Text Preprocessing

CS4742 Natural Language Processing
Lecture 02

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1. **Introduction to Classification**

2. Naïve Bayes Classifier

3. Logistic Regression Classifier

Examples of Text Classification

- **Review classification:** Decide if a review is positive or negative
- **Movie classification:** Decide if a movie is a comedy, action, or horror
- **Sentiment Classification:** Decide if a review is positive or negative
- **Spam Detection:** Decide if an email is spam or not
- **Authorship:** Determine the author of a given text based on writing style, linguistic features, etc.
- **Language classification:** Determine the language of a text (e.g., English vs. Portuguese)

Review Classification

Positive vs Negative Review (Binary Classification)

Examples:

- positive *...characters and richly applied satire, and some great plot twists*
- negative *It was pathetic. The worst part about it was the boxing scenes...*
- positive *...awesome caramel sauce and sweet toasty almonds. I love this place!*
- negative *...awful pizza and ridiculously overpriced...*

Movie Classification

- Genre classification
  - Horror Movies
  - Comedy Movies
  - Action Movies
  - Animation Movies
- MPST: Movie Plot Synopses with Tags
- Movie Genre detection example step by step
- IMBD dataset

Example NLP Tasks

- Parsing
- Name Entity Recognition (Module 4)
- Parts-of-Speech Recognition (Module 4)
- Demographic in social media (e.g., gender)
- Machine Translation (Module 5)
- Question Answering (Module 6)
- Keyword Extraction, Document Summarization (Module 7)
- ...

Text Classification: Machine Learning

ML classifiers

- A generic (task-independent) learning algorithm to train a classifier from a set of labeled examples
- The classifier learns, from these labeled examples, the characteristics a new text should have in order to be assigned to some label

Advantages

- Annotating/locating training examples is cheaper than writing rules
- Easier updates to changing conditions (annotate more data with new labels for new domains)

Text Classification

- **Input:**
  - A document d
  - A fixed set of classes $C = \{c_1, c_2, \ldots, c_J\}$
  - A training set of m hand-labeled documents $(d_1, c_1), \ldots, (d_m, c_m)$
- **Output:**
  - A predicted class $c \in C$
  - A learned classifier $\gamma : d \rightarrow c$

Types of Classification

- Number of classes:
  - Binary (e.g., spam or not)
  - Multi-class (e.g., age: child, teen, adult)
- Number of labels:
  - Single-label (e.g., spam or not)
  - Multi-label (e.g., news AND business AND technology)
- Output type:
  - Hard classification (e.g., spam or not, with a binary label)
  - Soft classification (e.g., spam or not, with a probability score)

Classifier: Any ML classifier

- **Naïve Bayes**: Based on Bayes theorem and the assumption of independence between features
- **Logistic regression**: Uses a logistic function to model the probability of a binary outcome
- **Support-vector machines**: Find the optimal hyperplane that separates classes in a high-dimensional space
- **k-Nearest Neighbors**: Decides the class of a sample based on the classes of its k nearest neighbors
- **Decision trees**: Builds a tree-like model of decisions based on feature values
- **Random forests**: An ensemble of decision trees, where each tree is trained on a random subset of the data
- **Neural networks**: Deep learning models that can learn complex patterns in data

Text Classification – Formal Definition

- Training data representation using symbols

$$D = (X_1, y_1), (X_2, y_2), \ldots, (X_N, y_N)$$

- Learns a model/function f such that it can infer class label y.
- Input is given as text
  - Convert raw text to features $f : X \to y \in Y$
- Probabilistic settings:
  - This function is similar as $P(y|X)$.
  - Label predicted as

$$\hat{y} = \arg\max_y P(y|X)$$

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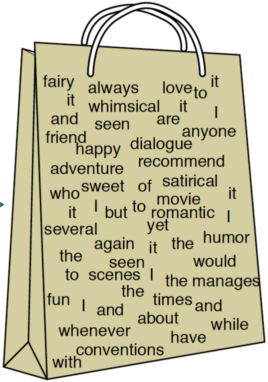
Naïve Bayes Classifier

- Simple ("naïve") classification method based on Bayes rule
- Relies on very simple representation of document
  - Bag of words

I love this movie! It's sweet, but with satirical humor. The dialogue is great and the adventure scenes are fun... It manages to be whimsical and romantic while laughing at the conventions of the fairy tale genre. I would recommend it to just about anyone. I've seen it several times, and I'm always happy to see it again whenever I have a friend who hasn't seen it yet!



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sweet	1
satirical	1
adventure	1
genre	1
fairy	1
humor	1
have	1
great	1
...	...

Bag of Words Example

Example

I **love** this movie! It's **sweet**, but with **satirical** humor. The dialogue is **great** and the adventure scenes are **fun**. It manages to be **whimsical** and **romantic** while **laughing** at the conventions of the fairy tale genre. I would **recommend** it to just about anyone. I've seen it **several** times, and I'm always **happy** to see it **again** whenever I have a friend who hasn't seen it yet.

Classification $\hat{y}$: like or not

Bag of Words Example

Considering only a subset of words

Example

x **love** xxxx xxxx xxxxxx **sweet** xxx xxx **satirical** xxxxxx xxx xxxxx xxxxx **great** xxxxxxx xxxxxxxxx xxxxxxxxx **fun** xxxx xxx xxxxx xxx **whimsical** xxxx **romantic** xxxx **laughing** xxxxxx xxxxxx xxxxxxxxxxxxxx xxxxxx xxxxxxxx **recommend** xxxxx xxxx xxxxxxxx xxxxxxxxxxxx xxxxx **several** xx xxxx xxxxxxx x **happy** xxx xxxxx **again** xxxxx xxxxxxxxxx xxxxxx xxxx x xxxx xxxxx xxxx

Classification $\hat{y}$: like or not

Bayes Rules

- Here C presents class and d represents documents.
- We compute conditional probability of the class given the document $P(c|d)$.
- It is difficult to estimate $P(c|d)$ directly. Rather, we can use Bayes rule to compute $P(c|d)$ in terms of $P(d|c)$, $P(c)$, and $P(d)$, which are easier to estimate.

$$P(c|d) = \frac{P(d|c)P(c)}{P(d)}$$

Naïve Bayes Classifier

Maximum A-Posteriori (MAP) estimation:

$$\begin{aligned} P(c|d) &= \frac{P(d|c)P(c)}{P(d)} \\ &\propto P(d|c)P(c) \\ &\propto P(c)\prod_{i=1}^{n} P(w_i|c) \end{aligned}$$

- Simplifying the equation by dropping denominator? Why?
- $\Rightarrow$ Because for all class denominator should be same.
- We can represent document with features $(x_1, x_2 \ldots, x_n)$

For inference, we need to compute the class c that maximizes the posterior probability $P(c|d)$.

$$\hat{c} = \arg\max_{c} P(c)\prod_{i=1}^{n} P(w_i|c)$$

Multinomial Naïve Bayes

$$P(c|d) \propto P(c) \prod_{i=1}^{n} P(w_i|c)$$

- Bag of Words assumption: Assume position doesn't matter
- Naïve Bayes assumes that the features are conditionally independent given the class.

Naïve Bayes: Text Classification

Again, we want to find the class c_j that maximizes the posterior probability $P(c_j|d)$ given a document d.

$$c_{NB} = \arg\max_{c_j \in C} P(c_j) \prod_{i=1}^{n} P(w_i|c_j)$$

To avoid underflow and increase speed, we apply log scale

$$c_{NB} = \arg\max_{c_j \in C} \log(P(c_j)) + \sum_{i=1}^{n} \log(P(w_i|c_j))$$

Estimating Probabilities

- $P(c_j)$? $P(w_i|c_j)$?
- First attempt: **maximum likelihood estimates**
  - Simply use the frequencies in the data

$$\hat{P}(c_j) = \frac{doccount(C = c_j)}{N_{doc}}$$

- Create **mega-document for topic j** by concatenating all docs in this topic
- Use frequency of w in mega-document

$$\hat{P}(w_i|c_j) = \frac{count(w_i, c_j)}{\sum_{w \in V} count(w_i, c_j)}$$

That is, fraction of times word w_i appears among all words in documents of topic c_j

Discussion

Any problems with this estimation?

$$\hat{c} = \arg\max_{c} P(c) \prod_{i=1}^{n} P(w_i|c),$$

where

$$\hat{P}(w_i|c_j) = \frac{count(w_i, c_j)}{\sum_{w \in V} count(w_i, c_j)}$$

Problems with Estimation

- What if we have seen no training documents with the word *fantastic* and classified in the topic *positive* (thumbs-up)?

$$\hat{P}(\text{fantastic}|\text{positive}) = \frac{0}{\sum_{w \in V} \text{count}(w, \text{positive})} = 0$$

- Zero probabilities cannot be conditioned away, no matter the other evidence!

$$\prod_{i=1}^{n} P(w_i|c_j) = 0$$

- The product of conditional probabilities is always 0, if one of the probabilities is 0.

A Solution to Zero Probabilities

Laplace (add-1) smoothing

$$P(w_j|c) = \frac{\text{count}(w_j, c) + 1}{\sum \text{count}(w, c) + 1} = \frac{\text{count}(w_j, c) + 1}{N(c) + |V|}$$

where $N(c)$ is the number of words in class c and $|V|$ is the size of the vocabulary.

Another Issue:

- Unknown words in the test data.
  - Vocabulary did not occur in the train data in any class.
  - Solution: Remove them or ignore them while computing probability.
- More frequent (and non-informative) words – especially stop words
  - Best practice to remove them

Naïve Bayes: Learning

1. From training corpus, build a vocabulary.

2. Calculate $\hat{P}(c_j)$ terms:
   - For each c_j in C Do
     - $D_j \leftarrow$ all docs with class c_j
     - $\hat{P}(c_j) \leftarrow |D_j| / N$

3. Calculate $\hat{P}(w_i|c_j)$ terms:
   - $T_j \leftarrow$ single doc containing all docs in D_j
   - For each word w_i in the vocabulary,
     - $n_i \leftarrow$ # of occurrences of w_i in T_j
     - $\hat{P}(w_i|c_j) \leftarrow (N_i + \alpha) / (n + \alpha|V|)$

NB Classifier — Example

$$\hat{P}(c) = \frac{N_c}{N}$$

$$\hat{P}(w \mid c) = \frac{count(w,c)+1}{count(c)+|V|}$$

	Doc	Words	Class
Training	1	Chinese Beijing Chinese	c
	2	Chinese Chinese Shanghai	c
	3	Chinese Macao	c
	4	Tokyo Japan Chinese	j
Test	5	Chinese Chinese Chinese Tokyo Japan	?

Priors:

$P(c) = \frac{3}{4}$

$P(j) = \frac{1}{4}$

Conditional Probabilities:

P(Chinese|*c*) = (5+1) / (8+6) = 6/14 = 3/7
P(Tokyo|*c*) = (0+1) / (8+6) = 1/14
P(Japan|*c*) = (0+1) / (8+6) = 1/14
P(Chinese|*j*) = (1+1) / (3+6) = 2/9
P(Tokyo|*j*) = (1+1) / (3+6) = 2/9
P(Japan|*j*) = (1+1) / (3+6) = 2/9

Choosing a class:

$P(c|d5) \propto 3/4 * (3/7)^3 * 1/14 * 1/14 \approx 0.0003$

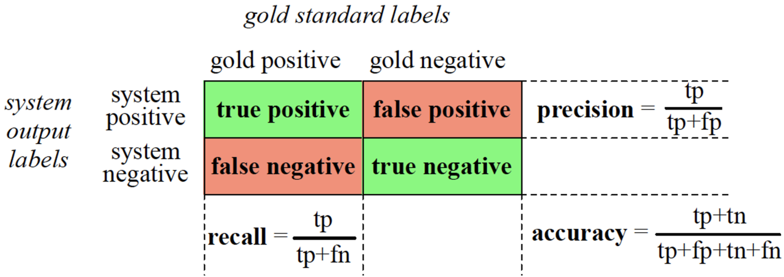
$P(j|d5) \propto 1/4 * (2/9)^3 * 2/9 * 2/9 \approx 0.0001$

Naïve Bayes Summary

- Very Fast, low storage requirements
- Robust to Irrelevant Features
  - Irrelevant Features cancel each other without affecting results
- Very good in domains with many equally important features
- Optimal if the independence assumptions hold: If assumed independence is correct, then it is the Bayes Optimal Classifier for problem
- A good **dependable baseline** for text classification

Evaluation Metrics

- **Performance metrics** - Precision, Recall, F measure
- **Precision** - the fraction of relevant instances among the retrieved instances
- **Recall** - fraction of relevant instances that were retrieved.



F-1 Score

- Precision: $P = \frac{TP}{TP+FP}$, Recall: $R = \frac{TP}{TP+FN}$

$$F_\beta = \frac{(1+\beta^2) \cdot P \cdot R}{\beta^2 \cdot P + R}$$

- The β parameter differentially weights the importance of recall and precision:
  - Values of $\beta > 1$ favor recall
  - Values of $\beta < 1$ favor precision
  - When $\beta = 1$, precision and recall are equally balanced, where F-1 score becomes the harmonic mean of precision and recall.

$$F_1 = \frac{2 \cdot P \cdot R}{P + R} = \frac{2}{\left(\frac{1}{P} + \frac{1}{R}\right)}$$

Confusion Matrix

- If we have more than one class, how do we combine multiple performance measures into one quantity?

gold labels

system output	urgent	normal	spam	
urgent	8	10	1	**precision**u= $\frac{8}{8+10+1}$
normal	5	60	50	**precision**n= $\frac{60}{5+60+50}$
spam	3	30	200	**precision**s= $\frac{200}{3+30+200}$
	recallu = $\frac{8}{8+5+3}$	**recall**n = $\frac{60}{10+60+30}$	**recall**s = $\frac{200}{1+50+200}$	

Micro- vs. Macro-Averaging: Example

- **Macro averaging:** Compute performance for each class, then average.
- **Micro averaging:** Collect decisions for all classes, compute contingency table, evaluate.

Class 1: Urgent

	true urgent	true not
system urgent	8	11
system not	8	340

$$\text{precision} = \frac{8}{8+11} = .42$$

Class 2: Normal

	true normal	true not
system normal	60	55
system not	40	212

$$\text{precision} = \frac{60}{60+55} = .52$$

Class 3: Spam

	true spam	true not
system spam	200	33
system not	51	83

$$\text{precision} = \frac{200}{200+33} = .86$$

Pooled

	true yes	true no
system yes	268	99
system no	99	635

$$\begin{array}{c}\text{microaverage}\\ \text{precision}\end{array} = \frac{268}{268+99} = \mathbf{.73}$$

$$\begin{array}{c}\text{macroaverage}\\ \text{precision}\end{array} = \frac{.42+.52+.86}{3} = \mathbf{.60}$$

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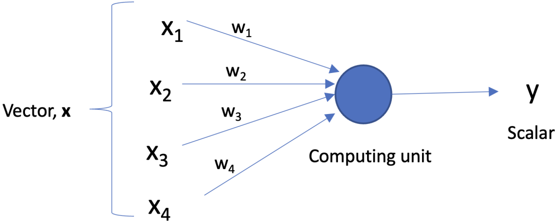
Logistic Regression

Logistic regression is a discriminative classifier. (*It is not a regression model but uses regression techniques to decide the class by calculating the score as a linear function of the input features.*)

- During training:
  - Assigns weights (w) to features and also adds a bias term (intercept).
  - Updates weights using the gradient descent algorithm.
- Decision during test:
  - Learned weight multiplied with the feature to compute score.



Score, $$z = \left(\sum_{i=1}^{n} w_i x_i\right) + b$$

$$z = w \cdot x + b$$

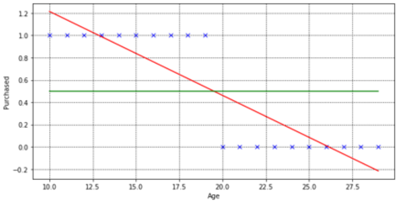
Linear regression is not for classification

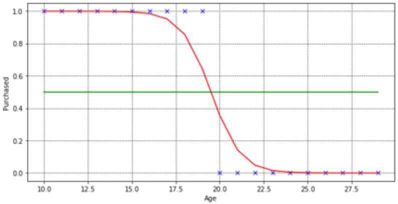
Linear regression for binary classification

- Encode class labels as $y = \{0, 1\}$ or $\{-1, 1\}$
- Apply Linear Regression
- check which class the prediction is closer to. If class 1 is encoded to 1 and class 2 is -1.
  - class 1 if $f(x) \geq 0$
  - class 2 if $f(x) < 0$
- Linear models are NOT optimized for classification

Linear regression is not for classification

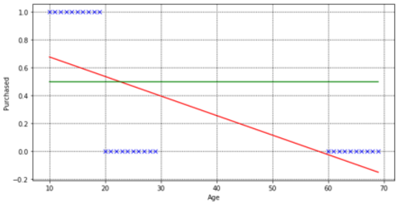
- The predicted value by a linear regression classifier is continuous, not probabilistic

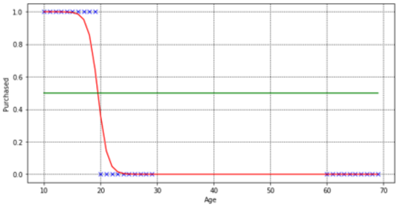




Linear regression is not for classification

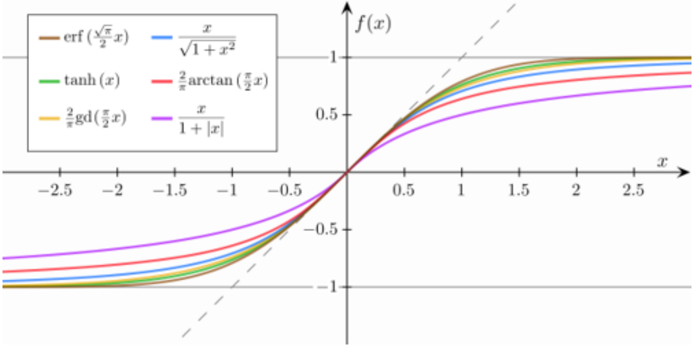
- Sensitive to imbalanced data





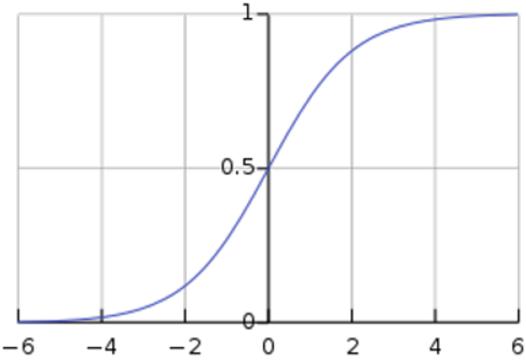
Probabilistic Approach

- Learn $P(Y|X)$ directly
- Cumulative probability distribution
- Using a sigmoid function
- It's an S-shaped curve that can take any real-valued number and map it into a value between 0 and 1, but never exactly at those limits



Logistic Function

$$f(x) = \frac{L}{1 + e^{-k(x-x_0)}},$$

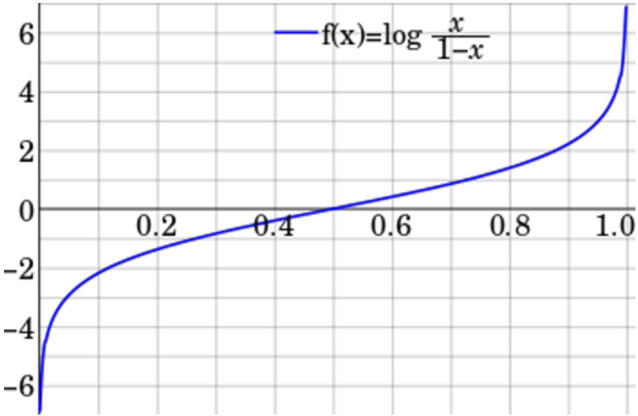


- x_0, the x value of the sigmoid's midpoint
- L, the curve's maximum value
- k, the logistic growth rate or steepness of the curve
- e, natural log base constant

Standard logistic function where $L = 1, k = 1, x_0 = 0$

Logit function

- The inverse of the logit function is the logistic function.



Representation used for Logistic Regression

- Logistic regression uses an equation as the representation, very much like linear regression.
- Below is an example **logistic regression equation**:

$$\forall z \in \mathbb{R}, \quad g(z) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-z}} \in [0, 1]$$

- where $g(z)$ is the predicted output in terms of probability, z **is a linear regression output**.
- $g(\cdot)$ is a non-linear transformation (in this case, using logistic function).

Making Predictions using Logistic Regression

- For example, Given a height of 150cm, is the person male or female?
- Assume that we have learned the coefficients of $w_0 = -100$ and $w_1 = 0.6$. Using the equation above we can calculate the probability of male given a height of 150cm or more formally $P(male|height = 150)$.

$$y = e^{(w_0 + w_1 X)} / (1 + e^{(w_0 + w_1 X)})$$

$$y = exp(-100 + 0.6 * 150) / (1 + exp(-100 + 0.6 * X))$$

$$y = 0.0000453978687$$

- Or a probability of near zero that the person is a male.

Making Predictions using Logistic Regression

- In practice we can use the probabilities directly. We can snap the probabilities to a binary class value, for example:
  - 0 if $p(male) < 0.5$
  - 1 if $p(male) \geq 0.5$
- Now that we know how to make predictions using logistic regression.

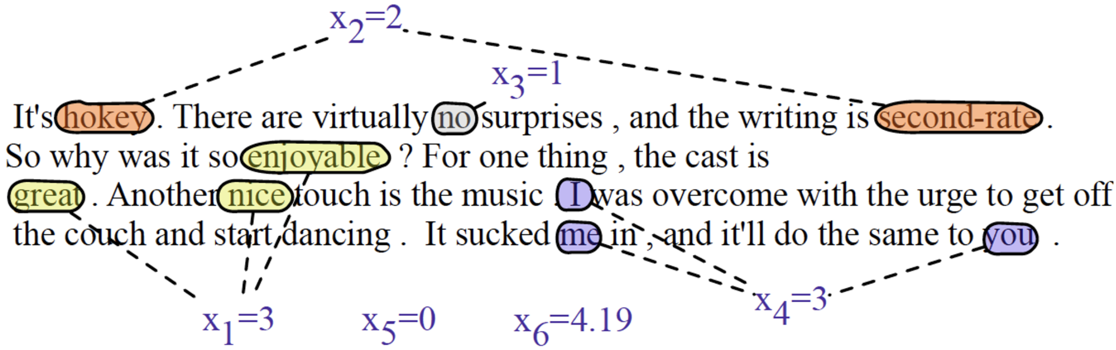
Softmax regression

- A softmax regression, also called a multiclass logistic regression, is used to generalize logistic regression where there are more than 2 outcome classes.
- By convention, we set $\theta_K = 0$ the regression based on the Bernoulli distribution.

$$\phi_i = \frac{exp(\theta_i^T x)}{\sum_{j=1}^{K} exp(\theta_j^T x)}$$

Example - Sentiment Analysis

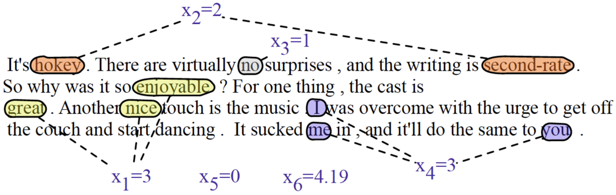
Suppose we are doing binary sentiment classification on movie review text, and we would like to know whether to assign the sentiment class + or - to a review document *doc*.



Example - Sentiment Analysis

We'll represent each input observation by the 6 features ($x_1 \ldots x_6$) of the input shown in the following table:

Var	Definition	Value
x_1	count(positive lexicon) $\in$ doc)	3
x_2	count(negative lexicon) $\in$ doc)	2
x_3	$\begin{cases} 1 & \text{if "no"} \in \text{doc} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$	1
x_4	count(1st and 2nd pronouns $\in$ doc)	3
x_5	$\begin{cases} 1 & \text{if "!"} \in \text{doc} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$	0
x_6	log(word count of doc)	ln(66)



Example: Compute Probability

Given real valued weight $W = [2.5, 5.0, 1.2, 0.5, 2.0, 0.7]$, and bias, $b = 0.1$.

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\begin{aligned}
p(+ \mid x) = P(Y = 1 \mid x) &= \sigma(w \cdot x + b) \\
&= \sigma([2.5, -5.0, -1.2, 0.5, 2.0, 0.7] \cdot [3, 2, 1, 3, 0, 4.19] + 0.1) \\
&= \sigma(.833) \\
&= 0.70 \\
p(- \mid x) = P(Y = 0 \mid x) &= 1 - \sigma(w \cdot x + b) = 0.30
\end{aligned}
$$

Assign the class which has the highest probability.

Naïve Bayes vs. Logistic Regression

- Naïve Bayes (NB) assumes conditional independences
  - Consider two features – strongly correlated
  - NB treats separately and multiplies them – overestimate the evidence.
- **Logistic regression more robust**
  - Assigns part of the weight to each feature.
  - Logistic regression works better on larger documents or datasets
  - **No conditional assumption!**

Cost Function

- We need to measure how close the classifier output is to the correct output
- $L(y', y)$ = how much y' (prediction) differs from the true y
- As output follows Bernoulli distribution

$$p(y \mid x) = \hat{y}^y (1 - \hat{y})^{1-y}$$

- We want to maximize the probability of the correct class by minimizing the negative log likelihood. Converting in log scale:

$$\log p(y \mid x) = \log \left[\hat{y}^y (1 - \hat{y})^{1-y} \right] = y \log \hat{y} + (1 - y) \log(1 - \hat{y})$$

$$L_{\text{CE}}(\hat{y}, y) = -\log p(y \mid x) = -[y \log \hat{y} + (1 - y) \log(1 - \hat{y})]$$
$$L_{\text{CE}}(\hat{y}, y) = -[y \log \sigma(w \cdot x + b) + (1 - y) \log(1 - \sigma(w \cdot x + b))]$$

Demo: News Article Classification Using NB Classifier and Logistic Regression

- Naive Bayes, Logistic Regression, SVM using Scikit-Learn in Python