

Text as Data

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Some R Code

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$$\underbrace{P(\mathbf{x})}_{2^J \times 1} = \underbrace{P(\mathbf{x}|C)}_{2^J \times K} \underbrace{P(C)}_{K \times 1}$$

Matrix algebra problem to solve, for $P(C)$

Like Naive Bayes, requires two pieces to estimate

Complication $2^J \gg$ no. documents

Kernel Smoothing Methods (without a formal model)

- $P(\mathbf{x})$ = estimate directly from test set
- $P(\mathbf{x}|C)$ = estimate from training set
 - Key assumption: $P(\mathbf{x}|C)$ in training set is equivalent to $P(\mathbf{x}|C)$ in test set
- If true, can perform biased sampling of documents, worry less about drift...

Algorithm Summarized

- Estimate $\hat{p}(\mathbf{x})$ from test set
- Estimate $\hat{p}(\mathbf{x}|C)$ from training set
- Use $\hat{p}(\mathbf{x})$ and $\hat{p}(\mathbf{x}|C)$ to solve for $p(C)$

Assessing Model Performance

Not classifying individual documents \rightarrow different standards

Mean Square Error :

$$E[(\hat{\theta} - \theta)^2] = \text{var}(\hat{\theta}) + \text{Bias}(\hat{\theta}, \theta)^2$$

Suppose we have true proportions $P(C)^{\text{true}}$. Then, we'll estimate **Root Mean Square Error**

$$\text{RMSE} = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{j=1}^J (P(C_j)^{\text{true}} - P(C_j))^2}{J}}$$

$$\text{Mean Abs. Prediction Error} = \left| \frac{\sum_{j=1}^J (P(C_j)^{\text{true}} - P(C_j))}{J} \right|$$

Visualize: plot true and estimated proportions

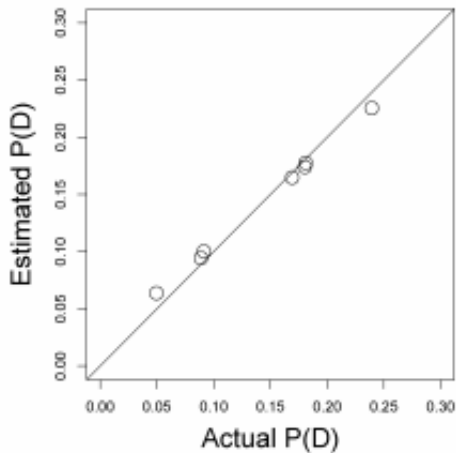


TABLE 1 Performance of Our Nonparametric Approach and Four Support Vector Machine Analyses

| | Percent of Blog Posts Correctly Classified | | | |
|---------------|--|----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|
| | In-Sample Fit | In-Sample Cross-Validation | Out-of-Sample Prediction | Mean Absolute Proportion Error |
| Nonparametric | — | — | — | 1.2 |
| Linear | 67.6 | 55.2 | 49.3 | 7.7 |
| Radial | 67.6 | 54.2 | 49.1 | 7.7 |
| Polynomial | 99.7 | 48.9 | 47.8 | 5.3 |
| Sigmoid | 15.6 | 15.6 | 18.2 | 23.2 |

Notes: Each row is the optimal choice over numerous individual runs given a specific kernel. Leaving aside the sigmoid kernel, individual classification performance in the first three columns does not correlate with mean absolute error in the document category proportions in the last column.

Using the House Press Release Data

| Method | RMSE | APSE |
|------------|-------|-------|
| ReadMe | 0.036 | 0.056 |
| NaiveBayes | 0.096 | 0.14 |
| SVM | 0.052 | 0.084 |

Code to Run in R

Control file:

| filename | truth | trainingset |
|------------------------|-------|-------------|
| 20July2009LEWIS53.txt | 4 | 1 |
| 26July2006LEWIS249.txt | 2 | 0 |

```
tdm<- undergrad(control=control, fullfreq=F)
process<- preprocess(tdm)
output<- undergrad(process)
output$est.CSMF ## proportion in each category
output$true.CSMF ## if labeled for validation set (but not
used in training set)
```