

# Chapter 8.

## Classification: Naïve Bayes

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

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# Bayes' Theorem: Basics

## PROOF OF BAYES THEOREM

The probability of two events A and B happening,  $P(A \cap B)$ , is the probability of A,  $P(A)$ , times the probability of B given that A has occurred,  $P(B|A)$ .

$$P(A \cap B) = P(A)P(B|A) \quad (1)$$

On the other hand, the probability of A and B is also equal to the probability of B times the probability of A given B.

$$P(A \cap B) = P(B)P(A|B) \quad (2)$$

Equating the two yields:

$$P(B)P(A|B) = P(A)P(B|A) \quad (3)$$

and thus

$$P(A|B) = P(A) \frac{P(B|A)}{P(B)} \quad (4)$$

This equation, known as Bayes Theorem is the basis of statistical inference.

# Bayesian Classification: Why?

- **A statistical classifier:** performs probabilistic prediction, i.e., predicts class membership probabilities
- **Foundation:** Based on Bayes' Theorem.
- **Performance:** A simple Bayesian classifier, naïve Bayesian classifier, has comparable performance with decision tree and selected neural network classifiers
- **Incremental:** Each training example can incrementally increase/decrease the probability that a hypothesis is correct — prior knowledge can be combined with observed data

# Bayes' Theorem: Basics

- Bayes' Theorem:
  - Let  $\mathbf{X}$  be a data sample: class label is unknown
  - Let  $H$  be a *hypothesis* that  $\mathbf{X}$  belongs to class  $C$
  - Classification is to determine  $P(H|\mathbf{X})$ , (i.e., *posteriori probability*): the probability that the hypothesis holds given the observed data sample  $\mathbf{X}$
  - $P(H)$  (*prior probability*): the initial probability
  - $P(\mathbf{X})$  (*evidence*): probability that sample data is observed
  - $P(\mathbf{X}|H)$  (*likelihood*): the probability of observing the sample  $\mathbf{X}$ , given that the hypothesis holds

$$P(H|\mathbf{X}) = \frac{P(\mathbf{X}|H)P(H)}{P(\mathbf{X})} = P(\mathbf{X}|H) \times P(H) / P(\mathbf{X})$$

# Prediction Based on Bayes' Theorem

- Given training data  $\mathbf{X}$ , *posteriori probability of a hypothesis*  $H$ ,  $P(H|\mathbf{X})$ , follows the Bayes' theorem

$$P(H|\mathbf{X}) = \frac{P(\mathbf{X}|H)P(H)}{P(\mathbf{X})} = P(\mathbf{X}|H) \times P(H) / P(\mathbf{X})$$

- Informally, this can be viewed as

posteriori = likelihood x prior/evidence

- Predicts  $\mathbf{X}$  belongs to  $C_i$  iff the probability  $P(C_i|\mathbf{X})$  is the highest among all the  $P(C_k|\mathbf{X})$  for all the  $k$  classes
- Practical difficulty: It requires initial knowledge of many probabilities, involving significant computational cost

# Classification is to Derive the Maximum Posteriori

- Let  $D$  be a training set of tuples and their associated class labels, and each tuple is represented by an  $n$ -D attribute vector  $\mathbf{X} = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$
- Suppose there are  $m$  classes  $C_1, C_2, \dots, C_m$ .
- Classification is to derive the maximum posteriori, i.e., the maximal  $P(C_i|\mathbf{X})$
- This can be derived from Bayes' theorem

$$P(C_i|\mathbf{X}) = \frac{P(\mathbf{X}|C_i)P(C_i)}{P(\mathbf{X})}$$

- Since  $P(\mathbf{X})$  is constant for all classes, only

$$P(C_i|\mathbf{X}) = P(\mathbf{X}|C_i)P(C_i)$$

needs to be maximized

# Naïve Bayes Classifier

- A simplified assumption: attributes are conditionally independent (i.e., no dependence relation between attributes):

$$P(\mathbf{X}|C_i) = \prod_{k=1}^n P(x_k | C_i) = P(x_1 | C_i) \times P(x_2 | C_i) \times \dots \times P(x_n | C_i)$$

- This greatly reduces the computation cost: Only counts the class distribution
- If  $A_k$  is categorical,  $P(x_k|C_i)$  is the # of tuples in  $C_i$  having value  $x_k$  for  $A_k$  divided by  $|C_{i,D}|$  (# of tuples of  $C_i$  in data  $D$ )
- If  $A_k$  is continuous-valued,  $P(x_k|C_i)$  is usually computed based on Gaussian distribution with a mean  $\mu$  and standard deviation  $\sigma$

$$g(x, \mu, \sigma) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$

and  $P(x_k|C_i)$  is  $P(\mathbf{X}|C_i) = g(x_k, \mu_{C_i}, \sigma_{C_i})$

# Quinlan's Example (1986): Playing Tennis

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3	Overcast	Hot	High	"False"	Yes
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5	Rainy	Cool	Normal	"False"	Yes
6	Rainy	Cool	Normal	"True"	No
7	Overcast	Cool	Normal	"True"	Yes
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<b>1</b>	<b>Rainy</b>	<b>Hot</b>	<b>High</b>	<b>"False"</b>	<b>?</b>



# $P(H)$ : Prior Probability

$P(C_i)$

- $P(\text{Play?} = \text{"yes"}) = 9/14 = 0.643$
- $P(\text{Play?} = \text{"no"}) = 5/14 = 0.357$

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# $P(\mathbf{X}|\mathbf{H})$ : Likelihood

Compute  $P(\mathbf{X}|\mathbf{C}_i)$  for each class

- $P(\text{Outlook} = \text{Rainy} \mid \text{Play?} = \text{"yes"}) = 3/9 = 0.333$
- $P(\text{Outlook} = \text{Rainy} \mid \text{Play?} = \text{"no"}) = 2/5 = 0.4$
- $P(\text{Temperature} = \text{Hot} \mid \text{Play?} = \text{"yes"}) = 2/9 = 0.222$
- $P(\text{Temperature} = \text{Hot} \mid \text{Play?} = \text{"no"}) = 2/5 = 0.4$
- $P(\text{Humidity} = \text{High} \mid \text{Play?} = \text{"yes"}) = 3/9 = 0.333$
- $P(\text{Humidity} = \text{High} \mid \text{Play?} = \text{"no"}) = 4/5 = 0.8$
- $P(\text{Windy} = \text{"False"} \mid \text{Play?} = \text{"yes"}) = 6/9 = 0.667$
- $P(\text{Windy} = \text{"False"} \mid \text{Play?} = \text{"no"}) = 2/5 = 0.4$

# $P(H|\mathbf{X})$ : Posteriori Probability

$\mathbf{X} = (\text{Outlook}=\text{Rainy}, \text{Temperature}=\text{Hot}, \text{Humidity}=\text{High}, \text{Windy}=\text{"False"})$

$$P(\mathbf{X}) = (5/14) \times (4/14) \times (7/14) \times (8/14) = 0.02915$$

$P(\mathbf{X}|C_i)$ :

$$P(\mathbf{X} | \text{Play?} = \text{"yes"}) = 0.333 \times 0.222 \times 0.333 \times 0.667 = 0.01642$$

$$P(\mathbf{X} | \text{Play?} = \text{"no"}) = 0.4 \times 0.4 \times 0.8 \times 0.4 = 0.0512$$

$P(C_i|\mathbf{X}) = P(\mathbf{X}|C_i) * P(C_i) / P(\mathbf{X})$ :

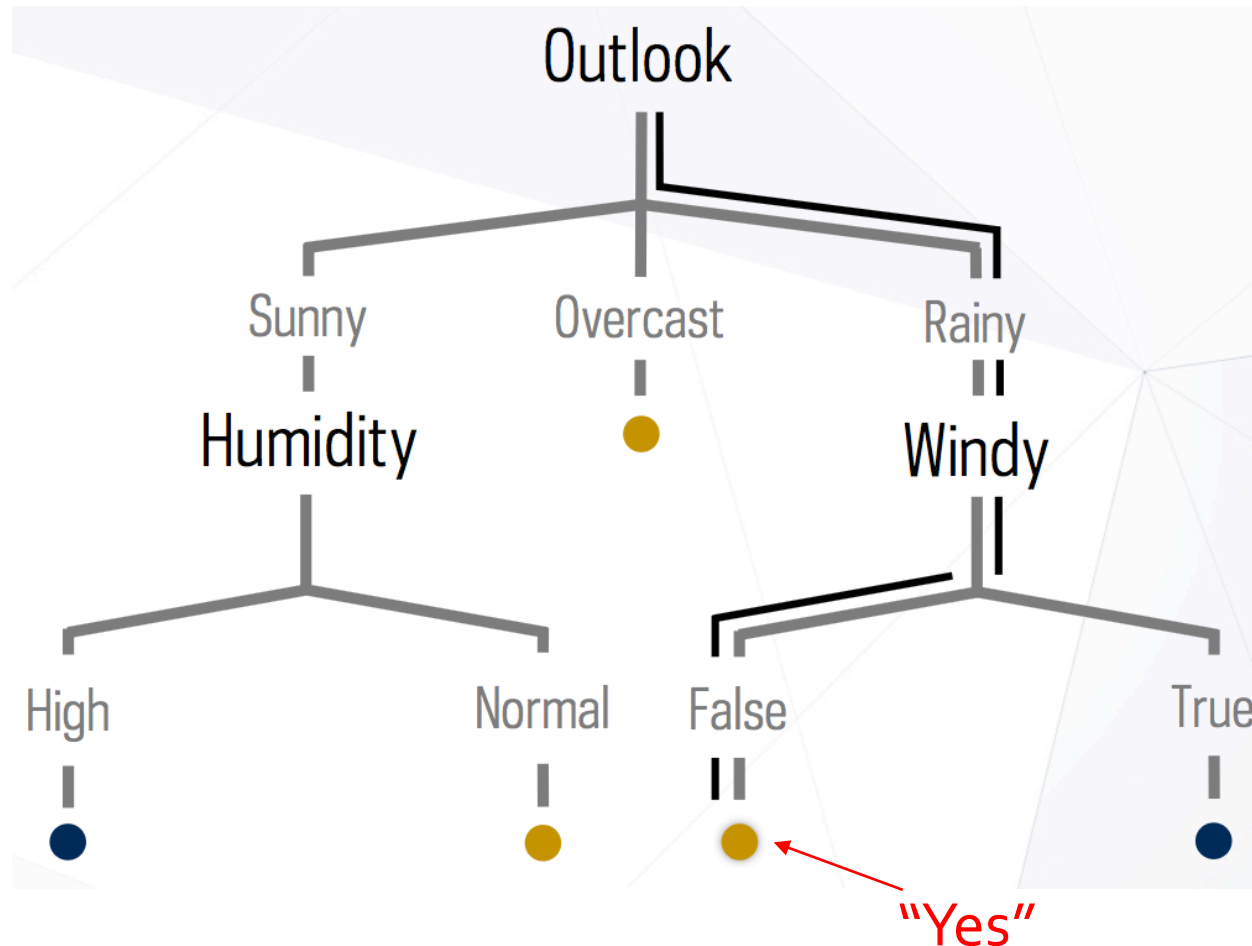
$$\begin{aligned} P(\text{Play?} = \text{"yes"} | \mathbf{X}) &= P(\mathbf{X} | \text{Play?} = \text{"yes"}) * P(\text{Play?} = \text{"yes"}) / P(\mathbf{X}) \\ &= 0.01642 \times 0.643 / 0.02915 = 0.36 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(\text{Play?} = \text{"no"} | \mathbf{X}) &= P(\mathbf{X} | \text{Play?} = \text{"no"}) * P(\text{Play?} = \text{"no"}) / P(\mathbf{X}) \\ &= 0.0512 \times 0.357 / 0.02915 = 0.63 \end{aligned}$$

So, the conclusion is  $\text{Play?} = \text{"no"}$ .

# Call Back: Decision Tree-Prediction

1	Rainy	Hot	High	"False"	?
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# Avoiding the Zero-Probability Problem

- Naïve Bayesian prediction requires each conditional prob. be **non-zero**. Otherwise, the predicted prob. will be zero

$$P(X | C_i) = \prod_{k=1}^n P(x_k | C_i)$$

- Ex. Suppose a dataset with 1000 tuples, income=low (0), income= medium (990), and income = high (10)
- Use **Laplacian correction** (or Laplacian estimator)
  - *Adding 1 to each case*  
Prob(income = low) = 1/1003  
Prob(income = medium) = 991/1003  
Prob(income = high) = 11/1003
  - The “corrected” prob. estimates are close to their “uncorrected” counterparts

# Naïve Bayes Classifier: Comments

- Advantages
  - Easy to implement
  - Good results obtained in most of the cases
- Disadvantages
  - Assumption: class conditional independence, therefore loss of accuracy
  - Practically, dependencies exist among variables
    - E.g., Hospital-patient data
      - Patient profile: age, family history, etc.
      - Symptoms: fever, cough, etc.
      - Disease: lung cancer, diabetes, etc.
    - Dependencies among these cannot be modeled by Naïve Bayes Classifier



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