

# CSE419 – Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning 2018

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## Lecture 9

### Ranking

*Based on Asst. Prof. Dr. David Kauchak (Pomona College) Lecture Slides*

# An aside: text classification

Raw data

labels



Chardonnay



Pinot Grigio



Zinfandel

# Text: raw data

Raw data



labels

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Features?

# Feature examples

Raw data



labels

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Features

Clinton said pinot  
repeatedly last week on tv,  
“pinot, pinot, pinot”

(1, 1, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, ...)  
pinot clinton said california across tv wrong capital

Occurrence of words

# Feature examples

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Features

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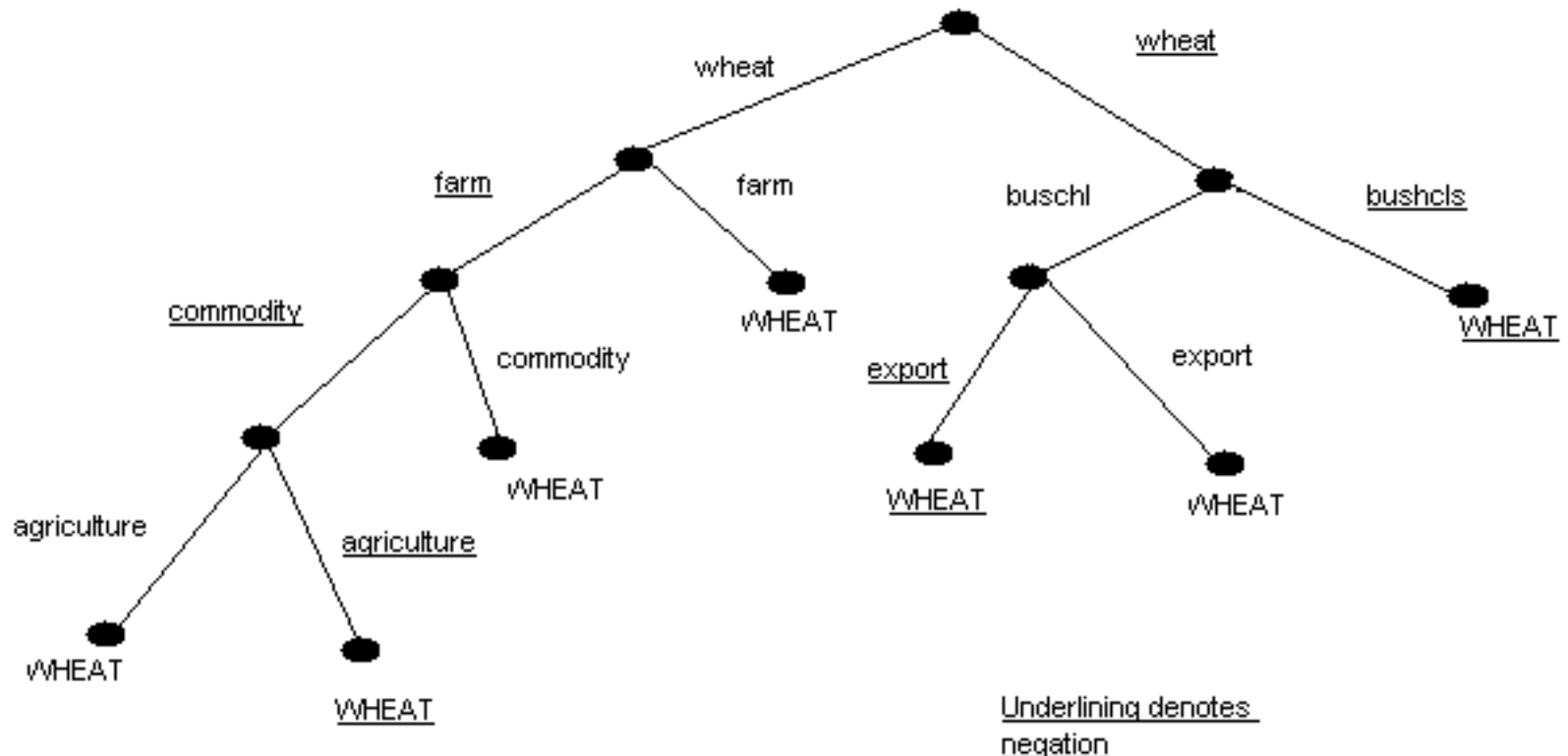
(4, 1, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, ...)

pinot  
clinton  
said  
california  
across  
tv  
wrong  
capital

Frequency of word occurrences  
The most used weighting algorithm is  
TF\*IDF (term frequency \* inverse  
document frequency)

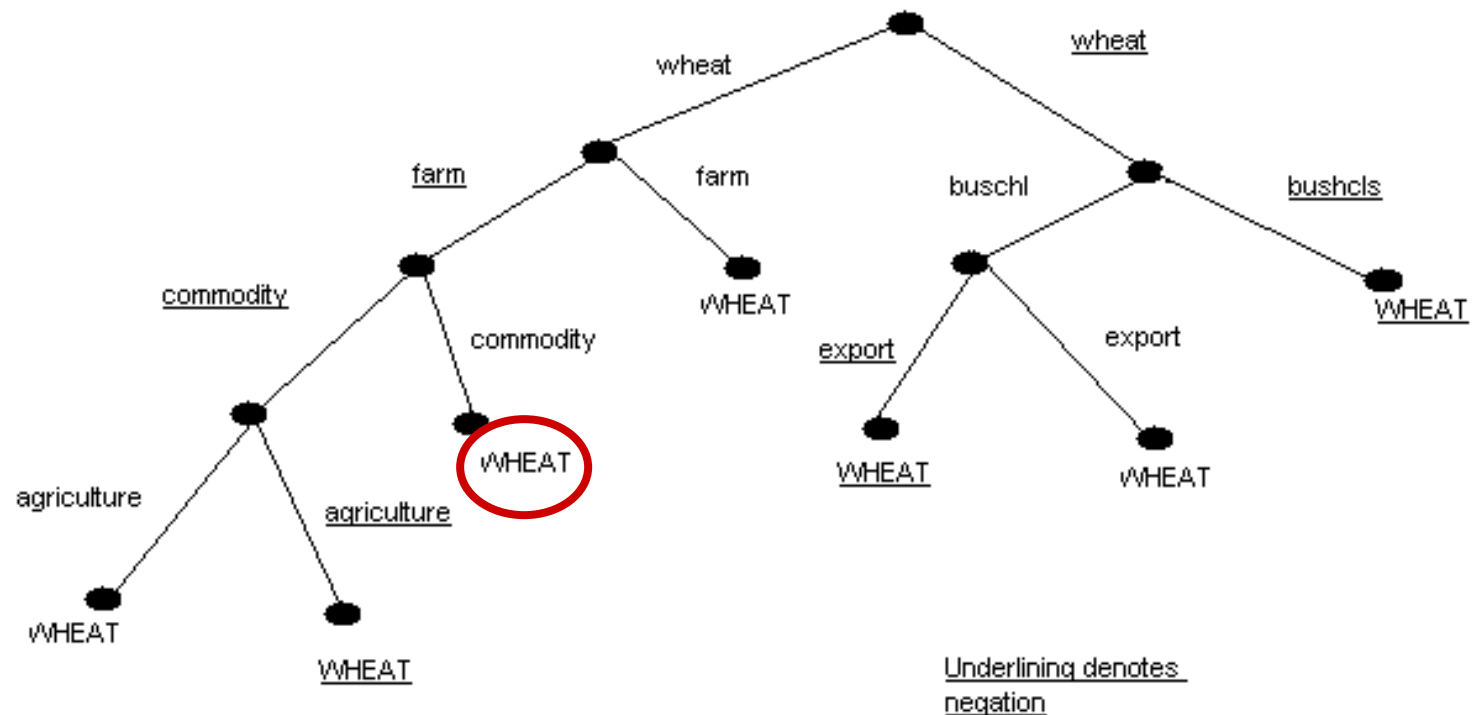
# Decision trees for text

Each internal node represents whether or not the text has a particular word



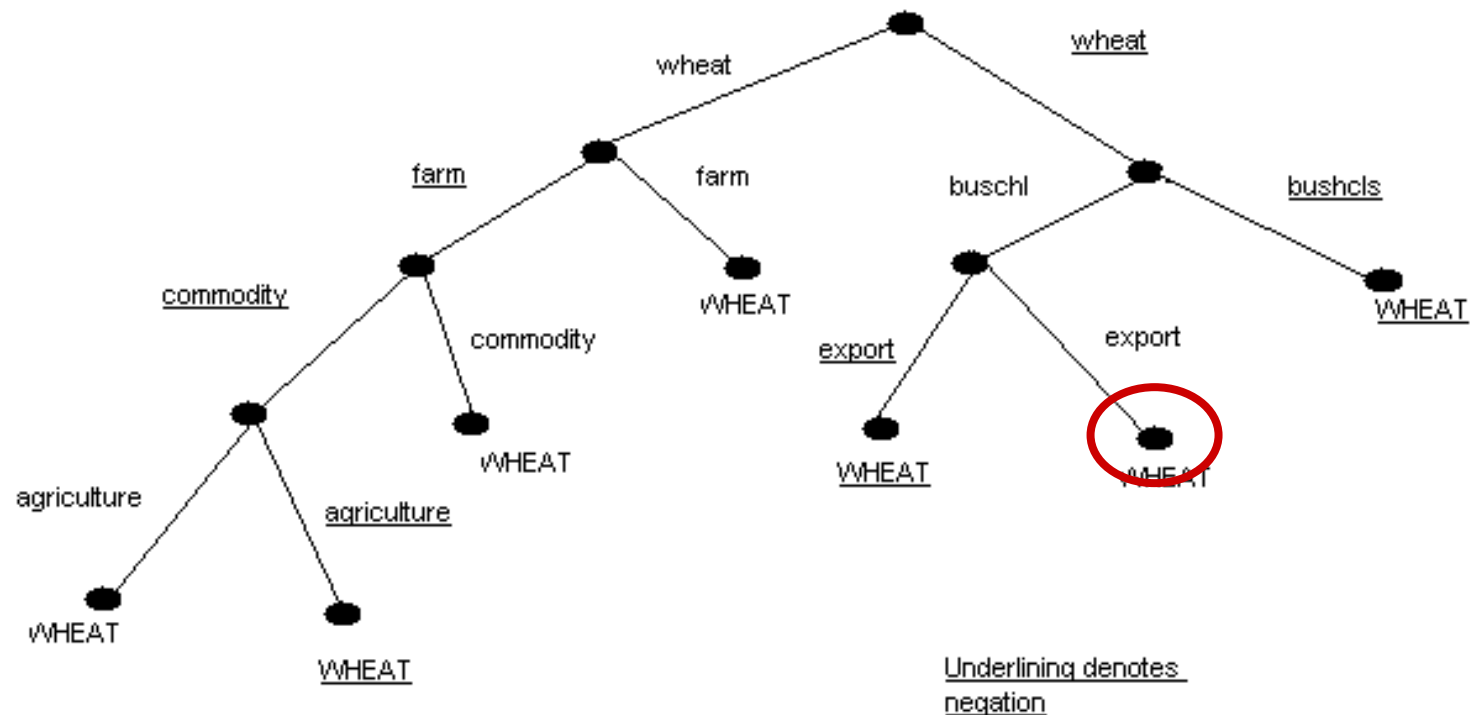
# Decision trees for text

wheat is a commodity that can be found in states across the nation



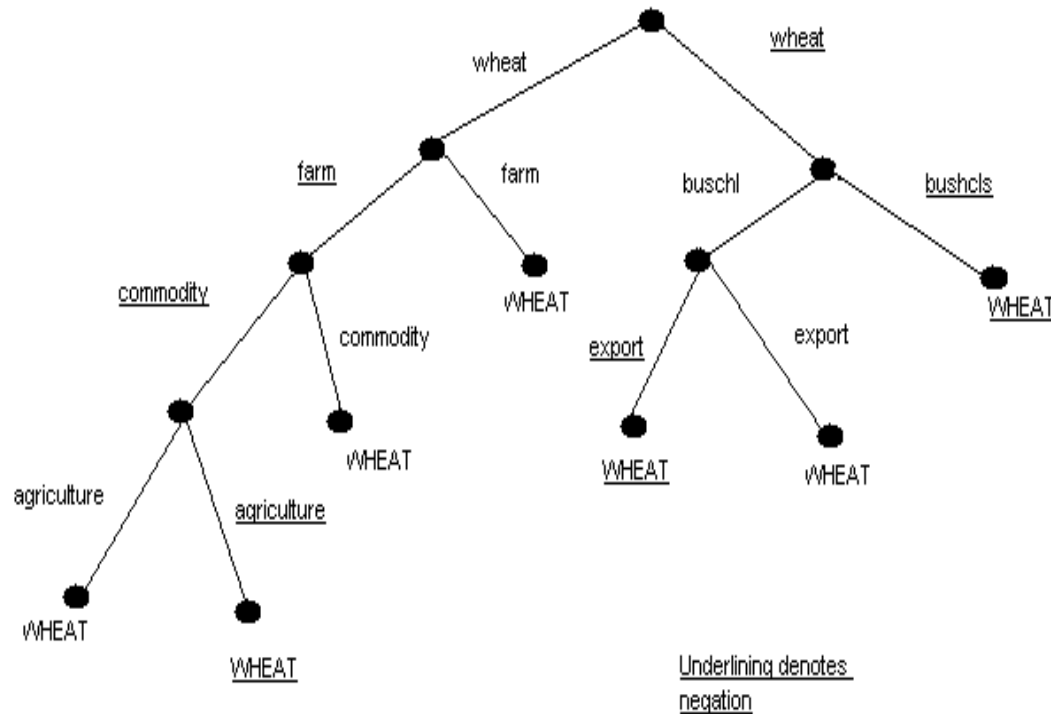
# Decision trees for text

The US views technology as a commodity that it can export by the buschl.





# Printing out decision trees



(wheat  
(buschl  
predict: not wheat  
(export  
predict: not wheat  
predict: wheat))  
(farm  
(commodity  
(agriculture  
predict: not  
wheat  
predict: wheat)  
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# Ranking problems



Suggest a simpler word for the word below:

vital

# Suggest a simpler word

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vital

word	frequency
important	13
necessary	12
essential	11
needed	8
critical	3
crucial	2
mandatory	1
required	1
vital	1

# Suggest a simpler word



Suggest a simpler word for the word below:

acquired

# Suggest a simpler word

Suggest a simpler word for the word below:

acquired

word	frequency
gotten	12
received	9
gained	8
obtained	5
got	3
purchased	2
bought	2
got hold of	1
acquired	1

# Suggest a simpler word

vital

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training data

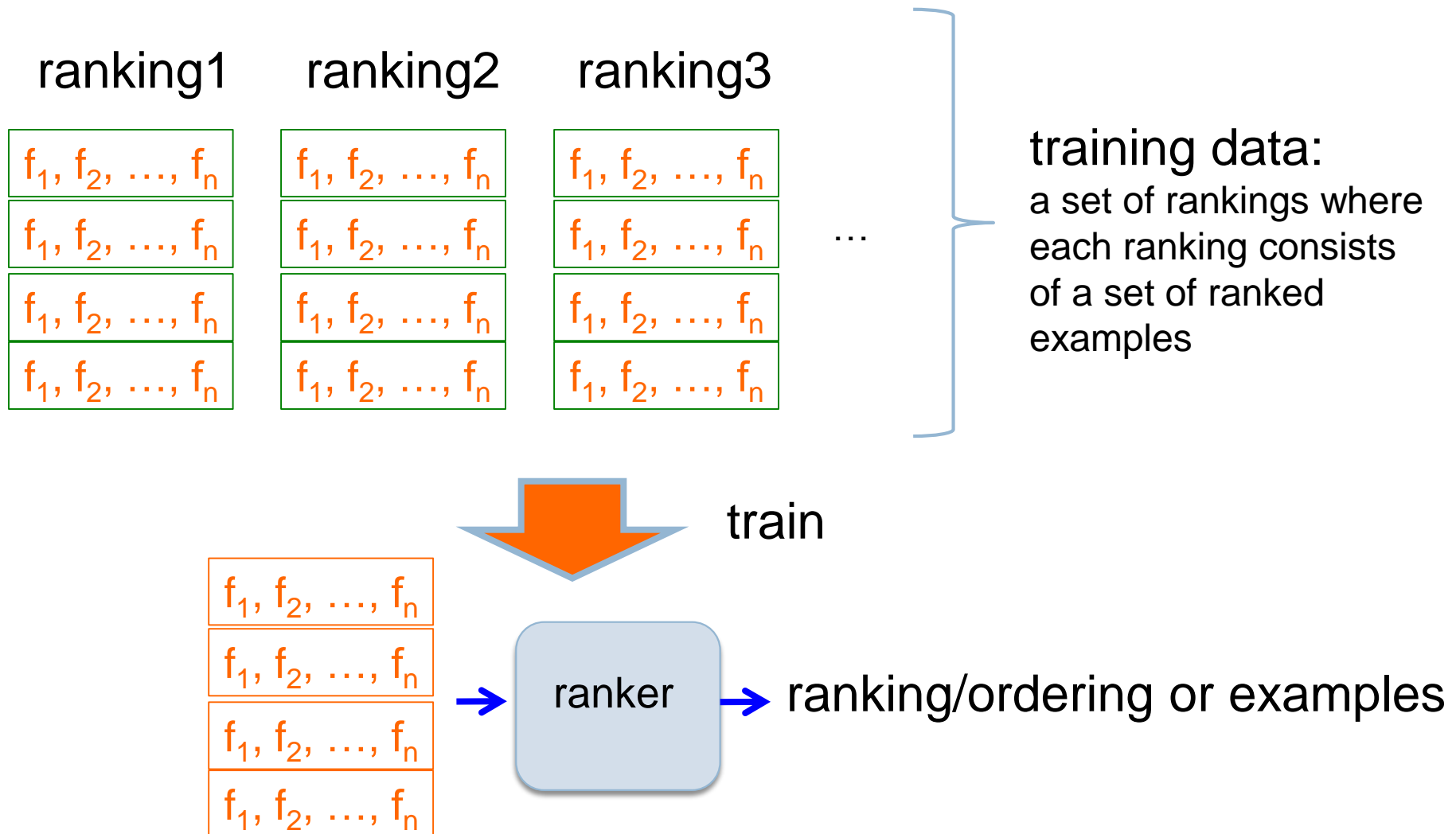
train

list of synonyms →

ranker

→ list ranked by simplicity

# Ranking problems in general



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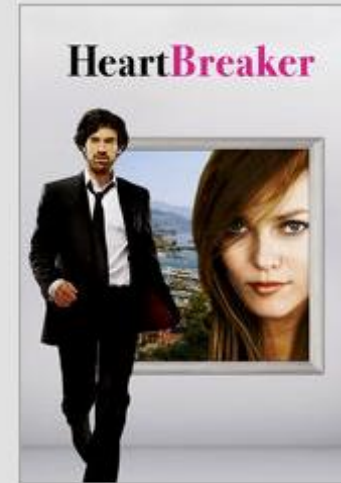
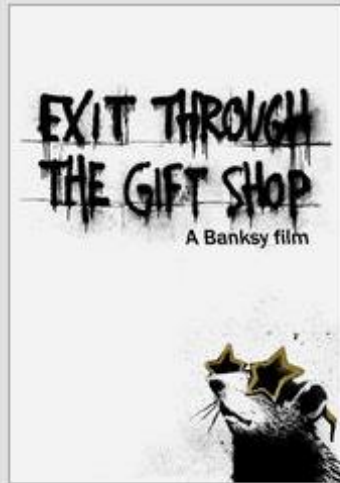


Real-world ranking problems?






# Netflix My List

My List [See All](#)



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# Ranking Applications

reranking N-best output lists

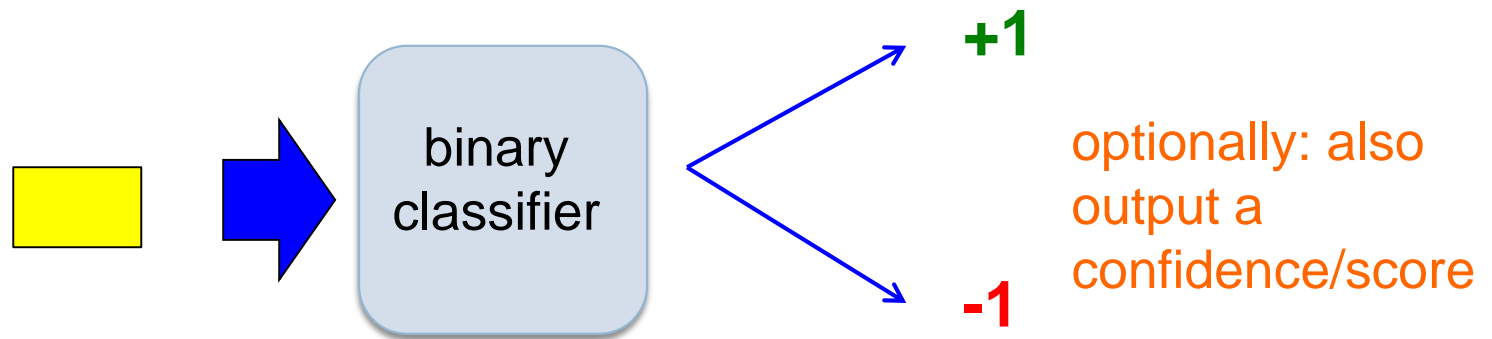
- machine translation
- computational biology
- parsing
- ...

flight search

...

# Black box approach to ranking

Abstraction: we have a generic binary classifier, how can we use it to solve our new problem



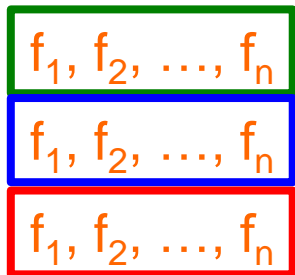
Can we solve our ranking problem with this?

# Predict better vs. worse

Train a classifier to decide if the first input is better than second:

- Consider all possible pairings of the examples in a ranking
- Label as positive if the first example is higher ranked, negative otherwise

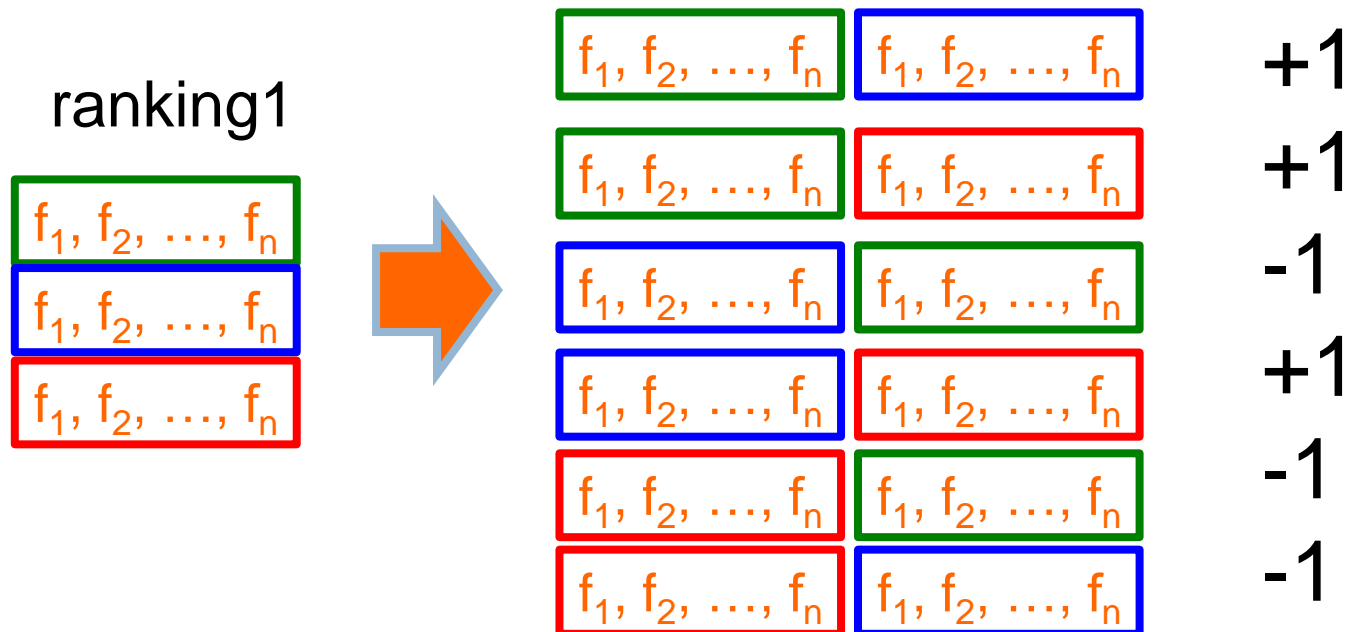
ranking1



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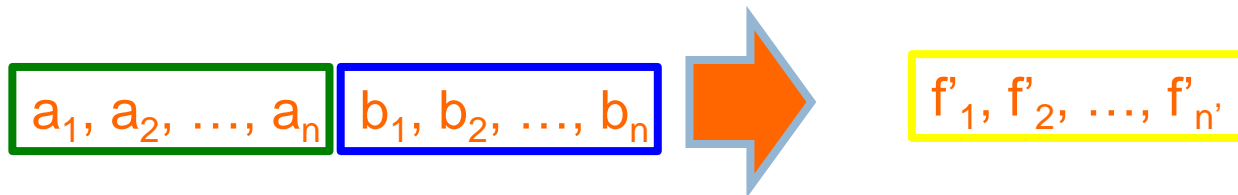
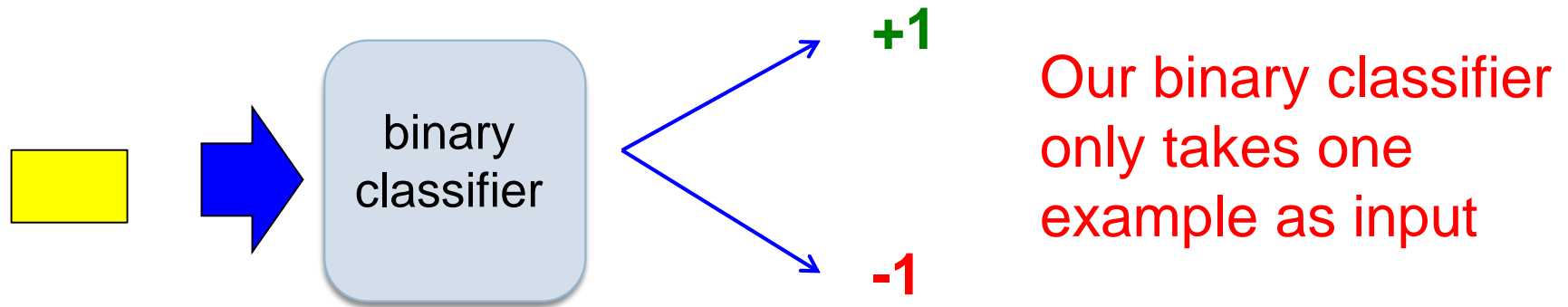


# Predict better vs. worse



Our binary classifier  
only takes one  
example as input

# Predict better vs. worse



How can we do this?

We want features that compare the two examples.



# Combined feature vector

Many approaches! Will depend on domain and classifier

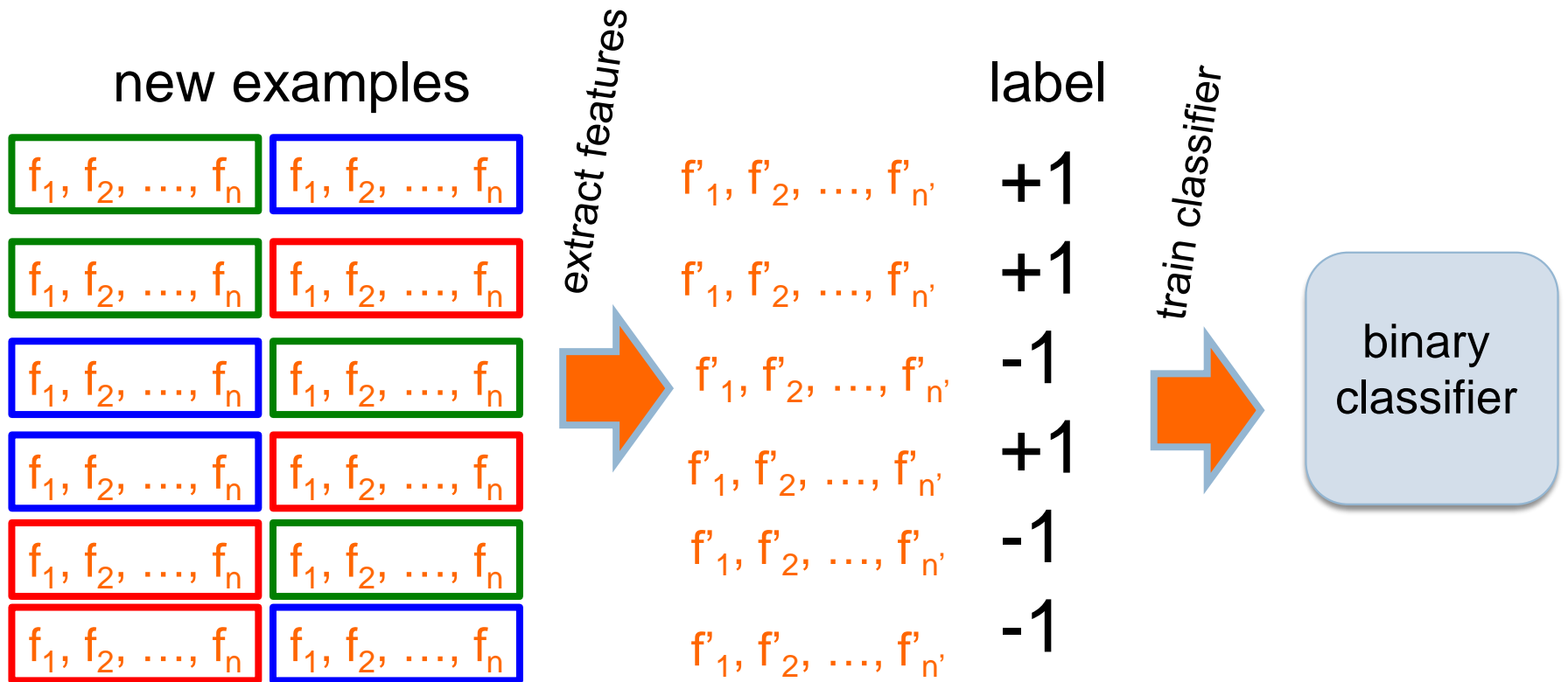
Two common approaches:

1. difference:  $f'_i = a_i - b_i$

2. greater than/less than:

$$f'_i = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } a_i > b_i \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

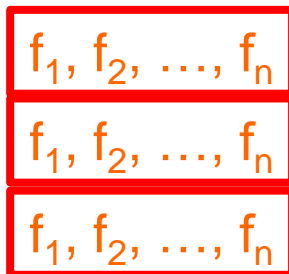
# Training



# Testing

binary  
classifier

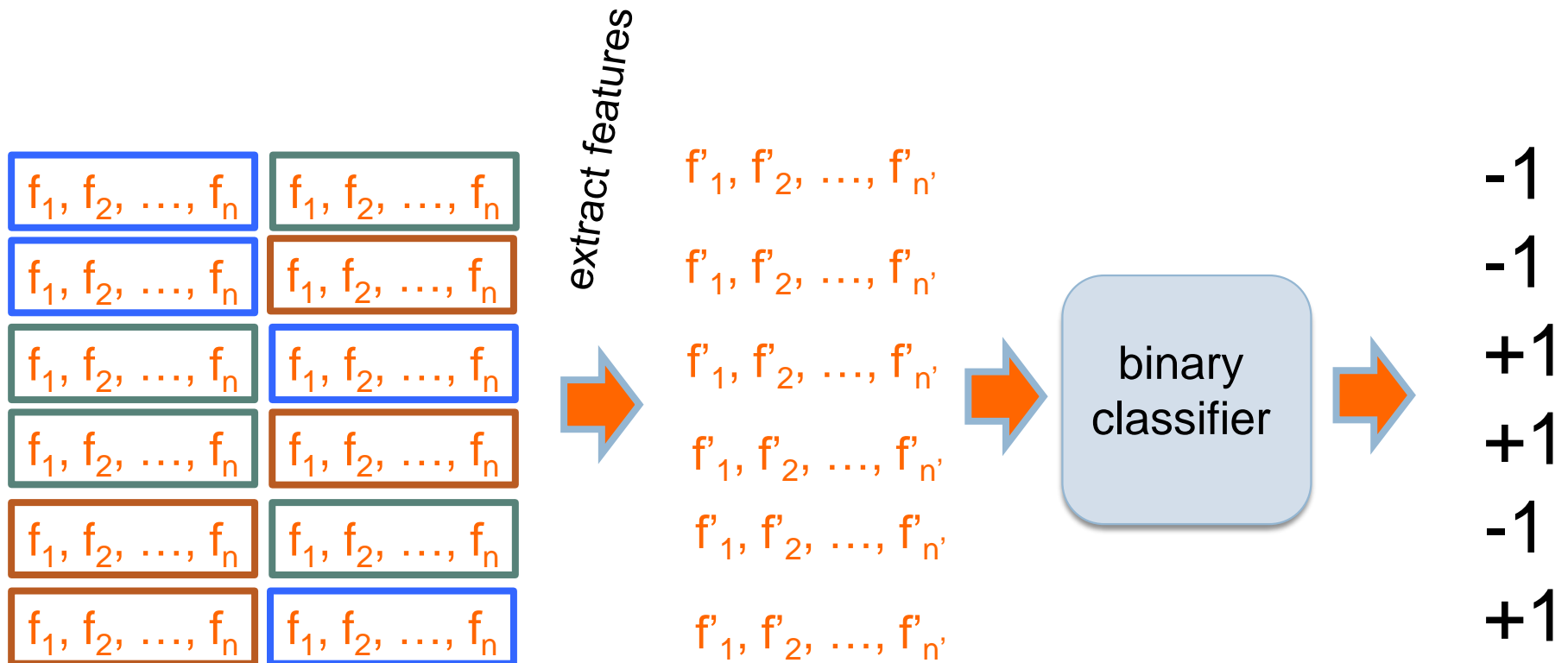
unranked



ranking?



# Testing



# Testing

$f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n$	$f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n$	-1
$f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n$	$f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n$	-1
$f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n$	$f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n$	+1
$f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n$	$f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n$	+1
$f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n$	$f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n$	-1
$f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n$	$f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n$	+1

What is the ranking?  
Algorithm?

# Testing

for each binary example  $e_{jk}$ :

$\text{label}[j] += f_{jk}(e_{jk})$

$\text{label}[k] -= f_{jk}(e_{jk})$

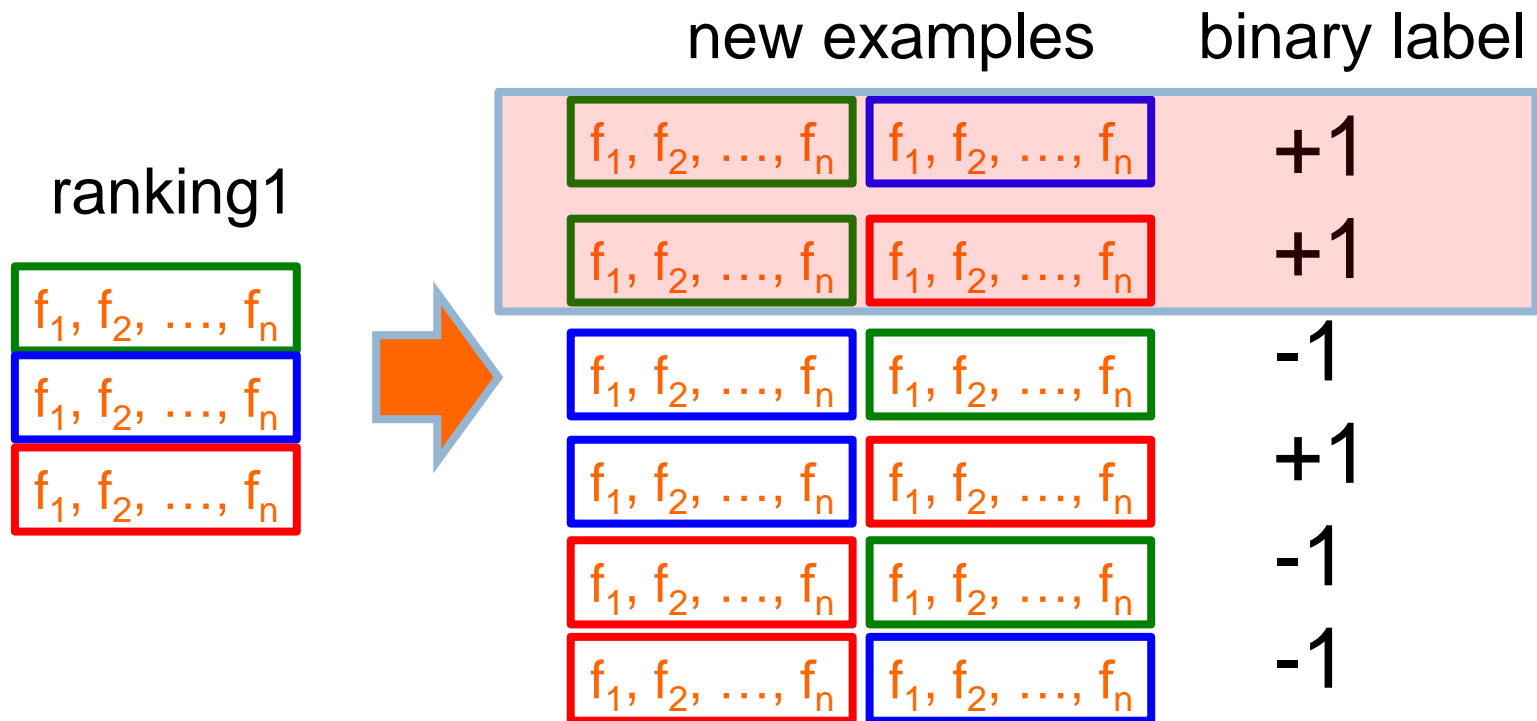
rank according to label scores

$f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n$	$f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n$	-1
$f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n$	$f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n$	-1
$f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n$	$f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n$	+1
$f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n$	$f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n$	+1
$f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n$	$f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n$	-1
$f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n$	$f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n$	+1



$f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n$
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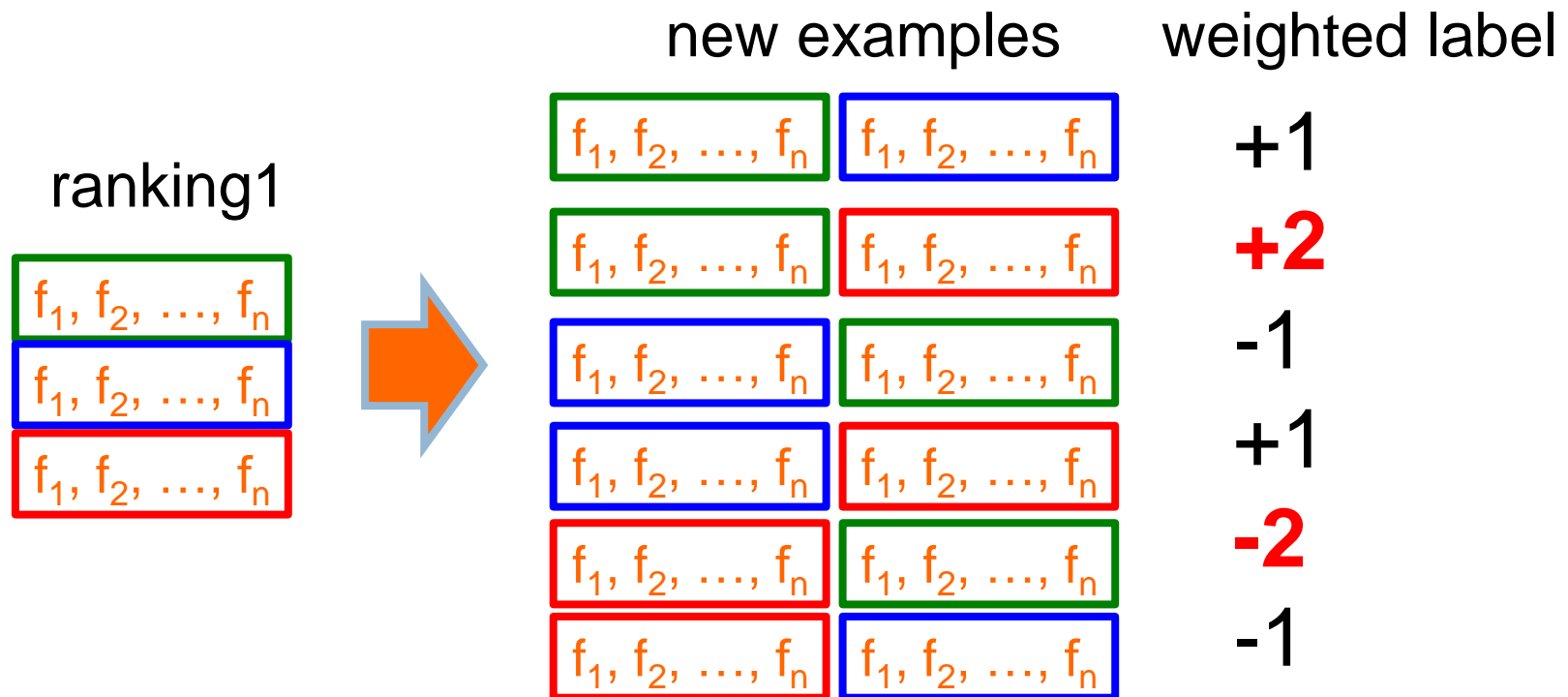
# An improvement?



Are these two examples the same?

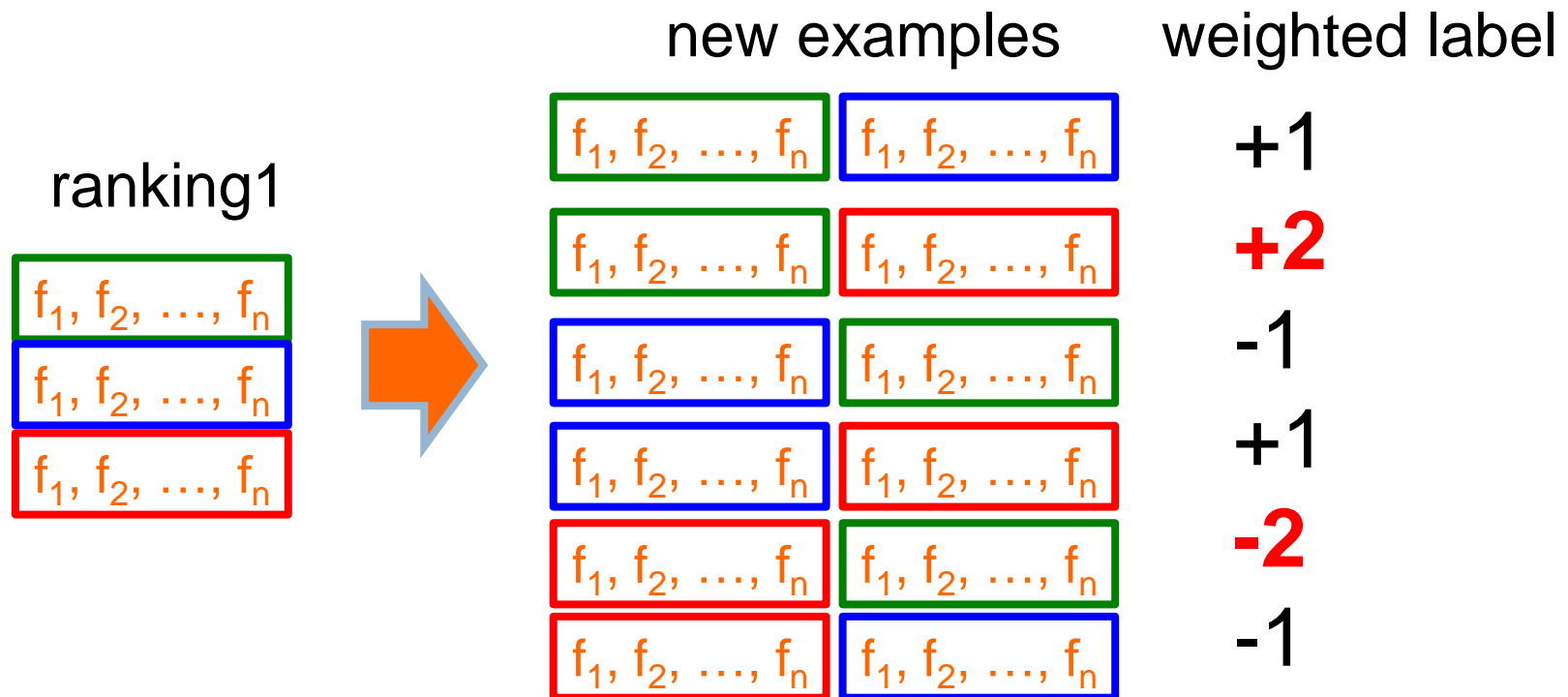


# Weighted binary classification



Weight based on *distance* in ranking

# Weighted binary classification



In general can weight with any consistent distance metric

Can we solve this problem?

# Testing



If the classifier outputs a confidence, then we've learned a *distance* measure between examples

During testing we want to rank the examples based on the learned distance measure

Ideas?

# Testing



If the classifier outputs a confidence, then we've learned a *distance* measure between examples

During testing we want to rank the examples based on the learned distance measure

Sort the examples and use the output of the binary classifier as the similarity between examples!

# Ranking evaluation

	ranking	prediction
$f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n$	1	1
$f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n$	2	3
$f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n$	3	2
$f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n$	4	5
$f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n$	5	4

Ideas?

# Idea 1: accuracy

	ranking	prediction	
$f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n$	1	1	
$f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n$	2	3	$1/5 = 0.2$
$f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n$	3	2	
$f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n$	4	5	
$f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n$	5	4	

Any problems with this?

# Doesn't capture “near” correct

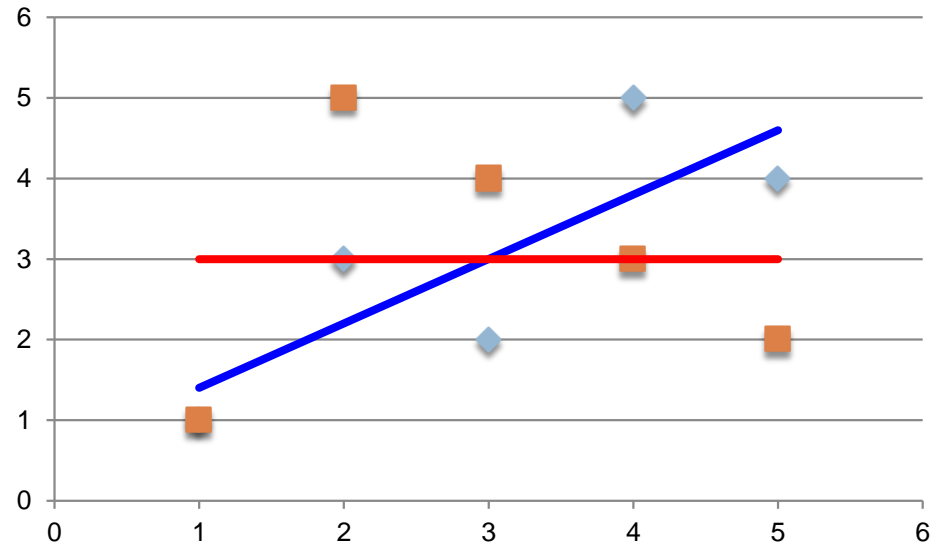
	ranking	prediction	prediction
$f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n$	1	1	1
$f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n$	2	3	5
$f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n$	3	2	4
$f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n$	4	5	3
$f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n$	5	4	2

$$1/5 = 0.2$$

# Idea 2: correlation

ranking prediction prediction

1	1	1
2	3	5
3	2	4
4	5	3
5	4	2



Look at the correlation between the ranking and the prediction