

# Naïve Bayes

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# Naïve Bayes

- A statistical classification technique based on Bayes Theorem
- It is one of the simplest supervised learning algorithms.
- Naive Bayes classifier is the fast, accurate and reliable algorithm.
  - Naive Bayes classifiers have high accuracy and speed on large datasets.
- Naive Bayes classifier assumes that the effect of a particular feature in a class is independent of other features
  - For example, a loan applicant is desirable or not depending on his/her income, previous loan and transaction history, age, and location. Even if these features are interdependent, these features are still considered independently.

# Conditional Independence in NB

$$P(h|D) = \frac{P(D|h)P(h)}{P(D)}$$

- $P(h)$ : the probability of hypothesis  $h$  being true (regardless of the data). This is known as the prior probability of  $h$ .
- $P(D)$ : the probability of the data (regardless of the hypothesis). This is known as the prior probability.
- $P(h|D)$ : the probability of hypothesis  $h$  given the data  $D$ . This is known as posterior probability.
- $P(D|h)$ : the probability of data  $d$  given that the hypothesis  $h$  was true. This is known as posterior probability.

# How does it work

- Assuming only 1 feature
- Step 1: Calculate the prior probability for given class labels
- Step 2: Find Likelihood probability with each attribute for each class
- Step 3: Put these value in Bayes Formula and calculate posterior probability.
- Step 4: See which class has a higher probability, given the input belongs to the higher probability class.

# Example of a Spam Filter

- You have emails – normal and spam
  - Normal = 17
  - Spam = 7
- Normal:
  - Keywords = Dear (8), Friend (5), Lunch(3), Money (1)
- Spam:
  - Keywords = Dear (2), Friend (1), Lunch(0), Money (4)

# Example of a Spam Filter

- Normal
  - Keywords = Dear (8), Friend (5), Lunch(3), Money (1)
  - Probability ( $N = 17$ )
    - $P(\text{Dear} | N) =$
    - $P(\text{Friend} | N) =$
    - $P(\text{Lunch} | N) =$
    - $P(\text{Money} | N) =$
- Spam:
  - Keywords = Dear (2), Friend (1), Lunch(0), Money (4)

# Example of a Spam Filter

- Normal
  - Keywords = Dear (8), Friend (5), Lunch(3), Money (1)
  - Probability (N = 17)
    - $P(\text{Dear} | N) = 8/17 = 0.47$
    - $P(\text{Friend} | N) = 5/17 = 0.29$
    - $P(\text{Lunch} | N) = 3/17 = 0.18$
    - $P(\text{Money} | N) = 1/17 = 0.06$
- Spam:
  - Keywords = Dear (2), Friend (1), Lunch(0), Money (4)

# Example of a Spam Filter

- Normal
  - Keywords = Dear (8), Friend (5), Lunch(3), Money (1)
  - Probability = Dear (0.47), Friend(0.29), Lunch (0.18), Money (0.06)
- Spam:
  - Keywords = Dear (2), Friend (1), Lunch(0), Money (4)
    - $P(\text{Dear} | S) =$
    - $P(\text{Friend} | S) =$
    - $P(\text{Lunch} | S) =$
    - $P(\text{Money} | S) =$



# Example of a Spam Filter

- Normal
  - Keywords = Dear (8), Friend (5), Lunch(3), Money (1)
  - Probability = Dear (0.47), Friend(0.29), Lunch (0.18), Money (0.06)
- Spam:
  - Keywords = Dear (2), Friend (1), Lunch(0), Money (4)
    - $P(\text{Dear} | S) = 0.29$
    - $P(\text{Friend} | S) = 0.14$
    - $P(\text{Lunch} | S) = 0.00$
    - $P(\text{Money} | S) = 0.57$

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- Assuming only 1 feature
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# Prior probability

- Initial estimation of probability of each case
  - What's the likelihood a message is Normal or Spam
- Say, in every 12 messages, 8 are normal/non-spam
- $P(N) = 8 / 8+4 = 8/12 = 0.67$
- $P(S) = 4 / 12 = 0.33$

# Let's detect spam!

- A message came in with
  - “Dear Friend”
- Keywords = Dear (8), Friend (5), Lunch(3), Money (1)
- Probability = Dear (0.47), Friend(0.29), Lunch (0.18), Money (0.06)
- Score for Normal
  - $p(N \mid \text{Dear Friend}) = P(N) \times P(\text{Dear} \mid N) \times P(\text{Friend} \mid N)$   
 $= 0.67 \times 0.47 \times 0.29$   
 $= 0.09$

# Let's detect spam!

- Now do the same for SPAM
- Keywords = Dear (2), Friend (1), Lunch(0), Money (4)
- Probability = Dear (0.29), Friend(0.14), Lunch (0), Money (0.57)
- Score for SPAM
  - $p(S \mid \text{Dear Friend}) = P(S) \times P(\text{Dear} \mid S) \times P(\text{Friend} \mid S)$   
 $= 0.33 \times 0.29 \times 0.14$   
 $= 0.01$

# FIGHT!

- NORMAL vs SPAM
- $P(N | \text{Dear Friend}) = 0.09$
- $P(S | \text{Dear Friend}) = 0.01$
- $P(N | \text{Dear Friend}) > P(S | \text{Dear Friend})$ 
  - Message is likely – NORMAL!

# Try out something?

- Which phrase?
- Let's calculate... and detect spam
- Normal =  $P(N) = 0.67$ 
  - Keywords = Dear (8), Friend (5), Lunch(3), Money (1)
  - Probability = Dear (0.47), Friend(0.29), Lunch (0.18), Money (0.06)
- Spam =  $P(S) = 0.33$ 
  - Keywords = Dear (2), Friend (1), Lunch(0), Money (4)
  - Probability = Dear (0.29), Friend(0.14), Lunch (0), Money (0.57)

# Try out something? V2.0!

- Which phrase?
- Let's calculate... and detect spam
- Normal =  $P(N) = 0.67$ 
  - Keywords = Dear (9), Friend (6), Lunch(4), Money (2)
  - Probability = Dear (0.43), Friend(0.29), Lunch (0.16), Money (0.1)
- Spam =  $P(S) = 0.33$ 
  - Keywords = Dear (2+1), Friend (1+1), Lunch(0+1), Money (4+1)
  - Probability = Dear (0.27), Friend(0.18), Lunch (0.09), Money (0.45)