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CPSC 425: Computer Vision



Lecture 20: Image Classification (part 4)

Menu for Today (March 24, 2020)

Topics:

- Decision Tree
- Boosting

Redings:

- Today's Lecture: Forsyth & Ponce (2nd ed.) 16.1.3, 16.1.4, 16.1.9
- Next Lecture:

Reminders:

- Assignment 5 is due Tuesday, March 31st
- Midterm review
- **Final** structure / grading announced



Forsyth & Ponce (2nd ed.) 17.1–17.2





A decision tree is a simple non-linear parametric classifier

A data point starts at the root and recursively proceeds to the child node determined by the feature test, until it reaches a leaf node

- Consists of a tree in which each internal node is associated with a feature test
- The leaf node stores a class label or a probability distribution over class labels

Learning a decision tree from a training set involves selecting an efficient sequence of feature tests

Example: Waiting for a restaurant table

Example	Attributes										Target
	Alt	Bar	Fri	Hun	Pat	Price	Rain	Res	Type	Est	WillWait
X_1	T	F	F	T	Some	\$\$\$	F	Т	French	0–10	T
X_2	T	F	F	T	Full	\$	F	F	Thai	30–60	<i>F</i>
X_3	F	T	F	F	Some	\$	F	F	Burger	0–10	
X_4	T	F		T	Full	\$	F	F	Thai	10–30	
X_5	T	F		F	Full	\$\$\$	F	Т	French	>60	F
X_6	F	T	F	T	Some	\$\$	Т	Т	Italian	0–10	T
X_7	F	T	F	F	None	\$	Т	F	Burger	0–10	F
X_8	F	F	F	T	Some	\$\$	Т	T	Thai	0–10	T
X_9	F	T	T	F	Full	\$	Т	F	Burger	>60	F
X_{10}	T	T	T	T	Full	\$\$\$	F	Т	Italian	10–30	F
X_{11}	F	F	F	F	None	\$	F	F	Thai	0–10	F
X_{12}	T	T	T	T	Full	\$	F	F	Burger	30–60	T

The **entropy** of a set S of data samples is defined as

H(S) = -

where C is the set of classes represented in S, and p(c) is the empirical distribution of class c in S

and zero when all data samples are from the same class.

$$\sum_{c \in C} p(c) \log(p(c))$$

Entropy is highest when data samples are spread equally across all classes,

In general we try to select the feature test that maximizes the information gain:

$$I = H(S) - i$$

In the previous example, the information gains of the two candidate tests are:

$$I_{Patrons} = 0.541$$

So we choose the 'Patrons' test.

$$\sum_{i \in \{children\}} \frac{|S^i|}{|S|} H(S^i)$$

$$I_{Type} = 0$$

Following this construction procedure we obtain the final decision tree:



Figure credit: Russell and Norvig (3rd ed.)

Decision Tree

A random forest is an ensemble of decision trees.

Randomness is incorporated via training set sampling and/or generation of the candidate binary tests

The prediction of the random forest is obtained by averaging over all decision trees.



Forsyth & Ponce (2nd ed.) Figure 14.19. Original credit: J. Shotton et al., 2011



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$$f_{\theta}(I, \mathbf{x}) = d_I \left(\mathbf{x} + \frac{1}{d} \right)$$



 $\frac{\mathbf{u}}{d_I(\mathbf{x})}\right) - d_I\left(\mathbf{x} + \frac{\mathbf{v}}{d_I(\mathbf{x})}\right)$





Combining **Classifiers**

One common strategy to obtain a better classifier is to combine multiple classifiers.

A simple approach is to train an ensemble of independent classifiers, and average their predictions.

Boosting is another approach.

— Train an ensemble of classifiers sequentially.

 Bias subsequent classifiers to correctly predict training examples that previous classifiers got wrong.

- The final boosted classifier is a weighted combination of the individual classifiers.











Final classifier is a combination of weak classifiers



Summary

random forest is an ensemble of decision trees.

Factors that make image classification hard - intra-class variation, viewpoint, illumination, clutter, occlusion...

- can be constructed by clustering local descriptors (e.g. SIFT) in training images

visual word

grid box; this is repeated at multiple levels

- A decision tree passes a data point through a sequence of feature tests. A
- A codebook of visual words contains representative local patch descriptors
- The **bag of words** model accumulates a histogram of occurrences of each

The **spatial pyramid** partitions the image and counts visual words within each