2. Training a Naïve Bayes Classifier using top-K frequent words

Model: ScikitLearn's Gaussian Naïve Bayes Classifier

Naïve Bayes:

$$P(y|x) = \frac{\prod_{i=1}^{n} P(x_i|y) P(y)}{P(x)}$$
 where *n* is the number of features

Gaussian distribution is assumed as the likelihood of the features:

$$P(x_i|y) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma_y^2}} \exp(-\frac{(x_i - \mu_y)^2}{2\sigma_y^2})$$

The parameters σ_y and μ_y are estimated using maximum likelihood.

Program Flow

- 1. the frequency distribution of word id in each sample is calculated using nltk
- 2. the feature of each sample is generated using the number of times each word id appeared in the sample, while only considering top-k most frequent word id
- 3. the model is fitted to training dataset, then evaluated with the test dataset

Result

Figure below shows the result when k=100, 1000, 10000 respectively.

The performance of the model decreased when k is increased from 1000 to 10000. It is likely due to overfitting.