

# Predictive Analysis: Evaluation and Experimentation

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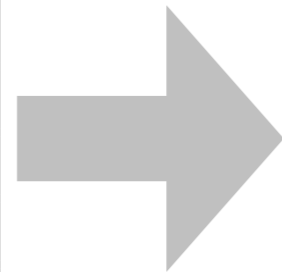
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# Predictive Analysis

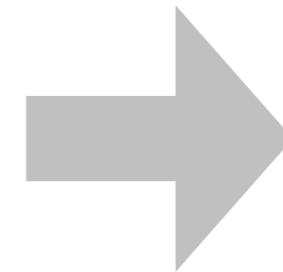
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0	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	positive
⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮
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labeled examples



machine learning algorithm

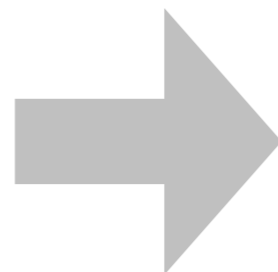


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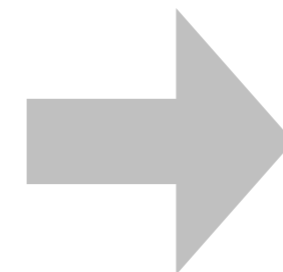
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1	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	positive

new, labeled examples



model



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1	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	positive

predictions

# Evaluation

- **Predictive analysis:** training a model to make predictions on previously unseen data
- **Evaluation:** using previously unseen labeled data to estimate the quality of a model's predictions on new data
- **Evaluation Metric:** a measure that summarizes the quality of a model's predictions

# Evaluation Metrics

- There are many different metrics
- Different metrics make different assumptions about what the “end users” cares about
- Choosing the most appropriate metric is important!

# Evaluation Metrics

## (1) accuracy

- **Accuracy:** percentage of correct predictions

		true	
		pos	neg
predicted	pos	a	b
	neg	c	d

$$A = \frac{(a + d)}{(a + b + c + d)}$$

# Evaluation Metrics

## (1) accuracy

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	neut.	d	e	f
	neg	g	h	i

$$A = \frac{(a + e + i)}{(a + b + c + d + e + f + g + h + i)}$$

# Evaluation Metrics

## (1) accuracy

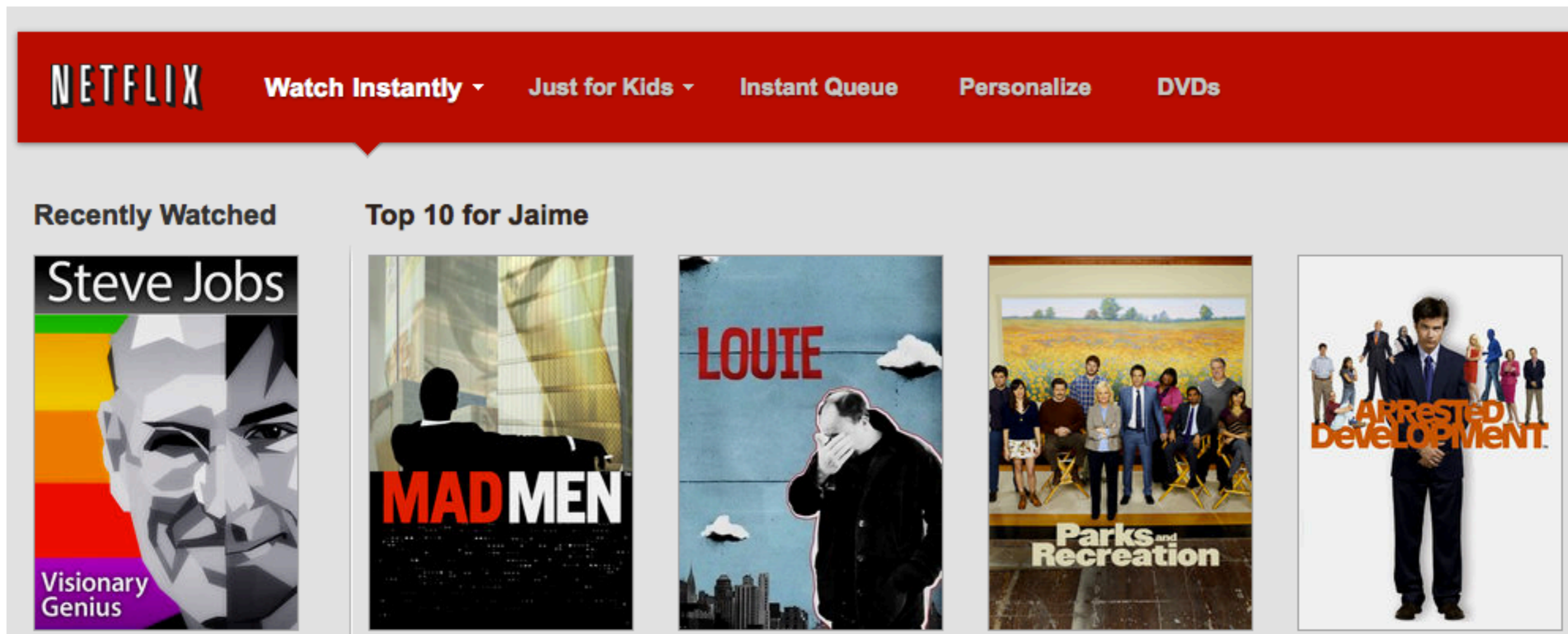
- What assumption(s) does accuracy make?

		true		
		pos	neut.	neg
predicted	pos	a	b	c
	neut.	d	e	f
	neg	g	h	i

$$A = \frac{(a + e + i)}{(a + b + c + d + e + f + g + h + i)}$$

# Evaluation Metrics

- Content recommendation: relevant vs. non-relevant





# Evaluation Metrics

- Email spam filtering: spam vs. ham

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# Evaluation Metrics

- Product reviews: positive vs. negative vs. neutral



# Evaluation Metrics

- Text-based Forecasting: buy vs. sell vs. hold

twitter





# Evaluation Metrics

- Health monitoring system: alarm vs. no alarm



# Evaluation Metrics

## (1) accuracy

- What assumption(s) does accuracy make?
- It assumes that all prediction errors are equally bad
- Oftentimes, we care more about one class than the others
- If so, the class of interest is usually the minority class
- We are looking for the “needles in the haystack”
- In this case, accuracy is not a good evaluation metric
- There are metrics that provide more insight into per-class performance

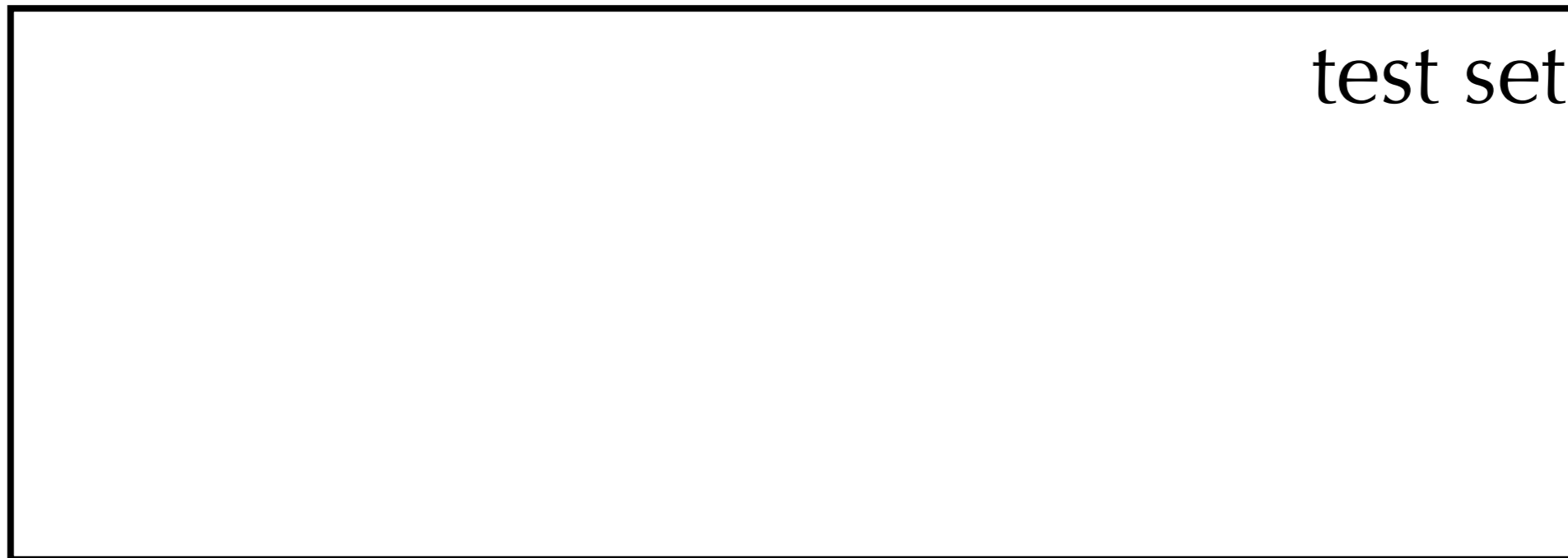
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(2) precision and (3) recall

- For a given class **C**:
  - ▶ **precision**: the percentage of positive predictions that are truly positive
  - ▶ **recall**: the percentage of true positives that are correctly predicted positive

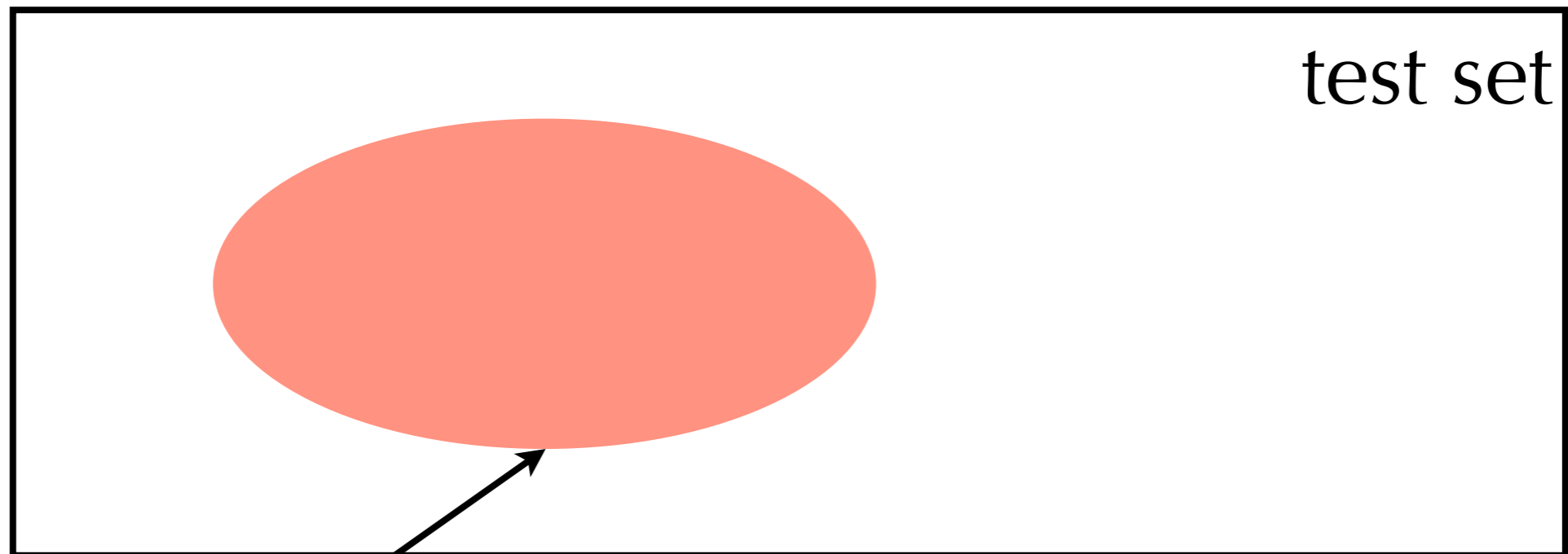
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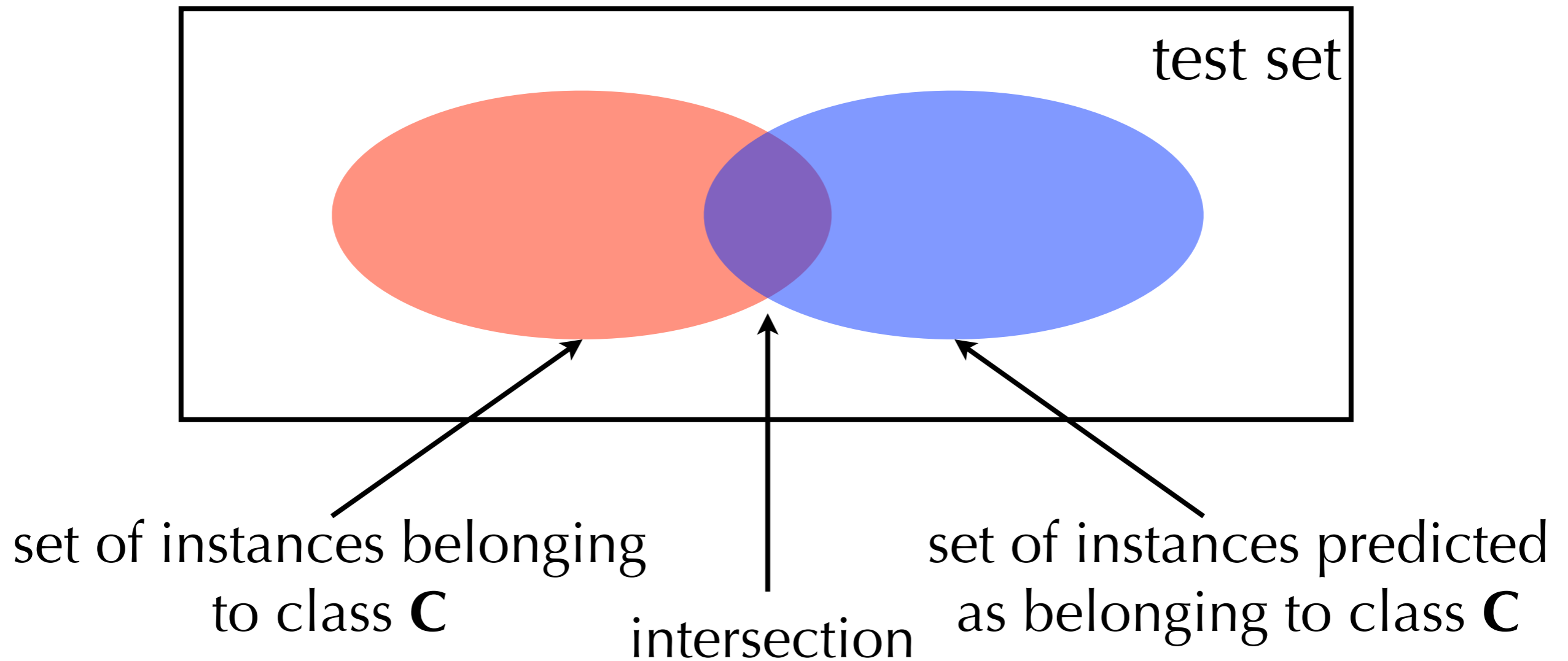


set of instances belonging  
to class **C**



# Evaluation Metrics

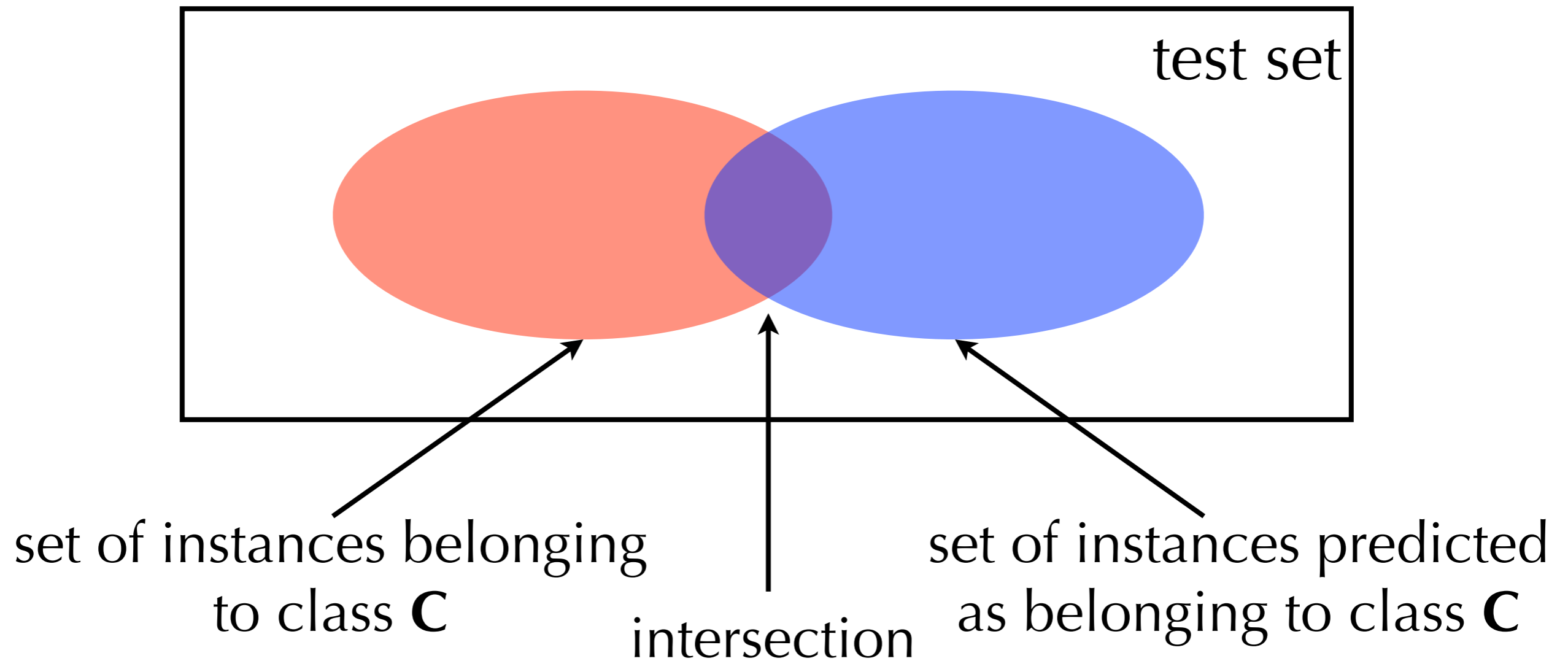
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(2) precision and (3) recall

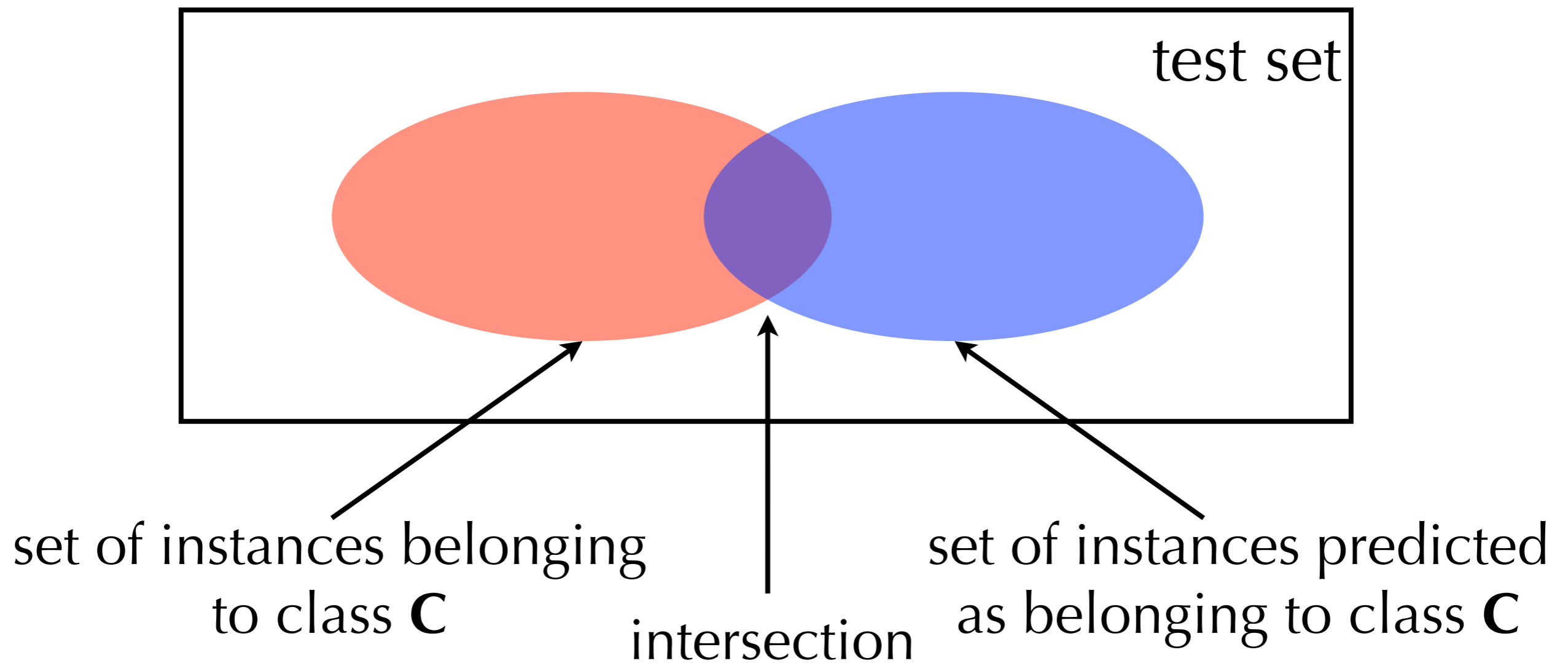
- Precision = ?



# Evaluation Metrics

(2) precision and (3) recall

- Recall = ?



# Evaluation Metrics

(2) precision and (3) recall

predicted

		true		
		pos	neut.	neg
predicted	pos	a	b	c
	neut.	d	e	f
	neg	g	h	i

$$\mathcal{P}_{\text{positive}} = \frac{a}{a + b + c}$$

# Evaluation Metrics

(2) precision and (3) recall

predicted

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predicted	pos	a	b	c
	neut.	d	e	f
	neg	g	h	i

$$\mathcal{R}_{\text{positive}} = \frac{a}{a + d + g}$$

# Evaluation Metrics

(2) precision and (3) recall

predicted

		true		
		pos	neut.	neg
predicted	pos	a	b	c
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	neg	g	h	i

$$\mathcal{P}_{\text{neutral}} = ?$$

# Evaluation Metrics

(2) precision and (3) recall

predicted

		true		
		pos	neut.	neg
predicted	pos	a	b	c
	neut.	d	e	f
	neg	g	h	i

$$\mathcal{P}_{\text{neutral}} = \frac{e}{d + e + f}$$

# Evaluation Metrics

(2) precision and (3) recall

predicted

		true		
		pos	neut.	neg
predicted	pos	a	b	c
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$$\mathcal{R}_{\text{neutral}} = ?$$



# Evaluation Metrics

(2) precision and (3) recall

predicted

		true		
		pos	neut.	neg
predicted	pos	a	b	c
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	neg	g	h	i

$$\mathcal{R}_{\text{neutral}} = \frac{e}{b + e + h}$$

# Evaluation Metrics

(2) precision and (3) recall

predicted

		true		
		pos	neut.	neg
predicted	pos	a	b	c
	neut.	d	e	f
	neg	g	h	i

$$\mathcal{P}_{\text{negative}} = \frac{i}{g + h + i}$$

# Evaluation Metrics

(2) precision and (3) recall

predicted

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predicted	pos	a	b	c
	neut.	d	e	f
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$$\mathcal{R}_{\text{negative}} = \frac{i}{c + f + i}$$

# Evaluation Metrics

## (2) precision and (3) recall

- Precision and recall provide complementary views
- In some cases, we want a balance of precision and recall
- How can we combine precision and recall to produce one measure of performance for a particular class?
- We could use the (arithmetic) mean of precision and recall
- Why would this be a bad idea?

$$\frac{\mathcal{P} + \mathcal{R}}{2}$$

# Evaluation Metrics

(2) precision and (3) recall

- Precision and recall are easy to “game”
- **Maximize precision:** predict only the few most confident instances as belonging to class **C**
- **Maximize recall:** predict all instances as belonging to class **C**

# Evaluation Metrics

(2) precision and (3) recall

- Based on the arithmetic mean:
  - ▶ perfect precision and abysmal recall  $\approx 0.5$
  - ▶ perfect recall and abysmal precision  $\approx 0.5$
  - ▶ medium precision and medium precision  $\approx 0.5$

$$\frac{\mathcal{P} + \mathcal{R}}{2}$$

# Evaluation Metrics

## (4) f-measure

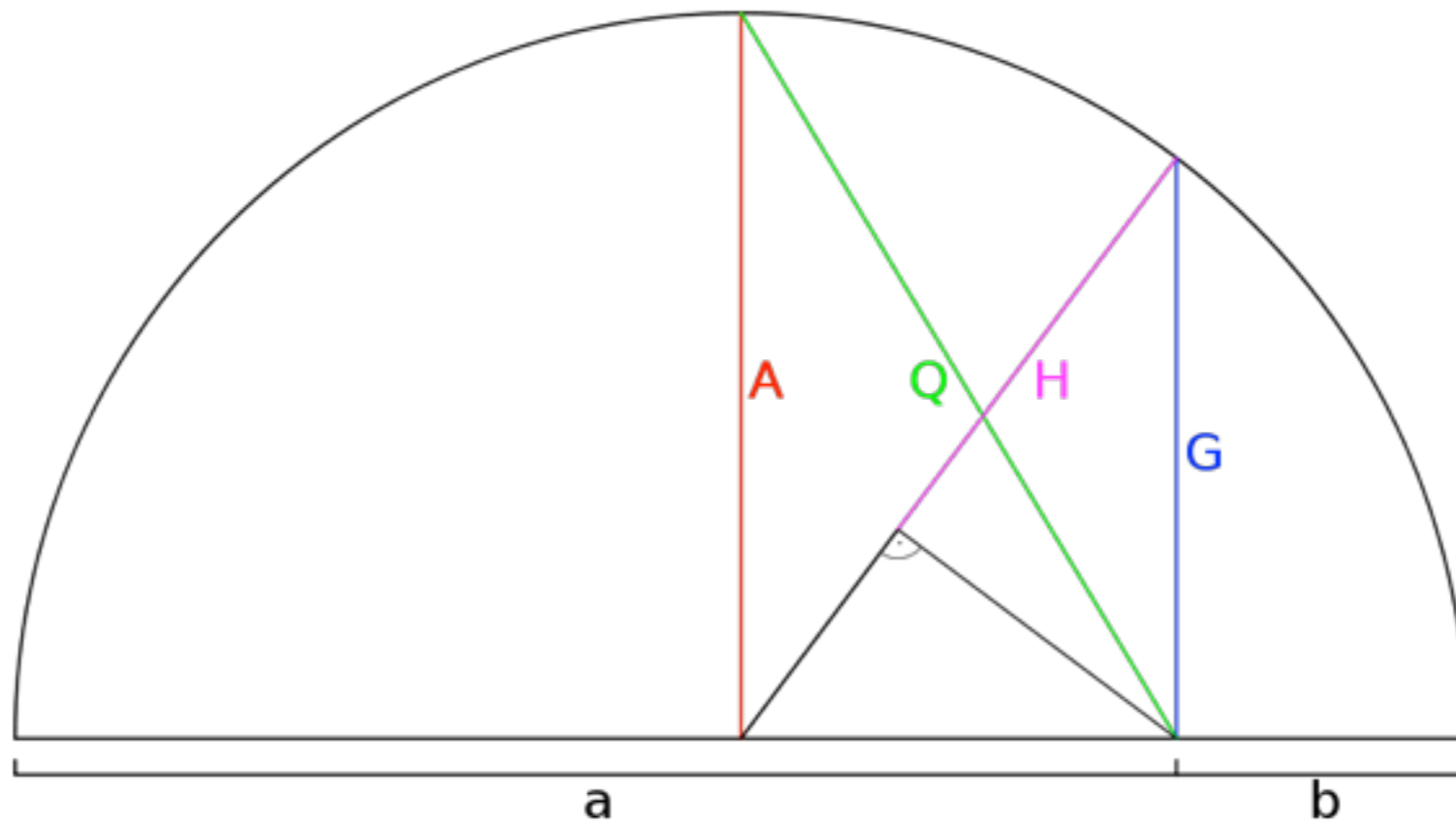
- **F-measure**: the harmonic (not arithmetic) mean of precision and recall

$$\mathcal{F} = \frac{2 \times \mathcal{P} \times \mathcal{R}}{\mathcal{P} + \mathcal{R}}$$

# Evaluation Metrics

## (4) f-measure

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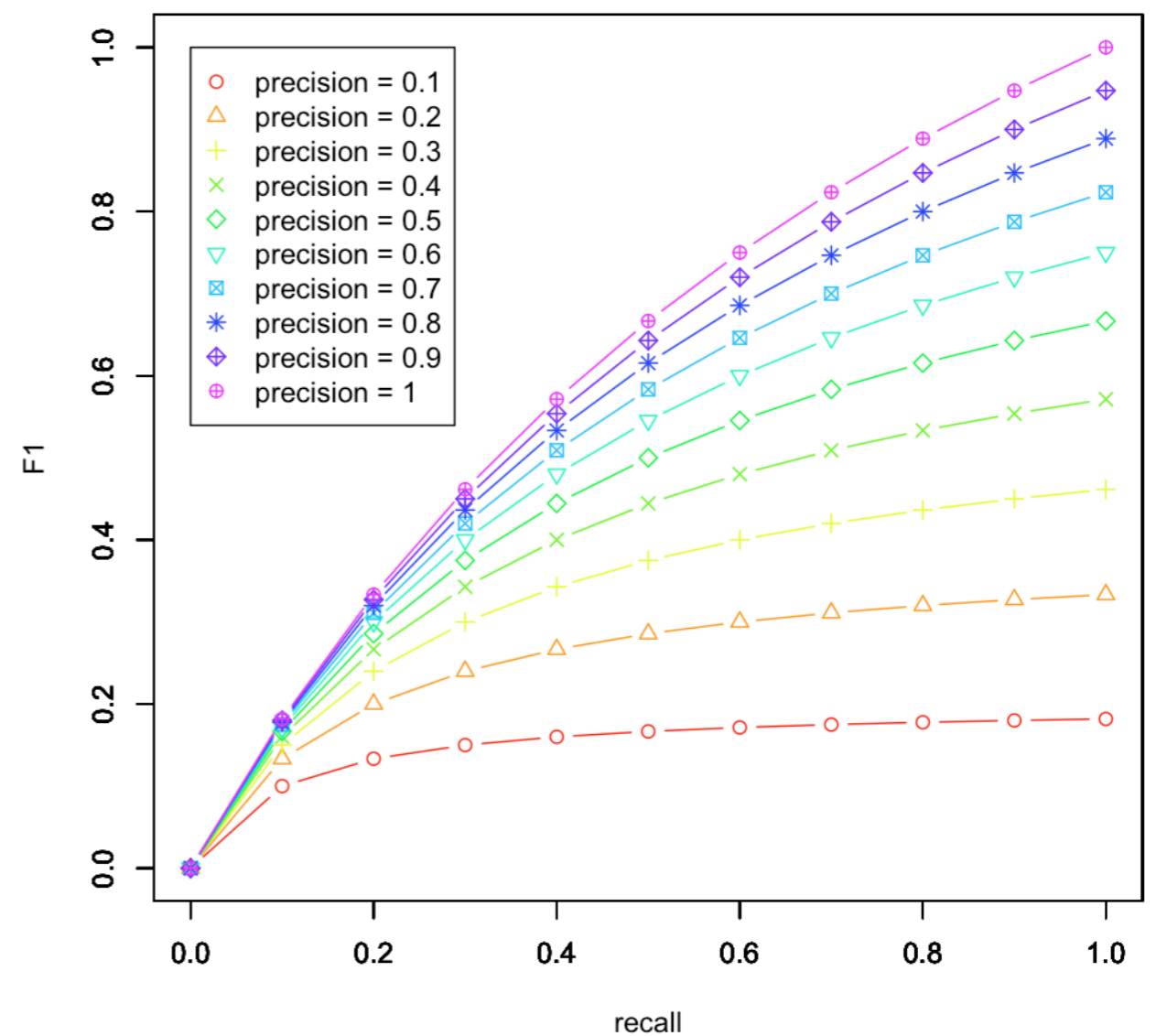
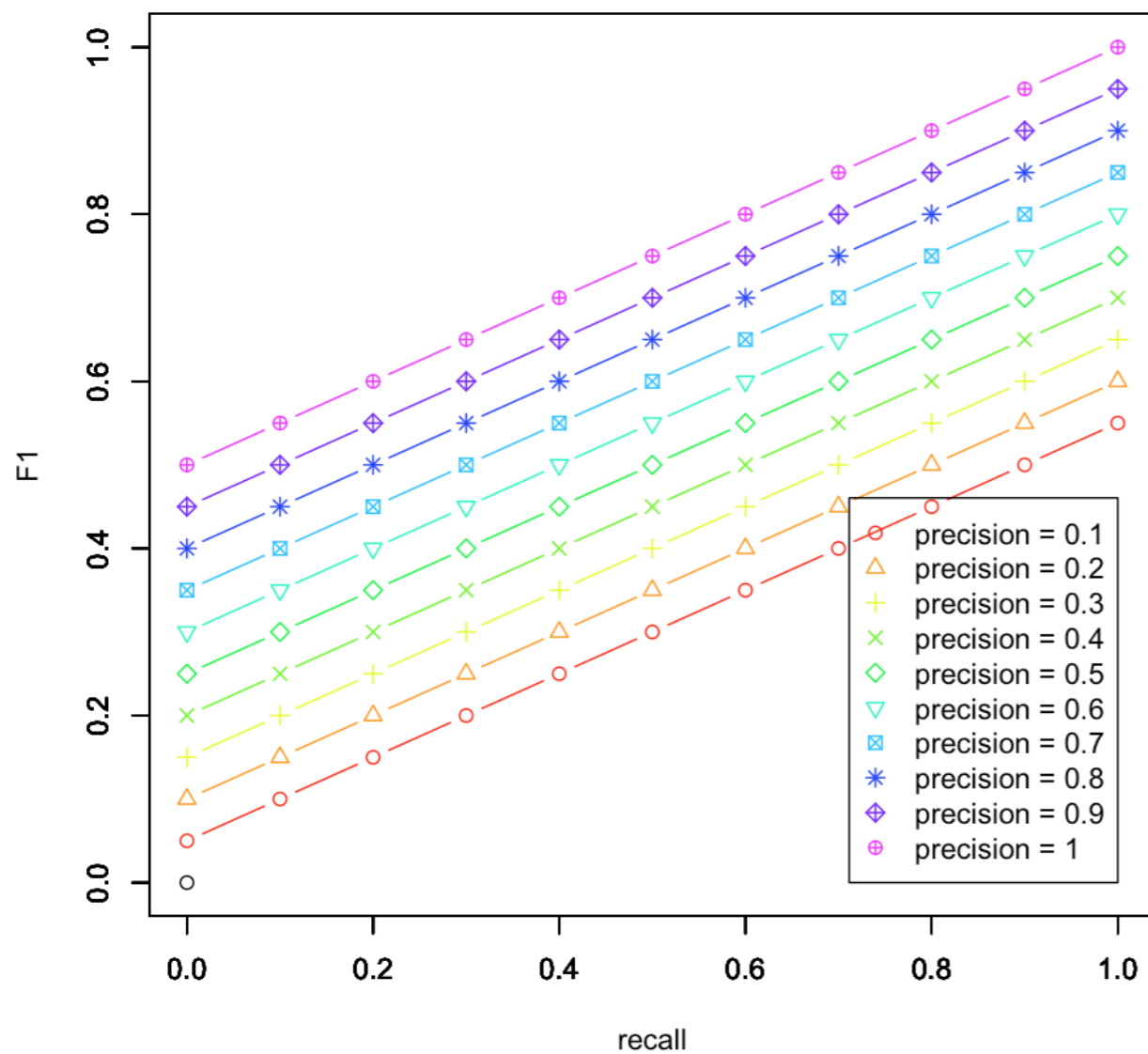
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# Evaluation Metrics

## (4) f-measure

- **F-measure:** the harmonic (not arithmetic) mean of precision and recall



(slide courtesy of Ben Carterette)

# Evaluation Metrics

## (5) precision-recall curves

- **F-measure:** assumes that the “end users” care equally about precision and recall



# Evaluation Metrics

## (5) precision-recall curves

- Most machine-learning algorithms provide a prediction confidence value
- The prediction confidence value can be used as a threshold in order to trade-off precision and recall

# Evaluation Metrics

## (5) precision-recall curves

- Remember Naive Bayes classification?
- Given instance  $D$ , predict positive (**POS**) if:

$$P(POS|D) \geq P(NEG|D)$$

- Otherwise, predict negative (**NEG**)

# Evaluation Metrics

## (5) precision-recall curves

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$$P(\text{POS}|D) \geq P(\text{NEG}|D)$$

- Otherwise, predict negative (**NEG**)

this value can  
be used  
as a threshold  
for classification  
into the **POS**  
class

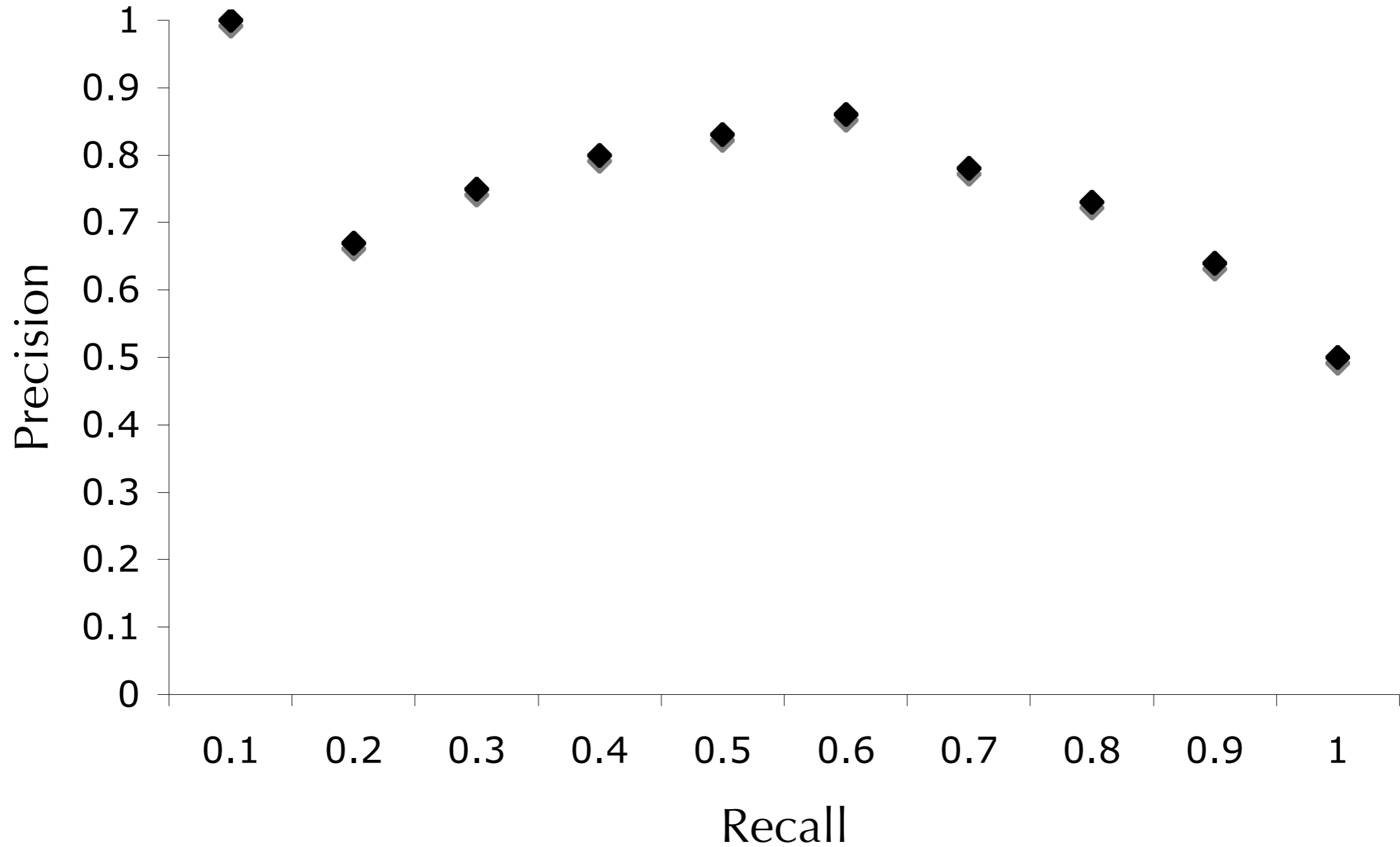
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## (5) precision-recall curves

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5	█	0.77	0.80	0.40
6	█	0.63	0.83	0.50
7	█	0.58	0.86	0.60
8		0.57	0.75	0.60
9	█	0.56	0.78	0.70
10		0.34	0.70	0.70
11	█	0.33	0.73	0.80
12		0.25	0.67	0.80
13		0.21	0.62	0.80
14	█	0.15	0.64	0.90
15		0.14	0.60	0.90
16		0.14	0.56	0.90
17		0.12	0.53	0.90
18		0.08	0.50	0.90
19		0.01	0.47	0.90
20	█	0.01	0.50	1.00

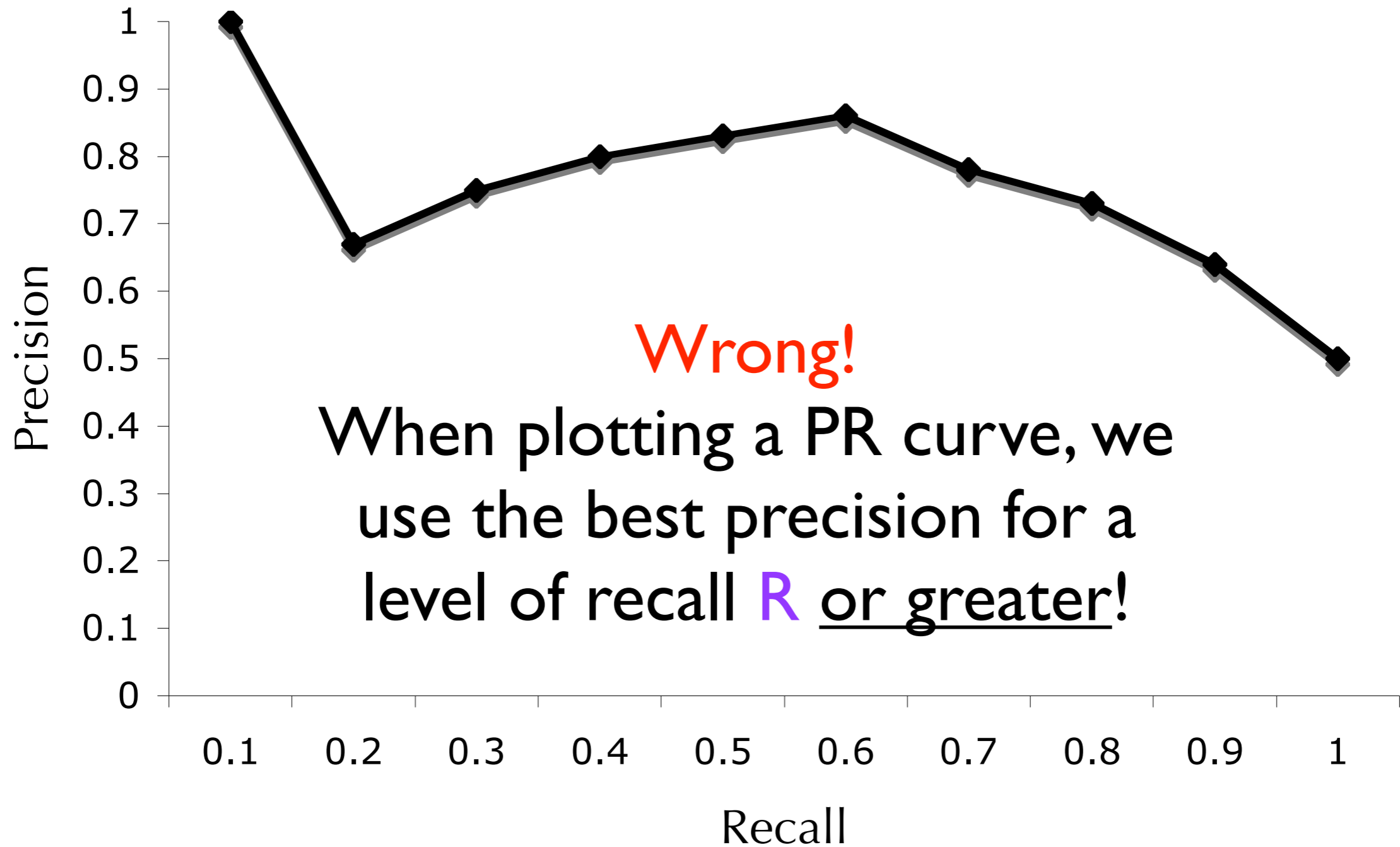
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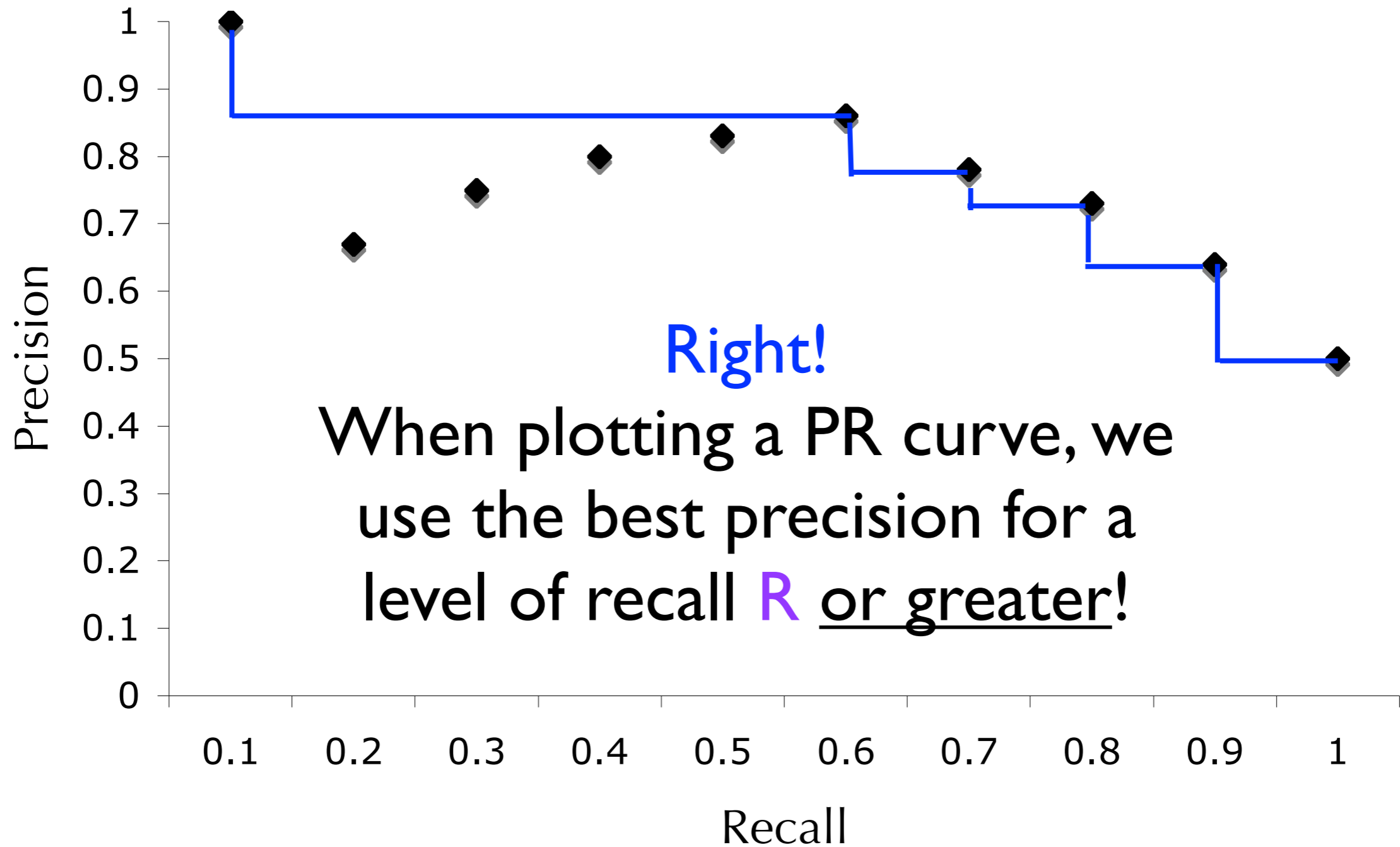
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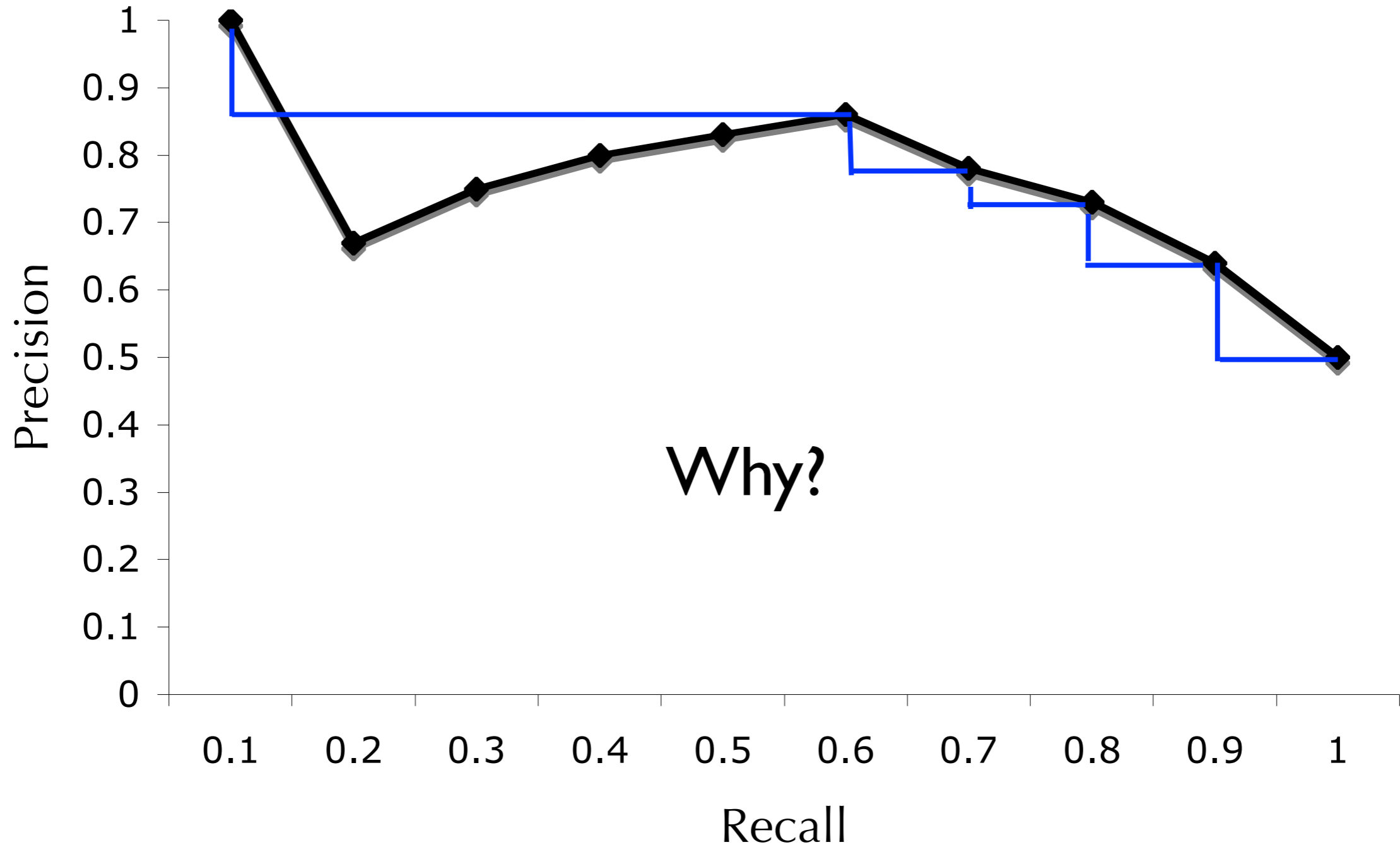
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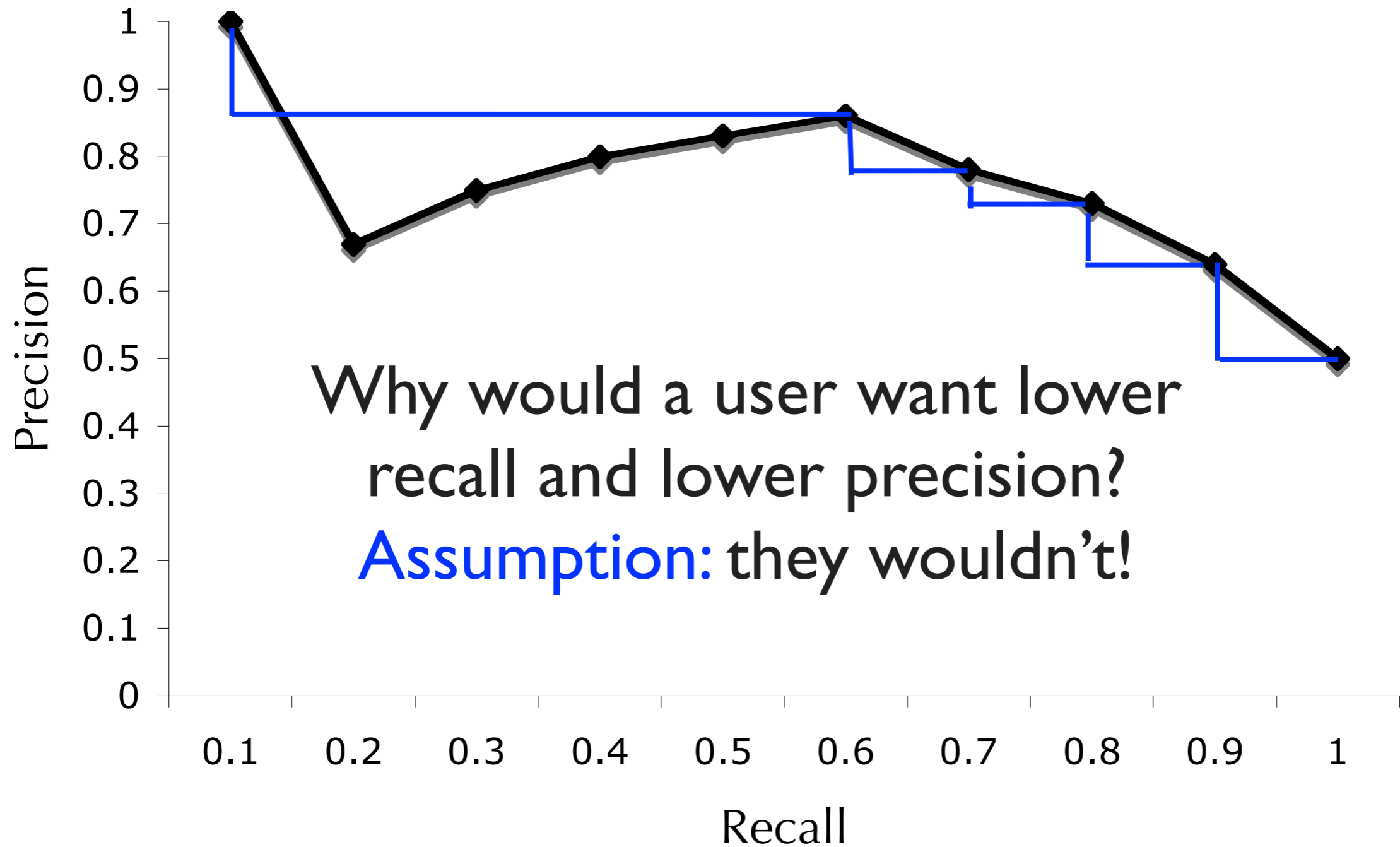
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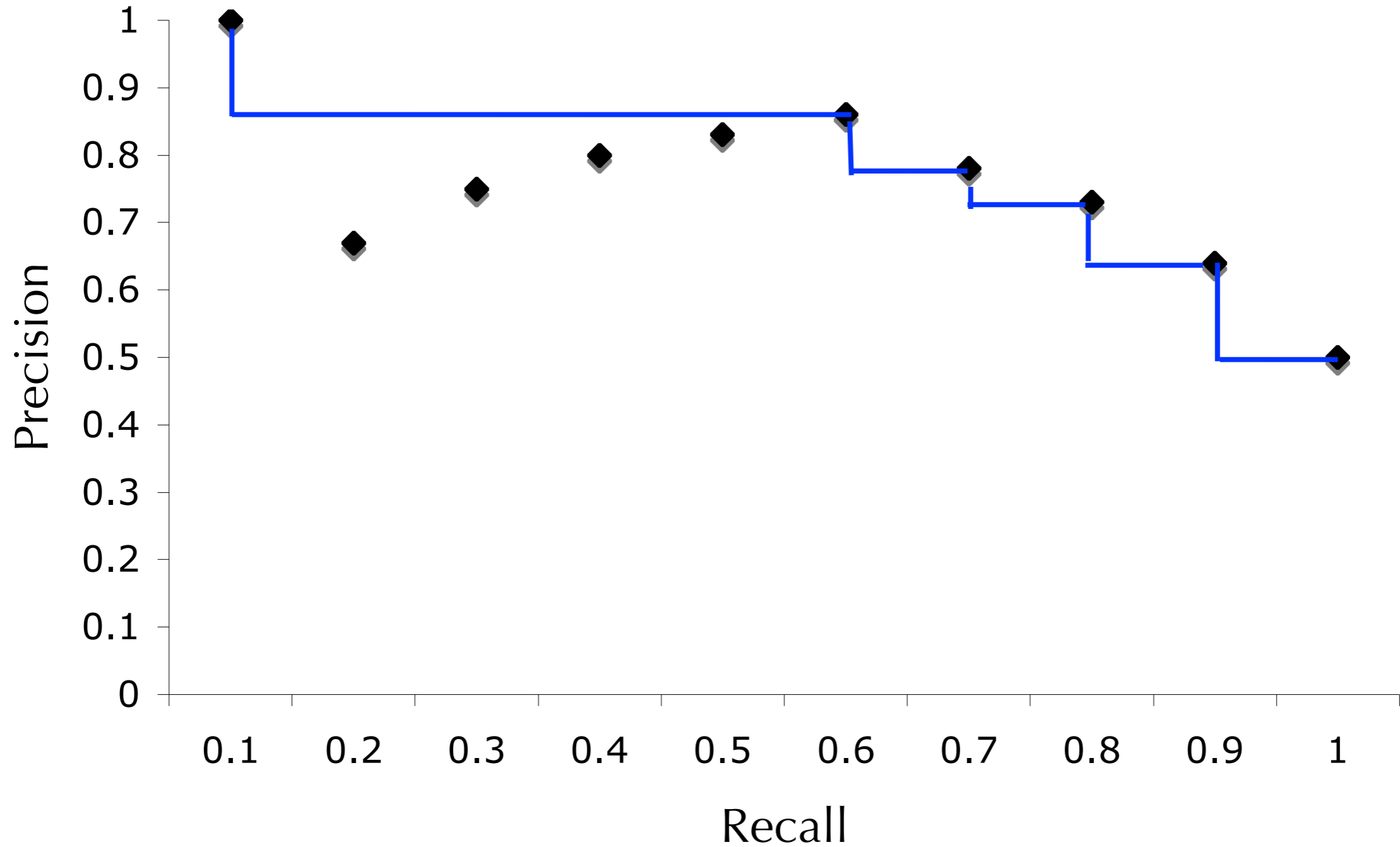
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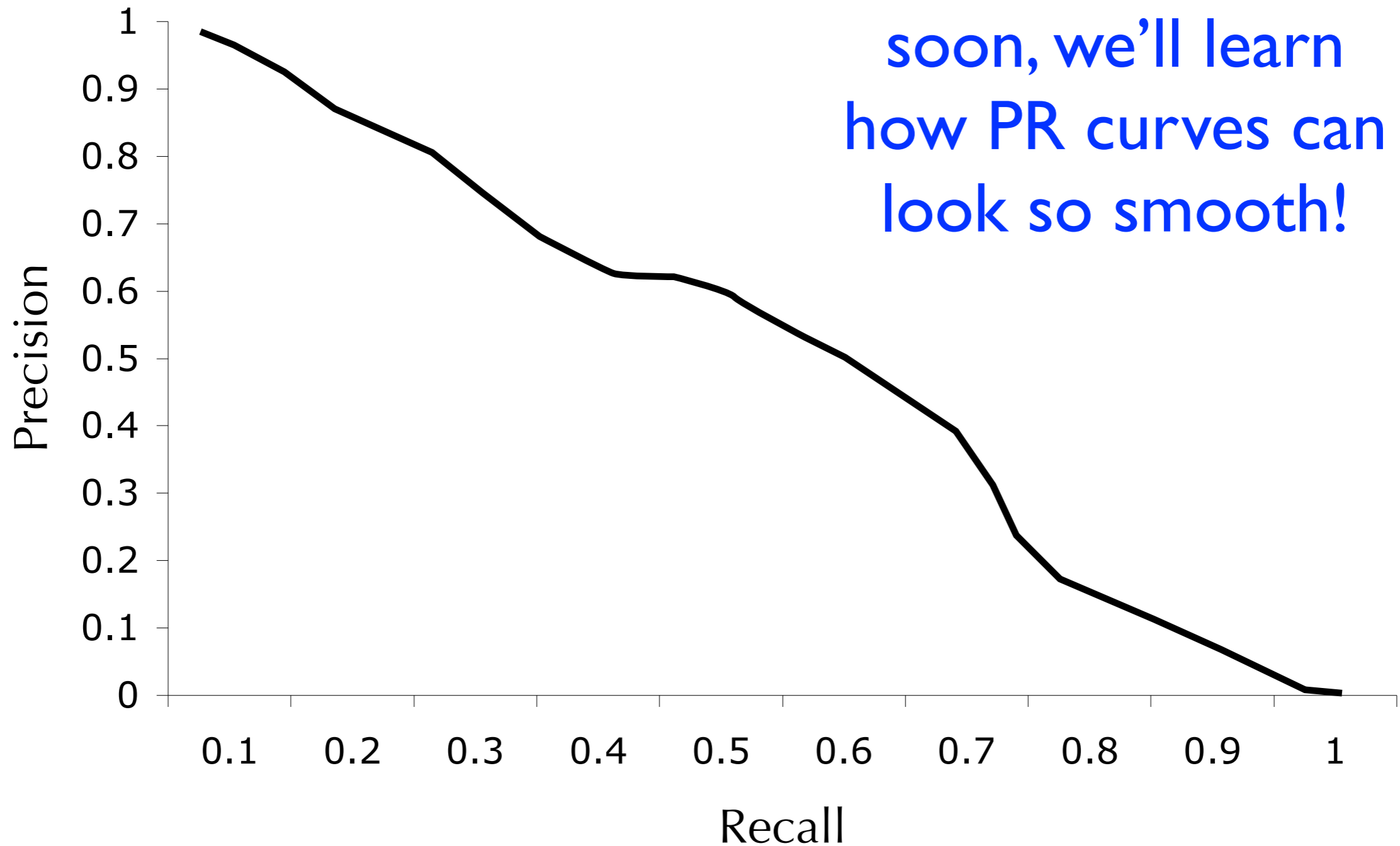
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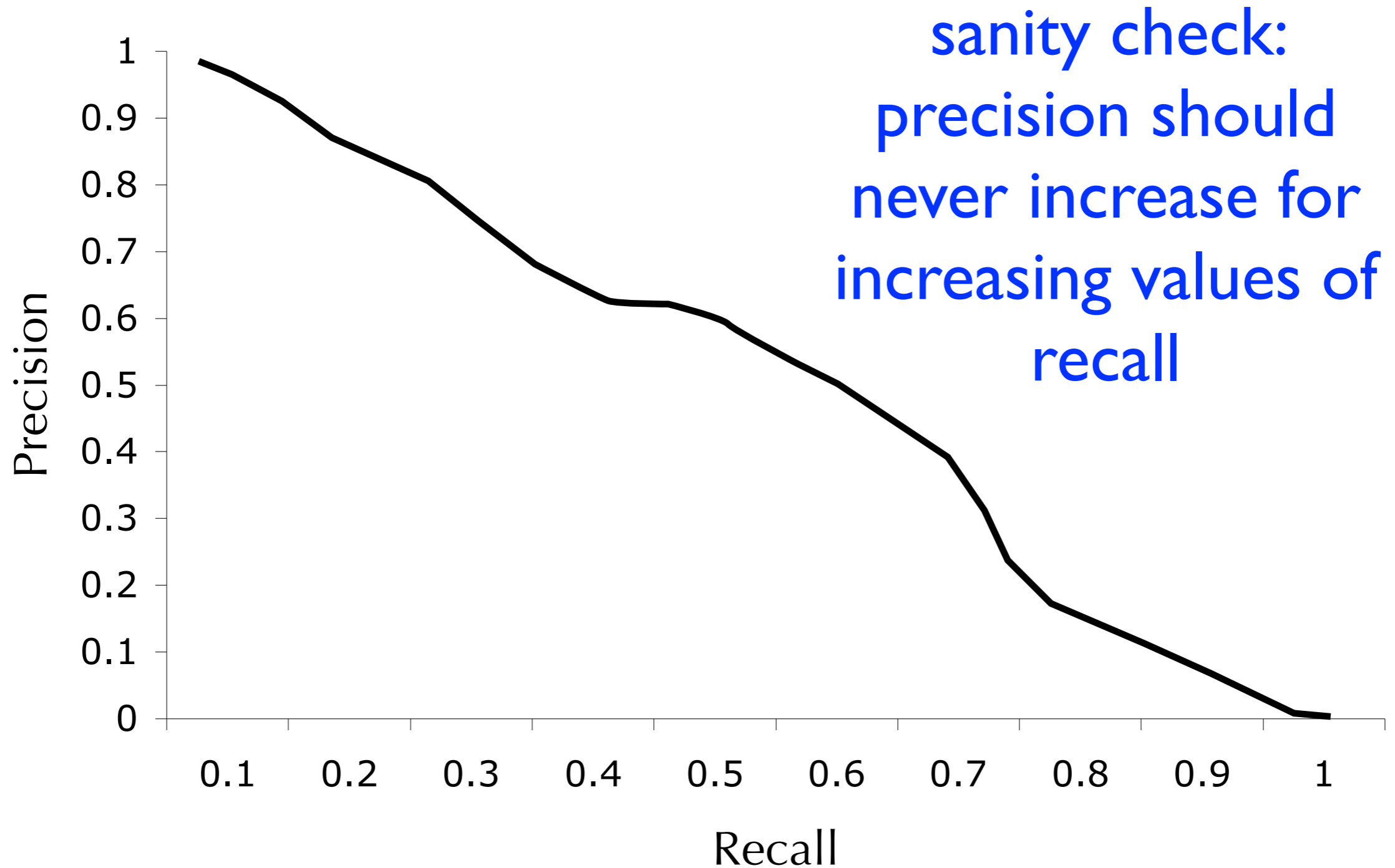
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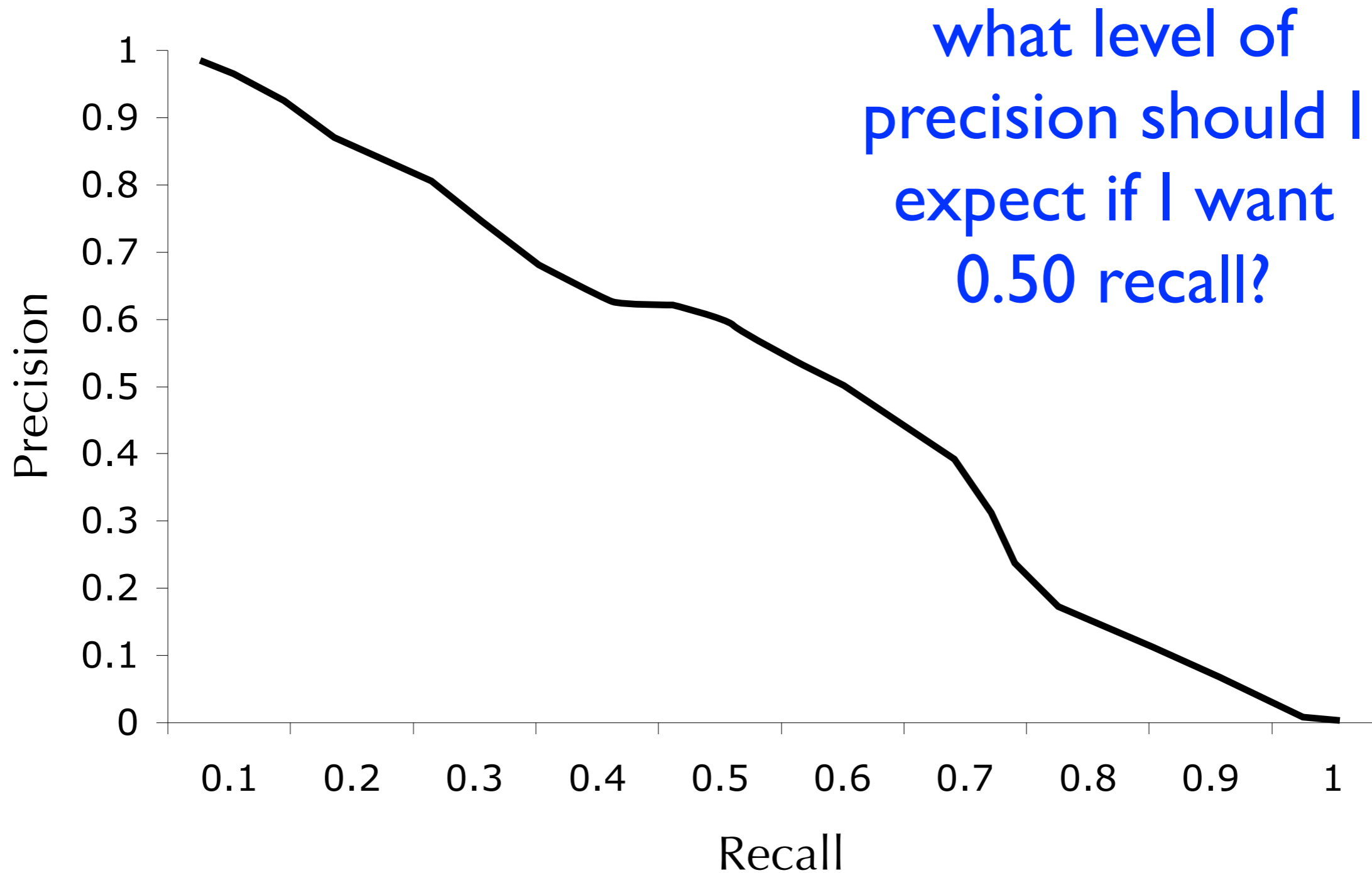
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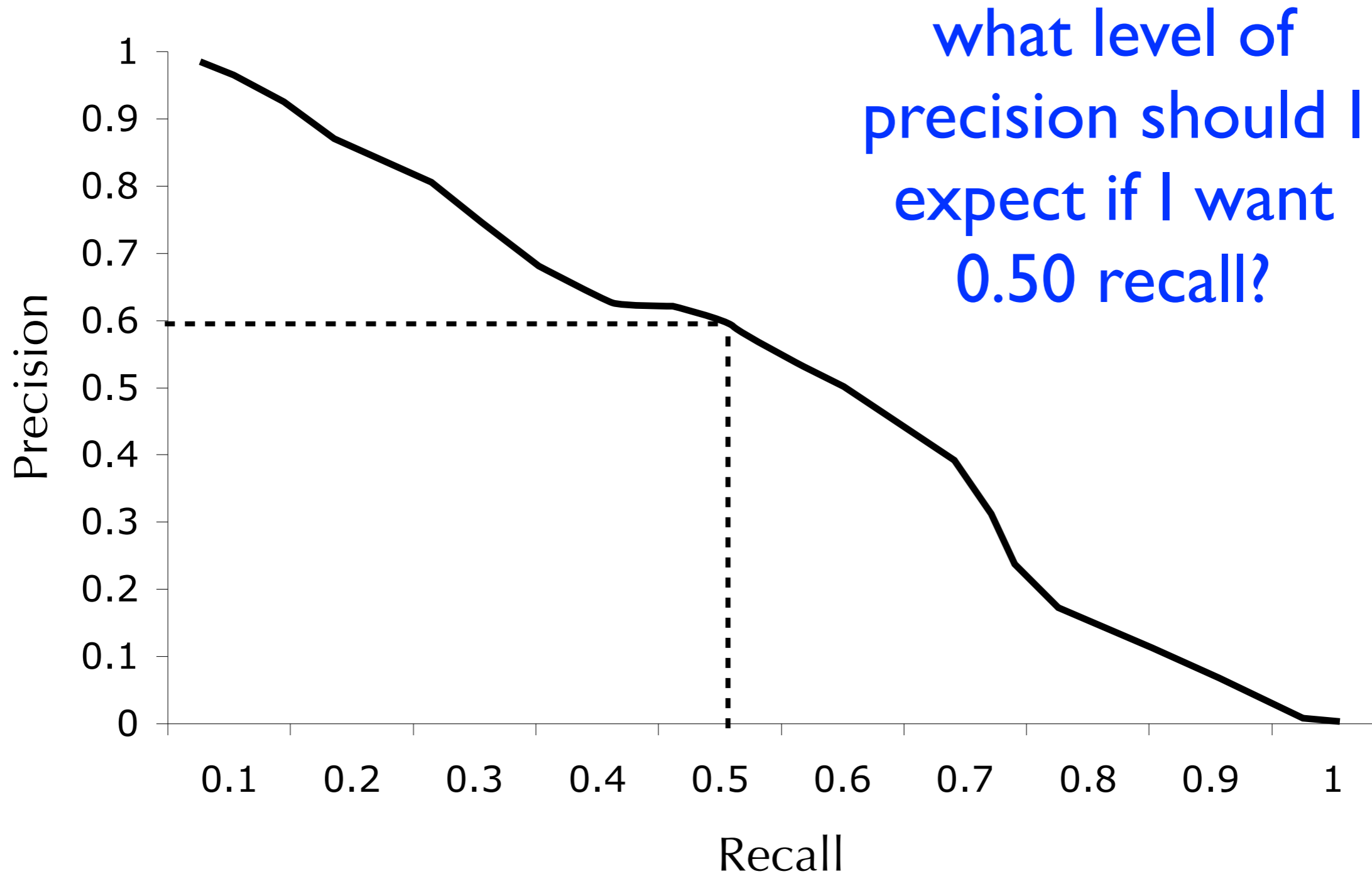
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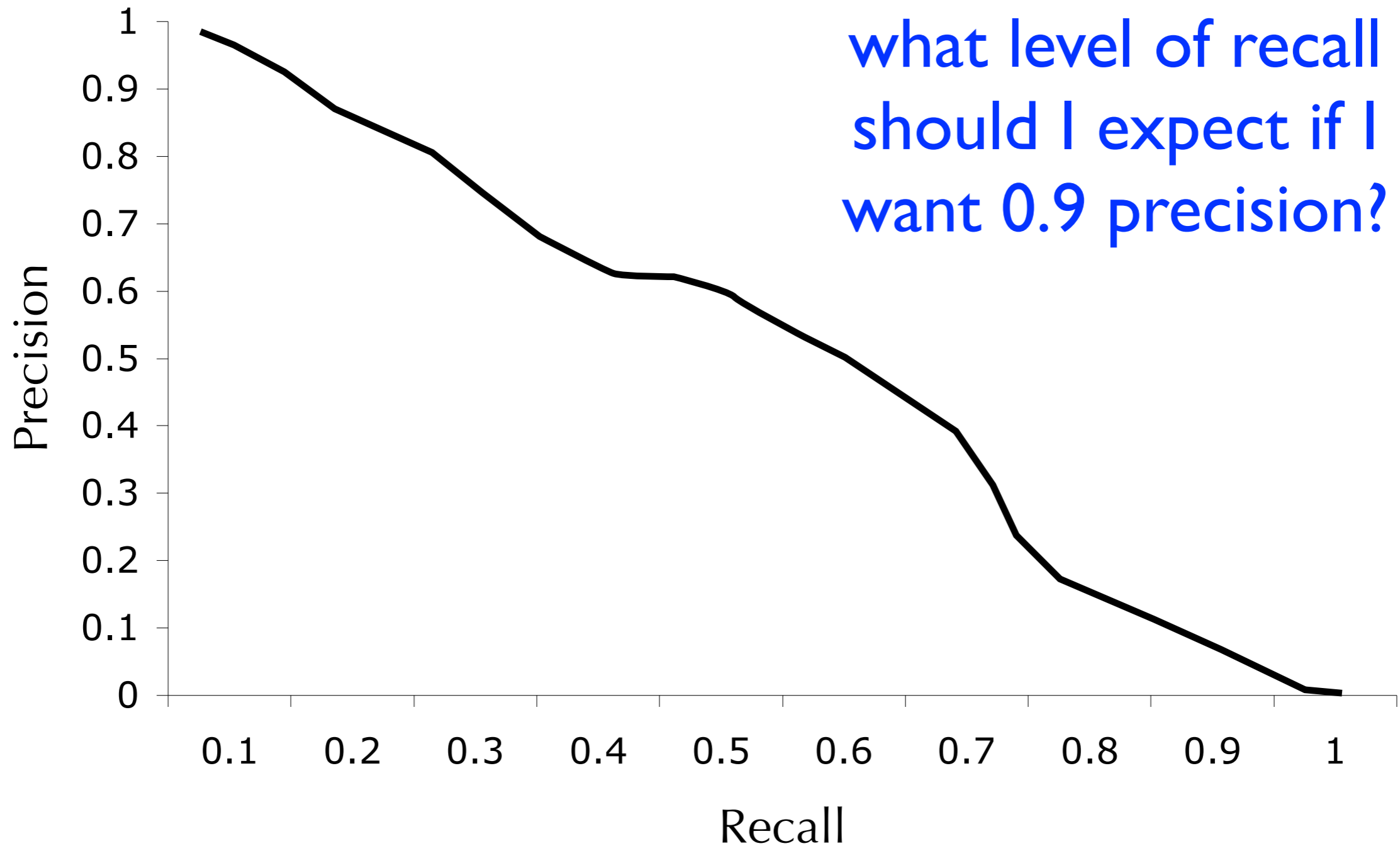
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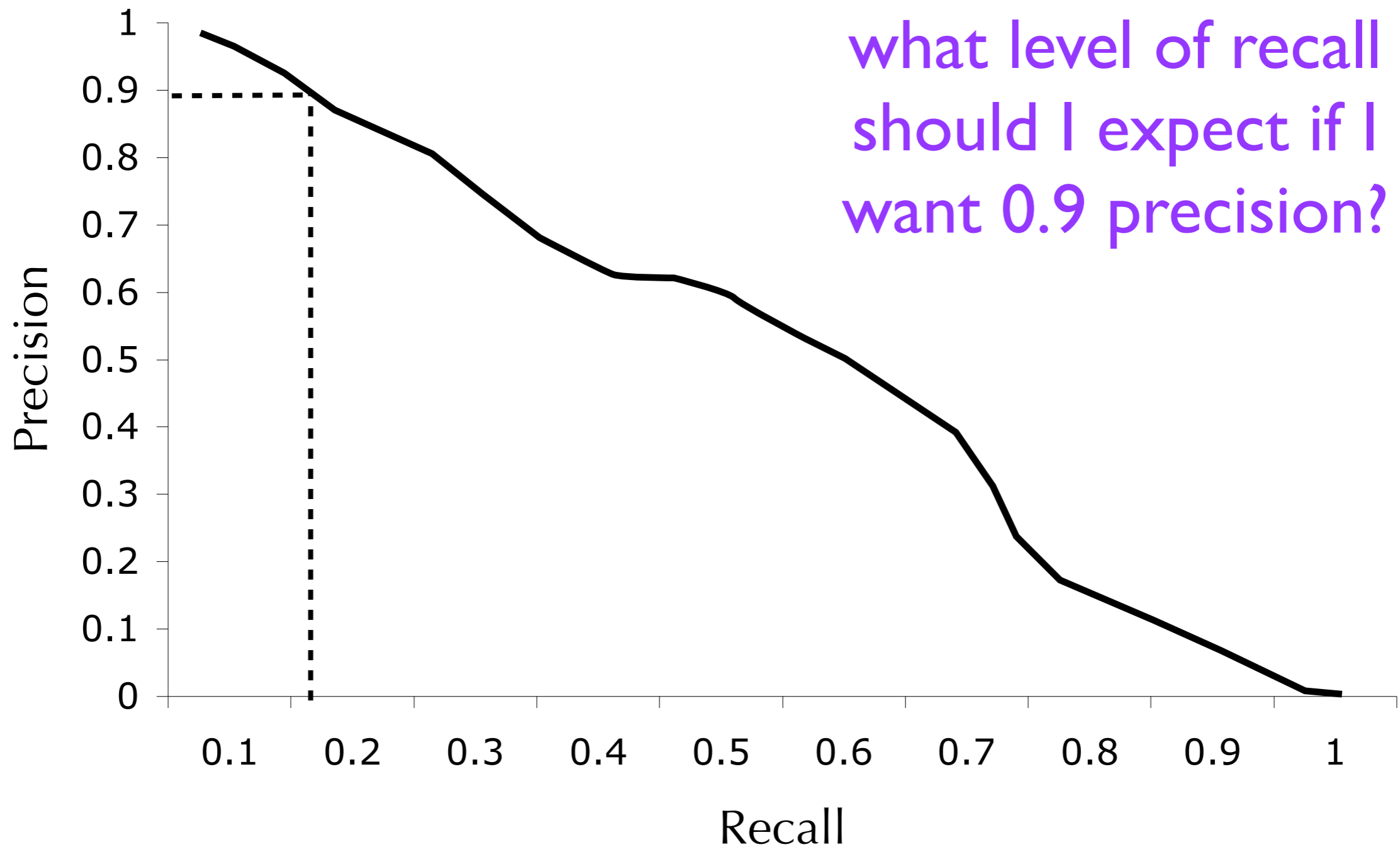
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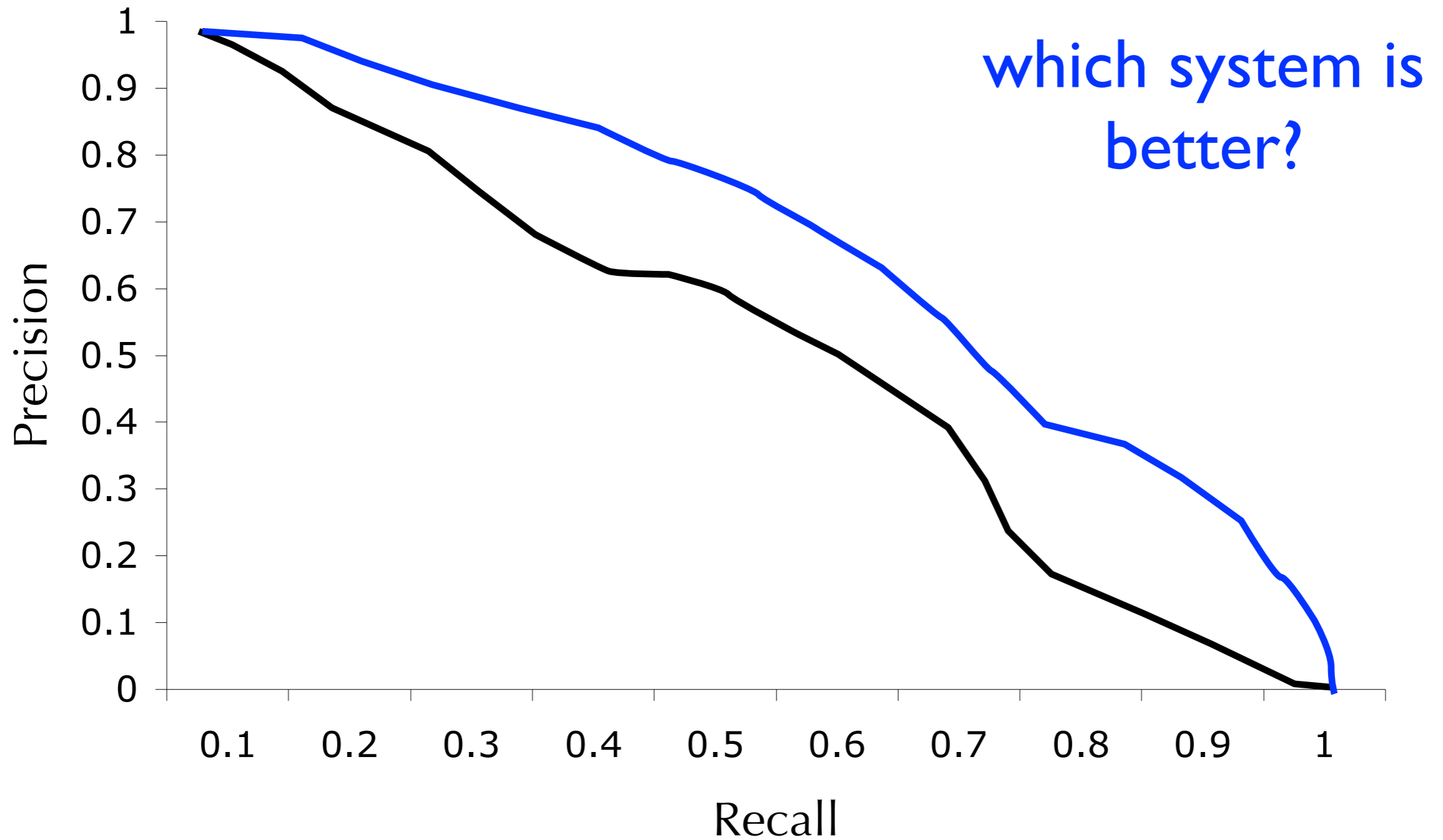
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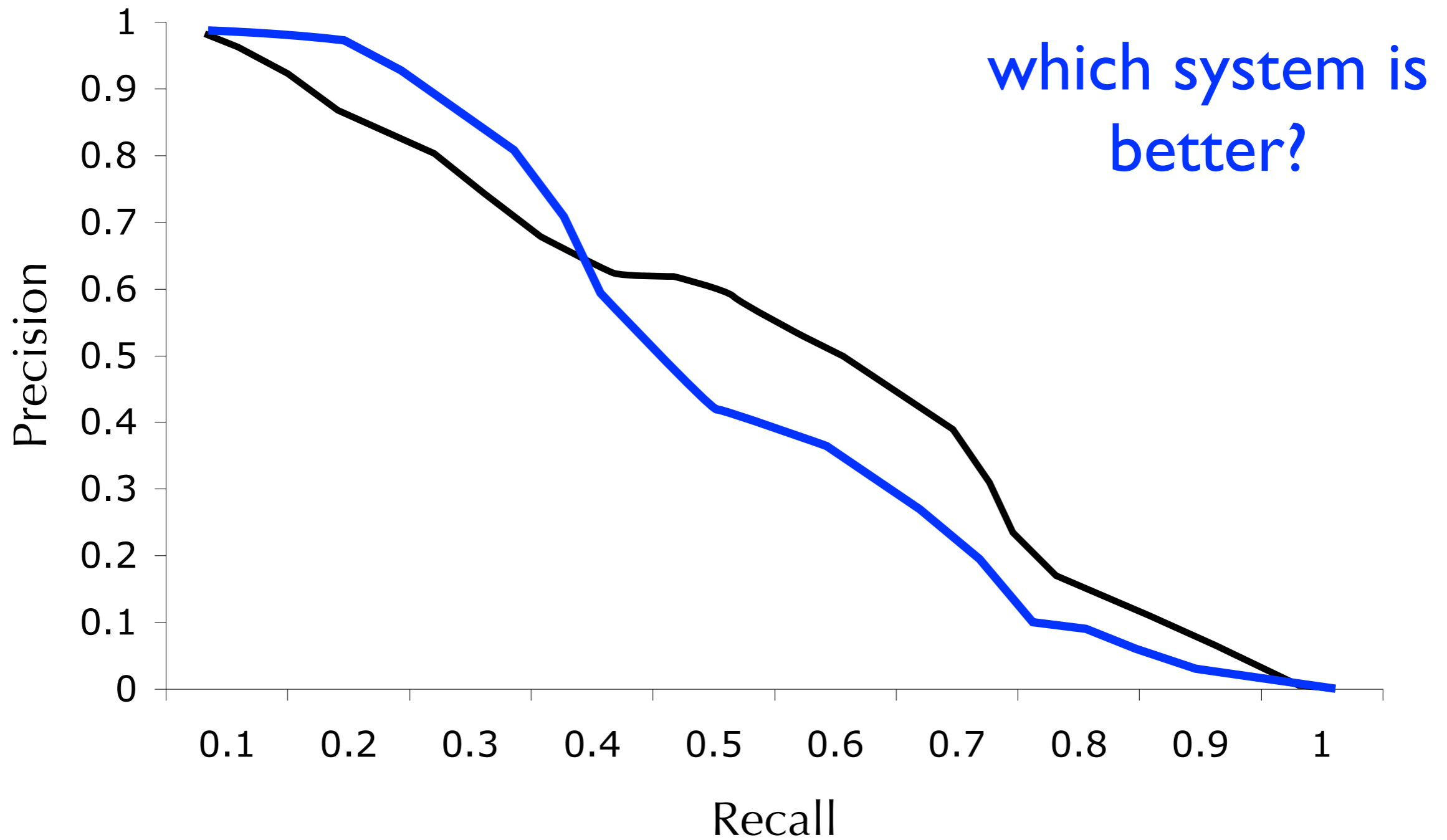
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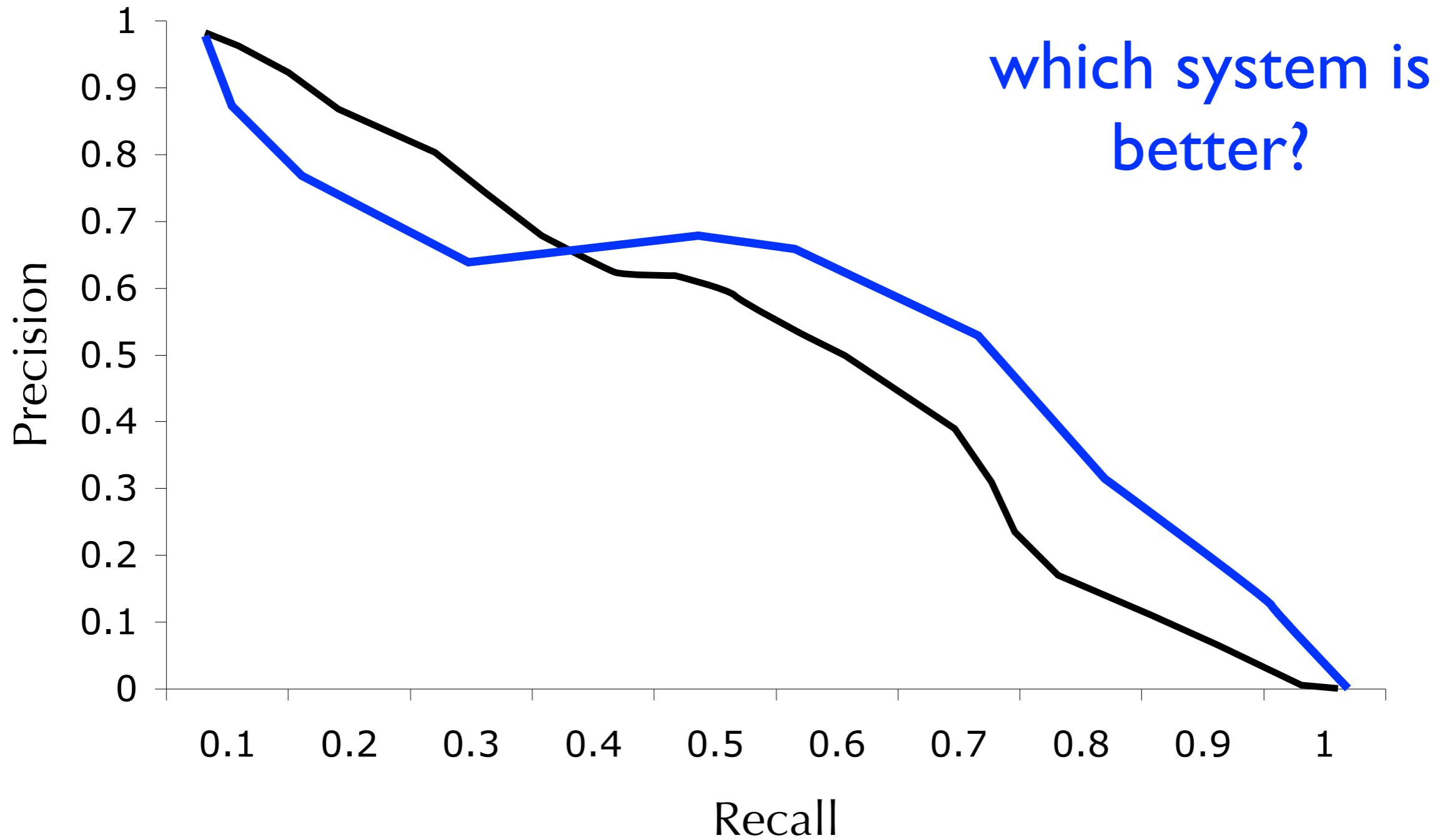
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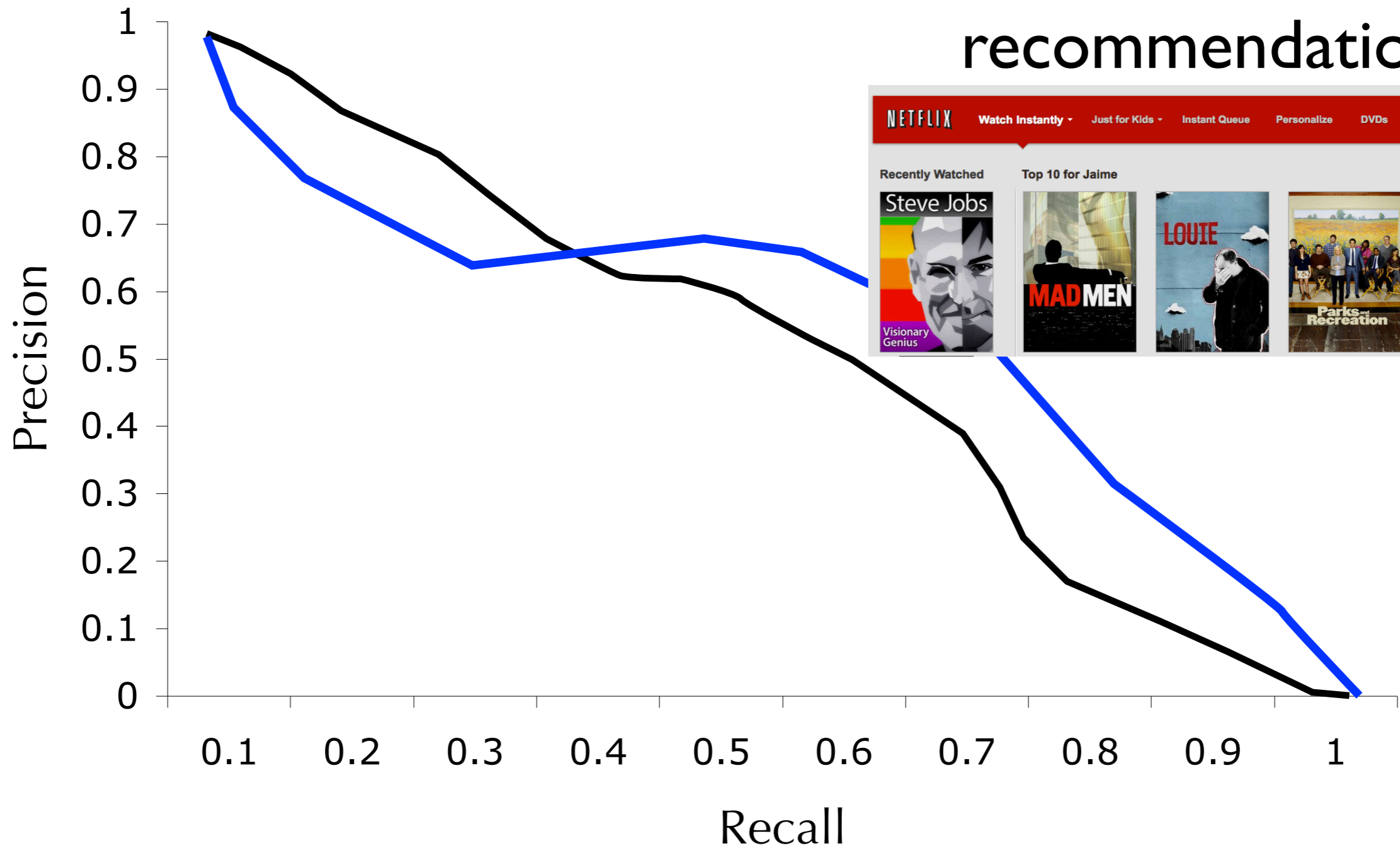
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# Evaluation Metrics

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content  
recommendation

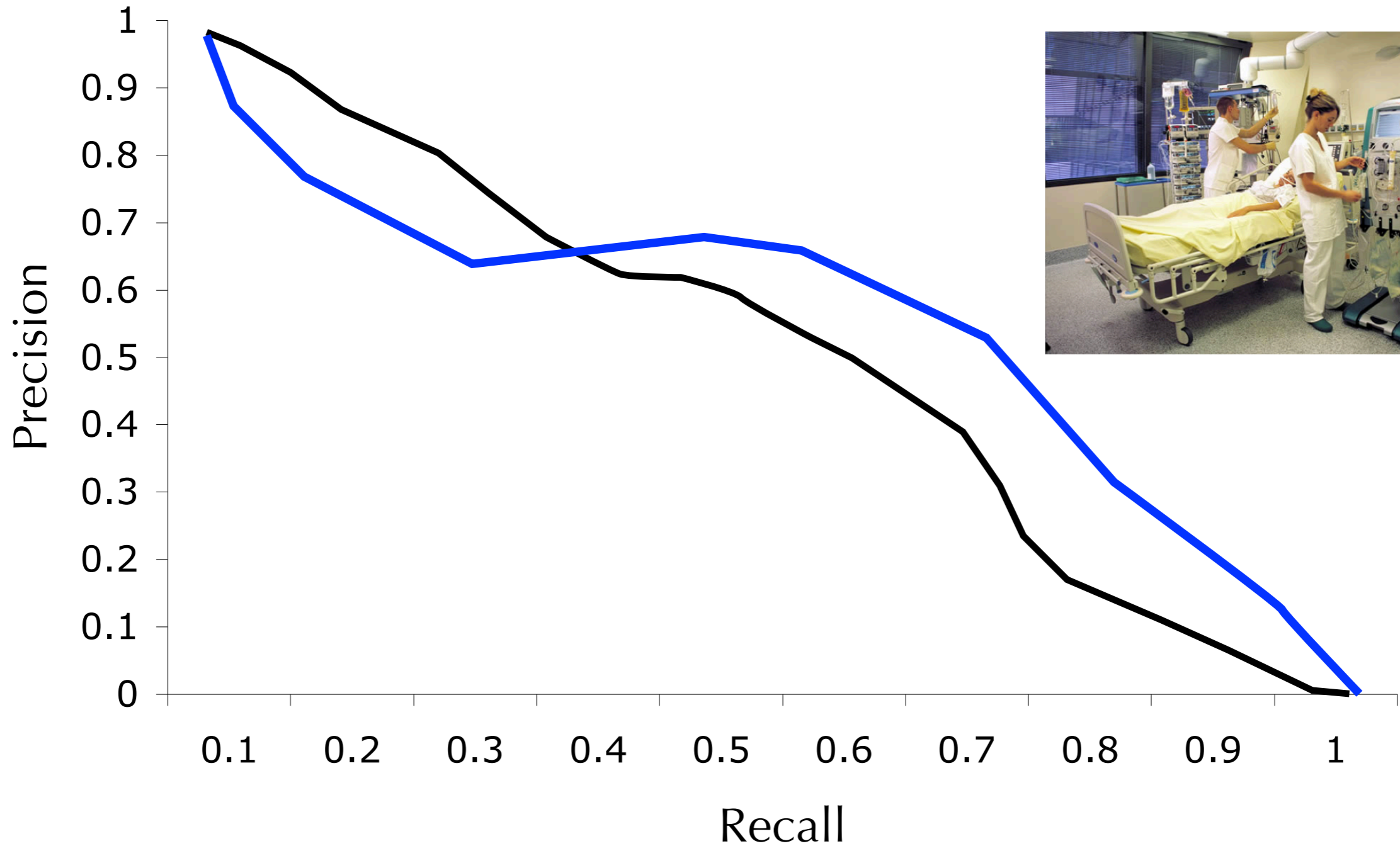


PR curves for 'relevant'

# Evaluation Metrics

(5) precision-recall curves

health monitoring



PR curves for 'alarm'

# Evaluation Metrics

## (5) precision-recall curves

- PR curves show different precision-recall operating points (or trade-off points)
- How many false positives will I have to sift through for a desired level of recall?
- How many true positives will I have to miss for a desired level of precision?



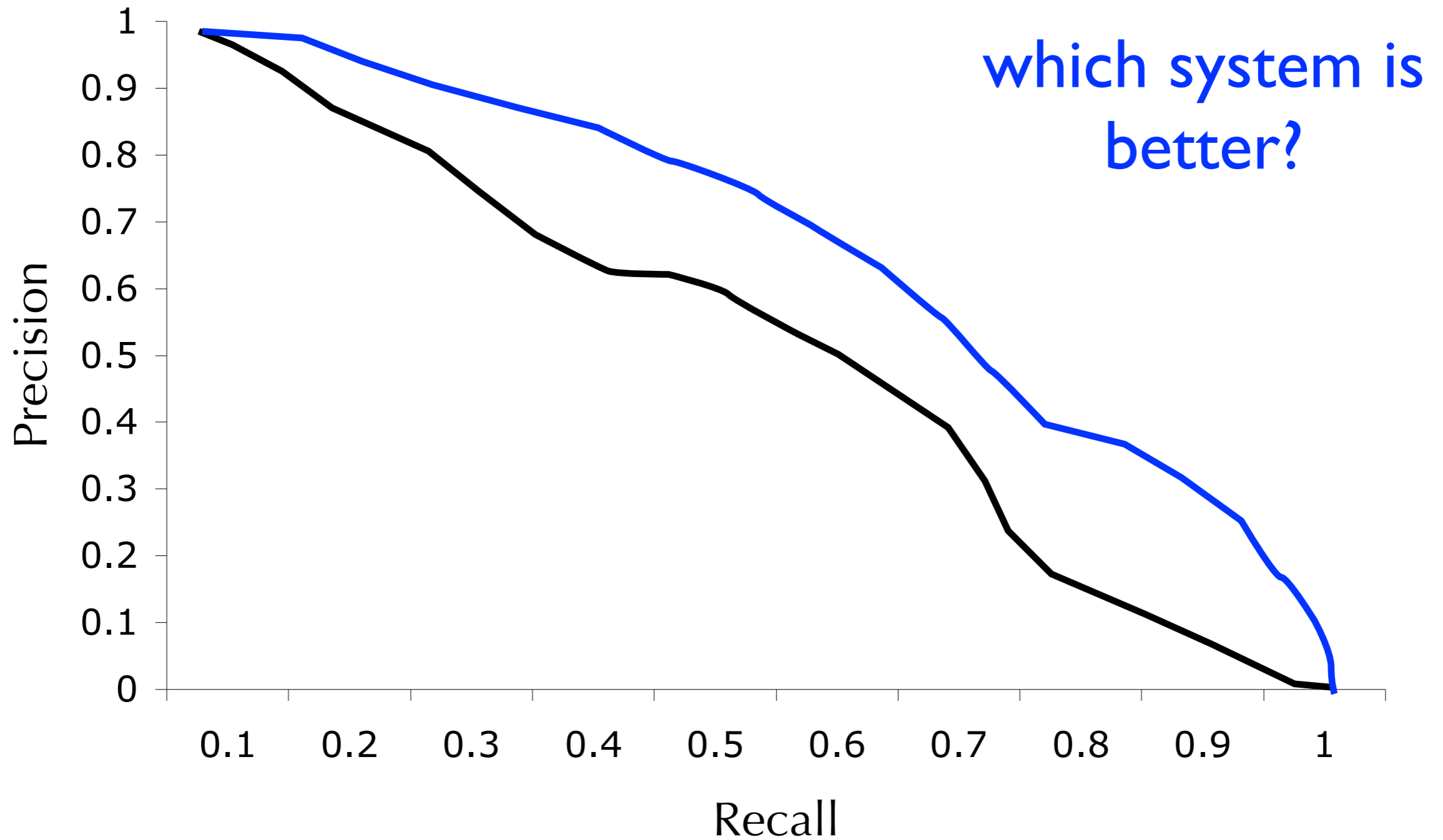
# Evaluation Metrics

## (6) average precision

- In some situations we may want to summarize the quality of a PR curve using a single number
  - ▶ when comparing across lots of different models or feature representations
- **Average precision:** proportional (not equal) to the area under the PR curve

# Evaluation Metrics

(6) average precision



# Evaluation Metrics

## (6) average precision

- Average Precision
  1. Sort instances by descending order of confidence value
  2. Go down the ranking, and measure  $P@K$  where recall increases
  3. Take the average of all  $P@K$  values where recall increases

# Evaluation Metrics

## (6) average precision

rank (K)	ranking	P(POS D)	P@K	R@K
1		0.99	1.00	0.10
2		0.87		
3		0.84	0.67	0.20
4		0.83	0.75	0.30
5		0.77	0.80	0.40
6		0.63	0.83	0.50
7		0.58	0.86	0.60
8		0.57		
9		0.56	0.78	0.70
10		0.34		
11		0.33	0.73	0.80
12		0.25		
13		0.21		
14		0.15	0.64	0.90
15		0.14		
16		0.14		
17		0.12		
18		0.08		
19		0.01		
20		0.01	0.50	1.00
		Average Precision	0.76	

# Evaluation Metrics

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16		0.14		
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18		0.08		
19		0.01		
20		0.01		
		Average Precision	0.99	

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20		0.01		
		Average Precision	1.00	

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## (6) average precision

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1		0.99	1.00	0.10
2		0.87		
3		0.84	0.67	0.20
4		0.83	0.75	0.30
5		0.77	0.80	0.40
6		0.63	0.83	0.50
7		0.58	0.86	0.60
8		0.57	0.88	0.70
9		0.56	0.89	0.80
10		0.34	0.90	0.90
11		0.33	0.91	1.00
12		0.25		
13		0.21		
14		0.15		
15		0.14		
16		0.14		
17		0.12		
18		0.08		
19		0.01		
20		0.01		
	Average Precision		0.85	



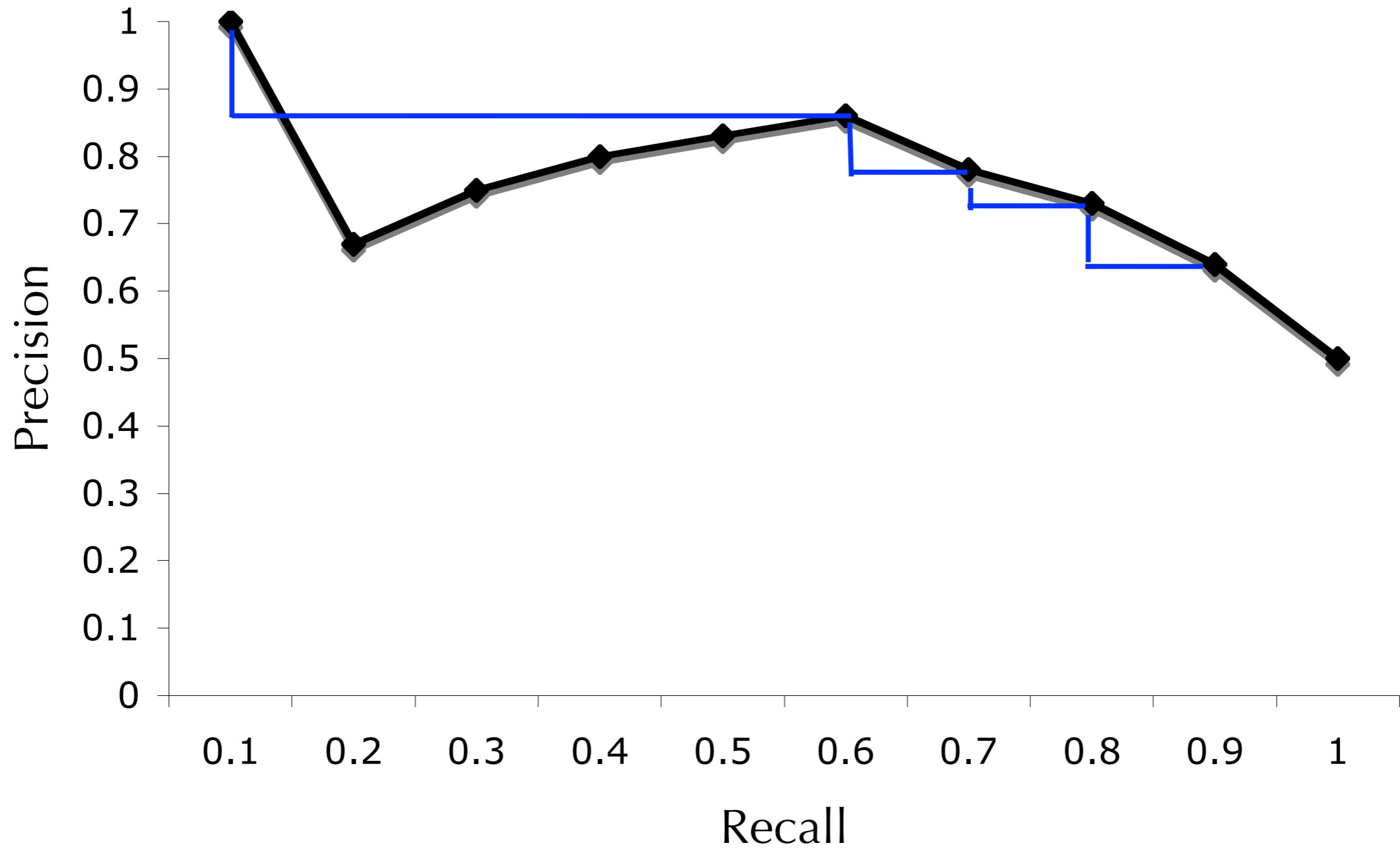
# Evaluation Metrics

## (6) average precision

rank (K)	ranking	P(POS D)	P@K	R@K
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8		0.57		
9		0.56	0.78	0.70
10		0.34		
11		0.33	0.73	0.80
12		0.25		
13		0.21		
14		0.15	0.64	0.90
15		0.14		
16		0.14		
17		0.12		
18		0.08		
19		0.01		
20		0.01	0.50	1.00
		Average Precision	0.76	

# Evaluation Metrics

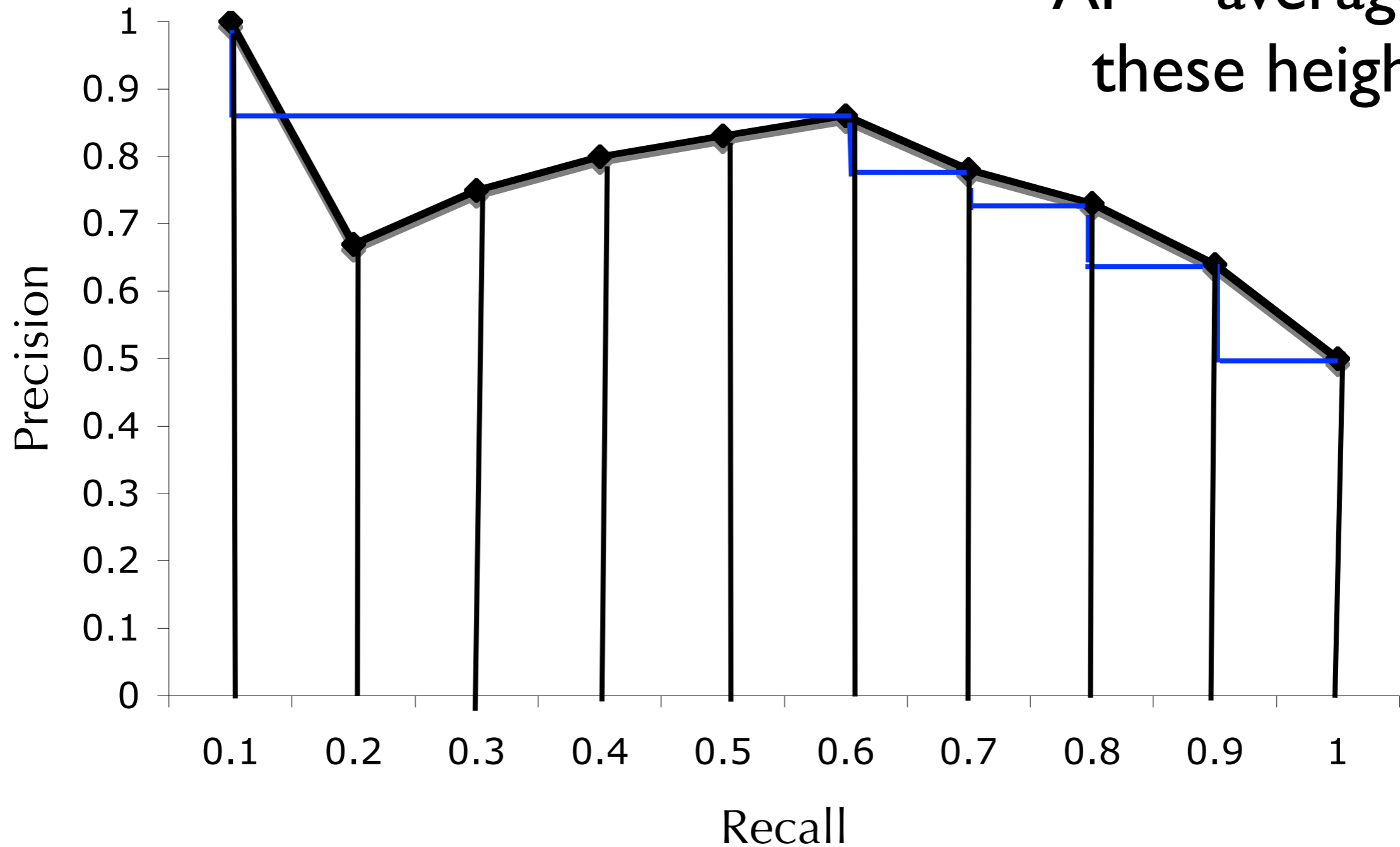
(6) average precision



# Evaluation Metrics

(6) average precision

AP = average of  
these heights



# Evaluation Metrics

## (6) average precision

- Average precision is proportional to the area under the PR curve
- It punishes high-confident mistakes more severely than low-confident mistakes

# Evaluation Metrics

- Accuracy
- Precision
- Recall
- F-measure (or F1 measure)
- PR curves (not a metric, but rather a way to show different PR operating points)
- Average Precisions