

# Evaluation Metrics

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# Recap and Updates

- Lab Take Home Assignment due this Thursday at 11.59pm
- Office Hours
  - T, Th 12-1p at Bannan 224
  - W 7-9p via Zoom
  - F 9-9.45a via Zoom
- Zoom Link: <https://seattleu.zoom.us/j/7519782079?pwd=cnhCM2tPcHJKVWwxZVArS2VHSUNJZz09>
  - Meeting ID: 751 978 2079
  - Passcode: 22498122
- Multi-class Classification
- Exponential Family
- Generalized Linear Models

# Overview

## 1 Binary Classification

- Accuracy
- Confusion Matrix
- Area Under ROC
- Area Under Precision Recall Curve
- Log Loss
- Brier Score
- Class Imbalance Revisit

## 2 Multi-Class Classification

## 3 Regression

## 4 Task Specific Models

## 5 Closing Note

# Why?

- To know how good the model we designed is performing

# Binary Classification

# Accuracy

$$\text{Accuracy} = \frac{n_{\text{correct\_predictions}}}{n_{\text{all\_predictions}}}$$

- It seems simple, but it is the most mis-used evaluation metrics!
- Suitable only for the case of balanced classes.



**COVID (2%)**



**Healthy (98%)**

For any given input  $x$ , the model  $h$  always returns  $\hat{y} = \text{healthy}$ . In the sample above, the accuracy:

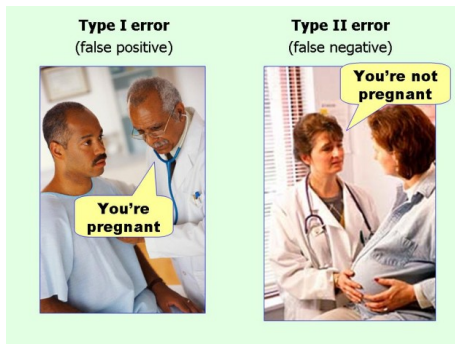
$$\text{Accuracy} = \frac{98}{100} = 98\% \rightarrow \text{Misleading!!!}$$

# Confusion Matrix

		Prediction	
		Positive ( $PP$ )	Negative ( $PN$ )
Actual	Positive ( $P$ )	True Positive ( $TP$ )	False Negative ( $FN$ )
	Negative ( $N$ )	False Positive ( $FP$ )	True Negative ( $TN$ )

# Confusion Matrix

## False Positive and False Negative

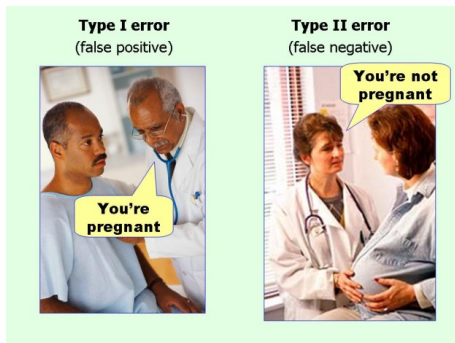


- In some cases False Positive is "less bad" than False Negative, and vice versa. Can you name some examples?



# Confusion Matrix

## False Positive and False Negative



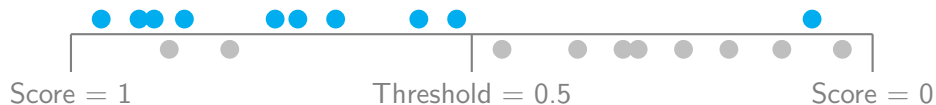
- COVID Test: False Negative is bad! (contagious person went out and spread disease). False Positive is not too bad! (healthy person stuck quarantining for a couple of days)
- Ads Placement: False Positive is bad! (money spent wrongly)

# Confusion Matrix

## Metrics

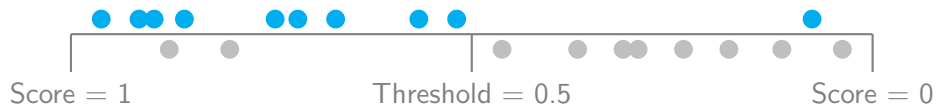
- $Accuracy = \frac{TP+TN}{P+N}$
- $Precision = \frac{TP}{PP}$   
How *precise* the model is right when it says 'yes'
- $Recall \text{ (Positive Recall / Sensitivity)} = \frac{TP}{P}$   
How often the model says 'yes' when the answer is 'yes'
- $Specificity \text{ (Negative Recall)} = \frac{TN}{N}$
- $F1 = 2 \cdot \frac{Precision \cdot Recall}{Precision + Recall}$

# Confusion Matrix - Sample Case



		Prediction	
		+ $PP$	- $PN$
Actual	+ $P$		
	- $N$		

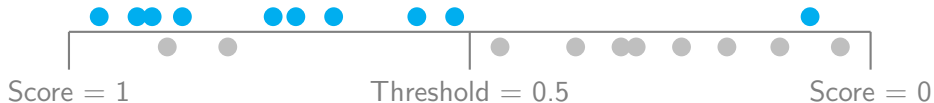
# Confusion Matrix - Sample Case



		Prediction	
		+ PP	- PN
Actual	+ P	TP = 9	FN = 1
	- N	FP = 2	TN = 8

# Confusion Matrix - Sample Case

## Accuracy



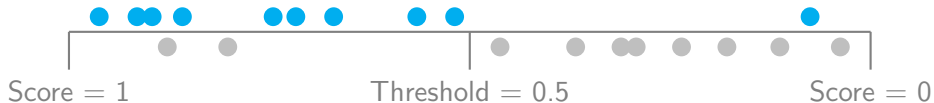
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$$Accuracy = \frac{TP + TN}{P + N}$$

$$Accuracy = \frac{9 + 8}{10 + 10} = 0.85$$

# Confusion Matrix - Sample Case

## Precision



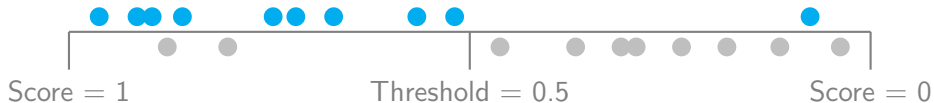
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$$Precision = \frac{TP}{PP}$$

$$Precision = \frac{9}{11} = 0.81$$

# Confusion Matrix - Sample Case

Recall (Positive Recall / Sensitivity)



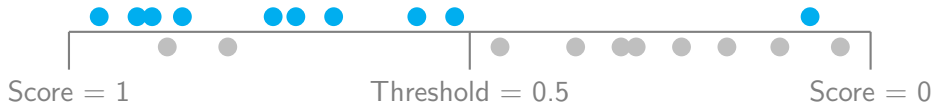
		Prediction	
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$$Recall = \frac{TP}{P}$$

$$Recall = \frac{9}{10} = 0.9$$

# Confusion Matrix - Sample Case

Negative Recall / Specificity



		Prediction	
		+ PP	- PN
Actual	+ P	TP = 9	FN = 1
	- N	FP = 2	TN = 8

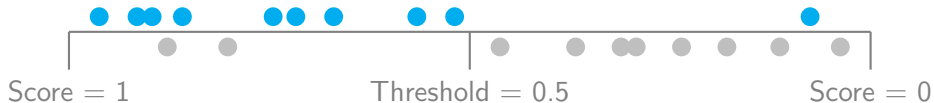
$$\text{Specificity} = \frac{TN}{N}$$

$$\text{Specificity} = \frac{8}{10} = 0.8$$



# Confusion Matrix - Sample Case

## F1 Score



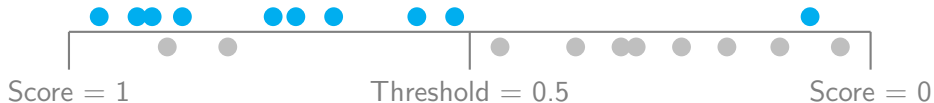
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		+ PP	- PN
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$$F1 = 2 \cdot \frac{\text{Precision} \cdot \text{Recall}}{\text{Precision} + \text{Recall}}$$

$$F1 = \frac{0.81 \cdot 0.9}{0.81 + 0.9} = 0.857$$

# Confusion Matrix - Sample Case

## Summary



		Prediction	
		+ PP	- PN
Actual	+ P	TP = 9	FN = 1
	- N	FP = 2	TN = 8

$$\text{Accuracy} = 0.85$$

$$\text{Precision} = 0.81$$

$$\text{Recall} = 0.9$$

$$\text{Specificity} = 0.8$$

$$F1 = 0.857$$

# Confusion Matrix - Sample Case

What if we changed the threshold?

Recall in the case of logistic regression / binary classification, we randomly picked 0.5 as the threshold. What if we picked a different threshold?



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Actual	+ $P$		
	- $N$		

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		Prediction	
		+ $PP$	- $PN$
Actual	+ $P$	$TP = 7$	$FP = 2$
	- $N$	$FN = 3$	$TN = 8$

# What if we changed the threshold?



		Prediction	
		+ PP	- PN
Actual	+ P	TP = 7	FP = 2
	- N	FN = 3	TN = 8

*Accuracy* = 0.75

*Precision* = 0.77

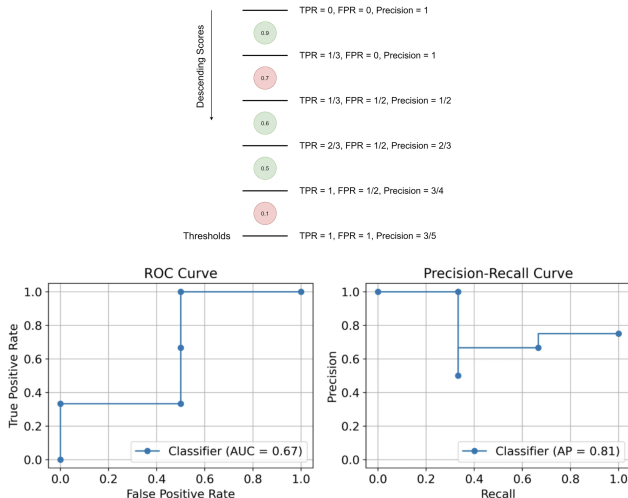
*Recall* = 0.7

*Specificity* = 0.8

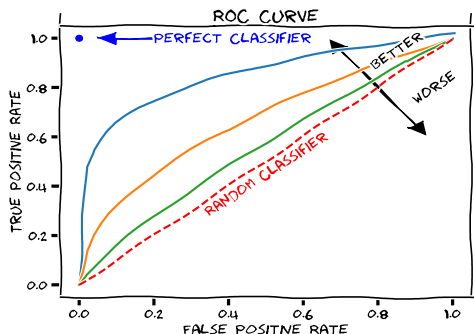
*F1* = 0.733

# Plotting model performance as threshold is varied

Figures taken from Daniel Rosenberg, Towards Data Science



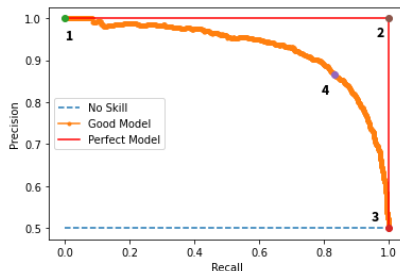
# AUC - Area Under Receiver Operating Curve (ROC)



Martin Thoma, Wikipedia

- Represent model's ability to discriminate between the positive and the negative classes.
- AUC of 1.0 = perfect prediction. AUC of 0 = completely opposite prediction. AUC of 0.5 = the model is as good as random (baseline).

# AUPRC - Area Under Precision Recall Curve (PRC)



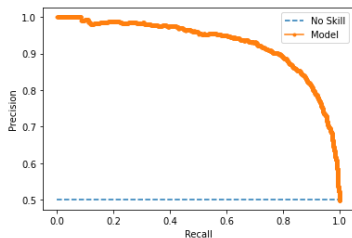
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$$AUPRC = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{\hat{R} \in m} \max_{\hat{R}: \hat{R} \geq R} P(\hat{R})$$

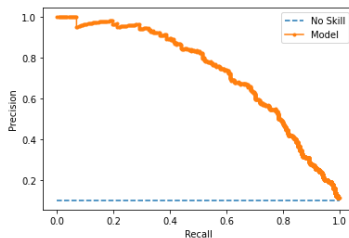
where  $P(\hat{R})$  is Precision at Recall  $\hat{R}$ , and  $m$  is number of thresholds. AUPRC of 1.0 = perfect prediction. AUPRC of baseline value = the model is as good as random.



# AUPRC - Area Under Precision Recall Curve (PRC)



PRC of a balanced dataset

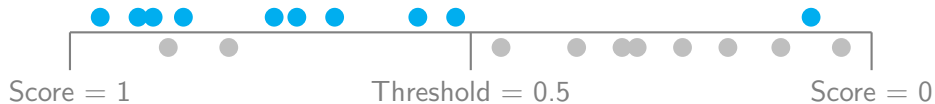


PRC of an imbalanced dataset

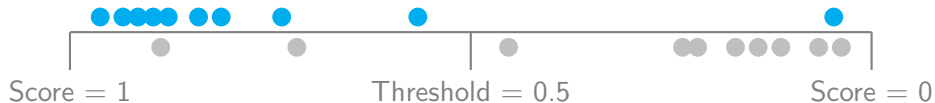
- The baseline (random chance) of the model changes depending on class imbalance, unlike the ROC in which the baseline is always at 0.5.
- PRC works better than ROC in cases of imbalanced data.
- AUPRC is also commonly known as "AP".

# Which model is better?

Model A:

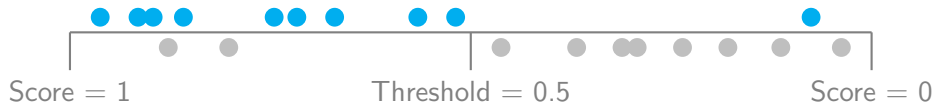


Model B:

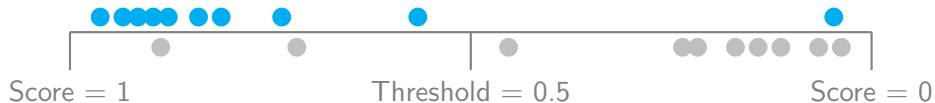


# Which model is better?

Model A:



Model B:



- Both models have the same exact Confusion Matrix metrics and AUC
- Is one actually better than another, or are they the same?

# Log Loss (Log Likelihood Function)

$$\ell(\theta) = -\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n y^{(i)} \log h(x^{(i)}) + (1 - y^{(i)}) \log (1 - h(x^{(i)}))$$

The notation could also be written as:

$$\ell(\theta) = -\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n y^{(i)} \log p(y^{(i)}) + (1 - y^{(i)}) \log (1 - p(y^{(i)}))$$

where  $y$  represents the class and  $p(y^{(i)})$  can be interpreted as the probability of that class

- 0 is the best loss and 1 is the worst loss.
- A "good" loss value depends on context and problem domain, thus only makes sense when comparing log losses of multiple models.
- Might lead us to a false sense of "confidence" in prediction.

# Brier Score

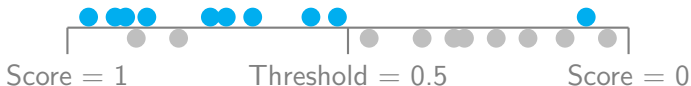
$$Brier = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \left( p(y^{(i)}) - y^{(i)} \right)^2$$

where  $y$  represents the class and  $p(y^{(i)})$  can be interpreted as the probability of that class

- 0 Used to check the goodness of a predicted probability score.
- More gentler than log loss in penalizing inaccurate predictions.

# Log Loss vs. Brier Score

Model A:



Model B:



## Log Loss

- Rewards confident correct answers and heavily penalizes confident wrong answers
- One confident wrong prediction is fatal!

## Brier Score

- Gently rewards correct answers and gently penalized wrong answers

# What happens during class imbalance?

- Most of the times during the training, the model would not learn on minority class examples at all.
- Using the wrong metrics might lead us to believe that the model is fine!

# What happens during class imbalance?

- Accuracy: Blindly predicts majority class
- Log Loss: Majority class can dominate the loss
- AUC: Easy to keep AUC high by scoring most negatives very low
- AUPRC: More robust than AUROC
- F1 Score!

$\text{AUPRC} > \text{AUC} > \text{Accuracy}$



# How to pick the right evaluation metric?

Case by case basis, depending on your applications and needs:

- 1 When False Positives are bad. **High Precision** is a hard constraint.  
E.g. Search engine results, grammar corrections  
Metric: Recall at a certain (high) Precision → see AUPRC
- 2 When False Negatives are bad. **High Recall** is a hard constraint.  
E.g. Medical diagnosis  
Metric: Precision at a certain (high) Recall → see AUPRC

# Multi-Class Classification

# Multi-Class Classification

- 1 **Confusion Matrix.**  $n \times n$ , where  $n$  is the number of classes.
- 2 All the confusion matrix related metrics (**Precision, Recall, F1 score**) can be calculated as One-vs-One or One-vs-Rest. Most practitioners nowadays use One-vs-Rest due to computationally expensive One-vs-One approach.
- 3 **Cohen's Kappa Score**
- 4 **Matthew's Correlation Coefficient**
- 5 **Categorical Cross Entropy.** Log loss for multi-class classification.

# How to pick the right evaluation metric?

- 1 Compare one classifier's overall performance to another in a single metric — use Matthew's correlation coefficient, Cohen's kappa, and log loss.
- 2 Measure a classifier's ability to differentiate between each class in balanced classification: AUC.
- 3 A metric that minimizes false positives and false negatives in imbalanced classification: F1 score.
- 4 Focus on decreasing the false positives of a single class: Precision for that class.
- 5 Focus on decreasing the false negatives of a single class: Recall for that class.

# Regression

## 1 Mean Absolute Error (MAE)

Penalizes all errors equally

$$MAE = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n |\hat{y}^{(i)} - y^{(i)}|$$

## 2 Mean Squared Error (MSE)

Penalizes larger errors more

$$MAE = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \sqrt{(\hat{y}^{(i)} - y^{(i)})^2}$$

# Task Specific Models

## Object Detection Tasks

see Article by Jonathan Hui

- 1 **IoU**. Intersection over Union. Measures the overlap between two boundaries (true bounding box and predicted bounding box).
- 2 **mAP**. mean Average Precision. The average of the AP calculated for all the classes.
- 3 ...



# Task Specific Models

## Language Tasks

- 1 **BLEU**. Bilingual Evaluation Understudy. This is a precision-based metric to evaluate the quality of text that are machine translated from one natural language to another.
- 2 **ROUGE**. Recall-Oriented Understudy for Gisting Evaluation. Used in summarization tasks to evaluate the number of words the model can recall.
- 3 **Perplexity**. Probabilistic measure to evaluate how confused the model is.
- 4 **CIDEr**. Consensus-based Image Description Evaluation. For image captioning.
- 5 **SPICE**. Semantic Propositional Image Caption Evaluation.
- 6 ...

# Benchmarks vs Real World Performance

All the Evaluation Metrics we learned today are used to compare our newly designed model with a "baseline" model or a "benchmark".

If the model outperforms the benchmark, then the model is good! (main points reported in papers).

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- Pick the metrics that are the most relevant for the application and/or business objectives
- Evaluate the metric end to end
- Application based metric (e.g. inference time, model size, end business/user goals, etc)
  - Model outperforms benchmarks by 10% but takes 3 minutes to spit out prediction and benchmarks took only 30 seconds.
  - Model segments tissue for surgical augmentation. Does this actually save surgeons' time? What about qualitative metrics from the surgeons?

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