

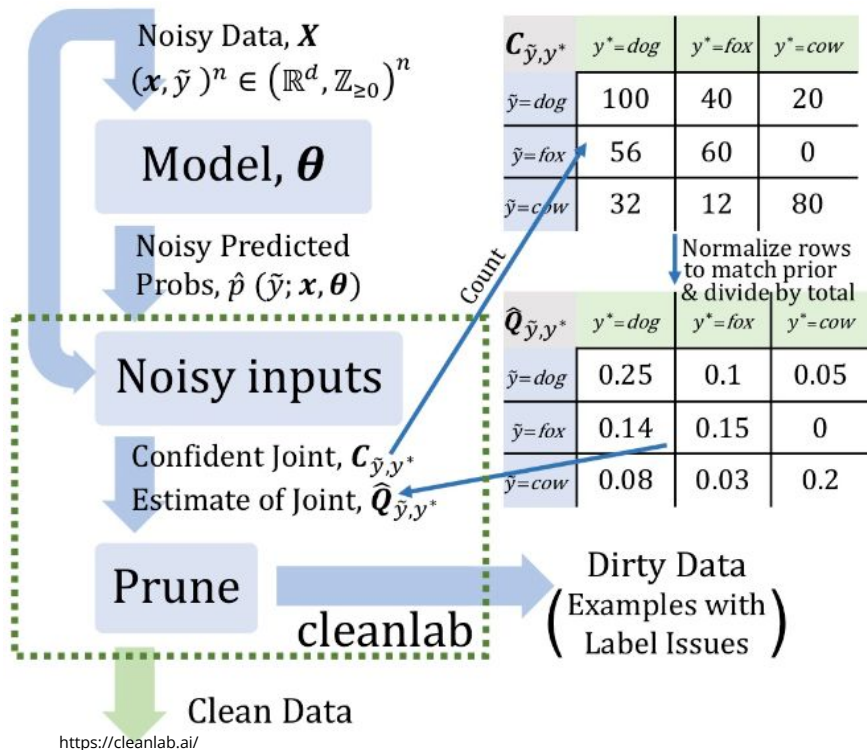


# Confident Learning applied to MNIST Label Error

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# Confident Learning and Cleanlab



1. Estimate the joint distribution of given, noisy labels and latent (unknown) uncorrupted labels to fully characterize class-conditional label noise.
2. Find and prune noisy examples with label issues.
3. Train with errors removed, re-weighting examples by the estimated latent prior.

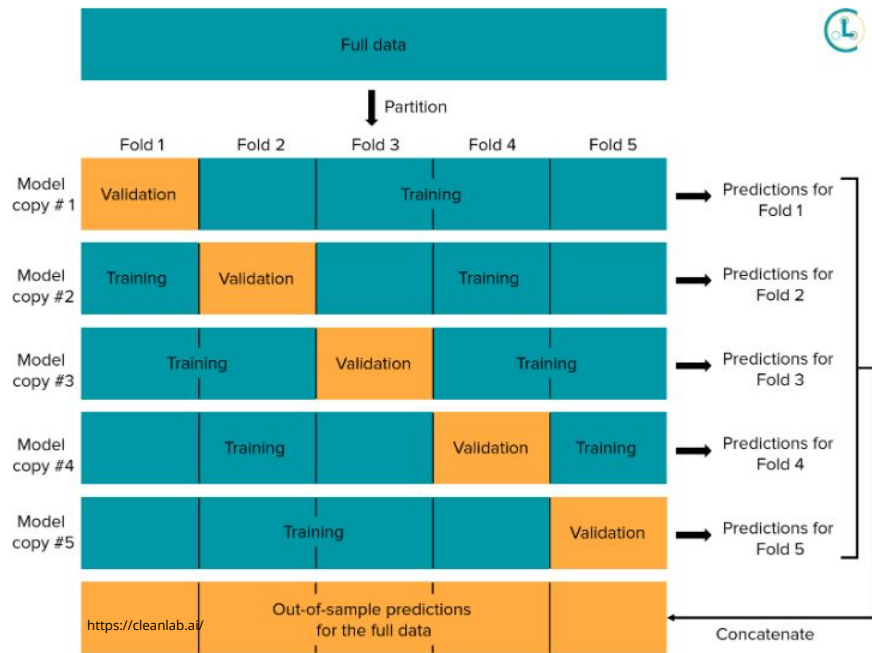
<https://arxiv.org/pdf/1911.00068.pdf>

# Confident Learning and Cleanlab

Out of sample Predictions

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Labels (can contain label errors)



0 1 2 3 4  
5 6 7 8 9

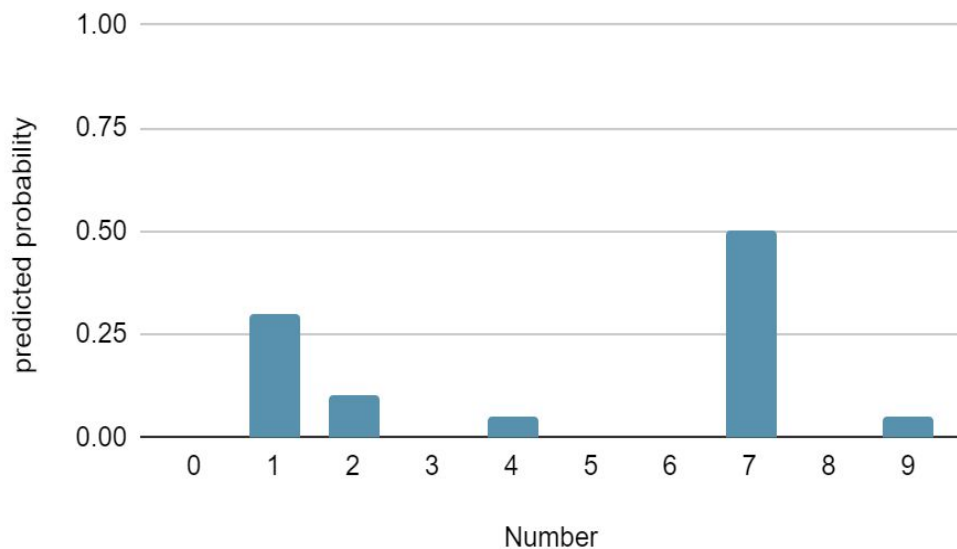
# Predicted Probabilities

The central idea is that when the predicted probability of an example is greater than a per-class-threshold, we *confidently count* that example as actually belonging to that threshold's class.

The thresholds for each class are the average predicted probability of examples in that class.



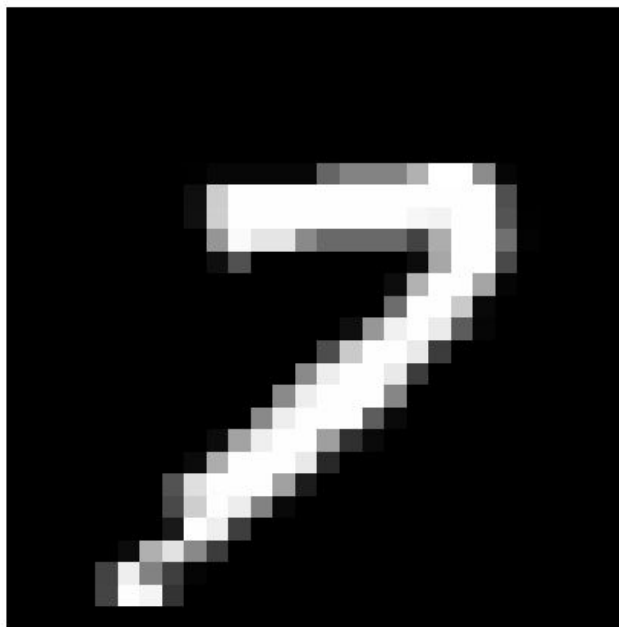
predicted probability vs. Number



# MNSIT Example

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plot_examples([59915])
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id: 59915  
label: 4

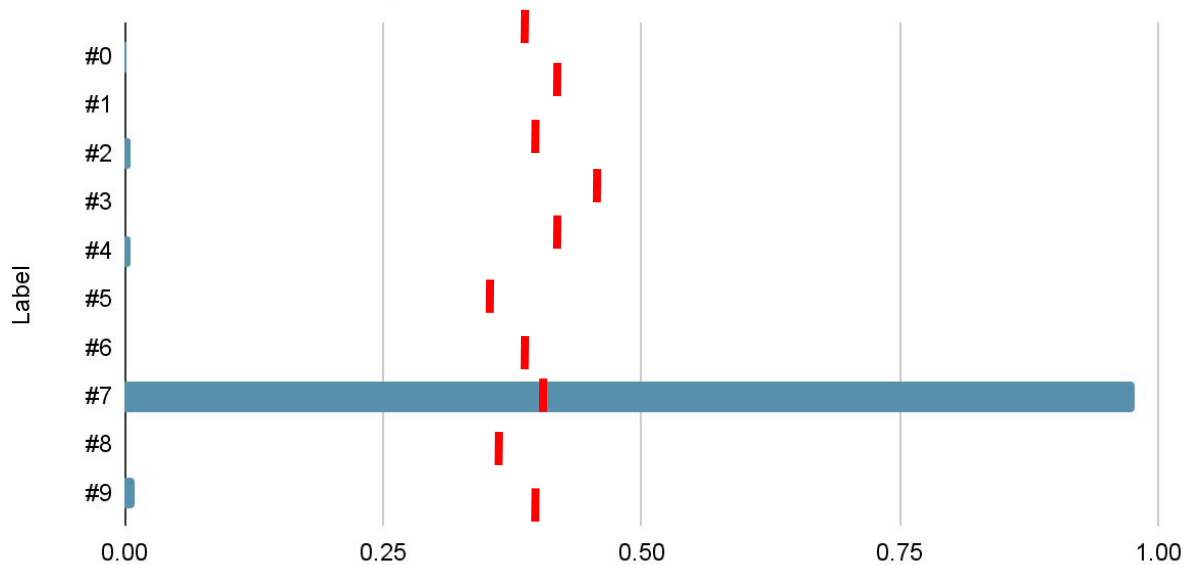


$$C_{\tilde{y}, y^*}[i][j] := |\hat{X}_{\tilde{y}=i, y^*=j}| \quad \text{where}$$

$$\hat{X}_{\tilde{y}=i, y^*=j} := \left\{ \mathbf{x} \in X_{\tilde{y}=i} : \hat{p}(\tilde{y} = j; \mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\theta}) \geq t_j, \quad j = \arg \max_{l \in [m]: \hat{p}(\tilde{y}=l; \mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\theta}) \geq t_l} \hat{p}(\tilde{y} = l; \mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\theta}) \right\}$$

$$t_j = \frac{1}{|X_{\tilde{y}=j}|} \sum_{\mathbf{x} \in X_{\tilde{y}=j}} \hat{p}(\tilde{y} = j; \mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\theta})$$

## Normalized Probability Score



Class Thresholds \*example Probability

# Results

148 out of 70000 labels identified as bad.

Many are mislabeled or questionable, some are correct and false positives.

id: 59915  
label: 4



id: 24798  
label: 4



id: 19124  
label: 8



id: 53216  
label: 9



id: 2720  
label: 3



id: 59701  
label: 5



id: 50340  
label: 3



id: 7010  
label: 7



id: 40976  
label: 1



id: 16376  
label: 1



id: 44484  
label: 8



id: 23824  
label: 5



id: 500  
label: 3



id: 8729  
label: 3



id: 31134  
label: 1



# Ranking Calculation

'normalized\_margin': normalized margin ( $p(\text{label} = k) - \max(p(\text{label} \neq k))$ )

'self\_confidence':  $[\text{pred\_probs}[i][\text{labels}[i]] \text{ for } i \text{ in label\_issues\_idx}]$

'confidence\_weighted\_entropy':  $\text{entropy}(\text{pred\_probs}) / \text{self\_confidence}$

# Confusion Matrix

		Predicted									
Given Label		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	0	6891	0	1	0	1	0	7	1	1	1
	1	0	7843	17	1	5	0	0	8	3	0
	2	3	12	6925	3	8	0	2	27	9	1
	3	0	7	33	7051	0	14	1	17	8	10
	4	1	2	2	0	6794	0	8	1	3	13
	5	1	2	2	9	1	6266	14	1	12	5
	6	7	8	0	0	5	4	6847	0	5	0
	7	4	5	23	3	10	0	0	7221	5	22
	8	3	18	3	4	9	8	11	3	6745	21
	9	10	4	0	7	17	7	0	24	9	6880

Total Errors: 148



# 3 Folds vs 10 Folds

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
0	6891	0	1	0	1	0	7	1	1	1
1	0	7843	17	1	5	0	0	8	3	0
2	3	12	6925	3	8	0	2	27	9	1
3	0	7	33	7051	0	14	1	17	8	10
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5	1	2	2	9	1	6266	14	1	12	5
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3 fold cross validation: 148 errors

Highlighted in red if more than 10 errors.

Less false positives with more cross validation folds

10 fold cross validation: 98 errors

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
0	6903	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	7874	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	0	3	6979	0	4	0	0	2	1	1
3	0	0	4	7122	0	2	0	5	2	6
4	0	0	1	0	6816	0	0	1	1	5
5	1	0	1	4	0	6305	2	0	0	0
6	1	0	0	0	2	4	6869	0	0	0
7	0	2	7	0	3	0	0	7276	1	4
8	2	0	4	0	1	1	0	0	6815	2
9	3	0	0	0	3	4	0	4	1	6943

# Next Steps

- See difference in model accuracy without bad labeled data
- See how well it works with additional augmented data
- Test on BIOSCAN-small dataset