Classification fundamentals



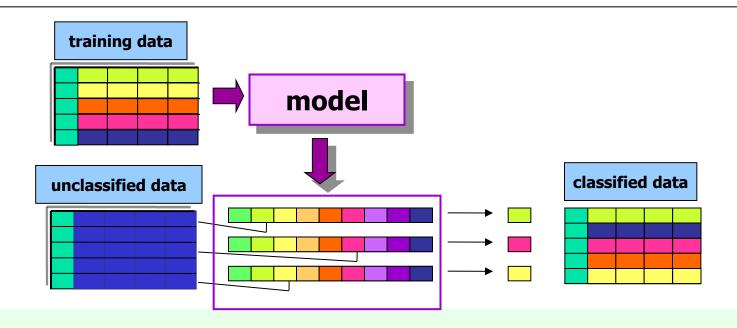
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Classification



- Objectives
 - prediction of a class label
 - definition of an interpretable model of a given phenomenon

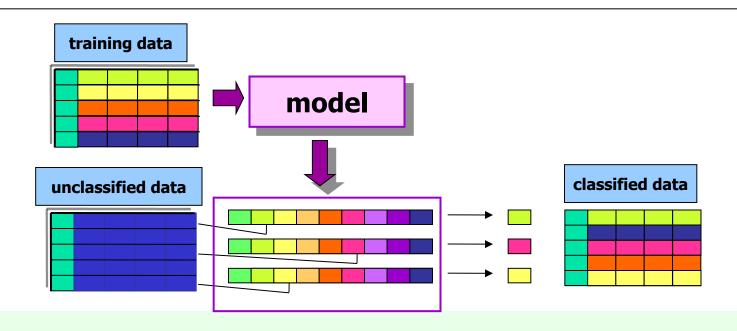




Classification



- Applications
 - detection of customer propension to leave a company (churn or attrition)
 - fraud detection
 - classification of different pathology types
 - ...





Classification: definition



- Given
 - a collection of class labels
 - a collection of data objects labelled with a class label

 Find a descriptive profile of each class, which will allow the assignment of unlabeled objects to the appropriate class



Definitions



- Training set
 - Collection of labeled data objects used to learn the classification model

- Test set
 - Collection of labeled data objects used to validate the classification model



Classification techniques



- Decision trees
- Classification rules
- Association rules
- Neural Networks
- Naïve Bayes and Bayesian Networks
- k-Nearest Neighbours (k-NN)
- Support Vector Machines (SVM)
- ...



Evaluation of classification techniques



- Accuracy
 - quality of the prediction
- Interpretability
 - model interpretability
 - model compactness
- Incrementality
 - model update in presence of newly labelled record

- Efficiency
 - model building time
 - classification time
- Scalability
 - training set size
 - attribute number
- Robustness
 - noise, missing data



Decision trees



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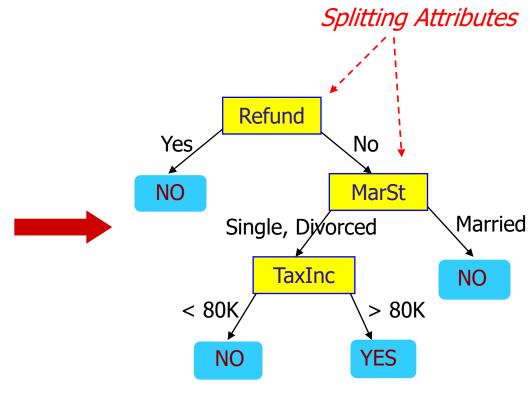
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Example of decision tree



categorical continuous

Tid	Refund	Marital Status	Taxable Income	Cheat
1	Yes	Single	125K	No
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3	No	Single	70K	No
4	Yes	Married	120K	No
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Training Data

Model: Decision Tree

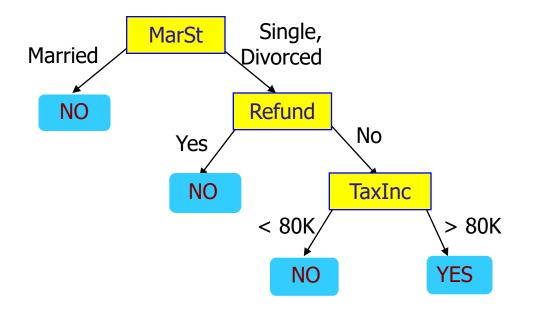


Another example of decision tree



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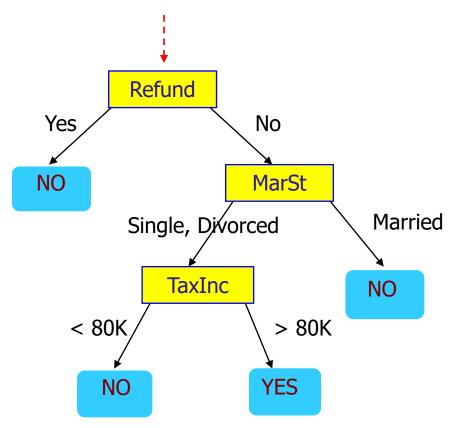


There could be more than one tree that fits the same data!





Start from the root of tree.



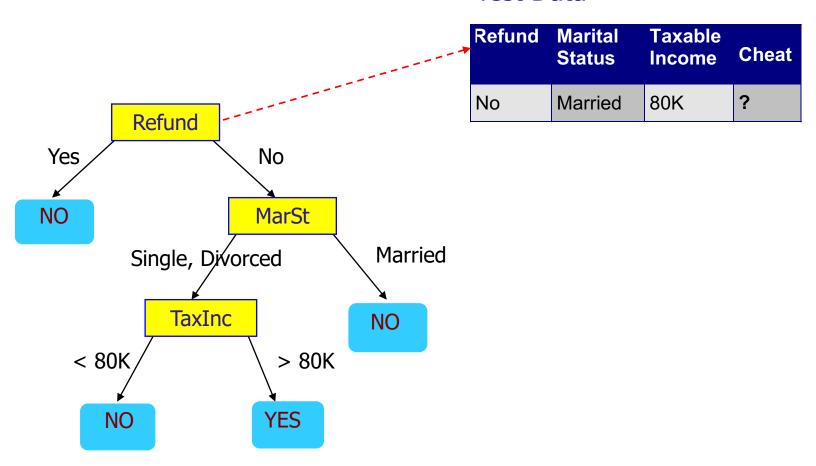
Test Data

Refund	Marital Status	Taxable Income	Cheat
No	Married	80K	?





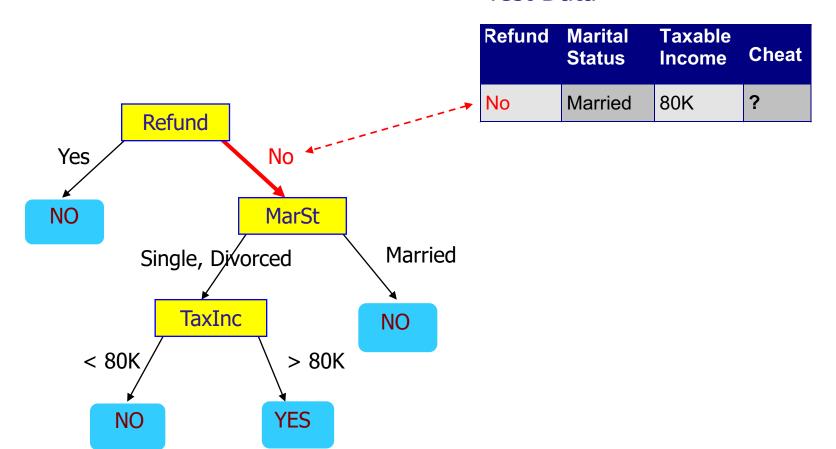
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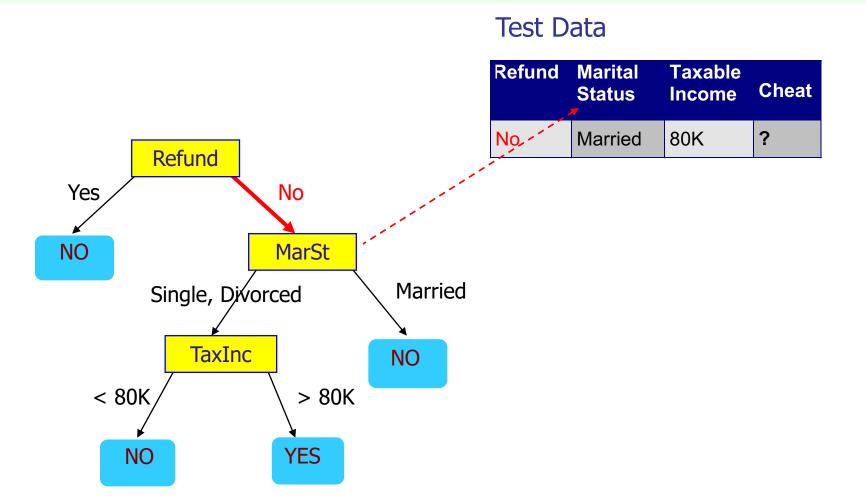


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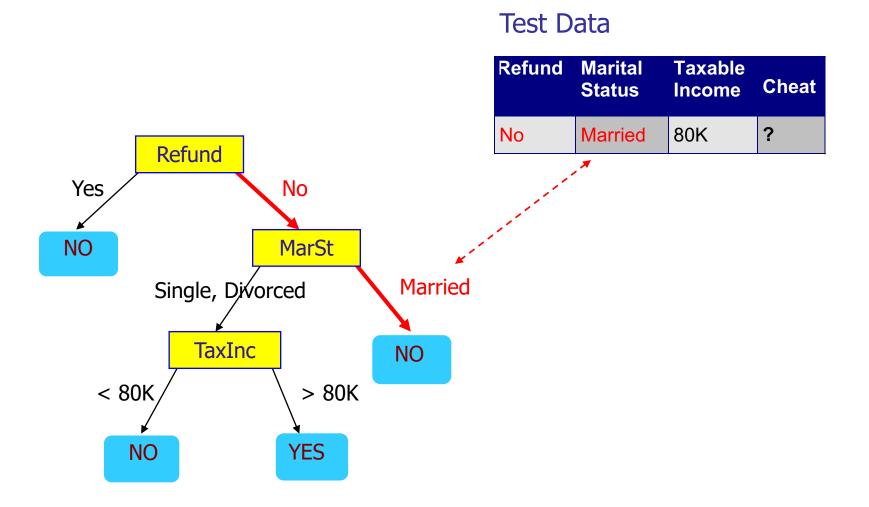






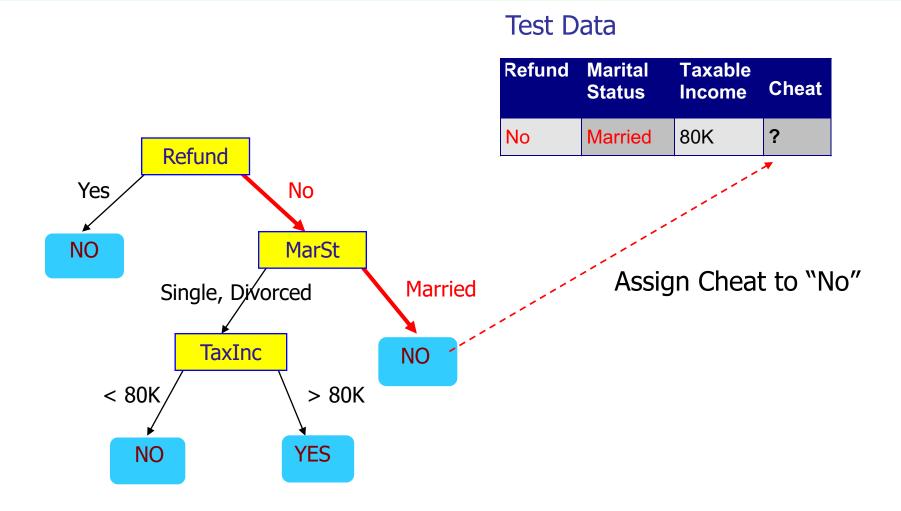














Decision tree induction



- Many algorithms to build a decision tree
 - Hunt's Algorithm (one of the earliest)
 - CART
 - ID3, C4.5, C5.0
 - SLIQ, SPRINT



General structure of Hunt's algorithm

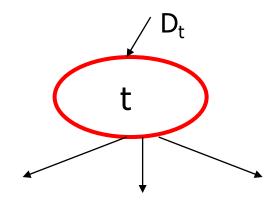
Basic steps

- If D_t contains records that belong to more than one class
 - select the "best" attribute A on which to split D_t and label node t as A
 - split D_t into smaller subsets and recursively apply the procedure to each subset
- If D_t contains records that belong to the same class y_t
 - then t is a leaf node labeled as y_t
- If D_t is an empty set
 - then t is a leaf node labeled as the default (majority) class, y_d



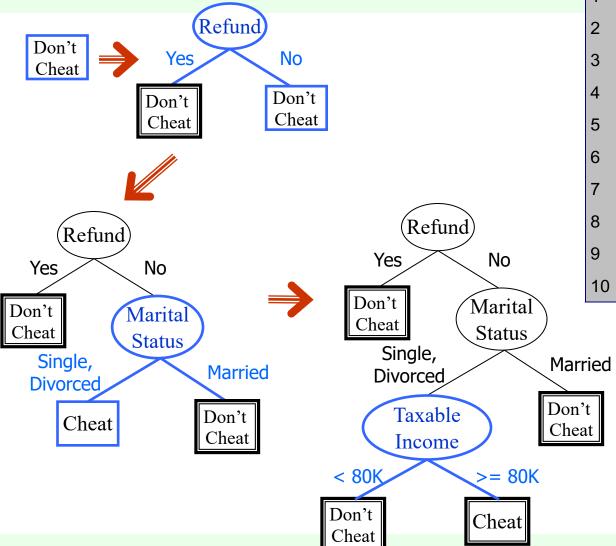
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D_{t,}, set of training records that reach a node t





Hunt's algorithm



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Decision tree induction



- Adopts a greedy strategy
 - "Best" attribute for the split is selected locally at each step
 - not a global optimum
- Issues
 - Structure of test condition
 - Binary split versus multiway split
 - Selection of the best attribute for the split
 - Stopping condition for the algorithm



Structure of test condition



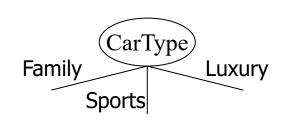
- Depends on attribute type
 - nominal
 - ordinal
 - continuous
- Depends on number of outgoing edges
 - 2-way split
 - multi-way split



Splitting on nominal attributes



- Multi-way split
 - use as many partitions as distinct values



- Binary split
 - Divides values into two subsets
 - Need to find optimal partitioning

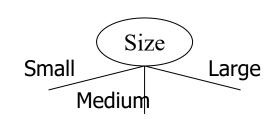




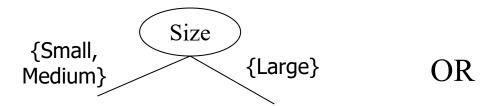
Splitting on ordinal attributes



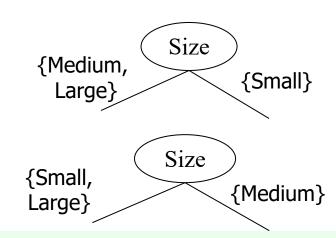
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- Binary split
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 - Need to find optimal partitioning



What about this split?





Splitting on continuous attributes



- Different techniques
 - Discretization to form an ordinal categorical attribute
 - Static discretize once at the beginning
 - Dynamic discretize during tree induction

Ranges can be found by equal interval bucketing, equal frequency bucketing (percentiles), or clustering

- Binary decision (A < v) or (A ≥ v)</p>
 - consider all possible splits and find the best cut
 - more computationally intensive

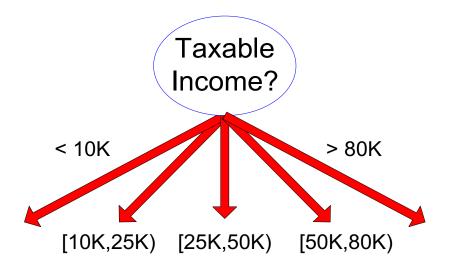


Splitting on continuous attributes





(i) Binary split



(ii) Multi-way split

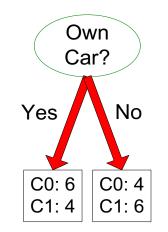


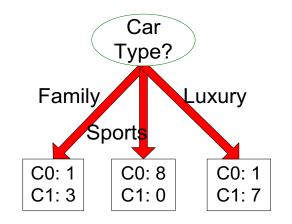
Selection of the best attribute

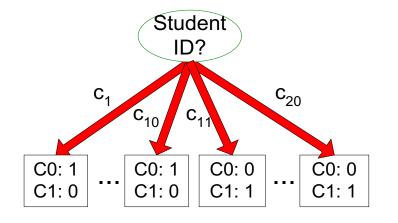


Before splitting: 10 records of class 0,

10 records of class 1







Which attribute (test condition) is the best?



Selection of the best attribute



- Attributes with *homogeneous* class distribution are preferred
- Need a measure of node impurity

C0: 5

C1: 5

C0: 9

C1: 1

Non-homogeneous, high degree of impurity

Homogeneous, low degree of impurity



Measures of node impurity



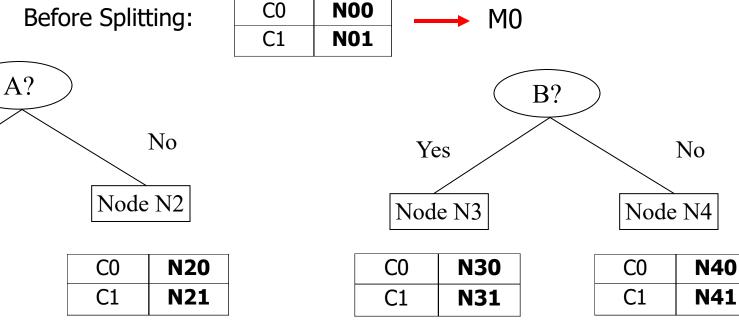
- Many different measures available
 - Gini index
 - Entropy
 - Misclassification error

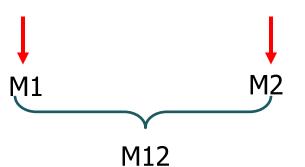
Different algorithms rely on different measures



How to find the best attribute







Yes

Node N1

C0

C1

N10

N11



Gain = M0 - M12 vs M0 - M34



GINI impurity measure



Gini Index for a given node t

$$GINI(t) = 1 - \sum_{j} [p(j|t)]^{2}$$

 $p(j \mid t)$ is the relative frequency of class j at node t

- Maximum (1 1/n_c) when records are equally distributed among all classes, implying higher impurity degree
- Minimum (0.0) when all records belong to one class, implying lower impurity degree

C2	6		
Gini=0.000			

C1	1		
C2	5		
Gini=0.278			

C1	2	
C2	4	
Gini=0.444		



Examples for computing GINI



$$GINI(t) = 1 - \sum_{j} [p(j|t)]^{2}$$

C1	0
C2	6

$$P(C1) = 0/6 = 0$$
 $P(C2) = 6/6 = 1$
 $Gini = 1 - P(C1)^2 - P(C2)^2 = 1 - 0 - 1 = 0$

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$$P(C1) = 1/6$$
 $P(C2) = 5/6$
 $Gini = 1 - (1/6)^2 - (5/6)^2 = 0.278$

$$P(C1) = 2/6$$
 $P(C2) = 4/6$

Gini =
$$1 - (2/6)^2 - (4/6)^2 = 0.444$$



Splitting based on GINI



- Used in CART, SLIQ, SPRINT
- When a node p is split into k partitions (children), the quality of the split is computed as

$$GINI_{split} = \sum_{i=1}^{k} \frac{n_i}{n} GINI(i)$$

where

 n_i = number of records at child i

n = number of records at node p

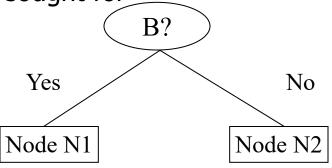


Computing GINI index: Boolean attribute



Splits into two partitions

larger and purer partitions are sought for



	Parent	
C1	6	
C2	6	
Gini = 0.500		

Gini(N1)
=
$$1 - (5/7)^2 - (2/7)^2$$

= 0.408
Gini(N2)
= $1 - (1/5)^2 - (4/5)^2$

= 0.32

	N1	N2		
C1	5	1		
C2	2	4		
Gini=?				



Computing GINI index: Categorical attribute



- For each distinct value, gather counts for each class in the dataset
- Use the count matrix to make decisions

Multi-way split

	CarType		
	Family	Sports	Luxury
C1	1	2	1
C2	4	1	1
Gini	0.393		

Two-way split (find best partition of values)

	CarType								
	{Sports, Luxury}	{Family}							
C1	3	1							
C2	2	4							
Gini	0.400								

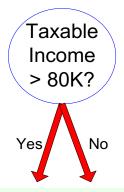
	CarType								
	{Sports}	{Family, Luxury}							
C1	2	2							
C2	1	5							
Gini	0.419								



Computing GINI index: Continuous attribute

- Binary decision on one splitting value
 - Number of possible splitting values
 - = Number of distinct values
- Each splitting value v has a count matrix
 - class counts in the two partitions
 - A < v
 - A ≥ V

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Computing GINI index: Continuous attribute



- For each attribute
 - Sort the attribute on values
 - Linearly scan these values, each time updating the count matrix and computing gini index
 - Choose the split position that has the least gini index

	Cheat	No			No		N	No Ye		s Ye		s	Υe	es N		lo N		0	N	No		No		
	•	Taxable Income																						
Sorted Values	_	60		70	70 7		5 85		5	90		9		5 10		00 1		12	25		220			
Split Positions	<u> </u>	55		5	65		72		80		8	87		2	97		110		122		172		230	
		<=	>	<=	>	<=	^	<=	^	<=	>	<=	>	<=	>	<=	>	<=	>	<=	>	<=	>	
	Yes	0	3	0	3	0	3	0	3	1	2	2	1	3	0	3	0	3	0	3	0	3	0	
	No	0	7	1	6	2	5	3	4	3	4	3	4	3	4	4	3	5	2	6	1	7	0	
	Gini	0.4	20	0.4	00	0.3	75	0.3	43	0.4	17	0.4	100	<u>0.3</u>	<u>00</u>	0.3	43	0.3	375	0.4	00	0.4	20	



Entropy impurity measure (INFO)



Entropy at a given node t

$$Entropy(t) = -\sum_{j} p(j \mid t) \log_{2} p(j \mid t)$$

 $p(j \mid t)$ is the relative frequency of class j at node t

- Maximum (log n_c) when records are equally distributed among all classes, implying higher impurity degree
- Minimum (0.0) when all records belong to one class, implying lower impurity degree
- Entropy based computations are similar to GINI index computations



Examples for computing entropy



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 $P(C2) = 6/6 = 1$

Entropy =
$$-0 \log 0 - 1 \log 1 = -0 - 0 = 0$$

$$P(C1) = 1/6$$
 $P(C2) = 5/6$

Entropy =
$$-(1/6) \log_2 (1/6) - (5/6) \log_2 (5/6) = 0.65$$

$$P(C1) = 2/6$$
 $P(C2) = 4/6$

Entropy =
$$-(2/6) \log_2 (2/6) - (4/6) \log_2 (4/6) = 0.92$$



Splitting Based on INFO



Information Gain

$$GAIN_{split} = Entropy(p) - \left(\sum_{i=1}^{k} \frac{n_i}{n} Entropy(i)\right)$$

Parent Node, p is split into k partitions; n_i is number of records in partition i

- Measures reduction in entropy achieved because of the split. Choose the split that achieves most reduction (maximizes GAIN)
- Used in ID3 and C4.5
- Disadvantage: Tends to prefer splits yielding a large number of partitions, each small but pure



Splitting Based on INFO



Gain Ratio

$$GainRATIO_{split} = \frac{GAIN_{split}}{SplitINFO}$$

$$SplitINFO = -\sum_{i=1}^{k} \frac{n_i}{n} \log \frac{n_i}{n}$$

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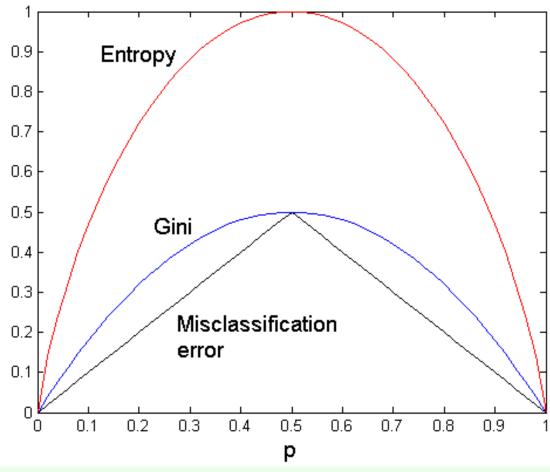
- Adjusts Information Gain by the entropy of the partitioning (SplitINFO).
 Higher entropy partitioning (large number of small partitions) is penalized
- Used in C4.5
- Designed to overcome the disadvantage of Information Gain



Comparison among splitting criteria



For a 2-class problem





Stopping Criteria for Tree Induction

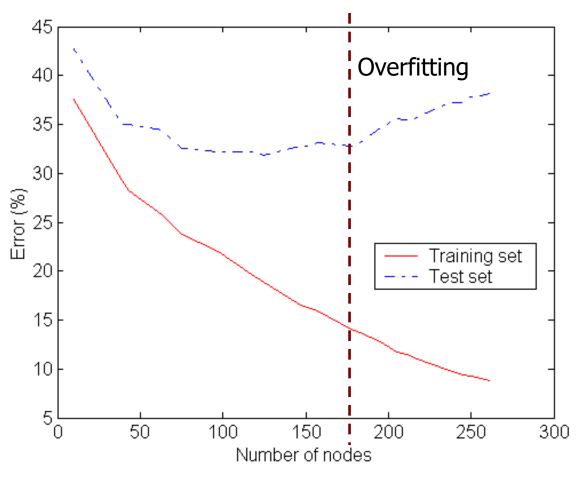


- Stop expanding a node when all the records belong to the same class
- Stop expanding a node when all the records have similar attribute values
- Early termination
 - Pre-pruning
 - Post-pruning



Underfitting and Overfitting



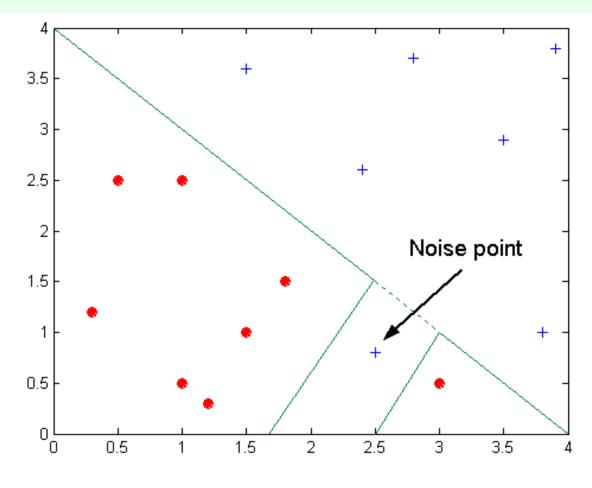


Underfitting: when model is too simple, both training and test errors are large



Overfitting due to Noise





Decision boundary is distorted by noise point



How to address overfitting



- Pre-Pruning (Early Stopping Rule)
 - Stop the algorithm before it becomes a fully-grown tree
 - Typical stopping conditions for a node
 - Stop if all instances belong to the same class
 - Stop if all the attribute values are the same
 - More restrictive conditions
 - Stop if number of instances is less than some user-specified threshold
 - Stop if class distribution of instances are independent of the available features (e.g., using χ^2 test)
 - Stop if expanding the current node does not improve impurity measures (e.g., Gini or information gain)



How to address overfitting



Post-pruning

- Grow decision tree to its entirety
- Trim the nodes of the decision tree in a bottom-up fashion
- If generalization error improves after trimming, replace sub-tree by a leaf node.
- Class label of leaf node is determined from majority class of instances in the sub-tree



Data fragmentation



 Number of instances gets smaller as you traverse down the tree

 Number of instances at the leaf nodes could be too small to make any statistically significant decision



Handling missing attribute values

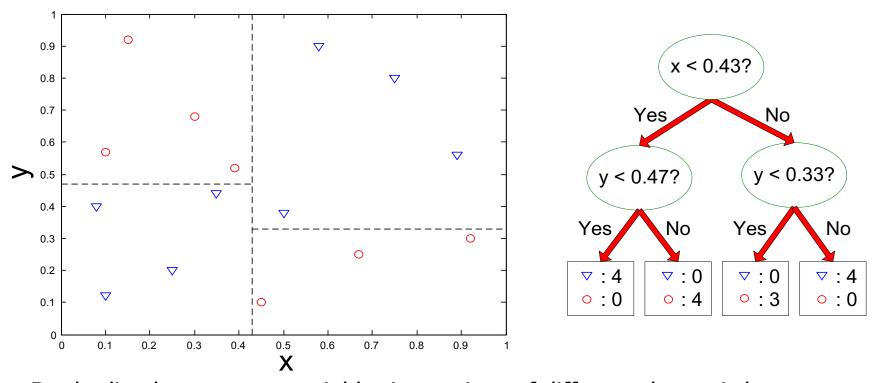


- Missing values affect decision tree construction in three different ways
 - Affect how impurity measures are computed
 - Affect how to distribute instances with missing value to child nodes
 - Affect how a test instance with missing value is classified



Decision boundary



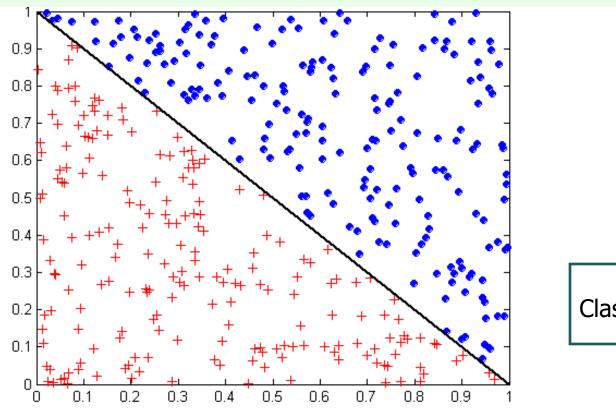


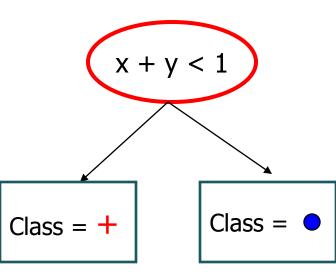
- Border line between two neighboring regions of different classes is known as decision boundary
- Decision boundary is parallel to axes because test condition involves a single attribute at-a-time



Oblique decision trees







- Test condition may involve multiple attributes
- More expressive representation
- Finding optimal test condition is computationally expensive



Evaluation of decision trees



- Accuracy
 - For simple datasets, comparable to other classification techniques
- Interpretability
 - Model is interpretable for small trees
 - Single predictions are interpretable
- Incrementality
 - Not incremental

- Efficiency
 - Fast model building
 - Very fast classification
- Scalability
 - Scalable both in training set size and attribute number
- Robustness
 - Difficult management of missing data



Random Forest



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Random Forest



- Ensemble learning technique
 - multiple base models are combined
 - to improve accuracy and stability
 - to avoid overfitting
- Random forest = set of decision trees
 - a number of decision trees are built at training time
 - the class is assigned by majority voting



Random Forest



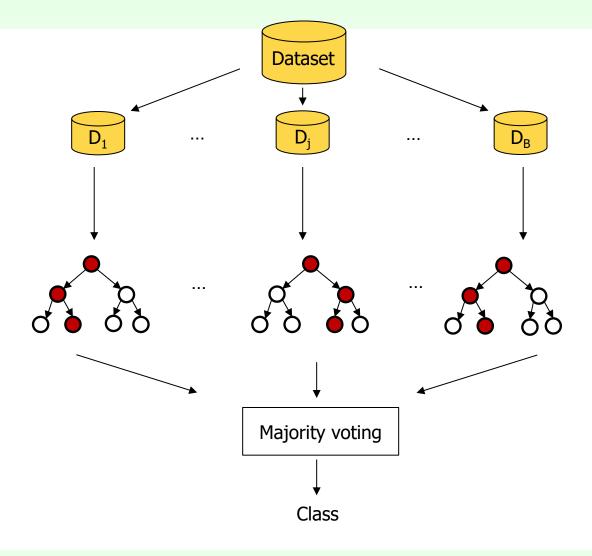
Original Training data

Random subsets

Multiple decision trees

For each subset, a tree is learned on a *random* set of features

Aggregating classifiers





Bootstrap aggregation



 Given a training set D of n instances, it selects B times a random sample with replacement from D and trains trees on these dataset samples

- For b = 1, ..., B
 - Sample with replacement n' training examples, $n' \le n$
 - A dataset subset D_b is generated
 - Train a classification tree on D_h



Feature bagging



- Selects, for each candidate split in the learning process, a random subset of the features
 - Being p the number of features, \sqrt{p} features are typically selected
- Trees are decorrelated
 - Feature subsets are sampled randomly, hence different features can be selected as best attributes for the split



Random Forest – Algorithm Recap



- Given a training set D of n instances with p features
- For b = 1, ..., B
 - Sample randomly with replacement n' training examples. A subset D_b is generated
 - Train a classification tree on D_b
 - During the tree construction, for each candidate split
 - $m \ll p$ random features are selected (typically $m \approx \sqrt{p}$)
 - the best split is computed among these m features
- Class is assigned by majority voting among the B predictions



Evaluation of random forests



- Accuracy
 - Higher than decision trees
- Interpretability
 - Model and prediction are not interpretable
 - A prediction may be given by hundreds of trees
 - Provide global feature importance
 - an estimate of which features are important in the classification
- Incrementality
 - Not incremental

- Efficiency
 - Fast model building
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- Scalability
 - Scalable both in training set size and attribute number
- Robustness
 - Robust to noise and outliers



Rule-based classification



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Rule-based classifier



- Classify records by using a collection of "if...then..." rules
- Rule: (*Condition*) $\rightarrow y$
 - where
 - Condition is a conjunction of simple predicates
 - y is the class label
 - LHS: rule antecedent or condition
 - RHS: rule consequent
- Examples of classification rules
 - (Blood Type=Warm) ∧ (Lay Eggs=Yes) → Birds
 - (Taxable Income < 50K) ∧ (Refund=Yes) → Cheat=No</p>



Rule-based Classifier (Example)



Name	Blood Type	Give Birth	Can Fly	Live in Water	Class
human	warm	yes	no	no	mammals
python	cold	no	no	no	reptiles
salmon	cold	no	no	yes	fishes
whale	warm	yes	no	yes	mammals
frog	cold	no	no	sometimes	amphibians
komodo	cold	no	no	no	reptiles
bat	warm	yes	yes	no	mammals
pigeon	warm	no	yes	no	birds
cat	warm	yes	no	no	mammals
leopard shark	cold	yes	no	yes	fishes
turtle	cold	no	no	sometimes	reptiles
penguin	warm	no	no	sometimes	birds
porcupine	warm	yes	no	no	mammals
eel	cold	no	no	yes	fishes
salamander	cold	no	no	sometimes	amphibians
gila monster	cold	no	no	no	reptiles
platypus	warm	no	no	no	mammals
owl	warm	no	yes	no	birds
dolphin	warm	yes	no	yes	mammals
eagle	warm	no	yes	no	birds

R1: (Give Birth = no) \land (Can Fly = yes) \rightarrow Birds

R2: (Give Birth = no) \land (Live in Water = yes) \rightarrow Fishes

R3: (Give Birth = yes) \land (Blood Type = warm) \rightarrow Mammals

R4: (Give Birth = no) \land (Can Fly = no) \rightarrow Reptiles

R5: (Live in Water = sometimes) \rightarrow Amphibians



Rule-based classification



A rule r covers an instance x if the attributes of the instance satisfy the condition of the rule

R1: (Give Birth = no)
$$\land$$
 (Can Fly = yes) \rightarrow Birds

R2: (Give Birth = no)
$$\land$$
 (Live in Water = yes) \rightarrow Fishes

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R4: (Give Birth = no)
$$\land$$
 (Can Fly = no) \rightarrow Reptiles

R5: (Live in Water = sometimes)
$$\rightarrow$$
 Amphibians

Name	Blood Type	Give Birth	Can Fly	Live in Water	Class
hawk	warm	no	yes	no	?
grizzly bear	warm	yes	no	no	?

Rule R1 covers a hawk => Bird

Rule R3 covers the grizzly bear => Mammal



Rule-based classification



R1: (Give Birth = no) \land (Can Fly = yes) \rightarrow Birds

R2: (Give Birth = no) \land (Live in Water = yes) \rightarrow Fishes

R3: (Give Birth = yes) \land (Blood Type = warm) \rightarrow Mammals

R4: (Give Birth = no) \land (Can Fly = no) \rightarrow Reptiles

R5: (Live in Water = sometimes) \rightarrow Amphibians

Name	Blood Type	Give Birth	Can Fly	Live in Water	Class
lemur	warm	yes	no	no	?
turtle	cold	no	no	sometimes	?
dogfish shark	cold	yes	no	yes	?

A lemur triggers (only) rule R3, so it is classified as a mammal

A turtle triggers both R4 and R5

A dogfish shark triggers none of the rules



Characteristics of rules



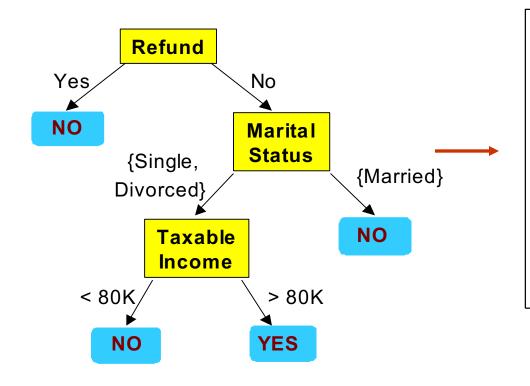
- Mutually exclusive rules
 - Two rule conditions can't be true at the same time
 - Every record is covered by at most one rule

- Exhaustive rules
 - Classifier rules account for every possible combination of attribute values
 - Each record is covered by at least one rule



From decision trees to rules





Classification Rules

(Refund=Yes) ==> No

(Refund=No, Marital Status={Single,Divorced}, Taxable Income<80K) ==> No

(Refund=No, Marital Status={Single,Divorced}, Taxable Income>80K) ==> Yes

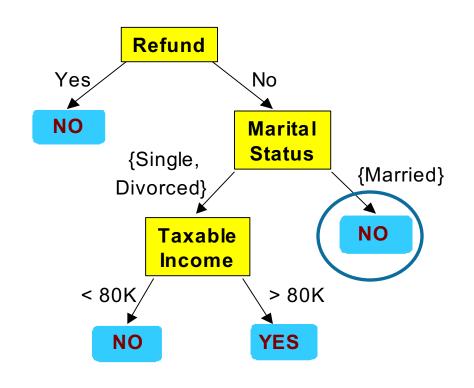
(Refund=No, Marital Status={Married}) ==> No

Rules are mutually exclusive and exhaustive
Rule set contains as much information as the tree



Rules can be simplified





Tid	Refund	Marital Status	Taxable Income	Cheat
1	Yes	Single	125K	No
2	No	Married	100K	No
3	No	Single	70K	No
4	Yes	Married	120K	No
5	No	Divorced	95K	Yes
6	No	Married	60K	No
7	Yes	Divorced	220K	No
8	No	Single	85K	Yes
9	No	Married	75K	No
10	No	Single	90K	Yes

Initial Rule: (Refund=No) \land (Status=Married) \rightarrow No

Simplified Rule: (Status=Married) → No



Effect of rule simplification



- Rules are no longer mutually exclusive
 - A record may trigger more than one rule
 - Solution?
 - Ordered rule set
 - Unordered rule set use voting schemes
- Rules are no longer exhaustive
 - A record may not trigger any rules
 - Solution?
 - Use a default class



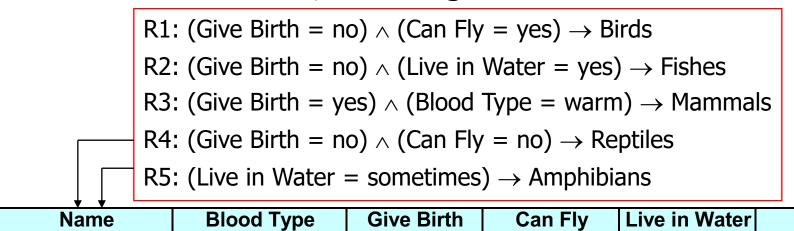
Ordered rule set



- Rules are rank ordered according to their priority
 - An ordered rule set is known as a decision list

cold

- When a test record is presented to the classifier
 - It is assigned to the class label of the highest ranked rule it has triggered
 - If none of the rules fired, it is assigned to the default class



no



lturtle

Class

sometimes

no

Building classification rules



Direct Method

- Extract rules directly from data
- e.g.: RIPPER, CN2, Holte's 1R

Indirect Method

- Extract rules from other classification models (e.g. decision trees, neural networks, etc).
- e.g: C4.5rules



Evaluation of rule based classifiers



- Accuracy
 - Higher than decision trees
- Interpretability
 - Model and prediction are interpretable
- Incrementality
 - Not incremental

- Efficiency
 - Fast model building
 - Very fast classification
- Scalability
 - Scalable both in training set size and attribute number
- Robustness
 - Robust to outliers



Associative classification



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Associative classification



The classification model is defined by means of association rules

(Condition)
$$\rightarrow y$$

- rule body is an itemset
- Model generation
 - Rule selection & sorting
 - based on support, confidence and correlation thresholds
 - Rule pruning
 - Database coverage: the training set is covered by selecting topmost rules according to previous sort

Evaluation of associative classifiers



- Accuracy
 - Higher than decision trees and rule-based classifiers
 - correlation among attributes is considered
- Interpretability
 - Model and prediction are interpretable
- Incrementality
 - Not incremental

- Efficiency
 - Rule generation may be slow
 - It depends on support threshold
 - Very fast classification
- Scalability
 - Scalable in training set size
 - Reduced scalability in attribute number
 - Rule generation may become unfeasible
- Robustness
 - Unaffected by missing data
 - Robust to outliers



K-Nearest Neighbor

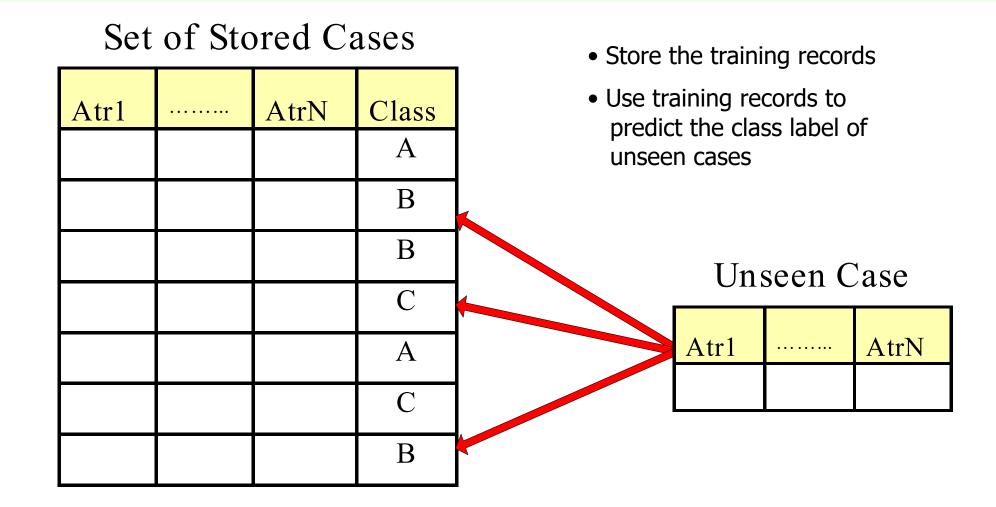


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Instance-Based Classifiers







Instance Based Classifiers



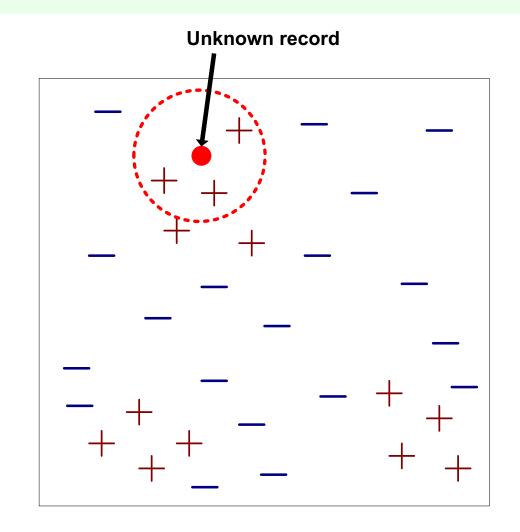
Examples

- Rote-learner
 - Memorizes entire training data and performs classification only if attributes of record match one of the training examples exactly
- Nearest neighbor
 - Uses k "closest" points (nearest neighbors) for performing classification



Nearest-Neighbor Classifiers





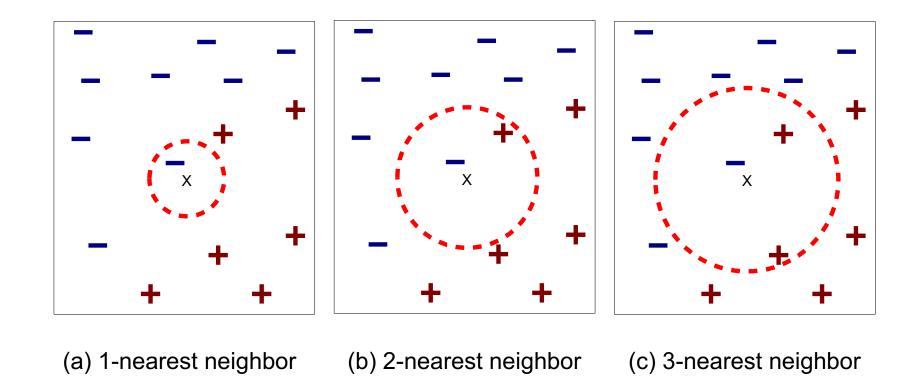
Requires

- The set of stored records
- Distance Metric to compute distance between records
- The value of *k*, the number of nearest neighbors to retrieve
- To classify an unknown record
 - Compute distance to other training records
 - Identify k nearest neighbors
 - Use class labels of nearest neighbors to determine the class label of unknown record (e.g., by taking majority vote)



Definition of Nearest Neighbor





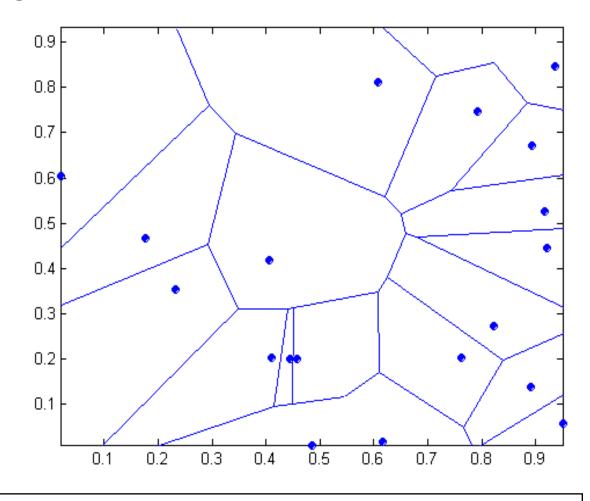
K-nearest neighbors of a record x are data points that have the k smallest distance to x



1 nearest-neighbor



Voronoi Diagram





From: Tan, Steinbach, Kumar, Introduction to Data Mining, McGraw Hill 2006

Nearest Neighbor Classification



- Compute distance between two points
 - Euclidean distance

$$d(p,q) = \sqrt{\sum_{i} (p_{i} - q_{i})^{2}}$$

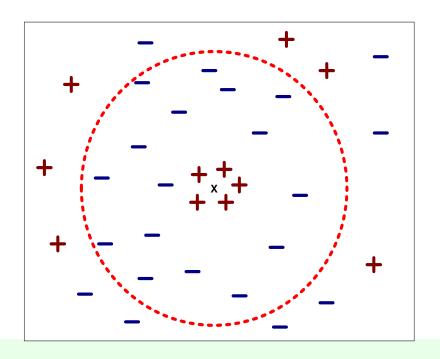
- Determine the class from nearest neighbor list
 - take the majority vote of class labels among the k-nearest neighbors
 - Weigh the vote according to distance
 - weight factor, $w = 1/d^2$



Nearest Neighbor Classification



- Choosing the value of k:
 - If k is too small, sensitive to noise points
 - If k is too large, neighborhood may include points from other classes





Nearest Neighbor Classification



- Scaling issues
 - Attribute domain should be normalized to prevent distance measures from being dominated by one of the attributes
 - Example: height [1.5m to 2.0m] vs. income [\$10K to \$1M]
- Problem with distance measures
 - High dimensional data
 - curse of dimensionality



Evaluation of KNN



- Accuracy
 - Comparable to other classification techniques for simple datasets
- Interpretability
 - Model is not interpretable
 - Single predictions can be "described" by neighbors
- Incrementality
 - Incremental
 - Training set *must* be available

- Efficiency
 - (Almost) no model building
 - Slower classification, requires computing distances
- Scalability
 - Weakly scalable in training set size
 - Curse of dimensionality for increasing attribute number
- Robustness
 - Depends on distance computation



Bayesian Classification



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Bayes theorem



Let C and X be random variables

$$P(C,X) = P(C|X) P(X)$$

 $P(C,X) = P(X|C) P(C)$

Hence

$$P(C|X) P(X) = P(X|C) P(C)$$

and also

$$P(C|X) = P(X|C) P(C) / P(X)$$



Bayesian classification



- Let the class attribute and all data attributes be random variables
 - C = any class label
 - $X = \langle x_1, ..., x_k \rangle$ record to be classified
- Bayesian classification
 - compute P(C|X) for all classes
 - probability that record X belongs to C
 - assign X to the class with maximal P(C|X)
- Applying Bayes theorem

$$P(C|X) = P(X|C) \cdot P(C) / P(X)$$

- P(X) constant for all C, disregarded for maximum computation
- P(C) a priori probability of C

$$P(C) = N_c/N$$



Bayesian classification



- How to estimate P(X|C), i.e. $P(x_1,...,x_k|C)$?
- Naïve hypothesis

$$P(x_1,...,x_k|C) = P(x_1|C) P(x_2|C) ... P(x_k|C)$$

- statistical independence of attributes x₁,...,x_k
- not always true
 - model quality may be affected
- Computing $P(x_k|C)$
 - for discrete attributes

$$P(x_k|C) = |x_{kC}|/N_c$$

- where $|x_{kC}|$ is number of instances having value x_k for attribute k and belonging to class C
- for continuous attributes, use probability distribution
- Bayesian networks
 - allow specifying a subset of dependencies among attributes



Outlook	Temperature	Humidity	Windy	Class
sunny	hot	high	false	N
sunny	hot	high	true	N
overcast	hot	high	false	Р
rain	mild	high	false	Р
rain	cool	normal	false	Р
rain	cool	normal	true	N
overcast	cool	normal	true	Р
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rain	mild	high	true	N





outlook	
P(sunny p) = 2/9	P(sunny n) = 3/5
P(overcast p) = 4/9	P(overcast n) = 0
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P(cool p) = 3/9	P(cool n) = 1/5
humidity	
P(high p) = 3/9	P(high n) = 4/5
P(normal p) = 6/9	P(normal n) = 2/5
windy	
P(true p) = 3/9	P(true n) = 3/5
P(false p) = 6/9	P(false n) = 2/5

P(p)	=	9/14
P(n)	=	5/14





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- Data to be labeled
 - X = <rain, hot, high, false>
- For class p

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P(X|p)\cdot P(p) =
= P(rain|p)\cdot P(hot|p)\cdot P(high|p)\cdot P(false|p)\cdot P(p) =
3/9\cdot 2/9\cdot 3/9\cdot 6/9\cdot 9/14 = 0.010582
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For class n

$$P(X|n)\cdot P(n) =$$

= $P(rain|n)\cdot P(hot|n)\cdot P(high|n)\cdot P(false|n)\cdot P(n) =$
 $2/5\cdot 2/5\cdot 4/5\cdot 2/5\cdot 5/14 = 0.018286$



Evaluation of Naïve Bayes Classifiers



- Accuracy
 - Similar or lower than decision trees
 - Naïve hypothesis simplifies model
- Interpretability
 - Model and prediction are not interpretable
 - The weights of contributions in a single prediction may be used to explain
- Incrementality
 - Fully incremental
 - Does not require availability of training data

- Efficiency
 - Fast model building
 - Very fast classification
- Scalability
 - Scalable both in training set size and attribute number
- Robustness
 - Affected by attribute correlation

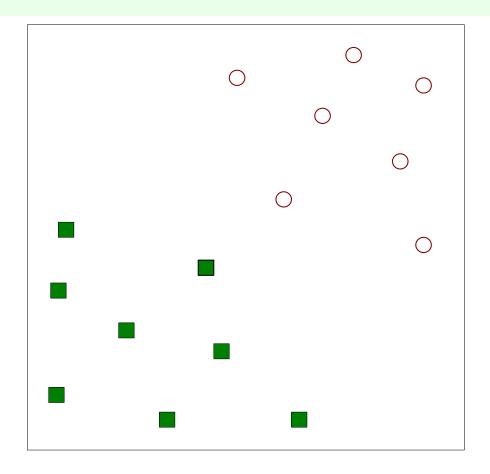




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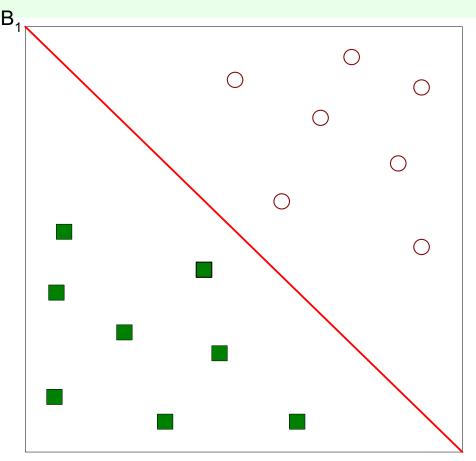




Find a linear hyperplane (decision boundary) that will separate the data



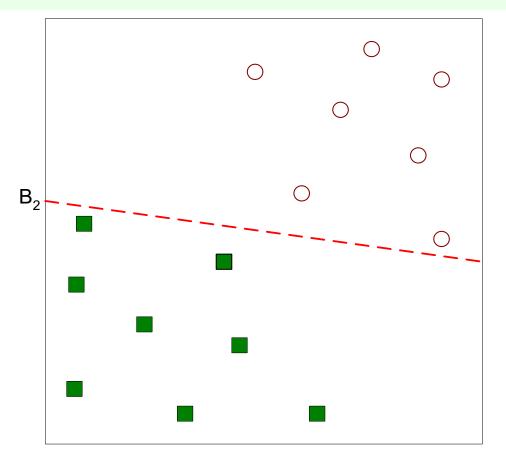




One Possible Solution



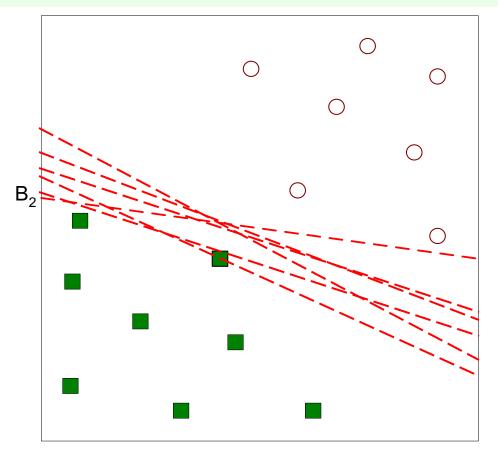




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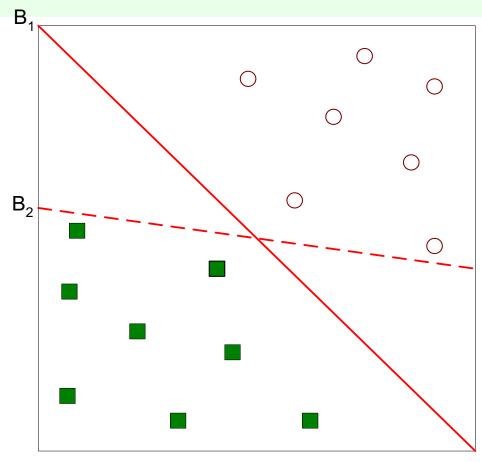




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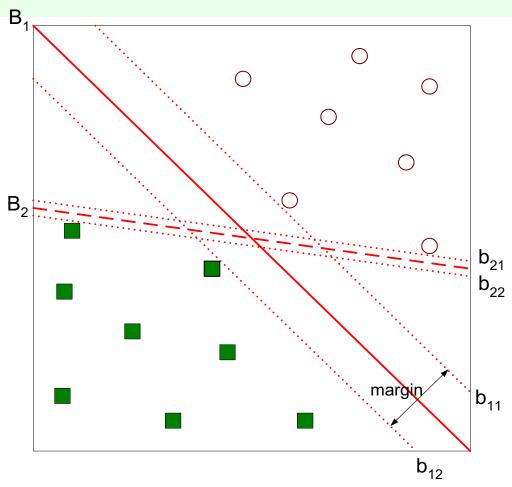




- Which one is better? B1 or B2?
- How do you define better?







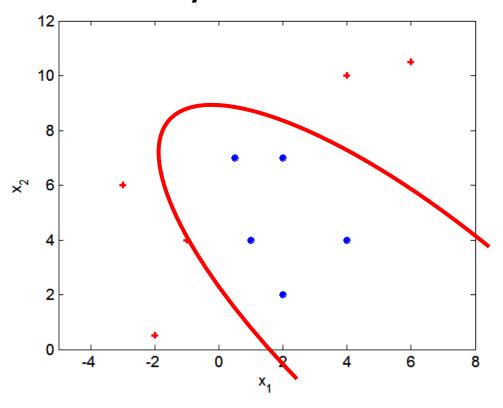
• Find hyperplane maximizes the margin => B1 is better than B2



Nonlinear Support Vector Machines



What if decision boundary is not linear?

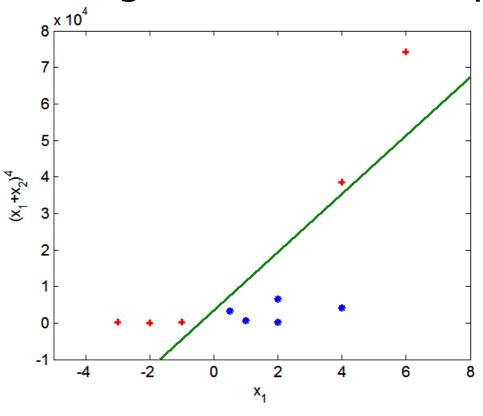




Nonlinear Support Vector Machines



Transform data into higher dimensional space





Evaluation of Support Vector Machines



- Accuracy
 - Among best performers
- Interpretability
 - Model and prediction are not interpretable
 - Black box model
- Incrementality
 - Not incremental

- Efficiency
 - Model building requires significant parameter tuning
 - Very fast classification
- Scalability
 - Medium scalable both in training set size and attribute number
- Robustness
 - Robust to noise and outliers



Artificial Neural Networks



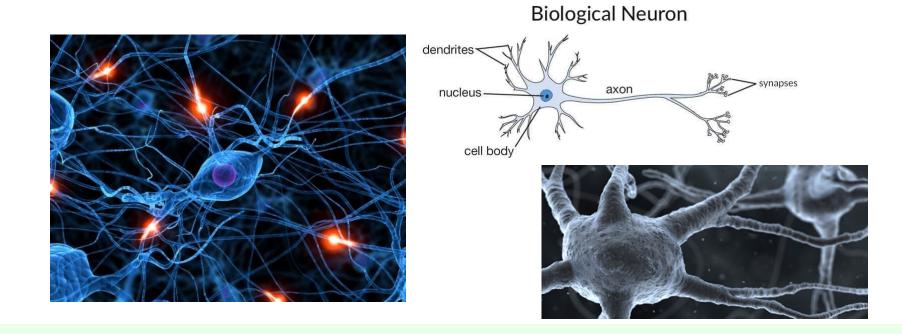
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Artificial Neural Networks



- Inspired to the structure of the human brain
 - Neurons as elaboration units
 - Synapses as connection network





Artificial Neural Networks



Different tasks, different architectures

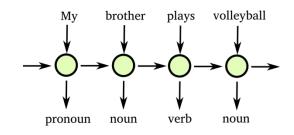
image understanding: convolutional NN (CNN)

convolutional layers

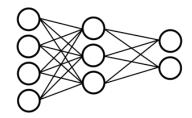
feed forward NN

Dog=0.9

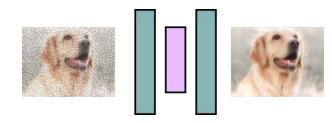
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numerical vectors classification: feed forward NN (FFNN)



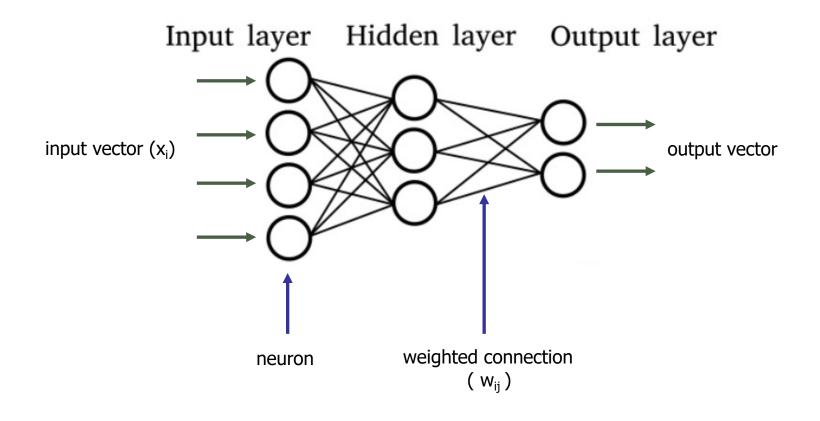
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Feed Forward Neural Network

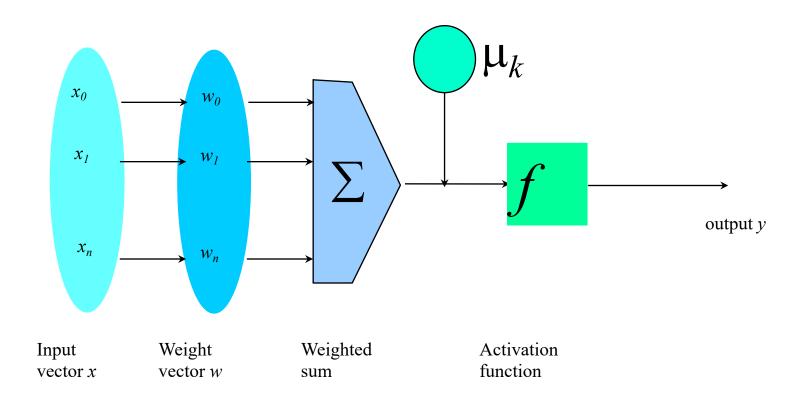






Structure of a neuron



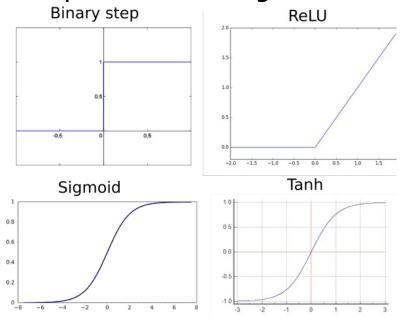






Activation

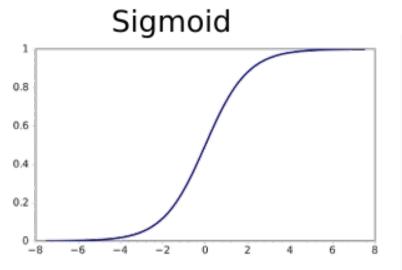
- simulates biological activation to input stymula
- provides non-linearity to the computation
- may help to saturate neuron outputs in fixed ranges

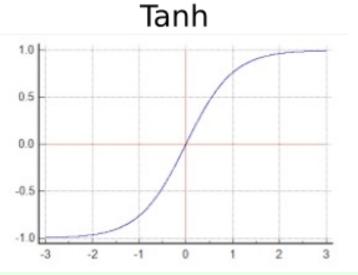






- Sigmoid, tanh
 - saturate input value in a fixed range
 - non linear for all the input scale
 - typically used by FFNNs for both hidden and output layers
 - E.g. *sigmoid* in output layers allows generating values between 0 and 1 (useful when output must be interpreted as likelihood)







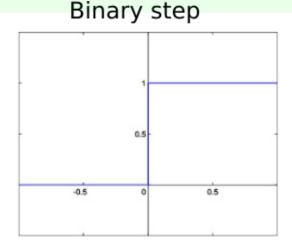


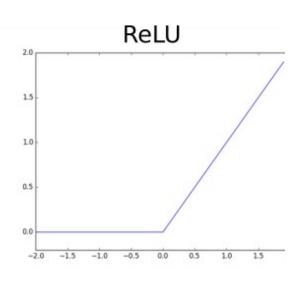
Binary Step

- outputs 1 when input is non-zero
- useful for binary outputs
- **issues**: not appropriate for gradient descent
 - derivative not defined in x=0
 - derivative equal to 0 in every other position

ReLU (Rectified Linear Unit)

- used in deep networks (e.g. CNNs)
 - avoids vanishing gradient
 - does not saturate
- neurons activate linearly only for positive input





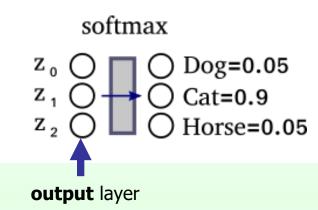




Softmax

- differently to other activation functions
 - it is applied only to the output layer
 - works by considering all the neurons in the layer
- after softmax, the output vector can be interpreted as a discrete distribution of probabilities
 - e.g. the probabilities for the input pattern of belonging to each class

$$softmax(z_j) = \frac{e^{z_j}}{\sum_{i=0}^{N-1} e^{z_i}} \qquad \begin{array}{c} \mathbf{z}_0 \\ \mathbf{z}_1 \\ \mathbf{z}_2 \end{array}$$





Building a FFNN



- For each node, definition of
 - set of weights
 - offset value
 providing the highest accuracy on the training data

Iterative approach on training data instances



Building a FFNN



Base algorithm

- Initially assign random values to weights and offsets
- Process instances in the training set one at a time
 - For each neuron, compute the result when applying weights, offset and activation function for the instance
 - Forward propagation until the output is computed
 - Compare the computed output with the expected output, and evaluate error
 - Backpropagation of the error, by updating weights and offset for each neuron
- The process ends when
 - % of accuracy above a given threshold
 - % of parameter variation (error) below a given threshold
 - The maximum number of epochs is reached



Evaluation of Feed Forward NN



- Accuracy
 - Among best performers
- Interpretability
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 - Black box model
- Incrementality
 - Not incremental

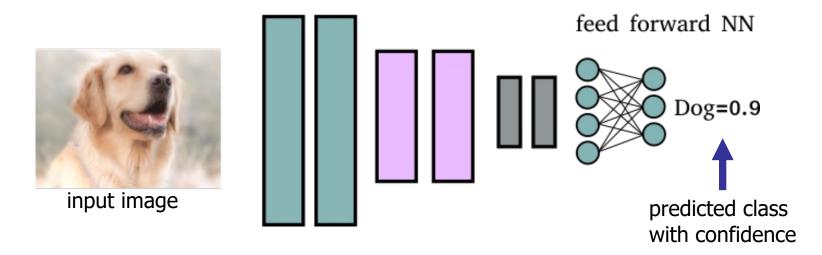
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 - Otherwise unstable when tuning parameters





 Allow automatically extracting features from images and performing classification

convolutional layers

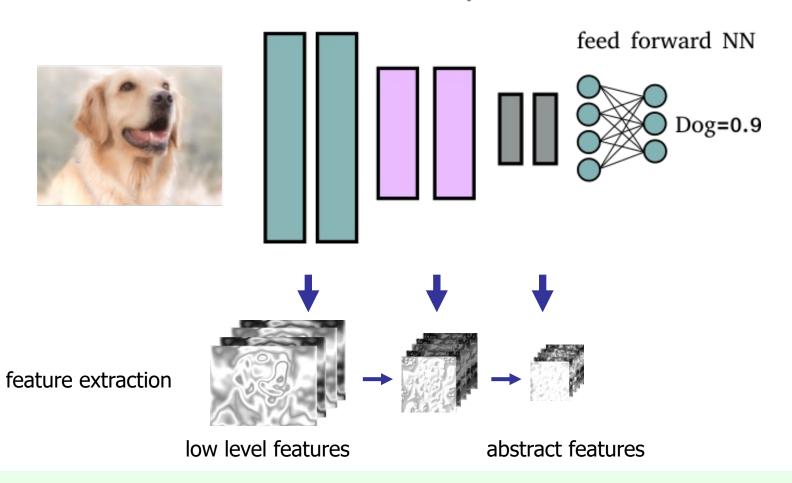


Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) Architecture



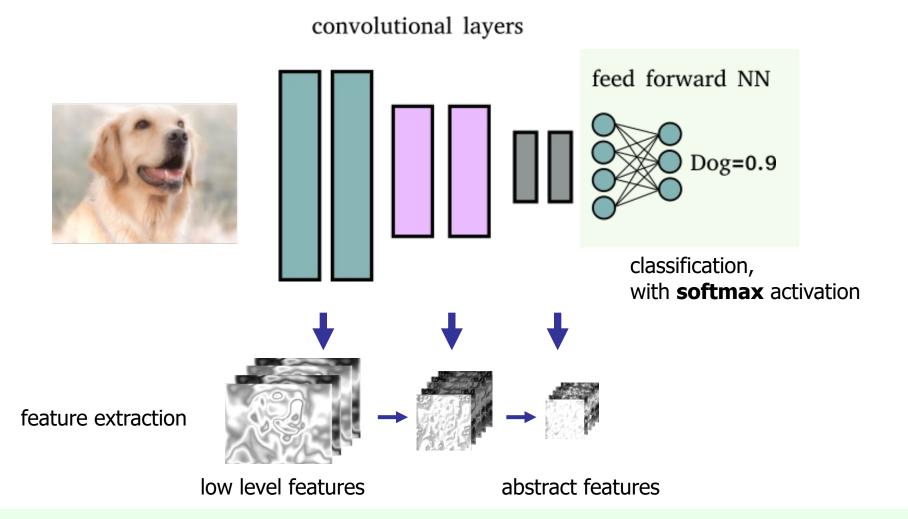


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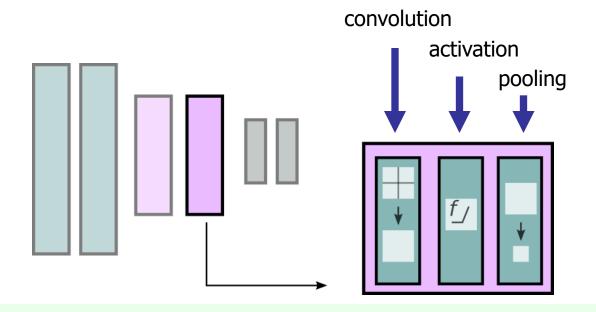








- Typical convolutional layer
 - convolution stage: feature extraction by means of (hundreds to thousands) sliding filters
 - sliding filters activation: apply activation functions to input tensor
 - pooling: tensor downsampling





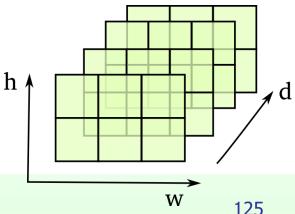


Tensors

- data flowing through CNN layers is represented in the form of tensors
- Tensor = N-dimensional vector
- Rank = number of dimensions
 - scalar: rank 0
 - 1-D vector: rank 1
 - 2-D matrix: rank 2
- Shape = number of elements for each dimension
 - e.g. a vector of length 5 has shape [5]
 - e.g. a matrix w x h, w=5, h=3 has shape [h, w] = [3, 5]

rank-3 tensor with shape [d,h,w] = [4,2,3]



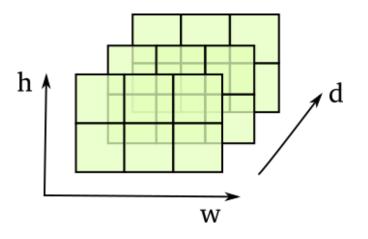






Images

- rank-3 tensors with shape [d,h,w]
- where h=height, w=width, d=image depth (1 for grayscale, 3 for RGB colors)

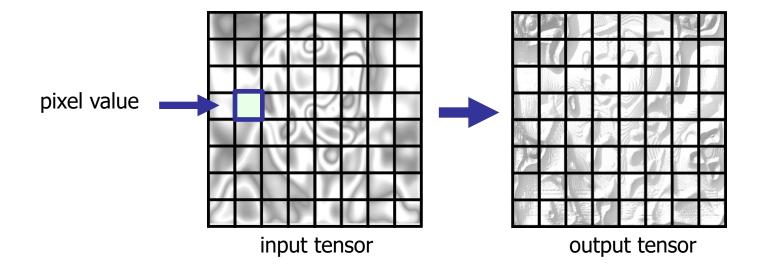






Convolution

- processes data in form of *tensors* (multi-dimensional matrices)
- input: input image or intermediate features (tensor)
- **output**: a tensor with the extracted features

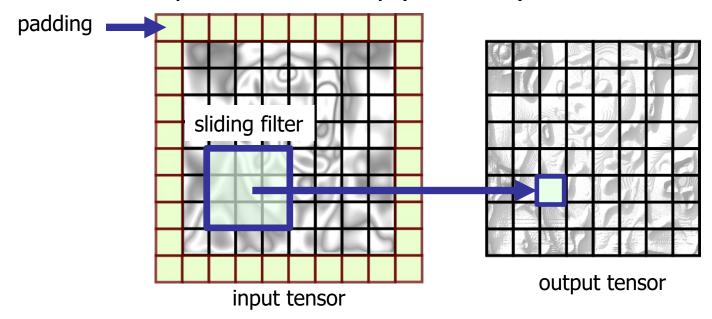






Convolution

- a sliding filter produces the values of the output tensor
- sliding filters contain the trainable weights of the neural network
- each convolutional layer contains many (hundreds) filters

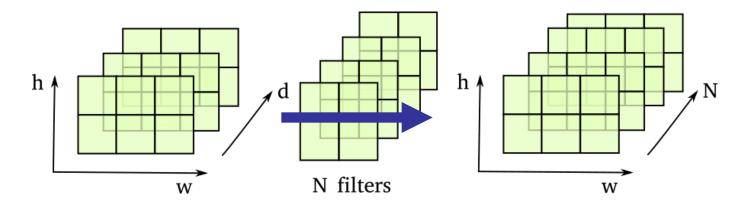






Convolution

- images are transformed into features by convolutional filters
- after convolving a tensor [d,h,w] with N filters we obtain
 - a rank-3 tensor with shape [N,h,w]
 - hence, each filter generates a layer in the depth of the output tensor

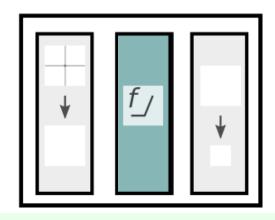


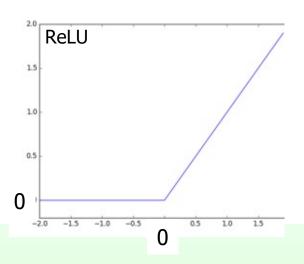




Activation

- symulates biological activation to input stymula
- provides non-linearity to the computation
- ReLU is typically used for CNNs
 - faster training (no vanishing gradients)
 - does not saturate
 - faster computation of derivatives for backpropagation



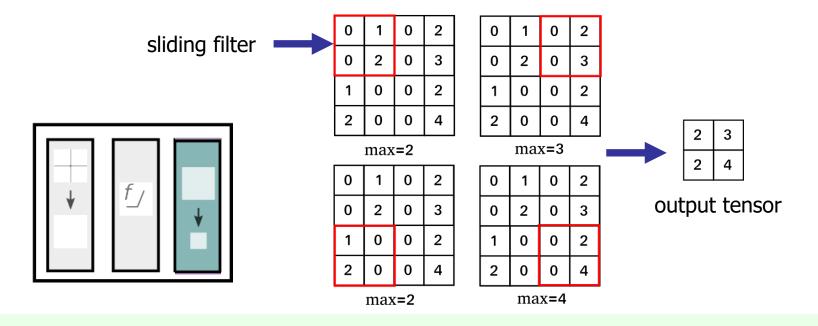






Pooling

- performs tensor downsampling
- sliding filter which replaces tensor values with a summary statistic of the nearby outputs
- maxpool is the most common: computes the maximum value as statistic



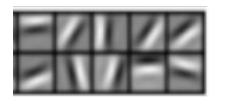




Convolutional layers training

- during training each sliding filter learns to recognize a particular pattern in the input tensor
- filters in *shallow layers* recognize textures and edges
- filters in deeper layers can recognize objects and parts (e.g. eye, ear or even faces)

shallow filters





deeper filters

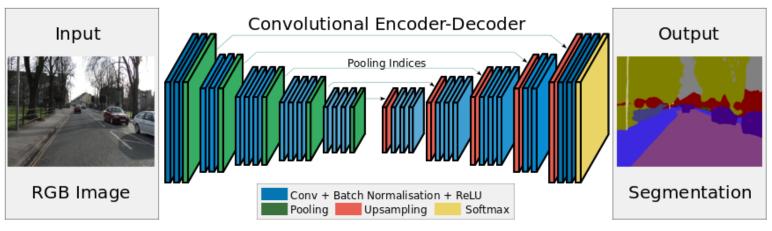






Semantic segmentation CNNs

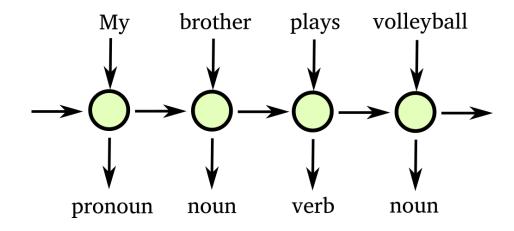
- allow assigning a class to each pixel of the input image
- composed of 2 parts
 - encoder network: convolutional layers to extract abstract features
 - **decoder network**: deconvolutional layers to obtain the output image from the extracted features







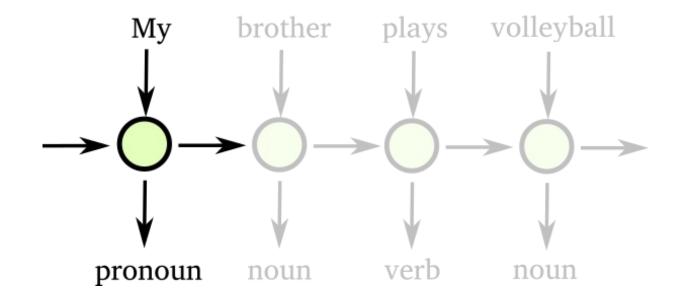
- Allow processing sequential data x(t)
- Differently from normal FFNN they are able to keep a state which evolves during time
- Applications
 - machine translation
 - time series prediction
 - speech recognition
 - part of speech (POS) tagging







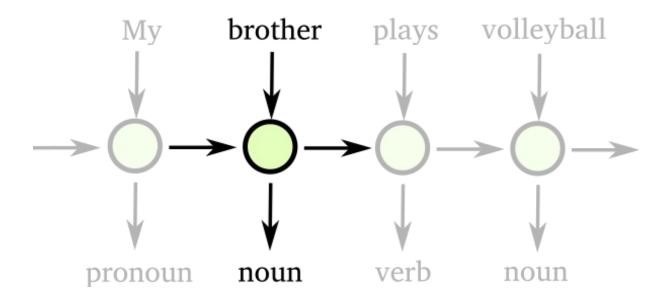
RNN execution during time







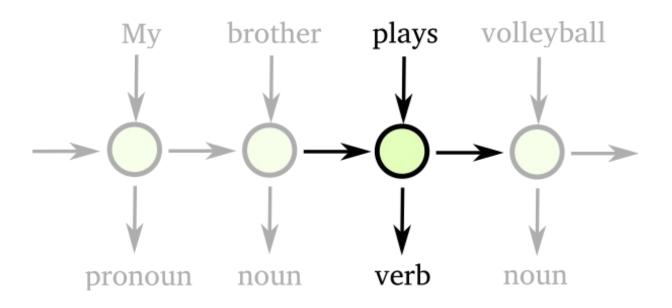
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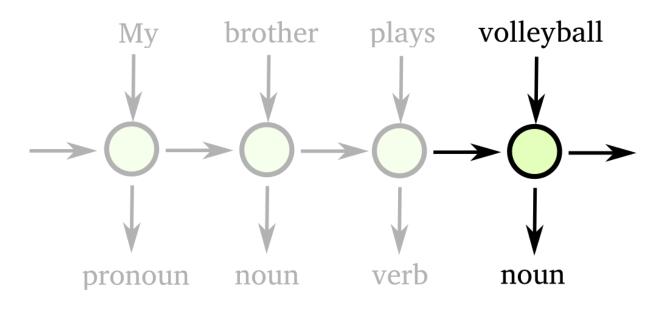
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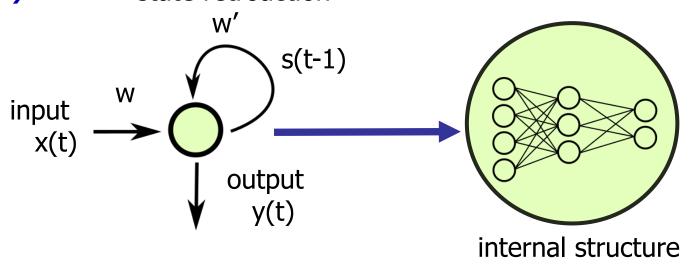
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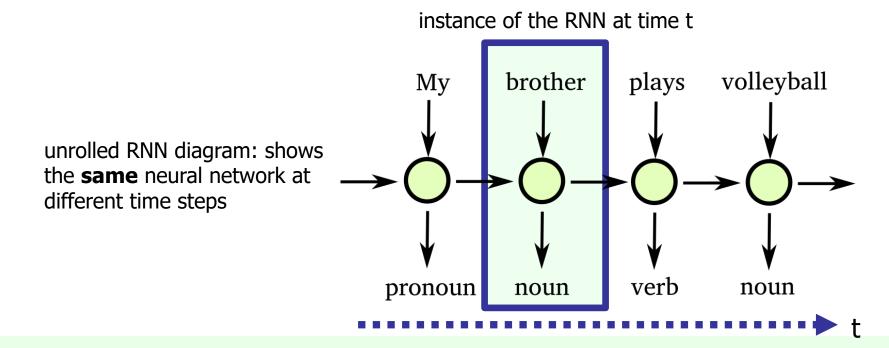
- A RNN receives as input a vector x(t) and the state at previous time step s(t-1)
- A RNN typically contains many neurons organized in different layers state retroaction







- Training is performed with Backpropagation Through Time
- Given a pair training sequence x(t) and expected output y(t)
 - error is propagated through time
 - weights are updated to minimize the error across all the time steps



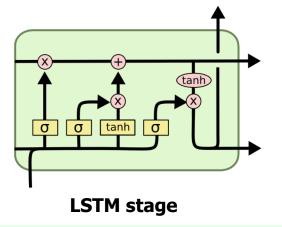




- Issues
 - vanishing gradient: error gradient decreases rapidly over time, weights are not properly updated
 - this makes harder having RNN with *long-term* memories
- Solution: LSTM (Long Short Term Memories)

RNN with "gates" which encourage the state information to flow through long time

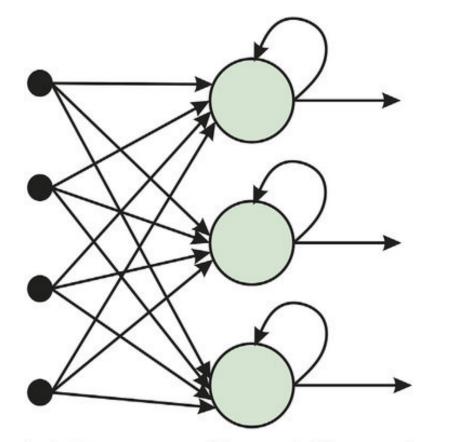
intervals



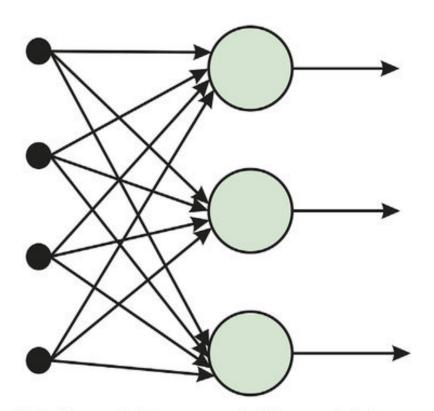


RNN vs FFNN









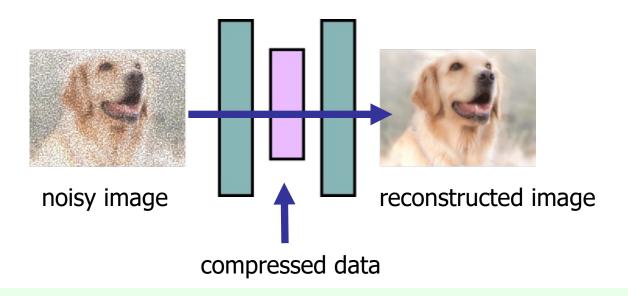
(b) Feed-Forward Neural Network



Autoencoders



- Autoencoders allow compressing input data by means of compact representations and from them reconstructing the initial input
 - for feature extraction: the compressed representation can be used as significant set of features representing input data
 - for image (or signal) denoising: the image reconstructed from the abstract representation is denoised with respect to the original one

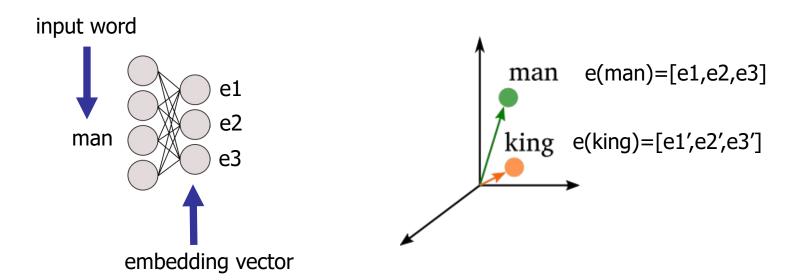




Word Embeddings (Word2Vec)



- Word embeddings associate words to n-dimensional vectors
 - trained on big text collections to model the word distributions in different sentences and contexts
 - able to capture the semantic information of each word
 - words with similar *meaning* share vectors with similar characteristics

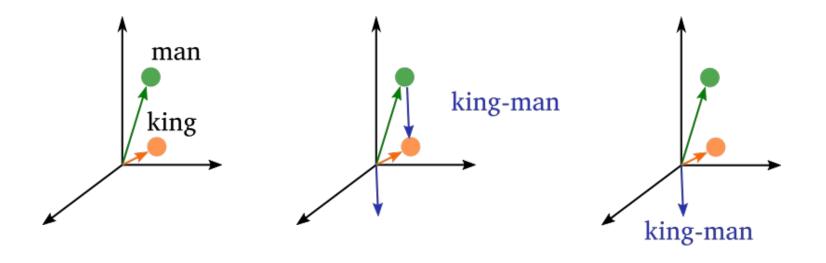




Word Embeddings (Word2Vec)



 Since each word is represented with a vector, operations among words (e.g. difference, addition) are allowed

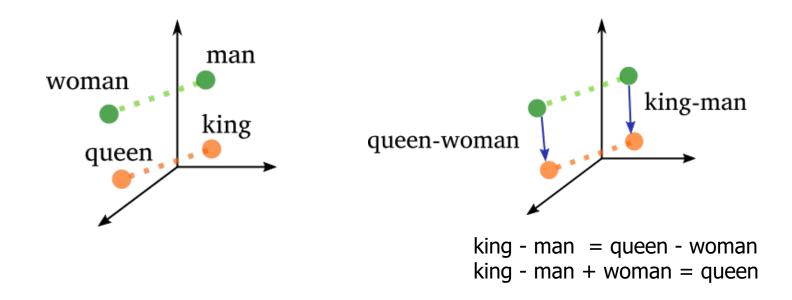




Word Embeddings (Word2Vec)



Semantic relationships among words are captured by vector positions





Model evaluation



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Model evaluation



- Methods for performance evaluation
 - Partitioning techniques for training and test sets
- Metrics for performance evaluation
 - Accuracy, other measures
- Techniques for model comparison
 - ROC curve



Methods for performance evaluation

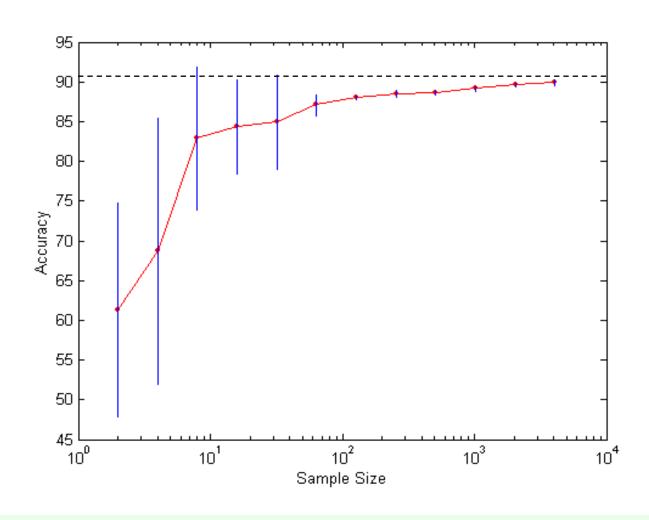


- Objective
 - reliable estimate of performance
- Performance of a model may depend on other factors besides the learning algorithm
 - Class distribution
 - Cost of misclassification
 - Size of training and test sets



Learning curve





- Learning curve shows how accuracy changes with varying training sample size
- Requires a sampling schedule for creating learning curve:
 - Arithmetic sampling (Langley, et al)
 - Geometric sampling (Provost et al)

Effect of small sample size:

- Bias in the estimate
- Variance of estimate



Partitioning data



- Several partitioning techniques
 - holdout
 - cross validation
- Stratified sampling to generate partitions
 - without replacement
- Bootstrap
 - Sampling with replacement



Holdout



- Fixed partitioning
 - Typically, may reserve 80% for training, 20% for test
 - Other proportions may be appropriate, depending on the dataset size
- Appropriate for large datasets
 - may be repeated several times
 - repeated holdout



Cross validation



- Cross validation
 - partition data into k disjoint subsets (i.e., folds)
 - k-fold: train on k-1 partitions, test on the remaining one
 - repeat for all folds
 - reliable accuracy estimation, not appropriate for very large datasets
- Leave-one-out
 - cross validation for k=n
 - only appropriate for very small datasets



Model performance estimation



- Model training step
 - Building a new model
- Model validation step
 - Hyperparameter tuning
 - Algorithm selection
- Model test step
 - Estimation of model performance



Model performance estimation



- Typical dataset size
 - Training set 60% of labeled data
 - Validation set 20% of labeled data
 - Test set 20% of labeled data
- Splitting labeled data
 - Use hold-out to split in
 - training+validation
 - test
 - Use cross validation to split in
 - training
 - validation



Metrics for model evaluation



- Evaluate the predictive accuracy of a model
- Confusion matrix
 - binary classifier

	PREDICTED CLASS		
		Class=Yes	Class=No
ACTUAL	Class=Yes	а	b
CLASS	Class=No	С	d

a: TP (true positive)

b: FN (false negative)

c: FP (false positive)

d: TN (true negative)



Accuracy



Most widely-used metric for model evaluation

$$Accuracy = \frac{Number of correctly classified objects}{Number of classified objects}$$

Not always a reliable metric



Accuracy



For a binary classifier

	PREDICTED CLASS		
		Class=Yes	Class=No
ACTUAL	Class=Yes	a (TP)	b (FN)
CLASS	Class=No	c (FP)	d (TN)

Accuracy =
$$\frac{a+d}{a+b+c+d} = \frac{TP+TN}{TP+TN+FP+FN}$$



Limitations of accuracy



- Consider a binary problem
 - Cardinality of Class 0 = 9900
 - Cardinality of Class 1 = 100
- Model

$$() \rightarrow class 0$$

- Model predicts everything to be class 0
 - accuracy is 9900/10000 = 99.0 %
- Accuracy is misleading because the model does not detect any class 1 object



Limitations of accuracy



- Classes may have different importance
 - Misclassification of objects of a given class is more important
 - e.g., ill patients erroneously assigned to the healthy patients class
- Accuracy is not appropriate for
 - unbalanced class label distribution
 - different class relevance



Class specific measures



Evaluate separately for each class C

Recall (r) =
$$\frac{\text{Number of objects correctly assigned to C}}{\text{Number of objects belonging to C}}$$

Precision (p)=
$$\frac{\text{Number of objects correctly assigned to C}}{\text{Number of objects assigned to C}}$$

Maximize

F - measure (F) =
$$\frac{2rp}{r+p}$$



Class specific measures



- For a binary classification problem
 - on the confusion matrix, for the positive class

Precision (p) =
$$\frac{a}{a+c}$$

Recall(r) =
$$\frac{a}{a+b}$$

F - measure (F) =
$$\frac{2rp}{r+p} = \frac{2a}{2a+b+c}$$

	PREDICTED CLASS		
ACTUAL CLASS		Class=Yes	Class=No
	Class =Yes	a (TP)	b (FN)
	Class =No	c (FP)	d (TN)



ROC (Receiver Operating Characteristic)



- Developed in 1950s for signal detection theory to analyze noisy signals
 - characterizes the trade-off between positive hits and false alarms
- ROC curve plots
 - TPR, True Positive Rate (on the y-axis)
 TPR = TP/(TP+FN)

against

FPR, False Positive Rate (on the x-axis)
FPR = FP/(FP + TN)

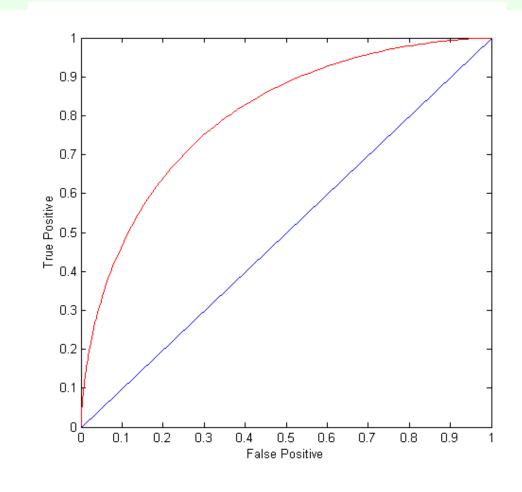


ROC curve



(FPR, TPR)

- (0,0): declare everything to be negative class
- (1,1): declare everything to be positive class
- (0,1): ideal
- Diagonal line
 - Random guessing
 - Below diagonal line
 - prediction is opposite of the true class





How to build a ROC curve



Instance	P(+ A)	True Class
1	0.95	+
2	0.93	+
3	0.87	-
4	0.85	_
5	0.85	-
6	0.85	+
7	0.76	-
8	0.53	+
9	0.43	_
10	0.25	+

- Use classifier that produces posterior probability for each test instance P(+|A)
- Sort the instances according to P(+|A) in decreasing order
- Apply threshold at each unique value of P(+|A)
- Count the number of TP, FP, TN, FN at each threshold
 - TP rateTPR = TP/(TP+FN)
 - FP rate
 FPR = FP/(FP + TN)



How to build a ROC curve

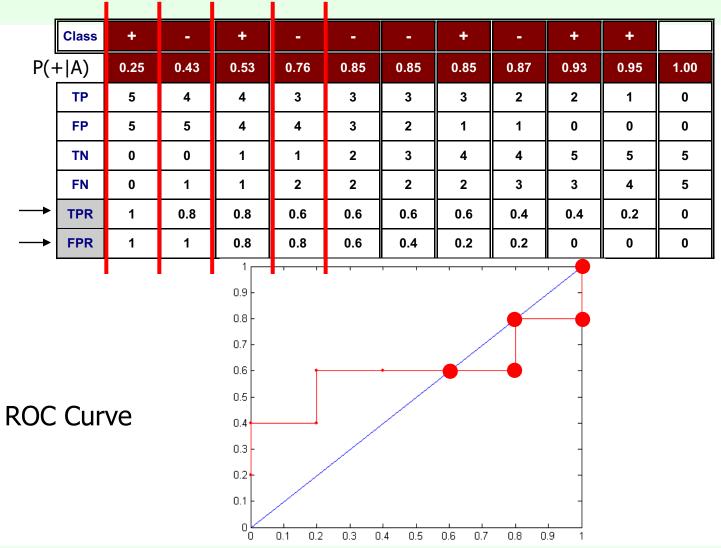


TP rate

$$TPR = TP/(TP+FN)$$

FP rate

$$FPR = FP/(FP + TN)$$

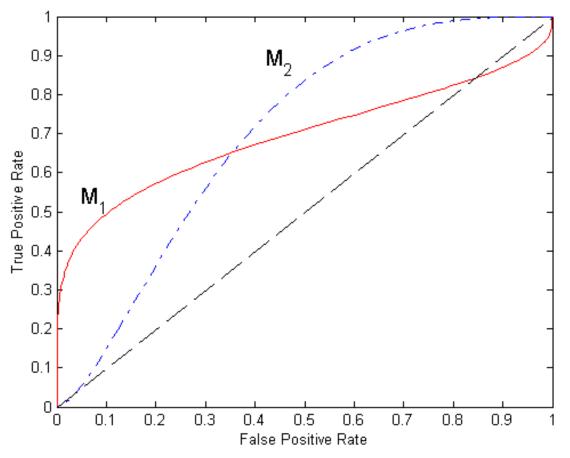




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Using ROC for Model Comparison





- No model consistently outperforms the other
 - M₁ is better for small FPR
 - M₂ is better for large FPR
- Area under ROC curve
 - Ideal

Area
$$= 1.0$$

Random guess

Area
$$= 0.5$$

