



Ensembles of Models for Prognostics and Health Management

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Tutorial Contents

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 - Incremental Learning



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Prognostics and Health Management





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- Fault Detection:
 - Low rate of False Alarm
 - □ Low rate of Missing Alarm

Example:





Fault Diagnostics:

Low Misclassification rate





Prognostics

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"I'll ask the audience"



multiple performers

individual answer

combination of the answers

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• p_{ens} = probability that the ensemble chooses the correct class

 $p_{ens} = P\{\text{majority of the classifiers choose the correct class}\} = P\{\text{at least } \frac{H+1}{2} \text{ classifiers choose the correct class}\} = \sum_{k=\frac{H+1}{2}}^{H} P\{k \text{ classifiers choose the correct class}\} = \sum_{k=\frac{H+1}{2}}^{H} P\{k \text{ classifiers choose the correct class}\} = \sum_{k=\frac{H+1}{2}}^{H} P\{k \text{ classifiers choose the correct class}\} = \sum_{k=\frac{H+1}{2}}^{H} P\{k \text{ classifiers choose the correct class}\} = \sum_{k=\frac{H+1}{2}}^{H} P\{k \text{ classifiers choose the correct class}\} = \sum_{k=\frac{H+1}{2}}^{H} P\{k \text{ classifiers choose the correct class}\} = \sum_{k=\frac{H+1}{2}}^{H} P\{k \text{ classifiers choose the correct class}\} = \sum_{k=\frac{H+1}{2}}^{H} P\{k \text{ classifiers choose the correct class}\} = \sum_{k=\frac{H+1}{2}}^{H} P\{k \text{ classifiers choose the correct class}\} = \sum_{k=\frac{H+1}{2}}^{H} P\{k \text{ classifiers choose the correct class}\} = \sum_{k=\frac{H+1}{2}}^{H} P\{k \text{ classifiers choose the correct class}\} = \sum_{k=\frac{H+1}{2}}^{H} P\{k \text{ classifiers choose the correct class}\} = \sum_{k=\frac{H+1}{2}}^{H} P\{k \text{ classifiers choose the correct class}\} = \sum_{k=\frac{H+1}{2}}^{H} P\{k \text{ classifiers choose the correct class}\} = \sum_{k=\frac{H+1}{2}}^{H} P\{k \text{ classifiers choose the correct class}\} = \sum_{k=\frac{H+1}{2}}^{H} P\{k \text{ classifiers choose the correct class}\} = \sum_{k=\frac{H+1}{2}}^{H} P\{k \text{ classifiers choose the correct class}\} = \sum_{k=\frac{H+1}{2}}^{H} P\{k \text{ classifiers choose the correct class}\} = \sum_{k=\frac{H+1}{2}}^{H} P\{k \text{ classifiers choose the correct class}\} = \sum_{k=\frac{H+1}{2}}^{H} P\{k \text{ classifiers choose the correct class}\} = \sum_{k=\frac{H+1}{2}}^{H} P\{k \text{ classifiers choose the correct class}\} = \sum_{k=\frac{H+1}{2}}^{H} P\{k \text{ classifiers choose the correct class}\} = \sum_{k=\frac{H+1}{2}}^{H} P\{k \text{ classifiers choose the correct class}\} = \sum_{k=\frac{H+1}{2}}^{H} P\{k \text{ classifiers choose the correct class}\} = \sum_{k=\frac{H+1}{2}}^{H} P\{k \text{ classifiers choose the correct class}\} = \sum_{k=\frac{H+1}{2}}^{H} P\{k \text{ classifiers choose the correct class}\} = \sum_{k=\frac{H+1}{2}}^{H} P\{k \text{ classifiers choose the correct class}\} = \sum_{k=\frac{H+1}{2}}^{H} P\{k \text{ classifiers choose the correct class}\} =$

• If
$$\begin{cases} p_1 > 0.5 \\ H \to \infty \end{cases}$$
 $p_{ens} \to 1$

Why Ensembles? [Diagnostics]





> Questionable outcomes provided by ensemble of models...

Who will you choose... Jesus or Barabbas?





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Indipendence of the classifiers?

Matthew 27:20: But the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus executed.



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A: Generate the Individual Models of the Ensemble

Diversity of the classifiers (individual classifiers make errors on different patterns)



• The combinations improve upon the performance of the single classifier





- > Training each classifier with different training patterns:
 - Bagging
 - Boosting
 - Adaboost

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Simple majority voting: choose the class with the associated largest number of votes



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- > Dynamic Approach:
- Step 1: Identify the k-nearest neighbours of the test pattern in a validation set
- x_i
- Test pattern: **8** Validation set: **1**

- Step 2: Estimate local performance of the ensemble individual classifiers on the k-nearest neighbours Model vote ∝ local performance
- Step 3: Assign the test pattern to the class with the associated largest vote

classifier	1	h	H
1 st nearest neighbor	OK	OK	KO
2 nd nearest neighbor	KO	OK	KO
3 rd nearest neighbor	OK	OK	OK
Model vote \propto Local performance	2/3	1	1/3

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vote	2/3	1	1/3
Class assigned to the test pattern	\bigotimes	\bigotimes	\bigotimes

B: Combine the Outcomes of the Individual Models

- > Dynamic Approach:
 - model vote depends from the test pattern position
 - model h vote proportional to model h classification performance on patterns similar to the test pattern







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Ensemble of Echo-State Networks




- The C-MAPPS dataset*
 - 260 run-to-failure trajectories
 - 21 measured signals + 3 signals representative of the operating conditions
 - 6 different operating conditions



* A. Saxena, K. Goebel, D. Simon, N. Eklund, *Damage propagation modeling for aircraft engine run-to-failure simulation*, PHM2008 **M. Rigamonti, P. Baraldi, E. Zio, I. Roychoudhury, K. Goebel, S. Poll, *Echo State Network for Remaining Useful Life Prediction of a Turbofan Engine*, PHM 2016, Bilbao

Ensemble individual model: echo state network*



Advantages

- Non linear modeling
- Memory Property
- Intrinsic dynamic characteristics

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B. Combine the outcomes of the individual classifiers



Generate the Individual Models of the Ensemble: Bagging





A. Generate the individual models of the ensemble **Classifier 1** Classifier H **Classifier 2** B. Combine the outcomes of the individual classifiers Classifier 1 **Classifier 2** Classifier H Outcome *H* Outcome 1 **Outcome 2** Combination **Aggregated outcome**

Combine the outputs of the individual models: dynamic approach



• Identify the K trajectories of the validation set most similar to the test trajectory*

*Zio, E., Di Maio, F. A data-driven fuzzy approach for predicting the remaining useful life in dynamic failure scenarios of a nuclear system (2010) Reliability Engineering and System Safety, 95 (1), pp. 49-57.

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• Identify the *K* trajectories of the validation set most similar to the test trajectory

	ESN 1	ESN 2	 ESN <i>H</i>
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- Compute the RUL prediction as weighted sum of the individual model RUL predictions: $RUL = \sum_{i=1}^{H} \omega_i RUL_i$

Results



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Results – Prognostic Metrics (70 test trajectories)



Results – Comparison between different approaches for the aggregation of the individual model outputs



Results – Analysis of the individual model weights



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 - 1) noise on the observations (measurements)
 - 2) intrinsic stochasticity due to the degradation process and unknown future external/operational conditions (*process*)
 - 3) modeling errors, i.e. inaccuracy of the PHM model used to perform the prediction (*model*)



How to quantify uncertainty on the RUL prediction ???





$$\varepsilon = rul - r\hat{u}l$$



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Random Variable!

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Prediction Interval:

 $P(rul_5 \leq rul \leq rul_{95}) = 90\%$ with:

$$rul_{\alpha} = r\hat{u}l - c^{\alpha}\sigma_{\varepsilon}$$



How? [prognostics]

➢ Sources of uncertainty in prognostics
1) Measurements → σ_{ME}^2 2) Degradation Process → σ_{PR}^2 3) Modeling Error → σ_{MO}^2



Prediction error decomposition

$$\operatorname{Var}[\varepsilon] = \sigma_{\varepsilon}^2 = \sigma_{ME}^2 + \sigma_{PR}^2 + \sigma_{MO}^2$$



> Model uncertainty estimate: σ_{MO}^2



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> Process and measurement uncertainty estimate: $\sigma_{PR}^2 + \sigma_{ME}^2$








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How? [prognostics]





Confidence estimation:

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Turbine Blade Creep Propagation



Component: turbine blade Degradation mechanism: creep Degradation indicator: blade elongation

$$x(t) = \frac{\text{Length}(t) - \text{initial length}}{\text{initial length}}$$



- Available Information
 - Failure threshold (1.5%)
 - Historical sequences of elongation measurements in turbine blades (13 run-to-failure trajectories)



- Available Information
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 - Sequence of elongation measurements of the turbine blade under observation



Ensemble of Bootstrapped Models



















$$\sigma_{MO}^2 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{H} (r\hat{u}l_i - r\hat{u}l)^2}{H - 1}$$







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> RUL prediction with cprediction bounds (90% confidence interval)



Uncertainty estimate





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Incremental learning: What is it? [fault detection]

time =
$$t_1$$

 x_2

Incremental learning: What is it? [fault detection]



Evolving environment... Context Change...

Incremental learning: What is it? [fault detection]

















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Why ensembles? [Diagnostics]

Ensemble of ensembles for novelty identifiability





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- 1. AdaBoost
- 2. Ensemble of Ensembles
- 3. Consult and vote procedure



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How? Ensemble of Ensembles





Feature 1

2. Ensemble of Ensembles From each dataset S_1 , S_2 , ... which becomes available, an ensemble of classifiers is generated

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How? Consult and vote

- A vote is associated to each classifier
- Classifiers consult

each other to determine

their voting weight

Testing with new, class – 4 data



Ensemble 1 classifiers then realize that Ensemble 2 dominantly choose a new class on which Ensemble 1 inevitably **Ensemble fearns** classes **Ensemble 23** tearns the state of the second tear and te



Adapted from: M. Muhlbaier, A. Topalis, and R. Polikar, "Learn++.nc: Combining ensemble of classifiers with dynamically weighted consult-and-vote for efficient incremental learning of new classes." *IEEE Transactions on Neural Networks*, vol. 20(1), pp. 152–168, 2009

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Forsmark 3 BWR Nuclear Power Plant (Sweden)



Data provided by the Institute for Energy - Halden Reactor Project (Norway)

System faults:

- C₁ Leakage in the first high pressure preheater to the drain tank
- C₂ Leakage through the second high-pressure preheater
- C₃ Leakage through the first high pressure preheater Drain back-up valve to the condenser
- C₄ Leakage through the high-pressure preheaters bypass valve
- C₅ Leakage through the second high-pressure preheater drain back-up valve to the feedwater tank

- Signals Selected for the classification:
 - Temperature in drain 4 before VB3 [°C]
 - Water level in tank TD1 [m]
 - Feedwater Temperature after EA2 in train A [°C]
 - Feedwater Temperature after EB2 in train B [°C]

Dataset 1

Number of patterns						
Training Dataset	Normal	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5
S ₁	90	60	60	60	60	-

Number of classifiers: 10

Ensemble base classifiers: neural network

	All patterns of class 5 are
Diagnostic Model DM ₁	misclassified!

Testset	classes	Performance
S ₁ ^{Test}	1,2,3,4	0.981
S ₂ ^{Test}	1,2,3,4,5	0.830

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Classification of a Transient of Class 1



Classification of a Transient of Class 5



Dataset 2

Number of patterns						
Training Dataset	Normal	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5
S ₁	90	60	60	60	60	-
S ₂	90	60	60	60	90	60

Update of diagnostic model DM_1 with 10 new classifiers

Diagnostic Model DM2

Testset	classes	Performance
S ₁ ^{Test}	1,2,3,4	0.984
S ₂ ^{Test}	1,2,3,4,5	0.987

Classification of a Transient of Class 5





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