

# Human Activity Recognition from Accelerometer Data

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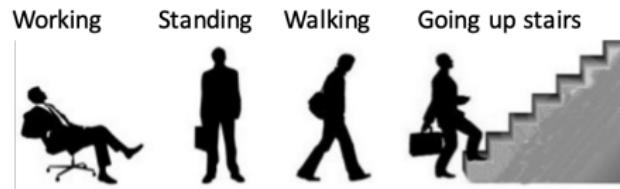
# Introduction



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Seven activities (Challenge as not mutually exclusive)

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Class 1

Class 3

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Class 5



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Task/Object: **multi-class classification**

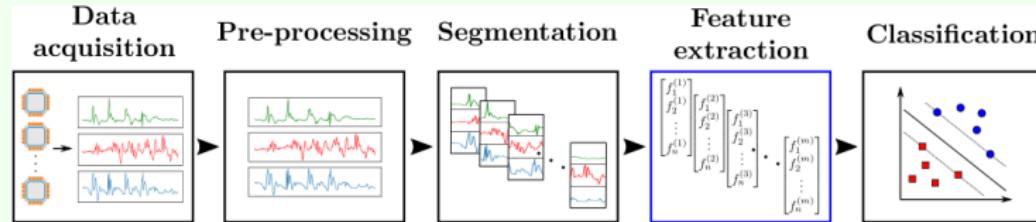
■ Input data:

Sequential number, x acceleration, y acceleration, z acceleration

■ Output:

Class label (1, 2, . . . , 7) for each activity.

## Procedure

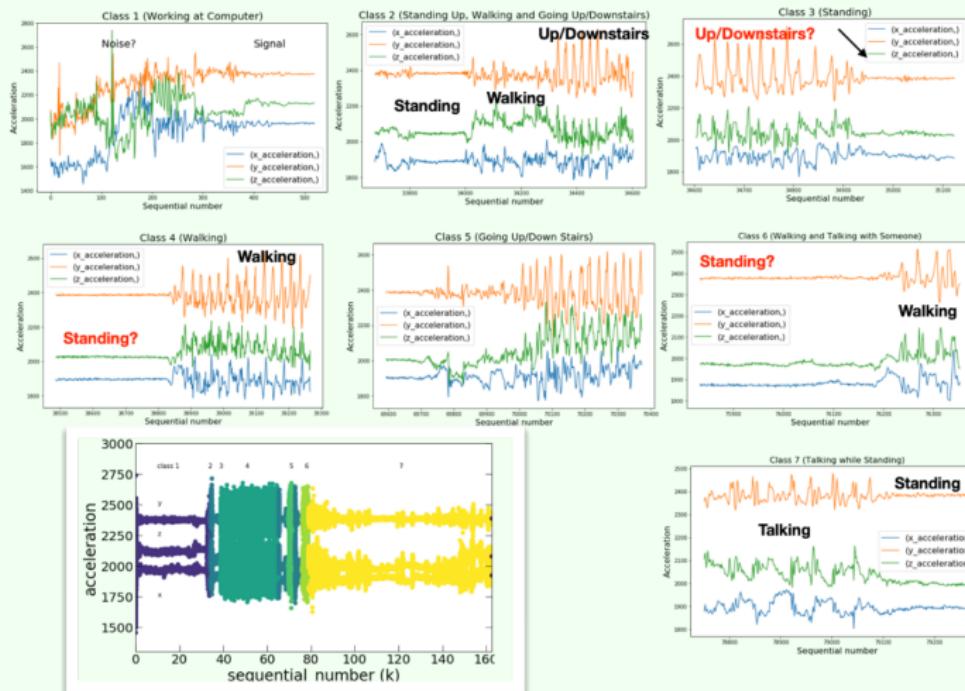


# Exploratory data analysis



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## An example data: participant 1



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## Feature extraction

- Generate samples/features using sliding temporal windows which split the raw data into segments.
- The data ( $x$ ,  $y$ ,  $z$ -accelerations) in each window form one sample.
- Hand-crafted features are extracted from each sample:
  - **Time domain features:** related to the distribution of the data

mean  $\mu_{i=x,y,z}$ , variance  $\sigma_i^2$ , min, max, mean absolute deviation, skewness, kurtosis, correlation  $Corr(i,j)$ , magnitude  $\sqrt{\mu_x^2 + \mu_y^2 + \mu_z^2}$

- **Frequency domain features:** energy-weighted moments:

$$M^{(k)} = \int d\omega \cdot \omega^k \cdot F(\omega), \quad k = 1, 2, 3 \quad (1)$$

where  $F(\omega)$  is computed with Fast Fourier Transform (FFT)

$$F(\omega) = \int dt \cdot f(t) \cdot e^{-i(2\pi\omega)t}. \quad (2)$$

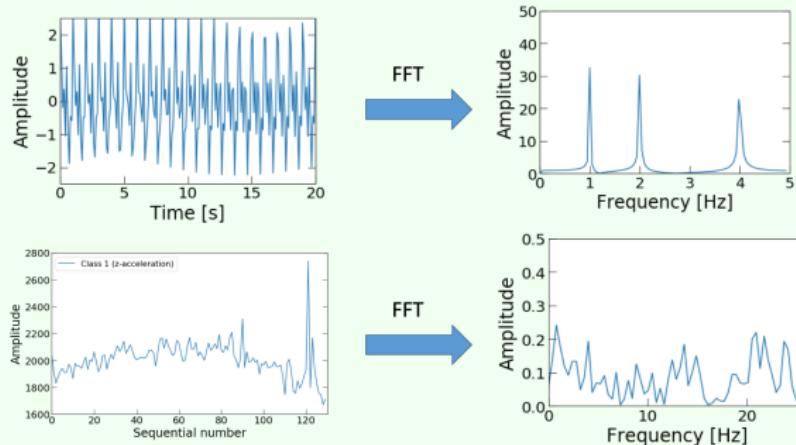


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## Fast Fourier Transformation (FFT)

$$X_k = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x_n e^{-i2\pi kn/N} \quad k = 0, \dots, N-1 \quad (3)$$

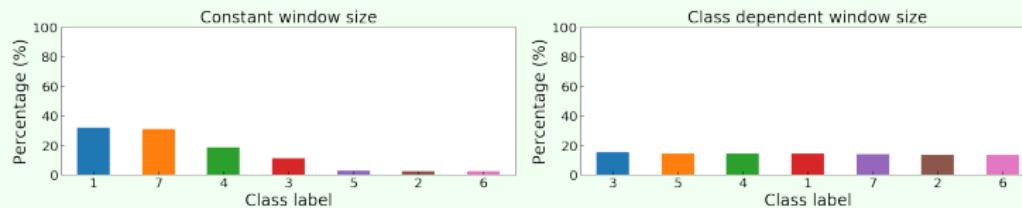
- Compute the discrete Fourier transform of a sequence
- Computation complexity  $O(n \log(n))$  (divide and conquer algorithm)



# Exploratory data analysis: sample data

## Imbalanced data

- Multi-class classification with imbalanced data is challenge.
- Use a class dependent temporal window size.
- Risk of using window size information into training models

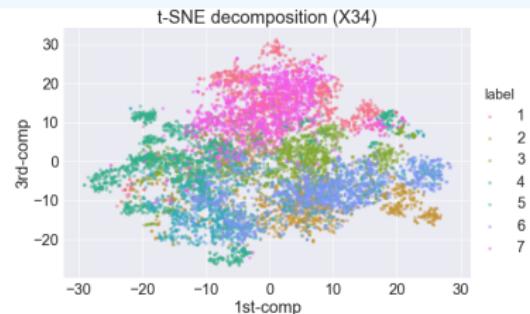
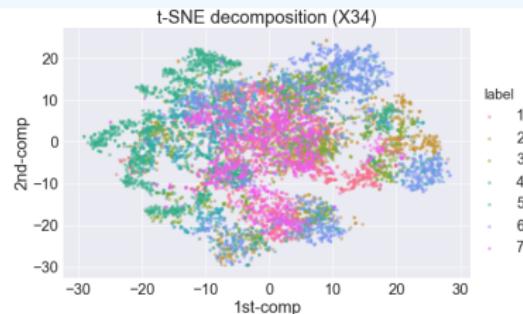


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## t-distributed Stochastic Neighbor Embedding (t-SNE)

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### Data with **34** features

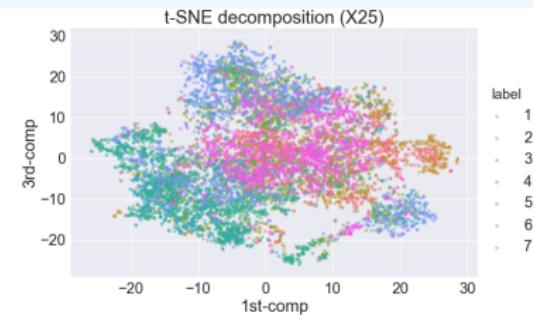
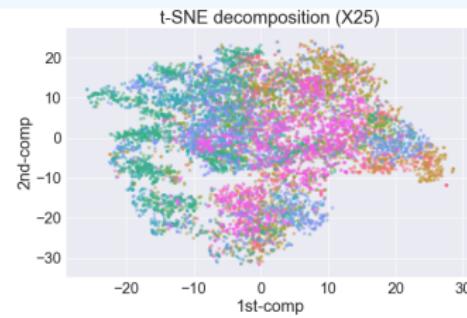


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### Data with 25 features (without frequency domain features)



## Models

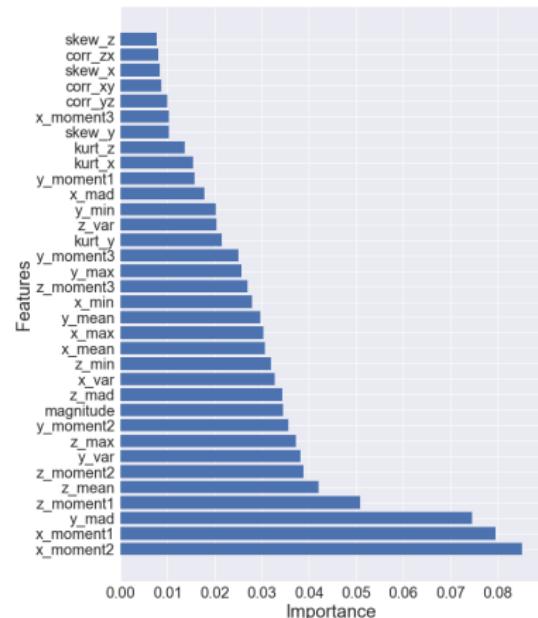


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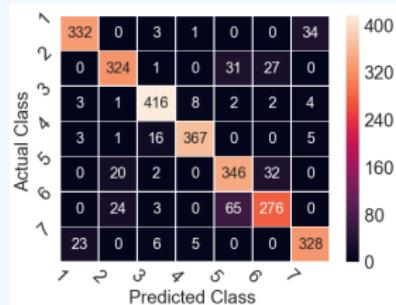
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- **provide importance of features**
- prone to overfitting
- regularization and monitoring train/test scores

## Training the model with default parameters



## Confusion matrix (Test Data)

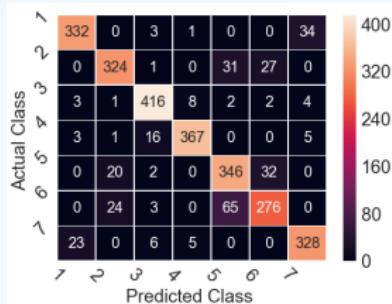


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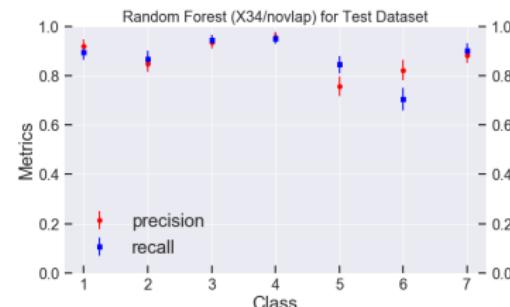
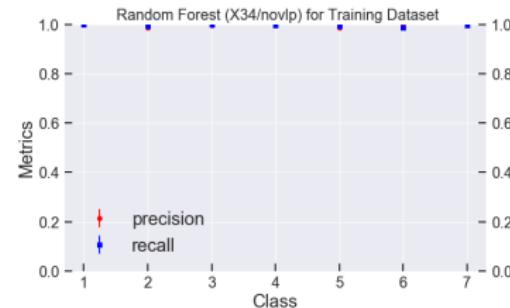
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## GridSearch for the parameters

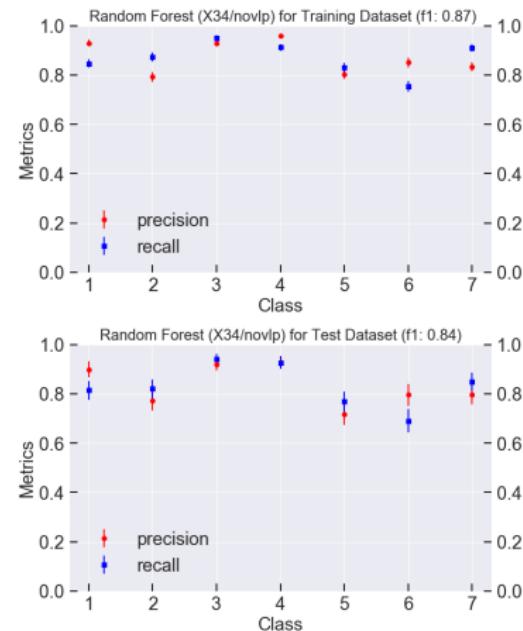
Introduce a new metric to take care of overfitting:

$$F_1 \equiv f_1(\text{test}) - 1.5|f_1(\text{train}) - f_1(\text{test})|$$

where the  $f_1$  measure is defined as

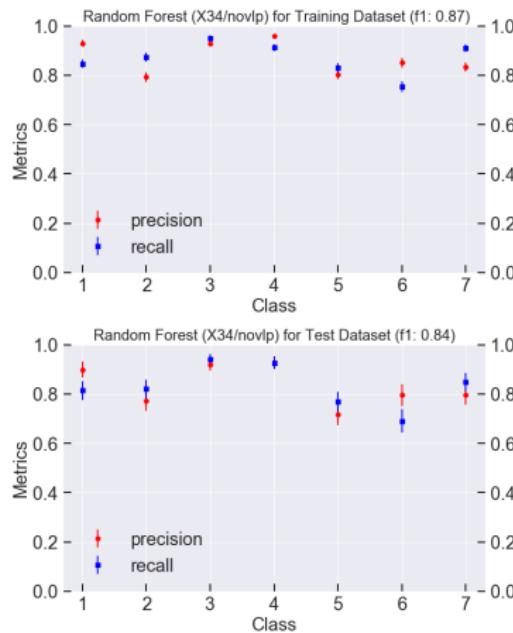
$$f_1 = \frac{2}{\frac{1}{\text{precision}} + \frac{1}{\text{recall}}} \quad (4)$$

## Training the model with GridSearch

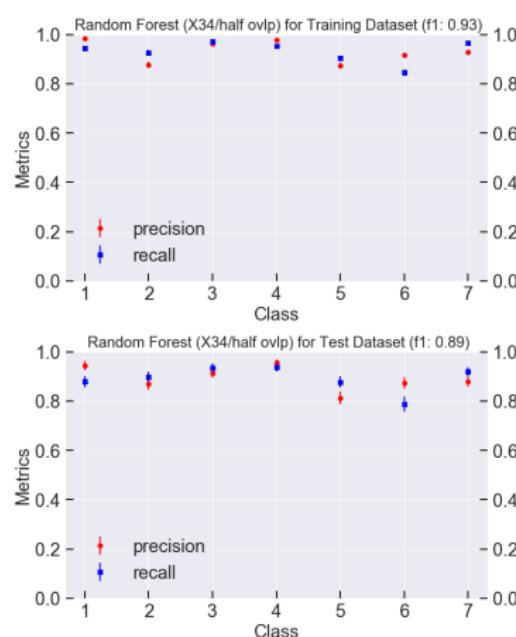


# Models: overlapping windows or not

## Non-overlapping windows

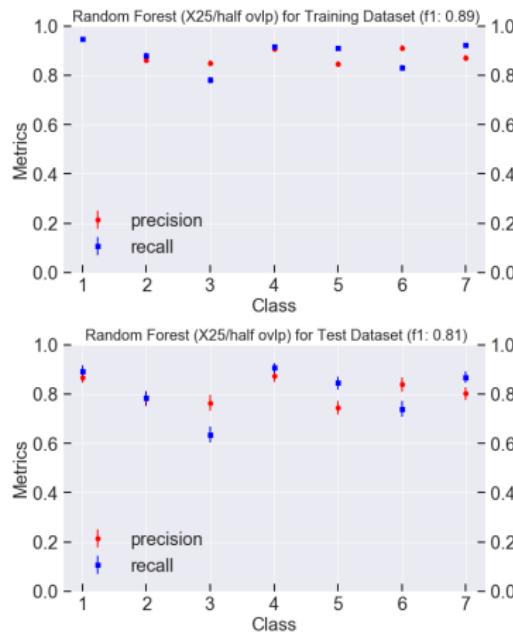


## Half-overlapping windows

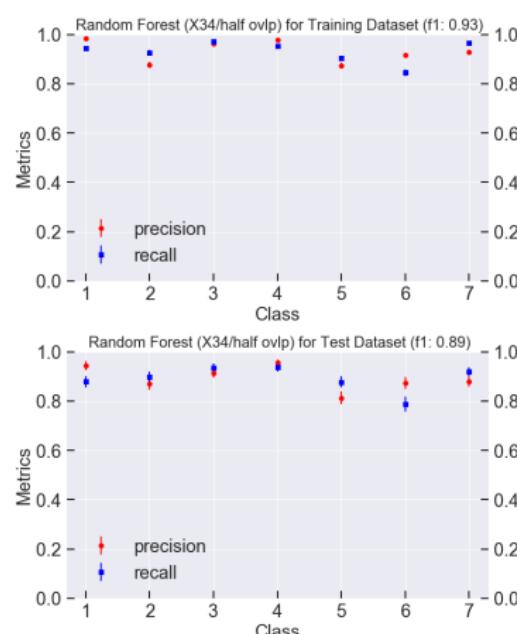


# Models: with frequency domain features or not

w/o frequency domain features

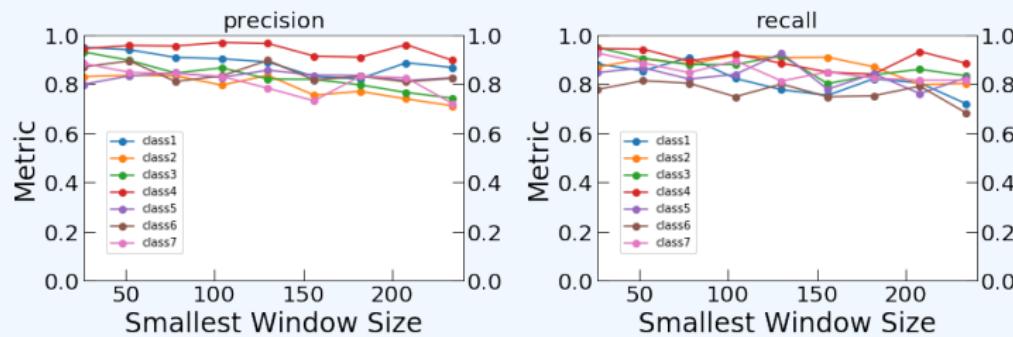


w/ frequency domain features



## Models: window size effect

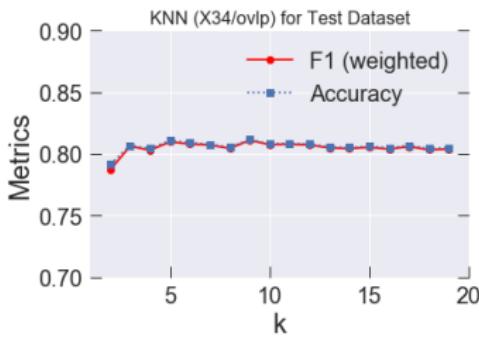
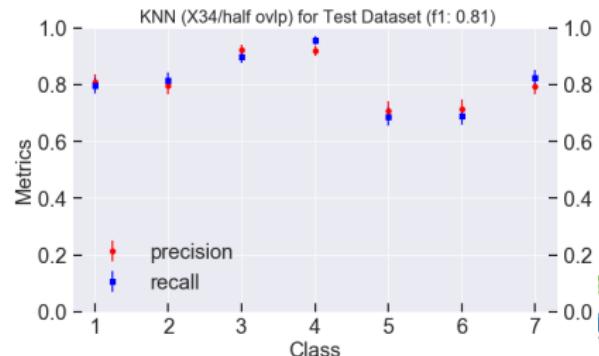
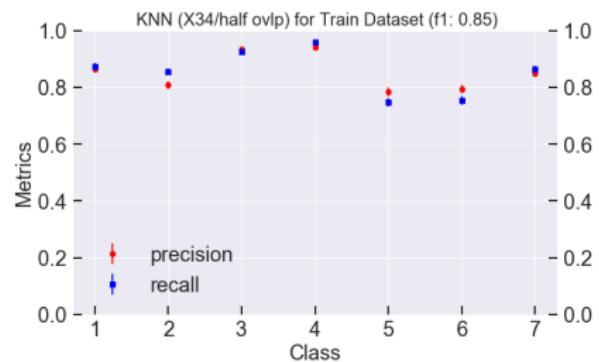
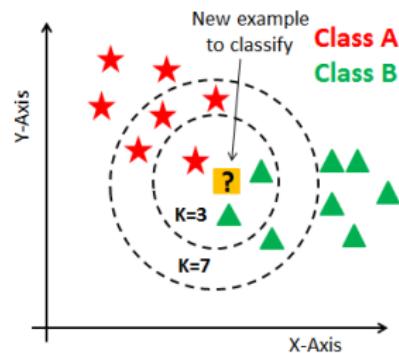
Precision/Recall for test data in the Random Forest



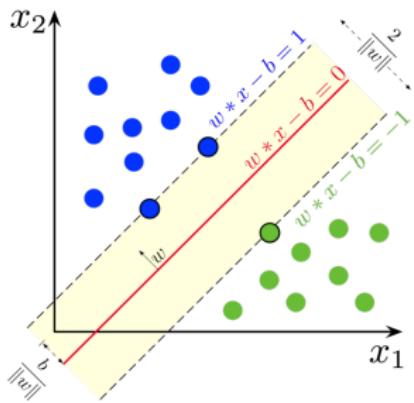
- Globally, the score is slightly decreasing with the window size.



# Models: KNeighborsClassifier (KNN)



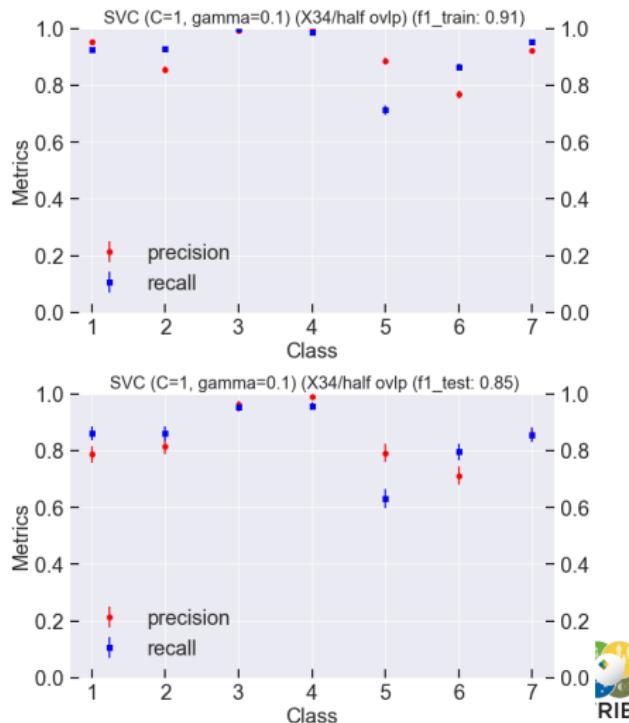
# Models: Support Vector Machine Classification (SVC)



- kernel: radial basis function

$$K(X_i, X_j) = \exp[-\gamma(X_i - X_j)^2] \quad (5)$$

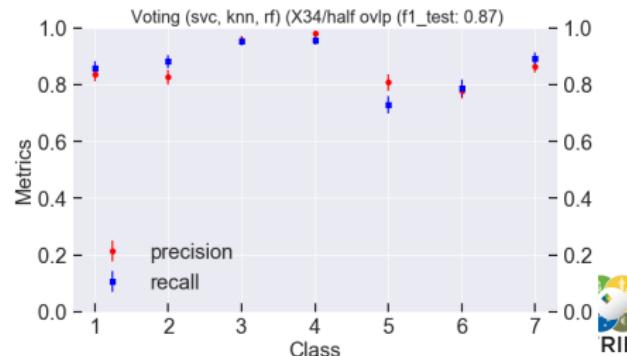
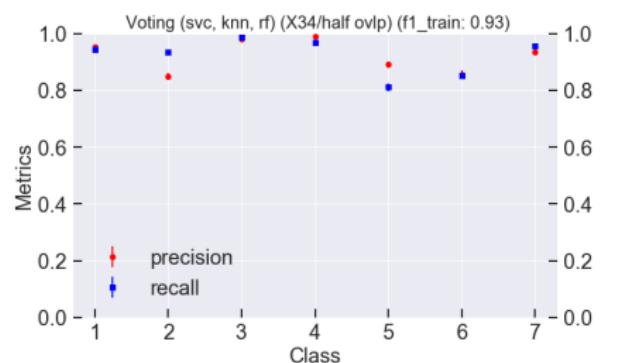
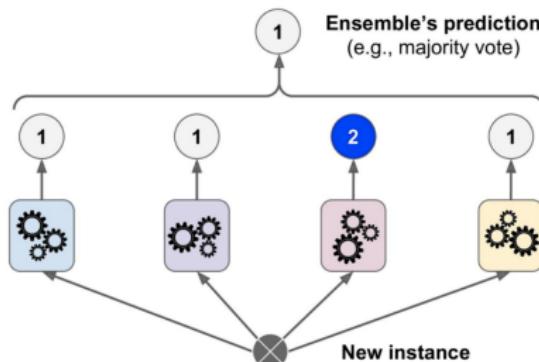
- decrease  $\gamma$  to prevent overfitting
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## Voting

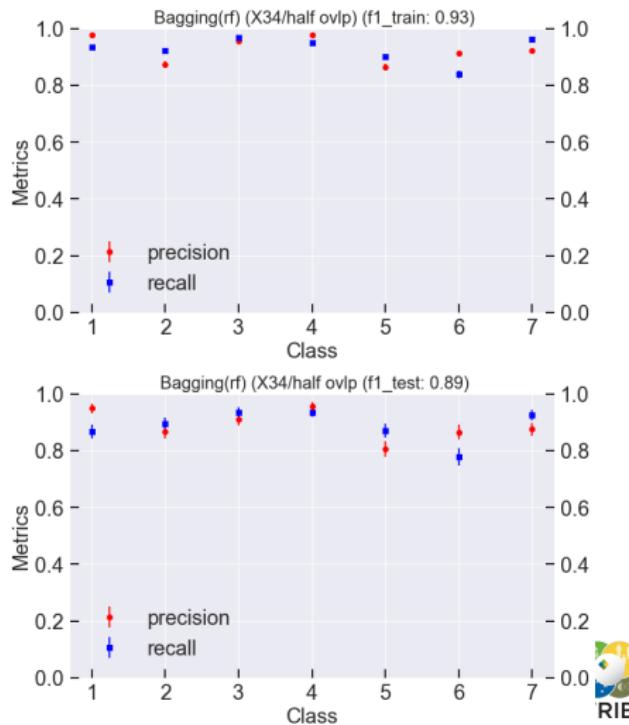
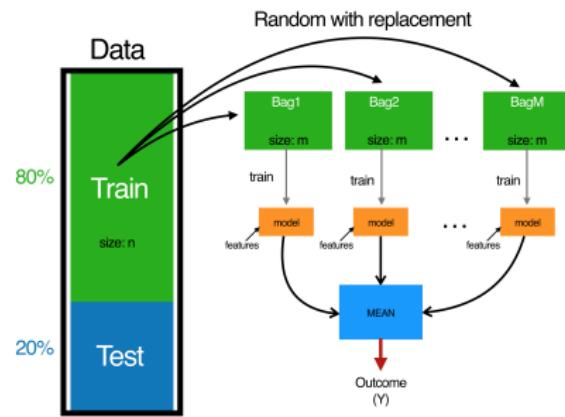
- Use the pre-trained (optimized) SVC, KNN, and Random Forest algorithms
- Aggregate the predictions of each classifier and predict the class that gets the most votes
- Generally, better than each of the three algorithms



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## Bagging

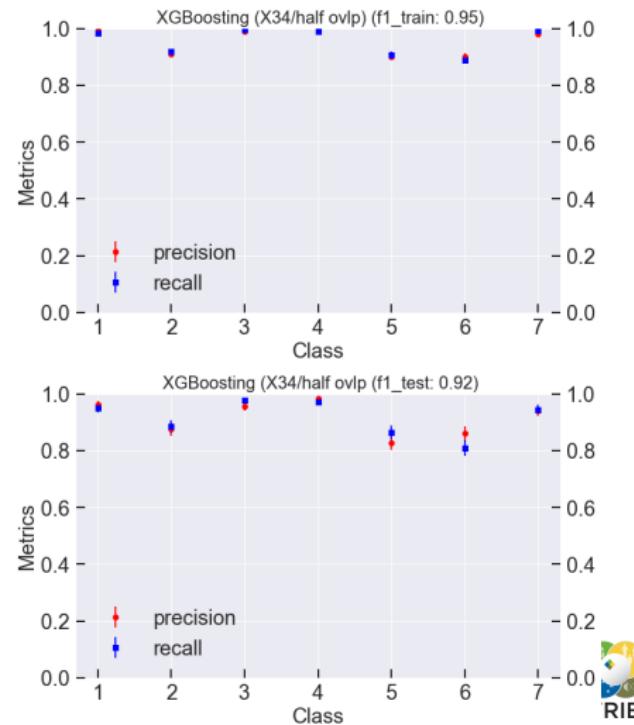
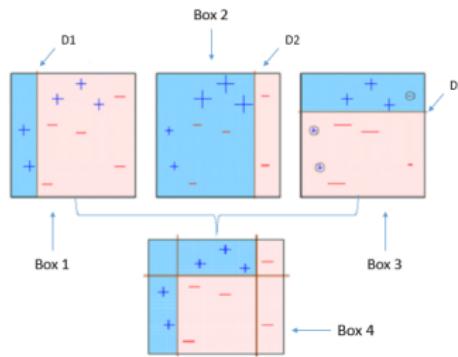
- Use the pre-trained Random Forest classifier as the base classifier
- Fit the base classifier to random 20 subsets of the original dataset (reduce variance)



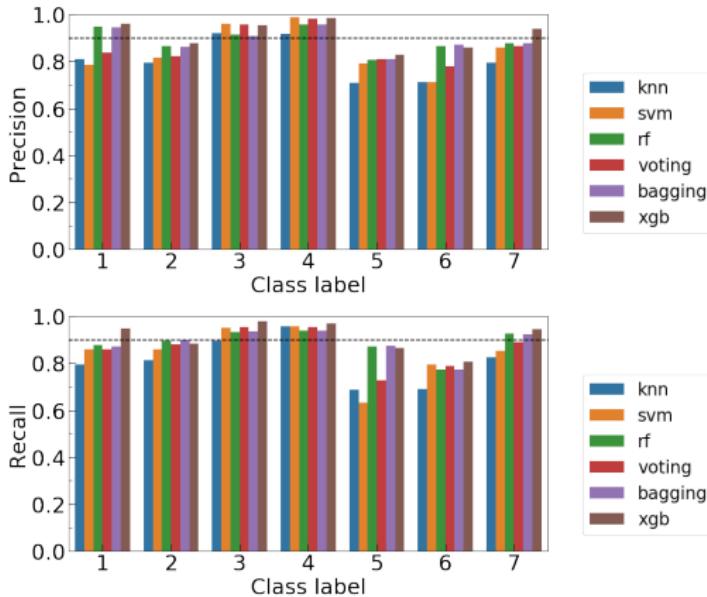
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## XGBoost (eXtreme Gradient Boosting)

- Gradient boosted decision trees
- "state-of-the-art" machine learning algorithm for structured or tabular datasets on classification and regression (faster, wide variety of tuning parameters, better performance)

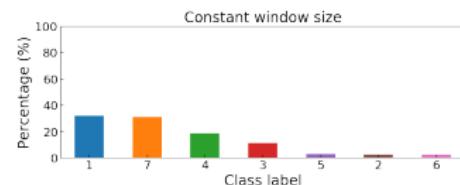


# Models: comparison



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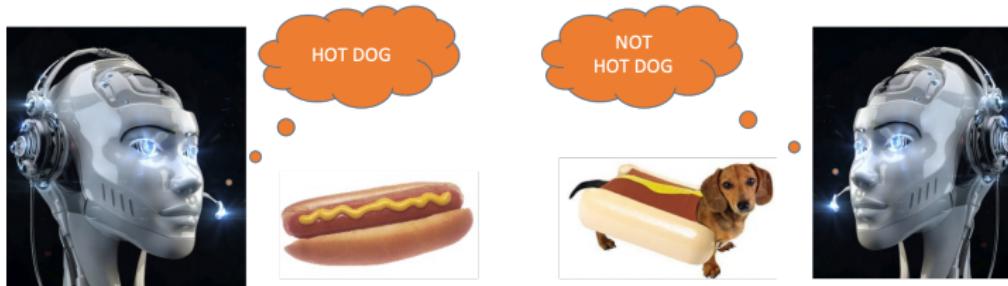
- Frequency domain features are very important
- Using non-overlapping and half-overlapping sliding windows have a significant influence (leaking test data into the training data, larger sample size?)
- Increase in window size globally decreases the performance (sample size effect?)
- Balanced data are important in multi-class classification to have a similar performance on each class.
- XGBoost turns out to have the best performance among machine learning models

## Outlook

- Collect more data for the class 2, 5, and 6
- Collect some information other than the acceleration along 3 directions (angles?)
- More detailed fine tunings on the model parameters
- Deep learning models (CNN/RNN) are worth to try when the dataset is large enough



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## Code Example #1

XGBoost

```
1 def xgboost_fit_predict(X_train,y_train,X_test,y_test):
2     xgb_reg = xgboost.XGBClassifier(n_estimators=1000, random_state=42)
3     xgb_reg = xgb_reg.fit(X_train, y_train, eval_metric=["merror"],
4                           eval_set=[[X_train, y_train],[X_test, y_test]],
5                           verbose=100,
6                           early_stopping_rounds=10)
7
8     y_pred = xgb_reg.predict(X_test)
9     val_error = mean_squared_error(y_test, y_pred)
10    print("Validation MSE:", val_error)
11
12
13    y_pred4test      = xgb_reg.predict(X_test)
14    y_pred4train     = xgb_reg.predict(X_train)
15
16    xgb_clf_best_cm4test = metrics.confusion_matrix(y_test, y_pred4test)
17    xgb_clf_best_cm4train = metrics.confusion_matrix(y_train, y_pred4train)
18
19    print("F1 score for Test: {}".format(f1_score(y_test,y_pred4test, average='weighted')))
20    print("F1 score for Train: {}".format(f1_score(y_train,y_pred4train, average='weighted')))
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## XGBoost: mirror in train and test

