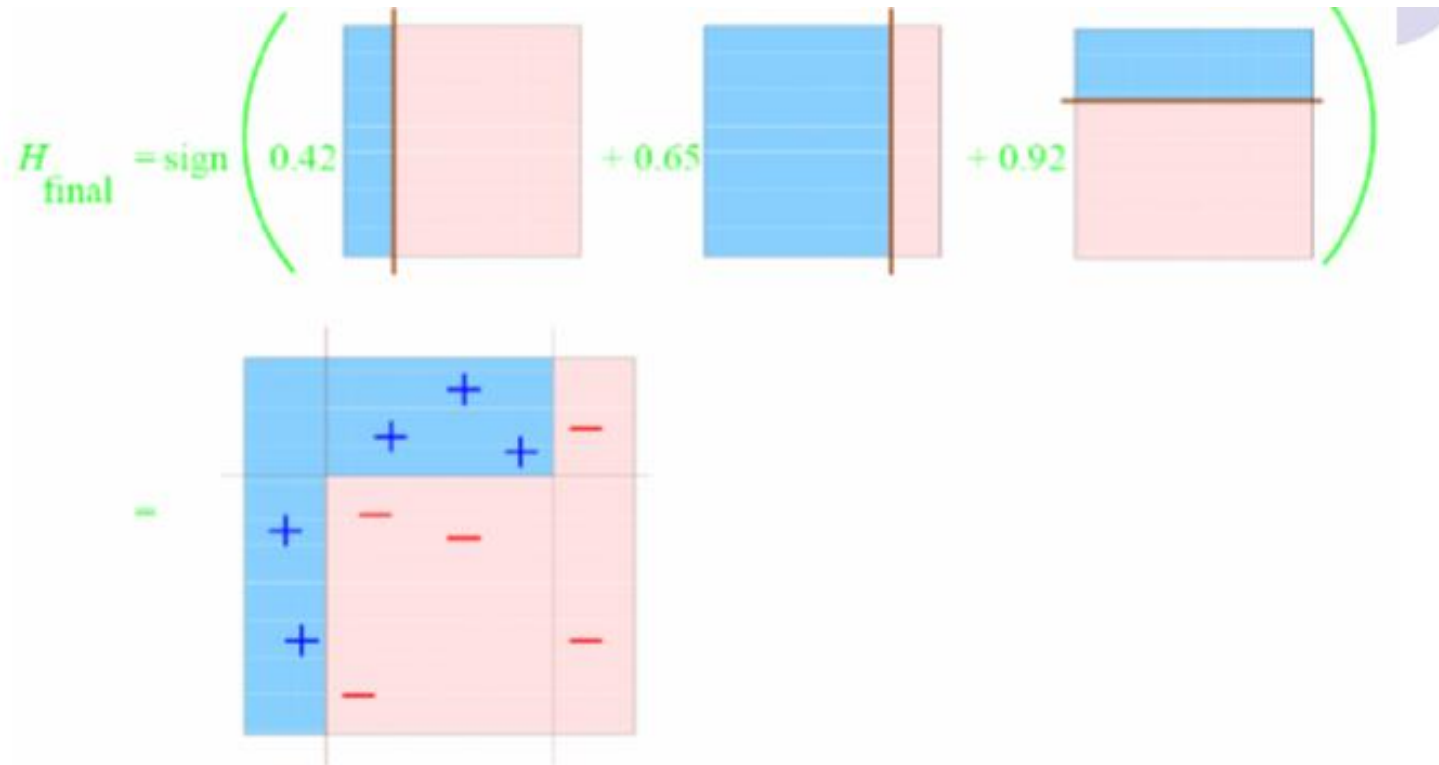
Round 2: Three “minuse” points are not correctly classified;
They are given higher weights.

AdaBoosting: Example



Round 3: One “minuse” and two “plus” points are not correctly classified;
They are given higher weights.

AdaBoosting: Example



Final Classifier: integrate the three “weak” classifiers and obtain a final strong classifier.

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Gradient Boosting

- Rough Idea
 - GB is still a boosting method
 - GB = Gradient Descent + Boosting
 - AdaBoosting vs GB
 - Both of them tried to improve weak learners iteratively
 - AdaBoosting tried to change the weights of misclassified instances. GB tried to take advantage of gradient descent of the loss functions (e.g., loss in SVM)
 - Both of them can be used for classification and regressions, but GB is more powerful for regressions

Gradient Boosting

Gradient Boosting

- ▶ Fit an additive model (ensemble) $\sum_t \rho_t h_t(x)$ in a forward stage-wise manner.
- ▶ In each stage, introduce a weak learner to compensate the shortcomings of existing weak learners.
- ▶ In Gradient Boosting, “shortcomings” are identified by **gradients**. [negative gradients]
- ▶ Recall that, in Adaboost, “shortcomings” are identified by **high-weight data points**.
- ▶ Both high-weight data points and gradients tell us how to improve our model.

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More variants

- Gradient Boosting is much more powerful, and there are different variants of gradient boosting
 - GBDT (Gradient Boosting Decision Tree)
 - XGBoost (eXtreme Gradient Boosting)
 - LightGBM (Light Gradient Boosting Machine)
 - CatBoost (Categorical Boosting)

XGBoost (eXtreme Gradient Boosting)

- Gradient Boosting vs XGBoost
 - XGBoost is an improvement over GB
 - XGBoost supports distributed computing
 - XGBoost have several solutions to alleviate overfitting, e.g., L1, L2 regularization terms
 - XGBoost supports column subsampling which can improve performance
 - Many many more

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- Ensemble Methods
- Multi-Label Classifications

Classification



Binary classification: Is this a picture of the sea?

$\in \{\text{yes}, \text{no}\}$

Classification



Multi-*class* classification: What is this a picture of?

$\in \{\text{sea, sunset, trees, people, mountain, urban}\}$

Classification



Multi-label classification: Which labels are relevant to this picture?

$\subseteq \{\text{sea, sunset, trees, people, mountain, urban}\}$

i.e., **multiple** labels per instance instead of a single label!

Multi-Label Classification: Applications

For example, the news ...



Novo Banco: Portugal bank sell-off hits snag

Portugal's central bank has missed its deadline to sell Novo Banco, a bank created after the collapse of the country's second-biggest lender.

Multi-Label Classification: Applications

For example, the IMDb dataset: Textual movie **plot summaries** associated with **genres** (labels).



The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring (2001)

PG-13 | 178 min | **Adventure, Fantasy** | 19 December 2001 (USA)

8.8 Your rating: ★★★★★★ ★★ -/10
Ratings: 8.8/10 from 1,110,948 users Metascore: 92/100
Reviews: 4,988 user | 294 critic | 34 from Metacritic.com

A meek hobbit of the Shire and eight companions set out on a journey to Mount Doom to destroy the One Ring and the dark lord Sauron.

Director: [Peter Jackson](#)

Writers: [J.R.R. Tolkien](#) (novel), [Fran Walsh](#) (screenplay), [2 more credits](#) »

Stars: [Elijah Wood](#), [Ian McKellen](#), [Orlando Bloom](#) | [See full cast and crew](#) »

Multi-Label Classification: Applications



Images are labelled to indicate

- multiple concepts
- multiple objects
- multiple people

e.g., Scene data with concept labels

$\subseteq \{\text{beach, sunset, foliage, field, mountain, urban}\}$

Multi-Label Classification: Applications

Labelling **music/tracks** with **genres** / **voices**, **concepts**, etc.



e.g., Music dataset, **audio tracks** labelled with different **moods**, among: {

- amazed-surprised,
- happy-pleased,
- relaxing-calm,
- quiet-still,
- sad-lonely,
- angry-aggressive

Multi-Label Classification: Applications



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Multi-Label Classification: Example

- Difference in data sets

Table: Single-label $Y \in \{0, 1\}$

X_1	X_2	X_3	X_4	X_5	Y
1	0.1	3	1	0	0
0	0.9	1	0	1	1
0	0.0	1	1	0	0
1	0.8	2	0	1	1
1	0.0	2	0	1	0
0	0.0	3	1	1	?

Table: Multi-label $Y \subseteq \{\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_L\}$

X_1	X_2	X_3	X_4	X_5	Y
1	0.1	3	1	0	$\{\lambda_2, \lambda_3\}$
0	0.9	1	0	1	$\{\lambda_1\}$
0	0.0	1	1	0	$\{\lambda_2\}$
1	0.8	2	0	1	$\{\lambda_1, \lambda_4\}$
1	0.0	2	0	1	$\{\lambda_4\}$
0	0.0	3	1	1	?

Multi-Label Classification: Example

- We usually convert labels to binary labels

Table: Single-label $Y \in \{0, 1\}$

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0	0.0	3	1	1	?

Table: Multi-label $[Y_1, \dots, Y_L] \in 2^L$

X_1	X_2	X_3	X_4	X_5	Y_1	Y_2	Y_3	Y_4
1	0.1	3	1	0	0	1	1	0
0	0.9	1	0	1	1	0	0	0
0	0.0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0
1	0.8	2	0	1	1	0	0	1
1	0.0	2	0	1	0	0	0	1
0	0.0	3	1	1	?	?	?	?

Multi-Label Classification

- Solutions
 - **Transformation Based Methods**
Transform the task to binary/multi-class classifications
 - **Adaptation Based Methods**
Develop new algorithms to solve the problem

Multi-Label Classification


- Transformation Based Methods
 - Binary Relevance
 - Classifier Chains
 - Label Powerset

Multi-Label Classification

- Binary Relevance

If there are N labels, we have N binary classifications

\mathbf{X}	Y_1	Y_2	Y_3	Y_4
$\mathbf{x}^{(1)}$	0	1	1	0
$\mathbf{x}^{(2)}$	1	0	0	0
$\mathbf{x}^{(3)}$	0	1	0	0
$\mathbf{x}^{(4)}$	1	0	0	1
$\mathbf{x}^{(5)}$	0	0	0	1



\mathbf{X}	Y_1
$\mathbf{x}^{(1)}$	0
$\mathbf{x}^{(2)}$	1
$\mathbf{x}^{(3)}$	0
$\mathbf{x}^{(4)}$	1
$\mathbf{x}^{(5)}$	0

\mathbf{X}	Y_2
$\mathbf{x}^{(1)}$	1
$\mathbf{x}^{(2)}$	0
$\mathbf{x}^{(3)}$	1
$\mathbf{x}^{(4)}$	0
$\mathbf{x}^{(5)}$	0

\mathbf{X}	Y_3
$\mathbf{x}^{(1)}$	1
$\mathbf{x}^{(2)}$	0
$\mathbf{x}^{(3)}$	0
$\mathbf{x}^{(4)}$	0
$\mathbf{x}^{(5)}$	0

\mathbf{X}	Y_4
$\mathbf{x}^{(1)}$	0
$\mathbf{x}^{(2)}$	0
$\mathbf{x}^{(3)}$	0
$\mathbf{x}^{(4)}$	1
$\mathbf{x}^{(5)}$	1

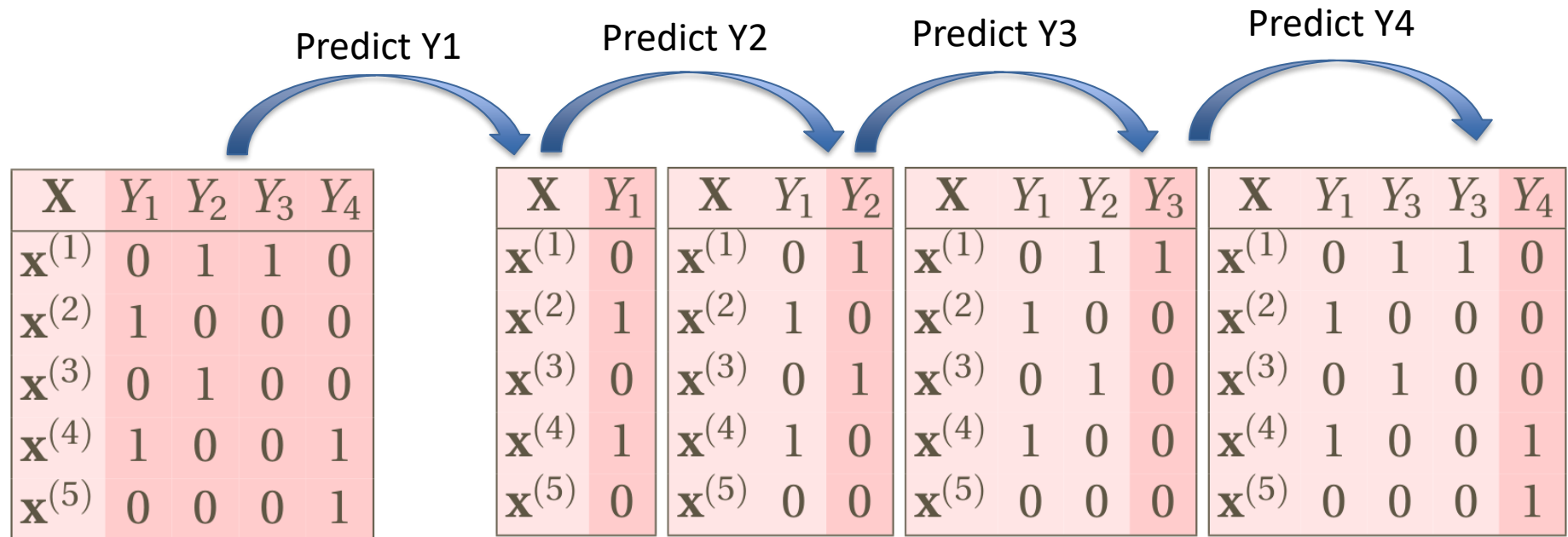
- Drawback: it ignores the label dependence

Multi-Label Classification

- Classifier Chains
 - Classifier Chains build the model in a chain by taking label correlations into consideration
 - It uses the feature to perform binary classification on 1st label, the prediction on 1st label will be reused as the features into the 2nd step to predict the 2nd label
 - Repeat the process above until all of the labels are predicted

Multi-Label Classification

- Classifier Chains



- Use previous prediction results as new features

Multi-Label Classification

- Drawbacks in Classifier Chains
 - Difficult to define the sequence in the chain, though there are some methods (e.g., info gain)
 - If the previous predictions are incorrect, the following predictions may not be right too.

Multi-Label Classification

- Label Powerset
 - Each subset of the label set will be a single label
 - Assign binary classification or multi-class classification to them
 - Find a way to aggregate the results

Multi-Label Classification

- Label Powerset

① Transform dataset ...

X	Y_1	Y_2	Y_3	Y_4
$\mathbf{x}^{(1)}$	0	1	1	0
$\mathbf{x}^{(2)}$	1	0	0	0
$\mathbf{x}^{(3)}$	0	1	1	0
$\mathbf{x}^{(4)}$	1	0	0	1
$\mathbf{x}^{(5)}$	0	0	0	1

...into a multi-*class* problem, taking 2^L possible values:

X	$Y \in 2^L$
$\mathbf{x}^{(1)}$	0110
$\mathbf{x}^{(2)}$	1000
$\mathbf{x}^{(3)}$	0110
$\mathbf{x}^{(4)}$	1001
$\mathbf{x}^{(5)}$	0001

② ...and train any off-the-shelf multi-*class* classifier.

Multi-Label Classification

- Drawbacks in Label Powerset
 - Too many subsets if there are several labels
 - Highly possible to have imbalance issue
 - Overfitting: how to predict new values/labels?

Multi-Label Classification

- Solutions
 - Transformation Based Methods
Transform the task to binary/multi-class classifications
 - **Adaptation Based Methods**
Develop new algorithms to solve the problem

Algorithm adaptation techniques

- MLkNN. For each test instance:
 - Retrieve the top-k nearest neighbors to each instance
 - Compute the frequency of occurrence of each label
 - Assign a probability to each label and select the labels by using a probability cut-off value

Multi-Label Classification

- Notes
 - Both transformation and adaptation methods are the methods to solve MLC problem
 - They are not classification algorithms
 - For each method, you can use any traditional binary/multi-class classification algorithms to produce the predictions

Evaluation of multilabel learning

- There are multiple labels in the MLC problem
- Traditional evaluation metrics in the classification may not work for MLC
- We need to develop new evaluation metrics

Hamming Loss

Example

	$\mathbf{y}^{(i)}$	$\hat{\mathbf{y}}^{(i)}$
$\tilde{\mathbf{x}}^{(1)}$	[1 0 1 0]	[1 0 0 1]
$\tilde{\mathbf{x}}^{(2)}$	[0 1 0 1]	[0 1 0 1]
$\tilde{\mathbf{x}}^{(3)}$	[1 0 0 1]	[1 0 0 1]
$\tilde{\mathbf{x}}^{(4)}$	[0 1 1 0]	[0 1 0 0]
$\tilde{\mathbf{x}}^{(5)}$	[1 0 0 0]	[1 0 0 1]

Consider the misclassification in each bit

$$\begin{aligned}\text{HAMMING LOSS} &= \frac{1}{NL} \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^L \mathbb{I}[\hat{y}_j^{(i)} \neq y_j^{(i)}] = 4/(4*5) \\ &= 0.20\end{aligned}$$

N = # of labels
L = # of data rows

0/1 Loss

Example

	$\mathbf{y}^{(i)}$	$\hat{\mathbf{y}}^{(i)}$
$\tilde{\mathbf{x}}^{(1)}$	[1 0 1 0]	[1 0 0 1]
$\tilde{\mathbf{x}}^{(2)}$	[0 1 0 1]	[0 1 0 1]
$\tilde{\mathbf{x}}^{(3)}$	[1 0 0 1]	[1 0 0 1]
$\tilde{\mathbf{x}}^{(4)}$	[0 1 1 0]	[0 1 0 0]
$\tilde{\mathbf{x}}^{(5)}$	[1 0 0 0]	[1 0 0 1]

Consider the misclassification in the whole label set

$$\begin{aligned} \text{0/1 LOSS} &= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \mathbb{I}(\hat{\mathbf{y}}^{(i)} \neq \mathbf{y}^{(i)}) = 3/5 \\ &= 0.60 \end{aligned}$$

Other Metrics

- JACCARD INDEX – often called multi-label ACCURACY
- RANK LOSS – average fraction of pairs not correctly ordered
- ONE ERROR – if top ranked label is not in set of true labels
- COVERAGE – average “depth” to cover all true labels
- LOG LOSS – i.e., cross entropy
- PRECISION – predicted positive labels that are relevant
- RECALL – relevant labels which were predicted
- PRECISION VS. RECALL curves
- F-MEASURE
 - *micro-averaged* (‘global’ view)
 - *macro-averaged* by label (ordinary averaging of a binary measure, changes in infrequent labels have a big impact)
 - *macro-averaged* by example (one example at a time, average across examples)

Multi-Label Classification Tools

- Mulan
 - Java Based
 - Reuse Weka library
 - No UI
 - <http://mulan.sourceforge.net/>
- Meka
 - Similar to Weka
 - Java Based
 - With UI
 - <http://meka.sourceforge.net/>

Multi-Label Classification

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