

# CS685: DATA MINING BASICS OF CLASSIFICATION

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- If, instead of  $k$  discrete classes, there is a continuum of values, the problem of determining the value  $V(O_q)$  of a new object  $O_q$  is called **prediction**

- Total available data is divided *randomly* into two parts: **training set** and **testing set**
- Classification algorithm or model is built using *only* the training set
- Testing set should not be used *at all*
- Quality of method is measured using testing set
- Sometimes **validation set** is separated from training set to evaluate method

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- Classification is called **supervised learning**
  - Algorithm or model is “supervised” by class information



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- **Bias-variance tradeoff**

- **Bias** measures errors in the model learnt (under-fitting)
- **Variance** measures errors when training set is perturbed (over-fitting)
- Low bias generally implies higher variance and vice versa

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- In statistics,
  - **Type I error**:  $FP$
  - **Type II error**:  $FN$

# Confusion Matrix

- **Confusion matrix** visually represents the information
- Rows indicate “true” answers:  $P$  and  $N$
- Columns indicate those returned by  $\mathcal{A}$ :  $P'$  and  $N'$
- Shows which error is more

Sets		Returned by $\mathcal{A}$	
		Positives $P'$	Negatives $N'$
True answers	Positives $P$	$TP$	$FN$
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# Confusion Matrix for Multiple Classes

- Is more useful when extended for multiple classes
- Shows which classes are confused more against which other classes

Sets		Predicted by $\mathcal{A}$		
		Class $C'_1$	Class $C'_2$	Class $C'_3$
True answers	Class $C_1$	5	3	0
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- When  $\beta = 1$ , precision and recall are equally weighted ( $\alpha = 1/2$ )
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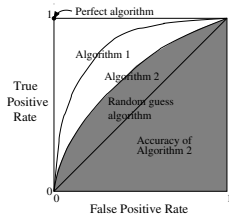
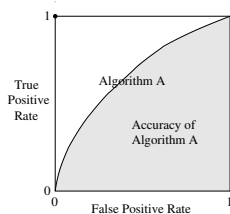


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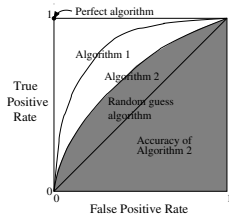
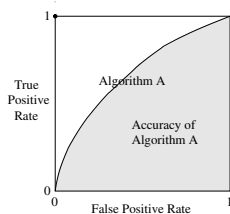
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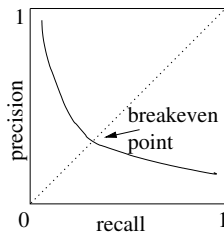
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- Area under the ROC curve (**AUC** or **AUROC**) measures **accuracy** (or **discrimination**)
- What AUC is good?
  - 0.9+: excellent; 0.8+: good; 0.7+: fair; 0.6+: poor; 0.6-: fail
- **EER** denotes the point in ROC where FP rate is equal to FN rate

# Precision-Recall Curve

- Precision versus recall



- **Breakeven point** where precision is the same as recall