



## Bayesian Classifier

## A Quick Review of Probability

- The Axioms of Probability
  - $0 \leq P(A) \leq 1$
  - $P(\text{True}) = 1$
  - $P(\text{False}) = 0$
  - $P(A \text{ or } B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \text{ and } B)$

## Theorems from the Axioms

- $0 \leq P(A) \leq 1$ ,  $P(\text{True}) = 1$ ,  $P(\text{False}) = 0$
- $P(A \text{ or } B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \text{ and } B)$

From these we can prove:

$$P(\text{not } A) = P(\sim A) = 1 - P(A)$$

$$P(A) = P(A \text{ and } B) + P(A \text{ and } \sim B)$$

## Multivalued Random Variables

- Suppose A can take on more than 2 values
- A is a *random variable with arity k* if it can take on exactly one value out of  $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k\}$
- Thus...

$$P(A = v_i \text{ and } A = v_j) = 0 \text{ if } i \neq j$$

$$P(A = v_1 \text{ or } A = v_2 \dots \text{ or } A = v_k) = 1$$

## An easy fact about Multivalued Random Variables

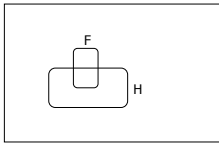
- Using the axioms of probability...
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  - $P(A \text{ or } B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \text{ and } B)$
- And assuming that A obeys...
  - $P(A = v_i \text{ and } A = v_j) = 0 \text{ if } i \neq j$
  - $P(A = v_1 \vee A = v_2 \vee \dots \vee A = v_k) = 1$
- It's easy to prove that
  - $P(A = v_1 \vee A = v_2 \vee \dots \vee A = v_i) = \sum_{j=1}^i P(A = v_j)$
- And thus we can prove
  - $\sum_{j=1}^k P(A = v_j) = 1$

## Another fact about Multivalued Random Variables:

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- It can be proved that
  - $P(B \text{ and } [A = v_1 \text{ or } A = v_2 \text{ or } A = v_i]) = \sum_{j=1}^i P(B \text{ and } (A = v_j))$
- And thus we can prove
  - $P(B) = \sum_{j=1}^k P(B \text{ and } A = v_j)$

## Conditional Probability

- $P(A|B)$  = Fraction of worlds in which B is true that also have A true



H = "Have a headache"  
F = "Coming down with Flu"

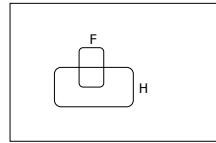
$P(H) = 1/10$   
 $P(F) = 1/40$   
 $P(H|F) = 1/2$

"Headaches are rare and flu is rarer, but if you're coming down with flu there's a 50-50 chance you'll have a headache."

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## Conditional Probability



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$P(H|F)$  = Fraction of flu-inflicted worlds in which you have a headache

= #worlds with flu and headache  
-----  
#worlds with flu

= Area of "H and F" region  
-----  
Area of "F" region

=  $P(H \text{ and } F)$   
-----  
 $P(F)$

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## Definition of Conditional Probability

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(A \text{ and } B)}{P(B)}$$

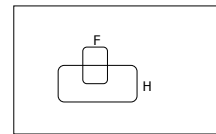
### Corollary: The Chain Rule

$$P(A \text{ and } B) = P(A|B) P(B)$$

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## Probabilistic Inference



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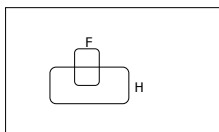
One day you wake up with a headache. You think: "Drat! 50% of flus are associated with headaches so I must have a 50-50 chance of coming down with flu"

Is this reasoning correct?

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$P(F \text{ and } H) = \dots$

$P(F|H) = \dots$

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## What we just did...is the Bayes Rule

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(A \text{ and } B)}{P(B)} = \frac{P(B|A) P(A)}{P(B)}$$

**Bayes, Thomas (1763)** An essay towards solving a problem in the doctrine of chances. *Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society of London*, 53:370-418



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## More General Forms of Bayes Rule

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(B|A)P(A)}{P(B|A)P(A) + P(B|\sim A)P(\sim A)}$$

$$P(A = v_i | B) = \frac{P(B | A = v_i)P(A = v_i)}{\sum_{k=1}^{n_A} P(B | A = v_k)P(A = v_k)}$$

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## Useful Easy-to-prove facts

$$P(A|B) + P(\neg A|B) = 1$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^{n_A} P(A = v_k | B) = 1$$

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## The Joint Distribution

Recipe for making a joint distribution of M variables:

*Example: Boolean variables A, B, C*

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1. Make a truth table listing all combinations of values of your variables (if there are M Boolean variables then the table will have  $2^M$  rows).

A	B	C
0	0	0
0	0	1
0	1	0
0	1	1
1	0	0
1	0	1
1	1	0
1	1	1

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0	0	1	0.05
0	1	0	0.10
0	1	1	0.05
1	0	0	0.05
1	0	1	0.10
1	1	0	0.25
1	1	1	0.10

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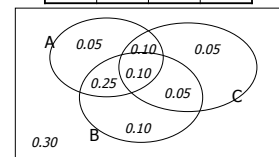
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3. If you subscribe to the axioms of probability, those numbers must sum to 1.

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## Using the Joint

gender	hours_worked	wealth	
Female	v0:40.5-	poor	0.253122
		rich	0.0245895
	v1:40.5+	poor	0.0421768
		rich	0.0116293
Male	v0:40.5-	poor	0.331313
		rich	0.0971295
	v1:40.5+	poor	0.134106
		rich	0.105933

One you have the JD you can ask for the probability of any logical expression involving your attribute

$$P(E) = \sum_{\text{rows matching } E} P(\text{row})$$

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$$P(\text{Poor Male}) = 0.4654$$

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$$P(\text{Poor}) = 0.7604$$

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## Inference with the Joint

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$$P(\text{Male} | \text{Poor}) = 0.4654 / 0.7604 = 0.612$$

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## Inference is a big deal

- I've got this evidence. What's the chance that this conclusion is true?
  - I've got a sore neck: how likely am I to have meningitis?
  - I see my lights are out and it's 9pm. What's the chance my spouse is already asleep?
- There's a thriving set of industries growing based around Bayesian Inference. Highlights are: Medicine, Pharma, Help Desk Support, Engine Fault Diagnosis

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## Where do Joint Distributions come from?

- Idea One: Expert Humans
- Idea Two: Simpler probabilistic facts and some algebra

Example: Suppose you knew

$$\begin{aligned} P(A) &= 0.7 & P(C|A \text{ and } B) &= 0.1 \\ P(B|A) &= 0.2 & P(C|A \text{ and } \sim B) &= 0.2 \\ P(B|\sim A) &= 0.1 & P(C|\sim A \text{ and } B) &= 0.3 \\ & & P(C|\sim A \text{ and } \sim B) &= 0.1 \end{aligned}$$

Then you can automatically compute the JD using the chain rule

$$P(A=x \text{ and } B=y \text{ and } C=z) = P(C=z|A=x \text{ and } B=y) P(B=y|A=x) P(A=x)$$

What is  $P(A, B, \sim C)$ ?

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## Where do Joint Distributions come from?

- Idea Three: Learn them from data!

Prepare to see one of the most impressive learning algorithms you'll come across in the entire course....

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## Learning a joint distribution

Build a JD table for your attributes in which the probabilities are unspecified

A	B	C	Prob
0	0	0	?
0	0	1	?
0	1	0	?
0	1	1	?
1	0	0	?
1	0	1	?
1	1	0	?
1	1	1	?

The fill in each row with

$$\hat{P}(\text{row}) = \frac{\text{records matching row}}{\text{total number of records}}$$

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Fraction of all records in which A and B are True but C is False

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## Example of Learning a Joint

- This Joint was obtained by learning from three attributes in the UCI "Adult" Census Database [Kohavi 1995]

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## Where are we?

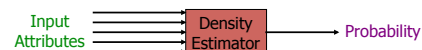
- We have recalled the fundamentals of probability
- We have become content with what JDs are and how to use them
- We know how to learn JDs from data.

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## Density Estimation

- Our Joint Distribution learner is our first example of something called Density Estimation
- A Density Estimator learns a mapping from a set of attributes to a Probability



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# Density Estimation

- Compare it against the two other major kinds of models:

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graph LR; IA1[Input Attributes] --> C[Classifier]; C --> P1[Prediction of categorical output]; IA2[Input Attributes] --> DE[Density Estimator]; DE --> P2[Probability]; IA3[Input Attributes] --> R[Regressor]; R --> P3[Prediction of real-valued output];
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# Evaluating Density Estimation

Test-set criterion for estimating performance on future data

Input Attributes → Classifier → Prediction of categorical output → Test set Accuracy

Input Attributes → Density Estimator → Probability → ?

Input Attributes → Regressor → Prediction of real-valued output → Test set Accuracy

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The diagram illustrates the relationship between input attributes and model outputs for three types of models:

- Classifier:** Takes **Input Attributes** as input and produces a **Prediction of categorical output**. This leads to **Test set Accuracy**.
- Density Estimator:** Takes **Input Attributes** as input and produces a **Probability**. This leads to a **?** (unknown metric).
- Regressor:** Takes **Input Attributes** as input and produces a **Prediction of real-valued output**. This leads to **Test set Accuracy**.

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# Evaluating a density estimator

- Given a record  $\mathbf{x}$ , a density estimator  $M$  can tell you how likely the record is:
$$\hat{P}(\mathbf{x}|M)$$
- Given a dataset with  $R$  records, a density estimator can tell you how likely the dataset is:  
(Under the assumption that all records were **independently** generated from the Density Estimator's JD)

$$\hat{P}(\text{dataset} | M) = \hat{P}(\mathbf{x}_1 \text{ and } \mathbf{x}_2 \dots \text{ and } \mathbf{x}_R | M) = \prod_{k=1}^R \hat{P}(\mathbf{x}_k | M)$$

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- $$\hat{P}(\text{dataset} \mid M) = \hat{P}(\mathbf{x}_1 \text{ and } \mathbf{x}_2 \dots \text{ and } \mathbf{x}_R \mid M) = \prod_{k=1}^R \hat{P}(\mathbf{x}_k \mid M)$$

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# Revisit the Miles Per Gallon dataset

192  
Training  
Set  
Records

mpg	modelyear	maker
good	75to78	asia
bad	70to74	america
bad	75to78	europa
bad	70to74	america
bad	70to74	america
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# the Miles Per Gallon dataset

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mpg	modelyear	maker
good	79i078	asia
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...	...	...
bad	70i074	america
good	79i083	america
bad	79i078	america
good	79i083	america
bad	79i078	america
good	79i083	america
good	79i083	america
bad	70i074	america
good	79i078	europa
bad	79i078	europa

mpg modelyear maker

mpg	modelyear	maker	count
bad	70i074	america	0.27551
asia		0.0255102	
europa		0.0153061	
79i077		america	0.153061
asia		0.0255102	
europa		0.0357143	
79i083		america	0.0591224
asia		Never	
europa		Never	
good	70i074	america	0.0102041
asia		0.0308122	
europa		0.0459184	
79i077		america	0.0308122
asia		0.0408183	
europa		0.0357143	
79i083		america	0.112245
asia		0.0714286	
europa		0.0357143	

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good	75to78	asia
bad	70to74	america
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good	75to78	europe
bad	75to78	europe

mpg	modelyear	maker
bad 787474	america	0.27551
	asia	0.0255102
	europce	0.0153061
797477	america	0.153061
	asia	0.0255102
	europce	0.0357143
787483	america	0.0561224
	asia	Never
	europce	Never
good 747474	america	0.0102041
	asia	0.0306122
	europce	0.0459184
797477	america	0.0306122
	asia	0.0408163
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787483	america	0.112245
	asia	0.0714266
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# the Miles Per Gallon dataset

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= (in this case) =  $3.4 \times 10^{-203}$

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		asia	0.0295102
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... and  $\mathbf{x}_R \mid M = \prod_{k=1}^R \hat{p}(\mathbf{x}_k \mid M)$

) =  $3.4 \times 10^{-203}$

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		europa	0.0357143

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## Using a test set

	Set Size	Log likelihood
Training Set	196	-466.1905
Test Set	196	-614.6157

The only reason that our test set didn't score -infinity is that the code is hard-wired to always predict a probability of at least one in  $10^{20}$

*We need Density Estimators that are less prone to overfitting*

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## Naïve Density Estimation

The problem with the Joint Estimator is that it just mirrors the training data.

We need something which generalizes more usefully.

The naïve model generalizes strongly:

Assume that each attribute is distributed independently of any of the other attributes.

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## Independently Distributed Data

- Let  $x[i]$  denote the  $i$ 'th field of record  $x$ .
- The independent distribution assumption says that for any  $i, v, u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{i-1}, u_{i+1}, \dots, u_M$

$$P(x[i] = v \mid x[1] = u_1, x[2] = u_2, \dots, x[i-1] = u_{i-1}, x[i+1] = u_{i+1}, \dots, x[M] = u_M) = P(x[i] = v)$$

- Or in other words,  $x[i]$  is independent of  $\{x[1], x[2], \dots, x[i-1], x[i+1], \dots, x[M]\}$
- This is often written as  $x[i] \perp \{x[1], x[2], \dots, x[i-1], x[i+1], \dots, x[M]\}$

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## A note about independence

- Assume  $A$  and  $B$  are Boolean Random Variables. Then

" $A$  and  $B$  are independent" if and only if

$$P(A \mid B) = P(A)$$

- " $A$  and  $B$  are independent" is often notated as

$$A \perp B$$

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## Independence Theorems

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|---|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assume <math>P(A \mid B) = P(A)</math><br/>Then<br/><math>P(A \text{ and } B) = P(A) P(B)</math></li> <li>Assume <math>P(A \mid B) = P(A)</math><br/>Then<br/><math>P(\sim A \mid B) = P(\sim A)</math></li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assume <math>P(A \mid B) = P(A)</math><br/>Then<br/><math>P(B \mid A) = P(B)</math></li> <li>Assume <math>P(A \mid B) = P(A)</math><br/>Then<br/><math>P(A \mid \sim B) = P(A)</math></li> </ul> |
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## Multivalued Independence

For multivalued Random Variables  $A$  and  $B$ ,

$$A \perp B$$

if and only if

$$\forall u, v : P(A = u \mid B = v) = P(A = u)$$

from which you can then prove things like...

$$\forall u, v : P(A = u \text{ and } B = v) = P(A = u)P(B = v)$$

$$\forall u, v : P(B = v \mid A = u) = P(B = v)$$

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## Back to Naïve Density Estimation

- Let  $x[i]$  denote the  $i$ 'th field of record  $x$ :
- Naïve DE assumes  $x[i]$  is independent of  $\{x[1], x[2], \dots, x[i-1], x[i+1], \dots, x[M]\}$
- Example:
  - Suppose that each record is generated by randomly shaking a green dice and a red dice
    - Dataset 1: A = red value, B = green value
    - Dataset 2: A = red value, B = sum of values
    - Dataset 3: A = sum of values, B = difference of values
  - Which of these datasets violates the naïve assumption?

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## Using the Naïve Distribution

- Once you have a Naïve Distribution you can easily compute any row of the joint distribution.
- Suppose A, B, C and D are independently distributed. What is  $P(A \text{ and } \sim B \text{ and } C \text{ and } \sim D)$ ?

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## Naïve Distribution General Case

- Suppose  $x[1], x[2], \dots, x[M]$  are independently distributed.

$$P(x[1] = u_1, x[2] = u_2, \dots, x[M] = u_M) = \prod_{k=1}^M P(x[k] = u_k)$$

- So if we have a Naïve Distribution we can construct any row of the implied Joint Distribution on demand.
- So we can do any inference
- But how do we learn a Naïve Density Estimator?

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## Learning a Naïve Density Estimator

$$\hat{P}(x[i] = u) = \frac{\text{\# records in which } x[i] = u}{\text{total number of records}}$$

Another trivial learning algorithm!

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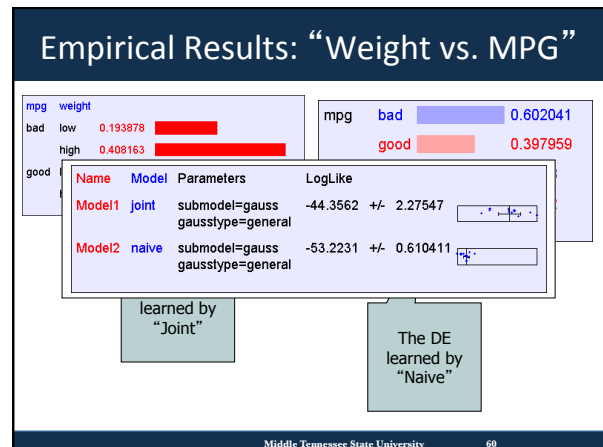
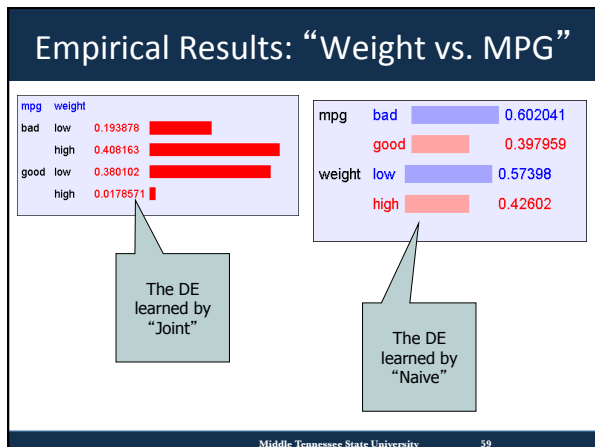
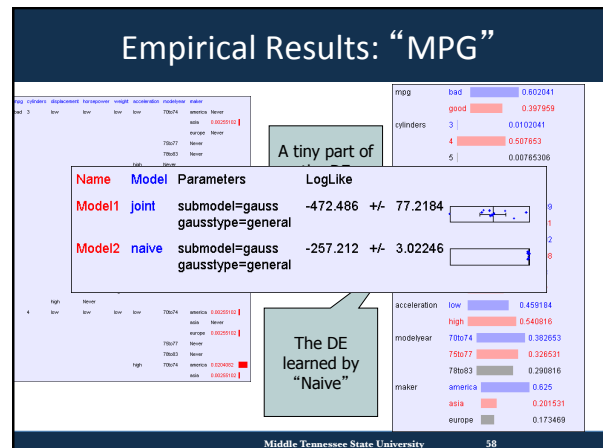
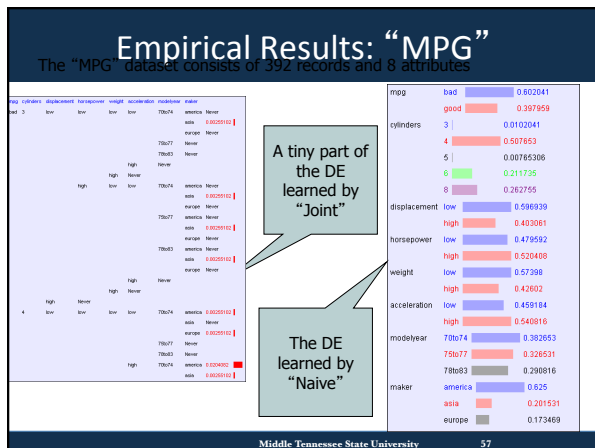
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## Contrast

Joint DE	Naïve DE
Can model anything	Can model only very boring distributions
No problem to model "C is a noisy copy of A"	Outside Naïve's scope
Given 100 records and more than 6 Boolean attributes will screw up	Given 100 records and 10,000 multivalued attributes will be fine

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## Reminder: The Good News

- We have two ways to learn a Density Estimator from data.
- Other, vastly more impressive Density Estimators developed
  - Mixture Models, Bayesian Networks, Density Trees, Kernel Densities and many more
- Density estimators can do many good things...
  - Anomaly detection
  - Can do inference:  $P(E1|E2)$  Automatic Doctor / Help Desk etc
  - Ingredient for Bayes Classifiers

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## Bayes Classifiers

- A formidable and sworn enemy of decision trees

Input Attributes → Classifier → Prediction of categorical output

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## How to build a Bayes Classifier

- Assume you want to predict output  $Y$  which has arity  $n_Y$  and values  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{n_Y}$ .
- Assume there are  $m$  input attributes called  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_m$ .
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Is this a good idea?

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This is a Maximum Likelihood classifier.

It can get silly if some  $Y$ s are very unlikely

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Much Better Idea

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## Terminology

- MLE (Maximum Likelihood Estimator):  

$$Y^{\text{predict}} = \underset{v}{\operatorname{argmax}} P(X_1 = u_1 \cdots X_m = u_m \mid Y = v)$$
- MAP (Maximum A-Posteriori Estimator):  

$$Y^{\text{predict}} = \underset{v}{\operatorname{argmax}} P(Y = v \mid X_1 = u_1 \cdots X_m = u_m)$$

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## Computing a posterior probability

$$\begin{aligned}
 Y^{\text{predict}} &= \underset{v}{\operatorname{argmax}} P(Y = v \mid X_1 = u_1 \cdots X_m = u_m) \\
 &= \frac{P(X_1 = u_1 \cdots X_m = u_m \mid Y = v)P(Y = v)}{P(X_1 = u_1 \cdots X_m = u_m)} \\
 &= \frac{P(X_1 = u_1 \cdots X_m = u_m \mid Y = v)P(Y = v)}{\sum_{j=1}^{n_Y} P(X_1 = u_1 \cdots X_m = u_m \mid Y = v_j)P(Y = v_j)}
 \end{aligned}$$

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## Bayes Classifiers in a nutshell

1. Learn the distribution over inputs for each value Y.
2. This gives  $P(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_m \mid Y = v_i)$ .
3. Estimate  $P(Y = v_i)$  as fraction of records with  $Y = v_i$ .
4. For a new prediction:

$$\begin{aligned}
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## Bayes Classifiers in a nutshell

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- Step 2. This gives  $P(X_1, X_2, \dots)$
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- Step 4. For a new prediction

We can use our favorite Density Estimator here.

Right now we have two options:

- Joint Density Estimator
- Naïve Density Estimator

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## Joint Density Bayes Classifier

$$Y^{\text{predict}} = \underset{v}{\operatorname{argmax}} P(X_1 = u_1 \cdots X_m = u_m \mid Y = v)P(Y = v)$$

- In the case of the joint Bayes Classifier this degenerates to a very simple rule:
- $Y^{\text{predict}}$  = the most common value of Y among records in which  $X_1 = u_1, X_2 = u_2, \dots, X_m = u_m$ .
- Note that if no records have the exact set of inputs  $X_1 = u_1, X_2 = u_2, \dots, X_m = u_m$ , then  $P(X_1 = u_1, X_2 = u_2, \dots, X_m = u_m \mid Y = v_i) = 0$  for all values of Y.
- In that case we just have to guess Y's value

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## Naïve Bayes Classifier

$$Y^{\text{predict}} = \underset{v}{\operatorname{argmax}} P(X_1 = u_1 \cdots X_m = u_m \mid Y = v)P(Y = v)$$

- In the case of the naïve Bayes Classifier this can be simplified:

$$Y^{\text{predict}} = \underset{v}{\operatorname{argmax}} P(Y = v) \prod_{j=1}^{n_Y} P(X_j = u_j \mid Y = v)$$

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## An Example

Day	Outlook	Temperature	Humidity	Wind	PlayGolf
D1	sunny	hot	high	weak	no
D2	sunny	hot	high	strong	no
D3	overcast	hot	high	weak	yes
D4	rain	mild	high	weak	yes
D5	rain	cool	normal	weak	yes
D6	rain	cool	normal	strong	no
D7	overcast	cool	normal	strong	yes
D8	sunny	mild	high	weak	no
D9	sunny	cool	normal	weak	yes
D10	rain	mild	normal	weak	yes
D11	sunny	mild	normal	strong	yes
D12	overcast	mild	high	strong	yes
D13	overcast	hot	normal	weak	yes
D14	rain	mild	high	strong	no

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## To Learn a Naïve Bayes Classifier from this data

Two classes:  $y=v_1$  : play golf=no  
 $y=v_2$  : play golf=yes

four attributes:

$x_1$ : three values (sunny, overcast, rain)

$x_2$ : three values (hot, mild, cool)

$x_3$ : two values (high, normal)

$x_4$ : two values (weak, strong)

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## Which probabilities do we need to compute?

•  $P(\text{class1} = \text{yes})$

$P(\text{class2} = \text{no})$

$P(a1=\text{sunny}|y=\text{yes})$   
 $P(a1=\text{overcast}|y=\text{yes})$   
 $P(a1=\text{rain}|y=\text{yes})$

$P(a1=\text{sunny}|y=\text{no})$   
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 $P(a4=\text{strong}|y=\text{yes})$

$P(a4=\text{weak}|y=\text{no})$   
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## Reorder according to class label

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## Classification Step

Given a new case/object:

outlook=sunny,  
 temperature=cool,  
 humid=high,  
 wind = strong

Question: whether to play or not to play golf?

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## Classification Step

$P(y=\text{yes} | x1=\text{sunny}, x2=\text{cool}, x3=\text{high}, x4=\text{strong})$   
 $=P(\text{yes})P(\text{sunny}|\text{yes})P(\text{cool}|\text{yes})$   
 $P(\text{high}|\text{yes})P(\text{strong}|\text{yes})$   
 $=0.64*0.22*0.33*0.33*0.33=0.005$

$P(y=\text{no} | x1=\text{sunny}, x2=\text{cool}, x3=\text{high}, x4=\text{strong})$   
 $=P(\text{no})P(\text{sunny}|\text{no})P(\text{cool}|\text{no})P(\text{high}|\text{no})P(\text{strong}|\text{no})$   
 $=0.36*0.6*0.2*0.8*0.6=0.02$

The answer is No.

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## Naïve Bayes Classifier

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Technical Hint:

If you have 10,000 input attributes that product will underflow in floating point math. You should use logs:

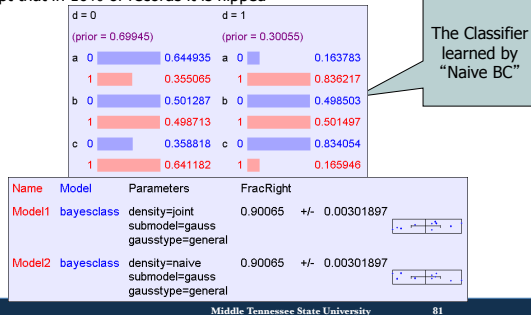
$$Y^{\text{predict}} = \underset{v}{\operatorname{argmax}} \left( \log P(Y = v) + \sum_{j=1}^{n_y} \log P(X_j = u_j | Y = v) \right)$$

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## Naive BC Results: “Logical”

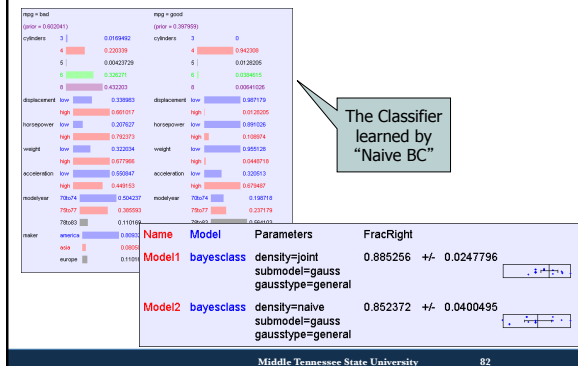
The “logical” dataset consists of 40,000 records and 4 Boolean attributes called a,b,c,d where a,b,c are generated 50-50 randomly as 0 or 1. d = a and ~c, except that in 10% of records it is flipped



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## BC Results: “MPG”: 392 records



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## BC Results: “MPG”: 40 records

Name	Model	Parameters	FracRight	+/-
Model1	bayesclass	density=joint submodel=gauss gausstype=general	0.725	+/- 0.114333
Model2	bayesclass	density=naive submodel=gauss gausstype=general	0.8	+/- 0.122227

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## Classify text with naïve Bayes classifier

- Why?
  - Learn which news articles are of interest
  - Learn to classify web pages by topic
  - Spam control...
- Naïve Bayes is among the most effective algorithms

What attributes shall we use to represent text documents?

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## Text Classification – data formulation

- Class label:
  - Target concept Interesting?
  - Document → {class1=yes, class2=no}
- represent each document by vector of words (one attribute per word position in document)
  - Remove stopwords, numbers, tags, single letters, ...
  - Change all words to lower case
  - Stemming (only retain roots)
  - Remove words appeared only once

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## Naïve Bayes Classifier for Text Classification

- Build classifier: estimate
  - $P(\text{class1=yes}), P(\text{class2=no}),$
  - $P(\text{doc} | \text{class1=yes}), P(\text{doc} | \text{class2=no})$

conditional independence assumption:

$$P(\text{doc} | \text{class}_j) = \prod_{i=1}^{\text{length}(\text{doc})} P(a_i = w_k | \text{class}_j)$$

Probability word in position  $i$  is  $w_k$  for class<sub>j</sub>

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## Naïve Bayes Classifier for Text Classification

- Additional assumption: **positional independence assumption**

drop word positioning

$$P(a_i = w_k | class_j) = P(a_m = w_k | class_j), \text{ for all } i, m$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} P(doc | class_j) &= \prod_{i=1}^{length(doc)} P(a_i = w_k | class_j) \\ &= \prod_i P(w_i | class_j) \end{aligned}$$

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## Steps in Learning Naïve Bayes Text Classifier

- Collect all words and other tokens that occur in examples
- Vocabulary = all distinct words and other tokens in the examples
- Calculate  $P(class_j)$  and  $P(w_k | class_j)$  for each target value  $class_j$ :
  - $doc_j$  = subset of document examples for which the target value is  $class_j$
  - $P(class_j) = |doc_j| / |\text{all document examples}|$
  - $text_j \leftarrow$  a single document created by concatenating all members of  $doc_j$

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## Steps in Learning Naïve Bayes Text Classifier

- $n$  = total number of words in  $Text_j$  (counting duplicate words multiple times)
- for each word  $w_k$  in Vocabulary

$n_k$  = number of times word  $w_k$  occurs in  $Text_j$

$$P(w_k | class_j) = \frac{(n_k + 1)}{n + |\text{vocabulary}|}$$

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## Steps in Classifying a Document using the Naïve Test Classifier

- Positions = all word positions in the document that contain tokens found in Vocabulary
- Return  $v_{NB}$ , where

$$v_{NB} = \underset{j}{\operatorname{argmax}} P(class_j) \prod_{i \in \text{positions}} P(w_i | class_j)$$

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## Example Application: Classify newsgroup documents

Given 1000 training documents from each group, learn to classify new documents according to which newsgroup it came from:

comp.graphics	misc.forsale
comp.os.ms-windows.misc	rec.autos
comp.sys.ibm.pc.hardware	rec.motorcycles
comp.sys.mac.hardware	rec.sport.hockey
....	

Result: Naïve Bayes obtained 89% classification accuracy

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