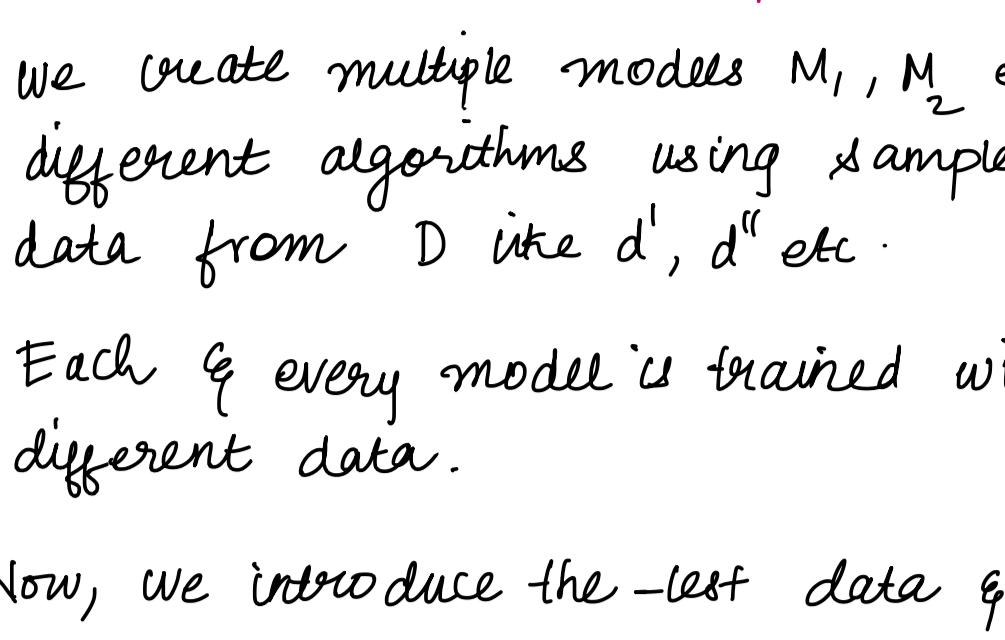


## Ensemble techniques / Random forest / Ada boost

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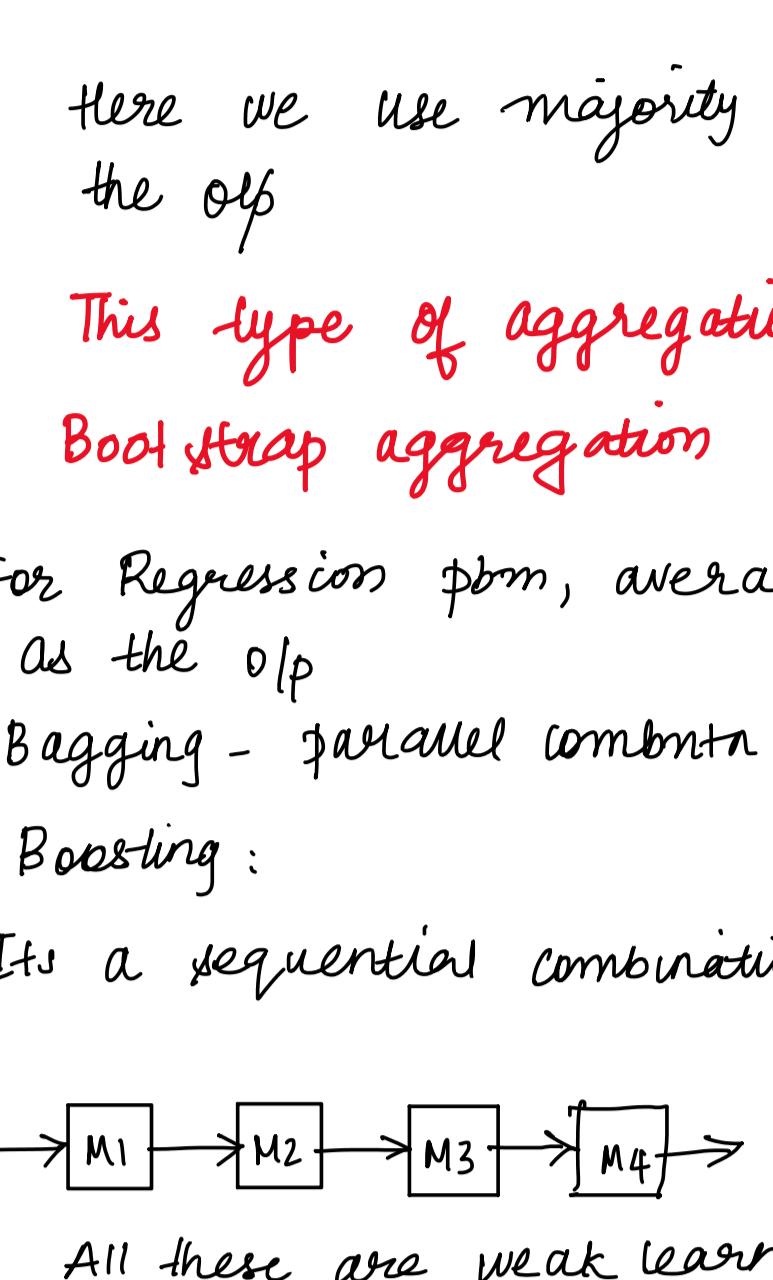
### Ensemble techniques:

Can we use multiple algo - to solve a prob?



Say, we have dataset D.

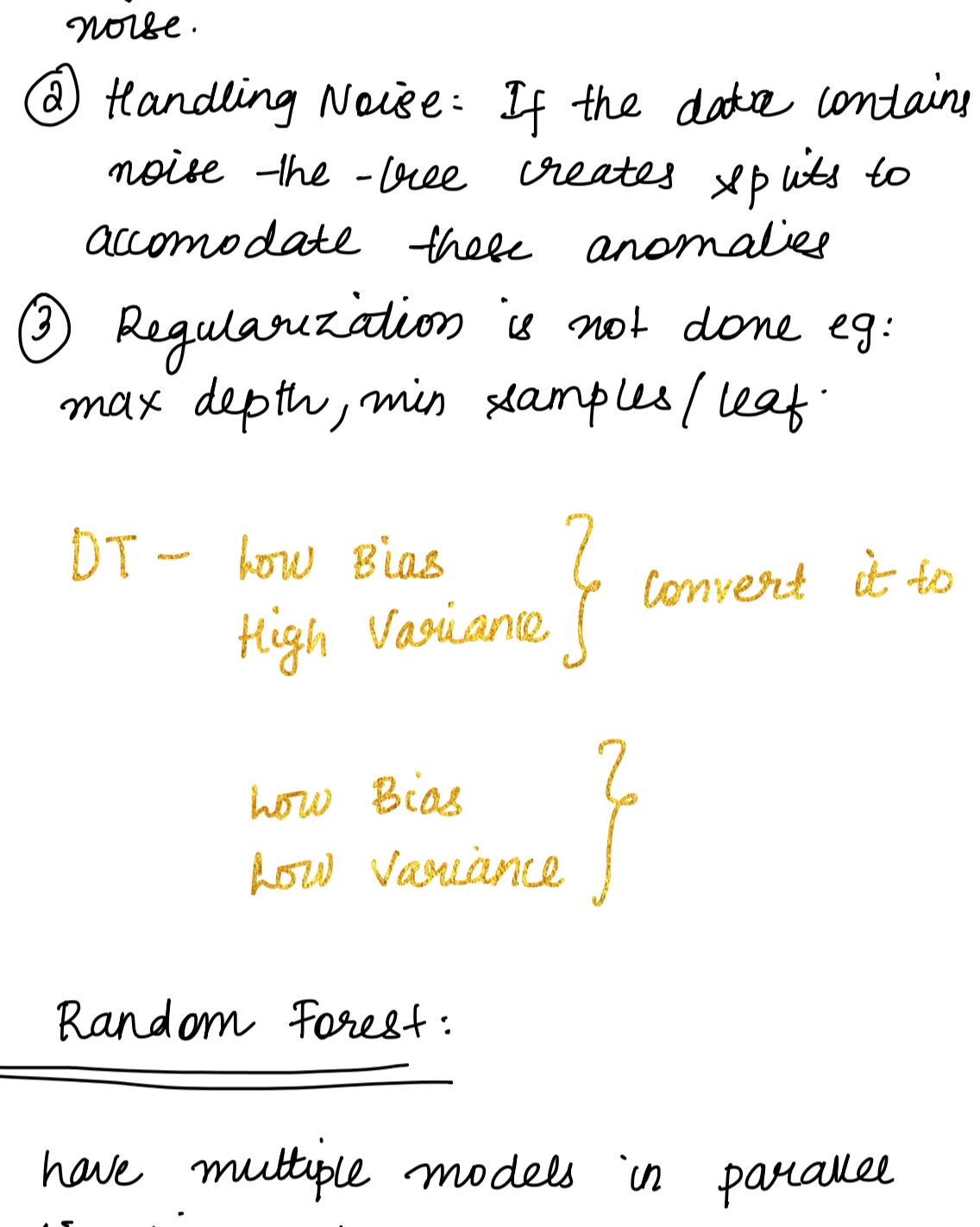
And if we perform row sampling to  $d'$ ,  $d''$ ,  $d'''$  etc



We create multiple models  $M_1, M_2$  etc of different algorithms using samples of data from D like  $d', d''$  etc.

Each & every model is trained with different data.

Now, we introduce the test data & say each of the models give o/p as shown



Here we use majority voting - to decide the o/p

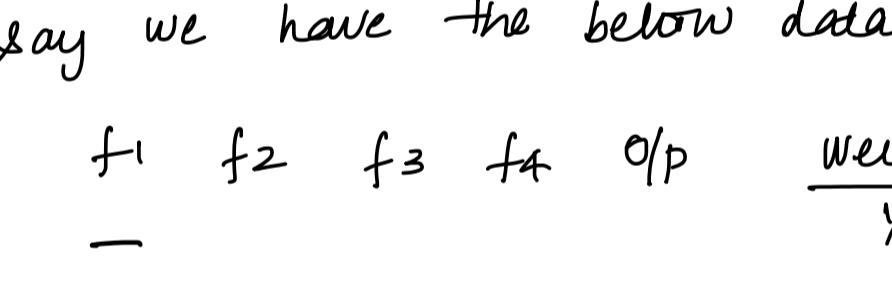
This type of aggregation is called  
Bootstrap aggregation

For Regression prob, average is taken as the o/p

Bagging - parallel combination of models.

Boosting:

It's a sequential combination



All these are weak learners

but combined together

### Random Forest Classifier & Regression:

Prob with Decision Tree is that it tends to overfit. But how?

Happens when the tree becomes too deep leading to overly specific splits.

- ① Splitting until pure nodes - i.e. data points in a node belong to the same class or have same value. This results in branches that capture noise.
- ② Handling Noise: If the data contains noise the tree creates splits to accommodate these anomalies.
- ③ Regularization is not done e.g.: max depth, min samples/leaf.

DT - low bias } high variance } convert it to

low bias } low variance }

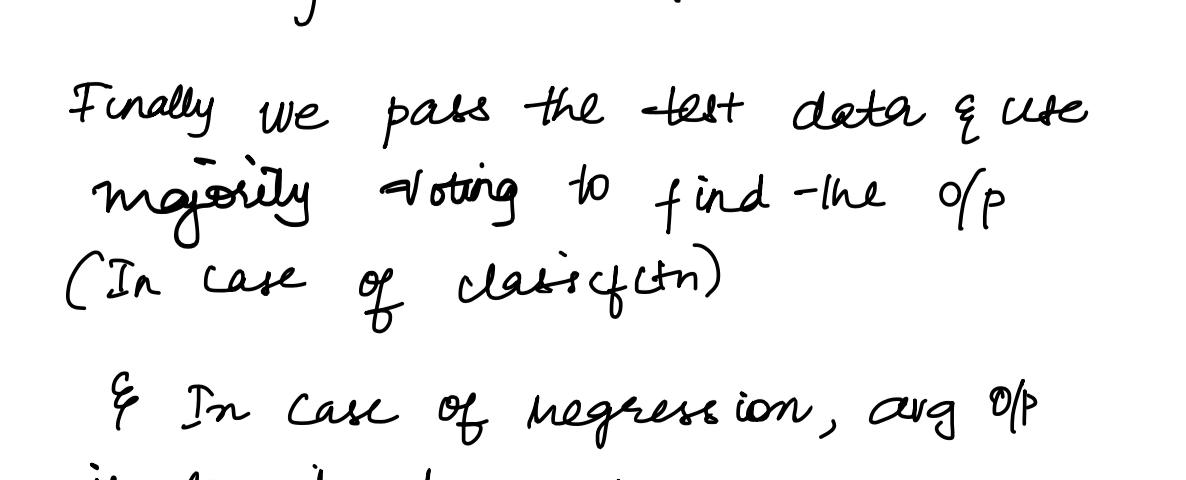
### In Random Forest:

We have multiple models in parallel combination but all the models are decision trees.

On combining the o/p of the models, we can overcome the prob of overfitting seen in Decision Tree.

Majority Voting is used to get the o/p.

Row sampling + feature sampling



Both row sampling & feature sampling is done.

- ① Is normalization reqd for RF? No.

For Algorithms like KNN: Yes bcoz distance is calculated Euclidean or Manhattan.

- ② Random Forest not impacted by outliers.

We can also have custom Bagging by using the models we want.

### Boosting techniques:

Say we have the below dataset:

f1	f2	f3	f4	O/P	Weight:
-	-	-	-	0	$\frac{1}{7}$
-	-	-	-	1	$\frac{1}{7}$
-	-	-	-	1	$\frac{1}{7}$
-	-	-	-	1	$\frac{1}{7}$
-	-	-	-	0	$\frac{1}{7}$

1. We need to give weights to the rows so that on adding them up it equals to 1.

2. Now to decide which feature to start with, we consider Information gain & Entropy

3. we use feature 1 to create a decision tree of depth 1 - a stump

such multiple stumps are created



weak learner

4. We provide the entire data to the stump & train them.

Say only 1 record o/p was predicted wrong by the stump.

5. Total Error =  $\frac{1}{7}$

6. Check the performance of stump:

$$= \frac{1}{2} \log_e \left( \frac{1 - TE}{TE} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \log_e \left( \frac{1 - \frac{1}{7}}{\frac{1}{7}} \right)$$

$$= 0.895$$

7. Update the weights:

The weights are updated such that the correctly classified ones weights are reduced & the wrongly classified ones weights are increased.

This ensures that it is passed on to the next weak learner model.

New sample wt:

$$\text{Correct: weight} \times e^{\frac{P_s}{7}} = \frac{1}{7} \times e^{0.895} = 0.05$$

$$\text{Wrong weight update: weight} \times e^{\frac{P_s}{7}} = 0.349$$

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