

# Naïve Bayes

# Decision theory

- Decision theory is the study of making decisions that have a significant impact
- Decision-making is distinguished into:
  - Decision-making under certainty
  - Decision-making under non-certainty
    - Decision-making under risk
    - Decision-making under uncertainty

# Probability theory

- Most decisions have to be taken in the presence of uncertainty
- Basic elements of probability theory:
  - Random variables describe aspects of the world whose state is initially unknown
  - Each random variable has a domain of values that it can take on (discrete, boolean, continuous)
  - An atomic event is a complete specification of the state of the world

# Probability Theory

- All probabilities are between 0 and 1
- The sum of probabilities for the atomic events of a probability space must sum up to 1

# Prior

- **Priori Probabilities** or Prior reflects our prior knowledge of how likely an event occurs.

# Class Conditional probability (posterior)

- When we have information concerning previously unknown random variables then we use **posterior** or conditional probabilities:  $P(a|b)$  the **probability of a given event a that we know b**

$$P(a | b) = \frac{P(a \wedge b)}{P(b)}$$

- Alternatively this can be written (the product rule):

$$P(a \wedge b) = P(a | b)P(b)$$

# Bayes rule

- The product rule can be written as:

- $P(a \wedge b) = P(a | b)P(b)$

- $P(a \wedge b) = P(b | a)P(a)$

- By equating the right hand sides:

$$P(b | a) = \frac{P(a | b)P(b)}{P(a)}$$

# Posterior Probabilities

- Define  $p(c_j/x)$  as the posteriori probability
- We use Baye's formula to convert the prior to posterior probability

$$p(c_j | x) = \frac{p(x | c_j) p(c_j)}{p(x)}$$



# Bayes Classifiers

- Bayesian classifiers use **Bayes theorem**, which says

$$p(cj \mid x) = \frac{p(x \mid cj) p(cj)}{p(x)}$$

- $p(cj \mid x)$  = probability of instance  $x$  being in class  $cj$ ,

This is what we are trying to compute

- $p(x \mid cj)$  = probability of generating instance  $x$  given class  $cj$ ,

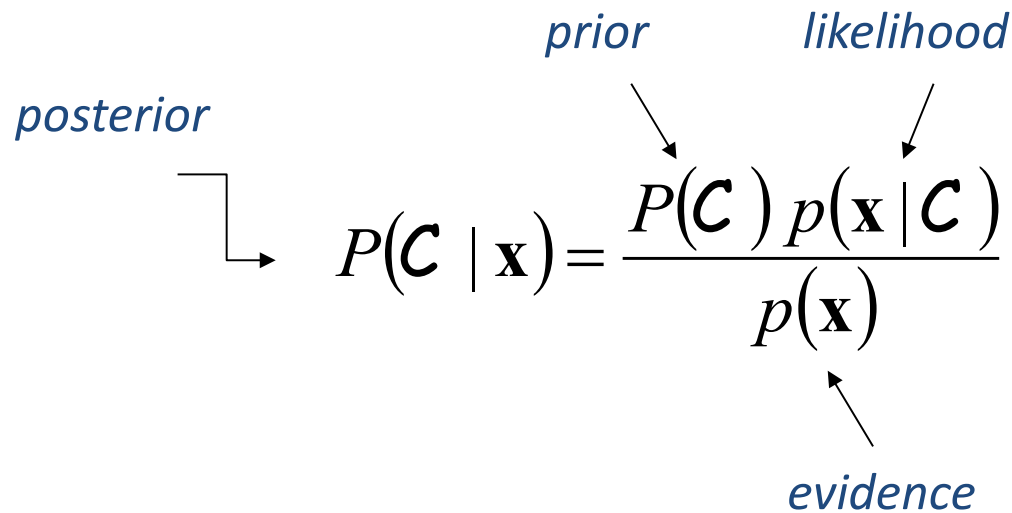
We can imagine that being in class  $cj$  causes you to have feature  $x$  with some probability

- $p(cj)$  = probability of occurrence of class  $cj$ ,

This is just how frequent the class  $cj$  is in our database

# Bayes Formula

- Suppose the priors  $P(c_j)$  and conditional densities  $p(\mathbf{x} | c_j)$  are known,



The diagram shows the Bayes Formula with labels and arrows indicating the components:

$$\text{posterior} \rightarrow P(\mathcal{C} | \mathbf{x}) = \frac{\overset{\text{prior}}{P(\mathcal{C})} \overset{\text{likelihood}}{p(\mathbf{x} | \mathcal{C})}}{\underset{\text{evidence}}{p(\mathbf{x})}}$$

The label "posterior" is in blue italics and has an arrow pointing to the left side of the equation. The label "prior" is in blue italics and has an arrow pointing to  $P(\mathcal{C})$ . The label "likelihood" is in blue italics and has an arrow pointing to  $p(\mathbf{x} | \mathcal{C})$ . The label "evidence" is in blue italics and has an arrow pointing to  $p(\mathbf{x})$ .

# Bayesian Decision Theory

Tradeoffs between various decisions using probabilities and costs that accompany such decisions.

Example: **Patient has trouble breathing**

– **Decision:** Asthma versus Lung cancer

1. Decide lung cancer when person has asthma
  - Cost: moderately high (e.g., order unnecessary tests, scare patient)
2. Decide asthma when person has lung cancer
  - **Cost: very high (e.g., lose opportunity to treat cancer at early stage, death)**

# Decision Rules

Progression of decision rules:

1. Decide based on prior probabilities
2. Decide based on posterior probabilities
3. Decide based on risk

# Fish Sorting Example

- $C \rightarrow$  class

$C=c1$  (sea bass)

$C=c2$  (salmon)

- $P(c1)$  is the prior probability that the next fish is a sea bass
- $P(c2)$  is the prior probability that the next fish is a salmon

# Decision based on prior probabilities

- Assume  $P(c1) + P(c2) = 1$
- Decision ??
- Decide →
  - C1 if  $P(c1) > P(c2)$
  - C2 otherwise
- Error probability  
 $p(\text{error}) = \min(P(c1), P(c2))$

# Decision based on class conditional probabilities

- Let  $x$  be a continuous random variable
- Define  $p(x/c_j)$  as the conditional probability density ( $j=1,2$ )
- $P(x/c_1)$  and  $P(x/c_2)$  describe the difference in measurement between populations of sea bass and Solomon

# Making a Decision

- Decision ??? (After observing  $x$  value)
- Decide :
  - $C1$  if  $P(c1/x) > P(c2/x)$
  - $C2$  otherwise
- $P(c1/x) + P(c2/x) = 1$



# Probability of Error

- $P(\text{error}/x)$  :
  - $P(c1/x)$  if we decide  $c2$
  - $P(c2/x)$  if we decide  $c1$
- $P(\text{error}/x) = \min \{P(c1/x), P(c2/x)\}$

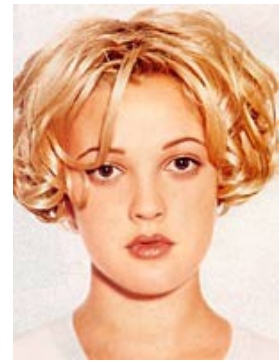
Assume that we have two classes

$c1$  = male, and  $c2$  = female.

We have a person whose sex we do not know, say "*drew*" or  $d$ .

Classifying *drew* as male or female is equivalent to asking is it more probable that *drew* is male or female, i.e. which is greater  $p(\text{male} \mid \text{drew})$  or  $p(\text{female} \mid \text{drew})$

(Note: "Drew can be a male or female name")



Drew Barrymore



Drew Carey

What is the probability of being called "*drew*" given that you are a male?

What is the probability of being a male?

$$p(\text{male} \mid \text{drew}) = \frac{p(\text{drew} \mid \text{male}) p(\text{male})}{p(\text{drew})}$$

$p(\text{drew})$

What is the probability of being named "*drew*"?  
(actually irrelevant, since it is same for all classes)



**Officer Drew**

This is Officer Drew (who arrested abc in 2007). Is Officer Drew a Male or Female?

Luckily, we have a small database with names and sex.

We can use it to apply Bayes rule...

HERE ONLY MULTIPLY

HERE WE MULTIPLY ONLY BECAUSE  
LIKLYHOOD IS CALCULATED BUT  
BELOW WE SHOULD WRITE PRIOR  
PROBABILTY, HERE COMPARISON  
BASED ON CONDITIONAL PROBABILTY

$$p(cj \mid d) = \frac{p(d \mid cj) p(cj)}{p(d)}$$

| Name    | Sex    |
|---------|--------|
| Drew    | Male   |
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Officer Drew is more likely to be a Female.



# Officer Drew IS a female!

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# Generalized Bayesian Decision Theory

- More than one observation  $x$ 
  - Replace scalar  $x$  with vector  $\mathbf{x}$
- Allowing actions other than just decision?
  - Allow the possibility of rejection
- Different risks in the decision
  - Define how costly each action is



# Bayesian Decision Theory

- Let  $\{c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n\}$  be classes/states
- Let  $\{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3, \dots, \alpha_a\}$  be finite set of a possible actions.
- Let  $\lambda(\alpha_i/c_j)$  be the loss incurred for taking action  $\alpha_i$  when the class is  $c_j$ .
- Let  $\mathbf{x}$  be random variable (vector).



# Conditional Risk

- Suppose we observe  $\mathbf{x}$  and take action  $\alpha_i$ .
- If the true class is  $c_j$ , we incur the loss  $\lambda(\alpha_i/c_j)$ .
- The expected loss (conditional risk) with taking action  $\alpha_i$  is

$$R(\alpha_i | x) = \sum_{j=1}^{j=c} \lambda(\alpha_i | c_j) P(c_j | x)$$

STUDY TOTAL PROBABILITY CONCEPT ???

# Minimum-Risk Classification

- For every  $\mathbf{x}$  the decision function  $\alpha(\mathbf{x})$  assumes one of the  $a$  values  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_a$ .
- **The overall risk  $R$  is the** expected loss associated with a given decision rule.
- The general decision rule  $\alpha(\mathbf{x})$  tells us which action to take for  $\mathbf{x}$ .
- We want to find out the decision rule that minimizes the overall risk

$$R = \int R(\alpha(\mathbf{x})|\mathbf{x}) p(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x}.$$

- Bayes decision rule, minimizes the overall risk by selecting the action  $\alpha_i$  for which  $R(\alpha_i/\mathbf{x})$  is minimum.

# Two-category classification

$\alpha 1$  : deciding  $c1$

$\alpha 2$  : deciding  $c2$

$$\lambda_{ij} = \lambda(\alpha_i | c_j)$$

loss incurred for deciding  $c_i$  when the true state of nature is  $c_j$

Conditional risk:

$$R(\alpha 1 | x) = \lambda_{11}P(c1 | x) + \lambda_{12}P(c2 | x)$$

$$R(\alpha 2 | x) = \lambda_{21}P(c1 | x) + \lambda_{22}P(c2 | x)$$

The rule is the following:

if  $R(\alpha1 \mid x) < R(\alpha2 \mid x)$   
action  $\alpha1$ : "decide  $c1$ " is taken

PUT VALUE IN THIS INEQUALITY  
AND THEN SUBTRACT

This results in the equivalent rule :

Decide  $c1$  if:

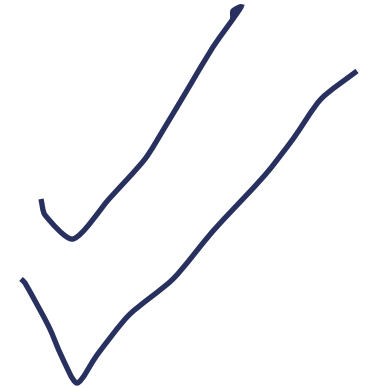
$$(\lambda_{21} - \lambda_{11}) P(c1 \mid x) > (\lambda_{12} - \lambda_{22}) P(c2 \mid x)$$

By Bayes formula

$$(\lambda_{21} - \lambda_{11}) P(x \mid c1) P(c1) > (\lambda_{12} - \lambda_{22}) P(x \mid c2) P(c2)$$

## *Likelihood ratio*

$$\text{if } \frac{P(x | c_1)}{P(x | c_2)} > \frac{\lambda_{12} - \lambda_{22}}{\lambda_{21} - \lambda_{11}} \cdot \frac{P(c_2)}{P(c_1)}$$



Then take action  $\alpha_1$  (decide  $c_1$ )

Otherwise take action  $\alpha_2$  (decide  $c_2$ )

# Example

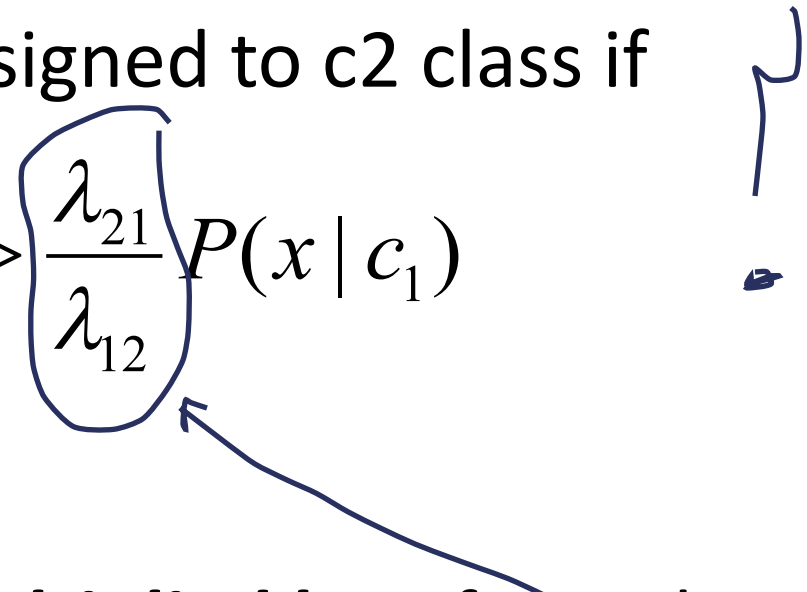
- Suppose selection of  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  has same probability:

$$P(c_1)=p(c_2)=1/2$$

Assume that the loss matrix  $L = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \lambda_{12} \\ \lambda_{21} & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  has the form

- If misclassification of patterns that come from  $c_2$  is considered to be more serious

- Thus, patterns are assigned to c2 class if

$$P(x | c_2) > \frac{\lambda_{21}}{\lambda_{12}} P(x | c_1)$$


- That is,  $P(x | c_1)$  **is multiplied by** a factor less than 1

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This doctor has two possible actions: “prescribe” hot tea or antibiotics. Doctor can use prior and predict optimally: always flue. Therefore doctor will always prescribe hot tea.

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# The Bayesian Doctor - Cntd.

- **But there is very high risk:** Although this doctor can diagnose with very high rate of success using the prior, (s)he can lose a patient once in a while.
- Denote the two possible actions:  
 $a_1$  = prescribe hot tea  
 $a_2$  = prescribe antibiotics
- Now assume the following cost (loss) matrix:

$$\lambda_{i,j} =$$

|       | $\omega_1$ | $\omega_2$ |
|-------|------------|------------|
| $a_1$ | 0          | 10         |
| $a_2$ | 1          | 0          |

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- Choosing  $a_1$  results in **expected risk** of

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- So, considering the costs it's much better (and optimal!) to always give antibiotics.

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- But blood tests can often fail. Suppose  
    (**class conditional** probabilities.)

|           |                           |                           |
|-----------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| infection | $p(x_1   \omega_2) = 0.3$ | $p(x_2   \omega_2) = 0.7$ |
| flue      | $p(x_2   \omega_1) = 0.2$ | $p(x_1   \omega_1) = 0.8$ |



# The Bayesian Doctor - Cntd.

- Define the **conditional risk** given the observation

$$R(a_i | x) = \sum_{\omega_j} p(\omega_j | x) \cdot \lambda_{i,j}$$

- We would like to compute the conditional risk for each action and observation so that the doctor can choose an optimal action that minimizes risk.
- How can we compute  $p(\omega_j | x)$  ?
- We use the class conditional probabilities and **Bayes inversion rule**.

# The Bayesian Doctor - Cntd.

- Let's calculate first  $p(x_1)$  and  $p(x_2)$

$$p(x_1) = p(x_1 | \omega_1) \cdot p(\omega_1) + p(x_1 | \omega_2) \cdot p(\omega_2)$$

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$$\begin{aligned}p(x_1) &= p(x_1 | \omega_1) \cdot p(\omega_1) + p(x_1 | \omega_2) \cdot p(\omega_2) \\&= 0.8 \cdot 0.9 + 0.3 \cdot 0.1 \\&= 0.75\end{aligned}$$

- $p(x_2)$  is complementary to  $p(x_1)$ , so  $p(x_2) = 0.25$

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- Whenever we encounter an observation  $x$ , we can minimize the expected loss by minimizing the conditional risk.
- Makes sense: Doctor chooses hot tea if blood test is negative, and antibiotics otherwise.

# Advantages/Disadvantages of Naïve Bayes

- Advantages
  - Fast to train (single scan). Fast to classify
  - Handles real and discrete data
  - Handles streaming data well
- Disadvantages
  - Assumes independence of features