

CS 4650/7650

Semi-Supervised Learning¹

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Frameworks for learning

- ▶ So far, we have focused on learning a function f from labeled examples $\{(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{y}_i)\}_{i=1}^{\ell}$.
- ▶ What if you don't have labeled data for a domain or task you want to solve?
 - ▶ You can use labeled data from another domain.
This rarely works well.
 - ▶ You can label data yourself.
This is a lot of work.

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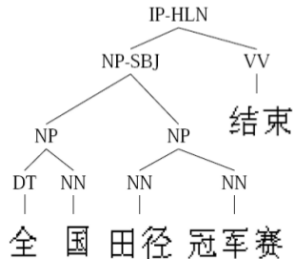
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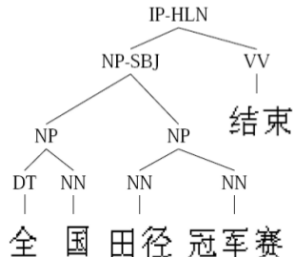
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► Active learning: model can query annotator for labels

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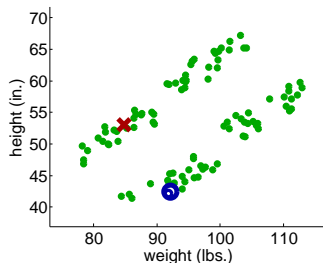
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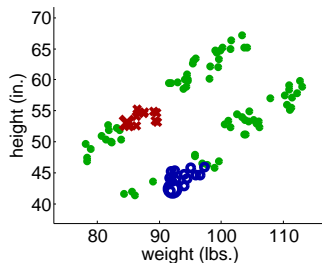
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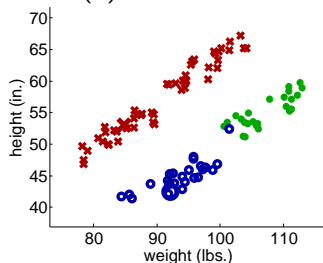
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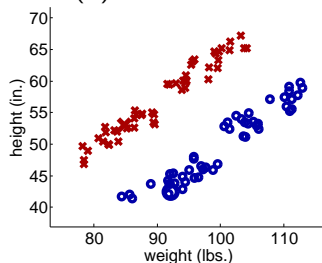
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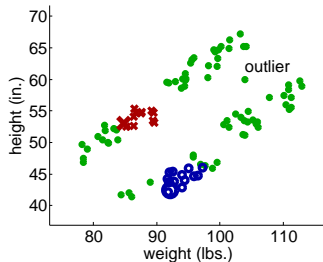
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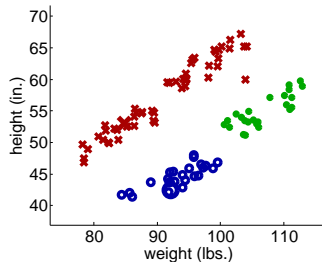
(d) Final labeling of all instances

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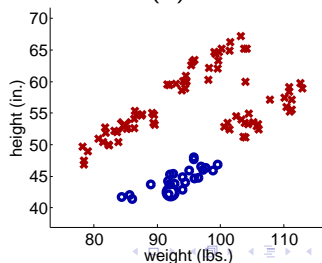
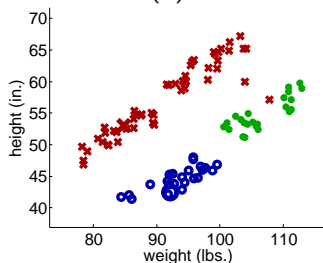
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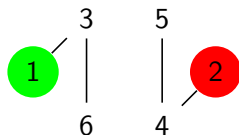
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- ▶ We can view this data as a **graph**, with edges between similar instances.
- ▶ Unlabeled instances propagate information through the graph.

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- ▶ But sometimes there is a natural similarity metric.
 - ▶ For example, Pang and Lee (2004) use proximity in the document for subjectivity analysis.
 - ▶ The idea is that adjacent sentences are more likely to have the same subjectivity status.

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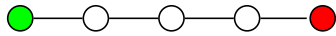
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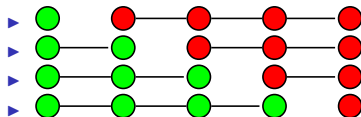
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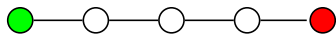
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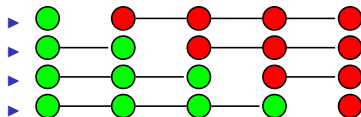
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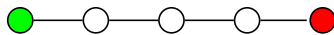
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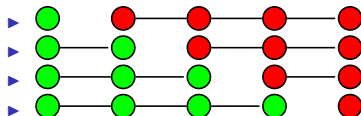


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- ▶ One solution is randomized mincuts (Blum et al, 2004)
 - ▶ Add random noise to adjacency matrix.
 - ▶ Rerun mincuts multiple times.
 - ▶ Deduce the final classification by voting.

Label propagation

- ▶ Relax y_i from $\{0, 1\}$ to \mathbb{R}
- ▶ Minimize $\sum_{i,j} w_{ij}(y_i - y_j)^2$
- ▶ Advantages:
 - ▶ unique global optimum
 - ▶ natural notion of confidence: distance of y_i from 0.5

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 - ▶ Then the closed form solution is $\mathbf{y}_u = -\mathbf{L}_{uu}^{-1} \mathbf{L}_{u\ell} \mathbf{y}_\ell$
 - ▶ This is great ... if we can invert \mathbf{L}_{uu} .

Iterative label propagation

- ▶ $\mathbf{L}_{u,u}$ is huge, so we can't invert it unless it has special structure.
- ▶ Iterative solution from Zhu and Ghahramani (2002):
 - ▶ Let $\mathbf{T}_{ij} = \frac{w_{ij}}{\sum_k w_{kj}}$, row-normalizing \mathbf{W} .
 - ▶ Let \mathbf{Y} be an $n \times C$ matrix of labels, where C is the number of classes. In the R&R reading, a special “default” label is used for the unlabeled nodes.
 - ▶ Until tired,
 - ▶ Set $\mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{T}\mathbf{Y}$
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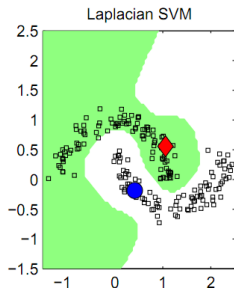
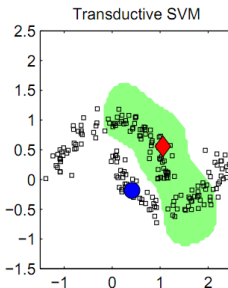
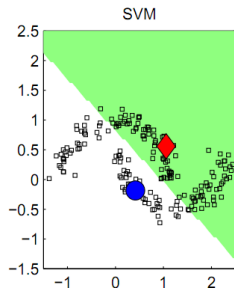
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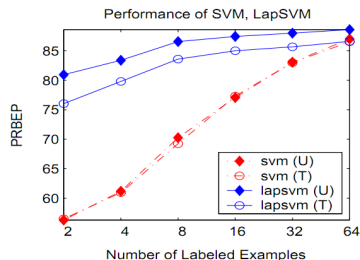
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Manifold regularization: synthetic data



Manifold regularization: text classification

- ▶ Text classification: mac versus windows
- ▶ Each document is represented by its TF-IDF vector
- ▶ The graph W is constructed from 15-nearest-neighbors (in TF-IDF space)



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- possibly some unlabeled data in target and possibly source domain
- evaluate in the target domain

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Truth: The NER problem is still not solved. Why?

The problem: domain over-fitting

- The issues of supervised machine learning algorithms:
Need Labeled Data
- What people have done: Labeled large amount of data on news corpus
- However, it is still not enough.....
- The Web contains all kind of data....
 - ▶ Blogs, Novels, Biomedical Documents, ...
 - ▶ Many domains!
- We might do a good job on news domain, but not on other domains...

Domain Adaptation

- Many NLP tasks are cast into classification problems
- Lack of training data in new domains
- Domain adaptation:
 - POS: WSJ → biomedical text
 - NER: news → blog, speech
 - Spam filtering: public email corpus → personal inboxes
- Domain overfitting

NER Task	Train → Test	F1
to find PER, LOC, ORG from news text	NYT → NYT	0.855
	Reuters → NYT	0.641
to find gene/protein from biomedical literature	mouse → mouse	0.541
	fly → mouse	0.281

Supervised domain adaptation

In supervised domain adaptation, we have:

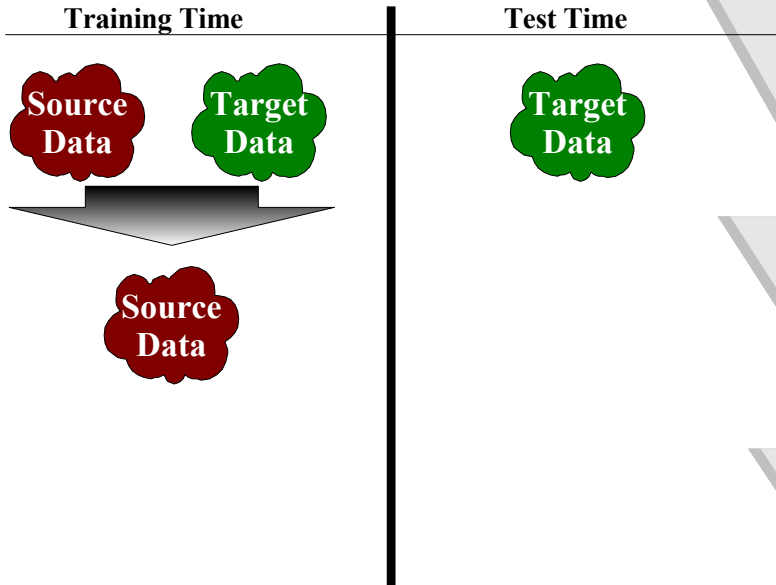
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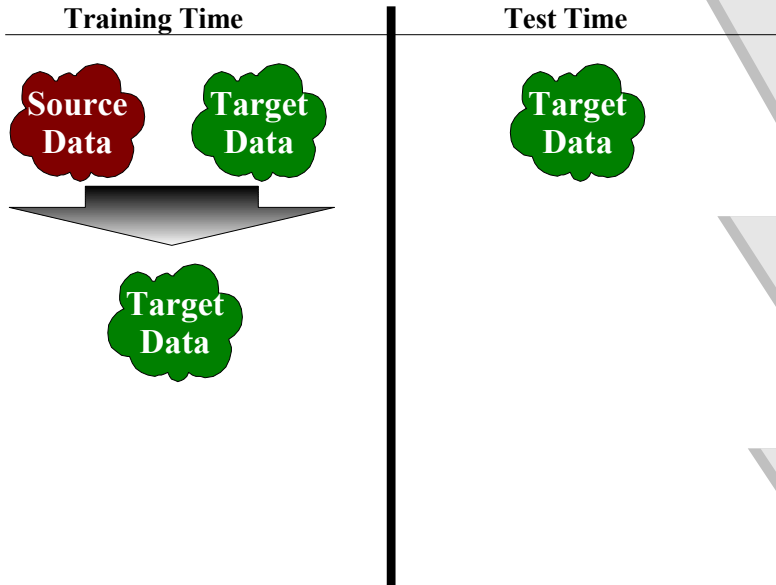
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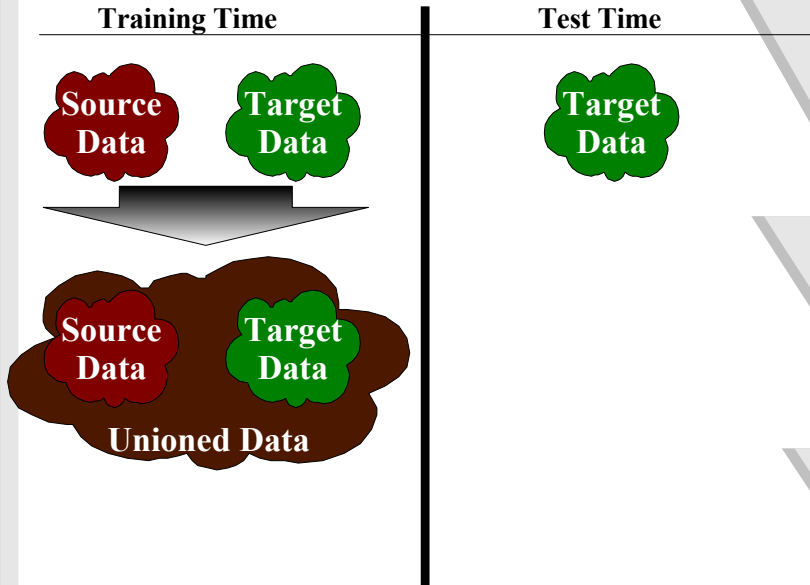
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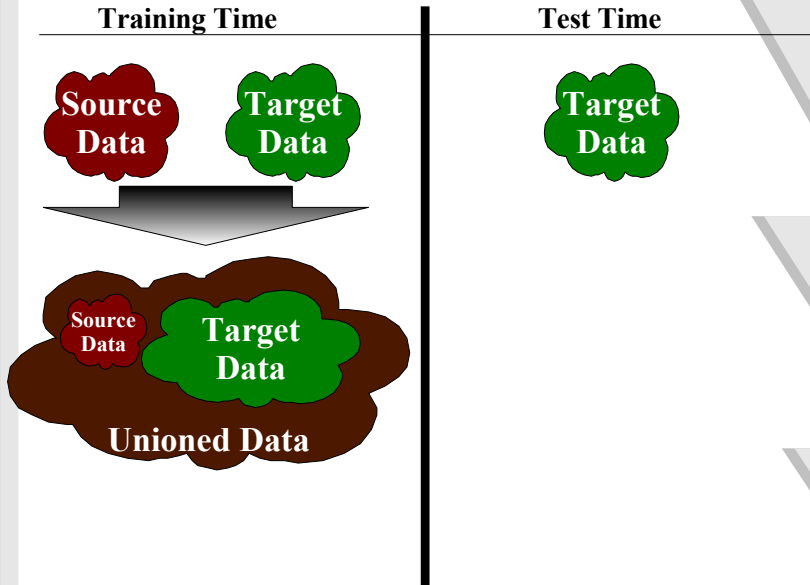
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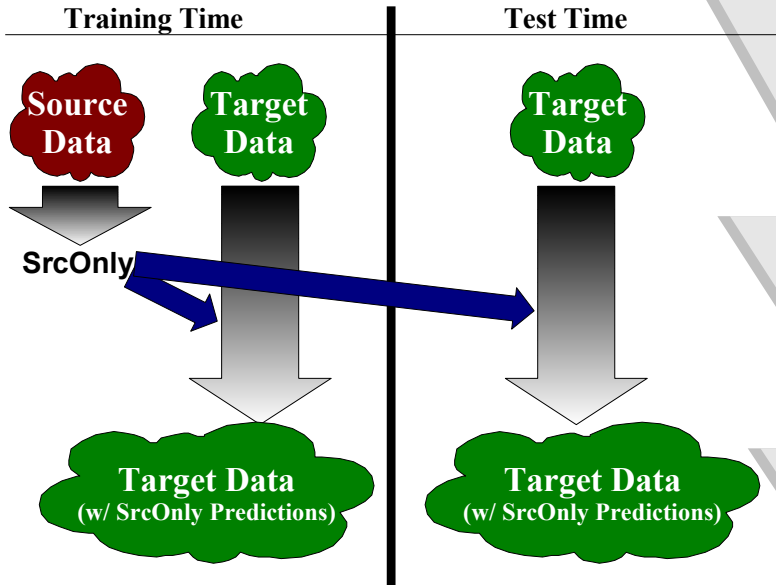
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Obvious Approach 4: Weighted

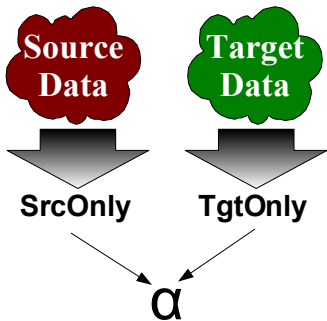


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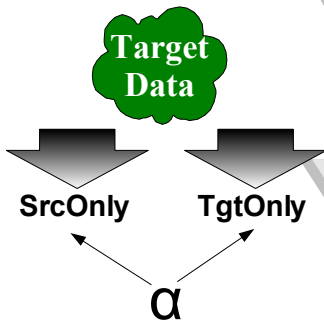


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Training Time



Test Time



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- ▶ **Feature augmentation** (Daume III 2007)

“MONITOR” versus “THE”

News domain:

“MONITOR” is a **verb**
“THE” is a **determiner**

Technical domain:

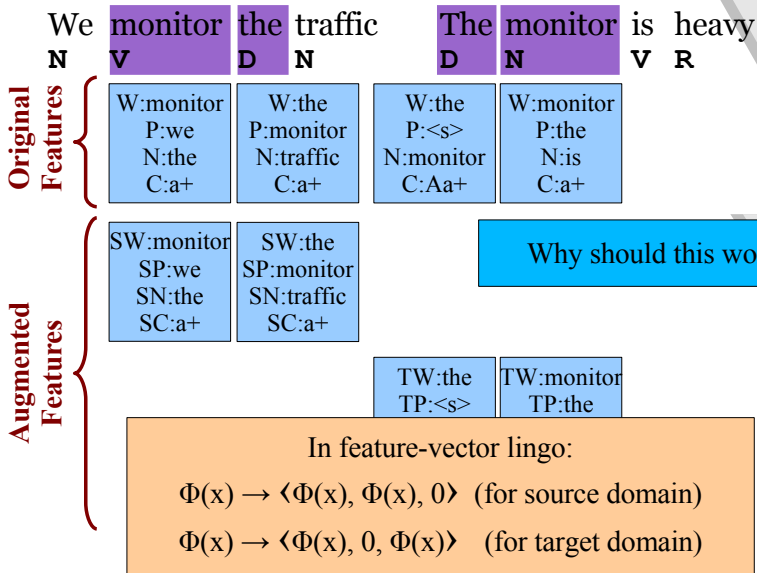
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Key Idea:

Share some features (“the”)
Don't share others (“monitor”)

(and let the *learner* decide which are which)

Feature Augmentation



Results – Error Rates

Task	Dom	SrcOnly	TgtOnly	Baseline	Prior	Augment
ACE- NER	bn	4.98	2.37	2.11 (pred)	2.06	1.98
	bc	4.54	4.07	3.53 (weight)	3.47	3.47
	nw	4.78	3.71	3.56 (pred)	3.68	3.39
	wl	2.45	2.45	2.12 (all)	2.41	2.12
	un	3.67	2.46	2.10 (linint)	2.03	1.91
	cts	2.08	0.46	0.40 (all)	0.34	0.32
CoNLL	tgt	2.49	2.95	1.75 (wgt/li)	1.89	1.76
PubMed	tgt	12.02	4.15	3.95 (linint)	3.99	3.61
CNN	tgt	10.29	3.82	3.44 (linint)	3.35	3.37
Tree bank- Chunk	wsj	6.63	4.35	4.30 (weight)	4.27	4.11
	swbd3	15.90	4.15	4.09 (linint)	3.60	3.51
	br-cf	5.16	6.27	4.72 (linint)	5.22	5.15
	br-cg	4.32	5.36	4.15 (all)	4.25	4.90
	br-ck	5.05	6.32	5.01 (prd/li)	5.27	5.41
	br-cl	5.66	6.60	5.39 (wgt/prd)	5.99	5.73
	br-cm	3.57	6.59	3.11 (all)	4.08	4.89
	br-cn	4.60	5.56	4.19 (prd/li)	4.48	4.42
	br-cp	4.82	5.62	4.55 (wgt/prd/li)	4.87	4.78
	br-cr	5.78	9.13	5.15 (linint)	6.71	6.30
Treebank- brown		6.35	5.75	4.72 (linint)	4.72	4.65

Unsupervised domain adaptation

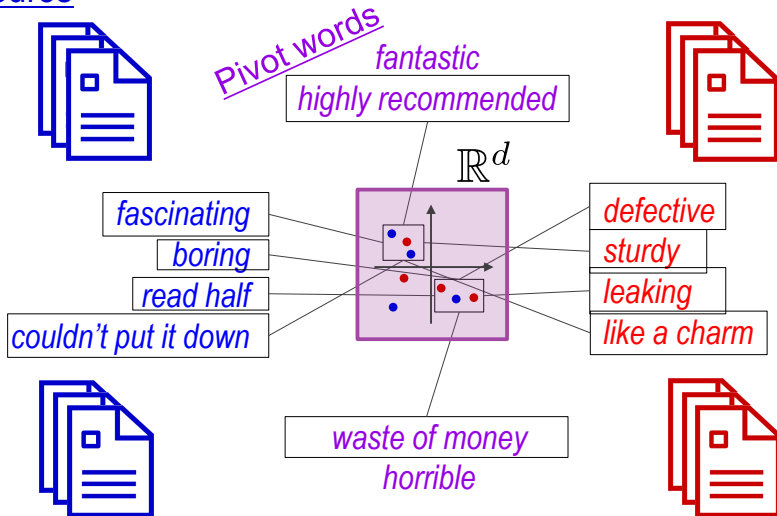
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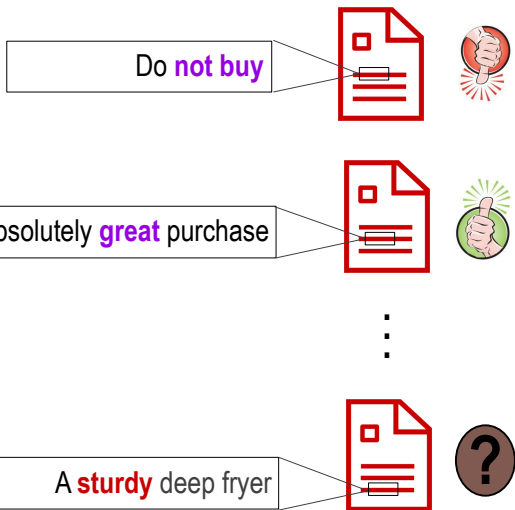
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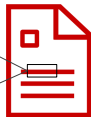
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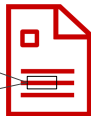
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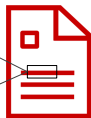


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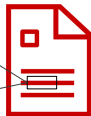
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Predict presence of pivot words

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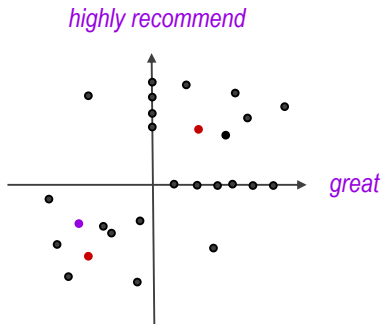


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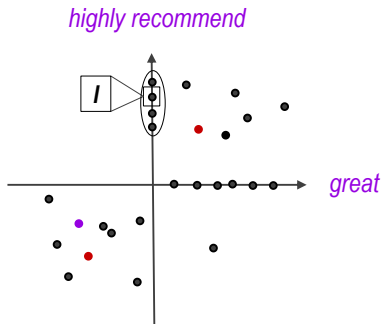


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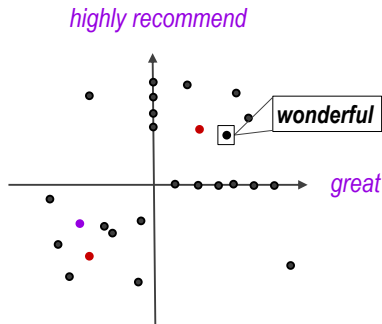


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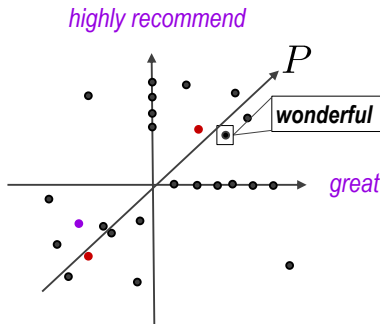
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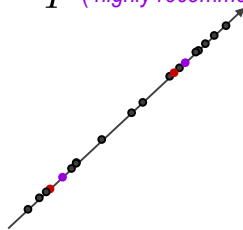


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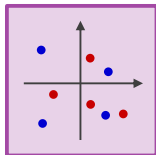
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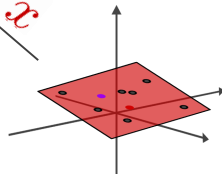
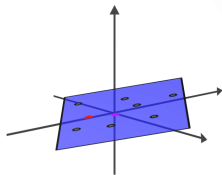


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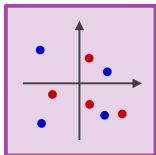
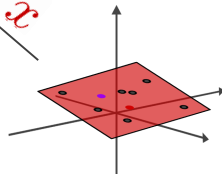
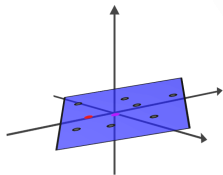


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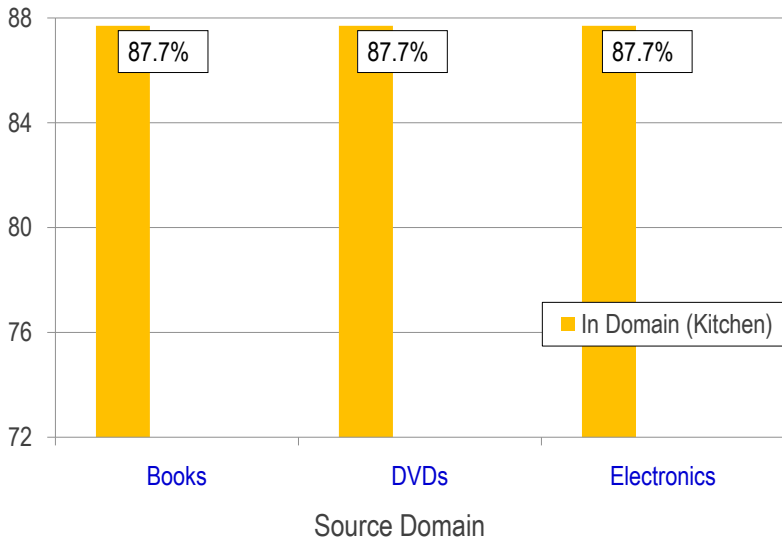
$$p_{\tilde{\theta}}(\text{thumbs up} | x) \propto \exp \left\{ \langle \phi(\text{thumbs up}), Px, \tilde{\theta} \rangle \right\}$$

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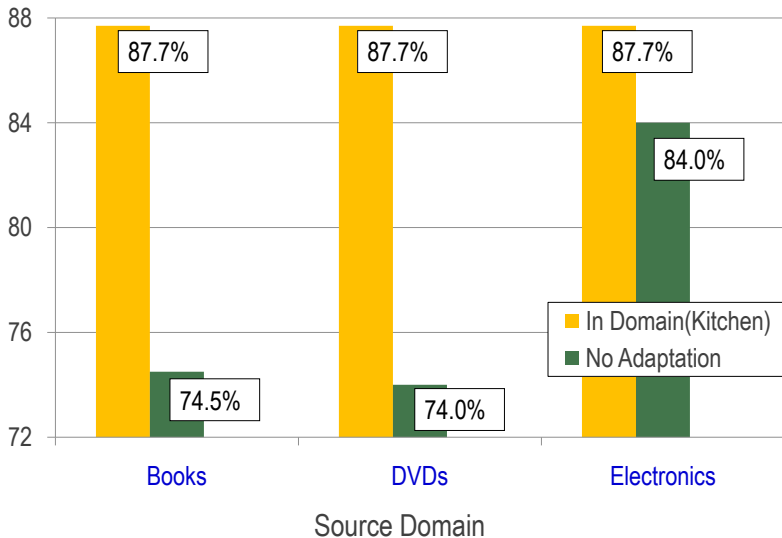


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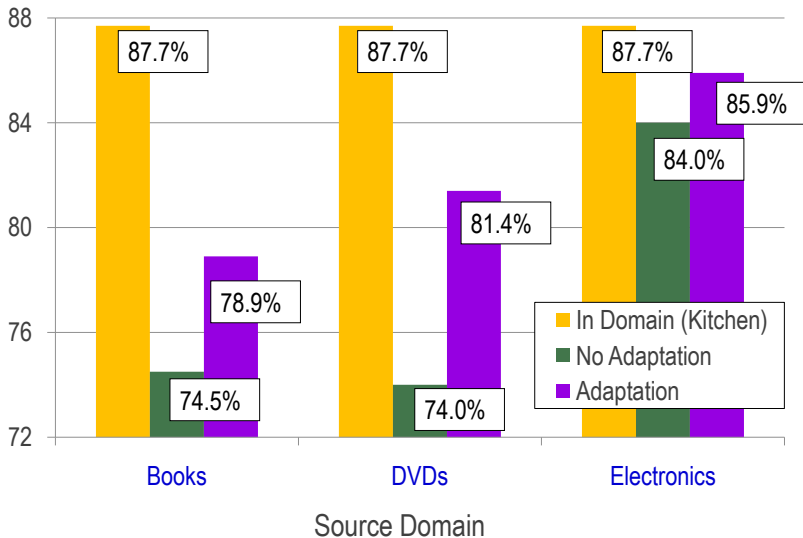


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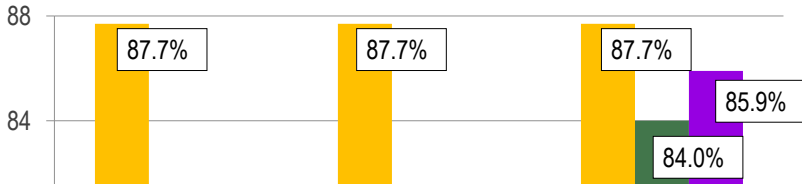


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Adaptation Error Reduction



36% reduction in error due to adaptation



Visualizing P (books & kitchen)



negative

vs.

positive

books

plot

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predictable

fascinating

engaging

must_read

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Recap

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 - ▶ You often have lots of unlabeled data.
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- Provide prototypes of each label (Haghighi and Klein 2006)
- Give rough probabilistic constraints, e.g. Mr. precedes a person name at least 90% of the time (Druck et al 2008)