



CMPT 413/713: Natural Language Processing

Classification - Evaluation

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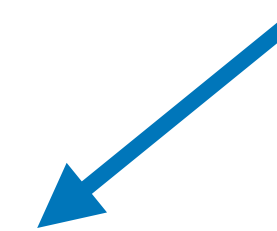
Adapted from slides from Danqi Chen, Karthik Narasimhan

Evaluation

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- Consider binary classification
- Table of predictions

Confusion matrix



		<i>Truth</i>	
		Positive	Negative
<i>Predicted</i>	Positive	100	5
	Negative	45	100

- Ideally, we want:

		<i>Truth</i>	
		Positive	Negative
<i>Predicted</i>	Positive	145	0
	Negative	0	105

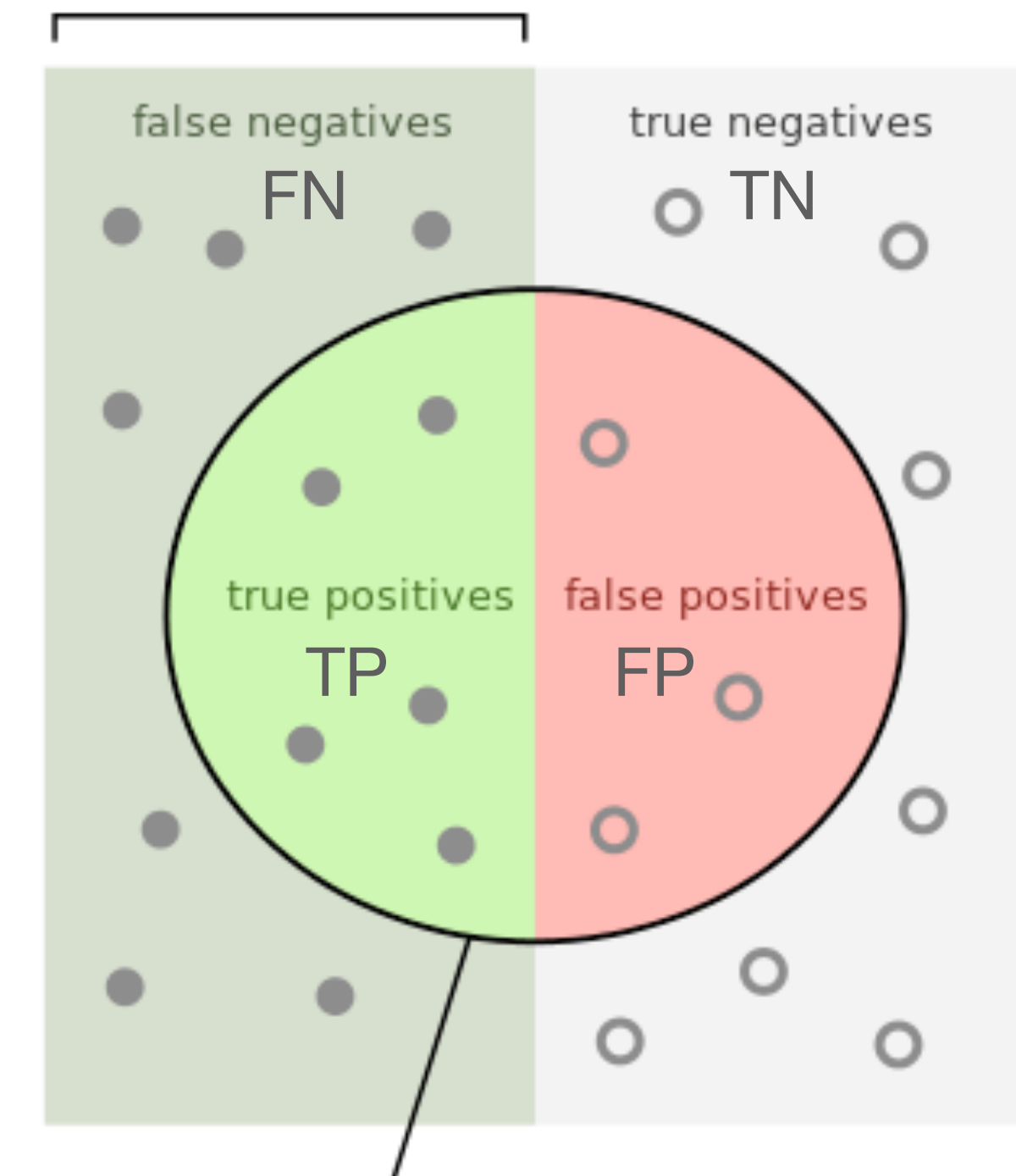
Evaluation Metrics

Confusion matrix

		Truth	
		Positive	Negative
Predicted	Positive	100 TP	5 FP
	Negative	45 FN	100 TN

- True positive (TP): Predicted + and actual +
- True negative (TN): Predicted - and actual -
- False positive (FP): Predicted + and actual -
- False negative (FN): Predicted - and actual +

Actual positives



Predicted positives

(image credit: wikipedia)

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Coarse metric

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<i>Predicted</i>	Positive	50	25
	Negative	25	150

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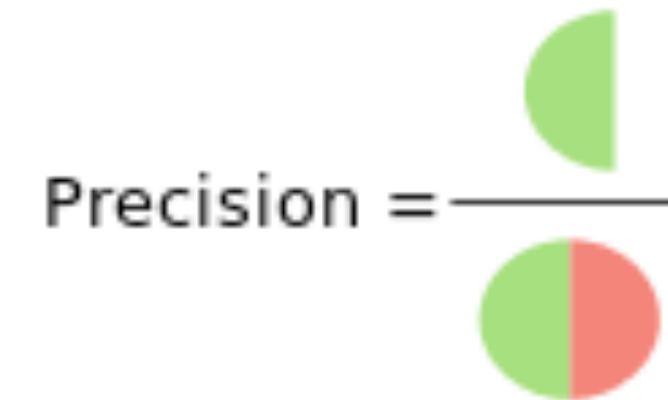
Accuracy cannot distinguish
between the two models!

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Precision and Recall

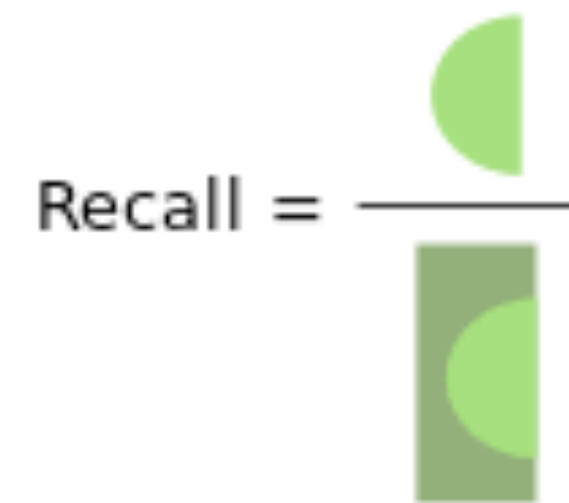
- Precision: % of selected classes that are correct

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

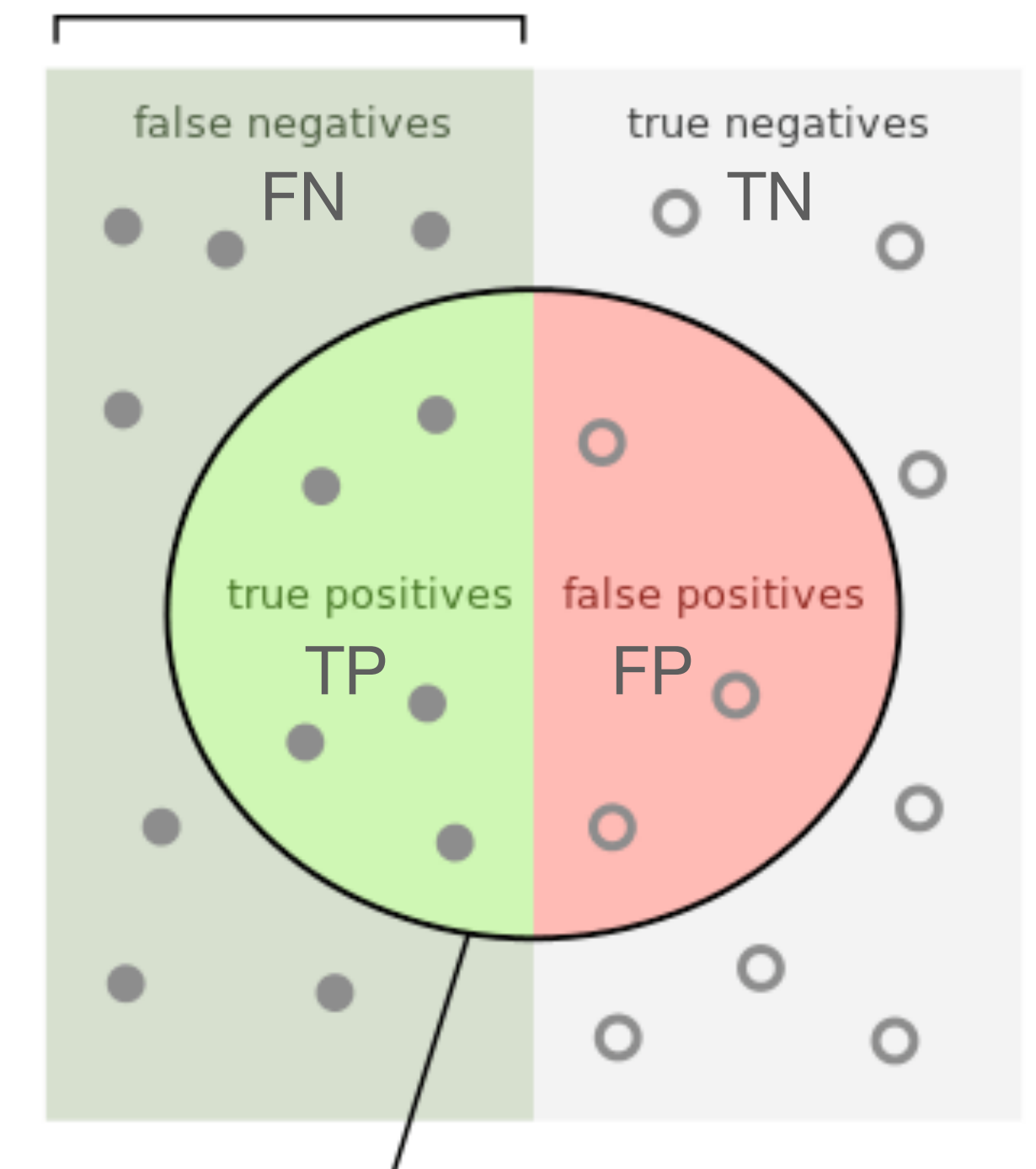


- Recall: % of correct items selected

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



Actual positives (relevant)



Predicted positives
(selected/retrieved)

(image credit: wikipedia)

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$$\text{Precision}(+) = \frac{TP}{TP + FP} \quad \frac{100}{100 + 5} = 0.95$$

$$\frac{50}{50 + 25} = 0.75$$

$$\text{Recall}(+) = \frac{TP}{TP + FN} \quad \frac{100}{100 + 45} = 0.69$$

$$\frac{50}{50 + 25} = 0.75$$

Two metrics - which one to use when comparing the two models?

F-Score

- Combined measure
- Harmonic mean of Precision and Recall

$$F_1 = \frac{2 \cdot \text{Precision} \cdot \text{Recall}}{\text{Precision} + \text{Recall}}$$

- Or more generally,

$$F_\beta = \frac{(1 + \beta^2) \cdot \text{Precision} \cdot \text{Recall}}{\beta^2 \cdot \text{Precision} + \text{Recall}}$$

Use β to control importance of Precision vs Recall



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$$F_1(+) = \frac{2 \cdot P(+)R(+)}{P(+) + R(+)}$$

$$0.8$$

$$0.75$$

Evaluation Metrics

		<i>Truth</i>	
		Positive	Negative
<i>Predicted</i>	Positive	TP	FP
	Negative	FN	TN

Use a simple rule, can you design a classifier with

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

Q. perfect precision?

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

Q. perfect recall?

Aggregating scores

- How to handle more than 2 classes?
- We have Precision, Recall, F1 for each class

		<i>gold labels</i>			
		urgent	normal	spam	
<i>system output</i>	urgent	8	10	1	precision_u = $\frac{8}{8+10+1}$
	normal	5	60	50	precision_n = $\frac{60}{5+60+50}$
	spam	3	30	200	precision_s = $\frac{200}{3+30+200}$
		recall_u = $\frac{8}{8+5+3}$	recall_n = $\frac{60}{10+60+30}$	recall_s = $\frac{200}{1+50+200}$	

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Aggregating scores

- How to handle more than 2 classes?
- We have Precision, Recall, F1 for each class
- How to combine them for an overall score?
- **Macro-average**: Compute for each class, then average
- **Micro-average**: Collect predictions for all classes and jointly evaluate

Macro vs Micro average

- Micro-averaged score is dominated by score on **common** classes

Class 1: Urgent

	true urgent	true not
system urgent	8	11
system not	8	340

$$\text{precision} = \frac{8}{8+11} = .42$$

Class 2: Normal

	true normal	true not
system normal	60	55
system not	40	212

$$\text{precision} = \frac{60}{60+55} = .52$$

Class 3: Spam

	true spam	true not
system spam	200	33
system not	51	83

$$\text{precision} = \frac{200}{200+33} = .86$$

$$\text{macroaverage precision} = \frac{.42+.52+.86}{3} = .60$$

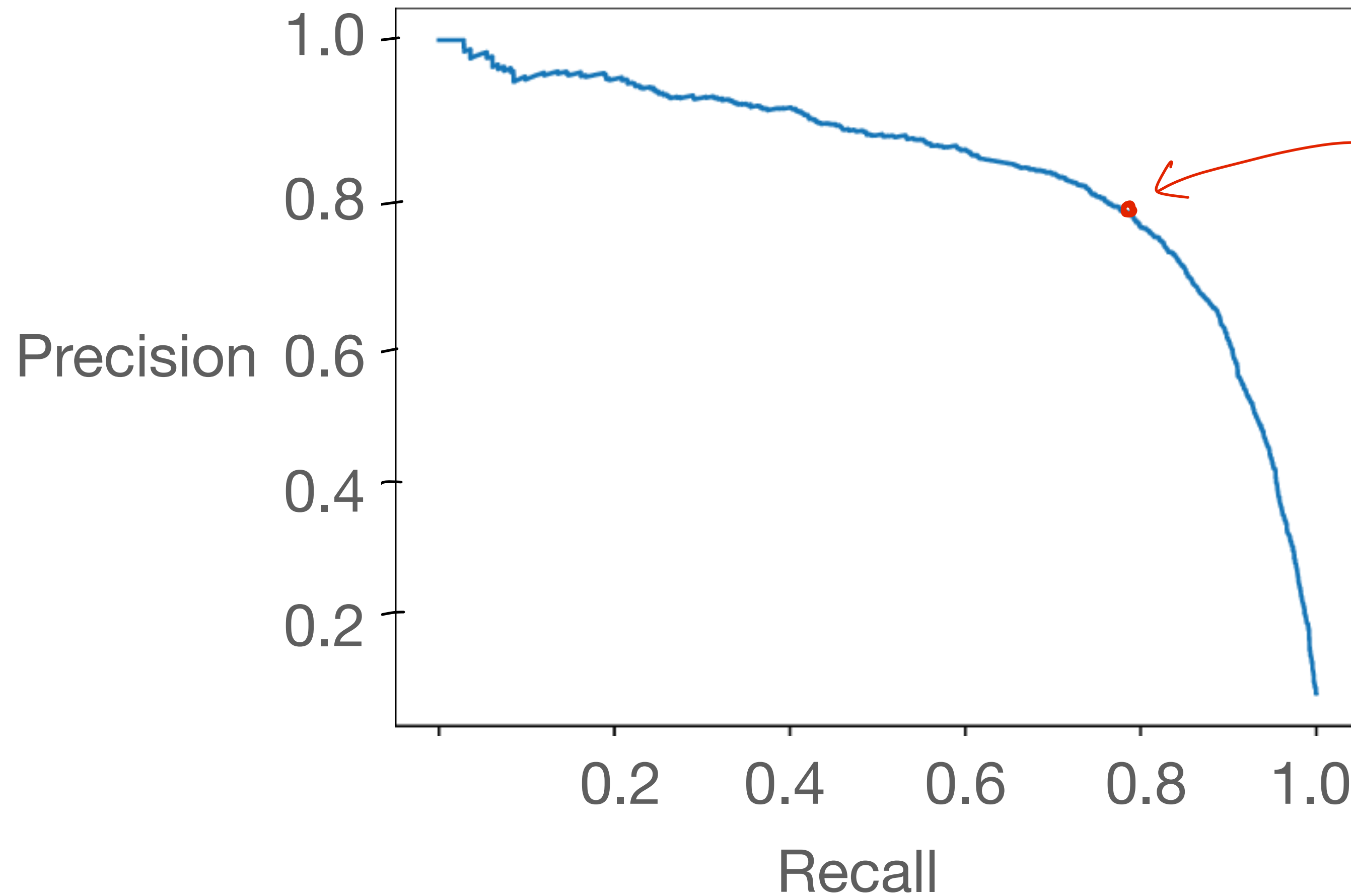
Pooled

	true yes	true no
system yes	268	99
system no	99	635

$$\text{microaverage precision} = \frac{268}{268+99} = .73$$

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Precision Recall tradeoff



Maximum F1

Vary hyperparameters

- Smoothing α
- Threshold T

$$\frac{P(+ | d)}{P(- | d)} > T$$

Tune on validation set

Train, val, test split

- Train model on **training** set
- Tune hyperparameters on **validation** set
- Evaluate performance on unseen **test** set



Why do we do this?

Summary

- Evaluation Metrics
 - **Accuracy** - coarse metric
 - **Precision**, **Recall**, **F1** for each class
- Aggregated scores
 - **Macro-average**: Compute for each class, then average
 - **Micro-average**: Collect predictions for all classes and jointly evaluate (dominated by common classes)
- Precision-Recall curve: pick threshold for maximum F1
- Use **validation** set to tune hyperparameters, **test** set should remain “unseen”