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# Spam filter semestral project

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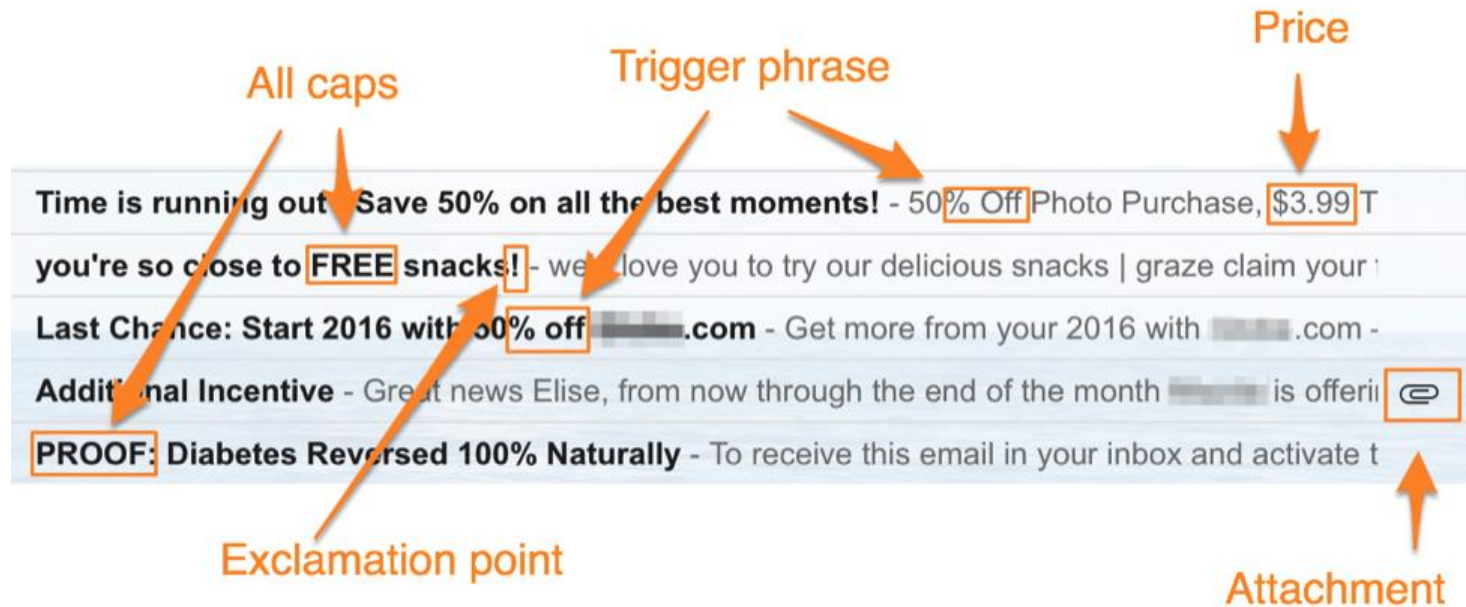
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# Spam

- What is spam?
- What is a spam filter? How does it work?
- What makes spam spam?
- Can a spam filter produce errors? Are all equally serious?



# Spam characteristics

<b>SPAM Trigger words</b>				
% off	Double your income	Great offer	Never	Remove
\$\$\$	Earn \$	Guarantee	No gimmiks	Reverses
100% free	Earn extra cash	Help	No hidden costs	Sample
100% satisfied	Extra income	Hidden	No investment	Satisfaction
Acceptance	F r e e	Hidden assets	Now only	Satisfaction guaranteed
Accordingly	Fast cash	Increase sales	Obligation	Save \$
Act now	Free	Increase traffic	One hundred percent free	Search engine listings
Affordable	Free gift	Increase your sales	One time	Serious cash
Apply now	Free info	Incredible deal	Opportunity	Solution
Avoid	Free installation	Info you requested	Order now	Special promotion
Billion	Free investment	Lifetime	Order today	Stop
Cash bonus	Free leads	Limited time offer	Please read	Success
Chance	Free membership	Lose	Prices	Test
Cheap	Free offer	Maintained	Problem	Thousands
Click here	Free preview	Make \$	Promise you	Urgent
Compare rates	Free trial	Medium	Refinance	Visit our website
Credit	Get started now	Miracle	Reminder	Web traffic

# Spam

$$q = \frac{TP+TN}{TP+TN+10 \cdot FP+FN}$$

	Predicted class POSITIVE (spam 📧 )	Predicted class NEGATIVE (normal 📧 )
Actual class POSITIVE (spam 📧 )	TRUE POSITIVE (TP) 📧 📧 320	FALSE NEGATIVE (FN) 📧 📧 43
Actual class NEGATIVE (normal 📧 )	FALSE POSITIVE (FP) 📧 📧 20	TRUE NEGATIVE (TN) 📧 📧 538

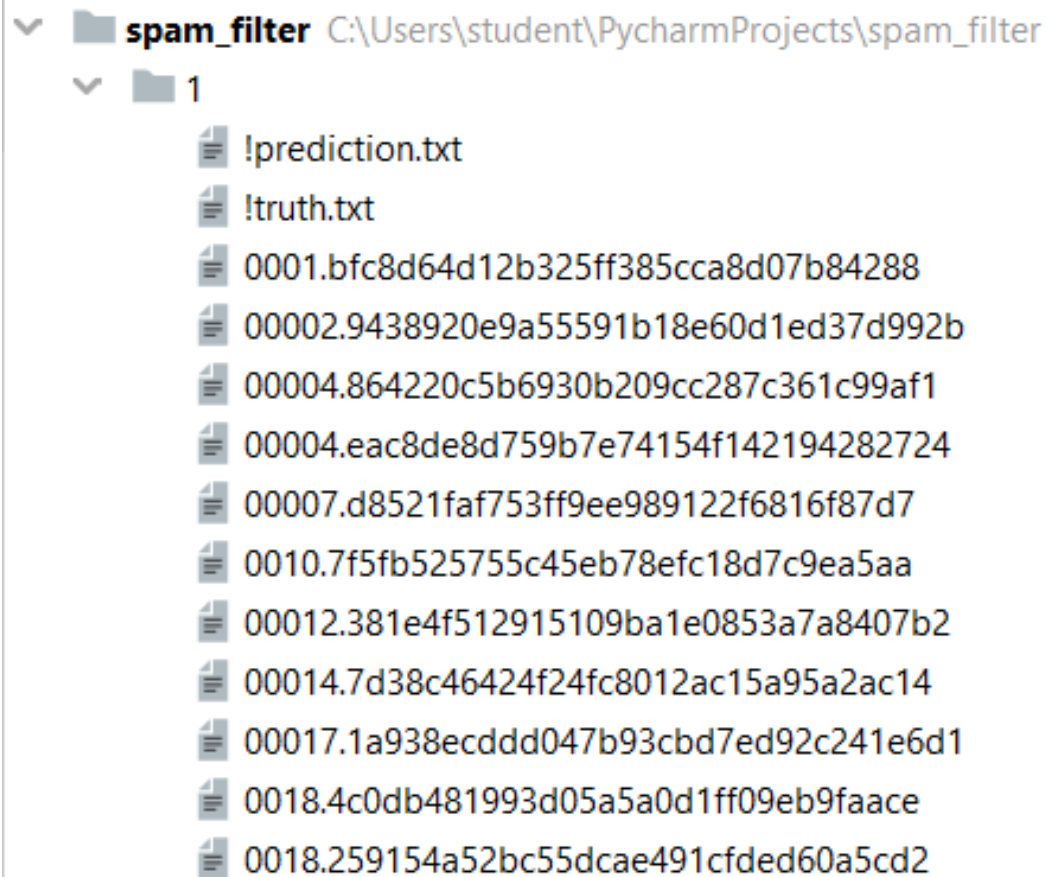
**SPAM** (green text, arrow pointing to TP cell)

**SPAM in your inbox** (orange text, arrow pointing to FN cell)

**OK MSG in a spam folder!!!** (red text, arrow pointing to FP cell)

**NOT SPAM** (green text, arrow pointing to TN cell)

# Input data



2 sets of data available for  
training and local testing

!prediction.txt (created by your code)

```
00056.6647a720da7dad641f4028c9f6fbf4e5 ???  
00058.64bb1902c4e561fb3e521a6dbf8625be ???  
00060.ec71d52a6f585ace52f4a2a2be2adfce ???  
00063.2334fb4e465fc61e8406c75918ff72ed ???  
00065.9c8ae6822b427f2dbee5339d561a2888 ???
```

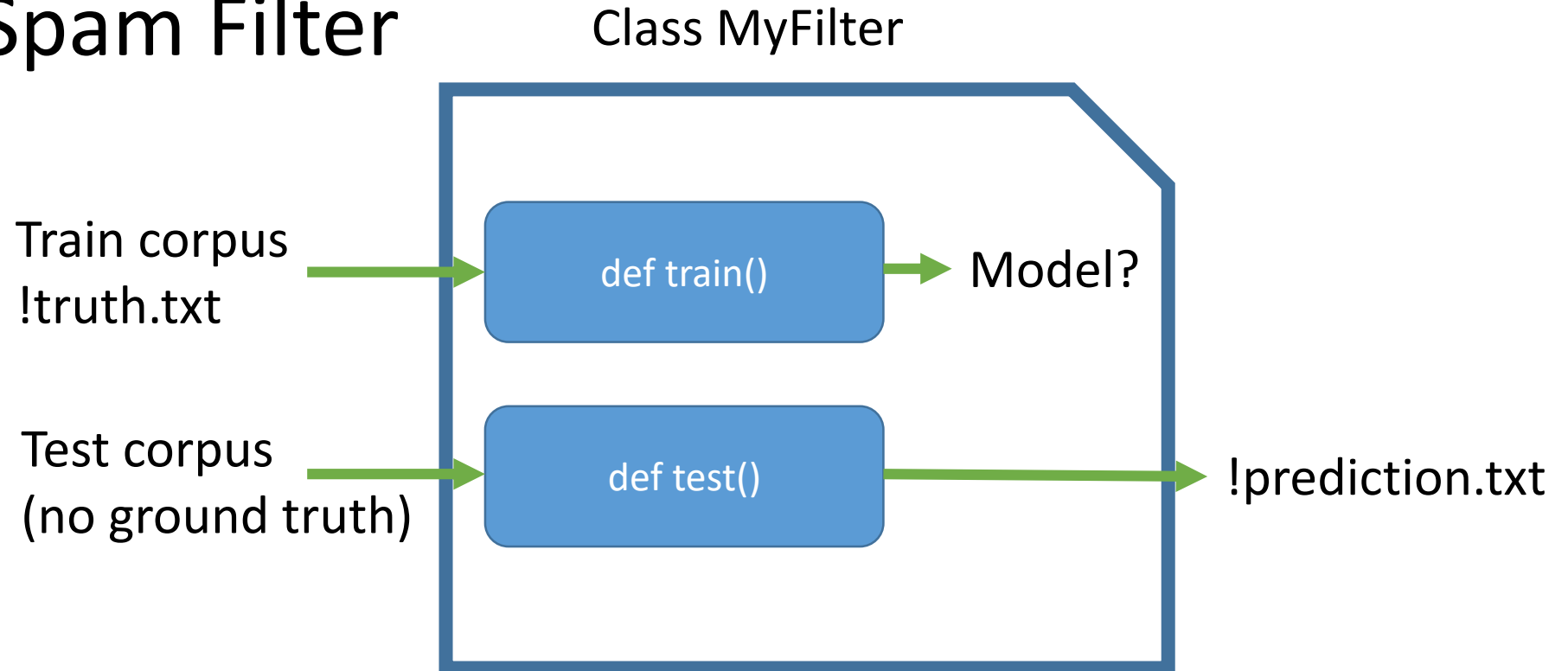
!truth.txt

```
00026.1757d50d495d41e8a5eb30a2f371019c SPAM  
00026.da18dbed27ae933172f7a70f860c6ad0 OK  
00029.cc0c62b49c1df0ad08ae49a7e1904531 SPAM  
00031.e50cc5af8bd1131521b551713370a4b1 OK  
00034.8e582263070076dfe6000411d9b13ce6 OK
```

2391.40efcd4ee4a50355cfe8a84c327122c1

```
To: yyyy@example.com  
From: boingboing <rssfeeds@example.com>  
Subject: Sidekick's browser blows  
Date: Sat, 05 Oct 2002 08:00:33 -0000  
(...)
```

# Spam Filter

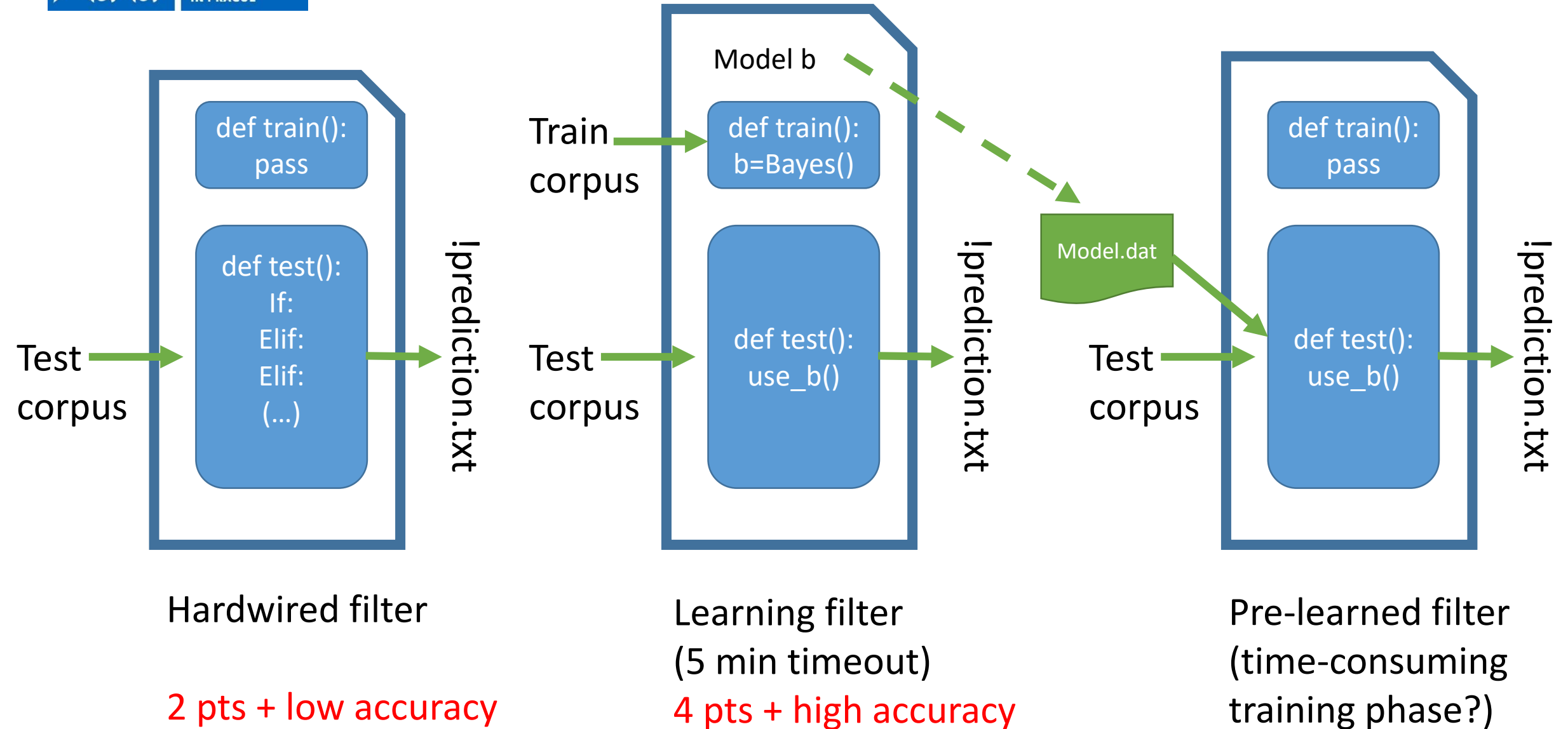


How good is your prediction?

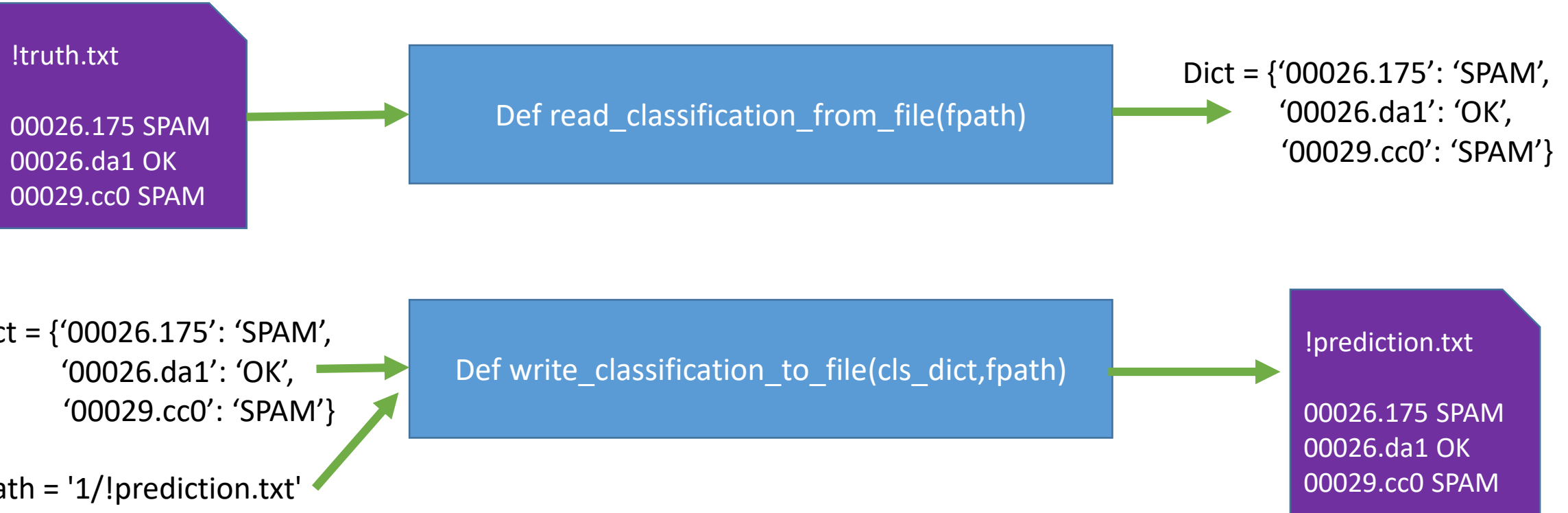
1. Use corpus #1 for training and corpus #2 for testing
2. Split the training corpus into a training (60%-80%) and testing (20%-40%) subset

**DO NOT use the exact same corpus for training and testing!**  
**You will end up with a biased estimate of testing error!**

# Spam Filter



# Submission 1 – step 1





# Submission 1 – step 2&3

```
Truth_dict = {'00026.175': 'SPAM',
              '00026.da1': 'OK',
              '00029.cc0': 'SPAM'}
```

```
Pred_dict = {'00026.175': 'SPAM',
             '00026.da1': 'OK',
             '00029.cc0': 'OK'}
```

Def compute\_confusion\_matrix()

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ConfMat(tp=1, tn=1, fp=0, fn=1)

tp,tn,fp,fn

Def quality\_score(tp,tn,fp,fn)

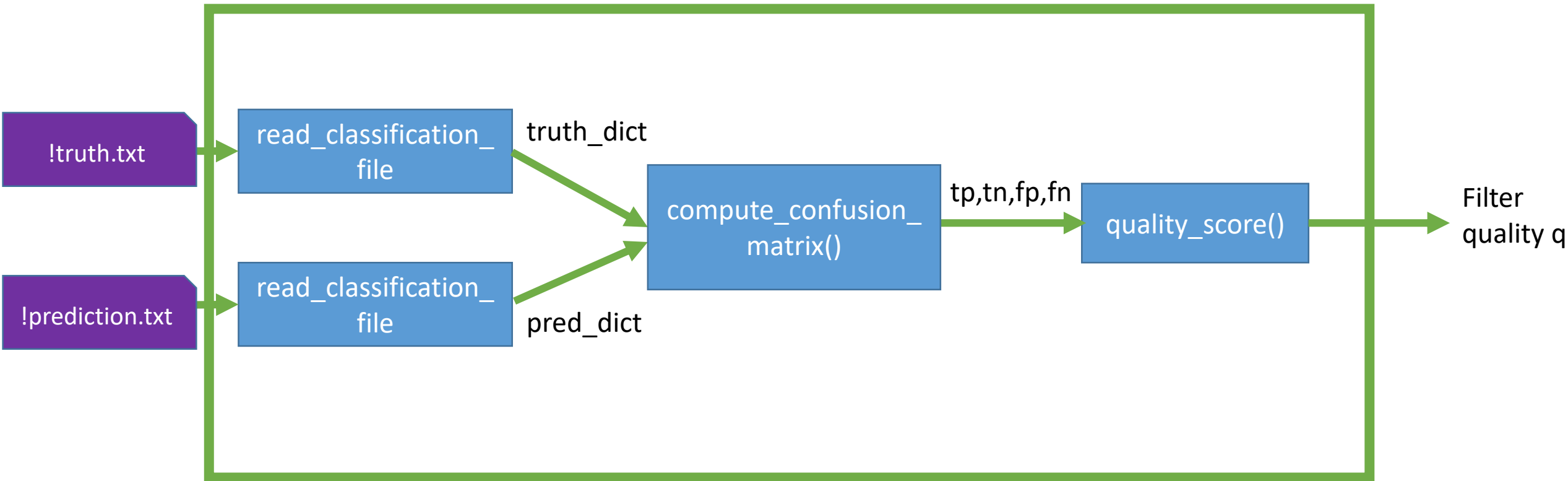
Filter quality  $q \in <0;1>$

$$q = \frac{TP+TN}{TP+TN+10 \cdot FP+FN}$$

3 datasets

q	pts
<0, 0.3)	0
<0.3, 0.5)	1
<0.5, 0.7)	2
<0.7, 0.9)	2.5
<0.9, 1>	3

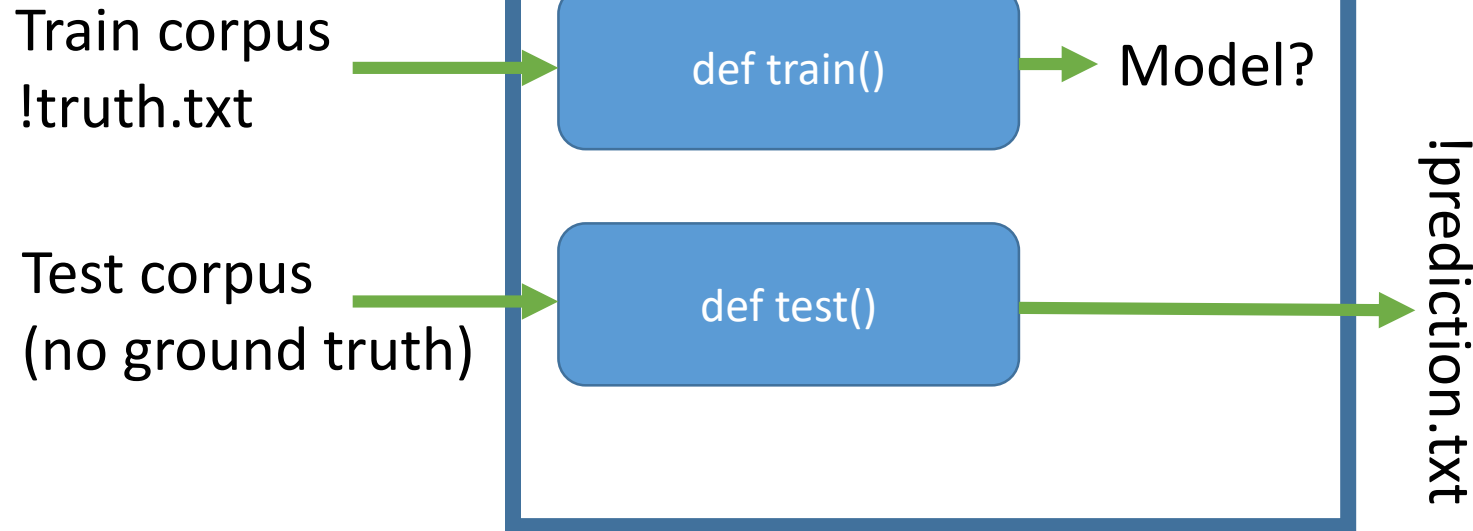
# Submission 1 – steps 1-3 (recommended structure)



```
def compute_quality_for_corpus()
```

# Submission 2 – steps 4&5

## Class MyFilter



Try simple filters first:  
(no training phase)

1. Naïve Filter – all OK
  2. Paranoid Filter – all SPAM
  3. Random Filter – randomly assigns label
- This step won't be evaluated.

Implement your own MyFilter class:

1. Hard-wired rules (if-else, switch, trigger words, ...)
2. Machine learning techniques
  1. **K-nearest neighbours (cosine similarity)**
  2. **Bayesian decision making**
  3. Perceptron
  4. Support Vector Machines
  5. Neural Networks

## Submission 2 – steps 4&5

Possible text pre-processing:

1. Tokenization
2. Lower case
3. Remove punctuation
4. Remove stop words
5. Stemming

The cat is sitting on the mat!

{The, cat, is, sitting, on, the, mat!}

{the, cat, is, sitting, on, the, mat!}

{the, cat, is, sitting, on, the, mat}

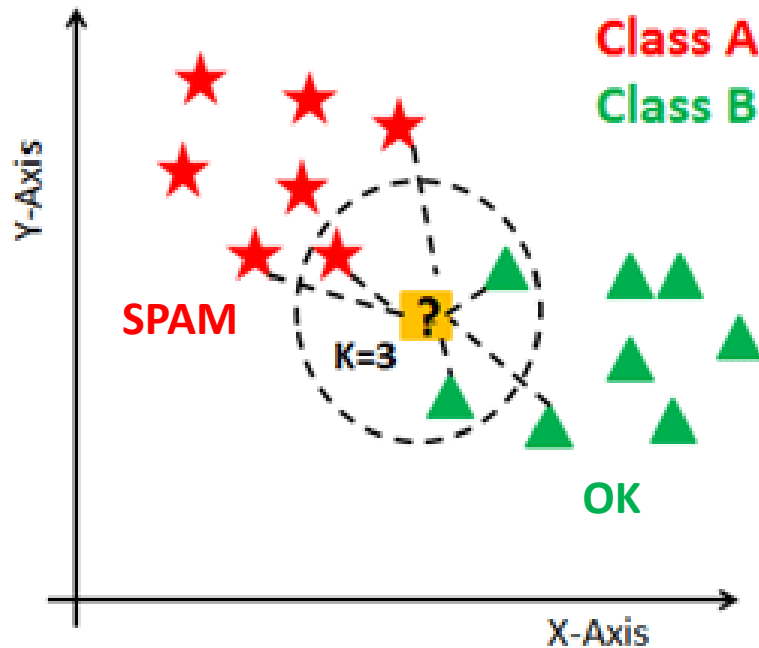
{cat, sitting, mat}

{cat, sit, mat}

# Submission 2 – steps 4&5

## examples of classifiers

### Finding Neighbors & Voting for Labels



#### K-nearest neighbours (k-NN)

- Easy to implement
- Distance function?
- Must store all training data

$$P(\text{spam} \mid W_1, W_2, \dots, W_n) = \frac{P(W_1, W_2, \dots, W_n \mid \text{spam}) P(\text{spam})}{P(W_1, W_2, \dots, W_n)}$$

$$P(\text{not spam} \mid W_1, W_2, \dots, W_n) = \frac{P(W_1, W_2, \dots, W_n \mid \text{not spam}) P(\text{not spam})}{P(W_1, W_2, \dots, W_n)}$$

#### Bayesian decision making

- Probability model
- Can be tricky
- Store probabilities
- ML ready-to-use modules



# Spam filter project

- Important dates
  - Part 1: due Dec 6, 2019 (5 pts)
  - Part 2: due Jan 9, 2020 (23 pts)
  - Short presentation: Jan 10, 2020 (during PC labs) or any earlier PC lab
- All info here:  
<https://cw.fel.cvut.cz/wiki/courses/be5b33prg/homeworks/spam/start>
- come to PC lab 10-13 and/or work on your own

Evaluation category	min	max
Submission 1		
<code>compute_quality_for_corpus</code>	0	5
Submission 2		
Filter runs	0	2
A non-trivial filter	0	2
A learning filter	0	2
The code quality	0	6
Evaluation of filter quality	0	9
Presentation	0	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>28</b>