# Ensemble

## Framework of Ensemble

- Get a set of classifiers
  - f<sub>1</sub>(x), f<sub>2</sub>(x), f<sub>3</sub>(x), ..... 坦 補 DD T

They should be diverse.

- Aggregate the classifiers (*properly*)
  - 在打王時每個人都有該站的位置

# Ensemble: Bagging

#### Review: Bias v.s. Variance







This approach would be helpful when Bagging your model is complex, easy to overfit. e.g. decision tree





#### **Experiment: Function of Miku**





http://speech.ee.ntu.edu.tw/~tlkagk/courses/ MLDS\_2015\_2/theano/miku

(1<sup>st</sup> column: x, 2<sup>nd</sup> column: y, 3<sup>rd</sup> column: output (1 or 0))



100 Depth = 15 00

0

Depth = 20 100

100

0

# Random Forest

• Decision tree:

train	f <sub>1</sub>	f <sub>2</sub>	f <sub>3</sub>	f <sub>4</sub>
<b>X</b> <sup>1</sup>	0	Х	0	Х
<b>X</b> <sup>2</sup>	0	Х	Х	0
<b>х</b> <sup>3</sup>	Х	0	0	Х
<b>x</b> <sup>4</sup>	Х	0	Х	0

- Easy to achieve 0% error rate on training data
  - If each training example has its own leaf .....
- Random forest: Bagging of decision tree
  - Resampling training data is not sufficient
  - Randomly restrict the features/questions used in each split
- Out-of-bag validation for bagging
  - Using RF =  $f_2 + f_4$  to test x<sup>1</sup>
  - Using RF =  $f_2 + f_3$  to test  $x^2$
  - Using RF =  $f_1 + f_4$  to test  $x^3$
  - Using RF =  $f_1 + f_3$  to test  $x^4$

Out-of-bag (OOB) error

Good error estimation of testing set



Random Forest

(100 trees)



# Ensemble: Boosting

Improving Weak Classifiers

# Boosting

Training data:  $\{(x^1, \hat{y}^1), \dots, (x^n, \hat{y}^n), \dots, (x^N, \hat{y}^N)\}$   $\hat{y} = \pm 1 \text{ (binary classification)}$ 

- Guarantee:
  - If your ML algorithm can produce classifier with error rate smaller than 50% on training data
  - You can obtain 0% error rate classifier after boosting.
- Framework of boosting
  - Obtain the first classifier  $f_1(x)$
  - Find another function  $f_2(x)$  to help  $f_1(x)$ 
    - However, if  $f_2(x)$  is similar to  $f_1(x)$ , it will not help a lot.
    - We want  $f_2(x)$  to be complementary with  $f_1(x)$  (How?)
  - Obtain the second classifier  $f_2(x)$
  - ..... Finally, combining all the classifiers
- The classifiers are learned sequentially.

# How to obtain different classifiers?

- Training on different training data sets
- How to have different training data sets
  - Re-sampling your training data to form a new set
  - Re-weighting your training data to form a new set
  - In real implementation, you only have to change the cost/objective function

$$(x^{1}, \hat{y}^{1}, u^{1}) \quad u^{1} = 1 \quad 0.4 \qquad L(f) = \sum_{n} l(f(x^{n}), \hat{y}^{n}) \\ (x^{2}, \hat{y}^{2}, u^{2}) \quad u^{2} = 1 \quad 2.1 \qquad \qquad L(f) = \sum_{n} u^{n} l(f(x^{n}), \hat{y}^{n}) \\ (x^{3}, \hat{y}^{3}, u^{3}) \quad u^{3} = 1 \quad 0.7 \qquad \qquad L(f) = \sum_{n} u^{n} l(f(x^{n}), \hat{y}^{n}) \\ \end{pmatrix}$$

#### Idea of Adaboost

- Idea: training  $f_2(x)$  on the new training set that fails  $f_1(x)$
- How to find a new training set that fails  $f_1(x)$ ?

 $\varepsilon_1$ : the error rate of  $f_1(x)$  on its training data

$$\varepsilon_1 = \frac{\sum_n u_1^n \delta(f_1(x^n) \neq \hat{y}^n)}{Z_1} \quad Z_1 = \sum_n u_1^n \quad \varepsilon_1 < 0.5$$

Changing the example weights from  $u_1^n$  to  $u_2^n$  such that

$$\frac{\sum_{n} u_2^n \delta(f_1(x^n) \neq \hat{y}^n)}{Z_2} = 0.5$$

The performance of  $f_1$  for new weights would be random.

Training  $f_2(x)$  based on the new weights  $u_2^n$ 

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# Algorithm for AdaBoost

- Giving training data  $\{(x^1, \hat{y}^1, u_1^1), \dots, (x^n, \hat{y}^n, u_1^n), \dots, (x^N, \hat{y}^N, u_1^N)\}$ 
  - $\hat{y} = \pm 1$  (Binary classification),  $u_1^n = 1$  (equal weights)
- For t = 1, ..., T:
  - Training weak classifier  $f_t(x)$  with weights  $\{u_t^1, \dots, u_t^N\}$
  - $\varepsilon_t$  is the error rate of  $f_t(x)$  with weights  $\{u_t^1, \dots, u_t^N\}$
  - For n = 1, ..., N:

• If  $x^n$  is misclassified by  $f_t(x)$ :  $\hat{y}^n \neq f_t(x^n)$ •  $u_{t+1}^n = u_t^n \times d_t = u_t^n \times \exp(\alpha_t)$   $d_t = \sqrt{(1 - \varepsilon_t)/\varepsilon_t}$ • Else: •  $u_{t+1}^n = u_t^n/d_t = u_t^n \times \exp(-\alpha_t)$   $\alpha_t = \ln\sqrt{(1 - \varepsilon_t)/\varepsilon_t}$ 

$$u_{t+1}^n \leftarrow u_t^n \times exp(\qquad \qquad \alpha_t)$$

## Algorithm for AdaBoost

- We obtain a set of functions:  $f_1(x), \dots, f_t(x), \dots, f_t(x)$ , ...,  $f_T(x)$
- How to aggregate them?
  - Uniform weight:
    - $H(x) = sign(\sum_{t=1}^{T} f_t(x))$
  - Non-uniform weight:

Smaller error  $\varepsilon_t$ , larger weight for final voting

•  $H(x) = sign(\sum_{t=1}^{T} \alpha_t f_t(x))$ 

$$\alpha_t = ln\sqrt{(1-\varepsilon_t)/\varepsilon_t}$$
  $\varepsilon_t = 0.1$   $\varepsilon_t = 0.4$ 

 $u_{t+1}^n = u_t^n \times exp(-\hat{y}^n f_t(x^n)\alpha_t) \quad \alpha_t = 1.10 \qquad \alpha_t = 0.20$ 

#### Toy Example T=3, weak classifier = decision stump

• t=1



 $f_1(x)$ 



#### Toy Example T=3, weak classifier = decision stump



$$f_3(x)$$
:  
 $\alpha_3 = 0.95$ 



# Toy Example

• Final Classifier:  $H(x) = sign(\sum_{t=1}^{T} \alpha_t f_t(x))$ 







Warning of Math  
$$H(x) = sign\left(\sum_{t=1}^{T} \alpha_t f_t(x)\right) \quad \alpha_t = ln\sqrt{(1-\varepsilon_t)/\varepsilon_t}$$

As we have more and more  $f_t$  (T increases), H(x) achieves smaller and smaller error rate on training data.

#### Error Rate of Final Classifier

• Final classifier:  $H(x) = sign(\sum_{t=1}^{T} \alpha_t f_t(x))$  $\overline{q(x)}$ 

• 
$$\alpha_t = ln\sqrt{(1-\varepsilon_t)/\varepsilon_t}$$

Training Data Error Rate  $= \frac{1}{N} \sum \delta(H(x^n) \neq \hat{y}^n)$  $= \frac{1}{N} \sum \underline{\delta(\hat{y}^n g(x^n) < 0)}$  $\leq \frac{1}{N} \sum exp(-\hat{y}^n g(x^n))$ 



Training Data Error Rate  

$$\leq \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n} exp(-\hat{y}^{n}g(x^{n})) = \frac{1}{N} Z_{T+1}$$

$$g(x) = \sum_{t=1}^{T} \alpha_{t}f_{t}(x)$$

$$\alpha_{t} = ln\sqrt{(1-\varepsilon_{t})/\varepsilon_{t}}$$

 $Z_t$ : the summation of the weights of training data for training  $f_t$ 

What is  $Z_{T+1} = ? \quad Z_{T+1} = \sum u_{T+1}^n$  $u_{1}^{n} = 1$  $u_{t+1}^{n} = u_{t}^{n} \times exp(-\hat{y}^{n}f_{t}(x^{n})\alpha_{t})$   $u_{T+1}^{n} = \prod_{t=1}^{T} exp(-\hat{y}^{n}f_{t}(x^{n})\alpha_{t})$  $Z_{T+1} = \sum_{n} \prod_{t=1}^{T} exp(-\hat{y}^n f_t(x^n) \alpha_t)$  $= \sum_{n} exp\left(-\hat{y}^n \sum_{t=1}^{T} f_t(x^n) \alpha_t\right)$ 

Training Data Error Rate  

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$$g(x) = \sum_{t=1}^{T} \alpha_{t}f_{t}(x)$$

$$\alpha_{t} = ln\sqrt{(1-\varepsilon_{t})/\varepsilon_{t}}$$

$$Z_{1} = N \quad (\text{equal weights})$$

$$Z_{t} = \underbrace{Z_{t-1}\varepsilon_{t}}_{exp}(\alpha_{t}) + \underbrace{Z_{t-1}(1-\varepsilon_{t})}_{exp}(-\alpha_{t})$$
Misclassified portion in  $Z_{t-1}$  Correctly classified portion in  $Z_{t-1}$ 

$$= Z_{t-1}\varepsilon_{t}\sqrt{(1-\varepsilon_{t})/\varepsilon_{t}} + Z_{t-1}(1-\varepsilon_{t})\sqrt{\varepsilon_{t}/(1-\varepsilon_{t})}$$

$$= Z_{t-1} \times 2\sqrt{\varepsilon_{t}(1-\varepsilon_{t})}$$

$$Z_{T+1} = N \prod_{t=1}^{T} 2\sqrt{\varepsilon_{t}(1-\varepsilon_{t})}$$
Training Data Error Rate  $\leq \prod_{t=1}^{T} \frac{2\sqrt{\varepsilon_{t}(1-\varepsilon_{t})}}{|z||}$ 
Smaller and smaller

End of Warning





#### Large Margin?



#### Experiment: Function of Miku<sup>100</sup>

Adaboost +Decision Tree

(depth = 5)



# To learn more ...

- Introduction of Adaboost:
  - Freund; Schapire (1999). "A Short Introduction to Boosting"
- Multiclass/Regression
  - Y. Freund, R. Schapire, "A Decision-Theoretic Generalization of on-Line Learning and an Application to Boosting", 1995.
  - Robert E. Schapire and Yoram Singer. Improved boosting algorithms using confidence-rated predictions. In Proceedings of the Eleventh Annual Conference on Computational Learning Theory, pages 80–91, 1998.
- Gentle Boost
  - Schapire, Robert; Singer, Yoram (1999). "Improved Boosting Algorithms Using Confidence-rated Predictions".

## General Formulation of Boosting

- Initial function  $g_0(x) = 0$
- For t = 1 to T:
  - Find a function  $f_t(x)$  and  $\alpha_t$  to improve  $g_{t-1}(x)$

• 
$$g_{t-1}(x) = \sum_{i=1}^{t-1} \alpha_i f_i(x)$$

- $g_t(x) = g_{t-1}(x) + \alpha_t f_t(x)$
- Output:  $H(x) = sign(g_T(x))$

What is the learning target of g(x)?

Minimize 
$$L(g) = \sum_{n} l(\hat{y}^n, g(x^n)) = \sum_{n} exp(-\hat{y}^n g(x^n))$$

## Gradient Boosting

- Find g(x), minimize  $L(g) = \sum_{n} exp(-\hat{y}^{n}g(x^{n}))$ 
  - If we already have  $g(x) = g_{t-1}(x)$ , how to update g(x)?





#### **Gradient Boosting**

• Find g(x), minimize  $L(g) = \sum_{n} exp(-\hat{y}^{n}g(x^{n}))$ 

$$g_t(x) = g_{t-1}(x) + \alpha_t f_t(x)$$

Find a minimaing I (a   $\alpha_t$  is something like learning rate

Find 
$$a_t$$
 minimizing  $L(g_{t+1})$   

$$L(g) = \sum_n exp(-\hat{y}^n(g_{t-1}(x) + \alpha_t f_t(x)))$$

$$= \sum_n exp(-\hat{y}^n g_{t-1}(x))exp(-\hat{y}^n \alpha_t f_t(x))$$

$$= \sum_{\hat{y}^n \neq f_t(x)} exp(-\hat{y}^n g_{t-1}(x^n))exp(\alpha_t)$$

$$+ \sum_{\hat{y}^n = f_t(x)} exp(-\hat{y}^n g_{t-1}(x^n))exp(-\alpha_t)$$
Find  $\alpha_t$ 
such that
$$\frac{\partial L(g)}{\partial \alpha_t} = 0$$

$$\alpha_t = ln\sqrt{(1 - \varepsilon_t)/\varepsilon_t}$$
Adaboost!

# Cool Demo

 http://arogozhnikov.github.io/2016/07/05/gradient \_boosting\_playground.html

# **Ensemble: Stacking**



