

Calculating Accuracy, Weighted Precision, Weighted Recall, and Weighted F1-Score for Multi-class Classification

Let M be a $n \times n$ confusion matrix for n classes ($n \geq 3$) where each entry is M_{ij} for $i = 0, 1, \dots, n-1$ and $j = 0, 1, \dots, n-1$. The rows of M represent true classes while the columns represent predicted classes. Let y_true be a list of N true classes where $y_true = \{y_0, y_1, \dots, y_{N-1}\}$, $y_k \in \{0, 1, \dots, n-1\}$, and $k \in \{0, 1, \dots, N-1\}$. Let y_pred be a list of N corresponding predicted classes. Therefore, M_{ij} is the number of pairs (i, j) where $i = y_true_k$ and $j = y_pred_k$ for all k where $k \in \{0, 1, \dots, N-1\}$. One vs. all multi-class setting is used. For all classes, one class is chosen to represent the positive instance and the rest of the other classes together represent the negative instance. Let $support_i$ be the number of elements in class i in y_true , so $support_i = \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} M_{ij}$. Class i has a weight (w_i) where $w_i = \frac{support_i}{N}$. Let tp be the number of true positives, fp be the number of false positives, and fn be the number of false negatives. For class i , $tp_i = M_{ii}$, $fp_i = \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} M_{ji} - M_{ii}$, and $fn_i = \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} M_{ij} - M_{ii}$.

1. Accuracy

$$\text{Accuracy } a = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} tp_i = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} M_{ii}.$$

2. Weighted Precision

$$\text{For class } i, \text{ precision } p_i = \frac{tp_i}{tp_i + fp_i}.$$

$$\text{Thus, } p_i = \frac{M_{ii}}{M_{ii} + \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} M_{ji} - M_{ii}} = \frac{M_{ii}}{\sum_{j=0}^{n-1} M_{ji}}.$$

$$p_{weighted} = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} w_i p_i = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \frac{support_i M_{ii}}{\sum_{j=0}^{n-1} M_{ji}}.$$

3. Weighted Recall

$$\text{For class } i, \text{ recall } r_i = \frac{tp_i}{tp_i + fn_i}.$$

$$\text{Thus, } r_i = \frac{M_{ii}}{M_{ii} + \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} M_{ij} - M_{ii}} = \frac{M_{ii}}{\sum_{j=0}^{n-1} M_{ij}} = \frac{M_{ii}}{support_i}.$$

$$r_{weighted} = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} w_i r_i = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} M_{ii}.$$

Note that the weighted recall is also the same as accuracy.

4. Weighted F1-score

F1-score is the harmonic mean of precision and recall.

For class i , F1-score $f_i = \frac{2p_i r_i}{p_i + r_i}$.

$$\text{Thus, } f_i = \frac{2 \left(\frac{M_{ii}}{\sum_{j=0}^{n-1} M_{ji}} \right) \left(\frac{M_{ii}}{\text{support}_i} \right)}{\frac{M_{ii}}{\sum_{j=0}^{n-1} M_{ji}} + \frac{M_{ii}}{\text{support}_i}} = \frac{2M_{ii}}{\text{support}_i + \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} M_{ji}}.$$

$$f_{\text{weighted}} = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} w_i f_i = \frac{2}{N} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \frac{\text{support}_i M_{ii}}{\text{support}_i + \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} M_{ji}}.$$

5. Simple Example

A simple example showing a 3-class ('bird', 'cat', 'dog') classification problem is given below.

$y_{\text{true}} = [\text{'cat'}, \text{'dog'}, \text{'bird'}, \text{'bird'}, \text{'cat'}, \text{'dog'}, \text{'dog'}, \text{'bird'}, \text{'bird'}, \text{'cat'}, \text{'dog'}, \text{'cat'}, \text{'cat'}, \text{'cat'}, \text{'cat'}, \text{'dog'}, \text{'dog'}, \text{'dog'}, \text{'dog'}, \text{'bird'}, \text{'bird'}, \text{'bird'}, \text{'dog'}, \text{'dog'}, \text{'cat'}, \text{'bird'}, \text{'dog'}]$.

$y_{\text{pred}} = [\text{'bird'}, \text{'dog'}, \text{'bird'}, \text{'cat'}, \text{'cat'}, \text{'bird'}, \text{'dog'}, \text{'bird'}, \text{'bird'}, \text{'dog'}, \text{'dog'}, \text{'cat'}, \text{'cat'}, \text{'cat'}, \text{'cat'}, \text{'cat'}, \text{'dog'}, \text{'dog'}, \text{'dog'}, \text{'dog'}, \text{'dog'}, \text{'bird'}, \text{'bird'}, \text{'bird'}, \text{'cat'}, \text{'cat'}, \text{'cat'}, \text{'dog'}, \text{'dog'}, \text{'bird'}]$.

These 3 classes ('bird', 'cat', 'dog') are mapped to 0, 1, and 2, respectively.

$y_{\text{true}} = [1, 2, 0, 0, 1, 2, 2, 0, 0, 1, 2, 1, 1, 1, 1, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 0, 0, 0, 2, 2, 1, 0, 2]$.

$y_{\text{pred}} = [0, 1, 0, 1, 1, 1, 0, 2, 0, 0, 2, 2, 1, 1, 1, 1, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 2, 2, 0]$.

$N = 28$.

The corresponding 3×3 confusion matrix is shown below.

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 5 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

(a) Accuracy

$$a = \frac{1}{28} (6 + 5 + 7) = \frac{9}{14} \approx 0.6428571428571429.$$

(b) Weighted Precision

$$p_{\text{weighted}} = \frac{1}{28} \left(\frac{8(6)}{9} + \frac{8(5)}{9} + \frac{12(7)}{10} \right) = \frac{409}{630} \approx 0.6492063492063492.$$

(c) Weighted Recall

$$r_{\text{weighted}} = \frac{1}{28} (6 + 5 + 7) = \frac{9}{14} \approx 0.6428571428571429.$$

(d) Weighted F1-Score

$$f_{\text{weighted}} = \frac{2}{28} \left(\frac{8(6)}{8+9} + \frac{8(5)}{8+9} + \frac{12(7)}{12+10} \right) = \frac{841}{1309} \approx 0.6424751718869367.$$