## PROBABILITY: CERTAIN, POSSIBLE, IMPOSSIBLE

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



I've been cloing 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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#### Question: Check if the following statements are correct

- h is not confidence-calibrated
- h is classwise-calibrated
- h is not distribution-calibrated







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Statement: h is not confidence-calibrated

$$P(y = \arg\max_{y \in \mathscr{Y}} \theta_y | \mathbf{x} \text{ such that } \max_{y \in \mathscr{Y}} \theta_y | \mathbf{x} = \beta) = \beta, \forall \beta \in [0, 1].$$
 (1)

- $\beta = 0.4$ :  $P = (4+3)/20 = 7/20 \neq 0.4$
- $\beta = 0.6$ : P = (5+7)/20 = 12/20 = 0.6







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Statement: h is classwise-calibrated

$$P(y \text{ such that } \theta_y | \mathbf{x} = \beta_y) = \beta_y, y \in \mathcal{Y}, \beta_y \in [0, 1].$$
 (2)

• 
$$y_1 \wedge \beta_1 = 0.3$$
:  $P = (2+4)/20 = 0.3$ ,  $y_1 \wedge \beta_1 = 0.4$ :  $P = (3+5)/20 = 0.4$ 

• 
$$y_2 \wedge \beta_2 = 0.3$$
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• 
$$y_3 \wedge \beta_3 = 0.0$$
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**Statement**: *h* is not distribution-calibrated

$$P(y \text{ such that } \boldsymbol{\theta} | \boldsymbol{x} = \boldsymbol{q}) = \boldsymbol{q}, \forall \boldsymbol{q} \in \triangle^{|\mathcal{Y}|}, \tag{3}$$

• 
$$\mathbf{q} = (0.3, 0.3, 0.4)$$
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## A Note on Classifier Calibration (Exercise 2)

Consider three notions of classifier calibration:

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Classwise calibration [4]:

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where  $\Delta^{|\mathcal{Y}|}$  is the  $|\mathcal{Y}|$ -dimensional simplex.

Prove that these notions are equivalent for binary classification?







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







#### **Outline**

- Calibration Errors
- Post-hoc Calibration
- Conformal Prediction





## Calibration Error: The Binary Case (Exercise 4)

#### Basic setup:

- A given data set  $\mathbf{D} = \{(x_n, y_n) | n = 1, ..., N\}$  with  $y \in \{0, 1\}$
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**Question**: Empirical Binning optimizes binary-ECE(**D**)?





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- Prove that if we know the prior distribution  $P(\mathcal{Y})$ , we can always produce perfect conformal predictions w.r.t. the notion of marginal coverage with any chosen significance level  $\sigma \in [0,1]$ .





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