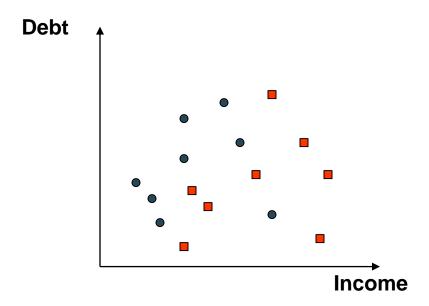
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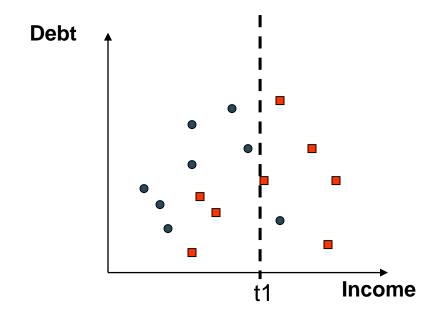


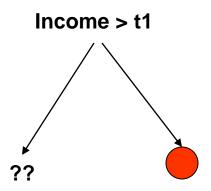
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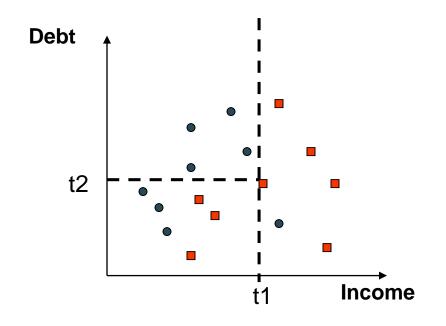
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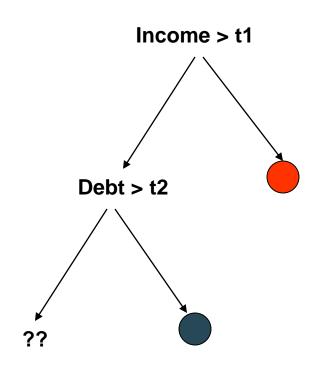
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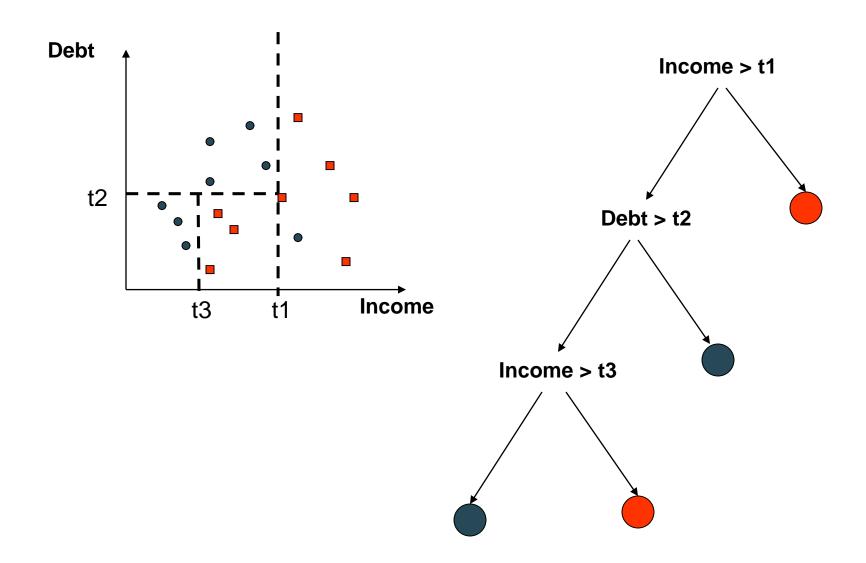


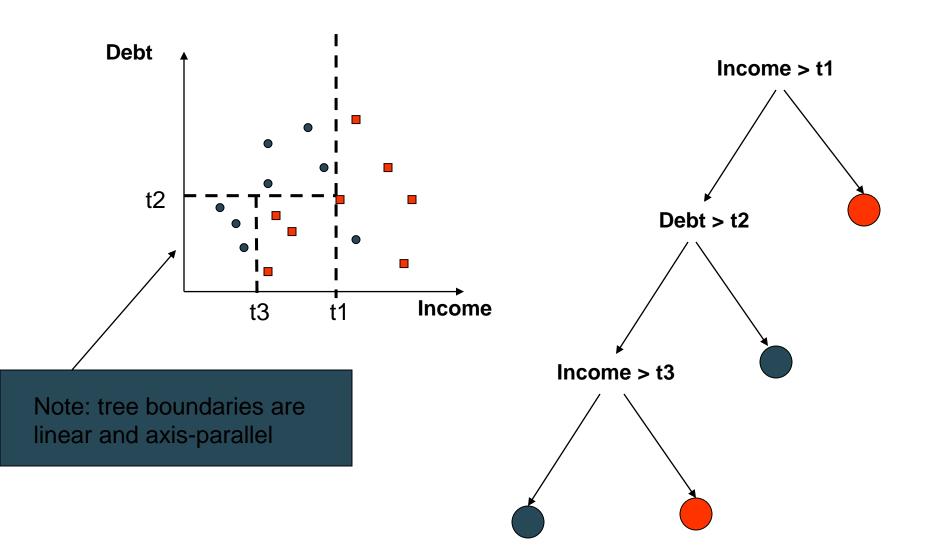




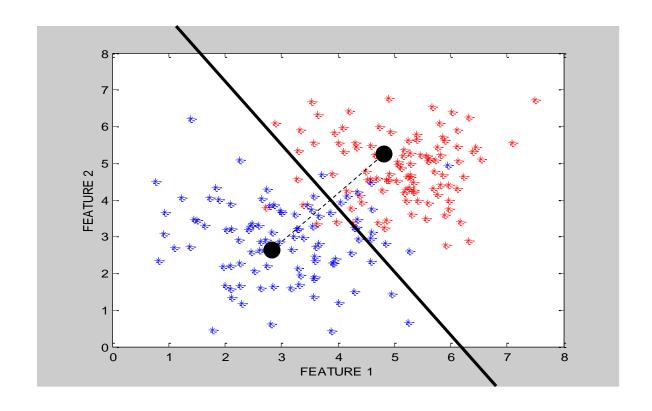




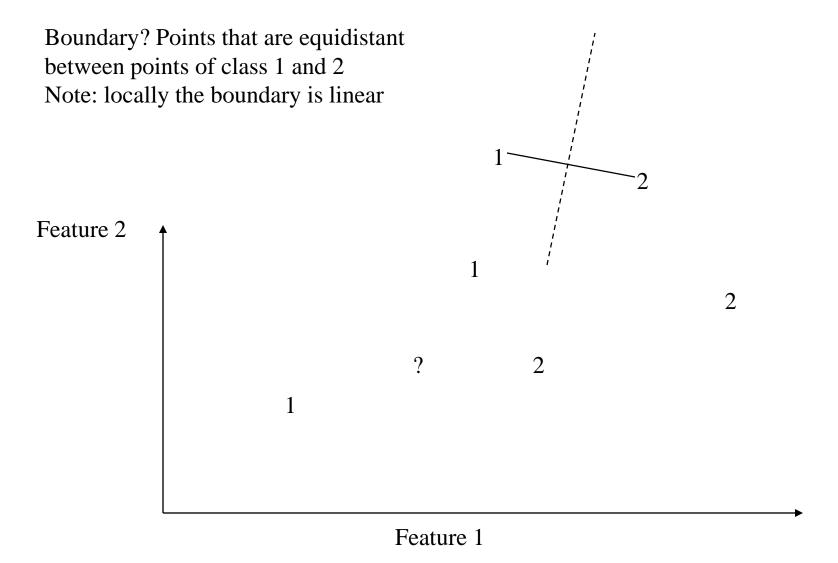




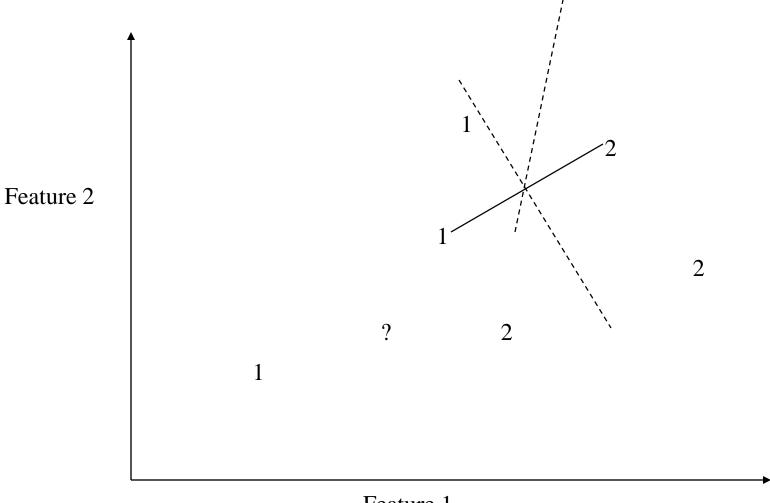
## Minimum Distance Classifier



## Local Decision Boundaries

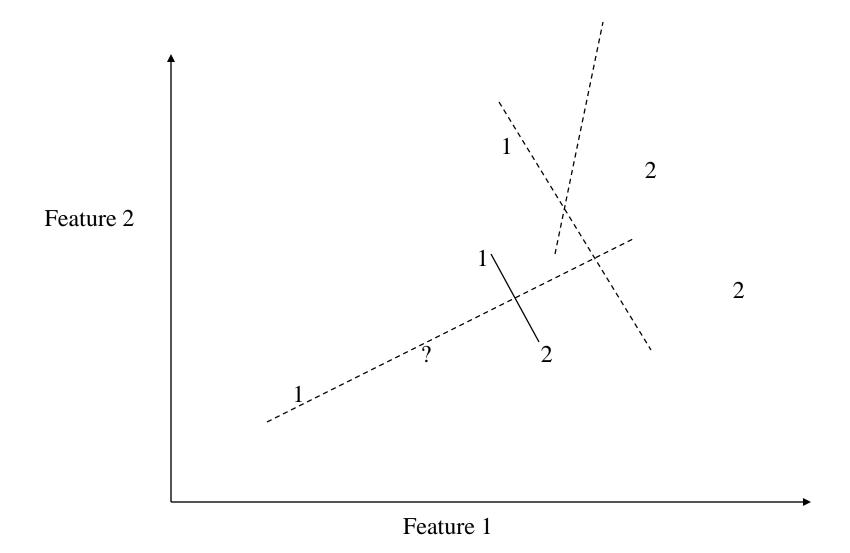


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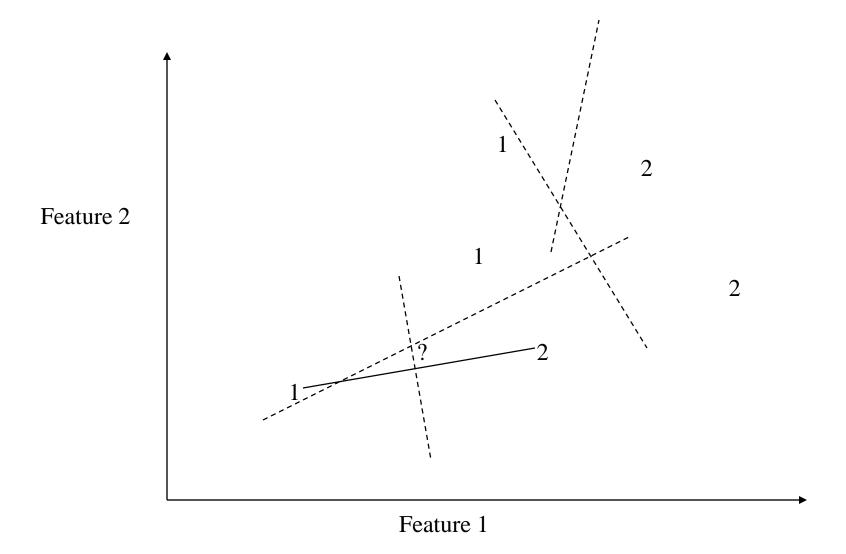


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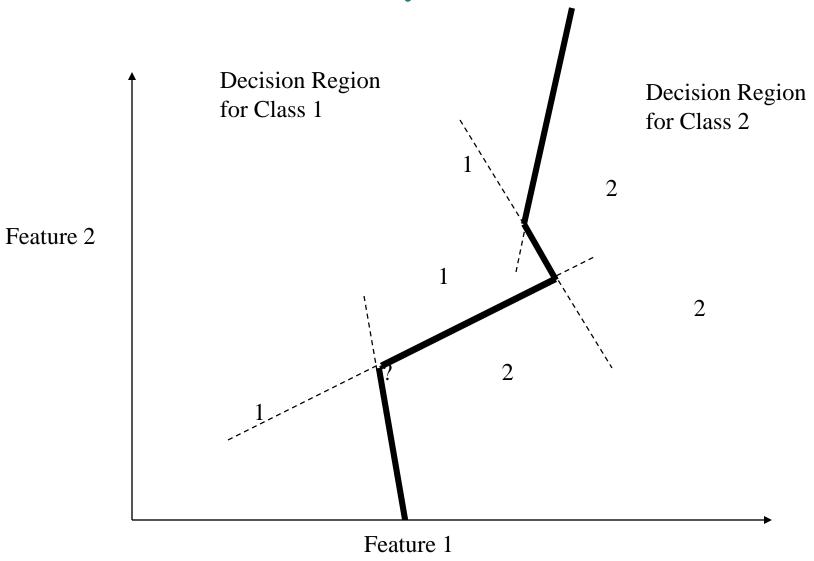
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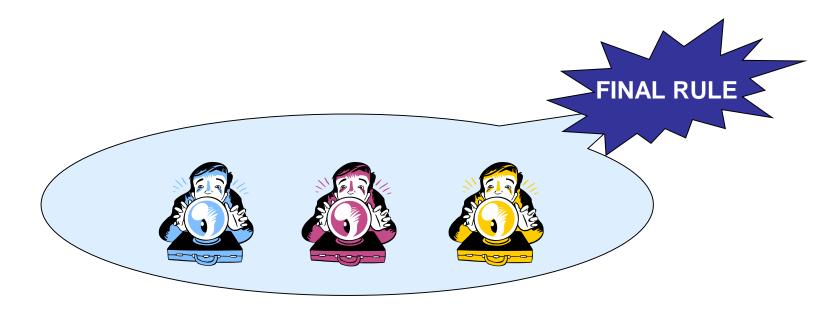
# Finding the Decision Boundaries



## Overall Boundary = Piecewise Linear

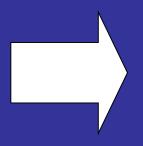


- Bagging and Boosting
  - → Aggregating Classifiers



Breiman (1996) found gains in accuracy by aggregating predictors built from reweighed versions of the learning set

# Bagging and Boosting: Aggregating Classifiers



3 questions:

? How to reweigh?

? How to aggregate?

? Which type of gain

in accuracy?

# Bagging

- *Bagging* = Bootstrap Aggregating
- Reweighing of the learning sets is done by drawing at random with replacement from the learning sets
- Predictors are aggregated by plurality voting

# The Bagging Algorithm

- B bootstrap samples
- From which we derive:

- B Classifiers 
$$\in \{-1,1\}: c^1, c^2, c^3, ..., c^B$$

- **B** Estimated probabilities 
$$\in [0,1]$$
:  $p^1, p^2, p^3, ..., p^B$ 

The aggregate classifier becomes:

$$c_{bag}(x) = sign\left(\frac{1}{B}\sum_{b=1}^{B}c^{b}(x)\right)$$
 or  $p_{bag}(x) = \frac{1}{B}\sum_{b=1}^{B}p^{b}(x)$ 

# Bagging Example (Opitz, 1999)

Original	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Training set 1	2	7	8	3	7	6	3	1
Training set 2	7	8	5	6	4	2	7	1
Training set 3	3	6	2	7	5	6	2	2
Training set 4	4	5	1	4	6	4	3	8

# Aggregation Sign

Classifier 1



Classifier 2



Classifier 3



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Classifier T



Final rule

#### **Initial set**











# Boosting

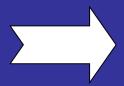
- Freund and Schapire (1997), Breiman (1998)
- Data adaptively resampled

Previously misclassified observations → weights



Previously wellclassified observations → weights





Predictor aggregation done by weighted voting

$$y_i \in \{-1,+1\}$$

- Initialize weights:  $w_i^1 = \frac{1}{N}$
- Fit a classifier with these weights
- Give predicted probabilities to observations according to this classifier

$$p_b(x) = \hat{P}_w(y = 1|x) \in [0,1]$$

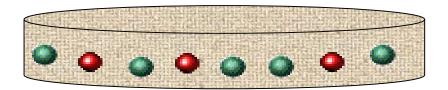
• Compute "pseudo probabilities":  $f_b(x) = \frac{1}{2} \log \left( \frac{p_b(x)}{1 - p_b(x)} \right) \in \Re$ 

Get new weights: 
$$w_i^{b+1} = w_i^b \exp[-y_i f_b(x_i)]$$

- & "Normalize" it (i.e., rescale so that it sums to 1)
- Combine the "pseudo probabilities":

$$c_{Boost} = sign\left[\sum_{b=1}^{B} f_b(x)\right]$$

# Weighting



**Initial set** 









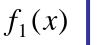












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Classifier 2



















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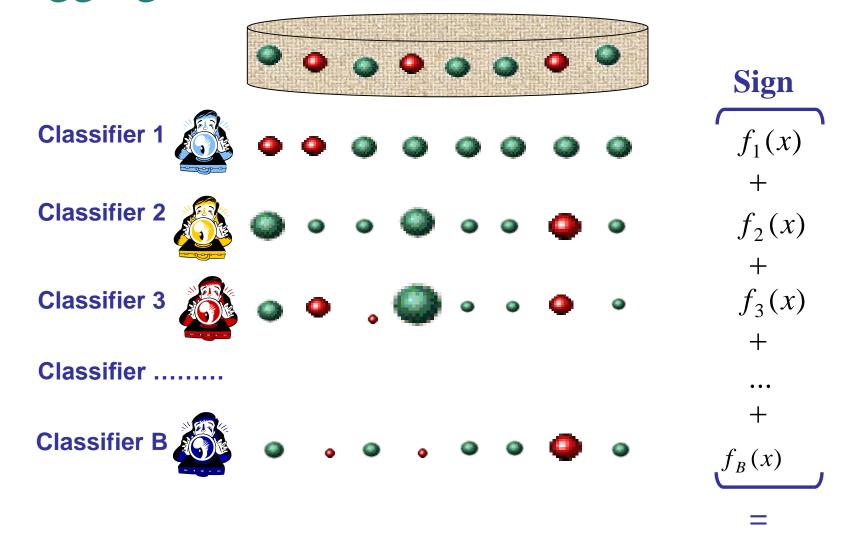






# Aggregation

#### **Initial set**



Final rule

## Boosting

## • Definition of Boosting:

Boosting refers to a general method of producing a very accurate prediction rule by combining rough and moderately inaccurate rules-of-thumb.

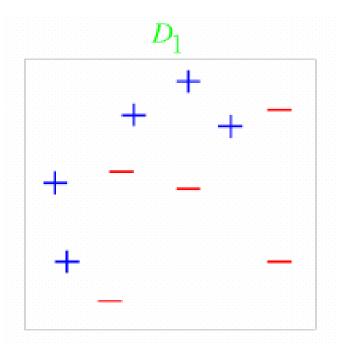
#### • Intuition:

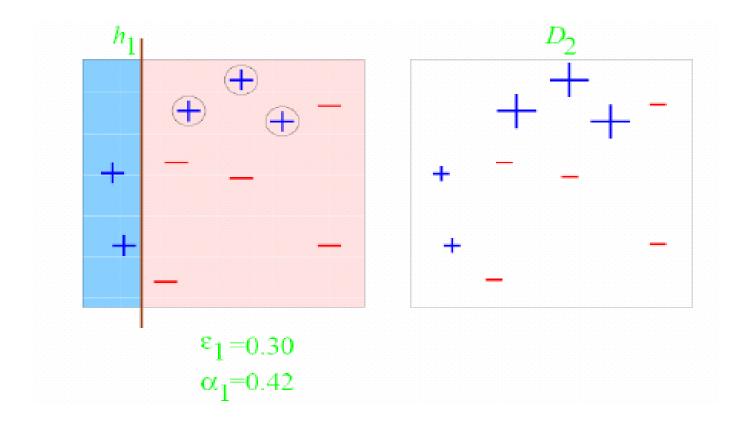
- 1) No learner is always the best;
- 2) Construct a set of base-learners which when combined achieves higher accuracy

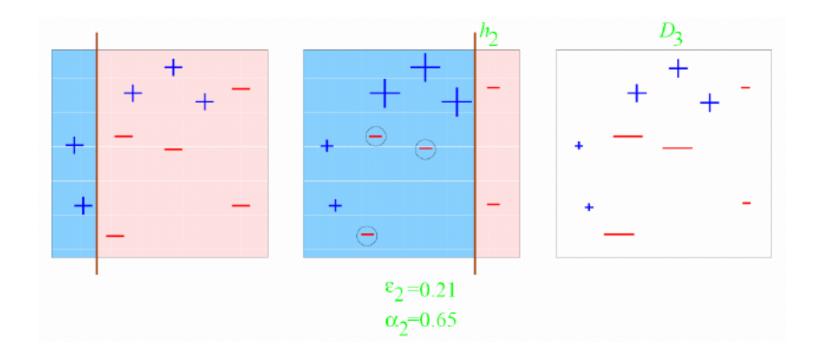
## **Boosting**

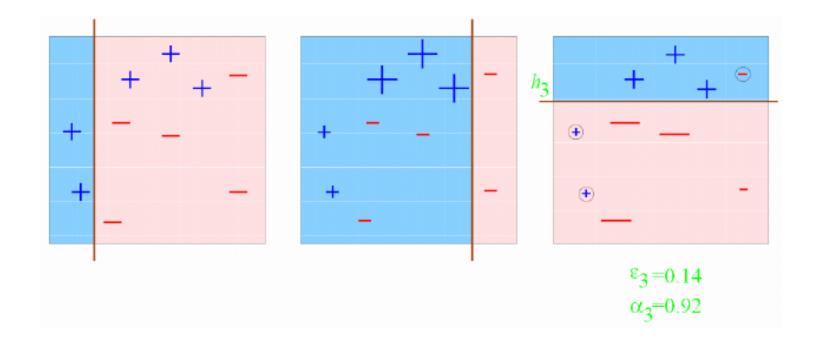
- 3) Different learners may:
  - --- Be trained by different algorithms
  - --- Use different modalities(features)
  - --- Focus on different subproblems
  - --- .....
- 4) A week learner is "rough and moderately inaccurate" predictor but one that can predict better than chance.

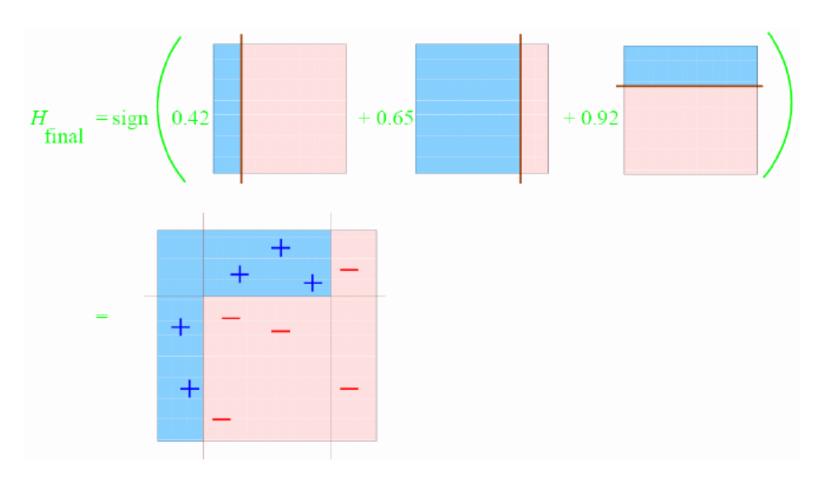
# A toy example











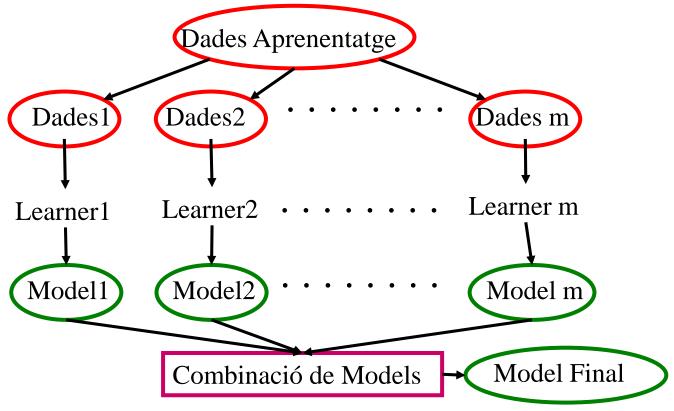
### **Ensembles Methods**

#### **Funcionament:**

 Aprendre multiples definicions alternatives d'un concepte usant diferents dades d'aprenentatge o diferents algorismes d'aprenentatge.

• Combinar les decisions de multiples definicions, p.ex. Usant el vot

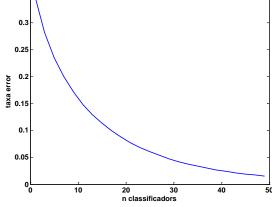
pesat.



# Perque funcionen?

## Suposem que tenim 25 classificadors base

- Cada classificador té un taxa d'error,  $\varepsilon = 0.35$
- Suposem que els classificadors són independents
- La probabilitat que el 'ensemble classifier' faci una predicció erronia (si s'equivoca en 13 de les 25 prediccions):



## Valor dels 'Ensembles'

 Quan combinem múltiples decisions independents i diverses cada un de les cuals és millor que l'atzar, els errors deguts a atzar es cancel·len els uns als altres, i les decisions correctes es reforcen.

# **Ensembles Homogenis**

Utilitzar un **únic, algorisme d'aprenentatge arbitrari** però manipular les dades d'aprenentatge per a fer-lo aprendre multiples models.

- Data1 ≠ Data2 ≠ ... ≠ Data m
- Learner1 = Learner2 = ... = Learner m
- Model  $1 \neq$  Model  $2 \neq ... \neq$  Model m

Mètodes per canviar les dades d'aprenentatge:

- Bagging: Re-mostreigar les dades d'aprenentatge
- Boosting: Re-pesar les dades d'aprenentatge
- Decorate: Afegir dades d'aprenentatge adicionals artificials