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# Improving Bagging Performance through Multi-algorithm Ensembles

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# Introduction

Bagging, bootstrap aggregating :

- better ability to handle small data sets
- less sensitivity
- parallel structure for efficient implementations
- **less accurate**

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# Introduction

In this paper

- The use of heterogeneous classification algorithms in ensembles
- Develop a framework that supports the use of different classification algorithms in bagging

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# Diversity in Combinations of Heterogeneous

$$\begin{aligned} T\text{-Diversity} &= \mathbb{E}_S \left[ \mathbb{I} \left( \hat{y}_i^{(A, S_1)} \neq \hat{y}_i^{(A, S_2)} \right) \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{|S|} \sum_{i=1}^{|S|} \mathbb{I} \left( \hat{y}_i^{(A, S_1)} \neq \hat{y}_i^{(A, S_2)} \right) \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

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# Diversity in Combinations of Heterogeneous

$$\begin{aligned} A - Diversity &= \mathbb{E}_{S'} \left[ \mathbb{I} \left( \hat{y}_i^{(A_1, S)} \neq \hat{y}_i^{(A_2, S)} \right) \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{|S'|} \sum_{i=1}^{|S'|} \mathbb{I} \left( \hat{y}_i^{(A_1, S)} \neq \hat{y}_i^{(A_2, S)} \right). \end{aligned} \tag{3}$$

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# Diversity in Combinations of Heterogeneous

Diversity gain:

$$\Delta Div = \mathbb{E} \left[ \mathbb{I} \left( \hat{y}_i^{(A_1, S_1)} \neq \hat{y}_i^{(A_2, S_2)} \right) \right] - \mathbb{E} \left[ \mathbb{I} \left( \hat{y}_i^{(A_1, S_1)} \neq \hat{y}_i^{(A_1, S_2)} \right) \right] \quad (5)$$

Heterogeneous

The underlying algorithms  
are different.

Homogeneous

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# Relationship between Diversity and Correlation in Ensembles

Non-linear relationship between diversity (*DIS*) and *Q* statistic.

$$Q \leq \frac{(1 - DIS)^2 \cdot N^2 - 4 \cdot DIS \cdot N}{(1 - DIS)^2 \cdot N^2 + 4 \cdot DIS \cdot N} \quad (7)$$

Higher diversity would cause reduce correlation.

$$x_c = \left(1 + \frac{2}{N}\right) - 2 \cdot \sqrt{\frac{1}{N} + \frac{1}{N^2}} \quad (8)$$



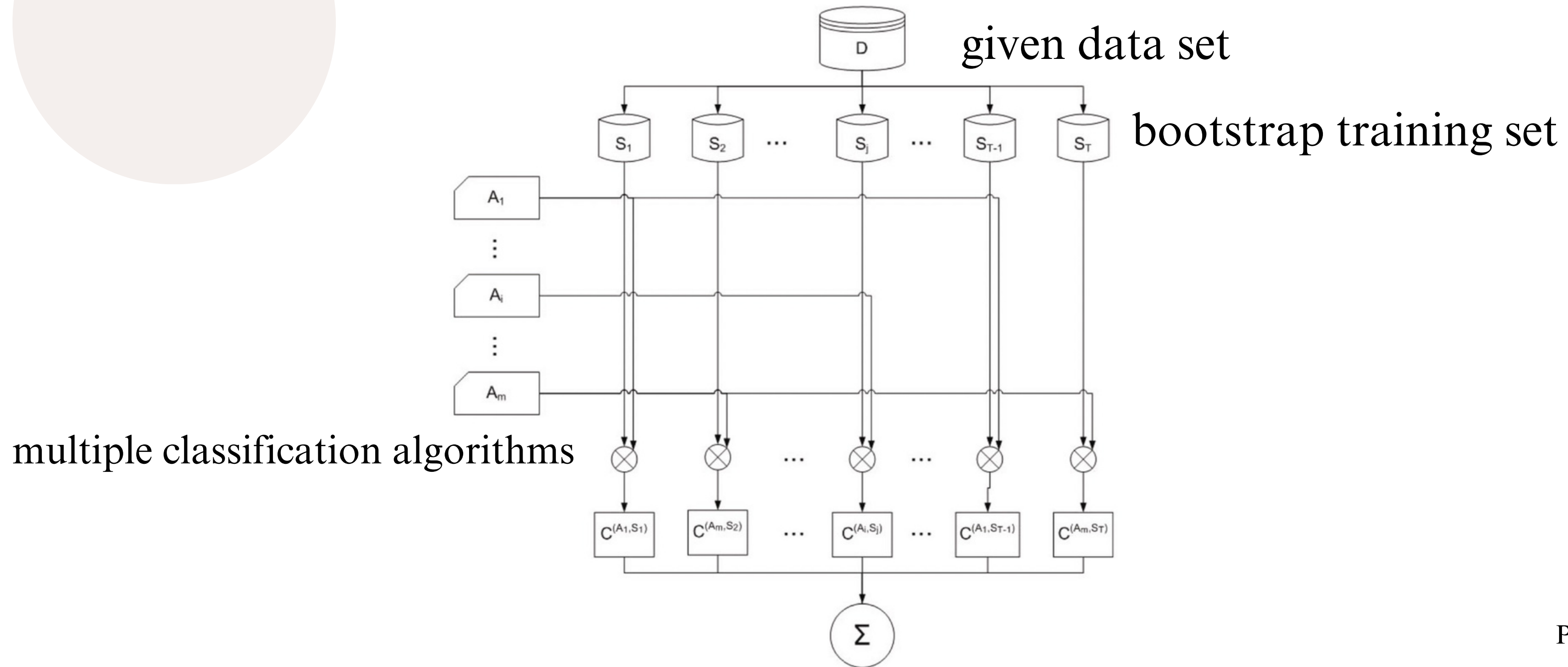
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# Bagging with Multi-algorithm Ensembles

- Goal:

In order to improve classification performance of bagging, we **introduce another source of diversity into bagging by introducing heterogeneity into bagging.**

# Bagging with Multi-algorithm Ensembles



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# Experimental Results and Findings

- Impact of using heterogeneous algorithms on diversity
- Simulations for diversity and correlation in ensembles
- Comparison of bagging with multi-algorithm ensembles to other ensemble methods

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# Conclusions and Future Research Directions

- Study the employment of heterogeneous classification algorithms in other machine learning problems
- Efficient implementations of this approach
- Apply this approach to emerging application domains

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Thanks for listening.

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