

# ROC\_AUC

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# Receiver Operating Characteristic (ROC) and Area Under Curve(AUC) Curves

# WW II - Signal Detection Theory

↓  
1970's

Started  
applying it to  
medical  
diagnosis of a  
disease

Bird/Friend  
Aircraft/Enemy  
Aircraft



RADAR

Radar monitor staff is called  
(hence the name)

true positive  
rate

false positive  
rate

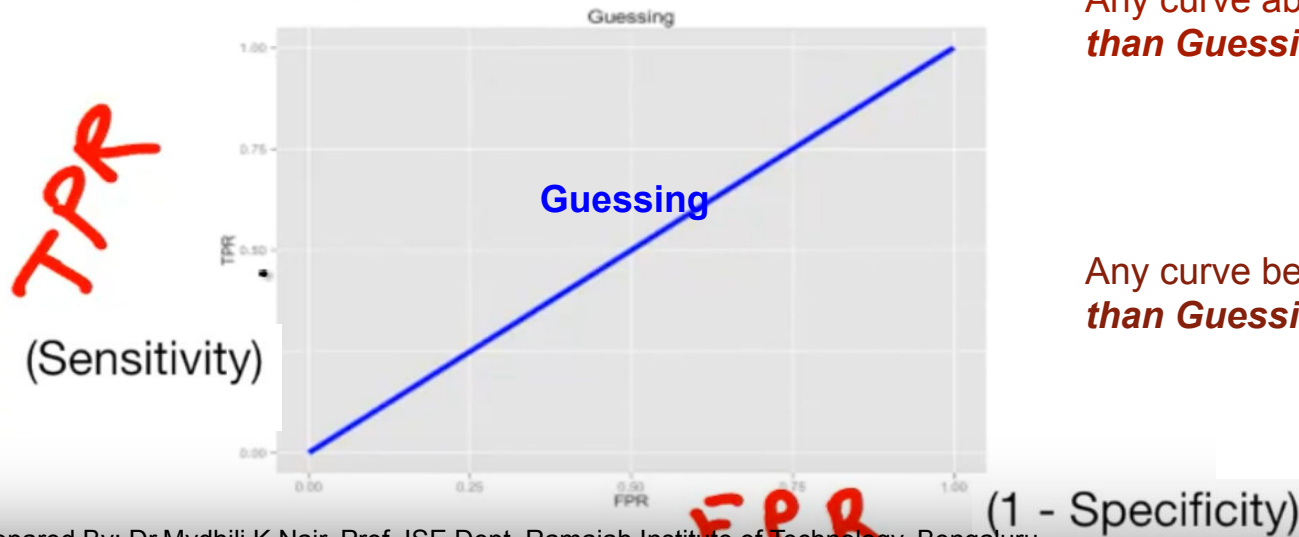


receiver  
operator



History  
of ROC  
Curves

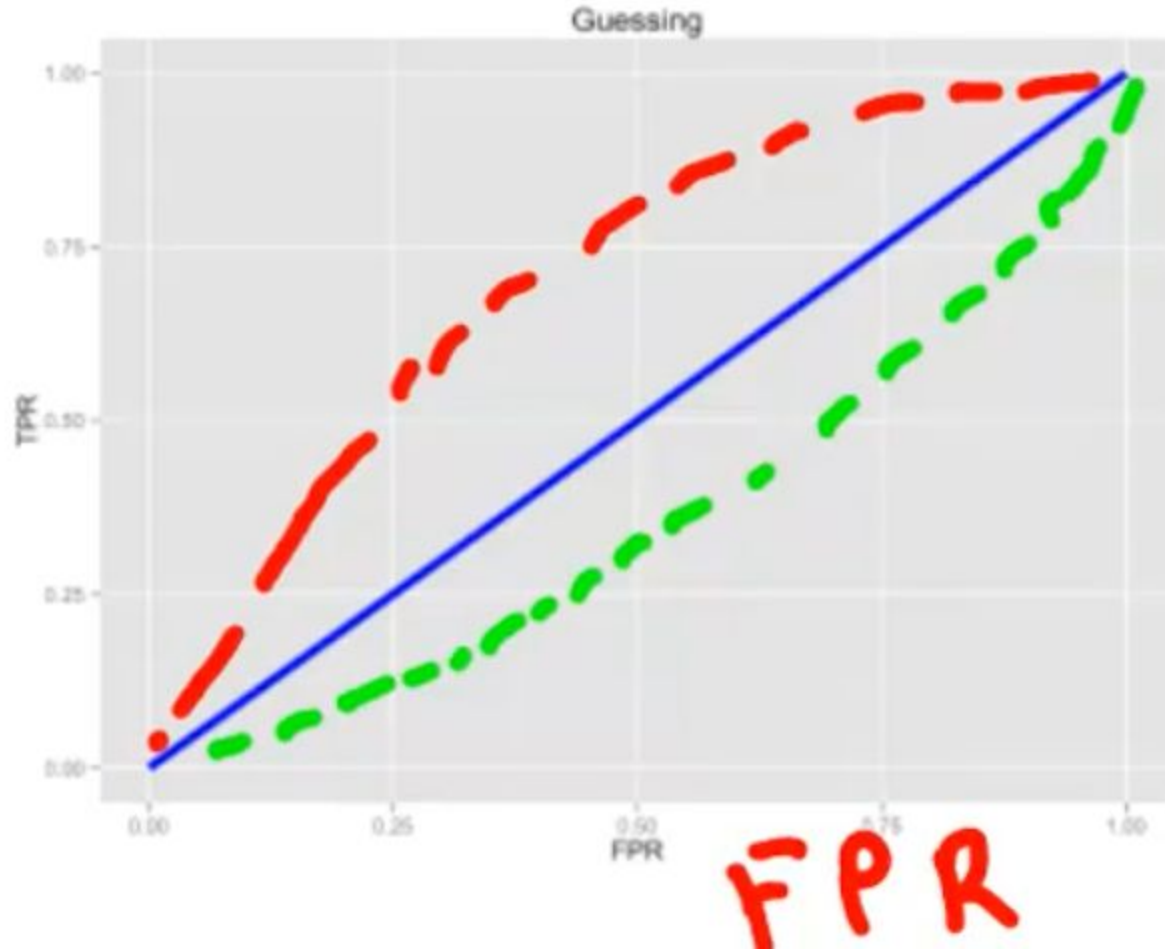
- The first example is the simplest: a diagonal line.
- A diagonal line indicates that the classifier is just making completely random guesses.
- Since your classifier is only going to be correct 50% of the time, it stands to reason that your TPR and FPR will also be equal.



Any curve above the line will be “**Better than Guessing**”

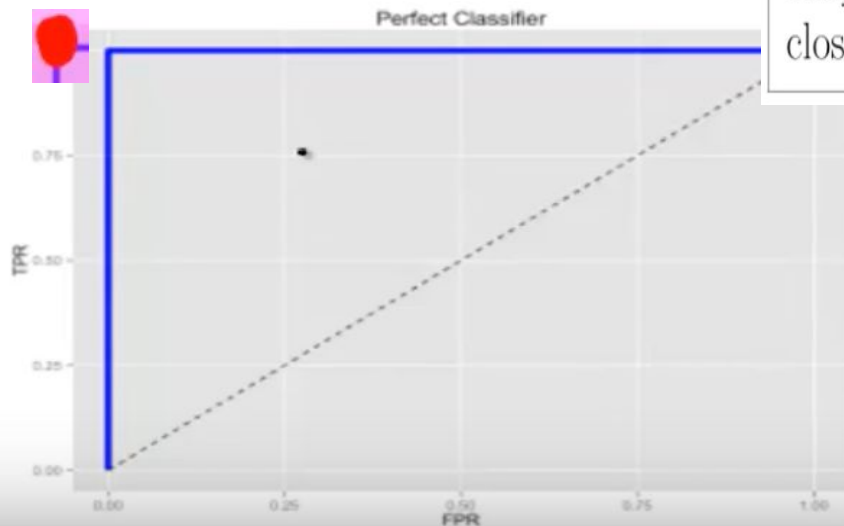
Any curve below the line will be “**Worse than Guessing**”

TPR



## A Perfect Classifier

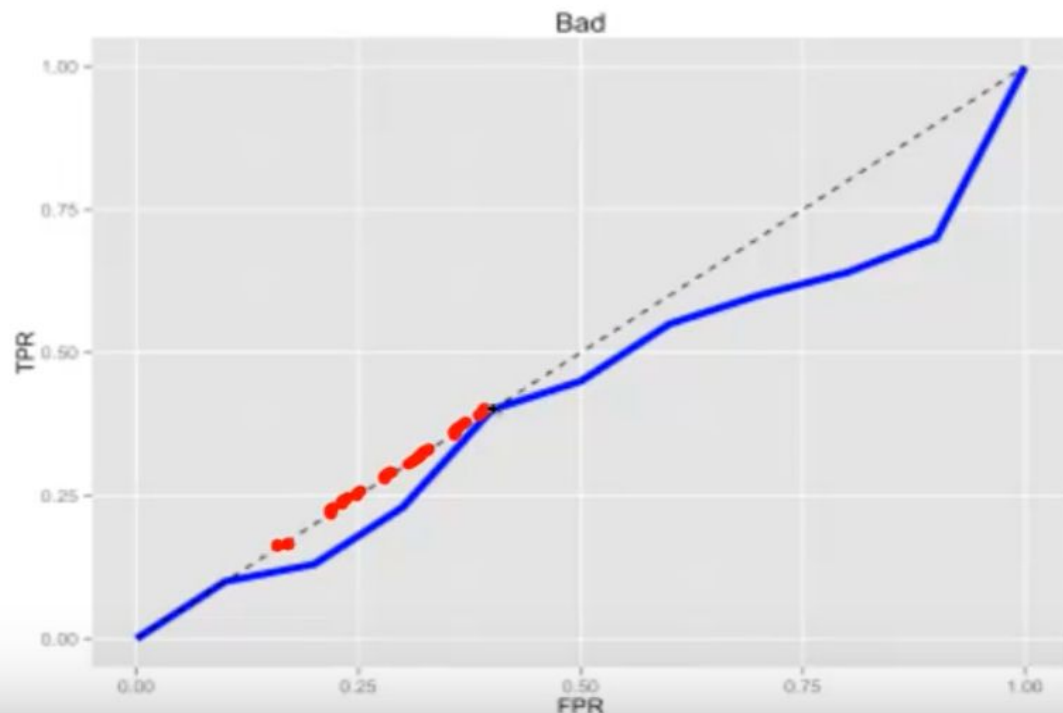
- A perfect classifier will yield a perfect trade-off between TPR and FPR (meaning you'll have a TPR of 1 and an FPR of 0).
- In that case, your ROC curve looks something like this.



**Important:** The better your classifier, the more closer the curve will be to the top left corner.

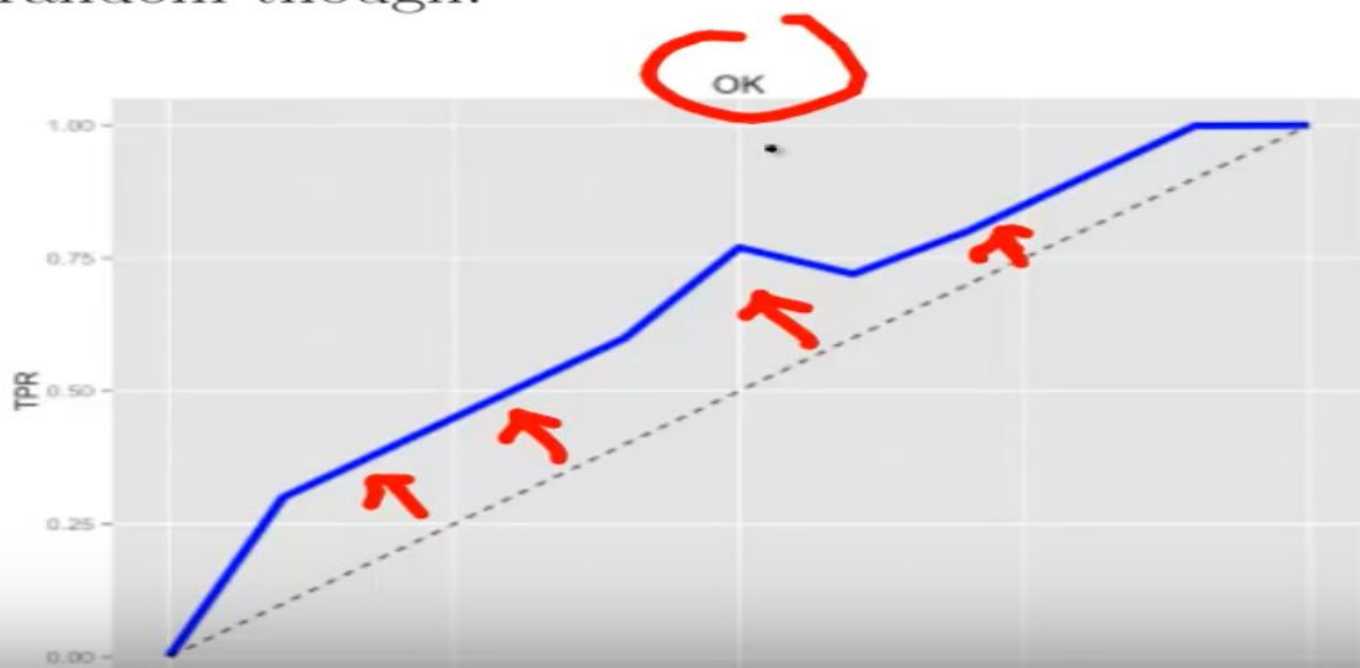
## Worse than guessing

A bad classifier (i.e. something that's worse than guessing) will appear mostly below the random line.



## Better than guessing

A much more interesting activity is attempting to decipher the difference between an “OK” and a “Good” classifier. The chart below shows an example of a very mediocre classifier. It is still better than guess at random though.

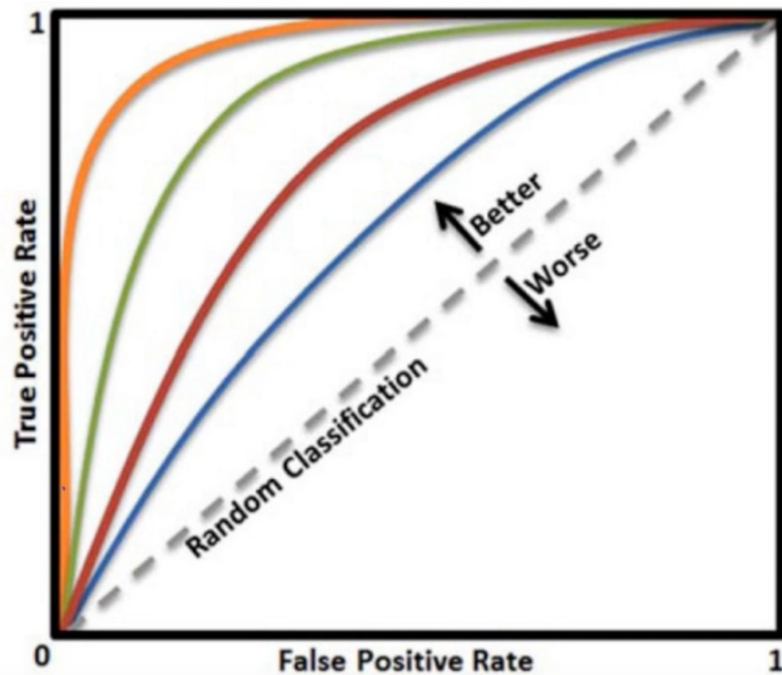
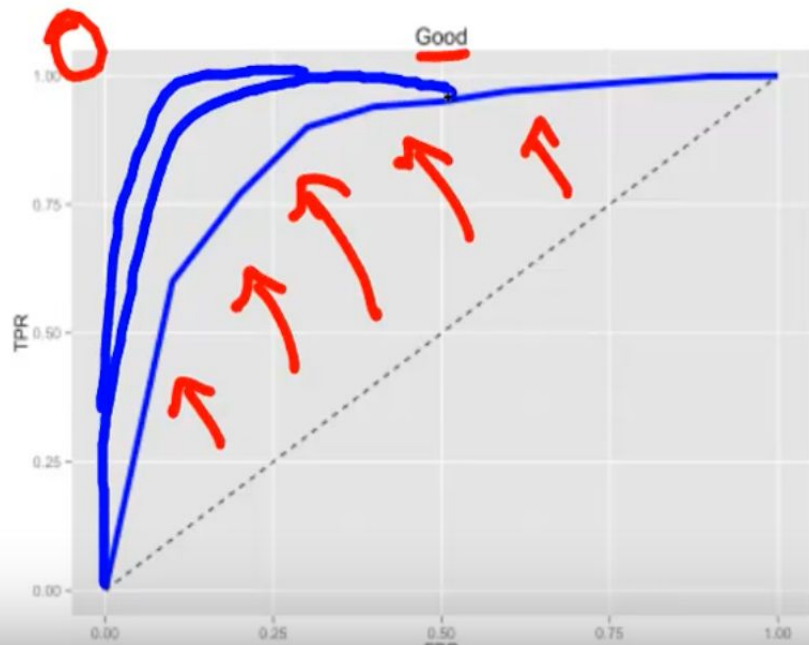




## Reasonably Good

In practice, most decent classification systems have a ROC curve like this.

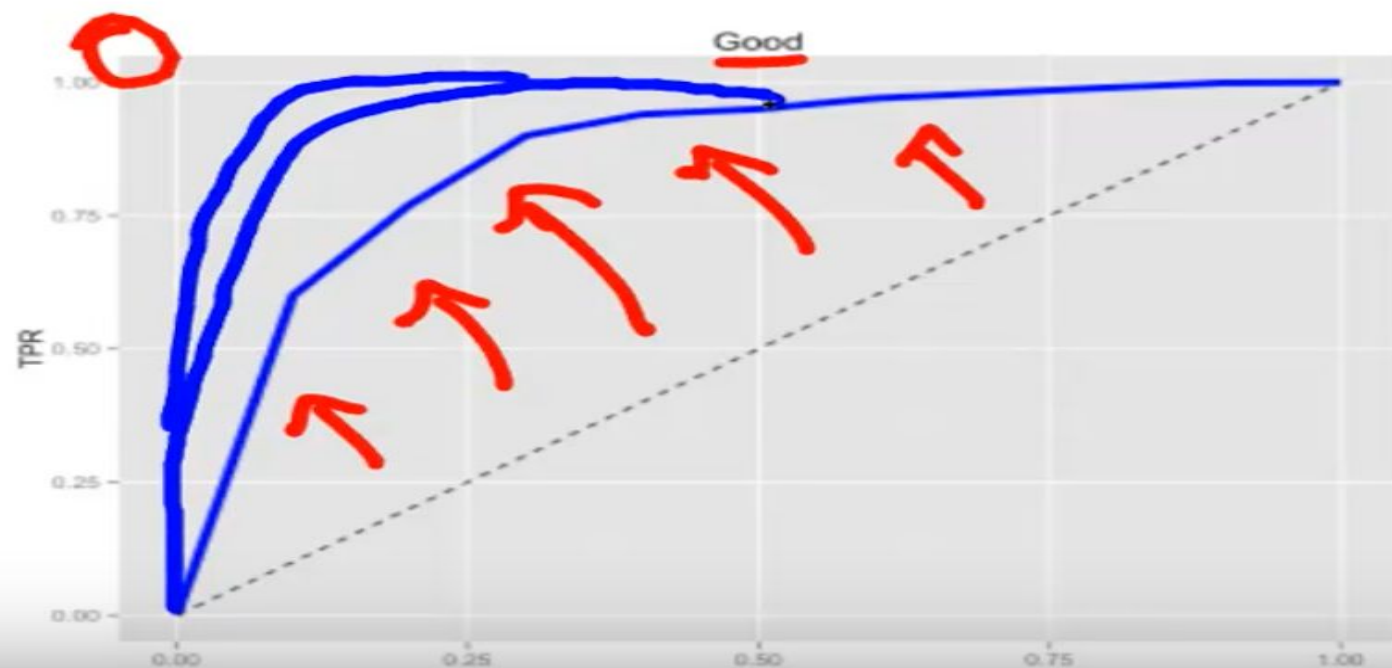
Recall that better a prediction system is, the closer it is to the top left.

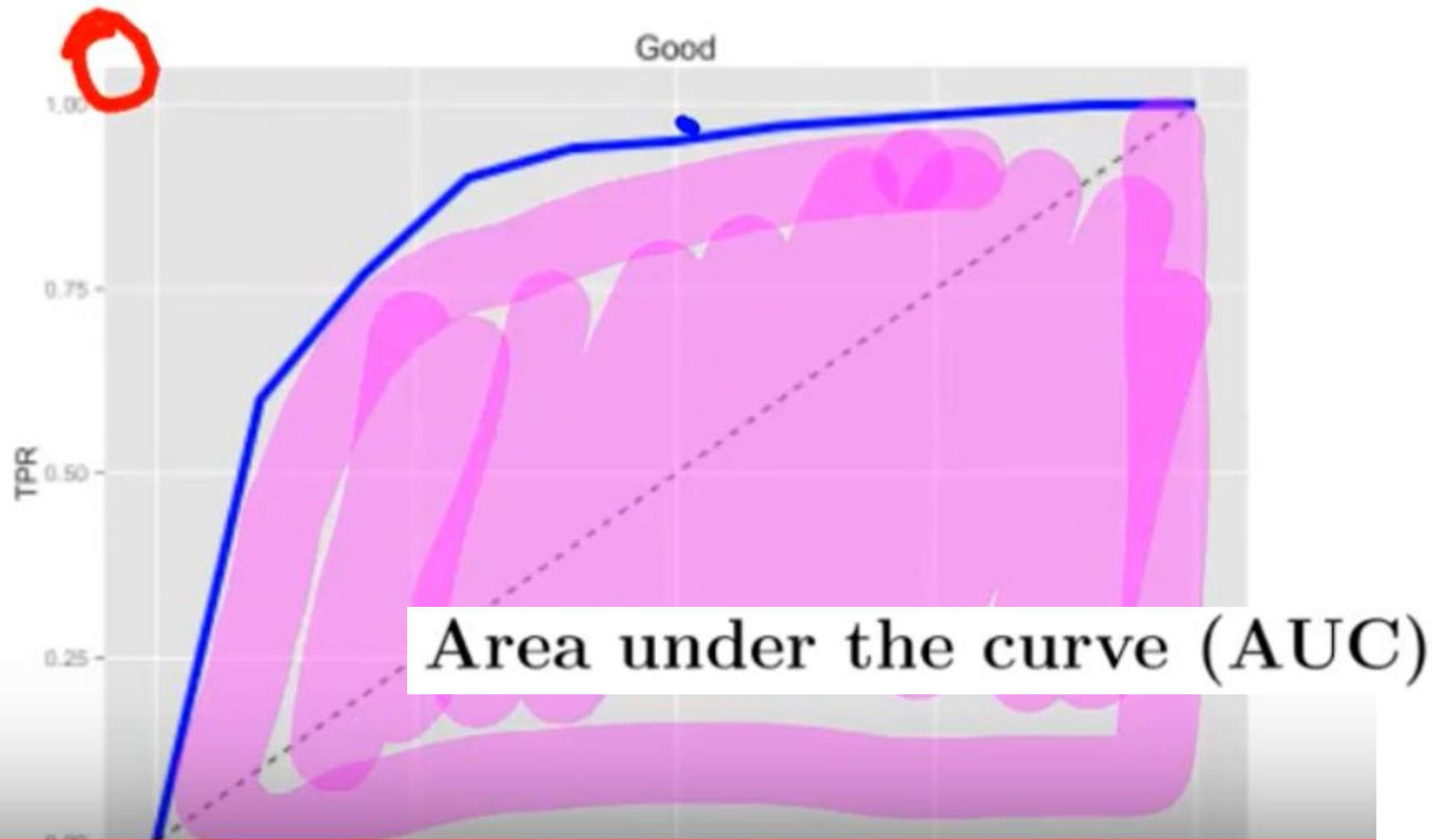


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## Area under the curve (AUC)

There is an aggregate metric to determine how good the prediction system is: AUC or Area Under the Curve.

The AUC is the amount of space underneath the ROC curve

- $AUC = 0$  : Perfectly Bad
- $AUC < 0.5$  : Worse than guessing at random
- $AUC = 0.5$  : same as guessing at random
- $AUC > 0.5$  : Good. better than guessing at random
- $AUC = 1$  : Perfectly Good

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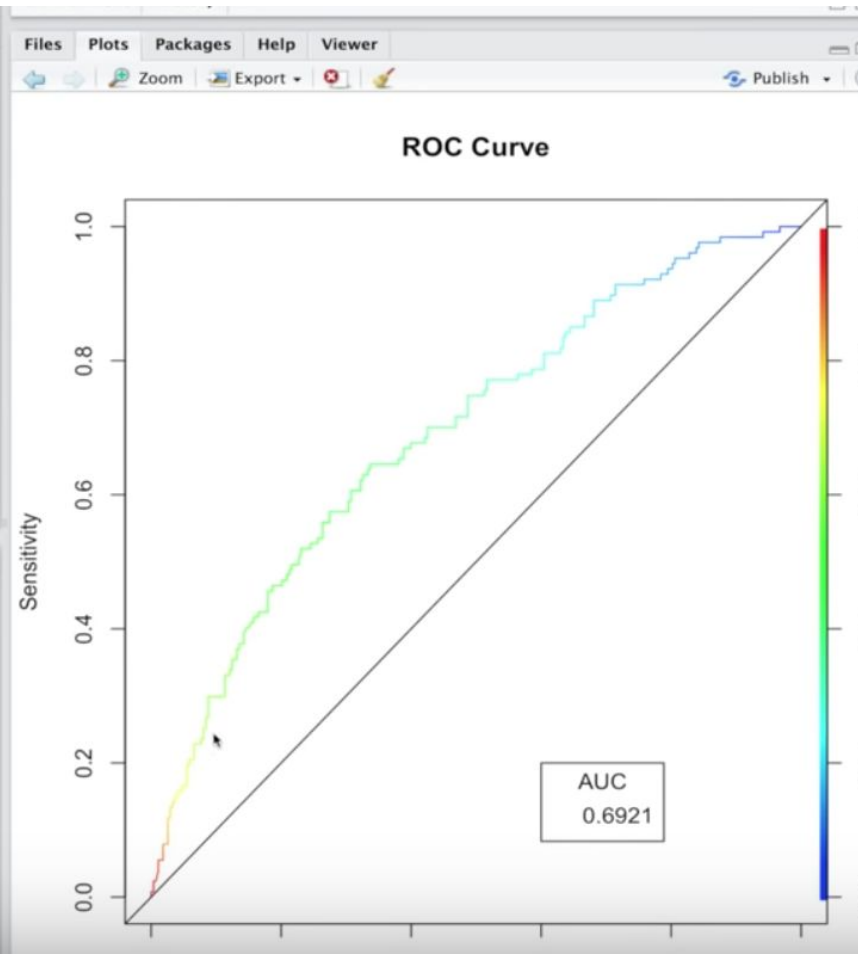
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37 main = "ROC Curve",
38 ylab = "Sensitivity",
39 xlab = "1-Specificity")
40 abline(a=0, b=1)
41
42 # Area Under Curve (AUC)
43 auc <- performance(pred, "auc")
44 auc <- unlist(slot(auc, "y.values"))
45 auc <- round(auc, 4)
46 legend(.6, .2, auc, title = "AUC")
47
47:1 (Top Level)
R Script

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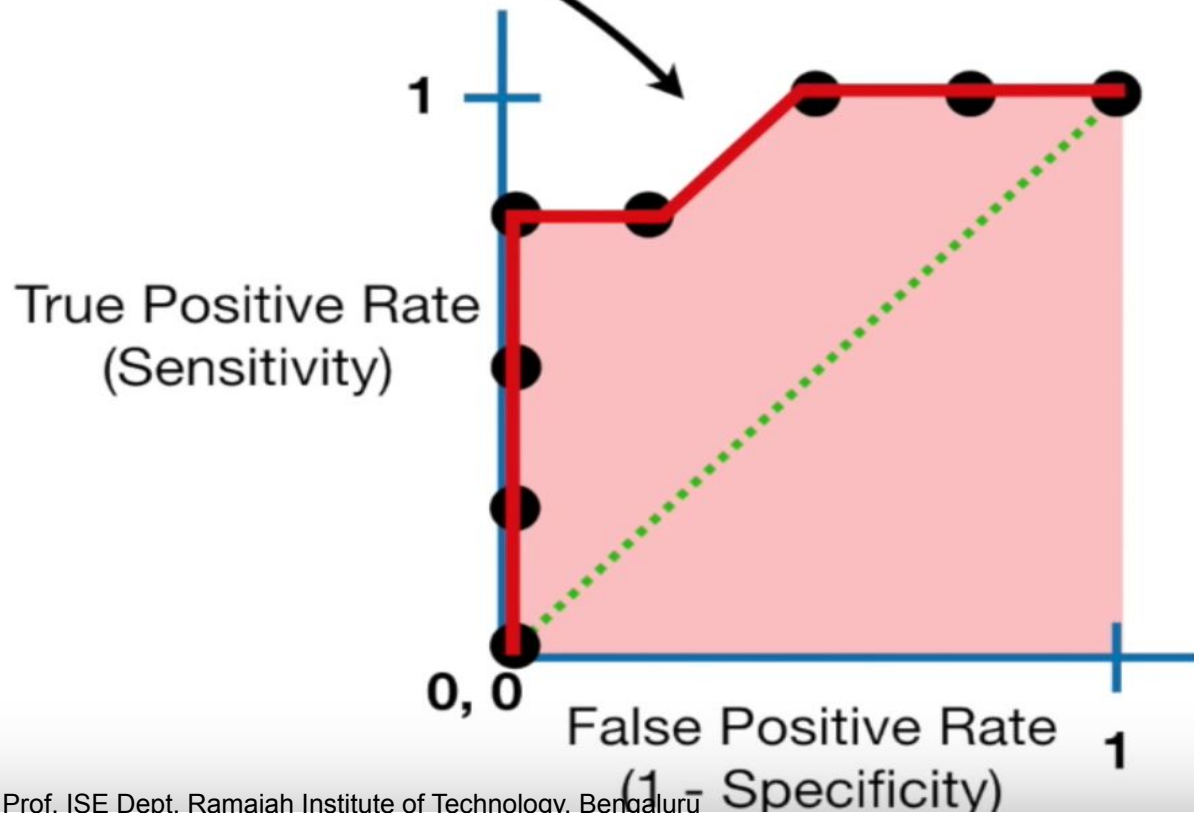
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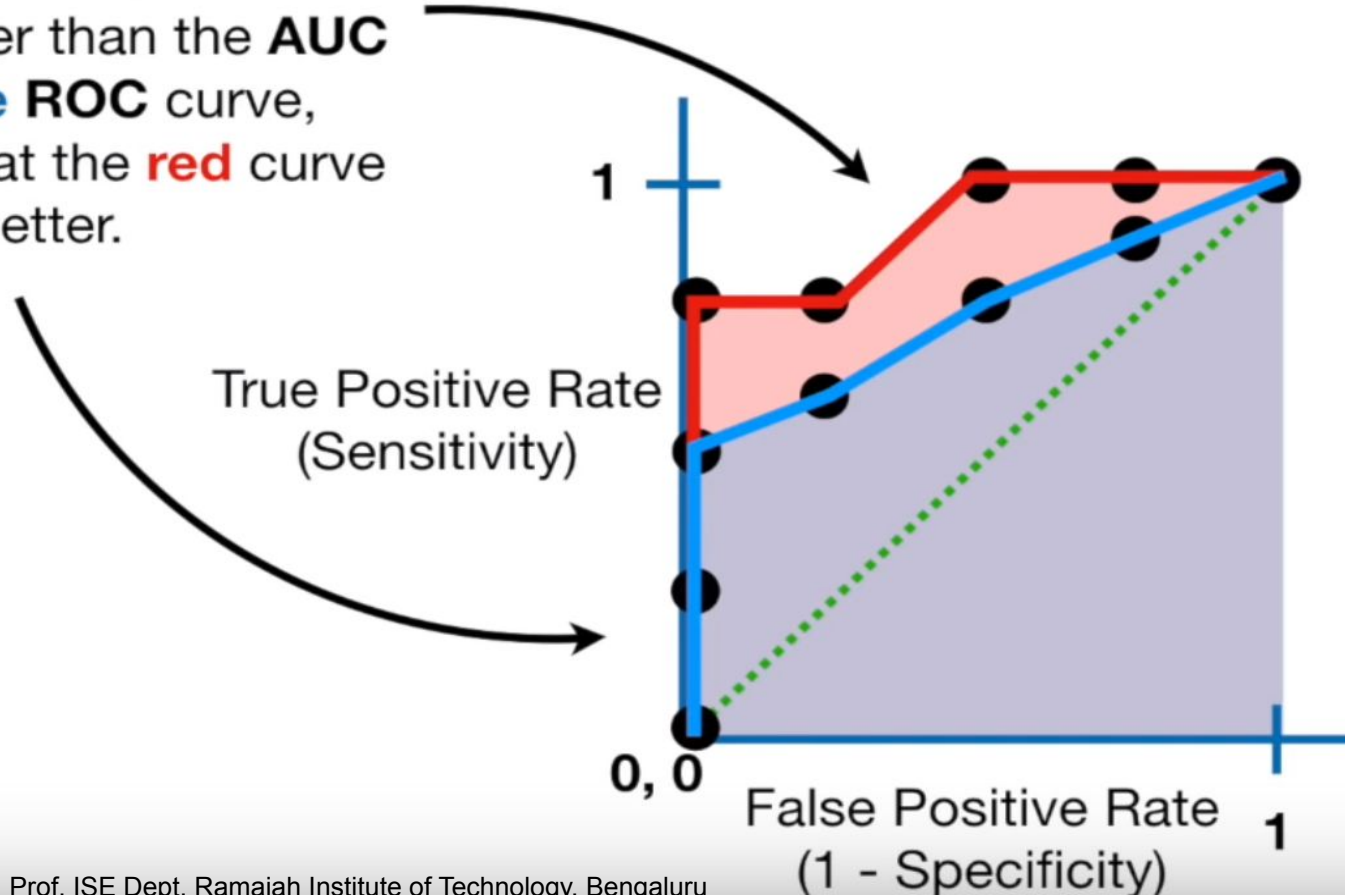
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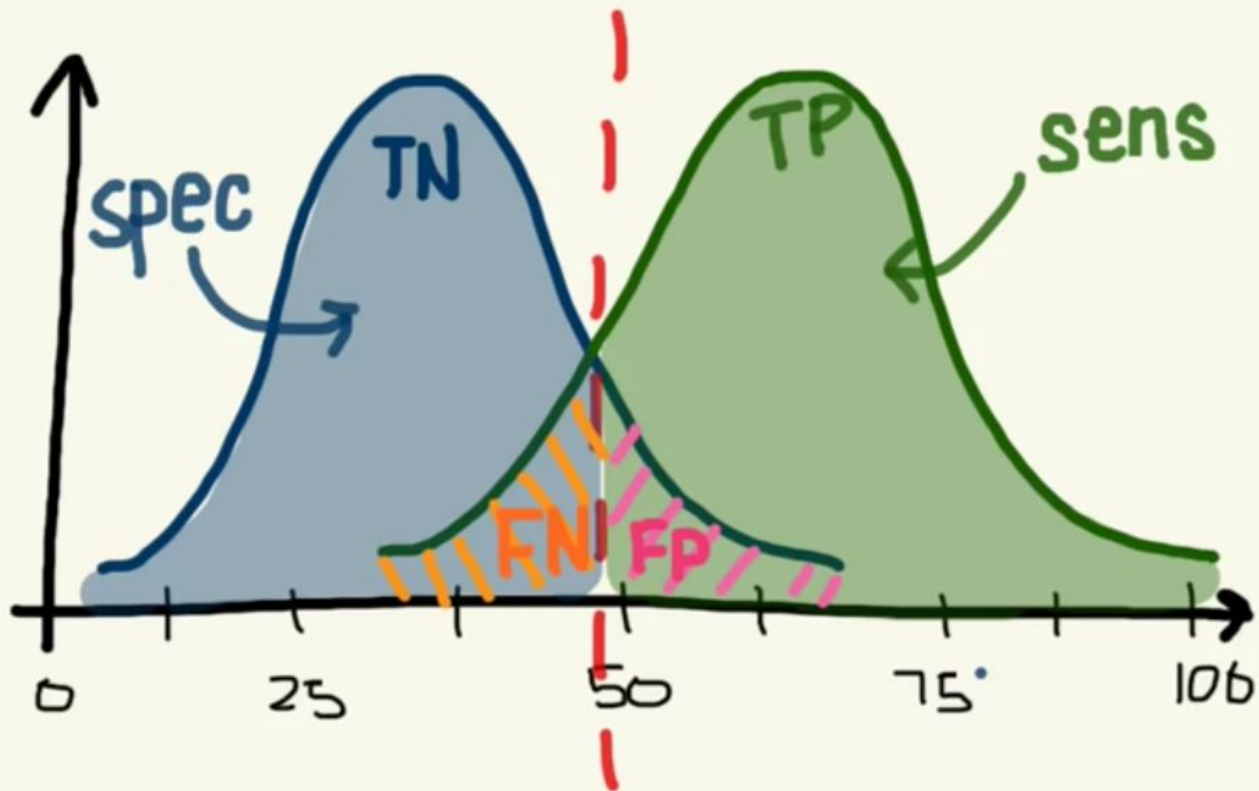


The **AUC** (Area Under the Curve) is **0.9**



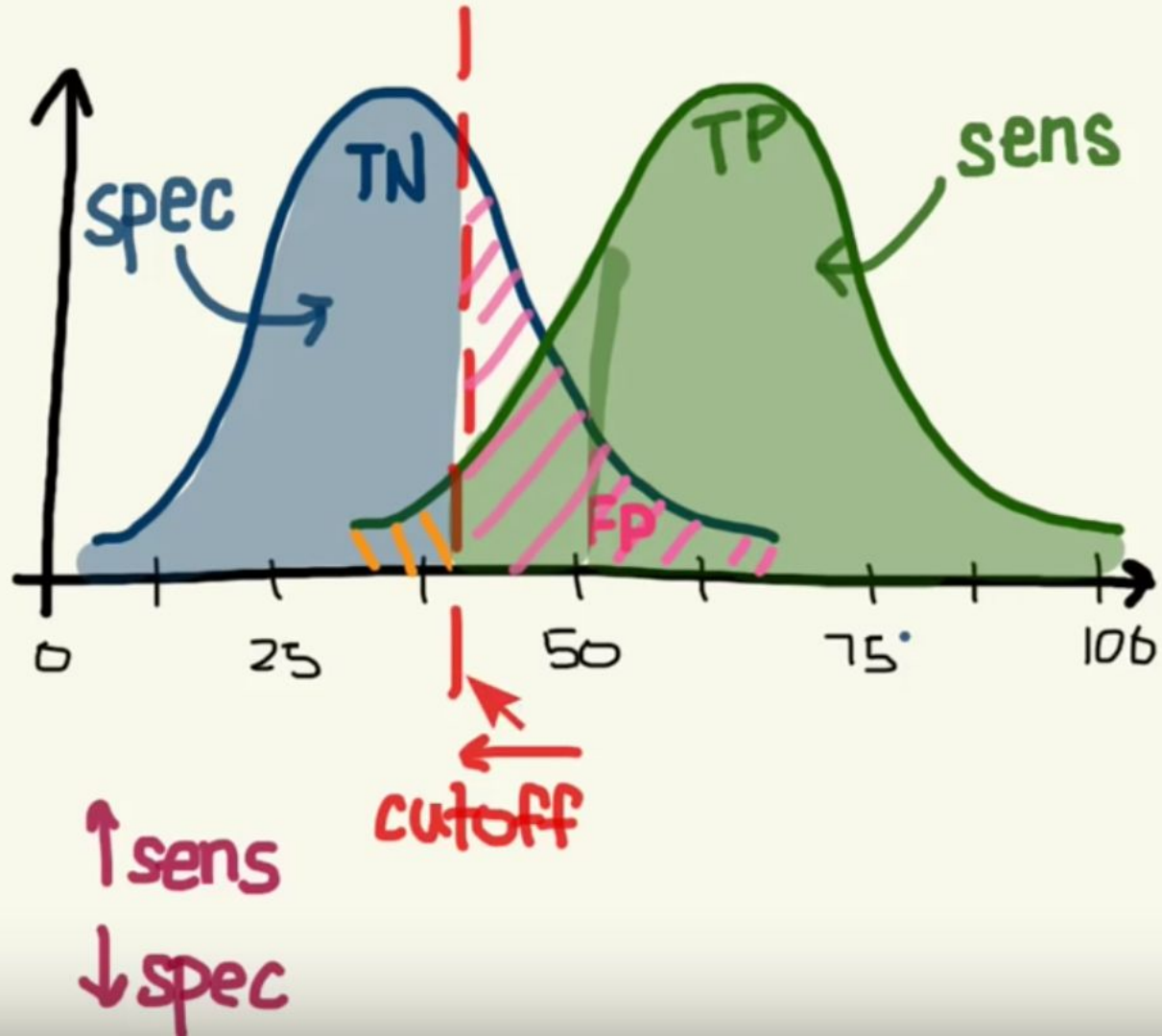
The **AUC** for the **red ROC** curve is greater than the **AUC** for the **blue ROC** curve, suggesting that the **red** curve is better.

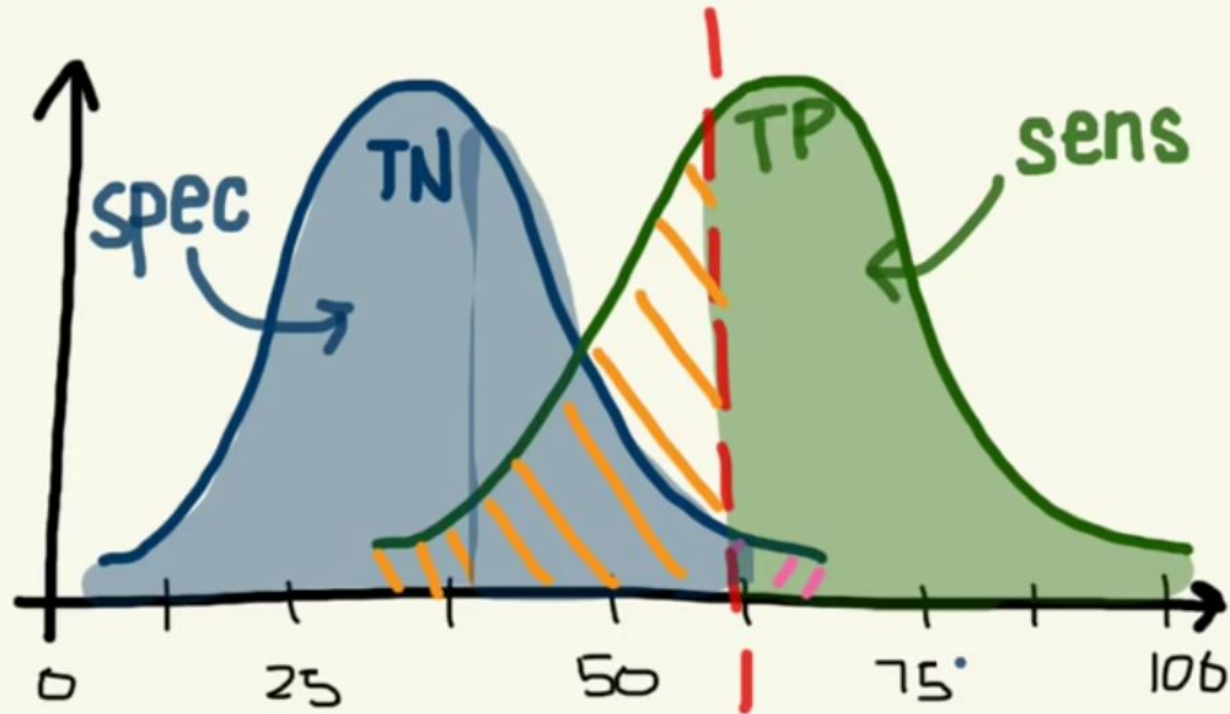




test is neg ← | → test is pos  
cutoff



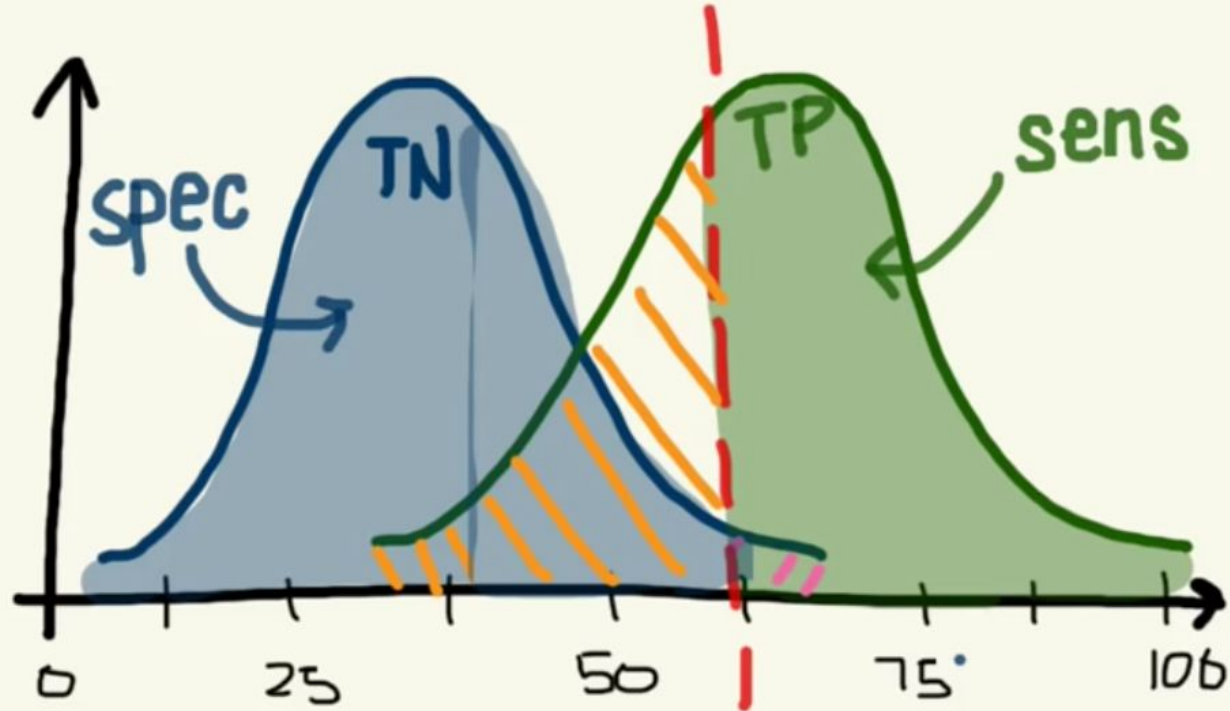




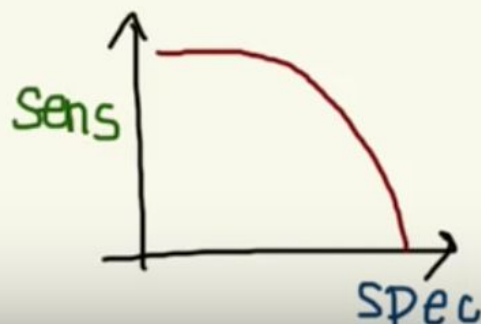
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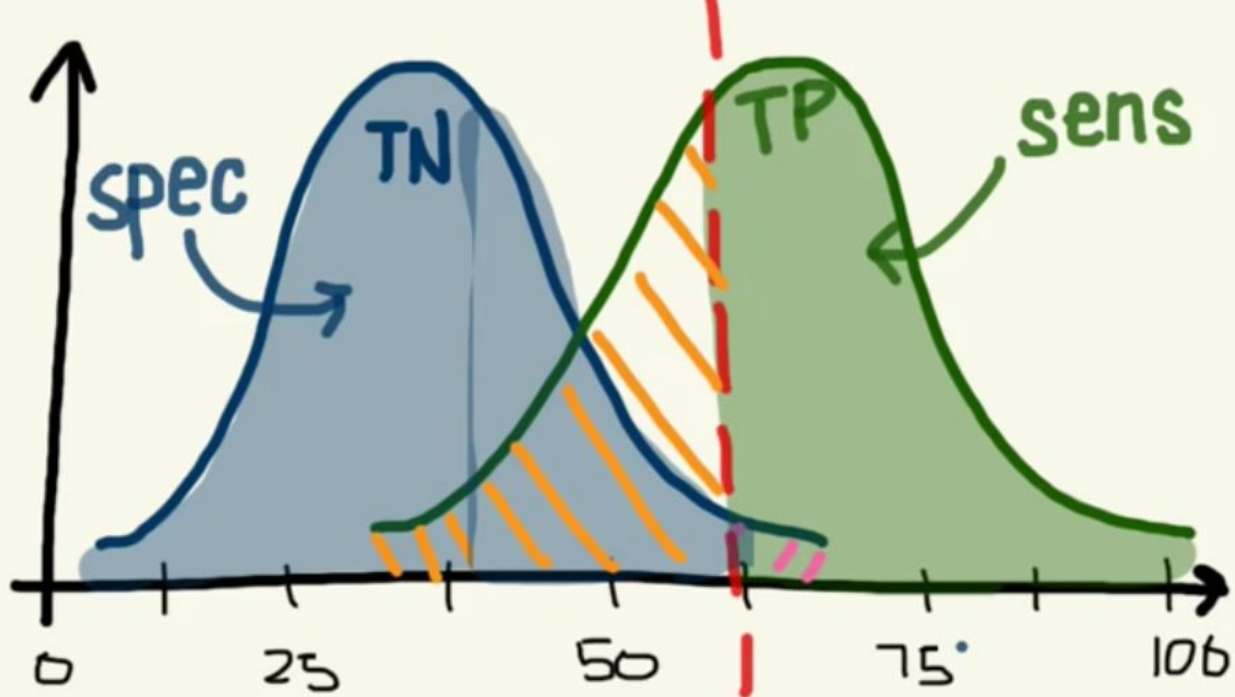
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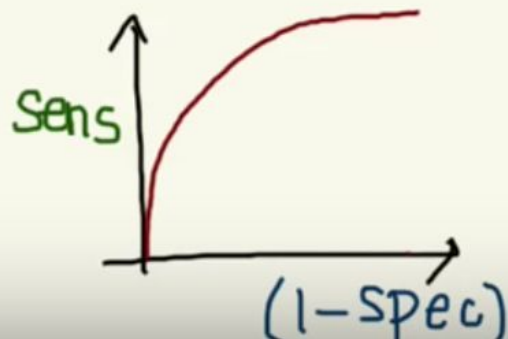
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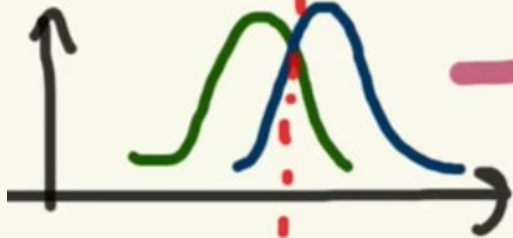
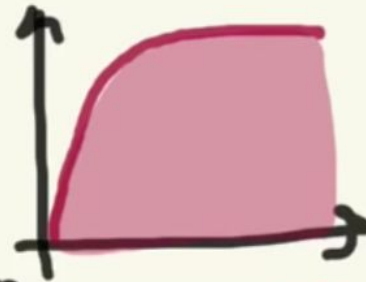
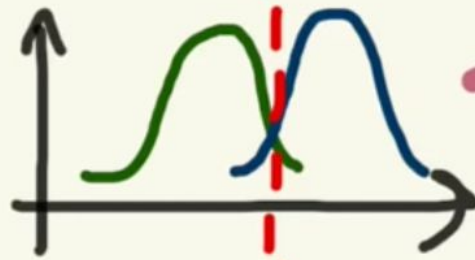
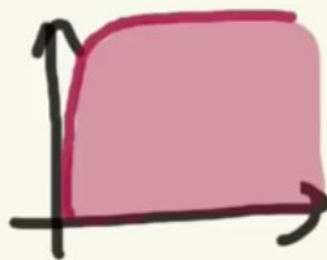
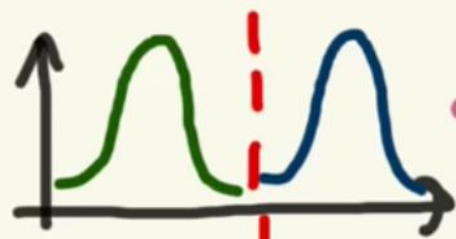
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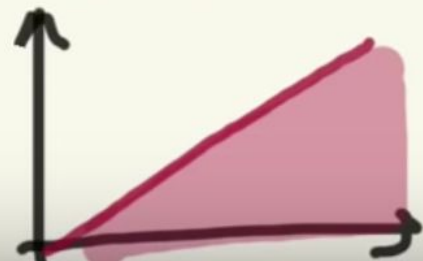
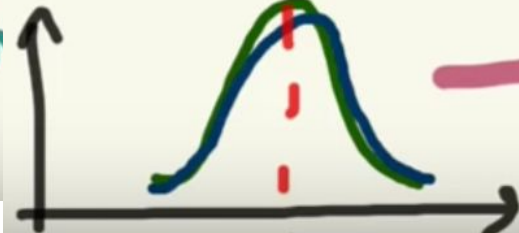
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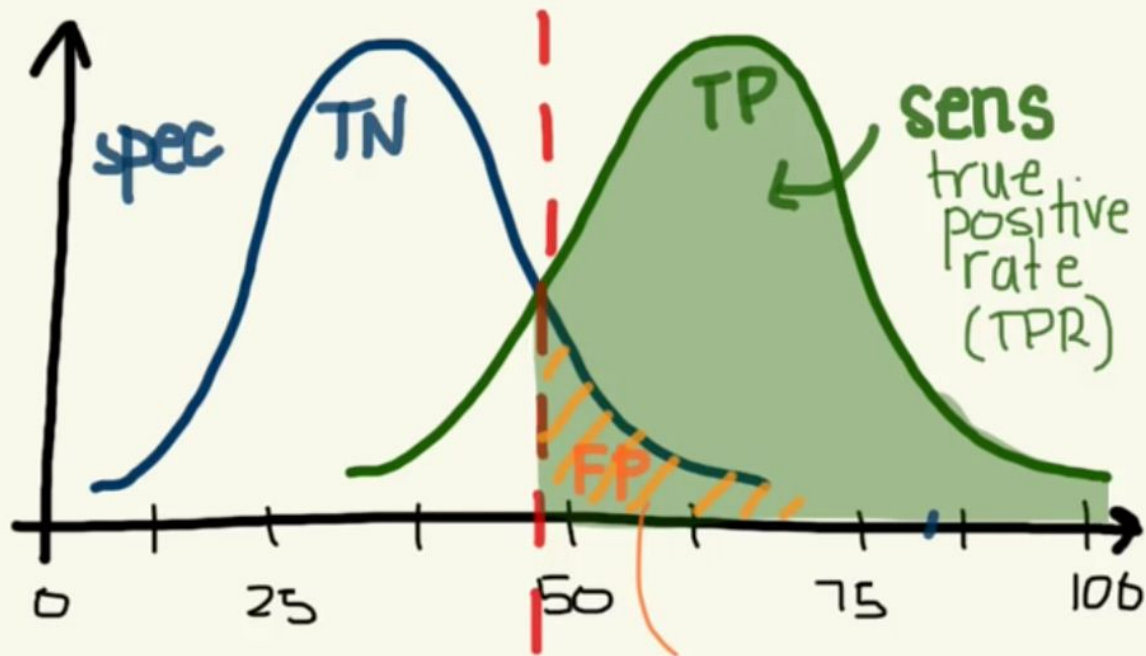
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| <u>AUC</u> | <u>Quality of Test</u> |
|------------|------------------------|
| 0.9-1      | Excellent              |
| 0.8-0.9    | Good                   |
| 0.7-0.8    | Fair                   |
| 0.6-0.7    | Poor                   |
| 0.5-0.6    | Fail                   |



"why (1-spec)?"

(1-spec)  
false.  
positive  
rate

## Source:

1. ROC History: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=21lgj5Pr6u4>
2. ROC-AUC Textbook Style: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GQsFFs-XyJ0>
3. ROC-AUC-Obse Mice-Rare Disease: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xugjARegisk>
4. R-Program Screenshot of ROC-AUC: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ypO1DPEKYFo>