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Setting up
your goal

Satisficing and
optimizing metrics

Another cat classification example

Classifier	Accuracy	Running time
A	90%	80ms
B	92%	95ms
C	95%	1,500ms

These are the 2 things you care about

You can construct some eqn
 $\text{Cost} = \text{Accuracy} - 0.5 \times \text{Running time}$
(Seems Artificial, why 0.5?)

OR Find some func
- that maximizes Accuracy
Subject to Running time $\leq 100 \text{ ms}$
 \Rightarrow Accuracy = optimizing metric
Running time = Satisficing metric
 \hookrightarrow just needs to be good enough

In this case, we would pick classifier 'B'
as it satisfies $< 100 \text{ ms}$, & has highest Accuracy

In General,
N metrics
1 metric - optimizing
N-1 satisficing

Another example of optimizing V/S Satisficing
- consider wake words / Trigger words
 \hookrightarrow Alexa, Cortana etc
- one thing you may want as optimizing metric is accuracy

When someone says a word,
how likely is your system to
wake up
 \Rightarrow maximize Accuracy
s.t. there is ≤ 1 False +ve rate every
24 hours

False +ve
 \hookrightarrow responds when no one says "Alexa"