Statistical Methods in AI (CSE 471)
Ensemble Methods

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Boosting

The idea of probabilistic sampling

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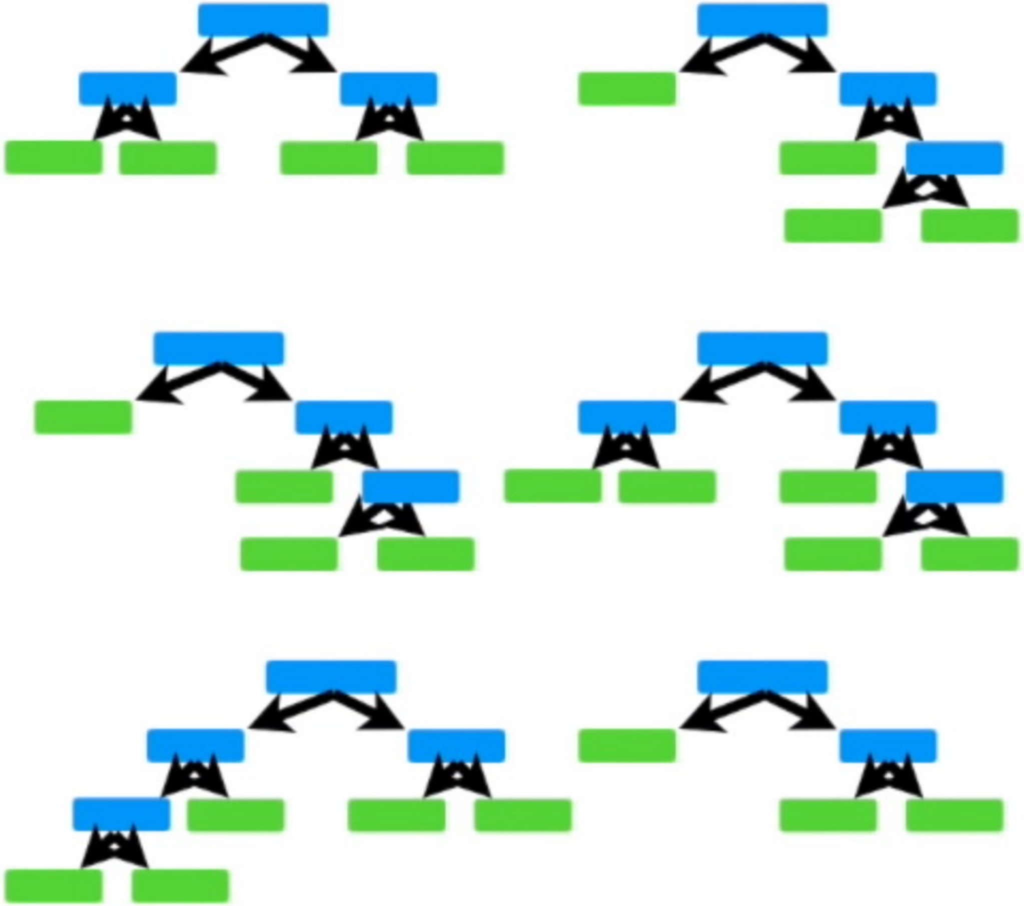
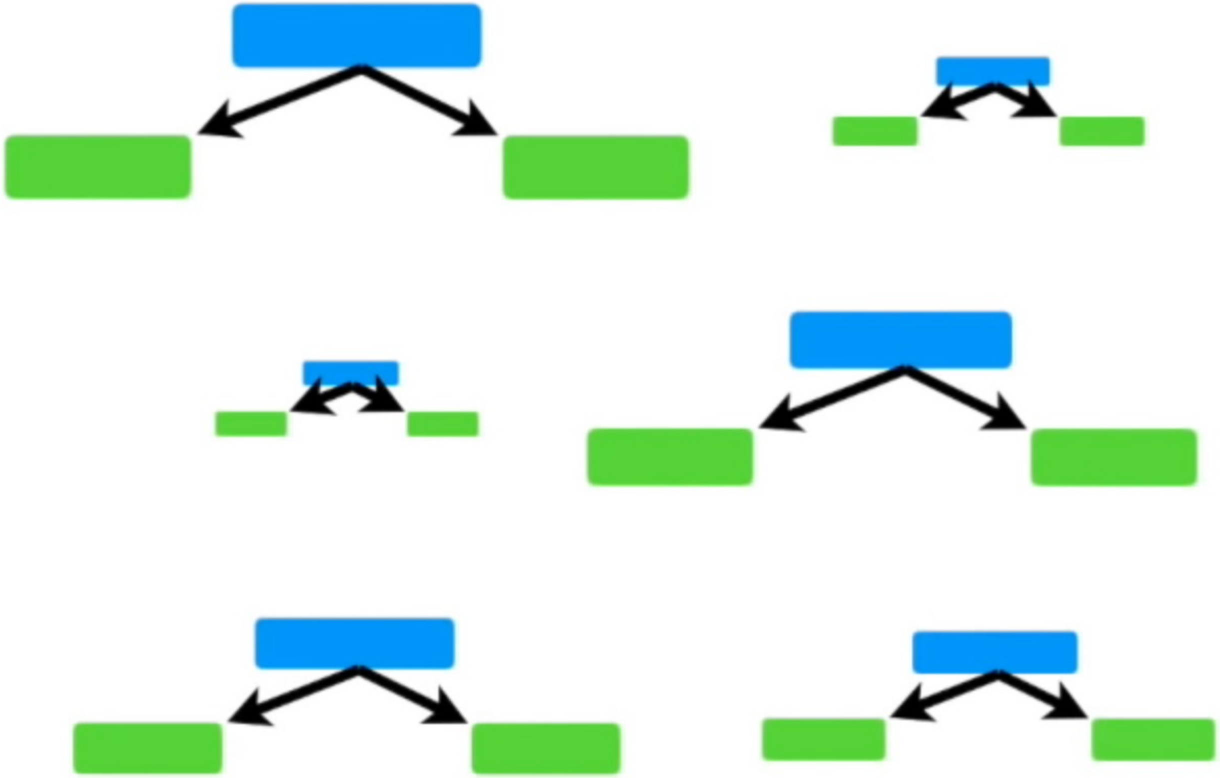
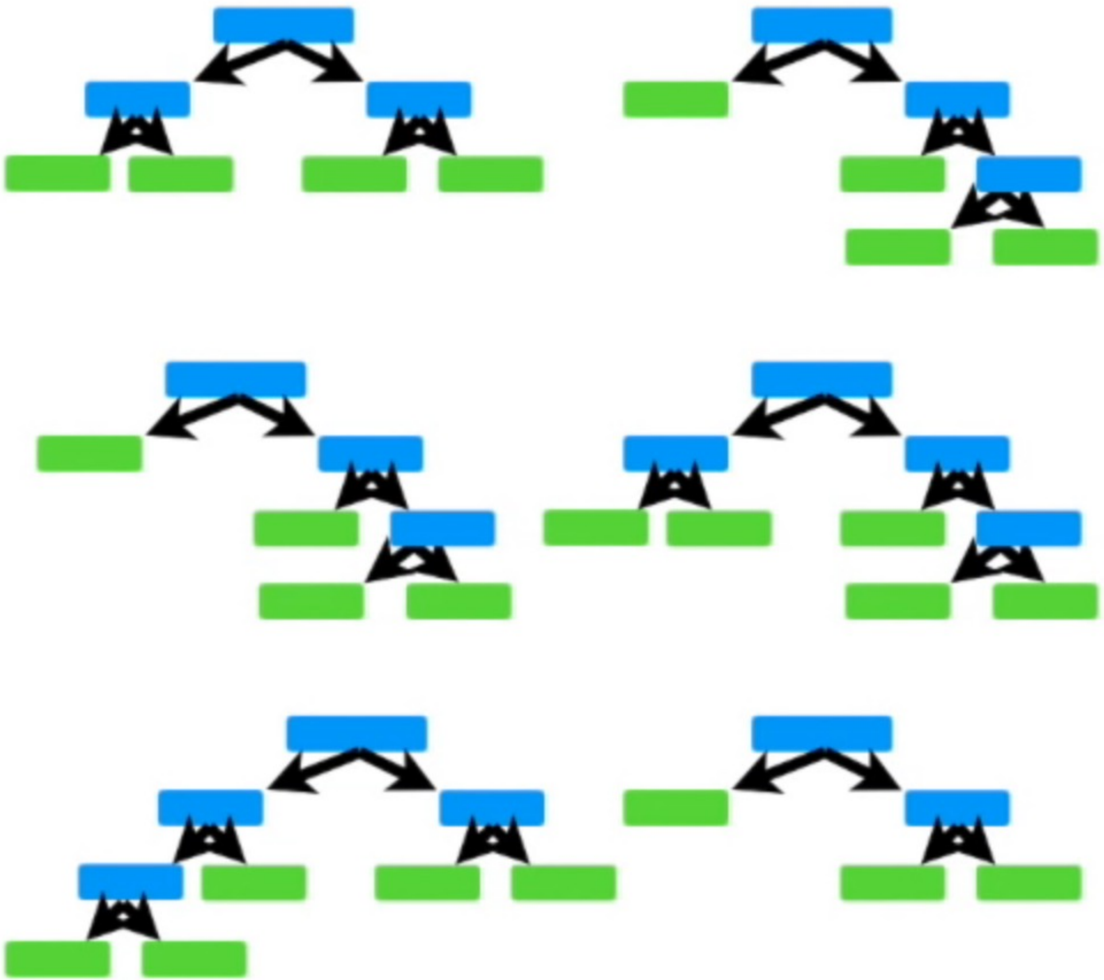


In contrast, in a **Forest of Stumps** made with **AdaBoost**, some stumps get more say in the final classification than others.

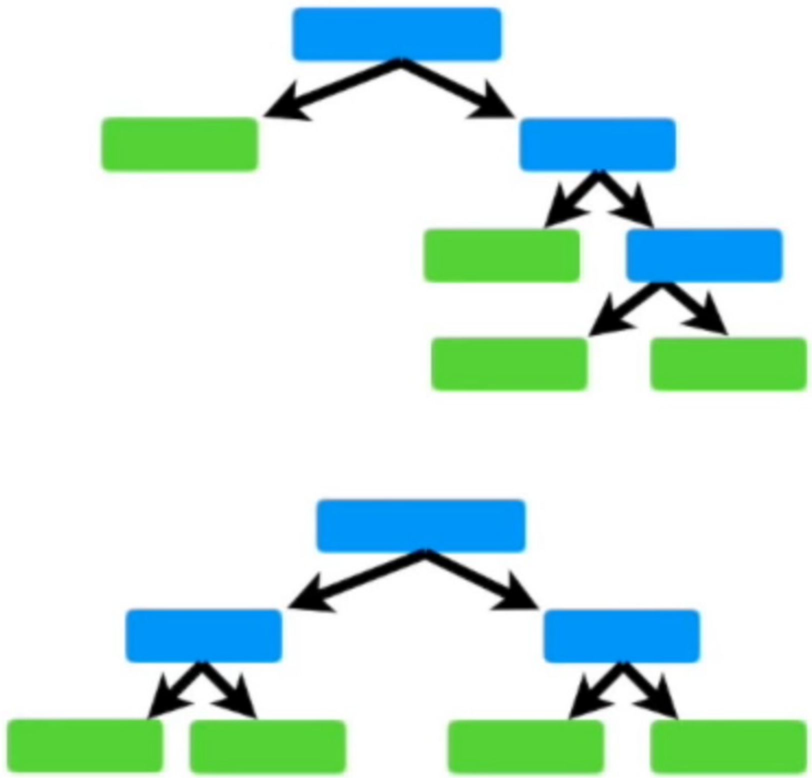


Lastly, in a **Random Forest**, each decision tree is made independently of the others.

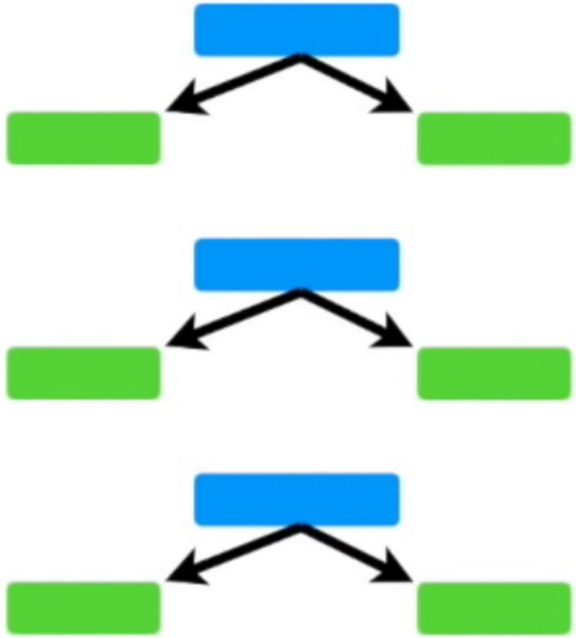


In contrast, in a **Forest of Stumps** made with **AdaBoost**, order is important.

In a **Random Forest**, each time you make a tree, you make a full sized tree.



In contrast, in a **Forest of Trees** made with **AdaBoost**, the trees are usually just a **node** and two **leaves**.



Adaboost

- In Adaboost we assign (non-negative) weights to points in the data set, which are then normalised so that they sum to one
- Iteratively learn new classifier
- In each iteration, we generate a training set by sampling from the data using the weights
- After learning the current classifier, we increase the (relative) weights of the data points which are misclassified by the current classifier
- The final classifier is the weighted majority voting by all classifiers

Adaboost

- Let $\{(X_1, y_1),\ldots,(X_n,y_n)\}$ be the data. We take y_i in $\{-1, +1\}$
- Let $w_i(k)$ denote the weight for the ith data point at kth iteration
- Let h_k be the classifier learnt at kth iteration, we take $h_k(X)$ in $\{-1,+1\}$
- We assume error rate of each classifier on its training data is less than 0.5

Given: $(x_1, y_1), \ldots, (x_m, y_m)$ where $x_i \in \mathscr{X}$, $y_i \in \{-1, +1\}$.
Initialize: $D_1(i) = 1/m$ for $i = 1, \ldots, m$.
For $t = 1, \ldots, T$:

- Train weak learner using distribution D_t.
- Get weak hypothesis $h_t : \mathscr{X} \to \{-1, +1\}$.
- Aim: select h_t with low weighted error:

$$\varepsilon_t = \Pr_{i \sim D_t}\left[h_t(x_i) \neq y_i\right].$$

- Choose $\alpha_t = \frac{1}{2} \ln\left(\frac{1-\varepsilon_t}{\varepsilon_t}\right)$.
- Update, for $i = 1, \ldots, m$:

$$D_{t+1}(i) = \frac{D_t(i) \exp(-\alpha_t y_i h_t(x_i))}{Z_t}$$

  where Z_t is a normalization factor (chosen so that D_{t+1} will be a distribution).

Output the final hypothesis:

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

Fig. 1 The boosting algorithm AdaBoost.

Lets take an example

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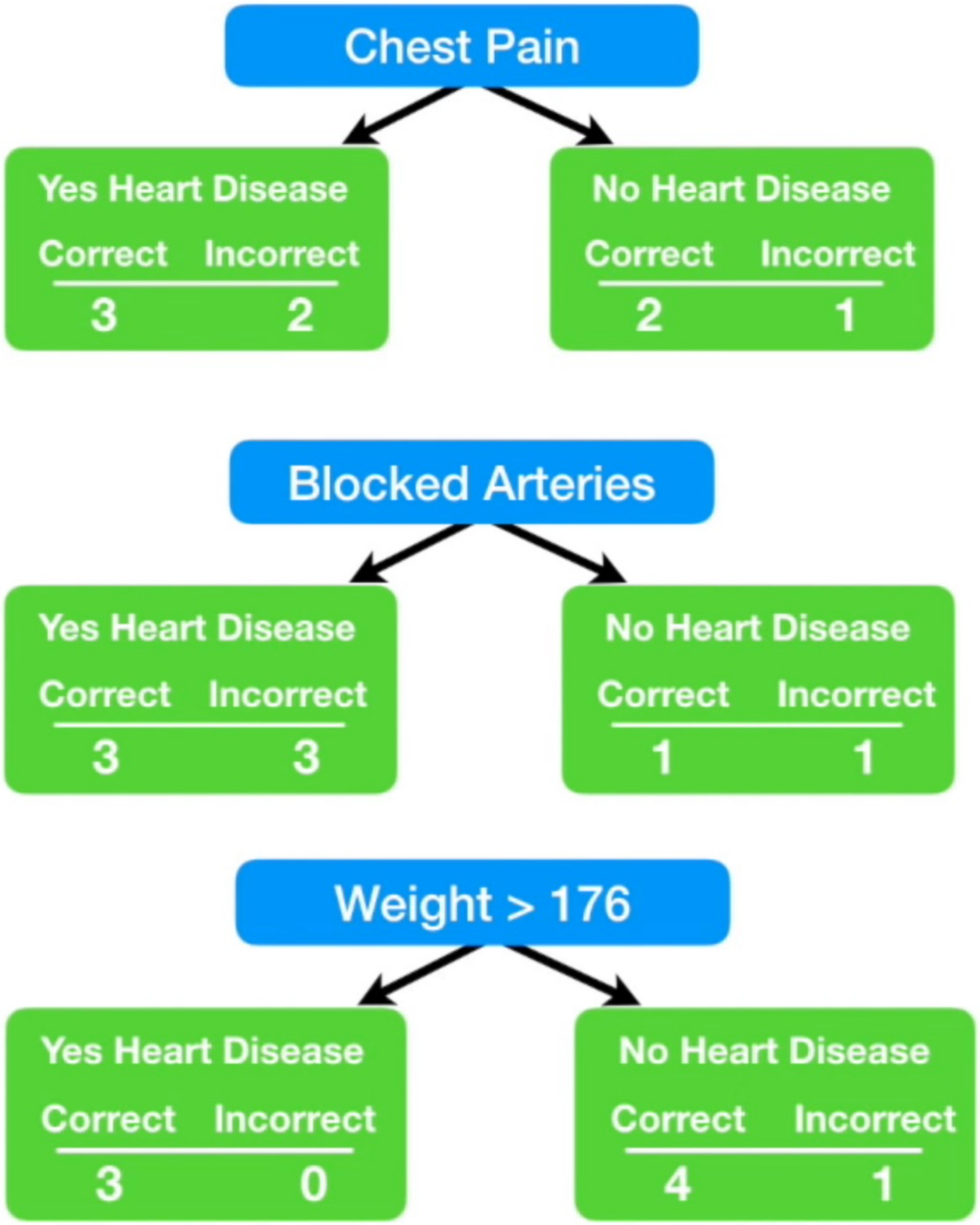

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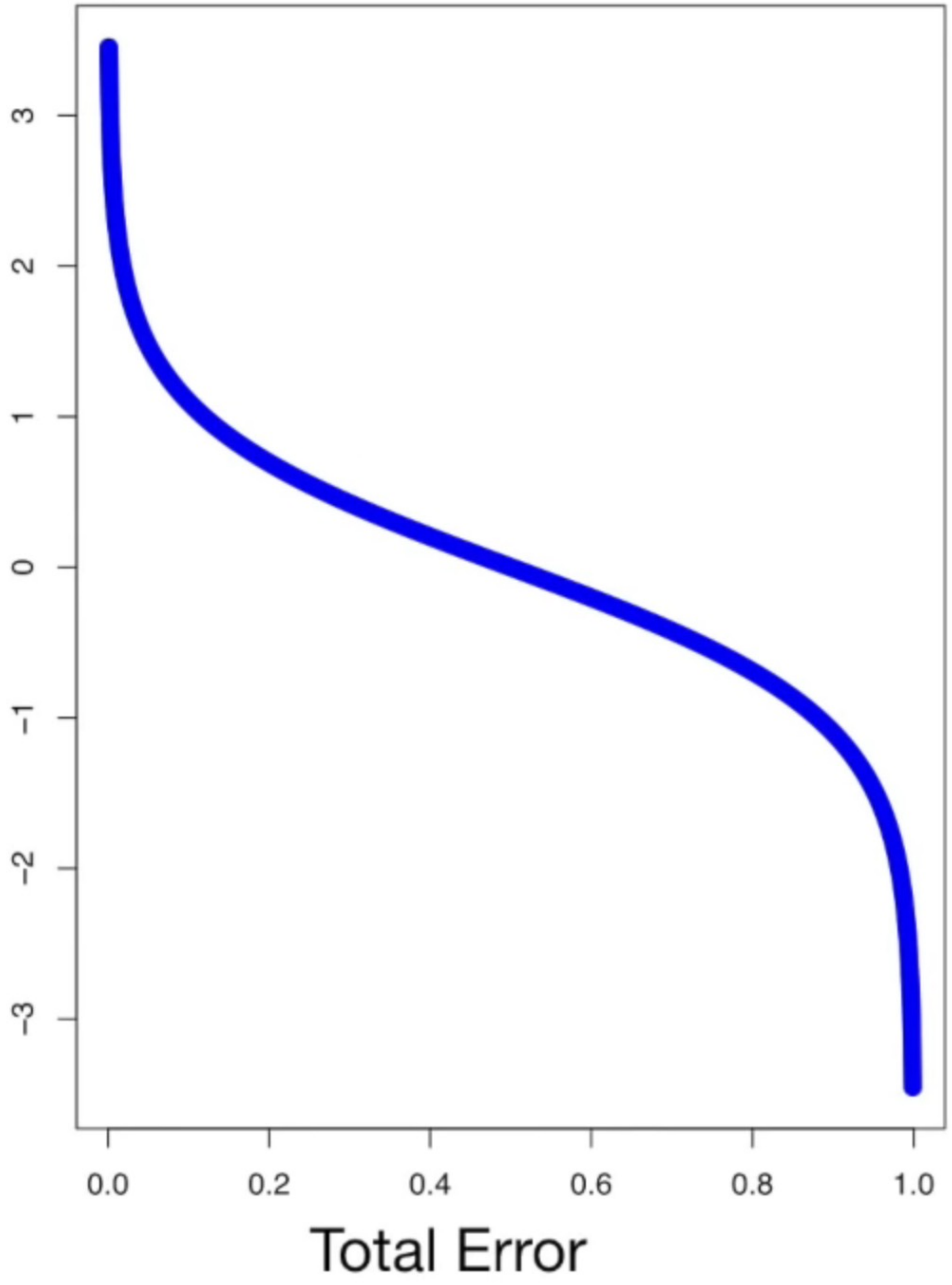

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$$\text{New Sample Weight} = \text{sample weight} \times e^{\text{amount of say}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{8} e^{0.97} = \frac{1}{8} \times 2.64 = 0.33$$

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$$= \frac{1}{8} e^{-0.97} = \frac{1}{8} \times 0.38 \boxed{= 0.05}$$

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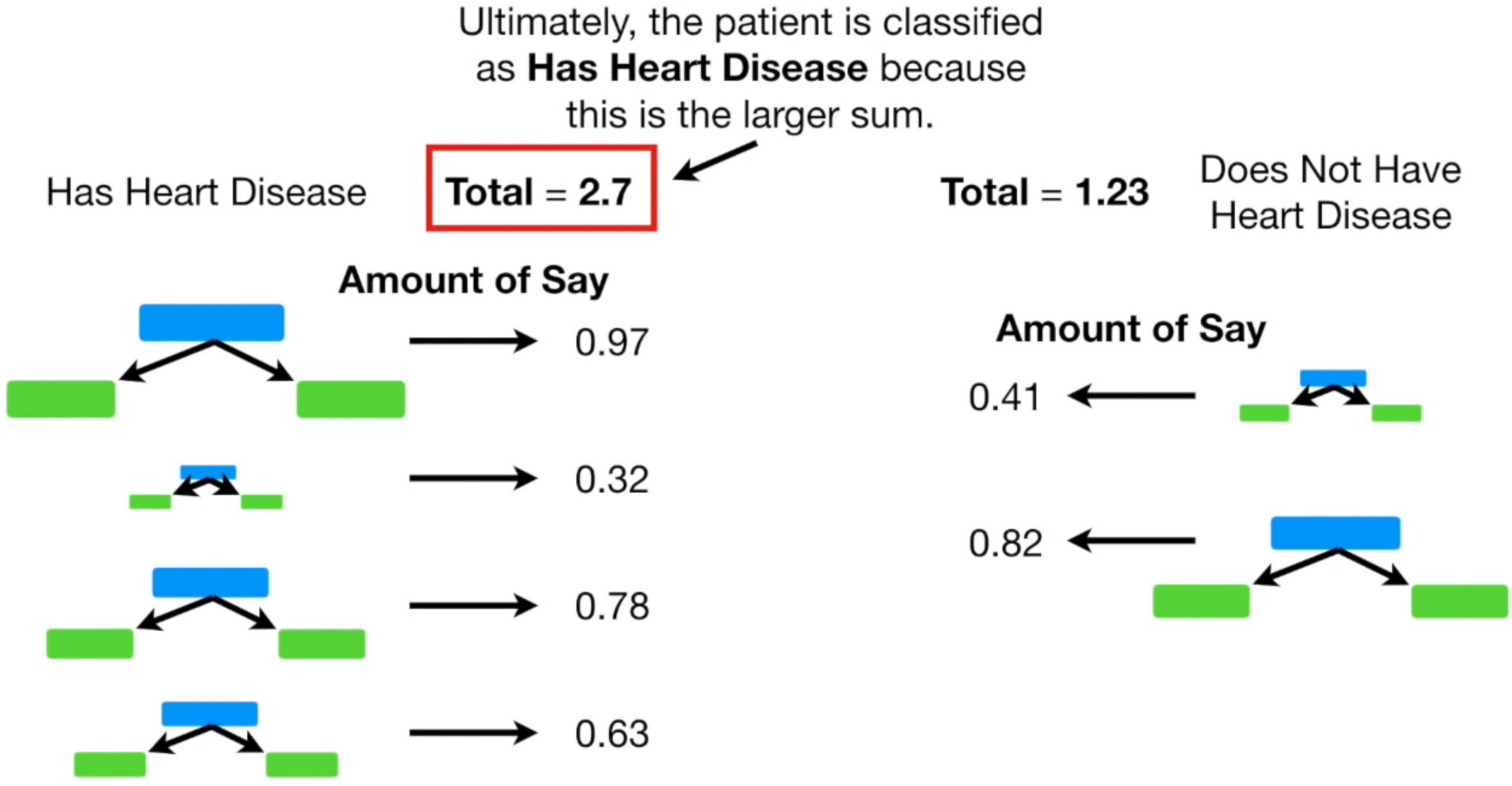
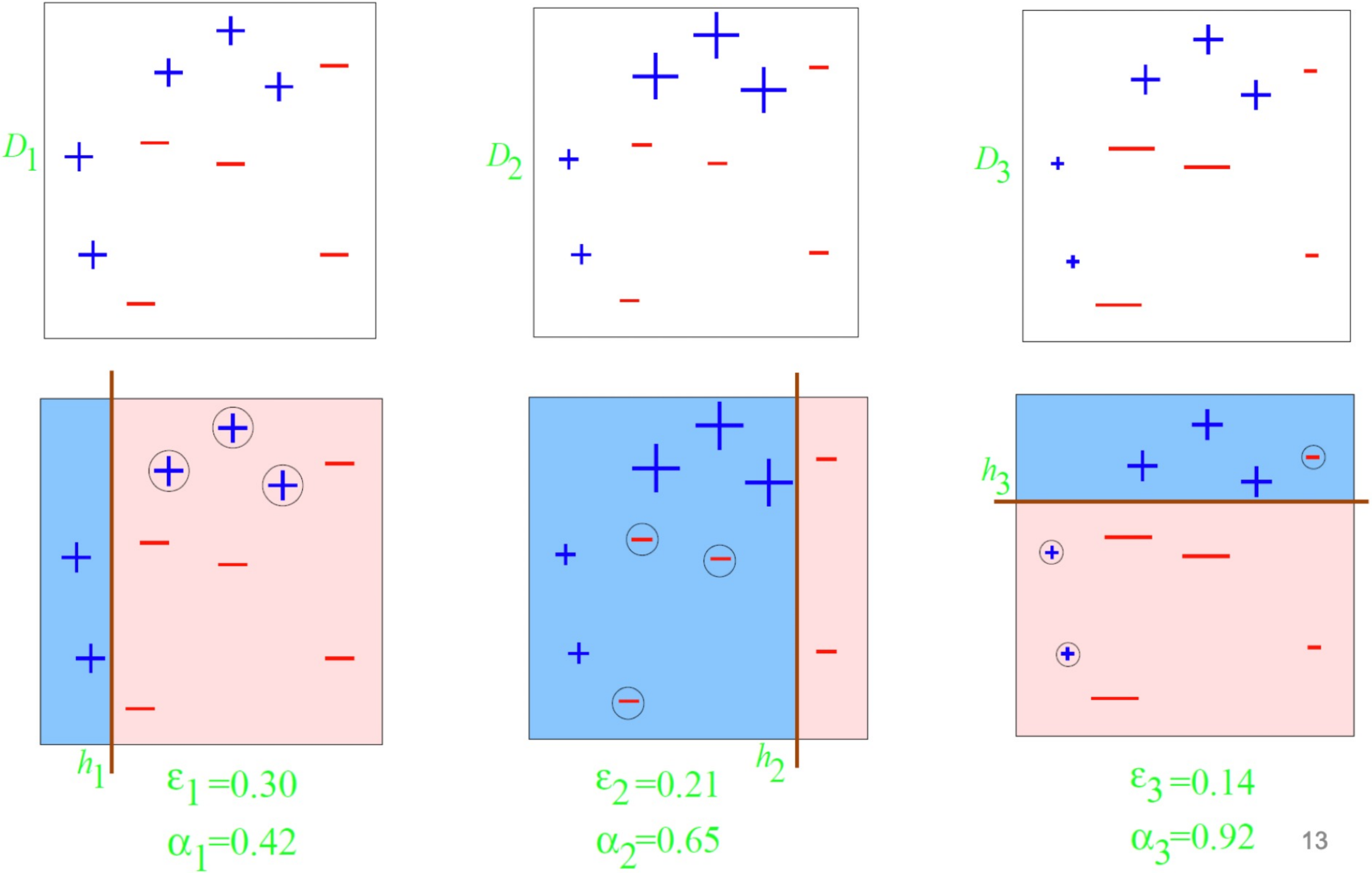


Ultimately, the patient is classified as **Has Heart Disease** because this is the larger sum.
Has Heart Disease
Total = **2.7**
Total = **1.23**
Does Not Have Heart Disease
Amount of Say
0.97
0.32
0.78
0.63
Amount of Say
0.41
0.82



D_1
D_2
D_3
h_1
h_2
h_3
$\varepsilon_1=0.30$
$\alpha_1=0.42$
$\varepsilon_2=0.21$
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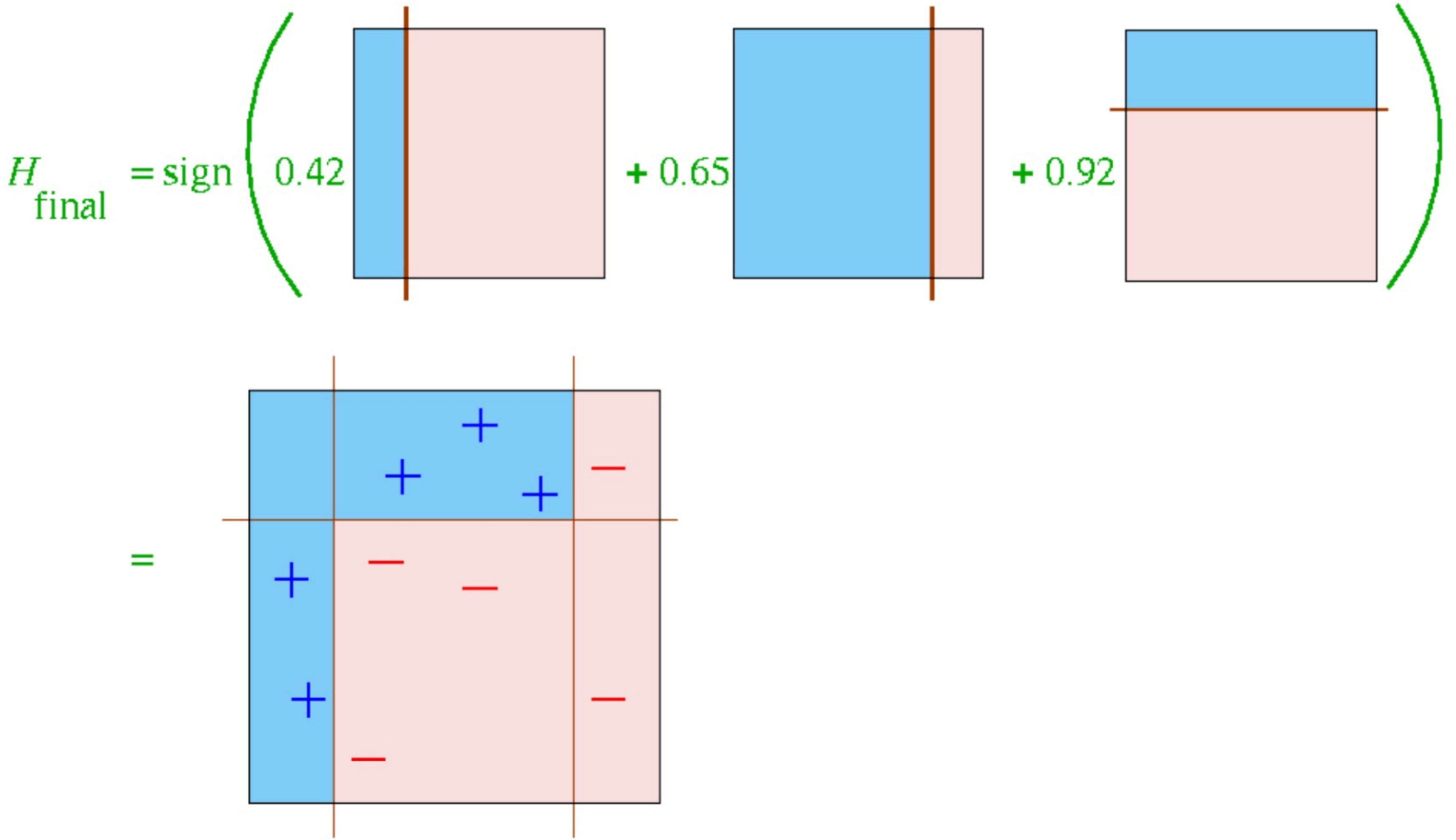
$\varepsilon_3=0.14$
$\alpha_3=0.92$



H final = sign
0.42
+ 0.65
+ 0.92
=
+
−