

CS6350 - Homework/Assignment-6

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1: Warmup: Probabilities

(1) Given

$$P(A_1) = P(A_2) = P(A_1|A_2) = \frac{1}{2}$$

From conditional probability:

$$P(A_1, A_2) = P(A_1|P(A_2))P(A_2) = \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{4}$$

Also, if we calculate the product of their individual probabilities :

$$P(A_1)P(A_2) = \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{4}$$

Hence, from the above two formulations, we have:

$$P(A_1, A_2) = P(A_1|P(A_2))P(A_2) = \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{4} = P(A_1)P(A_2)$$

Thus, A_1, A_2 are independent

(2) Given, A_1, A_2, A_3 are mutually exclusive, $P(A_i) = \frac{1}{3}$ and $P(A_4|A_i) = \frac{i}{6}$. Then, we have the following probabilities:

$$P(A_1) = P(A_2) = P(A_3) = P(A_4) = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$P(A_4|A_{i=1}) = \frac{1}{6}$$

$$P(A_4|A_{i=2}) = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$P(A_4|A_{i=3}) = \frac{1}{2}$$

Using total probability theorem to evaluate $P(A_4)$,

$$P(A_4) = P(A_1)P(A_4|A_1) + P(A_2)P(A_4|A_2) + P(A_3)P(A_4|A_3)$$

$$P(A_4) = \frac{1}{3} \times \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{3} \times \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{3} \times \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{3}$$

(3) Let n be the number at the top when a fair six-sided die is tossed. If a fair coin is tossed n times, required to find the probability of exactly two heads.

Now, we can get two heads only if the toss of the dice gives a number greater than equal to 2. For a single toss of an unbiased coin, we have the probabilities, $P(H) = \frac{1}{2}$ and $P(T) = \frac{1}{2}$. Our problem is conditioned on the value of n that we get from the dice. So, we can write the probability of number of heads being exactly 2 as:

$$P(H = 2) = \sum_{n=2}^6 P(H = 2|n)P(n)$$

$$P(H = 2) = P(H = 2|n = 2)P(n = 2) + P(H = 2|n = 3)P(n = 3) + P(H = 2|n = 4)P(n = 4) \\ + P(H = 2|n = 5)P(n = 5) + P(H = 2|n = 6)P(n = 6)$$

Now for a specific n, $n \geq 2$, the probability of exactly two heads = $\binom{n}{2}P(H)^2P(T)^{n-2} = \binom{n}{2}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{n-2} = \binom{n}{2}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n$

Also, since the we are given an unbiased fair dice, hence the probabilities of getting a value of n between 1 to 6 will be equally probable, Hence,

$$P(n = 2) = P(n = 3) = P(n = 4) = P(n = 5) = P(n = 6) = \frac{1}{6}$$

Using this formulation, in the expression for finding the probability of exactly two heads , we get:

$$P(H = 2) = \binom{2}{2}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2\frac{1}{6} + \binom{3}{2}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3\frac{1}{6} + \binom{4}{2}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^4\frac{1}{6} + \binom{5}{2}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^5\frac{1}{6} + \binom{6}{2}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^6\frac{1}{6}$$

$$P(H = 2) = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2\frac{1}{6} + 3\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3\frac{1}{6} + 6\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^4\frac{1}{6} + 10\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^5\frac{1}{6} + 15\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^6\frac{1}{6}$$

$$P(H = 2) = \frac{1}{6}\left(\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + 3\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3 + 6\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^4 + 10\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^5 + 15\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^6\right) = \frac{33}{128}$$

(4) Given $P(A_1) = a_1$ and $P(A_2) = a_2$. From conditional probability, we can write:

$$P(A_1|A_2) = \frac{P(A_1 \cap A_2)}{P(A_2)} = \frac{P(A_1) + P(A_2) - P(A_1 \cup A_2)}{P(A_2)}$$

Now, $P(A_1 \cup A_2) \leq 1$. Thus we get,

$$P(A_1|A_2) = \frac{P(A_1) + P(A_2) - P(A_1 \cup A_2)}{P(A_2)} \leq \frac{P(A_1) + P(A_2) - 1}{P(A_2)}$$

replacing the given values of the probabilities, we get:

$$P(A_1|A_2) = \frac{P(A_1) + P(A_2) - P(A_1 \cup A_2)}{P(A_2)} \leq \frac{a_1 + a_2 - 1}{a_2}$$

(5a) If A_1 and A_2 are independent variables, show that: $E[A_1 + A_2] = E[A_1] + E[A_2]$

Proof: Assuming A_1 and A_2 being independent discrete random variables, although the same holds for the continuous case. Then the expectation of A_1 is written as:

$$E[A_1] = \sum_{all a_1} a_1 P(A_1 = a_1)$$

where a_1 represents the values that A_1 can take and $P(a_2)$ represents their probabilities. Similarly,

$$E[A_2] = \sum_{all a_2} a_2 P(A_2 = a_2)$$

Then, we can write:

$$E[A_1 + A_2] = \sum_{all a_1} \sum_{all a_2} (a_1 + a_2) P(A_1 = a_1, A_2 = a_2)$$

or,

$$E[A_1 + A_2] = \sum_{all a_1} \sum_{all a_2} a_1 P(A_1 = a_1, A_2 = a_2) + \sum_{all a_1} \sum_{all a_2} a_2 P(A_1 = a_1, A_2 = a_2)$$

or,

$$E[A_1 + A_2] = \sum_{all a_1} a_1 \sum_{all a_2} P(A_1 = a_1, A_2 = a_2) + \sum_{all a_2} a_2 \sum_{all a_1} P(A_1 = a_1, A_2 = a_2)$$

Now, $\sum_{all a_2} P(A_1 = a_1, A_2 = a_2) = P(A_1 = a_1)$, since we are summing over all the possible a_2 values that A_2 can take. Similarly, $\sum_{all a_1} P(A_1 = a_1, A_2 = a_2) = P(A_2 = a_2)$. Plugging these back into the main equation, we get:

$$E[A_1 + A_2] = \sum_{all a_1} a_1 P(A_1 = a_1) + \sum_{all a_2} a_2 P(A_2 = a_2) = E[A_1] + E[A_2]$$

(5b) If A_1 and A_2 are independent variables, show that: $var[A_1 + A_2] = var[A_1] + var[A_2]$

Proof: Variance of a random variable X is defined as:

$$var(X) = E[(X - E[X])^2] = E[X^2 - 2XE[X] + (E[X])^2]$$

using the linearity of expectation as proved in the previous question, we can separate out the terms as:

$$var(X) = E[X^2] - 2E[XE[X]] + E[(E[X])^2]$$

Now, $E[X]$ is the theoretical mean of the distribution and hence a constant. Also, the expectation of a constant terms is the term itself. Hence:

$$var(X) = E[X^2] - 2E[X]E[X] + E[X]^2 = E[X^2] - (E[X])^2$$

Thus, the variance of the given independent random variables, A_1, A_2 will be:

$$var(A_1) = E[A_1^2] - (E[A_1])^2$$

$$var(A_2) = E[A_2^2] - (E[A_2])^2$$

Then the variance of the sum of the two independent variables will be:

$$var[A_1 + A_2] = E[(A_1 + A_2)^2] - (E[A_1 + A_2])^2 = E[(A_1 + A_2)^2] - (E[A_1] + E[A_2])^2$$

$$var[A_1 + A_2] = E[A_1^2] + E[A_2^2] + 2E[A_1 A_2] - (E[A_1])^2 - (E[A_2])^2 - 2E[A_1]E[A_2]$$

$$var[A_1 + A_2] = (E[A_1^2] - (E[A_1])^2) + (E[A_2^2] - (E[A_2])^2) + 2E[A_1 A_2] - 2E[A_1]E[A_2]$$

$$var[A_1 + A_2] = var[A_1] + var[A_2] + 2E[A_1 A_2] - 2E[A_1]E[A_2] = var[A_1] + var[A_2] + 2 \sum_{all a_1} \sum_{all a_2} a_1 a_2 P(A_1 = a_1, A_2 = a_2) - 2E[A_1]E[A_2] \quad (1)$$

In (1), since the random variables, A_1, A_2 are independent, so we have, $P(A_1 = a_1, A_2 = a_2) = P(A_1 = a_1)P(A_2 = a_2)$. Placing this back in the equation and separating out the sum with their corresponding variables we get:

$$var[A_1 + A_2] = var[A_1] + var[A_2] + 2 \sum_{all a_1} a_1 P(A_1 = a_1) \sum_{all a_2} a_2 P(A_2 = a_2) - 2E[A_1]E[A_2]$$

$$var[A_1 + A_2] = var[A_1] + var[A_2] + 2E[A_1]E[A_2] - 2E[A_1]E[A_2]$$

$$var[A_1 + A_2] = var[A_1] + var[A_2]$$

2: Naive Bayes

(1.a) We are given the true distribution values. If we draw infinite data from this distribution, then the empirically evaluated probabilities will converge close to the true distribution according to the law of large numbers which suggests for infinitely drawn data the sampled mean and the theoretical mean converges. Hence, after seeing infinitely drawn data, the evaluated probabilities can be approximated to the true distribution, in which case we have:

$$\hat{P}(x_1 = -1|y = -1) = 0.8$$

$$\hat{P}(x_1 = 1|y = -1) = 0.2$$

$$\hat{P}(x_1 = -1|y = 1) = 0.1$$

$$\hat{P}(x_1 = 1|y = 1) = 0.9$$

$$\hat{P}(y = 1) = 0.9$$

$$\hat{P}(y = -1) = 0.1$$

(1.b) Using the above probability values, we evaluate the required probabilities of the given table as :

$$\hat{P}(x_1 = -1, y = -1) = \hat{P}(x_1 = -1|y = -1)\hat{P}(y = -1) = 0.08$$

$$\hat{P}(x_1 = 1, y = -1) = \hat{P}(x_1 = 1|y = -1)\hat{P}(y = -1) = 0.02$$

$$\hat{P}(x_1 = -1, y = 1) = \hat{P}(x_1 = -1|y = 1)\hat{P}(y = 1) = 0.09$$

$$\hat{P}(x_1 = 1, y = 1) = \hat{P}(x_1 = 1|y = 1)\hat{P}(y = 1) = 0.81$$

Hence, the prediction will be :

$$y' \Big|_{x_1=-1} = \underset{y}{\operatorname{argmax}} \hat{P}(x_1 = -1, y) = +1$$

$$y' \Big|_{x_1=+1} = \underset{y}{\operatorname{argmax}} \hat{P}(x_1 = -1, y) = +1$$

Thus, the table will be :

Table 1: Probability Table-1: Input x_1 , $\hat{P}(x_1, y = -1)$, $\hat{P}(x_1, y = 1)$
, Prediction: $y' = \underset{y}{\operatorname{argmax}} \hat{P}(x_1, y)$

Input x_1	$\hat{P}(x_1, y = -1)$	$\hat{P}(x_1, y = 1)$	Prediction: $y' = \underset{y}{\operatorname{argmax}} \hat{P}(x_1, y)$
-1	0.08	0.09	+1
+1	0.02	0.81	+1

(1.c) To find the error in predictions, we need to find $P(y' \neq y)$, Thus:

$$P(y' \neq y) = P(y' \neq y, x_1 = -1) + P(y' \neq y, x_1 = +1)$$

$$P(y' \neq y) = P(y' = 1, x_1 = -1)P(y = -1, x_1 = -1) + P(y' = -1, x_1 = -1)P(y = +1, x_1 = -1) \\ + P(y' = +1, x_1 = +1)P(y = -1, x_1 = +1) + P(y' = -1, x_1 = +1)P(y = +1, x_1 = +1)$$

From the above prediction table, we have(considering the inputs are uniformly distributed): $P(y' = 1, x_1 = -1) = P(y = -1|x_1 = -1)P(x_1 = -1) = \frac{1}{2} P(y' = 1, x_1 = 1) = P(y = -1|x_1 = 1)P(x_1 = 1) = \frac{1}{2} P(y' = -1, x_1 =$

$$-1) = P(y^- - 1|x_1 = -1)P(x_1 = -1) = 0 \quad P(y' = -1, x_1 = 1) = P(y^- - 1|x_1 = 1)P(x_1 = 1) = 0$$

Plugging these values into the main equation for $P(y' \neq y)$, we get,

$$P(y' \neq y) = \frac{1}{2} \times 0.08 + 0 + \frac{1}{2} \times 0.09 + 0 = 0.085$$

(2.a) Given a binary classification problem with two features, x_1, x_2 , both of which can take discrete values $\{-1, 1\}$. Additionally, the feature x_2 , is exactly identical to first feature x_1 . Since, x_1 and x_2 are identical/same feature, hence:

$$P(x_1|y) = P(x_2|y)$$

and, since x_1 and x_2 will have identical values under all conditions, hence

$$P(x_1 = a_1|x_2 = a_2) = 1, \text{ if } a_1 = a_2$$

$$P(x_1 = a_1|x_2 = a_2) = 0, \text{ if } a_1 \neq a_2$$

Now, from conditional probability, we can write:

$$P(x_1, x_2|y) = P(x_1|x_2, y)P(x_2|y)$$

For conditional independence, we require,

$$P(x_1, x_2|y) = P(x_1|y)P(x_2|y) \quad (2)$$

However, in this case, since x_1 and x_2 , are the same feature, hence the probability of x_1 , given x_2 and y , will be same as probability of x_2 given y , multiplied with the gating function $P(x_1|x_2)$ which means $P(x_1|x_2, y) = P(x_1|x_2)$ such that if $x_1 = x_2$, it is one, and if $x_1 \neq x_2$, it is zero. Thus, we have,

$$P(x_1, x_2|y) = P(x_1|x_2, y)P(x_2|y) = P(x_1|x_2)P(x_2|y)$$

This differs from the requirement of conditional independence in (2). Hence, x_1 and x_2 are **not** conditionally independent, given y .

(2.b) Given that $\hat{P}(x_1|y)$, $\hat{P}(x_2|y)$ and $\hat{P}(y)$ represent the learned parameters of a Naive Bayes(NB) classifier on infinite data set, so the values of these probabilities will be same as in the previous question. Hence, evaluating the probabilities in the table:

$$1. \hat{P}(x_1 = -1, x_2 = -1, y = -1) = \hat{P}(x_1 = -1|y = -1)\hat{P}(x_2 = -1|y = -1)\hat{P}(y = -1) = 0.8 \times 0.8 \times 0.1 = 0.064$$

$$2. \hat{P}(x_1 = -1, x_2 = 1, y = -1) = \hat{P}(x_1 = -1|y = -1)\hat{P}(x_2 = 1|y = -1)\hat{P}(y = -1) = 0.8 \times 0.2 \times 0.1 = 0.016$$

$$3. \hat{P}(x_1 = 1, x_2 = -1, y = -1) = \hat{P}(x_1 = 1|y = -1)\hat{P}(x_2 = -1|y = -1)\hat{P}(y = -1) = 0.2 \times 0.8 \times 0.1 = 0.016$$

$$4. \hat{P}(x_1 = 1, x_2 = 1, y = -1) = \hat{P}(x_1 = 1|y = -1)\hat{P}(x_2 = 1|y = -1)\hat{P}(y = -1) = 0.2 \times 0.2 \times 0.1 = 0.004$$

$$5. \hat{P}(x_1 = -1, x_2 = -1, y = 1) = \hat{P}(x_1 = -1|y = 1)\hat{P}(x_2 = -1|y = 1)\hat{P}(y = 1) = 0.1 \times 0.1 \times 0.9 = 0.009$$

$$6. \hat{P}(x_1 = -1, x_2 = 1, y = 1) = \hat{P}(x_1 = -1|y = 1)\hat{P}(x_2 = 1|y = 1)\hat{P}(y = 1) = 0.1 \times 0.9 \times 0.9 = 0.081$$

$$7. \hat{P}(x_1 = 1, x_2 = -1, y = 1) = \hat{P}(x_1 = 1|y = 1)\hat{P}(x_2 = -1|y = 1)\hat{P}(y = 1) = 0.9 \times 0.1 \times 0.9 = 0.081$$

$$8. \hat{P}(x_1 = 1, x_2 = 1, y = 1) = \hat{P}(x_1 = 1|y = 1)\hat{P}(x_2 = 1|y = 1)\hat{P}(y = 1) = 0.9 \times 0.9 \times 0.9 = 0.729$$

Hence, the predictions will be:

$$y' \Big|_{x_1=-1, x_2=-1} = \operatorname{argmax}_y \hat{P}(x_1 = -1, x_2 = -1, y) = -1$$

$$y' \Big|_{x_1=-1, x_2=1} = \operatorname{argmax}_y \hat{P}(x_1 = -1, x_2 = 1, y) = 1$$

$$y' \Big|_{x_1=1, x_2=-1} = \operatorname{argmax}_y \hat{P}(x_1=1, x_2=-1, y) = 1$$

$$y' \Big|_{x_1=1, x_2=1} = \operatorname{argmax}_y \hat{P}(x_1=1, x_2=1, y) = 1$$

Thus the table will be:

Table 2: Probability Table-1: Input $x_1, x_2, \hat{P}(x_1, x_2, y = -1), \hat{P}(x_1, x_2, y = 1)$, Prediction: $y' = \operatorname{argmax}_y \hat{P}(x_1, x_2, y)$

Input x_1	x_2	$\hat{P}(x_1, x_2, y = -1)$	$\hat{P}(x_1, x_2, y = 1)$	Prediction: $y' = \operatorname{argmax}_y \hat{P}(x_1, x_2, y)$
-1	-1	0.064	0.009	-1
-1	1	0.016	0.081	+1
1	-1	0.016	0.081	+1
1	1	0.004	0.729	+1

(2.c) To find the error in prediction, we need to find $P(y' \neq y)$. Thus:

$$P(y' \neq y) = P(y' \neq y, x_1 = -1, x_2 = -1) + P(y' \neq y, x_1 = -1, x_2 = 1) + P(y' \neq y, x_1 = 1, x_2 = -1) + P(y' \neq y, x_1 = 1, x_2 = 1)$$

Now, we consider uniform distribution of the inputs since we do not have any apriori information about the input distribution.

$$P(y' = -1, x_1 = -1, x_2 = -1) = P(y' = -1 | x_1 = -1, x_2 = -1)P(x_1 = -1, x_2 = -1) = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$P(y' = 1, x_1 = -1, x_2 = -1) = P(y' = 1 | x_1 = -1, x_2 = -1)P(x_1 = -1, x_2 = -1) = 0$$

$$P(y' = -1, x_1 = -1, x_2 = 1) = P(y' = -1 | x_1 = -1, x_2 = 1)P(x_1 = -1, x_2 = 1) = 0$$

$$P(y' = 1, x_1 = -1, x_2 = 1) = P(y' = 1 | x_1 = -1, x_2 = 1)P(x_1 = -1, x_2 = 1) = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$P(y' = -1, x_1 = 1, x_2 = -1) = P(y' = -1 | x_1 = 1, x_2 = -1)P(x_1 = 1, x_2 = -1) = 0$$

$$P(y' = 1, x_1 = 1, x_2 = -1) = P(y' = 1 | x_1 = 1, x_2 = -1)P(x_1 = 1, x_2 = -1) = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$P(y' = -1, x_1 = 1, x_2 = 1) = P(y' = -1 | x_1 = 1, x_2 = 1)P(x_1 = 1, x_2 = 1) = 0$$

$$P(y' = 1, x_1 = 1, x_2 = 1) = P(y' = 1 | x_1 = 1, x_2 = 1)P(x_1 = 1, x_2 = 1) = \frac{1}{4}$$

Plugging these values back to the equation, we get:

$$P(y' \neq y) = \frac{1}{4} \times 0.009 + \frac{1}{4} \times 0.016 + \frac{1}{4} \times 0.016 + \frac{1}{4} \times 0.729 = 0.1925$$

(2.d) Since Naive Bayes(NB) considers the features to be conditionally independent, hence if there exists features duplicated or strongly correlated, NB will treat them independently and give both of them strong weights such that they have double influence. On the other hand, Logistic-Regression(LR) does not have any conditional independence requirement and hence it performs better in cases where features might be duplicated or strongly correlated, since its minimization algorithm will tend to compensate for the correlation of features.

3: Naive Bayes and Linear Classifiers

Given inputs as d-dimensional feature vector , $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_d)^T$, where each x_j can be a real number. Classifier predicts 1 if:

$$P(y = 1|x) \geq P(y = 0|x)$$

$$\frac{P(y = 1|x)}{P(y = 0|x)} \geq 1$$

or equivalently:

$$\frac{P(x|y = 1)P(y = 1)}{P(x|y = 0)P(y = 0)} \geq 1$$

By the Naive Bayes assumption of conditional independence of the features, we have $P(x|y) = \prod_{j=0}^d P(x_j|y)$.

Then we have $\frac{P(y = 1)}{P(y = 0)} \prod_{j=0}^d \frac{P(x_j|y = 1)}{P(x_j|y = 0)} \geq 1$ for the **decision boundary**. Suppose each $P(x_j|y)$ is defined using a Gaussian probability density function(pdf), one for each value of y and j with mean $\mu_{j,y}$ and variance σ^2 . Thus, we can use the pdf expression for $P(x_j|y)$, such that the mean for $y = 1$ and a specific j is denoted as μ_{j,y_1} and the mean for $y = 0$ and a specific j is denoted as μ_{j,y_0} . Also, let us denote the prior probability of $P(y = 1)$ as p . Then the prior probability of $P(y = 0)$ is $(1 - p)$. Hence, we can write out the decision boundary as:

$$\frac{p}{1-p} \prod_{j=0}^d \frac{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{(x_j - \mu_{j,y_1})^2}{2\sigma^2}}}{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{(x_j - \mu_{j,y_0})^2}{2\sigma^2}}} \geq 1$$

$$\frac{p}{1-p} \prod_{j=0}^d e^{\frac{1}{2\sigma^2}(\mu_{j,y_1} - \mu_{j,y_0})(2x_j - \mu_{j,y_0} - \mu_{j,y_1})} \geq 1$$

Taking natural lo on both sides and rearranging the terms to separate out x_j , we get:

$$\log\left(\frac{p}{1-p}\right) + \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{j=0}^d (\mu_{j,y_1} - \mu_{j,y_0})(-\mu_{j,y_1} - \mu_{j,y_0}) + \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{j=0}^d 2x_j(\mu_{j,y_1} - \mu_{j,y_0}) \geq 0$$

The means of each of the distributions are specific to the distributions and constant with respect to x_j . Furthermore, it is given the variance is same for all the distribution, hence it is also a constant with respect to x_j . Thus, from the above expression we can separate out the constant term as the bias, such that we can write the following:

$$\text{bias} = b = \log\left(\frac{p}{1-p}\right) - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{j=0}^d (\mu_{j,y_1}^2 - \mu_{j,y_0}^2) \text{ and}$$

$$\text{weights, } w_j = \frac{1}{\sigma^2}(\mu_{j,y_1} - \mu_{j,y_0}).$$

hence, we get the decision boundary as:

$$b + \sum_{j=0}^d w_j x_j \geq 0$$

Hence, our classifier is a linear classifier.