Foundations of Data Science & Analytics: Ensemble Learning

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Classification Techniques

- **Base Classifiers**
  - Decision Tree based Methods
  - Rule-based Methods
  - Instance-based Methods (Nearest-neighbor)
  - Naïve Bayes
  - Support Vector Machines
  - Neural Networks and Deep Learning

- **Ensemble Classifiers**
  - **Boosting, Bagging, Random Forests**

Ensemble Learning

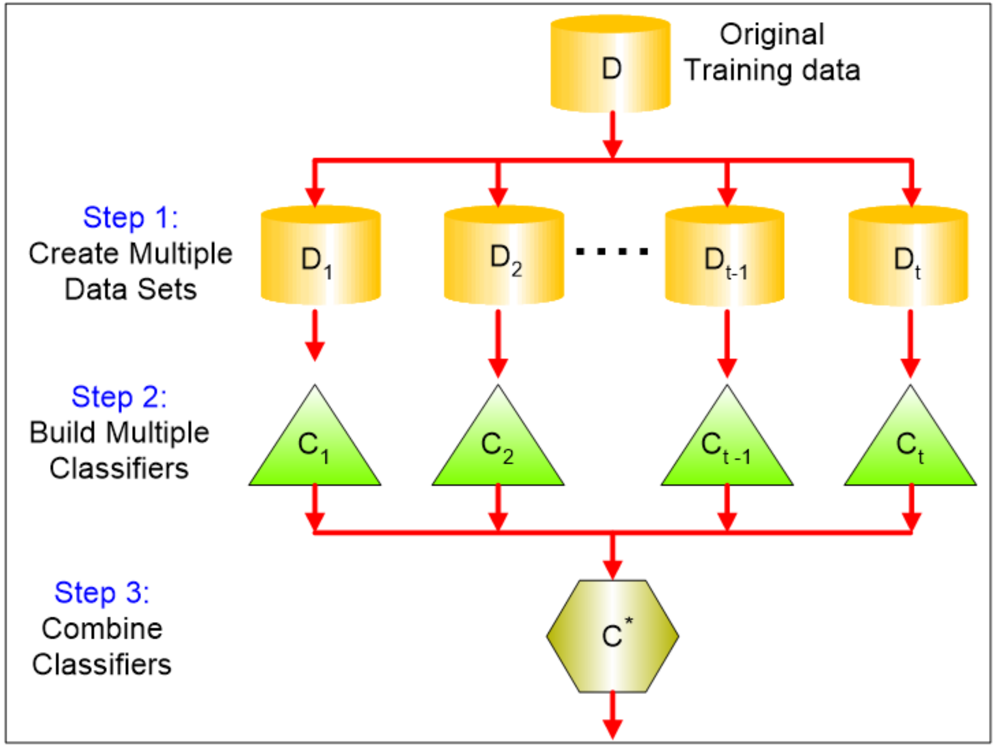
- Construct a set of (weak) classifiers from the training data
- Predict class label of test records by combining the predictions made by multiple classifiers

Why?

- Suppose there are 25 base classifiers
  - Each classifier has error rate, ε = 0.35
  - Assume errors made by classifiers are uncorrelated
  - Probability that the ensemble classifier makes a wrong prediction:

$$P(X \geq 13) = \sum_{i=13}^{25} \binom{25}{i} \varepsilon^i (1-\varepsilon)^{25-i} = 0.06$$

General Approach



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Bagging (Bootstrap Aggregation)

- **Sample with replacement (n = N)**

Original Data	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Bagging (Round 1)	7	8	10	8	2	5	10	10	5	9
Bagging (Round 2)	1	4	9	1	2	3	2	7	3	2
Bagging (Round 3)	1	8	5	10	5	5	9	6	3	7

- Build classifier on each bootstrap sample
- Each data instance has probability 1/n of being selected each time
- Each data instance has probability $1- (1 – 1/n)^n$ of being selected as part of the bootstrap sample

Bagging

Algorithm 5.6 Bagging Algorithm

1: Let k be the number of bootstrap samples.
2: **for** $i = 1$ to k **do**
3: Create a bootstrap sample of size n, D_i.
4: Train a base classifier C_i on the bootstrap sample D_i.
5: **end for**
6: $C^*(x) = \arg\max_y \sum_i \delta(C_i(x) = y)$, $\{\delta(\cdot) = 1$ if its argument is true, and 0 otherwise.$\}$

Each classifier can be trained in parallel!

Bagging Example

Original Data:

x	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.9	1
y	1	1	1	-1	-1	-1	-1	1	1	1

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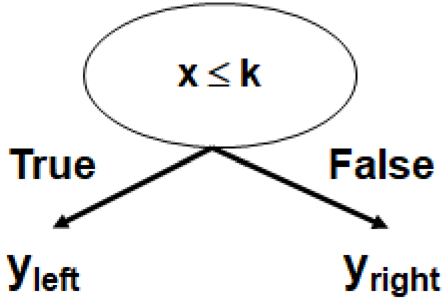

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Bagging Round 1:

x	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.9	0.9
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Bagging Round 2:

x	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.9	1	1	1
y	1	1	1	-1	-1	-1	1	1	1	1

x <= 0.7 ➔ y = 1
x > 0.7 ➔ y = 1

Bagging Round 3:

x	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.9
y	1	1	1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	1	1

x <= 0.35 ➔ y = 1
x > 0.35 ➔ y = -1

Bagging Round 4:

x	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.7	0.8	0.9
y	1	1	1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	1	1

x <= 0.3 ➔ y = 1
x > 0.3 ➔ y = -1

Bagging Round 5:

x	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.6	1	1	1
y	1	1	1	-1	-1	-1	-1	1	1	1

x <= 0.35 ➔ y = 1
x > 0.35 ➔ y = -1

Bagging Example

Bagging Round 6:

x	0.2	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.9	1
y	1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	1	1	1

x <= 0.75 → y = -1
x > 0.75 → y = 1

Bagging Round 7:

x	0.1	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.9	1
y	1	-1	-1	-1	-1	1	1	1	1	1

x <= 0.75 → y = -1
x > 0.75 → y = 1

Bagging Round 8:

x	0.1	0.2	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.9	1
y	1	1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	1	1	1

x <= 0.75 → y = -1
x > 0.75 → y = 1

Bagging Round 9:

x	0.1	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.8	1	1
y	1	1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	1	1	1

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Bagging Round 10:

x	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.9
y	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

x <= 0.05 → y = 1
x > 0.05 → y = 1

Test on Training Data (with Majority Vote)

Original Data:

x	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.9	1
y	1	1	1	-1	-1	-1	-1	1	1	1

Round	Split Point	Left Class	Right Class
1	0.35	1	-1
2	0.7	1	1
3	0.35	1	-1
4	0.3	1	-1
5	0.35	1	-1
6	0.75	-1	1
7	0.75	-1	1
8	0.75	-1	1
9	0.75	-1	1
10	0.05	1	1

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Boosting

- **Weights**: probability of being sampled
- Records that are wrongly classified will have their **weights** increased
- Records that are classified correctly will have their **weights** decreased

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Boosting (Round 1)	7	3	2	8	7	9	4	10	6	3
Boosting (Round 2)	5	4	9	4	2	5	1	7	4	2
Boosting (Round 3)	4	4	8	10	4	5	4	6	3	4

- Example 4 is hard to classify
- Its weight is increased, therefore it is more likely to be chosen again in subsequent rounds

AdaBoost

- If any intermediate rounds produce error rate higher than 50%, the weights are reverted back to 1/n and the resampling procedure is repeated (otherwise there will be $\alpha_i < 0$)
- Classification: $C^*(x) = \underset{y}{\operatorname{argmax}} \sum_{i=1}^{T} \alpha_i \delta(C_i(x) = y)$

AdaBoost

Algorithm 5.7 AdaBoost Algorithm

1: $\mathbf{w} = \{w_j = 1/n \mid j = 1, 2, \cdots, n\}$. {Initialize the weights for all n instances.}
2: Let k be the number of boosting rounds.
3: **for** $i = 1$ to k **do**
4: Create training set D_i by sampling (with replacement) from D according to $\mathbf{w}$.
5: Train a base classifier C_i on D_i.
6: Apply C_i to all instances in the original training set, D.
7: $\epsilon_i = \left[\sum_j w_j \, \delta\big(C_i(x_j) \neq y_j\big)\right]$ {Calculate the weighted error}
8: **if** $\epsilon_i > 0.5$ **then**
9: $\mathbf{w} = \{w_j = 1/n \mid j = 1, 2, \cdots, n\}$. {Reset the weights for all n instances.}
10: Go back to Step 4.
11: **end if**
12: $\alpha_i = \ln \frac{1-\epsilon_i}{\epsilon_i}$.
13: Update the weight of each instance according to equation (5.88).
14: **end for**
15: $C^*(\mathbf{x}) = \arg\max_y \sum_{j=1}^{T} \alpha_j \delta(C_j(\mathbf{x}) = y)$.

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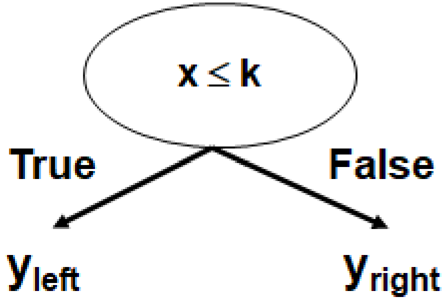

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Training:

Boosting Round 1:

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y	1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	1	1

Weights:

Round	x=0.1	x=0.2	x=0.3	x=0.4	x=0.5	x=0.6	x=0.7	x=0.8	x=0.9	x=1.0
1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
2	0.167	0.167	0.167	0.071	0.071	0.071	0.071	0.071	0.071	0.071
3	0.117	0.117	0.117	0.125	0.125	0.125	0.125	0.050	0.050	0.050

AdaBoost Example

Model:

Round	Split Point	Left Class	Right Class	alpha
1	0.75	-1	1	0.847
2	0.05	1	1	0.924
3	0.3	1	-1	1.735

Predictions:

Round	x=0.1	x=0.2	x=0.3	x=0.4	x=0.5	x=0.6	x=0.7	x=0.8	x=0.9	x=1.0
1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	1	1	1
2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
3	1	1	1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1
Sum	1.81	1.81	1.81	-1.7	-1.7	-1.7	-1.7	0.04	0.04	0.04
Sign	1	1	1	-1	-1	-1	-1	1	1	1

Further Read on Adaboost

https://web.stanford.edu/~hastie/Papers/samme.pdf

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Random Forest

Each tree is trained on a subset of data (bagging) with a subset of features (feature bagging).

- Bagging (sample with replacement)
  - n = N
- Feature bagging (sample with replacement)
  - usually with $m = \sqrt{M}$ features.

Random Forest

1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16

Bagging

13	14	15	16
1	2	3	4
1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8

Feature Bagging

14	15
2	3
2	3
6	7