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Homework Assignment No. 01:

**HW No. 01: Gaussian Distributions**

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# Description OF task 1

The goal of Task 1 is to populate data values given a covariance matrix and a mean for each of four classes. A covariance matrix is a square matrix that describes the covariance—the joint variability of two variables—given a vector. Thus, the first coding goal of this assignment is to generate data that is described by the given mean and the covariance matrix. The second goal of this assignment it to utilize the Naïve-Bayes classification algorithm to classify our data.

In order to do so, I chose to utilize python and two common imported libraries: pandas and numpy. I then defined the four classes and the four corresponding mean values for each class. This can be seen in the following snippet of code:

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The means were condensed into a list to facilitate work with later for-loops. In order to create our data distribution, I used numpy’s random.multivariate\_normal function which allows one to draw random samples from a multivariate normal distribution. This function allows us to generate a dataset while providing a given mean and a covariance matrix (both of which we are given in the homework assignment). I elected to create a dictionary which will allow me to for-loop through both the varying classes and their means instead of repeating the same lines of code. This was performed as follows:

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This nested for-loop creates an output of four separate data frames; each of which contains an x-vector and a y-vector. At this point, I was unsure of how to use further loops or even list comprehension to facilitate the creation of our final concatenated data frame. I was able to complete this by using a naïve method to assign column names and create a final data frame.

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JMP Pro 16 provides an extremely convenient method for performing the Naïve-Bayes Predictive Modeling method. With JMP Pro 16open, one can select their data and in the Analyze menu, can choose the Naïve-Bayes method. However, before we can do that, we must first organize our data into in three total columns. One column will assign labels of class where Class 1 is A, Class 2 is B, etc…, the second column will contain all x-vector components, and the third column will contain all y-vector components. Once properly organized, the data in JMP should look similar to this image on the right.

Before proceeding with the Naïve-Bayes Classifier, I used graph builder to ensure that all vectors have the proper means. The Graph below shows four separate groups of data that each have very clearly outlined means.



Once outputted, we are able to see that of the total 400 sample count, the Misclassification Rate of our data for training and validation with the given covariance matrix of [[0.1,0], [0,0.1]] is 1.0 and 1.0 respectively. The classifier also provides us with a Lift Curve for the class that is calculated via Training Data. The Lift Curve shows us a plot of the lift against the portion of the observations. Our Lift Curve is a partition model that is built to predict the response between 4 binary classifications: Class A, Class B, Class C, and Class D.



The lift chart that we see above is the given ratio of the number of positive observations to the expected number of positive observations. It is important to note that the greater the area between the Lift line and the baseline of the chart, then we can assume the better the model.

# Description OF Task 2

The goal of Task 2 is the same as the goal of Task 1: to generate a dataset of four classes with a given mean and a given covariance matrix and then perform the Naïve-Bayes classification method on the generated data. The difference, however, is that the covariance matrix has been altered from [[0.1,0], [0,0.1]] to [[1.0,0], [0,1.0]], thus inducing more variance in our generated dataset. The same code that was utilized in part 1 was recycled for use in part 2. A screenshot of this code was included on the following page for ease of understanding. Note that the covariance matrix values have been changed as indicated but the rest of the code has been unchanged. The data was also reorganized in JMP Pro 16 to fit the needs for a Naïve-Bayes analysis. This screenshot has been excluded and if needed, an idea of the format can be referenced from Task 1.

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The Naïve-Bayes classifier is a simple classifying method that applies Bayes’ theorem with a strong assumption of independence between features. The essence of Bayes’ theorem is that it allows us to find the probability of some event A happening given that another event B has occurred. The independence assumption that was previously mentioned is again that our events are independent of each other.

Once again, I first use the graph builder to visualize the data and check that the data are relatively separated into ‘neighborhoods’ based on their means. Now that we have increased the covariance of the datasets, we should see notably more overlapping between datasets.





Our Lift Curve for Task 2 data varies much more and shows a less smooth lift curve. We are also able to see more misclassifications than in Task 1. For Task 1 we saw a 100% classification rate which was due to how much less varied our data being used was. However, in Task 2, we see a misclassification rate of 0.27 meaning that 27% of the classifications were incorrect.

# Summary

The Naïve-Bayes classifier is a strong contender for classification algorithms. The model is easy to implement using JMP Pro 16 and another complimentary computer language to prepare and sort or to generate data. This homework provided us with a general understanding of the use and functions of the Naïve-Bayes model and helped us to understand the effects of higher variance within data.

This model classifies data from vectors into some chosen binary classification. For our project, we classified data into four separate classes based on two generated vectors: once with a small degree of variance and another time with a larger degree of variance. One of the biggest takeaways from this homework assignment was the knowledge that the Naïve-Bayes classifier works extremely well with data that does not necessarily overlap. However, when supplied with data with more variance and therefore a larger degree of overlapping, our model began to fail with the classifications.