# Machine Learning in Health Care



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## **Application: Kinect for Xbox gaming**

Task: assigning body part labels to each pixel in Kinect-acquired depth videos

#### Input test depth image



Body part segmentation



image measurements made relative to pixel

e.g. depth, color, neighbors



per-pixel prediction of class label

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## **Decision trees**





- Try several hyperplanes, chosen at random
- · Keep hyperplane that best separates data
  - information gain
- Recurse



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# **Training objective function**



- Used to decide which candidate **split function** is best
- Typically an "information gain" a very general and flexible formulation



## **Examples of split functions**





Efficient (one feature at a time)

## Decision trees: test time prediction



## **Decision forests**



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Better generalization than individual trees

## Aggregating tree predictions





## Effect of tree depth and randomness



### Free code available!

Advances in Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition

A. Criminisi J. Shotton *Editors* 

Decision Forests for Computer Vision and Medical Image Analysis



A. Criminisi and J. Shotton, **Decision Forests for Computer Vision and Medical Image Analysis**, Springer, February 2013

# Are forests sufficient?

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- Memory issues:
  - Number of nodes in trees grows exponentially with depth
- Amount of training data
  - Training data is quickly diluted with depth
  - Yet, training deeper trees (on enough data) yields highest test accuracy (several real applications, e.g. Kinect, have "infinite" data available)

## From trees to DAGs: node merging

- Each internal node has 2 children (like in binary trees)
- Each non-root node can have more than 1 parent



# **Decision jungles**

- A "jungle" is an ensemble of *rooted* decision DAGs
- We train each DAG layer by layer, jointly optimizing both
  - the structure of the DAG
  - the split node features



# **Properties of jungles**

### Limited memory consumption

- e.g. by specifying a width at each layer in the DAG
- Potentially improved generalization
  - fewer parameters
  - less "dilution" of training data

## How do DAGs help in practice?

#### A toy example on classifying images of cows, sheep and grass

#### Training data











brightness

**Axis-aligned splits only** 







Too many model parameters: overfitting





0.8 -0.7 0.6 -0.4 -0.3 0.2 -0.1 -0





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Merged nodes help capture appearance invariance

### Anatomy Localization in 3D Computed Tomography Scans



Input CT scan

Output anatomy localization

### Anatomy localization: why is it hard?



High variability in appearance, shape, location, resolution, noise, pathologies ...

### Anatomy localization: the ground-truth database



Different image cropping, noise, contrast/no-contrast, resolution, scanners, body shapes/sizes, patient position...

### Anatomy localization: regression forest



#### Anatomy localization: automatic landmark discovery



Here the system is trained to detect left and right kidneys.

The system learns to use bottom of lung and top of pelvis to localize kidneys with highest confidence.

Input CT scan and detected landmark regions

### Automatic segmentation of brain tumour



# Segmentation of tumorous tissues:



---- Active cells ---- Necrotic core ---- Edema ---- Background

3D MRI input data

### Training a voxel-wise forest classifier





## Testing the voxel-wise forest classifier



New Patient, previously unseen



## **Glioblastoma segmentation results**



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#### Low-res diffusion MRI (faster acquisition, cheaper)

#### Learned voxel predictor





High-res diffusion MRI

#### **Problem statement**

learning to predict the value of the **high-res voxels** from the **low-res voxels**.

- Training data can be easily obtained
- Well defined accuracy measure





Direction-encoded colour FA maps for various reconstructed DTIs

Comparison of ground truth NODDI parameter maps with various fitting techniques



Reconstruction errors for NODDI parameter maps

D. Alexander, D. Zikic, J. Zhang, H. Zhang, and A. Criminisi, Image Quality Transfer via Random Forest Regression: Applications in Diffusion MRI, in MICCAI, Springer, 2014

Modern, efficient machine learning has the potential to revolutionize medicine!