

# Ensemble methods

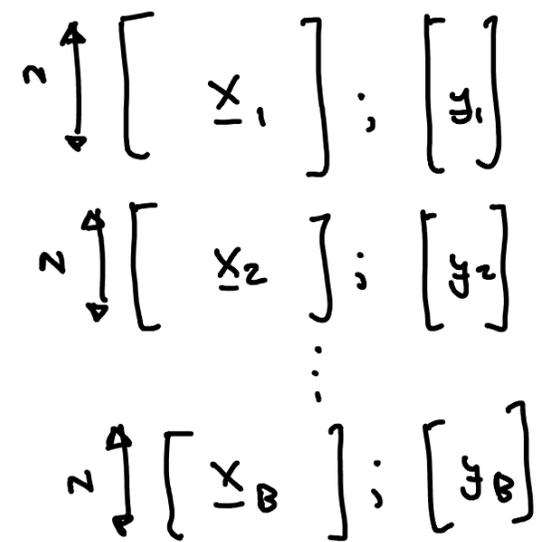
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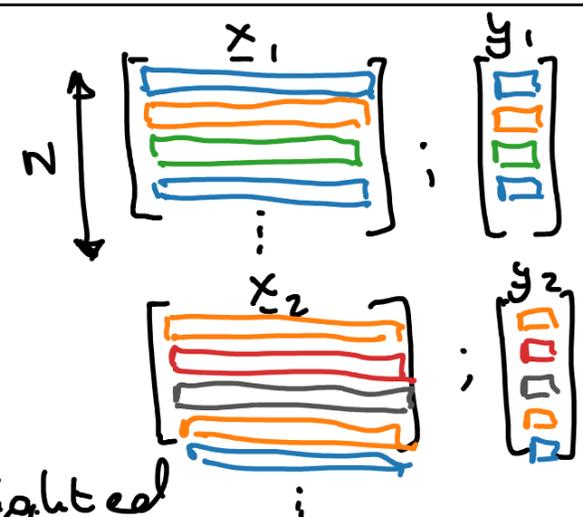
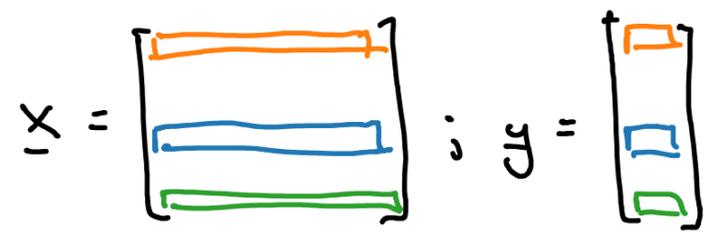
Bagging:

$$\underline{x} = \begin{bmatrix} - (x^{(1)})^T - \\ - (x^{(2)})^T - \\ \vdots \\ - (x^{(n)})^T - \end{bmatrix} \quad \underline{y} = \begin{bmatrix} y^{(1)} \\ y^{(2)} \\ \vdots \\ y^{(n)} \end{bmatrix}$$



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Regression  
 Classification: Majority or weighted voting

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Random forests

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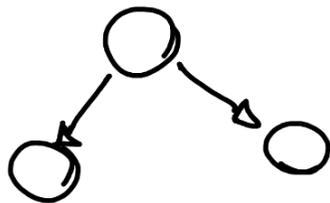
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## Random forests:

- Specifically used with decision and regression trees.
- Use bagging: Train each tree on different bootstrap sample. But then also...
- Every time we split, only consider  $M < D$  random features
- $M = \sqrt{D}$  is often used

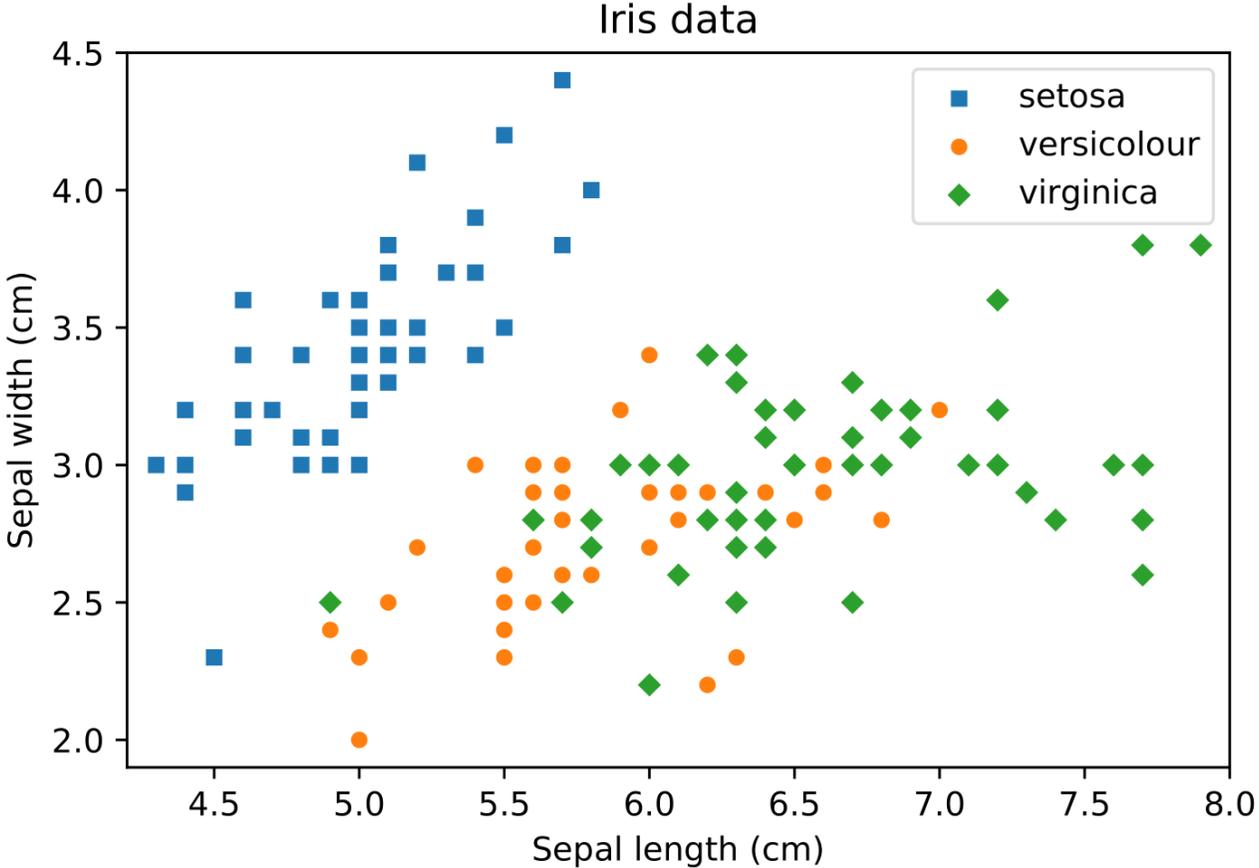
Input:  $\underline{x} \in \mathbb{R}^D$

$x_1, \cancel{x_2}, x_3, \dots, \cancel{x_D}$

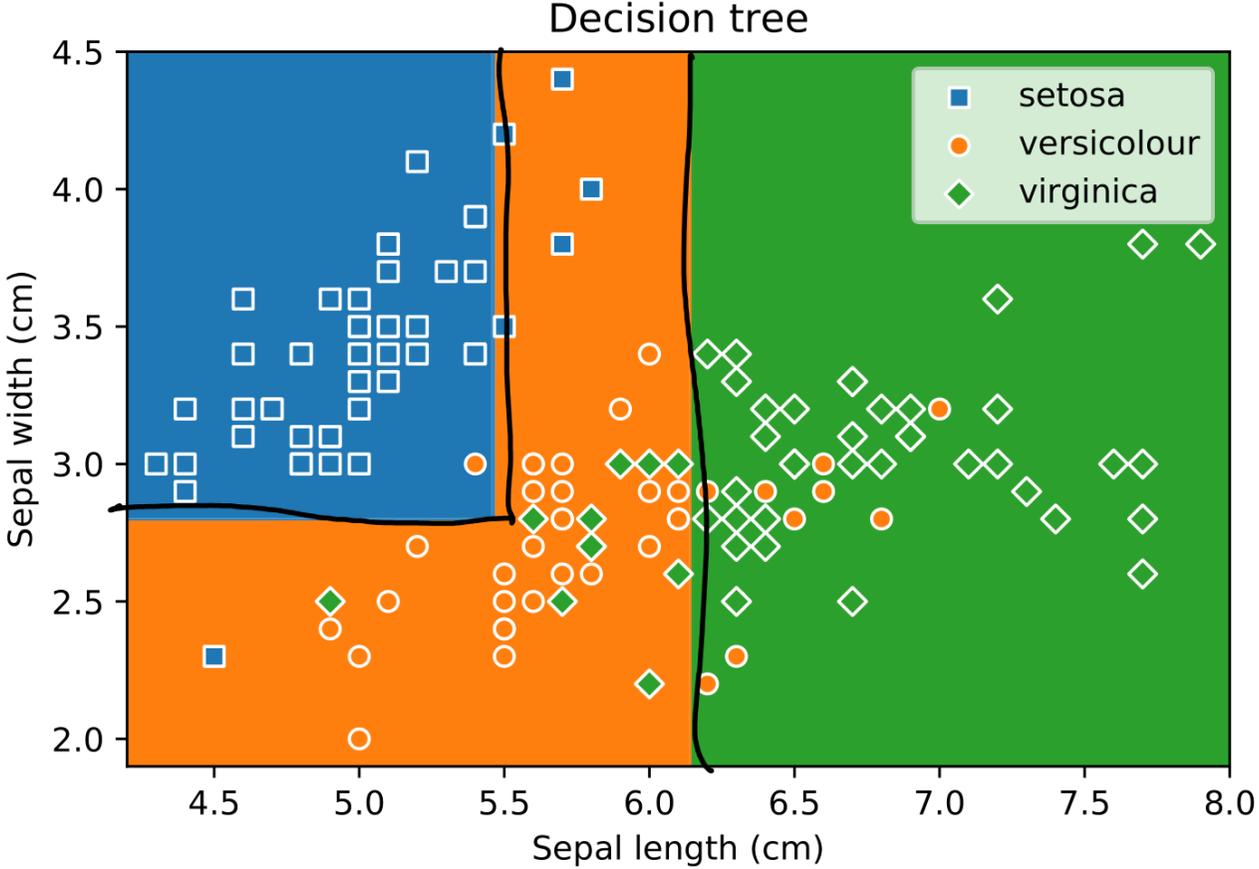


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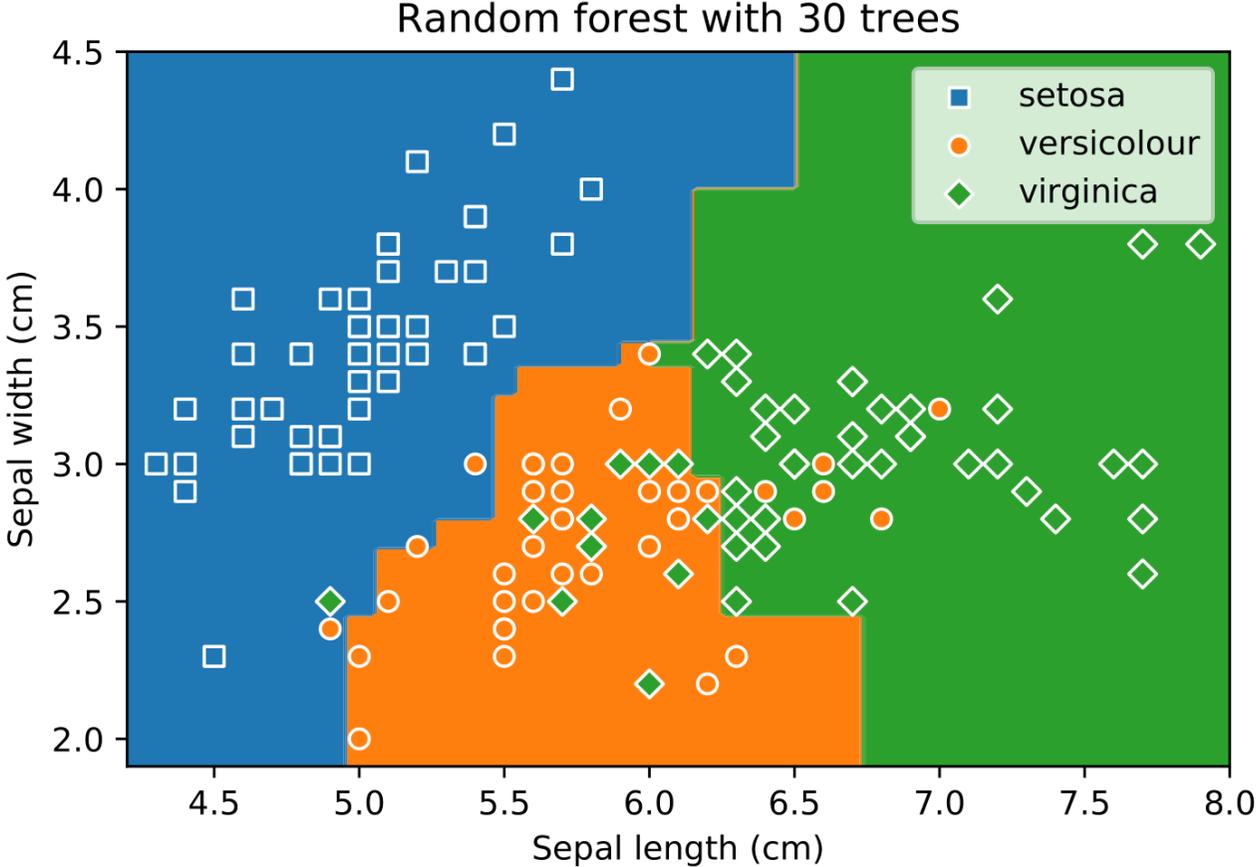
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Boosting for regression

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Can we combine multiple weak models (just a little bit better than random) into a "strong" model.

- Different from bagging in that we train one model, look at mistakes, only then train next
- Can be used with any weak models.

# Boosting for regression

1. Initialise  $r^{(n)} = y^{(n)}$  for all  $N$  training items and set  $f(\mathbf{x}; \boldsymbol{\theta}) = 0$ .

2. for iteration  $b = 1$  to  $B$ :

(a) Fit model  $f_b(\mathbf{x}; \boldsymbol{\theta}_b)$  to inputs  $\mathbf{X}$ , outputs  $\mathbf{r}$ .

(b) Update model by adding shrunken version:

$$f(\mathbf{x}; \boldsymbol{\theta}) \leftarrow f(\mathbf{x}; \boldsymbol{\theta}) + \lambda f_b(\mathbf{x}; \boldsymbol{\theta}_b)$$

(c) Update the residuals:

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3. Final model:  $f(\mathbf{x}; \boldsymbol{\theta}) = \sum_{b=1}^B \lambda f_b(\mathbf{x}; \boldsymbol{\theta}_b)$

$$\underline{\mathbf{X}} = \begin{bmatrix} - (\underline{\mathbf{x}}^{(1)})^T - \\ - (\underline{\mathbf{x}}^{(2)})^T - \\ \vdots \\ - (\underline{\mathbf{x}}^{(N)})^T - \end{bmatrix} ; \quad \underline{\mathbf{r}} = \begin{bmatrix} r^{(1)} \\ r^{(2)} \\ \vdots \\ r^{(N)} \end{bmatrix}$$

At  $b=1$ :

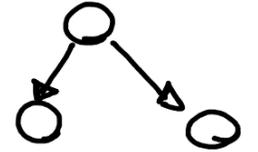
$\underline{\mathbf{r}} = \underline{\mathbf{y}}$ , so we are just fitting a model to inputs  $\underline{\mathbf{X}}$ , outputs  $\underline{\mathbf{y}}$

At  $b > 1$ :

Fitting a model to the residuals.

# Boosting for regression

Weak learner:



Decision tree stub (only one split)

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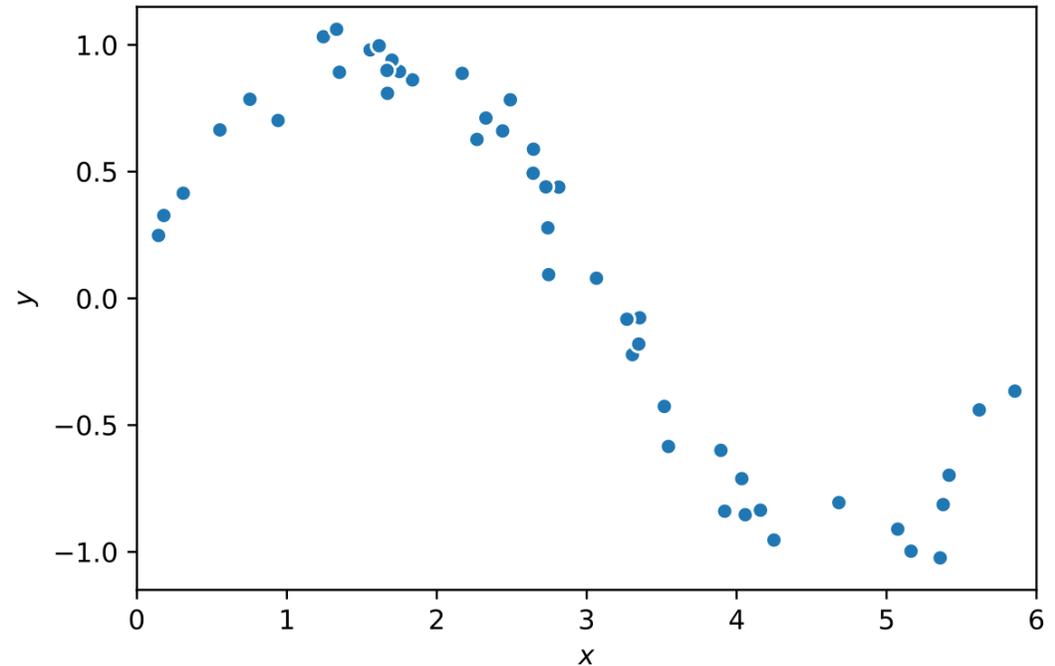
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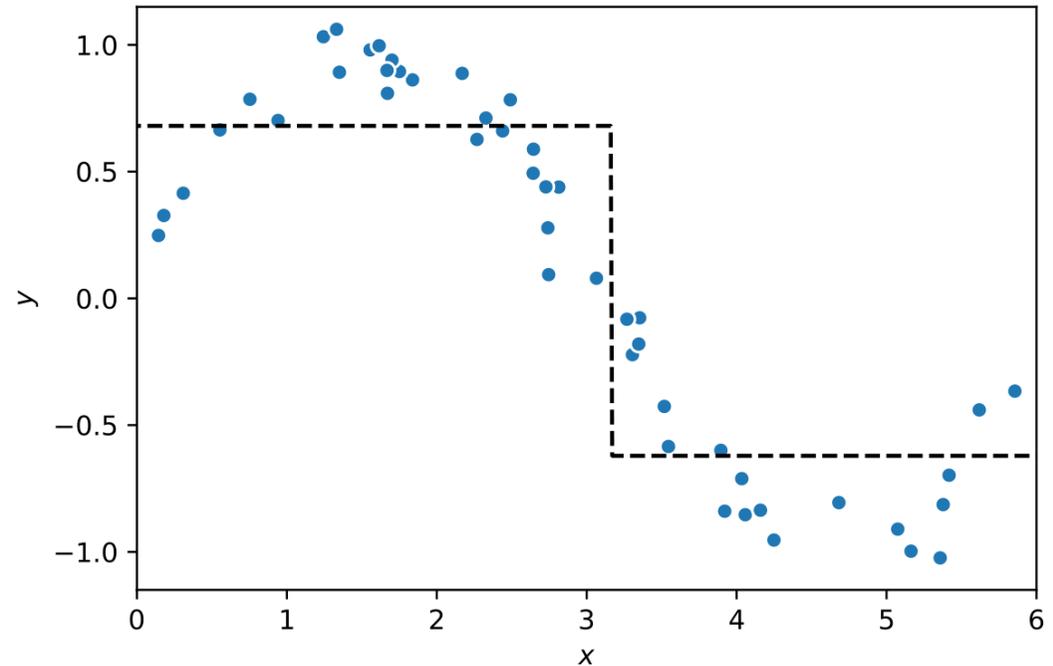
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$$f_b(\mathbf{x}; \boldsymbol{\theta}_b)$$

Model trained at iteration  $b = 1$



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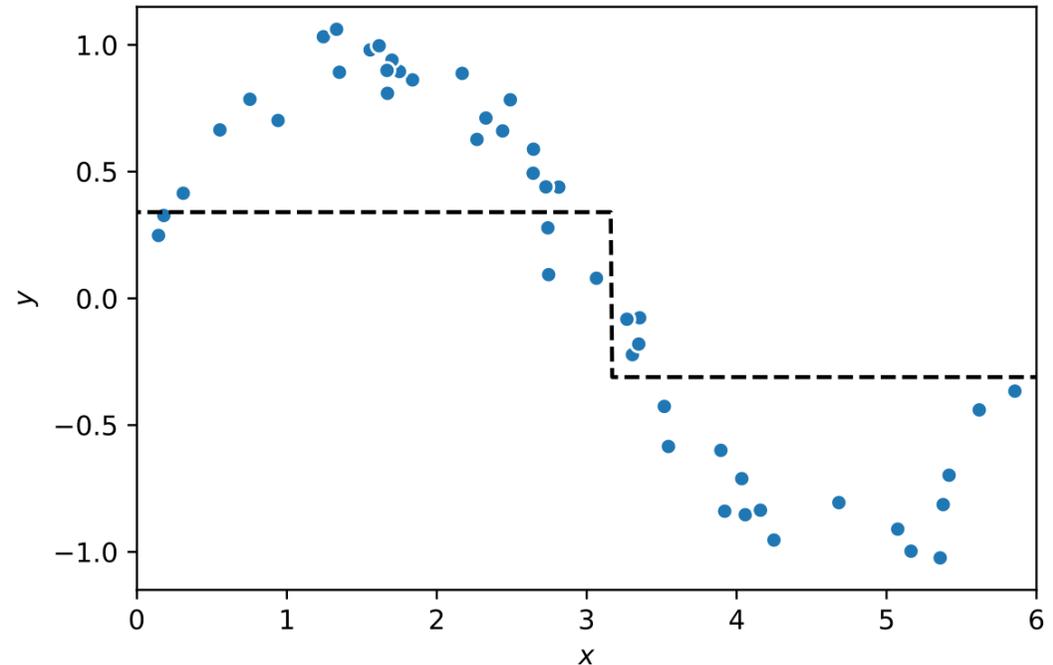
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$$\lambda f_b(\mathbf{x}; \boldsymbol{\theta}_b)$$

Shrunken model output at iteration  $b = 1$



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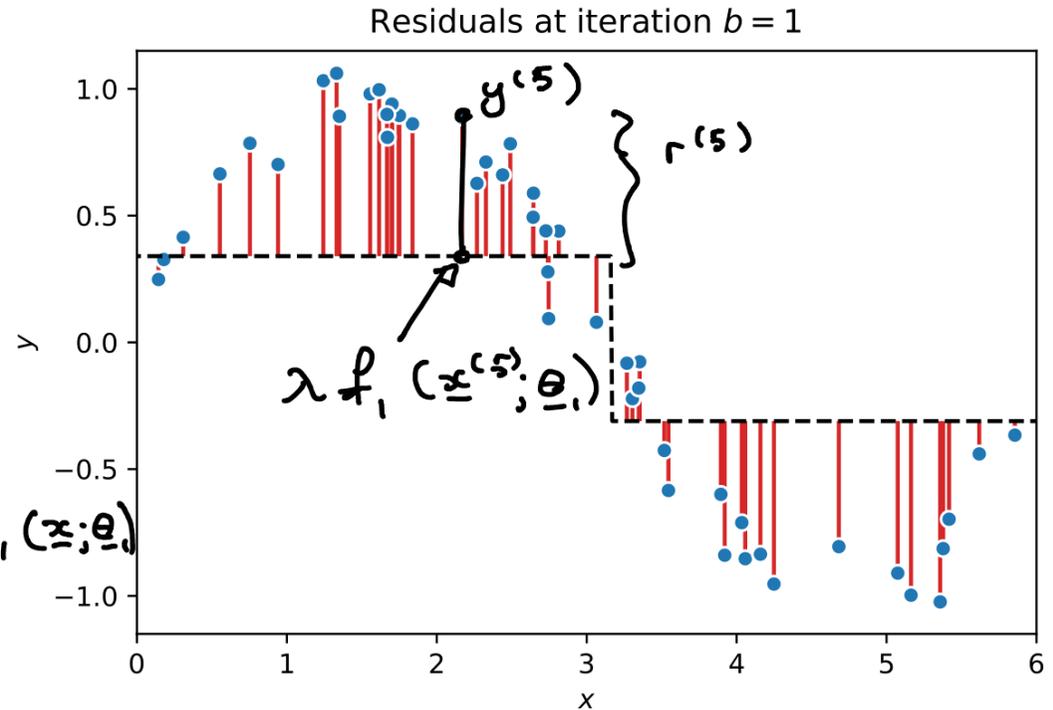
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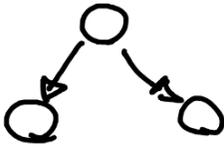
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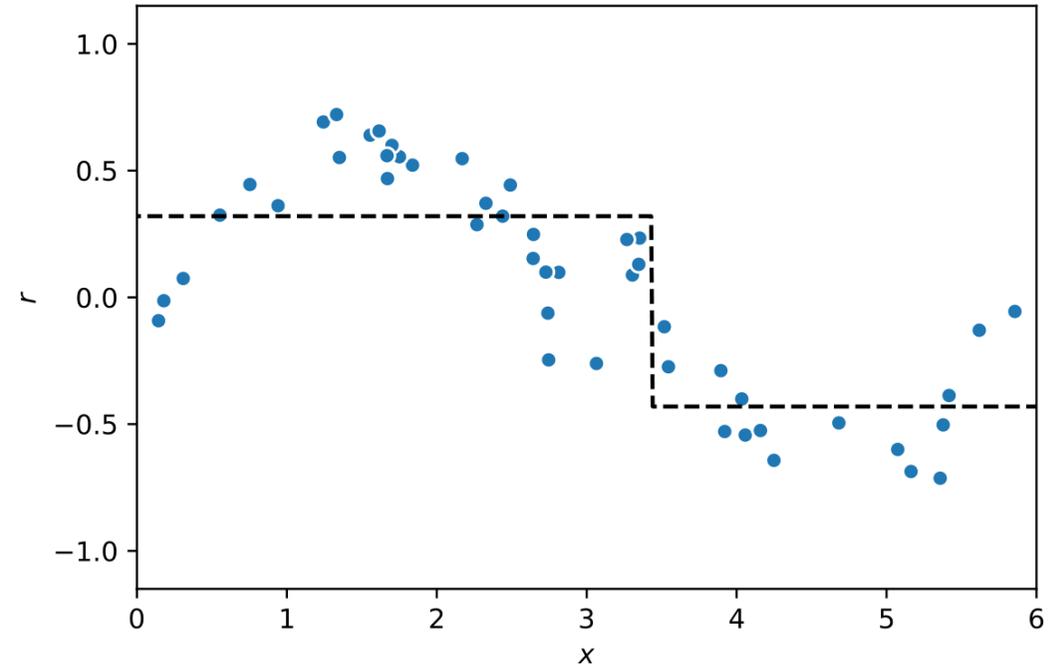
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$$f_2(x; \boldsymbol{\theta}_2)$$

Model trained at iteration  $b = 2$



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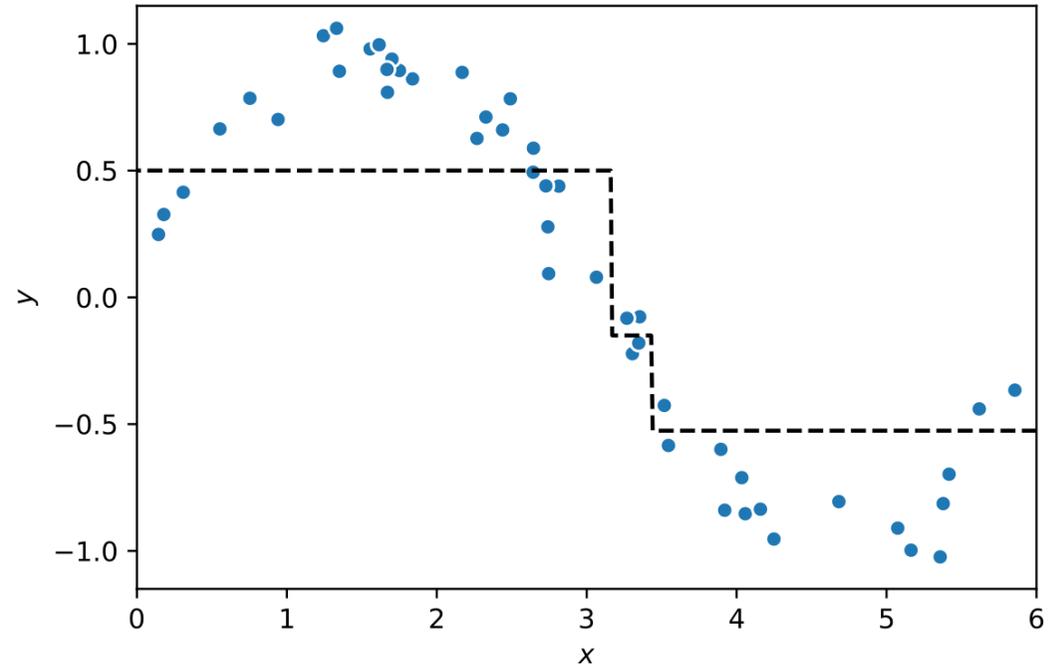
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$$\lambda f_2(\mathbf{x}; \boldsymbol{\theta}_2) + \lambda f_1(\mathbf{x}; \boldsymbol{\theta}_1)$$

Combined model output at iteration  $b = 2$



[Compare to 3 slides back]

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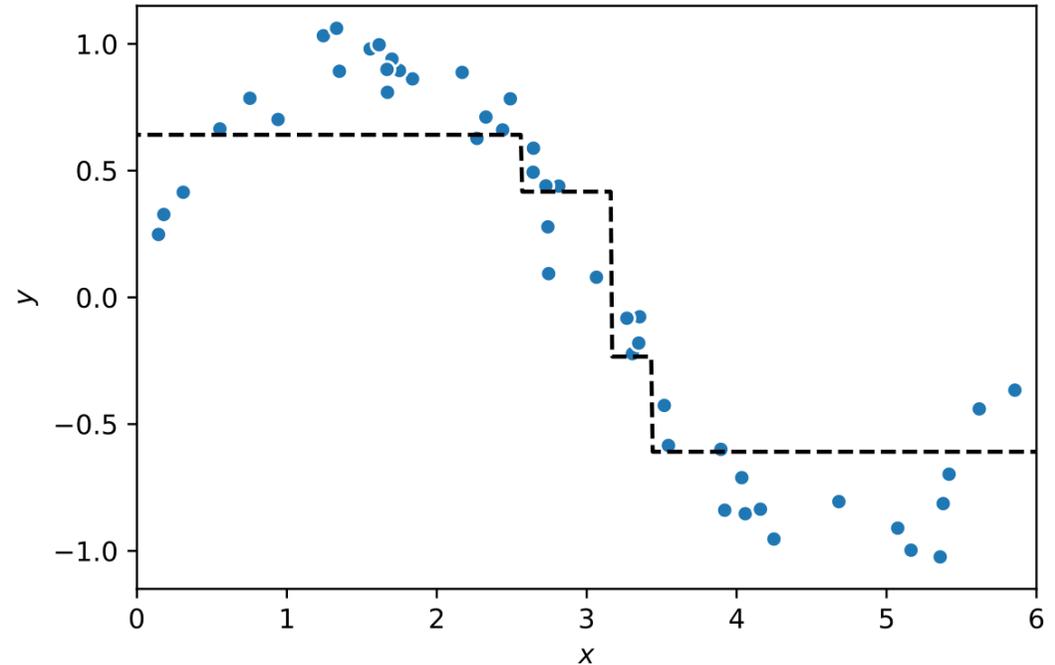
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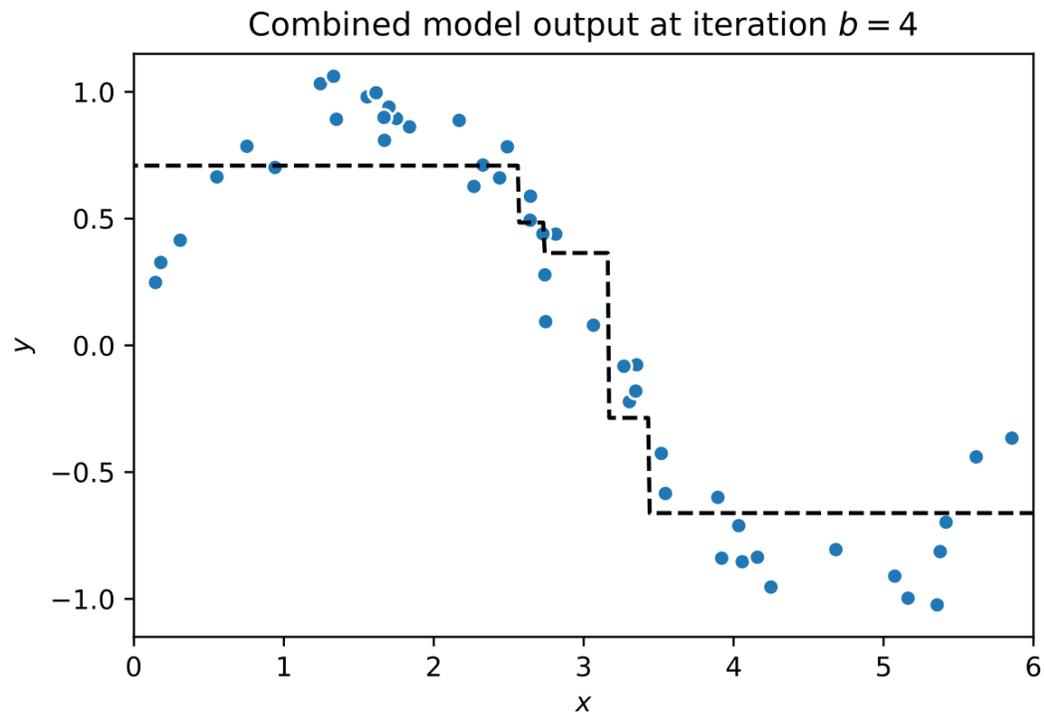
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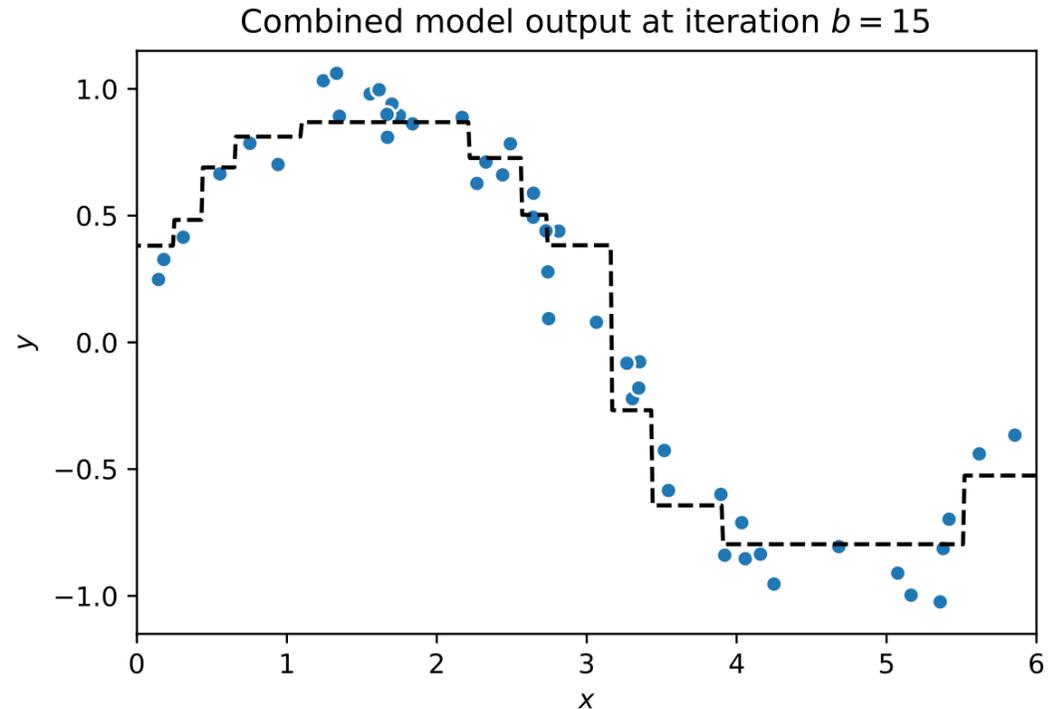
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AdaBoost: Boosting for classification

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Combine weak  
(slightly better  
than random)

- Binary classification
- Building block (principles) for classification models often used in practice

# AdaBoost: Boosting for classification

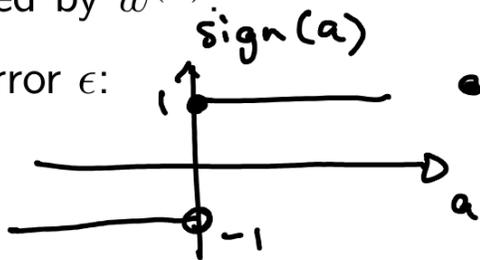
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3. Final model:  $f(\mathbf{x}; \theta) = \text{sign} \left[ \sum_{b=1}^B \lambda_b f_b(\mathbf{x}; \theta_b) \right]$

Setting:

- Binary classification:  $y \in \{-1, 1\}$

- Going to train  $B$  models, each  $f_b(\mathbf{x}; \theta_b) \in \{-1, 1\}$

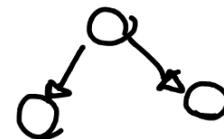
- Going to combine weighted votes:

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$$\begin{matrix} w^{(1)} \\ w^{(2)} \\ \vdots \\ w^{(N)} \end{matrix} \begin{bmatrix} -(\mathbf{x}^{(1)})^T & - & y^{(1)} \\ -(\mathbf{x}^{(2)}) & - & y^{(2)} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \end{bmatrix}$$

# AdaBoost: Boosting for classification

Weak classifier:



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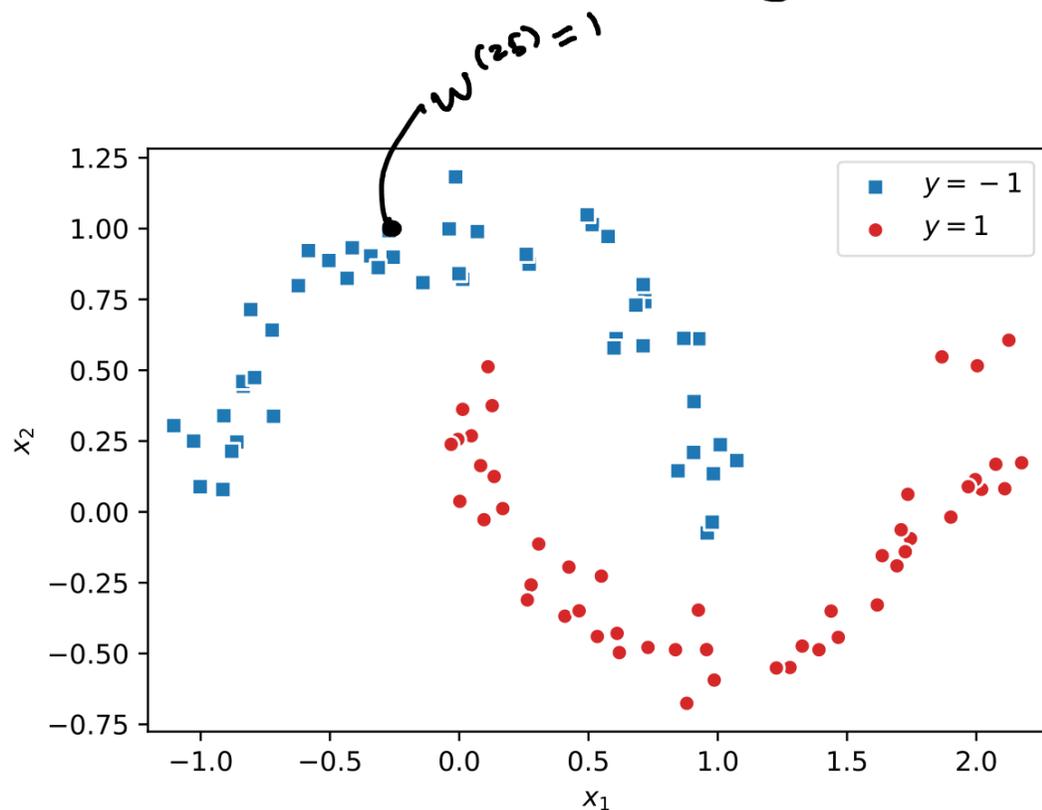
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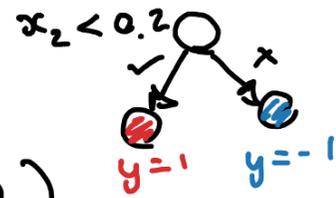
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$$f_1(\mathbf{x}; \theta_1)$$

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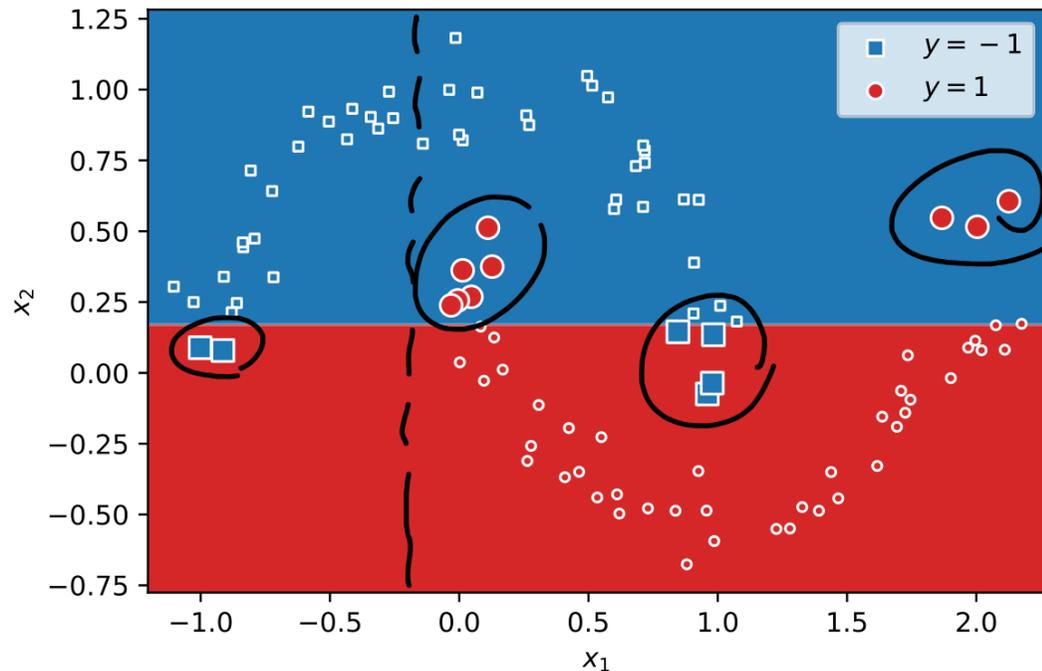
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(b) Set model weight using error  $\epsilon$ :

$$\lambda_b = \frac{1}{2} \log \left( \frac{1 - \epsilon}{\epsilon} \right) \quad \lambda_2 = 0.52$$

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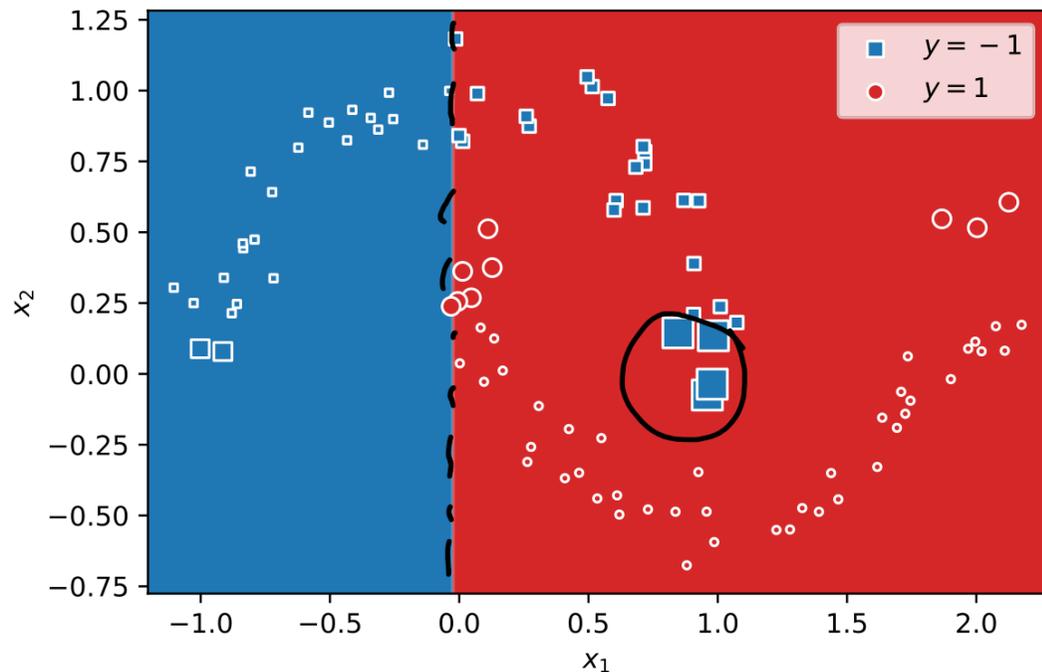
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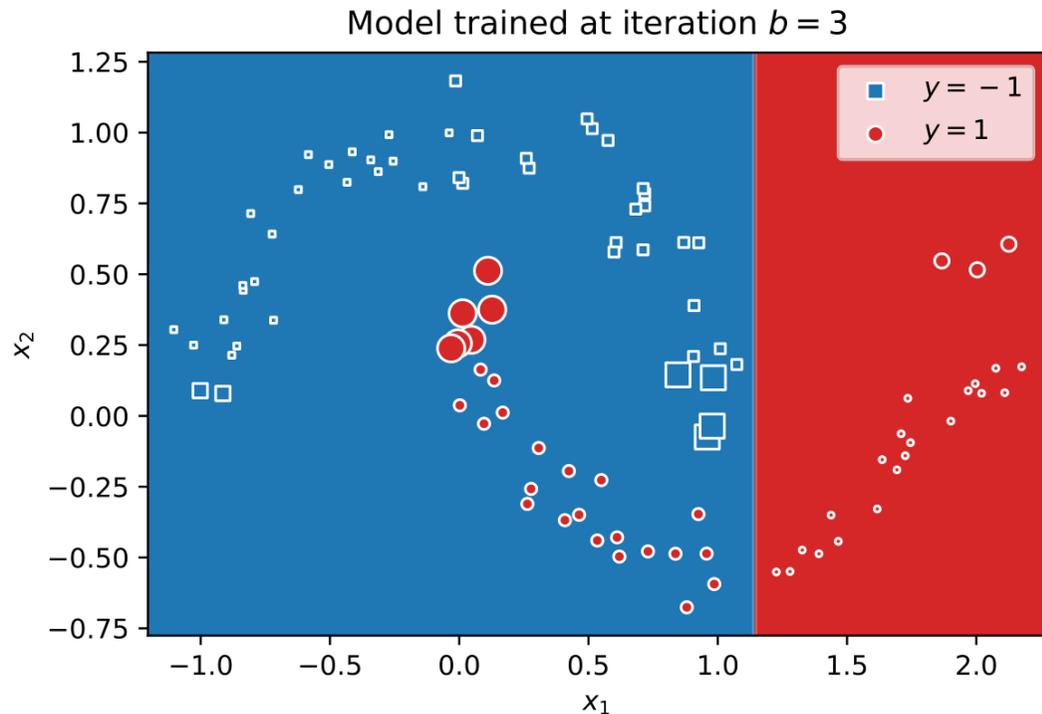
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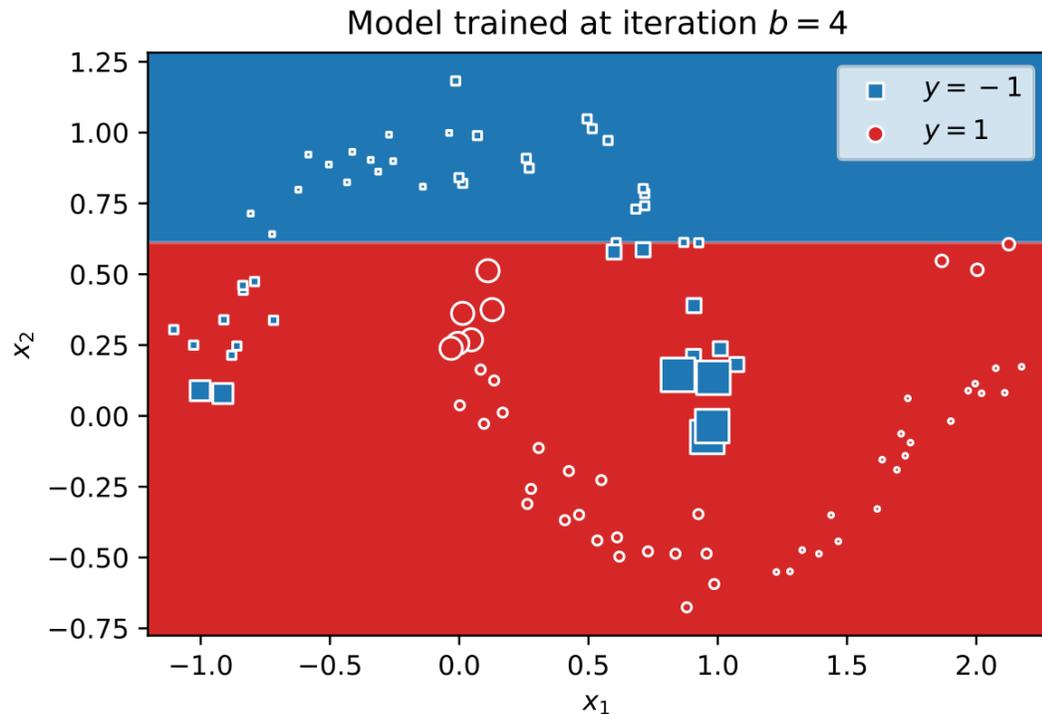
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1. Initialise training item weights  $w^{(n)} = 1$  for all  $N$  training items.

2. for iteration  $b = 1$  to  $B$ :

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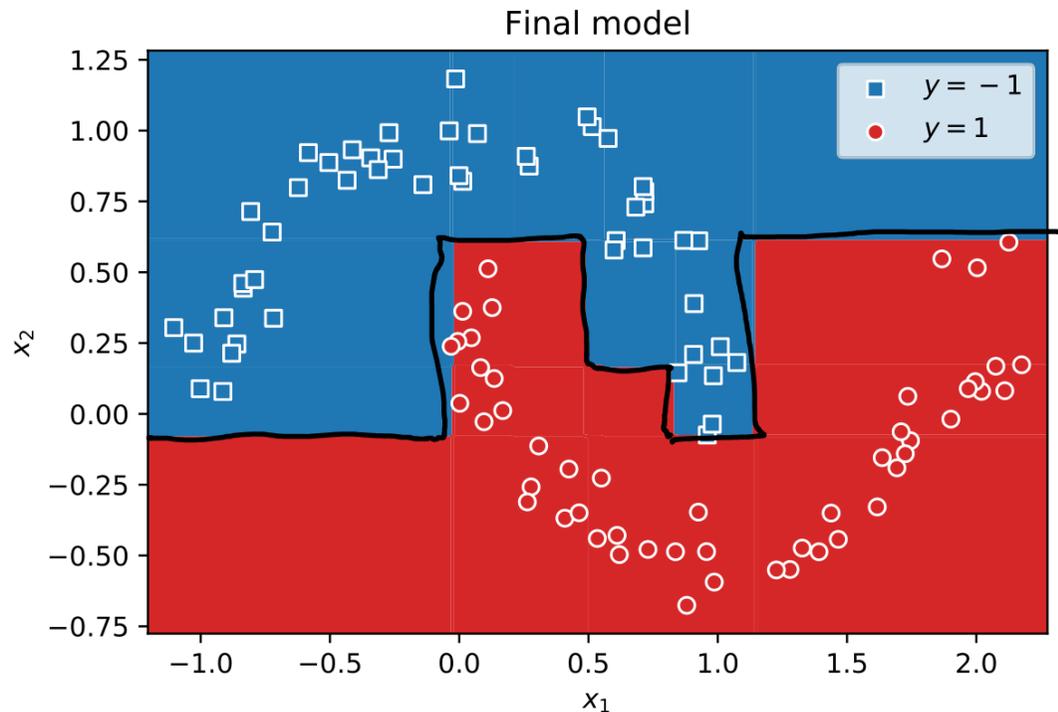
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If  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$  (very good classifier)

then  $\lambda_b$  big

If  $\epsilon \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}$  (bad/random classifier)

then  $\lambda_b \rightarrow 0$

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(c) Correct:  $w^{(n)} \leftarrow w^{(n)} \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon}{1 - \epsilon}}$

Incorrect:  $w^{(n)} \leftarrow w^{(n)} \sqrt{\frac{1 - \epsilon}{\epsilon}}$

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Further reading:

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