

# Introduction to machine learning

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Lecture 3: Examples of methods

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# Course information

## Course

10 lectures + 2 seminars; February-May 2017.

## Schedule and up-to-date syllabus

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# Plan of the course

Math and basics of ML

Some of ML methods

*Seminar on ML basics*

Basics of neural networks

Deep learning overview

Training deep networks

DL for Computer Vision

DL for time series prediction

*Concluding seminar*

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(3) ← **Today**

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(5) ← **Start playing with NNs**

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*Theoretical tasks*

*Practical tasks*

**Solving more complex ML tasks using NNs**

# Plan for the lecture

A. Previous lecture

B. Discriminative models

1. Linear regression

C. Generative models

1. Naïve Bayes classifier

D. Motivation for deep learning

E. Homework

# A. Previous lecture

## Machine learning tasks: Supervised learning

Given:  $D = \{(\mathbf{x}_i, y_i), i = 1, \dots, N\}$

Desired output: policy  $\delta: D \rightarrow A$

### High-level steps:

1. Select model  $M$  parameterized by  $\theta \Rightarrow p(\mathbf{x}, y|M, \theta)$
2. Infer best  $\theta$  that explains given dataset  $D$  or calculate posterior distribution
3. Specify loss function  $L(y, a)$
4. Design decision procedure  $\delta$

#### Bayesian approach

Parameters  $\theta$  of  $p(\mathbf{x}, y|\theta)$  are treated as random variables.

#### Frequentist approach

Parameters  $\theta$  of  $p(\mathbf{x}, y|\theta)$  are unknown but fixed values.

# A. Previous lecture

## Bayesian methods

1. Bayesian model selection:  $p(m|D) = \frac{p(D|m)p(m)}{\sum_{m \in M} p(D|m)p(m)}$  Select the simplest possible model
2. Infer distribution of  $\theta$  conditioned on given dataset  $D$ :  
 $p(\theta|D, m) = \frac{p(D|\theta, m)p(\theta|m)}{p(D|m)} = \frac{\text{likelihood} * \text{prior}}{\text{evidence}} \Rightarrow$  Account for our uncertainty about  $\theta$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{p(\mathbf{x}, y|D)} = \int p(\mathbf{x}, y|\theta)p(\theta|D)d\theta \quad \text{Hereinafter omit } m \text{ for brevity}$$

$$p(\mathbf{x}, y|D) = \underline{p(y|\mathbf{x}, D)}p(\mathbf{x}|D) = p(\mathbf{x}|y, D)p(y|D) \quad \text{Discriminative and Generative models}$$

3. Specify loss function  $L(y, a)$ . For example, accuracy  $L(y, a) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } y = a \\ 1 & \text{if } y \neq a \end{cases}$

4. Design decision procedure:  $\delta(\mathbf{x}) = \operatorname{argmin}_{a \in A} \underline{E_{p(y|\mathbf{x}, D)}[L(y, a)]}$

# A. Previous lecture

## Frequentist / Appr. Bayesian methods

*Inferring distribution  $p(\mathbf{x}, y|\theta)$  and using it for designing policy  $\delta(\mathbf{x})$*

1. Select model by cross-validation.

2. Summarize posterior distribution: MLE, MAP.

For example, MLE:  $\theta_{opt} = \operatorname{argmax}_{\theta} p(\mathbf{D}|\theta)$

$\Rightarrow p(\mathbf{x}, y|\theta_{opt})$

3. Specify loss function  $L(y, a)$ . For example, accuracy  $L(y, a) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } y = a \\ 1 & \text{if } y \neq a \end{cases}$

4. Design decision procedure:  $\delta(\mathbf{x}) = \operatorname{argmin}_{a \in A} \mathbb{E}_{p(y|\mathbf{x}, D)}[L(y, a)]$

# A. Previous lecture

## **Frequentist method: *Empirical Risk Minimization***

1. Select model by cross-validation.
2. Select parametric function  $f(\mathbf{x}|\theta)$  to be used for prediction.
3. Specify loss function  $L(y, a)$ . For example: MSE.
4. Select optimal parameters  $\theta$  by minimizing empirical risk w.r.t.  $\theta$ :

$$\theta_{opt} = \operatorname{argmin}_{\theta} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N L(y_n, f(\mathbf{x}_n|\theta)) + \lambda P(\theta)$$

Coefficient  $\lambda$  is selected by cross-validation.



# B.1 Discriminative models: Linear regression

## Example: Linear Regression (bias ignored for simplicity)

$$p(\mathbf{x}, y | \tilde{\theta}) = p(y | \mathbf{x}, \theta') p(\mathbf{x} | \pi)$$

Discriminative model, not  
interested in inputs' distribution

$$\tilde{\theta} = \pi \cup \theta' = \pi \cup \theta \cup \sigma^2$$

## Model specification

$$p(y | \mathbf{x}, \theta') = N(y | \theta^T \mathbf{x}, \sigma^2)$$

basic model

$$p(y | \mathbf{x}, \theta') = N(y | \theta^T \varphi(\mathbf{x}), \sigma^2)$$

basis function expansion

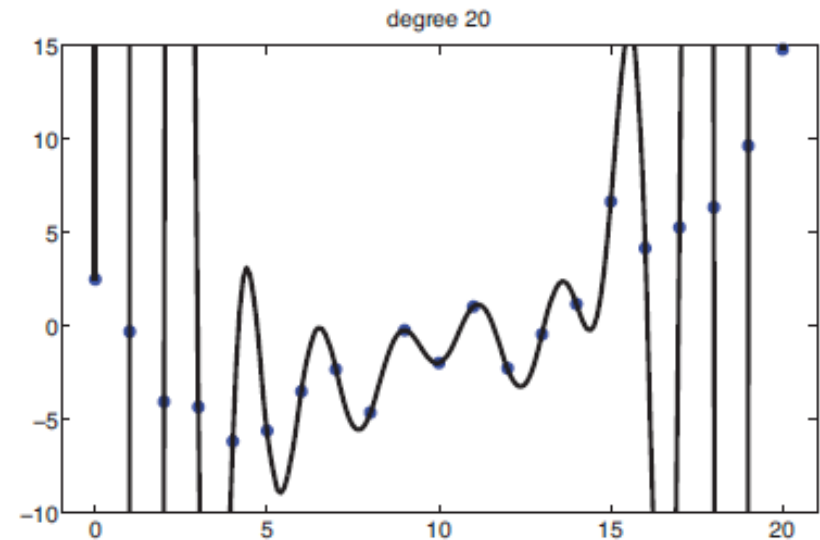
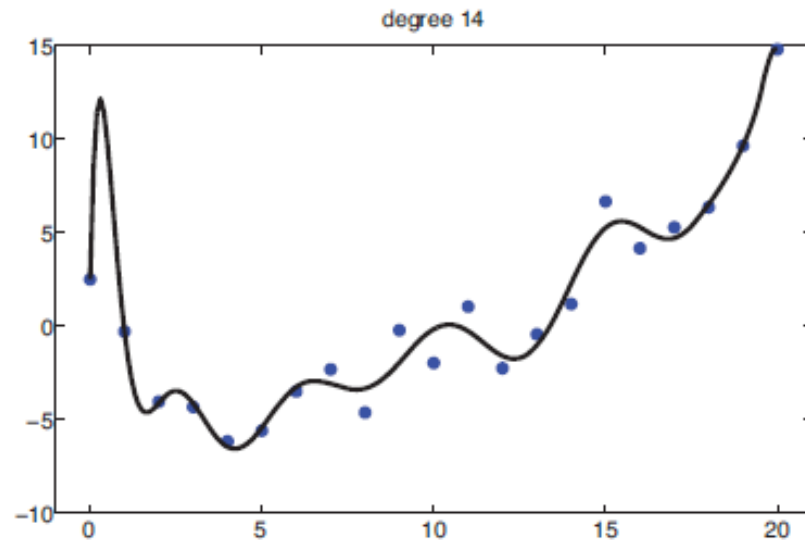
$$N(y | \theta^T \mathbf{x}, \sigma^2) = \left( \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma^2} \right)^{1/2} \exp \left( -\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} (y - \theta^T \mathbf{x})^T (y - \theta^T \mathbf{x}) \right)$$

For example, polynomial basis functions:  $\varphi(x) = (1, x, x^2, \dots, x^d)$

# B.1 Discriminative models: Linear regression

## Model selection

Cross-validation for models of different complexity



# B.1 Discriminative models: Linear regression

## MLE estimate of parameters of LR

Maximize likelihood of given dataset  $D$  :  $\tilde{\theta}_{opt} = \operatorname{argmax}_{\tilde{\theta}} p(D|\tilde{\theta})$

$$\log p(D|\tilde{\theta}) = \sum_i \log p(y_i|\mathbf{x}_i, \theta') + \sum_i \log p(\mathbf{x}_i|\pi)$$

Will not model input distribution for discriminative model

$\text{NLL}(\theta) \triangleq -\sum_i \log p(y_i|\mathbf{x}_i, \theta')$   $\Rightarrow$  task is to minimize  $\text{NLL}(\theta)$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{NLL}(\theta) &= C + \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_i (y_i - \theta^T \mathbf{x}_i)^T (y_i - \theta^T \mathbf{x}_i) = C + \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\theta)^T (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\theta) = \\ &= C' + \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \theta^T (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X}) \theta - \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \theta^T (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{y}) \Rightarrow \frac{\partial \text{NLL}(\theta)}{\partial \theta} = \frac{1}{\sigma^2} (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X}) \theta - \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{y}\end{aligned}$$

Setting gradient w.r.t.  $\theta$  to zero:  $\theta = (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{y}$

# B.1 Discriminative models: Linear regression

## Bayesian decision theory for continuous parameters

Quadratic loss:  $L(y, a) = (y - a)^2$

$$\rho(a|\mathbf{x}) \triangleq \mathbb{E}_{p(y|\mathbf{x}, \theta')} [L(y, a)] = \mathbb{E}_{p(y|\mathbf{x}, \theta')} [y^2] - 2a\mathbb{E}_{p(y|\mathbf{x}, \theta')} [y] + a^2$$

Let's find optimal action:

$$\frac{\partial \rho(a|\mathbf{x})}{\partial a} = -2\mathbb{E}_{p(y|\mathbf{x}, \theta')} [y] + 2a \Rightarrow a = \mathbb{E}_{p(y|\mathbf{x}, \theta')} [y] = \bar{y}$$

Optimal actions is to take  
mean of prediction variable

**MLE solution for linear regression:**

$p(y|\mathbf{x}, \theta') = N(y|\theta^T \mathbf{x}, \sigma^2) \Rightarrow$  mean is the best prediction

$$\theta = (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{y}$$

*Exercise: find formula for variance*

# B.1 Discriminative models: Linear regression

## Next steps

MAP estimate for  $\theta$ : add prior  $p(\theta) = N(\theta|0, E * \sigma_0^2) \Rightarrow$  Ridge regression

$E$  – unit matrix,  $\sigma_0^2$  – strength of prior.

*Exercise: Find MAP solution for simplified linear regression.*

## Bayesian simplified linear regression

$y = C + \varepsilon \quad \Rightarrow$  task is to estimate the constant using noisy measurements

Model specification:  $p(y|\theta) = N(y|\theta, \sigma_\varepsilon^2)$

$\Rightarrow$  Now need to calculate posterior distribution for the mean:  $p(\theta|D)$

# B.1 Discriminative models: Linear regression

## Bayesian simplified linear regression: posterior

Prior for parameter  $\theta$ :  $p(\theta) = N(\theta_0, \sigma_0^2)$

Calculating posterior:

$$\begin{aligned} p(\theta|D) &= \frac{p(\theta)}{p(D)} \prod_{n=1}^N \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma_\varepsilon} \exp\left(-\frac{(y_n-\theta)^2}{2\sigma_\varepsilon^2}\right) = \\ &= \frac{p(\theta)}{p(D)} \prod_{n=1}^N \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma_\varepsilon} \exp\left(-\frac{(y_n-\theta)^2}{2\sigma_\varepsilon^2}\right) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma_N} \exp\left(-\frac{(\theta-\bar{\theta}_N)^2}{2\sigma_N^2}\right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\bar{\theta}_N = \frac{N\sigma_0^2\bar{y}_N + \sigma_\varepsilon^2\theta_0}{N\sigma_0^2 + \sigma_\varepsilon^2} \xrightarrow{N \rightarrow \infty} \bar{y}_N$$

$$\sigma_N^2 = \frac{\sigma_\varepsilon^2\sigma_0^2}{N\sigma_0^2 + \sigma_\varepsilon^2} \xrightarrow{N \rightarrow \infty} 0$$

$$\bar{y}_N = \frac{1}{N} \sum_n y_n$$

# B.1 Discriminative models: Linear regression

## Bayesian simplified linear regression: prediction

Joint distribution:

$$\begin{aligned} p(y|D) &= \int p(y|\theta)p(\theta|D)d\theta = \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma_N\sigma_\varepsilon} \int \exp\left(-\frac{(y-\theta)^2}{2\sigma_\varepsilon^2} - \frac{(\theta-\bar{\theta}_N)^2}{2\sigma_N^2}\right) d\theta = \\ &= N(y|\bar{\theta}_N, \sigma_\varepsilon^2 + \sigma_N^2) \end{aligned}$$

Selecting an optimal action can be done using the same reasoning as we used above for MLE.

**Exercise:** Check formulas for prediction.

# B.1 Discriminative models: Linear regression

## Empirical risk minimization for usual linear regression

Without regularization penalty.

Prediction function:  $y = \theta^T \mathbf{x}$

Loss function:  $L(y, a) = (y - a)^2$

$$\theta_{opt} = \operatorname{argmin}_{\theta} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N L(y_n, f(\mathbf{x}_n | \theta)) = \operatorname{argmin}_{\theta} (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\theta)^T (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\theta) \Rightarrow$$

=> Same solution as MLE estimate:  $\theta = (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{y}$

**Exercise:** Check that regularization results in the same solution as MAP estimate with Gaussian prior.



10 minute break..

# C.1 Generative models: NBC

## Naïve Bayes classifier example

“Naïve” because key assumption is conditional independence of features.

Consider supervised learning setting:

$\mathbf{x}$  – binary feature vector (index  $j$ ),  $y$  – classification label (index  $c$ )

$$p(\mathbf{x}, y | \tilde{\theta}) = p(y | \pi) p(\mathbf{x} | y, \theta) = p(y | \pi) \prod_j p(x_j | y, \theta_j) = \text{Generative classifier}$$

$$= \prod_c \pi_c^{I(y=c)} \prod_j \prod_c p(x_j | \theta_{jc})^{I(y=c)}$$

Parameters:  $\pi = \{\pi_c\}$ ,  $\theta = \{\theta_{jc}\}$ ,  $\tilde{\theta} = \pi \cup \theta$

# C.1 Generative models: NBC

## Naïve Bayes classifier example

$$p(\mathbf{x}, y | \tilde{\theta}) = \prod_c \pi_c^{I(y=c)} \prod_j \prod_c p(x_j | \theta_{jc})^{I(y=c)} \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow \log p(D | \tilde{\theta}) = \sum_c N_c \log \pi_c + \sum_j \sum_c \sum_{i: y_i=c} \log p(x_{ij} | \theta_{jc}) \quad \text{likelihood}$$

Now we can use maximum likelihood estimator to obtain  $\tilde{\theta}_{opt}$  and get joint distribution  $p(\mathbf{x}, y | \tilde{\theta})$ . After that for any new example:

$$p(y | \mathbf{x}^*, \tilde{\theta}_{opt}) = \frac{p(\mathbf{x}^* | y, \tilde{\theta}_{opt}) p(y | \tilde{\theta}_{opt})}{p(\mathbf{x}^*)} = \frac{p(\mathbf{x}^* | y, \tilde{\theta}_{opt}) p(y | \tilde{\theta}_{opt})}{\sum_y p(\mathbf{x}^* | y, \tilde{\theta}_{opt}) p(y | \tilde{\theta}_{opt})} \quad \text{new example}$$

# C.1 Generative models: NBC

## MLE estimate for parameters of NBC

Maximize likelihood of given dataset  $D$  :  $\tilde{\theta}_{opt} = \operatorname{argmax}_{\tilde{\theta}} p(D|\tilde{\theta})$

$$\log p(D|\tilde{\theta}) = \sum_c N_c \log \pi_c + \sum_j \sum_c \sum_{i:y_i=c} \log p(x_{ij}|\theta_{jc})$$

**Constraints:**  $\sum_c \pi_c = 1, \sum_c \theta_{jc} = 1 \forall j \Rightarrow$  two independent maximization tasks

Using Lagrange multipliers:

$$\hat{\pi}_c = N_c/N \text{ (prior on classes)} \qquad \hat{\theta}_{jc} = N_{jc}/N_c \text{ (conditional prob. of feature)}$$

**Problem with MLE estimation:** overfitting, especially if dataset is small

*Exercise: prove formulas.*

# C.1 Generative models: NBC

## Example: Are they Scottish?

Features = (shortbread, lager, whiskey, football). Dataset (examples X features):

English:

0	0	1	1
1	0	1	0
1	1	0	1

Scottish:

1	0	1	1
1	1	0	0
1	1	1	0

=> Following parameters:

$$p(x_1 = 1 | \text{english}) = 2/3$$

$$p(x_2 = 1 | \text{english}) = 1/3$$

$$p(x_3 = 1 | \text{english}) = 2/3$$

$$p(x_4 = 1 | \text{english}) = 2/3$$

$$p(x_1 = 1 | \text{scottish}) = 1$$

$$p(x_2 = 1 | \text{scottish}) = 2/3$$

$$p(x_3 = 1 | \text{scottish}) = 2/3$$

$$p(x_4 = 1 | \text{scottish}) = 1/3$$

# C.1 Generative models: NBC

## Example: Are they Scottish?

New input:  $\mathbf{x}^* = (1,1,1,0)$ : like shortbread, lager, whiskey and doesn't watch football

$$\begin{aligned} p(s|\mathbf{x}^*) &= \frac{p(\mathbf{x}^*|s)p(s)}{p(\mathbf{x}^*)} = \frac{p(\mathbf{x}^*|s)p(s)}{p(\mathbf{x}^*|s)p(s) + p(\mathbf{x}^*|e)p(e)} = \\ &= \frac{[1 * 2/3 * 2/3 * (1 - 1/3)] * 1/2}{[1 * 2/3 * 2/3 * (1 - 1/3)] * 1/2 + [2/3 * 1/3 * 2/3 * (1 - 2/3)] * 1/2} = \frac{6}{7} \end{aligned}$$

We calculated  $p(y|\mathbf{x}^*)$ , now need to find decision function  $\delta(\mathbf{x}^*)$

# C.1 Generative models: NBC

## Example: Are they Scottish?

$$\mathbf{x}^* = (1,1,1,0)$$

$$p(s|\mathbf{x}^*) = \frac{6}{7} \quad p(e|\mathbf{x}^*) = \frac{1}{7}$$

Select loss function: accuracy  $L(y, a) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } y = a \\ 1 & \text{if } y \neq a \end{cases}$

$$\begin{aligned} \delta(\mathbf{x}) &= \operatorname{argmin}_{a \in A} \mathbb{E}_{p(y|\mathbf{x})}[L(y, a)] = \operatorname{argmin}_{a \in A} [0 * p(y = a|\mathbf{x}) + 1 * p(y \neq a|\mathbf{x})] \\ &= \operatorname{argmin}_{a \in A} [1 - p(y = a|\mathbf{x})] = \operatorname{argmax}_{a \in A} [p(y = a|\mathbf{x})] \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbf{Nation} = \operatorname{argmax}_a p(y = a|\mathbf{x}) = \textit{Scottish}$$

# C.1 Generative models: NBC

## Bayesian NBC: motivation

### Why need Bayes?

if some feature is active in all training examples, any new example  $\mathbf{x}^*$  where this feature is not active does not belong to any class.

### What's new in comparison with MLE?

Point estimate is replaced with full posterior distribution  $p(\tilde{\theta}|D)$ .

=> To be Bayesian, we need to specify prior on parameters  $\tilde{\theta}$ .

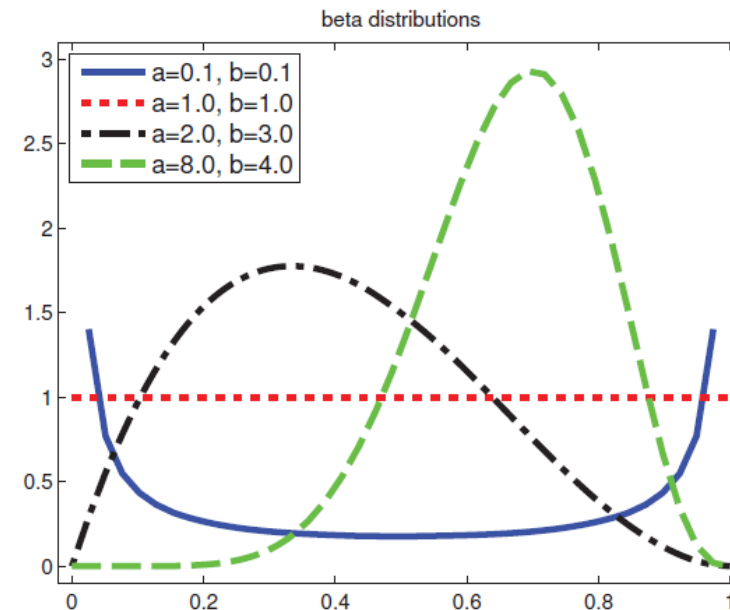
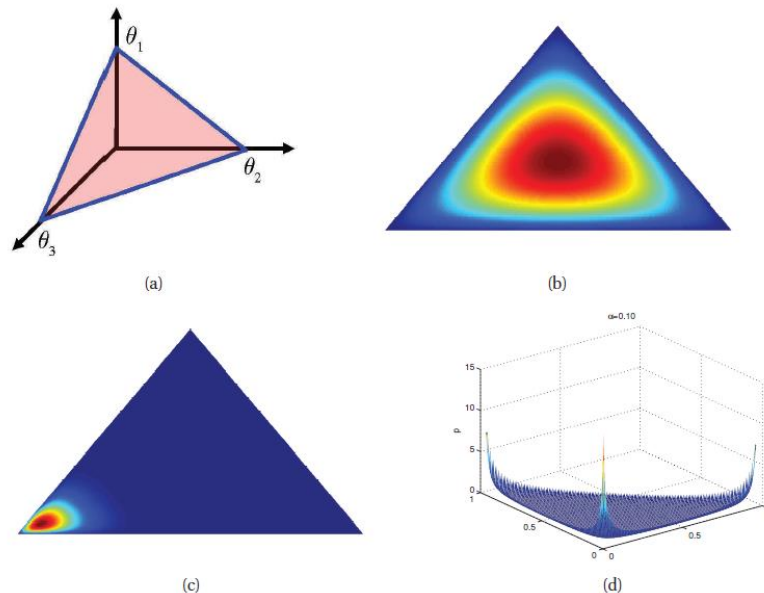


# C.1 Generative models: NBC

## Bayesian NBC: prior for parameters

$$p(\tilde{\theta}) = p(\pi) \prod_j \prod_c p(\theta_{jc}) = \text{Dir}(\alpha = 1) \prod_j \prod_c \text{Beta}(\beta_0 = 1, \beta_1 = 1)$$

(uniform priors)



# C.1 Generative models: NBC

## Bayesian NBC: calculating posterior

For NBC can be factorized:

$$p(\tilde{\theta}|D) = p(\pi|D)p(\theta|D)$$

Prior is **conjugate** prior for the likelihood,  
if prior and posterior have the same form

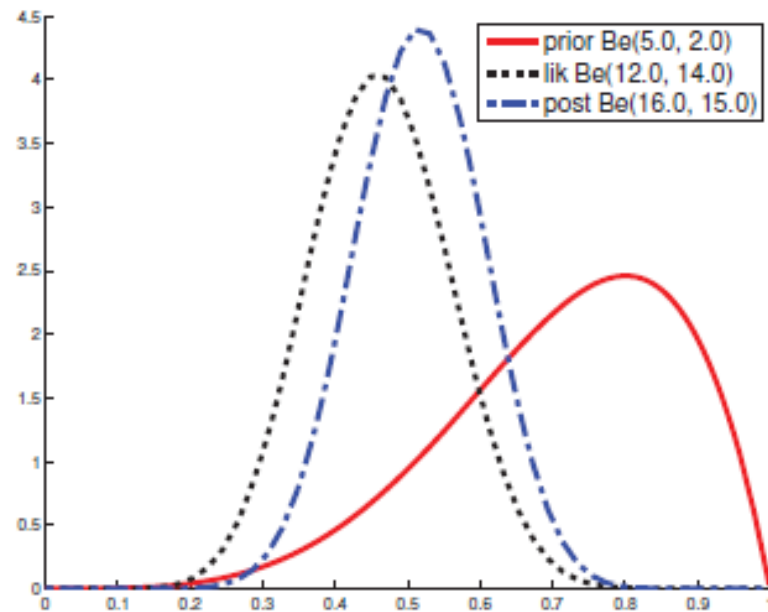
$$p(\pi|D) \sim \text{Dir}(\alpha = 1) \prod_c \pi_c^{I(y=c)} \sim \text{Dir}(N_1 + \alpha_1, \dots, N_C + \alpha_C)$$

$$p(\theta_{jc}|D) \sim \text{Beta}(\beta_0 = 1, \beta_1 = 1) \theta_{jc}^{N_{jc}} \sim \text{Beta}(\beta_0 = N_C - N_{jc} + 1, \beta_1 = N_{jc} + 1)$$

# C.1 Generative models: NBC

## Bayesian NBC: prior vs. posterior

Posterior for  $p(\theta_{jc}|D)$



# C.1 Generative models: NBC

## Bayesian NBC: prediction

$$p(y = c | \mathbf{x}^*, D) = \frac{p(\mathbf{x}^* | y, D) p(y | D)}{p(\mathbf{x}^* | D)} \sim p(\mathbf{x}^* | y, D) p(y | D)$$

$$p(\mathbf{x}^* | y, D) = \int p(\mathbf{x}^* | y, \theta) p(\theta | D) d\theta$$

$$p(y | D) = \int p(y | \pi) p(\pi | D) d\pi$$

$$p(y = c | \mathbf{x}^*, D) \sim \left( \int \text{Cat}(y | \pi) p(\pi | D) d\pi \right) \left( \prod_j \int \text{Ber}(x_j^* | y, \theta_{jc}) p(\theta | D) d\theta_{jc} \right)$$

**Answer:**

$$p(y = c | \mathbf{x}^*, D) \sim \bar{\pi}_c \prod_j (\bar{\theta}_{jc})^{I(x_j=1)} (1 - \bar{\theta}_{jc})^{I(x_j=0)}$$

$$\bar{\theta}_{jc} = \frac{N_{jc} + \beta_1}{N_c + \beta_0 + \beta_1} \quad \bar{\pi}_c = \frac{N_c + \alpha_c}{N + \alpha_0}$$

same as MLE estimate for  $p(y | \mathbf{x}, \tilde{\theta})$ ,  
except for effect from the prior.

## D. Motivation for deep learning

**Deep Learning:** machine learning algorithms based on learning multiple levels of representation / abstraction.\*

**Traditional methods:** local smoothness assumption

**Deep learning methods:** complement with “compositionality” prior.

**=> Just one core idea of deep learning:**

Beat curse of dimensionality. Learning distributed representation can be exponentially more efficient than learning set of features that are mutually exclusive.

# Next week

## **Concluding seminar on introduction to ML**

Questions? Options:

- More examples: Logistic regression, SVM

- Estimators (examples of bias-variance tradeoff and regularization)

- Bayesian model selection

- Other?

# E. Homework

## **For all:**

1. ML: [3] ch. 3, 7 or [4] ch. 10, 13, 18 or [5] ch. 3, 7.
2. Exercises from presentation.

# Refs

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# Auxiliary slide #1

## Bayesian linear regression: non-simplified

Joint distribution:

$$p(y|D) = \int p(y|\theta)p(\theta|D)d\theta$$

$$p(\mathbf{x}, y|D) = p(y|\mathbf{x}, D)p(\mathbf{x}|D)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int p(\mathbf{x}, y|\theta)p(\theta|D)d\theta &= \int p(y|\mathbf{x}, \theta)p(\mathbf{x}|\pi)p(\pi|D)p(\theta|D)d\pi d\theta = \\ &= \int p(y|\mathbf{x}, \theta)p(\theta|D)d\theta \int p(\mathbf{x}|\pi)p(\pi|D)d\pi = p(\mathbf{x}|D) \int p(y|\mathbf{x}, \theta)p(\theta|D)d\theta \end{aligned}$$

=> Distribution for output variable:

$$p(y|\mathbf{x}, D) = \int p(y|\mathbf{x}, \theta)p(\theta|D)d\theta$$