

CS 236756 - Technion - Intro to Machine Learning

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Tutorial 10 - Boosting & Bagging



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Ensemble Learning

- Wisdom of the Crowd assembling the predictions of a group of predictors (such as classifiers or regressors) often results in a better prediction than with the best individual predictor.
- Ensemble a group of predictors. An Ensemble Learning algorithm is called an Ensemble method.
 - For example: Random Forest -train a group of Decision Tree classifiers, each is trained on a random subset of the training set. To make predictions, we obtain the predicitons of all individual trees, and then predict the class that gets the most votes. This is one of the most powerful ML algorithms available today.



Voting Classifiers

- · Hard Voting Classifier aggregate the predictions of each classifier and predict the class that gets the most votes.
 - In fact, even if each classifier is a weak learner (it does only slightly better than random guessing), the ensemble can still be a strong learner (achieving high accuracy), provided there are a sufficient number of weak learners and they are sufficiently diverse.
 - The Law of Large Numbers how can the above fact be explained? building an ensemble containing 1,000 classifiers that are individually correct only 51% of the time (slighly better than random guessing) and predict the majority voted class, it is possible to reach 75% accuracy if all the classifiers are perfectly independent (which is not really the case since they are trained on the same data).
 - One way to get diverse classifiers is to train them using very different algorithms (increases the chance that they will make very different types of erros and thus improving the ensemble's accuracy).
- Soft Voting Classifier if all the classifiers are able to estimate class probabilities, then the class probability can be averaged over all the individual classifiers.
 - It often achieves higher performance than hard voting because it gives more weight to highly confident votes.

In [1]: # imports for the tutorial
 import numpy as np
 import pandas as pd
 import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

 $\textbf{from sklearn.preprocessing import} \ \ \textbf{StandardScaler}$

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In [2]: # Let's Load the cancer dataset, shuffle it and speratre into train and test set
    dataset = pd.read_csv('./datasets/cancer_dataset.csv')
    # print the number of rows in the data set
    number_of_rows = len(dataset)
    print("total samples: {}".format(number_of_rows))
    total_positive_samples = np.sum(dataset['diagnosis'].values == 'M')
    print("total positive sampels (M): {}, total negative samples (B): {}".format(total_positive_samples, number_of_row
    s - total_positive_samples))
    num_train = int(0.8 * number_of_rows)
    # reminder, the data Looks Like this
    # dataset.head(10) # the dataset is ordered by the diagnosis
    dataset.sample(10)
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Out[2]: ____

	id	diagnosis	radius_mean	texture_mean	perimeter_mean	area_mean	smoothness_mean	compactness_mean	conc
527	91813702	В	12.340	12.27	78.94	468.5	0.09003	0.06307	0.02
524	917897	В	9.847	15.68	63.00	293.2	0.09492	0.08419	0.02
423	906878	В	13.660	19.13	89.46	575.3	0.09057	0.11470	0.09
6	844359	М	18.250	19.98	119.60	1040.0	0.09463	0.10900	0.112
418	906024	В	12.700	12.17	80.88	495.0	0.08785	0.05794	0.02
90	861648	В	14.620	24.02	94.57	662.7	0.08974	0.08606	0.03
492	914062	М	18.010	20.56	118.40	1007.0	0.10010	0.12890	0.117
167	8712729	М	16.780	18.80	109.30	886.3	0.08865	0.09182	0.08
124	865468	В	13.370	16.39	86.10	553.5	0.07115	0.07325	0.08
293	891703	В	11.850	17.46	75.54	432.7	0.08372	0.05642	0.02

10 rows × 33 columns

total samples: 569

total positive sampels (M): 212, total negative samples (B): 357

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In [3]: # prepare the dataset
    # we will take the first 2 features as our data (X) and the diagnosis as labels (y)
    x = dataset[['radius_mean', 'texture_mean', 'concavity_mean']].values
    y = dataset['diagnosis'].values == 'M' # 1 for Malignat, 0 for Benign
    # shuffle
    rand_gen = np.random.RandomState(0)
    shuffled_indices = rand_gen.permutation(np.arange(len(x)))

x_train = x[shuffled_indices[:num_train]]
    y_train = y[shuffled_indices[:num_train]]
    x_test = x[shuffled_indices[:num_train:]]
    y_test = y[shuffled_indices[num_train:]]

# pre-process - standartization
    scaler = StandardScaler()
    scaler.fit(x_train)
    x_train = scaler.transform(x_train)
    x_test = scaler.transform(x_test)

print("total training samples: {}, total test samples: {}".format(num_train, number_of_rows - num_train))
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total training samples: 455, total test samples: 114

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In [4]: # hard voting
        from sklearn.metrics import accuracy_score
        \textbf{from sklearn.ensemble import} \ \ \textbf{RandomForestClassifier}
        from sklearn.ensemble import VotingClassifier
        from sklearn.linear_model import LogisticRegression
        from sklearn.svm import SVC
        import warnings
        warnings.filterwarnings("ignore", category=DeprecationWarning)
        random\_state = 38
        log clf = LogisticRegression(random state=random state)
        rnd_clf = RandomForestClassifier(random_state=random_state)
        svm_clf = SVC(random_state=random_state)
        voting_clf = VotingClassifier(estimators=[('lr', log_clf), ('rf', rnd_clf), ('svc', svm_clf)], voting='hard')
        # voting_clf.fit(x_train, y_train)
        # let's look at each classifier's accuracy on the test set
        for clf in (log_clf, rnd_clf, svm_clf, voting_clf):
            clf.fit(x_train, y_train)
            y pred = clf.predict(x test)
            print(clf.__class__.__name__, accuracy_score(y_test, y_pred))
        LogisticRegression 0.9385964912280702
        RandomForestClassifier 0.9473684210526315
        SVC 0.9473684210526315
        VotingClassifier 0.9473684210526315
In [5]: # soft voting
        from sklearn.metrics import accuracy_score
        from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestClassifier
        from sklearn.ensemble import VotingClassifier
        from sklearn.linear_model import LogisticRegression
        from sklearn.svm import SVC
        import warnings
        warnings.filterwarnings("ignore", category=DeprecationWarning)
        random\_state = 38
        log_clf = LogisticRegression(random_state=random_state)
        rnd clf = RandomForestClassifier(random state=random state)
        svm_clf = SVC(probability=True, random_state=random_state)
        voting_clf = VotingClassifier(estimators=[('lr', log_clf), ('rf', rnd_clf), ('svc', svm_clf)], voting='soft')
        # voting_clf.fit(x_train, y_train)
        # let's look at each classifier's accuracy on the test set
        for clf in (log_clf, rnd_clf, svm_clf, voting_clf):
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LogisticRegression 0.9385964912280702 RandomForestClassifier 0.9473684210526315 SVC 0.9473684210526315 VotingClassifier 0.9473684210526315

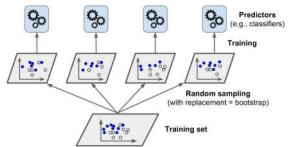
print(clf.__class__.__name__, accuracy_score(y_test, y_pred))

clf.fit(x_train, y_train)
y_pred = clf.predict(x_test)

Bagg

Bagging (& Pasting)

- Another approach to get a diverse set of classifiers is to use the same training algorithm for every predictor, but to train them on different random subsets of the training set.
- · When sampling is performed with replacement this method is called bagging (which is a short for bootstrap aggregating).
 - In sampling with replacement, each sample unit of the population can occur one or more times in the sample.
 - In statistics, resampling with replcement is called boostrapping.
- · When sampling is performed without replacement this method is called pasting.
- Thus, both bagging and pasting allow training instances to be sampled several times across multiple predictors, but only bagging allows training
 instances to be sampled several times for the same predictor.
- Illustartion:



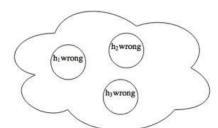
- Image from ML-Random Forest by SoojungHong (https://github.com/SoojungHong/MachineLearning/wiki/Random-Forest)
- Once all predictors are trained, the ensemble can make a prediction for a new instance by collecting all the predictions of all the predictors. It usually decicided by *hard voting* or average for regression.
- · Each individual predictor has a higher bias than if it were trained on the original training set, but the aggregation reduces both bias and variance.
 - It is common to see that the ensemble has a similar bias but a lower variance than a single predictor trained on the original training set.
- Bootstrap Algorithm:
 - lacksquare Denote the original sample: $L_N=(x_1,x_2,\ldots,x_N)$
 - Repeat M times:
 - ullet Generate a sample L_k of size k from L_N by sampling with replacement.
 - \circ Compute h from L_k (that is, train a predictor h using L_k).
 - lacksquare Denote the bootstrap values $H=(h^1,h^2,\ldots,h^M)$
 - · Use these values for calculating all the quantities of interest.

· Bagging:

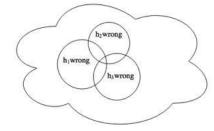
- Train each model with a random training set (bootsrap).
- Each model in the ensemble has an **equal weight** in the voting.
- Finally:

$$H(x) = sign(h^1(x) + h^2(x) + \ldots + h^M(x))$$

• One classifier can be wrong as long as the others are correct (hard voting)



• Since given equal weight, this may cause problems when there is overlap.

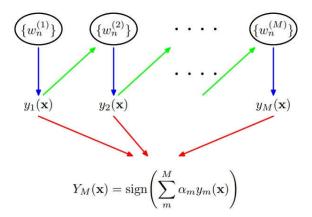


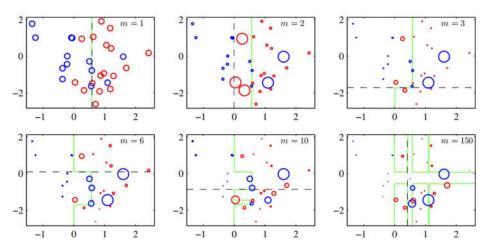
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In [6]: # bagging
          from sklearn.ensemble import BaggingClassifier
          \textbf{from sklearn.tree import} \ \ \texttt{DecisionTreeClassifier}
          from sklearn.metrics import accuracy_score
          # note: BaggingClassifiers will automatically perform 'soft voting' instead of 'hard voting'
# if the base classifier can estimate class probabilities (i.e. if it has a "predict_proba()" method).
          bag_clf = BaggingClassifier(
               DecisionTreeClassifier(),
               n_estimators=500,
               max_samples=100,
               bootstrap=True,
               n_jobs=1)
          bag_clf.fit(x_train, y_train)
          y_pred = bag_clf.predict(x_test)
          bag_acc = accuracy_score(y_test, y_pred)
          pas_clf = BaggingClassifier(
               DecisionTreeClassifier(),
               n_estimators=500,
               max_samples=100,
               bootstrap=False,
               n_jobs=1)
          pas_clf.fit(x_train, y_train)
          y_pred = pas_clf.predict(x_test)
pas_acc = accuracy_score(y_test, y_pred)
print("bagging accuracy: {:.3f}, pasting accuracy: {:.3f}".format(bag_acc, pas_acc))
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bagging accuracy: 0.921, pasting accuracy: 0.930



- Boosting (also hypothesis boosting) any Ensemble method that can combine several weak learners into a a strong learner. In boosting methods, predictors are trained sequentially, each trying to correct its predecessor.
 - Weak Learner as before, the error rate is slighty better then flipping a coin
 - We also define:
 - $\circ~h$ is binary classifier such that $h \in \{-1,1\}$
 - ullet Error rate $Err \in [0,1]$
- · The principal difference between boosting and the committe methods is that in boosting, the base classifiers are trained in sequence.
- Each base classifier is trained using a weighted form of the dataset, in which the weight coefficient associated with each data point depends on the
 performance of the previous classifiers.
 - In particular, points that are misclassified by one of the base classifiers are given greater weight when used to train the next classifier in the sequence
- · Once all the classifiers have been trained, their predictions are then combined through a weighted majority voting scheme.
- · Visually:





- From "Pattern Recognition and Machine Learning", Bishop, 2006
- There are many boosting methods, but we will examine one of the most popular one called AdaBoost.



AdaBoost

- The idea of AdaBoost is to give more attention to training instances that the predecessor underfitted. This leads to a predictor that focuses more and more on the hard cases.
- The sequential learning in Boosting seems similar to Gradient Descent, only in AdaBoost predictors are added to the ensemble in order to make it better where in GD, a single predictor's parameters are optimized to minimize an objective function.
- Once all predictors are trained, the ensemble makes predictions by assigning different weights to each predictor, depending on their overall accuracy
 on the weighted training set.
- Definitions:
 - Class labels are $\{-1,1\}$
 - lacksquare m number of samples in the training dataset
 - The weighted error rate of the t^{th} predictor:

$$\epsilon_t = \sum_{i=1}^m w^{(i)} \cdot 1(\hat{m{y}}_t^{(i)}
eq y^{(i)})$$

In the more general case where the weights are not normalized to 1:

$$\epsilon_t = rac{\sum_{i=1}^m w^{(i)} \cdot 1(\hat{y}_t^{(i)}
eq y^{(i)})}{\sum_{i=1}^m w^{(i)}}$$

- \circ $\hat{y}_{t}^{(i)}$ is the t^{th} predictor's prediction for the i^{th} instance.
- $\ \ \,$ The predictors weight of the t^{th} predictor:

$$lpha_t = \eta \ln rac{1 - \epsilon_t}{\epsilon_t}$$

- η it the learning rate hyperparameter, e.g. $\frac{1}{2}$ or 1.
- The more accurate the predictor is, the more weight the predictor will be given.
- lacksquare The update rule: for $i=1,2,\ldots,m$

$$w^{(i)} \leftarrow egin{cases} w^{(i)}e^{-lpha_t} & ext{ if } \hat{y}_t^{(i)} = y^{(i)} \ w^{(i)}e^{lpha_t} & ext{ if } \hat{y}_t^{(i)}
eq y^{(i)} \end{cases} = w^{(i)}e^{-lpha_t\cdot y^{(i)}\cdot \hat{y}_t^{(i)}}$$

- each weight by Z_t .
- · Stopping criteria:
 - The desiered number of predictors is reached.
 - A perfert predictor is found.
- The AdaBoost Algorithm:
 - Initialize the data weights coefficients $\{w^{(i)}\}_{i=1}^m$:

$$w^{(i)}=rac{1}{m}, orall i=1,2,\ldots,m$$

- For $t=1,\ldots,T$:
 - Fit a weak classifier $h_t(x)$ (which makes predictions \hat{y}_t) to the weighted training data and calculate the weighted error rate:

$$\epsilon_t = rac{\sum_{i=1}^m w^{(i)} \cdot 1(\hat{y}_t^{(i)}
eq y^{(i)})}{\sum_{i=1}^m w^{(i)}}$$

• Choose α_t (default $\eta = \frac{1}{2}$):

$$lpha_t = rac{1}{2} ext{ln} \, rac{1 - \epsilon_t}{\epsilon_t}$$

$$w^{(i)} \leftarrow \begin{cases} w^{(i)}e^{-\alpha_t} & \text{if } \hat{y}_t^{(i)} = y^{(i)} \\ w^{(i)}e^{\alpha_t} & \text{if } \hat{y}_t^{(i)} \neq y^{(i)} \end{cases} = w^{(i)}e^{-\alpha_t \cdot y^{(i)} \cdot \hat{y}_t^{(i)}}$$

$$\text{Normalize the weights: for } i = 1, 2, \dots, m$$

$$w^{(i)} \leftarrow rac{w^{(i)}}{Z_t}$$

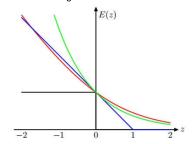
$$ullet Z_t = \sum_{i=1}^m w^{(i)}$$

• Use predictions using the final model, which is given by:

$$H(x) = sign(\sum_{i=1}^{T} lpha_t h_t(x))$$

Exponential Loss

- · So far, the loss functions we have seen:
 - 0-1 loss
 - Hinge loss
- · Unlike previously learnt classifiers, AdaBoost minimzes the exponential loss.
- · All lossess upper bound the 0-1 loss and act as differentiable surrogate loss functions.



- · Optimizing the exponential loss:
 - As shown in class, the training error is upper bounded by H:

$$rac{1}{m}\sum_{i}^{m}1(H(x_{i})
eq y_{i})\leq\prod_{t=1}^{T}Z_{t}$$

$$\mathbf{z}_{t} = \sum_{i} \mathbf{w}^{(i)} e^{-\alpha_{t} y_{i} h_{t}(x_{i})}$$

- $\label{eq:Zt} \bullet \ Z_t = \sum_i w_t^{(i)} e^{-\alpha_t y_i h_t(x_i)}$ At each round we minimize Z_t by:
 - \circ Choosing the optimal h_t
 - \circ Finding the optimal $lpha_t$

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$$egin{aligned} rac{dZ}{dlpha} &= -\sum_{i=1}^m w^{(i)}y_ih(x_i)e^{-lpha y_ih(x_i)} = 0 \ &-\sum_{i:y_i=h(x_i)} w^{(i)}e^{-lpha} + \sum_{i:y_i
eq h(x_i)} w^{(i)}e^{lpha} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$-e^{-lpha}(1-\epsilon) + e^{lpha}\epsilon = 0 \
ightarrow lpha_t = rac{1}{2} ext{ln} rac{1-\epsilon_t}{\epsilon_t}$$



Moses is a student who wants to avoid hard courses.

In order to achieve this he wants to build a classifier that classifies courses as "easy" or "hard".

He decides to classify courses' hardness by using AdaBoost with decision trees stumps (decision trees with max depth of 1) on the following data:

Course ID	Hard	Final Exam	Theoretical	Midterm	236*	Number of HW
1	Υ	Υ	N	Υ	N	5
2	Υ	N	Υ	Υ	N	5
3	Υ	N	Υ	N	Υ	1
4	Υ	N	Υ	N	N	3
5	Υ	N	Υ	N	N	5
6	Υ	Υ	N	Υ	N	5
7	Υ	Υ	N	Υ	N	5
8	N	N	N	Υ	Υ	1
9	N	N	Υ	N	N	1
10	Υ	N	N	N	N	5

As a first step, he first determined for each possible classifier (including the trivial constant classifier), which of the data points were misclassfied.

For example, for the first classifier which classfies courses as hard if they have a final exam, the classifier is wrong on samples 2,3,4 and 5.

Classifier	Test	Value	Misclassified
А	Final Exam	Υ	2,3,4,5
В	Theoretical	Υ	1,6,7,9
С	Midterm	Υ	3,4,5,8
D	Undergrduate	Υ	1,2,4,5,6,7,8
E	# HW > 2	Υ	3,10
F	# HW > 4	Υ	3,4,10
G	True (const)		8,9,10
Н	Final Exam	N	1,6,7,8,9,10
ı	Theoretical	N	2,3,4,5,8,10
J	Midterm	N	1,2,6,7,9,10
К	Undergraduate	N	3,9,10
L	# HW < 2	Υ	1,2,4,5,6,7,8,9
М	# HW < 4	Υ	1,2,5,6,7,8,9
N	False (const)		1,2,3,4,5,6,7

Consider only useful classifiers

Only 6 classifiers from the table above would ever be used because the other 8 make all the same error as one of the other classifiers and then make additional erros. For example, classifiers I and N do the same mistakes as A and add to that. The 6 useful classifiers are:

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С	Midterm	Υ	3,4,5,8
D	Undergrduate	Υ	1,2,4,5,6,7,8
Е	# HW > 2	Υ	3,10
G	True (const)		8,9,10

AdaBoost

- We will now perform AdaBoost by calculating the weights at each iteration.
- We will calculate the 10 weights, the classification h, the error and lpha.
- If there is a tie, we break it by choosing the classifier that is higher on the list (lexicographical order)

· Note: in this example we assume that the weights of the data points do not affect the clasification and are just meant to calculate the final weight of

Round 1

• Each weight is given the same value: $\frac{1}{m}=\frac{1}{10}$ • Since classifier E is the most accurate, it will serve as the classifier.
• The weight error rate of classifier E is $\epsilon_E=\frac{2}{10}$ • Thus: $\alpha_E=\frac{1}{2}\ln\frac{1-\epsilon_E}{\epsilon_E}=\frac{1}{2}\ln(4)$

Parameters	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3
w1	$\frac{1}{10}$		
w2	$\frac{1}{10}$		
w3	$\frac{1}{10}$		
w4	$\frac{1}{10}$		
w5	$\frac{1}{10}$		
w6	$\frac{1}{10}$		
w7	$\frac{1}{10}$		
w8	$\frac{1}{10}$		
w9	$\frac{1}{10}$		
w10	$\frac{1}{10}$		
h	E		
Err - ϵ	$\frac{2}{10}$		
$\alpha = \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{1 - \epsilon}{\epsilon}$	$\frac{1}{2}\ln(4)$		

AdaBoost - calculating the new weights

· Recall that the un-normalized weights update:

$$ilde{w}_{t+1}^{(i)} = w_t^{(i)} e^{-lpha_t y_i h_t(x_i)}$$

• For the correctly classified data points (8 points):

$$ilde{w}_{t+1}^{(i)} = rac{1}{10} e^{-rac{1}{2} \ln(4)} = rac{1}{10} \cdot rac{1}{2} = rac{1}{20}$$

• For the incorrectly classified data points (2 points):

$$ilde{w}_{t+1}^{(i)} = rac{1}{10} e^{rac{1}{2} \ln(4)} = rac{1}{10} \cdot 2 = rac{1}{5}$$

· Calculate the normalization factor:

$$Z_t = 8 \cdot rac{1}{20} + 2 \cdot rac{1}{5} = rac{4}{5}$$

• The final weights after normalization:

 $\begin{array}{l} \bullet \quad \text{Correct: } w_{t+1}^{(i)} = \frac{1}{20} \cdot \frac{5}{4} = \frac{1}{16} \\ \bullet \quad \text{Incorrect: } w_{t+1}^{(i)} = \frac{1}{5} \cdot \frac{5}{4} = \frac{1}{4} \\ \end{array}$

Similarly, we fill in the rest of the table:

Parameters	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3
w1	1 10	$\frac{1}{16}$	$\frac{3}{24}$
w2	1 10	1 16	$\frac{1}{24}$
w3	1 10	$\frac{4}{16}$	$\frac{4}{24}$
w4	1 10	$\frac{1}{16}$	
w5	1 10	1 16	$ \begin{array}{r} \frac{1}{24} \\ \hline \frac{1}{24} \\ \hline \frac{3}{24} \end{array} $
w6	1 10	$\frac{1}{16}$	$\frac{3}{24}$
w7	1 10	1 16	$\frac{3}{24}$
w8	$\frac{1}{10}$	$\frac{1}{16}$	$\frac{1}{24}$
w9	$\frac{1}{10}$	$\frac{1}{16}$	
w10	1 10	$\frac{4}{16}$	$\frac{3}{24}$ $\frac{4}{24}$
h	E	В	A
Err - ϵ	$\frac{2}{10}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{7}{24}$

Parameters	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3
$lpha = rac{1}{2} ext{ln} rac{1-\epsilon}{\epsilon}$	$\frac{1}{2}\ln(4)$	$\frac{1}{2}\ln(3)$	$\frac{1}{2}$ ln $\frac{17}{7}$

AdaBoost - Putting the classifiers together

· The final classifier for 3 rounds of Boosting:

$$H(x) = sign(rac{1}{2} ext{ln}(4)\cdot h_E(x) + rac{1}{2} ext{ln}(3)\cdot h_B(x) + rac{1}{2} ext{ln}rac{17}{7}\cdot h_A(x))$$

- ullet $h_c(x)$ returns +1 or -1 for c=E,B,A
- The data points that the final classifier is correct about them:
 - ullet Since $lpha_E,lpha_B>lpha_A$ it is just a *majority vote*

adaboost accuracy: 0.930

• Only one example (3) is misclassified

AdaBoost in Scikit-Learn

- Scikit-Learn uses a multiclass version of AdaBoost called SAMME (Stagewise Additive Modeling using a Multiclass Exponential loss function).
 - When there are just 2 classes, SAMME is equivalent to AdaBoost.
 - If the predictors can estimate class probabilities (i.e. they have a predict_proba() method), Scikit-Learn can use a variant of SAMME called SAMMER (R for "Real"), which relies on class probabilities rather than predictions and generally performs better.
- The following code trains an AdaBoost classifier on 600 Decision Stumps.
- Note: if the AdaBoost classifier is overfitting the training set, a good regularization may be reducing the number of estimators or more strongly
 regularize the base classifier.
- An important drawback to sequential learning is that it cannot be parallelized, since each predictor can only be trained after the previous predictor has been trained and evaluated. Thus, it does not scale as well as bagging or pasting.

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In [7]: # AdaBoost
    from sklearn.metrics import accuracy_score
    from sklearn.ensemble import AdaBoostClassifier
    from sklearn.tree import DecisionTreeClassifier

ada_clf = AdaBoostClassifier(DecisionTreeClassifier(max_depth=1), n_estimators=600, algorithm="SAMME.R", learning_r
    ate=0.5)
    ada_clf.fit(x_train, y_train)
    y_pred = ada_clf.predict(x_test)
    ada_acc = accuracy_score(y_test, y_pred)
    print("adaboost accuracy: {:.3f}".format(ada_acc))
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