

Probability and Bayes' Rule

You learned about probabilities and Bayes' rule.

Corpus of tweets

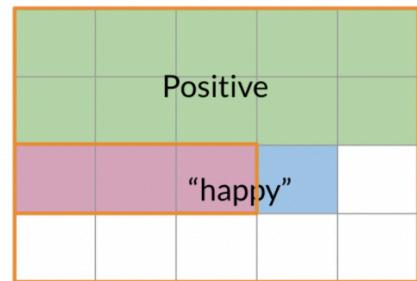


$A \rightarrow$ Positive tweet

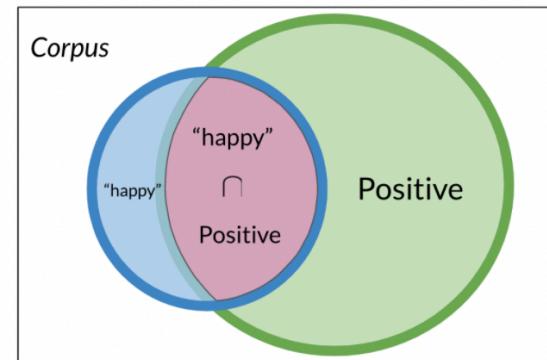
$$P(A) = N_{\text{pos}} / N = 13 / 20 = 0.65$$

$$P(\text{Negative}) = 1 - P(\text{Positive}) = 0.35$$

To calculate a probability of a certain event happening, you take the count of that specific event and you divide by the sum of all events. Furthermore, the sum of all probabilities has to equal 1.



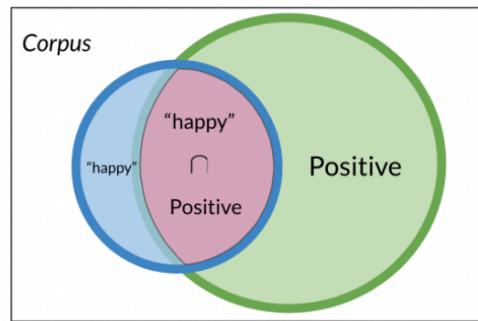
$$P(A \cap B) = P(A, B) = \frac{3}{20} = 0.15$$



To compute the probability of 2 events happening, like "happy" and "positive" in the picture above, you would be looking at the intersection, or overlap of events. In this case red and blue boxes overlap in 3 boxes. So the answer is $\frac{3}{20}$.

Bayes' Rule

Conditional probabilities help us reduce the sample search space. For example given a specific event already happened, i.e. we know the word is happy:



$$P(\text{Positive} | \text{"happy"}) =$$

$$\frac{P(\text{Positive} \cap \text{"happy"})}{P(\text{"happy"})}$$

Then you would only search in the blue circle above. The numerator will be the red part and the denominator will be the blue part. This leads us to conclude the following:

$$P(\text{Positive} | \text{"happy"}) = \frac{P(\text{Positive} \cap \text{"happy"})}{P(\text{"happy"})}$$

$$P(\text{"happy"} | \text{Positive}) = \frac{P(\text{"happy"} \cap \text{Positive})}{P(\text{Positive})}$$

Substituting the numerator in the right hand side of the first equation, you get the following:

$$P(\text{Positive} | \text{"happy"}) = P(\text{"happy"} | \text{Positive}) \times \frac{P(\text{Positive})}{P(\text{"happy"})}$$

Note that we multiplied by $P(\text{positive})$ to make sure we don't change anything. That concludes Bayes Rule which is defined as

$$P(X|Y) = \frac{P(Y|X)P(X)}{P(Y)}.$$

Naive Bayes Introduction

To build a classifier, we will first start by creating conditional probabilities given the following table:

Positive tweets	
I am happy because I am learning NLP	
I am happy, not sad.	
Negative tweets	
I am sad, I am not learning NLP	
I am sad, not happy	

word	Pos	Neg
I	3	3
am	3	3
happy	2	1
because	1	0
learning	1	1
NLP	1	1
sad	1	2
not	1	2
N_{class}	13	12

This allows us compute the following table of probabilities:

word	Pos	Neg
I	0.24	0.25
am	0.24	0.25
happy	0.15	0.08
because	0.08	0
learning	0.08	0.08
NLP	0.08	0.08
sad	0.08	0.17
not	0.08	0.17

Once you have the probabilities, you can compute the likelihood score as follows

Tweet: I am happy today; I am learning.

$$\prod_{i=1}^m \frac{P(w_i|pos)}{P(w_i|neg)} = \frac{0.14}{0.10} = 1.4 > 1$$

$$\cancel{\frac{0.20}{0.20}} * \cancel{\frac{0.20}{0.20}} * \boxed{\frac{0.14}{0.10}} * \cancel{\frac{0.20}{0.20}} * \cancel{\frac{0.20}{0.20}} * \cancel{\frac{0.10}{0.10}}$$

word	Pos	Neg
I	0.20	0.20
am	0.20	0.20
happy	0.14	0.10
because	0.10	0.05
learning	0.10	0.10
NLP	0.10	0.10
sad	0.10	0.15
not	0.10	0.15

A score greater than 1 indicates that the class is positive, otherwise it is negative.

Laplacian Smoothing

We usually compute the probability of a word given a class as follows:

$$P(w_i \mid \text{class}) = \frac{\text{freq}(w_i, \text{class})}{N_{\text{class}}} \quad \text{class} \in \{ \text{Positive}, \text{Negative} \}$$

However, if a word does not appear in the training, then it automatically gets a probability of 0, to fix this we add smoothing as follows

$$P(w_i \mid \text{class}) = \frac{\text{freq}(w_i, \text{class}) + 1}{(N_{\text{class}} + V)}$$

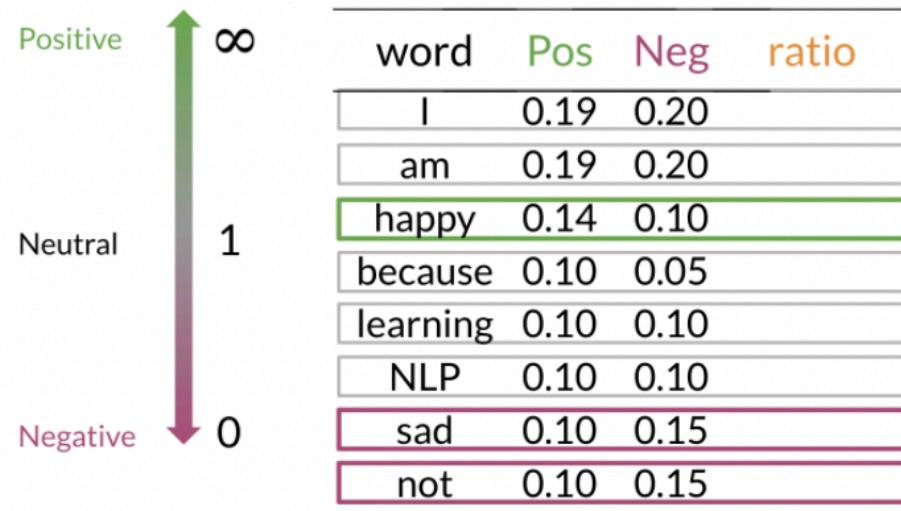
Note that we added a 1 in the numerator, and since there are V words to normalize, we add V in the denominator.

N_{class} : frequency of all words in class

V : number of unique words in vocabulary

Log Likelihood, Part 1

To compute the log likelihood, we need to get the ratios and use them to compute a score that will allow us to decide whether a tweet is positive or negative. The higher the ratio, the more positive the word is:



$$\text{ratio}(w_i) = \frac{P(w_i | \text{Pos})}{P(w_i | \text{Neg})}$$

$$\approx \frac{\text{freq}(w_i, 1) + 1}{\text{freq}(w_i, 0) + 1}$$

To do inference, you can compute the following:

$$\frac{P(\text{pos})}{P(\text{neg})} \prod_{i=1}^m \frac{P(w_i | \text{pos})}{P(w_i | \text{neg})} > 1$$

As m gets larger, we can get numerical flow issues, so we introduce the log, which gives you the following equation:

$$\log \left(\frac{P(\text{pos})}{P(\text{neg})} \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{P(w_i | \text{pos})}{P(w_i | \text{neg})} \right) \Rightarrow \log \frac{P(\text{pos})}{P(\text{neg})} + \sum_{i=1}^n \log \frac{P(w_i | \text{pos})}{P(w_i | \text{neg})}$$

The first component is called the log prior and the second component is the log likelihood. We further introduce λ as follows:

doc: I am happy because I am learning.

$$\lambda(w) = \log \frac{P(w|pos)}{P(w|neg)}$$

$$\lambda(\text{happy}) = \log \frac{0.09}{0.01} \approx 2.2$$

word	Pos	Neg	λ
I	0.05	0.05	0
am	0.04	0.04	0
happy	0.09	0.01	
because	0.01	0.01	
learning	0.03	0.01	
NLP	0.02	0.02	
sad	0.01	0.09	
not	0.02	0.03	

Having the λ dictionary will help a lot when doing inference.

Log Likelihood Part 2

Once you computed the λ dictionary, it becomes straightforward to do inference:

doc: I am happy because I am learning.

$$\sum_{i=1}^m \log \frac{P(w_i|pos)}{P(w_i|neg)} = \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda(w_i)$$

$$\text{log likelihood} = 0 + 0 + 2.2 + 0 + 0 + 0 + 1.1 = 3.3$$

word	Pos	Neg	λ
I	0.05	0.05	0
am	0.04	0.04	0
happy	0.09	0.01	2.2
because	0.01	0.01	0
learning	0.03	0.01	1.1
NLP	0.02	0.02	0
sad	0.01	0.09	-2.2
not	0.02	0.03	-0.4

As you can see above, since $3.3 > 0$, we will classify the document to be positive. If we got a negative number we would have classified it to the negative class.

Training naïve Bayes

To train your naïve Bayes classifier, you have to perform the following steps:

- 1) Get or annotate a dataset with positive and negative tweets
- 2) Preprocess the tweets: `process_tweet(tweet) → [w1, w2, w3, ...]`:
 - Lowercase
 - Remove punctuation, urls, names
 - Remove stop words
 - Stemming
 - Tokenize sentences
- 3) Compute $\text{freq}(w, \text{class})$:

Positive tweets	
[happi, because, learn, NLP]	
[happi, not, sad]	
Negative tweets	
[sad, not, learn, NLP]	
[sad, not, happi]	

Step 2:
Word
count

word	Pos	Neg
happi	2	1
because	1	0
learn	1	1
NLP	1	1
sad	1	2
not	1	2

N_{class} 7 7

$\text{freq}(w, \text{class})$

4) Get $P(w|pos), P(w|neg)$

You can use the table above to compute the probabilities.

5) Get $\lambda(w)$

$$\lambda(w) = \log \frac{P(w|pos)}{P(w|neg)}$$

6) Compute $logprior = \log(P(pos)/P(neg))$

$logprior = \log \frac{D_{pos}}{D_{neg}}$, where D_{pos} and D_{neg} correspond to the number of positive and negative documents respectively.

Testing naïve Bayes

- log-likelihood dictionary $\lambda(w) = \log \frac{P(w|pos)}{P(w|neg)}$
- $logprior = \log \frac{D_{pos}}{D_{neg}} = 0$
- Tweet: [I, pass, the, NLP, interview] 

$$score = -0.01 + 0.5 - 0.01 + 0 + logprior = 0.48$$

pred = score > 0

word	λ
I	-0.01
the	-0.01
happi	0.63
because	0.01
pass	0.5
NLP	0
sad	-0.75
not	-0.75

The example above shows how you can make a prediction given your λ dictionary. In this example the $logprior$ is 0 because we have the same amount of positive and negative documents (i.e. $\log 1 = 0$).

Naïve Bayes Assumptions

Naïve Bayes makes the independence assumption and is affected by the word frequencies in the corpus. For example, if you had the following

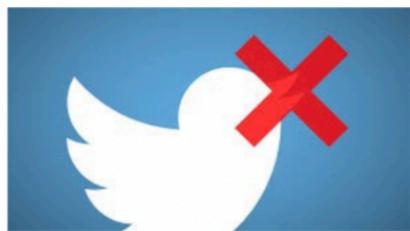


"It is sunny and hot in the Sahara desert." "It's always cold and snowy in ____."



In the first image, you can see the words "sunny" and "hot" tend to depend on each other and are correlated to a certain extent with the word "desert". Naïve Bayes assumes independence throughout. Furthermore, if you were to fill in the sentence on the right, this naïve model will assign equal weight to the words "spring, summer, fall, winter".

Relative frequencies in corpus



On Twitter, there are usually more positive tweets than negative ones. However, some "clean" datasets you may find are artificially balanced to have the same amount of positive and negative tweets. Just keep in mind, that in the real world, the data could be much noisier.

Error Analysis

There are several mistakes that could cause you to misclassify an example or a tweet. For example,

- Removing punctuation
- Removing words

Tweet: This is not good, because your attitude is not even close to being nice.

processed_tweet: [good, attitude, close, nice]

Tweet: My beloved grandmother :)

processed_tweet: [belov, grandmoth]

- Word order

Tweet: I am happy because I did not go.



Tweet: I am not happy because I did go.



- Adversarial attacks

These include sarcasm, irony, euphemisms.