



# LABELS VS PROBABILITIES

In classification we predict:

- 1 Class labels:

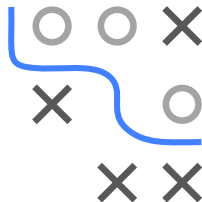
$$\mathbf{F} = \left( \hat{o}_k^{(i)} \right)_{i \in \{1, \dots, m\}, k \in \{1, \dots, g\}} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times g},$$

where  $\hat{o}_k^{(i)} = [\hat{y}^{(i)} = k]$ ,  $k = 1, \dots, g$  is the one-hot-encoded class label prediction.

- 2 Class probabilities:

$$\mathbf{F} = \left( \hat{\pi}_k^{(i)} \right)_{i \in \{1, \dots, m\}, k \in \{1, \dots, g\}} \in [0, 1]^{m \times g}$$

→ These form the basis for evaluation.



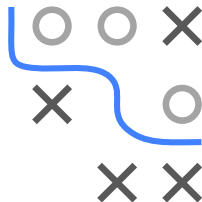
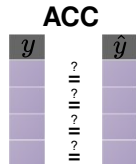
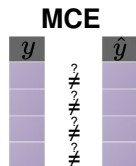
# LABELS: MCE & ACC

The **misclassification error rate (MCE)** counts the number of incorrect predictions and presents them as a rate:

$$\rho_{MCE} = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m [y^{(i)} \neq \hat{y}^{(i)}] \in [0, 1].$$

**Accuracy (ACC)** is defined in a similar fashion for correct classifications:

$$\rho_{ACC} = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m [y^{(i)} = \hat{y}^{(i)}] \in [0, 1].$$



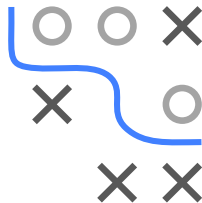
- If the data set is small this can be brittle.
- MCE says nothing about how good/skewed predicted probabilities are.
- Errors on all classes are weighted equally, which is often inappropriate.

# LABELS: CONFUSION MATRIX

Much better than reducing prediction errors to a simple number is tabulating them in a **confusion matrix**:

- true classes in columns,
- predicted classes in rows.

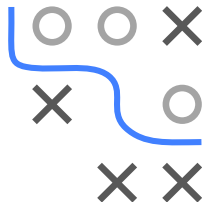
We can nicely see class sizes (predicted/true) and where errors occur.



		True classes				$n$
		setosa	versicolor	virginica	error	
Predicted classes	setosa	50	0	0	0	50
	versicolor	0	46	4	4	50
	virginica	0	4	46	4	50
	error	0	4	4	8	-
$n$		50	50	50	-	150

# LABELS: CONFUSION MATRIX

- In binary classification, we typically call one class "positive" and the other "negative".
- The positive class is the more important, often smaller one.



		True Class $y$	
		+	-
Pred. $\hat{y}$	+	True Positive (TP)	False Positive (FP)
	-	False Negative (FN)	True Negative (TN)

e.g.,

- **True Positive** (TP) means that an instance is classified as positive that is really positive (correct prediction).
- **False Negative** (FN) means that an instance is classified as negative that is actually positive (incorrect prediction).

# LABELS: COSTS

We can also assign different costs to different errors via a **cost matrix**.

$$\text{Costs} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n C[y^{(i)}, \hat{y}^{(i)}]$$

Example: Depending on certain features (age, income, profession, ...) a bank wants to decide whether to grant a 10,000 EUR loan.

Predict if a person is solvent (yes / no).

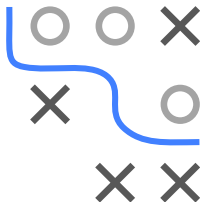
Should the bank lend them the money?

## Exemplary costs:

Loss in event of default: 10,000 EUR

Income through interest paid: 100 EUR

		True classes	
		solvent	not solvent
Predicted classes	solvent	0	10,000
	not solvent	100	0



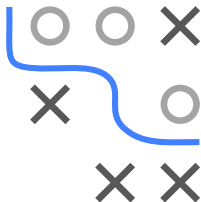
# LABELS: COSTS

Cost matrix

		True classes	
		solvent	not solvent
Predicted classes	solvent	0	10,000
	not solvent	100	0

Confusion matrix

		True classes	
		solvent	not solvent
Predicted classes	solvent	70	3
	not solvent	7	20



- If the bank gives everyone a credit, who was predicted as *solvent*, the costs are at:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Costs} &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n C[y^{(i)}, \hat{y}^{(i)}] \\ &= \frac{1}{100} (100 \cdot 7 + 0 \cdot 70 + 10.000 \cdot 3 + 0 \cdot 20) = 307 \end{aligned}$$

- If the bank gives everyone a credit, the costs are at:

$$\text{Costs} = \frac{1}{100} (100 \cdot 0 + 0 \cdot 77 + 10.000 \cdot 23 + 0 \cdot 0) = 2.300$$

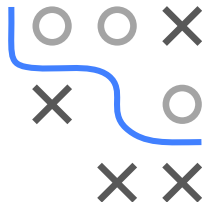




## PROBABILITIES: BRIER SCORE / 2

$$\rho_{BS,MC} = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{k=1}^g \left( \hat{\pi}_k^{(i)} - o_k^{(i)} \right)^2$$

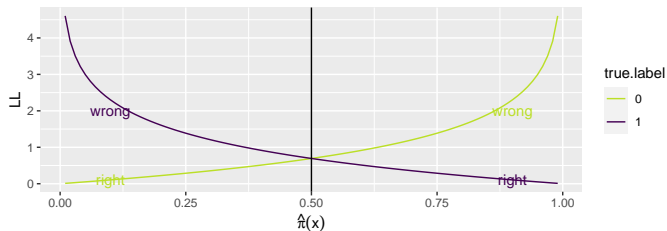
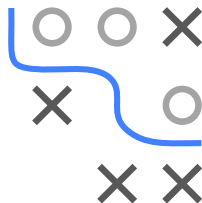
- Original by Brier, works also for multiple classes.
- $o_k^{(i)} = [y^{(i)} = k]$  marks the one-hot-encoded class label.
- For the binary case,  $\rho_{BS,MC}$  is twice as large as  $\rho_{BS}$ : in  $\rho_{BS,MC}$ , we sum the squared difference for each observation regarding both class 0 **and** class 1, not only the true class.



# PROBABILITIES: LOG-LOSS

Logistic regression loss function, a.k.a. Bernoulli or binomial loss,  $y^{(i)}$  encoded as 0 and 1.

$$\rho_{LL} = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \left( -y^{(i)} \log \left( \hat{\pi}^{(i)} \right) - \left( 1 - y^{(i)} \right) \log \left( 1 - \hat{\pi}^{(i)} \right) \right).$$



- Optimal value is 0, “confidently wrong” is penalized heavily.

- Multi-class version:  $\rho_{LL,MC} = -\frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{k=1}^g o_k^{(i)} \log \left( \hat{\pi}_k^{(i)} \right).$