

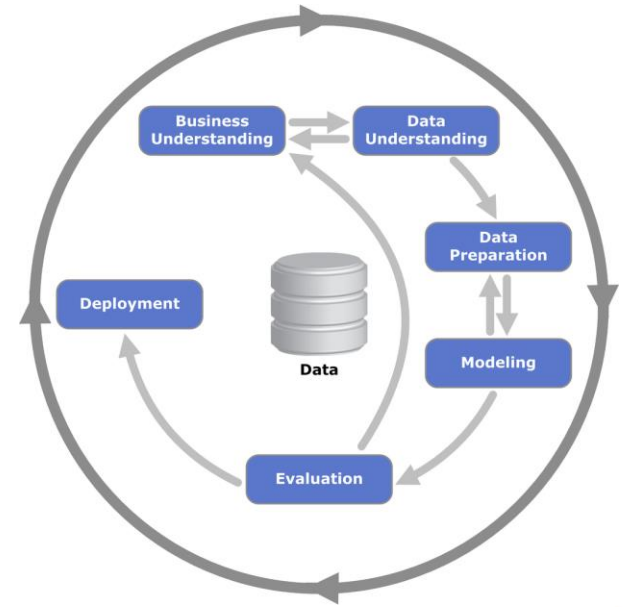
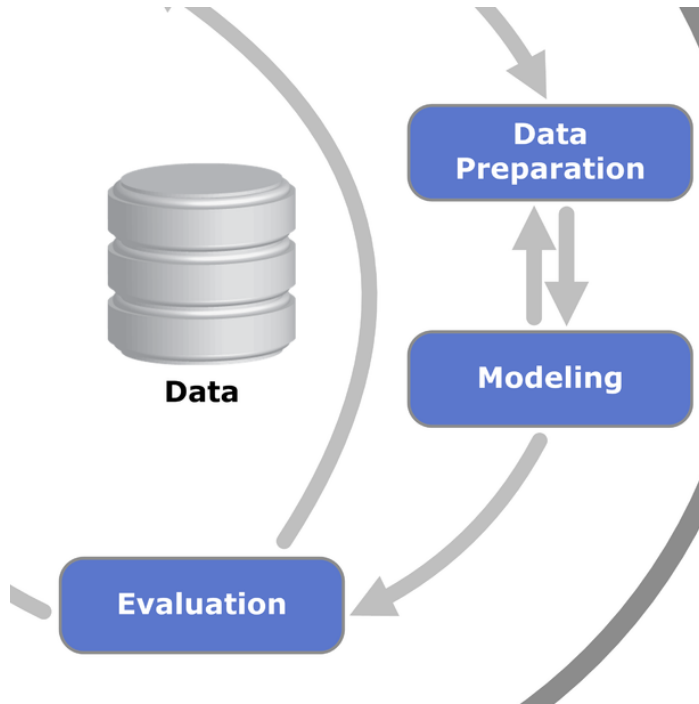
# NDBI048 – Data Science Modeling overview

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# Where we are now

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# Outline

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1. analytical and modelling approach
2. basic terms, types of models
3. data for modelling: train, test, validation
4. model evaluation and limits of metrics
5. model selection
6. feature selection
7. some model methods



# Analytical (inferential) approach

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unit (human, animal, picture, action, proces, ...)

- › I have **data** about it
- › I have data about other features
  - day, time, salary, body height etc.

**I want to:** understand the world & make conclusions.



$$Y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_i + \varepsilon_i$$

Diagram illustrating the components of the linear regression equation:

- $Y_i$ : Dependent Variable
- $\beta_0$ : Population Y intercept
- $\beta_1$ : Population Slope Coefficient
- $X_i$ : Independent Variable
- $\varepsilon_i$ : Random Error term

The equation is also labeled with components:

- Linear component:  $\beta_0 + \beta_1 X_i$
- Random Error component:  $\varepsilon_i$

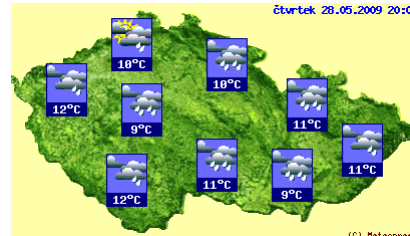
# Modeling approach

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unit (human, animal, picture, action, proces, ...)

- › has (or will have) a **feature I don't know now**
  - Man, or woman? Fair, or deceit? Age? How many °C? Which of kinds?
- › but I know something else
  - living place; history; behaviour; body measures etc.

**I want to:** estimate / classify / predict the unit's unknown feature.



# Linear regression and two approaches

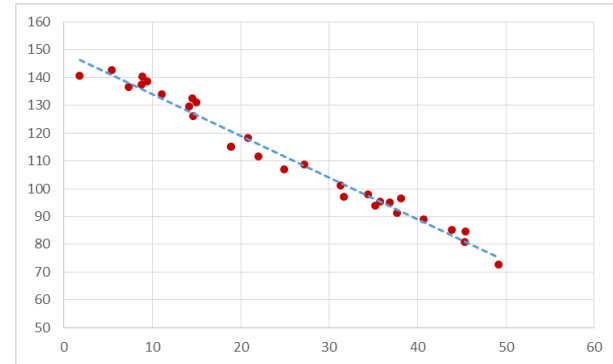
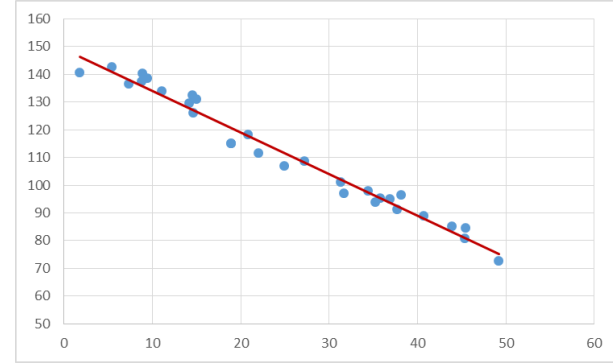
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## analytical approach:

- › interested in trend (inference)
- › „How does the world work?“
- › getting  $\beta$  is a goal

## modeling approach:

- › interested in points (estimate, prediction)
- › „If I have this value of  $x$ , how many will be  $y$ ?“
- › getting  $\beta$  is a mean



# Get the difference

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## *Analytical approach*

- › I have data.
- › Trying to describe the world.
- › **Fitting relations in data.**
- › outcome = explanation (inference).

## *Modeling approach*

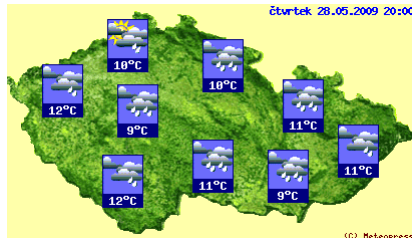
- › I have a problem.
- › Trying to get any info.
- › **Fitting relations in data.**
- › outcome = prediction, classification etc.

Same methods, same mathematics, different aims.

# Basic terms

- › „unknown feature“ = **target, response**
- › „what I know“ = **feature, predictor, explanatory var.**
- › „result“ = **prediction, classification** etc. (see later)
- › „how we get the result“ = **modeling method**
- › „data for modelling“ = **dataset, model matrix**

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# Types of models

- › By info about target (data labeling)
  - yes, for enough & representative units → **supervised model**
  - yes, but for few or non-representative units → **semi-supervised model**
  - no → **unsupervised model**
- › By target type
  - binary
  - categorical (ordinal, non-ordinal)
  - numerical
- › Used method?
  - linear (regression etc.)
  - rule-based (decision trees etc.)
  - similarity (kNN etc.)
  - „blackbox“ (neural networks, gradient boosting etc.)

From now: **supervised** and mostly **binary** models.

# Data and dataset

- › Data need to be **understood** and **prepared**.
- › **Training dataset** = table (matrix):
  - columns = id, target(s), features
  - rows = units
- › Dataset division:
  - **train** set – where we **fit** a model
  - **test** set – where we **evaluate** a model
- › **Validation dataset**
  - where we **prove** the model is good
- › see later

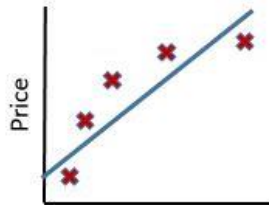
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| Image017 | 10              | 694                  | 36.29        | 25.36      | 0.61       |
| Image018 | 24              | 1601                 | 71.12        | 29.01      | 0.64       |
| Image019 | 4               | 535                  | 28.47        | 24.81      | 0.61       |
| Image020 | 11              | 626                  | 35.54        | 23.97      | 0.57       |

# Model evaluation

~~How well does my model fit my past data?~~

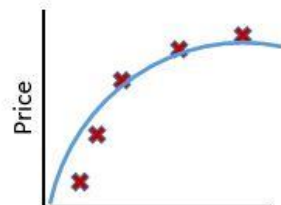
How well would I predict (classify, estimate) in reality?

- › Can't evaluate on the same data as for fit → **overfitting**
- › I need to „simulate unknown reality“ → **cross-validation**



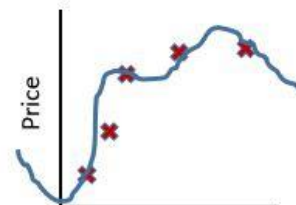
$$\theta_0 + \theta_1 x$$

High bias  
(underfit)



$$\theta_0 + \theta_1 x + \theta_2 x^2$$

“Just right”



$$\theta_0 + \theta_1 x + \theta_2 x^2 + \theta_3 x^3 + \theta_4 x^4$$

High variance  
(overfit)

# Cross-validation

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- › Take  $1/k$  of data as the **test** set, the rest as the **train** set.
- › Fit on train set, predict on the test set.
- › Repeat for each  $1/k$  of data.
- › Now we have predicted values for all units. Compare with actual target values.
- › *Variation: compare for each  $1/k$  separately and aggregate metrics.*



# Model evaluation: metrics (binary target)

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- › technical (logLik,  $R^2$ )
- › analytics (ROC AUC, prediction SD)
- › business (expected profit/loss)

| id  | predicted | actual target |
|-----|-----------|---------------|
| 1   | 0.34      | 1             |
| 2   | 0.76      | 0             |
| 3   | 0.04      | 0             |
| 4   | 0.29      | 0             |
| 5   | 0.88      | 1             |
| ... | ...       | ...           |

# Model evaluation: metrics (binary target)

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## confusion matrix

- › give a threshold for pos/neg prediction
- › similar to hypothesis testing (error type I, II)

- › **recall** (true positive rate) =  $\frac{TP}{TP+FN}$

- › **sensitivity** = recall

- › **precision** =  $\frac{TP}{TP+FP}$

- › **specificity** (true negative rate) =  $\frac{TN}{TN+FP}$

- › **false positive rate** =  $\frac{FP}{TN+FP}$ , **false negative rate** =  $\frac{FN}{TP+FN}$

- › **accuracy** =  $\frac{TP+TN}{TP+FN+FP+TN}$

|              | predicted true | predicted false |
|--------------|----------------|-----------------|
| actual true  | TP             | FN              |
| actual false | FP             | TN              |

# Model evaluation: metrics (binary target)

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## confusion matrix in one number

- › Phi coefficient  
(also Matthews corr. coef., *MCC*)

- › 
$$\frac{TP \cdot TN - FP \cdot FN}{\sqrt{(TP + FN)(FP + TN)(TP + FP)(FN + TN)}}$$

|              | predicted true | predicted false |
|--------------|----------------|-----------------|
| actual true  | TP             | FN              |
| actual false | FP             | TN              |

# Model evaluation: confusion matrix, example

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- › **recall** (true positive rate), **sensitivity** =

$$= \frac{TP}{TP+FN} = 0.8$$

- › **precision** =  $\frac{TP}{TP+FP} = 0.5$

- › **specificity** (true negative rate) =

- ›  $= \frac{TN}{TN+FP} = \frac{11}{15} \sim 0.73$

- › **false positive rate** =  $\frac{FP}{TN+FP} = \frac{4}{15} \sim 0.27$

- › **false negative rate** =  $\frac{FN}{TP+FN} = 0.2$

- › **accuracy** =  $\frac{TP+TN}{TP+FN+FP+TN} = 0.75$

- › **Phi** = 0.48

|              | pred true | pred false | total |
|--------------|-----------|------------|-------|
| actual true  | 40        | 10         | 50    |
| actual false | 40        | 110        | 150   |
| total        | 80        | 120        | 200   |



# Model evaluation: metrics (binary target)

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| id  | predicted probability | predicted (thresh 0.5) | predicted (thresh 0.3) | actual target |
|-----|-----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|---------------|
| 1   | 0.34                  | 0                      | 1                      | 1             |
| 2   | 0.76                  | 1                      | 1                      | 1             |
| 3   | 0.04                  | 0                      | 0                      | 0             |
| 4   | 0.29                  | 0                      | 0                      | 0             |
| 5   | 0.48                  | 0                      | 1                      | 0             |
| ... | ...                   |                        |                        | ...           |

different threshold → different recall, FPR etc.

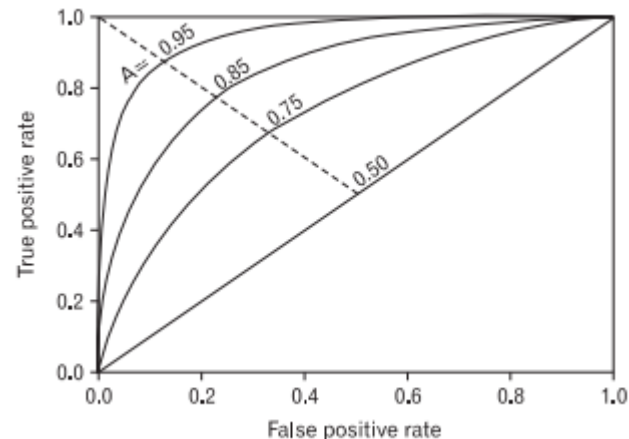
# Model evaluation: metrics (binary target)

Confusion matrix depends on the threshold value:

- › small threshold → high recall, but high FPR too
- › and vice versa

→ receiver operation curve (**ROC**)

- › threshold runs  $0 \rightarrow 1$
- › for various thresholds, we count TPR & FPR
- › we make curve of points [FPR; TPR]
- › random guessing – diagonal
- › perfect model – through top left
- › performance: area under curve – **AUC**



# Model evaluation: metrics (binary target)

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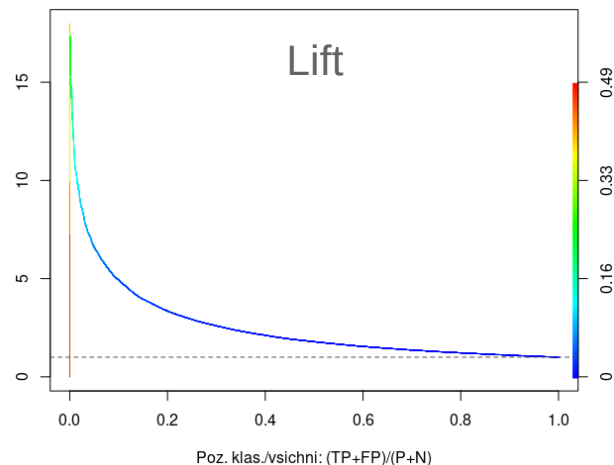
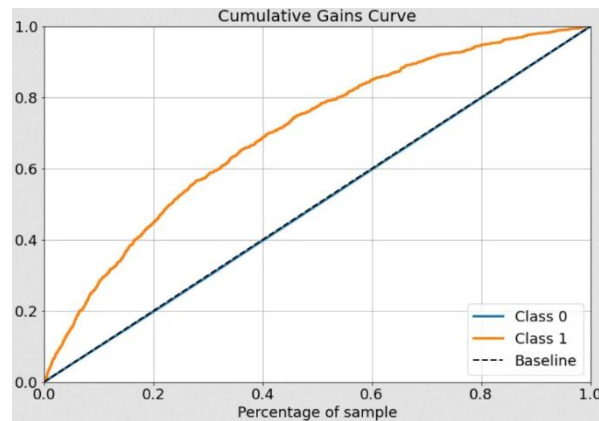
## Gain

|              | predicted true | predicted false |     |
|--------------|----------------|-----------------|-----|
| actual true  | TP             | FN              | $P$ |
| actual false | FP             | TN              | $N$ |
|              | $\hat{P}$      | $\hat{N}$       | $S$ |

- › recall in sample by model vs. recall in random sample
- ›  $(TP / P)$  vs.  $(\hat{P} / S)$

## Lift

- › precision in sample by model over precision in random sample
- ›  $(TP / \hat{P}) : (P / S) = (TP / \hat{P}) : (P / S)$



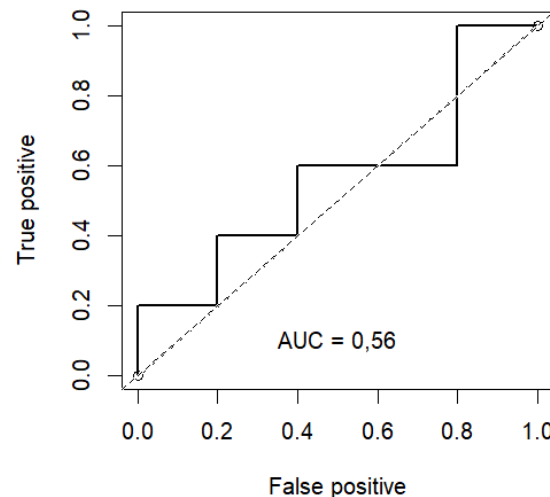
# Metric limits

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|      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |            |
|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------------|
| 0,41 | 0,43 | 0,45 | 0,47 | 0,49 | 0,51 | 0,53 | 0,55 | 0,57 | 0,59 | P (exact)  |
| 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 1    | 1    | 1    | 1    | 1    | prediction |
| 0    | 1    | 1    | 0    | 0    | 1    | 0    | 1    | 0    | 1    | result     |

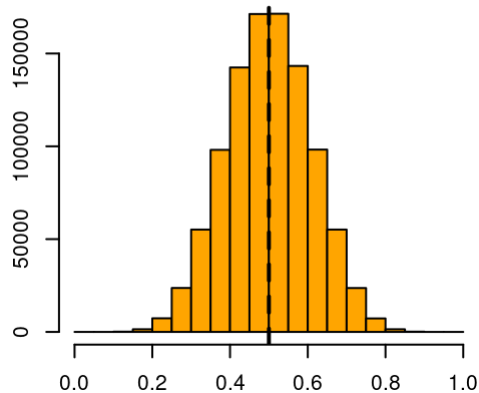
- › exact probabilities but low performance
- › why?
- › **classification**: exact classification possible
- › **prediction**: exact prediction impossible – due to **randomness**



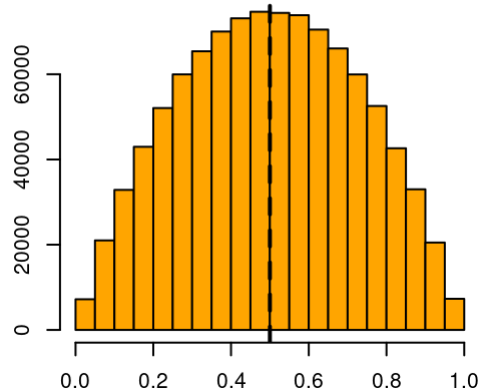
# Metric limits by population (beta distribution)

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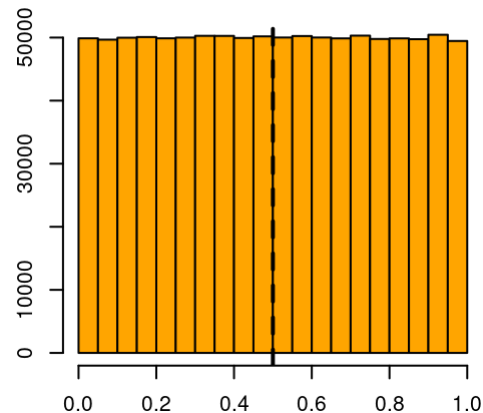
$a=10$   $b=10$  | AUC=0.623



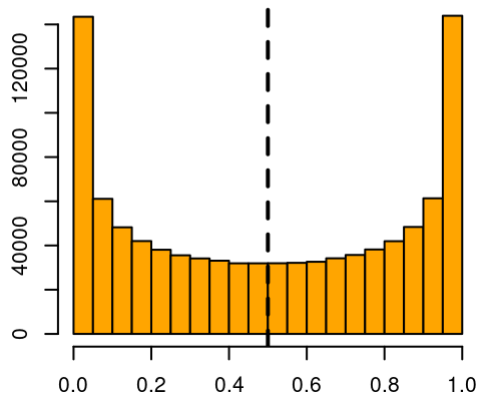
$a=2$   $b=2$  | AUC=0.757



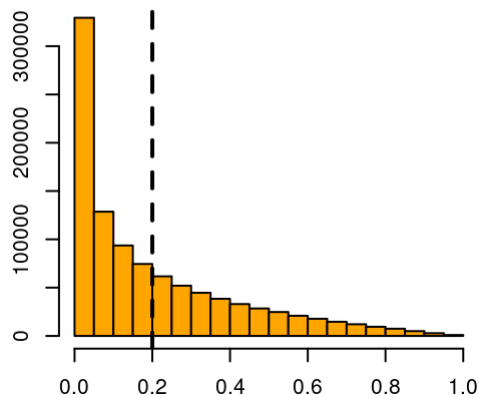
$a=1$   $b=1$  | AUC=0.834



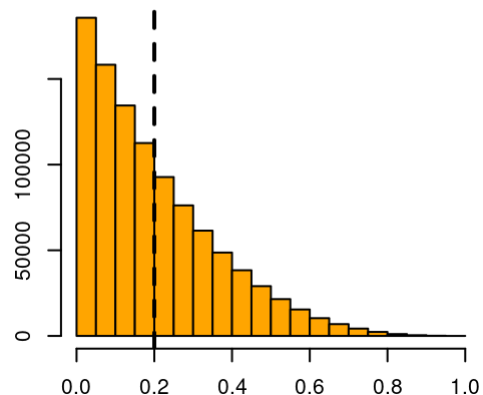
$a=0.5$   $b=0.5$  | AUC=0.905



$a=0.5$   $b=2$  | AUC=0.852



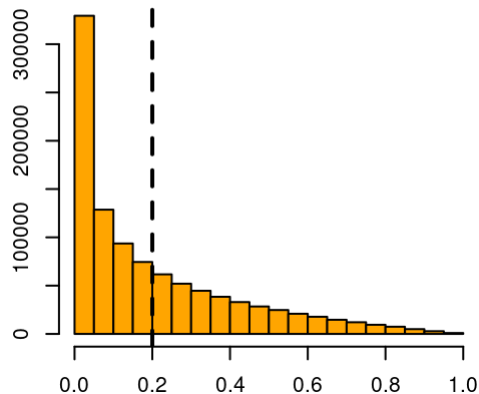
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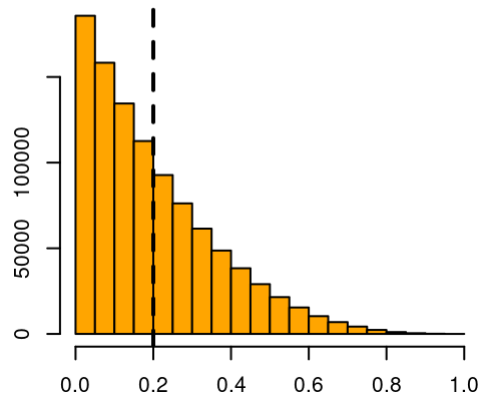
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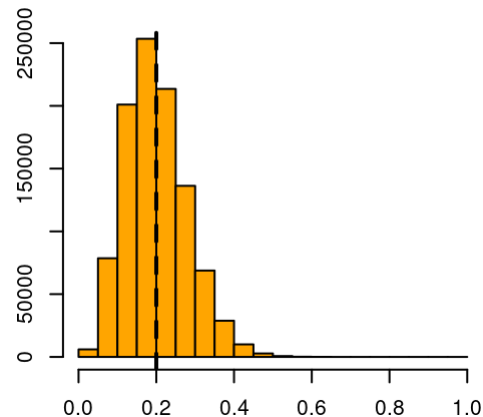
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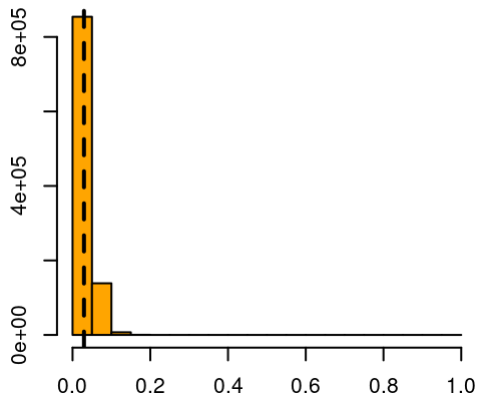
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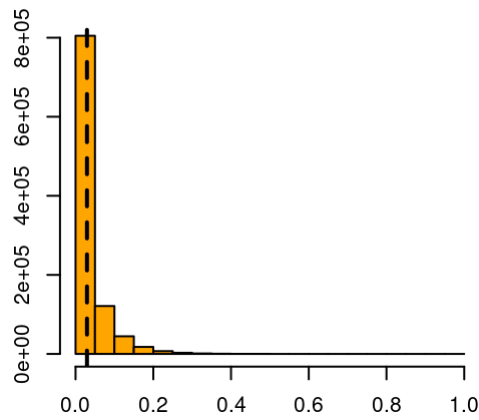
$a=5$   $b=20$  | AUC=0.637



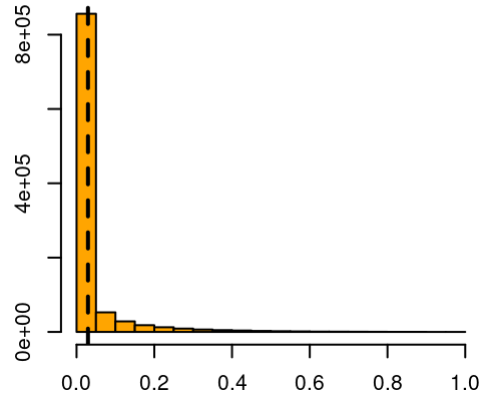
$a=2$   $b=66$  | AUC=0.693



$a=0.4$   $b=13.2$  | AUC=0.845



$a=0.1$   $b=3.3$  | AUC=0.948



# Model requirements

- › meeting customer requirements
- › high performance
- › fast
- › cheap (performance : price ratio)
- › interpretable
- › easy to implement and maintain (**bus factor**)

# Implementation requirements

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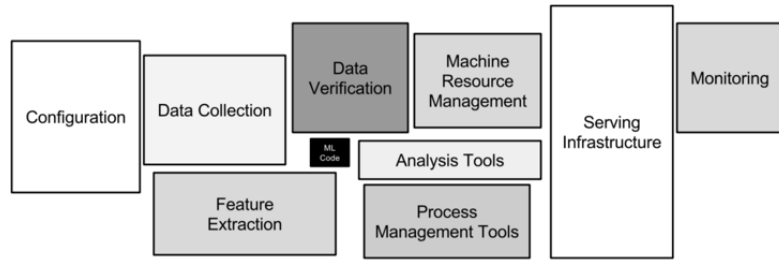
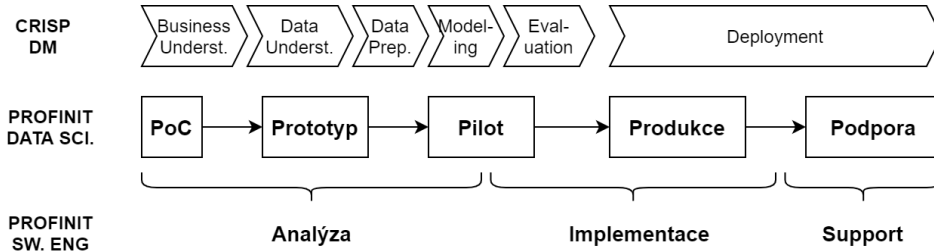


Figure 1: Only a small fraction of real-world ML systems is composed of the ML code, as shown by the small black box in the middle. The required surrounding infrastructure is vast and complex.

- › technologies
- › knowledge
- › connection to the world
- › maintenance
- › → price





# Model selection – technical base

- › requested mode (real-time, near real-time, batch) → **SLA**
- › how much data to process for a result?
- › can I / need I have something precomputed?
- › is partial or approximate result allowed?
- › technologies (SQL, Big Data, R/Python/C/Java)

# Model selection – technical base

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- › quantitative change: beware of complexity ( $O(N^2)$ ,  $O(N^3)$ , ...)
- › qualitative change: usually risky
  - technology / version change
  - workflow change
  - data format change
  - new result requirements
  - → **should be robust**
- › stable (champion) vs. candidate (challenger) model
- › automatic monitoring

*Don't change a winning team.  
English proverb*

# Model building

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## simple model

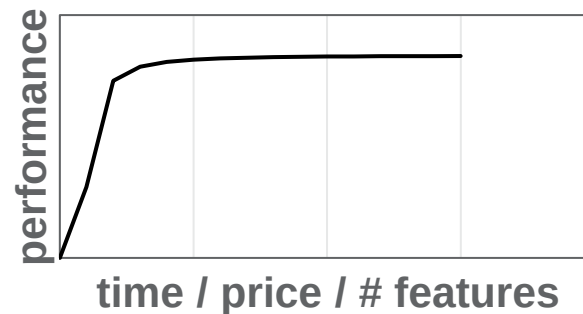
- › domain knowledge
- › DIY

## baseline / referential model

- › strong and easily available features
- › simple method (regression, small tree)
- › sometimes sufficient

## final model

- › long journey, good to automate (MLops)



# Model selection – features

## Forward

- › start from null model (intercept only)
- › try a predictor & evaluate performance
- › choose the one with the highest added performance, add it
- › repeat until there is no performance increase

## Backward

- › start from full model (all predictors)
- › omit a predictor & test (p-value, ML metrics)
- › choose the one with highest p-value or added performance, drop it
- › repeat until the performance gets worse

# Model selection – forward or backward?

## forward

- › in early steps, for referential model building
- › good for simple and interpretable methods

## backward

- › exploration of a new feature family
- › estimation of performance limit
- › requires huge sources, regularization, automatized process
- › good for a complex methods

# Model regularization

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- › When some predictors highly correlated – computation numerically unstable.
- › Solution: prefer lower values of coefficients – penalization
- › Methods: Lasso, L2 (ridge regression)

# Modeling methods – linear model

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$X$  = predictor matrix,  $Y$  = target,  $\beta$  – coefficients (parameters, effects)

- ›  $EY = X\beta$                       linear regression
- ›  $P(Y = 1) = \frac{e^{X\beta}}{1 + e^{X\beta}}$               logistic regression
- › „scoring model“:  $\hat{Y}_i = f(\sum_{j=1}^k \beta_j X_{ij})$  – additive effects

# Modeling methods – nearest neighbors

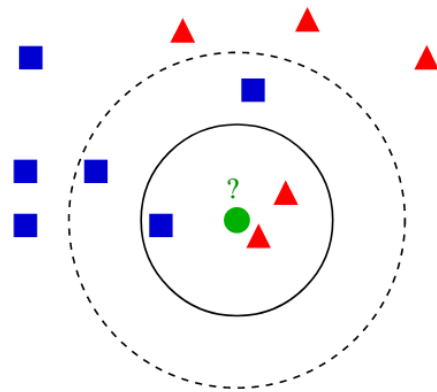
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**Similar units** will have **similar target**.

1. Train set: units with known target (labeled).
2. New unit (unknown target) arrives.
3. By some distance metric, we found  $k$  nearest units from the train set (nearest neighbors).
4. Estimated target = aggregation of neighbors' targets.

**Distance metric:** e. g. euclidean, cosine, Levenshtein...

**Aggregation:** voting, weighted mean, median



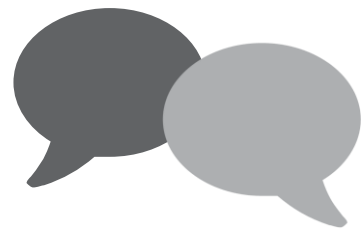


## Bayes classifier

$$P(Y = C_i | \mathbf{X} = \mathbf{x}) = \frac{P(\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{x} | Y = C_i) \cdot P(Y = C_i)}{P(\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{x})}$$

- ›  $Y$  = target,  $C_i$  = category,  $\mathbf{X}$  = predictors,  $\mathbf{x}$  = observed values
- › find  $i$  where  $P(\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{x} | Y = C_i) \cdot P(Y = C_i)$  biggest  $\rightarrow$  classification
- › for binary target:

$$\frac{P(Y = 1 | E)}{P(Y = 0 | E)} = \frac{\frac{P(E | Y = 1) \cdot P(Y = 1)}{P(E)}}{\frac{P(E | Y = 0) \cdot P(Y = 0)}{P(E)}} = \frac{P(Y = 1)}{P(Y = 0)} \cdot \frac{P(E | Y = 1)}{P(E | Y = 0)}$$



**Questions?**