# Label tree algorithms for extreme classification

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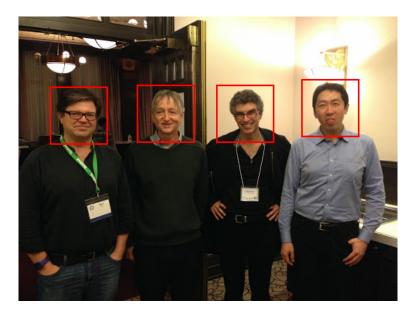
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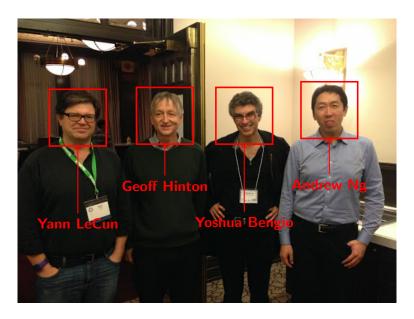
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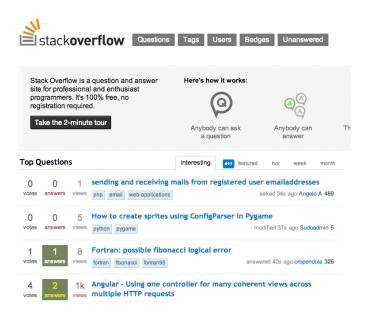




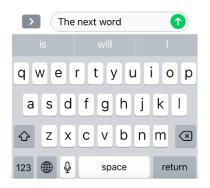




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New question  $\Rightarrow$  Assignment/recommendation of users



#### Sequence of words $\Rightarrow$ Recommendation of the next word

### ZURICH®



· Specialist 24 hour roadside assistance (available in the Republic of Ireland and Northern

Our electric car insurance cover includes

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Possible bid phrases:

- Zurich car insurance
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#### On-line ad $\Rightarrow$ Recommendation of queries to an advertiser

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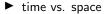
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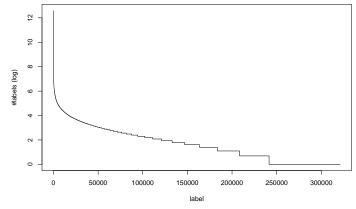


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Category Enigma machine not assigned!

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  - Frequency of labels in the WikiLSHTC dataset:<sup>1</sup>



▶ Many labels with only few examples (⇒ one- and zero-shot learning)

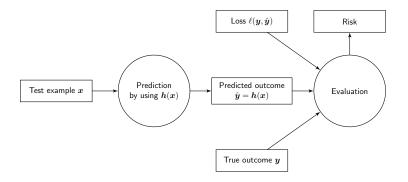
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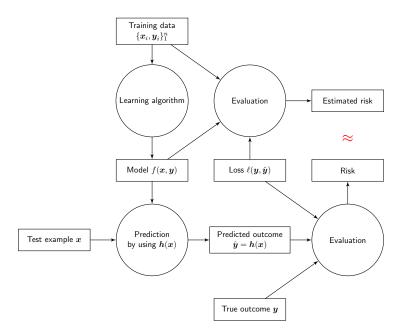
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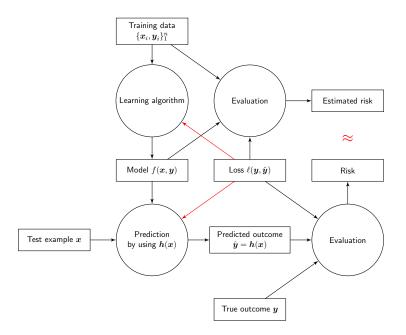
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Proof:  $L_H(\boldsymbol{h} \,|\, \boldsymbol{x}) \hspace{0.1 cm} = \hspace{0.1 cm} \sum \mathbf{P}(\boldsymbol{y} \,|\, \boldsymbol{x}) \ell_H(\boldsymbol{y}, \boldsymbol{h}(\boldsymbol{x}))$  $u \in \mathcal{V}$  $= \sum \mathbf{P}(\boldsymbol{y} \mid \boldsymbol{x}) \sum_{j=1}^{m} \llbracket y_j \neq h_j(\boldsymbol{x}) \rrbracket$  $= \sum \sum \mathbf{P}(\boldsymbol{y} \,|\, \boldsymbol{x}) \llbracket y_j \neq h_j(\boldsymbol{x}) \rrbracket \quad \text{Swapping sums}$  $= \sum_{j=1}^{m} \sum_{j=1}^{m} \mathbf{P}(\boldsymbol{y} | \boldsymbol{x}) \left( y_j (1 - h_j(\boldsymbol{x})) + (1 - y_j) h_j(\boldsymbol{x}) \right)$  $= \sum \mathbf{P}(y_j = 1 \,|\, \boldsymbol{x})(1 - h_j(\boldsymbol{x})) + \mathbf{P}(y_j = 0 \,|\, \boldsymbol{x})h_j(\boldsymbol{x})$ Marginalization  $= \sum_{j=1}^{n} L_{0/1}(y_j, h_j(\boldsymbol{x}))$ 

The result follows from the well-known fact about the risk minimization in binary classification.

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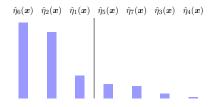
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$$k(\boldsymbol{y}, f, \boldsymbol{x}) = N_k(\boldsymbol{y}) \sum_{r=1}^k \frac{y_{\pi(r)}}{\log(1+r)},$$

where  $\pi$  is a permutation of labels for x returned by ranker f, and  $N_k(y)$  normalizes NDCG@k to the interval [0, 1]:

$$N_k(\boldsymbol{y}) = \left(\sum_{r=1}^{\max(k,\sum_{i=1}^m y_i)} \frac{1}{\log(1+r)}\right)^{-1}$$

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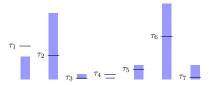
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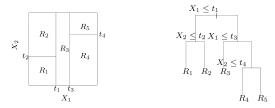
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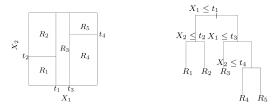
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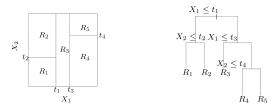


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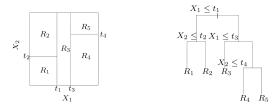
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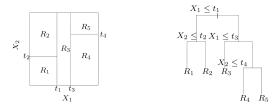
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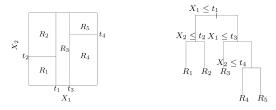
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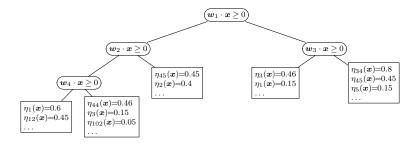
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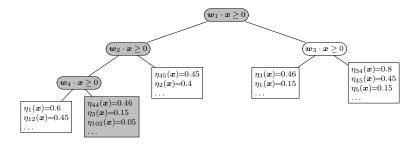
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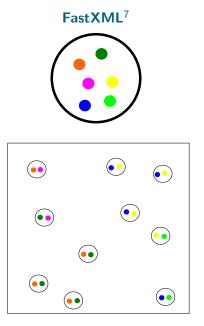
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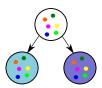


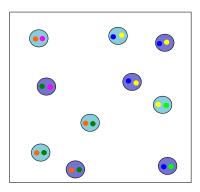
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Bernoulli sampling of  $\delta$ 

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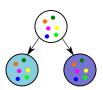


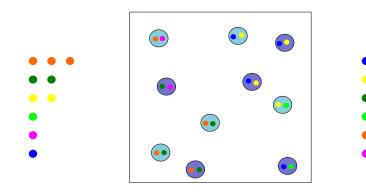


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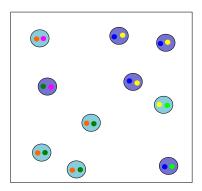




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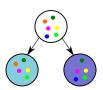
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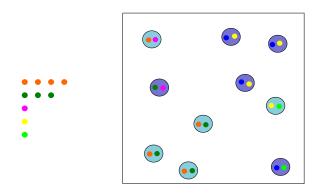




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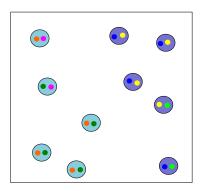


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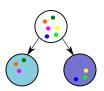
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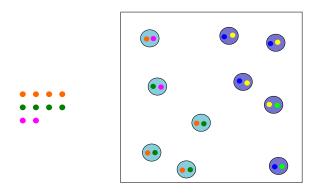




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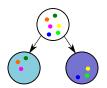


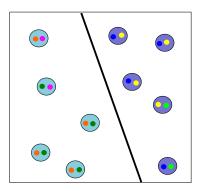




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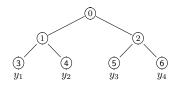
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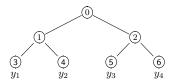


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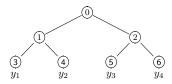


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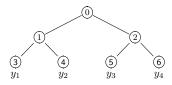
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#### Label trees with probabilistic classifiers

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#### Hierarchical softmax

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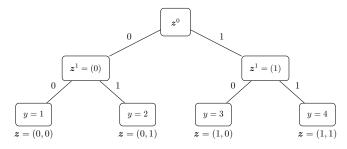
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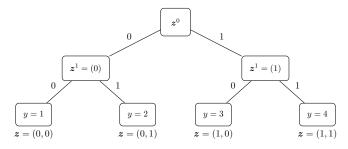
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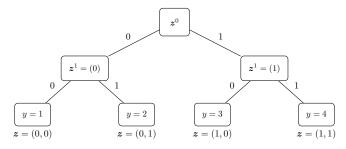
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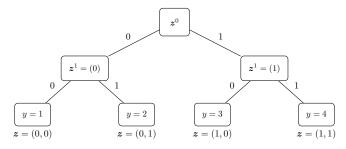
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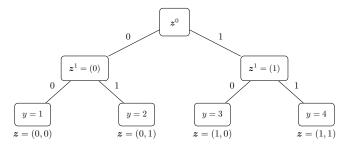
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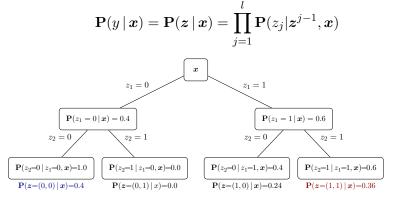


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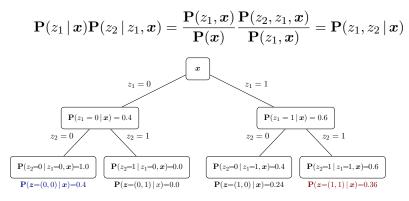
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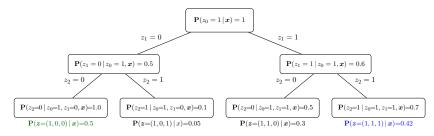
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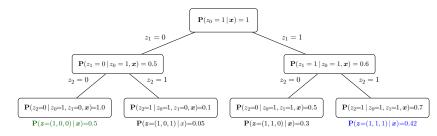
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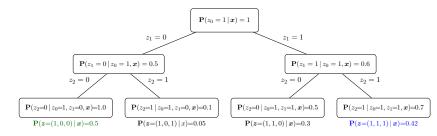
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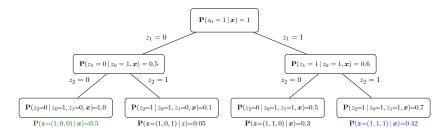
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# **Empirical studies**<sup>15</sup>

Dataset	Metrics	FastXML	PPDSparse	DiSMEC	FT	LT	ХТ	Parabel	XML-CNN
Wiki-30K	P@1	82.03	73.80	85.20	80.78	80.85	85.23	83.77	82.78
$N_{train} = 14146$	P@3	67.47	60.90	74.60	50.46	50.59	73.18	71.96	66.34
$N_{test} = 6616$	P@5	57.76	50.40	65.90	36.79	37.68	63.39	62.44	56.23
d = 101938	T <sub>train</sub>	16m	Ť	t	10m	12m	18m	5m	88m*
m = 30938	$T_{test}/N_{test}$	3.00ms	t	t	1.88ms	10.09ms	0.83ms	1.63ms*	1.39ms*
	model size	354M	t	t	513M	513M	259M	109M*	*
Delicious-200K	P@1	42.81	45.05	44.71	42.22	42.71	47.85	43.32	‡
$N_{train} = 196606$	P@3	38.76	38.34	38.08	37.90	36.27	42.08	38.49	‡
$N_{test} = 100095$	P@5	36.34	34.90	34.7	35.05	33.43	39.13	35.83	ţ.
d = 782585	T <sub>train</sub>	458m	4781m	1080h	271m	563m	502m	105m	‡
m = 205443	$T_{test}/N_{test}$	4.86ms	275ms	300ms	1.97ms	1.98ms	1.41ms	1.31ms*	‡
	model size	15.4G	9.4G	18.0G	9.0G	9.0G	1.9G	1.8G*	ţ
WikiLSHTC	P@1	49.35	64.08	64.94	41.13	50.15	58.73	61.53	1
$N_{train} = 1778351$	P@3	32.69	41.26	42.71	24.09	31.95	39.24	40.07	‡
$N_{test} = 587084$	P@5	24.03	30.12	31.5	17.44	23.59	29.26	29.25	‡
d = 617899	T <sub>train</sub>	724m	236m	750h	207	212m	550m	34m	‡
m = 325056	$T_{test}/N_{test}$	2.17ms	37.76ms	2580ms	1.25ms	4.76ms	0.81ms	0.92ms*	‡
	model size	9.3G	5.2G	3.8G	6.5G	6.5G	3.3G	1.1G*	‡
Wiki-500K	P@1	54.10	70.16	70.20	32.73	37.18	64.48	66.12	59.85
$N_{train} = 1813391$	P@3	29.45	50.57	50.60	19.02	21.62	45.84	47.02	39.28
$N_{test} = 783743$	P@5	21.21	39.66	39.70	14.46	16.01	35.46	36.45	29.81
d = 2381304	T <sub>train</sub>	3214m	1771m	7495h	496m	531m	1253m	168m	7032m*
m = 501070	$T_{test}/N_{test}$	8.03ms	113.70ms	9300ms	2.05ms	6.43ms	1.07ms	4.68ms*	21.06ms*
	model size	63G	3.4G	14.7G	11G	11G	5.5G	2.0G*	3.7G∗
Amazon-670K	P@1	34.24	45.32	45.37	25.47	27.67	39.90	41.59	35.39
$N_{train} = 490449$	P@3	29.30	40.37	40.40	21.47	20.96	35.36	37.18	33.74
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d = 135909	T <sub>train</sub>	422m	102m	373h	162m	182m	241m	8m	3134m*
m = 670091	$T_{test}/N_{test}$	3.39ms	66.09ms	1380ms	7.84ms	5.13ms	1.72ms	0.68ms*	16.18ms*
	model size	10G	6.0G	3.8G	3.2G	3.2G	1.5G	0.7G*	1.5G*

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#### **Empirical studies**

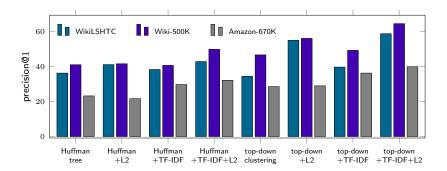
Selected results for precision@1

Method	WIKILSHTC	Amazon670K	Delicious200K
HSM-vw	36.90	33.64	41.58
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FastText	41.13	25.47	42.22
ExtremeText	58.73	39.90	<b>47.85</b>
Parabel <sup>16</sup>	<b>61.53</b>	<b>41.59</b>	43.32
FastXML	49.75	34.24	42.81

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