# 3.0 Naïve Bayes Classifier

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## Bayes Overview

18th century mathematician Thomas Bayes developed principles for describing the probability of events and how to revise them based on new information - Bayesian classifiers use training data to claculate the probability of each outcome based on the evidence provided by freature values

Important concepts: - Event: potential outcome for which we measure the estimated likelihoods - Trials: opportunities for events to occur

## **Probability**

The probability of an even is estimated by dividing the number of trials in which an even occurred by the total number of trials - Notation: P(A) "Probability of event A" - Depends on mutually exclusive and exhaustive events, which cannot occur at the same time - They are the only possible outcomes - Events are mutually exclusive and exhaustive with their complement - Complement: the event comprising the outcomes in which the event of interest does not happen - Notation: The complement of A is denoted  $A^c$  or A'

#### Joint Probability

- What if we want to monitor non-mutually exclusive events?
- If some events occur concurrently with the event of interest, we can calculate that (think Venn Diagram)
- Joint probability: how the probability of one event is related to the probability of the other
  - Relies on events being dependent to be predictive
- Independent events: the events are totally unrelated
  - Impossible to predict one event by observing another

## Notation

- Intersection: An event in which two or more events occur
  - Denoted with  $\cap$  symbol
  - $-A \cap B =$  an event where A and B occur
  - $-P(A \cap B) = \text{Probability that that both A and B occur}$

## **Bayes Theorem**

The formulation for revising an estimate of the probability of one event given evidence provided by another. - Conditional probability: The probability of one event given another occurring - Denoted with a vertical bar |

The probability of A given B is estimated as the proportion of trials in which A occurred with B, divided by all trials in which B occurred.

Formulated as:

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

Rearranged algebraically to the more useful form:

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

Using an example of trying to predict whether an email is spam given that it contains the word "Viagra" we can replace our letters with the following A = spam B = Viagra

We are determining the probability of spam, given it contains "Viagra" or P(spam|Viagra)

Rewriting our formula:

$$P(spam|Viagra) = \frac{P(Viagra|Spam)P(spam)}{P(Viagra)}$$

Let's break down this formula into terminology components:

P(spam|Viagra) is the **posterior probability** - How likely the message is to be spam - If this is greater than 50%, it's more likely to be spam

P(Viagra|spam) is the **likelihood** - The probability that Viagra was used in previous spam messages

P(spam) is the **prior probability** - The probability that any prior message was spam, a starting point of estimating whether an email is spam

P(Viagra) is the marginal likelihood - The probability that Viagra appeared in any message at all

### Calculating Bayes Theorem

See example pp. 96 of "Machine Learning with R" by Brett Lantz

- First construct a frequency table that records the number of times Viagra appeared in spam and non=spam messages
- Then convert this to a likelihood table to indicate the conditional probabilities for "Viagra" given that the email was spam or not spam

# Naïve Bayes Classifier

Naive Bayes is a method to apply Bayes' theorem to classification problems - So named because it makes "naive" assumption about the data, namely that all of the features are **equally important and independent** - These assumptions are rarely true, but even when they're not it still performs well - One reason for this is that estimating probability precisely is not as important as making predictions - The difference between a 51% probability of spam and 99% probability of spam may not be important as long as its filtered

We perform the Bayes calculation as before, but with several features simultaneously - Besides Viagra we may have variables for other words like money, groceries, unsubscribe, or completely different variables like whether the sender is in your address book - **Class-conditional independence:** Events are independent so long as they are conditioned on the same class value - By making the naive assumption of **class-conditional independence** the math is simplified by multiplying the individual conditional probability rather than computing conditional joint probabilities

# Naïve Bayes Classifier in R

#### e-1071() Package

Data Partioning with createDataPartition()

```
CreateDataPartition(
   y,
   times = 1,
   p = 0.5,
   list = TRUE,
   groups = min(5, length(y))
)
```

**Arguments** - y: a vector of outcomes. For createTimeSlices, these should be in chronological order. - times: the number of partitions to create - p: the percentage of data that goes to training - list: logical - should the results be in a list (TRUE) or a matrix with the number of rows equal to floor(p \* length(y)) and times columns. - groups: for numeric y, the number of breaks in the quantiles

- Usage
  - Input 70% (p=0.7) of factored AHD column into intrain
  - List = FALSE for some reason
  - Add intrain to trainSet
  - Add all except intrain to testSet

```
heart <- read.csv("Data Sets/3.0-Heart.csv")

# Save AHD as factor
heart$AHD.f <- as.factor(heart$AHD)

library(caret)
set.seed(1234)
intrain <- createDataPartition(y = heart$AHD.f, p = 0.7, list = FALSE)
trainSet <- heart[intrain,]
testSet <- heart[-intrain,]
#str(trainSet)
#summary(testSet)</pre>
```

## ${\tt naiveBayes}() \ {f Model}$

"Computes the conditional a-posterior probabilities of a categorical class variable given independent predictor variables using the Bayes rule."

#### Arguments

- x: A numeric matrix, or a data frame of categorical and/or numeric variables.
- y: a class vector.
- formula: A formula of the form class  $\sim x1 + x2 + \dots$ . Interactions are not allowed.
- data: Either a data frame of predictors (categorical and/or numeric) or a contingency table.

```
library(e1071)
nb.model <- naiveBayes(AHD.f~., data = trainSet)</pre>
nb.model
##
## Naive Bayes Classifier for Discrete Predictors
## Call:
## naiveBayes.default(x = X, y = Y, laplace = laplace)
## A-priori probabilities:
## Y
##
          No
                   Yes
## 0.5399061 0.4600939
##
## Conditional probabilities:
##
        ID
## Y
             [,1]
                       [,2]
##
     No 151.3304 84.49569
##
     Yes 148.0612 88.11027
##
##
        Age
## Y
             [,1]
                       [,2]
##
     No 52.91304 9.712142
     Yes 56.27551 7.979071
##
##
##
        Sex
## Y
              [,1]
                         [,2]
     No 0.5652174 0.4978979
##
     Yes 0.8367347 0.3715079
##
##
##
        ChestPain
## Y
         asymptomatic nonanginal nontypical
##
           0.26956522 0.41739130 0.21739130 0.09565217
     No
           0.82653061 0.09183673 0.05102041 0.03061224
##
##
##
        RestBP
## Y
             [,1]
                       [,2]
##
     No 128.4783 17.12306
     Yes 132.7143 17.09344
##
##
##
        Chol
## Y
             [,1]
                       [,2]
##
     No 235.9217 54.04305
##
     Yes 252.3061 51.62861
##
##
        Fbs
## Y
               [,1]
                         [,2]
##
     No 0.1130435 0.3180317
     Yes 0.1326531 0.3409434
##
##
##
        RestECG
## Y
                        [,2]
             [,1]
```

```
##
     No 0.826087 0.9846263
##
     Yes 1.214286 0.9765287
##
##
        MaxHR
## Y
             [,1]
                       [,2]
##
     No 157.0000 19.88652
     Yes 138.8061 22.81736
##
        ExAng
##
## Y
               [,1]
                         [,2]
     No 0.1565217 0.3649394
     Yes 0.5510204 0.4999474
##
##
##
        Oldpeak
## Y
                         [,2]
               [,1]
##
     No 0.6286957 0.8122705
##
     Yes 1.5836735 1.2905440
##
##
        Slope
## Y
             [,1]
                        [,2]
##
     No 1.391304 0.5727075
##
     Yes 1.816327 0.5438871
##
##
        Ca
## Y
                         [,2]
               [,1]
     No 0.2767857 0.6466800
##
     Yes 1.0824742 0.9646902
##
##
        Thal
## Y
                         normal reversable
              fixed
     No 0.02631579 0.74561404 0.22807018
##
##
     Yes 0.08247423 0.25773196 0.65979381
##
##
        AHD
## Y
         No Yes
##
     No
          1
##
     Yes 0
```

## predict() Function

## Levels: No Yes

#### **Confusion Matrix**

actual <- testSet\$AHD.f</pre>

```
confusionMatrix(actual, nb.model.pred)
## Confusion Matrix and Statistics
##
             Reference
##
## Prediction No Yes
##
          No 49
##
          Yes 1
                  40
##
##
                  Accuracy : 0.9889
##
                    95% CI: (0.9396, 0.9997)
       No Information Rate : 0.5556
##
##
       P-Value [Acc > NIR] : <2e-16
##
##
                     Kappa: 0.9776
##
##
   Mcnemar's Test P-Value : 1
##
##
               Sensitivity: 0.9800
##
               Specificity: 1.0000
            Pos Pred Value : 1.0000
##
            Neg Pred Value: 0.9756
##
##
                Prevalence: 0.5556
##
            Detection Rate: 0.5444
##
      Detection Prevalence: 0.5444
         Balanced Accuracy: 0.9900
##
##
          'Positive' Class : No
##
```

#### Compute Conditional Probability from R

From the above data we want to know:

```
P(AHD = YES|ChestPain = typical, Thal = fixed)
```

#### **Needed Values**

##

```
P(ChestPain=typical | AHD=YES) P(Thal=fixed | AHD=YES) P(AHD=YES) P(ChestPain=typical | AHD=NO) P(Thal=fixed | AHD=NO) P(AHD=NO)
```

#### Finding Probabilities in nb.model

- Find ChestPain
- Find the probability at the intersection of "typical" and "YES"
- Repeat for Thal
- Probability for AHD = YES can be found under "A-Priori Probabilities"

## Calculating Probability

For some reason these values differ from professor's, but I've been troubleshooting for too long. Here are the values from my model:

P(ChestPain=typical | AHD=YES): 0.031 P(Thal=fixed | AHD=YES): 0.082 P(AHD=YES): 0.460

 $AHD = YES \ 0.031 * 0.082 * 0.460 = 0.0012$ 

AHD = NO P(ChestPain=typical | AHD=NO): 0.096 P(Thal=fixed | AHD=NO): 0.0263 P(AHD=NO): 0.5399

0.096 \* 0.0263 \* 0.5399 = 0.001

 $\textbf{Final Calculation} \ \ \frac{P(typical,fixed|AHD=YES)}{P(typical,fixed|AHD=YES) + P(typical,fixed|AHD=NO)}$ 

 $\frac{0.0012}{0.0012 + 0.001} = 0.55$