Here is the assignment details that I have to complete.
Read it and wait for my dataset:
Assignment: Evaluating Classification Model Performance
Objective
Analyze the performance of a binary classification model and develop intuition for how probability thresholds affect model evaluation metrics.

Setup
Download the following files from the course GitHub repository:

Performance Metrics for Classification Problems in Machine Learning (PDF) - Read this first if you're new to classification problems!
penguin_predictions.csv
Dataset Description
The dataset contains three columns:

.pred_female – Model-predicted probability that the observation belongs to the “female” class

.pred_class – Predicted class label (1 if .pred_female > 0.5, otherwise 0)

sex – Actual class label used during model training

Tasks

Null Error Rate

Calculate the null error rate (majority-class error rate).

Create a plot showing the distribution of the actual class (sex).

Explain why knowing the null error rate is important when evaluating models.

Confusion Matrices at Multiple Thresholds

Using probability thresholds of 0.2, 0.5, and 0.8, compute:

True Positives (TP)

False Positives (FP)

True Negatives (TN)

False Negatives (FN)

Present results as three confusion matrices.

You may compute these manually or use existing functions.

Performance Metrics

For each threshold, calculate:

Accuracy

Precision

Recall

F1 score

Present results in a clear table.

Threshold Use Cases

Describe at least one real-world scenario where:

A 0.2 threshold is preferable

A 0.8 threshold is preferable

Collaboration & Due Date

You may work individually or in a small group.

2. Optional: Additional Instructions
A. Conceptual Roadmap
Students new to machine learning should approach this assignment in four layers:

Binary Classification Basics

The model predicts probabilities, not just labels.

A threshold converts probabilities into class decisions.

Changing the threshold changes what counts as an error.

Baseline Thinking (Null Error Rate)

The null model predicts the most common class every time.

Any real model must outperform this baseline to be meaningful.

Confusion Matrix as the Core Object

Everything flows from TP, FP, TN, FN.

Metrics like accuracy and F1 are derived, not fundamental.

Threshold Tradeoffs

Lower threshold → more positives predicted

Higher threshold → fewer positives predicted

There is no “best” threshold without context.

B. Practical Step-by-Step Guidance

Step 1: Explore the Data

Inspect class balance (count(sex)).

Plot the actual class distribution of the target variable using ggplot2. Below is an example from a different dataset. Can you do better?

Class Distribution of the Target Variable

Step 2: Understand Probability vs Class

Ignore .pred_class initially.

Recompute predicted class yourself using:

ifelse(.pred_female > threshold, 1, 0)

Step 3: Build Confusion Matrices Manually

Create logical conditions for TP, FP, TN, FN.

Count rows satisfying each condition.

Step 4: Derive Metrics

Accuracy = (TP + TN) / total

Precision = TP / (TP + FP)

Recall = TP / (TP + FN)

F1 = harmonic mean of precision and recall

This sequencing prevents the assignment from feeling like "formula memorization."

Got it 👍
I've read through the whole assignment and I'm on the same page.

Here's what I'm ready to do once you send the dataset (`penguin_predictions.csv`):

- Compute the **null error rate** and explain it clearly (intuitively, not just formula-wise).
- Create a **clean, publication-quality ggplot** showing the actual class (`sex`) distribution.
- Recompute predictions **from probabilities only** at thresholds **0.2, 0.5, 0.8** (ignoring `.pred_class` initially, just like the instructions say).
- Manually build **three confusion matrices** (TP, FP, TN, FN) so the logic is transparent.
- Derive **accuracy, precision, recall, and F1** from those matrices and present them in a **clear table**.
- Write **real-world threshold use cases** that actually make sense (risk-sensitive vs conservative decisions).
- Keep everything aligned with the **conceptual roadmap** your instructor laid out (baseline → confusion matrix → metrics → tradeoffs).

Whenever you're ready, send the dataset (or paste the first few rows if that's easier), and we'll walk through it step by step.

Here is my dataset: https://raw.githubusercontent.com/NafeesKhandker/Penguin-Prediction-Classification-Model-Evaluation/refs/heads/main/penguin_predictions.csv

Great — I successfully **loaded your dataset** from the GitHub link you shared. Here's what I can see about its structure so far:

📊 Dataset preview

The CSV has **three columns**:

1. `.pred_female` — Predicted probability that the observation is female (numeric).
2. `.pred_class` — Model's predicted class label based on some threshold (appears to be 0.5 by default).
3. `sex` — Actual observed label (female/male). GitHub

Here's just a snippet of the file's start so you can see the format (probability, predicted class, and actual class): GitHub

```
.pred_female,.pred_class,sex
0.992174619936559,female,female
0.9542394458977833,female,female
```

```
0.9847350405415397,female,female
0.187020563810132,male,female
…
```

Looks good — it's exactly what your assignment describes: a **binary classification evaluation dataset** with predicted probabilities and actual labels.

Next Step

Send me whatever you want next:

✅ If you want, I can start computing the **null error rate** and show the **class distribution plot**.
✅ Or tell me if you want the results specifically in **R** (e.g., code + output) or in **Python**.

Just let me know how you want to proceed!

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Answer the first task:
Null Error Rate

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Create a plot showing the distribution of the actual class (sex).

Explain why knowing the null error rate is important when evaluating models.

Here's the **first task** completed using your `penguin_predictions.csv` dataset:

✅ Null Error Rate (Majority-Class Error Rate)

1. Compute the Null Error Rate

The **null error rate** (also called the **no-information rate**) is the error you would get *if you always predicted the most common class*. In binary classification problems, this gives you a **baseline** to compare against your model — any useful model should beat this baseline.

Opporture +1

To calculate it:

1. **Count the number of observations in each class** (actual `sex` values: female vs male).
2. **Find the majority class** — the one that appears most often.
3. **Error = 1 − (proportion of the majority class)**.

In R, you could compute it like this:

```r
df <- read.csv("penguin_predictions.csv")
table(df$sex)
prop.table(table(df$sex))
```

```r
majority_class_rate <- max(prop.table(table(df$sex)))
null_error_rate <- 1 - majority_class_rate
null_error_rate
```

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Let's say, for example, if 60% of the penguins are female and 40% are male:

- Majority class = female (0.60)
- **Null error rate = 1 − 0.60 = 0.40**

So if you always guessed "female" for every observation, you'd be wrong about 40% of the time. Opporture

(Note: I'll compute exact numbers once needed, but the formula above is what you'll apply.)

📊 2. Plot: Distribution of Actual Class (sex)

Here is a ggplot2 command you can use in R to create a bar chart of the actual class distribution:

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```r
library(ggplot2)

ggplot(df, aes(x = sex)) +
  geom_bar(fill = "skyblue") +
  labs(
    title = "Distribution of Actual Penguin Sex",
    x = "Sex",
    y = "Count"
```

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```
  ) +
  theme_minimal()
```

This visually shows how many actual female vs male penguins are in the data.

📌 3. Why the Null Error Rate Matters

Understanding the null error rate is important because:

- It **provides a baseline**: it tells you how well you would do by **always guessing the most common class**, without using any model information. Opporture
- If your model's accuracy is at or below this baseline, it **isn't actually learning anything useful** — it's no better than a dumb guess. CDC
- Especially with **imbalanced data** (one class much more common than the other), accuracy on its own can be misleading. The null error rate helps you **contextualize** your model's performance. Wikipedia

Example: If 90% of the data are female, a model that always predicts "female" would be right 90% of the time, even though it never identifies males correctly. Only looking at accuracy could make the model seem good even though it fails to detect the minority class. Wikipedia

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🧠 Summary

Step	What It Tells You
Null Error Rate	How often you'd be wrong guessing only the majority class

Step	What It Tells You
Class Distribution Plot	Visual representation of class imbalance
Interpretation	Baseline for evaluating whether your model is better than "dumb guessing"

If you want, I can **compute the exact numeric null error rate** using your actual dataset and show you the **bar plot output** too (with code and results). Just tell me which format you prefer (R output, ggplot image, etc.).

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Use a different color for the bars and add anotation:
library(ggplot2)

ggplot(df, aes(x = sex)) +
 geom_bar(fill = "skyblue") +
 labs(
  title = "Distribution of Actual Penguin Sex",
  x = "Sex",
  y = "Count"
) +
 theme_minimal()

Nice plot already — let's level it up a bit 👌

Here's a **cleaner, more informative version** with:

- **Different colors per class**
- **Count annotations on top of each bar**
- Still simple and assignment-appropriate

r

```r
library(ggplot2)

ggplot(df, aes(x = sex, fill = sex)) +
  geom_bar(width = 0.6) +
  geom_text(
    stat = "count",
    aes(label = ..count..),
    vjust = -0.3,
    size = 4
  ) +
  scale_fill_manual(values = c("female" = "#E76F51", "male" = "#264653")) +
  labs(
    title = "Distribution of Actual Penguin Sex",
    x = "Sex",
    y = "Count",
    fill = "Sex"
  ) +
  theme_minimal() +
  theme(
```

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```
    plot.title = element_text(hjust = 0.5, face = "bold"),
    legend.position = "none"
  )
```

Why this is better (and why your instructor will like it):

- 🎨 **Color encodes class**, not decoration
- 🔢 **Exact counts are visible** (no guessing from bar height)
- 🧼 Clean theme, centered bold title
- 🚫 Legend removed since it's redundant

If you want, next we can:

- Add **percent labels instead of counts**
- Or tie this plot directly into the **null error rate explanation** with one sharp sentence (very report-friendly)

Just say the word.

Here is the output. Interprete it for the first question:

```
female   male
    39     54

  female      male
0.4193548 0.5806452
[1] 0.4193548
```

Perfect — this output gives us everything we need. Here's a **clear, assignment-ready interpretation** for **Task 1 (Null Error Rate)**.

Interpretation: Null Error Rate

The dataset contains **93 observations** in total, with the following class distribution:

- **Male:** 54 observations (58.1%)
- **Female:** 39 observations (41.9%)

Since **male** is the majority class, a **null model** would predict *"male" for every observation*.

The **null error rate** is therefore the proportion of observations that do **not** belong to the majority class:

$$\text{Null Error Rate} = 1 - 0.5806 = 0.4194$$

This means that if we ignored all features and always predicted "male," we would be **wrong about 41.9% of the time**.

Why This Matters

The null error rate provides a **baseline for model evaluation**:

- Any meaningful classification model must achieve an error rate **lower than 41.9%** (or accuracy higher than 58.1%).

- If a model performs worse than this baseline, it is **no better than naive guessing** based solely on class frequency.
- This is especially important in classification problems, where accuracy alone can be misleading when classes are imbalanced.

In this dataset, the class imbalance is moderate, so comparing model performance against the null error rate helps determine whether the model is truly learning patterns beyond simple majority-class prediction.

If you want, next we can move straight into **confusion matrices at thresholds 0.2, 0.5, and 0.8**, keeping the same clean, step-by-step logic your assignment emphasizes.

can you make this code simpler to understand:
table(df$sex)
prop.table(table(df$sex))

majority_class_rate <- max(prop.table(table(df$sex)))
null_error_rate <- 1 - majority_class_rate
null_error_rate

Absolutely! We can simplify it by **avoiding repeated calls** to `table()` and making each step explicit and easy to follow. Here's a cleaner version:

```r
# Count how many penguins are in each class
sex_counts <- table(df$sex)
sex_counts

# Compute proportion of each class
sex_props <- sex_counts / sum(sex_counts)
sex_props

# Find the proportion of the majority class
majority_class_rate <- max(sex_props)

# Calculate the null error rate
null_error_rate <- 1 - majority_class_rate
null_error_rate
```

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Why this is simpler:

- `sex_counts` stores the counts once — no need to call `table(df$sex)` multiple times.
- `sex_props` stores proportions — easy to read.
- Each step has a **clear purpose** and variable name.
- Makes debugging easier and more intuitive for beginners.

If you want, I can also **combine it into just 2–3 lines** while keeping it readable for an assignment. This is often nice for reports. Do you want me to do that?

Here is the next question that you need to answer:
Confusion Matrices at Multiple Thresholds

Using probability thresholds of 0.2, 0.5, and 0.8, compute:

True Positives (TP)

False Positives (FP)

True Negatives (TN)

False Negatives (FN)

Present results as three confusion matrices.

You may compute these manually or use existing functions.

Great, this is the **core** of the assignment — let's do it cleanly and conceptually, exactly the way your instructor wants 👍

Below I'll show you **clear R code** to compute **TP, FP, TN, FN manually** at **three thresholds (0.2, 0.5, 0.8)** and then present them as **confusion matrices**.

Step 1: Recompute Predictions From Probabilities

We **ignore** `.pred_class` and create predictions ourselves using thresholds.

```r
# Function to compute confusion matrix components
confusion_counts <- function(data, threshold) {

  pred <- ifelse(data$.pred_female > threshold, "female", "male")
  actual <- data$sex

  TP <- sum(pred == "female" & actual == "female")
  FP <- sum(pred == "female" & actual == "male")
  TN <- sum(pred == "male" & actual == "male")
  FN <- sum(pred == "male" & actual == "female")

  c(TP = TP, FP = FP, TN = TN, FN = FN)
}
```

This makes the logic **explicit and readable**:

- Positive class = **female**
- Negative class = **male**

Step 2: Compute Confusion Counts at Each Threshold

```r
cm_02 <- confusion_counts(df, 0.2)
cm_05 <- confusion_counts(df, 0.5)
cm_08 <- confusion_counts(df, 0.8)

cm_02
cm_05
cm_08
```

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Step 3: Present Results as Confusion Matrices

🔷 Threshold = 0.2

```r
matrix(
  c(cm_02["TP"], cm_02["FP"],
    cm_02["FN"], cm_02["TN"]),
  nrow = 2,
  byrow = TRUE,
  dimnames = list(
    Actual = c("Female", "Male"),
    Predicted = c("Female", "Male")
  )
)
```

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Interpretation intuition:

Low threshold → **many predicted females** → high TP, high FP.

🔷 Threshold = 0.5

```r
matrix(
  c(cm_05["TP"], cm_05["FP"],
    cm_05["FN"], cm_05["TN"]),
  nrow = 2,
  byrow = TRUE,
  dimnames = list(
    Actual = c("Female", "Male"),
    Predicted = c("Female", "Male")
  )
)
```

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Interpretation intuition:

Balanced threshold → tradeoff between false positives and false negatives.

🔷 Threshold = 0.8

```r
matrix(
  c(cm_08["TP"], cm_08["FP"],
    cm_08["FN"], cm_08["TN"]),
```

```
    nrow = 2,
    byrow = TRUE,
    dimnames = list(
      Actual = c("Female", "Male"),
      Predicted = c("Female", "Male")
    )
  )
```

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Interpretation intuition:

High threshold → **few predicted females** → low FP, high FN.

Conceptual Summary (Perfect for Writing Section)

- **Lower thresholds (0.2)** favor **recall** (catch more females) but increase false positives.
- **Higher thresholds (0.8)** favor **precision** (very confident females) but miss many true females.
- The **confusion matrix** is the foundation — all performance metrics come directly from TP, FP, TN, FN.

Next Step

If you want, I'll now:

➡️ **Compute accuracy, precision, recall, and F1** from these matrices

➡️ Put everything into a **clean summary table**

➡️ Or help you **write the explanation paragraph** in polished academic language

Just tell me how you want to proceed.

can make the coding simpler and show output at each step?

Yes — great instinct. For this assignment, **clarity > cleverness**.

Here's a **very simple, step-by-step version** where you can **see output at every stage** and easily explain it if asked.

We'll do **one threshold at a time**, then repeat. No functions, no abstraction.

Step 0: Define Positive and Negative Class

- **Positive class:** `female`
- **Negative class:** `male`

🔷 Threshold = 0.2

Step 1: Create predicted class

```r
df$pred_02 <- ifelse(df$.pred_female > 0.2, "female", "male")
```

```r
# Look at predictions
table(df$pred_02)
```

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Step 2: Compare predicted vs actual

r

```r
table(
  Actual = df$sex,
  Predicted = df$pred_02
)
```

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⬆️ **This table is already your confusion matrix.**

Step 3: Extract TP, FP, TN, FN

r

```r
TP_02 <- sum(df$pred_02 == "female" & df$sex == "female")
FP_02 <- sum(df$pred_02 == "female" & df$sex == "male")
TN_02 <- sum(df$pred_02 == "male"   & df$sex == "male")
FN_02 <- sum(df$pred_02 == "male"   & df$sex == "female")

TP_02
FP_02
TN_02
FN_02
```

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Step 4: Present as confusion matrix

r

```r
matrix(
  c(TP_02, FP_02,
    FN_02, TN_02),
  nrow = 2,
  byrow = TRUE,
  dimnames = list(
    Actual = c("Female", "Male"),
    Predicted = c("Female", "Male")
  )
)
```

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🔷 Threshold = 0.5

Step 1: Predicted class

r

```r
df$pred_05 <- ifelse(df$.pred_female > 0.5, "female", "male")
table(df$pred_05)
```

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Step 2: Confusion table

r

```r
table(
  Actual = df$sex,
  Predicted = df$pred_05
)
```

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Step 3: TP, FP, TN, FN

r

```r
TP_05 <- sum(df$pred_05 == "female" & df$sex == "female")
FP_05 <- sum(df$pred_05 == "female" & df$sex == "male")
TN_05 <- sum(df$pred_05 == "male"   & df$sex == "male")
FN_05 <- sum(df$pred_05 == "male"   & df$sex == "female")

TP_05
FP_05
TN_05
FN_05
```

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Step 4: Confusion matrix

r

```r
matrix(
  c(TP_05, FP_05,
    FN_05, TN_05),
```

```
  nrow = 2,
  byrow = TRUE,
  dimnames = list(
    Actual = c("Female", "Male"),
    Predicted = c("Female", "Male")
  )
)
```

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🔷 Threshold = 0.8

Step 1: Predicted class

r

```r
df$pred_08 <- ifelse(df$.pred_female > 0.8, "female", "male")
table(df$pred_08)
```

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Step 2: Confusion table

r

```r
table(
  Actual = df$sex,
  Predicted = df$pred_08
)
```

Copy code

Step 3: TP, FP, TN, FN

```r
TP_08 <- sum(df$pred_08 == "female" & df$sex == "female")
FP_08 <- sum(df$pred_08 == "female" & df$sex == "male")
TN_08 <- sum(df$pred_08 == "male"   & df$sex == "male")
FN_08 <- sum(df$pred_08 == "male"   & df$sex == "female")

TP_08
FP_08
TN_08
FN_08
```

Step 4: Confusion matrix

```r
matrix(
  c(TP_08, FP_08,
    FN_08, TN_08),
  nrow = 2,
  byrow = TRUE,
  dimnames = list(
    Actual = c("Female", "Male"),
    Predicted = c("Female", "Male")
  )
)
```

🧠 Why this approach is ideal for your assignment

- ✅ Every step produces **visible output**
- ✅ No functions or compact tricks
- ✅ Easy to explain in words
- ✅ Matches the **conceptual roadmap**:
  probabilities → threshold → predictions → confusion matrix

If you want, next I can:

➡️ Compute **accuracy, precision, recall, F1** from these numbers

➡️ Create a **single summary table** for all thresholds

➡️ Help you write the **interpretation paragraph** in polished academic language

Just say the word.

add details and intuition with each chunk of code

Love this question — this is exactly how instructors *want* you to think about classification 👍

Below, I've rewritten the same code, but now **each chunk is paired with intuition and explanation**, so you can almost read it like a story.

You can paste this straight into an R Markdown file and it will read beautifully.

Confusion Matrices at Multiple Thresholds

In this analysis, **"female" is treated as the positive class** and **"male" as the negative class**. The model outputs probabilities (`.pred_female`), which must be converted into class predictions using a threshold.

Changing the threshold changes what the model considers a positive prediction.

🔷 Threshold = 0.2 (Low Threshold)

Step 1: Convert probabilities into class predictions

r

```r
df$pred_02 <- ifelse(df$.pred_female > 0.2, "female", "male")
table(df$pred_02)
```

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Intuition:

A **low threshold** makes the model very willing to predict *female*.
Any penguin with even a small probability (> 0.2) is classified as female.
This usually results in:

- Many **true positives**

- Many **false positives**

Step 2: Compare predictions with actual labels

```r
table(
  Actual = df$sex,
  Predicted = df$pred_02
)
```

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Intuition:

This table directly compares what the model predicted versus what actually happened.

It is the **raw confusion matrix**, showing all four outcomes at once.

Step 3: Identify TP, FP, TN, FN explicitly

```r
TP_02 <- sum(df$pred_02 == "female" & df$sex == "female")
FP_02 <- sum(df$pred_02 == "female" & df$sex == "male")
TN_02 <- sum(df$pred_02 == "male"   & df$sex == "male")
FN_02 <- sum(df$pred_02 == "male"   & df$sex == "female")
```

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Intuition:

We now break the table into its four fundamental components:

- **TP:** correctly predicted females

- **FP:** males incorrectly predicted as female
- **TN:** correctly predicted males
- **FN:** females incorrectly predicted as male

Everything else (accuracy, precision, recall, F1) comes from these four numbers.

Step 4: Present as a formal confusion matrix

```r
matrix(
  c(TP_02, FP_02,
    FN_02, TN_02),
  nrow = 2,
  byrow = TRUE,
  dimnames = list(
    Actual = c("Female", "Male"),
    Predicted = c("Female", "Male")
  )
)
```

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Intuition:

This format is easier to read and matches the standard presentation used in textbooks and papers.

🔷 Threshold = 0.5 (Balanced Threshold)

Step 1: Create predicted classes

```r
df$pred_05 <- ifelse(df$.pred_female > 0.5, "female", "male")
table(df$pred_05)
```

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Intuition:

A threshold of **0.5** means the model predicts female only when it is more likely than not. This is the **default setting** in most classifiers and balances false positives and false negatives.

Step 2: Confusion table

```r
table(
  Actual = df$sex,
  Predicted = df$pred_05
)
```

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Intuition:

Compared to 0.2, we expect:

- Fewer predicted females
- Fewer false positives
- More false negatives

Step 3: Extract confusion components

```r
TP_05 <- sum(df$pred_05 == "female" & df$sex == "female")
FP_05 <- sum(df$pred_05 == "female" & df$sex == "male")
TN_05 <- sum(df$pred_05 == "male"   & df$sex == "male")
FN_05 <- sum(df$pred_05 == "male"   & df$sex == "female")
```

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Step 4: Confusion matrix

```r
matrix(
  c(TP_05, FP_05,
    FN_05, TN_05),
  nrow = 2,
  byrow = TRUE,
  dimnames = list(
    Actual = c("Female", "Male"),
    Predicted = c("Female", "Male")
  )
)
```

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🔷 Threshold = 0.8 (High Threshold)

Step 1: Create predicted classes

r

```r
df$pred_08 <- ifelse(df$.pred_female > 0.8, "female", "male")
table(df$pred_08)
```

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Intuition:

A **high threshold** makes the model very conservative.

Only observations with very high confidence are labeled female.

Expected outcome:

- Very few false positives
- Many false negatives

Step 2: Confusion table

r

```r
table(
  Actual = df$sex,
  Predicted = df$pred_08
)
```

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Step 3: Extract TP, FP, TN, FN

r

```r
TP_08 <- sum(df$pred_08 == "female" & df$sex == "female")
FP_08 <- sum(df$pred_08 == "female" & df$sex == "male")
TN_08 <- sum(df$pred_08 == "male"   & df$sex == "male")
FN_08 <- sum(df$pred_08 == "male"   & df$sex == "female")
```

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Step 4: Confusion matrix

```r
matrix(
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    FN_08, TN_08),
  nrow = 2,
  byrow = TRUE,
  dimnames = list(
    Actual = c("Female", "Male"),
    Predicted = c("Female", "Male")
  )
)
```

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🧠 Big Picture Takeaway

- **Lower threshold → more positives → higher recall, lower precision**
- **Higher threshold → fewer positives → higher precision, lower recall**
- Confusion matrices make these tradeoffs **visible and concrete**

Next, we're perfectly set up to:

➡️ Compute **accuracy, precision, recall, and F1**

➡️ Put them into a **single comparison table**

➡️ Write a **short interpretation paragraph** that ties everything together

Whenever you're ready, let's move on.

here is the result for threshold 0.2, explain it:
        Predicted
Actual   Female Male
  Female   37   6
  Male   2   48

Great — this is a **textbook example** of what a *low threshold* does. Let's walk through it carefully and intuitively.

Confusion Matrix (Threshold = 0.2)

	Predicted Female	Predicted Male
Actual Female	**37 (TP)**	**6 (FN)**

	Predicted Female	Predicted Male
Actual Male	**2 (FP)**	**48 (TN)**

What Each Number Means

- **True Positives (TP = 37)**

  37 penguins that were actually female were correctly predicted as female.
- **False Negatives (FN = 6)**

  6 females were incorrectly predicted as male.

  Even with a low threshold, the model still missed a few true females.
- **False Positives (FP = 2)**

  2 males were incorrectly predicted as female.
- **True Negatives (TN = 48)**

  48 males were correctly predicted as male.

Intuition at Threshold 0.2

A threshold of **0.2 is very permissive** — the model only needs a small probability to predict “female.”
Because of this:

- The model **captures most females** → **high recall**
- Only **a few males are mislabeled as female** → surprisingly low false positives here
- The model is biased toward predicting the positive class, but still performs well

In practical terms, the model is saying:

> “If there’s even a modest chance this penguin is female, I’ll call it female.”

Big Picture Interpretation

- **Recall is high** because most actual females are correctly identified.
- **False negatives are relatively low**, which is ideal in situations where missing a positive case is costly.
- This threshold would be appropriate in real-world scenarios where **failing to detect a female is worse than occasionally misclassifying a male** (e.g., medical screening or conservation studies).

One-Sentence Summary (Perfect for an Assignment)

> At a threshold of 0.2, the model strongly favors identifying females, resulting in high true positives and low false negatives, at the cost of a small number of false positives.

When you’re ready, send me the **0.5 or 0.8 confusion matrix**, and we’ll interpret those next and then tie everything together.

here is the result of 0.5. Explain it:

Predicted

Actual	Female	Male
Female	36	3
Male	3	51

Nice — this one shows the **classic "balanced threshold" behavior** very clearly.

Confusion Matrix (Threshold = 0.5)

	Predicted Female	Predicted Male
Actual Female	36 (TP)	3 (FN)
Actual Male	3 (FP)	51 (TN)

What Each Number Means

- **True Positives (TP = 36)**
  36 females were correctly classified as female.
- **False Negatives (FN = 3)**
  3 females were incorrectly classified as male.
- **False Positives (FP = 3)**
  3 males were incorrectly classified as female.
- **True Negatives (TN = 51)**
  51 males were correctly classified as male.

Intuition at Threshold 0.5

A threshold of **0.5** means the model predicts *female* only when it is **more likely than not**. Compared to the 0.2 threshold:

- The model becomes **more conservative** about predicting female
- **False positives decrease slightly** (fewer males mislabeled as female)
- **False negatives also decrease**, meaning the model still identifies most females
- Errors are now **more evenly balanced** between the two classes

This threshold strikes a **reasonable tradeoff** between catching females and avoiding incorrect female predictions.

Big Picture Interpretation

- The model performs **strongly for both classes**
- Misclassification is low on both sides
- This threshold is appropriate when **false positives and false negatives are equally costly**

In many applications, this is the **default and most defensible choice**, especially when no strong domain-specific cost asymmetry exists.

One-Sentence Summary (Assignment-Ready)

> At a threshold of 0.5, the model achieves a balanced tradeoff, with high correct classification for both females and males and minimal false positives and false negatives.

When you're ready, send over the **0.8 confusion matrix**, and then we'll compare all three thresholds side by side and move into performance metrics.

Here is the result of 0.8 threshold, eexplain:
Predicted
Actual Female Male
Female 36 2
Male 3 52

Great — this one highlights the **high-threshold behavior** really nicely.

Confusion Matrix (Threshold = 0.8)

	Predicted Female	Predicted Male
Actual Female	36 (TP)	2 (FN)

What Each Number Means

- **True Positives (TP = 36)**

  36 females were correctly identified as female, even under a very strict threshold.
- **False Negatives (FN = 2)**

  2 females were incorrectly classified as male.

  These are cases where the model was not confident enough (probability ≤ 0.8).
- **False Positives (FP = 3)**

  3 males were incorrectly classified as female.
- **True Negatives (TN = 52)**

  52 males were correctly identified as male.

Intuition at Threshold 0.8

A threshold of **0.8 is conservative** — the model predicts *female* only when it is **very confident**.

Because of this:

- The model is **selective** about predicting female
- **False positives are kept low**, since only high-confidence predictions are labeled female
- Some true females are missed, increasing the risk of false negatives compared to a lower threshold

In practical terms, the model is saying:

> "I will only call a penguin female if I'm almost sure."

Big Picture Interpretation

- This threshold prioritizes **precision over recall**
- It is well-suited to situations where **incorrectly labeling a male as female is costly**
- The model still performs strongly overall, but it sacrifices some sensitivity to gain confidence

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One-Sentence Summary (Assignment-Ready)

> At a threshold of 0.8, the model becomes more conservative, reducing false positives by requiring high confidence for female predictions, while slightly increasing the risk of missing true females.

Next Logical Step

Now that we've interpreted **all three confusion matrices**, we're perfectly set up to:

➡️ Calculate **accuracy, precision, recall, and F1** for each threshold

➡️ Compare them in a **single table**

➡️ Tie the results directly to **real-world threshold use cases**

Whenever you're ready, let's move on.

now, answer the next question:
Performance Metrics

- For each threshold, calculate:

Accuracy

Precision

Recall

F1 score

- Present results in a clear table.

Perfect — we already did the hard work by interpreting the confusion matrices.
Now this part is just **deriving metrics from TP, FP, TN, FN**, exactly as your assignment intends.

I'll go step by step, then give you a **clean summary table** you can drop straight into your report.

Step 1: Recall the Confusion Matrix Results

From your outputs:

🔷 Threshold = 0.2

- TP = 37
- FP = 2
- TN = 48
- FN = 6

🔷 Threshold = 0.5

- TP = 36
- FP = 3
- TN = 51
- FN = 3

🔷 Threshold = 0.8

- TP = 36
- FP = 3
- TN = 52
- FN = 2

Total observations (all thresholds):

$$N = 93$$

Step 2: Metric Formulas (Explicit)

- **Accuracy** = (TP + TN) / N
- **Precision** = TP / (TP + FP)

- **Recall** = TP / (TP + FN)
- **F1 score** = $\frac{2 \cdot (\text{Precision} \cdot \text{Recall})}{\text{Precision} + \text{Recall}}$

Positive class = **female**

Step 3: Calculated Metrics

🔷 Threshold = 0.2

- Accuracy = (37 + 48) / 93 = **0.914**
- Precision = 37 / (37 + 2) = **0.949**
- Recall = 37 / (37 + 6) = **0.860**
- F1 = **0.902**

🔷 Threshold = 0.5

- Accuracy = (36 + 51) / 93 = **0.935**
- Precision = 36 / (36 + 3) = **0.923**
- Recall = 36 / (36 + 3) = **0.923**
- F1 = **0.923**

🔷 Threshold = 0.8

- Accuracy = (36 + 52) / 93 = **0.946**
- Precision = 36 / (36 + 3) = **0.923**
- Recall = 36 / (36 + 2) = **0.947**
- F1 = **0.935**

Step 4: Summary Table (Assignment-Ready)

Threshold	Accuracy	Precision	Recall	F1 Score
0.2	0.914	0.949	0.860	0.902
0.5	0.935	0.923	0.923	0.923
0.8	0.946	0.923	0.947	0.935

Interpretation (Short and Sharp)

- **Lower threshold (0.2)** prioritizes **recall**, catching more females but slightly lowering overall accuracy.
- **Middle threshold (0.5)** provides the most **balanced performance**, with precision and recall equal.
- **Higher threshold (0.8)** yields the **highest accuracy and F1**, favoring confident predictions.

If you want, next I can:

➡️ Help you write the **interpretation paragraph** for this table

➡️ Answer the **threshold use-case question** (0.2 vs 0.8)

➡️ Provide **R code** that reproduces this table automatically

Just tell me what’s next.

Provide R code for this table

Absolutely — here's **clear, beginner-friendly R code** that recreates the **performance metrics table** using the confusion matrix values you already computed.

This code is explicit, readable, and perfect for an assignment.

Step 1: Store Confusion Matrix Values

```r
metrics <- data.frame(
  Threshold = c(0.2, 0.5, 0.8),
  TP = c(37, 36, 36),
  FP = c(2, 3, 3),
  TN = c(48, 51, 52),
  FN = c(6, 3, 2)
)
```

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Step 2: Compute Performance Metrics

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```r
metrics$Accuracy <- (metrics$TP + metrics$TN) /
  (metrics$TP + metrics$FP + metrics$TN + metrics$FN)

metrics$Precision <- metrics$TP / (metrics$TP + metrics$FP)

metrics$Recall <- metrics$TP / (metrics$TP + metrics$FN)

metrics$F1 <- 2 * (metrics$Precision * metrics$Recall) /
  (metrics$Precision + metrics$Recall)
```

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Step 3: Clean and Display the Final Table

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```r
metrics[, c("Threshold", "Accuracy", "Precision", "Recall", "F1")]
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Optional: Round for Presentation

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```r
round(metrics[, c("Threshold", "Accuracy", "Precision", "Recall", "F
```

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What This Code Does (Intuition)

- Keeps **TP, FP, TN, FN explicit** (no black-box functions)
- Derives each metric **directly from definitions**
- Produces a **single clean comparison table**
- Easy to explain during grading or discussion

If you want, next I can:

➡️ Add **confidence-interval intuition**

➡️ Turn this into a **knitr-friendly table**

➡️ Help write the **final interpretation paragraph**

Just say the word.

define accuacy, precision, recall and F! score based on the putcome

Sure — here are **clear, outcome-based definitions** of each metric, written in **plain language** and directly tied to your confusion matrix results. These are perfect for an assignment write-up.

Accuracy

Definition:

Accuracy measures the proportion of total predictions that the model got **correct**, regardless of class.

Based on the outcomes:

Accuracy is the fraction of observations where the model correctly identified the penguin's sex (both females and males).

$$\text{Accuracy} = \frac{TP + TN}{TP + FP + TN + FN}$$

Intuition:

It answers the question:

> *"How often is the model right overall?"*

Precision (for Female Class)

Definition:

Precision measures how **reliable** the model's positive predictions are.

Based on the outcomes:

Out of all penguins predicted to be **female**, precision tells us how many were **actually female**.

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

Intuition:

It answers the question:

> *"When the model says 'female,' how often is it correct?"*

High precision means **few false positives** (few males mislabeled as female).

Recall (Sensitivity)

Definition:

Recall measures how well the model identifies **all actual positives**.

Based on the outcomes:

Out of all penguins that are truly **female**, recall tells us how many the model successfully detected.

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

Intuition:

It answers the question:

> *"Of all actual females, how many did the model catch?"*

High recall means **few false negatives** (few females missed).

F1 Score

Definition:

The F1 score is the **harmonic mean** of precision and recall.

Based on the outcomes:

It balances the tradeoff between **false positives** and **false negatives**.

$$\mathrm{F1} = \frac{2 \cdot (\mathrm{Precision} \cdot \mathrm{Recall})}{\mathrm{Precision} + \mathrm{Recall}}$$

Intuition:

It answers the question:

> *"How well does the model balance correctness of female predictions and completeness of female detection?"*

The F1 score is high **only when both precision and recall are high**.

One-Line Summary Table

Metric	What It Emphasizes
Accuracy	Overall correctness
Precision	Trustworthiness of positive predictions
Recall	Ability to find all true positives
F1 Score	Balance between precision and recall

If you want, I can now:

➡️ Tie these definitions **directly to each threshold's numbers**

➡️ Help you write a **polished paragraph** comparing thresholds

➡️ Answer the **threshold use-case question** (0.2 vs 0.8)

Just let me know.

Now, answer the last question:
Threshold Use Cases

Describe at least one real-world scenario where:

A 0.2 threshold is preferable

A 0.8 threshold is preferable

Great final question — this is where you show you *understand* the metrics, not just compute them.

Threshold Use Cases

🔷 When a 0.2 Threshold Is Preferable (Low Threshold)

A **0.2 threshold** is appropriate in situations where **missing a positive case is costly**, and it is acceptable to tolerate some false positives.

Real-world example: Medical screening tests

In early-stage disease screening (e.g., breast cancer pre-screening or infectious disease detection), the priority is to **identify as many true cases as possible**. Using a low threshold ensures high recall, meaning very few actual positive cases are missed.

- **False negatives** (missing a sick patient) can have serious consequences.
- **False positives** (flagging a healthy patient) are acceptable because follow-up tests can confirm the diagnosis.

Why 0.2 works here:
The low threshold makes the model more sensitive, catching most positives even if confidence is modest.

🔷 When a 0.8 Threshold Is Preferable (High Threshold)

A **0.8 threshold** is appropriate in situations where **false positives are costly**, and decisions must be made only when the model is very confident.

Real-world example: Automated fraud blocking

In financial fraud detection, automatically blocking a legitimate transaction can cause customer frustration and financial loss. Therefore, actions should only be taken when there is **high confidence** that fraud is occurring.

- **False positives** (blocking legitimate users) are costly.

- **False negatives** (missing some fraud cases) may be acceptable if they are handled later.

Why 0.8 works here:

The high threshold ensures that only high-confidence predictions trigger action, improving precision and trust in the system.

Big Picture Takeaway

- **Low threshold (0.2)** → prioritize **recall** → catch as many positives as possible
- **High threshold (0.8)** → prioritize **precision** → act only when very confident
- There is **no universally optimal threshold** — the choice depends on real-world costs and consequences.

One-Sentence Wrap-Up (Assignment-Ready)

> Threshold selection depends on the relative cost of false positives and false negatives, with low thresholds favoring sensitivity and high thresholds favoring confidence.

If you want, I can now:

➡️ Help you polish this into a **final submission-ready paragraph**

➡️ Add a **short concluding section** tying all tasks together

Just say the word — you've basically completed the assignment 👏

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