

Sometimes Ranking Is More Appropriate

- The categorization results are often passed to a human for
 - further editing (e.g., correcting system mistakes on news categories)
 - prioritizing a task (e.g., routing an email to the right person for processing)
- In such cases, we can evaluate the results as a ranked list if the system can give scores for the decisions
 - E.g., discovery of spam emails (➔ rank emails for the “spam” category)
 - Often more appropriate to frame the problem as a ranking problem instead of a categorization problem (e.g., ranking documents in a search engine)