

[Text Processing] Sentiment Analysis: Naive Bayes

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Sentiment Analysis: 2 main approaches

- Lexicon based
 - Binary
 - Gradable
- Corpus based
 - Naive Bayes
 - Deep Learning

Bayes classifier

Principle

Assign the **sentiment** or **class** having the highest **posterior probability**.

Namely, determine the sentiment \mathbf{s}^* of text T such that:

$$\mathbf{s}^* = \operatorname{argmax}_{s_i} p(s_i | T) \text{ for } s_i \in \{\text{negative}, \text{positive}, \text{neutral}\}$$

$p(s_i | T)$ cannot be directly estimated correctly → use the Bayes rule:

$$p(s_i | T) = \frac{p(T | s_i) p(s_i)}{p(T)}$$

Bayes classifier

Bayes rule:

$$\mathbf{s}^* = \operatorname{argmax}_{s_i} \frac{p(T|s_i)p(s_i)}{p(T)}$$

Since **evidence** $p(T)$ is independent of s_i , we can ignore it

$$\mathbf{s}^* = \operatorname{argmax}_{s_i} p(T|s_i)p(s_i)$$

- $p(s_i|T)$ is the **posterior probability**
- $p(T|s_i)$ is the **likelihood**
- $p(s_i)$ is the **prior probability**

Naive Bayes classifier

How to compute the likelihood?

Assume that T is described by a number of **features** or attributes t_1, t_2, \dots, t_N

Naive assumption: **features** are **independent**

$$p(T|s_i) = p(t_1, t_2, \dots, t_N|s_i) \approx \prod_{j=1}^N p(t_j|s_i)$$

⇒ product of probabilities of each **feature** value of text occurring with class s_i

Naive Bayes classifier

How to compute the prior probability?

→ corresponds to the safest decision when no other information is given ~ majority voting

Requires an **annotated corpus** (text along with their sentiment)

Compute **prior probability** by simple relative frequency

$$p(s_i) = \frac{\text{count}(s_i)}{\sum_{j=0}^J \text{count}(s_j)}$$

with J the number of different classes and $\text{count}(\cdot)$ is the counting function

Digression: corpus based machine learning

Corpora:

- **training** set → used to **estimate probabilities**
 - input data along with the ground truth (correct labels)
- **development** set, also called **validation** set → used to **design** the model
 - e.g. feature selection, set meta-parameters (could be some weights)
 - ground truth (correct labels) available
 - used to select the best model
- **test** set → used to **evaluate generalisation** power
 - unseen examples
 - best case: no access to the ground truth

Naive Bayes classifier

Final decision

$$s^* = \operatorname{argmax}_{s_i} p(s_i) \prod_{j=1}^N p(t_j|s_i)$$

- ① Compute prior probability of each class
 - ② For each class:
 - Compute likelihood of each feature
 - ③ Calculate the posterior probability by product of previous components
 - ④ Select sentiment having maximum posterior probability
- **negative**, **positive** or **neutral**

Naive Bayes for Sentiment Analysis - Example

Consider the following dummy **training** corpus of 7 movie reviews:

Doc	Words	Class
1	great movie, excellent plot, renowned actors	positive
2	I had not seen a fantastic plot like this in good 5 years. amazing!!!	positive
3	lovely plot, amazing cast, somehow I am in love with the bad guy	positive
4	bad movie with great cast, but very poor plot and unimaginative ending	negative
5	I hate this film, it has nothing original	negative
6	great movie, but not...	negative
7	very bad movie, I have no words to express how I dislike it	negative

Naive Bayes for Sentiment Analysis - Example

Compute prior probability of each class by relative frequency

$$p(\text{positive}) = \frac{\text{count}(\text{positive})}{\sum_{s \in \{\text{positive}, \text{negative}\}} \text{count}(s)} = \frac{3}{7} = 0.43$$

$$p(\text{negative}) = \frac{\text{count}(\text{negative})}{\sum_{s \in \{\text{positive}, \text{negative}\}} \text{count}(s)} = \frac{4}{7} = 0.57$$

Naive Bayes for Sentiment Analysis - Example

What **features** should we consider?

- could use **all** words
 - but some might not be relevant → we are interested in the **emotion words**
 - use the **development** corpus to decide!
- in this example: focus on **adjectives** (**bag-of-word** representation)

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1	great excellent renowned	positive
2	fantastic good amazing !!!	positive
3	lovely amazing bad	positive
4	bad great poor unimaginative	negative
5	original	negative
6	great bad	negative
7	bad	negative

Naive Bayes for Sentiment Analysis - Example

Compute the likelihoods for all features and given each class

Important

Assume standard pre-processing: tokenisation, lowercasing, punctuation removal (but keep special punctuation, e.g. "!!!")

Examples:

- GOOD = GooD = Good = good
- I'll = I will (though not relevant here)
- aren't = are not

Naive Bayes for Sentiment Analysis - Example

Compute the likelihoods for all features and given each class

$$p(t_j|s_i) = \frac{\text{count}(t_j, s_i)}{\sum_{j,k} \text{count}(t_j, s_k)} \rightarrow \text{relative frequency}$$

$p(\text{amazing} \text{positive})$	$= 2/10$	$p(\text{amazing} \text{negative})$	$= 0/8$
$p(\text{bad} \text{positive})$	$= 1/10$	$p(\text{bad} \text{negative})$	$= 3/8$
$p(\text{excellent} \text{positive})$	$= 1/10$	$p(\text{excellent} \text{negative})$	$= 0/8$
$p(\text{fantastic} \text{positive})$	$= 1/10$	$p(\text{fantastic} \text{negative})$	$= 0/8$
$p(\text{good} \text{positive})$	$= 1/10$	$p(\text{good} \text{negative})$	$= 0/8$
$p(\text{great} \text{positive})$	$= 1/10$	$p(\text{great} \text{negative})$	$= 2/8$
$p(\text{lovely} \text{positive})$	$= 1/10$	$p(\text{lovely} \text{negative})$	$= 0/8$
$p(\text{original} \text{positive})$	$= 0/10$	$p(\text{original} \text{negative})$	$= 1/8$
$p(\text{poor} \text{positive})$	$= 0/10$	$p(\text{poor} \text{negative})$	$= 1/8$
$p(\text{renowned} \text{positive})$	$= 1/10$	$p(\text{renowned} \text{negative})$	$= 0/8$
$p(\text{unimaginative} \text{positive})$	$= 0/10$	$p(\text{unimaginative} \text{negative})$	$= 1/8$
$p(\text{!!!} \text{positive})$	$= 1/10$	$p(\text{!!!} \text{negative})$	$= 0/8$

Naive Bayes for Sentiment Analysis - Example

Relative frequencies for prior and likelihoods make the model in a Naive Bayes classifier
→ features are supposed independent (no covariance taken into account)
→ this is an approximation of course

What is the model?

→ the set of all prior probabilities and likelihoods

At **test** time, this model is used to find the most likely class (sentiment) for the unknown text

$$\mathbf{s}^* = \operatorname{argmax}_{s_i} p(s_i) \prod_{j=1}^N p(t_j|s_i)$$

Naive Bayes for Sentiment Analysis - Text Ex. 1

Consider the following test segment to classify:

Doc	Words	Class
8	This was a fantastic story, great, lovely	?

Naive Bayes for Sentiment Analysis - Text Ex. 1

Consider the following test segment to classify:

- ① Extract features

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8	This was a fantastic story, great , lovely	?

Naive Bayes for Sentiment Analysis - Text Ex. 1

Consider the following test segment to classify:

- ① Extract features
- ② Build representation

Doc	Words	Class
8	fantastic great lovely	?

Naive Bayes for Sentiment Analysis - Text Ex. 1

Consider the following test segment to classify:

- ① Extract features
- ② Build representation

Doc	Words	Class
8	fantastic great lovely	?

- ③ Get likelihoods

$$\begin{array}{ll|ll} p(\text{fantastic}|\text{positive}) & = 1/10 & p(\text{fantastic}|\text{negative}) & = 0/8 \\ p(\text{great}|\text{positive}) & = 1/10 & p(\text{great}|\text{negative}) & = 2/8 \\ p(\text{lovely}|\text{positive}) & = 1/10 & p(\text{lovely}|\text{negative}) & = 0/8 \end{array}$$

Naive Bayes for Sentiment Analysis - Text Ex. 1

$$\begin{aligned} p(\text{positive}|\text{text}) &= p(\text{positive}) * p(\text{fantastic}|\text{positive}) * p(\text{great}|\text{positive}) * p(\text{lovely}|\text{positive}) \\ &= 3/7 * 1/10 * 1/10 * 1/10 \\ &= \mathbf{0.00043} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} p(\text{negative}|\text{text}) &= p(\text{negative}) * p(\text{fantastic}|\text{negative}) * p(\text{great}|\text{negative}) * p(\text{lovely}|\text{negative}) \\ &= 4/7 * 0/8 * 2/8 * 0/8 \\ &= \mathbf{0} \end{aligned}$$

Final decision: sentiment is **positive**

Naive Bayes for Sentiment Analysis - Text Ex. 2

Consider the following test segment to classify:

Doc	Words	Class
9	Great plot, great cast, great everything	?

Naive Bayes for Sentiment Analysis - Text Ex. 2

Consider the following test segment to classify:

- ① Extract features
- ② Build representation

Doc	Words	Class
9	Great great great	?

Naive Bayes for Sentiment Analysis - Text Ex. 2

Consider the following test segment to classify:

- ① Extract features
- ② Build representation

Doc	Words	Class
9	Great great great	?

- ③ Get likelihoods: $p(\text{great}|\text{positive}) = 1/10 \mid p(\text{great}|\text{negative}) = 2/8$

Naive Bayes for Sentiment Analysis - Text Ex. 2

Consider the following test segment to classify:

- ① Extract features
- ② Build representation

Doc	Words	Class
9	Great great great	?

- ③ Get likelihoods: $p(\text{great}|\text{positive}) = 1/10 \mid p(\text{great}|\text{negative}) = 2/8$
- ④ Compute posteriors

$$p(\text{positive}|\text{text}) = 3/7 * 1/10 * 1/10 * 1/10 = \text{0.00043}$$

$$p(\text{negative}|\text{text}) = 4/7 * 2/8 * 2/8 * 2/8 = \text{0.00893}$$

Final decision: sentiment is **negative**

Naive Bayes for Sentiment Analysis - Text Ex. 2

Consider the following test segment to classify:

- ① Extract features
- ② Build representation

Doc	Words	Class
9	Great great great	?

- ③ Get likelihoods: $p(\text{great}|\text{positive}) = 1/10 \mid p(\text{great}|\text{negative}) = 2/8$
- ④ Compute posteriors

$$p(\text{positive}|\text{text}) = 3/7 * 1/10 * 1/10 * 1/10 = 0.00043$$

$$p(\text{negative}|\text{text}) = 4/7 * 2/8 * 2/8 * 2/8 = 0.00893$$

Final decision: sentiment is **negative**

Training data
should be
representative!

Naive Bayes for Sentiment Analysis - Text Ex. 3

Consider the following test segment to classify:

Doc	Words	Class
10	Boring movie, annoying plot, unimaginative ending	?

Naive Bayes for Sentiment Analysis - Text Ex. 3

Consider the following test segment to classify:

- ① Extract features
- ② Build representation

Doc	Words	Class
9	Boring annoying unimaginative	?

Naive Bayes for Sentiment Analysis - Text Ex. 3

Consider the following test segment to classify:

- ① Extract features
- ② Build representation

Doc	Words	Class
9	Boring annoying unimaginative	?

- ③ Get likelihoods:

$$p(\text{unimaginative}|\text{positive}) = 0/10 \mid p(\text{unimaginative}|\text{negative}) = 1/8$$

Naive Bayes for Sentiment Analysis - Text Ex. 3

Consider the following test segment to classify:

- ① Extract features
- ② Build representation

Doc	Words	Class
9	Boring annoying unimaginative	?

- ③ Get likelihoods:

$$p(\text{unimaginative}|\text{positive}) = 0/10 \quad | \quad p(\text{unimaginative}|\text{negative}) = 1/8$$

- ④ Compute posteriors

$$p(\text{positive}|text) = 3/7 * 0/10 * 0/10 * 0/10 = 0.0$$

$$p(\text{negative}|text) = 4/7 * 0/8 * 0/8 * 1/8 = 0.0$$

Final decision: sentiment is ???

Naive Bayes for Sentiment Analysis - Text Ex. 3

Consider the following test segment to classify:

- ① Extract features
- ② Build representation

Doc	Words	Class
9	Boring annoying unimaginative	?

- ③ Get likelihoods:

$$p(\text{unimaginative}|\text{positive}) = 0/10 \quad | \quad p(\text{unimaginative}|\text{negative}) = 1/8$$

- ④ Compute posteriors

$$p(\text{positive}|\text{text}) = 3/7 * 0/10 * 0/10 * 0/10 = 0.0$$

$$p(\text{negative}|\text{text}) = 4/7 * 0/8 * 0/8 * 1/8 = 0.0$$

Final decision: sentiment is ???

Training data
should be large!

Naive Bayes for Sentiment Analysis

Cannot ensure that all possible word appear in the training corpus

→ apply a **smoothing** technique

$$p(t_j|s_i) = \frac{\text{count}(t_j, s_i) + 1}{\text{count}(s_i) + |\mathcal{V}|} \quad \rightarrow \text{Laplace smoothing, also called add-1 smoothing}$$

where $|\mathcal{V}|$ is the number of distinct features (also called **vocabulary**) → 12 in our example

Naive Bayes for Sentiment Analysis - Text Ex. 3

Consider the following test segment to classify:

- ① Extract features
- ② Build representation

Doc	Words	Class
9	Boring annoying unimaginative	?

Naive Bayes for Sentiment Analysis - Text Ex. 3

Consider the following test segment to classify:

- ① Extract features
- ② Build representation

Doc	Words	Class
9	Boring annoying unimaginative	?

- ③ Get new likelihoods:

$$\begin{array}{ll|ll} p(\text{boring}|\text{positive}) & = (0+1)/(10+12) = 1/22 & p(\text{boring}|\text{negative}) & = (0+1)/(8+12) = 1/20 \\ p(\text{annoying}|\text{positive}) & = (0+1)/(10+12) = 1/22 & p(\text{annoying}|\text{negative}) & = (0+1)/(8+12) = 1/20 \\ p(\text{unimaginative}|\text{positive}) & = (0+1)/(10+12) = 1/22 & p(\text{unimaginative}|\text{negative}) & = (1+1)/(8+12) = 2/20 \end{array}$$

Naive Bayes for Sentiment Analysis - Text Ex. 3

Consider the following test segment to classify:

- ① Extract features
- ② Build representation

Doc	Words	Class
9	Boring annoying unimaginative	?

- ③ Get new likelihoods:

$$\begin{array}{ll|ll} p(\text{boring}|\text{positive}) & = (0+1)/(10+12) = 1/22 & p(\text{boring}|\text{negative}) & = (0+1)/(8+12) = 1/20 \\ p(\text{annoying}|\text{positive}) & = (0+1)/(10+12) = 1/22 & p(\text{annoying}|\text{negative}) & = (0+1)/(8+12) = 1/20 \\ p(\text{unimaginative}|\text{positive}) & = (0+1)/(10+12) = 1/22 & p(\text{unimaginative}|\text{negative}) & = (1+1)/(8+12) = 2/20 \end{array}$$

- ④ Compute posteriors

$$p(\text{positive}|text) = 3/7 * 1/22 * 1/22 * 1/22 = \textcolor{green}{0.000040}$$

$$p(\text{negative}|text) = 4/7 * 1/20 * 1/20 * 2/20 = \textcolor{red}{0.000143}$$

Final decision: sentiment is **negative**

Naive Bayes for Sentiment Analysis

How can be used a trained classifier?

- Different level of granularity:
- document-level:
 - direct classification
 - by aggregation of sentence classification results
- sentence or phrase-level:
 - select sentences focusing on some aspect (features)
→ provides a specific sentiment analysis for this feature

Naive Bayes for Sentiment Analysis - Questions

Is this a good solution?

- Simple solution. Works well if data is not sparse.

Is it robust?

- Problem: what about new words?

What is the role of the prior?

- reminder: safest decision **when no other information is given** \sim majority voting
- important especially on biased cases

Can we extend to a non-binary classification?

- Naive Bayes can be easily extended by considering more than 2 classes
- ... but beware of the **curse of dimensionality** \rightarrow sparsity

Naive Bayes for Sentiment Analysis - Questions

How can we improve this solution?

① Consider other **features**?

- using all words in Naive Bayes works well for some tasks
 - subsets of words may help → use the **development** set to that end
 - previous examples consider only adjectives, this is limitating
 - **verbs**: hate, dislike
 - **intensifiers**: very, much, a lot
 - **negation**: not ← **very important!**
 - **nouns**: love, creativity
- possibly people tend to mostly talk of those **nouns** in a **positive** or **negative** way
- pre-built polarity lexicons can be helpful

② Consider other **algorithms**?

- Maximum Entropy (MaxEnt), Support Vector Machines (SVM), neural networks
- no assumption of statistical independence among features
- more complex but tend to do better

Extra reading

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