

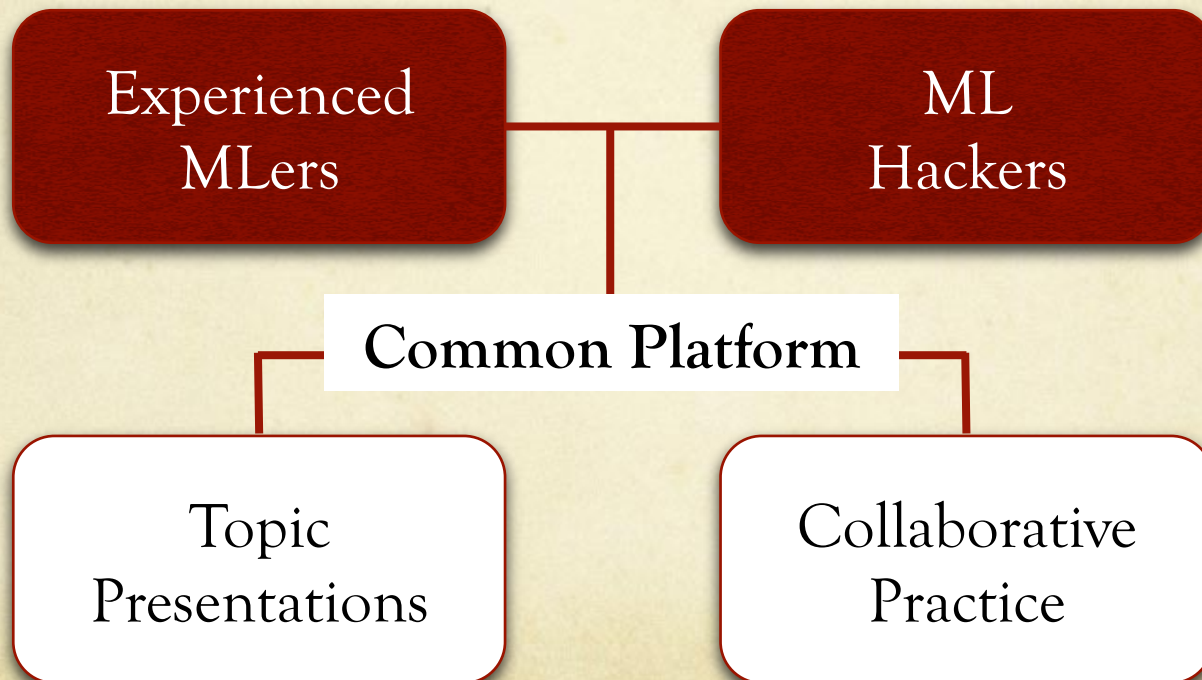


# Naïve Bayes for the Superbowl

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# NashML Goals

Create a hub for like-minded people to come together, share knowledge and collaborate on interesting domains.





# Platform

- IPython Notebook (Project Jupyter)
- Java, Scala, Python (others?)
- Scikit-learn
- PyLearn2/Theano
- iTorch
- AWS/Mahout/Spark/Mllib?

# Rev. Thomas Bayes

“An Essay towards solving a Problem in the Doctrine of Chances” published posthumously 1763



*I now send you an essay which I have found among the papers of our deceased friend Mr. Bayes, and which, in my opinion, has great merit, and well deserves to be preserved.*

*Experimental philosophy, you will find, is nearly interested in the subject of it; and on this account there seems to be particular reason for thinking that a communication of it to the Royal Society cannot be improper...*



# Bayes' Theorem

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

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

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# Statistical Inference

Likelihood

Prior

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

Posterior  
(What we want to find)

Evidence

# Intuition Behind Bayes

A Priori	Initial Belief (model)
Evidence	See the Data
Likelihood	How likely to see Data given Belief
A Posteriori	Updated Belief after seeing Data

$$posterior = \frac{prior \bullet likelihood}{evidence}$$



# Example

*Blackjack Insurance Bet:*

What is the probability that a dealer with an Ace showing has Blackjack?



# Example

Prior	$P(\text{Dealer has Blackjack})$	$32/663$
Evidence	$P(\text{Ace showing})$	$1/13$
Likelihood	$P(\text{Ace showing} \mid \text{has Blackjack})$	$1/2$
Posterior	$P(\text{Blackjack} \mid \text{Ace showing})$	$16/51$

$16/51 = 31\%$  or less than  $1/3$  of the time.

# Are you a Bayesian?

You read Burton Malkiel's book "A Random Walk down Wall Street" and believe in the Efficient Market Hypothesis. Your broker gives you a tip to buy Tesla. You ignore the broker and Tesla rises 100 days in a row.

As a Bayesian, do you believe:

- A) The stock is long due for a correction
- B) It is possible for Tesla to rise another 100 days in a row
- C) You were fooled by randomness





# Naïve Bayes

You observe outcome  $Y$  with some  $n$  features  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$ . The joint density can be expressed using the chain rule:

$$\begin{aligned} P(Y, X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n) &= P(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n | Y) P(Y) \\ &= P(Y) P(X_1 | Y) P(X_2 | Y, X_1) P(X_3 | Y, X_1, X_2) \dots \end{aligned}$$

This is messy, but simplifies if we naively assume independence,

$$P(X_2 | Y, X_1) = P(X_2 | Y)$$

$$P(X_3 | Y, X_2, X_1) = P(X_3 | Y)$$

$$P(X_n | Y, X_n \dots X_2, X_1) = P(X_n | Y)$$

} **Naïve Bayes  
Assumption**

# Naïve Bayes Classifier

Let  $K$  classes be denoted  $c_k$ . The (conditional) probability of class  $c_k$  given that we observed features  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  is:

$$P(c_k | x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = P(c_k) \prod_{i=1}^n P(x_i | c_k)$$

A Naïve Bayes classifier simply chooses the class with highest probability (maximum a posteriori):

$$c_{NB} = \operatorname{argmax}_{k \in K} P(c_k) \prod_{i=1}^n P(x_i | c_k)$$



# Gaussian Naïve Bayes

When features  $x_i$  are continuous valued, typically make the assumption they are normally distributed:

$$P(x_i | c_k) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma_{ki}^2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{x_i - \mu_{ki}}{\sigma_{ki}}\right)^2}$$

$$c_{NB} = \operatorname{argmax}_{k \in K} P(c_k) \prod_{i=1}^n P(x_i | c_k)$$

Variance  $\sigma_{ki}$  can be independent of  $x_i$  and/or  $c_k$ .

# Multinomial Naïve Bayes

When features  $x_i$  are the number of occurrences of  $n$  possible events (words, votes, etc...)

$p_{ki}$  = probability of  $i$ -th event occurring in class  $k$

$x_i$  = frequency of  $i$ -th event

The multinomial Naïve Bayes classifier becomes:

$$c_{NB} = \operatorname{argmax}_{k \in K} \left( \log P(c_k) + \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \cdot \log p_{ki} \right)$$

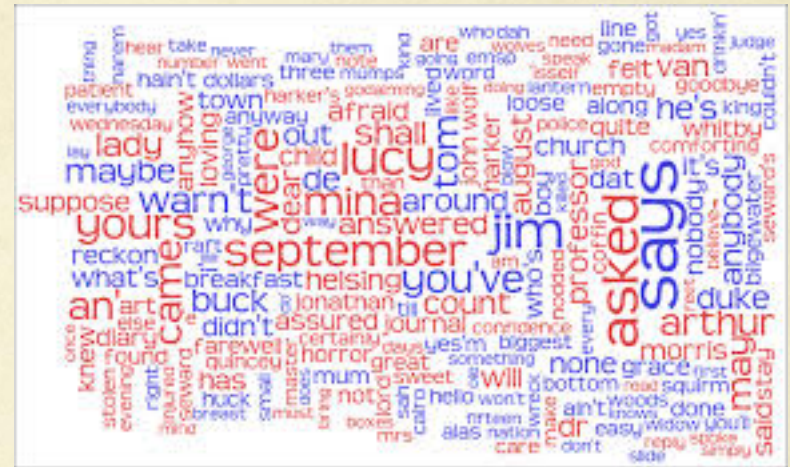


# Naïve Bayes Intuition

- Assumes all features are independent with each other
- Independence assumption decouples the individual distributions for each feature
- Decoupling can overcome curse of dimensionality
- Performance robust to irrelevant features
- Very fast, low storage footprint
- Good performance with multiple equally important features

# Naïve Bayes Applications

- Document Categorization
- NLP
- Email Sorting
- Collaborative Filtering
- Sports Prediction
- Sentiment Analysis





# Example: Doc Classification

Want to classify documents into  $k$  topics. Document  $d$  consisting of words  $w_i$  is assigned to the topic  $c_{NB}$ :

$$c_{NB} = \operatorname{argmax}_{k \in K} P(c_k) \prod_i P(w_i | c_k)$$

$$P(c_k) = \text{topic frequency} = \frac{N_{docs(topic=c_k)}}{N_{docs}}$$

$P(w_i | c_k)$  = word  $w_i$  frequency in all topic  $c_k$  docs

$$= \frac{N_{word=w_i(topic=c_k)}}{\sum_i N_{word=w_i(topic=c_k)}}$$

# Laplace (add-1) Smoothing

What happens with  $P(w_i | c_k) = 0$  for a particular  $i, k$ ?

$$P(c_k | x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = P(c_k) \prod_{i=1}^n P(x_i | c_k) = 0!$$

Solution is to add 1 to numerator & denominator:

$$P(w_i | c_k) = \frac{N_{word=w_i(topic=c_k)} + 1}{\sum_i (N_{word=w_i(topic=c_k)} + 1)}$$



# NBC Application Roadmap

- Read Dataset
- Transform Dataset
- Create Classifier
- Train Classifier
- Make Prediction

# Sports Prediction

Who is favored to win the Superbowl?

*Given the 2014 season game statistics for two teams, how can we make a prediction on the outcome of the next game using a Naïve Bayes classifier?*

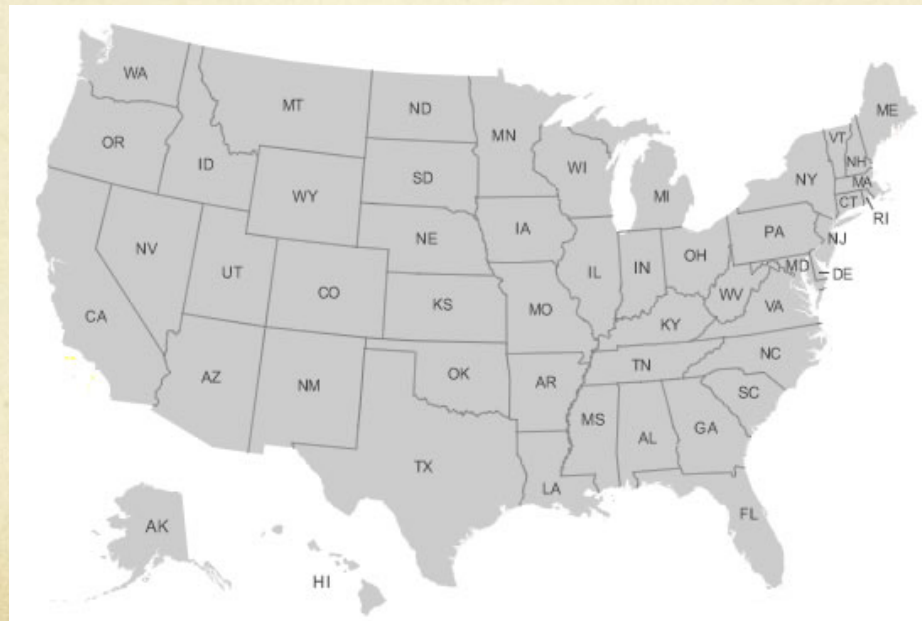




# Sentiment Analysis

Which team is most favored in each state?

*What if we analyzed tweets by sentiment and location using a Naïve Bayes Classifier?*



# Starter Code

Repo with Starter Code at:

<https://github.com/guard0g/NaiveBayesForSuperbowl>

IPython notebook:      NB4Superbowl.ipynb

Datasets:                SeattleStats.csv

                            NewEnglandStats.csv