

Lecture 17

Naïve Bayes

DSC 40A, Summer 2024

Announcements

- Homework 8, the final homework, is due tomorrow.
 - It's short: only two questions.

The Final Exam is on Friday, September 6th!

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- 180 minutes, on paper, no calculators or electronics.
 - You are allowed to bring two double-sided index cards (4 inches by 6 inches) of notes that you write by hand (no iPad).
- Content: All lectures (including this week), homeworks (including HW 8), and groupworks.
- Prepare by practicing with old exam problems at practice.dsc40a.com.
 - There are tons of past probability exams, searchable by topic.
 - Check out the [advice page](#) for study strategies.
- No formal review session but lots of office hours this week - come through!

Agenda

- Classification.
- Classification and conditional independence.
- Naïve Bayes.

Recap: Bayes' Theorem, independence, and conditional independence

- Bayes' Theorem describes how to update the probability of one event, given that another event has occurred.

$$\text{new } \mathbb{P}(B|A) = \frac{\text{old } \mathbb{P}(B) \cdot \mathbb{P}(A|B)}{\mathbb{P}(A)}$$

$\downarrow \text{input } A$

$\mathbb{P}(A|B) = \mathbb{P}(A)$
 $\mathbb{P}(B|A) = \mathbb{P}(B)$

equiv 

- A and B are **independent** if:

$$\mathbb{P}(A \cap B) = \mathbb{P}(A) \cdot \mathbb{P}(B)$$

- A and B are **conditionally independent** given C if:

$$\rightarrow \mathbb{P}((A \cap B)|C) = \mathbb{P}(A|C) \cdot \mathbb{P}(B|C)$$

- In general, there is no relationship between independence and conditional independence.

Question 🤔

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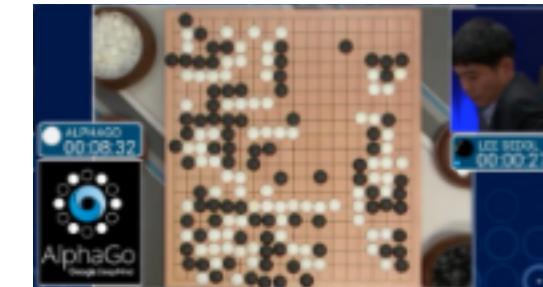
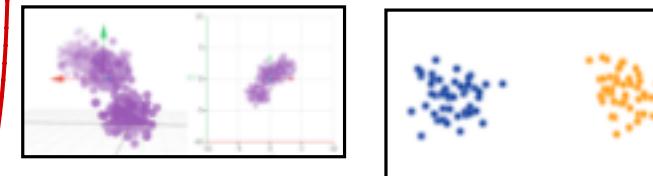
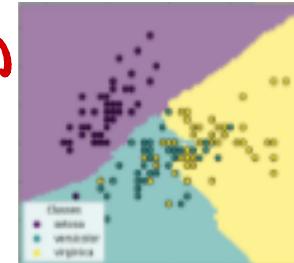
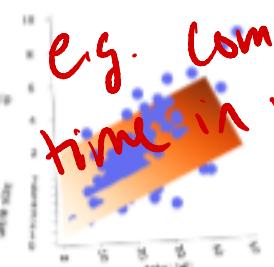
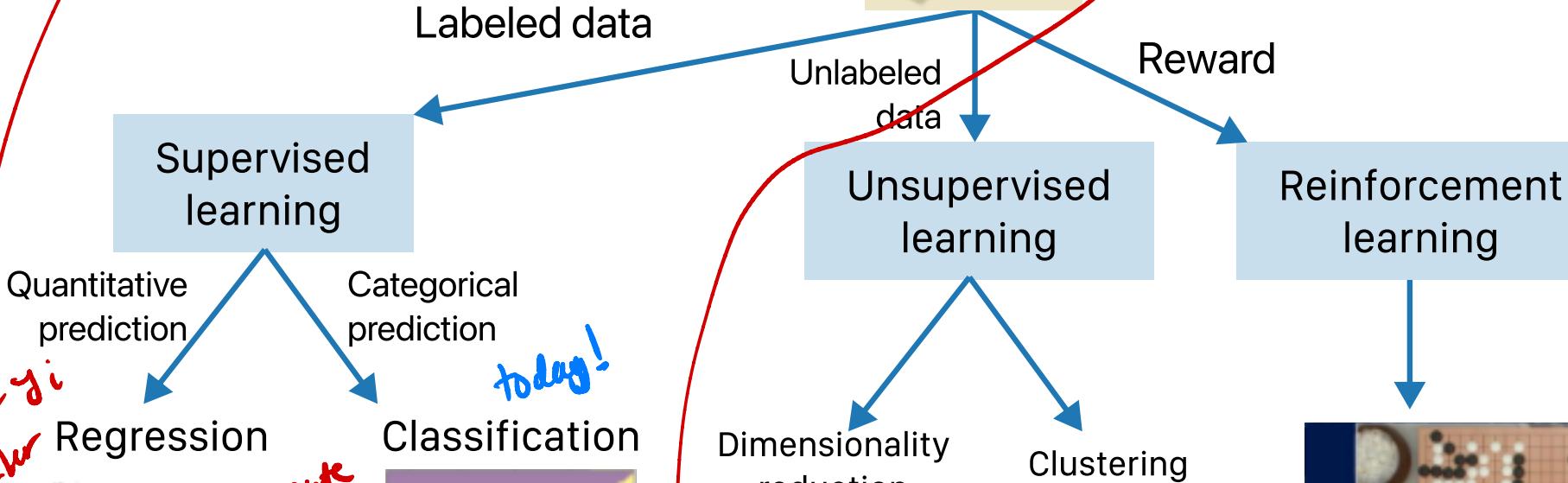
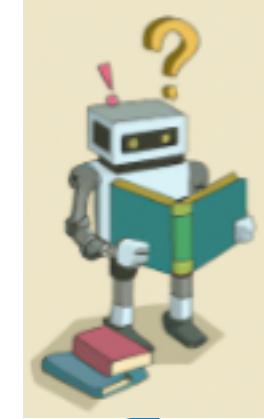
Remember, you can always ask questions at [q.dsc40a.com!](http://q.dsc40a.com)

If the direct link doesn't work, click the " Lecture Questions" link in the top right corner of dsc40a.com.

Classification

When you already
know the "right answer"
in your dataset
⇒ y variable

Taxonomy of machine learning



AlphaGo

Classification problems

- Like with regression, we're interested in making predictions based on data (called **training data**) for which we know the value of the response variable. *y*
- The difference is that the response variable is now **categorical**.
- Categories are called **classes**. *y*
- Example classification problems:
 - Deciding whether a patient has kidney disease.
 - Identifying handwritten digits.
 - Determining whether an avocado is ripe. *today*
 - Predicting whether credit card activity is fraudulent.
 - Predicting whether you'll be late to school or not.

Example: Avocados

X	Y
color	ripeness
bright green	unripe X
green-black	ripe ✓
purple-black	ripe ✓
green-black	unripe X
purple-black	ripe ✓
bright green	unripe X
green-black	ripe ✓
purple-black	ripe ✓
green-black	ripe ✓
green-black	unripe X
purple-black	ripe ✓

training data

You have a green-black avocado, and want to know if it is ripe.

→ more of the G-B avocados are ripe than unripe

Question: Based on this data, would you predict your avocado is ripe or unripe?

Of the 5 G-B avocados I've seen:

3 are ripe

2 are unripe

$3 > 2$ so I'll predict that my new avocado is ripe!

Example: Avocados

color	ripeness
bright green	unripe ✗
green-black	ripe ✓
purple-black	ripe ✓
green-black	unripe ✗
purple-black	ripe ✓
bright green	unripe ✗
green-black	ripe ✓
purple-black	ripe ✓
green-black	ripe ✓
green-black	unripe ✗
purple-black	ripe ✓

You have a green-black avocado, and want to know if it is ripe. Based on this data, would you predict your avocado is ripe or unripe?

Strategy: Calculate two probabilities:

$$\mathbb{P}(\text{ripe}|\text{green-black}) = \frac{3}{5} \rightarrow \begin{matrix} \text{total \#} \\ \text{of G-B} \\ \text{avocados} \end{matrix}$$
$$\mathbb{P}(\text{unripe}|\text{green-black}) = \frac{2}{5}$$

Then, predict the class with a **larger** probability.

$\frac{3}{5} > \frac{2}{5}$ so ripe seems more likely.

predict ripe $\rightarrow H(\text{green-black}) = \text{ripe}$

Estimating probabilities

population parameters

- We would like to determine $\mathbb{P}(\text{ripe}|\text{green-black})$ and $\mathbb{P}(\text{unripe}|\text{green-black})$ for all avocados in the universe.
- All we have is a single dataset, which is a **sample** of all avocados in the universe.
- We can estimate these probabilities by using sample proportions. *Sample statistic*

$$\mathbb{P}(\text{ripe}|\text{green-black}) \approx \frac{\# \text{ ripe green-black avocados in sample}}{\# \text{ green-black avocados in sample}}$$

- Per the **law of large numbers** in DSC 10, larger samples lead to more reliable estimates of population parameters.

Example: Avocados

color	ripeness
bright green	unripe ✗
green-black	ripe ✓
purple-black	ripe ✓
green-black	unripe ✗
purple-black	ripe ✓
bright green	unripe ✗
green-black	ripe ✓
purple-black	ripe ✓
green-black	ripe ✓
green-black	unripe ✗
purple-black	ripe ✓

You have a green-black avocado, and want to know if it is ripe. Based on this data, would you predict your avocado is ripe or unripe?

Predict:

$$\mathbb{P}(\text{ripe}|\text{green-black}) = \frac{3}{5}$$

$$\mathbb{P}(\text{unripe}|\text{green-black}) = \frac{2}{5}$$

Bayes' Theorem for Classification

- Suppose that A is the event that an avocado has certain features, and B is the event that an avocado belongs to a certain class. Then, by Bayes' Theorem:

$$\mathbb{P}(B|A) = \frac{\mathbb{P}(B) \cdot \mathbb{P}(A|B)}{\mathbb{P}(A)}$$

green-black
↑

$$\mathbb{P}(\text{ripe}|\text{green-black}) = \frac{\mathbb{P}(\text{ripe}) \cdot \mathbb{P}(\text{green-black}|\text{ripe})}{\mathbb{P}(\text{green-black})}$$

- More generally:

$$\mathbb{P}(\text{class}|\text{features}) = \frac{\mathbb{P}(\text{class}) \cdot \mathbb{P}(\text{features}|\text{class})}{\mathbb{P}(\text{features})}$$

- What's the point?
 - Usually, it's not possible to estimate $\mathbb{P}(\text{class}|\text{features})$ directly.
 - Instead, we often have to estimate $\mathbb{P}(\text{class})$, $\mathbb{P}(\text{features}|\text{class})$, and $\mathbb{P}(\text{features})$ separately.

Example: Avocados

color	ripeness
bright green	unripe X
green-black	ripe ✓
purple-black	ripe ✓
green-black	unripe X
purple-black	ripe ✓
bright green	unripe X
green-black	ripe ✓
purple-black	ripe ✓
green-black	ripe ✓
green-black	unripe X
purple-black	ripe ✓

$$\frac{3}{7} = \frac{\frac{3}{11}}{\frac{7}{11}} \Rightarrow \frac{P(\text{green-black} \wedge \text{ripe})}{P(\text{ripe})}$$

You have a green-black avocado, and want to know if it is ripe. Based on this data, would you predict your avocado is ripe or unripe?

$$P(\text{class|features}) = \frac{P(\text{class}) \cdot P(\text{features|class})}{P(\text{features})}$$

$$P(\text{ripe|green-black}) = \frac{P(\text{ripe}) \cdot P(\text{green-black|ripe})}{P(\text{green-black})}$$

$$= \frac{\frac{1}{11} \cdot \frac{3}{7}}{\frac{5}{11}} = \frac{\frac{3}{11}}{\frac{5}{11}} = \frac{3}{5}$$

same a)
before!

Example: Avocados

color	ripeness
bright green	unripe ✗
green-black	ripe ✓
purple-black	ripe ✓
green-black	unripe ✗
purple-black	ripe ✓
bright green	unripe ✗
green-black	ripe ✓
purple-black	ripe ✓
green-black	ripe ✓
green-black	unripe ✗
purple-black	ripe ✓

You have a green-black avocado, and want to know if it is ripe. Based on this data, would you predict your avocado is ripe or unripe?

$$P(\text{class}|\text{features}) = \frac{P(\text{class}) \cdot P(\text{features}|\text{class})}{P(\text{features})}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & P(\text{unripe} | \text{green-black}) \\ &= \frac{P(\text{unripe}) \cdot P(\text{g-b} | \text{unripe})}{P(\text{g-b})} = \frac{\frac{1}{11} \cdot \frac{2}{4}}{\frac{5}{11}} = \frac{2}{5} \end{aligned}$$

Same!

Example: Avocados

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green-black	ripe ✓
purple-black	ripe ✓
green-black	ripe ✓
green-black	unripe ✗
purple-black	ripe ✓

You have a green-black avocado, and want to know if it is ripe. Based on this data, would you predict your avocado is ripe or unripe?

$$\text{fixed for a given input}$$

$$P(\text{class}|\text{features}) = \frac{P(\text{class}) \cdot P(\text{features}|\text{class})}{P(\text{features})}$$

5/11

Shortcut: Both probabilities have the same denominator, so the larger probability is the one with the **larger numerator.**

proportional to

$$P(\text{ripe}|\text{green-black}) = \alpha P(\text{ripe}) \cdot P(\text{g-b}|\text{ripe})$$

= 3/11 bigger!

$$P(\text{unripe}|\text{green-black}) = \alpha P(\text{unripe}) \cdot P(\text{g-b}|\text{unripe})$$

= 2/11

Classification and conditional independence

Example: Avocados, but with more features

color	softness	variety	ripeness
bright green	firm	Zutano	unripe
green-black	medium	Hass	ripe
purple-black	firm	Hass	ripe
green-black	medium	Hass	unripe
purple-black	soft	Hass	ripe
bright green	firm	Zutano	unripe
green-black	soft	Zutano	ripe
purple-black	soft	Hass	ripe
green-black	soft	Zutano	ripe
green-black	firm	Hass	unripe
purple-black	medium	Hass	ripe



new

You have a firm green-black Zutano avocado. Based on this data, would you predict that your avocado is ripe or unripe?

Example: Avocados, but with more features

color	softness	variety	ripeness
bright green	firm	Zutano	unripe
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green-black	medium	Hass	unripe
purple-black	soft	Hass	ripe
bright green	firm	Zutano	unripe
green-black	soft	Zutano	ripe
purple-black	soft	Hass	ripe
green-black	soft	Zutano	ripe
green black	firm	Hass	unripe
purple-black	medium	Hass	ripe

You have a firm green-black Zutano avocado. Based on this data, would you predict that your avocado is ripe or unripe?

Strategy: Calculate $\mathbb{P}(\text{ripe}|\text{features})$ and $\mathbb{P}(\text{unripe}|\text{features})$ and choose the class with the **larger** probability.

$$\mathbb{P}(\text{ripe}|\text{firm, green-black, Zutano})$$

$$\mathbb{P}(\text{unripe}|\text{firm, green-black, Zutano})$$

$$= \frac{\# \text{ ripe, firm, g-b, Zutano}}{\# \text{ firm, g-b, Zutano}} = \frac{0}{0} = ???$$

Example: Avocados, but with more features

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purple-black	soft	Hass	ripe
green-black	soft	Zutano	ripe
green-black	firm	Hass	unripe
purple-black	medium	Hass	ripe

You have a firm green-black Zutano avocado. Based on this data, would you predict that your avocado is ripe or unripe?

Strategy: Calculate $\mathbb{P}(\text{ripe}|\text{features})$ and $\mathbb{P}(\text{unripe}|\text{features})$ and choose the class with the **larger** probability.

Issue: We have not seen a firm green-black Zutano avocado before, which means that the following probabilities are undefined:

$$\mathbb{P}(\text{ripe}|\text{firm, green-black, Zutano})$$

$$\mathbb{P}(\text{unripe}|\text{firm, green-black, Zutano})$$

$$\mathbb{P}(A \cap B | c) = \mathbb{P}(A | c) \cdot \mathbb{P}(B | c) \quad \text{Cond. ind!}$$

A simplifying assumption

- We want to find $\mathbb{P}(\text{ripe} | \text{firm, green-black, Zutano})$, but there are no firm green-black Zutano avocados in our dataset.
- Bayes' Theorem tells us this probability is equal to:

$$\mathbb{P}(\text{ripe} | \text{firm, green-black, Zutano}) = \frac{\mathbb{P}(\text{ripe}) \cdot \mathbb{P}(\text{firm, green-black, Zutano} | \text{ripe})}{\mathbb{P}(\text{firm, green-black, Zutano})}$$

$\mathbb{P}(\text{class} | \text{features})$

- Key idea: Assume that features are conditionally independent given a class (e.g. ripe).

"ripe" is the given

$$\mathbb{P}(\text{firm, green-black, Zutano} | \text{ripe}) = \mathbb{P}(\text{firm} | \text{ripe}) \cdot \mathbb{P}(\text{green-black} | \text{ripe}) \cdot \mathbb{P}(\text{Zutano} | \text{ripe})$$

Example: Avocados, but with more features

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green-black	medium	Hass	unripe
purple-black	soft	Hass	ripe
bright green	firm	Zutano	unripe
green-black	soft	Zutano	ripe
purple-black	soft	Hass	ripe
green-black	soft	Zutano	ripe
green-black	firm	Hass	unripe
purple-black	medium	Hass	ripe

assuming! features
conditionally independent
given class

You have a firm green-black Zutano avocado. Based on this data, would you predict that your avocado is ripe or unripe?

$$\mathbb{P}(\text{ripe}|\text{firm, green-black, Zutano}) = \frac{\mathbb{P}(\text{ripe}) \cdot \mathbb{P}(\text{firm, green-black, Zutano}|\text{ripe})}{\mathbb{P}(\text{firm, green-black, Zutano})}$$

$\propto \mathbb{P}(\text{ripe}) \cdot \mathbb{P}(\text{firm, green-black, Zutano}|\text{ripe})$

$$= \mathbb{P}(\text{ripe}) \cdot \mathbb{P}(\text{firm}|\text{ripe}) \mathbb{P}(\text{green-black}|\text{ripe}) \mathbb{P}(\text{Zutano}|\text{ripe})$$

$\Rightarrow = \frac{7}{11} \cdot \frac{1}{7} \cdot \frac{3}{7} \cdot \frac{2}{7} = \boxed{\frac{6}{539}}$

Example: Avocados, but with more features

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bright green	firm	Zutano	unripe
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green-black	medium	Hass	unripe
purple-black	soft	Hass	ripe
bright green	firm	Zutano	unripe
green-black	soft	Zutano	ripe
purple-black	soft	Hass	ripe
green-black	soft	Zutano	ripe
green-black	firm	Hass	unripe
purple-black	medium	Hass	ripe

You have a firm green-black Zutano avocado. Based on this data, would you predict that your avocado is ripe or unripe?

$$\mathbb{P}(\text{unripe}|\text{firm, green-black, Zutano}) = \frac{\mathbb{P}(\text{unripe}) \cdot \mathbb{P}(\text{firm, green-black, Zutano}|\text{unripe})}{\mathbb{P}(\text{firm, green-black, Zutano})}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \propto \mathbb{P}(\text{unripe}) \mathbb{P}(\text{firm} | \text{unripe}) \mathbb{P}(\text{g-bl} | \text{unripe}) \mathbb{P}(\text{Zutano} | \text{unripe}) \\ &= \frac{4}{11} \cdot \frac{3}{4} \cdot \frac{2}{4} \cdot \frac{2}{4} = \boxed{\frac{3}{44} = \frac{6}{88}} \end{aligned}$$

Conclusion

- The numerator of $\mathbb{P}(\text{ripe}|\text{firm, green-black, Zutano})$ is $\frac{6}{539}$.
- The numerator of $\mathbb{P}(\text{unripe}|\text{firm, green-black, Zutano})$ is $\frac{6}{88}$.
- Both probabilities have the same denominator, $\mathbb{P}(\text{firm, green-black, Zutano})$.
- Since we're just interested in seeing which one is larger, we can ignore the denominator and compare numerators.
- Since the numerator for unripe is **larger** than the numerator for ripe, we **predict that our avocado is unripe** \times .

$$\frac{6}{8} > \frac{6}{10}$$

.75 > 0.6

Naïve Bayes

The Naïve Bayes classifier

- We want to predict a class, given certain features.
- Using Bayes' Theorem, we write:

$$\mathbb{P}(\text{class}|\text{features}) = \frac{\mathbb{P}(\text{class}) \cdot \overbrace{\mathbb{P}(\text{features}|\text{class})}^{\text{apply cond. indep to this}}}{\mathbb{P}(\text{features})} \propto \mathbb{P}(\text{class}) \cdot \mathbb{P}(\text{features}|\text{class})$$

- For each class, we compute the numerator using the **naïve assumption of conditional independence of features given the class**.
- We estimate each term in the numerator based on the training data.
- We predict the class with the largest numerator.
 - Works if we have multiple classes, too!

Dictionary

Definitions from [Oxford Languages](#) · [Learn more](#)



na·ive

/nä'ēv/

adjective

(of a person or action) showing a lack of experience, wisdom, or judgment.

"the rather naive young man had been totally misled"

- (of a person) natural and unaffected; innocent.

"Andy had a sweet, naive look when he smiled"

Similar:

innocent

unsophisticated

artless

ingenuous

inexperienced



- of or denoting art produced in a straightforward style that deliberately rejects sophisticated artistic techniques and has a bold directness resembling a child's work, typically in bright colors with little or no perspective.

Example: Avocados, again

color	softness	variety	ripeness
bright green	firm	Zutano	unripe
green-black	medium	Hass	ripe
purple-black	firm	Hass	ripe
green-black	medium	Hass	unripe
purple-black	soft	Hass	ripe
bright green	firm	Zutano	unripe
green-black	soft	Zutano	ripe
purple-black	soft	Hass	ripe
green-black	soft	Zutano	ripe
green-black	firm	Hass	unripe
purple-black	medium	Hass	ripe

You have a soft, green-black, Hass avocado. Based on this data, would you predict that your avocado is ripe or unripe? wins!

$$\begin{aligned} & P(\text{ripe} \mid \text{soft, g-b, Hass}) \propto \\ & P(\text{ripe}) P(\text{soft} \mid \text{ripe}) P(\text{g-b} \mid \text{ripe}) P(\text{Hass} \mid \text{ripe}) \\ & = \frac{7}{11} \cdot \frac{9}{7} \cdot \frac{3}{7} \cdot \frac{5}{7} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & P(\text{unripe} \mid \text{soft, g-b, Hass}) \propto \\ & P(\text{unripe}) P(\text{soft} \mid \text{unripe}) P(\text{g-b} \mid \text{unripe}) P(\text{Hass} \mid \text{unripe}) \\ & = \frac{4}{11} \cdot \frac{0}{9} \cdot \frac{2}{4} \cdot \frac{2}{4} = \boxed{0} \end{aligned}$$

Uh oh!

- There are no soft unripe avocados in the data set.
- The estimate $\mathbb{P}(\text{soft}|\text{unripe}) \approx \frac{\# \text{ soft unripe avocados}}{\# \text{ unripe avocados}}$ is 0.
- The estimated numerator:
$$\mathbb{P}(\text{unripe}) \cdot \mathbb{P}(\text{soft, green-black, Hass}|\text{unripe}) = \mathbb{P}(\text{unripe}) \cdot \mathbb{P}(\text{soft}|\text{unripe}) \cdot \mathbb{P}(\text{green-black}|\text{unripe}) \cdot \mathbb{P}(\text{Hass}|\text{unripe})$$
is also 0.
- But just because there isn't a soft unripe avocado in the data set, doesn't mean that it's impossible for one to exist!
- **Idea:** Adjust the numerators and denominators of our estimate so that they're never 0.

Smoothing

- Without smoothing:

$$\mathbb{P}(\text{soft}|\text{unripe}) \approx \frac{\# \text{ soft unripe}}{\# \text{ soft unripe} + \# \text{ medium unripe} + \# \text{ firm unripe}} \quad \stackrel{=} 0$$

Sum up to 1

$$\mathbb{P}(\text{medium}|\text{unripe}) \approx \frac{\# \text{ medium unripe}}{\# \text{ soft unripe} + \# \text{ medium unripe} + \# \text{ firm unripe}}$$

$$\mathbb{P}(\text{firm}|\text{unripe}) \approx \frac{\# \text{ firm unripe}}{\# \text{ soft unripe} + \# \text{ medium unripe} + \# \text{ firm unripe}}$$

- With smoothing:

$$\mathbb{P}(\text{soft}|\text{unripe}) \approx \frac{\# \text{ soft unripe} + 1}{\# \text{ soft unripe} + 1 + \# \text{ medium unripe} + 1 + \# \text{ firm unripe} + 1} \quad \xrightarrow{\text{can't be } 0 \text{ any more!}}$$

$$\mathbb{P}(\text{medium}|\text{unripe}) \approx \frac{\# \text{ medium unripe} + 1}{\# \text{ soft unripe} + 1 + \# \text{ medium unripe} + 1 + \# \text{ firm unripe} + 1}$$

$$\mathbb{P}(\text{firm}|\text{unripe}) \approx \frac{\# \text{ firm unripe} + 1}{\# \text{ soft unripe} + 1 + \# \text{ medium unripe} + 1 + \# \text{ firm unripe} + 1}$$

Adds to 1

- When smoothing, we add 1 to the count of every group whenever we're estimating a conditional probability.

Example: Avocados, with smoothing only cond. prob.

color	softness	variety	ripeness
bright green	firm	Zutano	unripe
green-black	medium	Hass	ripe
purple-black	firm	Hass	ripe
green-black	medium	Hass	unripe
purple-black	soft	Hass	ripe
bright green	firm	Zutano	unripe
green-black	soft	Zutano	ripe
purple-black	soft	Hass	ripe
green-black	soft	Zutano	ripe
green-black	firm	Hass	unripe
purple-black	medium	Hass	ripe

You have a soft green-black Hass avocado. Based on this data, would you predict that your avocado is ripe or unripe?

$P(\text{ripe} | \text{soft, g-b, H})$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \alpha P(\text{ripe}) P(\text{soft} | \text{ripe}) P(g-b | \text{ripe}) \cdot P(H | \text{ripe}) \\
 & = \frac{7}{11} \cdot \frac{4+1}{7+3} \cdot \frac{3+1}{7+3} \cdot \frac{5+1}{7+2} = \frac{14}{165}
 \end{aligned}$$

soft, medi firm gb, b-g, p-b Hass, Zutano

not smoothed

Example: Avocados, with smoothing

color	softness	variety	ripeness
bright green	firm	Zutano	unripe
green-black	medium	Hass	ripe
purple-black	firm	Hass	ripe
green-black	medium	Hass	unripe
purple-black	soft	Hass	ripe
bright green	firm	Zutano	unripe
green-black	soft	Zutano	ripe
purple-black	soft	Hass	ripe
green-black	soft	Zutano	ripe
green-black	firm	Hass	unripe
purple-black	medium	Hass	ripe

You have a soft green-black Hass avocado. Based on this data, would you predict that your avocado is ripe or unripe?

P(unripe | soft, g-b, Hass)

$$\alpha = \frac{4}{11} \cdot \frac{0+1}{4+3} \cdot \frac{2+1}{4+3} \cdot \frac{2+1}{4+2} = \frac{6}{539}$$

\uparrow
 g-b, p-b, b-g
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 H, t

$$\frac{6}{539}$$

ripe numerator : $\frac{14}{165}$

using proportionality trick

unripe numerator : $\frac{6}{539}$

Predict a soft, green-black, Hass avocado is



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- In classification, our goal is to predict a discrete category, called a **class**, given some features.
- The Naïve Bayes classifier uses Bayes' Theorem:

$$\mathbb{P}(\text{class}|\text{features}) = \frac{\mathbb{P}(\text{class}) \cdot \mathbb{P}(\text{features}|\text{class})}{\mathbb{P}(\text{features})}$$

- And works by estimating the numerator of $\mathbb{P}(\text{class}|\text{features})$ for all possible classes.
- It also uses a simplifying assumption, that features are conditionally independent given a class:

$$\mathbb{P}(\text{features}|\text{class}) = \mathbb{P}(\text{feature}_1|\text{class}) \cdot \mathbb{P}(\text{feature}_2|\text{class}) \dots$$