Online Multiple Instance Learning: A Boosting Approach

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• Learn to classify bags without knowing the single features labels.

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• **Positive Classification:** non-void intersection.

Initialization

- $\mathcal{H} = \{h_1, ..., h_N\}$ pre-ordered set of weak learners.
- set $\alpha_n = 0 \quad \forall n \in \{1, \dots, N\}.$







I training sample





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- **Radius:** is updated to keep classification accuracy maximized.





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Learning: Data Collection

Labeling

- MIL: requires weak supervision.
- Strategy: random arm-gaze movements.
- **Positive Label:** co-occurrence of visual and motor activity.



Motors state: Moving



Motion Detected



Hand is (probably) in the FoV

Imprecise but sufficient for MIL.

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- **Cluster:** gaussian mixtures.







Application: Online Object Recognition

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