

# Receiver-Operator Characteristic

## Workshop

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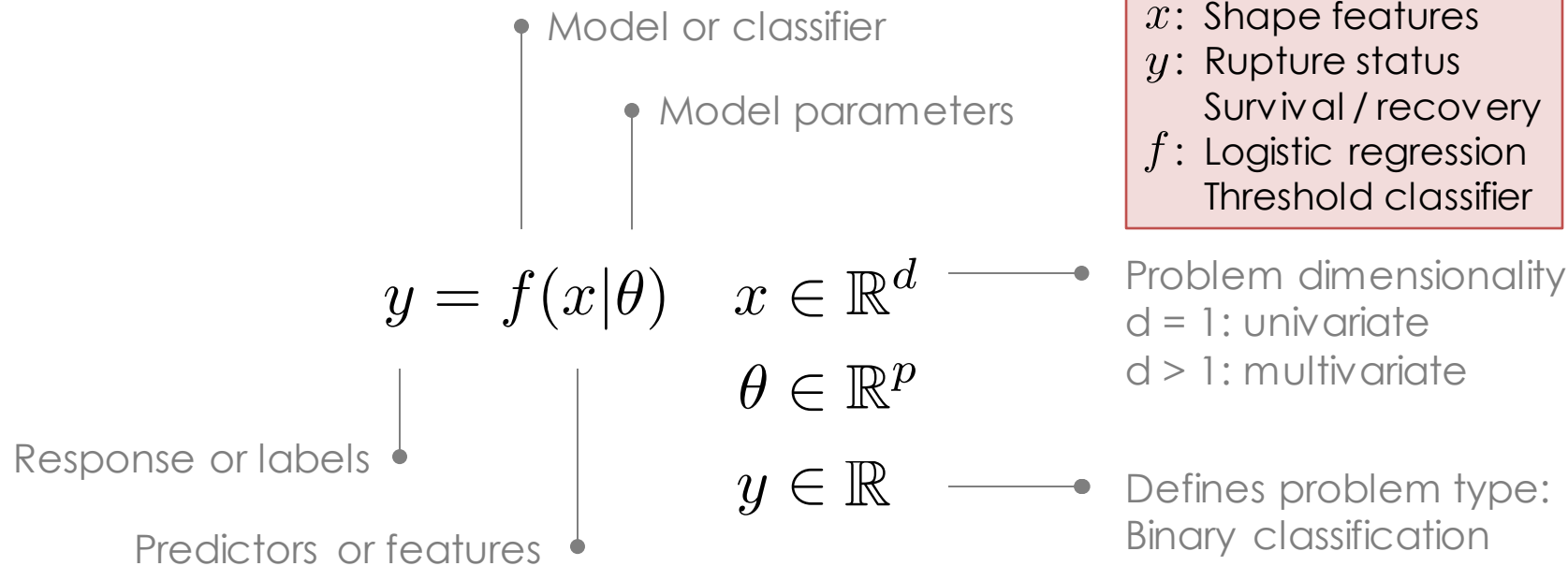


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# Introduction

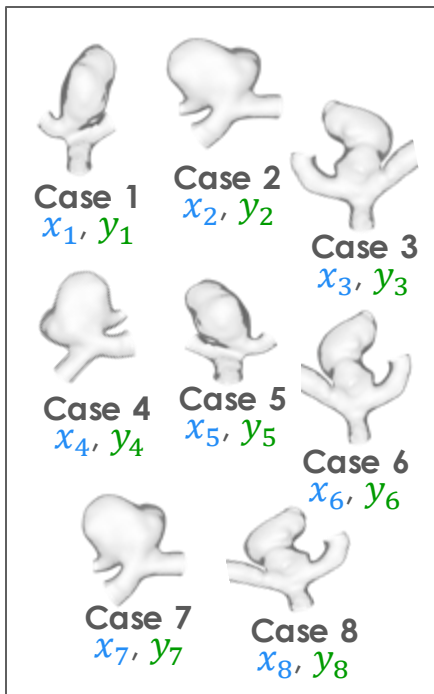
# Machine learning terminology in 1 minute



**Supervised learning:** Find optimal parameters  $\theta^*$  given the training data  $x_t, y_t$

**Testing/validation:** Compare predictions  $y_p = f(x_v|\theta^*)$  with true response  $y_v$

# Training and validation scheme

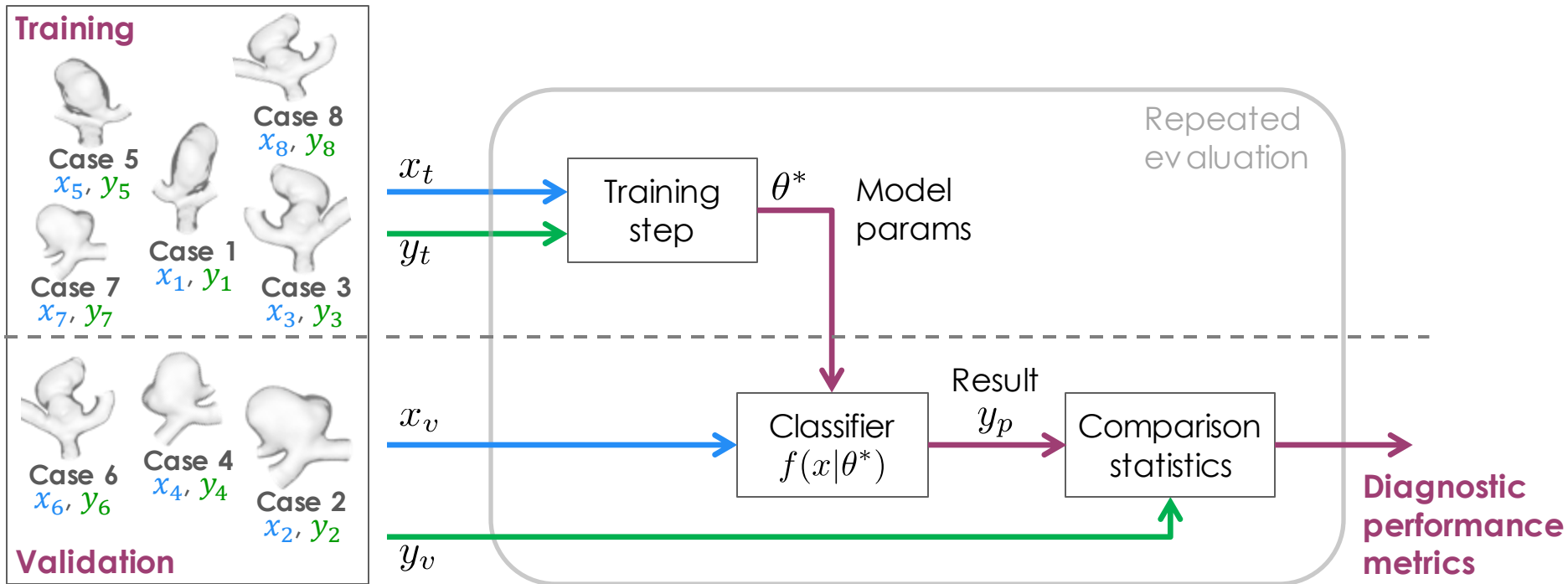


$x_i$ : Shape features (aneurysm size, non-sphericity, ...)

$y_i$ : Rupture status  
0: unruptured  
1: ruptured

AneuX morphology  
database (n=750)

# Training and validation scheme: The benchmark



$x_i$ : Shape features  
 $y_i$ : Rupture status (binary)

# Metrics of diagnostic/predictive accuracy

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		True condition ( )	
		<b>P</b> Condition positive	<b>N</b> Condition negative
Prediction ( )	Predicted condition positive	<b>TP</b> True positive	<b>FP</b> False positive Type I error
	Predicted condition negative	<b>FN</b> False negative Type II error	<b>TN</b> True negative

Contingency table  
(aka confusion matrix)

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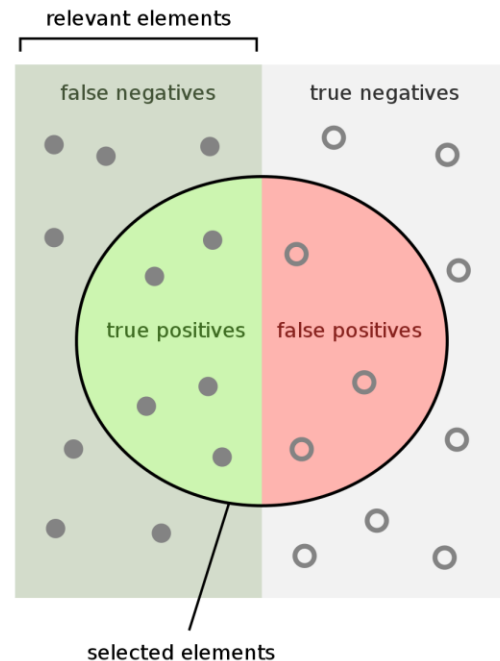
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# How to handle data imbalance?

- Imbalance: strong difference in class sizes
- Example:
  - Number of healthy patients: 105'056
  - Number of sick patients: 135
- Pitfalls:
  - Misguiding the training objective
  - Optimistic reporting of the diagnostic ability of a model

## Solution:

- Use metrics that are more robust to imbalanced data
- Use more than one metric

## Examples:

- ROC-AUC (Area under ROC curve)
- PR-AUC (Area under the Precision-Recall curve)
- Half-class accuracy
- Cohen's Kappa

## Dummy/degenerate classifier:

Assign all samples to large class.

- Accuracy: 0.999
- Sensitivity: 1.0
- Specificity: 0.0

**Half-class accuracy:**  $\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{TP}{P} + \frac{TN}{N} \right)$   
Average of sensitivity  
and specificity



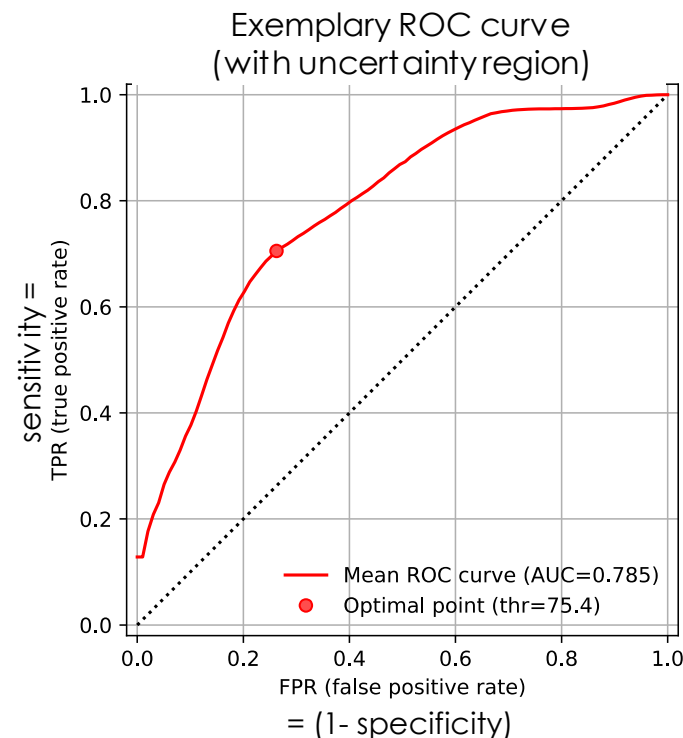
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- Idea: Compute specificity and sensitivity for varying  $\theta$   
ROC curve is parametrized by  $\theta$

- Area under ROC curve (AUC)**

- Measures how well a model discriminates between two classes
- AUC=1.0: perfect classifier  
AUC=0.5: random classifier
- Alternative interpretation: Probability that a classifier will rank a randomly chosen positive instance higher than a randomly chosen negative one  
$$P(X_{|y=1} > X_{|y=0})$$

- Proof: not too complicated. See for example [here](#).



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- Example: Threshold classifier  $\hat{y} = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } x < \theta \\ 1, & \text{if } x \geq \theta \end{cases}$

$x:$      0.1 1.1 2.6 3.3 4.9 5.2 6.5 7.3 8.5 9.3

$y:$      0   0   0   0   0   0   1   1   1   1

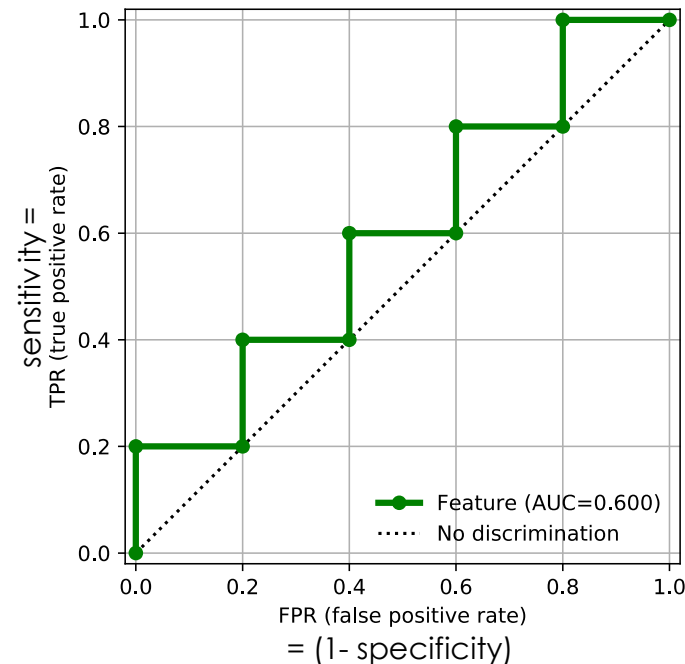
$\hat{y}|_{\theta=0}: 1   1   1   1   1   1   1   1   1   1$

$\hat{y}|_{\theta=5}: 0   0   0   0   0   1   1   1   1   1$

$\hat{y}|_{\theta=10}: 0   0   0   0   0   0   0   0   0   0$

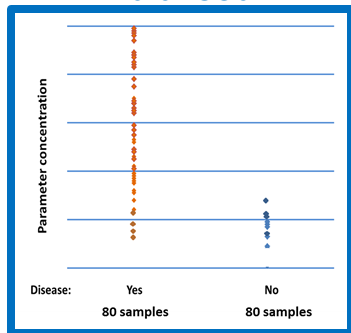
**A**  
**B**  
**C**

Example: Random classifier

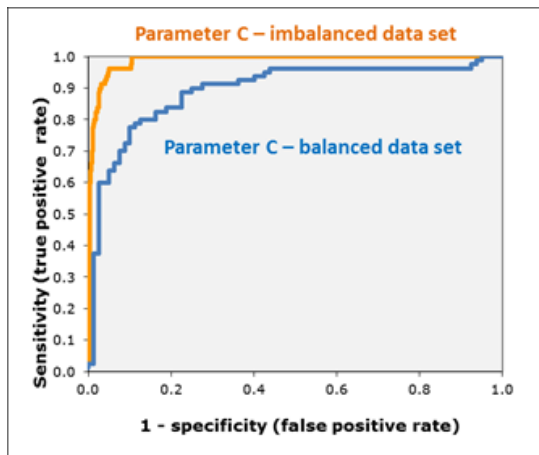
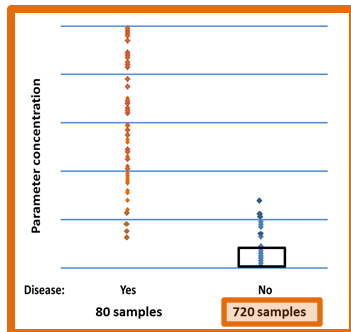


# ROC-AUC is not perfectly robust to data imbalance

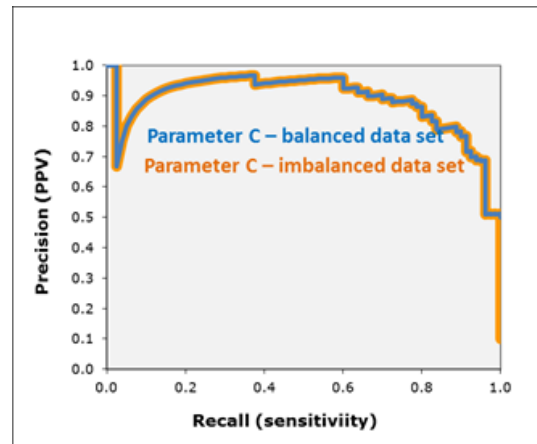
Balanced



Imbalanced



Solution: report **precision** and **recall**



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# Reporting guidelines help to write a sound paper

- Resources

- <https://www.equator-network.org/>
  - Stuff by Douglas G. Altman

- Relevant in the context of diagnostic tools:

- STARD: Standards for Reporting Diagnostic Accuracy
  - TRIPOD: Transparent Reporting of a multivariable prediction model for Individual Prognosis Or Diagnosis



## Reporting guidelines for main study types

<u><a href="#">Randomised trials</a></u>	<u><a href="#">CONSORT</a></u>	<u><a href="#">Extensions</a></u>
<u><a href="#">Observational studies</a></u>	<u><a href="#">STROBE</a></u>	<u><a href="#">Extensions</a></u>
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<u><a href="#">Animal pre-clinical studies</a></u>	<u><a href="#">ARRIVE</a></u>	
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<u><a href="#">Economic evaluations</a></u>	<u><a href="#">CHEERS</a></u>	

# Complete reporting is crucial!

Univariate models (internal validation, cut <i>dome</i> )							
Category	Predictor	AUC	Accuracy	Sensitivity	Specificity	Precision	Kappa
Shape	<i>NSI</i> , non-sphericity	<b>0.80±0.05</b>	0.73±0.04	0.75±0.08	0.72±0.05	0.50±0.05	0.41±0.08
ZMI	norm. energy $Z_6^{\text{surf}}$	<b>0.80±0.05</b>	0.74±0.04	0.75±0.08	0.74±0.06	0.52±0.06	0.43±0.09
ZMI	norm. energy $Z_3^{\text{surf}}$	<b>0.78±0.04</b>	0.73±0.04	0.61±0.09	0.78±0.05	0.51±0.06	0.36±0.09
Writhe	$\bar{W}_{\text{mean}}^{L_1}$	<b>0.78±0.04</b>	0.72±0.04	0.71±0.09	0.72±0.05	0.49±0.05	0.37±0.07
Shape	<i>UI</i> , undulation	<b>0.77±0.05</b>	0.74±0.04	0.61±0.10	0.79±0.05	0.52±0.06	0.38±0.09
Curvature	<i>GLN</i>	<b>0.75±0.05</b>	0.71±0.04	0.59±0.08	0.76±0.05	0.48±0.06	0.32±0.08
Curvature	<i>MLN</i>	<b>0.75±0.05</b>	0.69±0.04	0.63±0.08	0.71±0.05	0.45±0.05	0.31±0.08
Shape	<i>AR</i> , aspect ratio	<b>0.75±0.05</b>	0.70±0.04	0.61±0.11	0.74±0.05	0.46±0.05	0.32±0.09
ZMI	$ZMI_{3,1}^{\text{surf}}$	<b>0.74±0.05</b>	0.66±0.04	0.71±0.09	0.64±0.06	0.42±0.04	0.29±0.07
ZMI	$ZMI_{5,1}^{\text{surf}}$	<b>0.72±0.05</b>	0.66±0.05	0.68±0.09	0.66±0.06	0.43±0.05	0.28±0.09
Writhe	$W_{\text{mean}}^{L_2}$	<b>0.72±0.05</b>	0.70±0.04	0.58±0.10	0.74±0.05	0.46±0.06	0.30±0.09
Size	<i>aSz</i>	<b>0.64±0.05</b>	0.65±0.04	0.46±0.10	0.72±0.06	0.38±0.06	0.16±0.09

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