

# Machine Learning 10-601

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## Today:

- MAP estimates, Conjugate priors
- Naïve Bayes
  - discrete-valued  $X_i$ 's
  - Document classification
- Gaussian Naïve Bayes
  - real-valued  $X_i$ 's
  - Brain image classification

## Readings:

### Required:

- Mitchell: "Naïve Bayes and Logistic Regression"  
(available on class website)

### Optional

- Bishop 1.2.4
- Bishop 4.2

## Summary: Maximum Likelihood Estimate

### • Data:

- We observed  $N$  *iid* coin tossing:  $D = \{1, 0, 1, \dots, 0\}$

### • Representation:

Binary r.v.:

$$x_n = \{0, 1\}$$

Bernoulli  
distribution



### • Model:

$$P(x) = \begin{cases} 1-\theta & \text{for } x=0 \\ \theta & \text{for } x=1 \end{cases} \Rightarrow P(x) = \theta^x (1-\theta)^{1-x}$$

### • The likelihood of dataset $D = \{x_1, \dots, x_N\}$ :

$$P(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N | \theta) = \prod_{i=1}^N P(x_i | \theta) = \prod_{i=1}^N (\theta^{x_i} (1-\theta)^{1-x_i}) = \theta^{\sum_{i=1}^N x_i} (1-\theta)^{\sum_{i=1}^N 1-x_i} = \theta^{\# \text{head}} (1-\theta)^{\# \text{tails}}$$

$$\hat{\theta}_{MLE} = \arg \max_{\theta} P(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N | \theta) = \frac{\alpha_H}{\alpha_H + \alpha_T}$$

## Estimating Parameters

- Maximum Likelihood Estimate (MLE): choose  $\theta$  that maximizes probability of observed data  $\mathcal{D}$

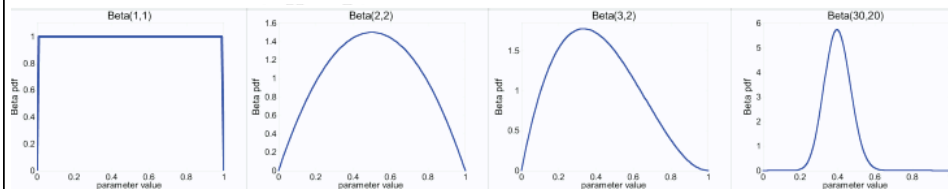
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## Beta prior distribution – $P(\theta)$

$$P(\theta) = \frac{\theta^{\beta_H-1}(1-\theta)^{\beta_T-1}}{B(\beta_H, \beta_T)} \sim \text{Beta}(\beta_H, \beta_T)$$



[C. Guestrin]

## Posterior Distribution: $P(\Theta | D)$

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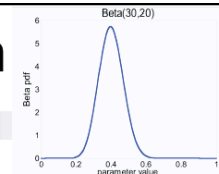
■ Likelihood function:  $P(D | \theta) = \theta^{\alpha_H}(1-\theta)^{\alpha_T}$

■ Posterior:  $P(\theta | D) \propto P(D | \theta)P(\theta)$

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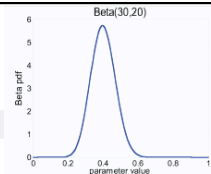
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- Beta prior equivalent to extra thumbtack flips
- As  $N \rightarrow \infty$ , prior is “forgotten”
- **But, for small sample size, prior is important!**

[C. Guestrin]

## Conjugate priors

- $P(\theta)$  and  $P(\theta | D)$  have the same form

**Eg. 1** Coin flip problem

Likelihood is  $\sim$  Binomial

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If prior is Dirichlet distribution,

$$P(\theta) = \frac{\prod_{i=1}^k \theta_i^{\beta_i-1}}{B(\beta_1, \dots, \beta_k)} \sim \text{Dirichlet}(\beta_1, \dots, \beta_k)$$

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$$P(\theta|D) \sim \text{Dirichlet}(\beta_1 + \alpha_1, \dots, \beta_k + \alpha_k)$$

**For Multinomial, conjugate prior is Dirichlet distribution.**

[A. Singh]



## Dirichlet distribution

- number of heads in N flips of a two-sided coin
  - follows a binomial distribution
  - Beta is a good prior (conjugate prior for binomial)
- what if it's not two-sided, but k-sided?
  - follows a *multinomial* distribution
  - *Dirichlet* distribution is the conjugate prior

$$P(\theta_1, \theta_2, \dots, \theta_K) = \frac{1}{B(\alpha)} \prod_i^K \theta_i^{(\alpha_i-1)}$$

Lejeune Dirichlet



Johann Peter Gustav Lejeune Dirichlet

<b>Born</b>	13 February 1805 Düren, French Empire
<b>Died</b>	5 May 1859 (aged 54) Göttingen, Hanover
<b>Residence</b>	<span><span></span></span> Germany
<b>Nationality</b>	<span><span></span></span> German
<b>Fields</b>	Mathematician
<b>Institutions</b>	University of Berlin University of Breslau University of Göttingen
<b>Alma mater</b>	University of Bonn
<b>Doctoral advisor</b>	Simeon Poisson Joseph Fourier
<b>Doctoral students</b>	Ferdinand Eisenstein Leopold Kronecker Rudolf Lipschitz Carl Wilhelm Borchardt
<b>Known for</b>	Dirichlet function Dirichlet eta function

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## Naïve Bayes in a Nutshell

Bayes rule:

$$P(Y = y_k | X_1 \dots X_n) = \frac{P(Y = y_k)P(X_1 \dots X_n | Y = y_k)}{\sum_j P(Y = y_j)P(X_1 \dots X_n | Y = y_j)}$$

Assuming conditional independence among  $X_i$ 's:

$$P(Y = y_k | X_1 \dots X_n) = \frac{P(Y = y_k) \prod_i P(X_i | Y = y_k)}{\sum_j P(Y = y_j) \prod_i P(X_i | Y = y_j)}$$

So, classification rule for  $X^{new} = \langle X_1, \dots, X_n \rangle$  is:

$$Y^{new} \leftarrow \arg \max_{y_k} P(Y = y_k) \prod_i P(X_i^{new} | Y = y_k)$$

Another way to view Naïve Bayes (Boolean Y):  
 Decision rule: is this quantity greater or less than 1?

$$\frac{P(Y = 1|X_1 \dots X_n)}{P(Y = 0|X_1 \dots X_n)} = \frac{P(Y = 1) \prod_i P(X_i|Y = 1)}{P(Y = 0) \prod_i P(X_i|Y = 0)}$$

## Naïve Bayes: classifying text documents

- Classify which emails are spam?
- Classify which emails promise an attachment?

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How shall we represent text documents for Naïve Bayes?

## Learning to classify documents: $P(Y|X)$

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Answer 1:  $X_i$  is boolean, 1 if word  $i$  is in document, else 0

e.g.,  $X_{\text{pleased}} = 1$

Issues?



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Answer 2:

- $X_i$  represents the  $i^{\text{th}}$  word position in document
- $X_1 = \text{"I"}, X_2 = \text{"am"}, X_3 = \text{"pleased"}$
- and, let's assume the  $X_i$  are iid (indep, identically distributed)

$$P(X_i|Y) = P(X_j|Y) \quad (\forall i, j)$$

## Learning to classify document: $P(Y|X)$ the "Bag of Words" model

- $Y$  discrete valued. e.g., Spam or not
- $X = \langle X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n \rangle = \text{document}$
- $X_i$  are iid random variables. Each represents the word at its position  $i$  in the document
- Generating a document according to this distribution = rolling a 50,000 sided die, once for each word position in the document
- The observed counts for each word follow a ??? distribution

## Multinomial Distribution

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## Multinomial Bag of Words

the world of




**all about the company**

Our energy exploration, production, and distribution operations span the globe, with activities in more than 100 countries.

At TOTAL, we draw our greatest strength from our fast-growing oil and gas reserves. Our strategic emphasis on natural gas provides a strong position in a rapidly expanding market.

Our expanding refining and marketing operations in Asia and the Mediterranean Rim complement already solid positions in Europe, Africa, and the U.S.

Our growing specialty chemicals sector adds balance and profit to the core energy business.

► All About The Company

- Global Activities
- Corporate Structure
- TOTAL's Story
- Upstream Strategy
- Downstream Strategy
- Chemicals Strategy
- TOTAL Foundation
- Homepage

aardvark	0
about	2
all	2
Africa	1
apple	0
anxious	0
...	
gas	1
...	
oil	1
...	
Zaire	0

## MAP estimates for bag of words

### Map estimate for multinomial

$$\theta_i = \frac{\alpha_i + \beta_i - 1}{\sum_{m=1}^k \alpha_m + \sum_{m=1}^k (\beta_m - 1)}$$

$$\theta_{aardvark} = P(X_i = \text{aardvark}) = \frac{\# \text{ observed 'aardvark'} + \# \text{ hallucinated 'aardvark'} - 1}{\# \text{ observed words} + \# \text{ hallucinated words} - k}$$

What  $\beta$ 's should we choose?

## Naïve Bayes Algorithm – discrete $X_i$

- Train Naïve Bayes (examples)

for each value  $y_k$

estimate  $\pi_k \equiv P(Y = y_k)$

for each value  $x_{ij}$  of each attribute  $X_i$

estimate  $\theta_{ijk} \equiv P(X_i = x_{ij} | Y = y_k)$

probability that word  $x_{ij}$  appears in document position  $i$ , given  $Y=y_k$

- Classify ( $X^{new}$ )

$$Y^{new} \leftarrow \arg \max_{y_k} P(Y = y_k) \prod_i P(X_i^{new} | Y = y_k)$$

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\* Additional assumption: word probabilities are position independent

$$\theta_{ijk} = \theta_{mjk} \text{ for } i \neq m$$

## Twenty NewsGroups

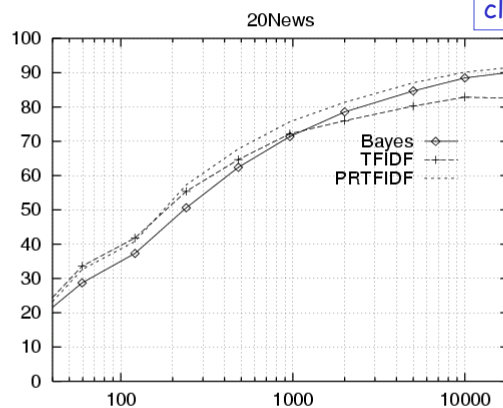
Given 1000 training documents from each group  
Learn to classify new documents according to  
which newsgroup it came from

comp.graphics	misc.forsale
comp.os.ms-windows.misc	rec.autos
comp.sys.ibm.pc.hardware	rec.motorcycles
comp.sys.mac.hardware	rec.sport.baseball
comp.windows.x	rec.sport.hockey
alt.atheism	sci.space
soc.religion.christian	sci.crypt
talk.religion.misc	sci.electronics
talk.politics.mideast	sci.med
talk.politics.misc	
talk.politics.guns	

Naive Bayes: 89% classification accuracy

## Learning Curve for 20 Newsgroups

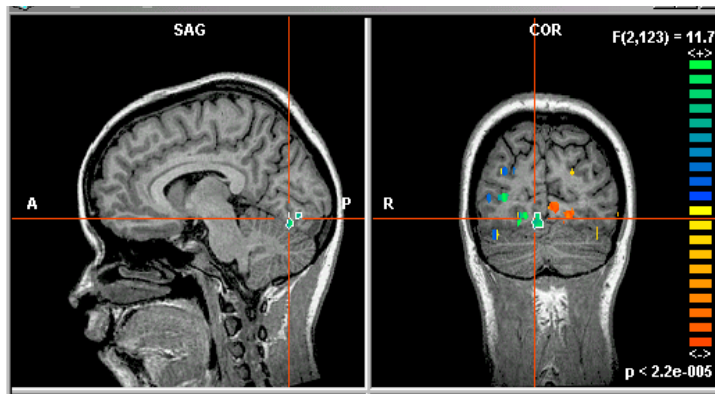
For code and data, see  
[www.cs.cmu.edu/~tom/mlbook.html](http://www.cs.cmu.edu/~tom/mlbook.html)  
click on "Software and Data"



Accuracy vs. Training set size (1/3 withheld for test)

## What if we have continuous $X_i$ ?

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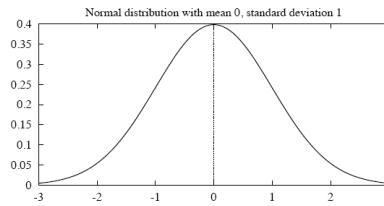
Naïve Bayes requires  $P(X_i | Y=y_k)$ , but  $X_i$  is real (continuous)

$$P(Y = y_k | X_1 \dots X_n) = \frac{P(Y = y_k) \prod_i P(X_i | Y = y_k)}{\sum_j P(Y = y_j) \prod_i P(X_i | Y = y_j)}$$

Common approach: assume  $P(X_i | Y=y_k)$  follows a Normal (Gaussian) distribution

## Gaussian Distribution (also called “Normal”)

$p(x)$  is a *probability density function*, whose integral (not sum) is 1



$$p(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{x-\mu}{\sigma}\right)^2}$$

The probability that  $X$  will fall into the interval  $(a, b)$  is given by

$$\int_a^b p(x) dx$$

- Expected, or mean value of  $X$ ,  $E[X]$ , is

$$E[X] = \mu$$

- Variance of  $X$  is

$$\text{Var}(X) = \sigma^2$$

- Standard deviation of  $X$ ,  $\sigma_X$ , is

$$\sigma_X = \sigma$$

## What if we have continuous $X_i$ ?

Gaussian Naïve Bayes (GNB): assume

$$p(X_i = x | Y = y_k) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma_{ik}^2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{x-\mu_{ik}}{\sigma_{ik}}\right)^2}$$

Sometimes assume variance  $\sigma$

- is independent of  $Y$  (i.e.,  $\sigma_i$ ),
- or independent of  $X_i$  (i.e.,  $\sigma_k$ )
- or both (i.e.,  $\sigma$ )

## Gaussian Naïve Bayes Algorithm – continuous $X_i$ (but still discrete $Y$ )

- Train Naïve Bayes (examples)

for each value  $y_k$

estimate  $\pi_k \equiv P(Y = y_k)$

for each attribute  $X_i$  estimate  $P(X_i|Y = y_k)$

- conditional mean  $\mu_{ik}$ , variance  $\sigma_{ik}$

- Classify ( $X^{new}$ )

$$Y^{new} \leftarrow \arg \max_{y_k} P(Y = y_k) \prod_i P(X_i^{new}|Y = y_k)$$

$$Y^{new} \leftarrow \arg \max_{y_k} \pi_k \prod_i \mathcal{N}(X_i^{new}; \mu_{ik}, \sigma_{ik})$$

Q: how many parameters must we estimate?

## Estimating Parameters: $Y$ discrete, $X_i$ continuous

Maximum likelihood estimates:

$$\hat{\mu}_{ik} = \frac{1}{\sum_j \delta(Y^j = y_k)} \sum_j X_i^j \delta(Y^j = y_k)$$

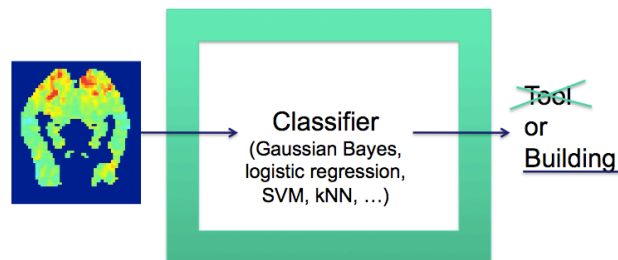
Annotations for the equation above:

- $\hat{\mu}_{ik}$ : ith feature
- $\delta(Y^j = y_k)$ : kth class
- $X_i^j$ : jth training example
- $\delta()=1$  if  $(Y^j=y_k)$  else 0

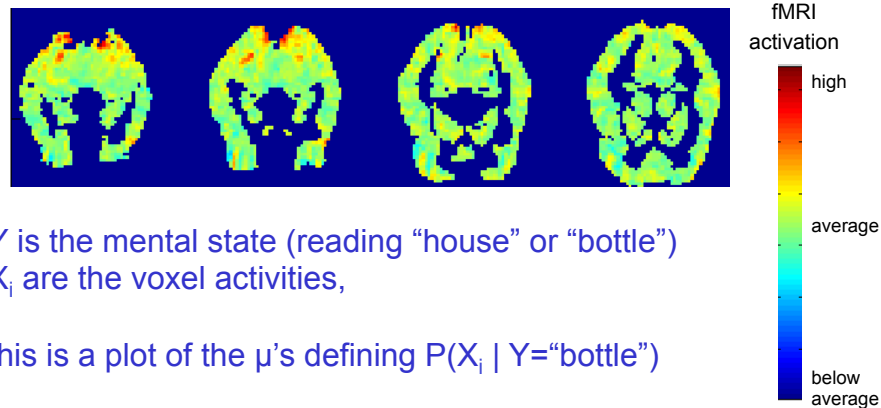
$$\hat{\sigma}_{ik}^2 = \frac{1}{\sum_j \delta(Y^j = y_k)} \sum_j (X_i^j - \hat{\mu}_{ik})^2 \delta(Y^j = y_k)$$

## GNB Example: Classify a person's cognitive state, based on brain image

- reading a sentence or viewing a picture?
- reading the word describing a “Tool” or “Building”?
- answering the question, or getting confused?



Mean activations over all training examples for Y=“bottle”



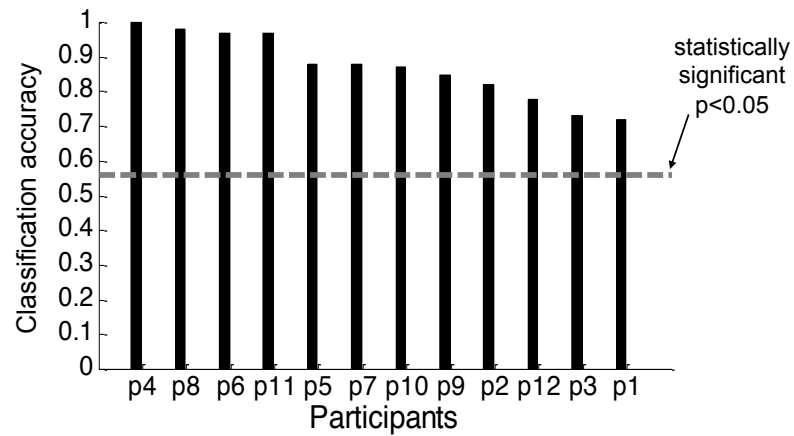
Y is the mental state (reading “house” or “bottle”)

$X_i$  are the voxel activities,

this is a plot of the  $\mu$ 's defining  $P(X_i | Y=\text{“bottle”})$

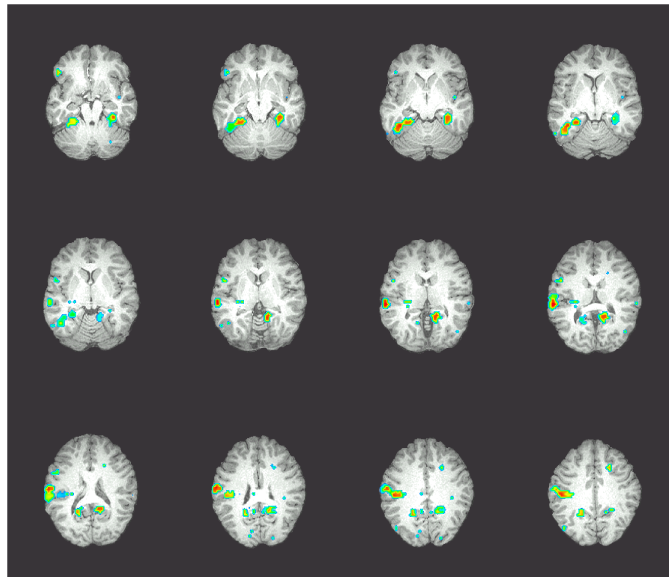
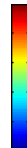


Classification task: is person viewing a “tool” or “building”?



Where is information encoded in the brain?

Accuracies of  
cubical  
27-voxel  
classifiers  
centered at  
each significant  
voxel  
[0.7-0.8]



## Naïve Bayes: What you should know

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- Designing classifiers based on Bayes rule
- Conditional independence
  - What it is
  - Why it's important
- Naïve Bayes assumption and its consequences
  - Which (and how many) parameters must be estimated under different generative models (different forms for  $P(X|Y)$  )
    - and why this matters
- How to train Naïve Bayes classifiers
  - MLE and MAP estimates
  - with discrete and/or continuous inputs  $X_i$

## Questions to think about:

- Can you use Naïve Bayes for a combination of discrete and real-valued  $X_i$ ?
- How can we easily model just 2 of  $n$  attributes as dependent?
- What does the decision surface of a Naïve Bayes classifier look like?
- How would you select a subset of  $X_i$ 's?