

# Introduction to Artificial Intelligence



**COMP307**

**Uncertainty and Probability 2:  
Bayes Rules and Classification by  
Naïve Bayes**

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# Outline

- Rules from last lecture
- Bayes Rule
- Naive Bayes Classifier
  - Assumption
  - Deal with zero count
- Summary

# Important Rules

- The product rule:
  - $P(A, B) = P(B) * P(A | B) = P(A) * P(B | A)$
- The sum rule
  - $P(X = x) = \sum_{y \in \Omega} P(X = x, Y = y)$
- The normalisation rule
  - $\sum_x P(X = x) = 1$
  - $\sum_x P(X = x | Y = y) = 1$
- Independence
  - $P(A | B) = P(A)$
  - $P(B | A) = P(B)$
  - $P(A, B) = P(A) * P(B)$

# Bayes Rules

- The product rule:

- $P(A, B) = P(B) * P(A | B) = P(A) * P(B | A)$

- Transform to Bayes Rule

- $P(A | B) = \frac{P(B | A)P(A)}{P(B)}$

- More variables

- $P(Y | X_1, \dots, X_n) = \frac{P(X_1, \dots, X_n | Y)P(Y)}{P(X_1, \dots, X_n)}$



Thomas Bayes ([/ˈbeɪz/](#); c. 1701 – 7 April 1761)

# Interpretation of Bayes Rules

- Proposition A and evidence B
  - $P(A | B)$ : the posterior degree of belief in A, given evidence B
  - $P(B | A)$ : if A is true, the degree of belief that the evidence B is shown
  - $P(A)$ : the prior degree of belief in A, without any evidence
  - $P(B)$ : the degree of belief that evidence B is shown
- $$P(A | B) = \frac{P(B | A)P(A)}{P(B)}$$
- For calculating  $P(A | B)$ , need to estimate  $P(B | A)$ ,  $P(A)$  and  $P(B)$

# Example: Medical Test

- You are worried about having a rare cancer.
- The cancer is very rare, occurring in only one of every 10,000 people.
- You go with the test, which has 99% accuracy (if you have the disease, it shows that you do with 99% probability, and if you don't have the disease, it shows that you do not with 99% probability).
- If your test results come back positive, what are your chances that you actually have the disease?
- (a) 99%   (b) 90%   (c) 10%   (d) 1%

# Example Training Dataset

Applicant	Job	Deposit	Family	Class
A	true	low	single	Approve
B	true	low	couple	Approve
C	true	high	single	Approve
D	true	high	single	Approve
E	false	high	couple	Approve
1	true	low	couple	Reject
2	false	low	couple	Reject
3	true	low	children	Reject
4	false	low	single	Reject
5	false	high	children	Reject

# Example Classification Task

- Determine **whether to approve** a mortgage application, **given data/features** about the client:
  - Whether they have a job (true or false)
  - The level of their deposit (low or high)
  - Their family status (single, couple[but no kids], children)
- **Classification**: either Approve or Reject
- **Given a set of data about past clients** and the **classification** by the Bank's experts
- **Construct a classifier** that will output the right answer (class) when given a new (unseen) client (instance)



# Bayes Rules for Classification

- Very simple probability-based technique
- Computes  $P(\text{class} \mid \text{instance data})$  for each class, and choose the class with the highest probability.
- **Problem: Hard to measure**  $P(\text{class} \mid \text{data})$
- e.g.  $P(\text{Reject} \mid \text{Job}=\text{true}, \text{Dep}=\text{high}, \text{Fam}=\text{children})$
- Needs lots of examples of  $(\text{Job}=\text{true} \ \& \ \text{Dep}=\text{high} \ \& \ \text{Fam}=\text{children})$
- Then count the fraction that are Reject.
- Usually do **NOT have enough** data
- **Use Bayes Rules**

$$\begin{aligned} &P(\text{Reject} \mid \text{Job} = \text{true}, \text{Dep} = \text{high}, \text{Fam} = \text{children}) \\ &= \frac{P(\text{Job} = \text{true}, \text{Dep} = \text{high}, \text{Fam} = \text{children} \mid \text{Reject}) * P(\text{Reject})}{P(\text{Job} = \text{true}, \text{Dep} = \text{high}, \text{Fam} = \text{children})} \end{aligned}$$

# Naïve Bayes

- Why this is better?
  - No better if just like this
  - We still need a lot of data to have a comprehensive estimation of the multivariate distribution (job, dep, fam) and (job, dep, fam | Reject)
  - But what if the features are independent?

$$P(\text{Reject} | \text{Job} = \text{true}, \text{Dep} = \text{high}, \text{Fam} = \text{children}) \\ = \frac{P(\text{Job} = \text{true}, \text{Dep} = \text{high}, \text{Fam} = \text{children} | \text{Reject}) * P(\text{Reject})}{P(\text{Job} = \text{true}, \text{Dep} = \text{high}, \text{Fam} = \text{children})}$$

- A naïve Bayes approach assumes that the features are conditionally independent
  - If A and B are conditional independent on C, then  $P(A, B | C) = P(A | C) * P(B | C)$
  - More variables  $P(X_1, \dots, X_n | Y) = \prod_{i=1}^n P(X_i | Y)$

- Example:

$$P(\text{Job} = \text{true}, \text{Dep} = \text{high}, \text{Fam} = \text{children} | \text{Reject}) \\ = P(\text{Job} = \text{true} | \text{Reject}) * P(\text{Dep} = \text{high} | \text{Reject}) * P(\text{Fam} = \text{children} | \text{Reject})$$

- There is usually enough data for the univariate distributions

# Computing Probabilities: Example

Class	Approve	Reject
Total	5	5
Job = true	4	2
Job = false	1	3
Dep = low	2	4
Dep = high	3	1
Fam = single	3	1
Fam = couple	2	2
Fam = children	0	2

	Approve	Reject
$P(\text{Class})$	$5/10$	$5/10$
$P(\text{Job} = \text{true} \mid \text{Class})$	$4/5$	$2/5$
$P(\text{Job} = \text{false} \mid \text{Class})$	$1/5$	$3/5$
$P(\text{Dep} = \text{low} \mid \text{Class})$	$2/5$	$4/5$
$P(\text{Dep} = \text{high} \mid \text{Class})$	$3/5$	$1/5$
$P(\text{Fam} = \text{single} \mid \text{Class})$	$3/5$	$1/5$
$P(\text{Fam} = \text{couple} \mid \text{Class})$	$2/5$	$2/5$
$P(\text{Fam} = \text{children} \mid \text{Class})$	$0/5$	$2/5$

# Using Naïve Bayes Classifier

- Classify a new case: (Job=true, Dep=high, Fam=children)
- Calculate  $P(\text{Reject} \mid \text{Job=true, Dep=high, Fam=children})$
- Calculate  $P(\text{Approve} \mid \text{Job=true, Dep=high, Fam=children})$
- See which probability is higher

$$\begin{aligned} & P(\text{Reject} \mid \text{Job} = \text{true}, \text{Dep} = \text{high}, \text{Fam} = \text{children}) \\ &= \frac{P(\text{Job} = \text{true}, \text{Dep} = \text{high}, \text{Fam} = \text{children} \mid \text{Reject})P(\text{Reject})}{P(\text{Job} = \text{true}, \text{Dep} = \text{high}, \text{Fam} = \text{children})} \\ &= \frac{P(\text{Job} = \text{true} \mid \text{Reject})P(\text{Dep} = \text{high} \mid \text{Reject})P(\text{Fam} = \text{children} \mid \text{Reject})P(\text{Reject})}{P(\text{Job} = \text{true}, \text{Dep} = \text{high}, \text{Fam} = \text{children})} \\ &= \frac{0.4 \times 0.2 \times 0.4 \times 0.5}{P(\text{Job} = \text{true}, \text{Dep} = \text{high}, \text{Fam} = \text{children})} \\ &= \frac{0.016}{P(\text{Job} = \text{true}, \text{Dep} = \text{high}, \text{Fam} = \text{children})} \end{aligned}$$

# Using Naïve Bayes Classifier

- Classify a new case: (Job=true, Dep=high, Fam=children)
- Calculate  $P(\text{Reject} \mid \text{Job=true, Dep=high, Fam=children})$
- Calculate  $P(\text{Approve} \mid \text{Job=true, Dep=high, Fam=children})$
- See which probability is higher

$$\begin{aligned} & P(\text{Approve} \mid \text{Job} = \text{true}, \text{Dep} = \text{high}, \text{Fam} = \text{children}) \\ &= \frac{P(\text{Job} = \text{true}, \text{Dep} = \text{high}, \text{Fam} = \text{children} \mid \text{Approve})P(\text{Approve})}{P(\text{Job} = \text{true}, \text{Dep} = \text{high}, \text{Fam} = \text{children})} \\ &= \frac{P(\text{Job} = \text{true} \mid \text{Approve})P(\text{Dep} = \text{high} \mid \text{Approve})P(\text{Fam} = \text{children} \mid \text{Approve})P(\text{Approve})}{P(\text{Job} = \text{true}, \text{Dep} = \text{high}, \text{Fam} = \text{children})} \\ &= \frac{0.8 \times 0.6 \times 0 \times 0.5}{P(\text{Job} = \text{true}, \text{Dep} = \text{high}, \text{Fam} = \text{children})} \\ &= \frac{0}{P(\text{Job} = \text{true}, \text{Dep} = \text{high}, \text{Fam} = \text{children})} \end{aligned}$$

- Denominator does not need to calculate (the same for all the classes)
- Probability of Approve = 0? Just because (Fam = children) has never occurred for Approve. Need to deal with **zero occurrence**

# Computing Probabilities: Example

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Dep = low	2	4
Dep = high	3	1
Fam = single	3	1
Fam = couple	2	2
Fam = children	0	2

	Approve	Reject
$P(\text{Class})$	$5/10$	$5/10$
$P(\text{Job} = \text{true} \mid \text{Class})$	$4/5$	$2/5$
$P(\text{Job} = \text{false} \mid \text{Class})$	$1/5$	$3/5$
$P(\text{Dep} = \text{low} \mid \text{Class})$	$2/5$	$4/5$
$P(\text{Dep} = \text{high} \mid \text{Class})$	$3/5$	$1/5$
$P(\text{Fam} = \text{single} \mid \text{Class})$	$3/5$	$1/5$
$P(\text{Fam} = \text{couple} \mid \text{Class})$	$2/5$	$2/5$
$P(\text{Fam} = \text{children} \mid \text{Class})$	$0/5$	$2/5$

# Dealing with Zero Occurrence

- Initialise the table to contain small constant, e.g. 1
- This is not quite sound, but reasonable in practice

Class	Approve	Reject		Approve	Reject
Total	6	6	P(Class)	6/12	6/12
Job = true	5	3	P(Job = true   Class)	5/7	3/7
Job = false	2	4	P(Job = false   Class)	2/7	4/7
Dep = low	3	5	P(Dep = low   Class)	3/7	5/7
Dep = high	4	2	P(Dep = high   Class)	4/7	2/7
Fam = single	4	2	P(Fam = single   Class)	4/8	2/8
Fam = couple	3	3	P(Fam = couple   Class)	3/8	3/8
Fam = children	1	3	P(Fam = children   Class)	1/8	3/8

- Denominator of Job and Dep is 7 (e.g. (Job = true) = 5, (Job = false) = 2, 5+2=7)
- Denominator of Fam is 8, 4+3+1=8

# Using Naïve Bayes Classifier

$$\begin{aligned} & P(\text{Reject} | \text{Job} = \text{true}, \text{Dep} = \text{high}, \text{Fam} = \text{children}) \\ &= \frac{P(\text{Job} = \text{true} | \text{Reject}) P(\text{Dep} = \text{high} | \text{Reject}) P(\text{Fam} = \text{children} | \text{Reject}) P(\text{Reject})}{P(\text{Job} = \text{true}, \text{Dep} = \text{high}, \text{Fam} = \text{children})} \\ &= \frac{3/7 \times 2/7 \times 3/8 \times 1/2}{P(\text{Job} = \text{true}, \text{Dep} = \text{high}, \text{Fam} = \text{children})} \\ &= \frac{0.0230}{P(\text{Job} = \text{true}, \text{Dep} = \text{high}, \text{Fam} = \text{children})} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & P(\text{Appr} | \text{Job} = \text{true}, \text{Dep} = \text{high}, \text{Fam} = \text{children}) \\ &= \frac{P(\text{Job} = \text{true} | \text{Appr}) P(\text{Dep} = \text{high} | \text{Appr}) P(\text{Fam} = \text{children} | \text{Appr}) P(\text{Appr})}{P(\text{Job} = \text{true}, \text{Dep} = \text{high}, \text{Fam} = \text{children})} \\ &= \frac{5/7 \times 4/7 \times 1/8 \times 1/2}{P(\text{Job} = \text{true}, \text{Dep} = \text{high}, \text{Fam} = \text{children})} \\ &= \frac{0.0255}{P(\text{Job} = \text{true}, \text{Dep} = \text{high}, \text{Fam} = \text{children})} \end{aligned}$$



# Summary

- Bayes rule:

- $P(A | B) = \frac{P(B | A)P(A)}{P(B)}$

- $P(Y | X_1, \dots, X_n) = \frac{P(X_1, \dots, X_n | Y)P(Y)}{P(X_1, \dots, X_n)}$

- In classification,  $Y$  is the class label,  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  are features. The probability of an instance belonging to a class is

$$P(Y | X_1, \dots, X_n) = \frac{P(X_1, \dots, X_n | Y)P(Y)}{P(X_1, \dots, X_n)}$$

- Calculate  $P(Y | X_1, \dots, X_n)$  for each class, and predict as the class with the highest conditional probability
  - The denominator  $P(X_1, \dots, X_n)$  can be ignored, as it is the same for all the classes
  - $P(X_1, \dots, X_n | Y)$  is still hard to estimate (high-dimensional multivariate distribution)
- Assume **conditional independence (Naïve Bayes)**
  - $P(X_1, \dots, X_n | Y) = P(X_1 | Y) \times P(X_2 | Y) \times \dots \times P(X_n | Y)$
  - Easy to estimate the **univariate** distribution