

Name	Formula	Direction	Range	Description
Performance measures for regression				
Mean Squared Error (MSE)	$\frac{1}{n_{\text{test}}} \sum_{i=1}^{n_{\text{test}}} \left(y^{(i)} - \hat{y}^{(i)}\right)^2$	min	$[0, \infty)$	Mean of the squared distances between the target variable y and the predicted target \hat{y} .
Mean Absolute Error (MAE)	$\frac{1}{n_{\text{test}}} \sum_{i=1}^{n_{\text{test}}} \left y^{(i)} - \hat{y}^{(i)}\right $	min	$[0, \infty)$	More robust than MSE, since it is less influenced by large errors.
R^2	$1 - \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n_{\text{test}}} \left(y^{(i)} - \hat{y}^{(i)}\right)^2}{\sum_{i=1}^{n_{\text{test}}} \left(y^{(i)} - \bar{y}\right)^2}$	max	$(-\infty, 1]$	Compare the sum of squared errors (SSE) of the model to a constant baseline model.
Performance measures for classification based on class labels				
Accuracy (ACC)	$\frac{1}{n_{\text{test}}} \sum_{i=1}^{n_{\text{test}}} \mathbb{I}_{\{y^{(i)} = \hat{y}^{(i)}\}}$	max	$[0, 1]$	Proportion of correctly classified observations.
Balanced Accuracy (BA)	$\frac{1}{g} \sum_{k=1}^g \frac{1}{n_{\text{test},k}} \sum_{y^{(i)}: y^{(i)}=k} \mathbb{I}_{\{y^{(i)} = \hat{y}^{(i)}\}}$	max	$[0, 1]$	Variant of the accuracy that accounts for imbalanced classes.
Classification Error (CE)	$\frac{1}{n_{\text{test}}} \sum_{i=1}^{n_{\text{test}}} \mathbb{I}_{\{y^{(i)} \neq \hat{y}^{(i)}\}}$	min	$[0, 1]$	CE = 1 - ACC is the proportion of incorrect predictions.
ROC measures	TPR = $\frac{TP}{TP+FN}$	max	$[0, 1]$	True Positive Rate: how many observations of the positive class 1 are predicted as 1?
	FPR = $\frac{FP}{TN+FP}$	min	$[0, 1]$	False Positive Rate: how many observations of the negative class 0 are falsely predicted as 1?
	TNR = $\frac{TN}{TN+FP}$	max	$[0, 1]$	True Negative Rate: how many observations of the negative class 0 are predicted as 0?
	FNR = $\frac{FN}{TP+FN}$	min	$[0, 1]$	False Negative Rate: how many observations of the positive class 1 were falsely predicted as 0?
	PPV = $\frac{TP}{TP+FP}$	max	$[0, 1]$	Positive Predictive Value: how likely is a predicted 1 a true 1?
	NPV = $\frac{TN}{FN+TN}$	max	$[0, 1]$	Negative Predictive Value: how likely is a predicted 0 a true 0?
F_1	$2 \frac{PPV \cdot TPR}{PPV + TPR}$	max	$[0, 1]$	F_1 is the harmonic mean of PPV and TPR. Especially useful for imbalanced classes.
Cost measure	$\sum_{i=1}^{n_{\text{test}}} C(y^{(i)}, \hat{y}^{(i)})$	min	$[0, \infty)$	Cost of incorrect predictions based on a (usually non-negative) cost matrix $C \in \mathbb{R}^{g,g}$.
Performance measures for classification based on class probabilities				
Brier Score (BS)	$\frac{1}{n_{\text{test}}} \sum_{i=1}^{n_{\text{test}}} \sum_{k=1}^g \left(\hat{\pi}_k(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}) - \sigma_k(y^{(i)})\right)^2$	min	$[0, 1]$	Measures squared distances of probabilities from the one-hot encoded class labels.
Log-Loss (LL)	$\frac{1}{n_{\text{test}}} \sum_{i=1}^{n_{\text{test}}} \left(-\sum_{k=1}^g \sigma_k(y^{(i)}) \log(\hat{\pi}_k(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}))\right)$	min	$[0, \infty)$	A.k.a. Bernoulli, binomial or cross-entropy loss
AUC		max	$[0, 1]$	Area under the ROC curve.

$\hat{y}^{(i)}$ denotes the predicted label for observation $\mathbf{x}^{(i)}$. ACC, BA, CE, BS, and LL can be used for multi-class classification with g classes. For AUC, multiclass extensions exist as well. The notation $\mathbb{I}_{\{\cdot\}}$ denotes the indicator function. $\sigma_k(y) = \mathbb{I}_{\{y=k\}}$ is 1 if y is class k , 0 otherwise (multi-class one-hot encoding). $n_{\text{test},k}$ is the number of observations in the test set with class k . $\hat{\pi}_k(\mathbf{x})$ is the estimated probability for observation $\mathbf{x}^{(i)}$ of belonging to class k . TP is the number of true positives (observations of class 1 with predicted class 1), FP is the number of false positives (observations of class 0 with predicted class 1), TN is the number of true negatives (observations of class 0 with predicted class 0), and FN is the number of false negatives (observations of class 1 with predicted class 0).

Table 1: Popular performance measures used for ML, assuming an arbitrary test set of size n_{test} .