

# Calibrated Surrogate Losses for Adversarially Robust Classification



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# Adversarial Attacks

[Goodfellow+ 2015]

**Adding imperceptible small noise can fool classifiers!**

original data



$x$

“panda”

57.7% confidence

+ .007 ×



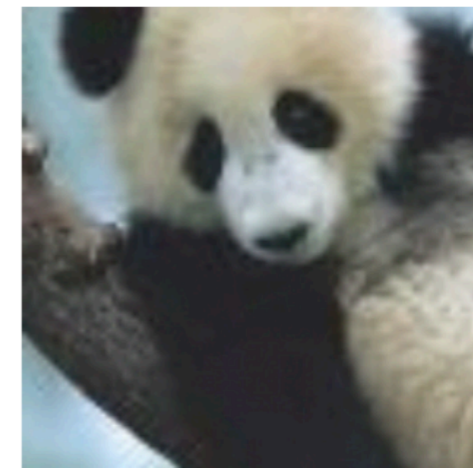
$\text{sign}(\nabla_x J(\theta, x, y))$

“nematode”

8.2% confidence

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perturbed data



$x + \epsilon \text{sign}(\nabla_x J(\theta, x, y))$

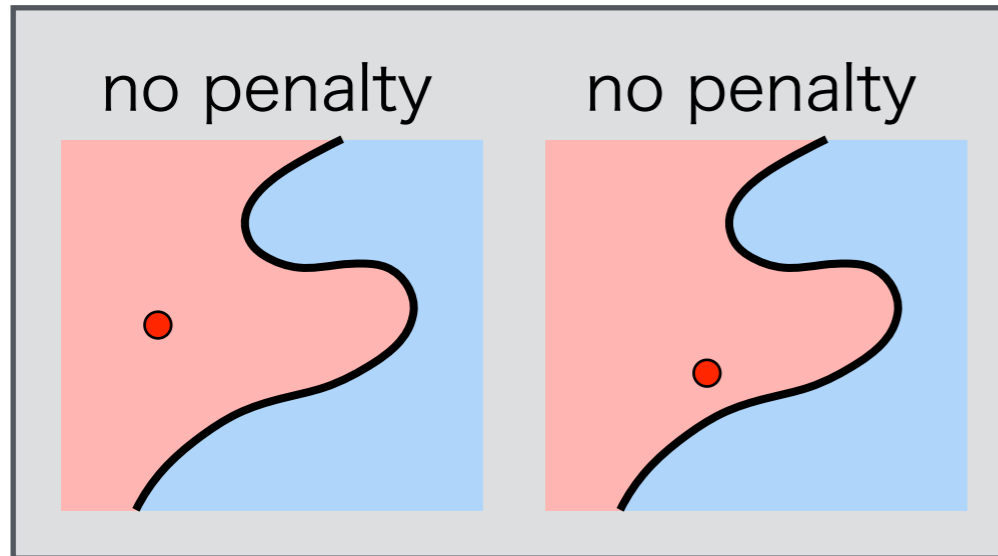
“gibbon”

99.3 % confidence

# Penalize Vulnerable Prediction

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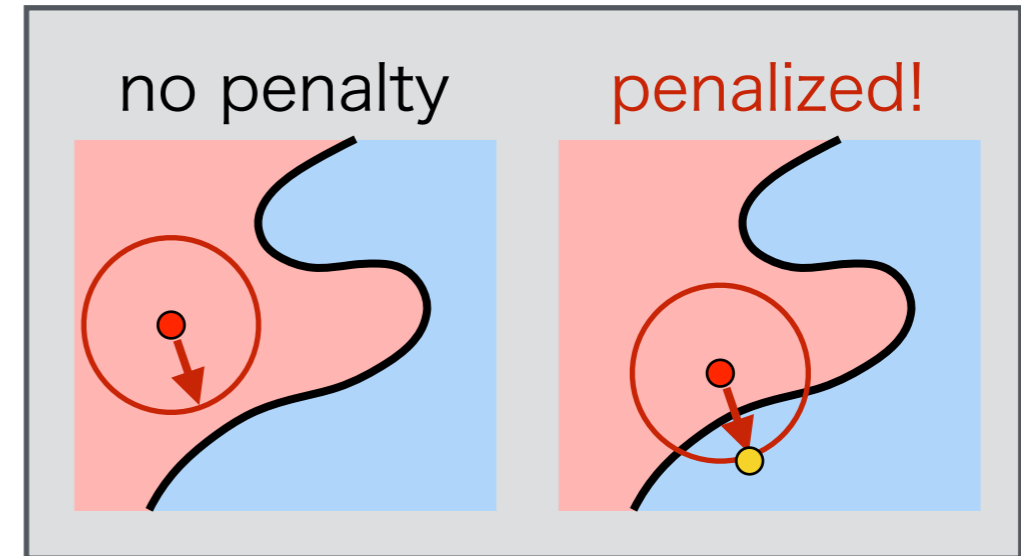
## Usual Classification



usual 0-1 loss

$$\ell_{01}(x, y, f) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } yf(x) \leq 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

## Robust Classification



robust 0-1 loss

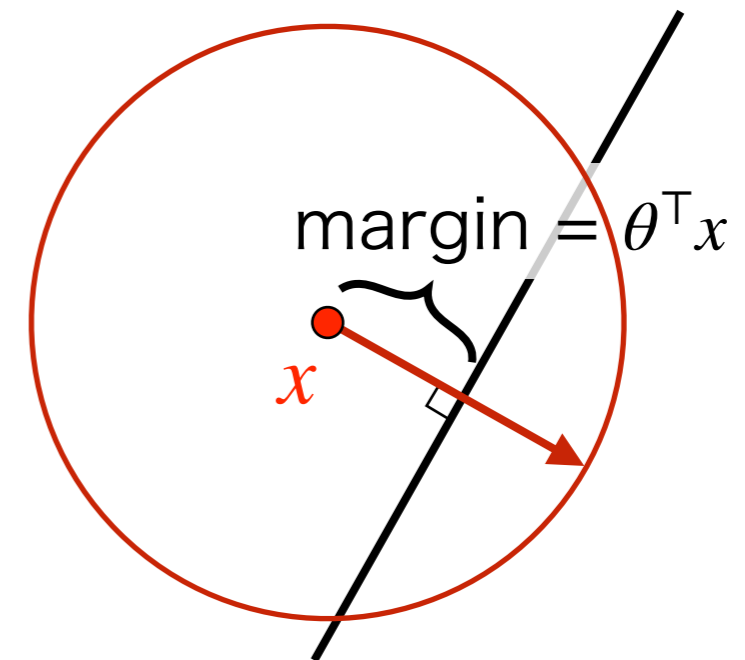
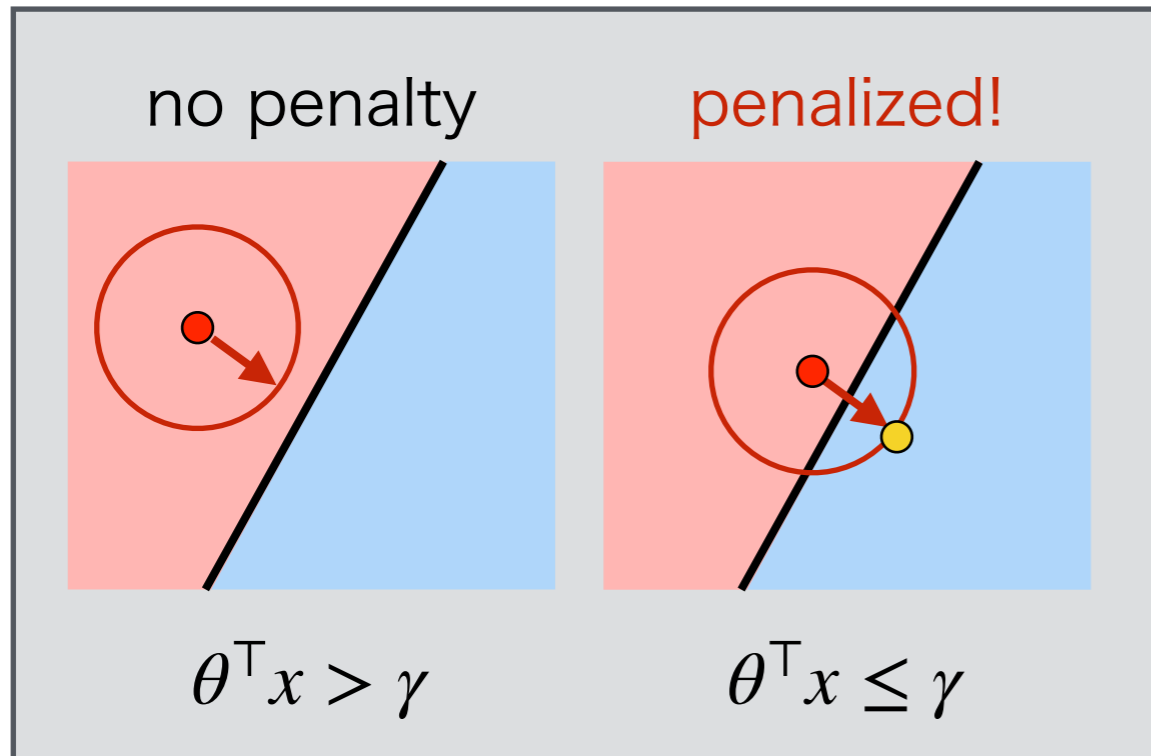
$$\ell_{\gamma}(x, y, f) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \exists \Delta \in \mathbb{B}_2(\gamma) . yf(x + \Delta) \leq 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

prediction too close to boundary  
should be penalized

$$\mathbb{B}_2(\gamma) = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^d \mid \|x\|_2 \leq \gamma\}: \gamma\text{-ball}$$

# In Case of Linear Predictors

linear predictors  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{lin}} = \{x \mapsto \theta^\top x \mid \|\theta\|_2 = 1\}$



**robust 0-1 loss**

$$\ell_\gamma(x, y, f) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \exists \Delta \in \mathbb{B}_2(\gamma) . yf(x + \Delta) \leq 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} = \mathbf{1}\{yf(x) \leq \gamma\} := \phi_\gamma(yf(x))$$

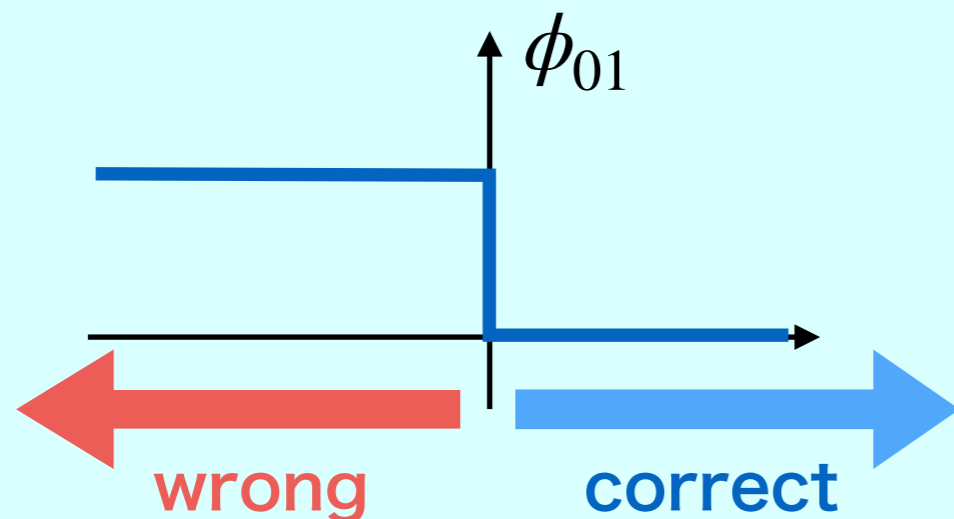
# Formulation of Classification <sup>5</sup>

## Usual Classification

minimize 0-1 risk

$$R_{\phi_{01}}(f) = \mathbb{E} [\phi_{01}(Yf(X))]$$

0-1 loss  $\phi_{01}(\alpha) = \mathbf{1}\{\alpha \leq 0\}$



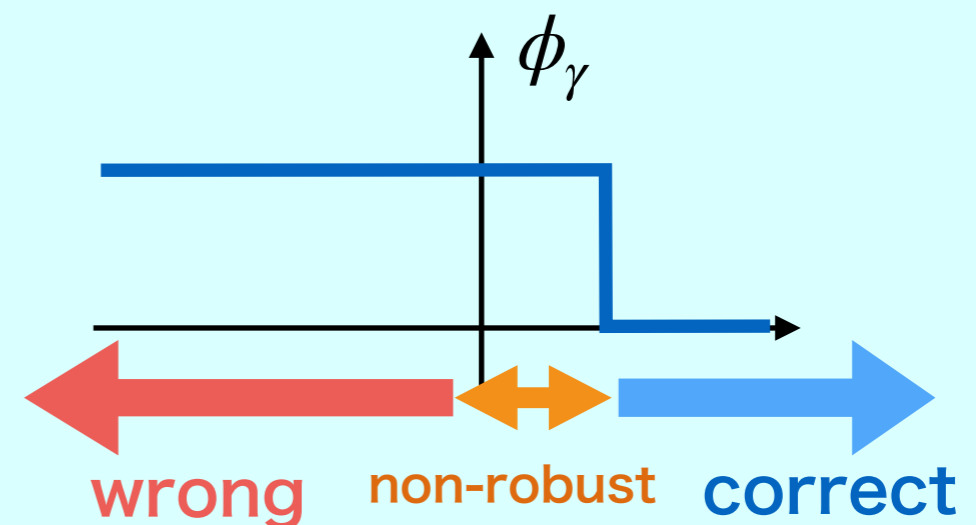
## Robust Classification

minimize  $\gamma$ -robust 0-1 risk

$$R_{\phi_{\gamma}}(f) = \mathbb{E} [\phi_{\gamma}(Yf(X))]$$

(restricted to linear predictors)

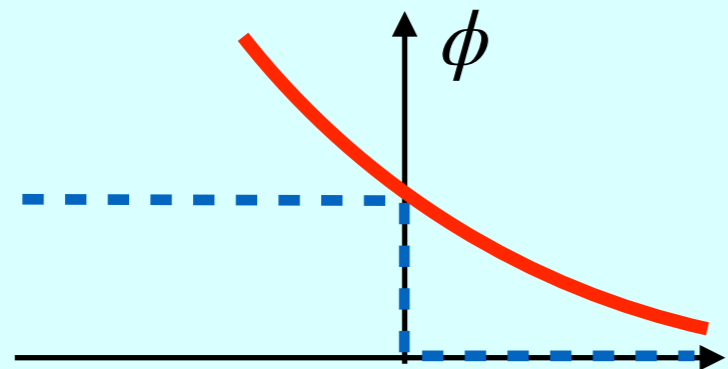
robust 0-1 loss  $\phi_{\gamma}(\alpha) = \mathbf{1}\{\alpha \leq \gamma\}$



☹  $\phi_{01}$  &  $\phi_{\gamma}$  are not easy to optimize!

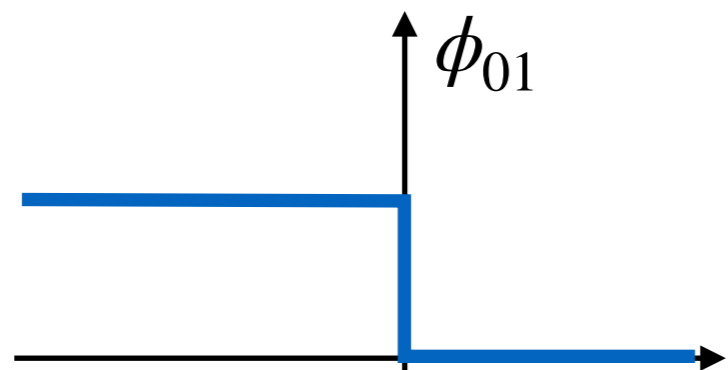
# What surrogate is desirable? <sup>6</sup>

## Surrogate loss



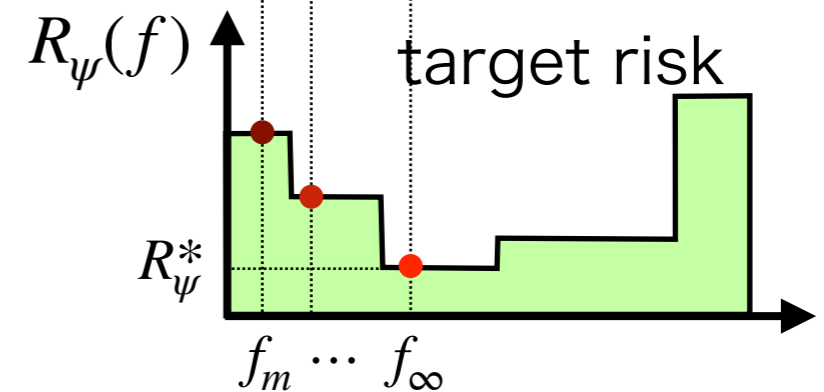
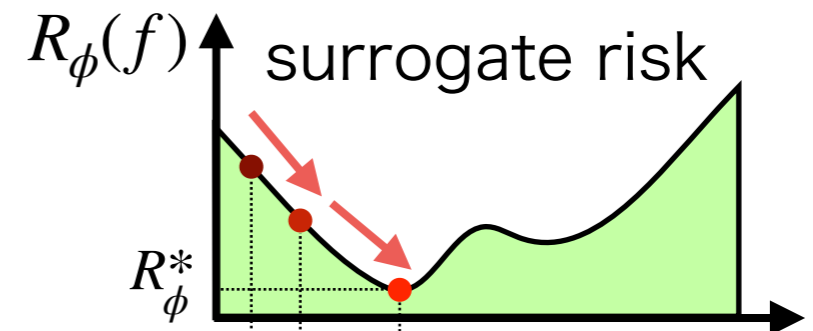
easily optimizable

## Target loss (0-1 loss)



final learning criterion

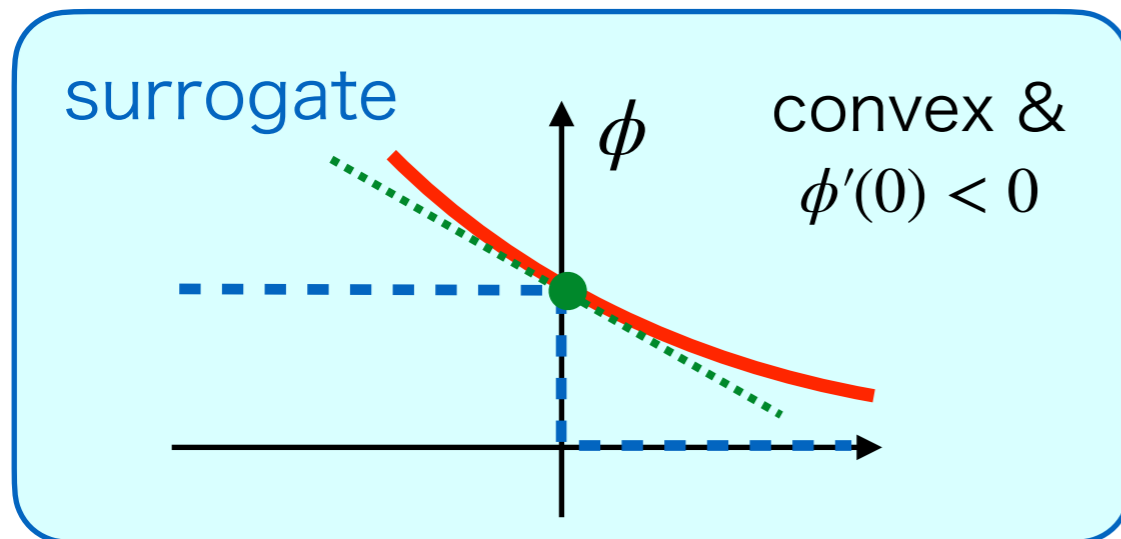
## Calibrated surrogate



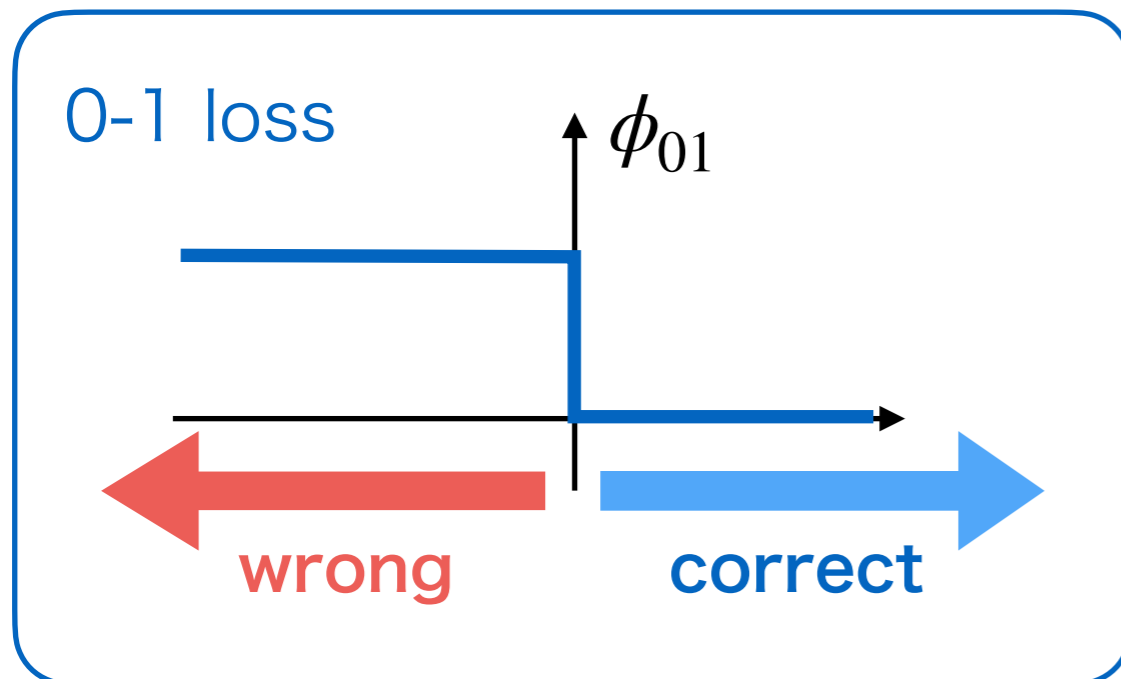
# What surrogate is calibrated?

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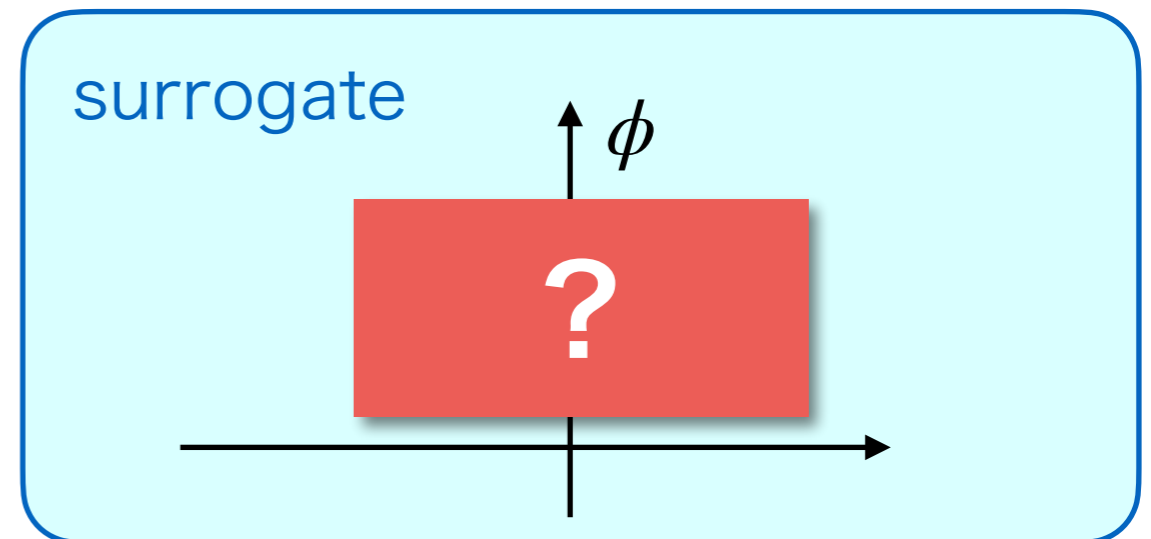
## Usual Classification



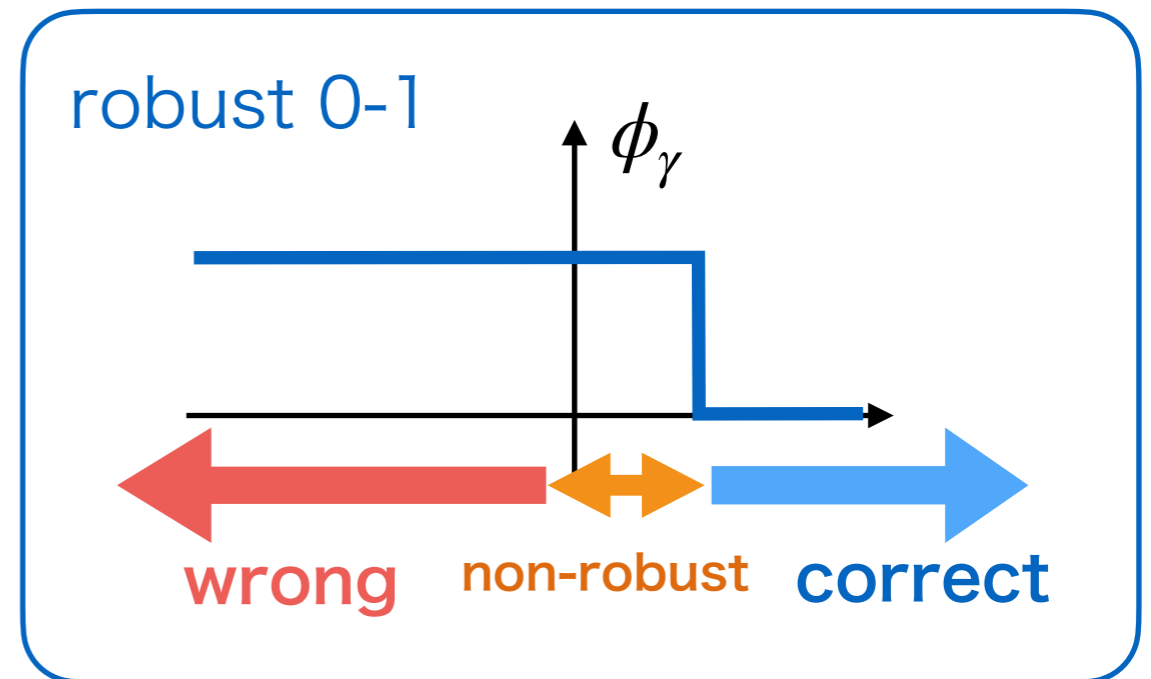
calibrated  
[Bartlett+ 2006]



## Robust Classification



calibrated



# Short Course on Calibration Analysis

— how to analyze loss calibration property —

Ingo Steinwart.

How to compare different loss functions and their risks.

*Constructive Approximation*, 2007.



# Conditional Risk and Calibration

Conditional Risk = Risk at a single  $x$

$$R_\phi(f) = \mathbb{E}_X \left[ \mathbb{P}(Y = +1 | X)\phi(f(X)) + \mathbb{P}(Y = -1 | X)\phi(-f(X)) \right]$$



$\mathbb{P}(Y = +1 | X) := \eta$  (class prob.)  
 $f(X) := \alpha$  (prediction)

$$C_\phi(\alpha, \eta) := \eta\phi(\alpha) + (1 - \eta)\phi(-\alpha)$$

**Definition.**  $\phi$  is  $(\psi, \mathcal{F})$ -**calibrated** for a target loss  $\psi$

if for any  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that for all  $\alpha \in A_{\mathcal{F}}$  and  $\eta \in [0, 1]$ ,

$$C_\phi(\alpha, \eta) - C_{\phi, \mathcal{F}}^*(\eta) < \delta \implies C_\psi(\alpha, \eta) - C_{\psi, \mathcal{F}}^*(\eta) < \varepsilon.$$

surrogate excess conditional risk

target excess conditional risk

$$A_{\mathcal{F}} := \{f(x) \mid f \in \mathcal{F}, x \in \mathcal{X}\}$$

# Main Tool: Calibration Function 10

## Definition. (calibration function)

$$\delta(\varepsilon) = \inf_{\eta \in [0,1]} \inf_{\alpha \in A_{\mathcal{F}}} C_{\phi}(\eta, \alpha) - C_{\phi, \mathcal{F}}^*(\eta) \quad \text{s.t.} \quad C_{\psi}(\eta, \alpha) - C_{\psi, \mathcal{F}}^*(\eta) \geq \varepsilon$$

surrogate excess conditional risk      target excess conditional risk

### ■ Provides **iff condition**

▶  $(\psi, \mathcal{F})$ -calibrated  $\iff \delta(\varepsilon) > 0$  for all  $\varepsilon > 0$

### ■ Provides **excess risk bound**

▶  $(\psi, \mathcal{F})$ -calibrated  $\implies R_{\psi}(f) - R_{\psi}^* \leq (\delta^{**})^{-1} \left( R_{\phi}(f) - R_{\phi}^* \right)$

target excess risk      monotonically increasing      surrogate excess risk

$$A_{\mathcal{F}} := \{f(x) \mid f \in \mathcal{F}, x \in \mathcal{X}\}$$

$\delta^{**}$ : biconjugate of  $\delta$

# Example: Binary Classification ( $\phi_{01}$ ) <sup>11</sup>

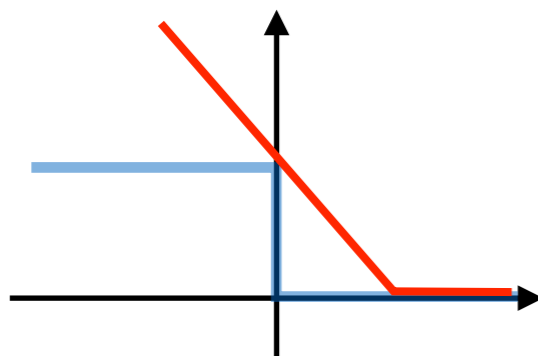
[Bartlett+ 2006]

**Theorem.** If surrogate  $\phi$  is convex, it is  $(\phi_{01}, \mathcal{F}_{\text{all}})$ -calibrated iff

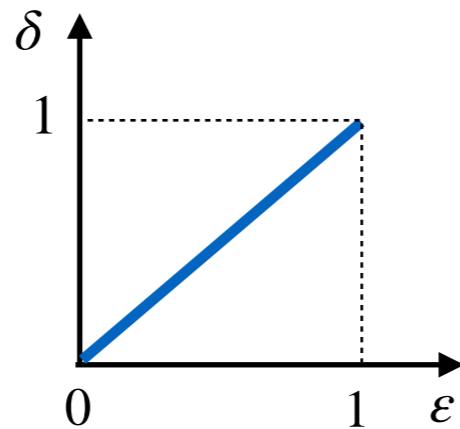
- ▶ differentiable at 0
- ▶  $\phi'(0) < 0$

$\mathcal{F}_{\text{all}}$ : all measurable functions

hinge loss

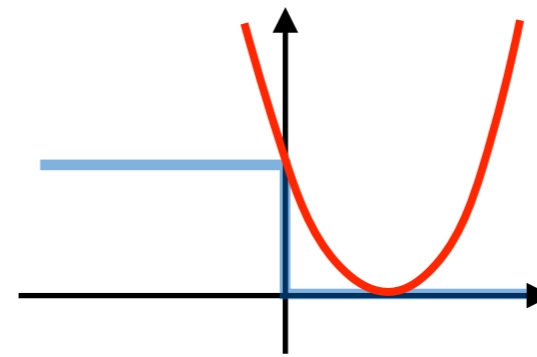


$$\phi(\alpha) = [1 - \alpha]_+$$

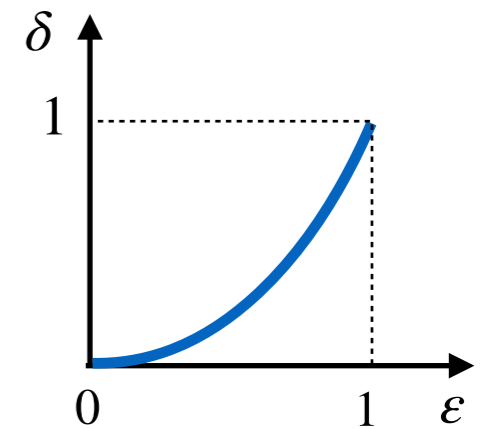


$$\delta(\epsilon) = \epsilon$$

squared loss

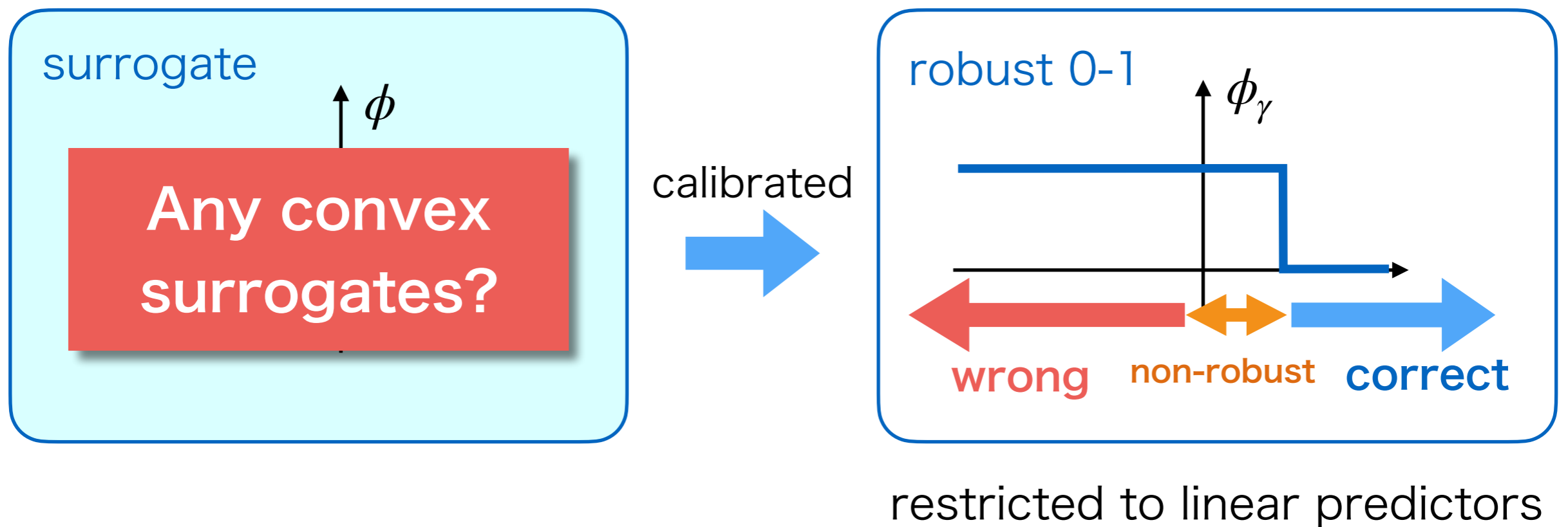


$$\phi(\alpha) = (1 - \alpha)^2$$



$$\delta(\epsilon) = \epsilon^2$$

# Analysis of Robust Classification



# No convex calibrated surrogate

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**Theorem.** Any convex surrogate is not  $(\phi_\gamma, \mathcal{F}_{\text{lin}})$ -calibrated.

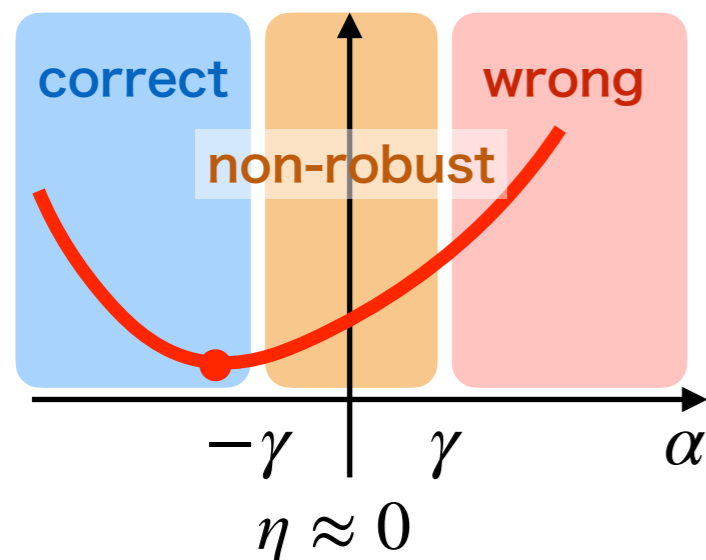
## Proof Sketch

calibration function

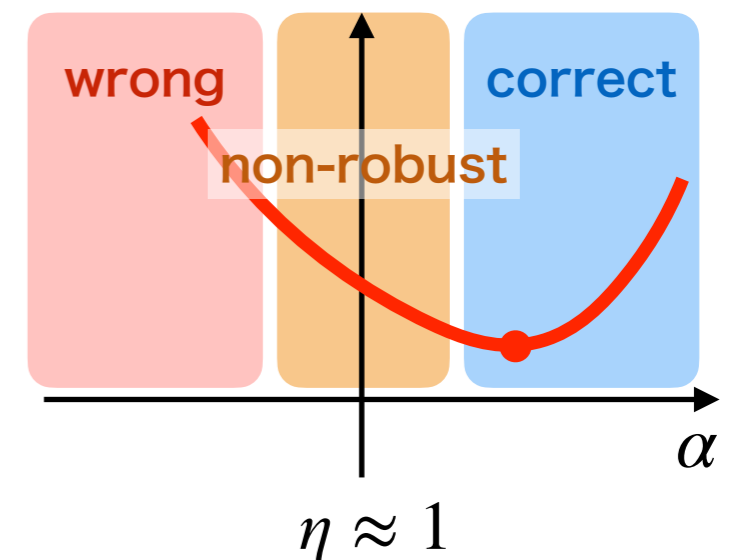
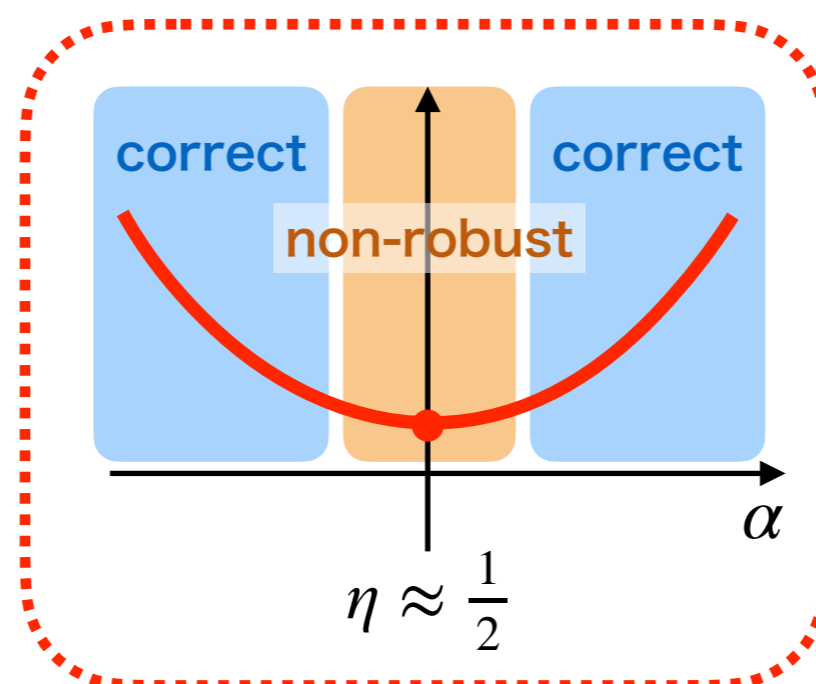
convex in  $\alpha$

$|\alpha| \leq \gamma$  is non-robust

$$\delta(\varepsilon) = \inf_{\eta \in [0,1]} \inf_{\alpha \in A_{\mathcal{F}}} C_{\phi}(\eta, \alpha) - C_{\phi, \mathcal{F}}^*(\eta) \quad \text{s.t.} \quad C_{\phi_\gamma}(\eta, \alpha) - C_{\phi_\gamma, \mathcal{F}}^*(\eta) \geq \varepsilon$$



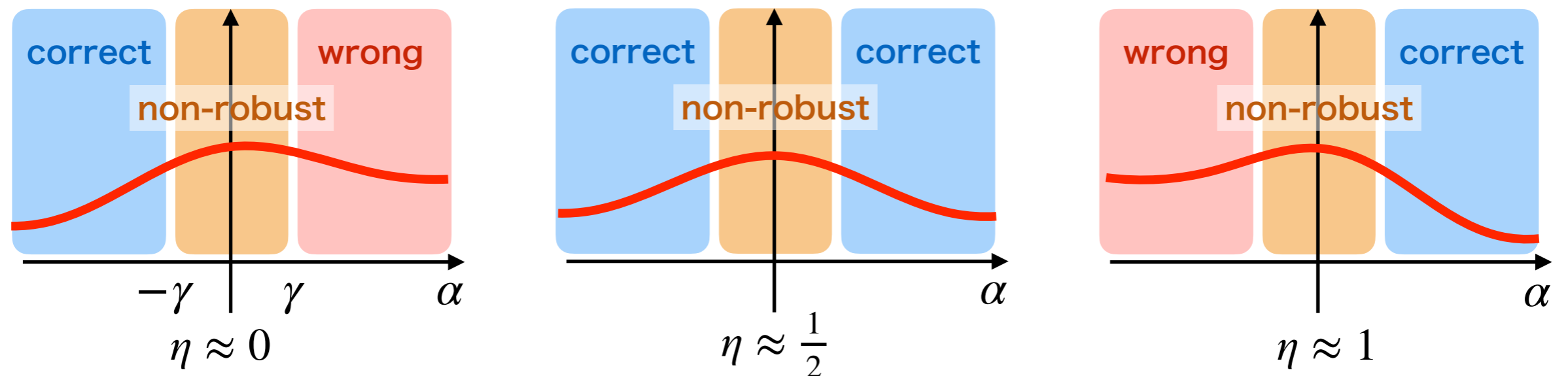
non-robust minimizer!



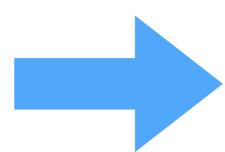
surrogate conditional risk is plotted

# How to find calibrated surrogate? <sup>14</sup>

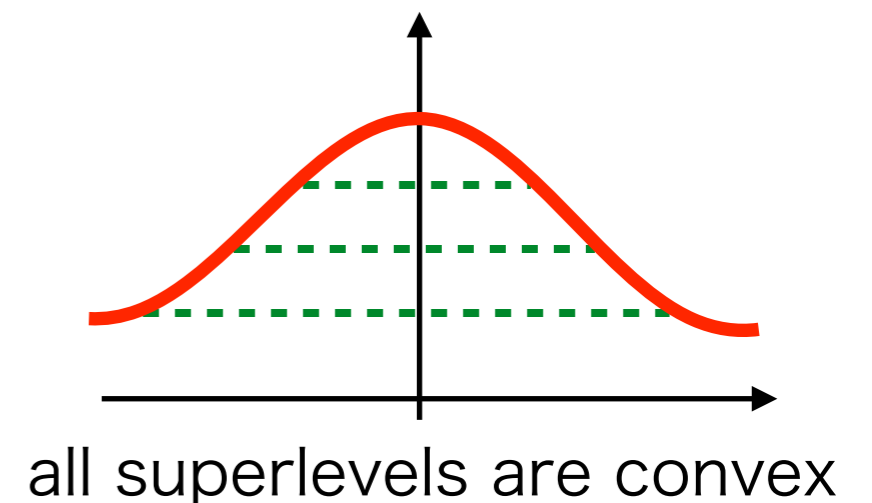
**Idea.** To make conditional risk not minimized in **non-robust area**



surrogate conditional risk is plotted



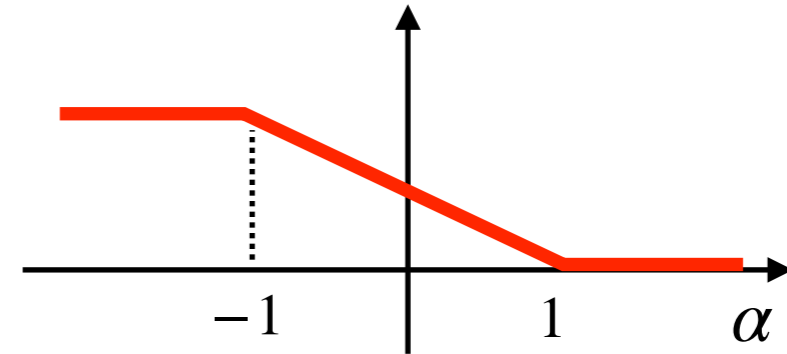
consider a surrogate  $\phi$  such that conditional risk is **quasiconcave**



# Example: Shifted Ramp Loss 15

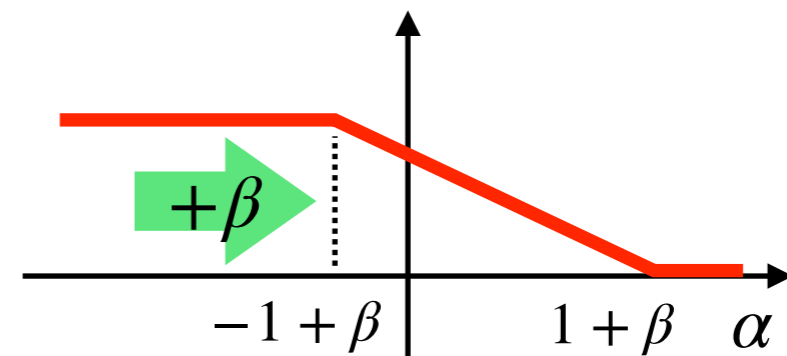
Ramp loss

$$\phi(\alpha) = \text{clip}_{[0,1]} \left( \frac{1 - \alpha}{2} \right)$$

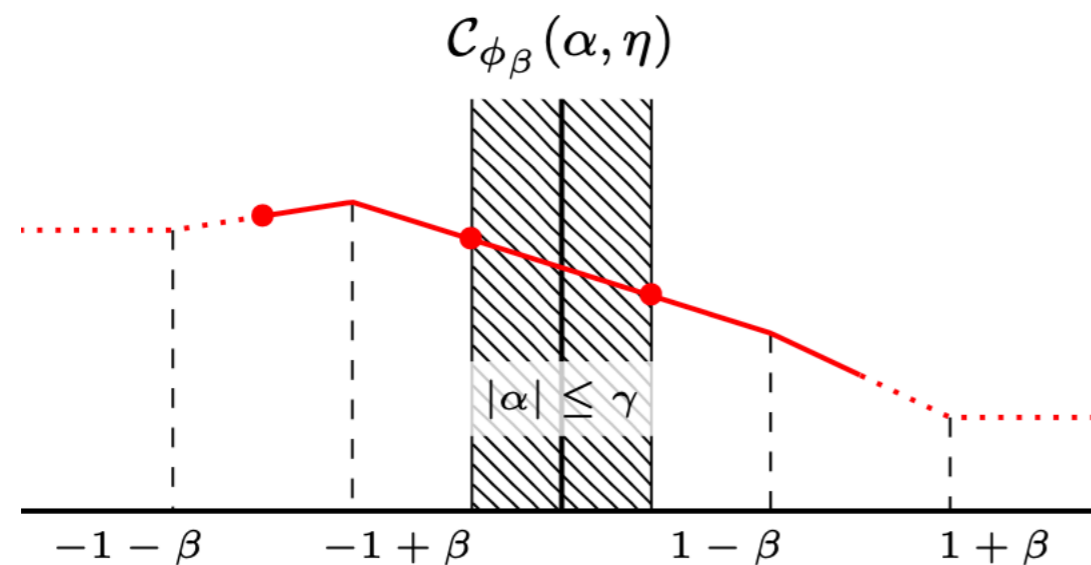


Shifted ramp loss

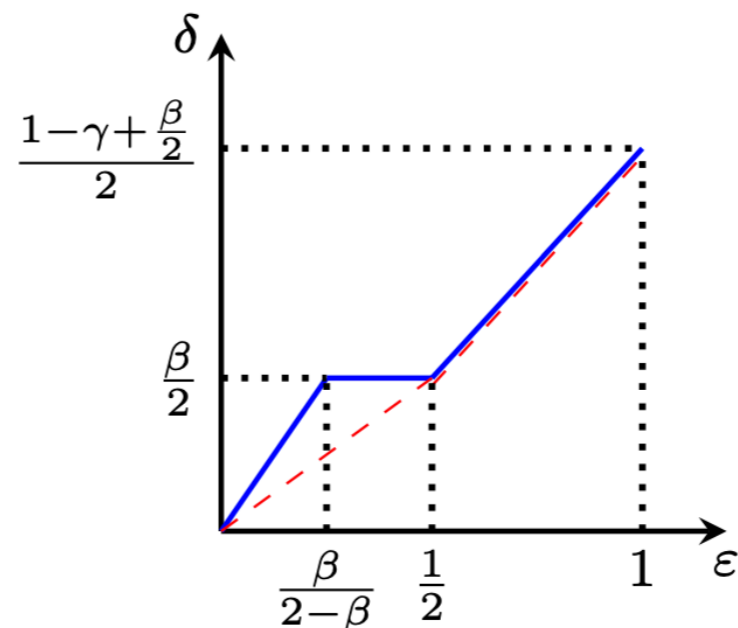
$$\phi_\beta(\alpha) = \text{clip}_{[0,1]} \left( \frac{1 - \alpha + \beta}{2} \right)$$



conditional risk ( $\eta > 1/2$ )



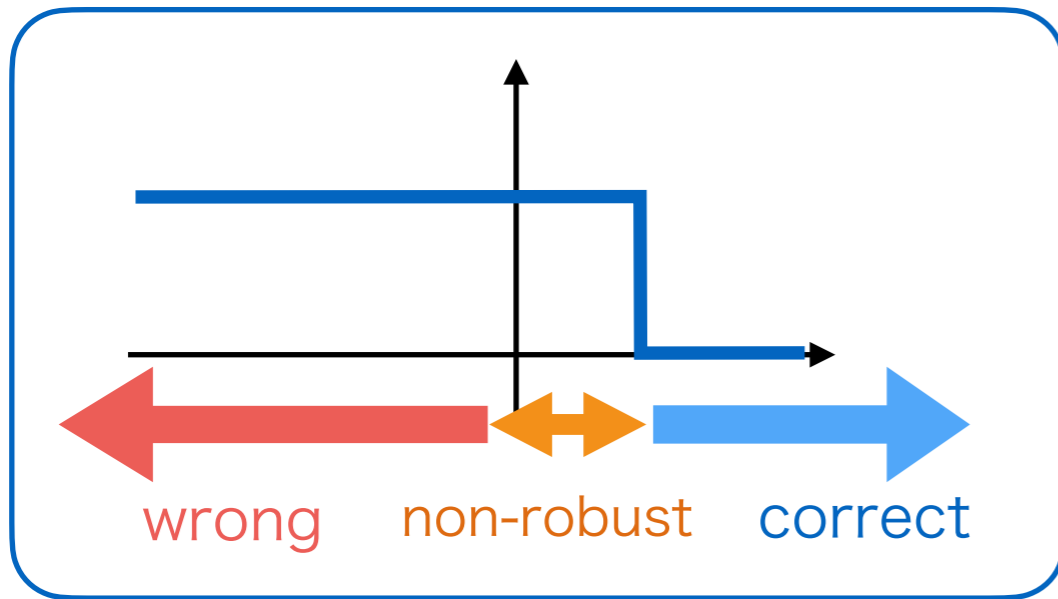
calibration function



assume  $0 < \beta < 1 - \gamma$

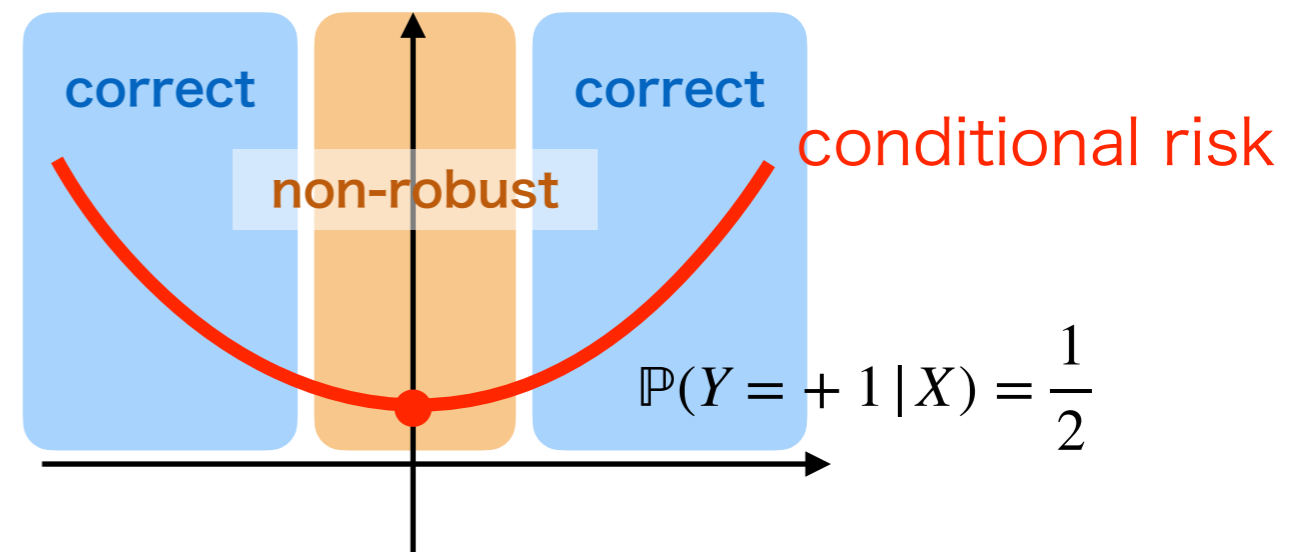
# Calibrated Surrogate Losses for Adversarially Robust Classification

Robust classification  
= minimize **robust 0-1 loss**



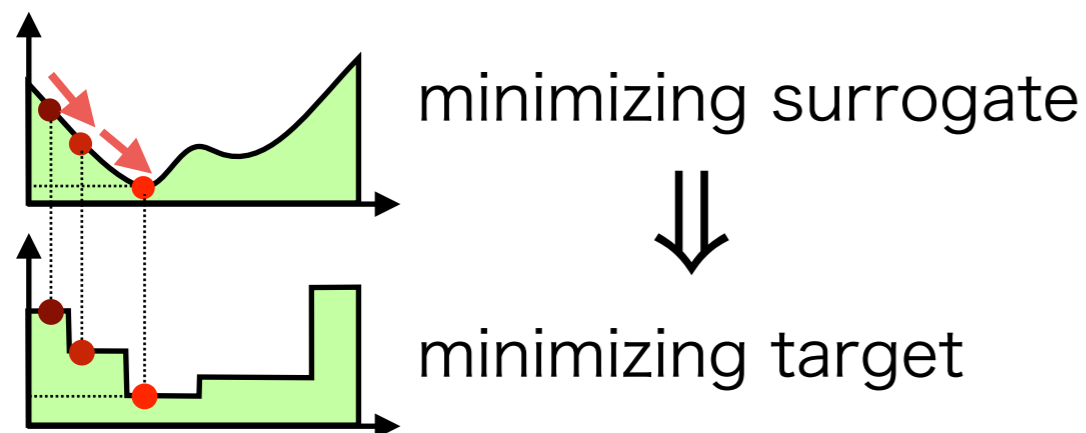
under restriction to linear predictors

**No convex calibrated surrogate**  
under linear predictors



because minimizer lies in non-robust area

**Calibrated** surrogate loss



**Quasiconcavity** is important

