


Chapter 8. Classification: Basic Concepts

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What Is Bayesian Classification?

- ❑ A statistical classifier
 - ❑ Perform *probabilistic prediction* (i.e., predict class membership probabilities)
- ❑ Foundation—Based on Bayes' Theorem
- ❑ Performance
 - ❑ A simple Bayesian classifier, *naïve Bayesian classifier*, has comparable performance with decision tree and selected neural network classifiers
- ❑ Incremental
 - ❑ Each training example can incrementally increase/decrease the probability that a hypothesis is correct—prior knowledge can be combined with observed data
- ❑ Theoretical Standard
 - ❑ Even when Bayesian methods are computationally intractable, they can provide a standard of optimal decision making against which other methods can be measured

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Bayes' Theorem: Basics

- Total probability Theorem:

$$p(B) = \sum_i p(B|A_i)p(A_i)$$

- Bayes' Theorem:

The diagram shows the equation for Bayes' Theorem: $p(H|X) = \frac{p(X|H)P(H)}{p(X)} \propto p(X|H)P(H)$. Handwritten red text 'test data' is above the equation, with arrows pointing to 'X' and 'H'. The term $p(H|X)$ is boxed and labeled 'posteriori probability' with the note 'What we should choose'. The term $p(X|H)$ is boxed and labeled 'likelihood' with the note 'What we just see'. The term $P(H)$ is boxed and labeled 'prior probability' with the note 'What we knew previously'.

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posteriori probability likelihood prior probability

What we should choose What we just see What we knew previously

- **X**: a data sample (“evidence”)
- **H**: X belongs to class C

Prediction can be done based on Bayes' Theorem:

Classification is to derive the maximum posteriori

Naïve Bayes Classifier: Making a Naïve Assumption

- ❑ Practical difficulty of Naïve Bayes inference: It requires initial knowledge of many probabilities, which may not be available or involving significant computational cost
- ❑ A Naïve Special Case
 - ❑ Make an additional assumption to simplify the model, but achieve comparable performance.

attributes are conditionally independent
(i.e., no dependence relation between attributes)

$$p(X|C_i) = \prod_k p(x_k|C_i) = p(x_1|C_i) \cdot p(x_2|C_i) \cdots p(x_n|C_i)$$

- ❑ Only need to count the class distribution w.r.t. features

Naïve Bayes Classifier: Categorical vs. Continuous Valued Features

- If feature x_k is categorical, $p(x_k = v_k | C_i)$ is the # of tuples in C_i with $x_k = v_k$, divided by $|C_{i,D}|$ (# of tuples of C_i in D)

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- If feature x_k is continuous-valued, $p(x_k = v_k | C_i)$ is usually computed based on Gaussian distribution with a mean μ and standard deviation σ

$$p(x_k = v_k | C_i) = N(x_k | \mu_{C_i}, \sigma_{C_i}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma_{C_i}} e^{-\frac{(x - \mu_{C_i})^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$

Naïve Bayes Classifier: Training Dataset

Class:

C1:buys_computer = 'yes'

C2:buys_computer = 'no'

Data to be classified:

X = (age <=30, Income = medium,
Student = yes, Credit_rating = Fair)

age	income	student	credit_rating	buys_computer
<=30	high	no	fair	no
<=30	high	no	excellent	no
31...40	high	no	fair	yes
>40	medium	no	fair	yes
>40	low	yes	fair	yes
>40	low	yes	excellent	no
31...40	low	yes	excellent	yes
<=30	medium	no	fair	no
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Training
Data

$$P(H^y | X) = ?$$

$$P(H^N | X) = ?$$

$$= P(X | H^y) P(H^y) = \frac{2}{4}$$

$X = \text{age} = 42$, $\text{Student} = \text{yes}$?

$$P(H^y | \hat{X}) = ?$$

$$P(H = y_{\text{big}} | (\text{age} = 42, \text{student} = \text{yes})) = P(\text{age} = 42 | y_{\text{big}}) P(\text{student} = \text{yes} | y_{\text{big}}) \underbrace{P(y)}_{\frac{9}{14}}$$

$$P(H_{\text{big}} = N | (\text{age} = 42, \text{student} = \text{yes})) =$$

Naïve Bayes Classifier: An Example

□ $P(C_i): P(\text{buys_computer} = \text{"yes"}) = 9/14 = 0.643$

$P(\text{buys_computer} = \text{"no"}) = 5/14 = 0.357$

□ Compute $P(X|C_i)$ for each class

$P(\text{age} = \text{"<=30"} | \text{buys_computer} = \text{"yes"}) = 2/9 = 0.222$

$P(\text{age} = \text{"<= 30"} | \text{buys_computer} = \text{"no"}) = 3/5 = 0.6$

$P(\text{income} = \text{"medium"} | \text{buys_computer} = \text{"yes"}) = 4/9 = 0.444$

$P(\text{income} = \text{"medium"} | \text{buys_computer} = \text{"no"}) = 2/5 = 0.4$

$P(\text{student} = \text{"yes"} | \text{buys_computer} = \text{"yes"}) = 6/9 = 0.667$

$P(\text{student} = \text{"yes"} | \text{buys_computer} = \text{"no"}) = 1/5 = 0.2$

$P(\text{credit_rating} = \text{"fair"} | \text{buys_computer} = \text{"yes"}) = 6/9 = 0.667$

$P(\text{credit_rating} = \text{"fair"} | \text{buys_computer} = \text{"no"}) = 2/5 = 0.4$

□ $X = (\text{age} \leq 30, \text{income} = \text{medium}, \text{student} = \text{yes}, \text{credit_rating} = \text{fair})$

$P(X|C_i): P(X | \text{buys_computer} = \text{"yes"}) = 0.222 \times 0.444 \times 0.667 \times 0.667 = 0.044$

$P(X | \text{buys_computer} = \text{"no"}) = 0.6 \times 0.4 \times 0.2 \times 0.4 = 0.019$

$P(X|C_i) * P(C_i): P(X | \text{buys_computer} = \text{"yes"}) * P(\text{buys_computer} = \text{"yes"}) = 0.028$

$P(X | \text{buys_computer} = \text{"no"}) * P(\text{buys_computer} = \text{"no"}) = 0.007$

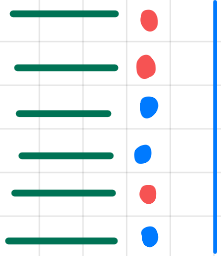
Therefore, X belongs to class ("buys_computer = yes")

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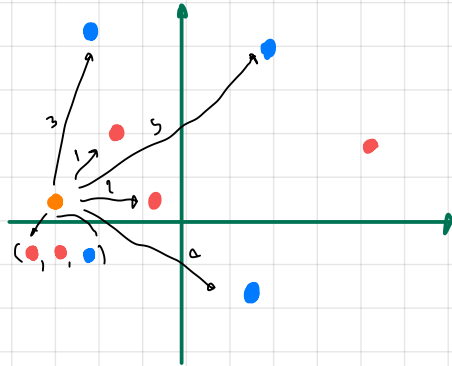
Lazy Learner: Instance-Based Methods

- ❑ Instance-based learning:
 - ❑ Store training examples and delay the processing (“lazy evaluation”) until a new instance must be classified
- ❑ Typical approaches
 - ❑ *k*-nearest neighbor approach
 - ❑ Instances represented as points in a Euclidean space.
 - ❑ Locally weighted regression
 - ❑ Constructs local approximation
 - ❑ Case-based reasoning
 - ❑ Uses symbolic representations and knowledge-based inference

K -NN



test data



① plot data space

② find the k nearest
($k=3$)

k nearest neighbors