Data Science Interview Questions

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1 Spam Classifier

Based on historical data we observe 20% messages that are "Spam" ("Positives"), i.e. P(Y = 1). We trained a classifier with the following statistical properties:

- $\bullet\,$ True Positive Rate (TPR aka "Recall"): 95%

Question: What is the *Precision* of this classifier (in %)?

Consider confusion matrix:

$$\begin{array}{c|cccc} & \hat{Y}=1 & \hat{Y}=0 \\ \hline Y=1 & TP & FN \\ \hline Y=0 & FP & TN \end{array}$$

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