

Linear Text classification

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Problem definition: Given a text document, assign it a label $y \in \mathcal{Y}$ where \mathcal{Y} is the set of possible labels

applications:

- ▶ Spam filter: <https://eduassistpro.github.io/>
- ▶ Sentiment: $\mathcal{Y} = \{\text{Positive, negative}\}$
- ▶ Genre classification: $\mathcal{Y} = \{\text{sport, ...}\}$

Bag-of-words representation of a document

A typical representation of a document is mathematically a vector of word counts:

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where x_j is the count of word j in the document and V is the size of the vocabulary. The vector for all documents in a set are of the same length for apple-to-apple comparison.

- ▶ “Vocabulary” here can’t be understood in a general language. For instance, it could include all bigrams in a collection of documents.
- ▶ Alternatives to word counts include simple presence 1 or absence 0 of a word, tf/idf of a word, etc.
- ▶ By using word count we dropped all word order information

Feature function

- ▶ Not all words are equally compatible with a particular label. We assign a score to each word in the vocabulary to indicate the “compatibility” with the label, e.g., “basketball” has a high compatibility with *sports*, “Gryffindor” has a high compatibility with *fiction*.
- ▶ These compatibility scores are arranged in a vector $\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, y)$ and they are
- ▶ Given a bag-of-words \mathbf{x} and a weight vector $\boldsymbol{\theta}$, we predict the label y by computing the total compatibility score $\Psi(\mathbf{x}, y)$ between \mathbf{x} and y .
- ▶ In a linear function, this compatibility score is the inner product of between the weights $\boldsymbol{\theta}$ and a *feature function*:

$$\hat{y} = \operatorname{argmax}_{y \in \mathcal{Y}} \Psi(\mathbf{x}, y)$$

$$\Psi(\mathbf{x}, y) = \boldsymbol{\theta} \cdot \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, y) = \sum_i \theta_i f_i(\mathbf{x}, y)$$

More on feature function

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- ▶ The feature function has two arguments, the word counts \mathbf{x} and the label y .
- ▶ It will return a feature vector where each element of the vector might be:

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$f_j(\mathbf{x}, y) =$ ⁰_{tion}

- ▶ In this case the size of the feature vector is the size of the vocabulary, but it doesn't have to be.
- ▶ The output of the feature function also doesn't have to be the word count.

Shape of the feature vector

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$$f(\mathbf{x}, y = 1) = [\mathbf{x}; \underbrace{0; 0; \dots; 0}_{(K-1) \times V}]$$

$$f(\mathbf{x}, y = 2) = [\underbrace{0; 0; \dots; 0}_V; \mathbf{x}; \underbrace{0; 0; \dots; 0}_{(K-2) \times V}]$$

$$f(\mathbf{x}, y = K) = [\mathbf{x}; \underbrace{0; 0; \dots; 0}_{(K-1) \times V}]$$

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where K is size of the label set, $\underbrace{0; 0; \dots; 0}_{(K-1) \times V}$ is a vector of

$(K-1) \times V$ zeros and the semicolon indicates vertical concatenation.

Note: Think of a feature vector this way is good for mathematical presentation. It doesn't have to be implemented this way.

Bias

It is common to add a $\mathbf{1}$ to the vector of word counts which is always 1, and then we need to add a zero to each of the zero vectors, to make the vector lengths match. The entire vector $\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, y)$ will

$$\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, y = 2) = \begin{bmatrix} 0; 0; \cdots; 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, y = K) = \begin{bmatrix} \underbrace{0; 0; \cdots; 0}_{(K-1) \times (V+1)}; \mathbf{x} \end{bmatrix}$$

Bias: What's its effect on classification if it is the only feature?

Example “vocabulary” V

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Vocabulary for a collection of docu

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A	NEG	not funny at all
D	POS	funny stor
E	POS	good stor

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$V = \{ \text{not, funny, painful, ok, overall, story, good, jokes} \}$

From vocabulary to feature function

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$$f_1(\mathbf{x}, y) = \begin{cases} x_{not}, & \text{if } y = \text{NEG} \\ 0, & \text{Otherwise} \end{cases}$$

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$$f_2(\mathbf{x}, y) = \begin{cases} x_{\text{funny}}, & \text{if } y = \text{NEG} \\ 0, & \text{Otherwise} \end{cases}$$

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Feature vector for A:

$$\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x} = \text{featurize}(A), y = \text{NEG}) = [1; 1; 0; 0; 0; 0; 0; 0; 1; \underbrace{0; 0; \dots; 0}_{(3-1) \times (8+1)}]$$

From vocabulary to feature function

Voca <https://eduassistpro.github.io/>

A	NEG	not funny at all
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D	POS	funny story

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$V = \{ \text{not, funny, painful, ok, overall, story} \}$

Feature vector for C

$$f(\mathbf{x} = \text{featurize}(C), y = NEU) =$$

$$\underbrace{[0; 0; \dots; 0; 0; 0; 0; 1; 1; 0; 0; 0; 1; 0; 0; \dots; 0]}_{(8+1)} \underbrace{[0; 0; \dots; 0]}_{(8+1)}$$

From vocabulary to feature function

Voca <https://eduassistpro.github.io/>

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Feature vector for E [Add WeChat edu_assist_pro](#)

$$f(\mathbf{x} = \text{featurize}(E), y = POS) =$$

$$\underbrace{[0; 0; \cdots; 0; 0; 0; 0; 0; 0; 0; 0; 1; 1; 1]}_{(3-1) \times (8+1)}$$

The importance of feature functions

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- ▶ The performance of a model to a large extent depends on the use of proper feature functions
- ▶ A lot of research went to find the most effective f
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- ▶ Models that c
don't perform as well
- ▶ The most effective features differ from ta
relies on a good understanding of the problem at hand and
domain knowledge

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Assigning weights to features

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Now we know about features. What about the weights (θ)?

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- ▶ There are many different ways to estimate θ .
That's why we have different machine learning algorithms.
- ▶ We find the optimal value of θ with a set of training samples of size N : $\{\mathbf{x}^{1:N}, y^{1:N}\}$

Probability preliminaries

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- ▶ Joint probability: $P(X = a, Y = b)$ or $P(a, b)$ where X and Y are random variables and a and b are the random variables.
 - ▶ Conditional $\frac{P(X=a, Y=b)}{P(Y=b)}$
 - ▶ Bayes' theorem $\frac{P(X=a)P(Y=b|X=a)}{P(Y=b)}$
 - ▶ Marginalization (sum rule) $P(Y)$
 - ▶ Independence: $P(Y|X) = P(Y|X)$,
 $P(X, Y) = P(X)P(Y)$
 - ▶ Conditional independence: $P(X, Y|Z) = P(X|Z)P(Y|Z)$

Naïve Bayes: the objective

The objective is to maximize the likelihood of the labeled training documents, where N is the number of documents. This is known as the **maximum likelihood estimation**.

The goal of the training process is to find the weights θ that maximizes this likelihood.

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$$\begin{aligned} &= \operatorname{argmax}_{\theta} \prod_{i=1}^N p(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}; \theta) \\ &= \operatorname{argmax}_{\theta} \sum_{i=1}^N \log p(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}, y^{(i)}; \theta) \end{aligned}$$

The notation $p(\mathbf{x}^{1:N}, y^{1:N}; \theta)$ indicates that θ is a parameter of the probability function. Symbols in bold indicate a vector of variables rather than a single variable.

“Independent and Identically Distributed”

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- ▶ “A collection of random variables is **independent and identically distributed** if each random variable has the same probability distribution and is independent of the others.”
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- ▶ Often shortened as *i.i.d*
- ▶ The basis on which we can break down the joint probability of all samples into the product of the probability of each sample

The generative story of Naïve Bayes

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The probability $p(\mathbf{x}^{1:N}, y^{1:N}; \theta)$ is defined through a **generative model**, an idealized random process that has generated the observed data. The algorithm that describes the ge underlying the Naïve Bayes classifier with the p $\Theta = \{\mu, \phi\}$:

Algorithm 1 G ssification model

for Instance $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, N\}$ **d**
 Draw the label $y^{(i)} \propto \text{Categorical}(\mu)$;
 Draw the word counts $\mathbf{x}^{(i)} | y^{(i)} \propto \text{Multinomial}(\phi^{(i)})$.
end for

Multinomial distribution

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$$P_{X,Y}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = P_{X|Y}(\mathbf{x} | \mathbf{y}) \times P_Y(\mathbf{y})$$

$P_{Y|X}$ is a **multinomial**, which a probabilistic distribution over vectors of non-negative counts. The probability of this distribution is:

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$$P_{\text{multi}}(\mathbf{x}, \phi) = B(\mathbf{x}) \prod_{j=1}^V \phi_j^{x_j}$$

$$B(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{\left(\sum_{j=1}^V x_j\right)!}{\prod_{j=1}^V (x_j!)}$$

Crucially, $B(\mathbf{x})$ is a multinomial coefficient that does not depend on ϕ , and can usually be ignored.

Parameter estimation

The generative story ab

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$$\mathcal{L}(\theta) = \sum_{i=1}^N \log p(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}, \mathbf{y}^{(i)}; \theta)$$

into

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$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}(\phi, \mu) &= \sum_{i=1}^N \log p(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}, \mathbf{y}^{(i)}; \phi, \mu) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^N \log B(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}; \phi) + \sum_{j=1}^V \sum_{i=1}^N \log \mu_{y^{(i)}j} \end{aligned}$$

Maximum-likelihood estimation chooses ϕ and μ that maximize the log-likelihood of \mathcal{L} . Because we want these parameters to be probabilities, the solution must obey the following constraints:

$$\sum_{j=1}^V \phi_{y,j} = 1 \quad \forall y$$

Parameter Estimation

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After incorporating the the constraints by adding a set of Lagrange multipliers, we get this new objective (we focus on the $\phi_{y,j}$ for now):

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$$\ell(\Phi_y) = \sum_{i:y^{(i)}=y} \left(\phi_{y,j} x_j^{(i)} - \phi_{y,j} \right)$$

Differentiating with respect to the parameter fields,

$$\frac{\partial \ell(\Phi_y)}{\partial \phi_{y,j}} = \sum_{i:y^{(i)}=y} x_j^{(i)} / \phi_{y,j} - \lambda$$

Parameter Estimation

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There is a closed form solution to this which can be obtained by setting each element in the vector of derivatives equal to zero:

$$\lambda \phi_{y,j} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \log \pi(y, \mathbf{x})$$

i:

$$\phi_{y,j} \propto x_j = \delta_{y^{(j)}=y}$$

where $\delta(y^{(j)} = y)$ is an indicator function which returns one if $y^{(j)} = y$. The symbol \propto indicates that $\phi_{y,j}$ is proportional to the right-hand side of the equation

Parameter Estimation

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- Recall the constraint that ϕ_y is a vector of probabilities:
 $\sum_{j=1}^V \phi_{y,j} = 1$. We have an exact solution:

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$$\phi_{y,j} = \frac{count}{count}$$

- Similarly we can arrive at:

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$$\mu_y = \frac{co}{\sum_{y' \in K} count(y')}$$

As is often the case, the result of the mathematical derivation (that needs to be turned into code) is usually often much simpler:

Smoothing

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Laplace smoothing: add α

$$\phi_{y,x} = \frac{\alpha + \text{count}}{\alpha + \sum_{j=1}^C \text{count}_{j,x}}$$

The **bias - variance**

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- ▶ Unbiased classifier, yielding poor performance on unseen data.
- ▶ But if the smoothing is too large, the result is **underfit** instead. In the limit of $\alpha \rightarrow \infty$, there is zero variance: you get the same classifier, regardless of the data.

How to determine the best α ?

Grid Search

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Setting hyperparameters with grid search. parameters and hyperparameters

- ▶ Try a set of values and find the one that maximize accuracy, but
- ▶ The goal is to make a model that generalizes to new data, so we shouldn't be doing it on a *development or tuning* set
- ▶ We should also set aside another set called *validation* set that you measure system performance on.
- ▶ If the data set is too small, use *cross-validation*

Prediction with Naïve Bayes

$$\hat{y} = \operatorname{argmax}_y \log p(\mathbf{x}, y; \boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\phi})$$
$$= \operatorname{argmax}_y \log p(\mathbf{x}|y; \boldsymbol{\phi}) + \log p(y; \boldsymbol{\mu})$$

Plug in the distribution from the generative story, w

$$\log p(\mathbf{x}|y; \boldsymbol{\phi}) + \log p(y; \boldsymbol{\mu})$$

$$= \log B(\mathbf{x}) + \sum_{j=1}^V \log \phi_{y,j} + \log \mu_y$$
$$= \log B(\mathbf{x}) + \boldsymbol{\theta} \cdot \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, y),$$

where

$$\boldsymbol{\theta} = [\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(1)}; \boldsymbol{\theta}^{(2)}; \dots; \boldsymbol{\theta}^{(K)}]$$

$$\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(y)} = [\log \phi_{y,1}; \log \phi_{y,2}; \dots; \log \phi_{y,V}; \log \mu_y]$$

Relation between mathematical models and computer science tools

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- ▶ Mathematics provides the justification of why a model works the way it does, and computer science focuses with efficient algorithms and appropriate data structures.
 - ▶ Computational algorithms often resort to repeated implementation of mathematical operations. Forward-Backward, CKY
- ▶ It's useful to think about where the mathematical model ends and computational realization starts.
- ▶ The relation between a mathematical expression and its implementation in a programming language can be thought of as a translation process: it's not always word for word.

Advantages of Naïve Bayes

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With a joint likelihood objective, the estimated parameters of the Naïve Bayes model can be used for both classification ($p(y|x)$) and generation ($p(x|y)$).

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$$P(x, y) = P(x|y) \times P(y)$$

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In practice, we rarely use Naïve Bayes for generation. It is mostly used as a classification model.

Problems of Naïve Bayes

Let's say we want to include morphemes). <https://eduassistpro.github.io/>
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$$\begin{aligned} P(\text{word} = \text{unfit}, \text{prefix} = \text{un-} | y) \\ = P(\text{prefix} = \text{un-} | \text{word} = \text{unfit}, y) P(\text{word} = \text{unfit} | y) \\ = 1 \times P(\end{aligned}$$

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If we assume conditional independence,

$$\begin{aligned} P(\text{word} = \text{unfit}, \text{prefix} = \text{un-} | y) \\ \approx P(\text{word} = \text{unfit} | y) \times P(\text{prefix} = \text{un-} | y) \end{aligned}$$

Since $P(\text{word} = \text{unfit} | y) \geq P(\text{word} = \text{unfit} | y) \times P(\text{prefix} = \text{un-} | y)$, conditional independence under-estimates the true probabilities of conjunction of positively correlated features.