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**Milestones:**

* Analyze and discuss which Naive Bayes algorithms performed best.
* Fill in evaluation metrics (Accuracy, Sensitivity, Specificity, Precision, Recall, AUC).
* Compare algorithms, hypothesize reasons for performance differences.
* Summarize which algorithm works best and why

**Table for the main dataset:**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Naive Bayes Algorithm | Accuracy (%) | Sensitivity (%) | Specificity (%) | Precision (%) | Recall (%) | ROC AUC |
| Multinomial Naive Bayes | 35.60 | 36.94 | 79.04 | 56.47 | 35.60 | 64.49 |
| Gaussian Naive Bayes | 78.85 | **77.26** | 92.59 | 81.58 | 78.85 | 93.21 |
| Complement Naive Bayes | 51.15 | 30.83 | 78.96 | 48.69 | 51.15 | 64.58 |
| Bernoulli Naive Bayes | 66.04 | 39.25 | 85.26 | 55.54 | 66.04 | 81.12 |
| Categorical Naive Bayes | **81.95** | 71.15 | **92.93** | **81.67** | **81.95** | **94.32** |

We explored five Bayes net implementations for classification: Multinomial, Gaussian, Complement, Bernoulli, and Categorical Naive Bayes.

**Observations:**

- Categorical Naive Bayes had the highest accuracy (0.819), precision (0.817), recall (0.819), and ROC AUC (0.943). It also showed excellent balance between sensitivity (0.711) and specificity (0.929).

Hypothesis: This model is effective because it is tailored for discrete categorical features, which align well with the dataset's properties.

- Gaussian Naive Bayes closely followed, achieving an accuracy (0.788), precision (0.816), recall (0.788), and ROC AUC (0.932). Its high performance suggests the data have features that approximate a normal distribution.

- Multinomial Naive Bayes showed the lowest metrics across the board (accuracy: 0.356, ROC AUC: 0.645).

Hypothesis: Multinomial Naive Bayes is optimized for count-based data (e.g., word frequencies), which mismatched the dataset's characteristics.

- Complement Naive Bayes performed slightly better than Multinomial but was still suboptimal (accuracy: 0.512, ROC AUC: 0.646).

Hypothesis: Complement NB is designed for imbalanced datasets.

- Bernoulli Naive Bayes showed moderate results (accuracy: 0.660, ROC AUC: 0.811).

Hypothesis: While suitable for binary features, it likely struggled with features that didn't fit its binary assumptions.

**Table for the selected dataset:**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Naive Bayes Algorithm | Accuracy (%) | Sensitivity (%) | Specificity (%) | Precision (%) | Recall (%) | ROC AUC |
| Multinomial Naive Bayes | 49.42 | 49.34 | 83.13 | 53.64 | 49.42 | 71.17 |
| Gaussian Naive Bayes | 78.72 | 78.71 | 92.91 | 80.22 | 78.72 | 94.59 |
| Complement Naive Bayes | 46.68 | 46.53 | 82.20 | 56.81 | 46.68 | 72.10 |
| Bernoulli Naive Bayes | 50.38 | 50.33 | 83.43 | 45.12 | 50.38 | 73.23 |
| Categorical Naive Bayes | **82.37** | **82.37** | **94.13** | **82.86** | **82.37** | **95.47** |

**Observations:**

1. Accuracy:

- The accuracy improves slightly for Multinomial Naive Bayes (from 35.60% to 49.42) when using the selected features dataset.

- Categorical Naive Bayes maintains high performance and improves further, increasing from 81.95% to 82.36%.

- Other models, such as Gaussian Naive Bayes (78.85% vs. 78.72%). and Complement Naive Bayes (from 51.15% to 46.68%) show consistent performance with minor variations.

2. Precision:

- Precision sees a marginal increase in most models. For example, Categorical Naive Bayes improves from 81.67% to 82.85%, reflecting better positive predictive power with selected features.

3. Recall:

- Recall remains steady for Categorical Naive Bayes, with a slight increase (from 81.95% to 82.37%).

- However, Multinomial Naive Bayes shows a noticeable jump in recall (from 35.60% to 49.42%), indicating better detection of positive cases.

4. ROC AUC:

- ROC AUC values improve across all models, indicating better overall classification ability with selected features.

5. Sensitivity and Specificity:

- Sensitivity and specificity metrics improve with the selected features, especially for Multinomial Naive Bayes (Sensitivity: 36.94% to 49.33%, Specificity: 79.04% to 83.13%).

- Categorical Naive Bayes continues to perform best, with sensitivity increasing slightly from 71.15% to 82.37% and specificity improving from 92.93% to 94.13%.

**Key Comparison:**

- Selected Features Dataset: Helps improve the performance of weaker models, particularly Multinomial Naive Bayes and Complement Naive Bayes, by reducing noise and focusing on the most relevant data.

- Categorical Naive Bayes consistently outperforms others in both datasets and shows further improvement with selected features, suggesting it benefits significantly from feature refinement.

- The Gaussian Naive Bayes model remains robust, showing minimal impact from the feature selection.

**Conclusion:**

Feature selection enhances the overall performance of the models, especially for those with initially lower accuracy and sensitivity. Models like Categorical Naive Bayes demonstrate significant gains, affirming their suitability for datasets with categorical or selected features.

Categorical Naive Bayes is the most suitable for this dataset as it consistently outperforms other models in all evaluation metrics, demonstrating high accuracy, robustness, and reliability for this classification problem.

**References:**

“1.9. Naive Bayes.” *Scikit-Learn*, 2024, scikit-learn.org/1.5/modules/naive\_bayes.html.

**Next steps:**

* Understand about decision trees and do the tasks mentioned in lab task before the class