

# **ELEG 6913: Machine Learning for Big Data**

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## **Lecture 8: Feature Engineering on Texts**

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# Outline

- **Text Representation**
- **Feature Extraction**
- **Feature Selection**
- **Summary**

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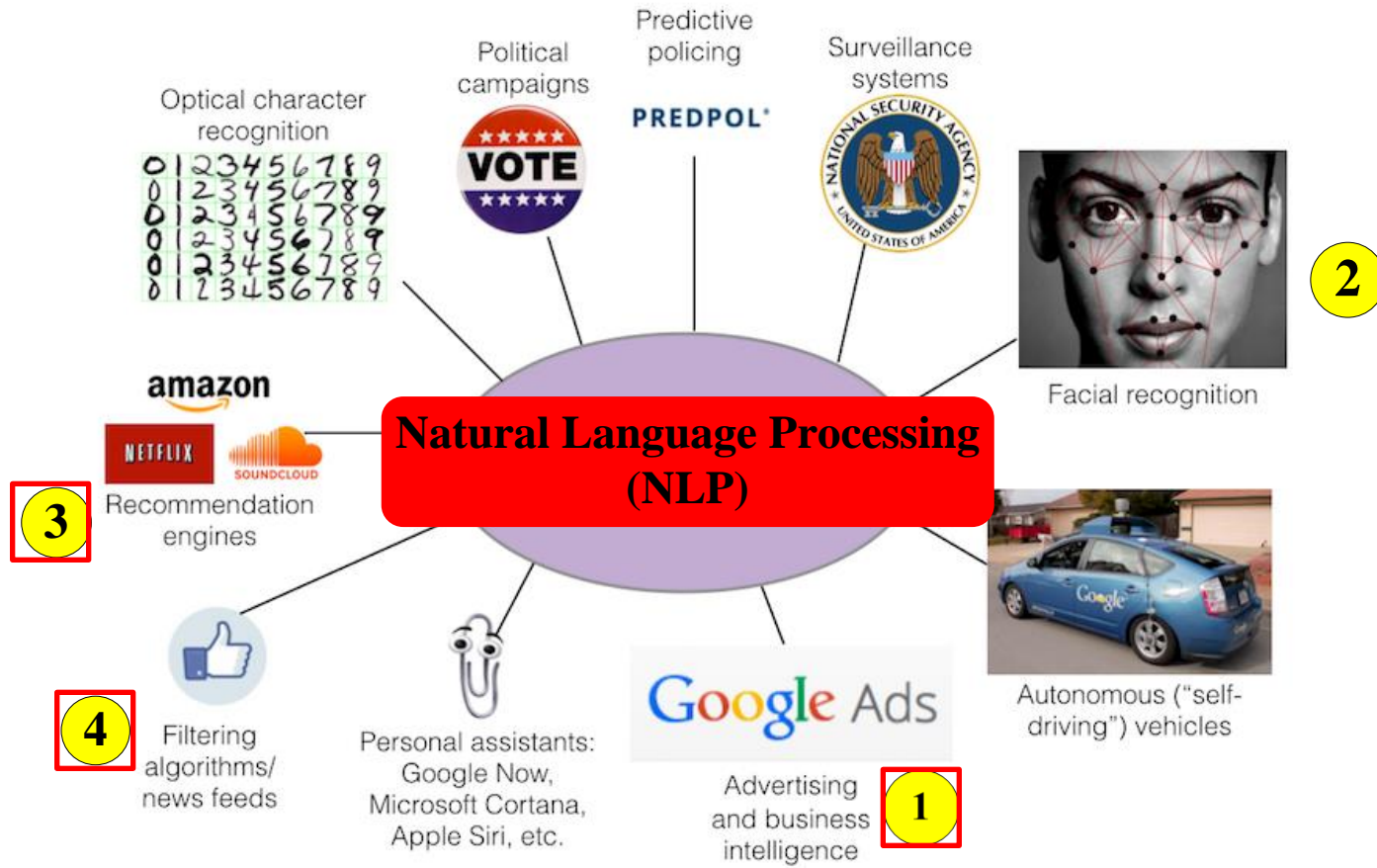
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# **Machine Learning**

- **Machine Learning and Applications**
- **Data Representation**
- **Text Representation**

# Machine Learning Applications



<https://redshiftzero.github.io/2015/08/29/Manipulation-and-Machine-Learning/>

# Machine Learning Problems

- **Classification**
- **Clustering**
- **Sequence Forecasting**
- ... ..

# Natural Language Processing

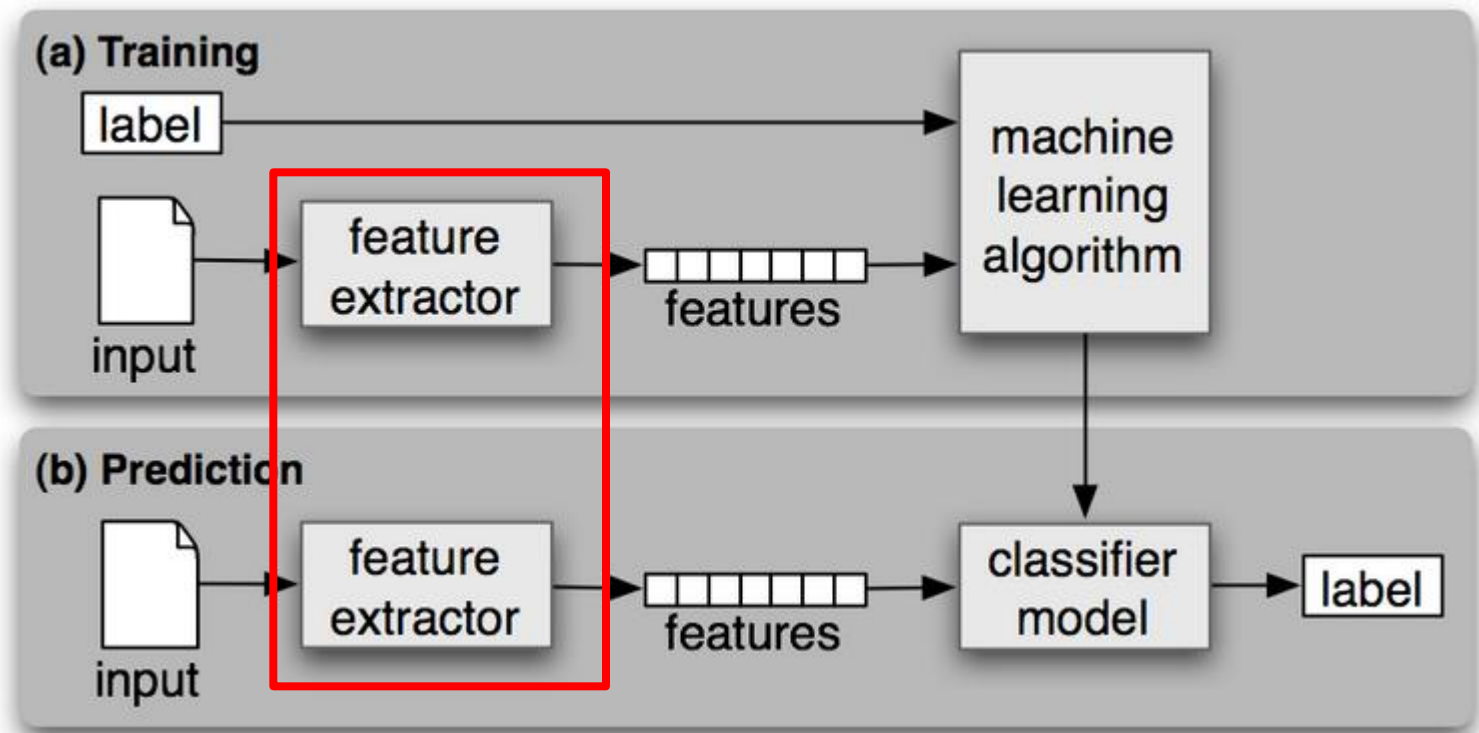
- **Text Classification**
- **Text Clustering**

# **Applications of Text Classification**

- **Information Retrieval**
- **Question Answer (Q & A)**
- **Recommendation System**
- **Stock Prediction**
- **Suicide Forecasting**
- **... ..**



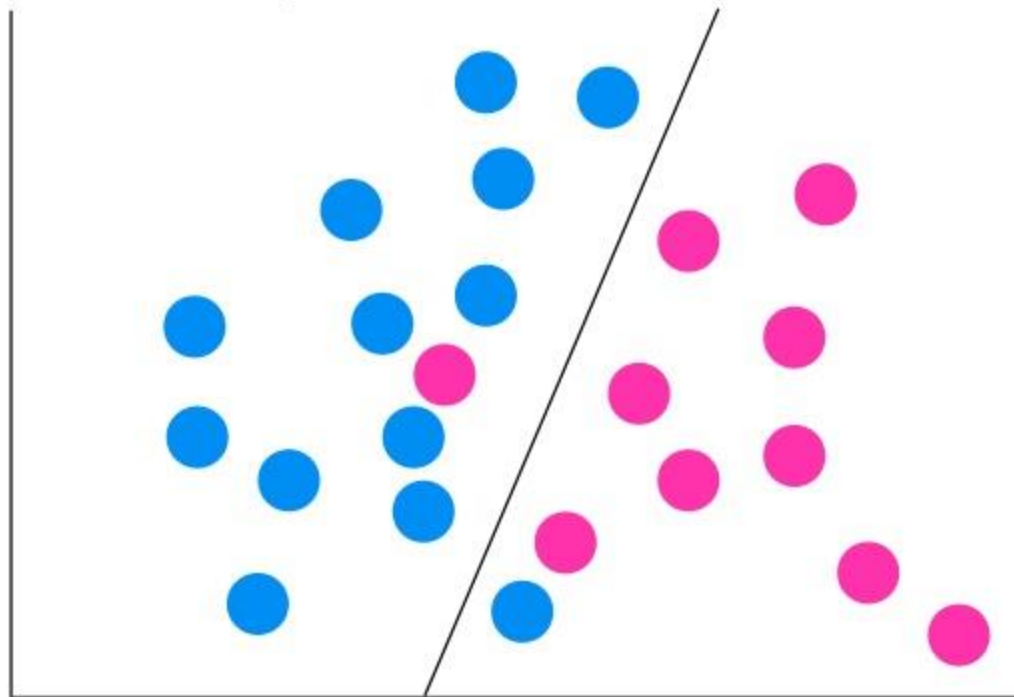
# Supervised Machine Learning



# Data Representation

## linear discriminants

*"draw a line through it"*



# Data Representation

Training sample pairs (X, D)

$X = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$  is the feature vector representing the instance.

$D = (d_1, d_2, \dots, d_m)$  is the desired (target) output of the classifier

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Day14	Rain	Mild	High	Strong	No

# **Data Representation**

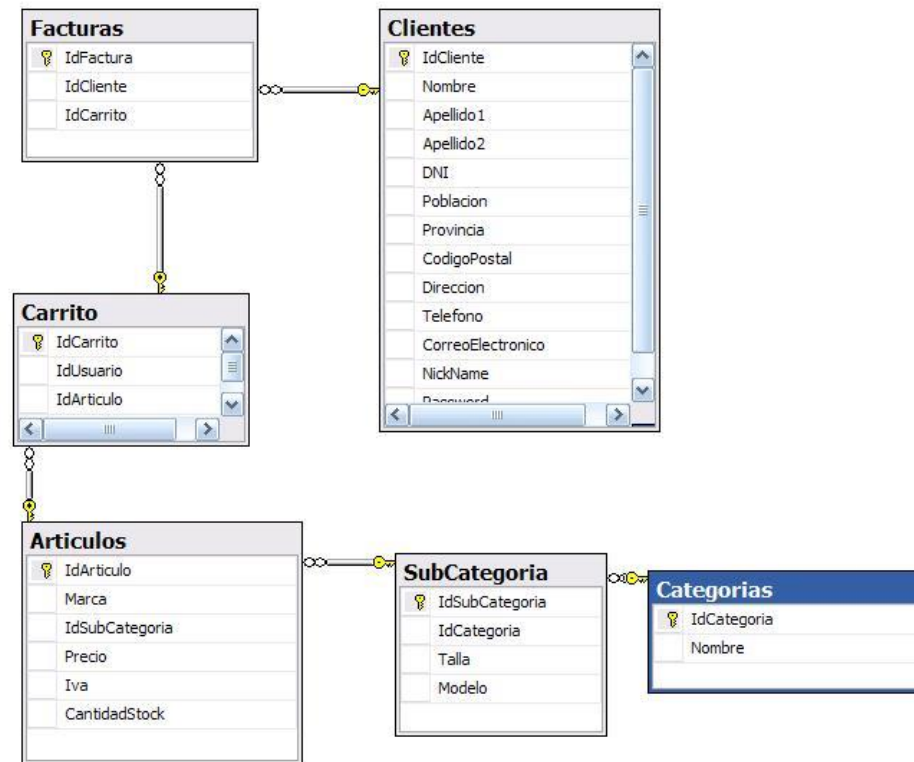
- **Structured Data**
- **Unstructured Data**

# Structured Data

- **Data structure is a particular way of organizing data in a computer so that it can be used efficiently (Wikipedia).**
- **A logic model of a particular organization.**



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# Unstructured Data

- **Text**

*“Machine learning is the science of getting computers to act without being explicitly programmed. In the past decade, machine learning has given us self-driving cars, practical speech recognition, effective web search, and a vastly improved understanding of the human genome...”*



# **Unstructured Data**

**How to represent texts for learning  
in computers?**

# **Text Representation**

- **Where can we gain the texts?**
- **How do you choose the source of the texts?**
- **Scale of the text datasets**







# Where can we gain the texts?

- Datasets Library



Browse Through: 30 Data Sets

Table View List View

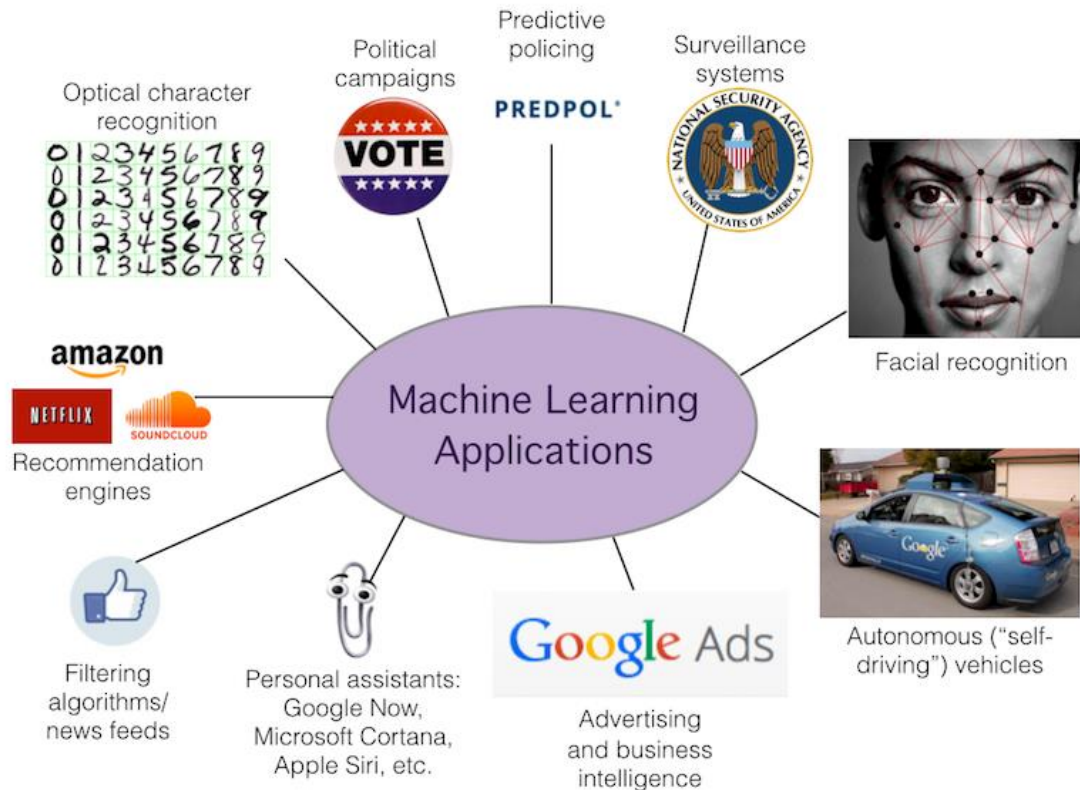
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Life Sciences (2) Physical Sciences (1) CS / Engineering (14) Social Sciences (2) Business (3)							

# Where can we gain the texts?

- **Collect from website**
  - ✓ **Blogs**
  - ✓ **E-commerce websites**
  - ✓ **Social Network**
    - **Twitter**
  - ✓ **....**

# How do you choose the source of the texts?

- Applications determine the source.



# Scale of the text datasets

- **Infinite data is best, but...**
- **Standard Machine Learning Experiments**
  - ✓ **More than 1,000 samples**
- **Big Data**
  - ✓ **More than 1 Gigbyte**
  - ✓ **More than 1 million samples (Deep Learning)**

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# Feature Extraction

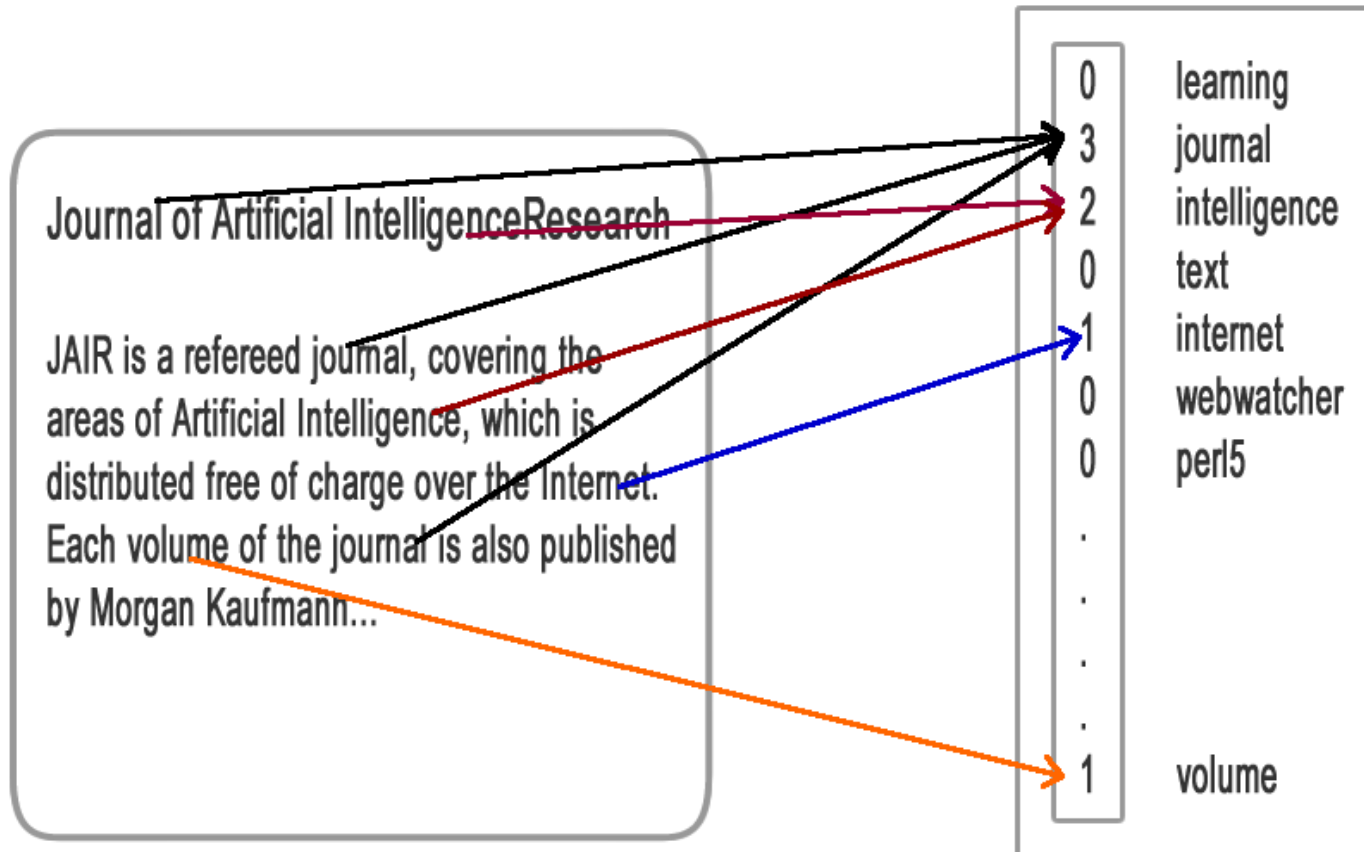
- **Bag of words**
- **Binary Features**
- **Continuous Features**



# Bag of words

- **Vector representation doesn't consider the ordering of words in a document**
- **In this model, a text (such as a sentence or a document) is represented as the bag of its words, disregarding grammar and even word order.**

# Bag of words



# Binary Features

**D1: John likes to watch movies. Mary likes movies too.**

**D2: John also likes to watch football games.**

[

“John”,  
“likes”,  
“watch”,  
“movies”,  
“also”,  
“football”,  
“games”,  
“Mary”,  
“too”

]

## Binary Representation

**D1: [1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1]**

**D2: [1, 1, 1, 1, 0, 1, 1, 1, 0, 0]**

# Bag of words

- **Deficiency**
  - ✓ **Weak representation**
  - ✓ **Sparse representation**

# Binary Features

**D1: John doesn't like to watch movies, but likes to watch football games.**

**D2: John doesn't like to watch football games, but likes to watch movies.**

# Binary Features

**D1: John doesn't like to watch movies. Mary likes to watch football games.**

**D2: John likes singing.**

# Continuous Features

- **Term Frequency (TF)**
- **Term Frequency-Inverse Document Frequency (TF-IDF)**

# Term Frequency (TF)

- The term frequency  $tf_{t,d}$  of term  $t$  in document  $d$  is defined as the number of times that  $t$  occurs in  $d$ .
- A document with 10 occurrences of the term is more relevant than a document with one occurrence of the term.
- But not 10 times more relevant.
- Relevance does not increase proportionally with term frequency



# Term Frequency (TF)

Generally speaking, sentiment analysis aims to determine the attitude of a speaker or a writer with respect to some topic or the overall contextual polarity of a document.

[  
    a , 3,  
    the, 2  
    or, 2  
    ... ...  
]



Stop Words

# Term Frequency

**D1: John likes to watch movies. Mary likes movies too.**

**D2: John also likes to watch football games.**

[

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“likes”,  
“watch”,  
“movies”,  
“also”,  
“football”,  
“games”,  
“Mary”,  
“too”

]

## Term Frequency Representation

**D1: [1, 2, 1, 2, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1]**

**D2: [1, 1, 1, 1, 0, 1, 1, 1, 0, 0]**

# **Term Frequency-Inverse Document Frequency (TF-IDF)**

- **Document frequency**
  - ✓ **Rare terms are more informative than frequent terms.**
  - **Recall stop words**
  - ✓ **We want a high weight for rare terms like “arachnocentric”.**

# Term Frequency-Inverse Document Frequency (TF-IDF)

- Document frequency
  - ✓ A document containing such a term is more likely to be relevant than a document that doesn't, but it's not a sure indicator of relevance.
  - ✓ We will use document frequency (df) to capture this in the score.

df ( $\leq N$ ) is the number of documents that contain the term

# Term Frequency-Inverse Document Frequency (TF-IDF)

- Document frequency
  - ✓  $df_t$  is the document frequency of  $t$ : the number of documents that contain  $t$
  - $df$  is a measure of the informativeness of  $t$ .

# Term Frequency-Inverse Document Frequency (TF-IDF)

- Document frequency
  - ✓ We define the IDF (inverse document frequency) of  $t$  by

$$\text{idf}_t = \log_{10} N/\text{df}_t$$

**N:** the number of documents

- TF-IDF
  - ✓  $TFIDF(t) = TF(t) * IDF(t)$

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# Feature Selection

- **In machine learning and statistics, feature selection, also known as variable selection, attribute selection or variable subset selection, is the process of selecting a subset of relevant features (variables, predictors) for use in model construction.**



# Feature Selection

- **Feature selection techniques are used for three reasons:**
  - ✓ **simplification of models to make them easier to interpret by researchers/users**
  - ✓ **shorter training times,**
  - ✓ **enhanced generalization by reducing overfitting**

# Information Gain

- In information theory and machine learning, information gain is a synonym for Kullback–Leibler divergence that is a measure of the difference between two probability distributions  $P$  and  $Q$ .
- Evaluate the relevance between two variables

# Information Gain

- **Based on Information Entropy**
  - **Information entropy (more specifically, Shannon entropy) is the expected value (average) of the information contained in each message.**

# Information Entropy Calculation

If we have a set with  $k$  different values in it, we can calculate the entropy as follows:

$$\text{entropy}(\text{Set}) = I(\text{Set}) = -\sum_{i=1}^k P(\text{value}_i) \cdot \log_2(P(\text{value}_i))$$

Where  $P(\text{value}_i)$  is the probability of getting the  $i^{\text{th}}$  value when randomly selecting one from the set.

So, for the set  $R = \{a, a, a, b, b, b, b, b\}$

$$\text{entropy}(R) = I(R) = -\left[ \underbrace{\left(\frac{3}{8}\right) \log_2\left(\frac{3}{8}\right)}_{\text{a-values}} + \underbrace{\left(\frac{5}{8}\right) \log_2\left(\frac{5}{8}\right)}_{\text{b-values}} \right]$$

# Information Entropy Calculation

<u>Color</u>	<u>Size</u>	<u>Shape</u>	<u>Edible?</u>
Yellow	Small	Round	+
Yellow	Small	Round	-
Green	Small	Irregular	+
Green	Large	Irregular	-
Yellow	Large	Round	+
Yellow	Small	Round	+
Yellow	Small	Round	+
Yellow	Small	Round	+
Green	Small	Round	-
Yellow	Large	Round	-
Yellow	Large	Round	+
Yellow	Large	Round	-
Yellow	Large	Round	-
Yellow	Large	Round	-
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# Information Entropy Calculation

16 instances: 9 positive, 7 negative.

$$I(all\_data) = - \left[ \left( \frac{9}{16} \right) \log_2 \left( \frac{9}{16} \right) + \left( \frac{7}{16} \right) \log_2 \left( \frac{7}{16} \right) \right]$$

This equals: 0.9836

This makes sense - it's almost a 50/50 split; so, the entropy should be close to 1.

# Information Gain

- **Definition**

$$G(S, A) = I(S) - \sum_{v \in \text{Values}(A)} \frac{|S_v|}{|S|} I(S_v)$$

**$S$ : the data set**

**$A$ : attribute**

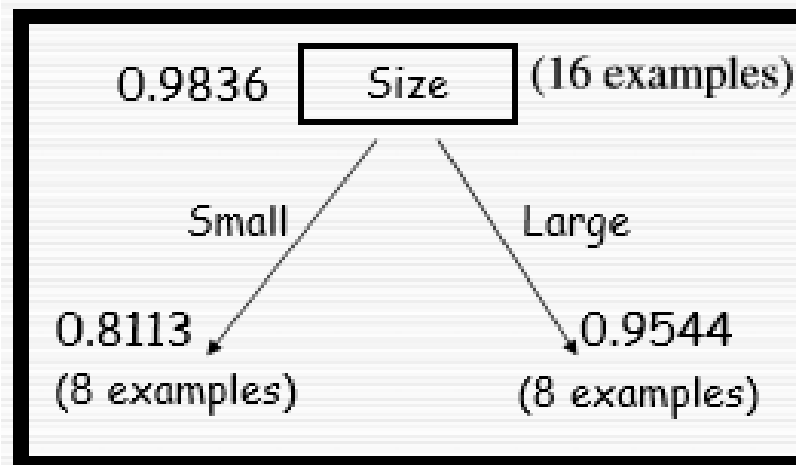
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# Information Gain



Entropy of left child is 0.8113

$$I(\text{size}=\text{small}) = 0.8113$$

Entropy of right child is 0.9544

$$I(\text{size}=\text{large}) = 0.9544$$

$$I(S_{\text{Size}}) = (8/16) * .8113 + (8/16) * .9544 = .8828$$

# Information Gain

$$G(\text{attrib}) = I(\text{parent}) - I(\text{attrib})$$

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We want to calculate the information gain (or entropy reduction). This is the reduction in 'uncertainty' when choosing our first branch as 'size'. We will represent information gain as "G."

$$G(\text{size}) = I(S) - I(S_{\text{Size}})$$

$$G(\text{size}) = 0.9836 - 0.8828$$

$$G(\text{size}) = 0.1008$$

Entropy of all data at parent node =  $I(\text{parent}) = 0.9836$

Child's expected entropy for 'size' split =  $I(\text{size}) = 0.8828$

So, we have gained 0.1008 *bits* of information about the dataset by choosing 'size' as the first branch of our decision tree.

# Information Gain

- **Statistical quantity measuring how well an attribute classifies the data.**
  - ✓ **Calculate the information gain for each attribute.**
  - ✓ **Choose attribute with greatest information gain.**

# Information Gain

- **Although information gain is usually a good measure for deciding the relevance of an attribute, it is not perfect.**
- **A notable problem occurs when information gain is applied to attributes that can take on a large number of distinct values.**

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# Summary

- **Representing raw data is the first step for building machine learning model.**
- **Feature extraction needs domain expert's help.**
- **Feature selection is necessary for improving performance and learning speed.**
- **Applications determine everything.**

**Thank you!**

**Q&A**