

# Evaluation Metrics for ML Performance

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# Introduction

- Use statistical values to evaluate the performance of a ML algorithm
- Compare the predictive power between different ML predictors
- We need to analyze two types of predictors, **regressors** and **classifiers**.

# Evaluation Metrics for Regressors

- Root mean square error (RMSE)
- Pearson correlation ( $R_p$ )
- Spearman correlation ( $R_s$ )
- Kendall Tau ( $\tau$ )

# RMSE

- Assume we have  $M$  true labels

$$y_1, y_2, \dots, y_M$$

Our predictor gives  $M$  predicted labels

$$\hat{y}_1, \hat{y}_2, \dots, \hat{y}_M$$

(To avoid heavy notation we set

$y_i \equiv y^{(i)}$  and  $\hat{y}_i \equiv \hat{y}^{(i)}$  in this lecture)

RMSE will measure the **root mean square errors** between predicted labels and the exact labels

$$\text{RMSE} = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^M (\hat{y}_i - y_i)^2}{M}}$$

The smaller RMSE means the better predictive power

# RMSE: Example

- Our true labels

$$y_1 = 3, y_2 = -0.5, y_3 = 2, y_4 = 7$$

- Predictor A gives the predicted labels:

$$\hat{y}_1 = 2.5, \hat{y}_2 = 0, \hat{y}_3 = 2, \hat{y}_4 = 8$$

$$\text{RMSE for predictor A} = \text{RMSE}_A = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^4 (\hat{y}_i - y_i)^2}{4}} = 0.612$$

- Predictor B gives the predicted labels:

$$\tilde{y}_1 = 1.5, \tilde{y}_2 = 1.0, \tilde{y}_3 = 2, \tilde{y}_4 = 4$$

$$\text{RMSE for predictor B} = \text{RMSE}_B = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^4 (\tilde{y}_i - y_i)^2}{4}} = 1.837$$

Predictor A is better than predictor B.

# Pearson Correlation

- Assume we have  $M$  true labels

$$y_1, y_2, \dots, y_M$$

Our predictor gives  $M$  predicted labels

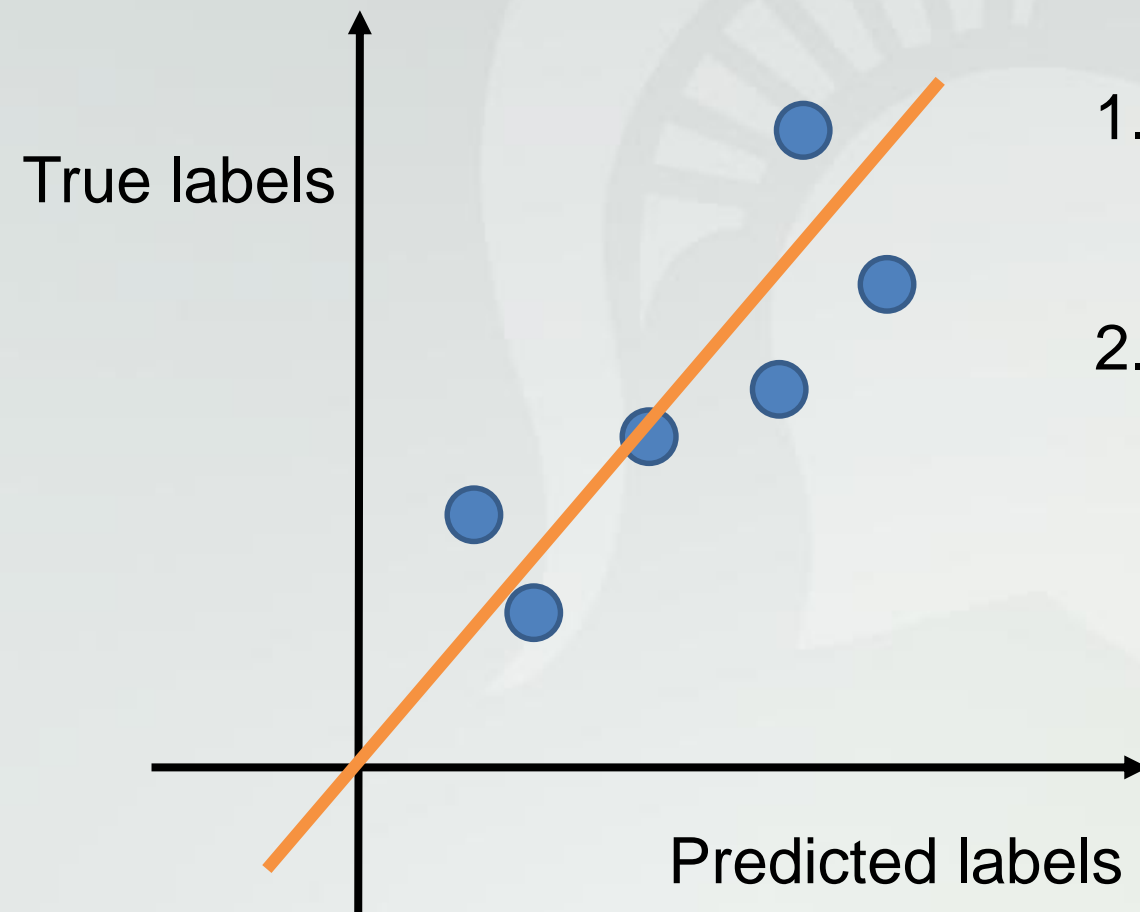
$$\hat{y}_1, \hat{y}_2, \dots, \hat{y}_M$$

- Pearson correlation measures the **linear correlation** between two vectors  $(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_M)$  and  $(\hat{y}_1, \hat{y}_2, \dots, \hat{y}_M)$

# Interpretation

In Pearson Correlation calculation

1. Draw a best fitting line to the data (how?)
2. Pearson Correlation is the value used to measure how far the data points from the best fitting line



# Formulation

- Assume we have  $M$  true labels

$$y_1, y_2, \dots, y_M$$

Our predictor gives  $M$  predicted labels

$$\hat{y}_1, \hat{y}_2, \dots, \hat{y}_M$$

$$R_p = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^M (\hat{y}_i - \hat{\mu})(y_i - \mu)}{\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^M (\hat{y}_i - \hat{\mu})^2} \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^M (y_i - \mu)^2}}$$

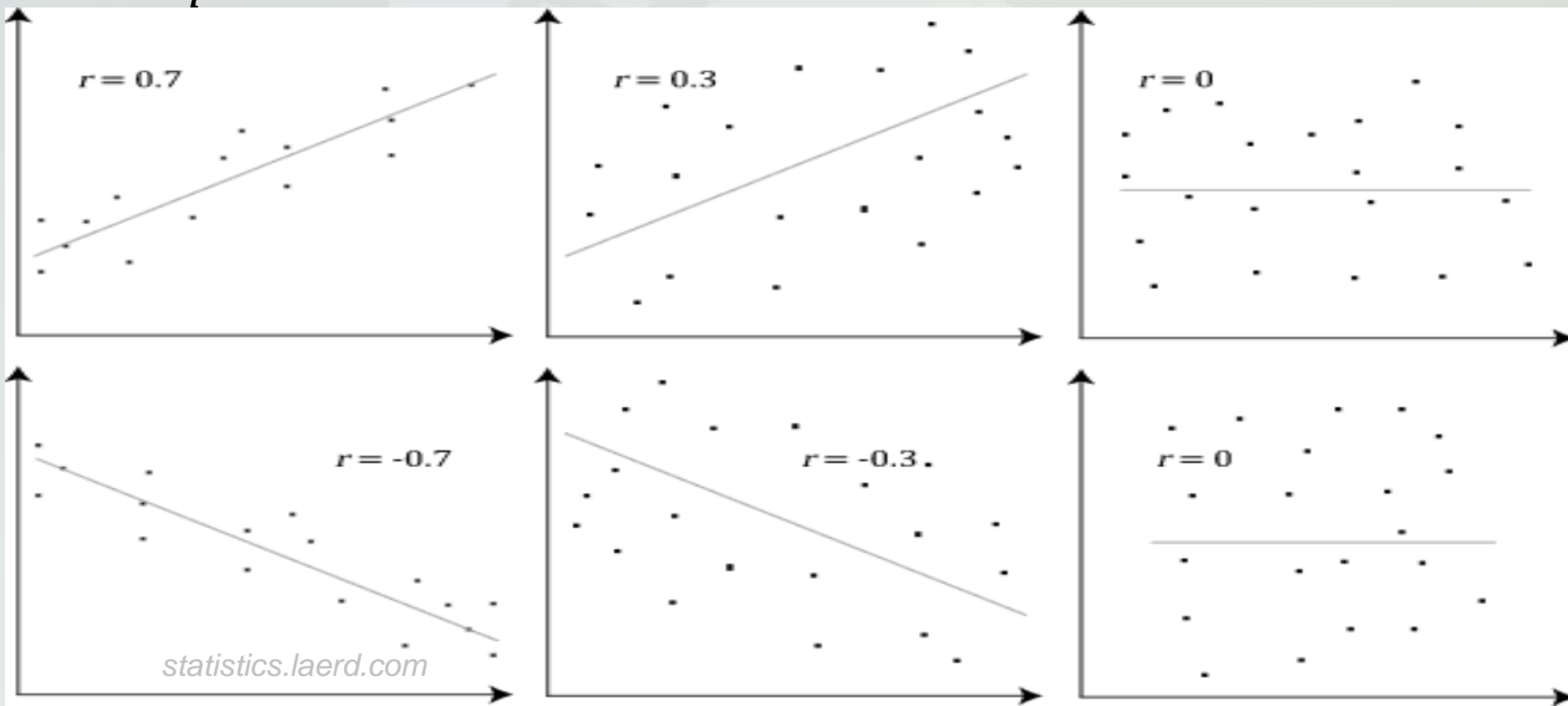
where

$$\hat{\mu} = \frac{1}{M} \sum_{i=1}^M \hat{y}_i, \quad \mu = \frac{1}{M} \sum_{i=1}^M y_i$$



# Range

- $-1 \leq R_p \leq 1$
- $R_p > 0$ : positive correlation
- $R_p < 0$ : negative correlation
- $R_p = 0$ : no correlation



# Example

- Our true labels

$$y_1 = 3, y_2 = -0.5, y_3 = 2, y_4 = 7$$

- Predictor **A** gives the predicted labels

$$\hat{y}_1 = 2.5, \hat{y}_2 = 0, \hat{y}_3 = 2, \hat{y}_4 = 8$$

Pearson correlation of the Predictor **A**

$$R_p(A) = 0.985$$

- Predictor **B** gives the predicted labels

$$\tilde{y}_1 = 1.5, \tilde{y}_2 = 1.0, \tilde{y}_3 = 2, \tilde{y}_4 = 4$$

Pearson correlation of the Predictor **B**

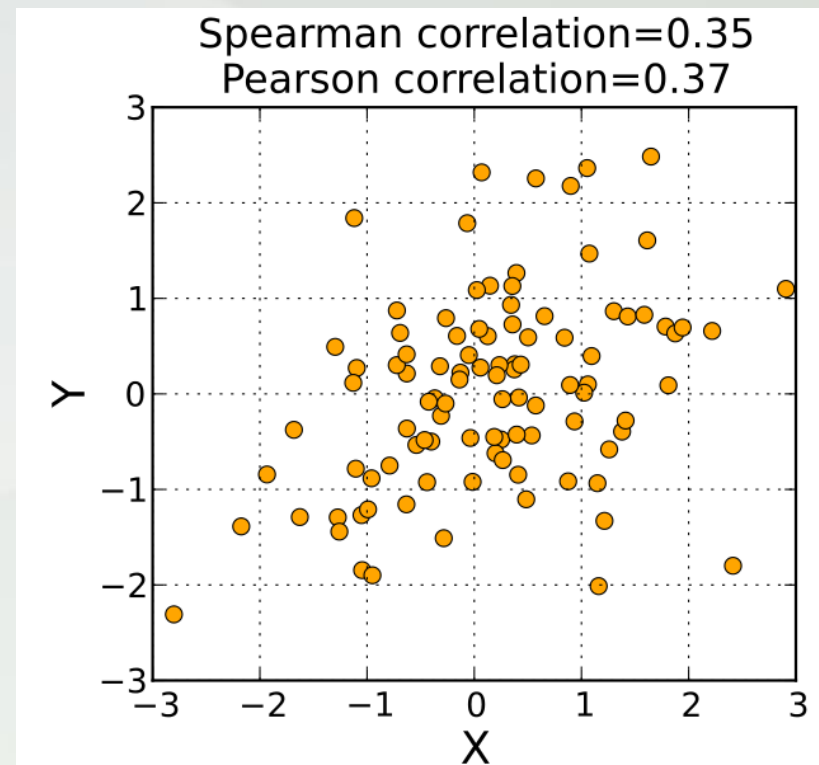
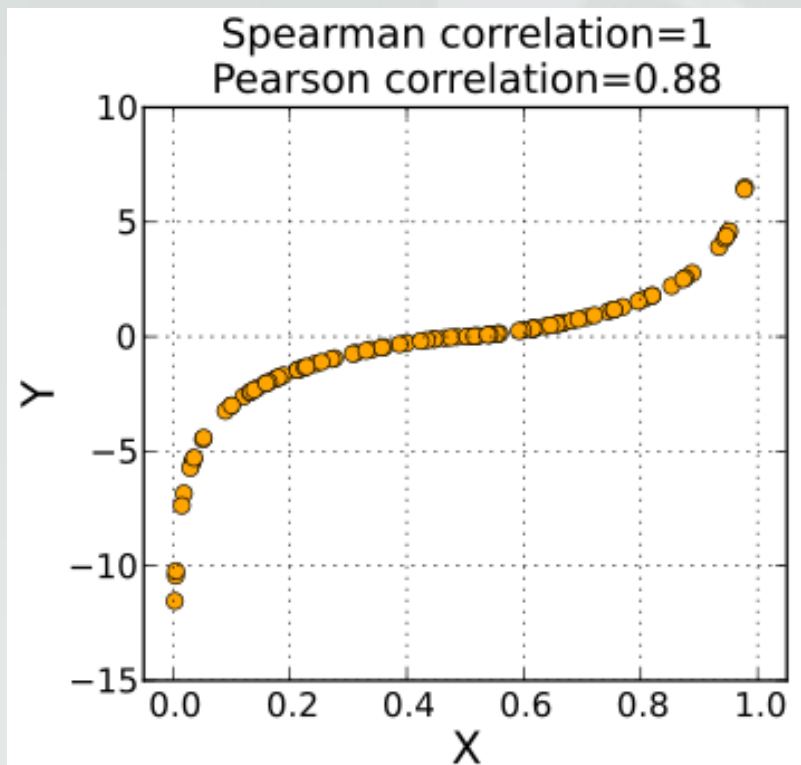
$$R_p(B) = 0.940$$

Predictor **A** is better than predictor **B**

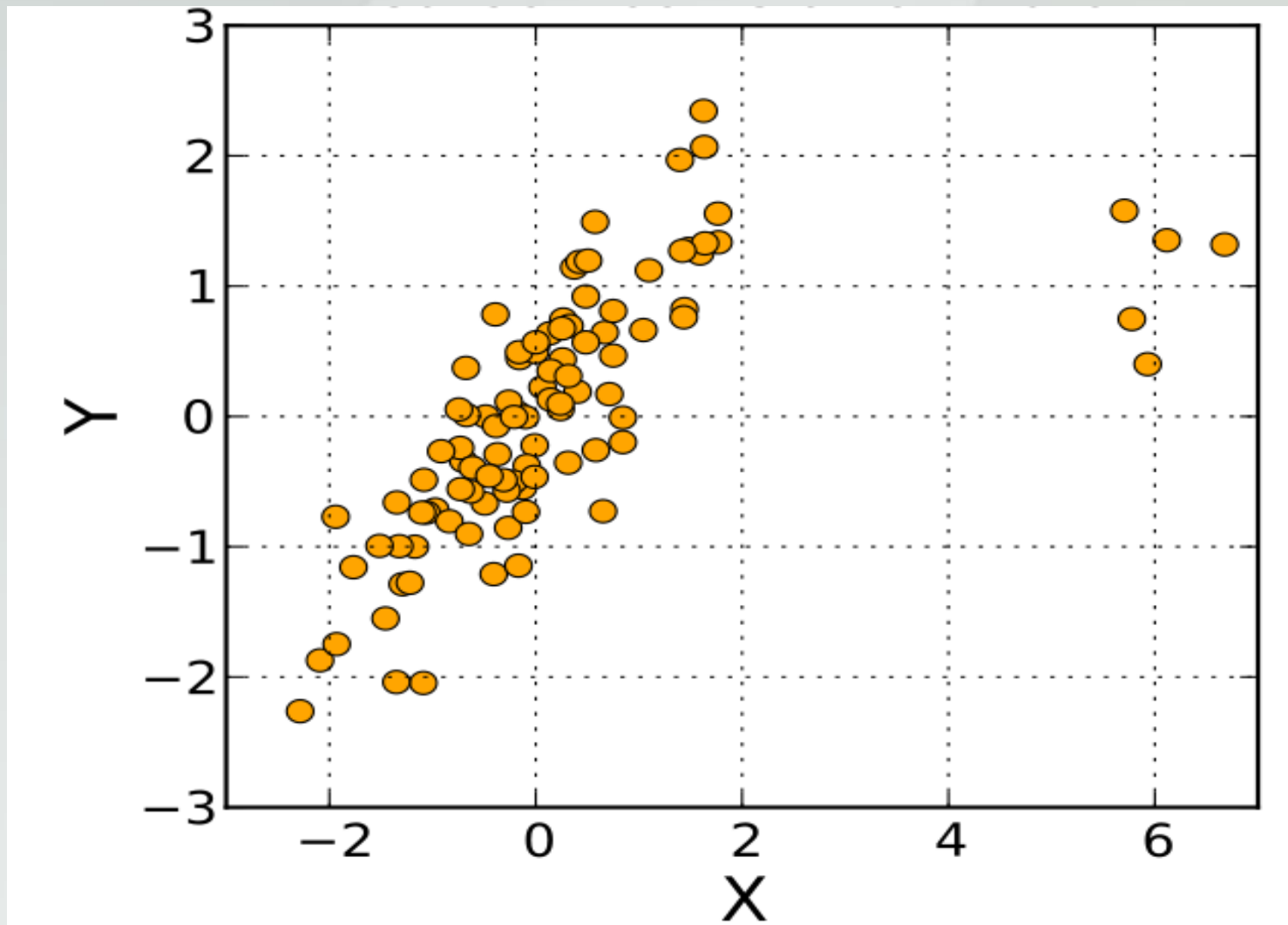
# Spearman Correlation

- Spearman correlation measures **monotonic relationship**

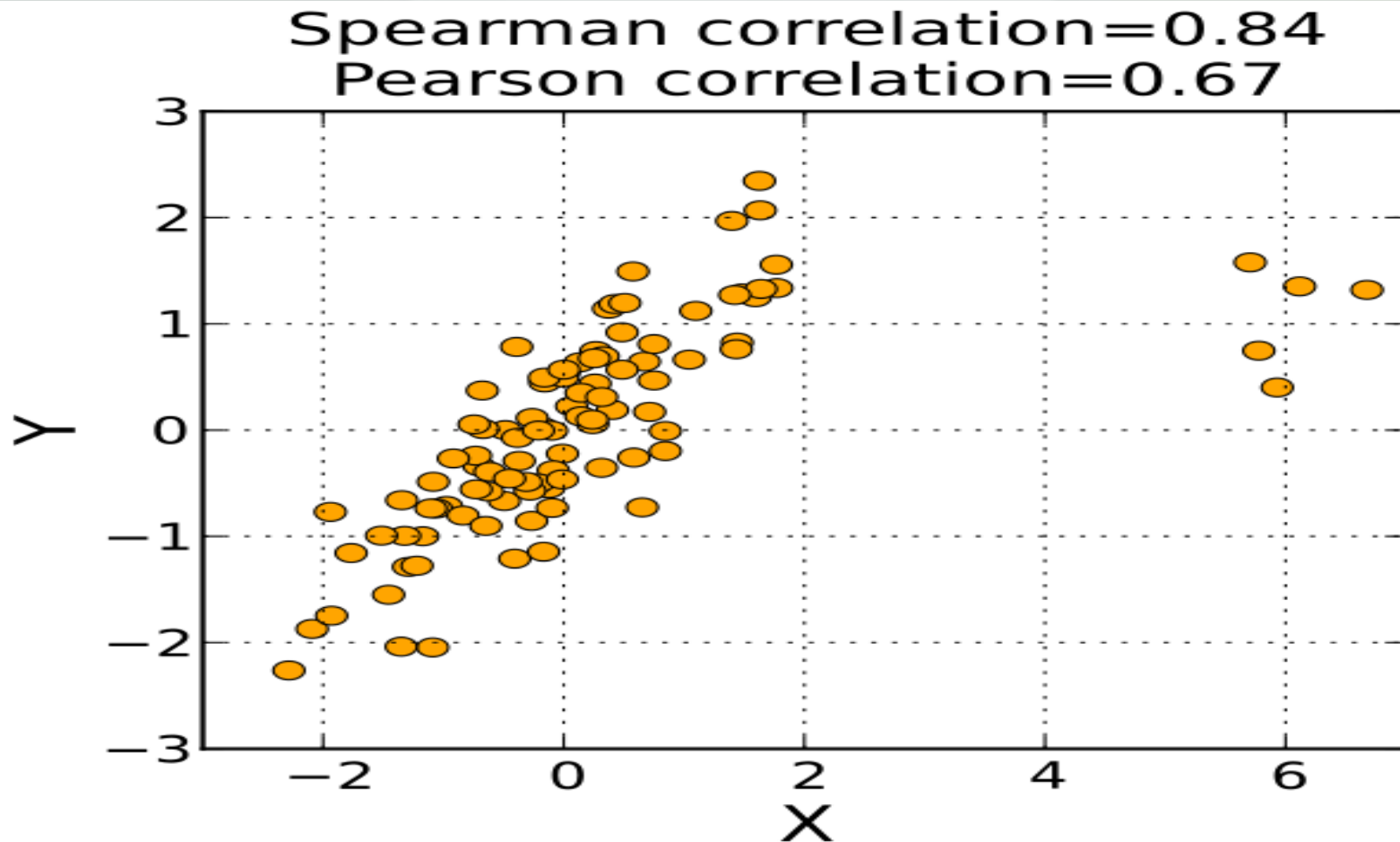
While Pearson correlation measures the **linear relationship**



# Spearman Correlation



# Spearman Correlation



# Formulation

- Spearman correlation is considered as the Pearson correlation of the **rank values of variables**
- Assume we have  $M$  true labels

$$y_1, y_2, \dots, y_M$$

Our predictor gives  $M$  predicted labels

$$\hat{y}_1, \hat{y}_2, \dots, \hat{y}_M$$

And their ranks are

$r_1, r_2, \dots, r_M$  and  $\hat{r}_1, \hat{r}_2, \dots, \hat{r}_M$ , respectively.

$$R_s = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^M (\hat{r}_i - \hat{\mu})(r_i - \mu)}{\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^M (\hat{r}_i - \hat{\mu})^2} \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^M (r_i - \mu)^2}}$$

- Range:  $-1 \leq R_s \leq 1$

# Example

- Our true labels

$$y_1 = 3, y_2 = -0.5, y_3 = 2, y_4 = 7$$

Predictor A gives the predicted labels

$$\hat{y}_1 = 2.5, \hat{y}_2 = 0, \hat{y}_3 = 2, \hat{y}_4 = 2$$

- Get rank of values

$$y_4 > y_1 > y_3 > y_2$$

$$\text{rank}(y_1) = 2, \text{rank}(y_2) = 4, \text{rank}(y_3) = 3, \text{rank}(y_4) = 1$$

$$\hat{y}_1 > \hat{y}_3 = \hat{y}_4 > \hat{y}_2$$

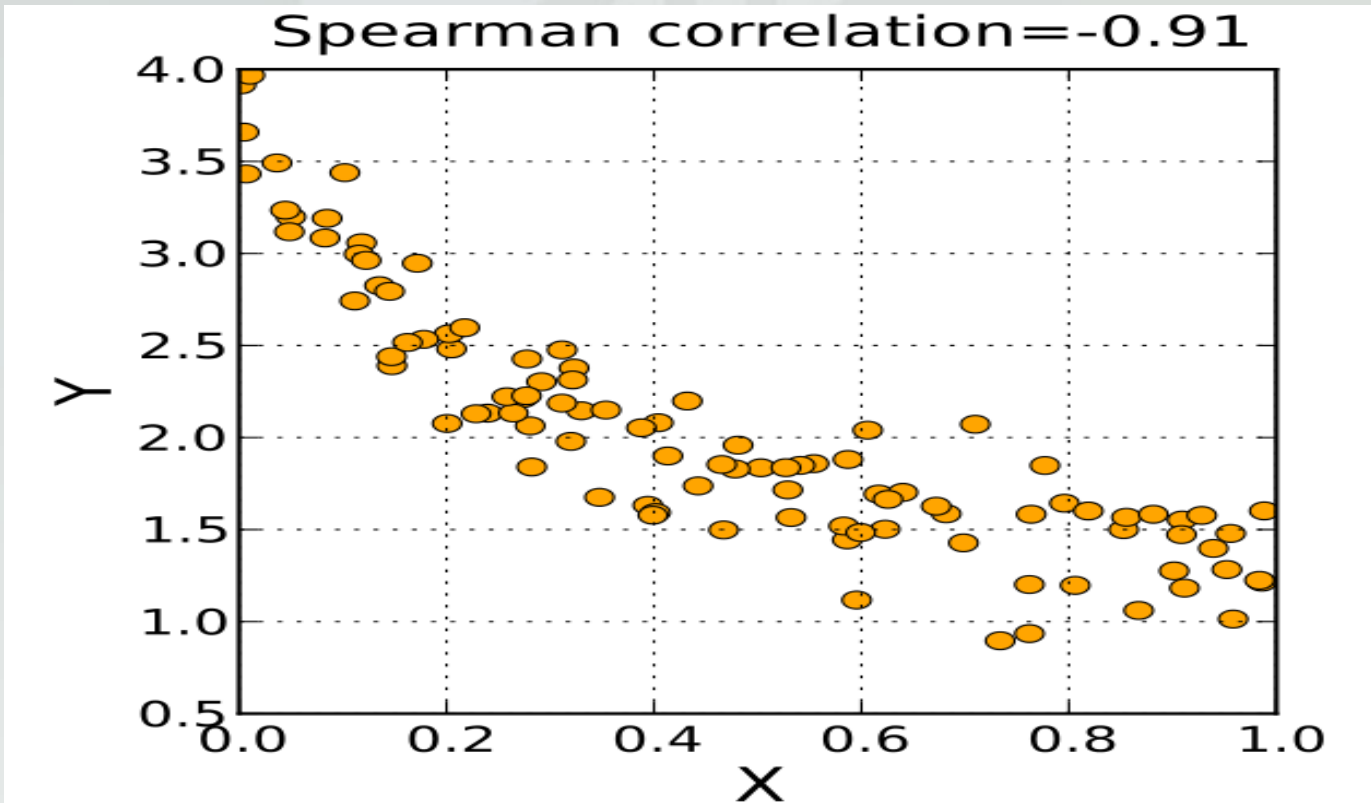
$$\text{rank}(\hat{y}_1) = 1, \text{rank}(\hat{y}_2) = 4, \text{rank}(\hat{y}_3) = 2.5, \text{rank}(\hat{y}_4) = 2.5$$

- Spearman correlation = Pearson correlation of  $[2, 4, 3, 1]$  and  $[1, 4, 2.5, 2.5]$

$$R_s = 0.632$$

- When all ranks are distinct integers

$$R_s = 1 - \frac{6 \sum_{i=1}^M (\hat{r}_i - r_i)^2}{M(M^2 - 1)}$$



- If we compare performance of two predictors, the higher is the better



# Kendall Tau Correlation

- Kendall Tau is denoted by  $\tau$
- It measures relationship based on the rank of variables as in Spearman rank but Kendall Tau considers the **directional agreement** instead of the difference

# Formulation

- Assume we have  $M$  true labels

$$y_1, y_2, \dots, y_M$$

Our predictor gives  $M$  predicted labels

$$\hat{y}_1, \hat{y}_2, \dots, \hat{y}_M$$

- Any observation pairs  $(y_i, \hat{y}_i)$  and  $(y_j, \hat{y}_j)$ ,  $i \neq j$  are said to be
  - concordant**: if both  $y_i > y_j$  and  $\hat{y}_i > \hat{y}_j$  or both  $y_i < y_j$  and  $\hat{y}_i < \hat{y}_j$
  - discordant**: if both  $y_i > y_j$  and  $\hat{y}_i < \hat{y}_j$  or both  $y_i < y_j$  and  $\hat{y}_i > \hat{y}_j$
  - neither concordant or discordant**: if  $y_i = y_j$  or  $\hat{y}_i = \hat{y}_j$

# Formulation

- $P$  = # of concordant pairs,
- $Q$  = # of discordant pairs
- Kendall Tau  $\tau$  is defined as

$$\tau = \frac{P - Q}{M(M - 1)/2}$$

- Kendall Tau accounting for ties, called Tau-b ( $\tau_b$ )

$$\tau_b = \frac{P - Q}{\sqrt{P + Q + Y_0} \sqrt{P + Q + \hat{Y}_0}}$$

where  $Y_0$ : # of ties only in  $y$  variables

$\hat{Y}_0$ : # of ties only in  $\hat{y}$  variables.

We do not count the ties in both  $y$  and  $\hat{y}$  variables

# Example

Our true labels

$$y_1 = 2, y_2 = -1, y_3 = 1, y_4 = 4$$

Predictor **A** gives the predicted labels

$$\hat{y}_1 = 1, \hat{y}_2 = 0, \hat{y}_3 = 2, \hat{y}_4 = 2$$

# of concordant pairs = 4

# of discordant pairs = 1;

# of ties in  $y$  variables = 0;

# of ties in  $\hat{y}$  variables = 1;

$$M = 4$$

$$\tau = \frac{4 - 1}{4 \times 3/2} = 0.5, \tau_b = \frac{4 - 1}{\sqrt{4 + 1 + 0} \times \sqrt{4 + 1 + 1}} \sim 0.548$$

# Evaluations for Classifiers

- Example

Our true labels

[0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1]

Predicted labels

[0, 1, 0, 1, 1, 1, 0, 1, 1, 1]

- **Accuracy:**

Count how many correctly predicted labels

$$Accuracy = \frac{7}{10} = 0.7$$

# Confusion Matrix

- Confusion matrix is a table represents the details about the performance of algorithm on each label

Our true labels

[0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1]

Predicted labels

[0, 1, 0, 1, 1, 1, 0, 1, 1, 1]

N=10	Predicted as 0	Predicted as 1
True label :0	2	2
True label: 1	1	5

# True/False Positive/Negative

N=10	Predicted as 0	Predicted as 1
True label :0	2 (True Negative (TN))	2 (False Positive (FP))
True label: 1	1 (False Negative (FN))	5 (True Positive (TP))

N=10	Predicted as 0	Predicted as 1
True label :0	$TNR = TN / (TN + FP)$	$FPR = FP / (TN + FP)$
True label: 1	$FNR = FN / (FN + TP)$	$TPR = TP / (FN + TP)$

# True/False Positive/Negative

N=10	Predicted as 0	Predicted as 1
True label :0	2 (True Negative (TN))	2 (False Positive (FP))
True label: 1	1 (False Negative (FN))	5 (True Positive (TP))

N=10	Predicted as 0	Predicted as 1
True label :0	TNR=0.5	FPR=0.5
True label: 1	FNR=0.167	TPR=0.833

Due to the meaningful of each label, we may wish to reduce **FPR** or **FNR**



# Receiver Operating Characteristic (ROC) Curve

- In logistic regression, we choose threshold  $z = 0.5$

$p_c(\mathbf{x}) \geq 0.5$ : label of  $\mathbf{x}$  is 1

$p_c(\mathbf{x}) < 0.5$ : label of  $\mathbf{x}$  is 0

- If we increase value of threshold  $z$ 
  - TPR?    FPR?    TNR?    FNR?
- If we decrease value of threshold  $z$ 
  - TPR?    FPR?    TNR?    FNR?
- When we vary  $0 \leq z \leq 1$ , we get different pairs (TPR, FPR).

The plot of (TPR, FPR) gives us ROC curve.

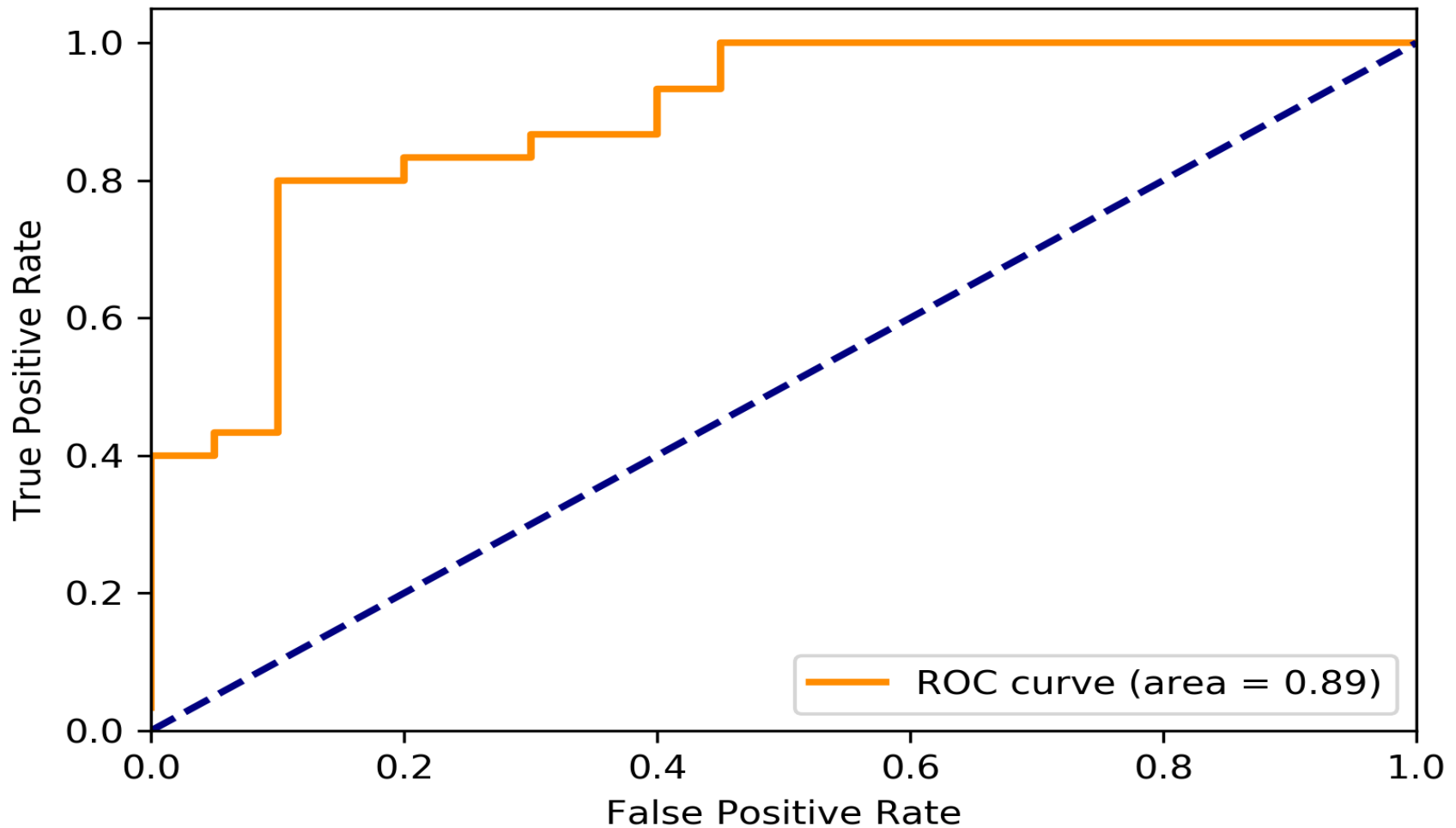
# ROC and AUC

Threshold	FPR	TPR
0.693	0.0	0.033
0.493	0.0	0.4
0.482	0.05	0.4
....	...	...
0.311	0.3	0.833
...	...	...
0.024	1.0	1.0

# ROC and AUC

- AUC = area under the curve

Receiver operating characteristic example



# Precision and Recall

- Used when we want to evaluate the performance of predictor on a specific label
- Assume our data has 12 dogs and some cats
- Our predictor identifies 8 dogs, however among these 8 dogs, only 5 ones are true dogs and the rest (3) is cat.

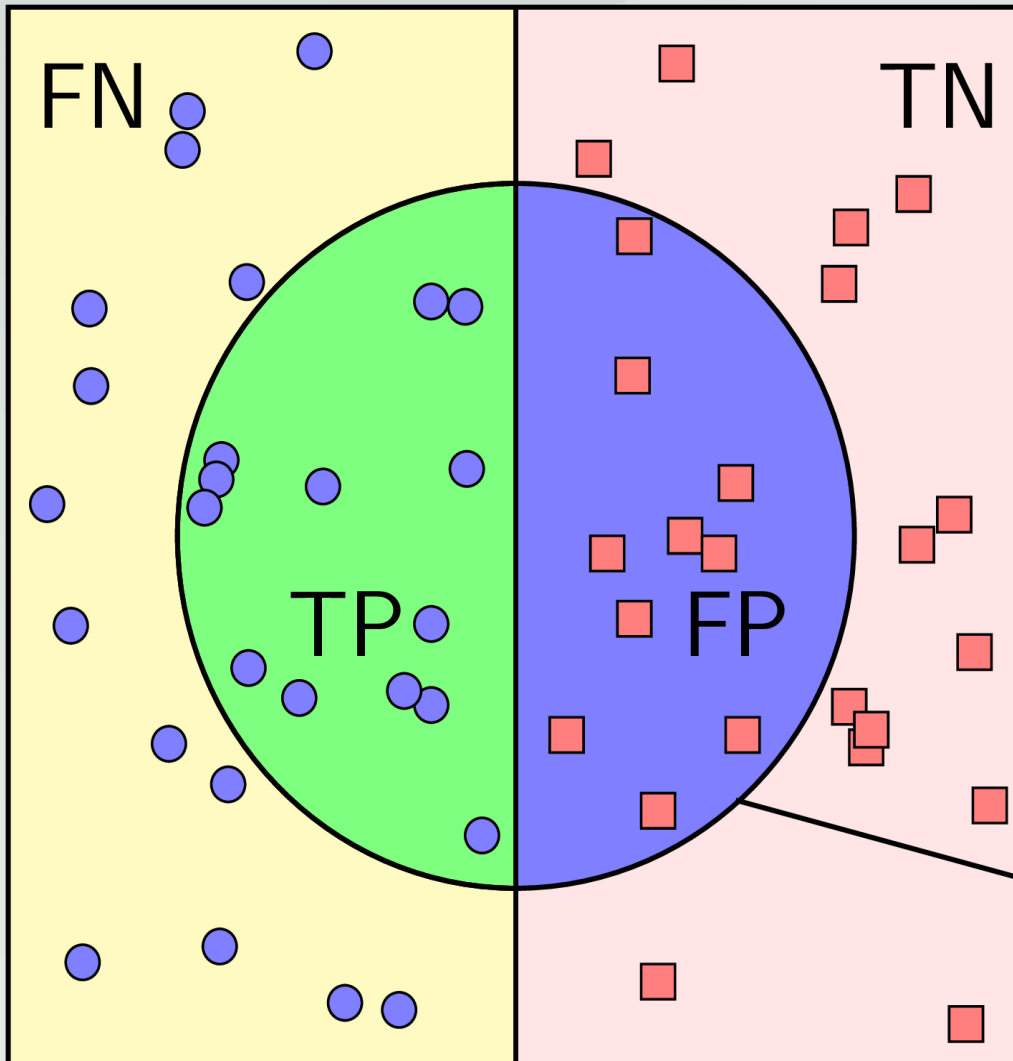
Precision of our predictor =  $\frac{5}{8}$

Recall (sensitivity) of our predictor =  $\frac{5}{12}$

# Precision and Recall

actually positive

actually negative



$$\text{Precision} = \frac{TP}{TP+FP} = \frac{\text{green semi-circle}}{\text{green semi-circle} + \text{blue semi-circle}}$$

$$\text{Recall} = \frac{TP}{TP+FN} = \frac{\text{green semi-circle}}{\text{green semi-circle} + \text{yellow rectangle}}$$

classified (or found) as positive

# Precision and Recall

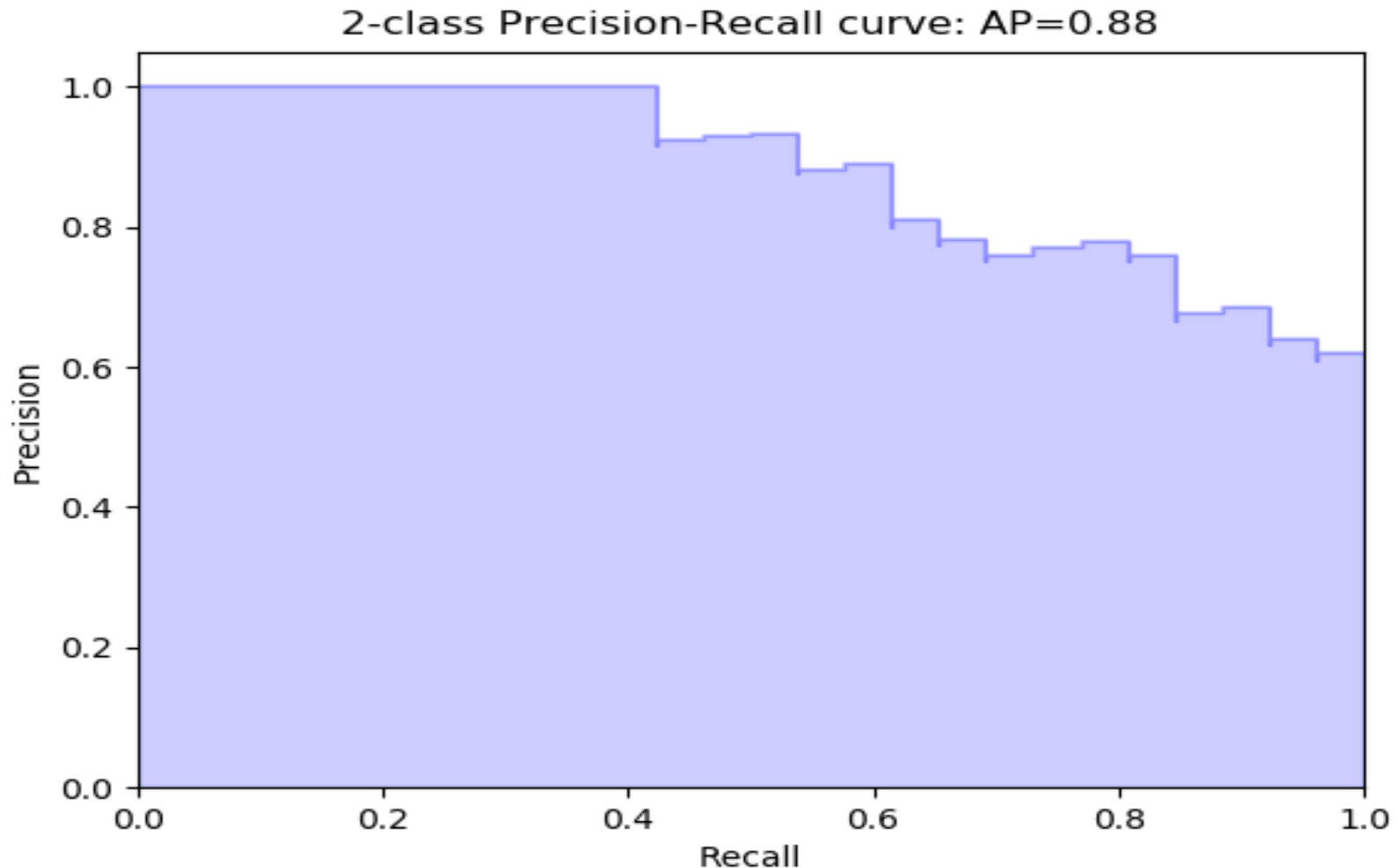
- $0 \leq \text{Precision} \leq 1, 0 \leq \text{Recall} \leq 1$
- Precision = 1 or Recall = 1 does not indicate we have a good predictor
- Precision or Recall does not help us compare the performance between different predictors
- A good predictor needs to achieve high values for both Precision and Recall

# Precision-Recall Curve and Average Precision (AP)

- For a predefined threshold we have a pair value (Precision, Recall).
- Plot of all pairs (Precision, Recall) = Precision-Recall curve
- AUC of Precision-Recall curve = Average Precision ( $AP$ )
- Consider  $N$  different thresholds, we obtain  $N$  pairs  $(P_i, R_i)$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq N$

$$AP = \sum_{i=1}^{N-1} (R_{i+1} - R_i) P_i$$

# Precision-Recall Curve and Average Precision (AP)





# $F_1$ Score

- $F_1$  score measures the harmonic mean of precision and recall

$$\frac{2}{F_1} = \frac{1}{\text{Precision}} + \frac{1}{\text{Recall}}$$

or

$$F_1 = 2 \frac{\text{Precision} \times \text{Recall}}{\text{Precision} + \text{Recall}}$$

- $0 \leq F_1 \leq 1$ . Higher  $F_1$  value, better predictor

# $F_1$ Score

Precision	Recall	$F_1$
1	1	1
0.1	0.1	0.1
0.5	0.5	0.5
1	0.1	0.182
0.3	0.8	0.36

# $F_\beta$ Score

- A generalized form of  $F_1$  is  $F_\beta$

$$F_\beta = (1 + \beta^2) \frac{\text{precision} \times \text{recall}}{\beta^2 \text{precision} + \text{recall}}$$

- When  $\beta = 1$  we get  $F_1$  score
- When  $\beta > 1$  we emphasize precision
- When  $\beta < 1$  we emphasize recall

# How to Evaluate Predictor on Multi-labels datasets

- Example: our true labels  
[1,0,1,1,2,2,1,2,0,1]

Our predicted labels  
[1,1,2,1,0,2,1,2,0,2]

N=10	Predicted as 0	Predicted as 1	Predicted as 2
True label :0	1	1	0
True label: 1	0	3	2
True label: 2	1	0	2

$$\text{Accuracy} = \frac{1 + 3 + 2}{10} = 0.6$$

# Micro-Average Precision and Micro-Average Recall

- Total TP =  $TP^0 + TP^1 + TP^2$
- Total FP =  $FP^0 + FP^1 + FP^2$
- Total FN =  $FN^0 + FN^1 + FN^2$

$$\text{Micro - average Precision} = \frac{\text{Total TP}}{\text{Total TP} + \text{Total FP}}$$

$$\text{Micro - average Recall} = \frac{\text{Total TP}}{\text{Total TP} + \text{Total FN}}$$

# Macro-Average Precision and Macro-Average Recall

$$\text{Macro - Average Precision} = \frac{P^0 + P^1 + P^2}{3}$$

$$\text{Macro - Average Recall} = \frac{R^0 + R^1 + R^2}{3}$$

Where  $P^i$  and  $R^i$  are the precision and recall for each label, respectively.