

# Naïve Bayes and Evaluating Text Classifiers

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# This Week's Topics



Text classification  
Naïve Bayes  
Evaluating text classifiers

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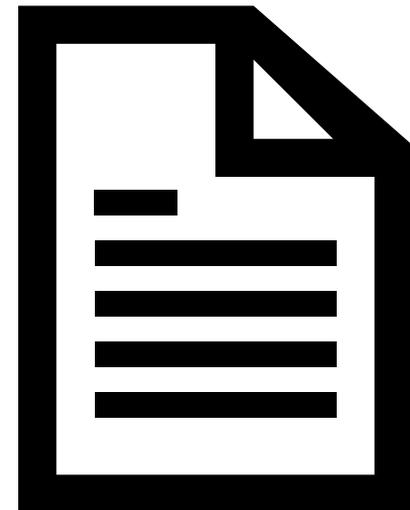
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# What is text classification?

The process of deciding the **category** to which an **instance** belongs

**Instance:** A document, sentence, word, transcript, or other individual language sample

Fundamental to many NLP tasks



# Common Applications of Text Categorization

- Spam detection

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Spam

Not Spam

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“I am sick of Mr. Bingley,” cried his wife.

“The world is full of obvious things which nobody by any chance ever observes. Where do you think that I have been?”

“A fixture also.”

“On the contrary, I have been to Devonshire.”

“In spirit?”

Voltaire

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

Jane Austen

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Natalie's poem about Halloween was really dreadful. The word "Halloween" doesn't even rhyme with "trick or treat!" She should stick to writing NLP programs.

Natalie's poem about Halloween was a true delight! The way she rhymed "Halloween" with "trick or treat" was artful and unexpected. I can't wait to read what she writes next!

Natalie wrote a poem about Halloween. She wrote it as if the words "Halloween" and "trick or treat" rhyme with one another. It was her first poem.

Positive

Negative

Neutral

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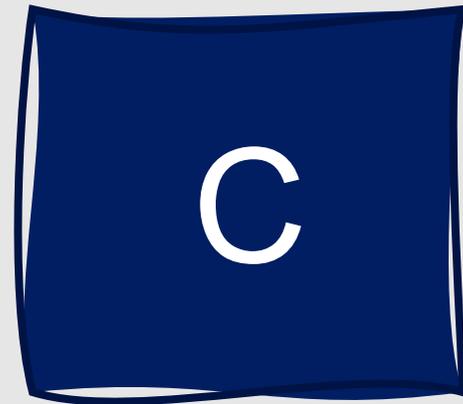
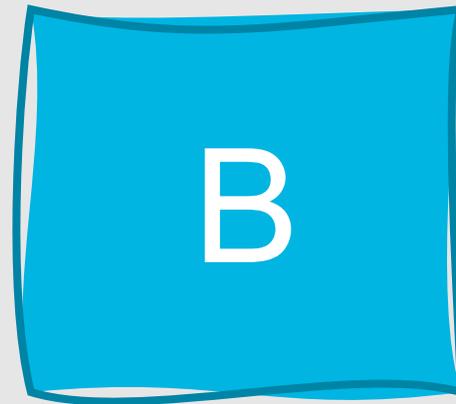
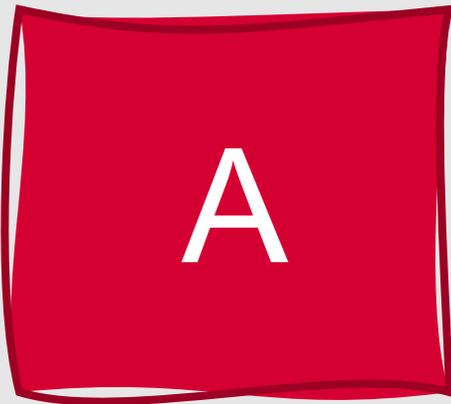
The model takes two inputs: the tokenized interview, and the corresponding POS tag list. Word embeddings for the interview text tokens are computed using pre-trained 300 dimensional GloVe embeddings trained on the Wikipedia 2014 and Gigaword 5 dataset (Pennington et al., 2014). The POS tag for each word is represented as a one-hot encoded vector. The word embeddings and POS vectors are input to two different CNNs utilizing the same architecture, and the output of the two CNNs is then flattened and given as input to a bidirectional LSTM with an attention mechanism.

Fiction

Academic

# Classification

- Goal:
  - Take a single **observation**
  - Extract some useful **features**
  - Classify the observation into one of a set of discrete classes based on those features



# How is classification performed?

- Rule-based methods
- Statistical methods
  - Feature-based
  - Deep learning



# Rule-Based Classification Methods

- **Manually create a set of rules** based on expected differences among features from different classes
- Use that information to classify test data

If text contains "love" → POSITIVE

If text contains quotation marks → FICTION

# Statistical Classification Methods

- Automatically **learn which characteristics best distinguish different classes** from one another based on a collection of training data
- Use that information to classify test data
- Generally works better than rule-based classification in modern computing environments



$\text{num\_quotes} \geq 6$   FICTION

# Language is dynamic.



- Word uses can change over time, and so can data
  - New uses of existing words
  - New terms entering the lexicon
- With rule-based methods, we have to write new rules to accommodate changes in language
  - We also might miss some changes!
- Statistical methods can be automatically retrained when new data is available

slay

covid

# Types of Statistical Classification Techniques

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**Supervised learning:** Statistical classification *with* a labeled training set

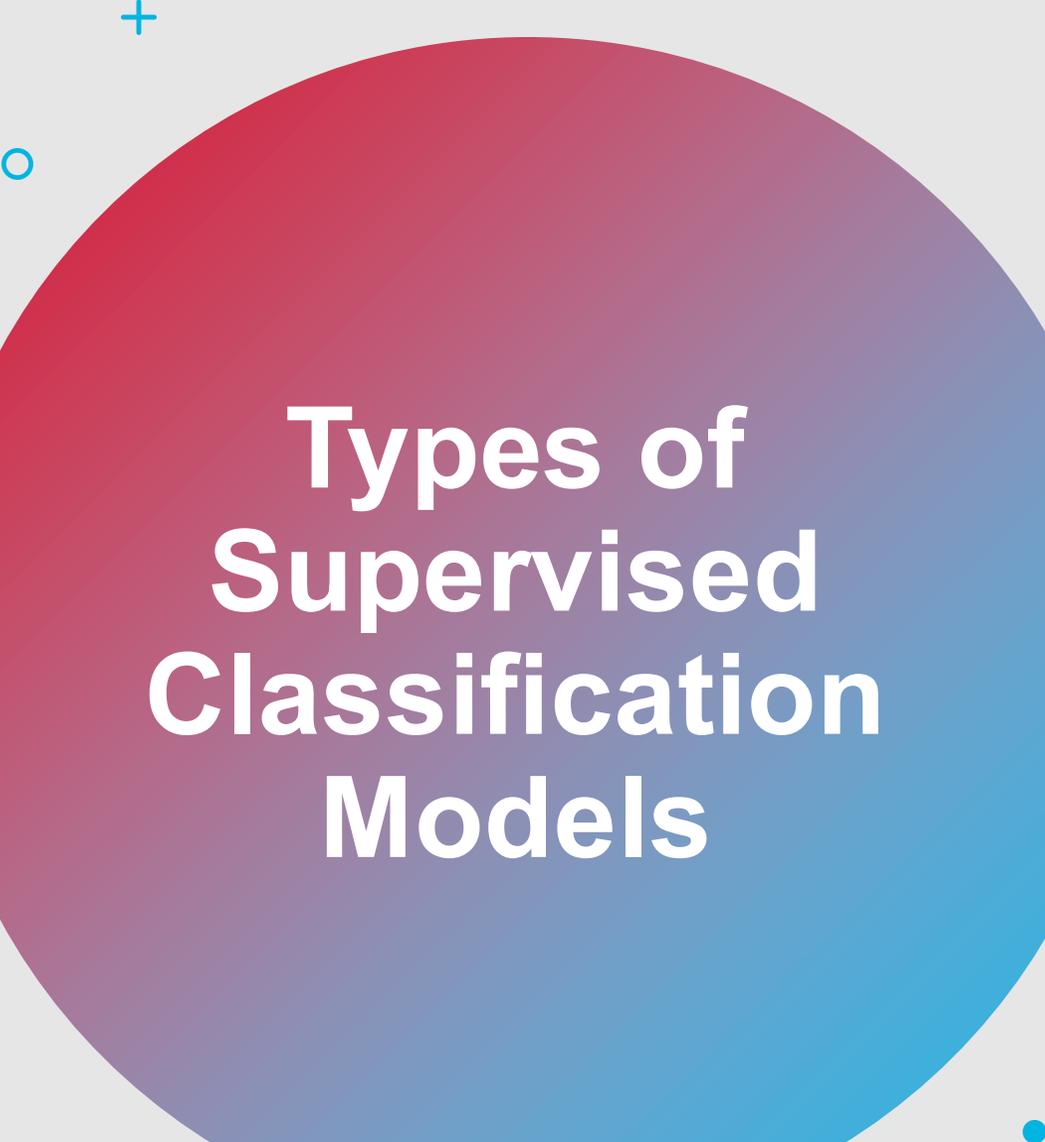
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**Unsupervised learning:** Statistical classification *without* a labeled training set

# Formal Definition: Supervised Learning

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- Take an input  $x$  from a set of inputs  $x \in X$
- Consider a fixed set of output classes  $y \in Y$ , where  $Y = \{y_1, y_2, \dots, y_M\}$ 
  - In text classification, we may refer to  $x$  as  $d$  (for “document”) and  $y$  as  $c$  (for “class”)
- We have a training set of  $N$  documents, each of which have been manually labeled with a class:  $\{(d_1, c_1), \dots, (d_N, c_N)\}$
- Goal: Learn a classifier that is capable of mapping from a new document  $d$  to its correct class  $c \in C$  (equivalently, learning to predict the correct class  $y \in Y$  for an input  $x \in X$ )



# Types of Supervised Classification Models

- Naïve Bayes
- Logistic regression
- Support vector machine
- K-nearest neighbors
- Multilayer perceptrons (neural networks)
- ...and many more!

# These classification models can be further subdivided into groups.

- **Generative classifiers** build models of how classes could generate input data
  - Given an observation, they return the class most likely to have generated it
- **Discriminative classifiers** learn which features from the input are most useful to discriminate between different possible classes
  - Given an observation, they return the best match based on these weighted features

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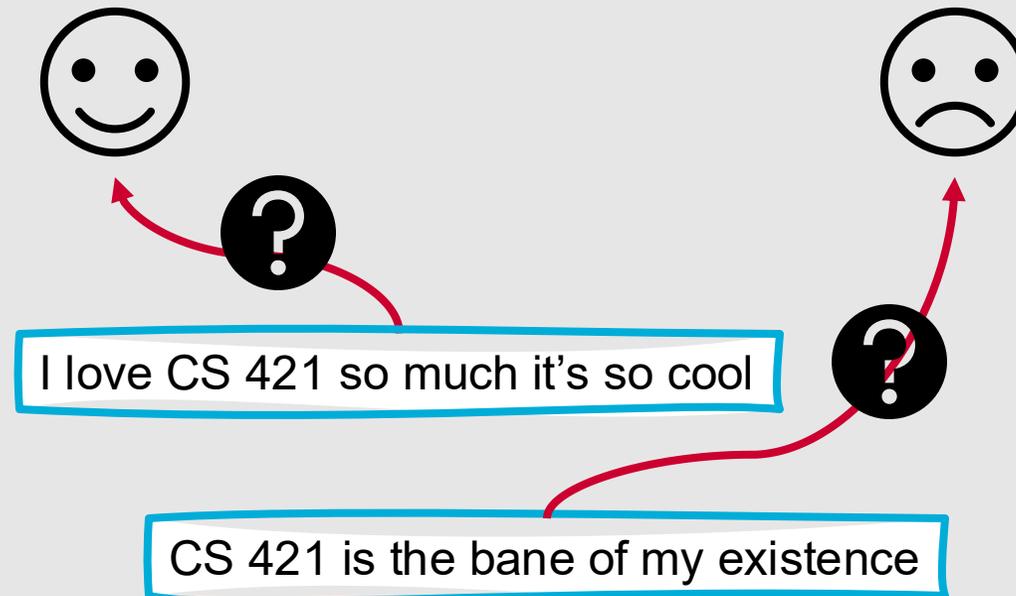
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# Naïve Bayes

- A **probabilistic classifier** that learns to **predict labels** for new documents
- Makes the naïve assumption that features **are all independent from one another**



# Types of Naïve Bayes Classifiers

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**Gaussian Naïve Bayes:** Assumes the outcomes for the input data are normally distributed along a continuum

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**Multinomial Naïve Bayes:** Assumes the outcomes for the input data follow a multinomial distribution (there is a discrete set of possible outcomes)

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**Binomial Naïve Bayes:** Assumes the outcomes for the input data follow a binomial distribution (there are two possible outcomes)

# How does naïve Bayes work?

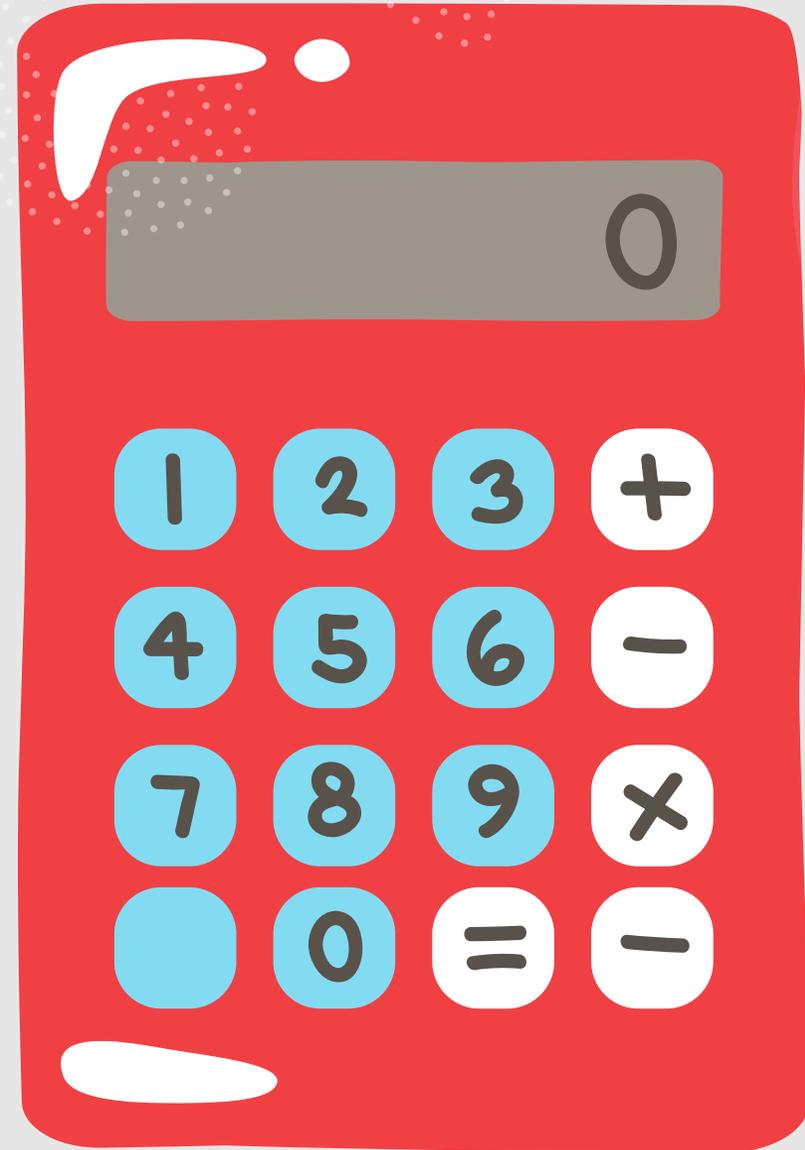
- For a document  $d$ , out of all classes  $c \in C$  the classifier returns the class  $c'$  which has the maximum **posterior probability**, given the document
  - $c' = \operatorname{argmax}_{c \in C} P(c|d)$

# Posterior probabilities are computed using **Bayesian inference**.

- Bayesian inference uses **Bayes' rule** to transform probabilities like those shown previously into other probabilities that are easier or more convenient to calculate

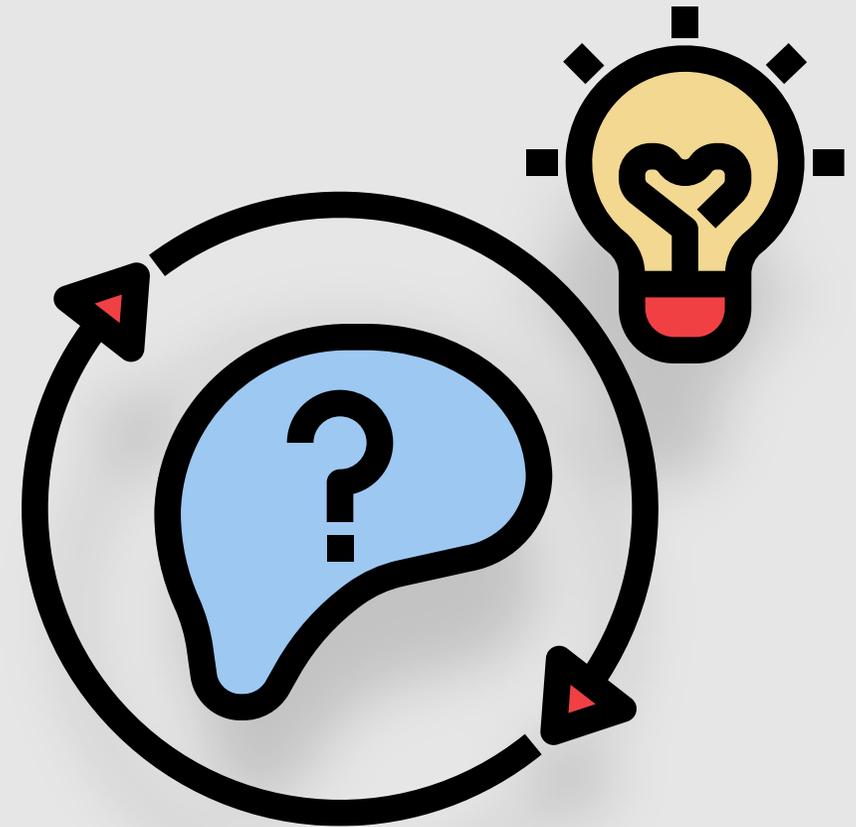
- Bayes' rule:

$$P(y|x) = \frac{P(x|y)P(y)}{P(x)}$$



# Applying Bayesian inference in Naïve Bayes

- If we take Bayes' rule:
  - $P(y|x) = \frac{P(x|y)P(y)}{P(x)}$
- And substitute it into our previous equation:
  - $c' = \operatorname{argmax}_{c \in C} P(c|d)$
- We get the following:
  - $c' = \operatorname{argmax}_{c \in C} P(c|d)$   
 $= \operatorname{argmax}_{c \in C} \frac{P(d|c)P(c)}{P(d)}$



# We can simplify this....

- Drop the denominator  $P(d)$ 
  - We'll be computing  $\frac{P(d|c)P(c)}{P(d)}$  for each class, but  $P(d)$  doesn't change for each class
    - We're always asking about the most likely class for the same document  $d$
- Thus:
  - $c' = \operatorname{argmax}_{c \in C} P(c|d) = \operatorname{argmax}_{c \in C} P(d|c)P(c)$

So, the most probable class  $c'$  given some document  $d$  is the class that has the highest product of two probabilities.

- **Prior probability** of the class  $P(c)$
- **Likelihood** of the document  $P(d|c)$

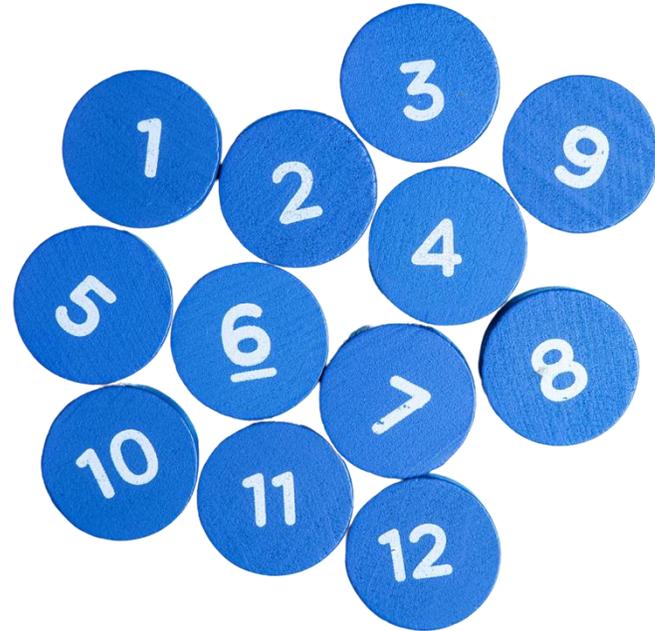
The diagram shows the equation  $c' = \operatorname{argmax}_{c \in C} P(d|c)P(c)$  enclosed in a blue hand-drawn box. Above the equation, two red boxes labeled 'likelihood' and 'prior' have arrows pointing to the  $P(d|c)$  and  $P(c)$  terms respectively. A red bracket is drawn under the entire product  $P(d|c)P(c)$ .

$$c' = \operatorname{argmax}_{c \in C} P(d|c)P(c)$$

# To find these probabilities....

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- We need to represent our text sample using one or more numbers
- These numbers can represent different **features** of the data



# Example Feature Representation

- Represent each document as a **bag of words**
  - Unordered set of words and their frequencies
- Decide how likely it is that a document belongs to a class based on its distribution of **word frequencies**

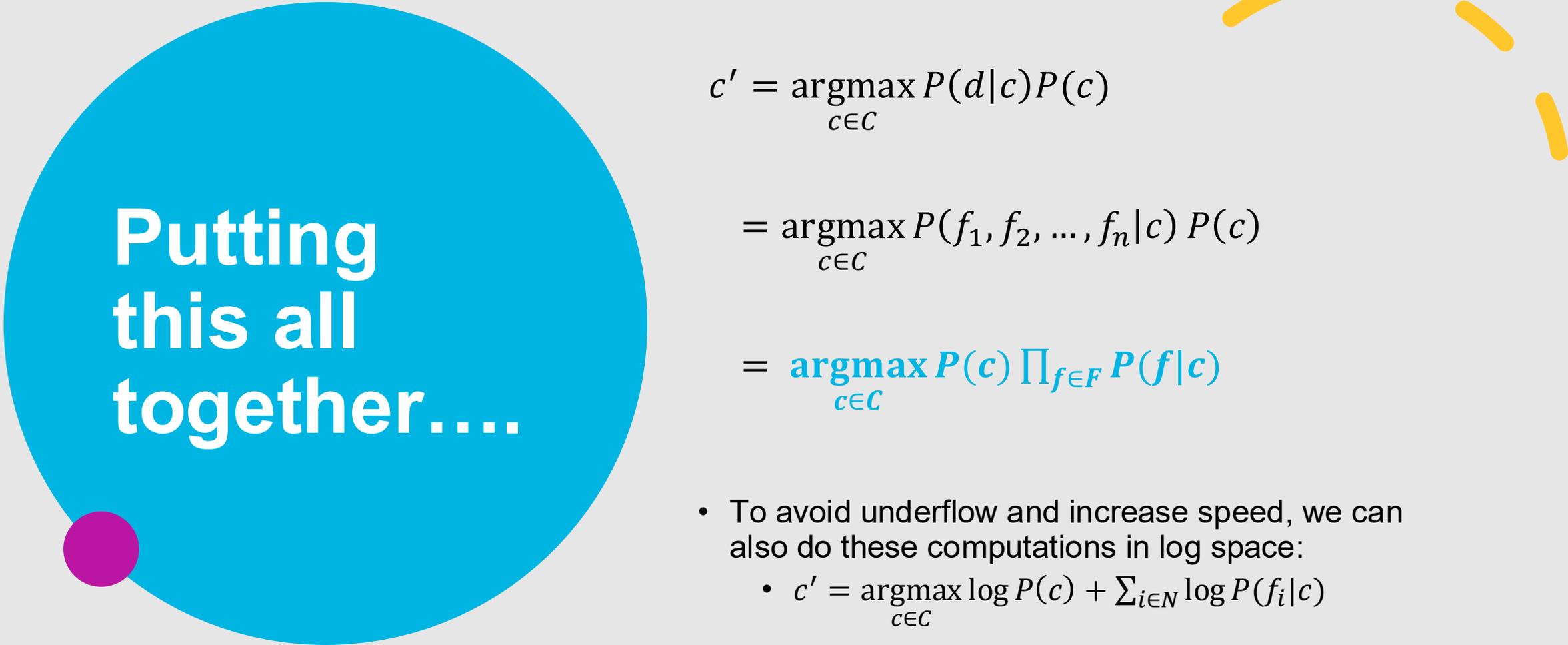


# More formally, this means that....

- Bags of words are sets of features  $\{f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n\}$ , where each feature  $f$  corresponds to the frequency of one of the words in the vocabulary
- Therefore:

$$\bullet c' = \operatorname{argmax}_{c \in C} P(d|c)P(c) = \operatorname{argmax}_{c \in C} \underbrace{P(f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n|c)}_{\text{likelihood}} \underbrace{P(c)}_{\text{prior}}$$


- The Naïve Bayes assumption means that we can “naïvely” multiply our probabilities for each feature together, since they’re assumed to be independent
- Therefore:
  - $P(f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n|c) = P(f_1|c) * P(f_2|c) * \dots * P(f_n|c)$



Putting  
this all  
together....

$$c' = \operatorname{argmax}_{c \in \mathcal{C}} P(d|c)P(c)$$

$$= \operatorname{argmax}_{c \in \mathcal{C}} P(f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n|c) P(c)$$

$$= \operatorname{argmax}_{c \in \mathcal{C}} P(c) \prod_{f \in F} P(f|c)$$

- To avoid underflow and increase speed, we can also do these computations in log space:
  - $c' = \operatorname{argmax}_{c \in \mathcal{C}} \log P(c) + \sum_{i \in N} \log P(f_i|c)$

When viewed  
in log space,  
we can see  
that this is a  
linear  
classifier.

- A linear classifier predicts classes as a **linear function** of the input features
  - $c' = \operatorname{argmax}_{c \in \mathcal{C}} \log P(c) + \sum_{i \in T} \log P(w_i | c)$
- Some linear classifiers:
  - Naïve Bayes
  - Logistic Regression

# How do we train a Naïve Bayes classifier?

- We need to learn  $P(c)$  and  $P(f_i|c)$  based on available data
- To compute  $P(c)$ , we figure out what percentage of the instances in our training set are in class  $c$ 
  - Let  $N_c$  be the number of instances in our training data with class  $c$
  - Let  $N_{doc}$  be the total number of instances, or documents
  - $P(c)' = \frac{N_c}{N_{doc}}$
- To compute  $P(f_i|c)$ ....
  - **Maximum likelihood estimates!**

# Maximum Likelihood for Naïve Bayes

- To compute  $P(f_i|c)$ , find the fraction of times  $f_i$  appears among all documents of class  $c$ 
  - $P(f_i|c)' = \frac{\text{count}(f_i,c)}{\sum_{f \in V} \text{count}(f,c)}$ 
    - Note: Since we're assuming features are words in a bag-of-words model,  $V$  is the set of all included vocabulary words across all classes (not just the word types in class  $c$ )

**To avoid having a single zero probability “zero out” the entire product, we can apply smoothing techniques.**

- Simple, common solution: Laplace (add-one) smoothing
  - $P(f_i|c)'$

$$= \frac{\text{count}(f_i,c)+1}{\sum_{f \in V} (\text{count}(f,c)+1)}$$

$$= \frac{\text{count}(f_i,c)+1}{\sum_{f \in V} (\text{count}(f,c))+|V|}$$

# Other scenarios to address:

- **Unknown words**
  - Solution: Ignore words that didn't exist in the training data (remove from test document + do not compute any probabilities for them)
- **Extremely common words**
  - Ignore very frequent words like *a* and *the* in many cases using an automatically or manually defined **stopword** list

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  - **Balanced:** An equal number of samples for each class

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# Example: Naïve Bayes

- What are the likelihoods from the training set for the remaining words in the test instance?

Training	
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He congratulated Natalie for getting #2 on the bestseller list.	Not Sarcastic
Test	
Document	Class
Natalie told Ankit she was soooo totally happy for him.	?

- $P(w_i|c)' = \frac{\text{count}(w_i,c)+1}{(\sum_{w \in V} \text{count}(w,c))+|V|}$
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Sarcastic

# Optimizing for Specific Tasks

- There are a variety of task-specific ways to improve performance with this model
- You may want to specifically encode:
  - Whether a feature exists in the data (rather than how many times)
  - Whether specific types of words (e.g., **negation**) are present



**We can  
derive  
alternate or  
additional  
features (not  
word counts)  
from external  
lexicons.**

- For example, add a feature that is counted whenever a word from a specific lexicon occurs
- **Lexicons** generally contain annotated characteristics (e.g., sentiment labels) for a list of words
- For sentiment analysis:
  - Linguistic Inquiry and Word Count (<https://www.liwc.app/>)
  - Opinion Lexicon (<https://www.cs.uic.edu/~liub/FBS/sentiment-analysis.html#lexicon>)
  - MPQA Subjectivity Lexicon ([https://mpqa.cs.pitt.edu/lexicons/subj\\_lexicon/](https://mpqa.cs.pitt.edu/lexicons/subj_lexicon/))



# Whether this works well may depend on data sparsity.

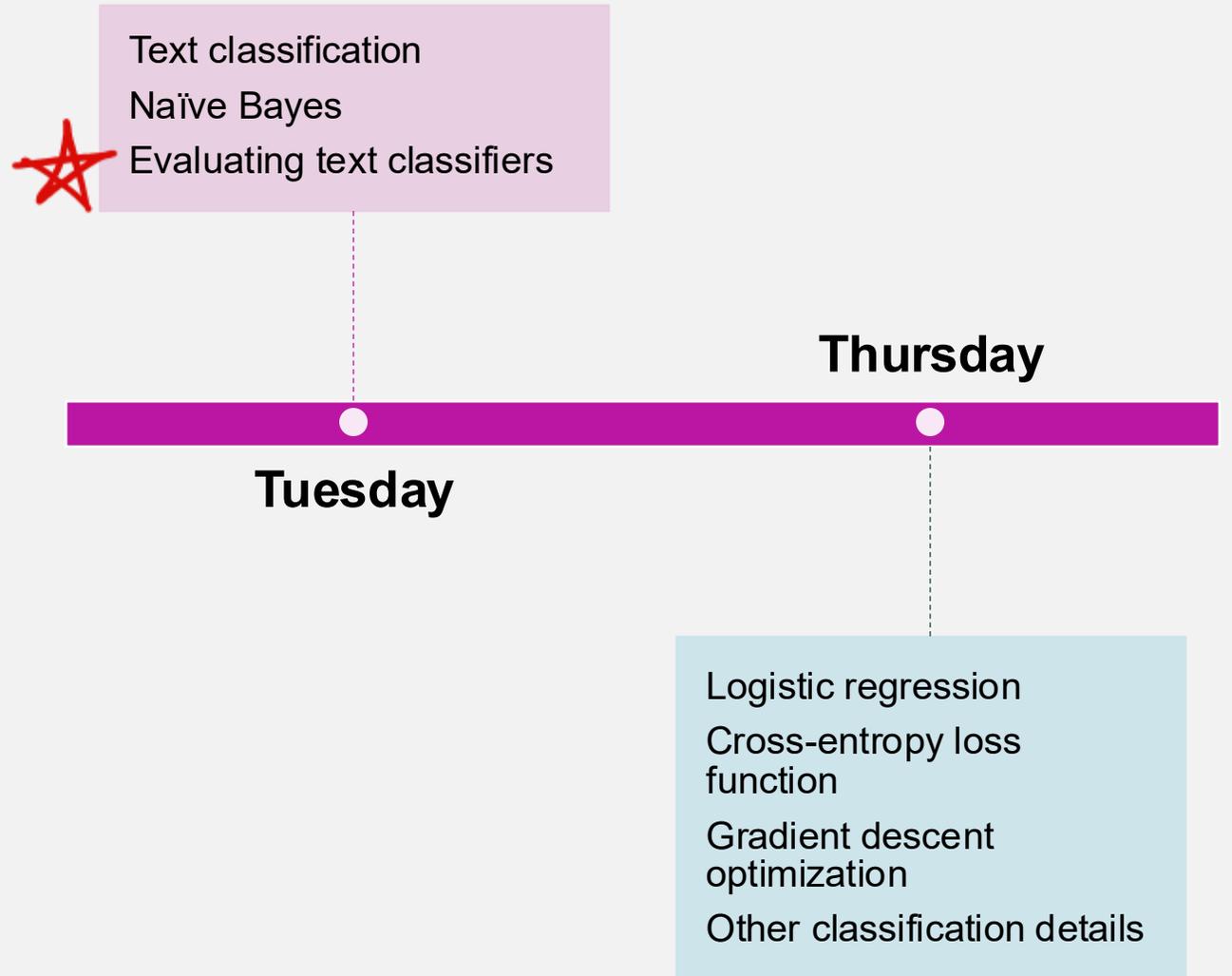
## Large dataset:

- Using many features will work better than just using a few binary features (allows for the classifier to learn more complex ways to discriminate between classes)

## Small dataset:

- Using a smaller number of more general features may work better (allows for the classifier to learn meaningful differences, rather than making predictions based on one or two occurrences of a given feature)

# This Week's Topics



# Gold Labels

- To evaluate the performance of our models, we need some sort of basis upon which to make our comparisons
  - *Is “Sarcastic” the correct label for “Natalie told Ankit she was soooo totally happy for him.” ?*
- We can acquire **gold standard labels** from human annotators



# Does it matter who our annotators are?

- Depends on the task
- For complex tasks, you may want to recruit experts
  - Rating translation quality
  - Labeling pedagogical strategies in teacher-student interactions
- For simpler tasks, you can probably recruit non-experts
  - Deciding whether text is sarcastic or non-sarcastic
  - Deciding whether a specified event takes place before or after a second event

# Confusion Matrices

- Once we have our gold standard labels (either from an existing dataset, or after collecting our own), we can compare **predicted** and **actual** labels
- To do this, we can create a **contingency table** or **confusion matrix**

# Confusion Matrices

- In a confusion matrix, each cell indicates a set of possible outcomes
- These outcomes are generally referred to as:
  - **True positives**
    - Predicted true and actually true
  - **False positives**
    - Predicted true and actually false
  - **True negatives**
    - Predicted false and actually false
  - **False negatives**
    - Predicted false and actually true

	Actual	
Predicted	True Positive (TP)	False Positive (FP)
	False Negative (FN)	True Negative (TN)

**We can  
compute a  
variety of  
metrics  
using  
confusion  
matrices.**

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Precision

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Recall

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F-Measure

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Accuracy

# Accuracy

- **Accuracy:** The percentage of all observations that the system labels correctly

- $$\text{Accuracy} = \frac{tp + tn}{tp + fp + tn + fn}$$

	Actual	
Predicted	True Positive (TP)	False Positive (FP)
	False Negative (FN)	True Negative (TN)

# Why not just use accuracy and be done with it?

- This metric can be unreliable when dealing with unbalanced datasets!
  - Imagine that we have 999,900 non-sarcastic sentences, and 100 sarcastic sentences
  - Our classifier might decide to just predict “non-sarcastic” every time to maximize its expected accuracy
    - $999900/1000000 = 99.99\%$  accuracy
  - However, such a classifier would be useless ...it would never tell us when a sentence *is* sarcastic

## What are some more useful alternative metrics?

Precision

Recall

F-Measure

# Precision

- **Precision:** Of the instances that the system predicted to be positive, what percentage actually are?

- Precision =  $\frac{tp}{tp+fp}$

	Actual	
Predicted	True Positive (TP)	False Positive (FP)
	False Negative (FN)	True Negative (TN)

	<b>Actual</b>	
<b>Predicted</b>	True Positive (TP)	False Positive (FP)
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# Recall

- **Recall:** Of the instances that actually are positive, what percentage did the system predict to be?
- $\text{Recall} = \frac{tp}{tp+fn}$

Precision and recall both emphasize a specific class of interest.

- For example:
  - **Sarcastic** or Non-Sarcastic
  - Positive or **Negative**
- In our problematic example case, precision and recall for the positive (sarcastic) case would both be 0
  - Precision =  $0/(0+0)$  = undefined (assumed 0)
  - Recall =  $0/(0+100) = 0$

	Actual	
Predicted	TP: 0	FP: 0
	FN: 100	TN: 999,900

# Which is more useful: Precision or recall?

- Depends on the task!
- If it's more important to maximize the chances that all predicted true values really are true, at the expense of predicting some of the true values as false, focus on precision
- If it's more important to maximize the chances that all true values are predicted to be true, at the expense of predicting some false values to be true as well, focus on recall



# What if both are important?

- **F-measure** combines aspects of both **precision** and **recall** by computing their weighted harmonic mean

$$F_{\beta} = \frac{(\beta^2 + 1)PR}{\beta^2 P + R}$$

- The  $\beta$  parameter weights the importance of precision and recall, depending on the needs of the application
  - $\beta > 1$  means that recall is more important
  - $\beta < 1$  means that precision is more important
  - $\beta = 1$  means that the two are equally important

# F-Measure

- Most commonly, researchers set  $\beta = 1$  to weight precision and recall equally
- In this case, the metric is generally referred to as  $F_1$ 
  - $$F_1 = \frac{(1^2+1)PR}{1^2P+R} = \frac{2PR}{P+R}$$
  - Note: With this equation, the lower of the two numbers will factor slightly more heavily into the final score

# Example: Precision, Recall, and $F_1$

Instance	Actual Label	Predicted Label
I was absolutely thrilled that my smoke alarm broke.	Sarcastic	
I was absolutely thrilled that my paper was accepted!	Not Sarcastic	
I am soooo sad that tomorrow's 8 a.m. meeting is cancelled.	Sarcastic	
Oh yay more things to grade!!!	Sarcastic	
Oh yay my new subscription box arrived!!!	Not Sarcastic	
Where is the closest coffee shop?	Not Sarcastic	
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Actual

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Predicted

Positive Class: Sarcastic

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Predicted

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Where is the closest coffee shop?	Not Sarcastic	Not Sarcastic
I just love large committee meetings.	Sarcastic	Not Sarcastic

Positive Class: Sarcastic

		Actual	
		Sarcastic	Not Sarcastic
Predicted	Sarcastic	TP: 1	FP: 1
	Not Sarcastic	FN: ?	TN: ?

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Actual

TP: 1	FP: 1
FN: 3	TN: ?

Predicted

Positive Class: Sarcastic

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I just love large committee meetings.	Sarcastic	Not Sarcastic

Actual

TP: 1	FP: 1
FN: 3	TN: 2

Predicted

Positive Class: Sarcastic

# Example: Precision, Recall, and F<sub>1</sub>

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Positive Class: Sarcastic

		Actual	
		Not Sarcastic	Sarcastic
Predicted	Not Sarcastic	TP: 1	FP: 1
	Sarcastic	FN: 3	TN: 2

$$\text{Precision} = \frac{tp}{tp+fp} = \frac{1}{1+1} = 0.5$$

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Positive Class: Sarcastic

$$\text{Precision} = \frac{tp}{tp+fp} = \frac{1}{1+1} = 0.5$$

$$\text{Recall} = \frac{tp}{tp+fn} = \frac{1}{1+3} = 0.25$$

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Predicted	Sarcastic	TP: 1	FP: 1
	Not Sarcastic	FN: 3	TN: 2

Positive Class: Sarcastic

Precision = 0.5

Recall = 0.25

$$F_1 = \frac{(1^2+1)PR}{1^2P+R} = \frac{2PR}{P+R} = \frac{2*0.5*0.25}{0.5+0.25} = 0.333$$

# Example: Same, but what if the positive class is Not Sarcastic?

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		Actual	
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Predicted	Not Sarcastic	TP: ?	FP: ?
	Sarcastic	FN: ?	TN: ?

Positive Class: Not Sarcastic

Precision = ?

Recall = ?

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Predicted	Sarcastic	TP: 2	FP: 3
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Positive Class: Not Sarcastic

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Recall = ?

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	Not Sarcastic	FN: 1	TN: 1

Positive Class: Not Sarcastic

Precision = 0.4

Recall = ?

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	Actual				
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FN: 1	TN: 1				

Positive Class: Not Sarcastic

Precision = 0.4

Recall = 0.667

$$F_1 = \frac{(1^2+1)PR}{1^2P+R} = \frac{2PR}{P+R} = ?$$

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		Actual	
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Predicted	Not Sarcastic	TP: 2	FP: 3
	Sarcastic	FN: 1	TN: 1

Positive Class: Not Sarcastic

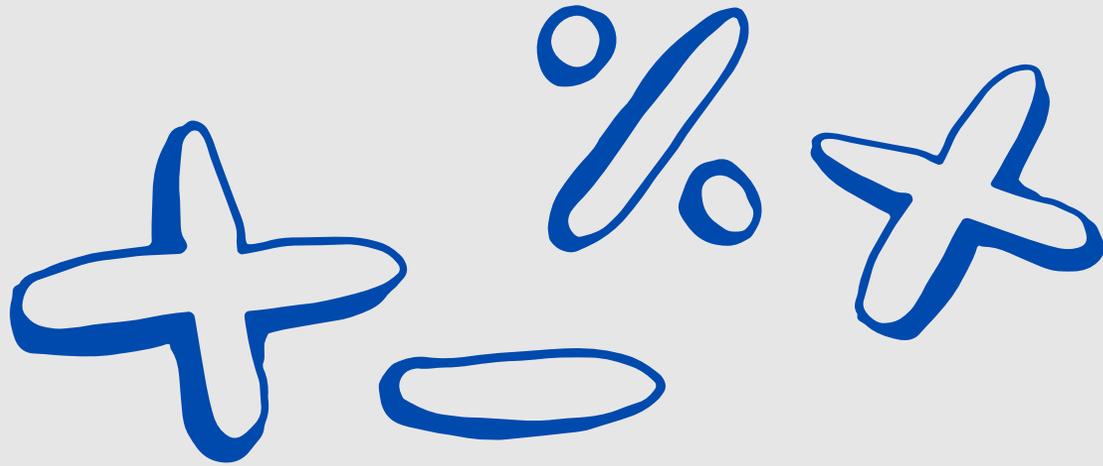
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$$F_1 = \frac{(1^2+1)PR}{1^2P+R} = \frac{2PR}{P+R} = \frac{2*0.4*0.667}{0.4+0.667} = 0.50009$$

# Summary: Naïve Bayes Essentials

- **Naïve Bayes** is a **probabilistic, supervised classification algorithm**
- When making predictions, a classifier takes a test observation, extracts a set of features from it, and assigns a label to the observation based on similarities between its feature values and those of observations in the training dataset
- Naïve Bayes is “naïve” because it makes the simplifying assumption that **all features are independent of one another**
- Naïve Bayes classifiers generally use **bag of words** features, but may use other features (e.g., those from external **lexicons**) depending on the task
- Classification model performance is determined by comparing the model’s predictions to a set of **gold standard labels**
- The similarities and differences between predicted and actual labels can be summarized in a **confusion matrix** containing **true positives**, **false positives**, **true negatives**, and **false negatives**
- Four common metrics can be computed from values in this table
  - **Precision**: Of the observations predicted to be true, how many actually are?
  - **Recall**: Of the observations that are true, how many were predicted to be?
  - **F-Measure**: What is the harmonic mean between precision and recall?
  - **Accuracy**: What percentage of observations did the model label correctly?



# Logistic Regression

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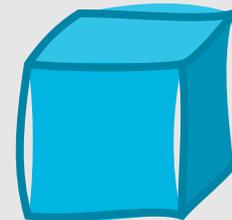
# Looking back at generative classifiers....

- Goal: Understand what each class looks like
  - Should be able to “generate” an instance from each class
- To classify an instance, determines which class model better fits the instance, and chooses that as the label

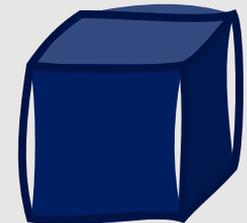
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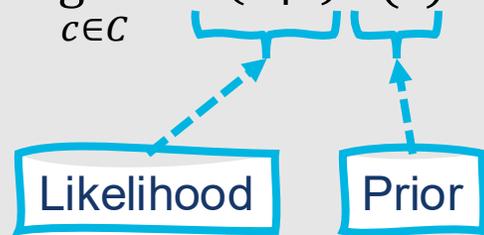
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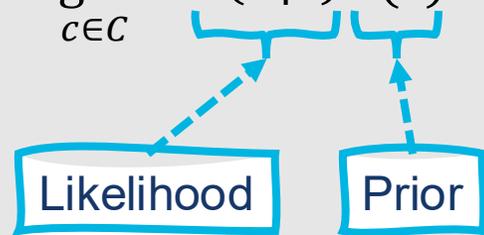
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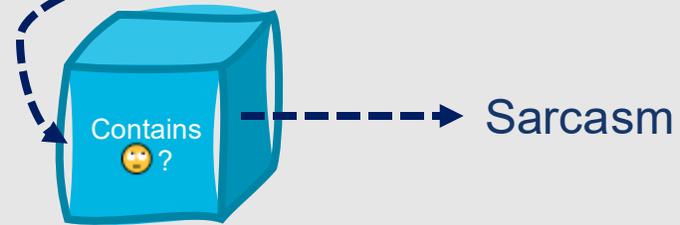
A generative model like naïve Bayes makes use of the **likelihood** term

- Likelihood:** Expresses how likely it is to generate an instance *if it knows it is of class  $c$*

# Discriminative Classifiers

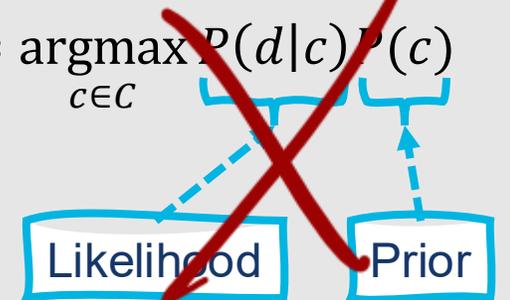
- Goal: Learn to distinguish between classes
  - No need to learn that much about them individually
- Bases the classification decision on the distinguishing feature(s) between classes

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Likelihood      Prior

$$\hat{c} = \operatorname{argmax}_{c \in C} P(c|d)$$

A discriminative model instead tries to compute  $P(c|d)$  directly!

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# Logistic Regression

- **Discriminative** supervised machine learning algorithm
- Very close relationship with **neural networks!**
- How does it compare with naïve Bayes?
  - Often performs a bit better
  - May be more complex to implement
  - May take longer to train

**Logistic regression follows a standard setup that is reflected in most discriminative learning algorithms.**

- **Feature representation** of the input
  - Typically, a **vector** of features  $[x_1^{(j)}, x_2^{(j)}, \dots, x_n^{(j)}]$  for a given instance  $x^{(j)}$
- **Classification function** that computes the estimated class,  $\hat{y}$ 
  - Sigmoid
  - Softmax
  - Etc.
- **Objective function** or **loss function** that computes error values on training instances
  - Cross-entropy loss function
- **Optimization function** that seeks to minimize the loss function
  - Stochastic gradient descent

# Binary Logistic Regression

- Goal:
  - Train a classifier that can decide whether a new input observation belongs to class  $a$  or class  $b$
- To do this, the classifier learns a **vector of weights** (one associated with each input feature) and a **bias term**
  - Generalized (multinomial) case  $\rightarrow$  vector of weights associated with each class
  - In true binary logistic regression we only need to learn one set of weights to discriminate between classes
- A given **weight indicates how important its corresponding feature is** to the overall classification decision
  - Can be positive or negative
- The **bias term is a real number** that is added to the weighted inputs

# Binary Logistic Regression

- To make a classification decision, the classifier:
  - Multiplies each feature for an input instance  $x$  by its corresponding weight (learned from the training data)
  - Sums the weighted features
  - Adds the bias term  $b$
- This results in a weighted sum of evidence for the class:

$$z = b + \sum_i w_i x_i$$

Bias term

Weight for feature  $i$

Feature  $i$  for instance  $x$

# \* Vector Notation

- Letting  $w$  be the weight vector and  $x$  be the input feature vector, we can also represent the weighted sum  $z$  using vector notation:

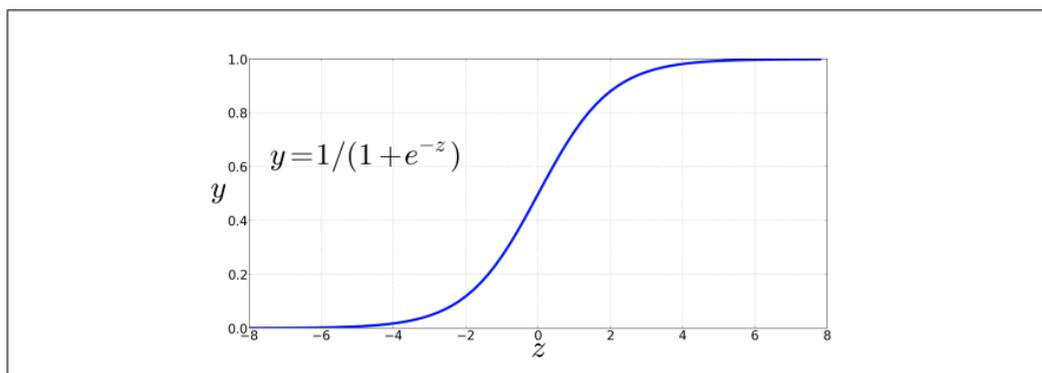
- $z = w \cdot x + b$



**How do we map  
from a linear  
weighted sum ( $z$ )  
to a probability  
ranging from 0-1?**

- Pass  $z$  through the sigmoid function,  $\sigma(z)$ 
  - Also called the **logistic function**, hence the name **logistic regression**

# Sigmoid Function



**Figure 5.1** The sigmoid function  $y = \frac{1}{1+e^{-z}}$  takes a real value and maps it to the range  $[0, 1]$ . It is nearly 1 for  $z > 4$  and nearly 0 for  $z < -4$ . Source: <https://web.stanford.edu/~jurafsky/slp3/5.pdf>

- Sigmoid Function:
  - $\sigma(x) = \frac{1}{1+e^{-x}}$
- Given its name because when plotted, it looks like an s
- Results in a value  $y$  ranging from 0 to 1
  - $y = \sigma(z) = \frac{1}{1+e^{-z}} = \frac{1}{1+e^{-w \cdot x + b}}$
- This function has many useful properties:
  - Squashes outliers towards 0 or 1
  - Differentiable

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# Probabilities for all classes must sum to 1.0!

- To simplify classification in true binary logistic regression, you can just assume:
  - $P(y = 1) = \sigma(z)$
  - $P(y = 0) = 1 - \sigma(z)$
- More generally though, you'll need to compute separate probabilities for each class based on feature weights associated with that class

# How do we make a classification decision?

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- Choose a **decision boundary**
  - For binary classification, often 0.5
- For a test instance  $x$ , assign a label  $c$  if  $P(y = c|x)$  is greater than the decision boundary

# Example: Sigmoid Classification

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Sarcastic or not sarcastic?



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## Feature

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Contains 😊

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Positively associated with sarcasm

Negatively associated with sarcasm

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# Learning in Logistic Regression

- How are the parameters of a logistic regression model,  $w$  and  $b$ , learned?
  - **Loss function**
  - **Optimization function**
- Goal: Learn parameters that make  $\hat{y}$  for each training observation as close as possible to the true  $y$

# Loss Function

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- We need to determine the distance between the predicted and true output value
    - How much does  $\hat{y}$  differ from  $y$ ?
  - We do this using a **conditional maximum likelihood estimation**
    - Select  $w$  and  $b$  such that they maximize the log probability of the true  $y$  values in the training data, given their observations  $x$
  - This results in a **negative log likelihood loss**
    - More commonly referred to as **cross-entropy loss**

# Cross-Entropy Loss

- Measures the distance between the probability distributions of predicted and actual values
  - $loss(y_i, \hat{y}_i) = -\sum_{c=1}^{|\mathcal{C}|} p_{i,c} \log \hat{p}_{i,c}$ 
    - $\mathcal{C}$  is the set of all possible classes
    - $p_{i,c}$  is the actual probability that instance  $i$  should be labeled with class  $c$
    - $\hat{p}_{i,c}$  is the predicted probability that instance  $i$  should be labeled with class  $c$
- Observations with a big distance between the predicted and actual values have much higher cross-entropy loss than observations with only a small distance between the two values

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Not Sarcastic

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What if our predicted values were switched?

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$$\text{loss}(y_i, y_i') = -1 * \log 0.04 - 0 * \log 0.96 = -\log 0.04 = 1.40$$

Greater loss value!

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# Finding Optimal Weights

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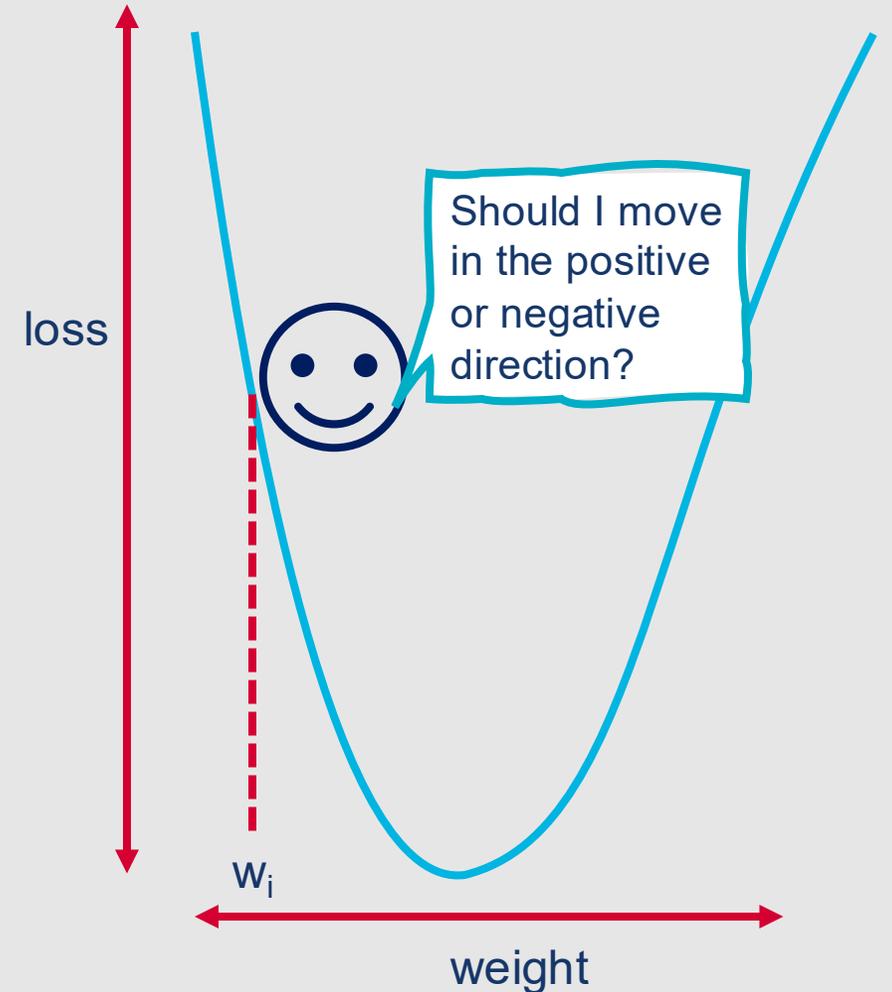
- Goal: Minimize the loss function defined for the model

- $\hat{\theta} = \operatorname{argmin}_{\theta} \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m L_{CE}(y^{(i)}, x^{(i)}; \theta)$

- For logistic regression,  $\theta = w, b$
- One way to do this is by using **gradient descent**

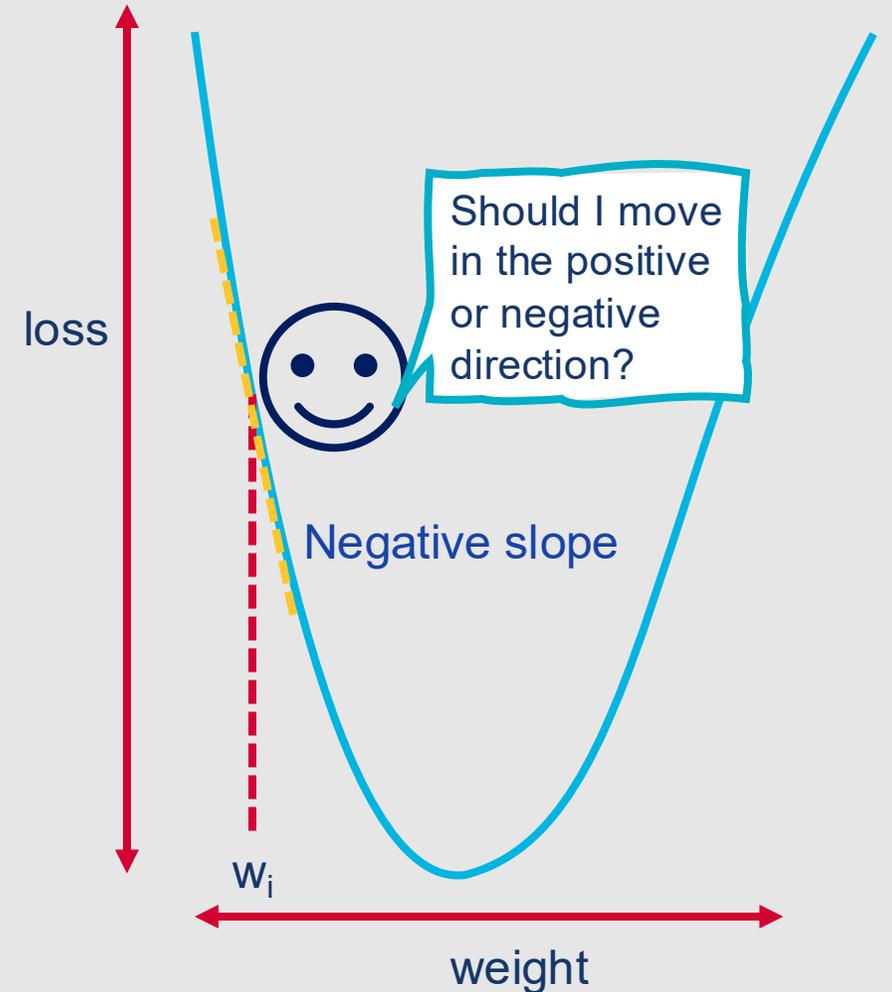
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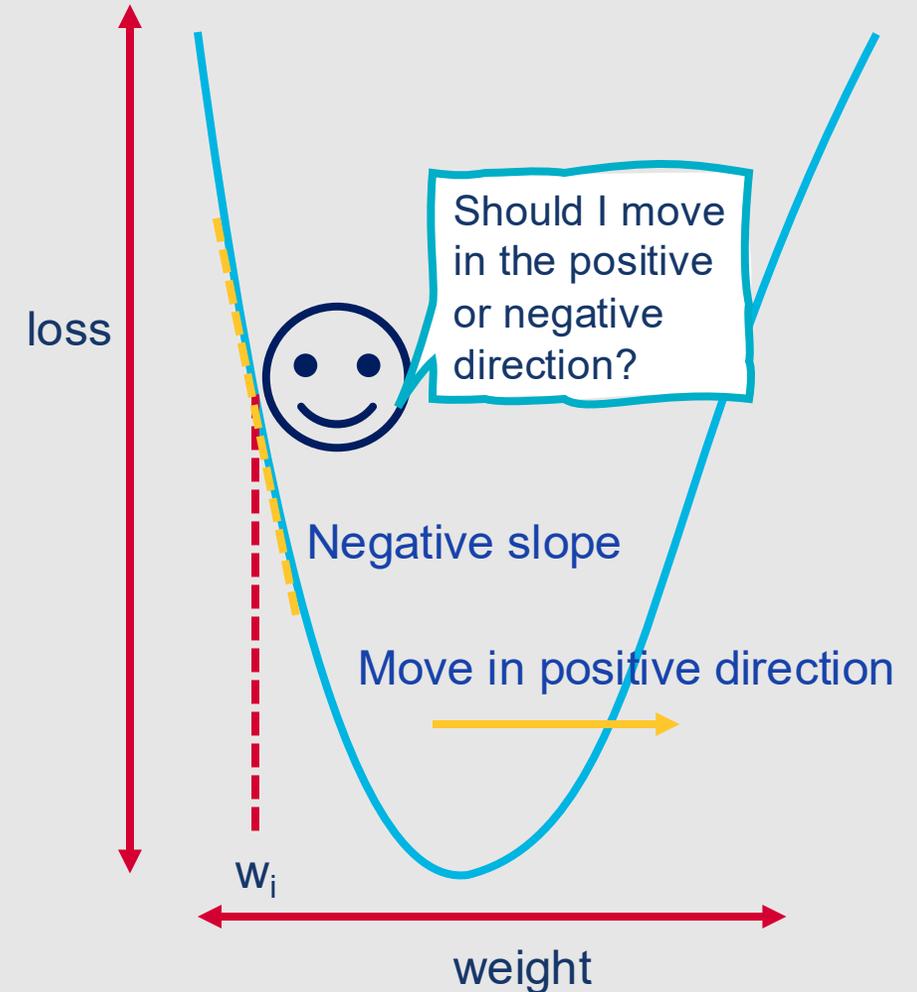
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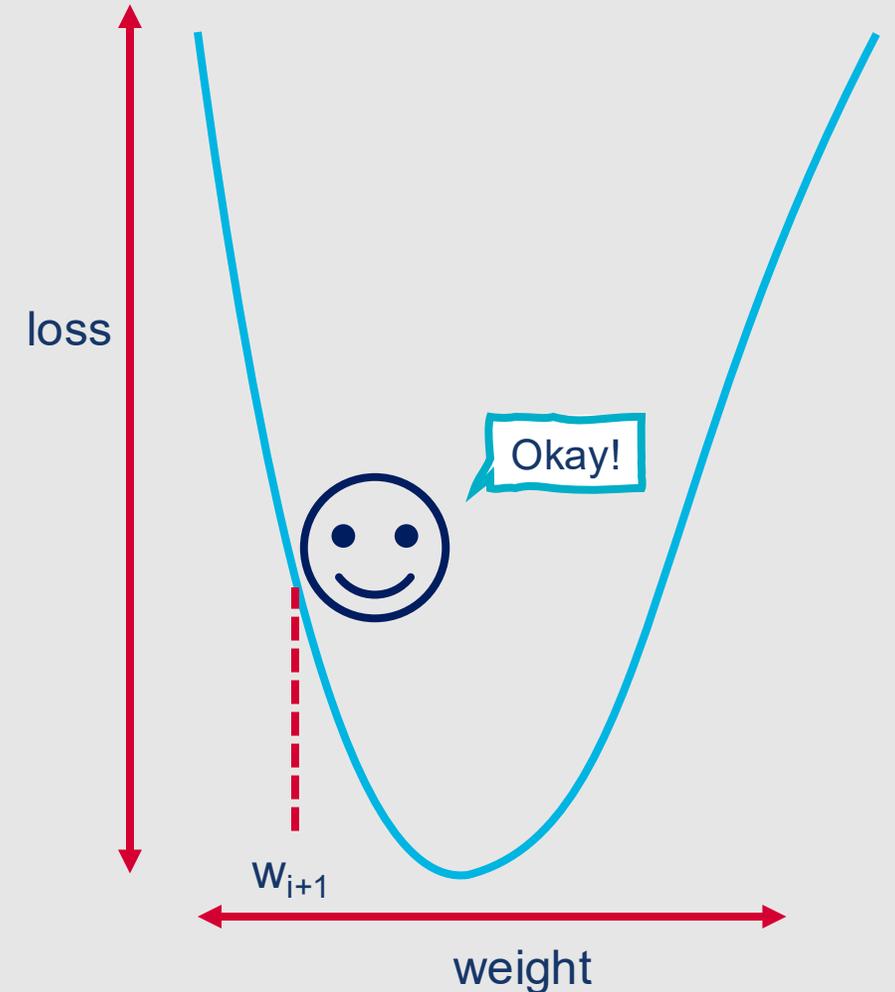
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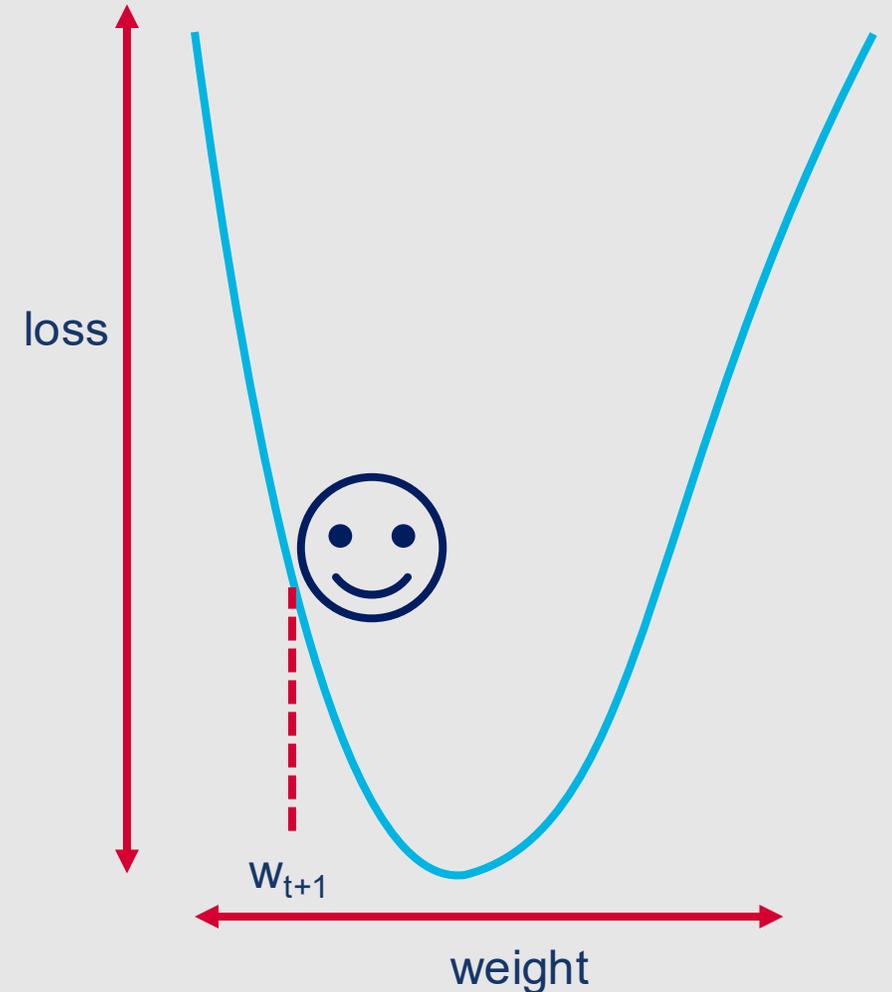


# Gradient Descent

- How much do we move?
  - Value of the slope
    - $\frac{d}{dw} f(x; w)$
  - Weighted by a learning rate  $\eta$
- Faster learning rate  $\rightarrow$  move  $w$  more on each step
- So, the change to a weight is actually:

- $w^{t+1} = w^t - \eta \frac{d}{dw} f(x; w)$

Derivative of loss function curve with respect to a given weight





# Remember, there are weights for each feature.

- The gradient is then a vector of the slopes of each dimension:

$$\bullet \nabla_{\theta} L(f(x; \theta), y) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{d}{dw_1} L(f(x; \theta), y) \\ \dots \\ \frac{d}{dw_n} L(f(x; \theta), y) \end{bmatrix}$$

- This in turn means that the final equation for updating  $\theta$  is:
  - $\theta_{t+1} = \theta_t - \eta \nabla L(f(x; \theta), y)$

# The Gradient for Logistic Regression

- Recall our cross-entropy loss function:

- $loss(y_i, \hat{y}_i) = -\sum_{c=1}^{|C|} y \log \hat{y} = -\sum_{c=1}^{|C|} y \log \sigma(\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x} + b)$

- The derivative for this function is:

- $\frac{dL_{CE}(\mathbf{w}, b)}{dw_j} = [\underbrace{\sigma(\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x} + b) - y}_{\text{Difference between true and estimated } y}] x_j$

Difference between true and estimated  $y$

Corresponding input observation



# Stochastic Gradient Descent Algorithm

```
 $\theta \leftarrow \theta$  # initialize weights to  $\theta$   
repeat until convergence:  
  For each training instance  $(x^{(i)}, y^{(i)})$  in random order:  
    # What is our gradient, given our current parameters?  
     $g \leftarrow \nabla_{\theta} L(f(x^{(i)}; \theta), y^{(i)})$   
  
     $\theta \leftarrow \theta - \eta g$  # What are our updated parameters?  
return  $\theta$ 
```

# Example: Gradient Descent (First Step)

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I'm just thrilled that I have five final exams on the same day.



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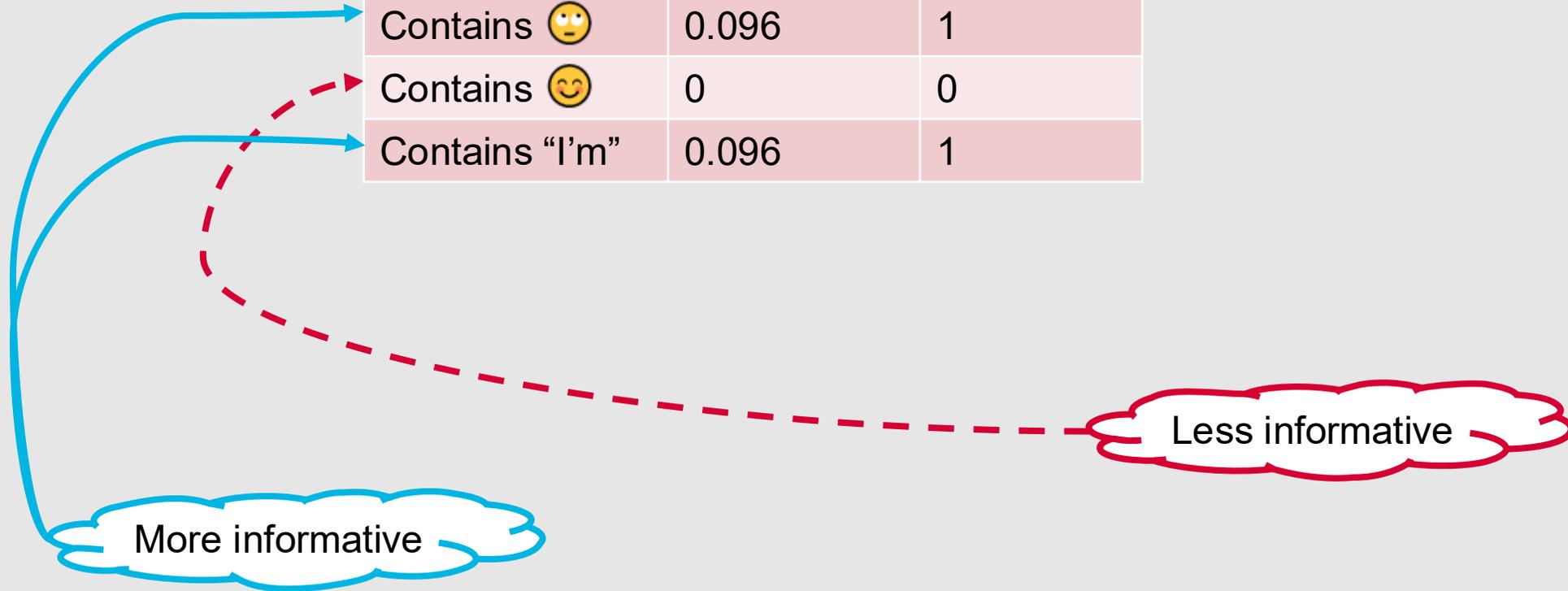


# Mini-Batch Training

- Stochastic gradient descent chooses a single random example at a time ...this can result in choppy movements!
- Often, the gradient will be computed over batches of training instances rather than a single instance
- **Batch training:** Gradient is computed over the entire dataset
  - Perfect direction, but very computationally expensive
- **Mini-batch training:** Cross-entropy loss and gradient are computed over a group of  $m$  examples
  - $L_{CE}(\text{training samples}) = -\sum_{i=1}^m L_{CE}(\hat{y}^{(i)}, y^{(i)})$
  - $\frac{d\theta}{dw_j} = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m [\sigma(w \cdot x^{(i)} + b) - y^{(i)}] x_j^{(i)}$

# Interpreting Logistic Regression Weights

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Contains 😊	0	0
Contains "I'm"	0.096	1



# How do we evaluate logistic regression classifiers?

- Same way as naïve Bayes (and all other) text classifiers!
  - Precision
  - Recall
  - $F_1$
  - Accuracy

# This Week's Topics

Text classification  
Naïve Bayes  
Evaluating text classifiers

Tuesday

Thursday

Logistic regression  
Cross-entropy loss function  
Gradient descent optimization  
★ Other classification details

# Training, Validation, and Test Sets

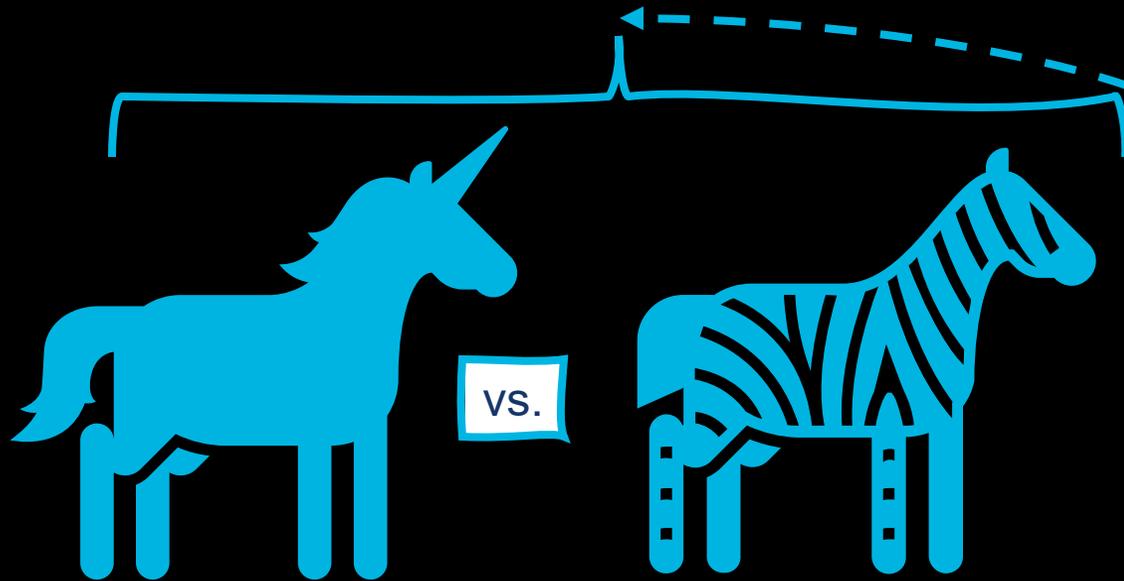
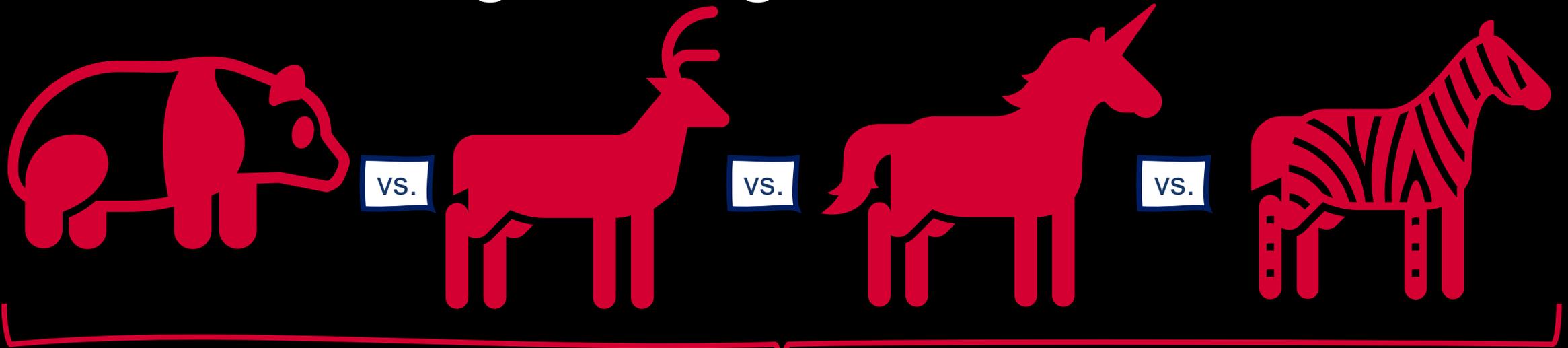
- Text corpora are generally divided into three subsets (sometimes called **splits** or **folds**):
  - **Training:** Used to train the classification model
  - **Validation:** Used to check performance while developing the classification model
    - Helps prevent **overfitting**
  - **Test:** Used to check performance only after model development is finished
- The percentage of data in each fold can vary
  - In many cases, researchers like to reserve 75% or more of their corpus for training, and split the remaining data between validation and test

# What if the entire dataset is pretty small?

- In cases where the entire dataset is small, it may be undesirable to reserve an entire fold of data for validation
- In these cases, a reasonable alternative is **cross-validation**
  - Randomly split the dataset into  $k$  folds
  - Train on  $k-1$  folds and test on the other fold
  - Repeat with a different combination of  $k-1$  folds and other fold
  - Overall, repeat  $k$  times
  - Average the performance across all  $k$  training/test runs



# Multinomial Logistic Regression



Logistic regression can be used for binary classification or multinomial classification.

## Binary

- Class A vs. Class B

## Multinomial

- Class A vs. Class B vs. Class C vs. Class D....

# Multinomial Logistic Regression

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- Other names:
  - Softmax regression
  - Maxent classification (short for maximum entropy classification)
- Uses a **softmax** function rather than a sigmoid function
- Softmax takes a vector  $\mathbf{z}$  of arbitrary values (same as the sigmoid function) and maps them to a probability distribution summing to 1
  - $\text{softmax}(z_i) = \frac{e^{z_i}}{\sum_{j=1}^{|Z|} e^{z_j}}$

# Multinomial Confusion Matrix

		Actual		
		class 1	class 2	class 3
Predicted	class 1	a	b	c
	class 2	d	e	f
	class 3	g	h	i

# Multinomial Precision

		Actual		
		class 1	class 2	class 3
Predicted	class 1	a	b	c
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	class 3	g	h	i

$$\text{Precision} = \frac{a}{a+b+c}$$

# Multinomial Recall

		Actual		
		class 1	class 2	class 3
Predicted	class 1	a	b	c
	class 2	d	e	f
	class 3	g	h	i

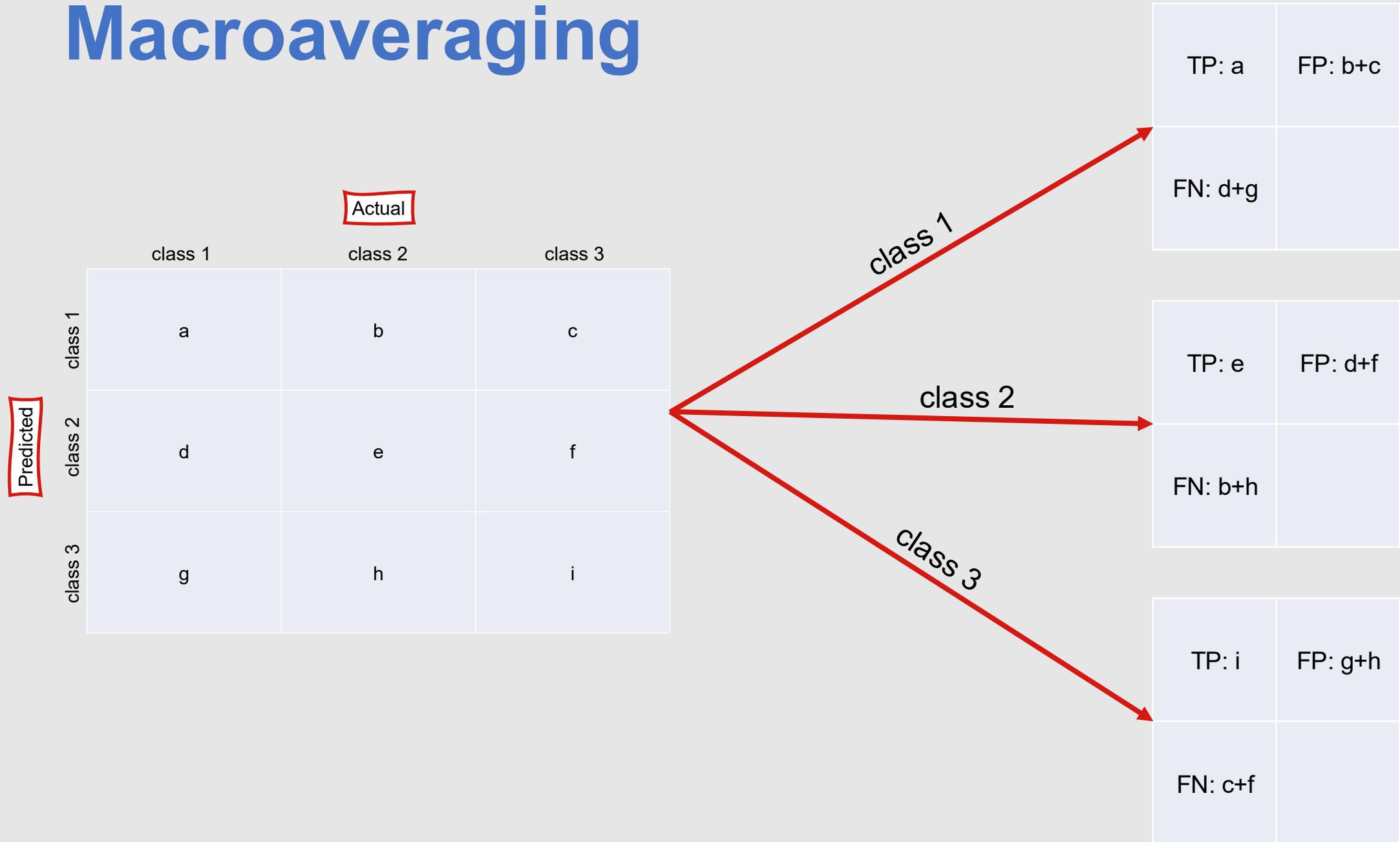
$$\text{Precision} = \frac{a}{a+b+c}$$

$$\text{Recall} = \frac{a}{a+d+g}$$

# Macroaveraging

- We can check the system's **overall performance** in multi-class classification settings by combining all of the calculated performance values
- **Macroaveraging:** Compute the performance for each class, and then average over all classes
  - Evenly distributes performance estimates across classes, so less-frequent classes factor in equally as heavily

# Macroaveraging



# Macroaveraging

		Actual		
		class 1	class 2	class 3
Predicted	class 1	a	b	c
	class 2	d	e	f
	class 3	g	h	i

$$\text{Precision}_{\text{Class1}} = \frac{tp}{tp+fp}$$

TP: a	FP: b+c
FN: d+g	

$$\text{Precision}_{\text{Class2}} = \frac{tp}{tp+fp}$$

TP: e	FP: d+f
FN: b+h	

$$\text{Precision}_{\text{Class3}} = \frac{tp}{tp+fp}$$

TP: i	FP: g+h
FN: c+f	

# Macroaveraging

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Predicted	class 1	a	b	c
	class 2	d	e	f
	class 3	g	h	i

$$\text{Macroaveraged Precision} = \frac{\text{Precision}_{\text{class1}} + \text{Precision}_{\text{class2}} + \text{Precision}_{\text{class3}}}{3}$$

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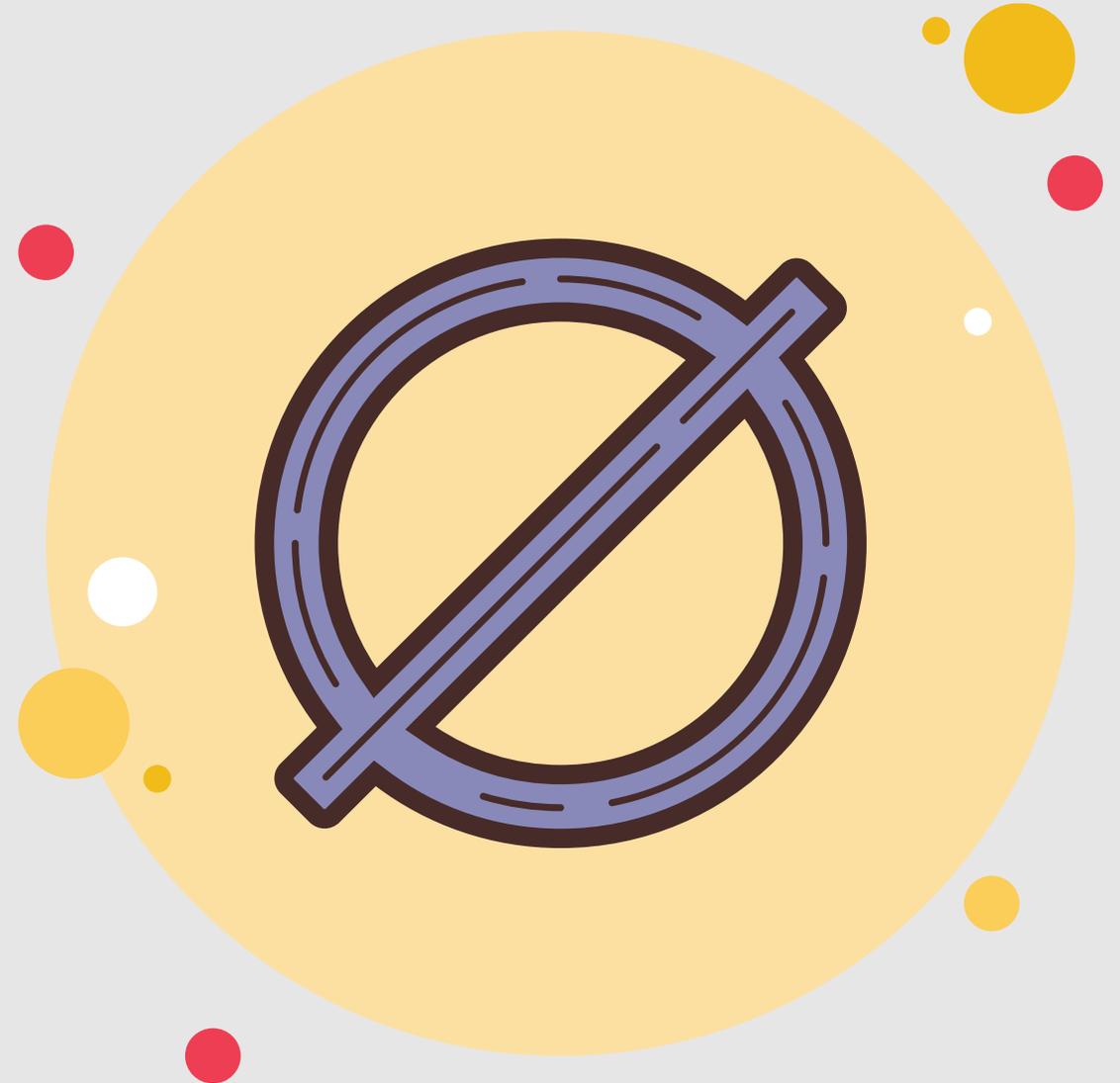
$$\text{Precision}_{\text{Class3}} = \frac{tp}{tp+fp}$$

TP: i	FP: g+h
FN: c+f	

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# Statistical Significance Testing

- We've trained and evaluated our classification model ...how can we validate our results?
- To confirm results suggesting that Model A is better, we need to perform **statistical significance testing** to reject the **null hypothesis** that Model A is better than Model B just due to chance
  - **Null Hypothesis:** This is due to chance, rather than some meaningful reason



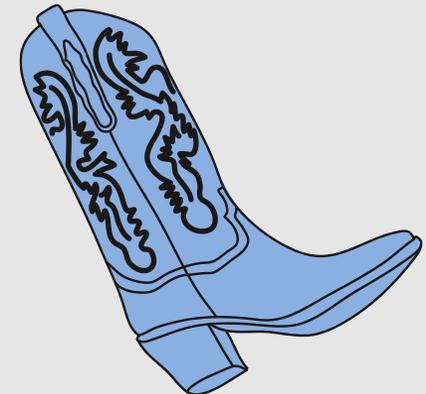
# How do we reject the null hypothesis?

- Select a **statistical significance test** based on the:
  - Distribution of our data
  - Number of samples in our dataset
- Use the test to calculate a **p-value**
  - Probability that we'll see equally big performance differences by chance
- Compare the p-value to a predetermined threshold
- Since most NLP tasks don't involve data from a known distribution, it's common to use **non-parametric tests** to determine statistical significance:
  - **Bootstrap test**

# Bootstrap Test

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- Repeatedly draws many small samples from the test set, with replacement
- Assumes each sample is representative of the overall population
- For each sample, checks to see how well Model A and Model B perform on it
- Keeps a running total of the number of samples for which the difference between Model A's and Model B's performance is more than twice as much as the difference between Model A's and Model B's performance in the overall test set
- Divides the final total by the total number of samples checked to determine the  $p$ -value



# Formal Algorithm: Bootstrap Test

```
Calculate  $\delta(x)$  # Performance difference between Models A and B
for i = 1 to b do: # b = number of samples
    for j = 1 to n do: # n = size of bootstrap sample
        Randomly select a test instance and add it to the
        bootstrap sample
    Calculate  $\delta(x^{*(i)})$  # Performance difference between Models A
        # and B for the bootstrap sample  $x^{*(i)}$ 
for each  $x^{*(i)}$ :
    s = s+1 if  $\delta(x^{*(i)}) > 2\delta(x)$ 
p(x) = s/b
```

## Interested in learning more about statistical significance testing in NLP?

- Paper: <https://aclanthology.org/P18-1128.pdf>
- Book: <https://www.morganclaypool.com/doi/10.2200/S00994ED1V01Y202002HLT045>



# Summary: Logistic Regression

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**Logistic regression** is a **discriminative** classification model used for supervised machine learning

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Classification decisions are made using a **sigmoid** function

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Loss is typically computed using a **cross-entropy** function

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Weights are usually optimized using **stochastic gradient descent**

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A **regularization** term may be added to the loss function to avoid overfitting

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In addition to serving as a simple **classifier** and a useful **foundation for neural networks**, logistic regression can function as a powerful **analytic tool**

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We can evaluate the significance of our evaluation results using **statistical significance testing**

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