Multidimensional Scaling and Naive Bayesian Classifier

Week 10, Spring 2023

Learn about...

- Distance
- Dimensional reduction method
 - Multidimensional Scaling (MDS)
- ► Naïve Bayes Classifier for classification

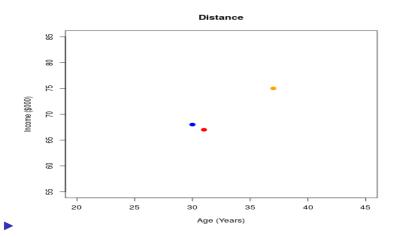
Why Distance?

- Many problems that involve thinking about how similar or dissimilar two observations are. For example:
 - We may use the same marketing strategy for people from similar demographic groups
 - We may lend money to applicants who are similar to those who pay the debts back.
- Distance could be one of the important concept in data science.

Simple Example

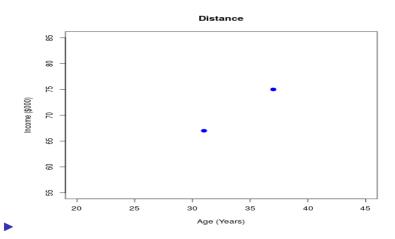
- Consider 3 individuals
 - ▶ Mr orange: 37 years of age earns \$75k a year
 - Mr red: 31 years of age earns \$67k a year
 - ▶ Mr blue: 30 years of age earns \$68k a year
- Which two are the most similar?

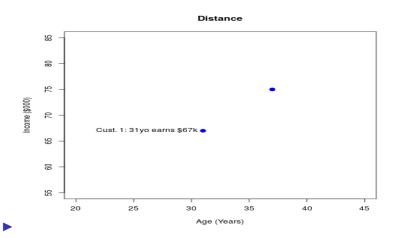
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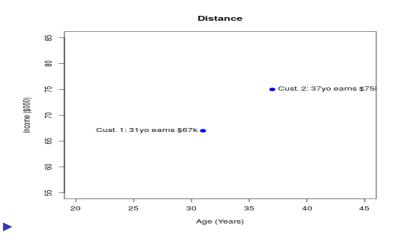


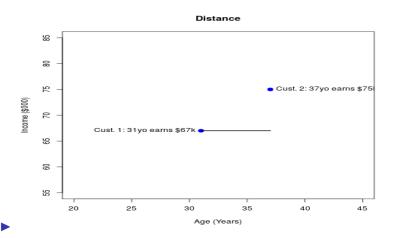
Distance as a number

- ▶ It is easy to think about three individuals but what if there are thousands of individuals?
 - In this case, it will be useful to attach some number to the distance between pairs of individuals
 - ▶ We will do it with a simple application of the Pythagoras theorem.

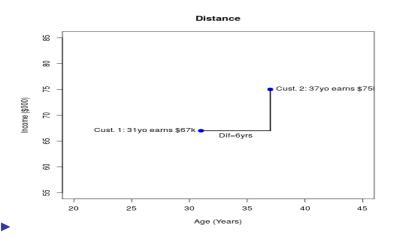


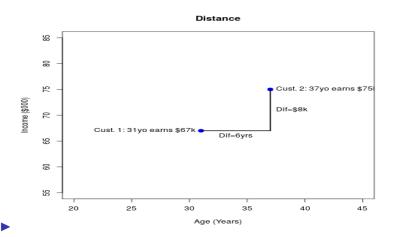


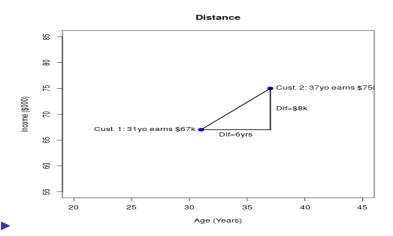




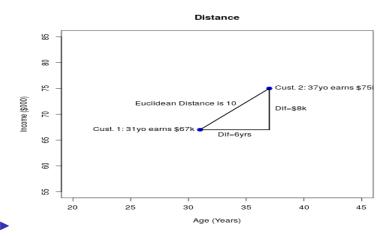












Euclidean Distance

- ▶ In general, there are more than 2 variables
- Is there a way to apply our intuition in 2
 - ▶ Pythagoras theorem can be generalised to higher dimensions.
 - ▶ This results in a concept of distance called Euclidean distance.

Euclidean Distance

- We measure p variables for two observations x_j is the measurement of variable j for observation x, y_j is the measurement of variable j for observation y.
- Euclidean distance between x and y

$$D(x,y) = \sqrt{\sum_{j=1}^{p} (x_j - y_j)^2}.$$
 (1)

Distance and Standardising Data

- We must be careful about the units of measurement.
- Euclidean distance change for variables measured in different units
- For this reason, it is common to calculate distance after standardising data
 - Z scores. Values are standardized to Z scores, with a mean of 0 and a standard deviation of 1.
- ▶ If the variables are all measured in the same units, then this standardisation is unnecessary.

Non-Metric Data

- Can we define distance when the variables are non-metric?
- The answer is yes
 - ► For example: Jaccard Similarity/Distance

First a motivation

- Many people use music streaming services like spotify.
- One of the attractions of these services is they recommend artists based on the favourite artists of other users who have similar taste in music.
- The data in this case is in the form of a list of favourite artists

Distance in musical taste

- Suppose there are three customers with the following favourite artists
 - Customer A: Maroon 5, Ariana Grande, Ed Sheeran, Cardi B
 - Customer B: Maroon 5, Ed Sheeran, and BTS
 - Customer C: Cardi B, Drake, Future
- ► How do we measure which customers have similar taste and which have different taste?

Distance in musical taste

- ▶ Jaccard similarity gives us a measure how close two sets are, in this case the set of each customers favourite musician.
- ► The formula is

$$J(A,B) = \frac{|A \cap B|}{|A \cup B|} \tag{2}$$

▶ Where $|A \cap B|$ is the number of elements in both set A and set B and $|A \cup B|$ is the number of elements in either set A or set B

Jaccard Similarity and Distance

- In our example:
 - ► $A \cap B = \{Maroon5, EdSheeran\}$ and $|A \cap B| = 2$
 - ▶ $A \cup B = \{Maroon5, Ariana, EdSheeran, CardiB, BTS\}$ and $|A \cup B| = 5$
- ► The Jaccard similarity will be J = 2/5 = 0.4 and the Jaccard distance is $d_J = 1 J = 1 0.4 = 0.6$.

Outline

Multidimensional Scaling

Bayesian Networks

- Previously we looked at the concept of distance between observations
- We looked at our usual understanding of distance known as Euclidean distance
- We also looked at higher dimensional versions of Euclidean distance
- Other distance metrics including Jaccard distance can be used for categorical data.

- ► Suppose that we have *n* observations and the distance between each possible pair of observations
- A scatterplot shows whether observations are close together or far apart.
- ▶ This works nicely when there are 2 variables.

- ightharpoonup Suppose that we have p variables where p is large
- Consider p-dimensional Euclidean distances
- ► Can we represent these using 2 dimensions?
- Unfortunately the answer is no
- but we can still get good approximation

- Multidimensional Scaling (MDS) finds a low (usually 2) dimensional representation
- ► The pairwise 2D Euclidean distance in this representation should be as close as possible to the original distances
- ► MDS always begins with a matrix of distances and ends with a low dimensional representation that can be plotted.

- Multidimensional scaling (MDS) is a technique for dimensionality reduction
- ▶ General idea:
 - Find a projection of the data (e.g. p-vectors $x_1, ..., x_n$) to a lower dimensional space (e.g. q-vectors $z_1, ..., z_n$) such that the pairwise distances are preserved as well as possible.

Classic MDS

Let $d_{i,j}$ denote the dissimilarity ("Euclidean" distance) between original variables x_i and x_j

$$|d_{i,j} = ||\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{x}_j|| = \sqrt{\sum_{k=1}^p (x_{i,k} - x_{j,k})^2}$$

Let

$$d'_{i,j} = ||m{z}_i - m{z}_j|| = \sqrt{\sum_{k=1}^q (z_{i,k} - z_{j,k})^2}$$

denote the corresponding q-dimensional distance after transforming the data to q-dimensions.

▶ Classic MDS can be applied when all data $(x_i s)$ are numeric.

An optical illusion with Beyonce



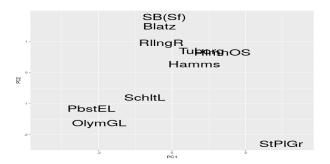
An optical illusion with Beyonce

- ▶ The photo is a 2D representation of a 3D reality
- ▶ In reality the distance between Beyonce's hand and the Eiffel tower is large
- In the 2D photo, this distance is small.
- ► This is a misleading representation to understand the distance between Beyonce's hand and the Eiffel tower.

Why do we care?

- An important issue in business is to profile the market. For example:
 - Which products do customers perceive to be similar to one another?
 - Who is my closest competitoR?
 - etc...
- Multidimensional scaling can help us to produce a simple visualisation (usually in 2D) that can address these questions.

Beer Example



Beer Example

- The plot on the previous slide is an MDS solution for the beer dataset
- The data are 5-dimensional so we cannot use a scatter plot.
- MDS shows Olympia Gold Light and Pabst Extra Light are similar
- ► This also suggests that there is a low number of competitors with St. Pauli Girl.
- This may also reflect that the attributes of St. Pauli Girl are not desired by Customers.

Classic MDS

- In classic MDS, the objective is to minimise the objective function called strain (the exact formula is not needed for this course).
- ► The above problem has a tractable solution when Euclidean distance is used
- This solution depends on an Eigenvalue decomposition
- We try to get a 2D view that represents the true distances as accurately as possible.

Non-Metric Example

▶ The following example comes from 'Multidimensional Scaling of Sorting Data Applied to Cheese Perception', Food Quality and Preference,6, pp.91-98. The purpose of this study was to visualise the difference between types of cheese.

Non-Metric Example: Cheese

- ► The motivation is to investigate the similarities and differences between types of cheese.
- In principle one could measure attributes of the cheese.
- However the purpose of this study was to ask customers about their perceptions
- How do we ask customers about distances?
- Could you walk out on to the street and ask someone about the Euclidean distance between Brie and Camembert?

Constructing the survey

- Customers can be asked:
- On a scale of 1 to 10 with 1 being the most similar and 10 being the most different, how similar are the following cheeses
 - Brie and Camembert
 - Brie and Roquefort
 - Camembert and Roquefort
- ► The dissimilarity scores can be averaged over all customers and used in an MDS
- This is not a good method when there is a large number of products.

A more feasible approach

- ► In the study there are 16 cheeses therefore 120 possible pairwise comparisons
- ▶ It is not practical to ask survey participants to make 120 comparisons!
- Instead of being asked to make so many comparisons, customers were asked to put similar cheeses into groups.
- Proportion of customers with two cheeses in same group is a similarity score.
- Proportion of customers with two cheeses in different groups is a dissimilarity score.

Consider four customers

- Suppose there are four customers sorting cheeses
 - Customer A: Brie and Camembert together, Roquefort and Blue Vein together
 - Customer B: Roquefort and Blue Vein together, all others separate
 - Customer C: All cheeses in their own category
 - Customer D: All cheeses in one category

Consider four customers

- ► Customer A and D have Brie and Camembert in the same group, customers B and C have them in different groups.
 - ▶ The distance between Brie and Camembert is 0.5.
- Customer A, B and D have Roquefort and Blue Vein in the same group, customer C has them in different groups.
 - ▶ The distance between Roquefort and Blue Vein is 0.25.

Non-Metric MDS

- ► The study on cheese did not use classical MDS but something called Kruskals algorithm.
- Kruskal's algorithm is implemented in R using the isoMDS function from the MASS package.
- Kruskal's algorithm is invariant to monotone transformations of the distances.

Monotone tranformations

- By monotone transformation we mean any function of the distance that is either constantly increasing or decreasing.
 - Exponential function is monotone
 - Sine function is not monotone
- By invariant we mean that the solution provided by Kruskal's does not change if we transform the input distances.

Non-Metric MDS

- The study on cheese did not use classical MDS but something called Kruskals algorithm.
- Kruskal's algorithm is implemented in R using the isoMDS function from the MASS package.
- In some cases, the distance themselves are not metric but ordinal.
- Suppose we only know that

$$d_{Bri,Cam} < d_{Rog,Cam} < d_{Rog,Bri}$$
.

- Brie and Roquefort are more different compared to Brie and Camembert.
- We do not know how big the distance between Brie and Roquefort is compared to the distance between Brie and Camembert.

Non-Metric MDS

► In this case we minimise the objective function using only the information:

$$d_{Bri,Cam} < d_{Roq,Cam} < d_{Roq,Bri}$$
.

- ► Taking the ranks is an example of a monotone transformation.
- ► Therefore the solution of isoMDS only requires the ranks of the distances and not the distances themselves.
- This is a very useful algorithm for marketing since survey participants cannot easily and reliable assign numbers to the difference between products.

Modern MDS

- Methods for finding a low dimensional representation of high-dimensional data continue to be used today.
- ▶ These mostly go by the name of manifold learning methods
- ► For example: Local Linear Embedding (LLE), ISOMAP, Laplacian Eigenmap, etc....

R Implementation

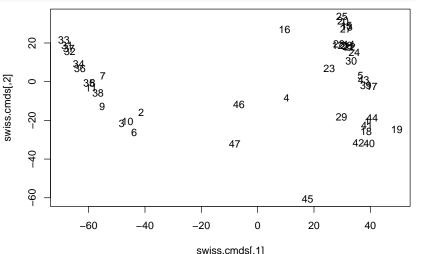
```
library (MASS)
data(swiss)
# Leave out Fertility:
swiss.x <- as.matrix(swiss[, -1])</pre>
# Compute pairwise distances between provinces:
as.matrix(swiss.dist <- dist(swiss.x))[1:4, 1:4]</pre>
##
               Courtelary Delemont Franches-Mnt Moutier
                     0.00
                             80.54
                                                  31.38
  Courtelary
                                          87.35
## Delemont
                                         11.11 52.21
                    80.54 0.00
## Franches-Mnt
                    87.35 11.11
                                          0.00 60.16
## Moutier
                    31.38
                             52.21
                                          60.16
                                                   0.00
```

R Implementation (continued)

```
# Obtain classic MDS:
head(swiss.cmds <- cmdscale(swiss.dist), 5)</pre>
##
                 [,1] \qquad [,2]
## Courtelary 38.96 -20.405
## Delemont -41.36 -15.751
## Franches-Mnt -48.30 -21.660
## Moutier 10.21 -8.270
## Neuveville 36.49 3.219
# Obtain ISOMDS estimates:
head((swiss.mds <- isoMDS(swiss.dist, trace = FALSE))$points,</pre>
   5)
                 [,1] [,2]
##
## Courtelary 39.98 -18.665
## Delemont -42.14 -15.835
## Franches-Mnt -49.18 -23.502
## Moutier 10.64 -7.795
## Neuveville 35.71 4.224
```

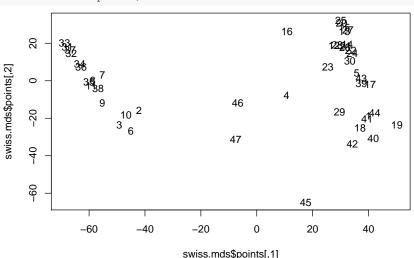
Plotting Results (Classic)

```
n <- nrow(swiss.x)
plot(swiss.cmds, type = "n") # type='n' => set up axes only
text(swiss.cmds, labels = as.character(1:n)) # put text at locations
```



Plotting Results (ISOMDS)

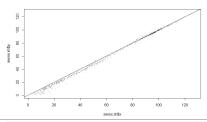
```
n <- nrow(swiss.x)</pre>
plot(swiss.mds$points, type = "n")
text(swiss.mds$points, labels = as.character(1:n))
```



Shepard Plot

- ► The *Shepard* plot is a scatterplot of the original distance against the distance when the data is transformed.
- ▶ A narrow scatter around a 1:1 line indicates a good fit of the distances when the data is transformed to the original distance, while a large scatter or a nonlinear pattern indicates a lack of fit.

```
swiss.sh <- Shepard(swiss.dist, swiss.mds$points)
plot(swiss.sh, pch = ".") # Plot the points
abline(swiss.sh, pch = ".") # Plot the points</pre>
```



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Naive Bayes

Conditional Probability

► The *conditional* probability of *B* given *A* tells us how likely an event *B* is when we know that *A* has occurred:

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

The intersection $A \cap B$ denotes the event that both A and B occur.

$$P(A \cap B) = P(B)P(A|B).$$

Independence

The events A and B are said to be independent if

$$P(A \cap B) = P(A) \times P(B)$$

or equivalently
$$P(B|A) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(A)} = \frac{P(A) \times P(B)}{P(A)} = P(B)$$
.

Conditional independence of A and B given C means that

$$P(A \cap B|C) = P(A|C) \times P(B|C)$$

Bayes's Rule

► For events A and B, where B[□] denotes the *complement* "not B", Bayes's Rule provides a way to reverse the order of events in a conditional probability:

$$P(B|A) = \frac{P(B \cap A)}{P(A)} = \frac{P(B \cap A)}{P(B \cap A) + P(B^{\complement} \cap A)}$$
$$= \frac{P(A|B)P(B)}{P(A|B)P(B) + P(A|B^{\complement})P(B^{\complement})}$$

Bayes's Rule

lacktriangle More generally, for discrete random variables $Y\in \mathcal{Y}$ and X,

$$P(Y = y \mid X = x) = \frac{P(X = x \mid Y = y)P(Y = y)}{\sum_{y' \in \mathcal{Y}} P(X = x \mid Y = y')P(Y = y')}$$

- ▶ Here, \mathcal{Y} is all possible values of Y.
- ▶ I will be using P(y') as shorthand for P(Y = y'), and similarly for P(x), P(y|x), etc..

Optimal Bayes Classifier

- Let $X = (X_1, ..., X_p)$ be a set of predictor variables and Y be the response (for just one "random" observation).
- ▶ According to the *Bayes classifier*, our best guess for *Y* is

$$\hat{y} = \arg\max_{y} P(y|\mathbf{x}) = \frac{P(\mathbf{x}|y)P(y)}{\sum_{y' \in \mathcal{Y}} P(\mathbf{x}|y')P(y')}$$

- ▶ Unfortunately, we usually can't estimate P(x|y) with any degree of accuracy.
 - ▶ i.e., every possible combination of predictors for each level of response.

Outline

Multidimensional Scaling

Bayesian Networks Naive Bayes

Conditional Independence

- ▶ Let **X**, **Y** and **Z** be a sets of variables.
- **X** is said to be *conditionally independent* of **Z** given **Y** if

$$P(\mathbf{x} \mid \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z}) = P(\mathbf{x} | \mathbf{y}).$$

▶ If (a big "if") for a $X = (X_1, X_2)$, X_1 cond. ind. X_2 given Y,

$$P(\mathbf{x} \mid y) = P(x_1|y) \times P(x_2 \mid x_1, y)$$

= $P(x_1|y) \times P(x_2|y)$.

⇒ Much easier, since it can be done one dimension at a time.

Naïve Bayes Classifier

► The Naïve Bayes Classifier is a probability classifier based on an assumption of conditional independence between attributes:

$$P(\mathbf{x} \mid y) = \prod_{i=1}^{p} P(x_i | y)$$

This leads to the following approximation based on prior probabilities P(Y = y):

$$P(y|\mathbf{x}) \approx \frac{P(y) \prod_{i=1}^{p} P(x_i|y)}{\sum_{y' \in \mathcal{Y}} P(y') \prod_{i=1}^{p} P(x_i|y')}.$$

Advantages and Disadvantages

- Despite the implausible assumption, Naïve Bayes has been found to work surprisingly well in a broad range of applications.
- + Training and classification are very fast.
- Can behave very poorly if the predictors are strongly dependent on each other.

Categorical Attributes

▶ Estimate $P(X_i = x_i \mid Y = y)$ within training set by

no. of instances with class Y = y and attribute $X_i = x_i$ no. of instances with class Y = y

Continuous attribute

- Assume the form of probability distribution for each continuous attribute.
 - Often a Gaussian (Normal) distribution is assumed, with parameters μ and σ^2 .
 - In this case, estimate μ and σ^2 by the sample mean $\overline{x}_{y,i}$ and sample variance $s_{y,i}^2$ of attribute x_i for observations in class y.

Handling Gaussian approximation

So just proceed with Naïve Bayes as for the discrete case, using

$$P(x_i \mid y) \approx \frac{1}{s_{y,i}\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{(x_i - \overline{x}_{y,i})^2}{2s_{y,i}^2}\right),$$

to replace $P(X_i = x_i \mid Y = y)$ for any continuous attribute X_i .

- We often define $\phi(x) \equiv (2\pi)^{-1/2} e^{-x^2/2}$, so $P(x_i \mid y) \approx \phi\left(\frac{x_i \overline{x}_{y,i}}{s_{y,i}}\right)/s_{y,i}$.
- ▶ In R, $\phi(x) = \text{dnorm}(x)$, and $\phi\left(\frac{x-m}{s}\right)/s = \text{dnorm}(x, m, s)$.

Example: Iris data

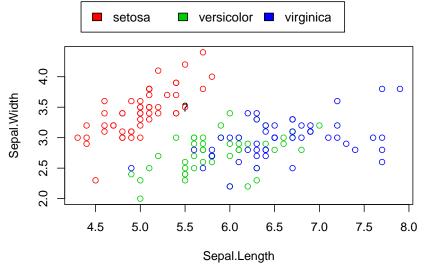
- ▶ Predict species y from sepal measurements $(x_1, ..., x_4)$.
- Function naiveBayes in package e1071.
 - Takes regular formula interface.
 - ► Handles quantitative predictors using normal approximation.
- Outputs:
 - ightharpoonup a priori probabilities P(y) for $y \in \mathcal{Y}$
 - for categorical predictors x_i , a table $P(x_i|y)$ for each $y \in \mathcal{Y}$
 - for quantitative predictors, a mean $\overline{x}_{y,i}$ and a standard deviation $s_{y,i}$ for each $y \in \mathcal{Y}$

R output

```
## Naive Bayes Classifier for Discrete Predictors
## Call:
## naiveBayes.default(x = X, y = Y, laplace = laplace)
## A-priori probabilities:
## Y
##
      setosa versicolor virginica
##
      0.3333
                  0.3333 0.3333
## Conditional probabilities:
##
               Sepal.Length
## Y
                 [,1] [,2]
## setosa 5.006 0.3525
## versicolor 5.936 0.5162
##
    virginica 6.588 0.6359
##
               Sepal.Width
## Y
                 \lceil .1 \rceil \quad \lceil .2 \rceil
##
    setosa 3.428 0.3791
    versicolor 2.770 0.3138
##
##
    virginica 2.974 0.3225
```

Naive Bayes with quantitative predictors: scatterplot

Predict species for sepal length 5.5 cm and sepal width 3.5 cm:



Naive Bayes with quantitative predictors

$$P(Y = \text{setosa}|X_1 = 5.5, X_2 = 3.5)$$

$$\propto P(Y = \text{setosa})P(X_1 = 5.5|Y = \text{setosa})P(X_2 = 3.5|Y = \text{setosa})$$

$$= 0.3333 \times \phi \left(\frac{5.5 - 5.0060}{0.3525}\right) / 0.3525 \times \phi \left(\frac{3.5 - 3.4280}{0.3791}\right) / 0.3791$$

$$= 0.3333 \times 0.4239 \times 1.0336 = 0.1461$$

$$P(Y = \text{versi.}|X_1 = 5.5, X_2 = 3.5)$$

$$\propto P(Y = \text{versi.})P(X_1 = 5.5|Y = \text{versi.})P(X_2 = 3.5|Y = \text{versi.})$$

$$= 0.3333 \times \phi \left(\frac{5.5 - 5.9360}{0.5162}\right) / 0.5162 \times \phi \left(\frac{3.5 - 2.7700}{0.3138}\right) / 0.3138$$

$$= 0.3333 \times 0.5410 \times 0.0849 = 0.0153$$

Naive Bayes quantitative predictors (continued)

$$P(Y = \text{virgi.}|X_1 = 5.5, X_2 = 3.5)$$

$$\propto P(Y = \text{virgi.})P(X_1 = 5.5|Y = \text{virgi.})P(X_2 = 3.5|Y = \text{virgi.})$$

$$= 0.3333 \times \phi \left(\frac{5.5 - 6.5880}{0.6359}\right) / 0.6359 \times \phi \left(\frac{3.5 - 2.9740}{0.3225}\right) / 0.3225$$

$$= 0.3333 \times 0.1452 \times 0.3271 = 0.0158$$

$$P(Y = \text{setosa}|X_1 = 5.5, X_2 = 3.5) = \frac{0.1461}{0.1461 + 0.0153 + 0.0158} = 0.8242$$

$$P(Y = \text{versi.}|X_1 = 5.5, X_2 = 3.5) = \frac{0.0153}{0.1461 + 0.0153 + 0.0158} = 0.0864$$

$$P(Y = \text{virgi.}|X_1 = 5.5, X_2 = 3.5) = \frac{0.0158}{0.1461 + 0.0153 + 0.0158} = 0.0893$$

Naive Bayes with categorical predictors

Discretise by taking the integer part of the measurment (e.g., $3.5 \rightarrow 3$):

```
iris$SL.int <- factor(floor(iris$Sepal.Length))</pre>
iris$SW.int <- factor(floor(iris$Sepal.Width))</pre>
# Show a sample of rows:
(iris[, -(3:4)][sample.int(nrow(iris), 7), ])
##
     Sepal.Length Sepal.Width
                           Species SL.int SW.int
            4.9 2.4 versicolor
## 58
## 70
           5.6 2.5 versicolor 5
                3.2 setosa
          4.7
## 3
## 132 7.9 3.8 virginica 7
        5.0 3.4 setosa
## 8
## 122 5.6 2.8 virginica
         5.6
                  3.0 versicolor
## 89
```

```
(m <- naiveBayes(Species ~ SL.int + SW.int, data = iris))</pre>
```

R output

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## Y
                 4 5 6
## setosa 0.40 0.60 0.00 0.00
## versicolor 0.02 0.50 0.46 0.02
##
   virginica 0.02 0.12 0.62 0.24
##
              SW.int.
## Y
                 2 3 4
##
    setosa 0.04 0.88 0.08
   versicolor 0.68 0.32 0.00
##
##
    virginica 0.42 0.58 0.00
```

Naive Bayes with categorical predictors

Predict species for sepal length 5.5 cm and sepal width 3.5 cm:

$$P(Y = \text{setosa}|X_1 = 5.5, X_2 = 3.5) = P(Y = \text{setosa}|X_1 = 5, X_2 = 3)$$

 $\propto P(Y = \text{setosa})P(X_1 = 5|Y = \text{setosa})P(X_2 = 3|Y = \text{setosa})$
 $\propto 0.3333 \times 0.6000 \times 0.8800 = 0.1760$

$$P(Y = \text{versi.}|X_1 = 5.5, X_2 = 3.5) = P(Y = \text{versi.}|X_1 = 5, X_2 = 3)$$

 $\propto P(Y = \text{versi.})P(X_1 = 5|Y = \text{versi.})P(X_2 = 3|Y = \text{versi.})$
 $\propto 0.3333 \times 0.5000 \times 0.3200 = 0.0533$

Naive Bayes with categorical predictors (continued)

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P(Y = \text{virgi.}|X_1 = 5.5, X_2 = 3.5) = P(Y = \text{virgi.}|X_1 = 5, X_2 = 3)
     \propto P(Y = \text{virgi.})P(X_1 = 5|Y = \text{virgi.})P(X_2 = 3|Y = \text{virgi.})
     \propto 0.3333 \times 0.1200 \times 0.5800 = 0.0232
P(Y = \text{setosa}|X_1 = 5.5, X_2 = 3.5) = \frac{0.1760}{0.1760 + 0.0533 + 0.0232} = 0.6969
P(Y = \text{versi.}|X_1 = 5.5, X_2 = 3.5) = \frac{0.1760 + 0.0533 + 0.0232}{0.1760 + 0.0533 + 0.0232} = 0.2112
P(Y = \text{virgi.}|X_1 = 5.5, X_2 = 3.5) = \frac{0.0232}{0.1760 + 0.0533 + 0.0232} = 0.0919
# We need to "tell" R that floor(5.5) -> 5 is a categorical
# variable, whose possible levels are those of that column in the
# iris dataset.
nd <- data frame(
  SL.int=factor(floor(5.5), levels=levels(iris$SL.int)),
  SW.int=factor(floor(3.5), levels=levels(iris$SW.int)))
predict(m, newdata=nd,type="raw")
##
          setosa versicolor virginica
## [1,] 0.6969 0.2112 0.09187
```