

Exam 2: Boosting Models

Problem 1. Adaboost. Given the data.

| x_1 | x_2 | y |
|-------|-------|-----|
| 1 | 2 | 1 |
| 2 | 5 | 1 |
| 3 | 4 | -1 |
| 4 | 0 | -1 |
| 0 | 1 | -1 |

Suppose we use this data to train an adaboost model with the learning rate $L = 1$ and obtain the three stumps as follows.

- Stump 1: $I(x_1 < 2.5)$
 - Stump 2: $I(x_2 > 1.5)$
 - Stump 3: $I(x_2 > 4.5)$
- a. Compute the weight of the data in the first round.
 - b. After the first round, which observations should have the weights increased? Which observations should have the weights decreased? Explain why.
 - c. Compute the weights of the data in the second round and third round.
 - d. Compute the voting powers of the three stumps. Which stump has the highest voting power?
 - e. Draw the decision boundary of the adaboost.
 - f. Compute the error (misclassification) of the adaboost.

Problem 2. Gradient Boosting Given the data.

| X | y |
|-----|-----|
| -1 | 1 |
| 2 | 2 |
| 4 | 5 |

We will train a gradient boosted tree (stump) on this data with the learning rate of 1.

- a. Calculate the prediction of the first round.
- b. Calculate the target of the second round
- c. Suppose that the stump in the second round is: $X < 3$. Calculate the predictions of the second round. What do the second round predict?

- d. What are the final predictions of the gradient boosting model for y in the training data after the second round?
- e. Calculate the target of the third round.
- f. Suppose that the stump in the third round is: $X < 0.5$. Calculate the predictions of the third round. What do the third round predict?
- g. What are the final predictions of the gradient boosting model for y in the training data after the third round?