

Machine Learning System Design

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1. You are working on a spam classification system using regularized logistic regression. "Spam" is a positive class ($y = 1$) and "not spam" is the negative class ($y = 0$). You have trained your classifier and there are $m = 1000$ examples in the cross-validation set. The chart of predicted class vs. actual class is:

	Actual Class: 1	Actual Class: 0
Predicted Class: 1	85	890
Predicted Class: 0	15	10

For reference:

- Accuracy = (true positives + true negatives) / (total examples)
- Precision = (true positives) / (true positives + false positives)
- Recall = (true positives) / (true positives + false negatives)
- F_1 score = $(2 * \text{precision} * \text{recall}) / (\text{precision} + \text{recall})$

What is the classifier's accuracy (as a value from 0 to 1)?

Enter your answer in the box below. If necessary, provide at least two values after the decimal point.

0.095

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2. Suppose a massive dataset is available for training a learning algorithm. Training on a lot of data is likely to give good performance when two of the following conditions hold true.

Which are the two?

- ☐ We train a learning algorithm with a small number of parameters (that is thus unlikely to overfit).
- ☒ The features x contain sufficient information to predict y accurately. (For example, one way to verify this is if a human expert on the domain can confidently predict y when given only x).
- ☒ We train a learning algorithm with a large number of parameters (that is able to learn/represent fairly complex functions).
- ☐ When we are willing to include high order polynomial features of x (such as $x_1^2, x_2^2, x_1 x_2$, etc.).

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3. Suppose you have trained a logistic regression classifier which is outputting $h_\theta(x)$.

Currently, you predict 1 if $h_\theta(x) \geq \text{threshold}$, and predict 0 if $h_\theta(x) < \text{threshold}$, where currently the threshold is set to 0.5.Suppose you **increase** the threshold to 0.9. Which of the following are true? Check all that apply.

- ☒ The classifier is likely to now have higher precision.
- ☐ The classifier is likely to have unchanged precision and recall, and thus the same F_1 score.
- ☐ The classifier is likely to now have higher recall.
- ☐ The classifier is likely to have unchanged precision and recall, but higher accuracy.

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4. Suppose you are working on a spam classifier, where spam emails are positive examples ($y = 1$) and non-spam emails are negative examples ($y = 0$). You have a training set of emails in which 99% of the emails are non-spam and the other 1% is spam. Which of the following statements are true? Check all that apply.

- ☒ If you always predict non-spam (output $y = 0$), your classifier will have an accuracy of 99%.
- ☐ If you always predict spam (output $y = 1$), your classifier will have a recall of 0% and precision of 99%.
- ☒ If you always predict spam (output $y = 1$), your classifier will have a recall of 100% and precision of 1%.
- ☒ If you always predict non-spam (output $y = 0$), your classifier will have a recall of 0%.

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5. Which of the following statements are true? Check all that apply.

- ☐ If your model is underfitting the training set, then obtaining more data is likely to help.
- ☒ Using a **very large** training set makes it unlikely for model to overfit the training data.
- ☐ It is a good idea to spend a lot of time collecting a **large** amount of data before building your first version of a learning algorithm.
- ☐ After training a logistic regression classifier, you **must** use 0.5 as your threshold for predicting whether an example is positive or negative.
- ☒ On skewed datasets (e.g., when there are more positive examples than negative examples), accuracy is not a good measure of performance and you should instead use F_1 score based on the precision and recall.

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