

# Naive Bayes

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# Introduction to Bayesian Classification

# Bayesian Networks

- Nodes are random variables.
- Edges denote direct impact

# Example

- Grass can be wet due to multiple reasons:
  - Rain
  - Sprinkler
- Also, if it rains, then sprinkler need not be used.

# bayesian Nets

$\mathbb{P}(X_1, X_2, X_3, \dots, X_N)$  denotes the joint probability, where  $X_i$  are random variables.

$$\mathbb{P}(X_1, X_2, X_3, \dots, X_N) = \prod_{k=1}^N \mathbb{P}(X_k | \text{parents}(X_k))$$

$$\mathbb{P}(S, G, R) = \mathbb{P}(G|S, R)\mathbb{P}(S|R)\mathbb{P}(R)$$

# Bayesian Networks

# Example

Known Random variables

- $\mathbb{P}(T)$
- $\mathbb{P}(E)$
- $\mathbb{P}(A|T, E)$
- $\mathbb{P}(R|E)$



## Question

Given, the above, calculate

$$\mathbb{P}(A|T)$$

## Solution

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{P}(A|T) &= \frac{\mathbb{P}(A, T)}{\mathbb{P}(A)} \\ &= \frac{\mathbb{P}(A, T, E) + \mathbb{P}(A, T, \bar{E})}{\mathbb{P}(A, T, E) + \mathbb{P}(A, T, \bar{E}) + \mathbb{P}(A, \bar{T}, E) + \mathbb{P}(A, \bar{T}, \bar{E})}\end{aligned}$$

# Medical Diagnosis

You tested positive for a disease.

Well, the test is only 99% accurate.

- $\mathbb{P}(Test = +ve | Disease = True) = 0.99$
- $\mathbb{P}(Test = -ve | Disease = False) = 0.99$

Also, the disease is a rare one. Only one in 10,000 has it.

# Problem

- $\mathbb{P}(T|D) = 0.99$
- $\mathbb{P}(\bar{T}|\bar{D}) = 0.99$
- $\mathbb{P}(T|\bar{D}) = 0.01$
- $\mathbb{P}(\bar{T}|D) = 0.01$
- $\mathbb{P}(D) = 10^{-4}$
- $\mathbb{P}(\bar{D}) = 1 - 10^{-4}$

Given the above, calculate  $\mathbb{P}(D|T)$ . Given the result is positive, what is the probability that someone has the disease

# Problem

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{P}(D|T) &= \frac{\mathbb{P}(T|D)\mathbb{P}(D)}{\mathbb{P}(T)} \\ &= \frac{\mathbb{P}(T|D)\mathbb{P}(D)}{\mathbb{P}(T|D)\mathbb{P}(D) + \mathbb{P}(T|\bar{D})\mathbb{P}(\bar{D})}\end{aligned}\tag{1}$$

# SPAM EMAIL CLASSIFICATION

From the emails construct a vector  $X$ . The vector has ones if the word is present, and zeros if the word is absent

# Naive Bayes

- Classification model
- Scalable
- Generative

$$\mathbb{P}(x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n | y) = \mathbb{P}(x_1 | y) \mathbb{P}(x_2 | y) \dots \mathbb{P}(x_N | y)$$

## Quick Question

Why is Naive Bayes model called Naive?



## Frame Title

It assumes that the features are independent during modelling, which is generally not the case.

What do we need to predict?

$$\mathbb{P}(y|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N) = \frac{\mathbb{P}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N|y)\mathbb{P}(y)}{\mathbb{P}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N)}$$

# Spam Mail Classification

Probability of  $x_i$  being a spam email

$$\mathbb{P}(x_i = 1|y = 1) = \frac{\text{Count}(x_i = 1 \text{ and } y = 1)}{\text{Count}(y = 1)}$$

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## Example

lets assume that dictionary is  $[w_1, w_2, w_3]$

Index	$w_1$	$w_2$	$w_3$	$y$
1	0	0	0	1
2	0	0	0	0
3	0	0	0	1
4	1	0	0	0
5	1	0	1	1
6	1	1	1	0
7	1	1	1	1
8	1	1	0	0
9	0	1	1	0
10	0	1	1	1

# Spam Classification

if  $y=0$

- $\mathbb{P}(w_1 = 0|y = 0) = \frac{3}{5} = 0.6$
- $\mathbb{P}(w_2 = 0|y = 0) = \frac{2}{5} = 0.4$
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Similarly, if  $y=1$

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$$\mathbb{P}(y = 1) = 0.5$$

# Spam Classification

Given, test email 0,0,1, classify it. Using naive bayes rule, we can do the following,

$$\mathbb{P}(y = 1 | w_1 = 0, w_2 = 0, w_3 = 1) \frac{\mathbb{P}(w_1 = 0 | y = 1) \mathbb{P}(w_2 = 0 | y = 1) \mathbb{P}(w_3 = 1 | y = 1)}{\mathbb{P}(w_1 = 0, w_2 = 0, w_3 = 1)}$$

# Gaussian naive Bayes

We have classes  $C_1, C_2, C_3, \dots, C_k$

There is a continuous attribute  $x$

For Class  $k$

- $\mu_k = \text{Mean}(x|y(x) = C_k)$
- $\sigma_k^2 = \text{Variance}(x|y(x) = C_k)$



# Guassian Naive Bayes

Now for  $x =$  some observation ' $v$ '

$$\mathbb{P}(x = v | C_k) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma_k^2}} \exp \frac{-(v-\mu_k)^2}{2\sigma_k^2}$$

## Wikipedia Example

Height	Weight	Footsize	Gender
6	180	12	M
5.92	190	11	M
5.58	170	12	M
5.92	165	10	M
5	100	6	F
5.5	100	6	F
5.42	130	7	F
5.75	150	7	F

## Example

	Male	Female
Mean (height)	5.855	5.41
Variance (height)	$3.5 \times 10^{-2}$	$9.7 \times 10^{-2}$
Mean (weight)	176.25	132.5
Variance (weight)	$1.22 \times 10^2$	$5.5 \times 10^2$
Mean (Foot)	11.25	7.5
Variance (Foot)	$9.7 \times 10^{-1}$	1.67

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It is female!

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4. Compare Naive Bayes with logistic regression - when would you choose each?

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- **Interpretable:** Probabilistic outputs provide confidence measures