

# Naïve Bayes

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# CLASSIFICATION

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- Email: Spam/not Spam
- Online transactions: Fraudulent (yes/no)
- Tumour: malignant/benign

$y \in \{0,1\}$       0: “negative class” (e.g. benign tumour)  
                         1: “positive class” (e.g. malignant tumour)

- Multiclass classification problem  $\rightarrow y \in \{0,1,2,3\}$

# CLASSIFICATION

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- The relationship between attribute set and the class variable is non-deterministic.
- Even if the attributes are same, the class label may differ in training set even and hence can not be predicted with certainty.
- Reason: noisy data, certain other attributes are not included in the data.

→ We want to model a probabilistic relationship between the attribute set and the class variable.

# BAYESIAN CLASSIFICATION

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- Problem statement
- Given features  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$
- Predict a label  $Y$

# BAYESIAN CLASSIFICATION

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- A probabilistic framework for solving classification problems
- Conditional Probability:
  - $P(C|A) = \frac{P(C,A)}{P(A)}$
  - $P(A|C) = \frac{P(C,A)}{P(C)}$
- Bayes theorem:
  - $P(C|A) = \frac{P(A|C)*P(C)}{P(A)}$

# EXAMPLE OF BAYES THEOREM

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- Given:
  - A doctor knows that Cold causes fever 50 % of the time
  - Prior probability of any patient having cold is 1/50,000
  - Prior probability of any patient having fever is 1/20
- If a patient has fever, what's the probability they have a Cold?

$$\bullet P(Cold|Fever) = \frac{P(Fever|Cold)*P(Cold)}{P(Fever)} = \frac{0.5*\frac{1}{50000}}{\frac{1}{20}} = 0.0002$$

# BAYESIAN CLASSIFICATION

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- Consider each attribute and class label as random variables
- Given a record with attributes  $(A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n)$ 
  - Goal is to predict class  $C$
  - Specifically, we want to find the value of  $C$  that maximizes  $P(C | A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n)$
- Can we estimate  $P(C | A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n)$  directly from the data?

# BAYESIAN CLASSIFICATION

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- Approach:
  - Compute the posterior probability  $P(C|A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n)$  for all values of  $C$  using the Bayes theorem
  - $$P(C|A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n) = \frac{P(A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n|C) * P(C)}{P(A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n)}$$
  - Choose value of  $C$  that maximizes  $P(C|A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n)$
- How to estimate  $P(A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n|C)$ ?



# NAÏVE BAYES CLASSIFIER

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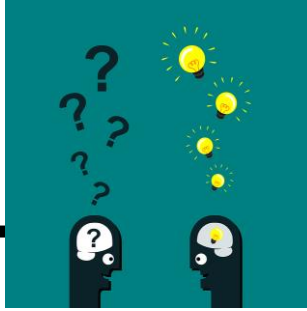
- Assume independence among attributes  $A_i$  when class is given:
- $P(A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n | C_j) = P(A_1 | C_j) * P(A_2 | C_j) * \dots * P(A_n | C_j)$
- Can estimate  $P(A_i | C_j)$  for all  $A_i$  and  $C_j$ .
- New point is classified to  $C_j$  if  $P(C_j) \prod P(A_i | C_j)$  is maximum

# ESTIMATE PROBABILITIES FROM DATA

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No	Married	75K	No
No	Single	90K	Yes

- Class:  $P(C) = N_c / N$ 
  - e.g.  $P(\text{No}) = 7/10$ ,  $P(\text{Yes}) = 3/10$
- For discrete attributes:
- $P(A_i | C_k) = |A_{ik}| / N_c$
- where  $|A_{ik}|$  is the number of instances having attribute  $A_i$  and belongs to class  $C_k$
- Examples:
  - $P(\text{Status}=\text{Married} | \text{No}) = 4/7$
  - $P(\text{Refund}=\text{Yes} | \text{Yes}) = 0/3 = 0$

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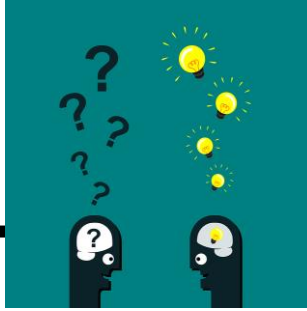
B: 6

C: 4

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- For continuous attributes:
  - Discretize the range into bins
    - one ordinal attribute per bin
    - violates independence assumption
- Probability density estimation:
  - Assume attribute follows a normal distribution
  - Use data to estimate parameters of distribution (e.g., mean and standard deviation)
  - Once probability distribution is known, you can use it to estimate the conditional probability  $P(A_i|c)$

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- Normal distribution:

- $P(A_i | c_j) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma_{ij}^2}} * e^{-\frac{(A_i - \mu_{ij})^2}{2\sigma_{ij}^2}}$
- one for each  $(A_i | c_j)$  pair

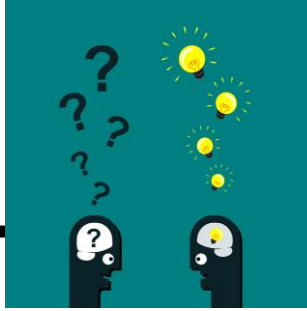
- Example: (Income, Class = No):

- if Class = No

- sample mean = 110
- sample variance = 2975

- $P(\text{Income} = 120 | \text{No}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi 2975}} * e^{-\frac{(120 - 110)^2}{2 * 2975}} = 0.0072$

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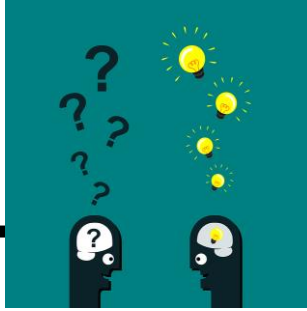
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# EXAMPLE

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Given:  $X = (\text{Refund} = \text{No}, \text{Married}, \text{Income} = 120\text{k})$

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For taxable income:

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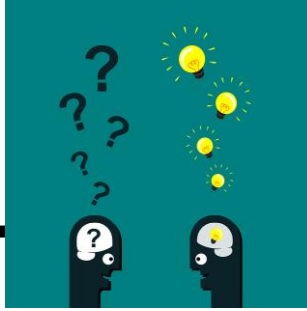
- $P(X|\text{Class}=\text{No}) = P(\text{Refund}=\text{No}|\text{Class}=\text{No})$   
                                  $\times P(\text{Married}|\text{Class}=\text{No})$   
                                  $\times P(\text{Income}=120\text{K}|\text{Class}=\text{No})$   
                                  $= 4/7 \times 4/7 \times 0.0072 = 0.0024$
- $P(X|\text{Class}=\text{Yes}) = P(\text{Refund}=\text{No}|\text{Class}=\text{Yes})$   
                                  $\times P(\text{Married}|\text{Class}=\text{Yes})$   
                                  $\times P(\text{Income}=120\text{K}|\text{Class}=\text{Yes})$   
                                  $= 1 \times 0 \times 1.2 \times 10^{-9} = 0$

Since  $P(X|\text{No})P(\text{No}) > P(X|\text{Yes})P(\text{Yes})$

Therefore  $P(\text{No}|X) > P(\text{Yes}|X)$   
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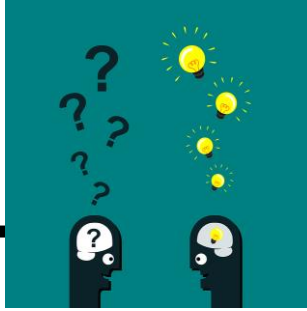
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A: Class = No

B: Class = Yes

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$$\rightarrow P(X|\text{No}) = P(\text{Refund} = \text{yes}|\text{No}) * p(\text{Married}|\text{No}) * p(\text{Income} = 120\text{k}|\text{No}) * p(\text{No}) =$$

$$\rightarrow (3/7 * 4/7 * 0,00072) * 7/10$$

B: Class = Yes

$$\rightarrow P(X|\text{Yes}) = P(\text{Refund} = \text{yes}|\text{Yes}) * p(\text{Married}|\text{Yes}) * p(\text{Income} = 120\text{k}|\text{Yes}) * p(\text{Yes}) =$$

$$\rightarrow (0 * 0 * 1.2 * 10^{-9}) * 3/10$$

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# PROBABILITY OF A SINGLE DECISION

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Binary Problem:

$$P(X | \text{Class} = \text{No}) / [P(X | \text{Class} = \text{No}) + P(X | \text{Class} = \text{Yes})]$$

Example:

$$0.0024 / 0.0024 + 0 = 100\%$$

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# NAÏVE BAYES CLASSIFIER

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- Robust to isolated noise points
- Handle missing values by ignoring the instance during probability estimate calculations
- Robust to irrelevant attributes
- Independence assumption may not hold for some attributes
- Really easy to implement and often works well
- Often a good first thing to try
- Really fast (no iterations; not optimization needed)
- Commonly used as a “punching bag” for “smarter” algorithms

# WRAP-UP

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- We assume that the relationship between the attribute set and the class variable is non-deterministic. Therefore, we set up a probabilistic framework for solving classification problems using the Bayes theorem:
  - $P(C|A) = \frac{P(A|C)*P(C)}{P(A)}$
- Our approach is to compute the posterior probability  $P(C|A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n)$  for all values of the class  $C$  using the Bayes theorem (with  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n$  being our attribute, e. g. features):
  - $P(C|A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n) = \frac{P(A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n|C)*P(C)}{P(A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n)}$
- After that we choose the value of  $C$  that maximizes  $P(C|A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n)$ .

# WRAP-UP

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- We use an Naïve Bayes Classifier and assume independence among the attributes  $A_i$  when the class is given:
  - $P(A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n | C_j) = P(A_1 | C_j) * P(A_2 | C_j) * \dots * P(A_n | C_j)$
- Therefore we can estimate  $P(A_i | C_j)$  for all  $A_i$  and  $C_j$ .
- Every new point is classified to  $C_j$  if  $P(C_j) \prod P(A_i | C_j)$  is maximum.

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- The procedure is to calculate a look-up-table that includes:
  - The probability of the class:  $P(C) = N_c/N$
  - The probability of an attribute given a class
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      - $P(A_i | c_j) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma_{ij}^2}} * e^{-\frac{(A_i - \mu_{ij})^2}{2\sigma_{ij}^2}}$
- If we want to calculate the probability of a single decision for a binary Problem we use:
  - $P(X | \text{Class} = \{\text{No or Yes}\}) / [P(X | \text{Class} = \text{No}) + P(X | \text{Class} = \text{Yes})]$



# WRAP-UP

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The main characteristics of the Naïve Bayes Classifier are:

- It is robust to isolated noise points.
- It can handle missing values by ignoring the instance during probability estimate calculations.
- It is robust to irrelevant attributes.
- Nevertheless, the independence assumption may not hold for some attributes, e.g. if they are linearly dependent.
- It is really easy to implement and often works well.
- It is often a good first thing to try.
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# QUESTION

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See “Naive Bayes Exercise” in ilearn

