

ECE368: Probabilistic Reasoning

Lab 1: Classification with Multinomial and Gaussian Models

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You should hand in: 1) A scanned .pdf version of this sheet with your answers (file size should be under 2 MB); 2) one figure for Question 1.2.(c) and two figures for Question 2.1.(c) in the .pdf format; and 3) two Python files classifier.py and lda_qda.py that contain your code. All these files should be uploaded to Quercus.

1 Naïve Bayes Classifier for Spam Filtering

1. (a) Write down the estimators for p_d and q_d as functions of the training data $\{\mathbf{x}_n, y_n\}, n = 1, 2, \dots, N$ using the technique of "Laplace smoothing". (1 pt)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{spam: } p_d &= \frac{x_{nd} + 1}{x_{n1} + \dots + x_{nN} + N} \quad \{x_n, 1\} \\ \text{ham: } q_d &= \frac{x_{nd} + 1}{x_{n1} + \dots + x_{nN} + N} \quad \{x_n, 0\} \end{aligned} \quad N: \text{distinct words in spam \& ham.}$$

- (b) Complete function learn_distributions in python file classifier.py based on the expressions. (1 pt)
2. (a) Write down the MAP rule to decide whether $y = 1$ or $y = 0$ based on its feature vector \mathbf{x} for a new email $\{\mathbf{x}, y\}$. The d -th entry of \mathbf{x} is denoted by x_d . Please incorporate p_d and q_d in your expression. Please assume that $\pi = 0.5$. (1 pt)

$$\begin{aligned} y &= \arg \max_y p(y|\mathbf{x}) = \arg \max_y \frac{p(\mathbf{x}|y)p(y)}{p(\mathbf{x})} \\ &= \arg \max_y p(\mathbf{x}|y) \\ &= \arg \max_y \frac{(x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_D)!}{(x_1)! (x_2)! \dots (x_D)!} \prod_{d=1}^D p_{nd}(y)^{x_d} = \arg \max_y \prod_{d=1}^D p_{nd}(y)^{x_d} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} y=1 \quad p_{nd}(y) &= p_d \\ y=0 \quad p_{nd}(y) &= q_d \\ \prod_{d=1}^D (p_d)^{x_d} &\geq \prod_{d=1}^D (q_d)^{x_d} \quad \text{spam} \\ \prod_{d=1}^D (p_d)^{x_d} &< \prod_{d=1}^D (q_d)^{x_d} \quad \text{ham} \end{aligned}$$

- (b) Complete function classify_new_email in classifier.py, and test the classifier on the testing set. The number of Type 1 errors is 2, and the number of Type 2 errors is 4. (1 pt)
- (c) Write down the modified decision rule in the classifier such that these two types of error can be traded off. Please introduce a new parameter to achieve such a trade-off. (0.5 pt)

$$\frac{\prod_{d=1}^D (p_d)^{x_d}}{\prod_{d=1}^D (q_d)^{x_d}} \geq \sum_{\text{spam}} \frac{1}{\sum_{\text{ham}}} \quad \text{new parameter } P_{\text{trade-off}}$$

Write your code in file classifier.py to implement your modified decision rule. Test it on the testing set and plot a figure to show the trade-off between Type 1 error and Type 2 error. In the figure, the x -axis should be the number of Type 1 errors and the y -axis should be the number of Type 2 errors. Plot at least 10 points corresponding to different pairs of these two types of error in your figure. The two end points of the plot should be: 1) the point with zero Type 1 error; and 2) the point with zero Type 2 error. Please save the figure with name **nbc.pdf**. (1 pt)

- (d) If we do not use Laplace smoothing and simply use maximum likelihood estimation in the training phase, what will go wrong? What kind of emails such a classifier would fail to classify? (0.5 pt)

For the test files, if a word only shows in one type of email (spam/ham) then without Laplace smoothing, we treat the probability of that word show in the other type as 0, which is not rigorous enough.

And $P_{nd} = \frac{n}{N} = 1$ Not depends on n (sample size)

2 Linear/Quadratic Discriminant Analysis for Height/Weight Data

1. (a) Write down the maximum likelihood estimates of the parameters μ_m , μ_f , Σ , Σ_m , and Σ_f as functions of the training data $\{\mathbf{x}_n, y_n\}, n = 1, 2, \dots, N$. (1 pt)

$$\begin{aligned}\underline{\mu}_m &= \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n I\{y_n=1\} \mathbf{x}_i}{\# \text{ of male}} & \underline{\Sigma}_m &= \frac{1}{\# \text{ of male}} \sum_{i=1}^n (\mathbf{x}_i - \underline{\mu}_m)(\mathbf{x}_i - \underline{\mu}_m)^T I\{y_n=1\} \\ \underline{\mu}_f &= \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n I\{y_n=2\} \mathbf{x}_i}{\# \text{ of female}} & \underline{\Sigma}_f &= \frac{1}{\# \text{ of female}} \sum_{i=1}^n (\mathbf{x}_i - \underline{\mu}_f)(\mathbf{x}_i - \underline{\mu}_f)^T I\{y_n=2\} \\ \underline{\Sigma} &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (\mathbf{x}_i - \underline{\mu})(\mathbf{x}_i - \underline{\mu})^T \\ \text{where } \underline{\mu} &= \frac{1}{n} (\underline{\mu}_m * \# \text{ of male} + \underline{\mu}_f * \# \text{ of female})\end{aligned}$$

- (b) In the case of LDA, write down the decision boundary as a linear equation of \mathbf{x} with parameters μ_m , μ_f , and Σ . Note that we assume $\pi = 0.5$. (0.5 pt)

$$\begin{aligned}\underline{\mu}_m^T \Sigma^{-1} \mathbf{x} - \frac{1}{2} \underline{\mu}_m^T \Sigma^{-1} \underline{\mu}_m \\ \parallel \\ \underline{\mu}_f^T \Sigma^{-1} \mathbf{x} - \frac{1}{2} \underline{\mu}_f^T \Sigma^{-1} \underline{\mu}_f\end{aligned}$$

In the case of QDA, write down the decision boundary as a quadratic equation of \mathbf{x} with parameters μ_m , μ_f , Σ_m , and Σ_f . Note that we assume $\pi = 0.5$. (0.5 pt)

$$\begin{aligned}-\frac{1}{2} \log |\Sigma_m| - \frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{x} - \underline{\mu}_m)^T \Sigma_m^{-1} (\mathbf{x} - \underline{\mu}_m) \\ \parallel \\ -\frac{1}{2} \log |\Sigma_f| - \frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{x} - \underline{\mu}_f)^T \Sigma_f^{-1} (\mathbf{x} - \underline{\mu}_f)\end{aligned}$$

- (c) Complete function `discrimAnalysis` in `lda_qda.py` to visualize LDA and QDA models and the corresponding decision boundaries. Please name the figures as `lda.pdf`, and `qda.pdf`. (1 pt)

2. The misclassification rates are 0.1182 for LDA, and 0.1091 for QDA. (1 pt)