

Recap

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RECAP

Problem with Accuracy - Doesn't work for imbalance data

Confusion Matrix:

	y	
y	0	1
0	TN	FP
1	FN	TN

Precision = $\frac{\text{Correct +ve Predictions}}{\text{All positive prediction}}$

$$\frac{\text{TP}}{\text{TP} + \text{FP}}$$

Recall = $\frac{\text{Correct +ve Predictions}}{\text{Real prediction}}$

$$\frac{\text{TP}}{\text{TP} + \text{FN}}$$


Positive $\rightarrow \hat{y} \rightarrow \text{Class 1}$

Negative $\rightarrow 0 \rightarrow \text{Class 0}$

True $\rightarrow \hat{y} = y_i$

False $\rightarrow \hat{y} \neq y_i$

Sensitivity and Specificity

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Sensitivity is same as True positive rate / Recall

= $\frac{TP}{TP+FN}$ \Rightarrow Want to predict as many True positives as possible
* Against false negatives

Ex:- Want to predict those who have cancer correctly as much as possible. Don't want to miss any cancer patient's diagnosis.

{ Hence high Sensitivity of the screening test becomes crucial:
• As the consequences of failing to treat the disease worsens the patient's condition }

Specificity \rightarrow Correctly predict as many true negatives as possible.

Maximize $\Rightarrow TN$

Minimize $\rightarrow FP$

$$\text{True Negative Rate} = \frac{TN}{TN+FP}$$

Ex:- Let us say there is a newly discovered drug, which in combination with other drugs may

Promote quicker relief from an illness.

However, when a healthy individual takes it, they face severe side-effects.

We want to maximize TN so that healthy patients ($y=0$) are not given the drug.

What to say when screening test identifies 92 Cancer patients out of 100?

Choices

- test has high sensitivity
- test has low sensitivity
- test has no sensitivity
- cannot be determined

Cancer \rightarrow 1 \rightarrow positive
non-cancer \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow negative

$$\left\{ \frac{TP}{TP+FN} \right\} = 92\% \\ \text{Sensitivity}$$

92 True positives
out
of 100 positives

$$FPR = \frac{FP}{FP + TN} \Rightarrow \text{lot of negatives being predicted as positives.}$$

Actually neg., predicted positive

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Lot of non-cancer patients falsely being diagnosed} \\ \text{with cancer.} \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \text{Chaos, panic, system}$

$$\left\{ FPR = 1 - TNR \right\} \uparrow TNR \quad \downarrow FPR$$

TNR - correctly classifies negatives

FPR - incorrectly classifies negatives (as positives)

$$FNR = \frac{FN}{FN + TP}$$

Lot of cancer patients being classified as healthy.

$$FNR = 1 - TPR$$

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} TPR \rightarrow \text{correctly classifies positives} \\ FNR \rightarrow \text{incorrectly classifies positives} \end{array} \right\} \text{(as negatives)}$

In a credit fraud detection system, which is more important?



$FP \leftrightarrow$ not fraud but predicted as fraud

$FN \rightarrow$ Fraud or SLRs

but predicted as non-Fraud

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Max - } 1 - FPR = TNR \\ \text{Max - } 1 - FNR = TPR \end{array} \right\}$$

Logistic Regression outputs probabilities.

{ By default, $P \geq 0.5$ is considered as positive class }

(1)

{ $P < 0.5$ is considered as negative class (0) }

But what if we change this threshold?

Obs	y_true	y_pred_prob	y_pred_label (th=0.3)	y_pred_label (th=0.5)
1	1	0.9	1 ✓	1 ✓
2	0	0.2	0 ✓ $\frac{5}{5}$	0 ✓ $\frac{3}{5}$
3	1	0.4	1 ✓ $\frac{5}{5}$	0 ✗ $\frac{3}{5}$
4	0	0.1	0 ✓	0 ✓
5	1	0.35	1 ✓	0 ✗

→ Example 1

Metrics				
	Threshold	Accuracy	TPR (Recall)	TNR (Specificity)
0.3	100% ✓	1.0 ✓	1.0 ✓	
0.5	60% ✗	0.33 ✗	1.0 ✓	

Acceptable model or not?

Obs	y_true	y_pred_prob	y_pred_label (th=0.2)	y_pred_label (th=0.3)	y_pred_label (th=0.5)
1	1	0.4	{ 1 }	1	0
2	0	0.35	{ 1 }	1	0
3	1	0.3	{ 1 }	1	0
4	0	0.45	{ 1 }	1	0
5	1	0.25	{ 1 }	0	0

Example 2

Threshold	TP	TN	FP	FN	Accuracy	TPR (Recall)	TNR (Specificity)
0.2	4	0	2	0	$4/6 = 66.7\%$	1.0	0.0
0.3	3	0	2	1	$3/6 = 50\%$	0.75	0.0
0.5	0	1	1	4	$1/6 \approx 16.7\%$	0.0	0.5

{ Acceptable Model or not ? }

{ No !! }

{ Thresholds play a huge role in determining whether a Model is good or not. }

{ But attempting multiple thresholds and then finding out that a Model is bad will

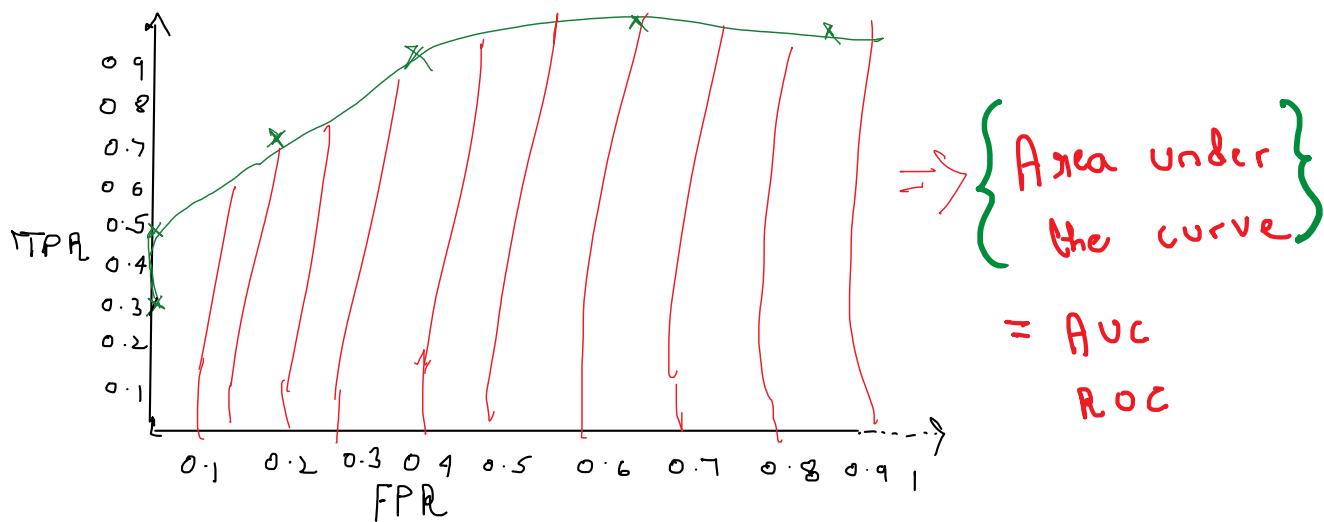
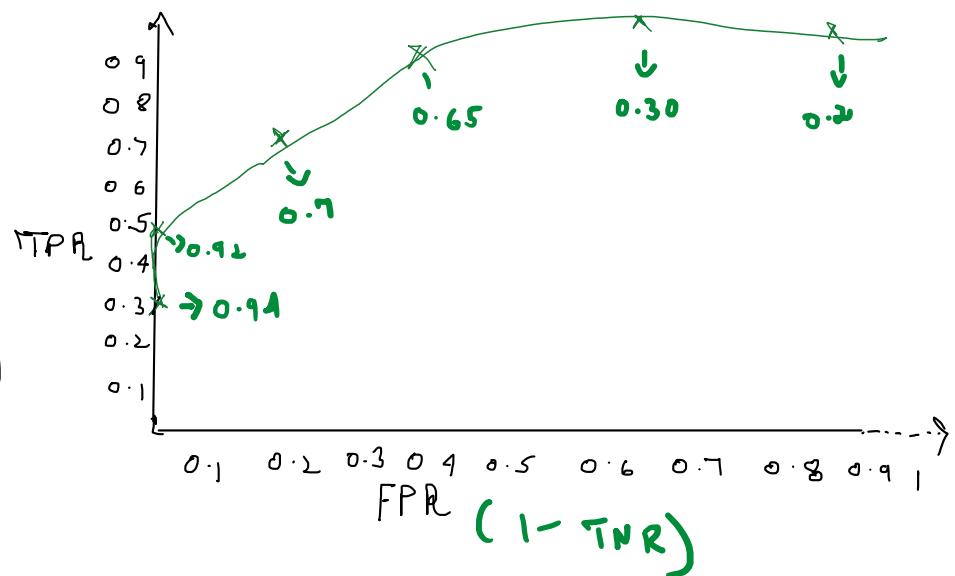
Waste us time !

Any way to know through a single metric

Whether a Model will do well in all cases some threshold ?

(Threshold)

P	TPR	FPR
0.94	0.33	0.00
0.92	0.50	0.00
0.70	0.67	0.27
0.65	0.91	0.4
0.30	1.00	0.67
0.20	1.00	1.00

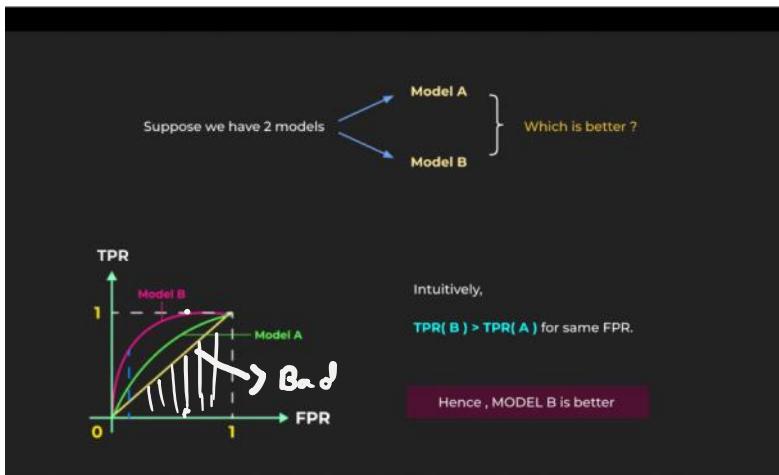


Area under Curve from Receiver Operating Characteristic

Name derived from Electronics concept

Higher the AUC score, better the Model

High Roc-AUC means there exists atleast one threshold when the Model is doing very well!



} ROC AUC score around $0.4 - 0.6$
 } Represents a bad Model (Random Guessing)
 { $0.7 - 0.9 \Rightarrow$ Decent Model ✓
 } $0.9 + \rightarrow$ Great Model ✓

How many points are typically used to plot an ROC curve?

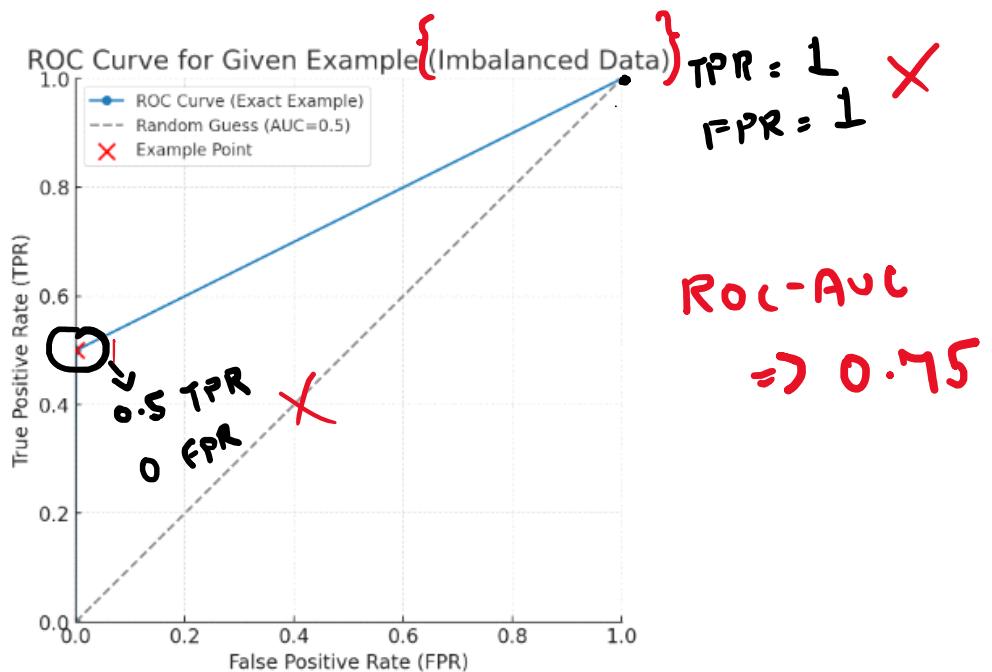
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| A | 2 points $(0,0)$ and $(1,1)$ | 27% |
| B | 3 points representing the thresholds $0.25, 0.5$, and 0.75 | 18% |
| C | 10 points equally spaced between 0 and 1 | 0% |
| D | Depends on the number of unique threshold values | 55% |

Problem with ROC AUC

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ROC-AUC can be misleadingly high when dataset is imbalanced.



ROC-AUC will fail for
imbalanced data!!

imbalanced

If data contains {50 spam and 300 non-spam samples} then which is true?

0 users have participated



A ROC may overestimate the model's performance.

0%

B

ROC may underestimate the model's performance.

0%

C

ROC does provide useful information.

0%

If data contains 50 spam and 300 non-spam samples, then which is true?

0 users have participated

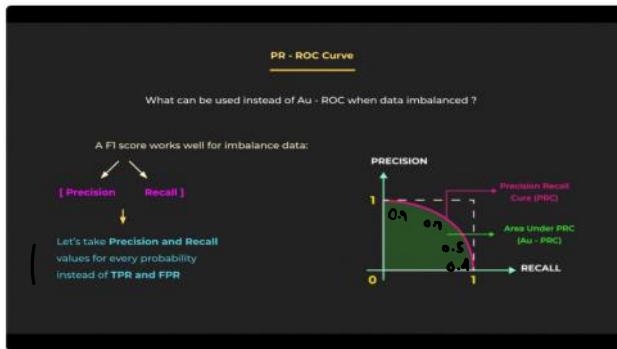
- A ROC may overestimate the model's performance. 0%
- B ROC may underestimate the model's performance. 0%
- C ROC does provide useful information. 0%
- D ROC cannot be created 0%

F1 - Score

Will a certain threshold give me a good model?

Precision - Recall curve

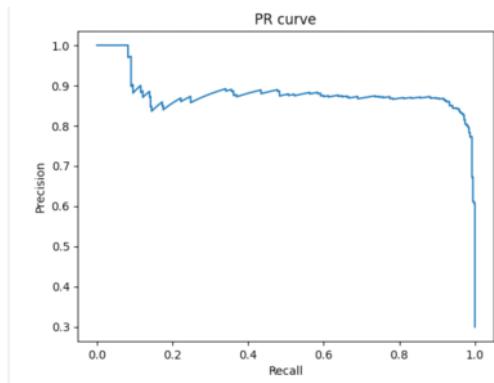
What can be used instead of AU-ROC curve, when data is imbalanced?



Ans: Since F1 score works well for imbalance data:

Plot precision vs recall for every probability threshold.

Area Under PRC \rightarrow Higher the better



Use PR - AUC
score when focus is
to predict minority
class correctly

as in spam example

Very few 1s, but we
want to do well on 1s.

Area under Precision vs Recall curve
for different probability thresholds.

Interview \Rightarrow What is the whole point
of indication we get by looking at
ROC-AUC or PR-AUC scores?

{ Answer :- They tell us how well the classification
boundary is able to differentiate b/w
positive and negative class. }

Imbalanced data

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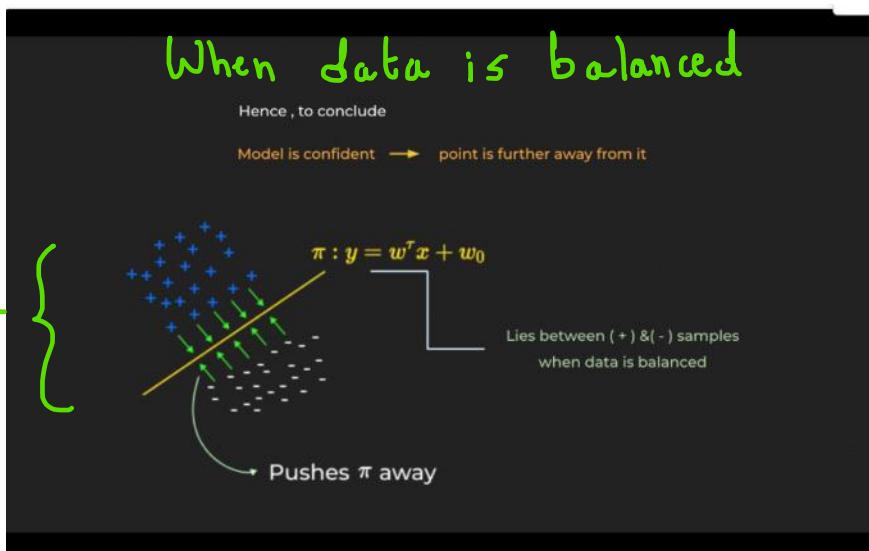
80% of 1 class

20% of other class

Goal of optimization algorithms like Gradient Descent is to minimize log-loss.

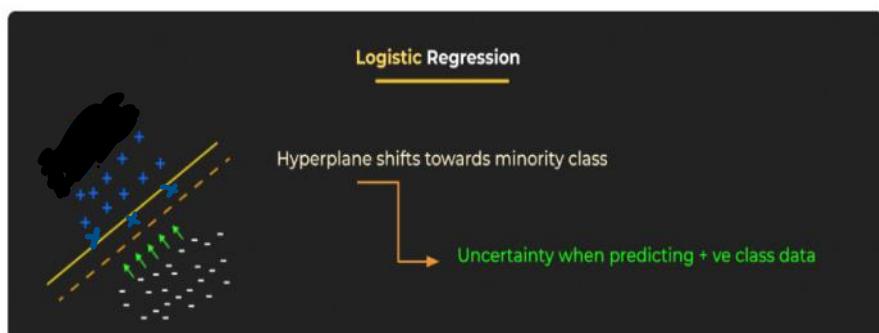
$\left\{ \text{Less log loss} \Rightarrow \text{Higher likelihood of points} \right\}$

$\left\{ \text{Higher likelihood} \Rightarrow \text{further points are from the boundary!} \right\}$



More force from one side. So, boundary pushed closer to

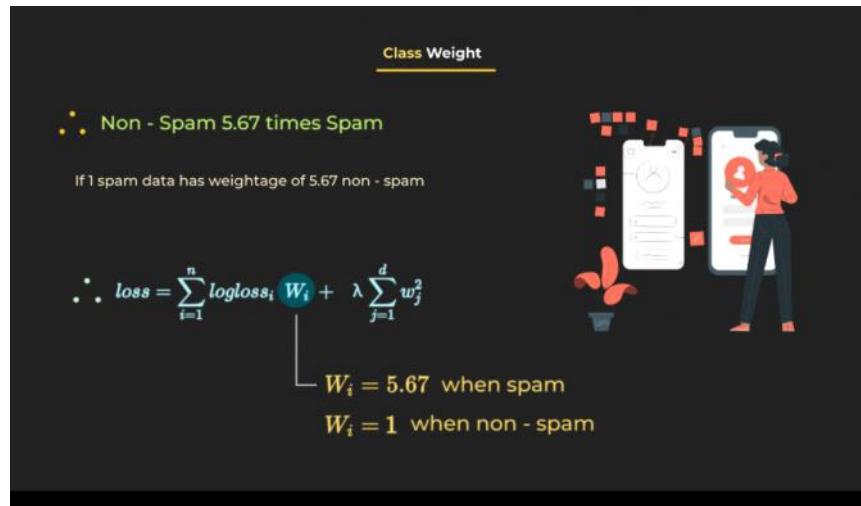
Imbalanced data



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Minority class → This causes uncertainty
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 Many points in and around
 $P = 0.5$

One solution :- Add weights to the loss function



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model = LogisticRegression(class_weight={0:1,1:2.37})
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Ways to handle imb data

Undersampling

Spam \rightarrow 10000 points

$\{$ Not Spam \rightarrow 90000 points $\}$

Randomly pick 10000 Not spam points.

$\{$ Use 10000 spam and 10000 not spam for All Modelling. Undersample Majority class $\}$

$\{$ Use this technique when you have enough data $\}$

Oversampling :-

Spam \Rightarrow 100 points

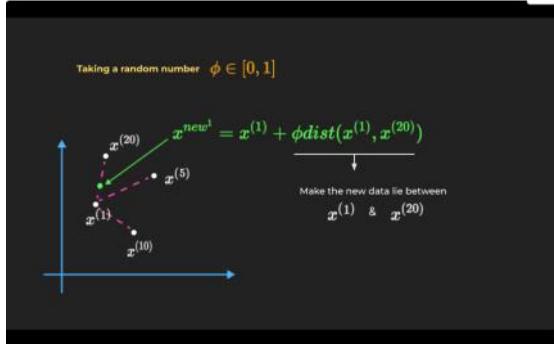
Not Spam \Rightarrow 900 points

Too few points

100 vs 100 \Rightarrow too few points !!

Create $\{$ 800 synthetic spam points $\}$!!

$\{$ Making spam = 900 not spam = 900 $\}$



i) pick a point x_i from Minority class

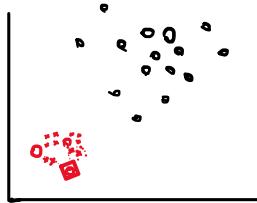
ii) pick n closest points to $x_i \Rightarrow x_{10}, x_5, x_{20}$

iii) Put n synthetic points b/w x_i and other n points.

x^{new1} b/w x_1 and x_{20}

x^{new2} b/w x_1 and x_5

x^{new3} b/w x_1 and x_{10}

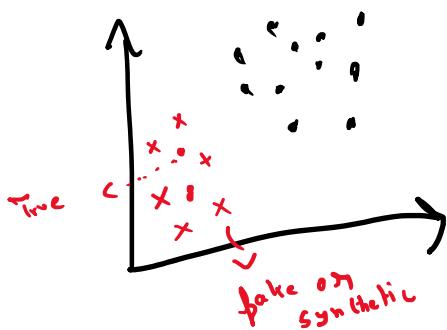
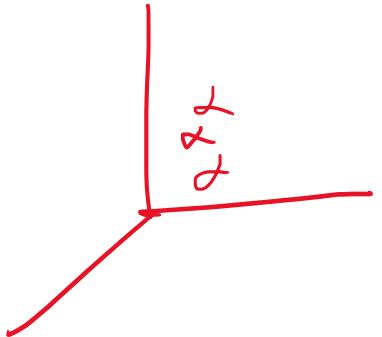


Drawback: SMOTE introduces more noise and irregularities into the dataset.

Avoid when you have many features

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High dimensionality



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| A | SMOTE can increase the risk of underfitting | 9% |
| B | SMOTE introduces noise and may not work for high-dimensional features | 63% |
| C | Cannot use F1-score, Accuracy or any metric after using SMOTE | 9% |
| D | SMOTE has no limitations | 20% |

