

# Lecture 8

## Multiclass/Log-linear models, Evaluation, and Human Labels

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# Today

- Multiclass logistic regression
- Evaluation. Humans!
- Next PS: out next week

# Multiclass?

- Task: Classify into one of  $|Y|$  multiple exclusive categories
  - e.g.  $Y = \{\text{sports, travel, politics}\}$
  - Language models (word prediction)?  $Y = \text{vocabulary}$
- One option: transform multiple binary classifiers into single multiclass classifier
  - $|Y|$  one-versus-rest classifiers.  
Hard prediction rule: choose most confident.
- But what about probabilistic prediction?
  - Does the above procedure sum-to-1 ?

# Binary vs Multiclass logreg

- Binary logreg: let  $x$  be a feature vector, and  $y$  either 0 or 1

$\beta$  is a weight vector across the  $x$  features.

$$p(y = 1|x, \beta) = \frac{\exp(\beta^T x)}{1 + \exp(\beta^T x)}$$

- Multiclass logreg:  $y$  is a categorical variable, attains one of several values in  $Y$

Each  $\beta_{y'}$  is a weight vector across all  $x$  features.

$$p(y|x, \beta) = \frac{\exp(\beta_y^T x)}{\sum_{y' \in Y} \exp(\beta_{y'}^T x)}$$

# Log-linear models

Here's the NLP-style notation

$f(x, y)$  feature function of input  $\mathbf{x}$  and output  $\mathbf{y}$   
Produces very long feature vector.

$$f_{105}(x, y) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if "awesome" in } \mathbf{x} \text{ and } \mathbf{y} = \text{POSITIVE} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$f_{106}(x, y) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if "awesome" in } \mathbf{x} \text{ and } \mathbf{y} = \text{NEGATIVE} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$f_{533}(x, y) = \begin{cases} \text{count("awesome" in } \mathbf{x}) & \text{if } \mathbf{y} = \text{POSITIVE} \\ 0 & \text{if } \mathbf{y} \neq \text{POSITIVE} \end{cases}$$

In this view, it's the feature engineer's job when implementing  $f(x, y)$  to include features for all combinations of aspects of inputs  $x$  and outputs  $y$ .

$\theta$  One long single weight vector.

$$p(y|x, \theta) = \frac{\exp(\theta^\top f(x, y))}{\sum_{y' \in \mathcal{Y}} \exp(\theta^\top f(x, y'))}$$

Unnormalized, positive “exp-goodness score”

Normalizer: sum the exp-goodnesses over all possible outcomes.

# Softmax function

Define: “goodness score” for potential output  $y$ .

$$s_y = \theta^\top f(x, y)$$

Log-linear distribution then is

$$p(y|x, \theta) = \frac{\exp(s_y)}{\sum_{y' \in \mathcal{Y}} \exp(s_{y'})}$$

**Softmax function**: turns goodness scores into probabilities that sum to 1. Exponentiate then normalize.

$$\text{softmax}(\{s_1 \dots s_{|\mathcal{Y}|}\}) \rightarrow \left( \frac{\exp(s_1)}{\sum_{y' \in \mathcal{Y}} \exp(s_{y'})}, \frac{\exp(s_2)}{\sum_{y' \in \mathcal{Y}} \exp(s_{y'})}, \dots, \frac{\exp(s_{|\mathcal{Y}|})}{\sum_{y' \in \mathcal{Y}} \exp(s_{y'})} \right)$$

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def softmax(scores):  
    exponentiated = [exp(s) for s in scores]  
    Z = sum(exponentiated)  
    return [escore/Z for escore in exponentiated]
```

In-class demo  
[\[html\]](#) [\[ipynb\]](#)

# “Log-linear” ?

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Um, but except  
for this.

Log-sum-exp is an  
important function  
for these models

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# Log-linear gradients

- Similar as before: difference between the gold label, versus the model's predicted probability for that label.

# Log-linear models

- Such a great idea it has been reinvented and renamed in many different fields

**Multinomial logistic regression** is also known as **polytomous**, **polychotomous**, or **multi-class logistic regression**, or just **multilogit regression**.

## Maximum Entropy Classifier

Logistic regression estimation obeys the maximum entropy principle, and thus logistic regression is sometimes called "**maximum entropy modeling**", and the resulting classifier the "**maximum entropy classifier**".

*Common in 1990's-  
era NLP literature.  
Still sometimes used.*

## Neural Network: Classification with a Single Neuron

Binary logistic regression is equivalent to a one-layer, single-output neural network with a logistic activation function trained under log loss. This is sometimes called classification with a single neuron.

*Currently  
popular again*

## Generalized Linear Model and Softmax Regression

Logistic regression is a generalized linear model with the logit link function. The logistic link function is sometimes called softmax and given its use of exponentiation to convert linear predictors to probabilities, it is sometimes called an **exponential model**.

<http://alias-i.com/lingpipe/demos/tutorial/logistic-regression/read-me.html>

# Evaluation

- Given we have gold-standard labels, how good is a classifier? Evaluate on a test set (or dev set).
- Evaluating probabilistic predictions
  - Log-likelihood: we were doing this for LM's.
- Evaluating hard predictions
  - Accuracy: fraction of predictions that are correct.
    - What about class imbalance? Note also “most frequent class” baseline.
  - Many different statistics available from the **confusion matrix**
    - Precision, recall, F-score
    - Expected utility...

# Confusion matrix

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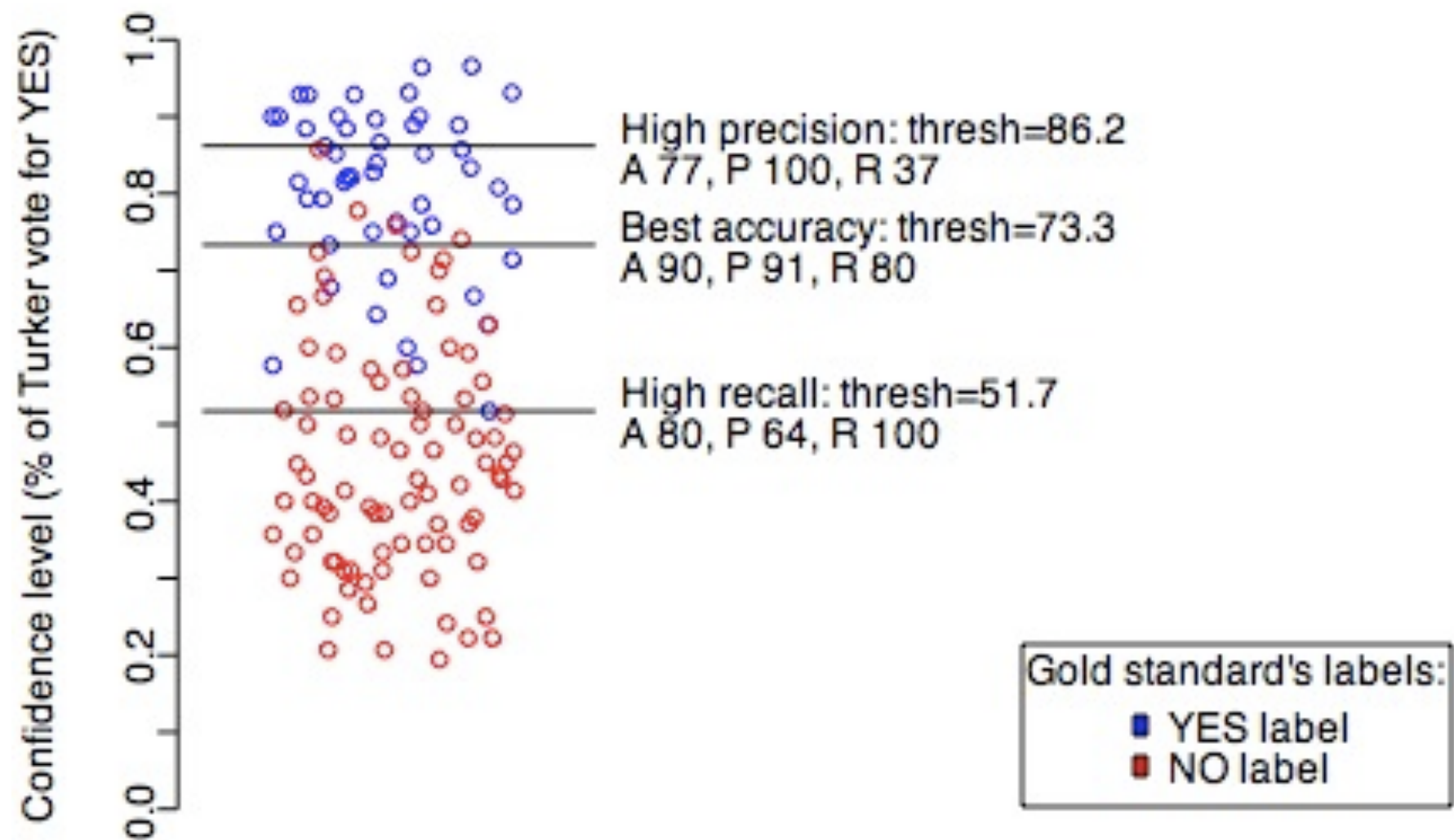
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- Precision and Recall are metrics for binary classification.
- You can make one arbitrarily high by changing your decision threshold.
- F-score: harmonic mean of P and R.



# Decision threshold

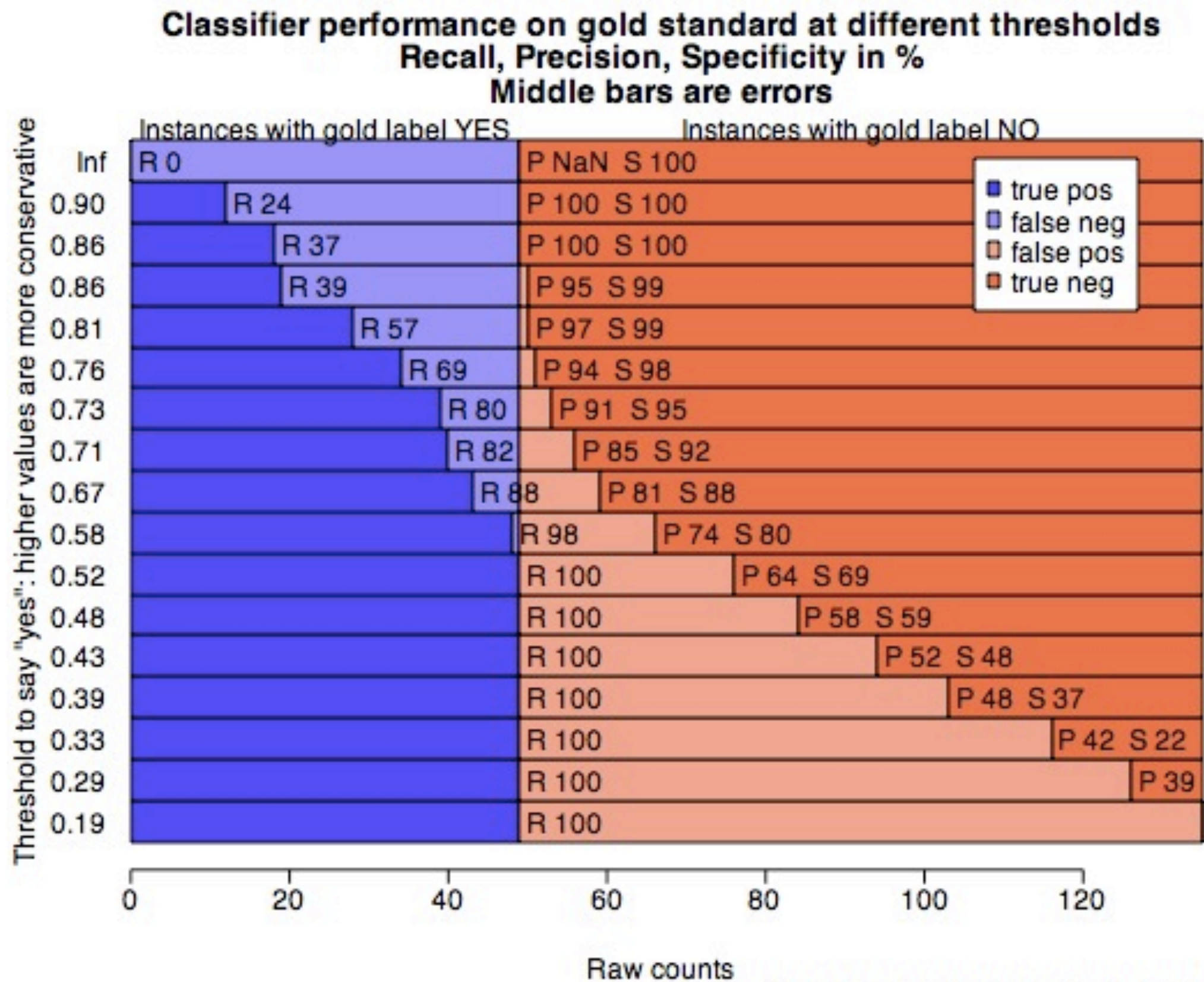
Decide “1” if  $p(y = 1|x) > t$  .... could vary threshold ***t***



Above a threshold, classified as Y, below as N  
Errors above are false pos; errors below are false neg  
Accuracy, Precision, Recall in %  
Dots have horizontal jitter (x-axis has no meaning)

<http://blog.doloreslabs.com/?p=61>

# Decision threshold



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# Many other metrics

- Expected utility: Perhaps there's -5 points of user happiness for reading a spam message, but -1000 points for false positive spam.
- Metrics that are invariant to a decision threshold
  - Log-likelihood
  - “ROC AUC”: rank by confidence value. Choose gold-positive and gold-negative examples. Are they ranked correctly?  
“area under the receiving-operator-characteristic curve”
  - Many other related things with different names from different disciplines (medical, engineering, statistics...)

[http://brenocon.com/confusion\\_matrix\\_diagrams.pdf](http://brenocon.com/confusion_matrix_diagrams.pdf)

# Human annotations

- We usually think data from humans is “gold standard”
- But our tasks are subjective! What does this mean?
- Compare answers to your neighbor. How many did you agree on, out of 10?

	num HAPPY	num SAD	fraction HAPPY	Truth (?)
@AppleEI @melissaclse Oh ok! GO! - Lol you guys, I wanna join you... damn homework _EMOTICON_	0	45	0.000	>:(
My phone is so bad... _EMOTICON_	0	46	0.000	:(
Swim is on pause. It's raining. _EMOTICON_	2	44	0.043	:(
wat does that text mean.? _EMOTICON_	4	40	0.091	:)
@Moonchild66 ouch, i empathise, i get that a bit from sleeping awkwardly! _EMOTICON_	7	39	0.152	:(
surreal knowing middle school is officially over _EMOTICON_	19	26	0.422	:(
If dnt nobody else love me i love me _EMOTICON_	41	5	0.891	:)
Fireflies - Owl City #nowplaying _EMOTICON_	45	1	0.978	=)
Oh, is anyone watching Dancing with the Stars? That old lady is made of win _EMOTICON_	45	1	0.978	^_^
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# Human agreement

- Should we expect machines to do subjective tasks?
  - Is the task “real”, or is it a fake made-up thing? What does “real” mean anyways? Is sentiment a “real” thing?
- Inter-annotator agreement rate (IAA) is the standard way to measure “realness” and quality of human annotations.
  - Have two annotators annotate the same item.
  - Fraction of the time they agree.
  - Alternate view: accuracy rate that one has when trying to model the other.
  - Cohen’s *kappa*: a variation on IAA that controls for base rates (compare against null case of everyone answering the most common answer).
- Human factors affect agreement rates!!
  - Are the annotators trained similarly?
  - Are the guidelines clear?
  - Is your labeling theory of sentiment/semantics/etc “real”?
- Common wisdom: IAA is upper bound on machine accuracy. Really? Discuss.