

MLSP

Machine Learning for Signal Processing

Detecting faces in images

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Last Lecture: How to describe a face

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The typical face




- A “typical face” that captures the essence of “facehood”..
- The principal Eigen face..

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A collection of least squares typical faces

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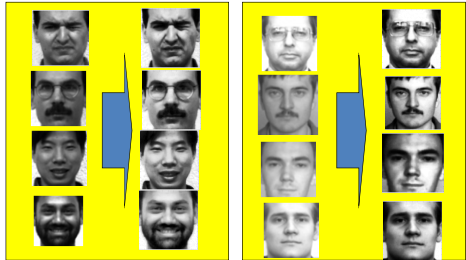


- Extension: Many Eigenfaces
- Approximate **every** face f as $f = w_{f,1} V_1 + w_{f,2} V_2 + \dots + w_{f,k} V_k$
 - V_2 is used to “correct” errors resulting from using only V_1
 - V_3 corrects errors remaining after correction with V_2
 - And so on..
- $V = [V_1 V_2 V_3]$ can be computed through Eigen analysis

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Normalizing out variations: HEQ

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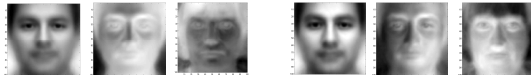


- Left column: Original image
- Right column: Equalized image
- All images now have similar contrast levels

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Eigenfaces after Equalization

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- Left panel : Without HEQ
- Right panel: With HEQ
 - Eigen faces are more face like..
 - Need not always be the case

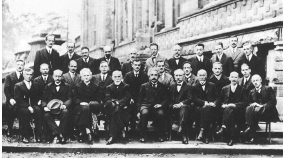
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Detecting Faces in Images

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Detecting Faces in Images



- Finding face like patterns
 - How do we find if a picture has faces in it
 - Where are the faces?
- A simple solution:
 - Define a “typical face”
 - Find the “typical face” in the image

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Finding faces in an image



- Picture is larger than the “typical face”
 - E.g. typical face is 100x100, picture is 600x800
- First convert to greyscale
 - $R + G + B$
 - Not very useful to work in color

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Finding faces in an image



- Goal .. To find out if and where images that look like the “typical” face occur in the picture

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Finding faces in an image



- Try to “match” the typical face to each location in the picture

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Finding faces in an image



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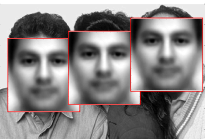
Finding faces in an image



- Try to “match” the typical face to each location in the picture

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Finding faces in an image



- Try to “match” the typical face to each location in the picture
- The “typical face” will explain some spots on the image much better than others
 - These are the spots at which we probably have a face!

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How to “match”



- What exactly is the “match”
 - What is the match “score”

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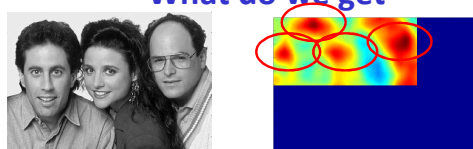
How to “match”



- What exactly is the “match”
 - What is the match “score”
- The DOT Product
 - Express the typical face as a vector
 - Express the region of the image being evaluated as a vector
 - But first histogram equalize the region
 - Just the section being evaluated, without considering the rest of the image
 - Compute the dot product of the typical face vector and the “region” vector

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What do we get



- The right panel shows the dot product a various loctions
 - Redder is higher
 - The locations of peaks indicate locations of faces!

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What do we get

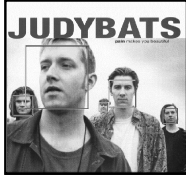



- The right panel shows the dot product a various loctions
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 - The locations of peaks indicate locations of faces!
- Correctly detects all three faces
 - Likes George’s face most
 - He looks most like the typical face
- Also finds a face where there is none!
 - A false alarm

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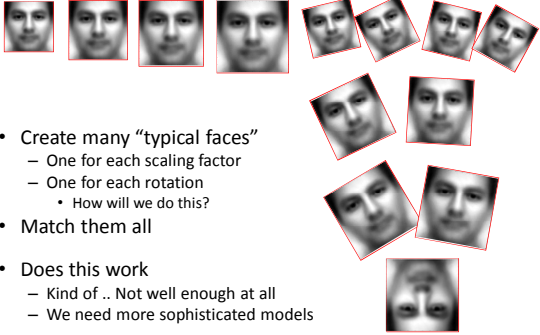
Scaling and Rotation Problems

- Scaling
 - Not all faces are the same size
 - Some people have bigger faces
 - The size of the face on the image changes with perspective
 - Our “typical face” only represents one of these sizes
- Rotation
 - The head need not always be upright!
 - Our typical face image was upright

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Solution



- Create many “typical faces”
 - One for each scaling factor
 - One for each rotation
 - How will we do this?
- Match them all
- Does this work
 - Kind of .. Not well enough at all
 - We need more sophisticated models

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Face Detection: A Quick Historical Perspective

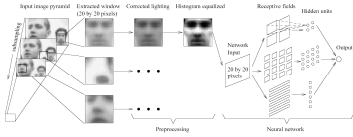


Figure 1: The basic algorithm used for face detection.

- Many more complex methods
 - Use edge detectors and search for face like patterns
 - Find “feature” detectors (noses, ears..) and employ them in complex neural networks..
- The Viola Jones method
 - Boosted cascaded classifiers
- But first, what is boosting

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And even before that – what is classification?

- Given “features” describing an entity, determine the category it belongs to
 - Walks on two legs, has no hair. Is this
 - A Chimpanzee
 - A Human
 - Has long hair, is 5’6” tall, is this
 - A man
 - A woman
 - Matches “eye” pattern with score 0.5, “mouth pattern” with score 0.25, “nose” pattern with score 0.1. Are we looking at
 - A face
 - Not a face?


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Classification

- Multi-class classification
 - Many possible categories
 - E.g. Sounds “AH, IY, UW, EY..”
 - E.g. Images “Tree, dog, house, person..”
- Binary classification
 - Only two categories
 - Man vs. Woman
 - Face vs. not a face..
- Face detection: Recast as binary face classification
 - For each little square of the image, determine if the square represents a face or not

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Face Detection as Classification



For each square, run a classifier to find out if it is a face or not

- Faces can be many sizes
- They can happen anywhere in the image
- For each face size
 - For each location
 - Classify a rectangular region of the face size, at that location, as a face or not a face
- This is a series of **binary** classification problems

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Binary classification

- Classification can be abstracted as follows
- $H: X \rightarrow \{+1, -1\}$
- A function H that takes as input some X and outputs a $+1$ or -1
 - X is the set of "features"
 - $+1/-1$ represent the two classes
- Many mechanisms (many types of "H")
 - Any many ways of characterizing "X"
- We'll look at a specific method based on voting with simple rules
 - A "META" method

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Introduction to Boosting

- An *ensemble* method that sequentially combines many simple **BINARY** classifiers to construct a final complex classifier
 - Simple classifiers are often called "weak" learners
 - The complex classifiers are called "strong" learners
- Each weak learner focuses on instances where the previous classifier failed
 - Give greater weight to instances that have been incorrectly classified by previous learners
- Restrictions for weak learners
 - Better than 50% correct
- Final classifier is *weighted* sum of weak classifiers

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Boosting: A very simple idea

- One can come up with many rules to classify
 - E.g. Chimpanzee vs. Human classifier:
 - If arms == long, entity is chimpanzee
 - If height > 5'6" entity is human
 - If lives in house == entity is human
 - If lives in zoo == entity is chimpanzee
- Each of them is a reasonable rule, but makes many mistakes
 - Each rule has an intrinsic error rate
- *Combine* the predictions of these rules
 - But not equally
 - Rules that are less accurate should be given lesser weight

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Boosting and the Chimpanzee Problem

- The total confidence in all classifiers that classify the entity as a chimpanzee is

$$Score_{chimp} = \sum_{\text{classifier favors chimpanzee}} \alpha_{\text{classifier}}$$
- The total confidence in all classifiers that classify it as a human is

$$Score_{human} = \sum_{\text{classifier favors human}} \alpha_{\text{classifier}}$$
- If $Score_{chimpanzee} > Score_{human}$ then our belief that we have a chimpanzee is greater than the belief that we have a human

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Boosting as defined by Freund

- A gambler wants to write a program to predict winning horses. His program must encode the expertise of his brilliant winner friend
- The friend has no single, encodable algorithm. Instead he has many rules of thumb
 - He uses a different rule of thumb for each set of races
 - E.g. "in this set, go with races that have black horses with stars on their foreheads"
 - But cannot really enumerate what rules of thumbs go with what sets of races: he simply "knows" when he encounters a set
 - A common problem that faces us in many situations
- Problem:
 - How best to combine all of the friend's rules of thumb
 - What is the best set of races to present to the friend, to extract the various rules of thumb

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Boosting

- The basic idea: Can a "weak" learning algorithm that performs just slightly better than random guessing be *boosted* into an arbitrarily accurate "strong" learner
 - Each of the gambler's rules may be just better than random guessing
- This is a "meta" algorithm, that poses no constraints on the form of the weak learners themselves
 - The gambler's rules of thumb can be anything

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Boosting: A Voting Perspective

- Boosting can be considered a form of voting
 - Let a number of different classifiers classify the data
 - Go with the majority
 - Intuition says that as the number of classifiers increases, the dependability of the majority vote increases
- The corresponding algorithms were called Boosting by majority
 - A (weighted) majority vote taken over all the classifiers
 - How do we compute weights for the classifiers?
 - How do we actually train the classifiers

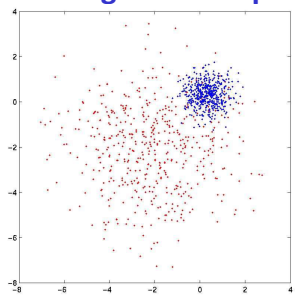
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ADA Boost: Adaptive algorithm for learning the weights

- ADA Boost: Not named of ADA Lovelace
- An *adaptive* algorithm that learns the weights of each classifier sequentially
 - Learning adapts to the current accuracy
- Iteratively:
 - Train a simple classifier from training data
 - It will make errors even on training data
 - Train a new classifier that focuses on the training data points that have been misclassified

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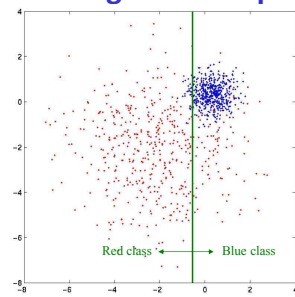
Boosting: An Example



- Red dots represent training data from Red class
- Blue dots represent training data from Blue class

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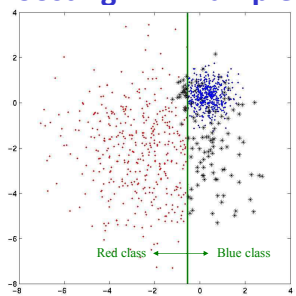
Boosting: An Example



- Very simple weak learner
 - A line that is parallel to one of the two axes

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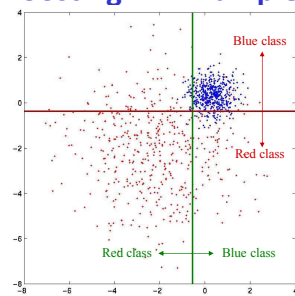
Boosting: An Example



- First weak learner makes many mistakes
 - Errors coloured black

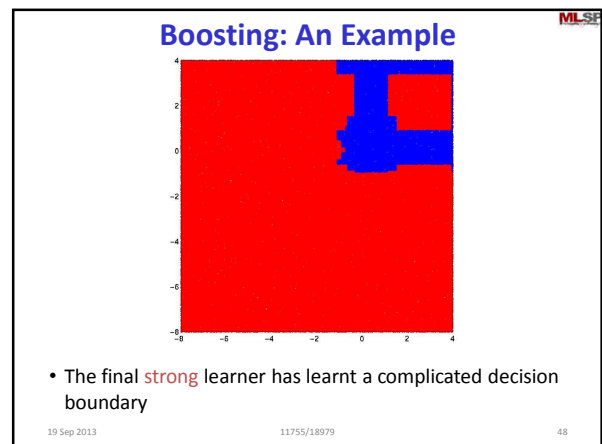
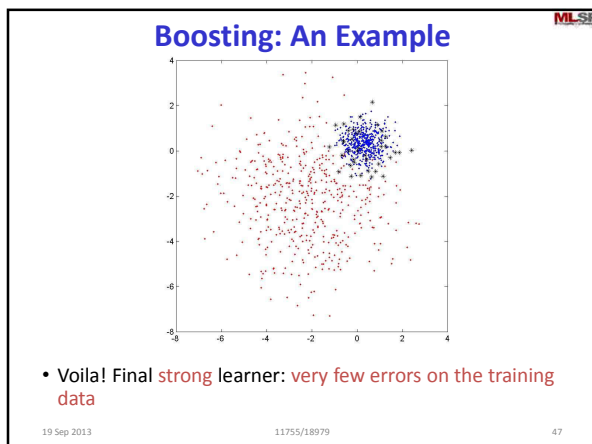
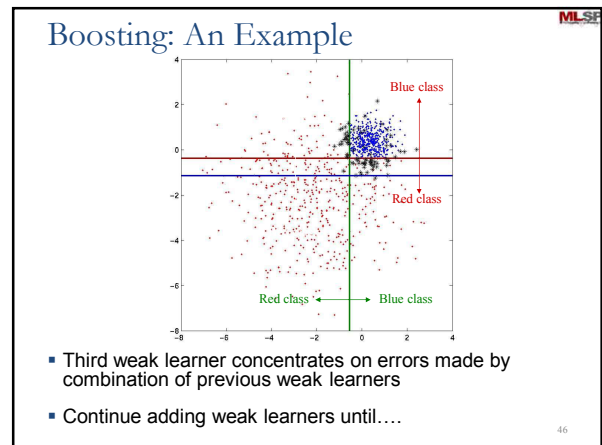
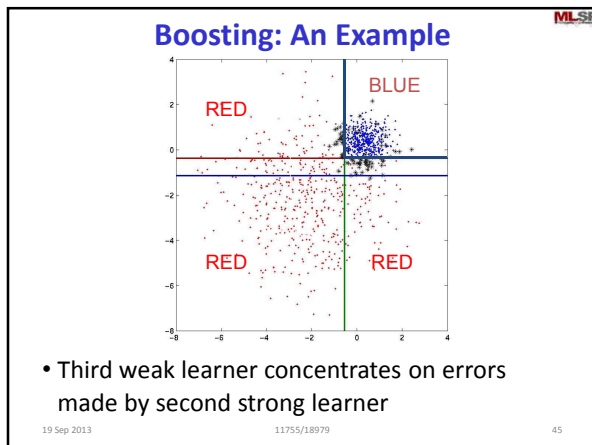
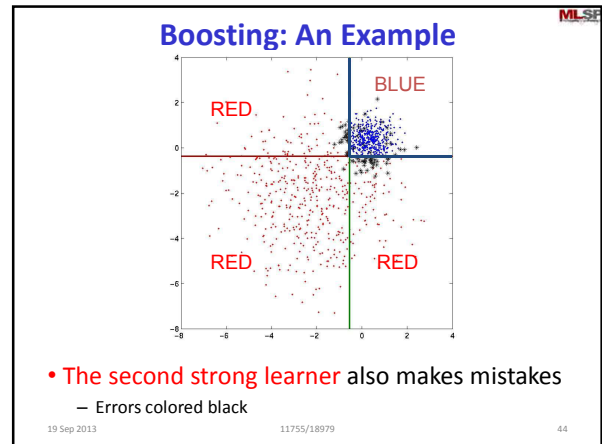
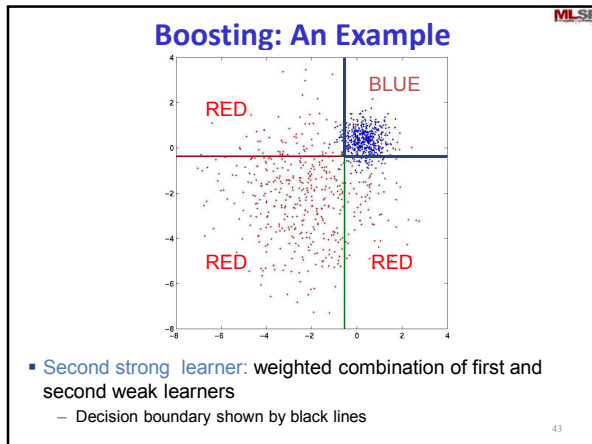
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Boosting: An Example



- Second weak learner focuses on errors made by first learner

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Boosting: An Example

- The final **strong** learner has learnt a complicated decision boundary
- Decision boundaries in areas with low density of training points assumed inconsequential

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Overall Learning Pattern

- Strong learner increasingly accurate with increasing number of weak learners
- Residual errors increasingly difficult to correct
 - Additional weak learners less and less effective

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ADABOOST

- Cannot just add new classifiers that work well only on the the previously misclassified data
- Problem: The new classifier will make errors on the points that the **earlier** classifiers got right
 - Not good
 - On test data we have no way of knowing which points were correctly classified by the first classifier
- Solution: Weight the data to train the second classifier
 - Use all the data but assign them weights
 - Data that are already correctly classified have less weight
 - Data that are currently incorrectly classified have more weight

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ADA Boost

- The red and blue points (correctly classified) will have a weight $\alpha < 1$
- Black points (incorrectly classified) will have a weight $\beta (= 1/\alpha) > 1$
- To compute the optimal second classifier, we minimize the total weighted error
 - Each data point contributes α or β to the total count of correctly and incorrectly classified points
 - E.g. if one of the red points is misclassified by the new classifier, the total error of the new classifier goes up by α

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ADA Boost

- Each new classifier modifies the weights of the data points based on the accuracy of the *current* classifier
- **The final classifier too is a weighted combination of all component classifiers**

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Formalizing the Boosting Concept

- Given a set of instances $(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2), \dots, (x_N, y_N)$
 - x_i is the set of attributes of the i^{th} instance
 - y_i is the class for the i^{th} instance
 - y_i can be 1 or -1 (binary classification only)
- Given a set of classifiers h_1, h_2, \dots, h_T
 - h_i classifies an instance with attributes x as $h_i(x)$
 - $h_i(x)$ is either -1 or +1 (for a binary classifier)
 - $y \cdot h_i(x)$ is 1 for all correctly classified points and -1 for incorrectly classified points
- Devise a function $f(h_1(x), h_2(x), \dots, h_T(x))$ such that classification based on $f()$ is superior to classification by any $h_i(x)$
 - The function is succinctly represented as $f(x)$

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The Boosting Concept

- A simple combiner function: Voting
 - $f(x) = \sum_i h_i(x)$
 - Classifier $H(x) = \text{sign}(f(x)) = \text{sign}(\sum_i h_i(x))$
 - Simple majority classifier
 - A simple voting scheme
- A better combiner function: Boosting
 - $f(x) = \sum_i \alpha_i h_i(x)$
 - Can be any real number
 - Classifier $H(x) = \text{sign}(f(x)) = \text{sign}(\sum_i \alpha_i h_i(x))$
 - A weighted majority classifier
 - The weight α_i for any $h_i(x)$ is a measure of our trust in $h_i(x)$

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Adaptive Boosting

- As before:
 - y is either -1 or +1
 - $H(x)$ is +1 or -1
 - If the instance is correctly classified, both y and $H(x)$ will have the same sign
 - The product $y \cdot H(x)$ is 1
 - For incorrectly classified instances the product is -1
- Define the error for x : $\frac{1}{2}(1 - yH(x))$
 - For a correctly classified instance, this is 0
 - For an incorrectly classified instance, this is 1

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The ADABOOST Algorithm

- Given: a set $(x_1, y_1), \dots, (x_N, y_N)$ of training instances
 - x_i is the set of attributes for the i^{th} instance
 - y_i is the class for the i^{th} instance and can be either +1 or -1


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The ADABOOST Algorithm


- Initialize $D_1(x_i) = 1/N$
- For $t = 1, \dots, T$
 - Train a weak classifier h_t using distribution D_t
 - Compute total error on training data
 - $\epsilon_t = \sum_i \{ \frac{1}{2} (1 - y_i h_t(x_i)) \}$
 - Set $\alpha_t = \frac{1}{2} \ln \left(\frac{1 - \epsilon_t}{\epsilon_t} \right)$
 - For $i = 1 \dots N$
 - set $D_{t+1}(x_i) = D_t(x_i) \exp(-\alpha_t y_i h_t(x_i))$
 - Normalize D_{t+1} to make it a distribution
- The final classifier is
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First, some example data




= 0.3 E1 - 0.6 E2



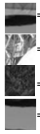
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= 0.7 E1 - 0.1 E2




= 0.6 E1 - 0.4 E2




= 0.2 E1 + 0.4 E2




= -0.8 E1 - 0.1 E2




= 0.4 E1 - 0.9 E2



= 0.2 E1 + 0.5 E2



E₁




E₂

Image = a*E1 + b*E2 = Image.E1


- Face detection with multiple Eigen faces
- Step 0: Derived top 2 Eigen faces from Eigen face training data
- Step 1: On a (different) set of examples, express each image as a linear combination of Eigen faces
 - Examples include both faces and non faces
 - Even the non-face images will be explained in terms of the Eigen faces

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Training Data




= 0.3 E1 - 0.6 E2



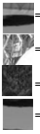
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
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B	0.5	-0.5	+1
C	0.7	-0.1	+1
D	0.6	-0.4	+1
E	0.2	0.4	-1
F	-0.8	-0.1	-1
G	0.4	-0.9	-1
H	0.2	0.5	-1

Face = +1
Non-face = -1





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Training Data

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 = 0.2 E1 + 0.4 E2
 = -0.8 E1 - 0.1 E2
 = 0.4 E1 - 0.9 E2
 = 0.2 E1 + 0.5 E2

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The E1 "Stump"

Classifier based on E1:
if (sign*wt(E1) > thresh) > 0
face = true
sign = +1 or -1

F	E	H	A	G	B	C	D
0.8	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.7
1/8	1/8	1/8	1/8	1/8	1/8	1/8	1/8

threshold = 1/8
Sign = +1, error = 3/8
Sign = -1, error = 5/8

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C	0.7	-0.1	+1	1/8
D	0.6	-0.4	+1	1/8
E	0.2	0.4	-1	1/8
F	-0.8	-0.1	-1	1/8
G	0.4	-0.9	-1	1/8
H	0.2	0.5	-1	1/8

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The E1 "Stump"

Classifier based on E1:
if (sign*wt(E1) > thresh) > 0
face = true
sign = +1 or -1

F	E	H	A	G	B	C	D
0.8	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.7
1/8	1/8	1/8	1/8	1/8	1/8	1/8	1/8

threshold = 1/8
Sign = +1, error = 2/8
Sign = -1, error = 6/8

ID	E1	E2	Class	Weight
A	0.3	-0.6	+1	1/8
B	0.5	-0.5	+1	1/8
C	0.7	-0.1	+1	1/8
D	0.6	-0.4	+1	1/8
E	0.2	0.4	-1	1/8
F	-0.8	-0.1	-1	1/8
G	0.4	-0.9	-1	1/8
H	0.2	0.5	-1	1/8

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The E1 "Stump"

Classifier based on E1:
if (sign*wt(E1) > thresh) > 0
face = true
sign = +1 or -1

F	E	H	A	G	B	C	D
0.8	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.7
1/8	1/8	1/8	1/8	1/8	1/8	1/8	1/8

threshold = 1/8
Sign = +1, error = 1/8
Sign = -1, error = 7/8

ID	E1	E2	Class	Weight
A	0.3	-0.6	+1	1/8
B	0.5	-0.5	+1	1/8
C	0.7	-0.1	+1	1/8
D	0.6	-0.4	+1	1/8
E	0.2	0.4	-1	1/8
F	-0.8	-0.1	-1	1/8
G	0.4	-0.9	-1	1/8
H	0.2	0.5	-1	1/8

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The E1 "Stump"

Classifier based on E1:
if (sign*wt(E1) > thresh) > 0
face = true
sign = +1 or -1

threshold

Sign = +1, error = 2/8
Sign = -1, error = 6/8

ID	E1	E2	Class	Weight
A	0.3	-0.6	+1	1/8
B	0.5	-0.5	+1	1/8
C	0.7	-0.1	+1	1/8
D	0.6	-0.4	+1	1/8
E	0.2	0.4	-1	1/8
F	-0.8	-0.1	-1	1/8
G	0.4	-0.9	-1	1/8
H	0.2	0.5	-1	1/8

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The E1 "Stump"

Classifier based on E1:
if (sign*wt(E1) > thresh) > 0
face = true
sign = +1 or -1

threshold

Sign = +1, error = 1/8
Sign = -1, error = 7/8

ID	E1	E2	Class	Weight
A	0.3	-0.6	+1	1/8
B	0.5	-0.5	+1	1/8
C	0.7	-0.1	+1	1/8
D	0.5	-0.4	+1	1/8
E	0.2	0.4	-1	1/8
F	-0.8	-0.1	-1	1/8
G	0.4	-0.9	-1	1/8
H	0.2	0.5	-1	1/8

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The E1 "Stump"

Classifier based on E1:
if (sign*wt(E1) > thresh) > 0
face = true
sign = +1 or -1

threshold

Sign = +1, error = 2/8
Sign = -1, error = 6/8

ID	E1	E2	Class	Weight
A	0.3	-0.6	+1	1/8
B	0.5	-0.5	+1	1/8
C	0.7	-0.1	+1	1/8
D	0.6	-0.4	+1	1/8
E	0.2	0.4	-1	1/8
F	-0.8	-0.1	-1	1/8
G	0.4	-0.9	-1	1/8
H	0.2	0.5	-1	1/8

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The Best E1 "Stump"

Classifier based on E1:
if (sign*wt(E1) > thresh) > 0
face = true
sign = +1
Threshold = 0.45

threshold

Sign = +1, error = 1/8

ID	E1	E2	Class	Weight
A	0.3	-0.6	+1	1/8
B	0.5	-0.5	+1	1/8
C	0.7	-0.1	+1	1/8
D	0.6	-0.4	+1	1/8
E	0.2	0.4	-1	1/8
F	-0.8	-0.1	-1	1/8
G	0.4	-0.9	-1	1/8
H	0.2	0.5	-1	1/8

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The E2 "Stump"

Note order →

Classifier based on E2:
if (sign*wt(E2) > thresh) > 0
face = true
sign = +1 or -1

threshold

Sign = +1, error = 3/8
Sign = -1, error = 5/8

ID	E1	E2	Class	Weight
A	0.3	-0.6	+1	1/8
B	0.5	-0.5	+1	1/8
C	0.7	-0.1	+1	1/8
D	0.6	-0.4	+1	1/8
E	0.2	0.4	-1	1/8
F	-0.8	-0.1	-1	1/8
G	0.4	-0.9	-1	1/8
H	0.2	0.5	-1	1/8

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The Best E2 "Stump"

Classifier based on E2:
if (sign*wt(E2) > thresh) > 0
face = true
sign = -1
Threshold = 0.15

threshold

Sign = -1, error = 2/8

ID	E1	E2	Class	Weight
A	0.3	-0.6	+1	1/8
B	0.5	-0.5	+1	1/8
C	0.7	-0.1	+1	1/8
D	0.6	-0.4	+1	1/8
E	0.2	0.4	-1	1/8
F	-0.8	-0.1	-1	1/8
G	0.4	-0.9	-1	1/8
H	0.2	0.5	-1	1/8

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The Best "Stump"

F E H A G B C D
 0.8 0.2 0.2 0.3 0.4 0.5 0.6 0.7
 1/8 1/8 1/8 1/8 1/8 1/8 1/8 1/8

threshold
 Sign = +1, error = 1/8

The Best overall classifier based on a single feature is based on E1
 If (wt(E1) > 0.45) → Race

ID	E1	E2	Class	Weight
A	0.3	-0.6	+1	1/8
B	0.5	-0.5	+1	1/8
C	0.7	-0.1	+1	1/8
D	0.6	-0.4	+1	1/8
E	0.2	0.4	-1	1/8
F	-0.8	-0.1	-1	1/8
G	0.4	-0.9	-1	1/8
H	0.2	0.5	-1	1/8

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The ADABOOST Algorithm

- Initialize $D_1(x_i) = 1/N$
- For $t = 1, \dots, T$
 - Train a weak classifier h_t using distribution D_t
 - Compute total error on training data
 - $\epsilon_t = \text{Sum} \{D_t(x_i) \cdot \frac{1}{2}(1 - y_i h_t(x_i))\}$
 - Set $\alpha_t = \frac{1}{2} \ln(\epsilon_t / (1 - \epsilon_t))$
 - For $i = 1 \dots N$
 - set $D_{t+1}(x_i) = D_t(x_i) \exp(-\alpha_t y_i h_t(x_i))$
 - Normalize D_{t+1} to make it a distribution
- The final classifier is
 - $H(x) = \text{sign}(\sum_t \alpha_t h_t(x))$

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The Best Error

F E H A G B C D
 0.8 0.2 0.2 0.3 0.4 0.5 0.6 0.7
 1/8 1/8 1/8 1/8 1/8 1/8 1/8 1/8

threshold
 Sign = +1, error = 1/8

The Error of the classifier is the sum of the weights of the misclassified instances

ID	E1	E2	Class	Weight
A	0.3	-0.6	+1	1/8
B	0.5	-0.5	+1	1/8
C	0.7	-0.1	+1	1/8
D	0.6	-0.4	+1	1/8
E	0.2	0.4	-1	1/8
F	-0.8	-0.1	-1	1/8
G	0.4	-0.9	-1	1/8
H	0.2	0.5	-1	1/8

NOTE: THE ERROR IS THE SUM OF THE WEIGHTS OF MISCLASSIFIED INSTANCES

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The ADABOOST Algorithm

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- For $t = 1, \dots, T$
 - Train a weak classifier h_t using distribution D_t
 - Compute total error on training data
 - $\epsilon_t = \text{Sum} \{D_t(x_i) \cdot \frac{1}{2}(1 - y_i h_t(x_i))\}$
 - Set $\alpha_t = \frac{1}{2} \ln((1 - \epsilon_t) / \epsilon_t)$
 - For $i = 1 \dots N$
 - set $D_{t+1}(x_i) = D_t(x_i) \exp(-\alpha_t y_i h_t(x_i))$
 - Normalize D_{t+1} to make it a distribution
- The final classifier is
 - $H(x) = \text{sign}(\sum_t \alpha_t h_t(x))$

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Computing Alpha

F E H A G B C D
 0.8 0.2 0.2 0.3 0.4 0.5 0.6 0.7
 1/8 1/8 1/8 1/8 1/8 1/8 1/8 1/8

threshold
 Sign = +1, error = 1/8

Alpha = $0.5 \ln((1 - 1/8) / (1/8))$
 = $0.5 \ln(7) = 0.97$

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The Boosted Classifier Thus Far

F E H A G B C D
 0.8 0.2 0.2 0.3 0.4 0.5 0.6 0.7
 1/8 1/8 1/8 1/8 1/8 1/8 1/8 1/8

threshold
 Sign = +1, error = 1/8

Alpha = $0.5 \ln((1 - 1/8) / (1/8))$
 = $0.5 \ln(7) = 0.97$

$h_1(x) = \text{wt}(E1) > 0.45 ? +1 : -1$
 $H(x) = \text{sign}(0.97 * h_1(x))$
 It's the same as $h_1(x)$

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The ADABOOST Algorithm

- Initialize $D_1(x_i) = 1/N$
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 - Train a weak classifier h_t using distribution D_t
 - Compute total error on training data
 - $\epsilon_t = \text{Average} \{ \frac{1}{2} (1 - y_i h_t(x_i)) \}$
 - Set $\alpha_t = \frac{1}{2} \ln \left(\frac{1 - \epsilon_t}{\epsilon_t} \right)$
 - For $i = 1 \dots N$
 - set $D_{t+1}(x_i) = D_t(x_i) \exp(-\alpha_t y_i h_t(x_i))$
 - Normalize D_{t+1} to make it a distribution
- The final classifier is
 - $H(x) = \text{sign}(\sum_t \alpha_t h_t(x))$

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The Best Error

F E H A G B C D
 0.8 0.2 0.2 0.3 0.4 0.5 0.6 0.7
 1/8 1/8 1/8 1/8 1/8 1/8 1/8 1/8

threshold

$D_{t+1}(x_i) = D_t(x_i) \exp(-\alpha_t y_i h_t(x_i))$
 $\exp(\alpha_t) = \exp(0.97) = 2.63$
 $\exp(-\alpha_t) = \exp(-0.97) = 0.38$

ID	E1	E2	Class	Weight	Weight
A	0.3	-0.8	+1	$1/8 * 2.63$	0.31
B	0.5	-0.5	+1	$1/8 * 0.38$	0.05
C	0.7	-0.1	+1	$1/8 * 0.38$	0.05
D	0.6	-0.4	+1	$1/8 * 0.38$	0.05
E	0.2	0.4	-1	$1/8 * 0.38$	0.05
F	-0.8	0.1	-1	$1/8 * 0.38$	0.05
G	0.4	-0.9	-1	$1/8 * 0.38$	0.05
H	0.2	0.5	-1	$1/8 * 0.38$	0.05

Multiply the correctly classified instances by 0.38
 Multiply incorrectly classified instances by 2.63

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The ADABOOST Algorithm

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 - Compute total error on training data
 - $\epsilon_t = \text{Average} \{ \frac{1}{2} (1 - y_i h_t(x_i)) \}$
 - Set $\alpha_t = \frac{1}{2} \ln \left(\frac{1 - \epsilon_t}{\epsilon_t} \right)$
 - For $i = 1 \dots N$
 - set $D_{t+1}(x_i) = D_t(x_i) \exp(-\alpha_t y_i h_t(x_i))$
 - Normalize D_{t+1} to make it a distribution
- The final classifier is
 - $H(x) = \text{sign}(\sum_t \alpha_t h_t(x))$

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The Best Error

F E H A G B C D
 0.8 0.2 0.2 0.3 0.4 0.5 0.6 0.7
 1/8 1/8 1/8 1/8 1/8 1/8 1/8 1/8

threshold

$D' = D / \text{sum}(D)$

ID	E1	E2	Class	Weight	Weight	Weight
A	0.3	-0.8	+1	$1/8 * 2.63$	0.33	0.48
B	0.5	-0.5	+1	$1/8 * 0.38$	0.05	0.074
C	0.7	-0.1	+1	$1/8 * 0.38$	0.05	0.074
D	0.6	-0.4	+1	$1/8 * 0.38$	0.05	0.074
E	0.2	0.4	-1	$1/8 * 0.38$	0.05	0.074
F	-0.8	0.1	-1	$1/8 * 0.38$	0.05	0.074
G	0.4	-0.9	-1	$1/8 * 0.38$	0.05	0.074
H	0.2	0.5	-1	$1/8 * 0.38$	0.05	0.074

Multiply the correctly classified instances by 0.38
 Multiply incorrectly classified instances by 2.63
 Normalize to sum to 1.0

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The Best Error

F E H A G B C D
 0.8 0.2 0.2 0.3 0.4 0.5 0.6 0.7
 1/8 1/8 1/8 1/8 1/8 1/8 1/8 1/8

threshold

$D' = D / \text{sum}(D)$

ID	E1	E2	Class	Weight
A	0.3	-0.8	+1	0.48
B	0.5	-0.5	+1	0.074
C	0.7	-0.1	+1	0.074
D	0.6	-0.4	+1	0.074
E	0.2	0.4	-1	0.074
F	-0.8	0.1	-1	0.074
G	0.4	-0.9	-1	0.074
H	0.2	0.5	-1	0.074

Multiply the correctly classified instances by 0.38
 Multiply incorrectly classified instances by 2.63
 Normalize to sum to 1.0

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The ADABOOST Algorithm

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 - Train a weak classifier h_t using distribution D_t
 - Compute total error on training data
 - $\epsilon_t = \text{Average} \{ \frac{1}{2} (1 - y_i h_t(x_i)) \}$
 - Set $\alpha_t = \frac{1}{2} \ln \left(\frac{\epsilon_t}{1 - \epsilon_t} \right)$
 - For $i = 1 \dots N$
 - set $D_{t+1}(x_i) = D_t(x_i) \exp(-\alpha_t y_i h_t(x_i))$
 - Normalize D_{t+1} to make it a distribution
- The final classifier is
 - $H(x) = \text{sign}(\sum_t \alpha_t h_t(x))$

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E1 classifier

Classifier based on E1:
if (sign*wt(E1) > thresh) > 0)
face = true

sign = +1 or -1

threshold

Sign = +1, error = 0.222
Sign = -1, error = 0.778

ID	E1	E2	Class	Weight
A	0.3	-0.6	+1	0.48
B	0.5	-0.5	+1	0.074
C	0.7	-0.1	+1	0.074
D	0.6	-0.4	+1	0.074
E	0.2	0.4	-1	0.074
F	-0.8	0.1	-1	0.074
G	0.4	-0.9	-1	0.074
H	0.2	0.5	-1	0.074

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E1 classifier

Classifier based on E1:
if (sign*wt(E1) > thresh) > 0)
face = true

sign = +1 or -1

threshold

Sign = +1, error = 0.148
Sign = -1, error = 0.852

ID	E1	E2	Class	Weight
A	0.3	-0.6	+1	0.48
B	0.5	-0.5	+1	0.074
C	0.7	-0.1	+1	0.074
D	0.6	-0.4	+1	0.074
E	0.2	0.4	-1	0.074
F	-0.8	0.1	-1	0.074
G	0.4	-0.9	-1	0.074
H	0.2	0.5	-1	0.074

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The Best E1 classifier

Classifier based on E1:
if (sign*wt(E1) > thresh) > 0)
face = true

sign = +1 or -1

threshold

Sign = +1, error = 0.074

ID	E1	E2	Class	Weight
A	0.3	-0.6	+1	0.48
B	0.5	-0.5	+1	0.074
C	0.7	-0.1	+1	0.074
D	0.6	-0.4	+1	0.074
E	0.2	0.4	-1	0.074
F	-0.8	0.1	-1	0.074
G	0.4	-0.9	-1	0.074
H	0.2	0.5	-1	0.074

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The Best E2 classifier

Classifier based on E2:
if (sign*wt(E2) > thresh) > 0)
face = true

sign = +1 or -1

threshold

Sign = -1, error = 0.148

ID	E1	E2	Class	Weight
A	0.3	-0.6	+1	0.48
B	0.5	-0.5	+1	0.074
C	0.7	-0.1	+1	0.074
D	0.6	-0.4	+1	0.074
E	0.2	0.4	-1	0.074
F	-0.8	0.1	-1	0.074
G	0.4	-0.9	-1	0.074
H	0.2	0.5	-1	0.074

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The Best Classifier

Classifier based on E1:
if (wt(E1) > 0.45) face = true

Alpha = $0.5 \ln((1-0.074) / 0.074)$
= 1.26

threshold

Sign = +1, error = 0.074

ID	E1	E2	Class	Weight
A	0.3	-0.6	+1	0.48
B	0.5	-0.5	+1	0.074
C	0.7	-0.1	+1	0.074
D	0.6	-0.4	+1	0.074
E	0.2	0.4	-1	0.074
F	-0.8	0.1	-1	0.074
G	0.4	-0.9	-1	0.074
H	0.2	0.5	-1	0.074

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The Boosted Classifier Thus Far

Classifier based on E1:
if (wt(E1) > 0.45) face = true

Classifier based on E2:
if (sign*wt(E2) > thresh) > 0)
face = true

threshold

threshold

$h1(X) = wt(E1) > 0.45 ? +1 : -1$

$h2(X) = wt(E2) > 0.25 ? +1 : -1$

$H(X) = \text{sign}(0.97 * h1(X) + 1.26 * h2(X))$

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Reweighting the Data

F E H A G B C D

0.3 **0.2** **0.2** **0.3** **0.4** **0.5** **0.6** **0.7**

.074 .074 .074 .48 .074 .074 .074 .074

threshold

Sign = +1, error = 0.074

$\text{Exp}(\alpha) = \exp(1.26) = 3.5$

$\text{Exp}(-\alpha) = \exp(-1.26) = 0.28$

ID	E1	E2	Class	Weight	
A	0.3	-0.6	+1	0.48*0.28	0.32
B	0.5	-0.5	+1	0.074*0.28	0.05
C	0.7	-0.1	+1	0.074*0.28	0.05
D	0.6	-0.4	+1	0.074*0.28	0.05
E	0.2	0.4	-1	0.074*0.28	0.05
F	-0.8	0.1	-1	0.074*0.28	0.05
G	0.4	-0.9	-1	0.074*3.5	0.38
H	0.2	0.5	-1	0.074*0.28	0.05

RENORMALIZE

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Reweighting the Data

F E H A G B C D

0.3 **0.2** **0.2** **0.3** **0.4** **0.5** **0.6** **0.7**

.074 .074 .074 .48 .074 .074 .074 .074

threshold

Sign = +1, error = 0.074

NOTE: THE WEIGHT OF "G" WHICH WAS MISCLASSIFIED BY THE SECOND CLASSIFIER IS NOW SUDDENLY HIGH

ID	E1	E2	Class	Weight	
A	0.3	-0.6	+1	0.48*0.28	0.32
B	0.5	-0.5	+1	0.074*0.28	0.05
C	0.7	-0.1	+1	0.074*0.28	0.05
D	0.6	-0.4	+1	0.074*0.28	0.05
E	0.2	0.4	-1	0.074*0.28	0.05
F	-0.8	0.1	-1	0.074*0.28	0.05
G	0.4	-0.9	-1	0.074*3.5	0.38
H	0.2	0.5	-1	0.074*0.28	0.05

RENORMALIZE

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AdaBoost

- In this example both of our first two classifiers were based on E1
 - Additional classifiers may switch to E2
- In general, the reweighting of the data will result in a different feature being picked for each classifier
- This also automatically gives us a *feature selection* strategy
 - In this data the wt(E1) is the most important feature

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AdaBoost

- NOT required to go with the best classifier so far
- For instance, for our second classifier, we might use the best E2 classifier, even though its worse than the E1 classifier
 - So long as its right more than 50% of the time
- We can *continue* to add classifiers even after we get 100% classification of the training data
 - Because the weights of the data keep changing
 - Adding new classifiers beyond this point is often a good thing to do

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ADA Boost

= 0.4 E1 - 0.4 E2

E₁

E₂

- The final classifier is
 - $H(x) = \text{sign}(\sum_t \alpha_t h_t(x))$
- The output is 1 if the total weight of all weak learners that classify x as 1 is greater than the total weight of all weak learners that classify it as -1

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Boosting and Face Detection

- Boosting is the basis of one of the most popular methods for face detection: The Viola-Jones algorithm
 - Current methods use other classifiers like SVMs, but adaboost classifiers remain easy to implement and popular
 - OpenCV implements Viola Jones..

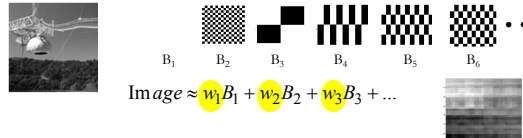
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The problem of face detection

- 1. Defining Features
 - Should we be searching for noses, eyes, eyebrows etc.?
 - Nice, but expensive
 - Or something simpler
- 2. Selecting Features
 - Of all the possible features we can think of, which ones make sense
- 3. Classification: Combining evidence
 - How does one combine the evidence from the different features?

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Features: The Viola Jones Method



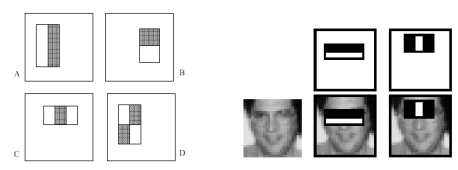
$Image \approx w_1 B_1 + w_2 B_2 + w_3 B_3 + \dots$

- Integral Features!!
 - Like the Checkerboard
- The same principle as we used to decompose images in terms of checkerboards:
 - The image of any object has changes at various scales
 - These can be represented coarsely by a checkerboard pattern
- The checkerboard patterns must however now be *localized*
 - Stay within the region of the face

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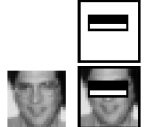
Features

- Checkerboard Patterns to represent facial features
 - The white areas are subtracted from the black ones.
 - Each checkerboard explains a *localized* portion of the image
- Four types of checkerboard patterns (only)



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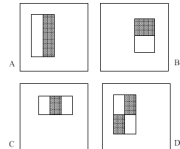
Explaining a portion of the face with a checker..



- How much is the difference in average intensity of the image in the black and white regions
 - $Sum(\text{pixel values in white region}) - Sum(\text{pixel values in black region})$
- This is actually the dot product of the region of the face covered by the rectangle and the checkered pattern itself
 - White = 1, Black = -1

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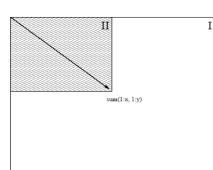
"Integral" features



- Each checkerboard has the following characteristics
 - Length
 - Width
 - Type
 - Specifies the number and arrangement of bands
- The four checkerboards above are the four used by Viola and Jones

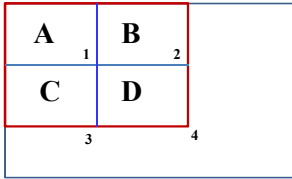
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Integral images

- Summed area tables
 
- For each pixel store the sum of ALL pixels to the left of and above it.

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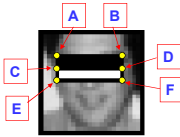
Fast Computation of Pixel Sums



- To compute the sum of the pixels within "D":
 - Pixelsum(1) = Area(A)
 - Pixelsum(2) = Area(A) + Area(B)
 - Pixelsum(3) = Area(A) + Area(C)
 - Pixelsum(4) = Area(A)+Area(B)+Area(C) +Area(D)
- Area(D) = Pixelsum(4) – Pixelsum(2) – Pixelsum(3) + Pixelsum(1)

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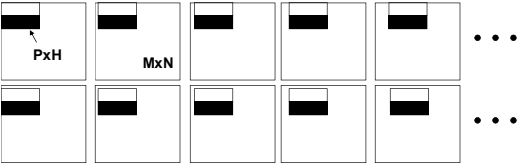
A Fast Way to Compute the Feature



- Store pixel table for every pixel in the image
 - The sum of all pixel values to the left of and above the pixel
- Let A, B, C, D, E, F be the pixel table values at the locations shown
 - Total pixel value of black area = D + A – B – C
 - Total pixel value of white area = F + C – D – E
 - Feature value = (F + C – D – E) – (D + A – B – C)

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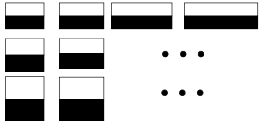
How many features?



- Each checker board of width P and height H can start at any of (N-P)(M-H) pixels
- (M-H)*(N-P) possible starting locations
 - Each is a unique checker feature
 - E.g. at one location it may measure the forehead, at another the chin

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How many features



- Each feature can have many sizes
 - Width from (min) to (max) pixels
 - Height from (min ht) to (max ht) pixels
- At each size, there can be many starting locations
 - Total number of possible checkerboards of one type: No. of possible sizes x No. of possible locations
- There are four types of checkerboards
 - Total no. of possible checkerboards: VERY VERY LARGE!

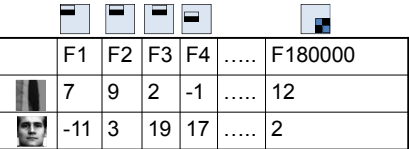
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Learning: No. of features

- Analysis performed on images of 24x24 pixels only
 - Reduces the no. of possible features to about 180000
- Restrict checkerboard size
 - Minimum of 8 pixels wide
 - Minimum of 8 pixels high
 - Other limits, e.g. 4 pixels may be used too
 - Reduces no. of checkerboards to about 50000

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No. of features



	F1	F2	F3	F4	F180000
	7	9	2	-1	12
	-11	3	19	17	2

- Each possible checkerboard gives us one feature
- A total of up to 180000 features derived from a 24x24 image!
- Every 24x24 image is now represented by a set of 180000 numbers
 - This is the set of features we will use for classifying if it is a face or not!

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The Classifier

- The Viola-Jones algorithm uses a simple Boosting based classifier
- Each “weak learner” is a simple threshold
- At each stage find the best feature to classify the data with
 - I.e the feature that gives us the best classification of all the training data
 - Training data includes many examples of faces and non-face images
 - The classification rule is of the kind
 - If feature > threshold, face (or if feature < threshold, face)
 - The optimal value of “threshold” must also be determined.

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The Weak Learner

- Training (for each weak learner):
 - For each feature f (of all 180000 features)
 - Find a threshold $\theta(f)$ and polarity $p(f)$ ($p(f) = -1$ or $p(f) = 1$) such that $(f > p(f) \theta(f))$ performs the best classification of faces
 - Lowest overall error in classifying all training data
 - » Error counted over *weighted* samples
 - Let the optimal overall error for f be $error(f)$
 - Find the feature f' such that $error(f')$ is lowest
 - The weak learner is the test $(f' > p(f') \theta(f')) \Rightarrow$ face
- Note that the procedure for learning weak learners also identifies the most useful features for face recognition

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The Viola Jones Classifier

- A boosted threshold-based classifier
- First weak learner: Find the best feature, and its optimal threshold
 - Second weak learner: Find the best feature, for the weighted training data, and its threshold (weighting from one weak learner)
 - Third weak learner: Find the best feature for the weighted data and its optimal threshold (weighting from two weak learners)
 - Fourth weak learner: Find the best feature for the weighted data and its optimal threshold (weighting from three weak learners)
 - » ..

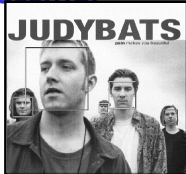
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To Train

- Collect a large number of histogram equalized facial images
 - Resize all of them to 24x24
 - These are our “face” training set
- Collect a much much much larger set of 24x24 non-face images of all kinds
 - Each of them is histogram equalized
 - These are our “non-face” training set
- Train a boosted classifier

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The Viola Jones Classifier



- During tests:
 - Given any new 24x24 image
 - $R = \sum_i \alpha_i (f > p_i \theta(f))$
 - Only a small number of features ($f < 100$) typically used
- Problems:
 - Only classifies 24 x 24 images entirely as faces or non-faces
 - Pictures are typically much larger
 - They may contain many faces
 - Faces in pictures can be much larger or smaller
 - Not accurate enough

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Multiple faces in the picture



- Scan the image
 - Classify each 24x24 rectangle from the photo
 - All rectangles that get classified as having a face indicate the location of a face
- For an $N \times M$ picture, we will perform $(N-24) \times (M-24)$ classifications
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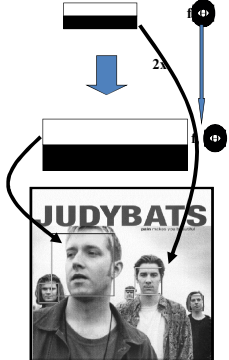


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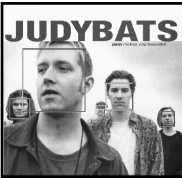
Picture size solution

- We already have a classifier
 - That uses weak learners
- *Scale each classifier*
 - Every weak learner
 - Scale its size up by factor α . Scale the threshold up to $\alpha\theta$.
 - Do this for many scaling factors



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Overall solution



- Scan the picture with classifiers of size 24x24
- Scale the classifier to 26x26 and scan
- Scale to 28x28 and scan etc.
- Faces of different sizes will be found at different scales

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False Rejection vs. False detection

- False Rejection: There's a face in the image, but the classifier misses it
 - Rejects the hypothesis that there's a face
- False detection: Recognizes a face when there is none.
- Classifier:
 - Standard boosted classifier: $H(x) = \text{sign}(\sum_t \alpha_t h_t(x))$
 - Modified classifier $H(x) = \text{sign}(\sum_t \alpha_t h_t(x) + Y)$
 - $\sum_t \alpha_t h_t(x)$ is a measure of certainty
 - The higher it is, the more certain we are that we found a face
 - If Y is large, then we assume the presence of a face even when we are not sure
 - By increasing Y, we can reduce false rejection, while increasing false detection

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ROC

- Ideally false rejection will be 0%, false detection will also be 0%
- As Y increases, we reject faces less and less
 - But accept increasing amounts of garbage as faces
- Can set Y so that we rarely miss a face

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Problem: Not accurate enough, too slow

- If we set Y high enough, we will never miss a face
 - But will classify a lot of junk as faces
- Solution: Classify the output of the first classifier with a second classifier
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Useful Features Learned by Boosting

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A Cascade of Classifiers

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Detection in Real Images

- Basic classifier operates on 24 x 24 subwindows
- Scaling:
 - Scale the detector (rather than the images)
 - Features can easily be evaluated at any scale
 - Scale by factors of 1.25
- Location:
 - Move detector around the image (e.g., 1 pixel increments)
- Final Detections
 - A real face may result in multiple nearby detections
 - Postprocess detected subwindows to combine overlapping detections into a single detection

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Training

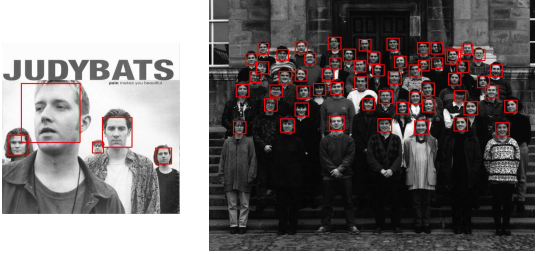
- In paper, 24x24 images of faces and non faces (positive and negative examples).



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Sample results using the Viola-Jones Detector

- Notice detection at multiple scales



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More Detection Examples



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Practical implementation

- Details discussed in Viola-Jones paper
- Training time = weeks (with 5k faces and 9.5k non-faces)
- Final detector has 38 layers in the cascade, 6060 features
- 700 Mhz processor:
 - Can process a 384 x 288 image in 0.067 seconds (in 2003 when paper was written)

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