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Lesson 4. Rule-based Sentiment Analysis (+ Naïve Bayes)

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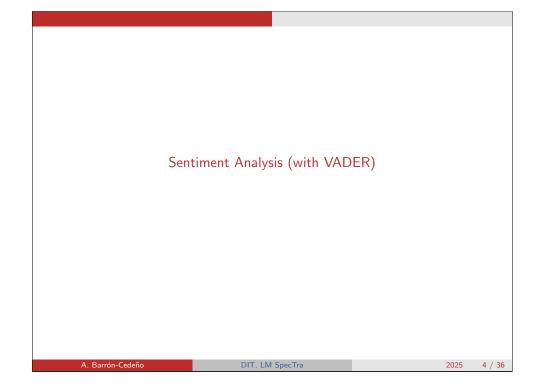
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Pre-processing (e.g., tokenisation, stemming, stopwording) BoW representation Dot product



Sentiment Analysis

It does not refer to actual sentiment (e.g., love or hate)¹ It is about positive and negative perceptions (plus neutral)



This monitor is definitely a good value. Does it have superb color and contrast? No. Does it boast the best refresh rate on the market? No. But if you're tight on money, this thing looks and preforms great for the money. It has a Matte screen which does a great job at eliminating glare. The chassis it's enclosed within is absolutely stunning.

POSITIVE



His [ssa] didnt concede until July 12, 2016. Because he was throwing a tantrum. I can't say this enough: [kcuF] Bernie Sanders.

NEGATIVE

From (Lane et al., 2019, p. 62-65)

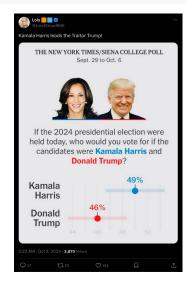
¹That's emotion analysis; e.g., ■ Fernicola et al. (2020); ■ Zhang et al. (2022)

Valence Aware Dictionary for sEntiment Reasoning (Hutto and Gilbert, 2014)²

- It has a lexicon packed with tokens and their associated "sentiment" score
- It counts all tokens belonging to each category: [pos, neu, neg] ... and combine them to determine the sentiment

</> Let us see it working

Sentiment Analysis



https://x.com/LoisStroud666/status/1843808652802801745

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Into ML

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²https://ojs.aaai.org/index.php/ICWSM/article/view/14550 https://github.com/cjhutto/vaderSentiment A. Barrón-Cedeño DIT, LM SpecTra

Machine Learning

- "[...] an umbrella term for **solving problems** for which development of algorithms by human programmers would be cost-prohibitive"
- "[...] the problems are solved by helping machines "discover" their "own" algorithms, without needing to be explicitly told what to do by any human-developed algorithms."

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Machine_learning

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Supervised vs Unsupervised

Supervised The algorithms build a mathematical model of a set of data including...

- inputs
- desired outputs

Unsupervised The algorithms take a set of data that contains...

- only inputs
- ...and find structure in the data



Machine Learning A change of paradigm From hand-crafted rules rules traditional answers programming data To training answersmachine rules learning data Diagrams borrowed from L. Moroney's Introduction to TensorFlow for Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, and Deep Learning A. Barrón-Cedeño

Naïve Bayes A. Barrón-Cedeño DIT, LM SpecTra 2025 12 / 36

- 1. Introduced in the IR community by Maron (1961)
- 2. First machine learning approach
- 3. It is a supervised model
- 4. It applies Bayes' theorem with strong (naïve) independence assumptions between the features:
 - they are independent
 - they contribute "the same"

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Naïve Bayes'

Using Bayes' Theorem

The conditional probability $p(C_k \mid x_1, \dots, x_n)$ can be decomposed as

$$p(C_k \mid \mathbf{x}) = \frac{p(C_k) \ p(\mathbf{x} \mid C_k)}{p(\mathbf{x})}$$
(3)

Which can be read as

$$posterior = \frac{prior \times likelihood}{evidence}$$

But p(x) does not depend on the class (since it is constant):

$$p(C_k \mid \mathbf{x}) \sim p(C_k) \ p(\mathbf{x} \mid C_k)$$
 (4)

From https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Naive_Bayes_classifier

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Naïve Bayes

A conditional probability model

Given an instance represented by a vector

$$\mathbf{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_n) \tag{1}$$

representing *n* independent features $x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_{n-2}, x_{n-1}, x_n$ *n* could be |V| (the size of the vocabulary)³

The model assigns to instance \mathbf{x} the probability

$$p(C_k \mid \mathbf{x}) = p(C_k \mid x_1, \dots, x_n) \tag{2}$$

for each of the k possible outcomes C_k

where $C_k = \{c_1, ..., c_k\}$

From https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Naive_Bayes_classifier $^3|x|$ is the cardinality of x

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Naïve Bayes

Going deeper (assuming a binary classifier)

$$p(C \mid \mathbf{x}) = \frac{p(C) \ p(\mathbf{x} \mid C)}{p(\mathbf{x})}$$
 (5)

 $posterior \ probability = \frac{class \ prior \ probability \times likelihood}{predictor \ prior \ probability}$

 $p(C \mid x)$ Posterior probability of the class given the input⁴

if p > 0.5:

class = positive

else:

class = negative

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Going deeper (assuming a binary classifier)

$$p(C \mid \mathbf{x}) = \frac{p(C) \ p(\mathbf{x} \mid C)}{p(\mathbf{x})} \tag{6}$$

$$posterior \ probability = \frac{class \ prior \ probability \times likelihood}{predictor \ prior \ probability}$$

p(C) Class prior probability How many positive instances I have seen (during training)

Rough Idea

- The value of a particular feature is independent of the value of any other feature, given the class variable
- All features contribute the same to the classification
- Naïve Bayes' tries to find keywords in a set of documents that are predictive of the target (output) variable
- The internal coefficients will try to map tokens to scores
- Same as VADER, but without manually-created rules the machine will estimate them!

Naïve Bayes

Going deeper (assuming a binary classifier)

$$p(C \mid \mathbf{x}) = \frac{p(C) \ p(\mathbf{x} \mid C)}{p(\mathbf{x})} \tag{7}$$

$$posterior\ probability = \frac{class\ prior\ probability \times likelihood}{predictor\ prior\ probability}$$

 $p(x \mid C)$ Likelihood The probability of the document given the class

Naïve Bayes

A toy example: Should I ride my bike today?

One single factor: zone (flag)







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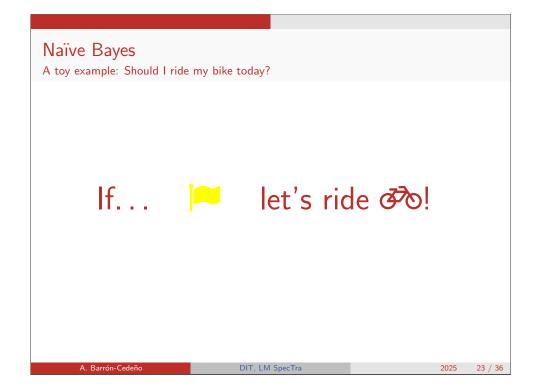
(here come some dense slides)

From (Lane et al., 2019, p. 65-68)

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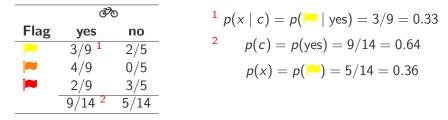
Naïve Bayes A toy example: Should I ride my bike today? Dataset Computing all the Flag $\mathcal{E}_{\mathcal{O}}$ probabilities by "counting" yes Frequency table yes no Flag yes no yes 2 yes 0 yes 3 yes yes Likelihood table yes ф no Flag yes no no 3/9 2/5 yes 4/9 0/5 no 2/9 3/5 DIT, LM SpecTra 2025 21 / 36



Naïve Bayes

A toy example: Should I ride my bike today?

Likelihood table



What is the Naïve Bayes' probability of yes if ??

$$p(c \mid x) = p(c)p(x \mid c)/p(x)$$

$$p(\text{yes} \mid \sim) = p(\text{yes})p(\sim | \text{yes})/p(\sim)$$

$$p(\text{yes} \mid \sim) = 0.64 * 0.33/0.36$$

$$p(\text{yes} \mid \sim) - 0.50$$
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Adapted from http://www.saedsayad.com/naive_bayesian.htm

Naïve Bayes

A toy example: Should I ride my bike today?

Considering more data

10	re data						
	Flag	Temp	Humidity	Windy	<i>₹</i>		
-	~	hot	high	false	no		
		hot	high	true	no		
		hot	high	false	yes		
		mild	high	false	yes		
		cool	normal	false	yes		
		cool	normal	true	no		
		cool	normal	true	yes		
		mild	high	false	no		
		cool	normal	false	yes		
		mild	normal	false	yes		
		mild	normal	true	yes		
		mild	high	true	yes		
		hot	normal	false	yes		
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Adapted from http://www.saedsayad.com/naive_bayesian.htm

A toy example: Should I ride my bike today?

Frequency tables

Flag	yes	no
~	3	2
	4	0
~	2	3
Humidity	yes	no
high	3	4

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Temp	yes	no
hot	2	2
mild	4	2
cool	3	1
Windy	yes	no
false	6	2

Likelihood tables

Flag	yes	no
~	3/9	2/5
	4/9	0/5
	2/9	3/5
Humidity	yes	no
high	3/9	4/5
normal	6/9	1/5
Temp	yes	no
hot	2/9	2/5
mild	4/9	2/5
cool	3/9	1/5

Windyyesnofalse6/92/5

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Naïve Bayes

Back to the definition...

$$p(C \mid \mathbf{x}) = \frac{p(C) \ p(\mathbf{x} \mid C)}{p(\mathbf{x})} \tag{8}$$

The probability p(x) is constant for any given input

$$p(C \mid \mathbf{x}) = \frac{p(C) \ p(\mathbf{x} \mid C)}{p(\mathbf{x})} \tag{9}$$

$$p(c \mid \mathbf{x}) \propto p(c)p(\mathbf{x} \mid c)$$
 (10)

Naïve Bayes

Likelihood tables

Flag	yes	no
	3/9	2/5
	4/9	0/5
 	2/9	3/5
Humidity	yes	no
high	3/9	4/5
normal	6/9	1/5

Temp	yes	no
hot	2/9	2/5
mild	4/9	2/5
cool	3/9	1/5
100		
Windy	yes	no
false	yes 6/9	2/5

flag temp humidity windy ride cool high true ?

Adapted from http://www.saedsayad.com/naive_bayesian.htm

Naïve Bayes

Back to the definition...

$$p(c \mid \mathbf{x}) \propto p(c)p(\mathbf{x} \mid c) \tag{11}$$

Remember that \mathbf{x} is a vector

$$p(c \mid x_1 \dots x_n) \propto p(c)p(x_1 \mid c) \times p(x_2 \mid c) \times \dots \times p(x_n \mid c)$$
 (12)

Eq. (12) can be rewritten as

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$$p(c \mid x_1 \dots x_n) \propto p(c) \prod_{i=1}^n p(x_i \mid c)$$
 (13)

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The classification process

Back to the toy example

$$p(\text{yes} \mid x) \propto p(\text{yes})p(\text{iool} \mid \text{yes})p(\text{high} \mid \text{yes})p(\text{true} \mid \text{yes})$$

 $\propto 9/14 \times 2/9 \times 3/9 \times 3/9 \times 3/9$
 $\propto 0.00529$, which is **not** a probability

Classification: the maximum for all the classes

$$c \propto \arg\max_{c} p(c) \prod_{i=1}^{n} p(x_i \mid c)$$
 (14)

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compute p(yes|x)
compute p(no|x)
if p(yes|x) > p(no|x):
    yes
else:
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Training a Machine Learning Model

Naïve Bayes

Classification process

$$p(C \mid \mathbf{x}) = \frac{p(C) \ p(\mathbf{x} \mid C)}{p(\mathbf{x})}$$
(15)

The probability p(x) is constant for any given input!

$$p(C \mid \mathbf{x}) = \frac{p(C) \ p(\mathbf{x} \mid C)}{p(\mathbf{x})} \tag{16}$$

Back to the toy example, using Eq. (16)...

$$p(\text{yes} \mid x) = p(\text{yes})p(\text{rainy} \mid \text{yes})p(\text{cool} \mid \text{yes})p(\text{high} \mid \text{yes})p(\text{true} \mid \text{yes})$$

$$= 9/14 \times 2/9 \times 3/9 \times 3/9 \times 3/9$$

$$= 0.00529 \text{not a probability!}$$

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The dataset

We need a bunch of items (documents) with their associated class

kind	examples
binary	{positive, negative}
	{0, 1}
	$\{-1, 1\}$
multiclass	{positive, neutral, negative}
	{0,1,2}

In our case, we need the sentiment:

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The dataset

Option 1 Use a corpus created by somebody else

Option 2 Build your own corpus⁵

- (a) You have/hire experts to do it
- (b) You engage non-experts through gamification
- (c) You hire non-experts through explicit crowdsourcing
- (d) There are many other ways to get annotated data

⁵A lesson about this is going on now.

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What I did on OsX and GNU Linux

I use pipenv⁷

\$ pipenv install --skip-lock nlpia

On Github they explain how to install it with conda or pip if you plan to contribute to the project

</> Let us see it working

⁷https://pipenv.readthedocs.io/en/latest/

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Let us go and build a classifier with a corpus built by Hutto and Gilbert $(2014)^6$

If you are following NLP in Action, they instruct you to download and install their software companion:

https://github.com/totalgood/nlpia

⁶http://comp.social.gatech.edu/papers/icwsm14.vader.hutto.pdf

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