

The above chart shows the probability P that the given context will be classified as either dog or cat by a naïve Bayes classifier. The user has taught the classifier, that the context has to be classified as dog over the first 20 steps. The learning curve of forgetful and not-forgetful learning modes are equal until the user starts to classify the context as cat after step 20.

The forgetful learning mode (blue and red curves) with a memory capacity of 20 steps will adapt to the changed user's preferences within 10 steps and then continue to classify the context correctly as cat from step 30 onwards. The not-forgetful learning mode (yellow and green curves) will continue to classify the context incorrectly as dog for another 10 more steps before adapting to the new user's preferences at step 40.