



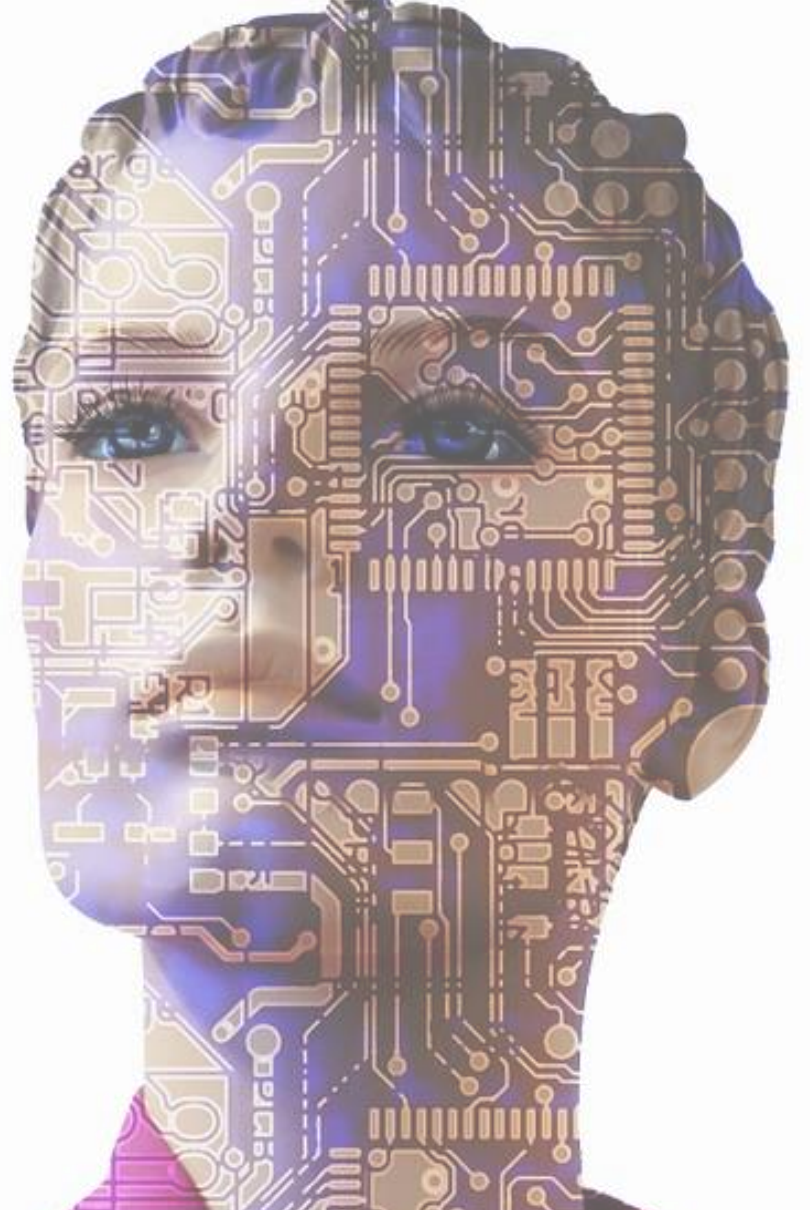
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Conditional Probability



Conditional Probability

- If I have two events that depend on each other, what's the probability that both will occur?
- Notation:
 - $P(A, B)$ is the probability of events A and B both occurring
 - $P(B|A)$ is the probability of event B given that event A has occurred

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

Probability of event A
given B has occurred

Probability of event A occurred
and event B occurred

Probability of event B

Conditional Probability

▪ Example:

- Two tests are given to a class
- 60% of the students passed both tests
- 80% of the students passed the first test
- What percentage of students who passed the first test also passed the second one?

▪ Resolution:

- A = passing the 1st test, B = passing the 2nd test
$$P(B|A) = \frac{P(A,B)}{P(A)} = \frac{0.6}{0.8} = 0.75$$
- 75% of students who passed the first test passed the second one

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

Probability of event A
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Bayes' Theorem

- Through the understanding of conditional probability, the Bayes' Theorem can be defined as:

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

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

$$P(A|B) P(B) = P(A \cap B) = P(B|A) P(A)$$

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

- In English: Probability of A given B = (Probability A) x (Probability of B given A) / (Probability B)
- The key insight is that the probability of something that depends on B depends on the base probability of B and A

Bayes' Theorem

- Drug testing is a common example
- A “highly accurate” drug test can produce more false positives than true positives
- Example:
 - a Drug test can accurately identify users of the drug 99% of the time, and accurately has a negative result for 99% of non-users
 - Only 0.3% of the overall population uses this drug



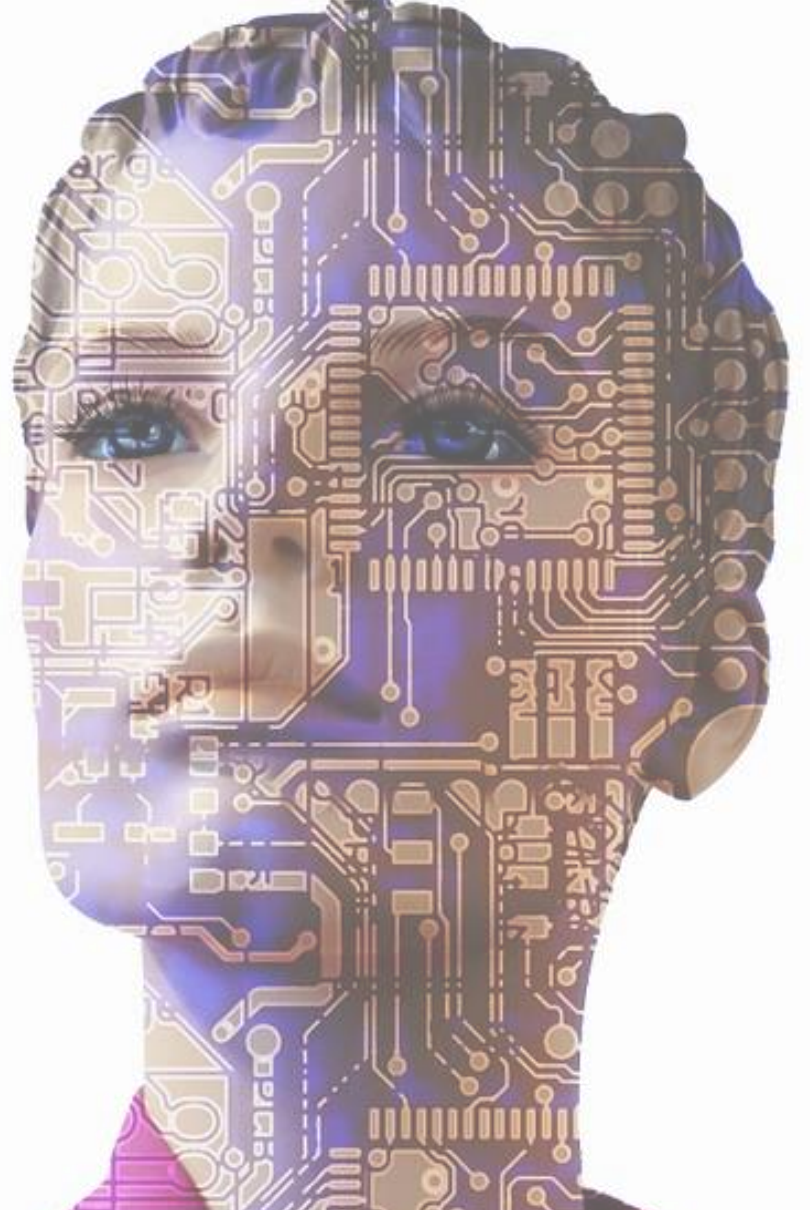
Bayes' Theorem

- Event A = Is a user of the drug / Event B = tested positively for the drug
- $P(B) = 0.99 \times 0.003 + 0.01 \times 0.997 = 1.3\%$
 - Prob. of testing positive if you do use + prob. of testing positive if you don't

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(A)P(B|A)}{P(B)} = \frac{0.003 * 0.99}{0.013} = 22.8\%$$

- The odds of someone being an actual user of the drug given that they tested positive is only 22.8%
- Even though $P(B|A)$ is high (99%), it doesn't mean $P(A|B)$ is high!

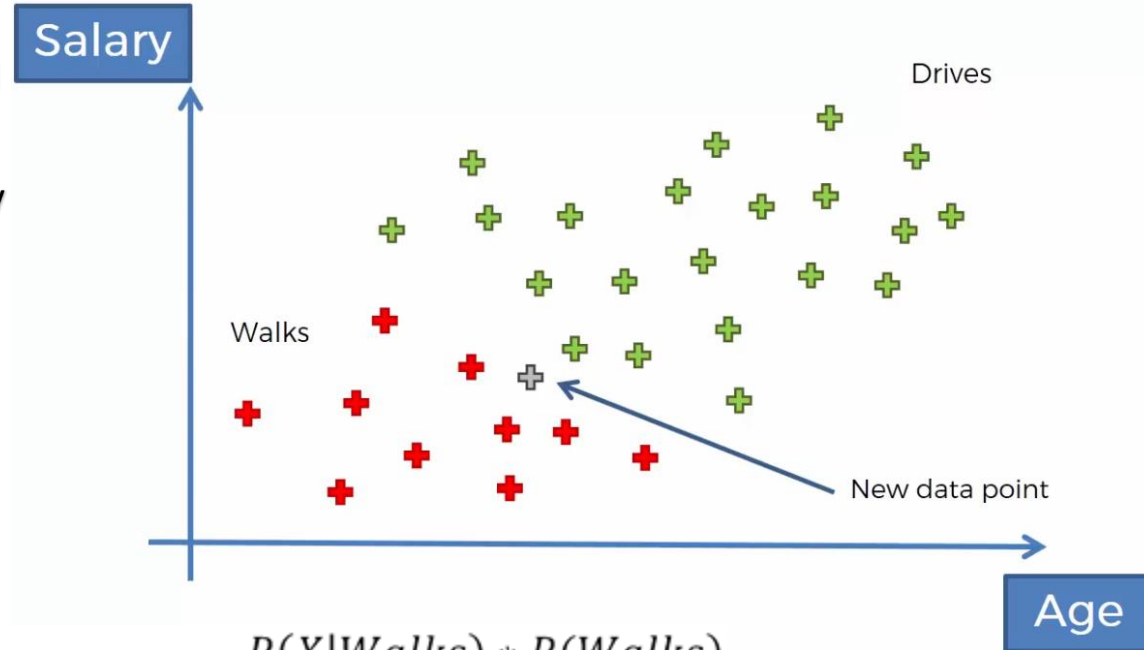
Naïve Bayes



Bayes' Theorem

- Bayes' Theorem can also be applied as a machine learning classifier
- Example 1: Based on Age and Salary features, classify if a person drives or walks daily to work
- Formula:
 - $P(A) = P(\text{Walks})$
 - $P(B) = P(X)$, where X = features set
 - $P(A|B) = P(\text{Walks}|X)$
 - $P(B|A) = P(X|\text{Walks})$

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(A)P(B|A)}{P(B)} \quad \Rightarrow \quad P(\text{Walks}|X) = \frac{P(X|\text{Walks}) * P(\text{Walks})}{P(X)}$$



Bayes' Theorem – How to calculate?

Step 1 – Calculate $P(Walks|X)$:

1. Calculate Prior Probability
2. Calculate Marginal Likelihood
3. Calculate Likelihood
4. Based on calculated values [1-3], we end up calculate Posterior Probability

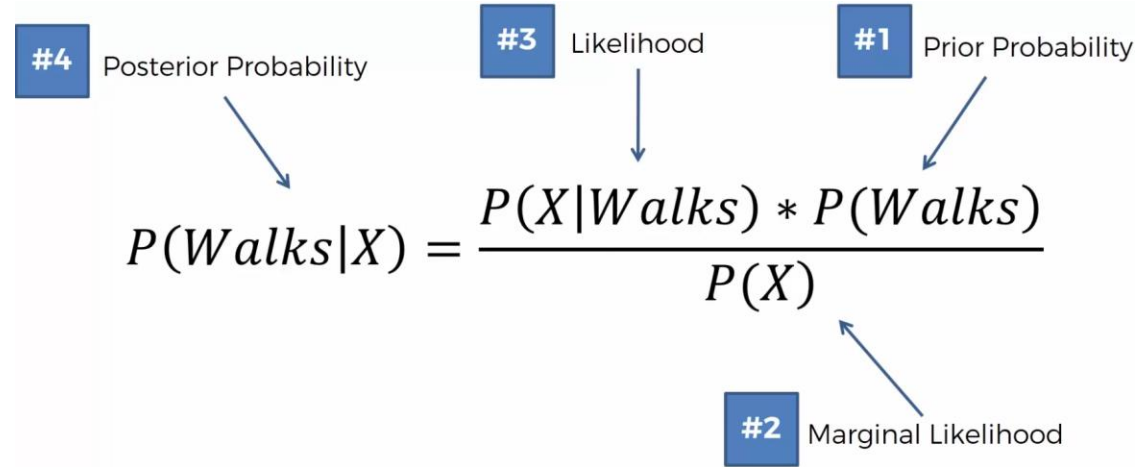


Diagram illustrating the calculation of Posterior Probability using Bayes' Theorem:

$$P(Walks|X) = \frac{P(X|Walks) * P(Walks)}{P(X)}$$

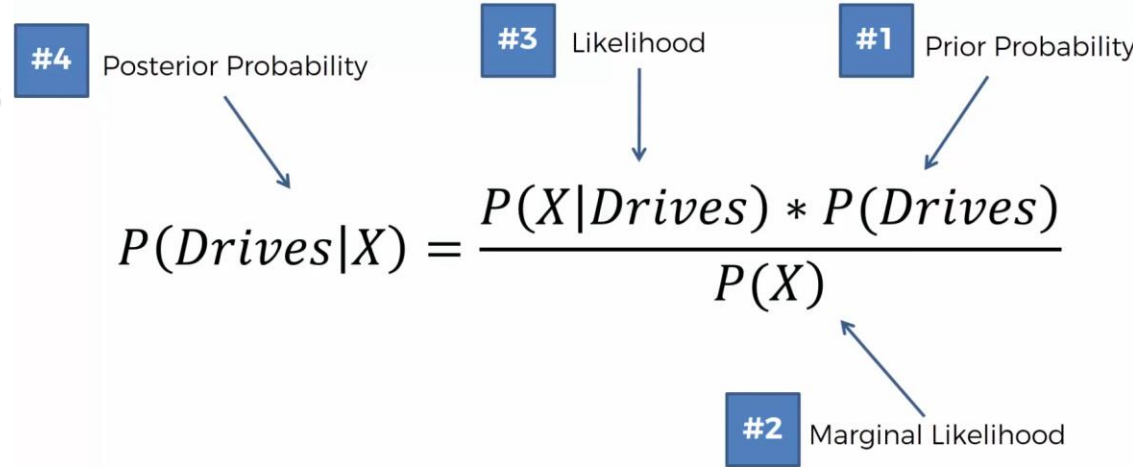
The components are labeled as follows:

- #4 Posterior Probability (points to the left side of the equation)
- #3 Likelihood (points to $P(X|Walks)$)
- #1 Prior Probability (points to $P(Walks)$)
- #2 Marginal Likelihood (points to $P(X)$)

Bayes' Theorem – How to calculate?

Step 2 – Calculate $P(\text{Drive} | X)$:

1. Calculate Prior Probability (same as in Step 1)
2. Calculate Marginal Likelihood
3. Calculate Likelihood
4. Based on calculated values [1-3], we end up calculate Posterior Probability


$$P(\text{Drives} | X) = \frac{P(X | \text{Drives}) * P(\text{Drives})}{P(X)}$$

The diagram illustrates the components of Bayes' Theorem for calculating the Posterior Probability:

- #4 Posterior Probability**: Points to the left side of the equation, $P(\text{Drives} | X)$.
- #3 Likelihood**: Points to the numerator term $P(X | \text{Drives})$.
- #1 Prior Probability**: Points to the numerator term $P(\text{Drives})$.
- #2 Marginal Likelihood**: Points to the denominator term $P(X)$.

Bayes' Theorem – How to calculate?

Step 3:

1. Compare & select the highest probability of both

$$P(Walks|X) \text{ v.s. } P(Drives|X)$$

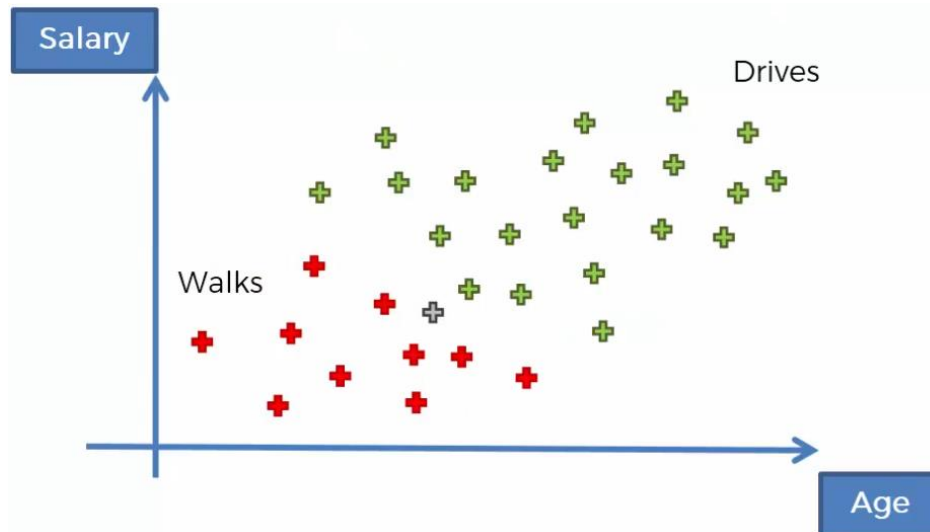
2. For classification purposes only (Class A vs Class B):

$$\Rightarrow \frac{P(X|Walks) * P(Walks)}{\cancel{P(X)}} \text{ v.s. } \frac{P(X|Drives) * P(Drives)}{\cancel{P(X)}}$$

3. For classifier performance evaluation, $P(X)$ must be always calculated

Bayes' Theorem – How to calculate (Step 1)?

1. $P(\text{Walks})$ = Probability that a person walks to work (without knowing any feature)



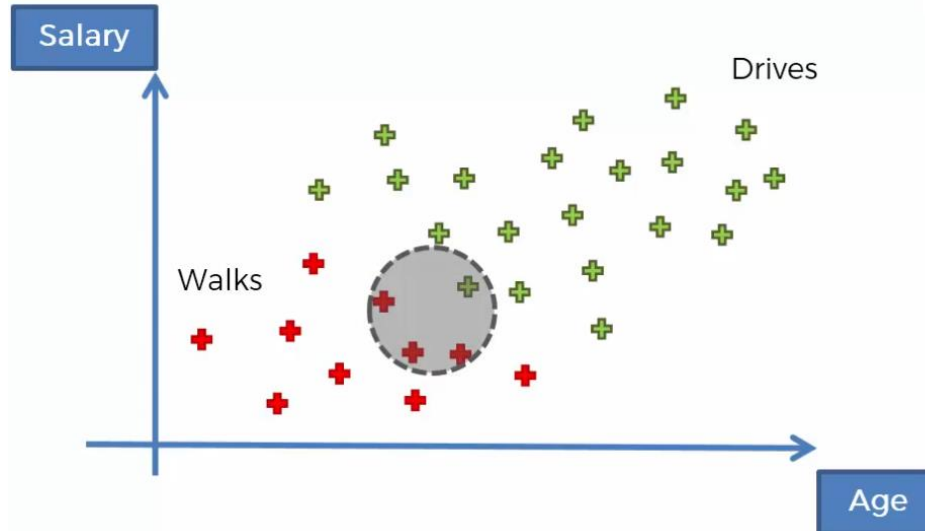
$$P(\text{Walks}) = \frac{\text{Number of Walkers}}{\text{Total Observations}}$$

$$P(\text{Walks}) = \frac{10}{30}$$

Bayes' Theorem – How to calculate (Step 1)?

2. $P(X)$ = probability of similar features exist in the dataset

- Select a radius size and place a circle over the new data point to be classified
- Calculate percentage of #Similar_Observations (inside the circle) vs #TotalObservations



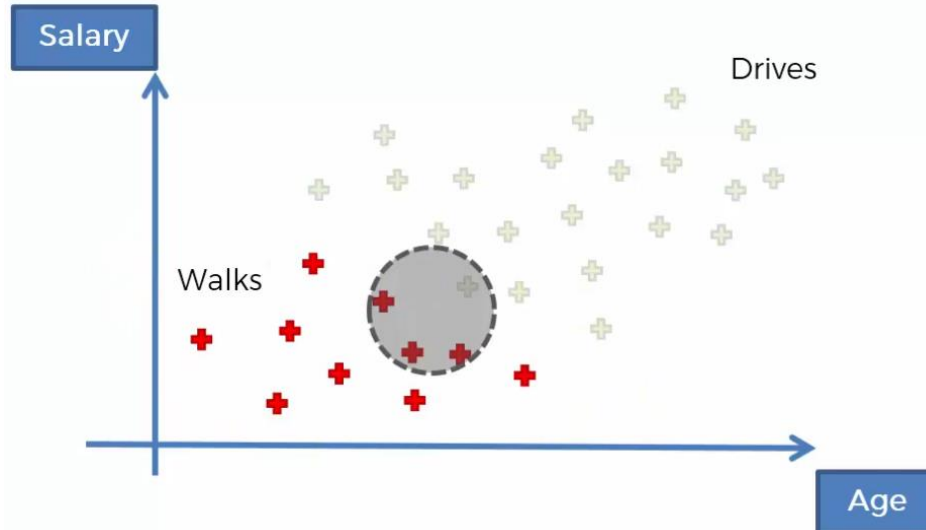
$$P(X) = \frac{\text{Number of Similar Observations}}{\text{Total Observations}}$$

$$P(X) = \frac{4}{30}$$

Bayes' Theorem – How to calculate (Step 1)?

3. $P(X|Walks)$ = probability of similar features exist in the dataset given that person walks

- Filter the walkers observations in the dataset
- Select a radius size and place a circle over the new data point to be classified
- Calculate percentage of #Similar_Walkers (inside the circle) vs #Total_Walkers

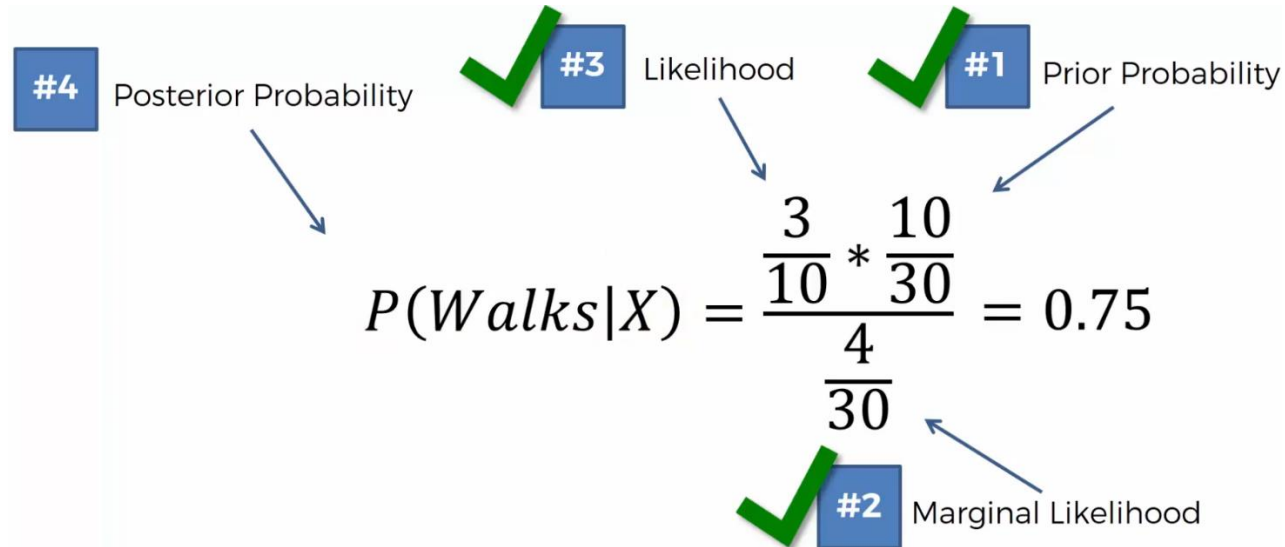


$$P(X|Walks) = \frac{\text{Number of Similar Observations Among those who Walk}}{\text{Total number of Walkers}}$$
$$P(X|Walks) = \frac{3}{10}$$

Bayes' Theorem – How to calculate (Step 1)?

4. $P(\text{Walks}|X)$ = probability of being a walker given the set of features

- Through the previous values, simply calculate $P(\text{Walks}|X)$ given the Bayes' Theorem formula


$$P(\text{Walks}|X) = \frac{\frac{3}{10} * \frac{10}{30}}{\frac{4}{30}} = 0.75$$

The diagram illustrates the calculation of the Posterior Probability ($P(\text{Walks}|X)$) using Bayes' Theorem. It features four numbered boxes with checkmarks, each pointing to a specific part of the formula:

- #1 Prior Probability** points to $\frac{10}{30}$.
- #2 Marginal Likelihood** points to the denominator $\frac{4}{30}$.
- #3 Likelihood** points to $\frac{3}{10}$.
- #4 Posterior Probability** points to the entire expression $P(\text{Walks}|X)$.

Bayes' Theorem – How to calculate (Step 2)?

1. Repeat the previous process to calculate $P(\text{Drives}|X)$

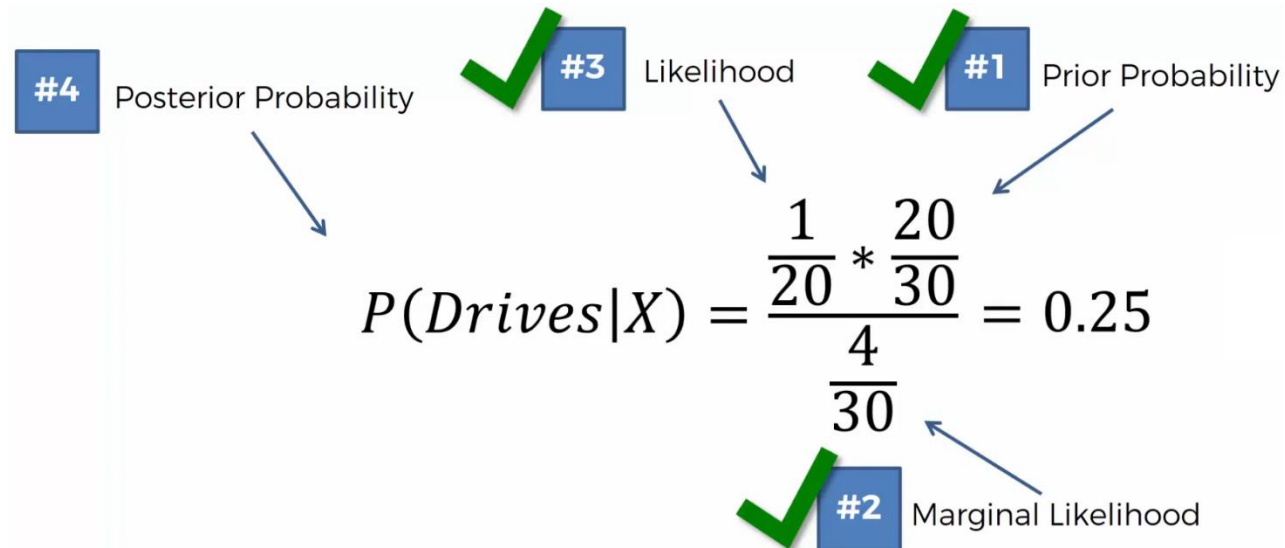


Diagram illustrating the calculation of the Posterior Probability ($P(\text{Drives}|X)$) using Bayes' Theorem. The components are labeled as follows:

- #1 Prior Probability
- #2 Marginal Likelihood
- #3 Likelihood
- #4 Posterior Probability

$$P(\text{Drives}|X) = \frac{\frac{1}{20} * \frac{20}{30}}{\frac{4}{30}} = 0.25$$

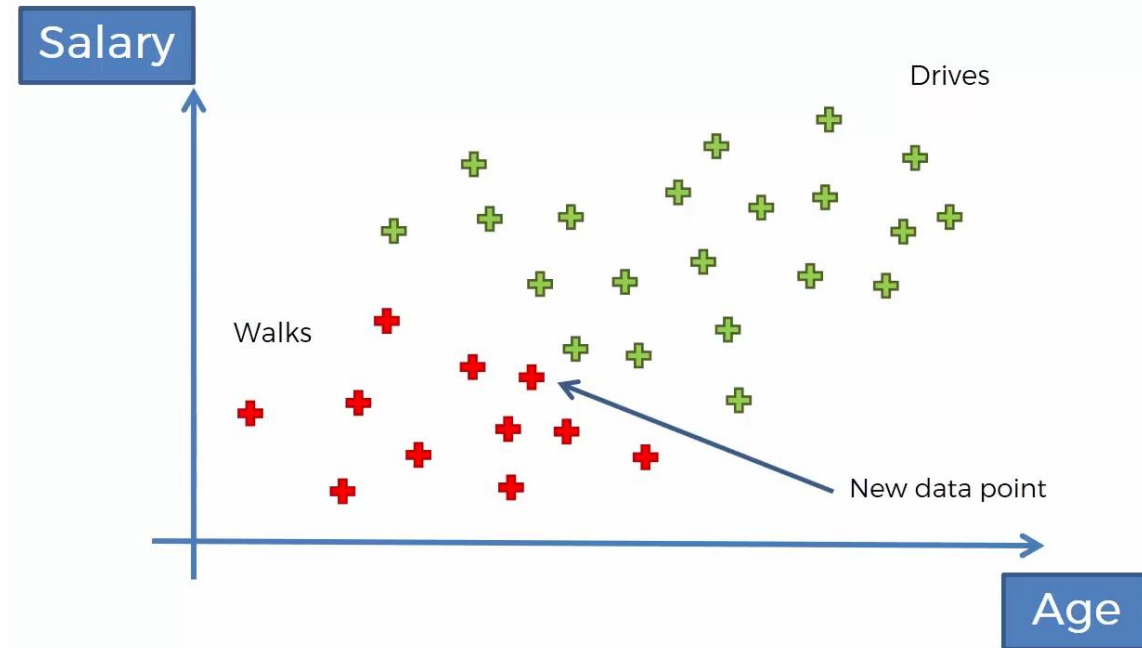
Bayes' Theorem – How to calculate (Step 3)?

1. Compare & select highest probability

$P(Walks|X)$ v.s. $P(Drives|X)$

➡ 0.75 vs 0.25

➡ Classification = Walker



Bayes' Theorem

- Example 2: how would we express the probability of an email being spam if it contains the word “free”?

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(A)P(B|A)}{P(B)} \quad \Rightarrow \quad P(\text{Spam} | \text{Free}) = \frac{P(\text{Spam})P(\text{Free} | \text{Spam})}{P(\text{Free})}$$

- The numerator is the probability of a message being spam and containing the word “free”
 - This is subtly different from what we’re looking for
- The denominator is the overall probability of an email containing the word “free”
 - Equivalent to: **$P(\text{Free} | \text{Spam}) \times P(\text{Spam}) + P(\text{Free} | \text{Not Spam}) \times P(\text{Not Spam})$**
 - This ratio is the percentage of emails with the word “free” that are spam

What about all the other words?

- We can construct $P(\text{Spam} | \text{Word})$ for every (meaningful) word we encounter during training
- Then multiply these together when analyzing a new email to get the probability of it being spam
- Assumes the presence of different words are independent of each other – one reason this is called “Naïve Bayes”





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