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**Coverage:** 

 $\phi(c) = \mathbb{E}_{x \sim p} \big[ c(x) \big]$ 

Selective risk:

$$R_S(h,c) = \frac{\mathbb{E}_{(x,y)\sim p}\left[\ell(y,h(x)) c(x)\right]}{\phi(x)}$$





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