

## Comparison of classifiers: the McNemar test and the proportions test

When doing classification, we evaluate the classifiers by counting the number of true/false on a test set, and the outcome is an estimate  $\hat{p}$  of a probability  $p$  of correct prediction.

If we have two classifiers, each classifier has its own probability.

Proportions test	Classifier 1	Classifier 2
Correct		
False		

McNemar test	Classifier 1 right	Classifier 1 wrong
Classifier 2 right		
Classifier 2 wrong		

- 1) How do the two tests differ? Do they have the same inputs?
- 2) What is the assumptions behind the proportions test?
- 3) Why does (could) this assumption go wrong for comparison of classifiers?
- 4) Think of a situation with classifiers where the proportions test would be correct.