

# Bayes' Theorem

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- **Theorem**

Suppose that  $E$  and  $F$  are events from a sample space  $S$  such that  $p(E) \neq 0$  and  $p(F) \neq 0$ . Then:

$$p(F|E) = \frac{p(E|F)p(F)}{p(E|F)p(F) + p(E|\overline{F})p(\overline{F})}$$

Proof:

Bayes' Theorem.

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$E, F$  are events from a sample space  $S$

$$P(E|F)P(F) = \frac{P(E \cap F)}{P(F)} P(F) = P(E \cap F)$$

$$P(E|\bar{F})P(\bar{F}) = P(E \cap \bar{F})$$

$$P(E \cap F) + P(E \cap \bar{F}) = P(E) \rightarrow \text{Denominator}$$

$$\text{Numerator} = P(E \cap F)$$

$$\text{By Definition: } P(F|E) = \frac{P(E \cap F)}{P(E)}$$

$$\underbrace{P(F|E)}_{\text{Posterior}} = \frac{\underbrace{P(E|F)}_{\text{Likelihood}} \underbrace{P(F)}_{\text{Evidence}}}{\underbrace{P(E)}_{\text{Evidence}}} \rightarrow \text{Prior}$$

- Naive Bayes Classifier.
- Bayes Belief Network.....

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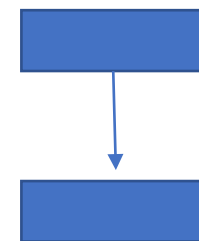
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$$\therefore P(F|E) = \frac{\frac{7}{9} \times \frac{1}{2}}{\frac{7}{9} \times \frac{1}{2} + \frac{3}{7} \times \frac{1}{2}}$$

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In [1]: (7/18)/(7/18+3/14)
Out[1]: 0.6447368421052632
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**False positive rate** is much higher than **the probability of getting disease**.

If the false positive rate is 0.00001,  $p(D | E) = 0.4975$

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$$\begin{aligned} p(D|\bar{E}) &\approx 1 - 0.9999999 \\ &= 0.0000001. \end{aligned}$$



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$$p(D|\bar{E})$$

false positive $P(E \bar{D})$ 0.5%	true positive $P(E D)$ 1-1%
false negative $P(\bar{E} D)$ 1%	true negative $P(\bar{E} \bar{D})$ 1-0.5%

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In [2]: 0.01*0.00001/(0.01*0.00001+0.995*0.99999)
Out[2]: 1.0050350749703402e-07

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# Bayesian Spam Filter

- Given:
  - A set  $B$  of spam messages
  - A set  $G$  of non-spam messages
- Goal: Compute the probability that a new email message is spam
- Given:
  - $|B| = 2000$
  - $|G| = 1000$
  - The word “Rolex” occurs in 250 spam messages and 5 good messages

△ Filter Based on "spam words".....

eg: "on sale", "discount", "Apple", "Rolex" ....

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Sometimes we call these selected words as  
the features of the emails used by spam filter

# Notations

- $B$ : spam messages
- $G$ : non-spam messages
- $w$ : the particular word, i.e., “Rolex” in our case
- $n_B(w)$ : The number of messages in  $B$  that  $w$  occurs
- $n_G(w)$ : The number of messages in  $G$  that  $w$  occurs

Goal:  $p(B|w)$

$$= \frac{p(w|B) p(B)}{p(w|B) p(B) + p(w|G) p(G)}$$

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$$= \frac{p(w|B) p(B)}{p(w|B) p(B) + p(w|G) p(G)}$$

$$p(w|B) = \frac{n_B(w)}{|B|} = \frac{250}{2000}$$

$$p(w|G) = \frac{n_G(w)}{|G|} = \frac{5}{1000}$$

$$p(B) =$$

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Goal:  $p(B|w)$

$$= \frac{p(w|B) p(B)}{p(w|B) p(B) + p(w|G) p(G)} \approx 0.98$$

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$$p(B) = \frac{|B|}{|G| + |B|} = \frac{2000}{3000}$$

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# Tutorial: Binomial Coefficients

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$$\binom{n}{k} = \frac{n!}{k! (n-k)!} = \frac{n}{k} \frac{(n-1)!}{(k-1)! (n-k)!}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{(n-1)!}{(k-1)! (n-k)!} &= \frac{(n-1)!}{(k-1)! ((n-1)-(k-1))!} \\ &= \binom{n-1}{k-1} \end{aligned}$$

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$$k \binom{n}{k} = n \binom{n-1}{k-1}$$

Consider the counting problem, select one leader and  $(k-1)$  workers from  $n$  people.

① first way of counting.

step 1: select  $k$  people from  $n$

step 2: select 1 leader from  $k$  people.

$$k \times \binom{n}{k}$$

② second way of counting.

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step 2: select  $k-1$  workers from  $(n-1)$  people.

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**EP3-27.** Prove the identity

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**EP3-35.** Prove the identity (use both combinatorial and algebraic proofs)

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$$= n \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k}$$

$$= n 2^n$$

# Combinatorial Proof

- The counting problem: choose 1 leader and any number of workers from n people
- First way of counting
  - We first select 1 leader+0 workers, 1 leader + 1 worker, and then 1 leader + 2 workers, ..., 1 leader + (n-1) workers
  - Every time, select k people and choose 1 leader from them.

$$\sum_{k=1}^n k \binom{n}{k}$$

# Combinatorial Proof

- The counting problem: choose 1 leader and any number of workers from n people
- Second way of counting
  - We first choose 1 leader
  - Then for the rest (n-1) people, each of them has two choices

$$n2^{n-1}$$

**EP3-37.** Use the binomial theorem to prove that  $2^n = \sum_{k=0}^n (-1)^k \binom{n}{k} 3^{n-k}$

**Solution**

$$\sum_{k=0}^n (-1)^k \binom{n}{k} 3^{n-k} = (3 - 1)^n = 2^n$$

**QB5-4.** Arrange the following running times in order of increasing asymptotic complexity. Just give the answer; no explanation is needed.

$$n^3, \sqrt{2n}, n + 10, \log(n^4), 20^n, 2^n, n^2 \log n$$

Note that you must write function  $f(n)$  before function  $g(n)$  if  $f(n) = O(g(n))$ .

**Solution**

$$\log(n^4), \sqrt{2n}, n + 10, n^2 \log n, n^3, 2^n, 20^n$$