

EECS545 Lecture 6 Quiz Solutions

1. **Select all that are true.**

- (a) Consider a problem where you want to use a high-dimensional features (where there may be some correlation between the features). Between Naive Bayes and Logistic Regression, Naive Bayes is the better choice.
- (b) Naive Bayes classifier and GDA (Gaussian Discriminant Analysis) are generative models.
- (c) Laplacian smoothing for Naive Bayes avoids zero product for words that show up as only spam / only non-spam

Solution: (b) and (c).

(a) is not true: naive Bayes assumes conditional independence of features given class labels. This may be a too strong assumption when there is non-trivial correlation between features.

2. Naive Bayes practice. Consider the following dataset $\{(\text{spam or not spam}, [\text{tokens}])\} = \{(\text{spam}, [\text{A}, \text{B}, \text{B}, \text{A}]), (\text{not spam}, [\text{C}, \text{A}, \text{B}]), (\text{not spam}, [\text{B}, \text{A}, \text{B}])\}$. How many words (vocabulary size M in the lecture) exist in this dataset?

Solution: $M = 3$ (A, B, C).

3. Continued. Find the naive bayes MLE estimate for $P((\text{spam}, [\text{C}, \text{A}, \text{B}, \text{B}, \text{A}]))$ without laplacian smoothing.

Solution: $\mu_C^{\text{spam}} = 0$, so the entire likelihood is 0.

4. Continued. Find the MLE estimate for $P((\text{spam}, [\text{C}, \text{A}, \text{B}, \text{B}, \text{A}]))$ with laplacian smoothing. We still assume that each token t_i is independent.

Solution:

$$\phi^{spam} = \frac{1}{3} \quad (1)$$

$$\mu_A^{spam} = \frac{2+1}{4+3} = \frac{3}{7} \quad (2)$$

$$\mu_B^{spam} = \frac{2+1}{4+3} = \frac{3}{7} \quad (3)$$

$$\mu_C^{spam} = \frac{0+1}{4+3} = \frac{1}{7} \quad (4)$$

$$P((spam, [C, A, B, B, A]) = \mu_C^s (\mu_A^s)^2 (\mu_B^s)^2 \phi^{spam} = \frac{27}{16807} \quad (5)$$