

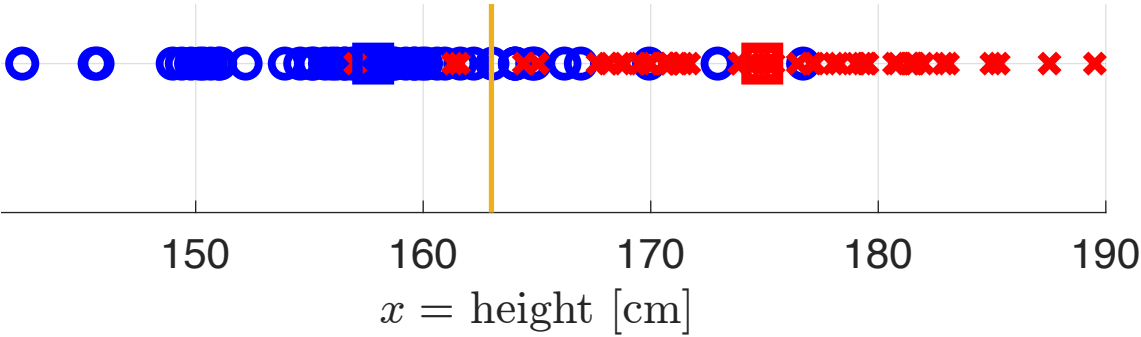
Classifiers: Naïve Bayes, k-NN, evaluation

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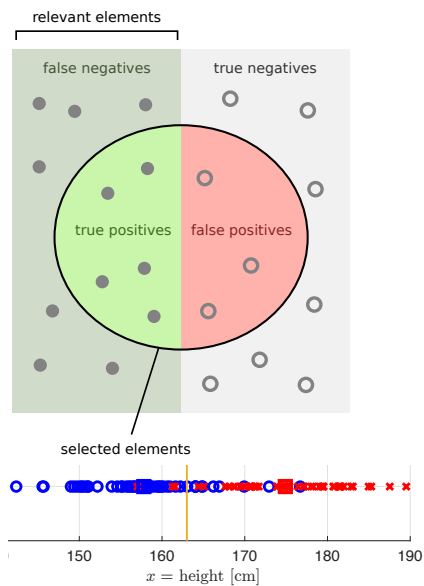
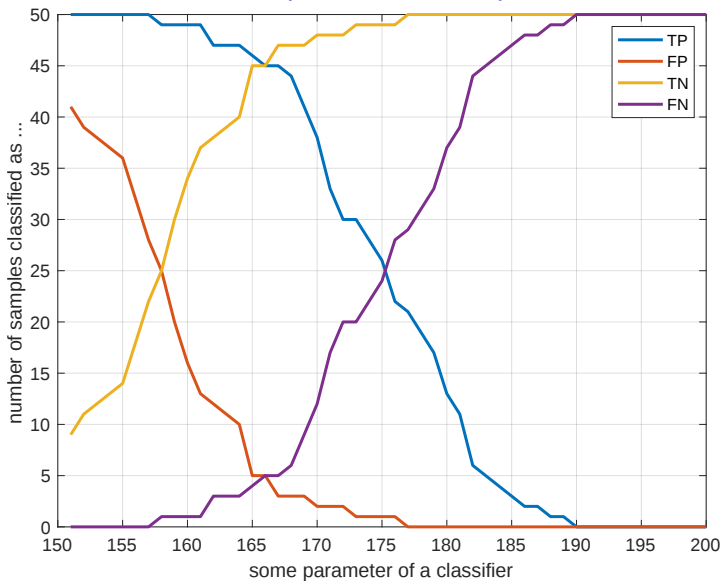
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Male or Female, measuring heights, no learning, ...



Ad-hoc strategy: Male (positive class) if $x > \text{some threshold}$

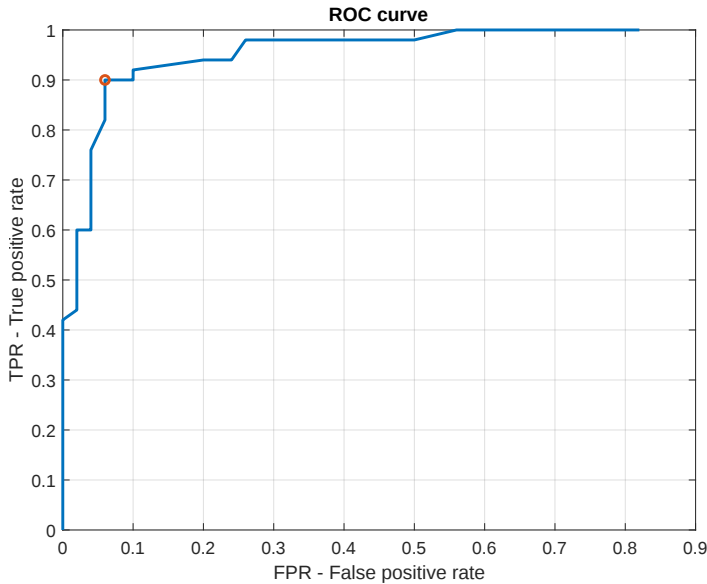
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Notes

Probably too many curves to watch and analyse, we need something simpler ...

ROC – Receiver operating characteristics curve



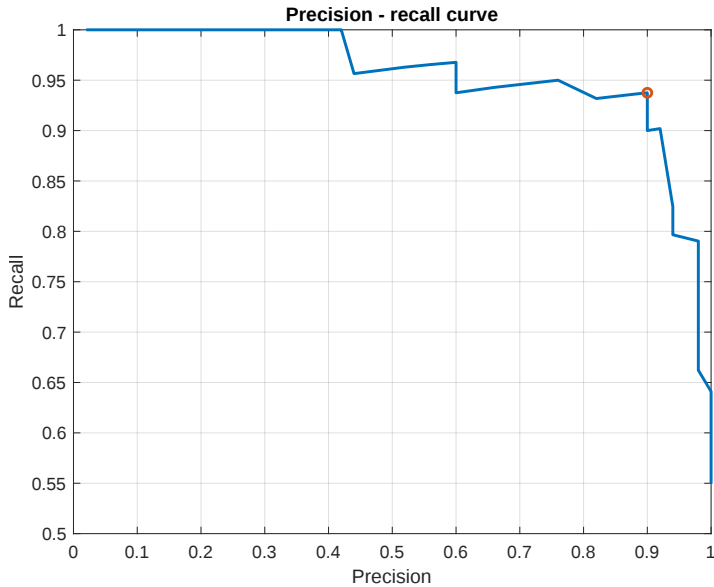
$$\text{TPR} = \frac{\text{TP}}{P} = \frac{\text{TP}}{\text{TP} + \text{FN}}$$

$$\text{FPR} = \frac{\text{FP}}{N} = \frac{\text{FP}}{\text{FP} + \text{TN}}$$

Notes

- How do you slide along the curve?
- What is the meaning of the diagonal?
- What would be the shape of the curve for the ideal/worst classifier?
- How would you compare various curve and select the best classifier?
- Think/read about other ways to evaluate/visualise classification results.

Precision – recall curve



$$\text{Precision} = \frac{TP}{TP + FP}$$

$$\text{Recall} = \frac{TP}{TP + FN}$$

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Think about a different classifier (curve), how would you compare?

Try to explain meaning of Precision and Recall from the user's (buyer's) perspective.

Finding the best strategy ...

Bayes optimal strategy

- ▶ The **Bayes optimal strategy** : one minimizing mean risk. $\delta^* = \arg \min_{\delta} r(\delta)$
- ▶ s states, x possible measurements, $P(s, x)$ joint probabilities

$$\begin{aligned} r(\delta) &= \sum_x \sum_s \ell(s, \delta(x)) P(x, s) = \sum_s \sum_x \ell(s, \delta(x)) P(s|x) P(x) \\ &= \sum_x P(x) \underbrace{\sum_s \ell(s, \delta(x)) P(s|x)}_{\text{Conditional risk}} = \sum_x P(x) r(\delta(x), x) \end{aligned}$$

where **conditional risk** $r(d, x) = \sum_s \ell(s, d) P(s|x)$.

- ▶ Risk of a strategy is a weighted sum of conditional risks (conditioned on x)
- ▶ The optimal strategy is obtained by minimizing the conditional risk *separately* for each x :

$$\delta^*(x) = \operatorname{argmin}_d r(d, x) = \operatorname{argmin}_d \sum_s \ell(s, d) P(s|x)$$

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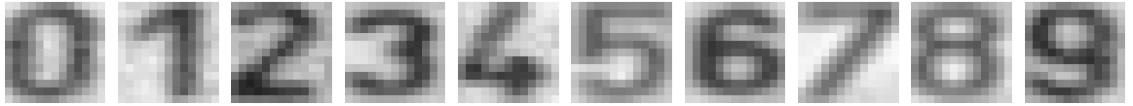
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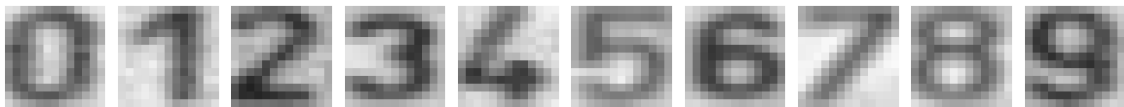
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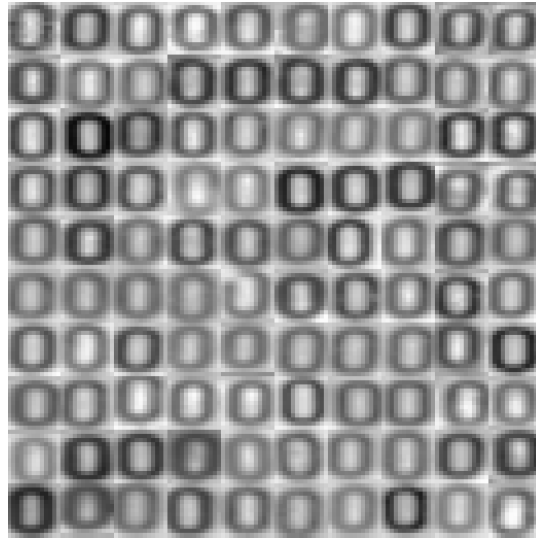
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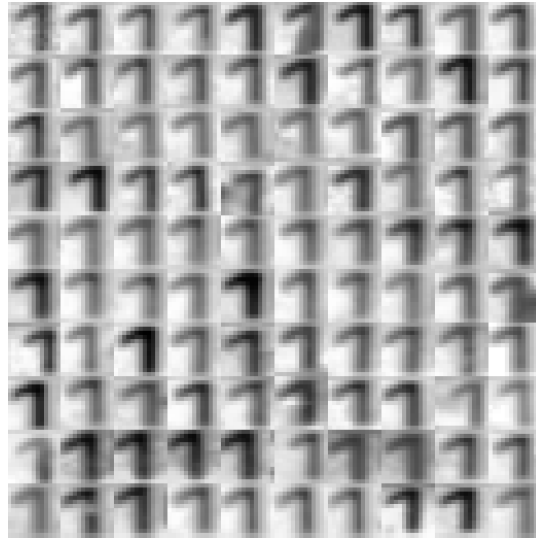
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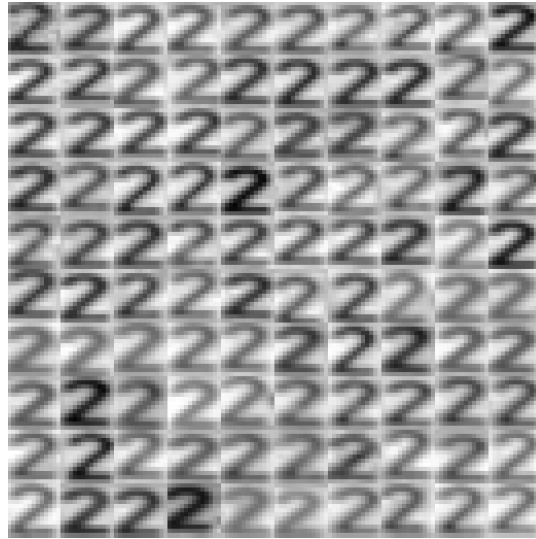
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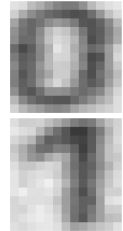
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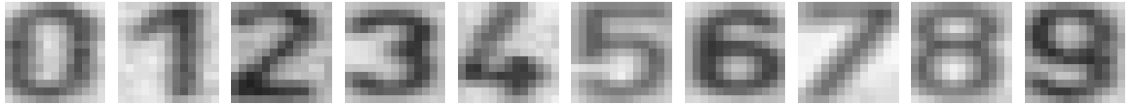
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C: 13^{13}

D: 169×256

E: different quantity

Naïve Bayes

Naïve Bayes classification

- ▶ For efficient classification we must thus rely on additional assumptions.
- ▶ In the exceptional case of **conditional statistical independence** between components of $\vec{x}$ for each class s it holds

$$P(\vec{x}|s) = P(x[1]|s) \cdot P(x[2]|s) \cdot \dots$$

- ▶ Use simple Bayes law and maximize:

$$P(s|\vec{x}) = \frac{P(\vec{x}|s)P(s)}{P(\vec{x})} = \frac{P(s)}{P(\vec{x})} P(x[1]|s) \cdot P(x[2]|s) \cdot \dots =$$

- ▶ No combinatorial curse in estimating $P(s)$ and $P(x[i]|s)$ separately for each i and s .
- ▶ No need to estimate $P(\vec{x})$. (Why?)
- ▶ $P(s)$ may be provided apriori.
- ▶ **naïve** = when used despite statistical dependence

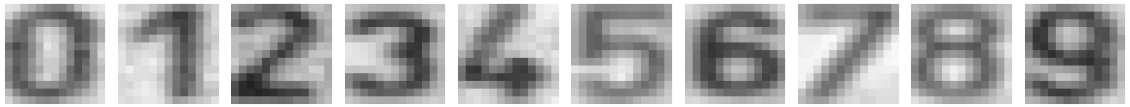
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Why naïve at all? Consider N —dimensional feature space and 8 — *bit* values. Instead of considering 8^N combinations (joint prob. distribution), we can consider only $N \times 8$ —treating every feature separately.

Think about statistical independence. Example1: person's weight and height. Are they independent? Example2: pixel values in images.

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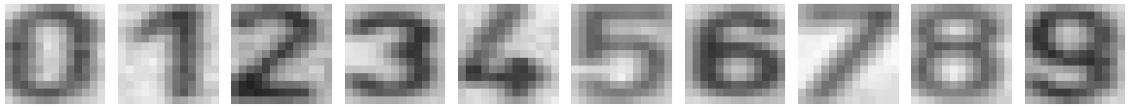
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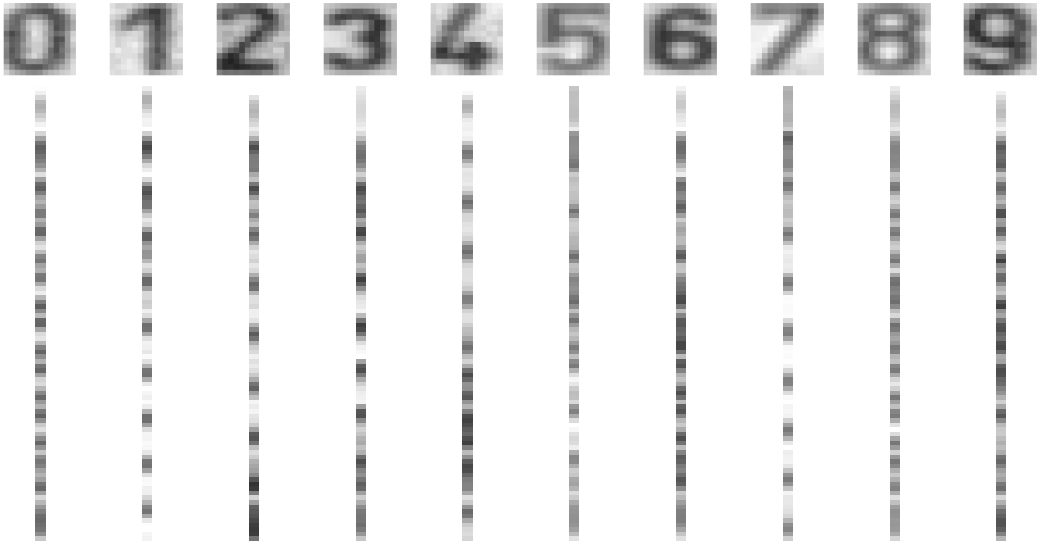
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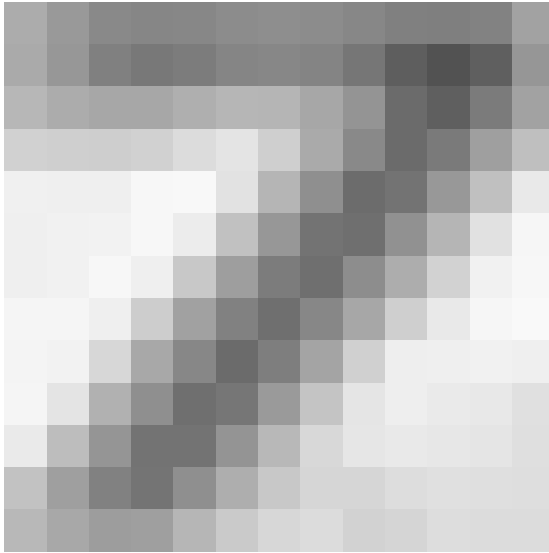
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From images to $\vec{x}$



Conditional probabilities, likelihoods



- ▶ Apriori digit probabilities $P(s_k)$
- ▶ Likelihoods for pixels. $P(x_{r,c} = I_i | s_k)$

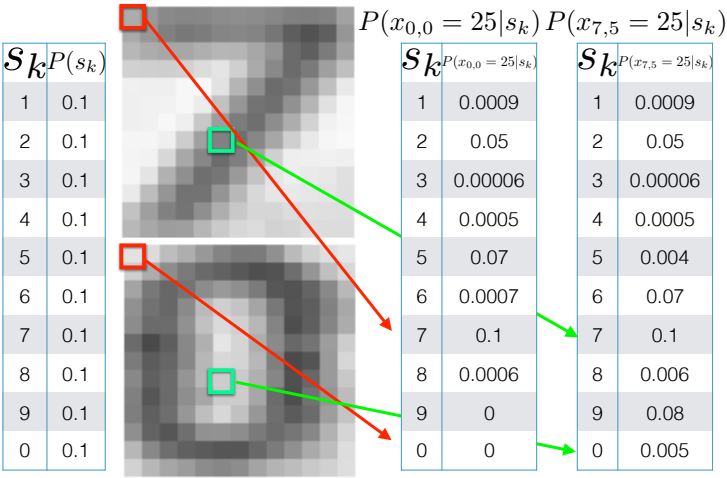
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A lexical note, especially for Czech speakers. *probability* as well as *likelihood* can be translated as *pravděpodobnost*. I suggest the following mental model than can work for our purposes.

- **Probability** is related to the future events (unknown outcome). E.g. what is the probability of selecting blue box? What is the probability that a random ZIP Code number begins with 7?
- **Likelihood** refers to past events (known outcome). In my data, how many images of 7 have dark pixel in top right corner? We can think about relative frequency (relativní četnost). Or, we can think: what is the probability that an observation of a dark pixel in the top right corner was generated by an image of 7. Jak věrohodné to je?

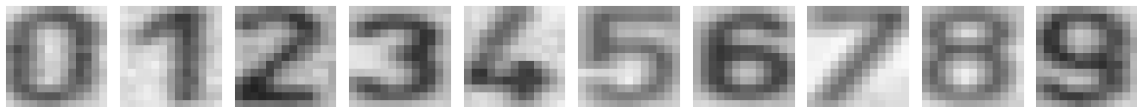
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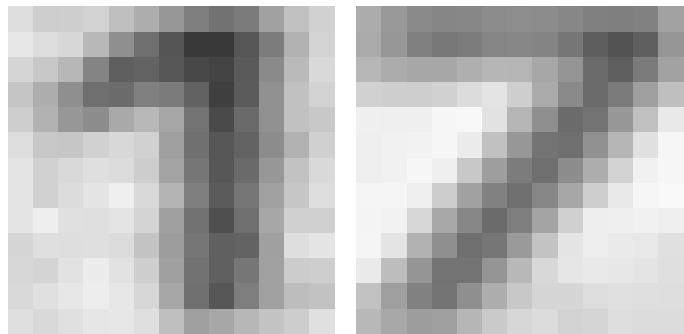
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For each pixel (position) and possible instensity (image/pixel value) we create such a table.

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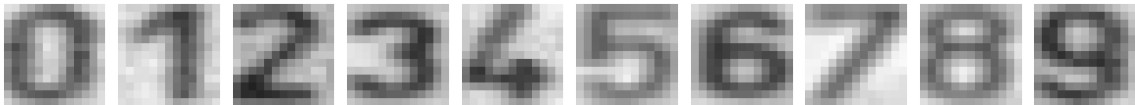
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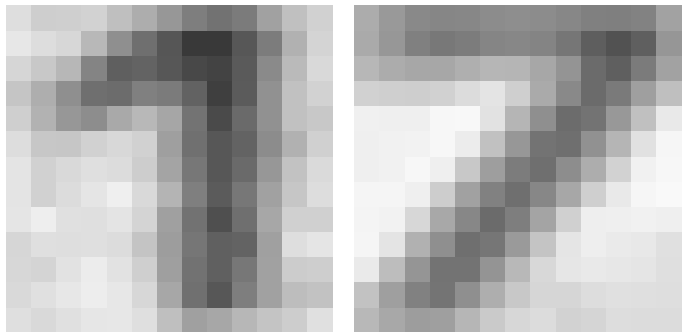
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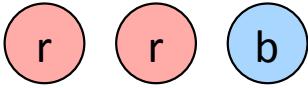
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where N is the number of (total) observations; $|X|$ is the number of possible values X can take (cardinality).

$$P_{\text{LAP}}(x) = \frac{c(x)+1}{\sum_x [c(x)+1]} = \frac{c(x)+1}{N+|X|} = ?$$

Observation:



What is $P_{\text{LAP}}(X = \text{red})$ and $P_{\text{LAP}}(X = \text{blue})$?

A: $P_{\text{LAP}}(X = \text{red}) = 7/10$, $P_{\text{LAP}}(X = \text{blue}) = 3/10$

B: $P_{\text{LAP}}(X = \text{red}) = 2/3$, $P_{\text{LAP}}(X = \text{blue}) = 1/3$

C: $P_{\text{LAP}}(X = \text{red}) = 3/5$, $P_{\text{LAP}}(X = \text{blue}) = 2/5$

D: None of the above.

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Notes



$$P_{ML}(X) =$$

$$P_{LAP}(X) =$$

originally:

- $P(\text{red}) = 2/3$
- $P(\text{blue}) = 1/3$

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Laplace smoothing - as a hyperparameter k

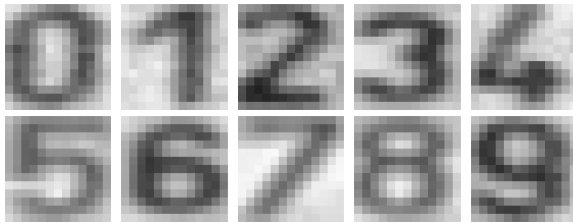
Pretend you see every sample k extra times:

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For conditional, smooth each condition independently

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What is $|X|$ equal to?

A: 10

B: 2

C: 256

D: None of the above

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Notes

Hyperparameter would be tuned along with your classifier

For $k = 100$ and blue and red, you would get:

- $P_{\text{LAP}}(\text{red}) = (2 + 100)/(3 + 100 * 2) = 102/203$
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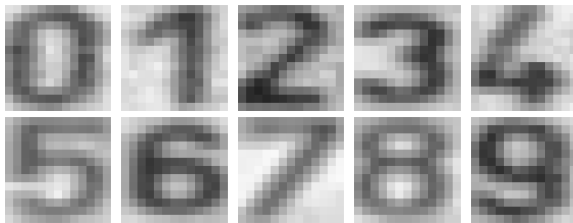
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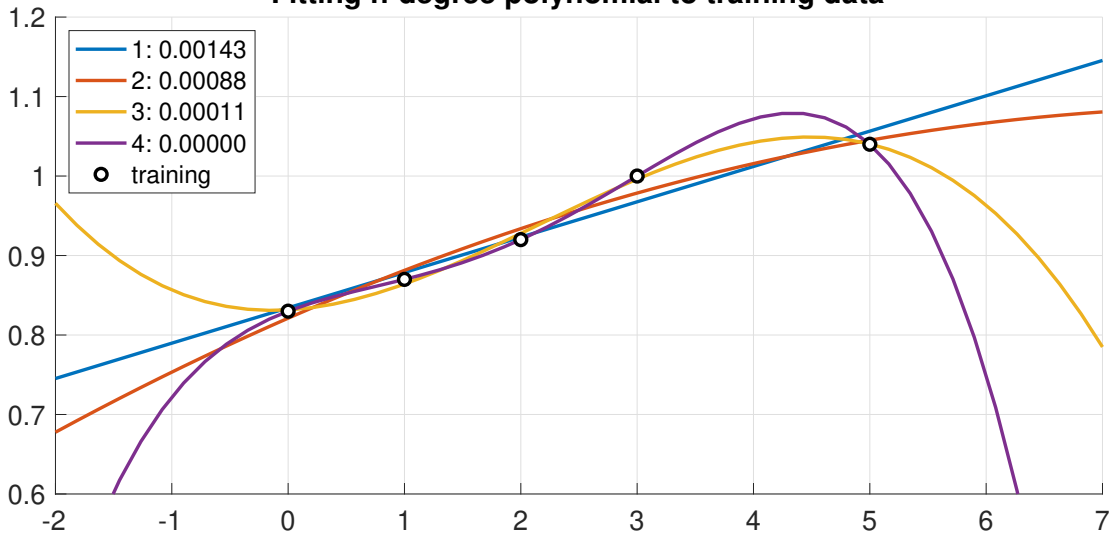
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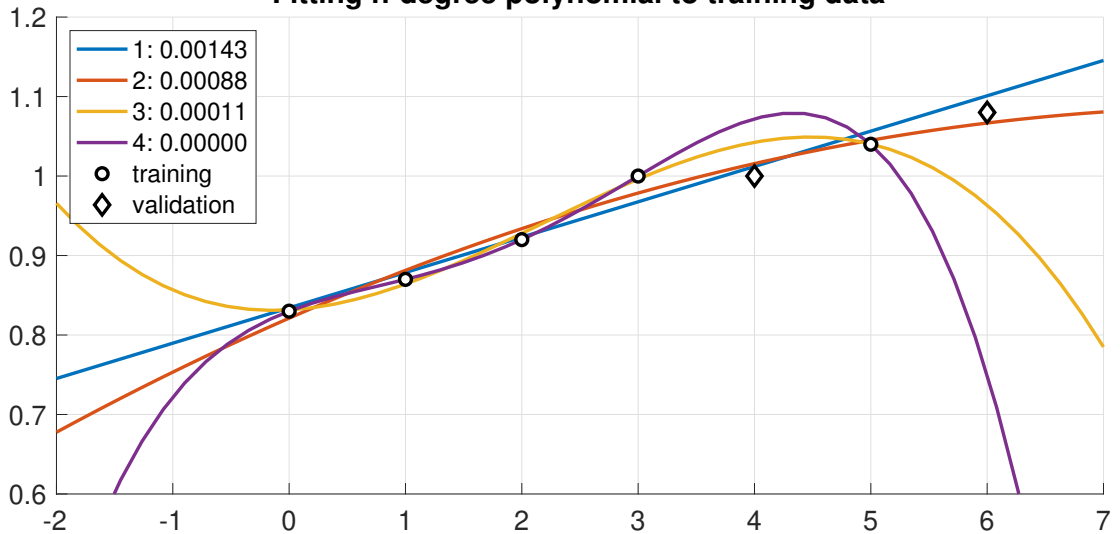


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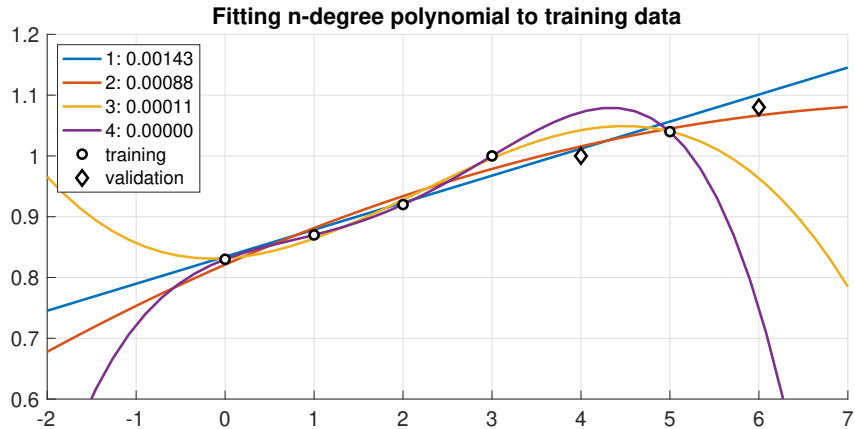
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Generalization and overfitting

- **Data: training, validating, testing** . Wanted classifier performs well on what data?
- Overfitting: too close to training, poor on testing.



Training and testing

Data labeled instances.

- ▶ Training set
- ▶ Held-out (validation) set
- ▶ Testing set.

Features : Attribute-value pairs.

Learning cycle:

- ▶ **Learn** parameters (e.g. probabilities) on training set.
- ▶ **Tune** hyperparameters on held-out (validation) set.
- ▶ **Evaluate** performance on testing set.



Notes

Training set - biggest part.

Nearest Neighbour classifier

- ▶ Training: Remember all the training data.
- ▶ Classification:
 1. Query x
 2. Select N nearest neighbours of x from the training set. (N is usually odd.)
 3. Classify to the most frequent class among the neighbours.

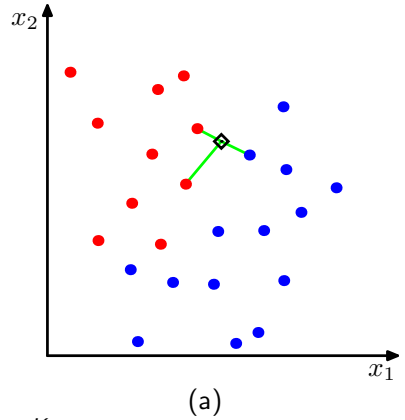
K – Nearest Neighbor and Bayes $j^* = \operatorname{argmax}_j P(s_j|\vec{x})$

Assume data:

- ▶ N samples $\vec{x}$ in total.
- ▶ N_j samples in s_j class. Hence, $\sum_j N_j = N$.

We want classify to $\vec{x}$. We draw a circle (hyper-sphere) centered at $\vec{x}$ containing K points irrespective of class. V is the volume of this sphere. $P(s_j|\vec{x}) = ?$

$$P(s_j|\vec{x}) = \frac{P(\vec{x}|s_j)P(s_j)}{P(\vec{x})}$$

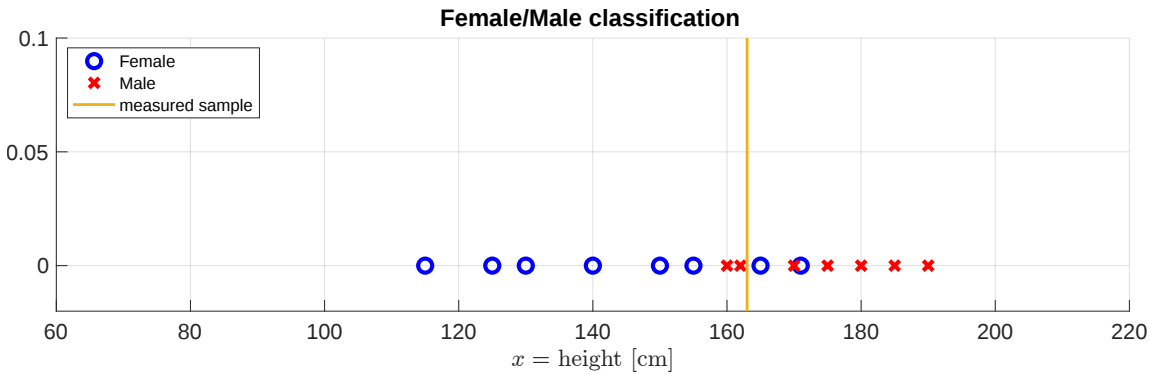


Non-parametric estimates: $P(s_j) = \frac{N_j}{N}$, $P(\vec{x}) = \frac{K}{NV}$, $P(\vec{x}|s_j) = \frac{K_j}{N_j V}$

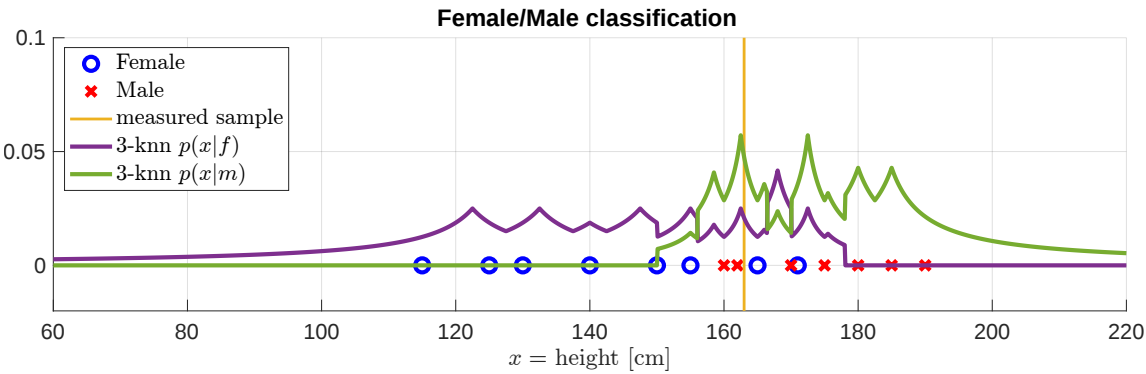
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$$\begin{aligned} P(s_j) &= \frac{N_j}{N} \\ P(\vec{x}) &= \frac{K}{NV} \\ P(\vec{x}|s_j) &= \frac{K_j}{N_j V} \\ P(s_j|\vec{x}) &= \frac{P(\vec{x}|s_j)P(s_j)}{P(\vec{x})} = \frac{K_j}{K} \end{aligned}$$

Female/male classification based on height. N data points available.

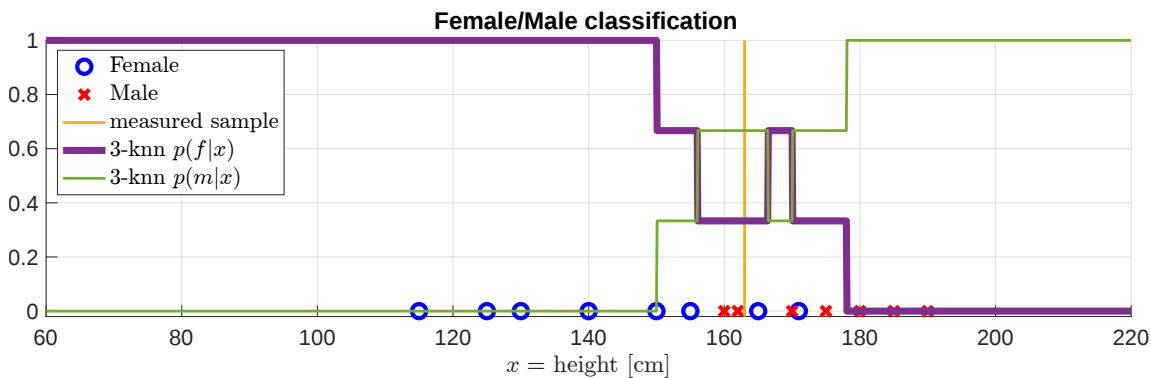


Ignore the y axis. A new measurement comes, $x = 163$ cm. Female or male?



$$p(x|s_j) = \frac{K_j}{N_j V}$$

K -NN $p(s_j|x)$ posteriors



$$p(s_j|x) = \frac{p(x|s_j)p(s_j)}{p(x)}$$

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On the first sight it looks suspiciously regular but it is all true:

$$p(s_j|x) = \frac{\frac{K_j}{N_j V} \frac{N_j}{N}}{\frac{K}{NV}} = \frac{K_j}{K}$$

Volume in k – NN in higher dimensions

Complement slide, for the sake of completeness. The decision rule $P(s_j|x) = N_j/N$ is the same for all dimensions.

$$P(\vec{x}) = \frac{K}{NV}$$

$$V = V_d R_k^d(\vec{x})$$

$R_k(\vec{x})$ - distance from $\vec{x}$ to its k -th nearest neighbour point (radius)

$$V_d = \frac{\pi^{d/2}}{\Gamma(d/2 + 1)}$$

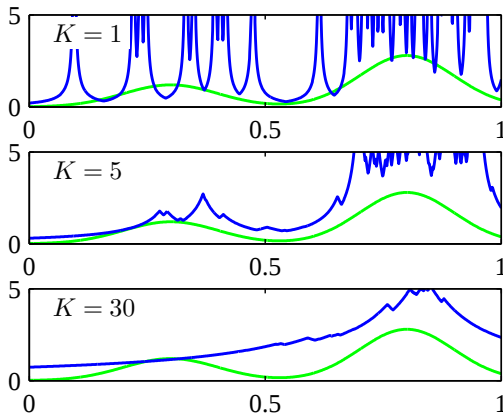
volume of unit d -dimensional sphere,

Γ denotes gamma function.

$$V_1 = 2, V_2 = \pi, V_3 = \frac{4}{3}\pi$$

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More details, including a computational example, in [2].

A K -NN belongs to non-parametric methods for density estimation, see section 2.5 from [1]. (Figure from [1])

You may try it yourself, <https://scikit-learn.org/stable/modules/density.html#kernel-density>

Evaluation (comparisons) of classifiers

Precision and Recall, and ...

Consider digit **detection** (is there a digit?) or SPAM/HAM, Male/Female classification

Recall :

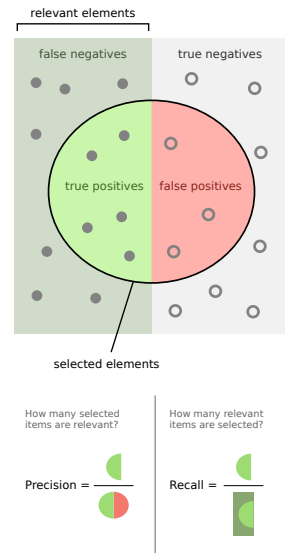
- ▶ How many relevant items are selected?
- ▶ Are we missing some items?
- ▶ Also called: **True positive rate** (TPR), sensitivity, hit rate ...

Precision

- ▶ How many selected items are relevant?
- ▶ Also called: Positive predictive value

False positive rate (FPR)

- ▶ Probability of false alarm



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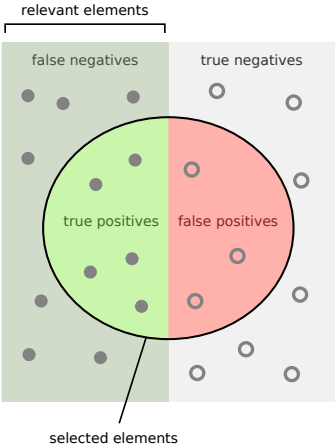
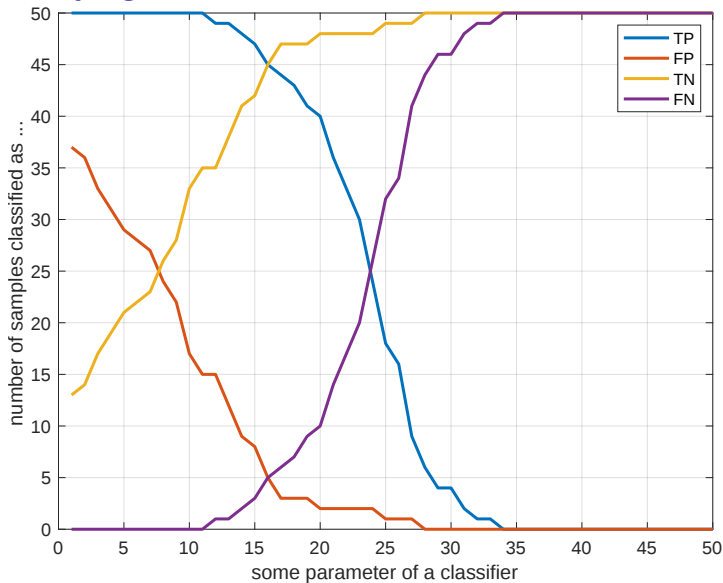
$$\text{TPR} = \frac{\text{TP}}{P} = \frac{\text{TP}}{\text{TP} + \text{FN}}$$

$$\text{Precision} = \frac{\text{TP}}{\text{TP} + \text{FP}}$$

$$\text{FPR} = \frac{\text{FP}}{N} = \frac{\text{FP}}{\text{FP} + \text{TN}}$$

Think about TPR vs FPR graph, what is the best classifier?

Studying a classifier ...



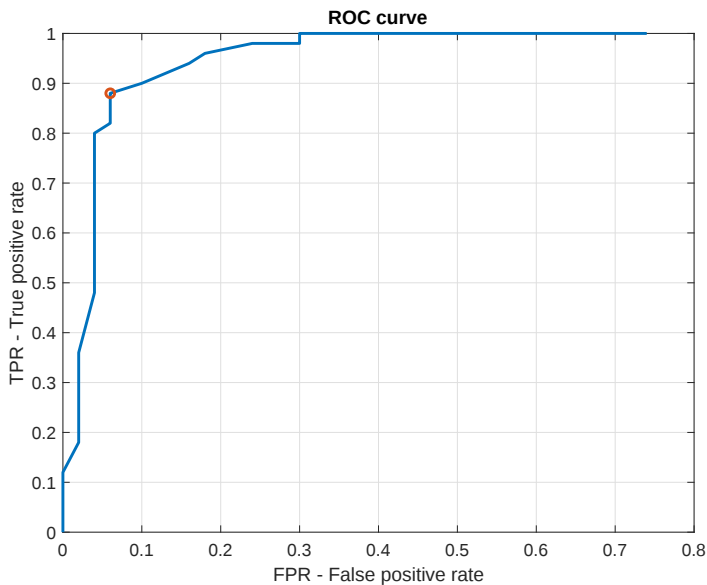
How many data samples x_i ?

- A 50
- B 100
- C 150
- D 200

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How many data samples in the testing (evaluation) set?

ROC – Receiver operating characteristics curve



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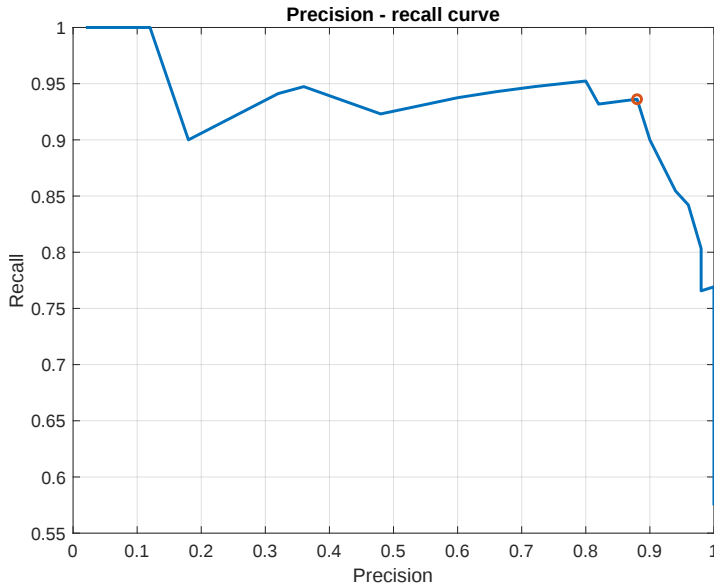
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- How do you slide along the curve?
- What is the meaning of the diagonal?
- What would be the shape of the curve for the ideal/worst classifier?
- How would you compare various curve and select the best classifier?
- Think/read about other ways to evaluate/visualise classification results.

Precision – recall curve



$$\text{Precision} = \frac{TP}{TP + FP}$$

$$\text{Recall} = \frac{TP}{TP + FN}$$

Notes

Think about a different classifier (curve), how would you compare?

Try to explain meaning of Precision and Recall from the user's (buyer's) perspective.

How to evaluate a multi-class classifier? Confusion table

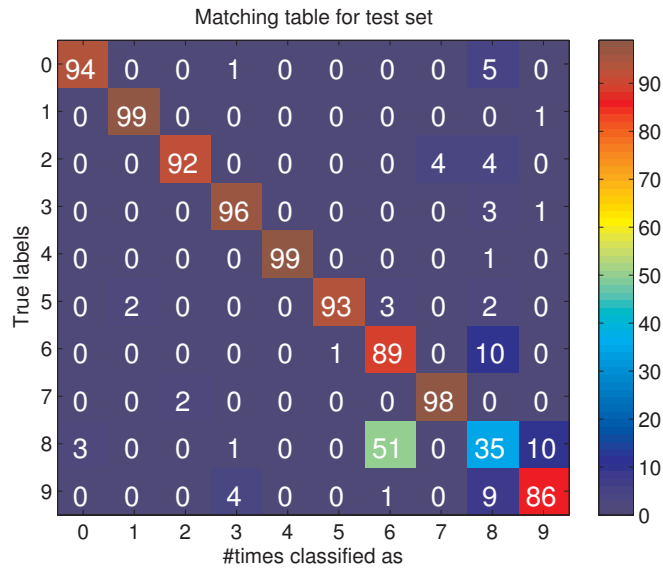


Figure from [6]

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A result for a one particular classifier and its setting (parameters), one particular testing set.

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or in python console:

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