



# Bayes Classifiers

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- A probabilistic framework for solving classification problems

- Conditional Probability:  $P(C | X) = \frac{P(X, C)}{P(X)}$

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- Bayes theorem:

Posterior  
probability

Prior  
probability

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# Towards Naïve Bayesian Classifier

- Let  $D$  be a training set of tuples and their associated class labels, and each tuple is represented by an  $n$  attribute vector  $\mathbf{X} = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$
- Suppose there are  $m$  classes  $C_1, C_2, \dots, C_m$ .
- Classification is to derive the maximum posteriori, i.e., the maximal  $P(C_i|\mathbf{X})$
- This can be derived from Bayes' theorem

$$P(C_i|\mathbf{X}) = \frac{P(\mathbf{X}|C_i)P(C_i)}{P(\mathbf{X})}$$

- Since  $P(\mathbf{X})$  is constant for all classes, only

$$P(C_i|\mathbf{X}) = P(\mathbf{X}|C_i)P(C_i)$$

needs to be maximized

# Derivation of Naïve Bayes Classifier

- A simplified assumption: attributes are conditionally independent (i.e., no dependence relation between attributes):

$$P(\mathbf{X} | C_i) = \prod_{k=1}^n P(x_k | C_i) = P(x_1 | C_i) \times P(x_2 | C_i) \times \dots \times P(x_n | C_i)$$

- This greatly reduces the computation cost: Only counts the class distribution
- If  $A_k$  is categorical:  $P(x_k | C_i)$  is the # of tuples in  $C_i$  having value  $x_k$  for  $A_k$  divided by  $|C_{i,D}|$  (# of tuples of  $C_i$  in  $D$ )
- If  $A_k$  is continuous-valued:  $P(x_k | C_i)$  is usually computed based on Gaussian distribution with a mean  $\mu$  and standard deviation  $\sigma$

$$g(x, \mu, \sigma) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$

and  $P(x_k | C_i)$  is

$$P(\mathbf{X} | C_i) = g(x_k, \mu_{C_i}, \sigma_{C_i})$$

# How to Estimate Probabilities from Data?

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9	No	Married	75K	No
10	No	Single	90K	Yes

- Class:  $P(C) = N_c / N$

- e.g.,  $P(\text{No}) = 7/10$ ,  
 $P(\text{Yes}) = 3/10$

- For discrete attributes:

$$P(A_i | C_k) = |A_{ik}| / N_{Ck}$$

- where  $|A_{ik}|$  is number of instances having attribute  $A_i$  and belongs to class  $C_k$
  - Examples:

$$P(\text{Status}=\text{Married}|\text{No}) = 4/7$$
$$P(\text{Refund}=\text{Yes}|\text{Yes})=0$$

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- For continuous attributes:
  - **Discretization:**
    - ◆ Replace the attribute with discrete intervals
  - **Probability density estimation:**
    - ◆ Assume attribute follows a normal distribution
    - ◆ Use data to estimate parameters of distribution (e.g., mean and standard deviation)
    - ◆ Once probability distribution is known, can use it to estimate the conditional probability  $P(A_i|c)$

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- Normal distribution:

$$P(A_i | c_j) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma_{ij}^2}} e^{-\frac{(A_i - \mu_{ij})^2}{2\sigma_{ij}^2}}$$

- One for each  $(A_i, c_i)$  pair

- For (Income, Class=No):

- If Class=No

- ◆ sample mean = 110
- ◆ sample variance = 2975

$$P(\text{Income} = 120 | \text{No}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi(54.54)}} e^{-\frac{(120-110)^2}{2(2975)}} = 0.0072$$

# Naïve Bayesian Classifier: Training Dataset

**Class:**

**C1:buys\_computer = 'yes'**

**C2:buys\_computer = 'no'**

**Data sample**

**X = (age <=30,**

**Income = medium,**

**Student = yes**

**Credit\_rating = Fair)**

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- $P(X)$  would be same for both cases

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$$P(X|C_i) : P(X|\text{buys\_computer} = \text{"yes"}) = 0.222 \times 0.444 \times 0.667 \times 0.667 = 0.044$$

$$P(X|\text{buys\_computer} = \text{"no"}) = 0.6 \times 0.4 \times 0.2 \times 0.4 = 0.019$$

$$P(X|C_i) * P(C_i) : P(X|\text{buys\_computer} = \text{"yes"}) * P(\text{buys\_computer} = \text{"yes"}) = 0.028$$

$$P(X|\text{buys\_computer} = \text{"no"}) * P(\text{buys\_computer} = \text{"no"}) = 0.007$$

# Avoiding the 0-Probability Problem

- Naïve Bayesian prediction requires each conditional prob. be non-zero. Otherwise, the predicted prob. will be zero

$$P(X | C_i) = \prod_{k=1}^n P(x_k | C_i)$$

- Ex. Suppose a dataset with 1000 tuples, income=low (0), income=medium (990), and income = high (10),
- Use Laplacian correction (or Laplacian estimator)
  - Adding 1 to each case
    - Prob(income = low) = 1/1003
    - Prob(income = medium) = 991/1003
    - Prob(income = high) = 11/1003
  - The “corrected” prob. estimates are close to their “uncorrected” counterparts



# Naïve Bayesian Classifier: Comments

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- Advantages
  - Easy to implement
  - Good results obtained in most of the cases
- Disadvantages
  - Assumption: class conditional independence, therefore loss of accuracy
  - Practically, dependencies exist among variables
    - ◆ E.g., hospitals: patients: Profile: age, family history, etc.  
Symptoms: fever, cough etc., Disease: lung cancer, diabetes, etc.
    - ◆ Dependencies among these cannot be modeled by Naïve Bayesian Classifier
- How to deal with these dependencies?
  - Bayesian Belief Networks