Project #1: Naive Bayes Classifier for Sentiment Analysis

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Naïve Bayes Classifier (NBC) is a supervised machine learning algorithm that is used for classification tasks such as text classification. There are some assumptions that needed to be made for NBC, those are:

- Feature independence: The features of the data are conditionally independent of each other, given the class label.
- Continuous features are normally distributed: If a feature is continuous, then it is assumed to be normally distributed within each class.
- Discrete features have multinomial distributions: If a feature is discrete, then it is assumed to have a multinomial distribution within each class.
- Features are equally important: All features are assumed to contribute equally to the prediction of the class label.
- No missing data: The data should not contain any missing values.

From these assumptions, in order to calculate the NBC, we use Bayes theorem, which can be formulated as:

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

where,

- *P*(*A*) is called the prior probability of A, meaning the probability of event before evidence is seen.
- P(B) is called the marginal probability or the probability of evidence.
- P(A|B) is called the posterior probability of B, meaning the probability of event after evidence is seen.
- P(B|A) is called the likelihood probability, meaning the likelihood that a hypothesis will come true based on the evidence.

In this assignment, we were given training dataset and testing dataset in the form of CSV files. These files each consist of stars or the ratings and the text reviews left by the user. For simplicity, if the rating is 5, then the review has a positive sentiment, otherwise it has a negative sentiment. We were required to train NBC model using the training dataset and use this NBC model to predict the sentiment of a review in the testing dataset. With the goal of analyzing the accuracy of an NBC model, we utilize 10%, 30%, 50%, 70%, and 100% of the training dataset to train the NBC model.

In order to complete this assignment, first, we need to pre-process the data given first before eventually train the model. To accomplish this task, we use the "preprocess.py" file. The steps to pre-process the data are by:

- 1. Read the CSV file.
- 2. Get the list of stopwords from the "stopwords.txt" file.
- 3. Convert the text into lowercase.
- 4. Remove special characters from the text.
- 5. Remove stopwords from the text.

In this way, we were able to get the processed or cleaned text to be used as our features. As you can see in the Python code, we use for loop to implement this pre-processing of the reviews. First, we convert the review into all lowercase (line 65), then, we remove the special characters (line 68). After that, we get the label as positive or negative depending on the star of the review. If the star is equal to 5, it means that it has a positive label, else, negative label (line 72-76). The reason of why we need to calculate the total number of positive and negative sentiments from the train dataset is because this number will be needed to predict the label from the test dataset later on. This number will become P(A) in the Bayes Theorem. We then split the text, and iterate each word. Each word from the review that is not a blank space and the word is not in the stopwords list will be counted and saved in the $word_features$ variable (line 82-89). Hence, the $word_features$ variable will store the frequency of a word from the whole data. Finally, we saved the pre-processed words or cleaned words as list back towards the original text review. In addition, if we are going to utilized only some part of the dataset, we set a target number of data to be utilized and use a counter to check whether the data utilized is as requested or not (line 94-97). We return the modified data, the number of positive and negative sentiments in the data, as well as the frequency of words from the data.

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preprocess.py > ② preprocess

def preprocess(file_path, data_use=1) -> tuple[list, dict, dict]:

if data_count == target_data_count:
    break

return (data, data_labels_count, word_features)

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The second step after the data is pre-processed is the training of the NBC model itself. To do this, we created "training.py" file to implement the training of the NBC model. Again, for simplicity, we are not going to use all of the word features that we have received from the pre-processed data, however, we are only going to use the top 1000 most common words. Meaning is that we are going to select 1000 words that have the highest frequency (line 34). From this top 1000 most common words, we calculate the frequency of each word towards each sentiment. We then saved these words' frequencies in a dictionary called $train_words_pos$ for the words that give a positive sentiment in the review, and $train_words_neg$ for the words that give a negative sentiment in the review (40-49). The next step is for us to calculate the likelihood probability (P(B|A)) of each word with respect to the sentiment they produce (line 51-53). For example, the probability of the word "food" in the review that gives a positive sentiment is 10 out of 20, then we can rewrite this as $P(B = positive|A = food) = \frac{10}{20}$. The number 20 here means the total number of each word frequencies with respect to each sentiment. In addition, to prevent the problem of zero probability, we apply Laplace smoothing. The way to do Laplace smoothing is as follow:

$$P(B_i = b|A = a) = \frac{N_{B_i = b, A = a} + \alpha}{N_{A = a} + \alpha n_i}$$

where,

- $N_{B_i=b,A=a}$ is the number of training examples for which $B_i=b$, A=a.
- $N_{A=a}$ is the number of examples for which A=a.
- n_i is the number of values B_i can take.
- α is the smoothing parameter, in which for Laplace smoothing is equal to 1.

To calculate the likelihood probability, we created a function called *calc_likelihood()* (line 5-15). We run this function twice, since we need to calculate the likelihood probability of both sentiments. For example, the word "food" can give positive sentiment in a review, but it also can give a negative sentiment in another review. For this reason, we calculate both likelihood probability. Inside this function, we calculate the total frequency of the words that give a positive or negative sentiment, and saved it in *total_sample* variable (line 9). We also counted the total number of words in each sentiment and saved it in *total_word_count* variable (line 10). Finally, we can calculate the likelihood probability

with Laplace smoothing as written in the formula above, and we return the dictionary of the likelihood probability. After that, we also need to count the prior probability (P(A)) of the trained data. We use the $calc_prior_prob()$ function written in line 17-29. This function will only calculate the probability of the sentiment to be positive and negative with respect to the total data exist. It will return the dictionary as well, that stores the prior probability of positive and negative sentiment. Lastly, we can return these likelihood probabilities that we have calculated and the prior probabilities as well.

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training.py > ...
     def train(train_data: list, train_data_count: dict, train_words: dict) -> tuple[dict, dict, dict]:
          top_thousand = dict(sorted(train_words.items(), key=lambda item: item[1], reverse=True)[:1000])
          train_words_pos = {k: 0 for k in top_thousand.keys()}
          train_words_neg = {k: 0 for k in top_thousand.keys()}
          # get the number of frequency of word with respect to the sentiment they gave
          for row in train_data:
             label = int(row['stars'].strip())
              for word in row['text']:
                  if word in top_thousand.keys():
                      if label == 5:
                         train_words_pos[word] += 1
                         train_words_neg[word] += 1
          # calculate the likelihood probability
          likelihood_pos = calc_likelihood(train_words_pos)
          likelihood_neg = calc_likelihood(train_words_neg)
          prior_prob = calc_prior_prob(train_data_count)
          # return the model
          return (likelihood_pos, likelihood_neg, prior_prob)
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      # function to calculate the likelihood probability
     def calc_likelihood(word_features: dict, smoothing=1) -> dict:
         likelihood = {}
          total_sample = sum(word_features.values())
          total_word_count = len(word_features)
          for word, count in word_features.items():
              likelihood[word] = ((count + smoothing) / (total_sample + (smoothing * total_word_count)))
          return likelihood
      def calc_prior_prob(data_labels_cnt: dict) -> dict:
          pos_cnt = data_labels_cnt['pos']
          neg_cnt = data_labels_cnt['neg']
          total_data = pos_cnt + neg_cnt
          pos_prior_prob = (pos_cnt / total_data)
          neg_prior_prob = (neg_cnt / total_data)
          prior_prob = {'pos': pos_prior_prob, 'neg': neg_prior_prob}
          return prior_prob
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After training the NBC model, we can use this model to predict the label of the testing dataset. The testing dataset needs to be pre-processed first just like the training dataset. The steps of the pre-processing are exactly the same as the training dataset. We use the processed data and the trained NBC model to predict the sentiment of reviews from the words that are inside the reviews. Predicting the label of the testing dataset is done in line 29-55. In order to do this, we calculate the probability of this review to be positive or negative by using the likelihood probability and the prior probability of the model that we have trained. If the positive probability is larger than the negative probability, the review will be predicted as positive sentiment, else, negative sentiment. To calculate it we can use the formula of:

$$P(\theta|D) = P(\theta) \times \prod_{i=1}^{n} p(\mathbf{x}_{i}|c_{i}\theta)$$

This formula means that we multiply the prior probability with the product of the likelihood probability of every word with respect to the sentiment, if the word exists in the word features that we have decided. If it does not exist, we can just skip the word. For example, there are "food", "place", "like" in the text, then we multiply each likelihood probability of the word with respect to the sentiment, and we multiply it again with the prior probability of the sentiment. In the "predict.py" file, we calculate the probability using the *calc_prob()* function in line 10-17. After getting the predicted label using this way, we calculate the total accuracy of our model. We compare the predicted label with the true label of the testing dataset. There are four possibilities:

- 1. The true label is positive, and the predicted label is positive as well. This is called true positive (TP).
- 2. The true label is negative, and the predicted label is negative as well. This is called true negative (TN).
- 3. The true label is positive but the predicted label is negative. This is called false negative (FN).
- 4. The true label is negative but the predicted label is positive. This is called false positive (FP).

The formula that we use to calculate the accuracy of the model is as follow:

$$Accuracy = \frac{TP + TN}{TP + FP + TN + FN}$$

The function *calc_accuracy()* (line 6-8) works in this way, and we return the accuracy of the model.

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In order to analyze the accuracy of the NBC model with the difference of the amount in training dataset used, we plot the it using *matplotlib* library in Python inside the "plotting.py" file. The *plot()* function (line 7-22) is simply to plot all of the accuracy that we have received from the model and the amount of training dataset utilized to train the model. We also add the annotations in each dot to visualize it easier (line 16-19).

There is also the "main.py" file to drive all of these codes into one. Also, in the "main.py" file, we printed out the top 20-50 most common words, and save it into "top_20_50_words.txt" file. This file consists all of the top 20-50 most common words from each trial of training the NBC model. The text file will look like the followings:

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Training Data Set Use: 10%
     20. down: 79
     21. am: 77
     22. minutes: 75
     23. restaurant: 75
     24. ordered: 74
     25. people: 74
     26. best: 73
     27. day: 72
     28. went: 72
11
     29. asked: 72
12
     30. order: 71
     31. little: 70
     32. still: 70
     33. well: 68
     34. first: 67
     35. take: 64
     36. staff: 62
     37. going: 61
     38. try: 60
     39. way: 59
     40. came: 58
     41. table: 55
     42. made: 54
     43. car: 53
     44. experience: 53
     45. years: 53
     46. see: 52
     47. sure: 51
     48. chicken: 51
     49. now: 50
     50. 2: 50
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top_20_50_words.txt

top_20_50_words.txt
      Training Data Set Use: 30%
      20. people: 218
      21. didn: 209
      22. who: 209
      23. love: 206
      24. am: 197
      25. going: 195
      26. down: 193
      27. staff: 188
      28. ordered: 188
      29. well: 187
      30. minutes: 182
      31. restaurant: 180
      32. little: 177
      33. day: 176
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      34. way: 175
      35. asked: 175
      36. take: 172
      37. still: 171
      38. first: 168
      39. try: 167
      40. 2: 166
      41. made: 166
      42. car: 163
      43. came: 161
      44. now: 161
      45. experience: 161
      46. chicken: 161
      47. see: 155
      48. eat: 151
      49. friendly: 146
      50. store: 145
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■ top_20_50_words.txt
      Training Data Set Use: 50%
      20. best: 360
     21. well: 358
      22. who: 349
     23. going: 331
     24. love: 330
     25. minutes: 329
     26. staff: 327
     27. didn: 327
     28. am: 310
     29. way: 309
     30. ordered: 304
     31. first: 303
     32. restaurant: 301
     33. down: 300
     34. now: 300
     35. chicken: 298
     36. day: 292
     37. asked: 284
     38. came: 281
     39. little: 274
     40. take: 272
     41. 2: 270
     42. try: 267
     43. experience: 265
     44. see: 262
     45. made: 260
     46. still: 259
     47. friendly: 258
     48. store: 255
     49. eat: 252
      50. car: 248
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    top 20 50 words.txt

      Training Data Set Use: 70%
      20. who: 504
      21. well: 499
      22. best: 495
      23. didn: 490
      24. going: 485
      25. minutes: 457
      26. love: 456
110
111
      27. staff: 454
      28. first: 453
112
      29. am: 442
113
      30. down: 440
115
      31. way: 432
116
      32. now: 432
      33. day: 418
      34. ordered: 416
118
119
      35. restaurant: 401
      36. 2: 399
      37. came: 396
122
      38. see: 395
      39. take: 394
      40. asked: 391
124
      41. car: 389
125
126
      42. still: 387
      43. chicken: 383
128
      44. little: 380
      45. nice: 370
      46. experience: 363
      47. made: 362
      48. try: 360
      49. friendly: 360
      50. store: 358
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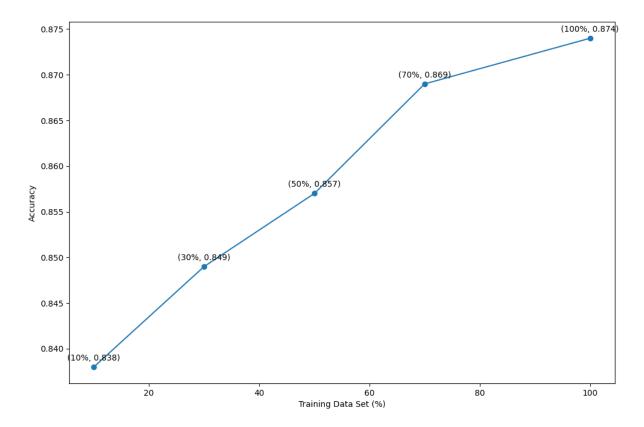
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top_20_50_words.txt

■ top_20_50_words.txt
      Training Data Set Use: 100%
138
      20. well: 714
      21. order: 703
      22. told: 699
      23. didn: 691
      24. going: 686
      25. first: 656
      26. am: 651
      27. love: 643
      28. down: 626
      29. staff: 624
      30. minutes: 618
      31. ordered: 616
      32. now: 611
      33. way: 599
      34. day: 579
      35. chicken: 577
      36. restaurant: 567
      37. came: 558
      38. 2: 558
      39. nice: 555
      40. car: 550
      41. take: 544
      42. still: 543
      43. see: 542
      44. asked: 534
      45. little: 528
      46. store: 517
      47. made: 513
      48. try: 511
      49. want: 507
      50. experience: 502
```

Below is also the screenshot of the "main.py" file:

```
main.py >
        Main file to drive all of the code.
        Run this file to train the NBC model
        and predict the test dataset using
        the trained NBC model.
    from training import train
    from predict import predict
    from preprocess import preprocess
    from plotting import plot
    train_data_path = "./data/train.csv"
test_data_path = "./data/test.csv"
    # the dictionary to store the accuracy of the NBC model
    accuracy = {}
    use_train_data_percentage = [0.1, 0.3, 0.5, 0.7, 1]
    test_data = preprocess(test_data_path)[0]
    top_20_50_file = "top_20_50_words.txt"
    if os.path.exists(top_20_50_file):
      os.remove(top_20_50_file)
    # and calculate the accuracy of the model
    for i in use_train_data_percentage:
        train_data, train_words_label_count, train_words_list = preprocess(train_data_path, i)
        # get the top 50 words that appear
        top_twenty_fifty = dict(sorted(train_words_list.items(), key=lambda item: item[1], reverse=True)[19:50])
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Using the codes above that we have created, the learning curve that we were able to get was:



As we can see in the line chart above, the more training dataset that we use the better our NBC model is, shown by the increasing trend of the accuracy. This happens because, our model will be able to learn more if there are more data available for it to use as its learning platform. By having more data, the model could learn the pattern more, and thus, provide a better prediction. The lesser the data is available, the poorer the model will be. We believe that this is not happening in terms of NBC model only, but almost to every machine learning model. The more data that it can learn from, the better model it will produce. Specifically in this project, more word features could be produced from having more data, giving the model to learn and understand more of the positive and negative sentiment pattern based on the text reviews.

In conclusion, to have a good NBC model, it required a lot of data, because the more training data it can have, the better model it will produce. Hence, it will have a more accurate prediction towards unknown data.