Homework 11: Naive Bayes

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In this exercise we will implement a Multi-Class Naive Bayes Classifier that will be trained with the 20 Newsgroup Dataset to distinguish 20 different text categories. The dataset can be imported as part of the library sklearn, so you don't need to get the dataset somehow else. Take a look at the file hwll_naive_bayes/naive_bayes_classifier.py. In this exercise you will have to complete some methods to make the classification work. The implementation uses the external python module sklearn¹. You should already have installed sklearn for previous exercises; if not, run: pip3 install sklearn

This homework will be graded using unit tests by running:

python3 -m unittest -v hw11_naive_bayes/test_naive_bayes.py

Exercise 1: Creating the instances [1 point]

Complete the @classmethod DataInstance.from_list_of_feature_occurrences(cls, feature_list, label). The method should create a dictionary feature_counts, which contains all words of the feature_list and their frequency. To implement this dictionary, you can also use the Counter class we learnt in the last session. The created feature_counts is then passed to the cls() method, which calls the constructor of the class and constructs a DataInstance from a feature_list.

Exercise 2: Constructing/training the Classifier [3 points]

Complete the classmethod NaiveBayesClassifier.for_dataset(cls, dataset, smoothing = 1.0). The method should go through each data instance of the instance_list and fill out the two dictionaries defined in the method. Then, the method can serve as a constructor to construct a NaiveBayesClassifier from a Dataset.

^{*}Credit: Exercises are based on previous iterations from Katerina Kalouli.

¹https://sklearn.org/

Exercise 3: Predicting [6 points]

Complete the method prediction(self, feature_counts). This method should return the predicted class label (a string) for the given feature_counts, i.e., for the given data instance. You need to understand the method log_probability and score_for_category first. You will also need to use the method score_for_category to score each category and return the one with the highest score.

Exercise 4: Evaluating [4 points]

Complete the method prediction_accuracy(self, dataset). This method should iterate over all data instances of a given dataset, predict the labels for each dataset (use the previously implemented method for that) and return the *Accuracy*.

Exercise 5: Finding the best features [6 points]

Complete the method log_odds_for_word(self, word, category) that computes the log-odds: $\log\left(\frac{P(category|word)}{1-P(category|word)}\right)$. Have a look at the slides to get some help.

Exercise 6: Using the classifier [just for fun]

Once you have implemented all missing functionality, you can have a look at text_categorization.py to see how to use naive bayes in practice. This may take a while depending on the power of your computer. Run the code with:

python3 -m hw11_naive_bayes.text_categorization