

PROBABILITY: CERTAIN, POSSIBLE, IMPOSSIBLE

... some people say,
"nothing is impossible"...



I've been doing nothing
all day...
trust me - it's completely possible !!



Uncertainty reasoning and machine learning

Introduction to notions of calibrated and valid predictions

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Optimization problem should be described after declaring

- a training (+ validation) data set,
- a hypothesis space,
- an evaluation criterion,
- and a notion of an optimal classifier.

Optimization Problem: “Spam in Emails” Example

What optimization problem do you want to solve?

- Using a decision tree to predict “Spam in Emails”

Optimization Problem: “Cat Dog classification” Example

What optimization problem do you want to solve?

- Using a convolutional neural network (CNN) to predict images as either a cat or a dog

Objectives

After this lecture students should be able to

- describe commonly used notions of classifier calibration [10]
- describe a few calibration errors and calibration methods [10]
- describe commonly used notions of coverage [1]
- describe a few coverage metrics and conformal procedures [1]

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- How could we interpret this forecast?

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- cannot be done on a per-forecast basis,
- but requires looking at a sufficiently large and diverse set of forecasts.

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If (heterogeneous) classifiers can be well-calibrated,

- their estimated class probabilities may be of the same “scale” and may be combined
- they can be further compared given the same/similar levels of predictive performance.

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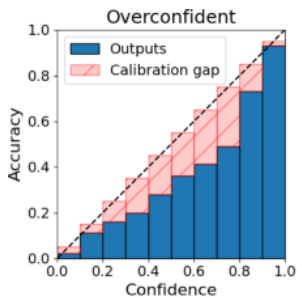
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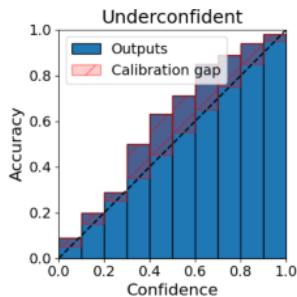
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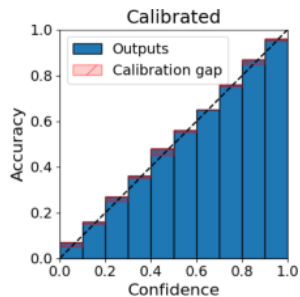
Notions of Calibration with Examples



(a) Underconfidence



(b) Overconfidence



(c) Calibrated classifier

Confidence calibration: Examples [2]

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Question: Check if the following statements are correct

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- $\beta = 0.4$: $P = (4+3)/20 = 7/20 \neq 0.4$
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$$P(y \text{ such that } \theta_y | \mathbf{x} = \beta_y), y \in \mathcal{Y}, \beta_y \in [0, 1]. \quad (5)$$

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Prove that these notions are equivalent for binary classification?

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Prove that $\mathbf{h}(\mathbf{x}) = P(\mathcal{Y})$, $\forall \mathbf{x}$, is perfectly calibrated?

Notes on Classifier Calibration (Cont.)

Comments on confidence/classwise/distribution calibration:

- **Well-calibrated classifiers may perform poorly.**
- Using calibration error as the only criterion to assess classifiers might not be a good idea ...
- **Well-calibrated and accurate classifiers** would be useful in practice!
- They would be seen as **notions of marginal calibration** ←
population level

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Binary estimated calibration error (Binary-ECE):

- Specify a number M of bins
- Apply equal-width binning to $\theta_1|\mathbf{x}$ on \mathbf{D}
- For each bin \mathbf{B}_m , compute average probability $\bar{s}(\mathbf{B}_m)$ and the proportion of positives $\bar{y}(\mathbf{B}_m)$

$$\bar{s}(\mathbf{B}_m) = \frac{1}{|\mathbf{B}_m|} \sum_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbf{B}_m} \theta_1|\mathbf{x}$$

$$\bar{y}(\mathbf{B}_m) = \frac{1}{|\mathbf{B}_m|} \sum_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbf{B}_m} y$$

- Compute Binary-ECE

$$\text{Binary-ECE}(\mathbf{D}) = \sum_{m=1}^M \frac{|\mathbf{B}_m|}{|\mathbf{D}|} |\bar{y}(\mathbf{B}_m) - \bar{s}(\mathbf{B}_m)|$$

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Estimated classwise calibration error (classwise-ECE):

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- Compute Binary-ECE for class $y \in \mathcal{Y} \rightarrow \text{Binary-ECE}_y(\mathbf{D})$
- Compute classwise-ECE

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- $\text{accuracy}(\mathbf{B}_m)$: Average accuracy in bin \mathbf{B}_m
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- Use $\mathbf{h}(\mathbf{x}) = P(\mathcal{Y}), \forall \mathbf{x}$
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Learn a **logistic transformation** of the classifier

$$P(y = 1 | \mathbf{x}) \approx \frac{1}{1 + \exp(A(\boldsymbol{\theta} | \mathbf{x}) + B)} \quad (14)$$

- Estimate A and B : fit the regressor **via maximum likelihood**
- **Multi-class classification**: Platt Scaling \longleftarrow Platt Scaling + z
- $z \in \{\text{One-vs-All}, \text{One-vs-One}\}$

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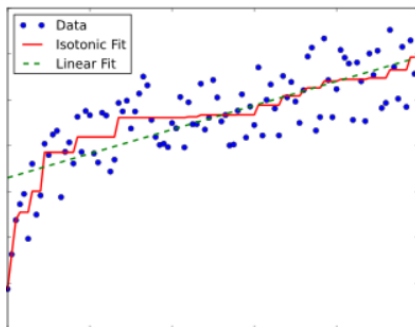
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An example of isotonic regression (**solid red line**)

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Learn a **beta calibration map**

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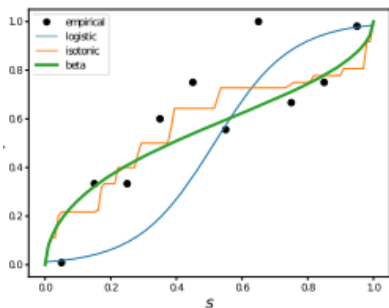
There are some requirements [5]:

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- c is some real number

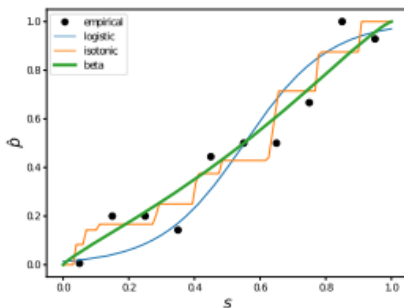
Practical Examples [6]

Beyond sigmoids with beta calibration

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creditA	690	42	383/307	kc3	325	39	283/42
diabetes	768	8	500/268	liver	341	6	142/199
german	955	27	283/672	pc1req	104	8	55/49
haberman	283	3	204/79	pc4	1343	37	1166/177
heartC	302	22	164/138	sonar	208	60	97/111
heartH	293	20	187/106	spect	218	22	24/194
heartS	270	13	150/120	spectf	267	44	55/212
hepatitis	155	19	123/32	transfusion	502	4	371/131
iono	350	33	225/125	ttt	958	27	332/626
je4042	270	8	136/134	vote	517	16	429/144
je4243	363	8	161/202	wbc	463	9	225/263
kc1	1192	21	877/315				

Accuracy [8]

Data sets	RF			xGB									
	UC	PS	VA	UC	PS	VA							
							kc1	.710	.717	.716	.691	.716	.721
							kc2	.781	.771	.769	.762	.753	.767
colic	.838	.819	.818	.840	.832	.824	kc3	.849	.858	.848	.868	.868	.862
creditA	.850	.849	.837	.845	.854	.832	liver	.718	.694	.683	.701	.686	.683
diabetes	.763	.759	.753	.736	.736	.715	pc1req	.696	.622	.673	.615	.567	.683
german	.665	.703	.703	.623	.704	.703	pc4	.896	.889	.888	.897	.887	.888
haberman	.661	.721	.712	.587	.721	.721	sonar	.714	.677	.684	.736	.683	.668
heartC	.833	.822	.814	.788	.778	.772	spect	.883	.890	.873	.858	.885	.867
heartH	.793	.808	.784	.720	.771	.768	spectf	.803	.791	.793	.809	.779	.783
heartS	.824	.816	.808	.807	.804	.793	transfusion	.655	.698	.694	.657	.699	.677
hepati	.837	.829	.814	.800	.813	.768	ttt	.918	.893	.891	.874	.889	.883
iono	.936	.929	.918	.909	.911	.914	vote	.819	.801	.814	.801	.776	.779
je4042	.758	.729	.727	.704	.744	.756	wbc	.949	.941	.946	.929	.931	.933
je4243	.626	.630	.618	.606	.642	.628	Mean	.791	.786	.783	.766	.777	.775

Binary-ECE [8]

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							kc1	.090	.049	.059	.177	.072	.071
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colic	.062	.031	.024	.093	.057	.036	kc3	.054	.037	.052	.085	.038	.054
creditA	.031	.025	.045	.098	.064	.061	liver	.042	.036	.020	.174	.030	.046
diabetes	.018	.049	.036	.162	.044	.046	pc1req	.079	.132	.116	.247	.096	.133
german	.091	.019	.007	.198	.009	.009	pc4	.030	.024	.010	.058	.037	.023
haberman	.144	.041	.043	.307	.068	.077	sonar	.066	.120	.124	.146	.164	.146
heartC	.042	.025	.031	.133	.047	.038	spect	.063	.054	.052	.097	.051	.061
heartH	.051	.036	.059	.183	.056	.074	spectf	.028	.052	.042	.148	.054	.056
heartS	.042	.073	.070	.118	.080	.076	transfusion	.204	.092	.118	.227	.074	.095
hepati	.039	.073	.075	.121	.077	.119	ttt	.157	.044	.037	.073	.074	.067
iono	.049	.041	.061	.067	.041	.071	vote	.088	.111	.096	.156	.146	.110
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PyCalib

Python library for classifier calibration

User installation

The PyCalib package can be installed from Pypi with the command

```
pip install pycalib
```

Documentation

The documentation can be found at <https://classifier-calibration.github.io/PyCalib/>

`sklearn.calibration.CalibratedClassifierCV`

```
class sklearn.calibration.CalibratedClassifierCV(estimator=None, *, method='sigmoid', cv=None, n_jobs=None, ensemble=True, base_estimator='deprecated')
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E#	Dataset	Model	ECE		Accuracy	
			Baseline	MMCE	Baseline	MMCE
1	MNIST	LeNet 5	0.5%	0.2%	99.24%	99.26%
2	CIFAR 10	Resnet 50	4.3%	1.2%	93.1%	93.4%
3	CIFAR 10	Resnet 110	4.6%	1.1%	93.7%	94.0%
4	CIFAR 10	Wide Resnet 28-10	4.5%	1.6%	94.1%	94.2%
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7	Birds CUB 200	Inception-v3	2.6%	2.3%	78.2%	77.9%
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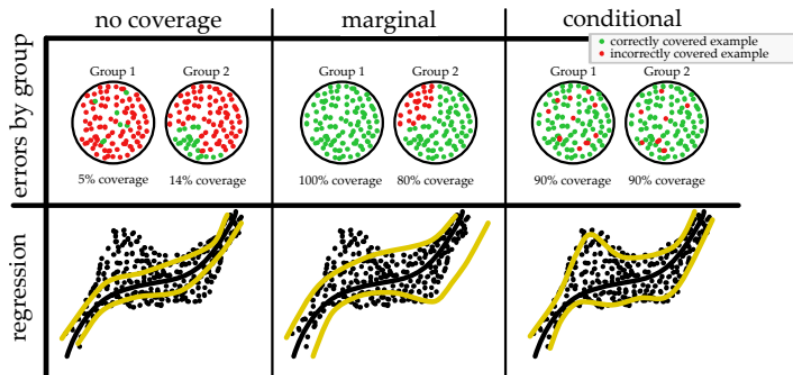


Figure 10: Prediction sets with various notions of coverage: no coverage, marginal coverage, or conditional coverage (at a level of 90%). In the marginal case, all the errors happen in the same groups and regions in X -space. Conditional coverage disallows this behavior, and errors are evenly distributed.

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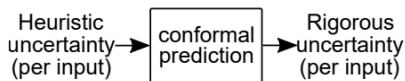
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$$\equiv P(y_{\text{test}} \notin Y_{\text{test}}) \leq \alpha \quad (20)$$

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²Still remember $Y_{\text{test}} := \mathcal{Y}$?

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$$P(y_{\text{test}} \in Y_{\text{test}}) \geq 1 - \alpha \equiv 1 - P(y_{\text{test}} \in Y_{\text{test}}) \leq \alpha \quad (19)$$

$$\equiv P(y_{\text{test}} \notin Y_{\text{test}}) \leq \alpha \quad (20)$$

- We haven't taken into account the cardinality² $|Y_{\text{test}}|$
- We can consider both the miscoverage and cardinality using

$$\ell(y_{\text{test}}, Y_{\text{test}}) \quad (21)$$

→ any bounded loss function that shrinks as $|Y_{\text{test}}|$ grows.

- We may construct prediction sets that bound the expected loss

$$E[\ell(y_{\text{test}}, Y_{\text{test}}) | \mathbf{x}] = \sum_{y_{\text{test}} \in \mathcal{Y}} \ell(y_{\text{test}}, Y_{\text{test}}) * P(y_{\text{test}} | \mathbf{x}) \leq \alpha \quad (22)$$

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Cover. Metrics Have often Been Coupled with Prediction Size

This can (hopefully) be done by using, for example,

- a loss considering both the miscoverage and cardinality,
- a suitable conformal procedure (see next slides),
- and so on.

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Conformal coverage guarantee [1, 9]:

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Split Conformal Prediction: A Smallest Average Size Seeker

Average size [9][Remark 4] is defined as

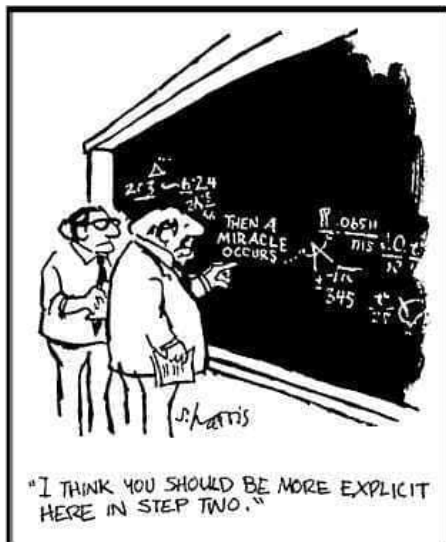
$$E(Y) = \sum_{y \in \mathcal{Y}} P(y \in Y) \quad (34)$$

Other procedures [1]

Conformal prediction can also be adapted to handle

- unsupervised outlier detection
- covariate/distribution shift
- multilabel classification

Remember to Check the Underlying Assumptions



github.com/aangelopoulos/conformal-prediction

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Conformal Prediction

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This repository is the easiest way to start using conformal prediction (a.k.a. conformal inference) on real data.

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