

How Credit Card Companies use Machine Learning to prevent Fraud?



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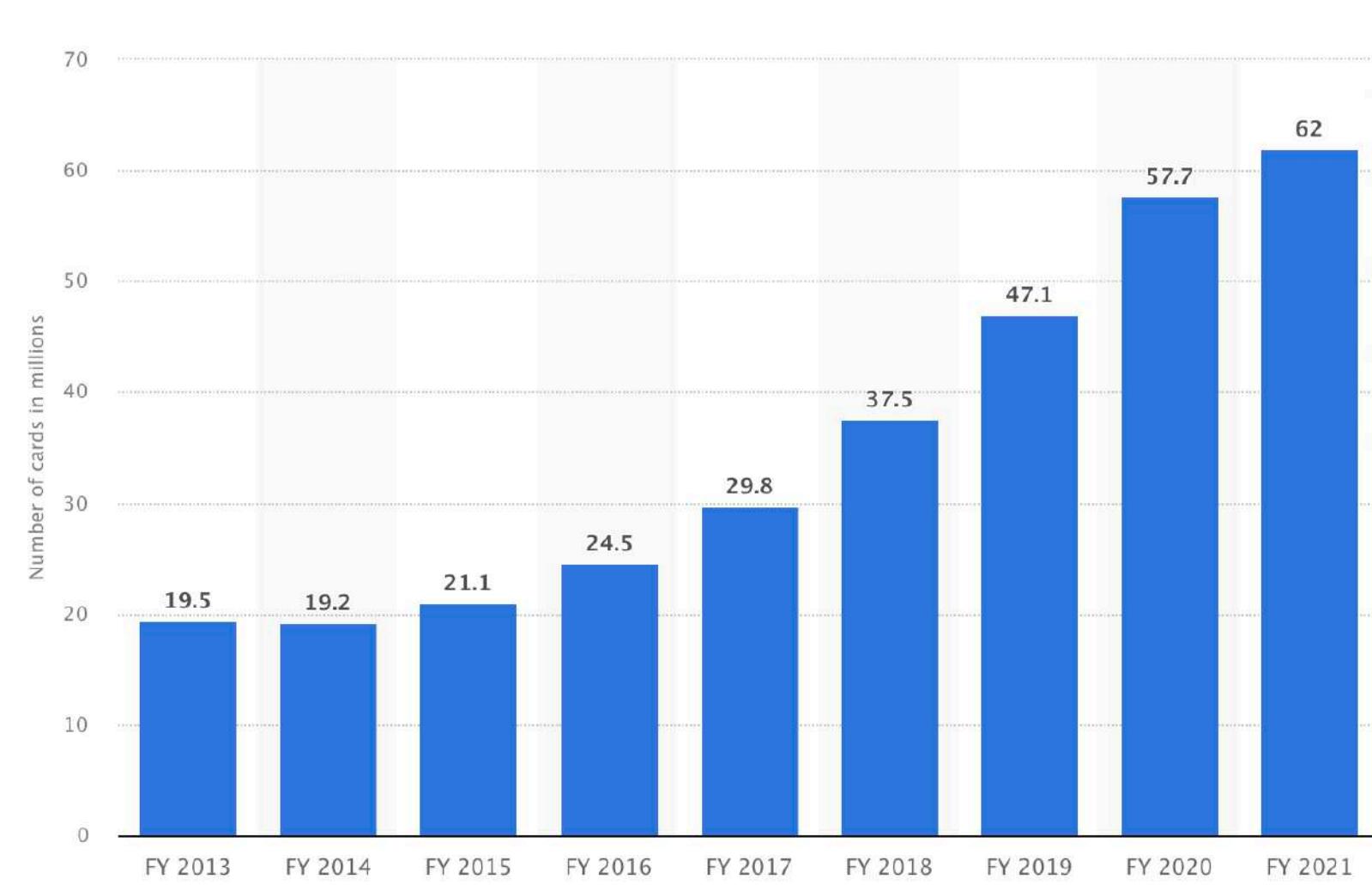


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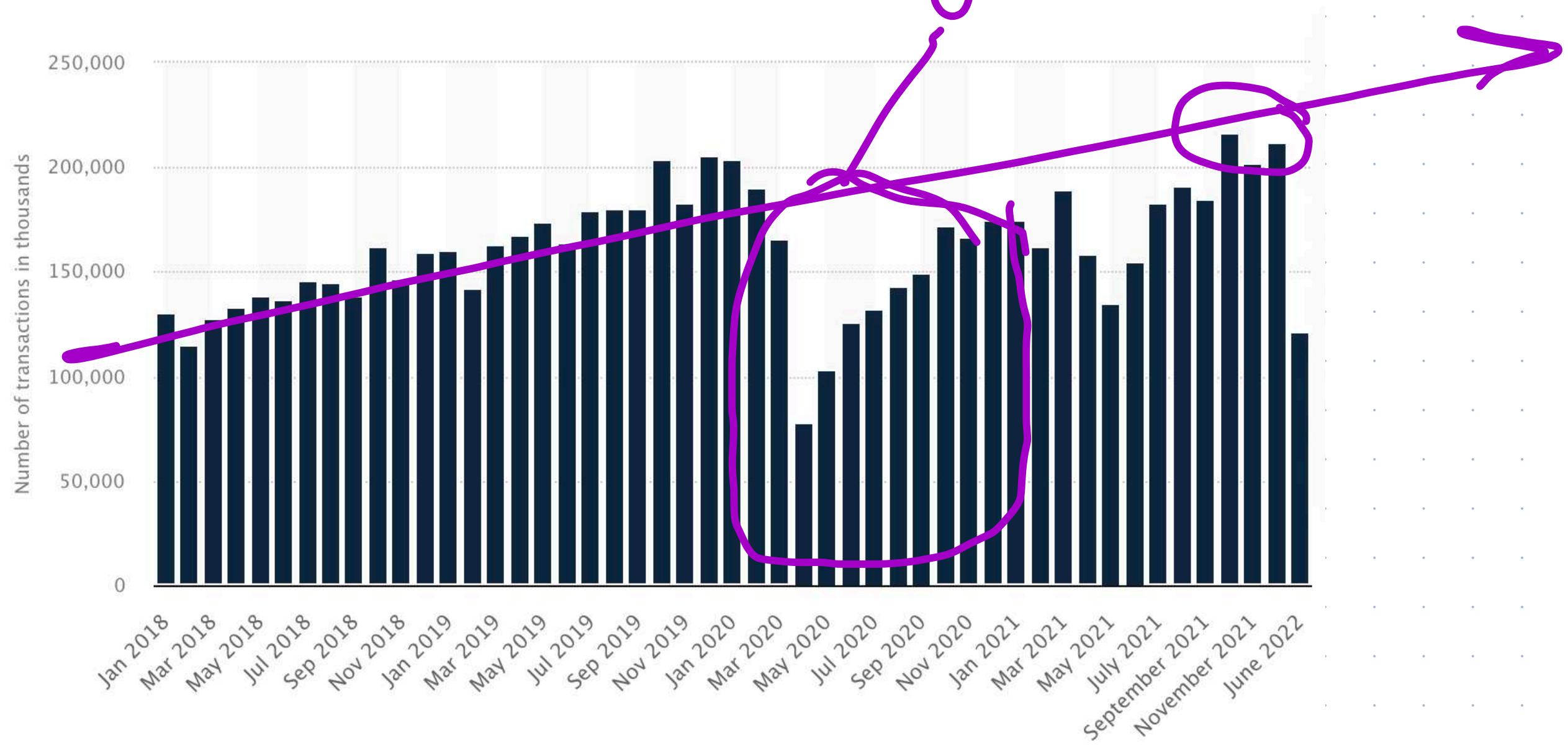
- Beginner friendly (ML or Fraud Theory)
 - Overview (Fraud Detection + ML)
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- Diluted.
- Notes linkedIn + Discord
 - No coding



Credit card growth in India



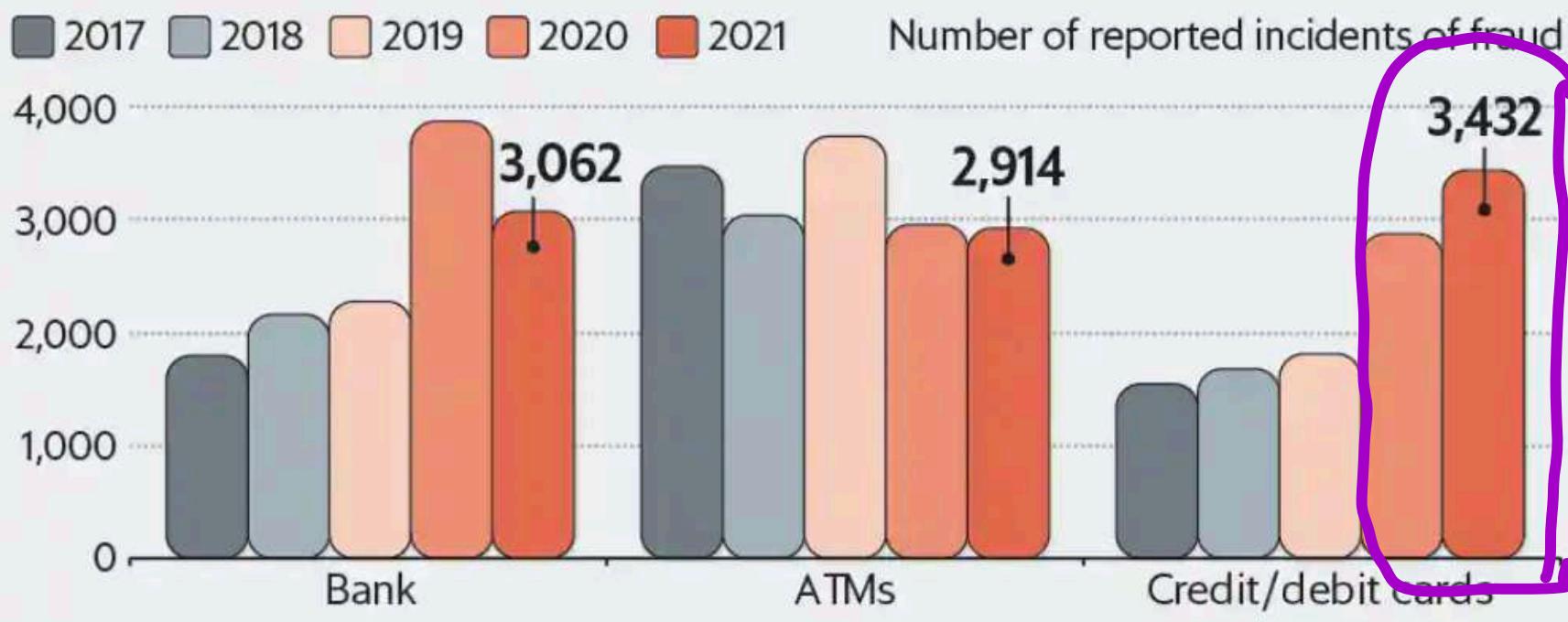
Number of Transactions



Frauds

Fraud alert

NCRB's latest data shows that debit and credit card fraud is on the rise.



Card, internet frauds increase to Rs 155 crore in 3,596 cases

Types of frauds



card not present



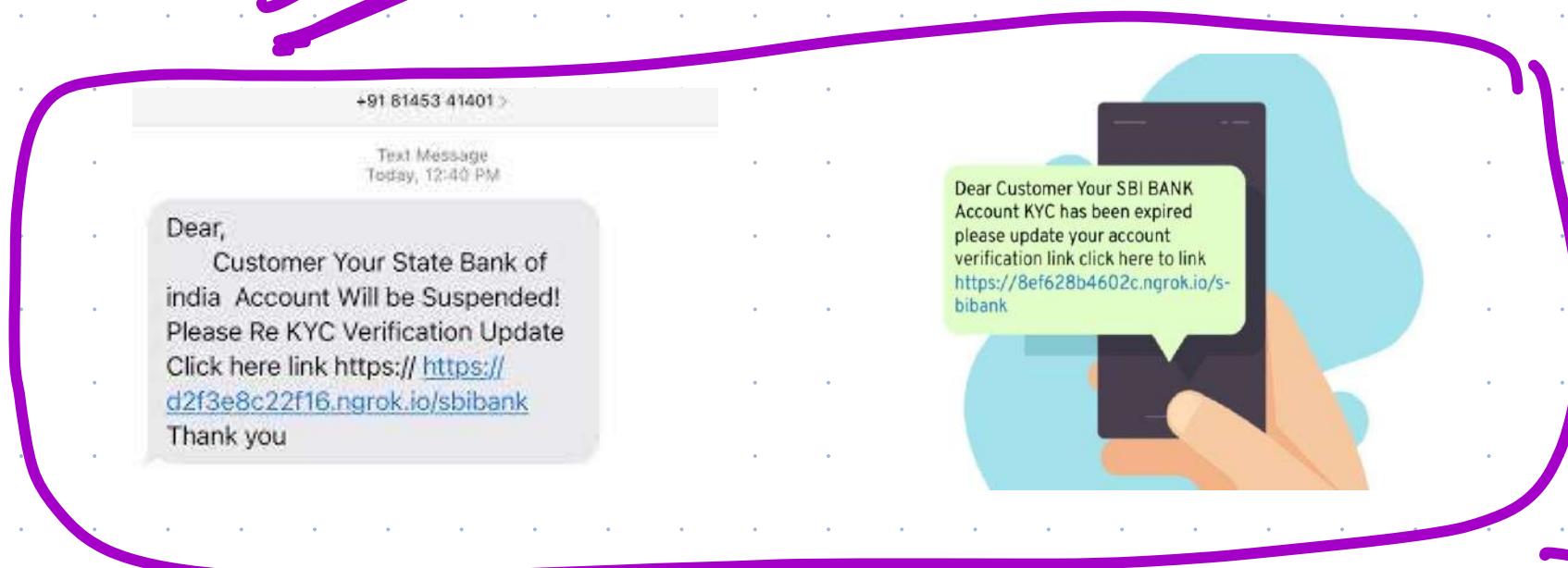
card present

Card not present fraud

Digital or online transaction

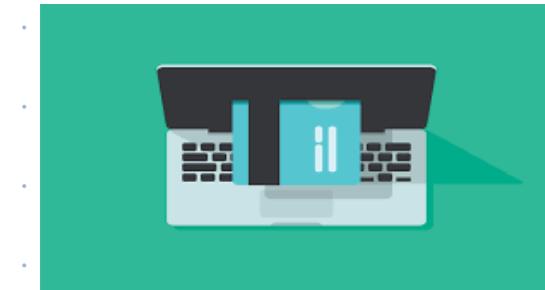
Online Phising

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Email & SMS

Unauthorized
Hyperlink



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ADDRESS Card Number CVV

CITY Expiry Month Expiry Year

COUNTRY United States Cuban Vicino

STATE State

ZIP Phone number

I'm a human I'm a robot

Todays charge is \$19.99 and this will auto renew monthly until canceled.
 I have read and agree to the [Terms and Conditions](#)

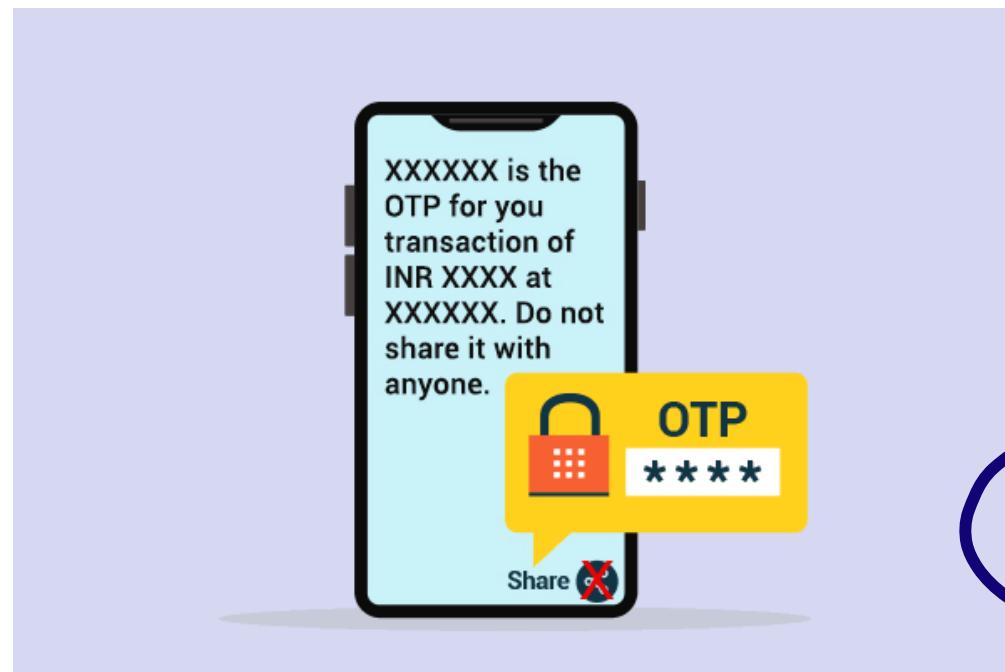
NEXT

Cancel and no questions asked refund policy at anytime during membership

Renews monthly at thirty nine dollars and ninety nine cents

and Not present fraud
OTP transaction.

Not
frequent
use your
age group



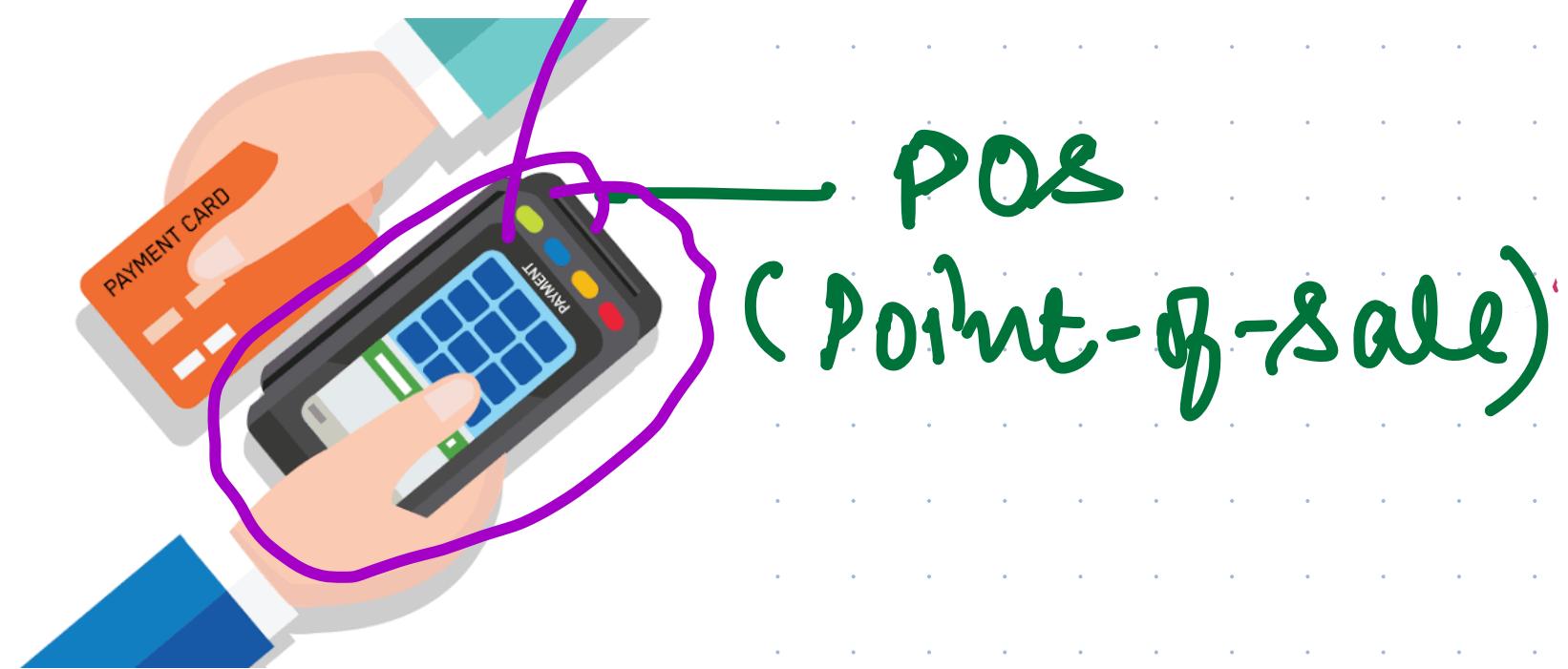
Old Age

Card Present Fraud

Physically card is present during transaction

tamper the POS machine

POS
Fraud



POS
(Point-of-Sale)

Card ~~Not~~ present fraud

ATM



Skimming

- steal card info & make a duplicate card

Card hosts & stolen friends



Aware

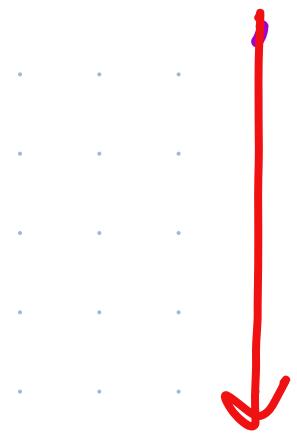
Wireless Tap



Impact of Credit Card Fraud

- Customer
- Financial Institution (Banks/Intermediary)
- Merchant

 Customers negligence - Customer



Bank

"Chargeback"

"FINANCIAL BODIES."
"Fraud Detection"

How should we build a

Strong/Robust

FRAUD DETECTION SYSTEM

- Classical Approach
- Modern Approach

Classical Approach

i) Hire a Business Analyst

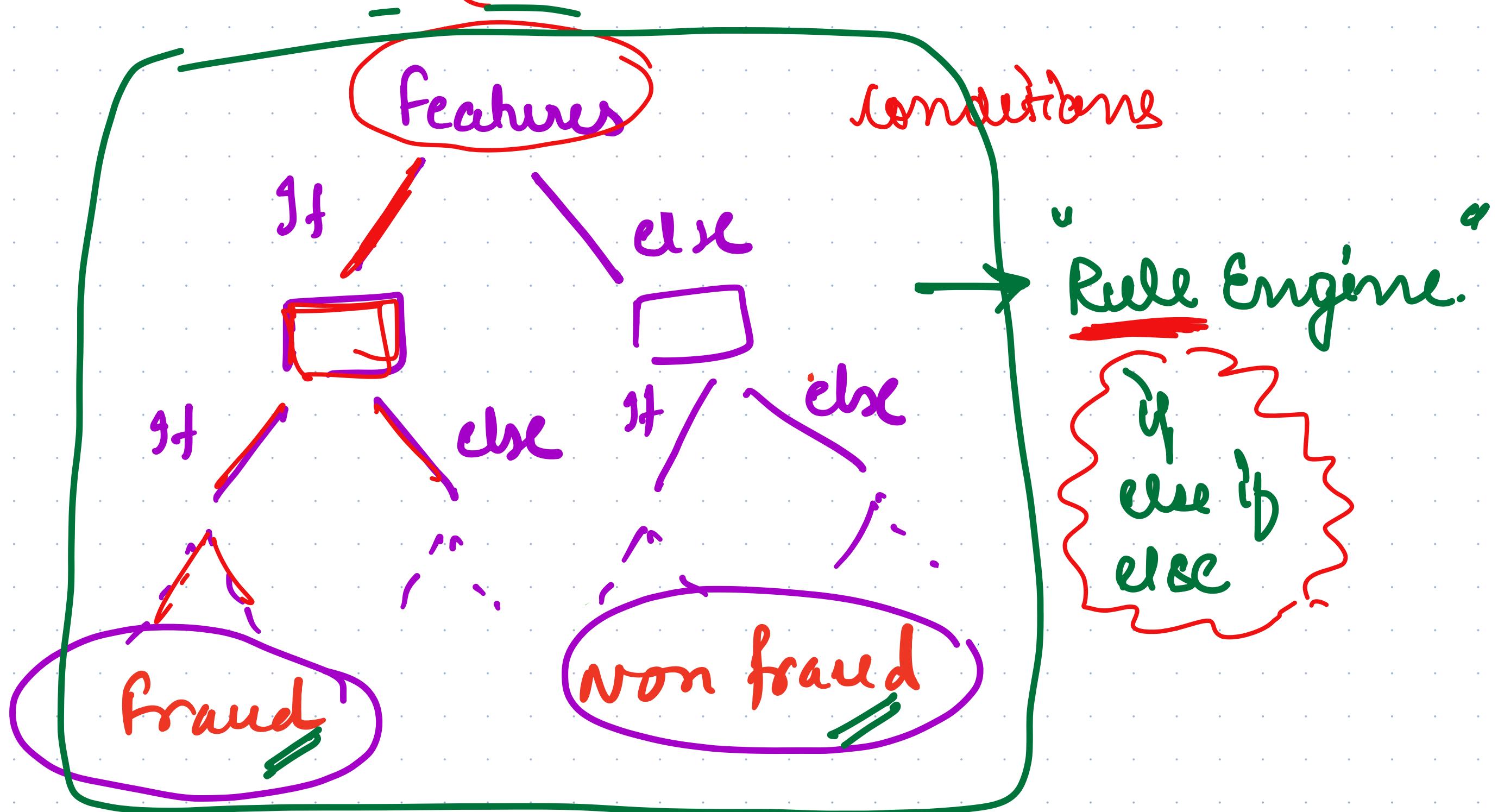


“Patterns” of Fraud
Past transaction.

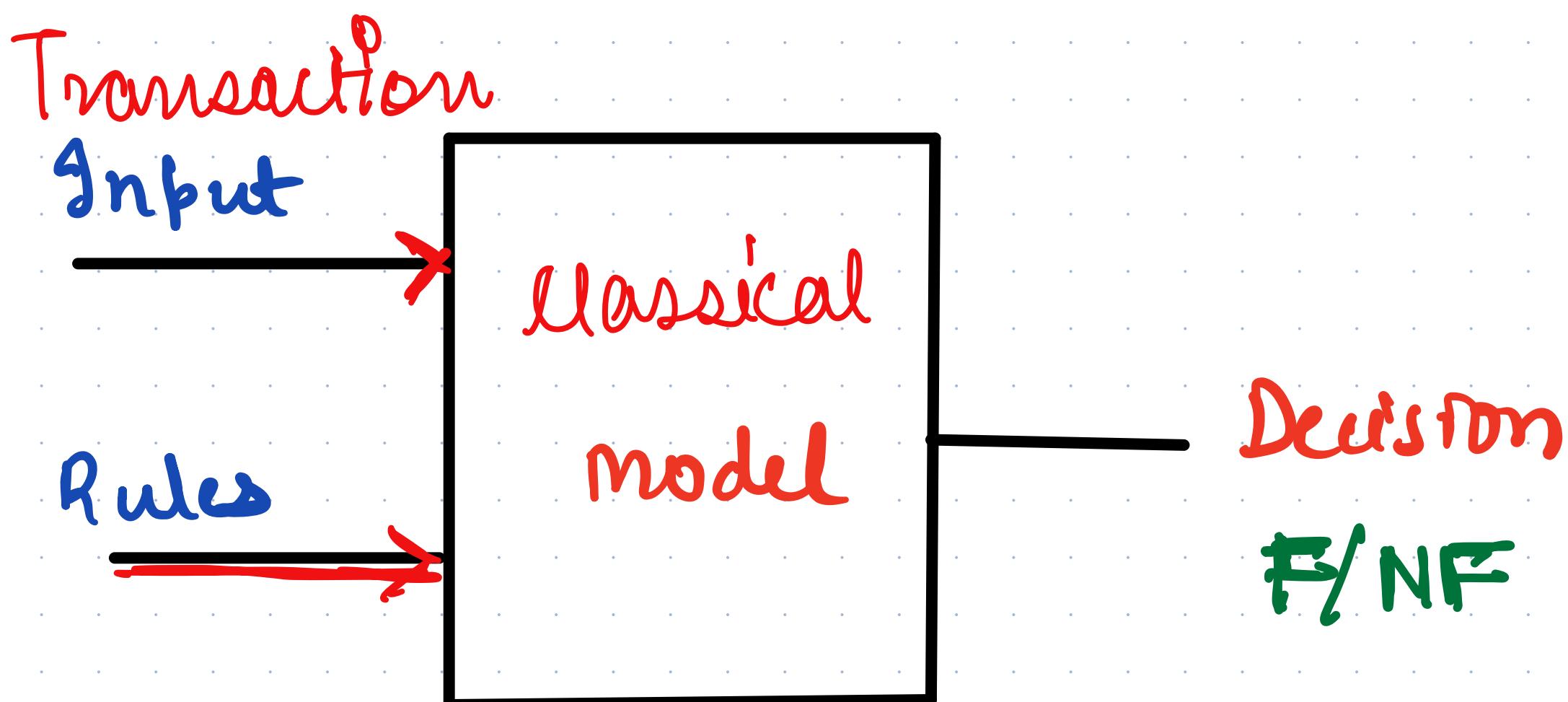
- location
- Past transaction
- Time lapse (Interval)



2) Build a long if-else-if else structure



Classical Rule based approach



Input

Rules

SDE

model

Decision

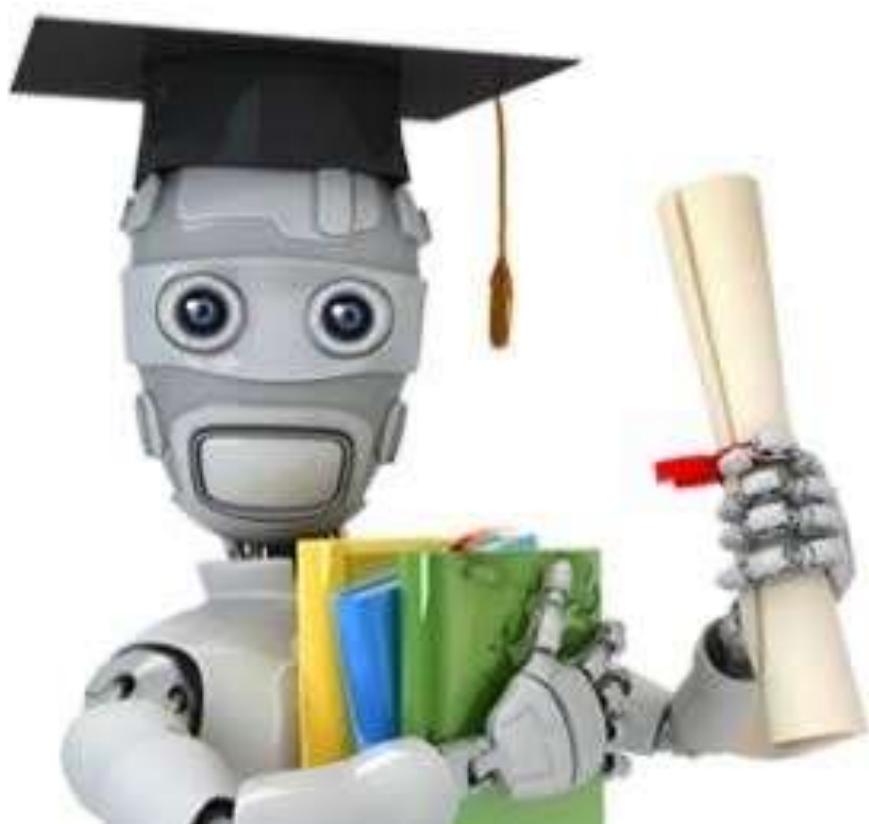
Drawbacks?

What strategy?

- ✓ No adaptability
- ✓ Tedious and tough.
- ✓ Hand coded

Idea behind ML (Predictive Analytics)

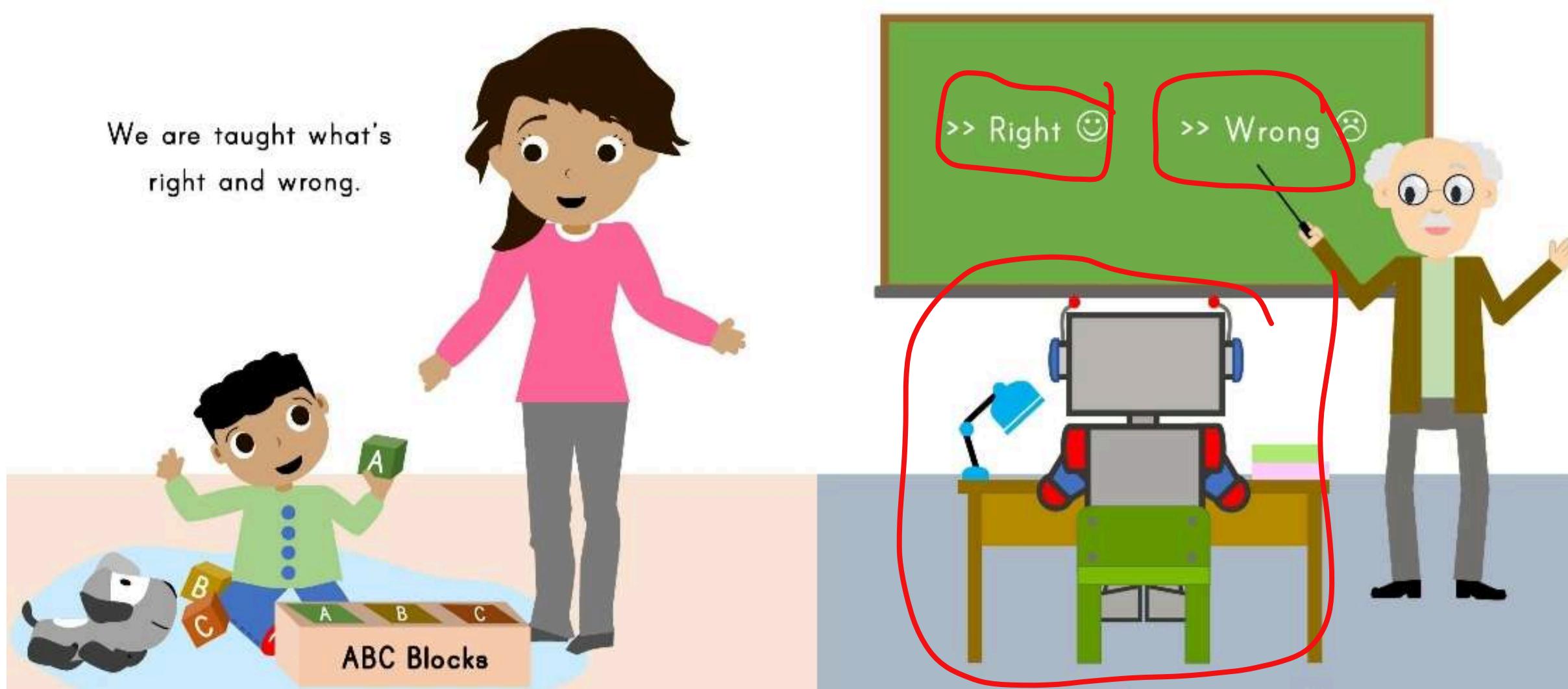
Outsource job of figuring patterns ^u ~~human~~ computer.



Process of training
these dumb
machines to
detect the pattern

ML

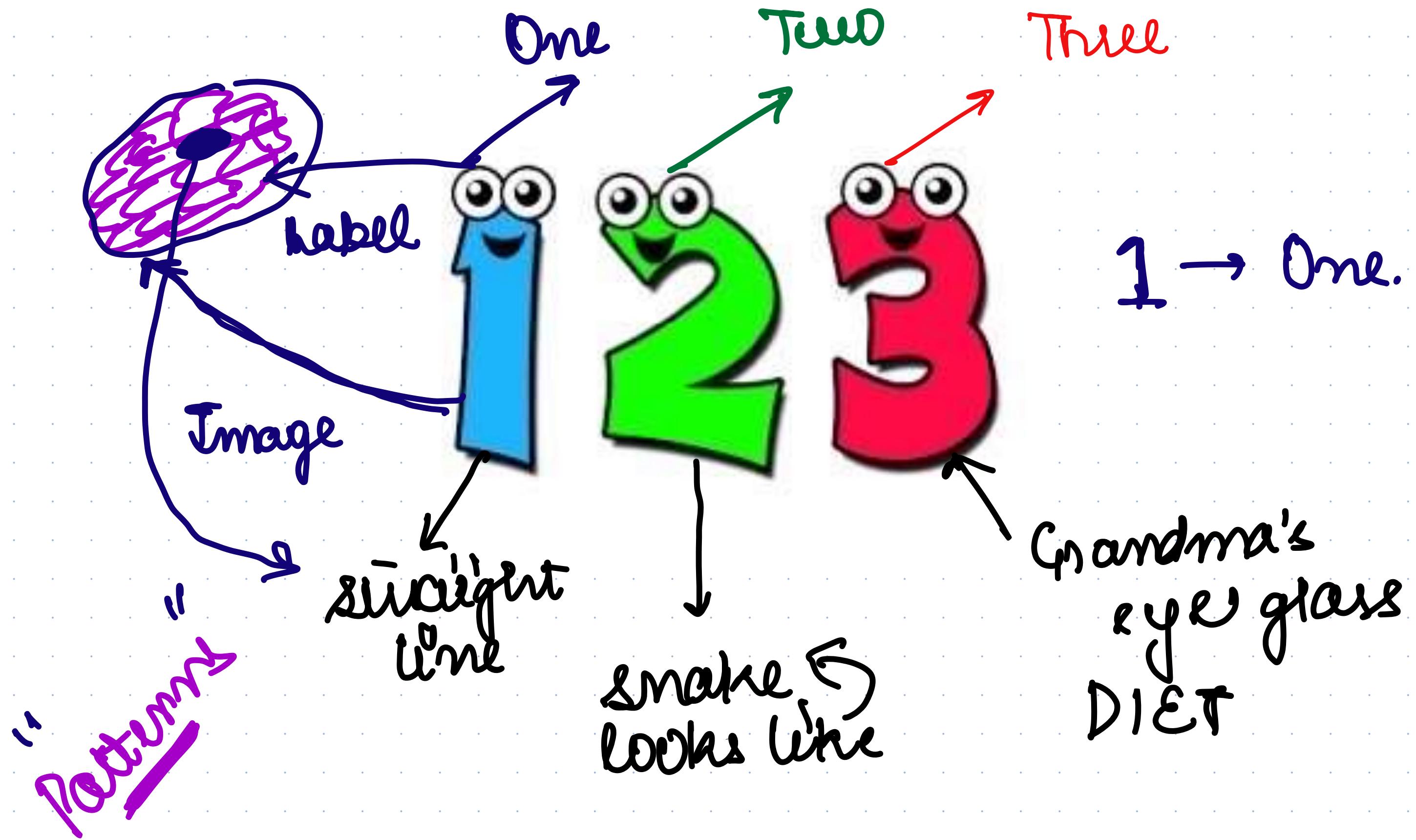
Big Question: How do we train the machine to recognise patterns?

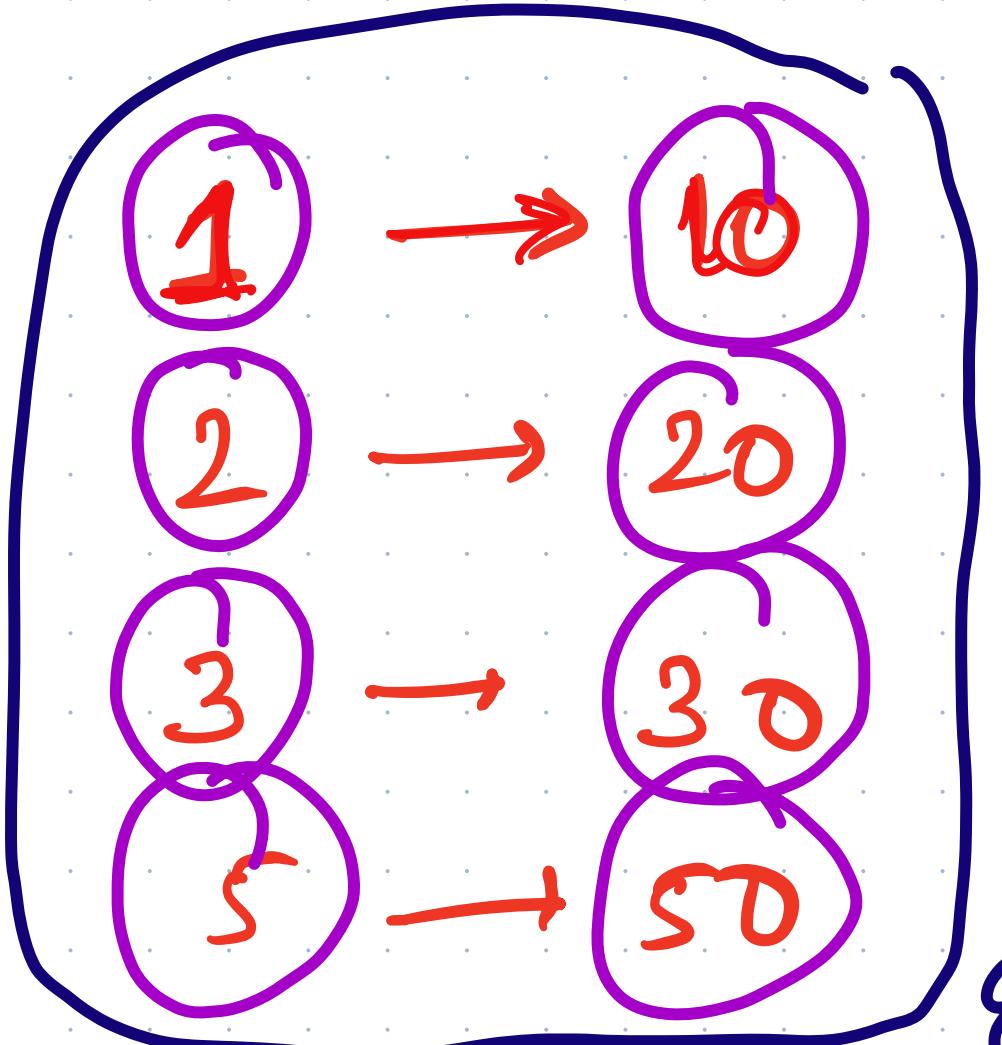


First day at your school



Numbers

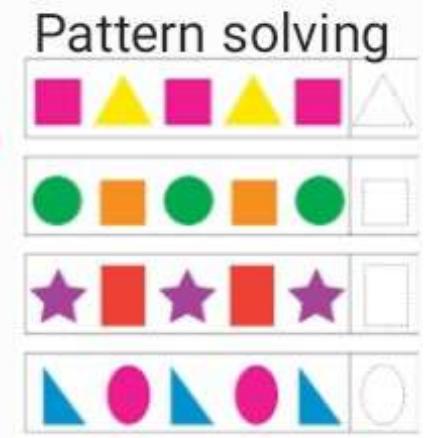




Train my machine
using some
"training" data



Expert



Machine
figure out
some
patterns.

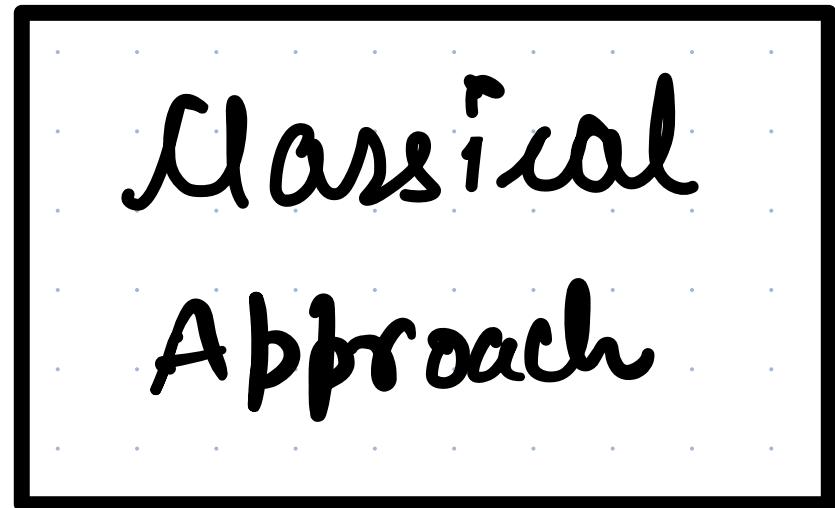
$$y = 10x$$

4 → ? Guess the output?
40

Transaction

Data →

Rules →



→ Output

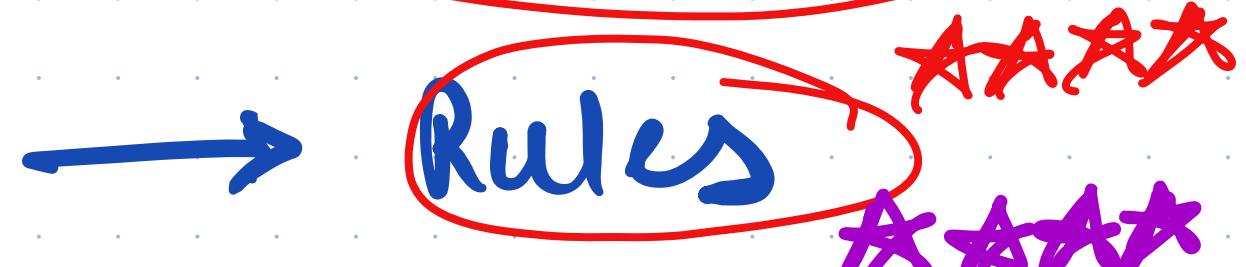
B/NF

Transaction

Data
(Input) →

Labels →
N/F

Training



ML Training Pipeline

ML Modeling Pipeline

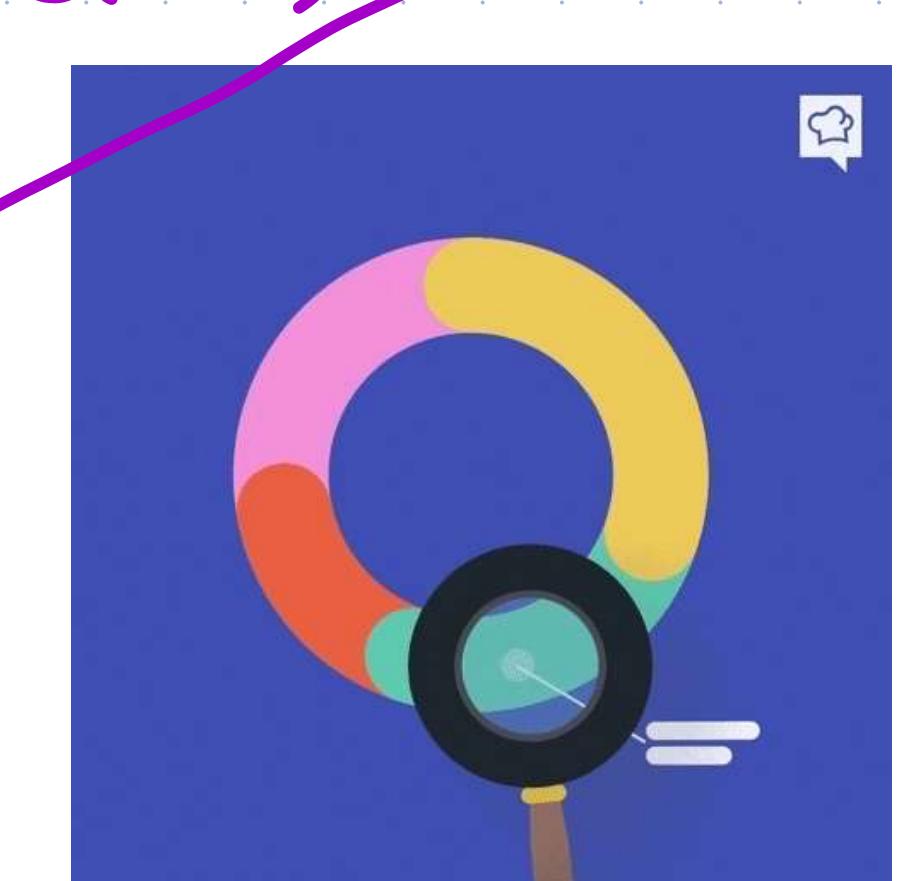


"Exploratory" Data Analysis Feature Engineering

lot of data → ~~Data Modelling~~

Insights :

- Sanity checks (outliers/missing data)
 - Determining certain pattern.
- 1 user OR Multiple users?
- Variation in the users - generic model.
- Months (Every) and for some years.



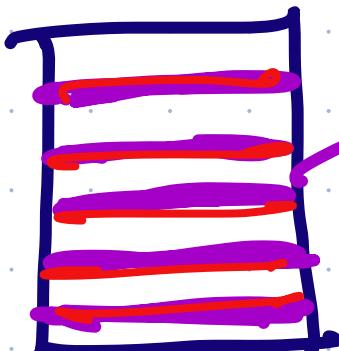
Machine learning

Modelling - train the ML model

Training Data

can I use a **proxy** for evaluation data?

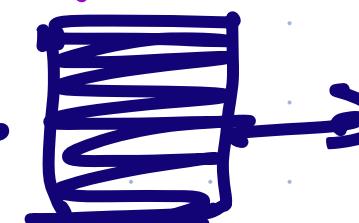
Training Data



20%

'unseen' during training process

80%



Training

Data splitting

Train Test

+ Validation

Trained Model

Deploy

Test

New data (labelled)

P/NF

Testing.

Evaluation

Split the data



Train

Testing

This part will
go into ML
model

We can use
this to test
model

Feature Engineering ***

Buy a flat, cost of the flat.

- # bedrooms
 - carpet area
 - locality
 - view
 - floor num
-]
- features



Predict the price of your flat.

Q:

What features do banks collect ^u when you make
credit card transaction?

Features.

Raw

- Card Number
- Name on the card
- Transaction Amt
- Transaction ID
- Time
- Geolocation.
- Merchant Code.
- Type of merchant
- Transaction limit

→ currency
→ CVV
→ PII

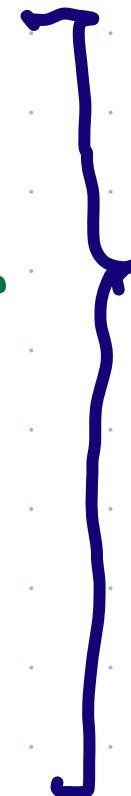
Raw Features

enough? → NFE



NO

- History
- Usage Behavior.
- Credit score.
- Debts.
- Payment Method



User

Behaviour/
Characteristics
Wifestyle

Why user's behaviors are important ?

Smart



User

does →

Transaction
(9-5)

Behavior.

Transaction-N (midnight) → Fraud.

Q.: Features capturing user's behavior habits.

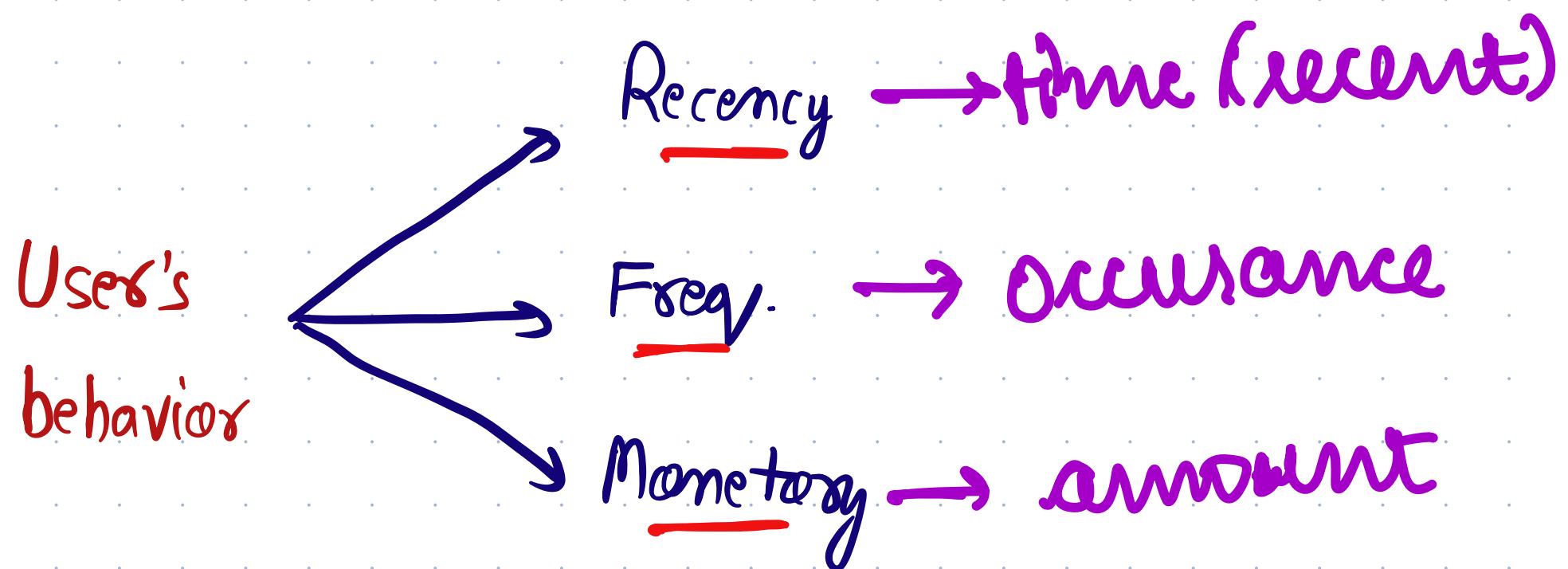
- Frequency
- Avg. amt of transaction
- Time lapse.
- Unusual Timing
- Cyclic Trends
- Merchant Type
- How many attempts.
- Preferred mode of payment

Recency

frequency

Monetary

Capturing user behaviour



Q: Any suspicious transaction?

//

	Transac. ID	City	Time	Transac method	Amount
1	T420	Delhi	10:20	Card	100
2	T013	Delhi	11:00	Card	40
3.	T169	Mumbai	11:20	Internet	200

Q: Feature that involves location & recency



Delhi
11 AM



Mumbai
11:20 AM

Time

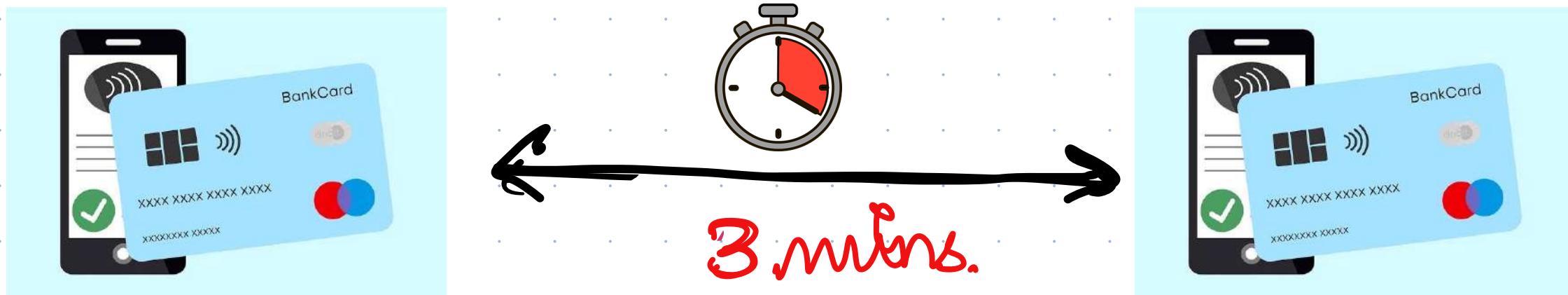
Engineers Feature

$$\rightarrow \text{Velocity} = \frac{Lx - L(x-1)}{\text{Time}} \rightarrow \frac{\uparrow}{\downarrow} = \cancel{\pi}$$

F

Recovery

Gap between transaction



Transaction - 1

11:00AM

large amt.

→ Multiple large transaction in (less) time

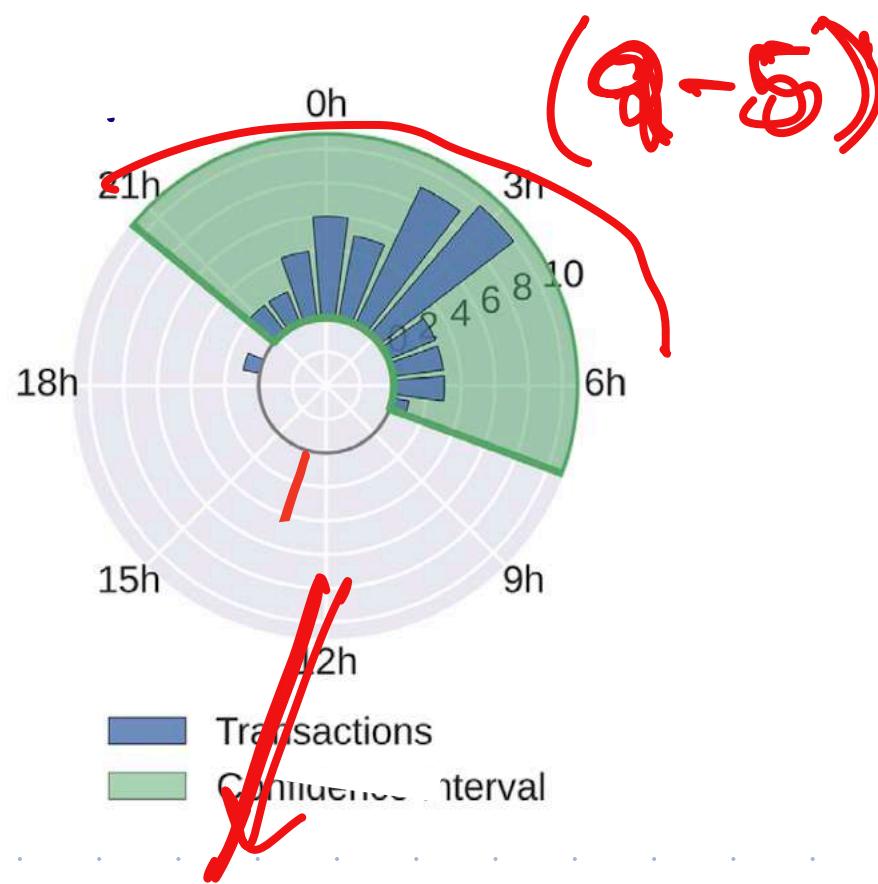
Transaction - 2

11:03 AM

large amt

I/O ← FINE

Unusual time of transaction

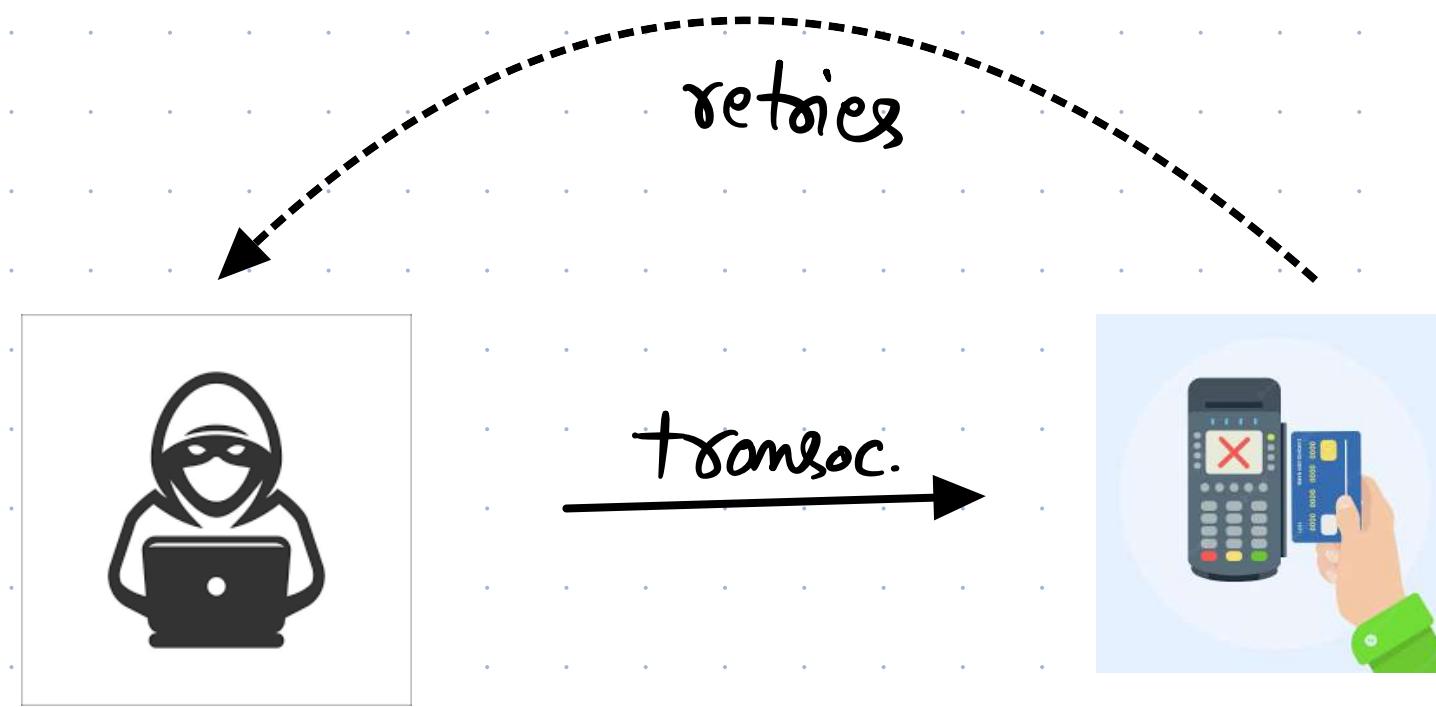


frequency

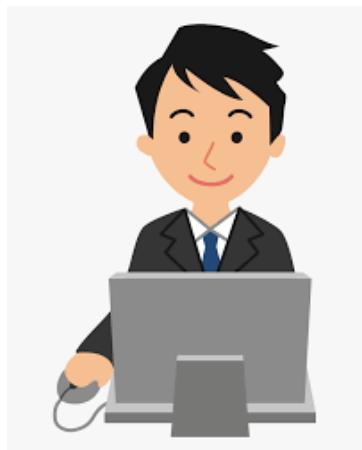
Transaction features involving freq.?



failed transactions



of failed transaction to merchant



user



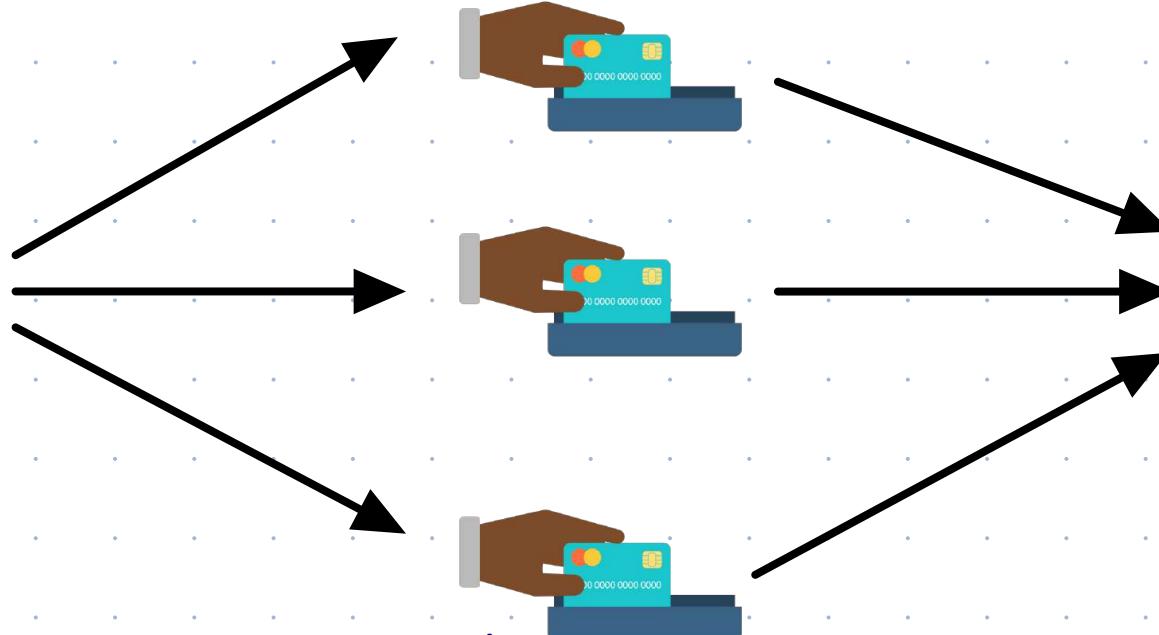
single transaction



merchant



fraudster



multiple transactions

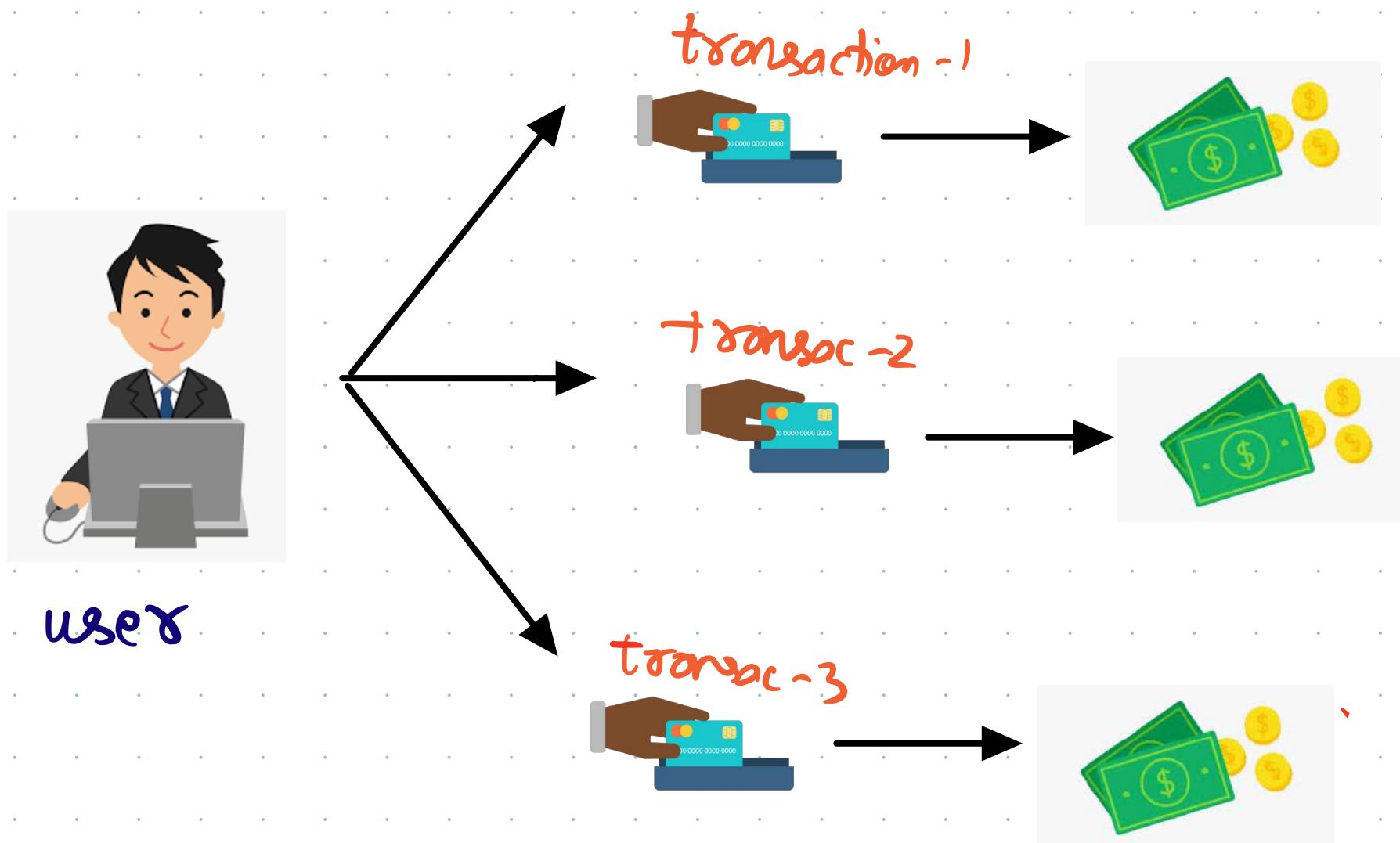


merchant

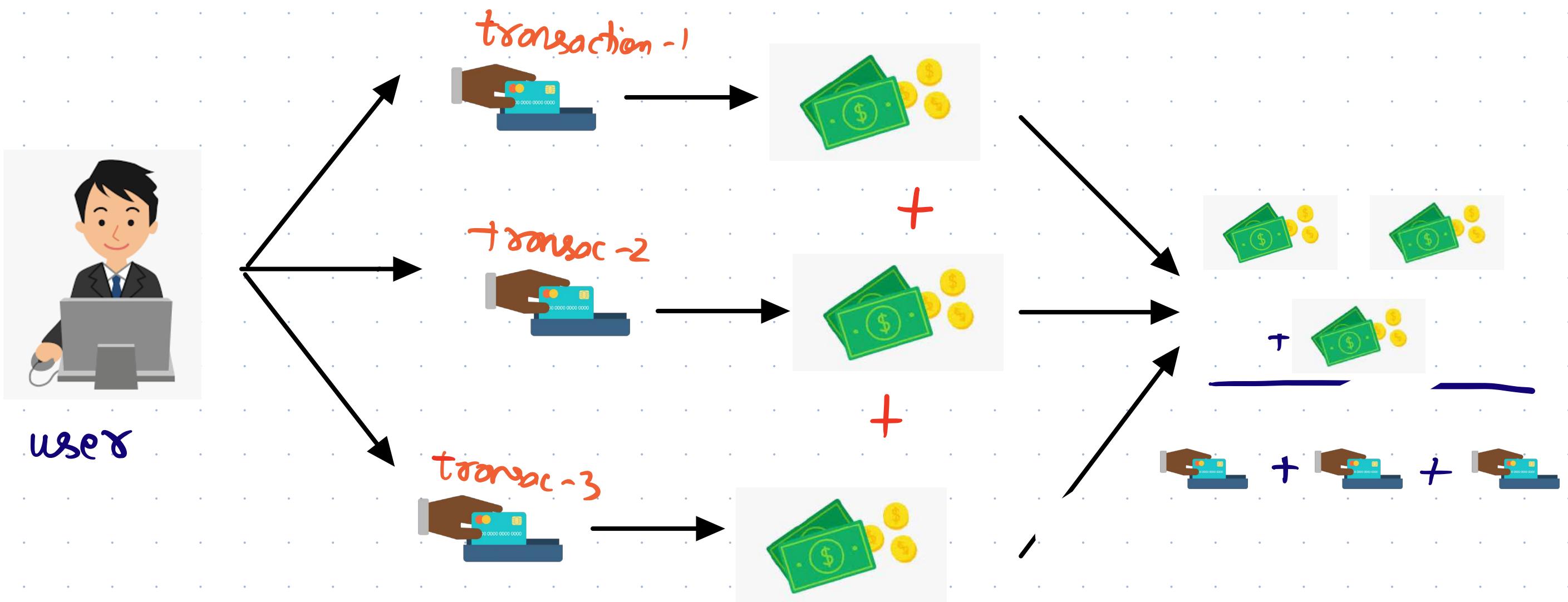
Monetary

Features involving transaction amount?

1.1 Cumulative transaction amount in a day



1.2 Average Amount spent in



Big one time transaction

elder



large transaction

targets



fraudster

3. Currency type of transaction



Indian user



usual transaction in Rs.

Suddenly,



transaction in yuan

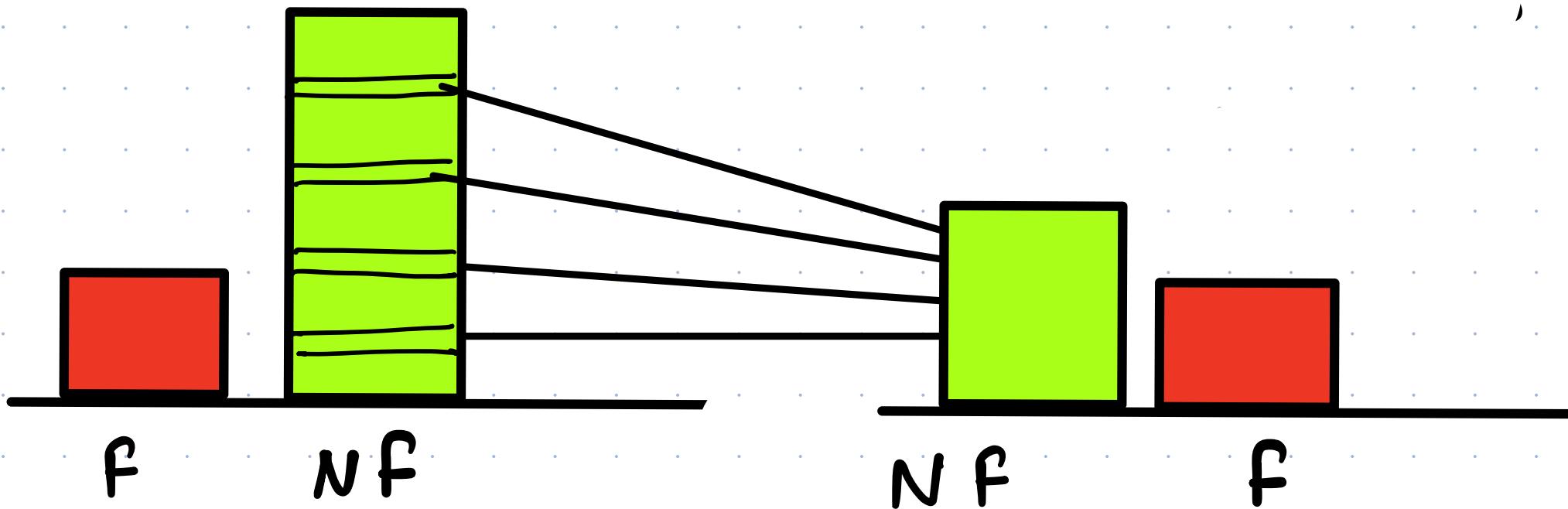


Is our data ready for
modelling?

Non-fraud >>> # fraud (1%)

Re-Sampling

Under-Sampling (Reduce the majority)

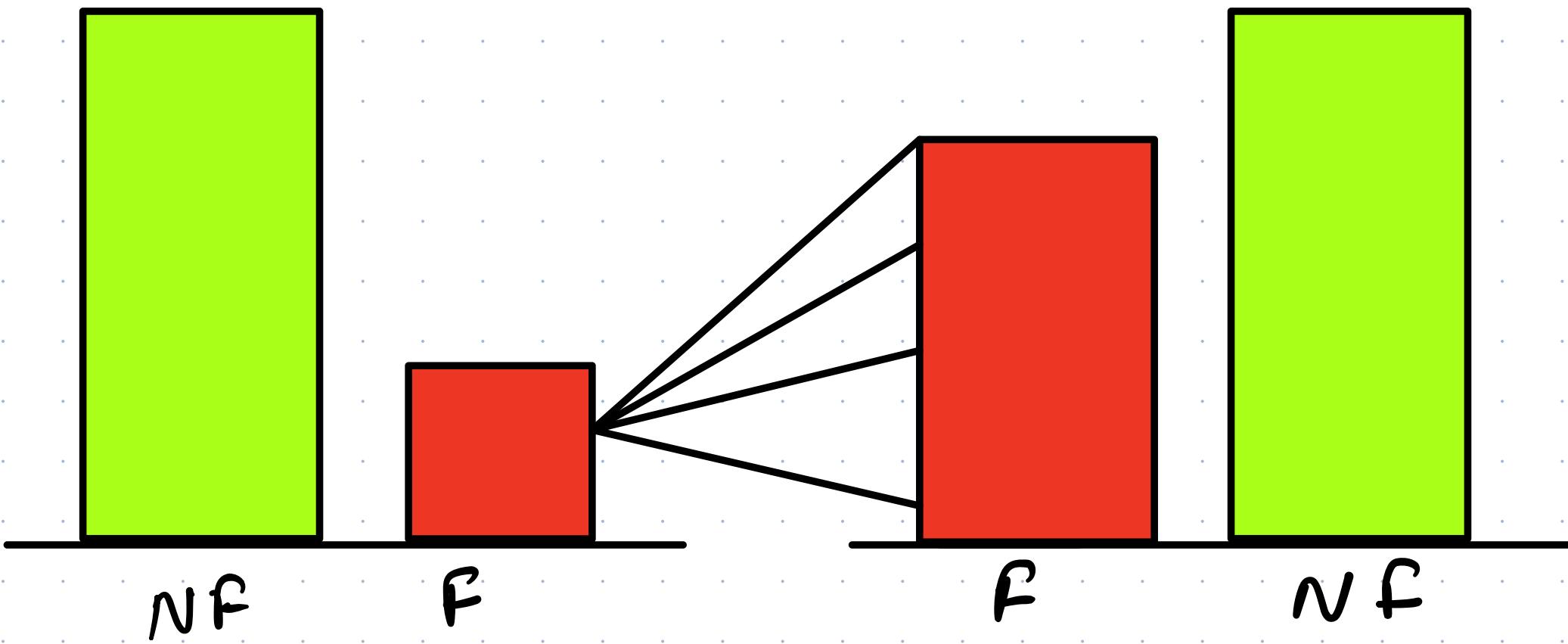


Original

Under-Sampled

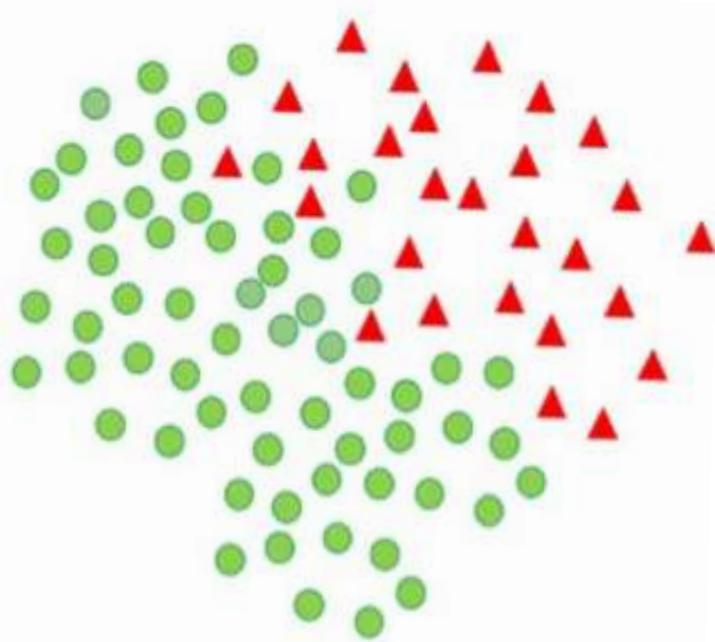
% difference is less
now

Over-Sampling (Increase the minority)



How to increase fraud transaction ?

SMOTE

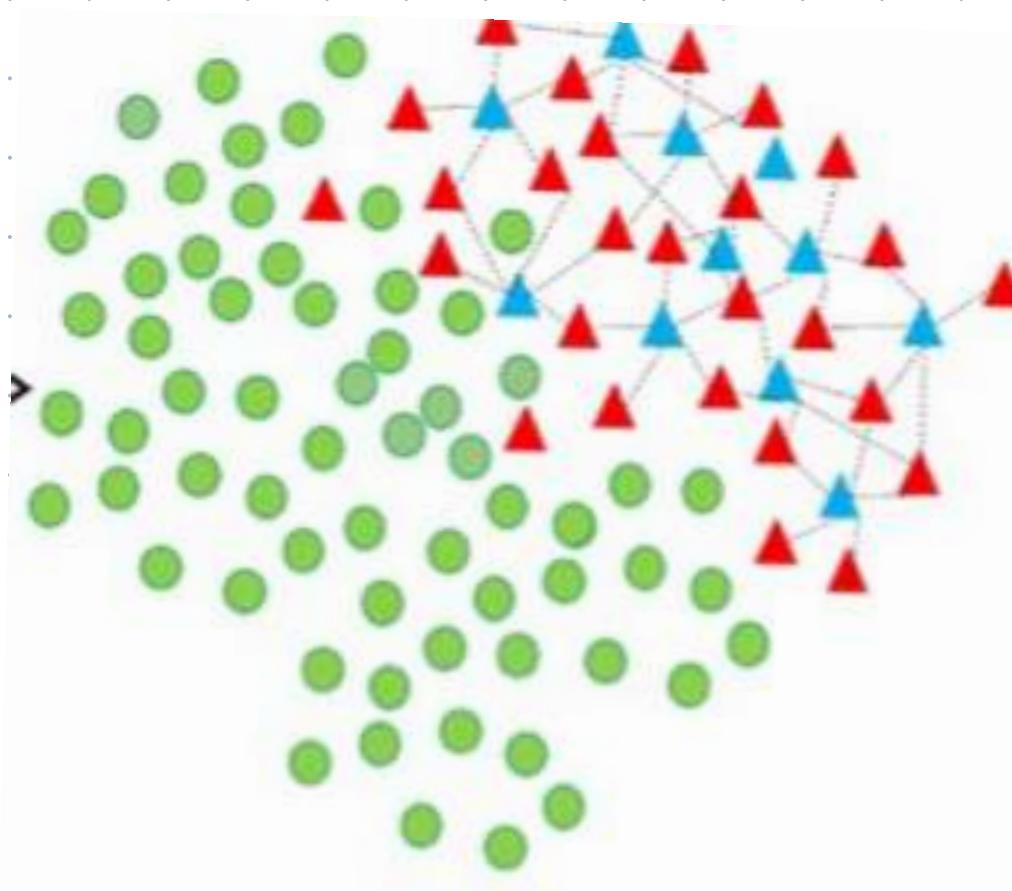


Imbalanced
Dataset

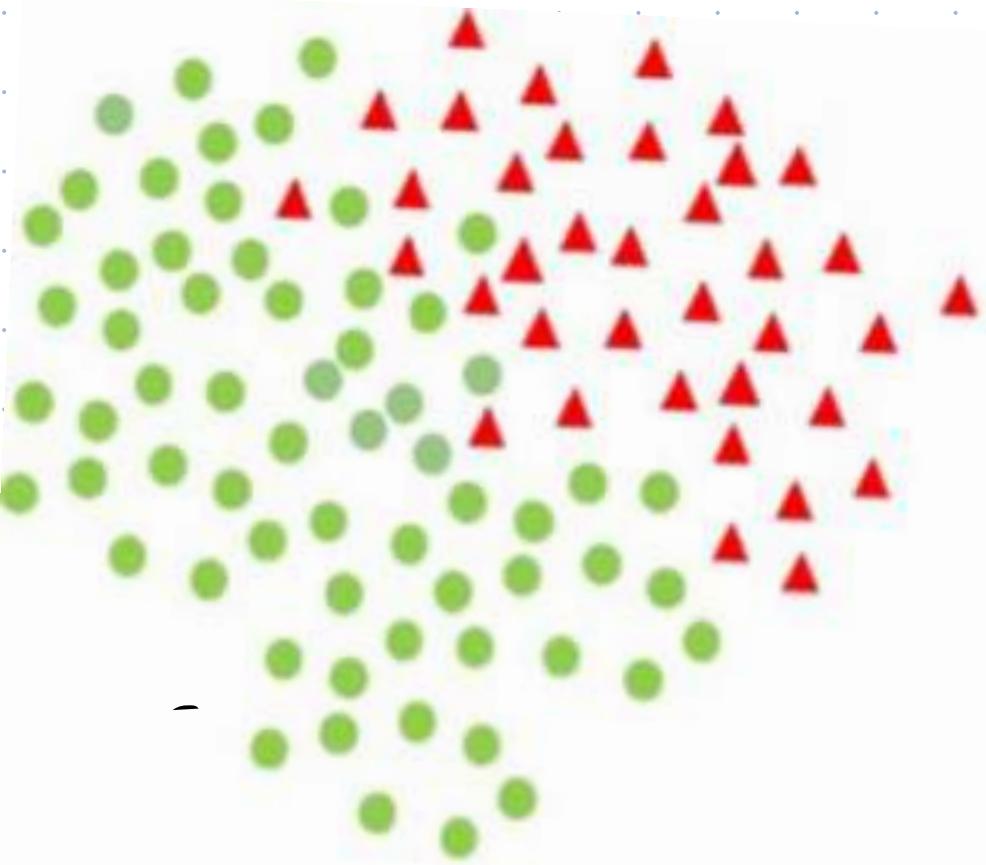
$\triangle \rightarrow$ minority
Class

$O \rightarrow$ majority
Class

How we can
increase minority
Class ?



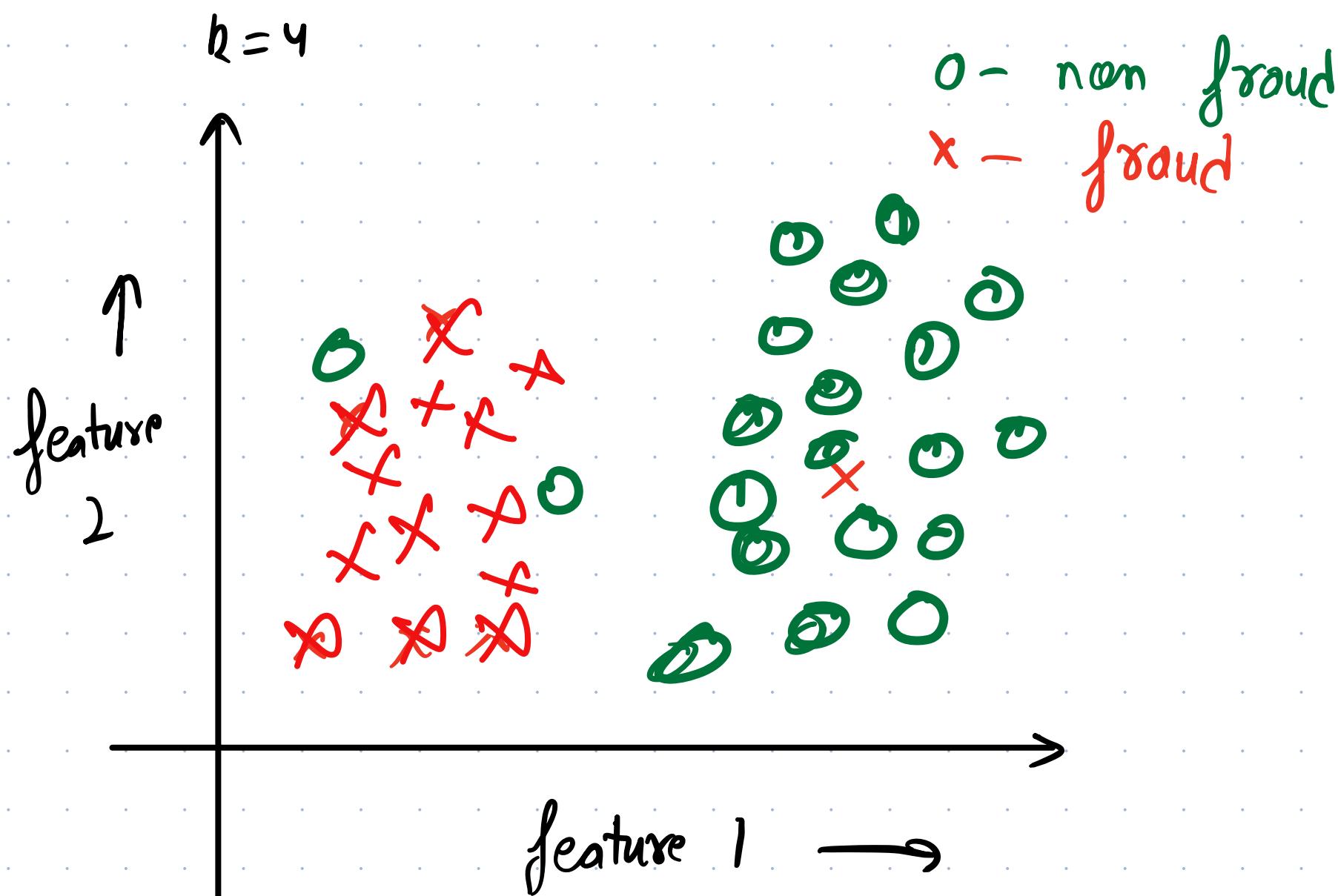
▲ → synthetic
minority
class data
points



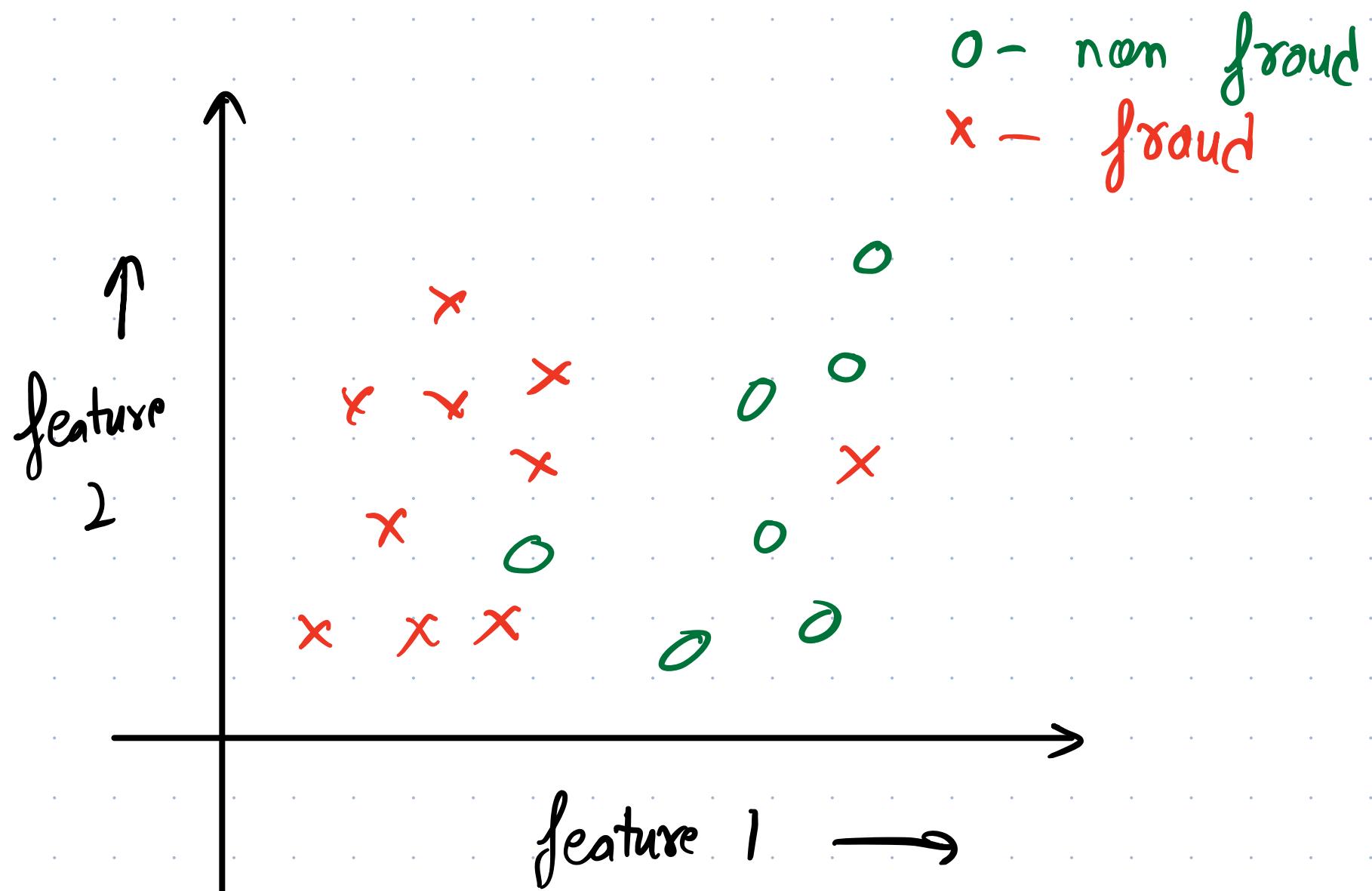
ML Modelling:

What do we want to predict?

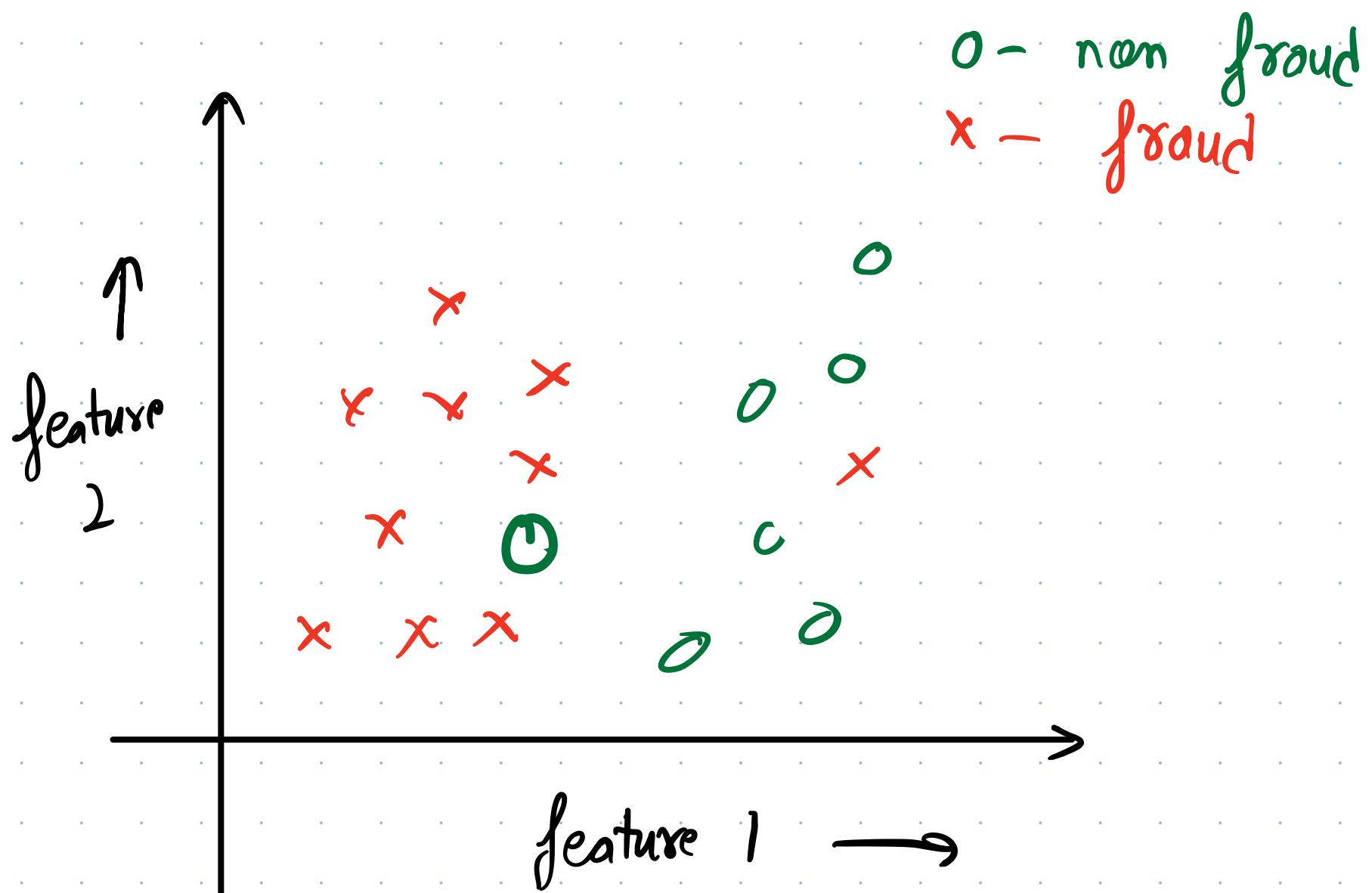
KNN

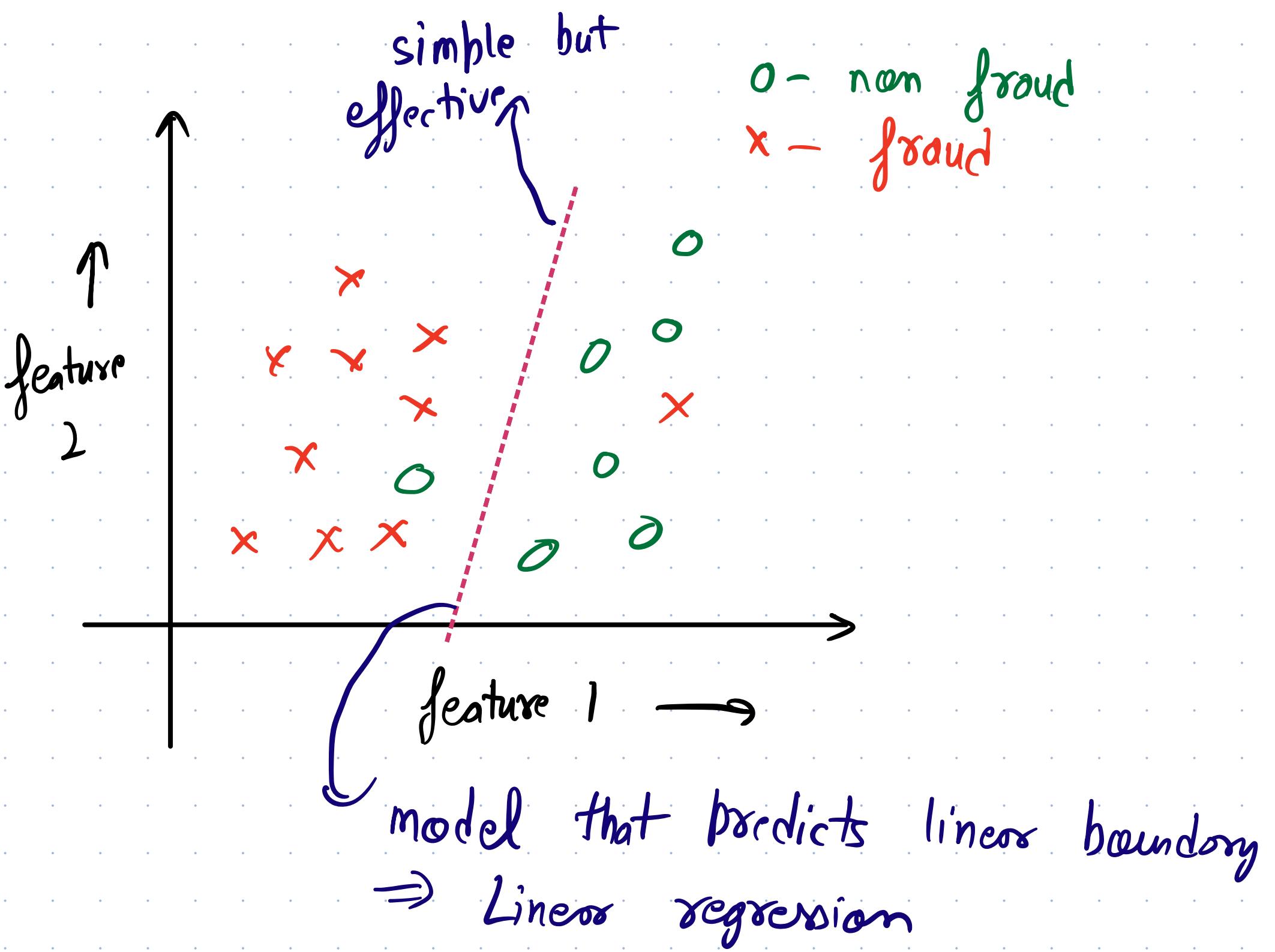


Logistic Regression

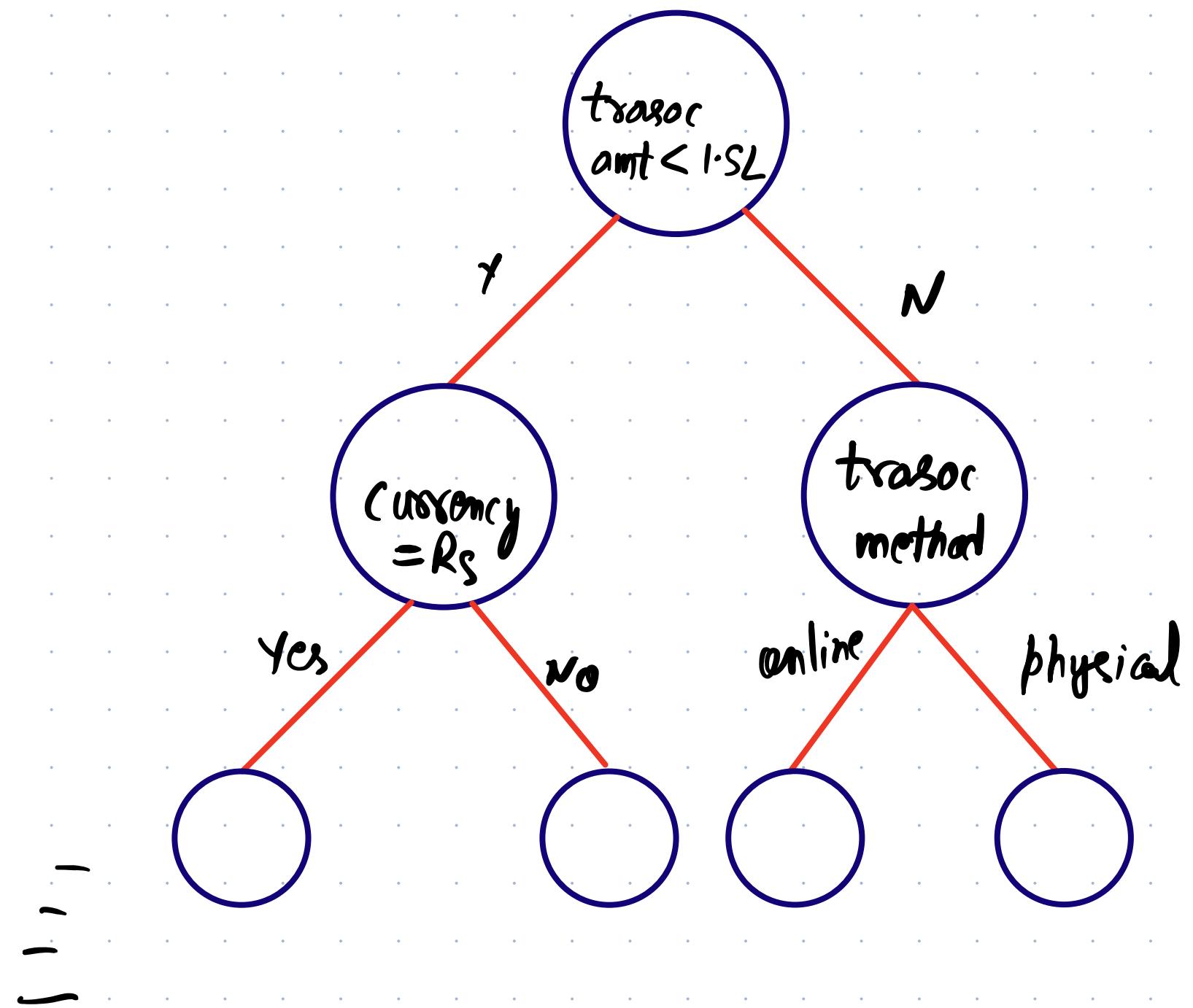


More complex boundaries



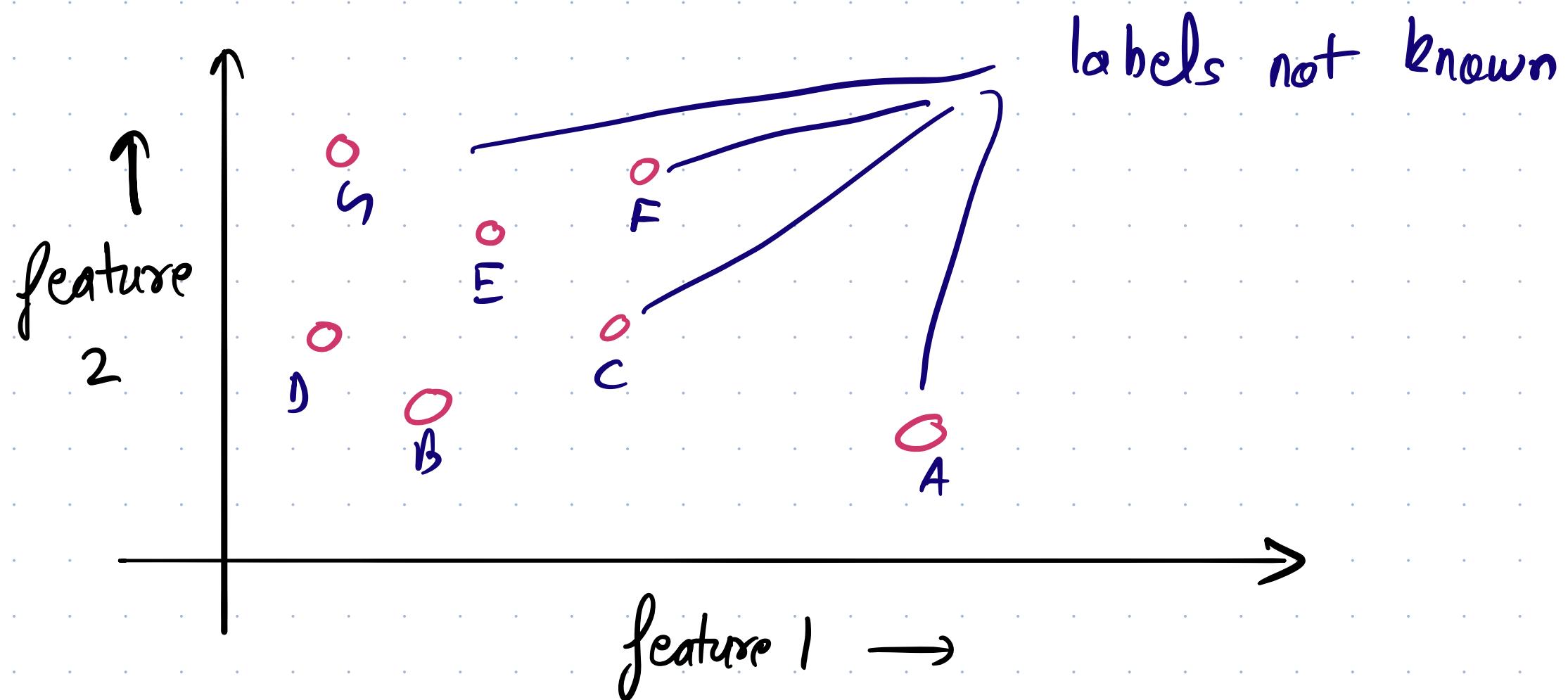


Decision Tree



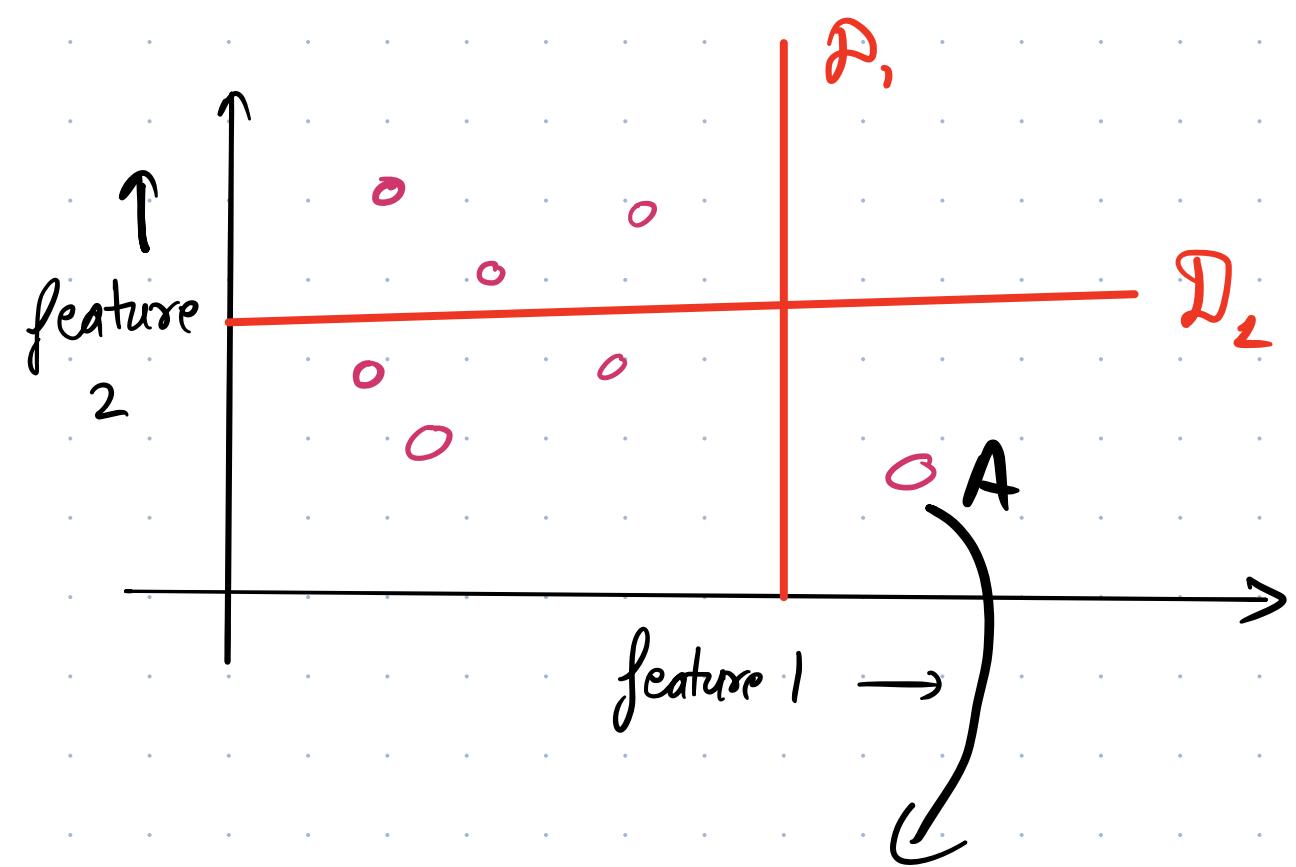
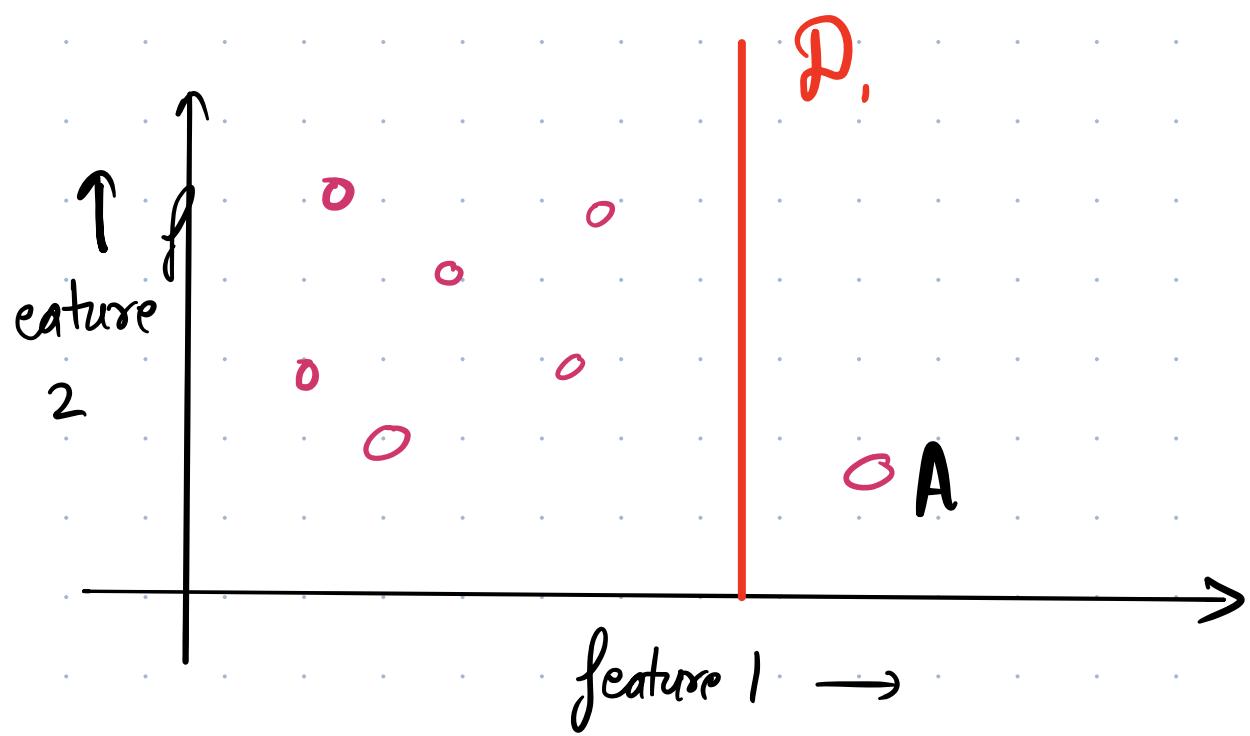
Isolation forest

- find datapoints that are very different from rest of datapoints

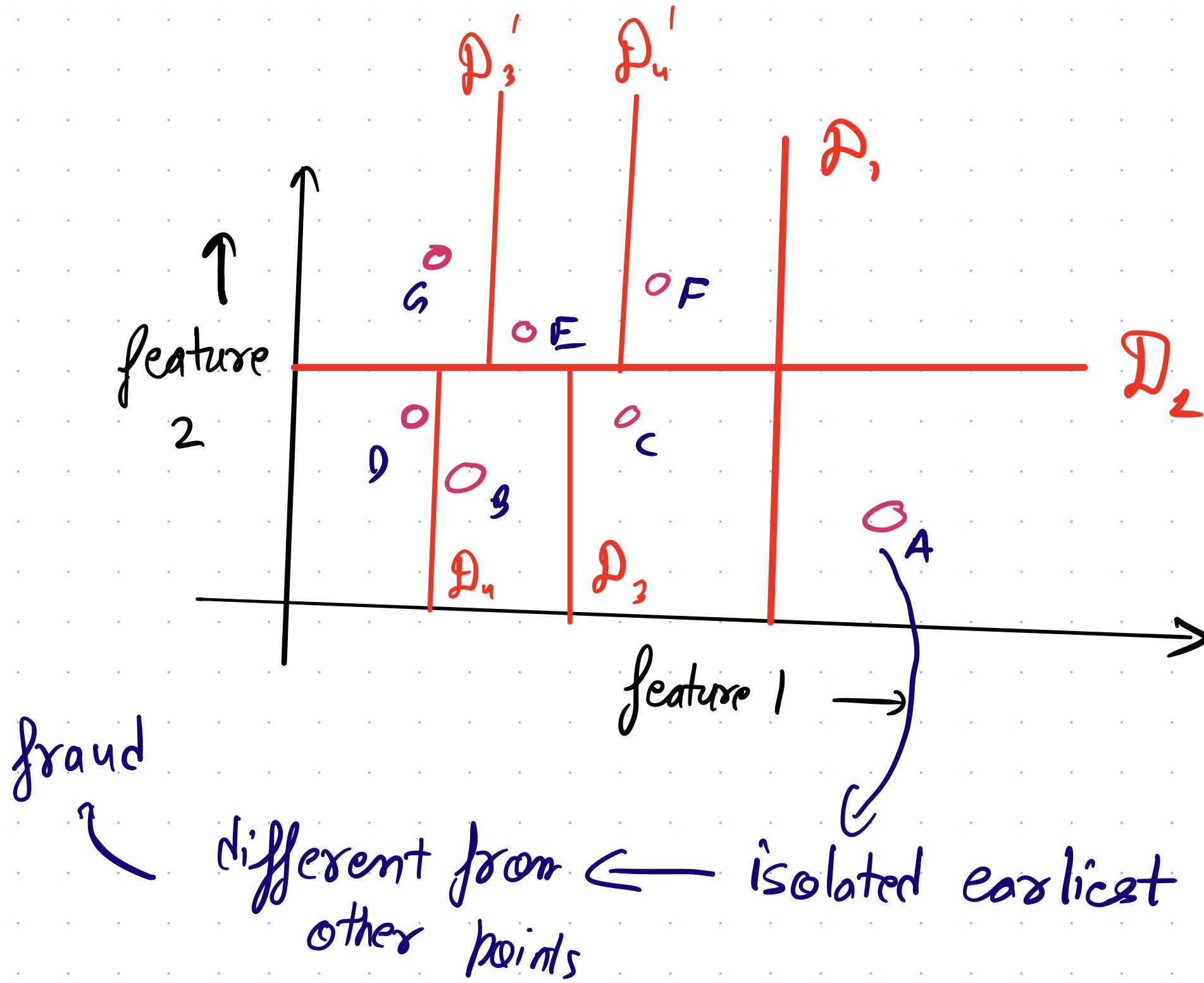


How do Isolation forest work?

- isolate each datapoint from every other point

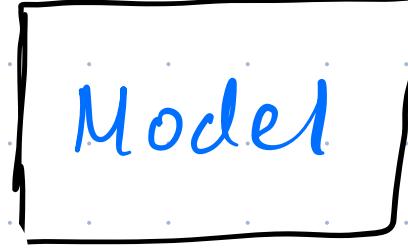


pt A is isolated.



Model Evaluation

How do we know
model is good ? \Rightarrow Check Accuracy

Test data \Rightarrow 
 \Rightarrow 99.1% Accuracy

1 out of 100 prediction
is wrong

Is this a Good
Model ?

Non fraud >>> # Fraud
(99.1%)

Suppose 100 Transaction

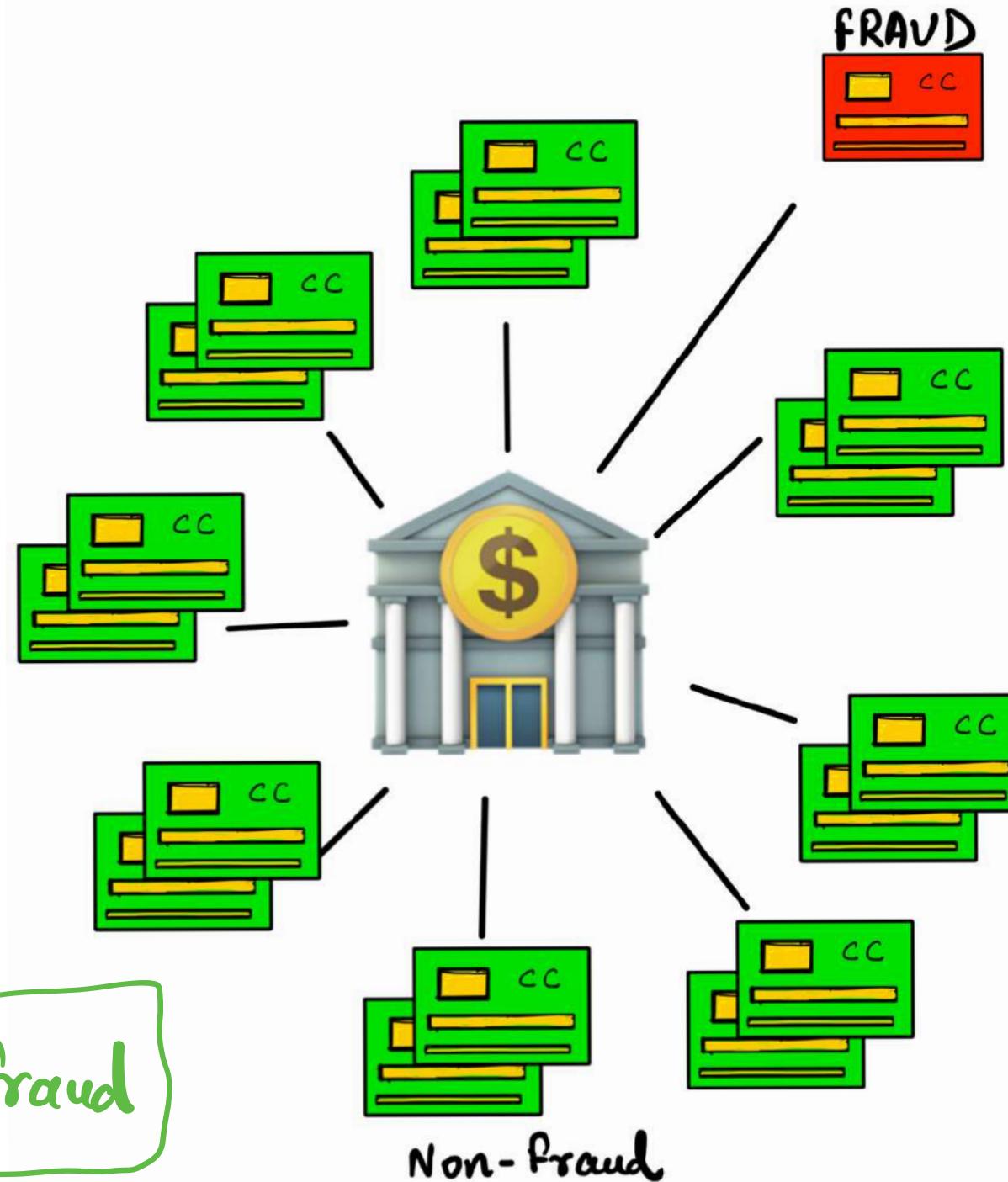
99 Non-fraud

1 Fraud

what If model
predicts every

Transaction as

Non-fraud



What is Accuracy?

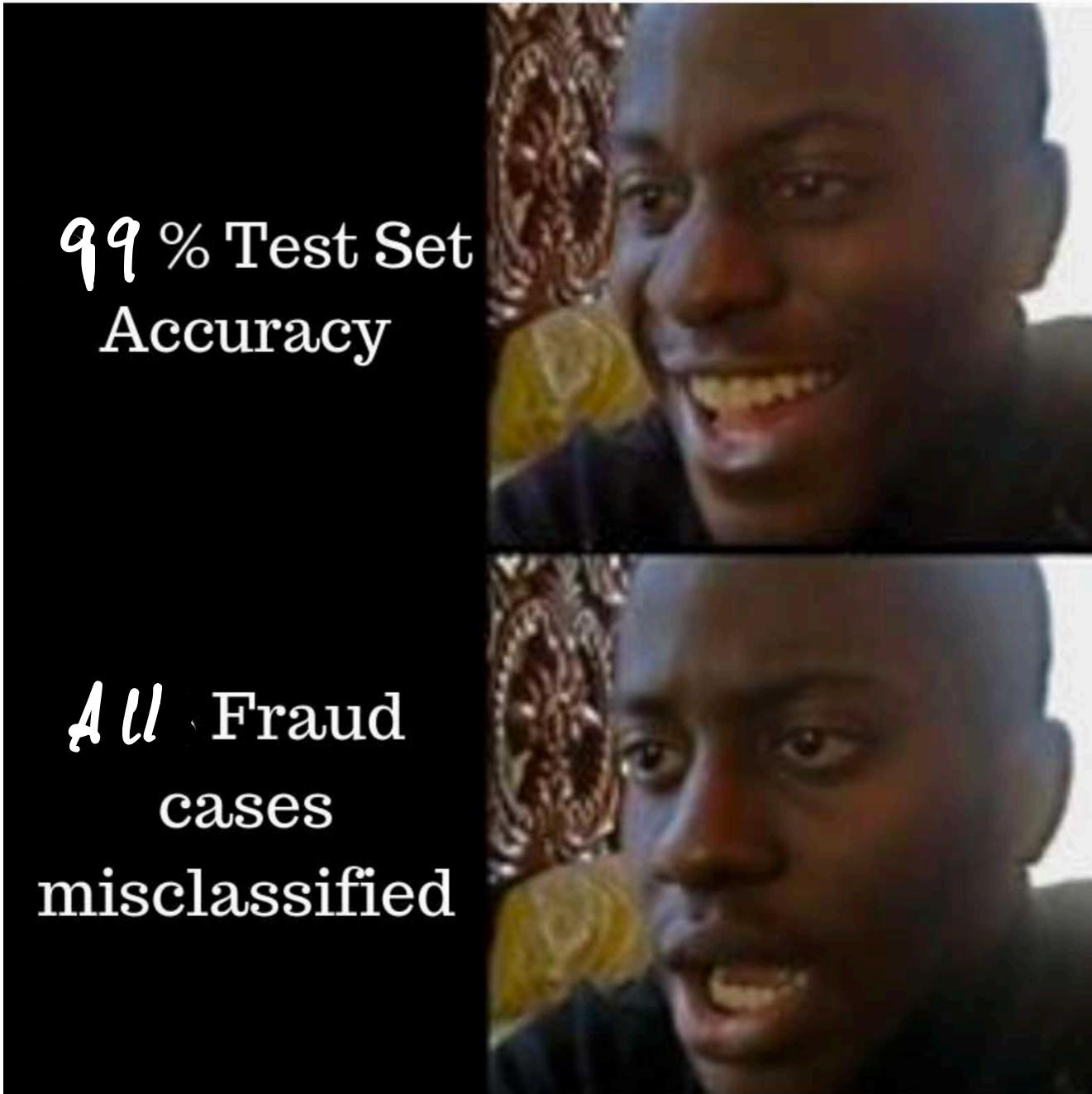
$$\Rightarrow \frac{99}{100} = 99\%$$

Is it Reliable?

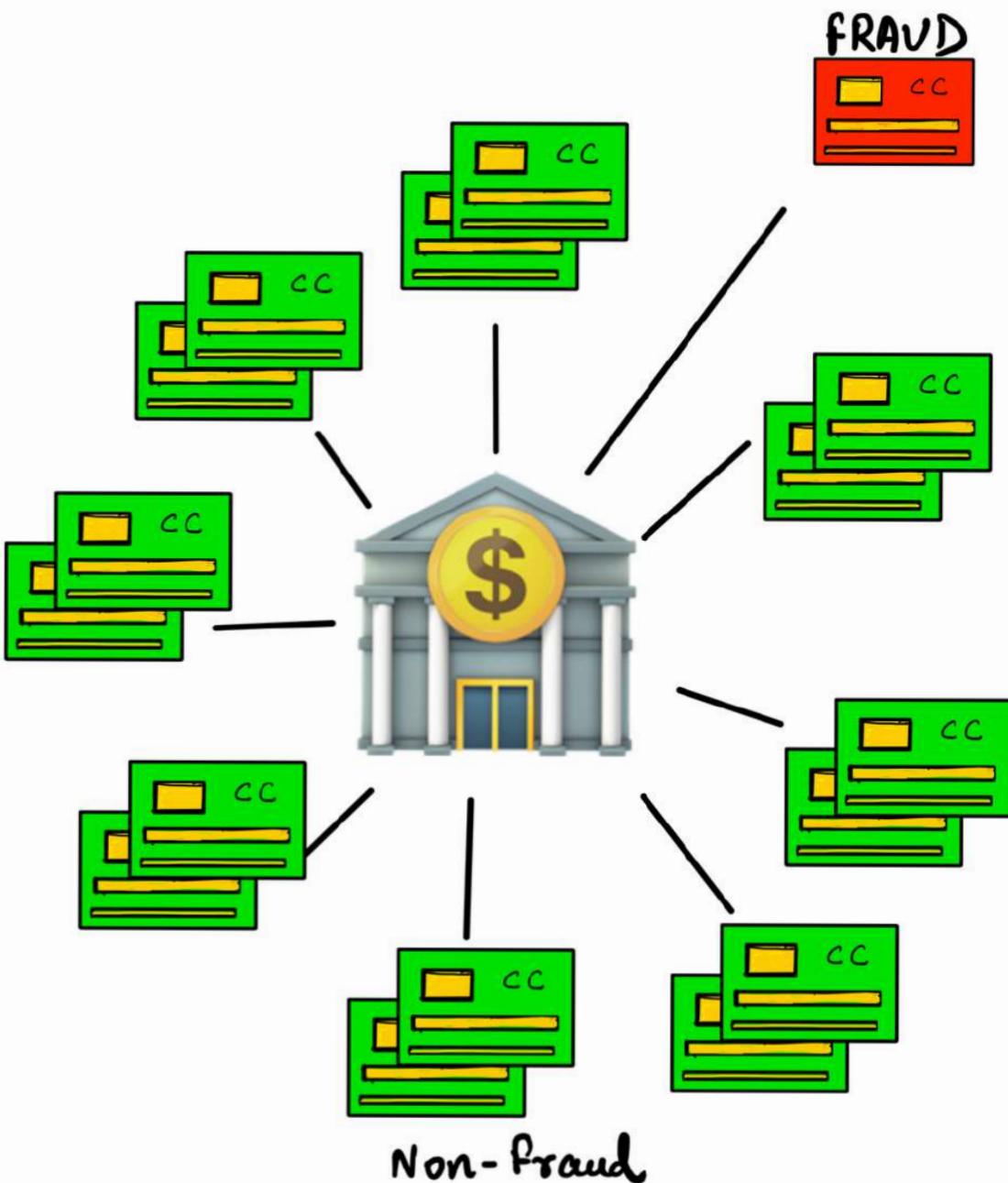
All fraud
misclassified

99 % Test Set
Accuracy

All Fraud
cases
misclassified



Imbalance Dataset



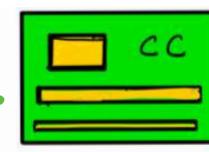
Majority data
belongs to
one class
(Non-fraud)

Any other alternative?

Confusion matrix

In Real
Transaction

Non-fraud



Fraud

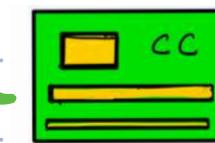


} True
outcomes
(y)

Transaction →

Model

Non-fraud



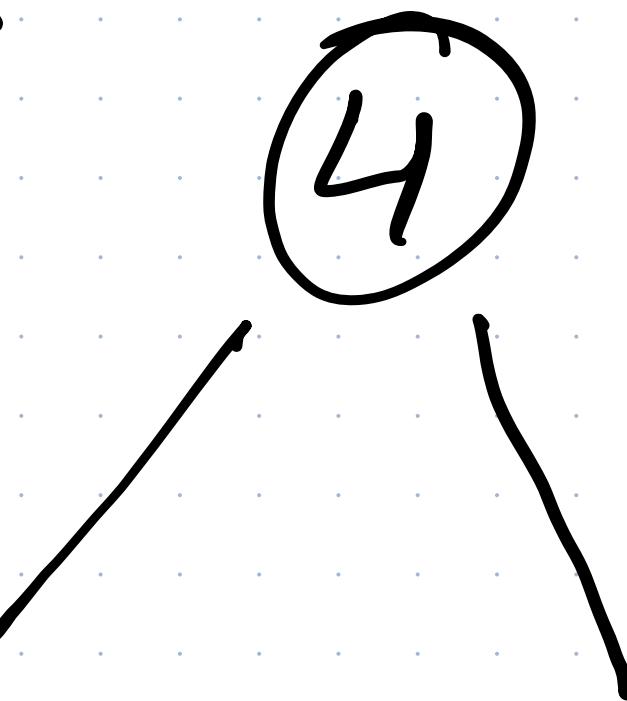
Fraud



\hat{y}

predicted outcome

How many possible combination of model predictions ?



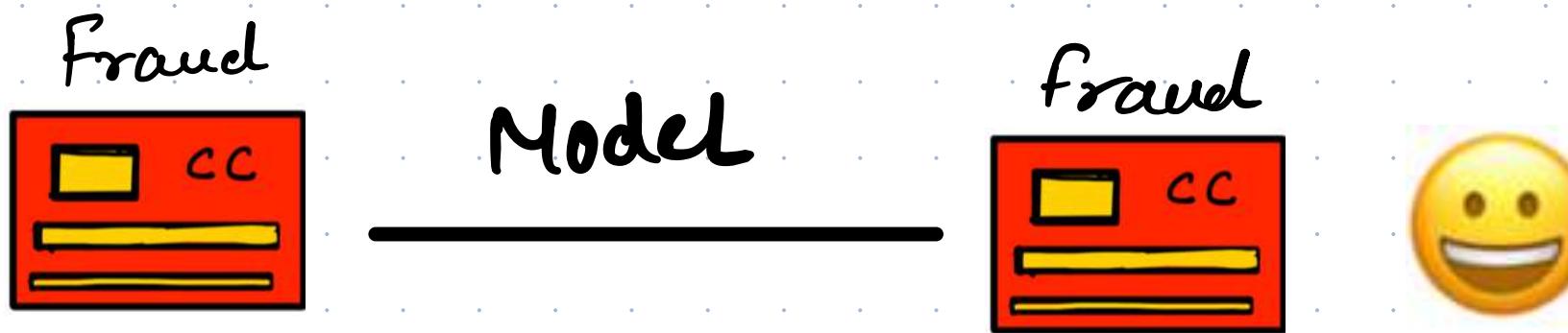
2 Happy
Cases



2 sad
cases



Happy Cases

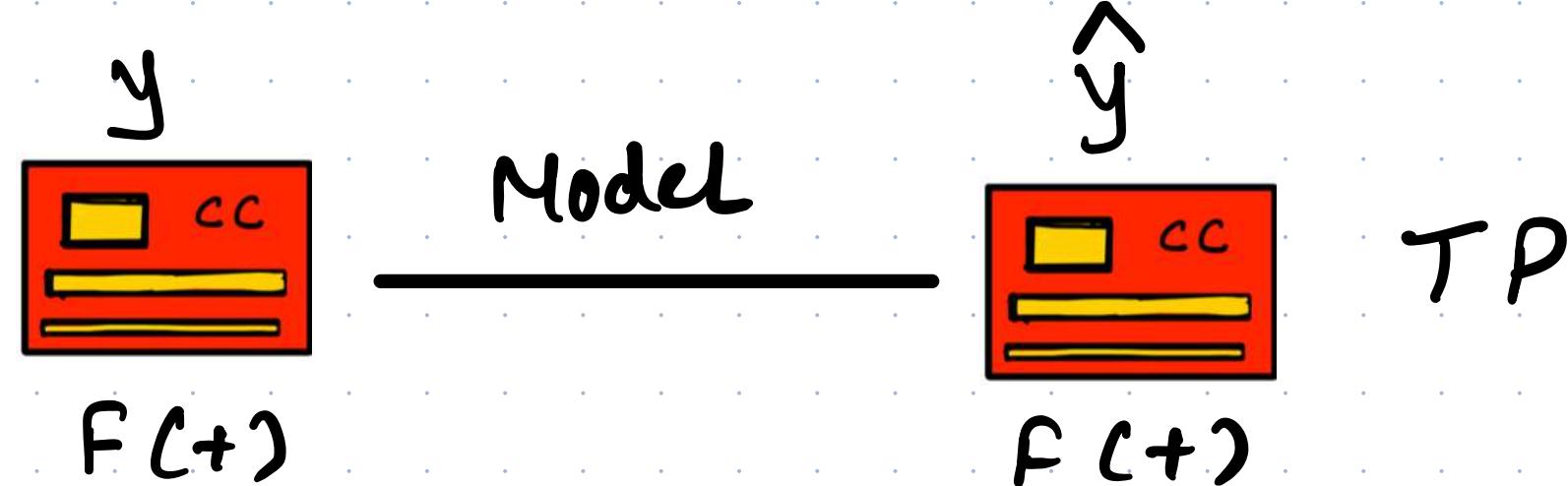


⇒ Fraud is Caught, money saved



⇒ Profit to the Merchant

Considering fraud as true class

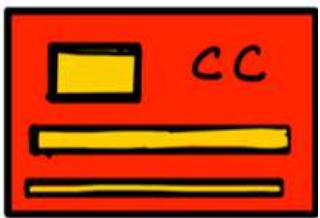


$$y = \hat{y}$$

So True Outcomes

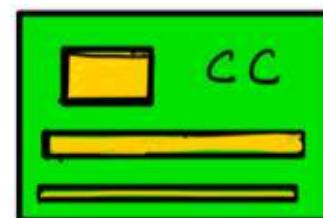
Sad Cases

fraud



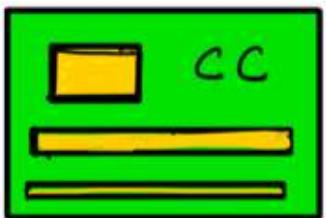
Model

Non-fraud



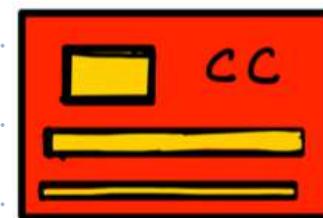
Model missed a fraud, loss to Merchant

Non-fraud



Model

fraud

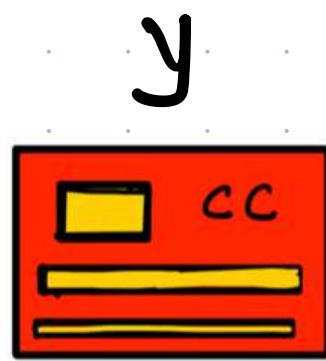


Model blocked a fake transaction

Poor customer experience

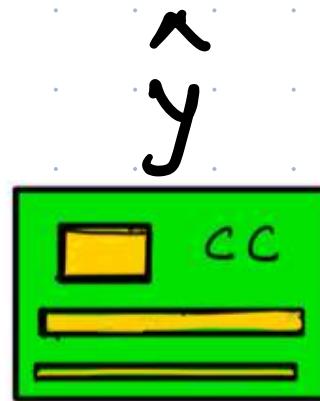
$y \neq \hat{y}$

so false outcomes



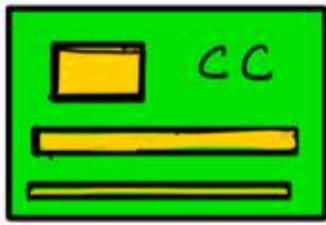
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Model



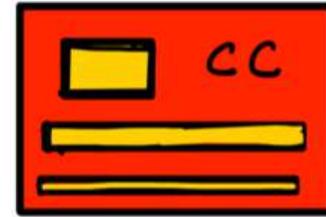
NFC(-)

FN



NFC(-)

Model



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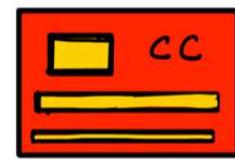
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Confusion Matrix (2 x 2) grid

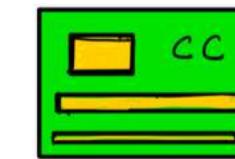
Model predictions (\hat{y})

Actual
Values

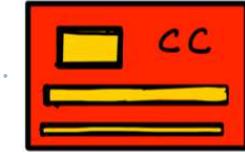
(y)



F



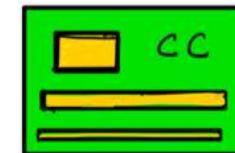
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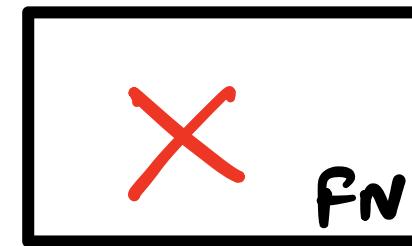
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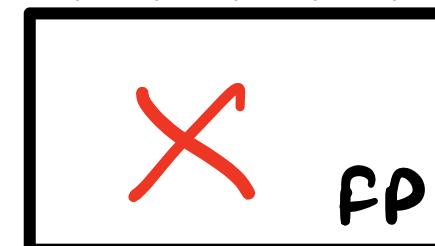
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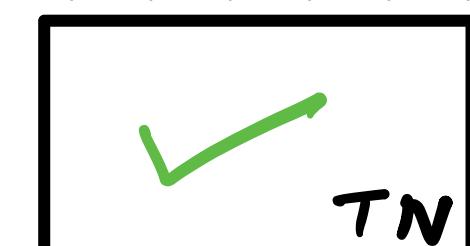
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FN

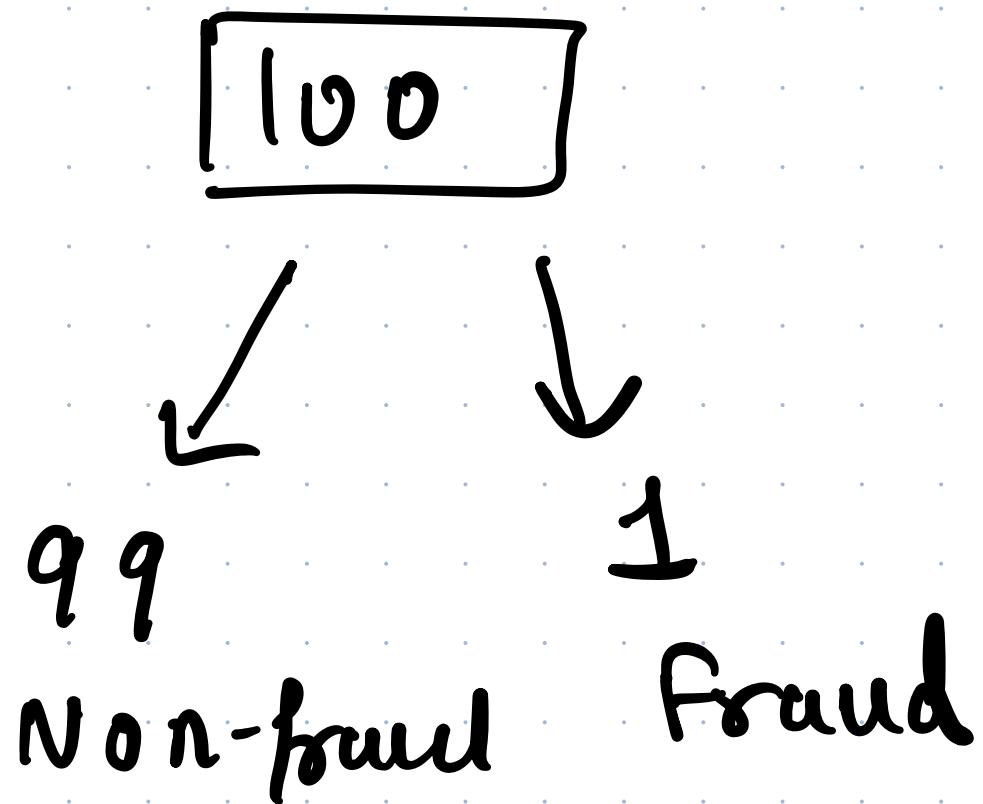


FP



TN

How will the CM for dumb model
looks like ?

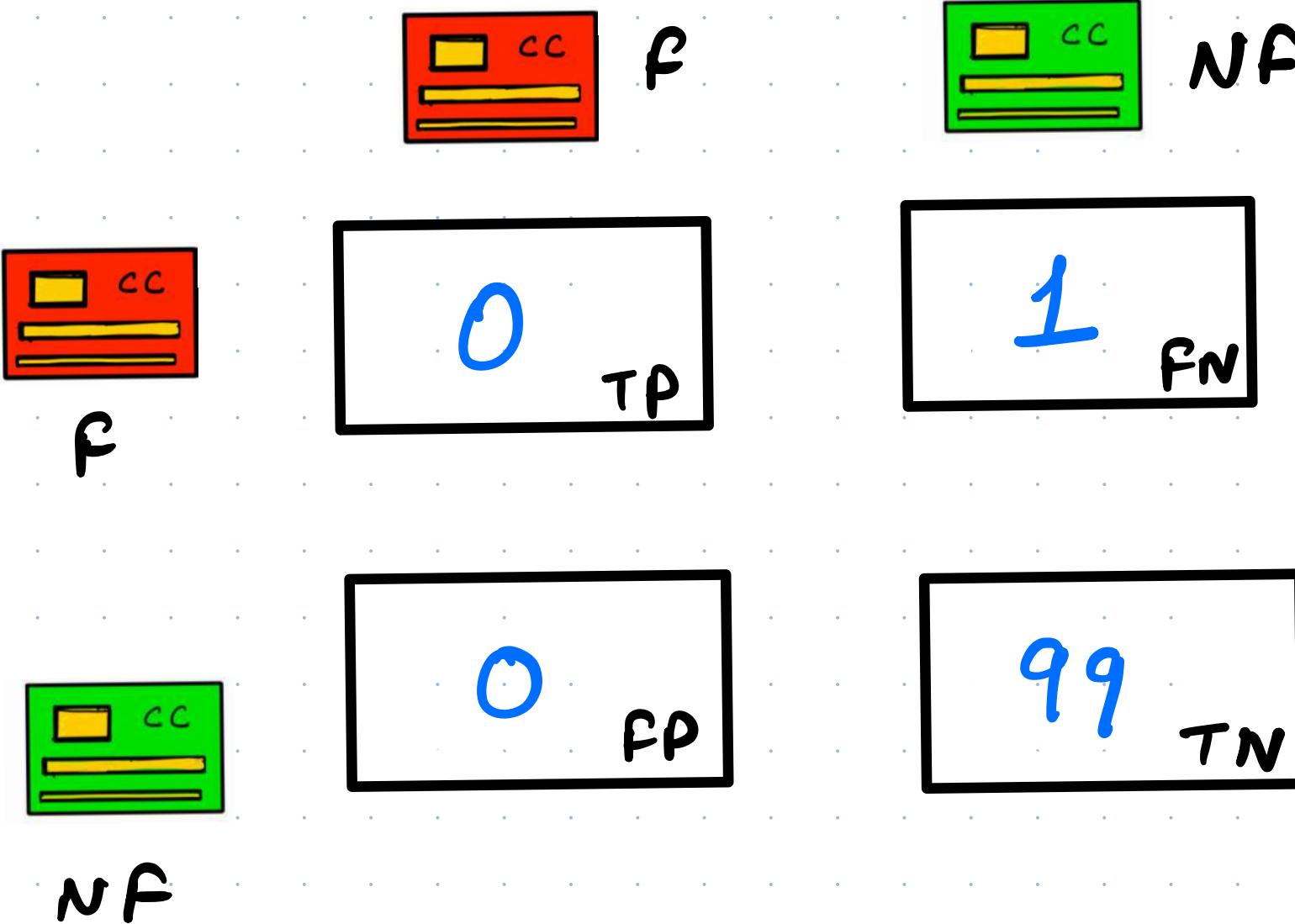


Model Predicts
every transaction
as Non-fraud

Dumb
Model

Model predictions (\hat{y})

Actual
Values
(y)



Accuracy X

So what can be a good metric

⇒ Precision & Recall

Netflix Recommendation

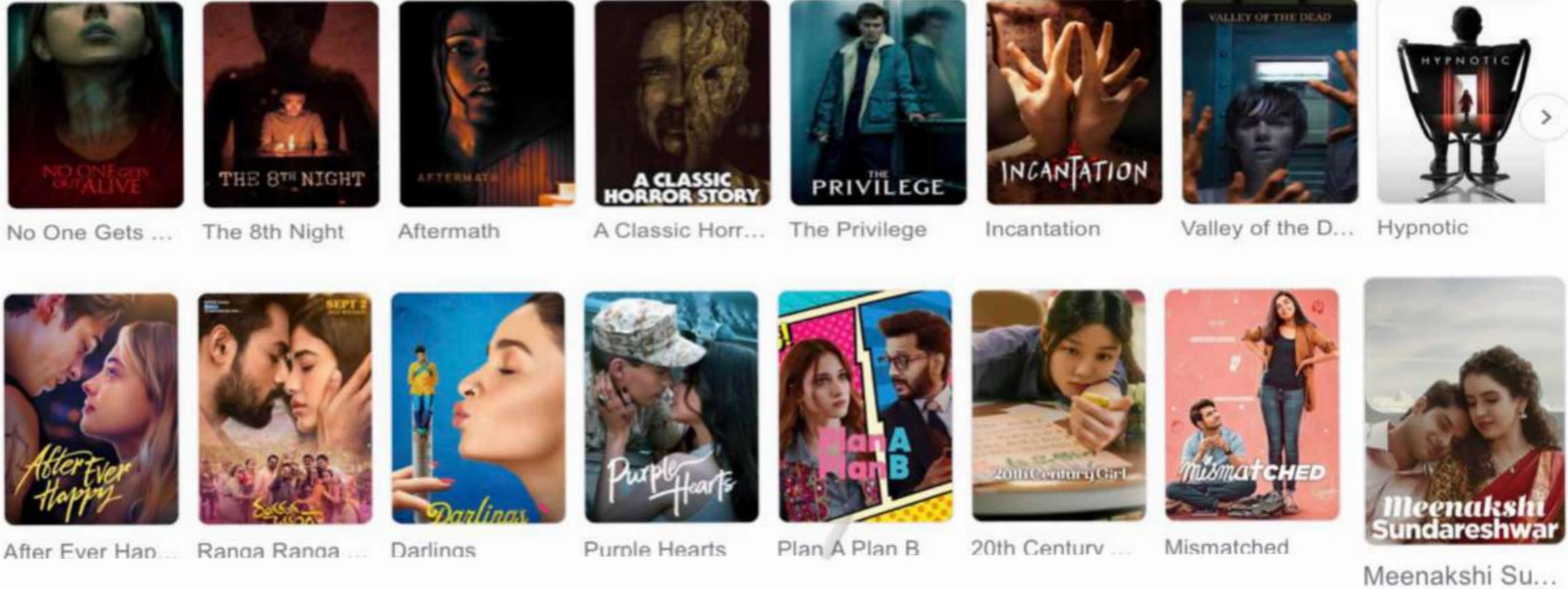
Horror movies
only with her
lover



She loves romantic
movies



Priya



Total horror movies = 8

Total romantic movies = 8

What Should be the Correction
recommendation approach?

- Precise about recommendations
- No Horror movies
- Suggest more & more Romantic movies
(latest)



Romantic Recommendations



After Ever Han...



Randa Randa ...



Darlinos



A CLASSIC
HORROR STORY

A Classic Horr...



Purple Hearts



Plan A Plan B



How much Precise? (How many correct recommendations)

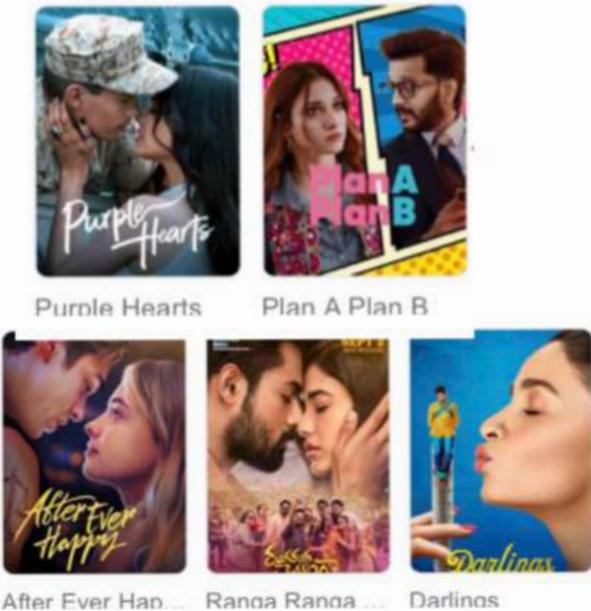
$$\text{Precision} = \frac{5}{7} = 0.7$$

for romantic)

All Romantic Movies



Recommended

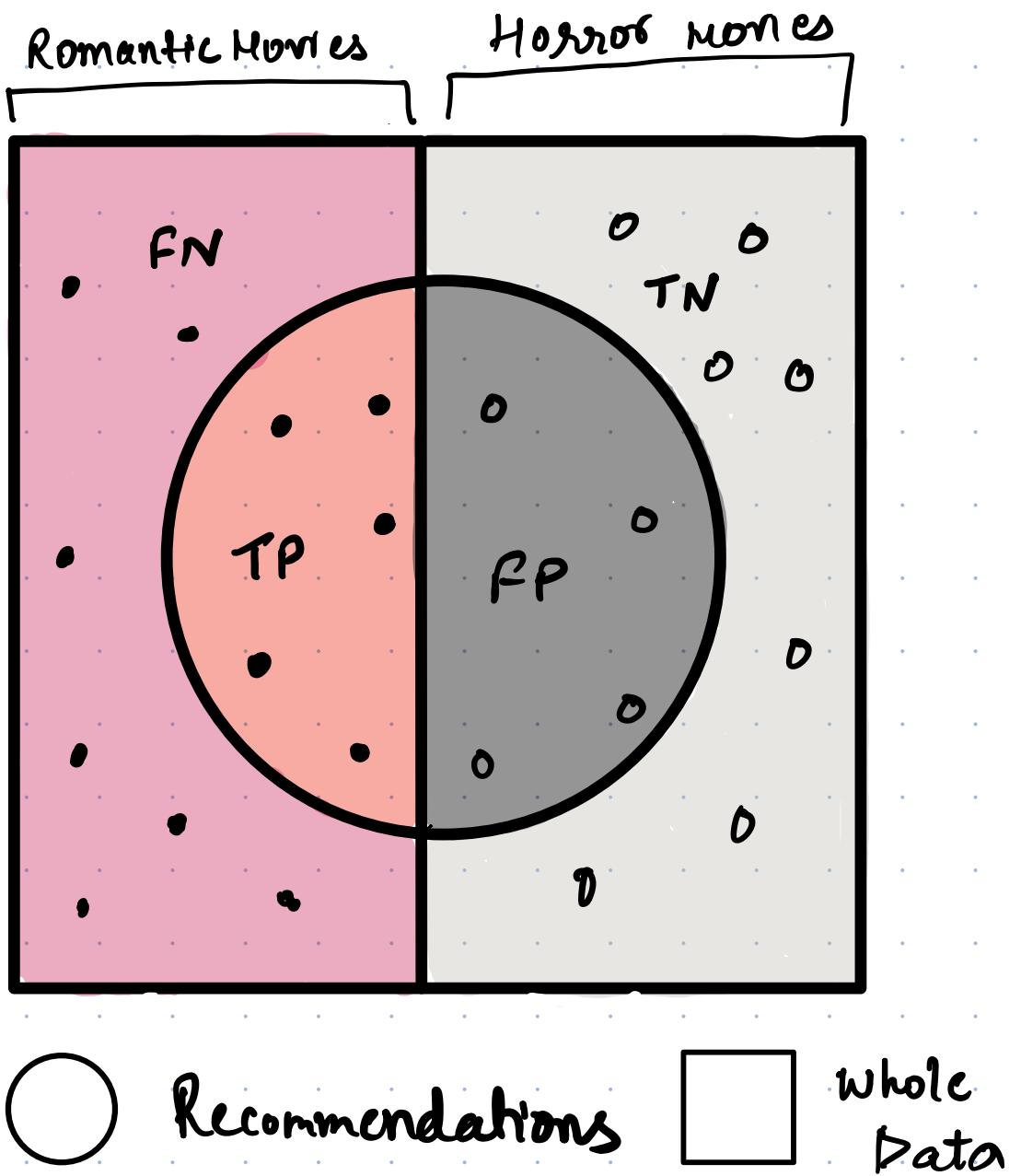


Recall? Out of all romantic
(for romantic) how many model
was able to
recall?

Recall

$$= \boxed{\frac{5}{8}}$$

Let's Summarise



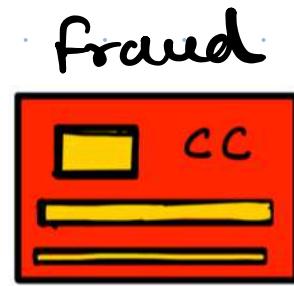
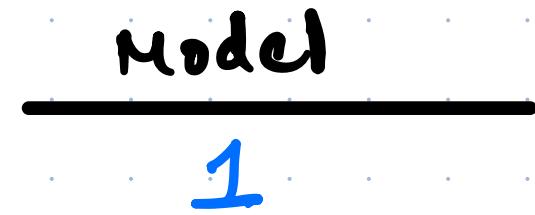
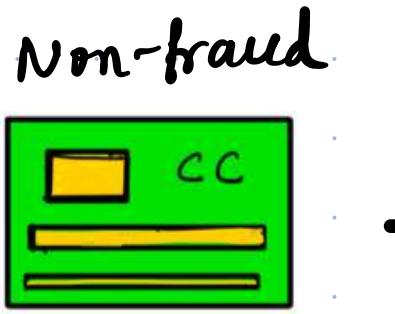
How many romantic
in recommendations?

$$\text{Precision} = \frac{\text{TP}}{\text{TP} + \text{FP}}$$

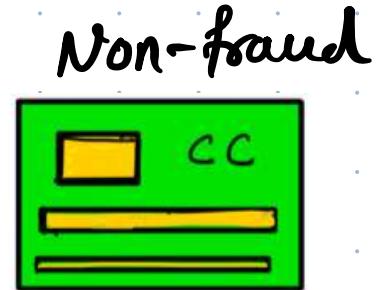
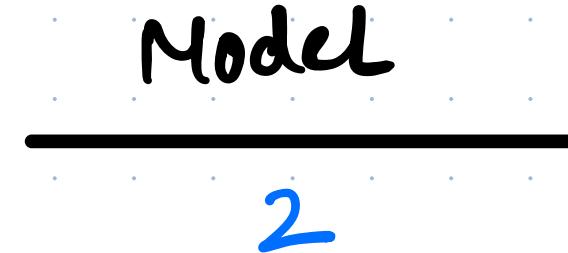
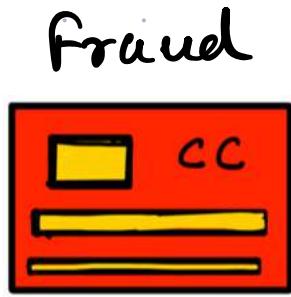
How many recommended
out of all romantics

$$\text{Recall} = \frac{\text{TP}}{\text{TP} + \text{FN}}$$

Two Goals in CC Transactions



Poor customer experience



Monetary loss



Reduce
these
two
Cases

Remember we are calculating for fraud class

which metric

for Case - 1 ?

What is Model Prediction
in Case - 1 ?
(Fraud)

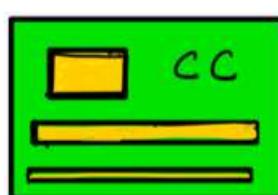
We need to be Precise

Precision Goal ?

⇒ How many correct Fraud out of all !

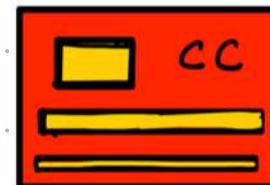
⇒ Reduce misclassifying

Non-fraud



Model

Fraud



Example

⇒ 10 Transaction

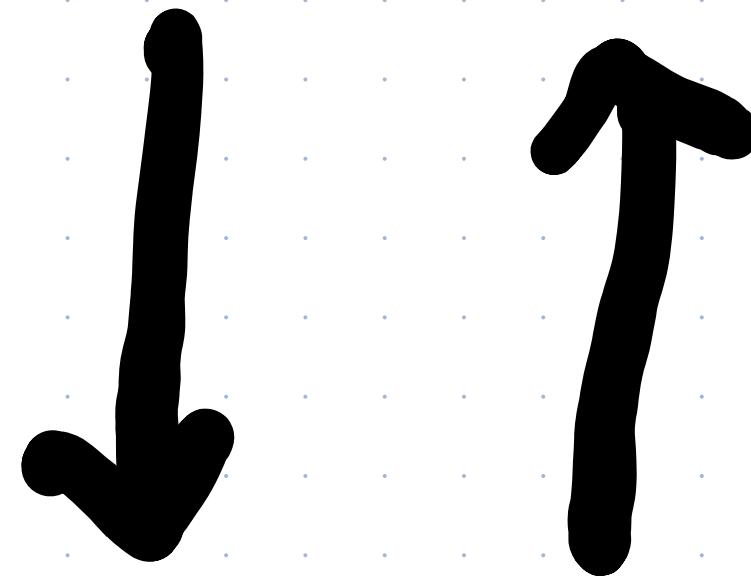
⇒ 4 are fraud

⇒ model Predicted

6 fraud, 4 Non-fraud

Precision?

$$\frac{4}{6} = 0.66$$



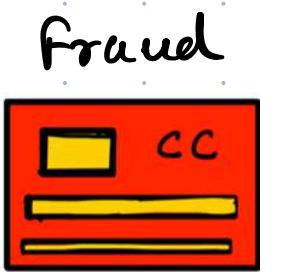
Case-1 Precision

which Metric
for Case - 2 ?

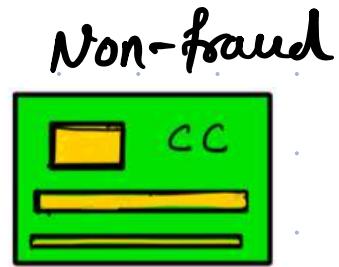
Model should
recall every
fraud

So reduce misclassifying

a



Model



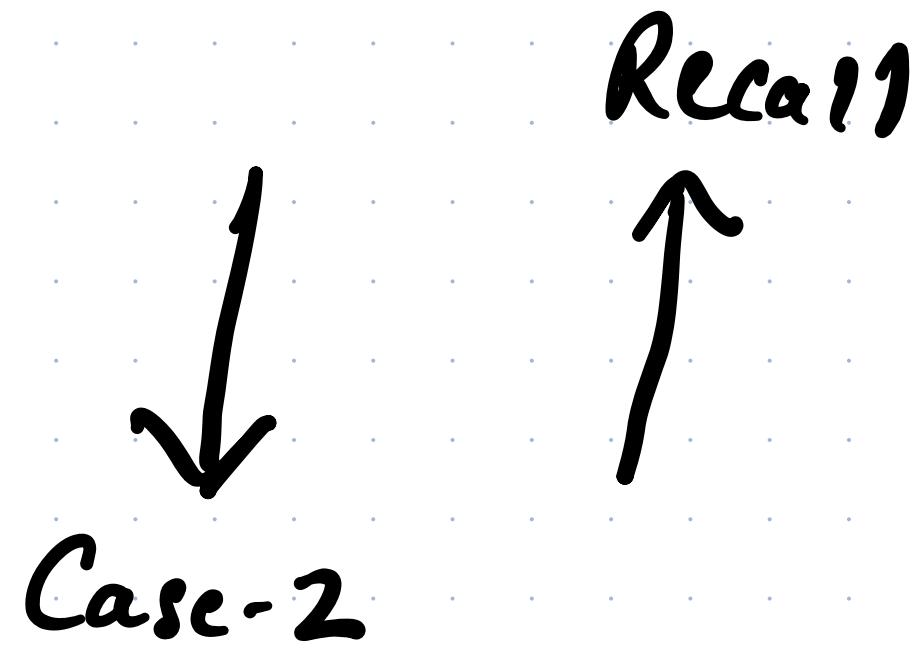
Example

⇒ 10 Transaction

⇒ 5 are fraud

⇒ model predicted

4 fraud, 6 Non-fraud



$$\text{Recall} = \frac{4}{5} = 0.8$$

What mindset while evaluating ?

- Model Should not block a fair transaction
(High Precision)
- Model Should not allow a fraud transaction
(High Recall)

We need

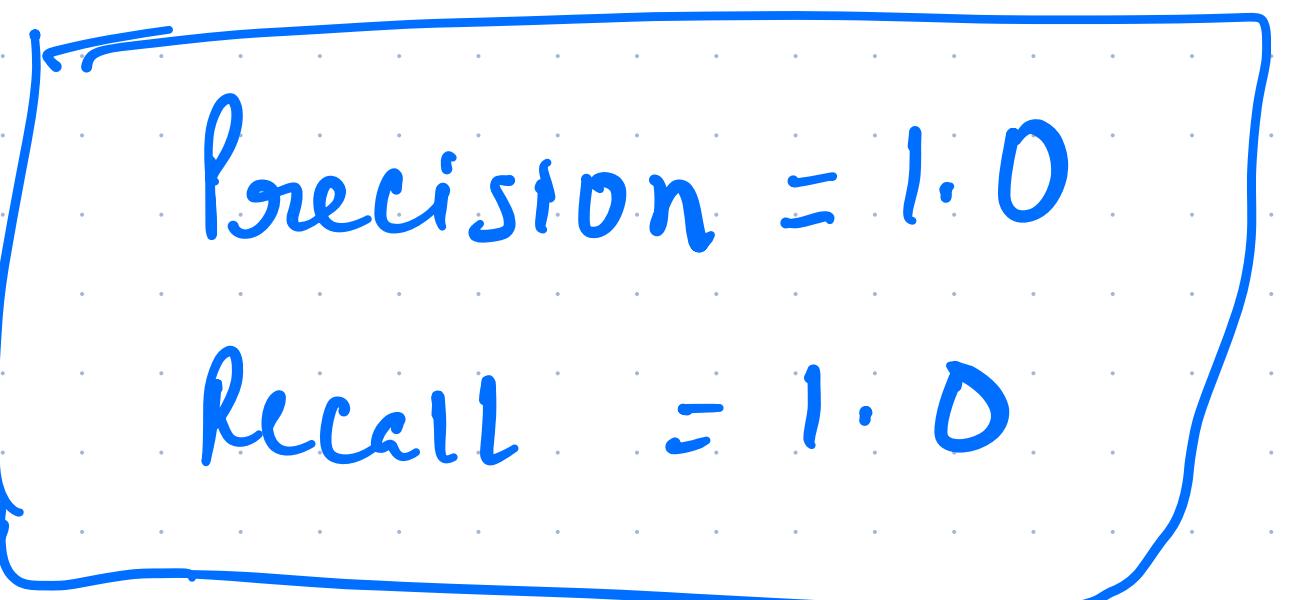
High precision , High Recall

Precision & Recall

Ideal values ?
o 1.0

Precision = 1.0
Recall = 1.0

Possible ?



Look at this Example

Block if score ≥ 90 (High threshold)

Id	Score	Model outcome	True outcome
1	5	Not-fraud	Not fraud
2	10	Not fraud	Not fraud
3	15	Not fraud	Not fraud
4	30	Not fraud	Not fraud
5	40	Not fraud	Fraud
6	90	Fraud	Fraud

$$\text{Precision} = \frac{1}{1} = 1.0$$

$$\text{Recall} = \frac{1}{2} = 0.5$$

Precision = 1.0 but low Recall

Let's try to increase Recall by reducing threshold

Why reducing ? low threshold → More fraud detection → More Recall

Block if score ≥ 30 (low threshold)

Id	Score	Model outcome	True outcome
1	5	Not-fraud	Not fraud
2	10	Not fraud	Not fraud
3	15	Not fraud	Not fraud
4	30	Fraud	Not fraud
5	40	Fraud	Fraud
6	90	Fraud	Fraud

$$\text{Precision} = \frac{2}{3} = 0.67$$

$$\text{Recall} = \frac{2}{2} = 1.0$$

Recall 1.0 but Precision fell

Trade-off

Recall ↑ → More fraud detection → More chances of them being wrong



Precision ↓ decreased

So what other metric?

⇒ Combine Precision & Recall

$$F_1 \text{ score} = \frac{2}{\frac{1}{\text{Precision}} + \frac{1}{\text{Recall}}} = \frac{2 \cdot \text{P.R}}{\text{P+R}}$$

↓ ↓

Precision Recall

what if we want to give
more importance to one metric?

$$F_{\beta} = \frac{(1 + \beta^2) \cdot \text{Precision} \cdot \text{Recall}}{\beta^2 (\text{Precision} + \text{Recall})}$$

$\beta > 1$



$$F_2 = \frac{(1+2^2) \cdot P \cdot R}{P + R}$$

Recall more than Precision

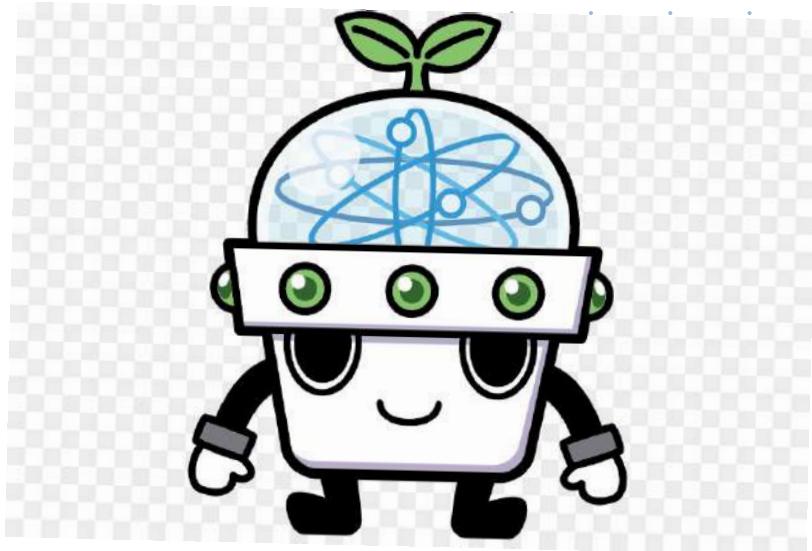
$\beta < 1$

$$F_{0.5} = \frac{(1+0.5^2) P \cdot R}{P + R}$$

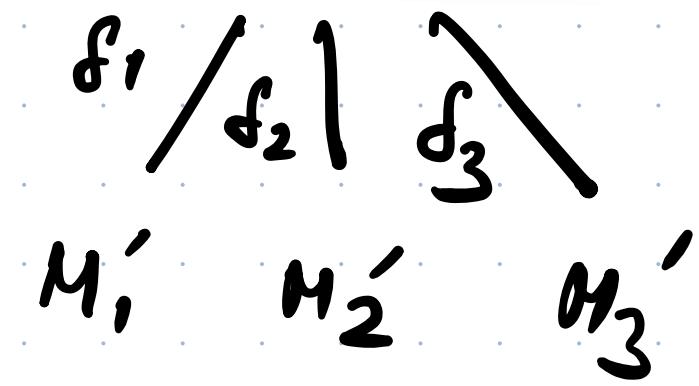
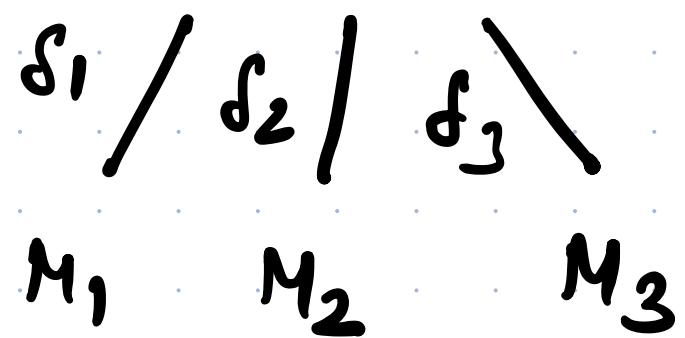
Precision more than Recall

Which
Model
?

Model-1



Model-2



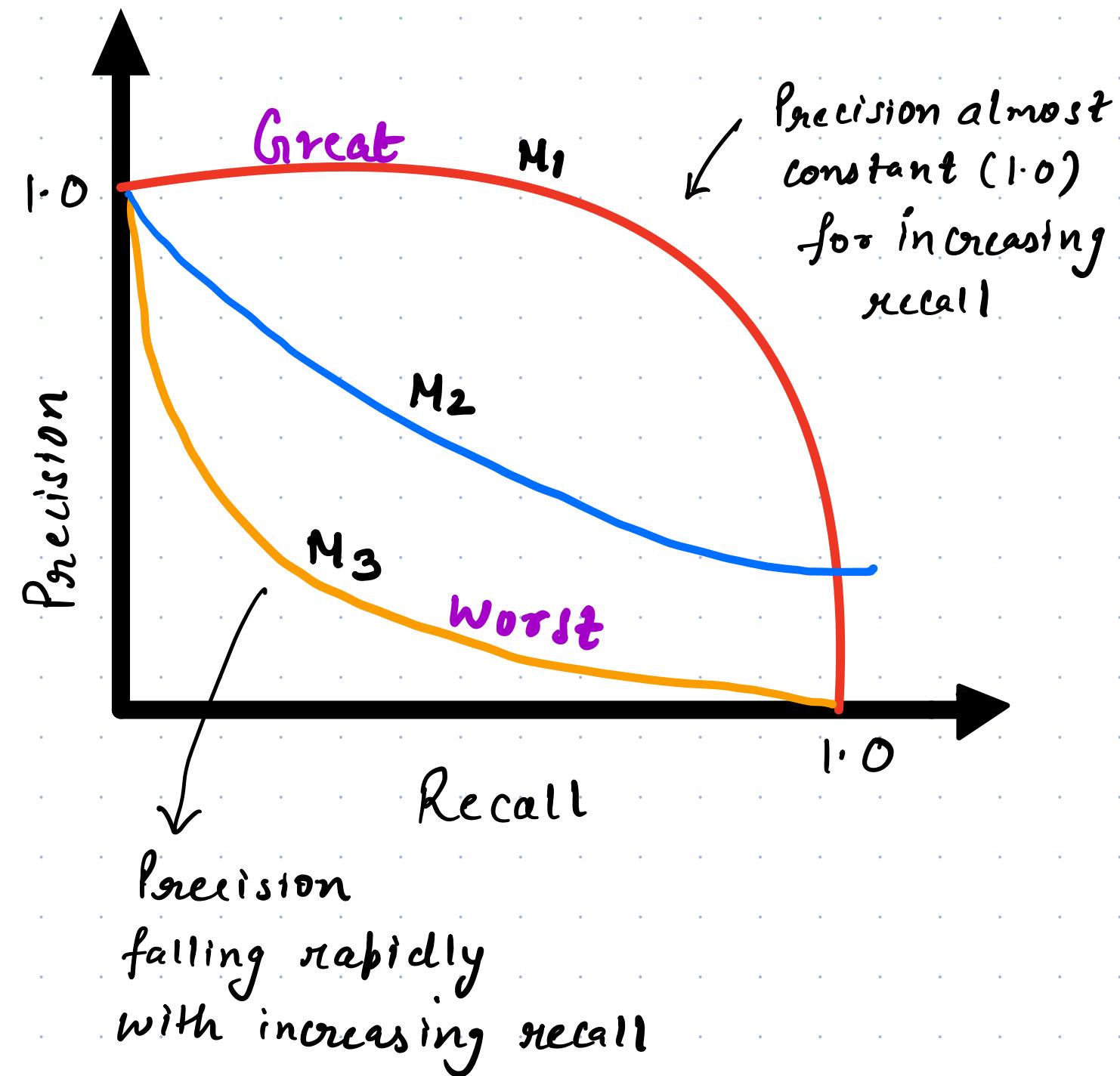
$S \rightarrow$ Threshold

$M \rightarrow$ Metrics

(Precision, Recall, f-score)

Precision - Recall

Curve

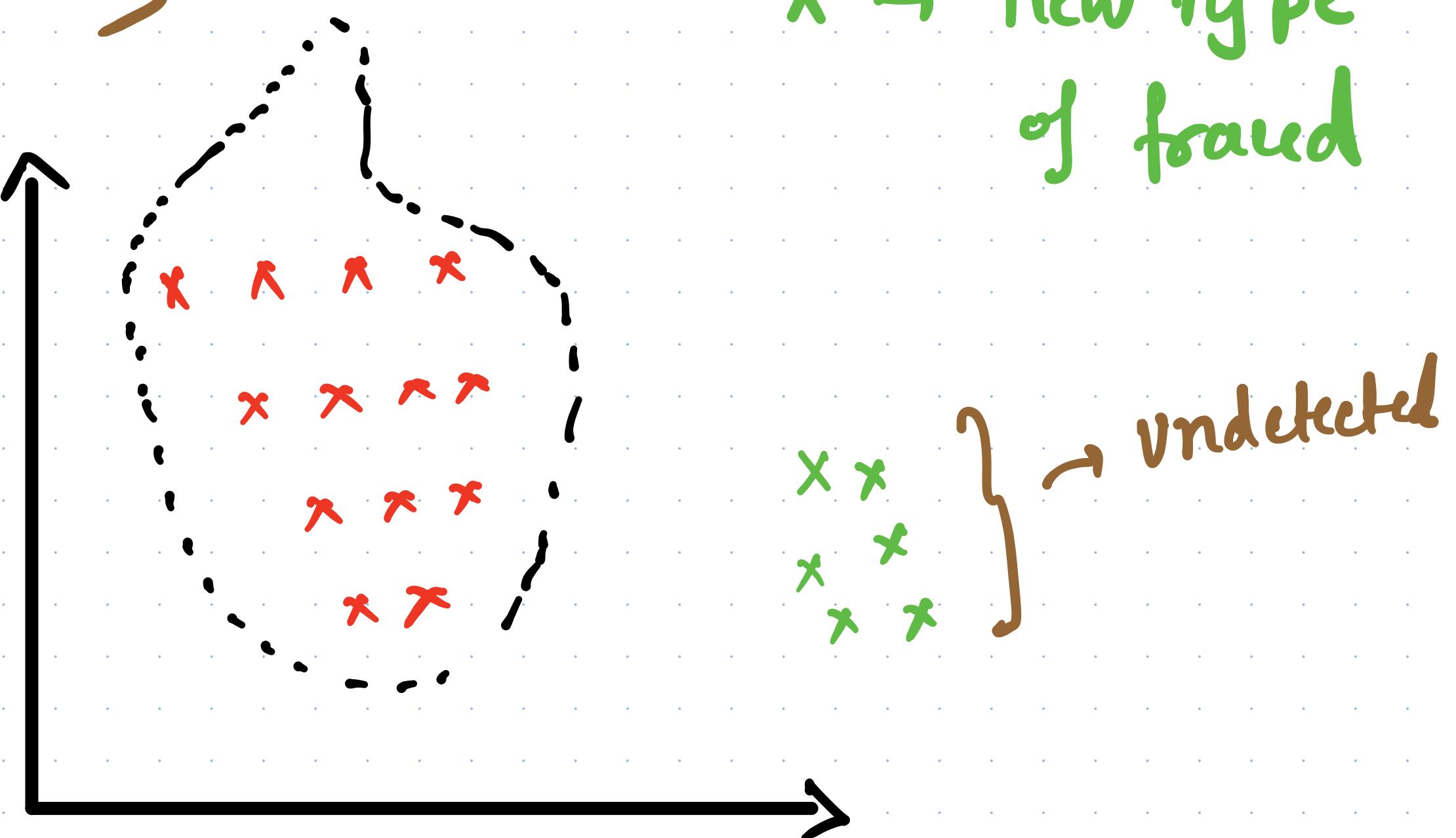


How this will affect
our model ?

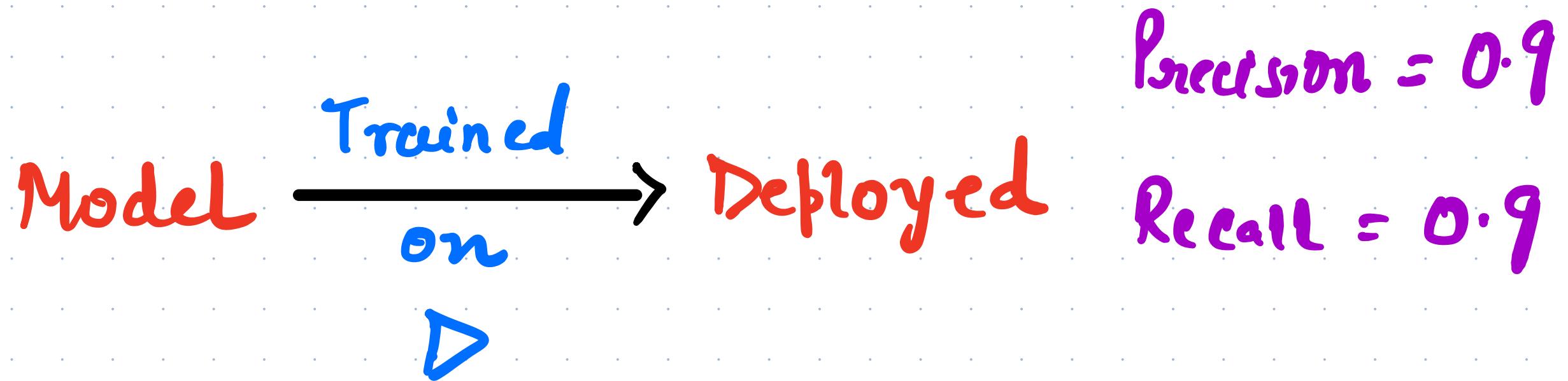
→ Is it going to degrade ?

let's see

But I remember
this →
as fraud

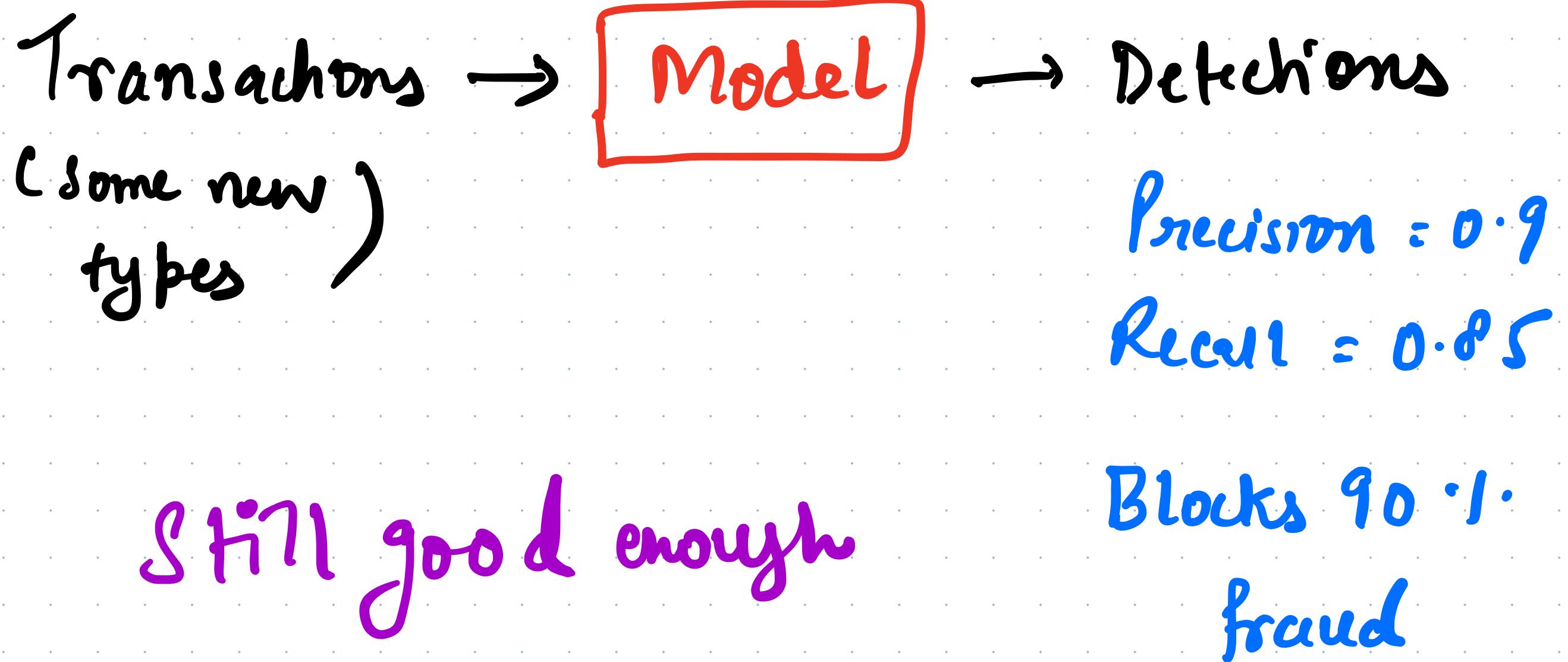


Let's see an example



Everything is good

One month later



still good enough

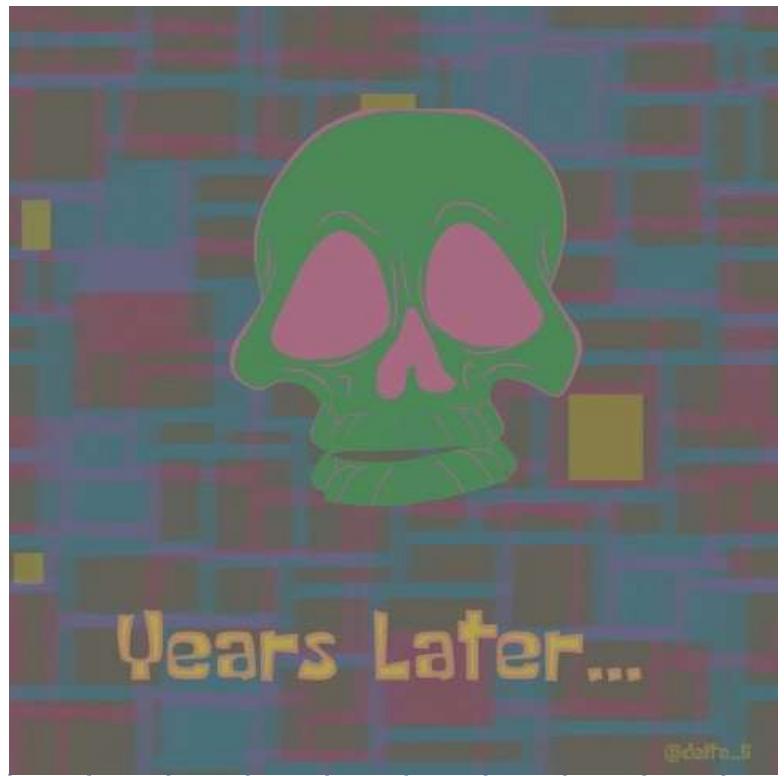
6 months later

New fraudster
emerged \Rightarrow New Data \Rightarrow Model

Precision = 0.7
Recall = 0.75



Blocks 70%
fraud
Poor performance



Model

(Blocks only 30% fraud)

continuously degrading

What Should
we Do ?

Retraining?

Is it easy to Retrain?

⇒ what do we need for retraining?

- 1) old data
- 2) new data

Old Data → D' → training → New Model
New data → M'

Easy Right?

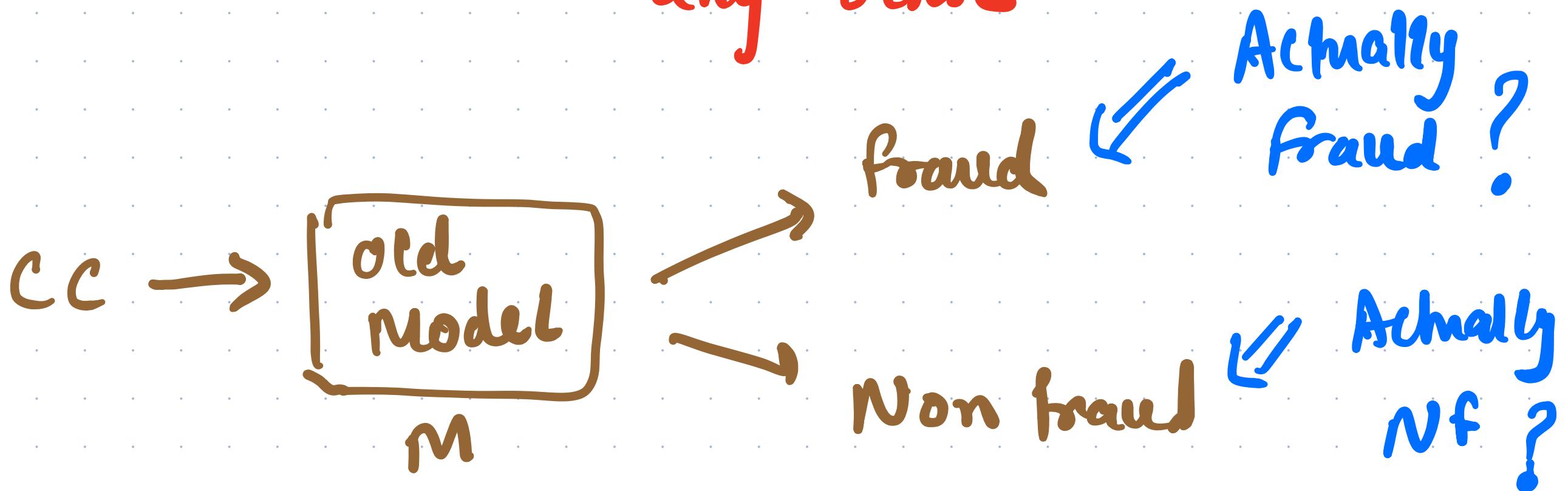


But do we have labels for new data?

We only have what is predicted by
old model

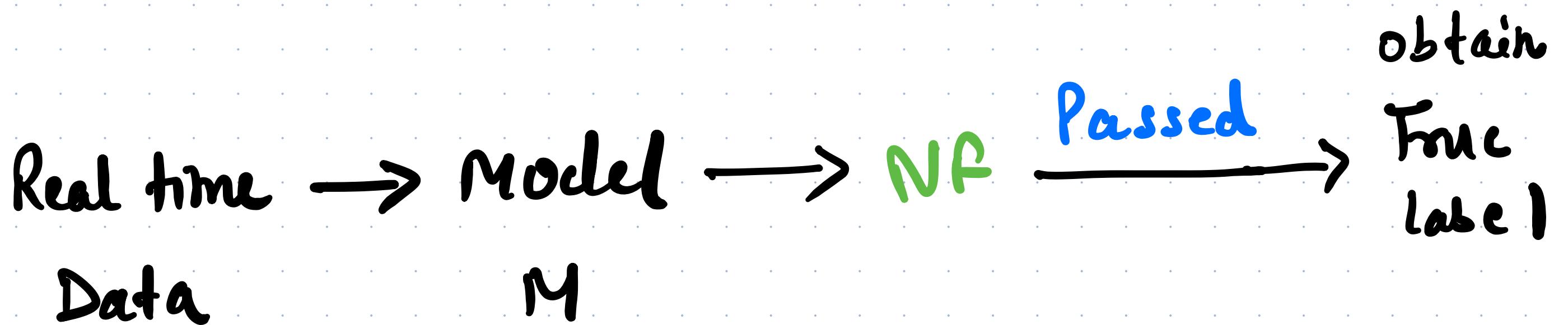
But Should we trust old model
predictions for retraining?

\Rightarrow No, this doesn't make
any sense



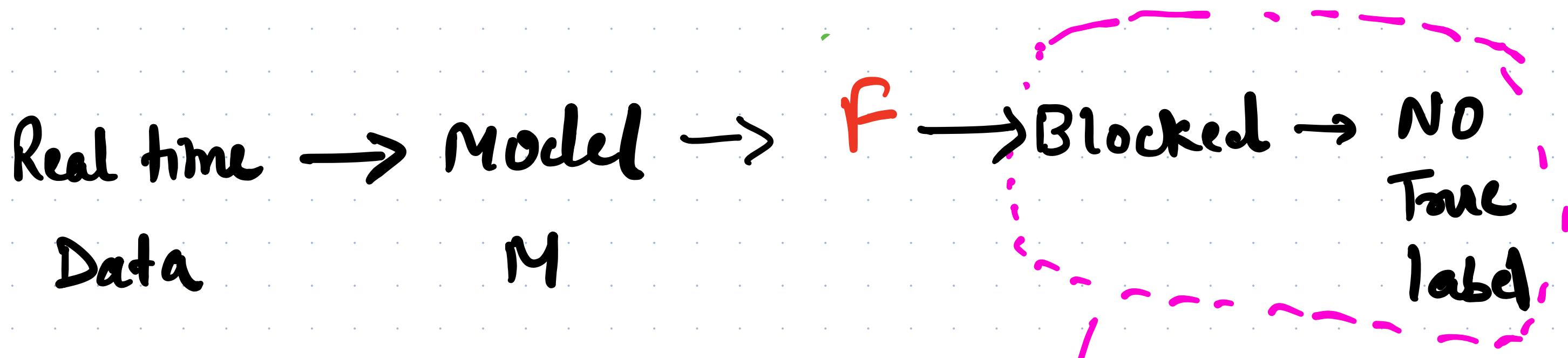
We need to know true labels

But How?



We need to know true labels

But How?



How to get
these?

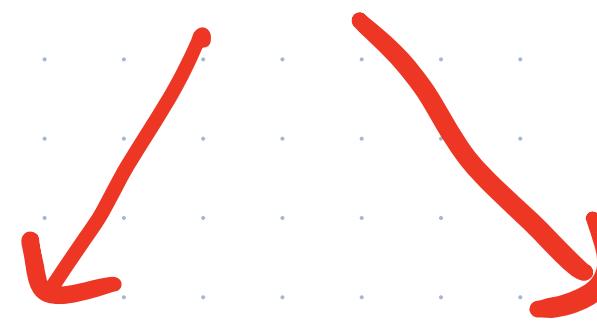
What If we
allow few
fraud transactions

to Pass ?



⇒ To get their true labels obviously

But How many fraud should we Allow?



All (100%)

X

it will be
a useless
model

a few fraction

say 10 %



True labels obtained
for these 10 %

Let's see an example

↑
Model's action
↑
We chose
↓
True label

Id	Score	Default Action	Chosen Action	y
1	5	Allow	Allow	NF
2	30	Allow	Allow	F
3	80	Block	Allow	NF
4	95	Block	Allow	F

} few % we allowed to pass

for transaction - I

Id	Score	Default Action	Chosen Action	y
I	S	Allow	Allow	NF

Both Model & we decided to Pass

True label \Rightarrow NF } By manual
checking

for transaction - 2

9d	Score	Default Action	Chosen Action	y
2	30	Allow	Allow	F

Both Model & we decided to Pass

True label \Rightarrow Fraud
By manual checking

Wrong detection
Include it in
new data

For transaction - 3

9d	Score	Default Action	Chosen Action	y
3	80	Block	Allow	NF

part of .1.
we allowed
to pass

Model action = Block Our Action = Pass

True label \Rightarrow NF

By manual check

Included
in
new Data D'
as wrong
Fraud detected

For transaction - 4

Id	Score	Default Action	Chosen Action	y
4	95	Block	Allow	F

part of .1.
we allowed
to pass

Model = Block
action

Our
Action = Pass

True label \Rightarrow F } By manual
Checking

* So 2 new data Points

id	Score	Default Action	Chosen Action	y
1	5	Allow	Allow	NF
2	30	Allow	Allow	F
3	80	Block	Allow	NF
4	95	Block	Allow	F

✓
✗ } → wrongly predicted
by model
in production

Let's Evaluate model on New data

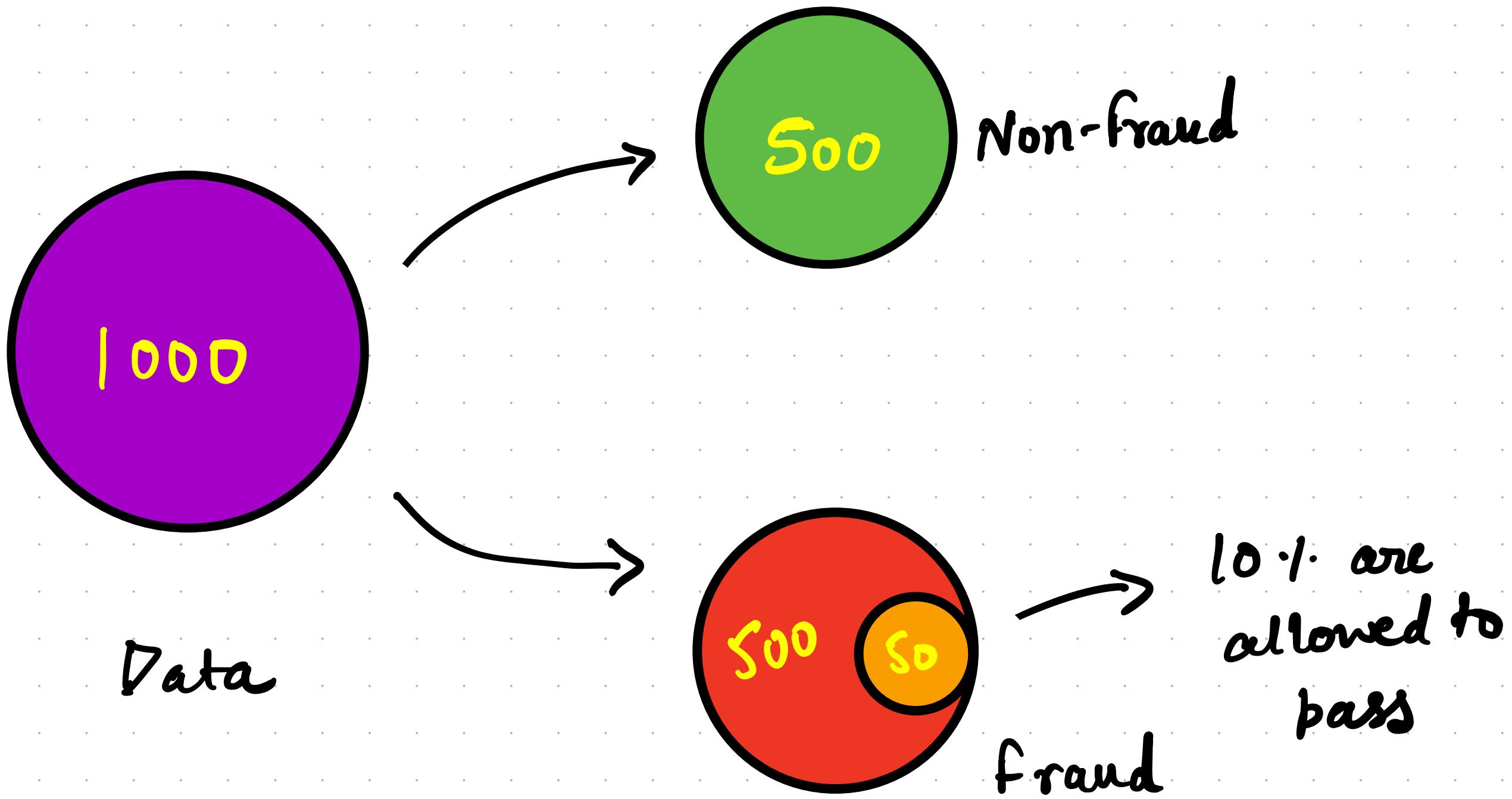
Id	Score	Default Action	Chosen Action	y	
1	5	Allow	Allow	NF	✓
2	30	Allow	Allow	F	✗
3	80	Block	Allow	NF	✗
4	95	Block	Allow	F	✓

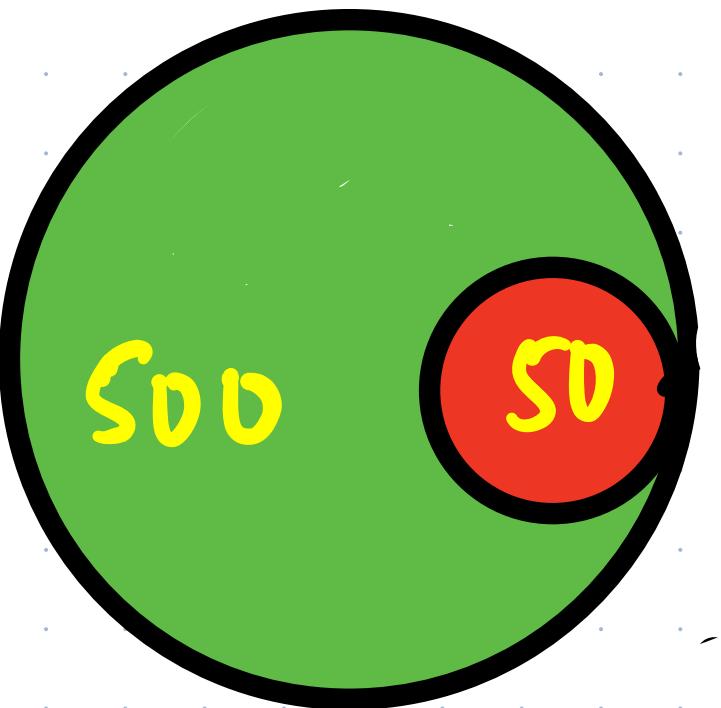
$$\text{Precision} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\text{Recall} = \frac{1}{2}$$

But is it a right way ??

Do you see the Problem ?





fraud

only 10% of 500
are representing
New fraud

Loss of Data

How to handle this

Imbalance

While evaluating ?

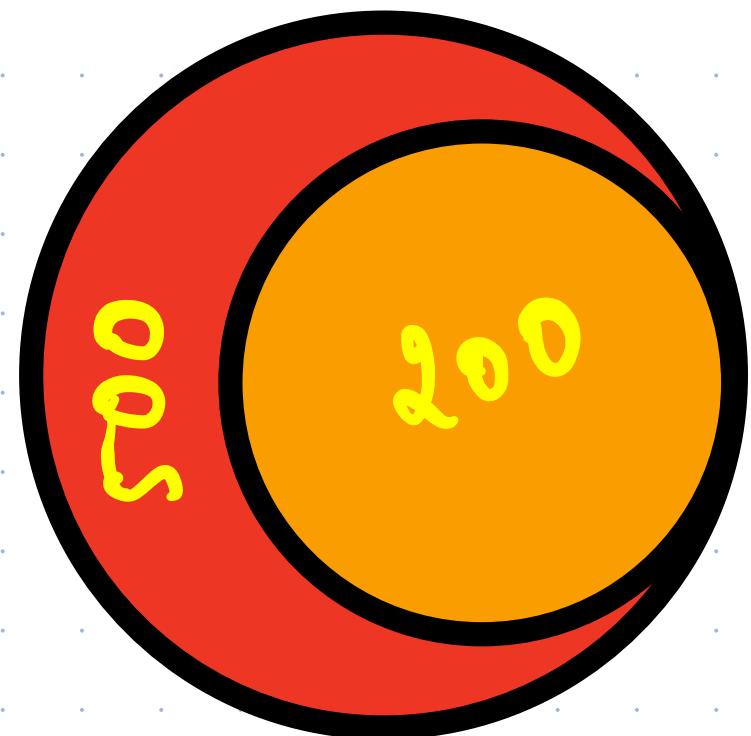


What if we allow

more fraud transaction

to Pass ?

X model will be
useless



Then what to do?

How about we bump up
Weight of each sample?

Consider

1 ≈ 10
Sample Samples





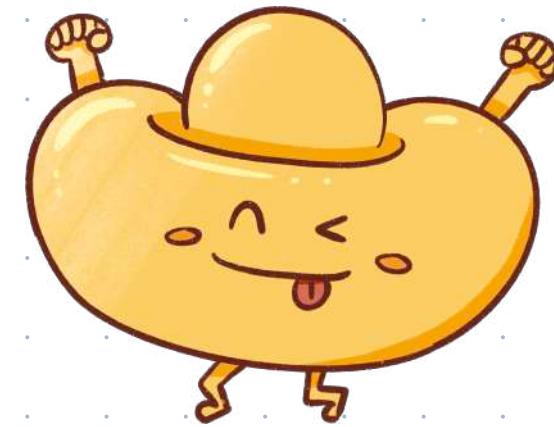
What's next?

Evaluate

again



Precision ↑
Recall ↓



Precision ↓
Recall ↑



Re-train

