

Multi-class Metrics



Macro-Average

$\text{avg}(\text{metric}_1, \text{metric}_2, \dots)$

Calculate metric for each class, then average. Equal class weight.



Micro-Average

$\text{metric}(\Sigma \text{ TP}, \Sigma \text{ FP}, \Sigma \text{ FN})$

Aggregate all classes first, then calculate. Favors majority.



Weighted-Average

$\Sigma (\text{weight} \times \text{metric})$

Weight by class support. Balances macro & micro.

Example: F1 Score Calculation

Class A (100 samples) $F1 = 0.90$

Class B (50 samples) $F1 = 0.70$

Class C (50 samples) $F1 = 0.60$

Macro-Average
 $(0.90 + 0.70 + 0.60) / 3$

0.73

Micro-Average
Aggregate TP/FP/FN

0.82

Weighted-Average
 $(100 \times 0.90 + 50 \times 0.70 + 50 \times 0.60) / 200$

0.78

Key Insights

Macro

Treats all classes equally, good for balanced view

Micro

Similar to accuracy, biased to majority class

Weighted

Balanced approach considering class sizes

Confusion Matrix (5 Classes)

	C0	C1	C2	C3	C4
C0	45	3	2	0	0
C1	2	28	5	0	0
C2	1	4	18	2	0
C3	0	0	3	12	0
C4	0	0	1	1	8

Rows: Actual | Columns: Predicted | Total: 135 samples

Per-Class Metrics

Class	Support	Precision	Recall	F1
C0	50	0.938	0.900	0.918
C1	35	0.800	0.800	0.800
C2	25	0.621	0.720	0.667
C3	15	0.800	0.800	0.800
C4	10	1.000	0.800	0.889

Example Calculation for C0:

- TP = 45, FP = 3, FN = 5
- Precision = $45 / (45 + 3) = 0.938$
- Recall = $45 / (45 + 5) = 0.900$
- F1 = $2 \times (0.938 \times 0.900) / (0.938 + 0.900) = 0.918$



Final Averaged Metrics

Macro-Average F1

0.815

$$(0.918 + 0.800 + 0.667 + 0.800 + 0.889) / 5$$

Micro-Average F1


0.822

$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma TP &= 111, \Sigma FP = 24, \Sigma FN = 24 \\ F1 &= 2 \times 111 / (2 \times 111 + 24 + 24) \end{aligned}$$

Weighted-Average F1

0.835

$$(50 \times 0.918 + 35 \times 0.800 + 25 \times 0.667 + 15 \times 0.800 + 10 \times 0.889) / 135$$

 **Interpretation:** Weighted (0.835) > Micro (0.822) > Macro (0.815) indicates the model performs better on majority classes (C0, C1) than on minority classes