# Multi-label Ranking from Positive and Unlabeled Data

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## Introduction



Figure 1. Multi-label dataset tends to have partially labeled samples. <u>Absent labels are regarded as negative</u>, and it affects classification performance.

## **Problem Setting**

- 1. assigned labels are definitely positive,
- 2. absent labels are Not necessarily negative,



## Formulation

$$\min L_{\text{true}} = \mathbb{E}_{xy} [R(f(x), y)]$$

$$R(f(x), y) = p(f_i < f_j | y_i = 1, y_j = 0) \quad \text{mis-rank rate}$$

$$x \in \mathbb{R}^d : \text{sample}$$

$$y \in \{0, 1\}^m : \text{true label} \quad \text{unknown}$$

$$s \in \{0, 1\}^m : \text{observed label} \quad \text{known}$$

where d is feature dimension and m is the number of classes

minimizing ranking loss, with only observed s

## Relationship between y and s



#### Analysis of multi-label PU ranking (a)

a) Loss function should be weighted properly

#### Analysis of multi-label PU ranking (b)

optimization of loss function

$$R(f(\mathbf{x}), \mathbf{y}) = p(f_i < f_j | y_i = 1, y_j = 0)$$
  
=  $\mathbb{E}_{x | y_i = 1, y_j = 0} [l_{0-1}(f_i - f_j)]$ 



Due to computationally complexity, surrogate loss (e.g. hinge) is usually used.

$$= \mathbb{E}_{x|y_i=1,y_j=0}[l'_{\mathrm{sur}}(f_i - f_j)]$$



## Analysis of multi-label PU ranking(b)

Using surrogate loss,

$$\begin{split} L_{\mathrm{PU}}' &= L_{\mathrm{true}}' \\ &+ p(y_i = 1, y_j = 1) \mathbb{E}_{x|y_i = 1, y_j = 1}[l'(f_i - f_j) + l'(f_j - f_i)] \\ &\overline{\text{Surrogate loss generate bias}} \end{split}$$

Bias can be cancelled for symmetric surrogate loss.



b) Symmetric surrogate loss function should be used.

## Experiment

#### Setting:

- synthetic dataset, image annotation dataset (MSCOCO, NUS-WIDE)
- compared 4 methods, which corresponding to each condition
- trained with data with 0-80% label deficit
- evaluated on Mean Average Precision

	Not symmetric (hinge loss)	Symmetric (ramp loss)
Not weighted	Baseline	Method ②
weighted	Method ①	Method ③(proposed)

### Experiment

