# Non-parametric density estimation

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#### Admin stuff

- Lab 3 downloads: 220
- Questions lab 3: 200+

Keep practicing!



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- Explain the Naive Bayes classifier, including the following:
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  - dealing with missing data
  - Continuous example
  - Discrete example
  - Pros and cons



#### Literature

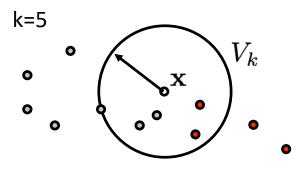
- Naive bayes
  - Lecture notes CS229: section 2 and 2.1 (excluding 2.2). Andrew Ng, Standford University.
     <a href="http://cs229.stanford.edu/notes/cs229-notes2.pdf">http://cs229.stanford.edu/notes/cs229-notes2.pdf</a>
- Learning curves
  - Section 8.2 from "Pattern Recognition: Introduction and Terminology" by R.P.W. Duin and E. Pekalska.

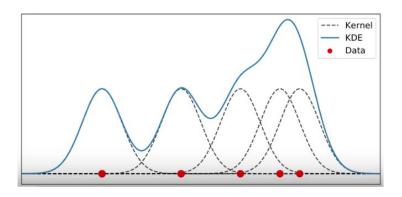
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### Recap last lecture

- Non-parametric density estimation
- K-nn and Parzen

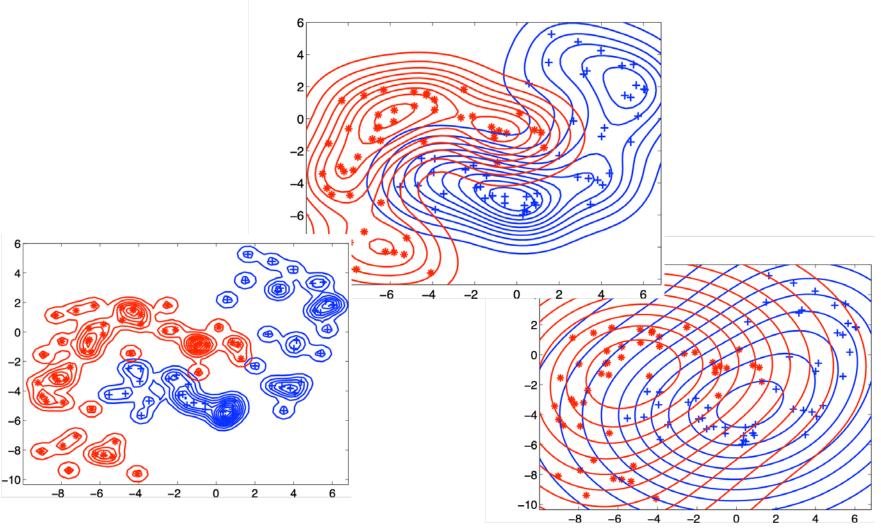




- Lab: optimize k for k-nn
- Now: optimize h for Parzen density estimation

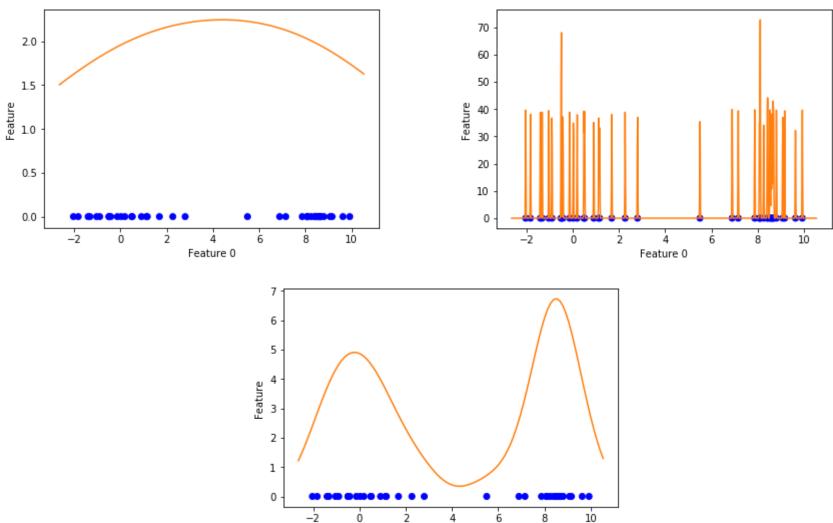


# Parzen width parameter





#### Parzen densities for different h



Feature 0



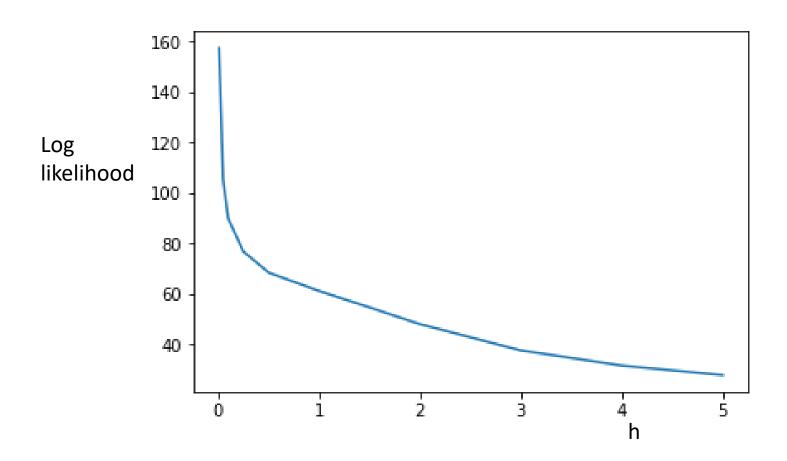
# Log-likelihood

- To evaluate a fit of a density model to some data,
   -> define an error.
- Eg. use the log-likelihood:

$$LL(X) = \log\left(\prod_{i} \hat{p}(x_i)\right) = \sum_{i} \log(\hat{p}(x_i))$$

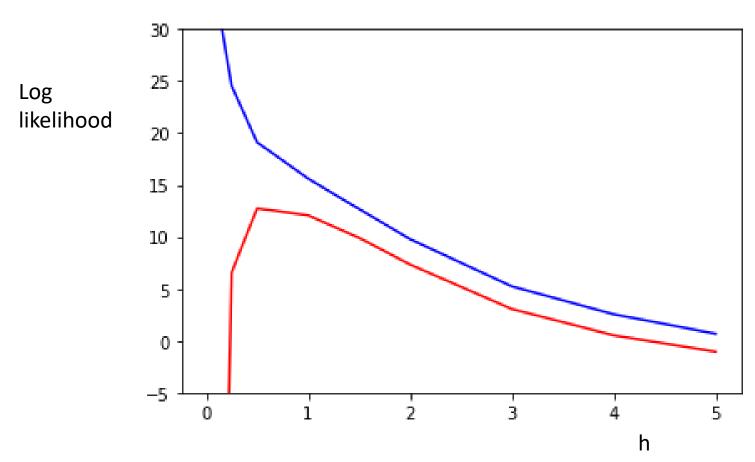


# Loglikelihood vs. h for training set

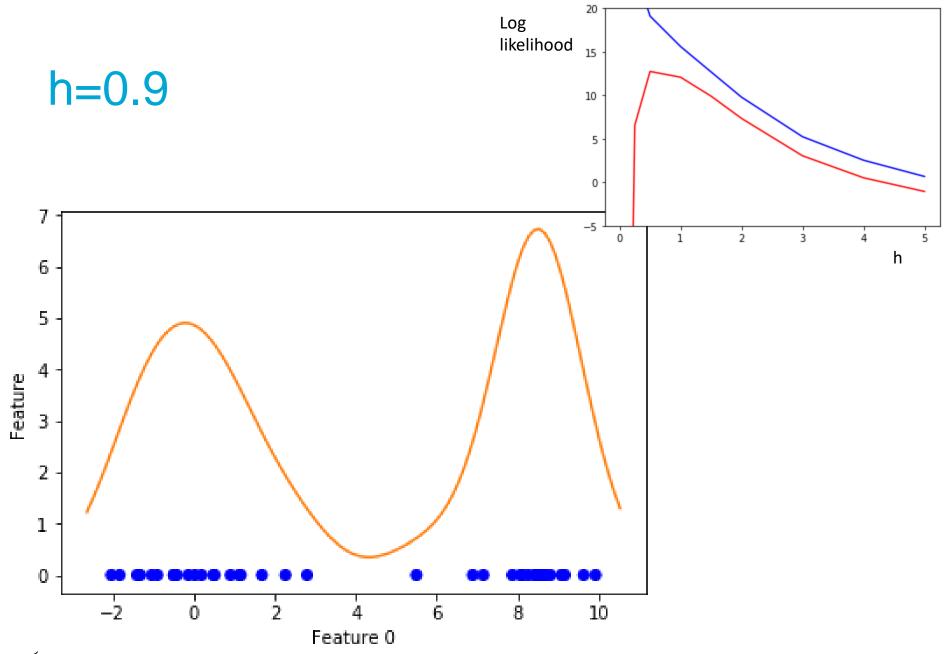




# Loglikelihood vs. h for training set (blue) and test set (red)









# Learning curves

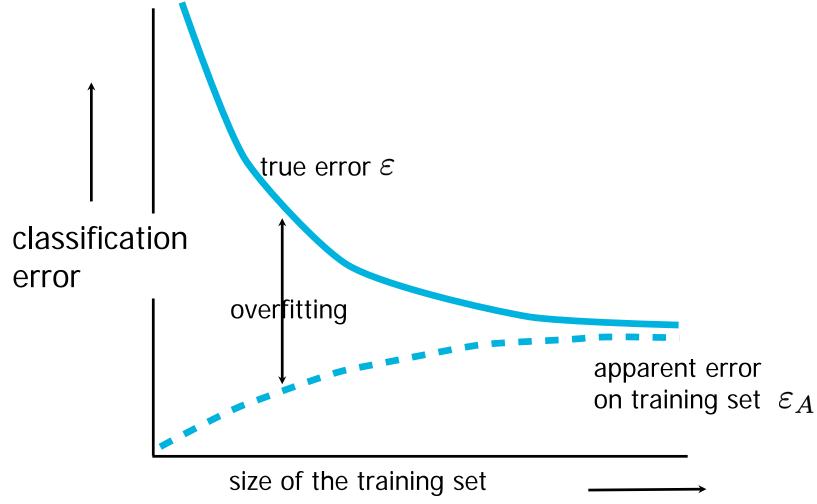


## Learning curves

- Curves that plot [estimated] classification errors against the number of samples in training set
- Usually plot error both on training and on test set
- Gives insight in, e.g.
  - Amount of overtraining
  - Usefulness of additional data
  - How different classifiers compare



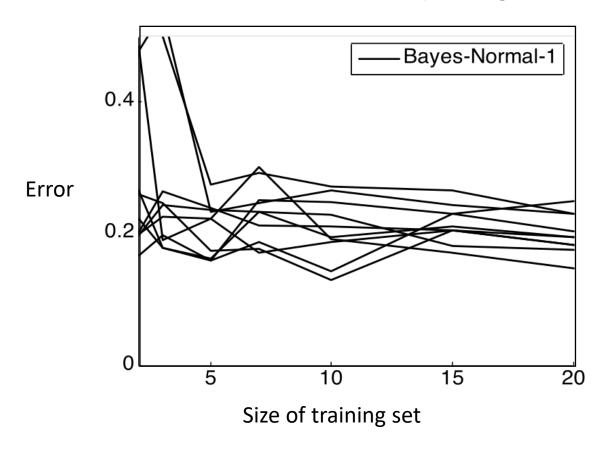
# Apparent classification error





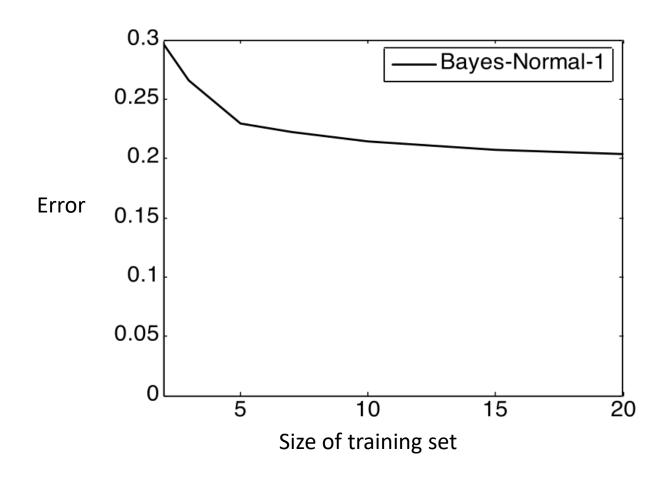
# Repeated learning curves

Small sample sizes have a very large variability



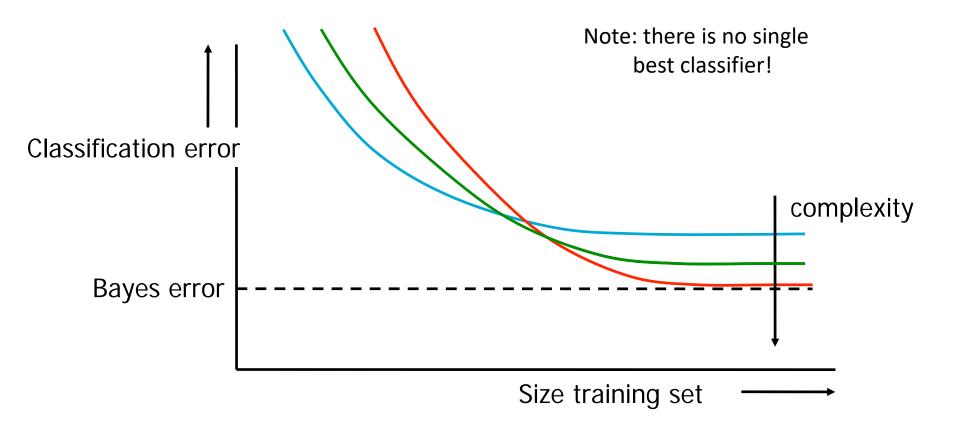


# Averaged learning curve





# Different classifier complexity





#### Fill in short evaluation

- One positive comment about the course
- One point of improvement
- Other remarks

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# Naïve Bayes classifier



# Recap Bayes classifer

- For classification we need p(y|x)
- We can use Bayes' theorem if we can estimate p(y) and p(x|y)

$$p(y|x) = \frac{p(x|y)p(y)}{p(x)}$$



# Recap Bayes classifier

 Assigning an object to the class with the maximum posterior probability gives the Bayes' classifier

$$p(x|y_1)p(y_1) > p(x|y_2)p(y_2)$$

- The Bayes' classifier is the optimal classifier
- The Bayes' error is the smallest error attainable  $\varepsilon^* > \varepsilon$



## Warming up question

- Suppose we have trained a generative model and now get a new test example x. Our model tells us that:  $p(x|y_0) = 0.01$ ,  $p(x|y_1) = 0.03$  and  $p(y_0) = p(y_1) = 0.5$
- What is  $p(y_1|x)$ ?
  - A. 0.015
  - B. 0.25
  - C. 0.75
  - Insufficient information to compute. We also need to know the p(x).



#### Solution

• 
$$p(y_1|x) = \frac{p(x|y_1)p(y_1)}{p(x)}$$

• 
$$p(x) = p(x|y_1)p(y_1) + p(x|y_0)p(y_0)$$

• 
$$p(y_1|x) = \frac{0.03*0.5}{0.03*0.5+0.01*0.5} = 0.75$$



# **Density estimation**

 So, we want to estimate a class probability density function:

 Typically, each feature vector x has many features:

$$p(x|y) = p(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, ..., x_d|y)$$

 To estimate this joint pdf (conditional on the class), we need LOTS of data... (curse of dimensionality)



#### Naive Bayes: Independence assumption

- Now assume, that all features are independent
- We assume conditional independence given y
- We just estimate  $p(x_i|y)$  per feature and multiply them.

$$p(x|y) = p(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, ..., x_d|y) = \prod_{i=1}^d p(x_i|y)$$
  
=  $p(x_1|y)p(x_2|y) ... p(x_d)$ 

No curse of dimensionality!



# Conditional independence example

- We assume conditional independence of two variables given a third variable.
- Probabilities of going to the beach and getting a heat stroke may be independent if we know the wheather is hot

$$p(B,S|H) = p(B|H)p(S|H)$$

- Hot weather "explains" all the dependence between beach and heartstroke
- In classification: class value explains all the dependence between attributes



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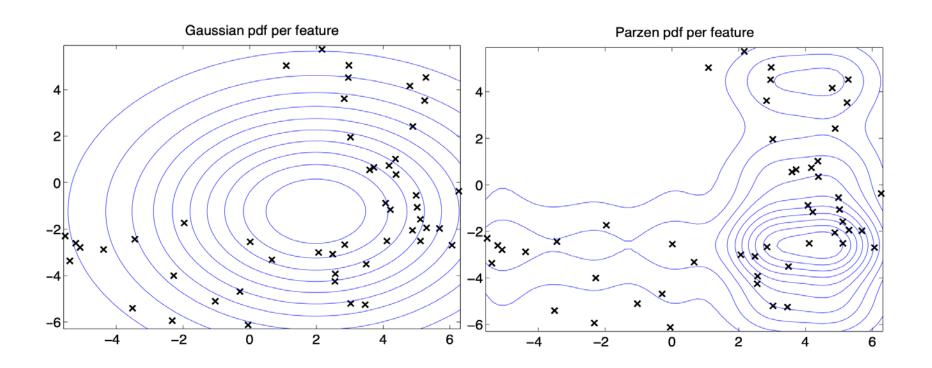
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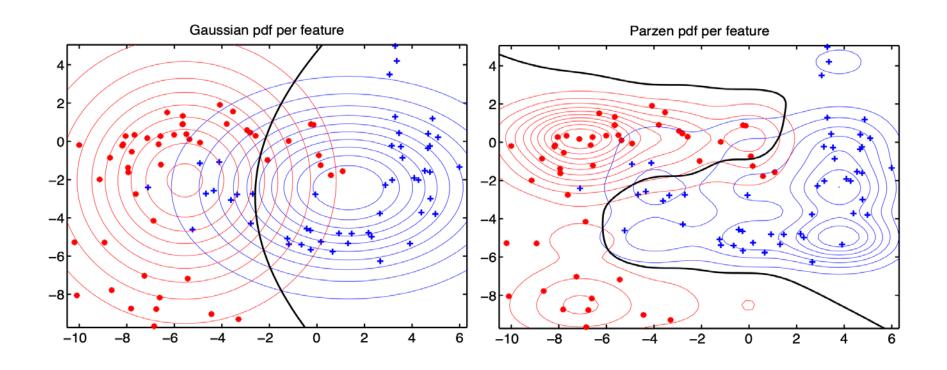
# Parametric vs. non-parametric

• You still have to choose a model for  $p(x_i|y)$ 





# Naive Bayes classifier





# Continuous data example

- Distinguish children from adults based on size
  - Classes: y = {a, c}, features: x = {height (cm), weight (kg)}
  - Training examples: 4 adults, 12 children
- Class probabalities  $p(a) = \frac{4}{4+12} = 0.25, p(c) = 0.75$
- Model for adults:
  - Assume height and weight are independent
  - Height, estimate Gaussian with mean, variance

$$\begin{cases} \mu_{h,a} = \frac{1}{4} \sum_{i:y_i = a} h_i \\ \sigma_{h,a}^2 = \frac{1}{4} \sum_{i:y_i = a} (h_i - \mu_{h,a})^2 \end{cases}$$

- Weight, estimate Gaussian  $(\mu_{w,a}, \sigma_{w,a}^2)$
- Model for children: use  $(\mu_{h,c}, \sigma_{h,c}^2)$ ,  $(\mu_{w,c}, \sigma_{w,c}^2)$



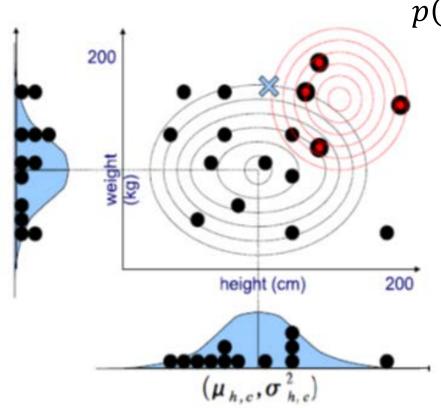
## Continuous example

$$p(w|a) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma_{w,a}^2}} exp - (\frac{w - \mu_{w,a}^2}{2\sigma_{w,a}^2})$$

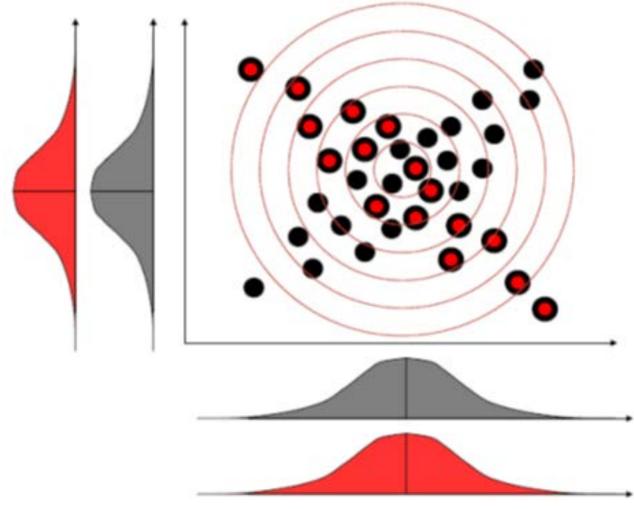
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$$p(x|a) = p(w|a)p(h|a)$$

$$p(a|x) = \frac{p(x|a)p(a)}{p(x)}$$



# Problems with Naive Bayes





## Discrete example

Separate spam from valid email (features = words)

D1: "send us your password"	spam
D2: "send us your review"	valid
D3: "review your password"	valid
D4: "review us"	spam
D5: "send your password"	spam
D6: "send us your account"	spam

p(spam) = 4/6 p(valid) = 2/6				
	spam	valid		
Password	2/4	1/2		
Review	1/4	2/2		
Send	3/4	1/2		
Us	3/4	1/2		
Your	3/4	1/2		
Account	1/4	0/2		

New email "review us now"



# Discrete example

- New email: "review us now"
- p("review us"|spam) =p([0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 0]|spam) =

$$(1 - \frac{2}{4})(\frac{1}{4})(1 - \frac{3}{4})(\frac{3}{4})(1 - \frac{3}{4})(1 - \frac{1}{4}) = 0.0044$$

• p("review us"|valid) = p([0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 0]|valid) = 
$$(1 - \frac{1}{2})(\frac{2}{2})(1 - \frac{1}{2})(\frac{1}{2})(1 - \frac{1}{2})(1 - \frac{0}{2}) = 0.0625$$



valid

1/2

1/2

1/2

1/2

0/2

2/2

p(spam) = 4/6 p(valid) = 2/6

**Password** 

Review

Send

Your

**Account** 

Us

spam

2/4

1/4

3/4

3/4

3/4

1/4

#### Solution

- p("review us"|spam) = 0.0044
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- p("review us"|spam)p(spam) = 0.0044 \* 4/6 = 0.0029
- p("review us"|valid)p(valid) = 0.0625 \* 2/6 = 0.02
- Note: identical example!



# Zero frequency problem

- Any email containing "account" is spam
  - p("account"|valid) = 0/2

p(spam) = 4/6 p(valid) = 2/6				
	spam	valid		
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- Solution: never allow zero probabilities
  - Laplace smoothing: add a small positive number to the counts (K-> number of classes)

$$p(w|c) = \frac{num(w,c) + \varepsilon}{num(c) + K\varepsilon}$$

- May use global statistics in place of  $\varepsilon$ : num(w)/num
- Very common problem (50% of words occure once)



# **Fooling Naive Bayes**

- Every word contributes independently to p(spam|email)
- Add lots of valid words into spam email.



# Missing data

- Suppose we don't have value for some attribute  $x_i$ 
  - Eg. some medical test not performed on patient
- How to compute  $p(x_1, ..., x_i, ... x_d | y)$
- Easy with Naive Bayes
  - Ignore attribute instance where it's missing a value
  - Compute likelihood based on observed values
  - No need to fill in or explicitly model missing values
  - Based on conditional independence between attributes

$$P(x_1, \dots, x_j, \dots, x_d) = \prod_{i \neq j}^d p(x_i | y)$$



# Missing data example

- Three coin tosses: event =  $\{x_1 = H, x_2 = ?, x_3 = T\}$ 
  - Event: head, unknown (either tail ot head), tail
  - event = {H, H, T} + {H, T, T}
  - -P(event) = P(H, H, T) + P(H, T, T)
- General case: x<sub>i</sub> has missing value

$$p(x_1, ..., x_j, ..., x_d|y) = p(x_1|y) ... p(x_j|y) ... p(x_d|y)$$

• 
$$\sum_{x_j} p(x_1, ..., x_j, ..., x_d | y) =$$
  
 $\sum_{x_j} p(x_1 | y) ... p(x_j | y) ... p(x_d | y) =$   
 $p(x_1 | y) ... [\sum_{x_j} p(x_j | y)] ... p(x_d | y) =$   
 $p(x_1 | y) ... [1] ... p(x_d | y)$ 



### Naive Bayes pros and cons

- Can handle high dimensional feature spaces
- Fast training time
- Can handle missing values
- Transparent

 Can't deal with correlated features



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#### Questions to think about

- Is feature scaling an issue for Naive Bayes?
- How would the learning curve look like for a very simple classifier, like nearest mean?

 Which classifier doesn't make 0 training error when we have 1 object per class? K-nn, Parzen, Nearest mean, LDA, QDA, Naive Bayes?



# **Exercise Naive Bayes**

 Predict if Bob will default his loan

#### Bob:

Homeowner: no

Maritial status: married

Job experience: 3

Home owner	Maritial status	Job experience	Deafulted
Yes	Single	3	No
No	Married	4	No
No	Single	5	No
Yes	Married	4	No
No	Divorced	2	Yes
No	Married	4	No
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No	Married	3	Yes
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