

Naive Bayes

→ Naive Bayes usually deals with independent features of a dataset.

→ Suppose in previous example we are ~~not~~ predicting whether a car is cheap & expensive.

→ Let's expand our features using rules of Probability along with Bayes' rule.

$$P(x_1, x_2, x_3, Y) = P(Y) \cdot P(x_1/Y) \cdot P(x_2/x_1, Y) \cdot P(x_3/x_2, x_1, Y)$$

This is derived from chain rule of probability.

→ Now let's assume the all features are conditionally independent. So for them taking the additional feature of x_1 or x_2 or x_3 doesn't really matter. So expression would be

$$P(x_1, x_2, x_3, Y) = P(Y) \cdot P(x_1/Y) \cdot P(x_2/Y) \cdot P(x_3/Y)$$

→ Now for example if we want to find if Honda cars are costly & cheap. Here the feature is "Manufactures"

→ Go through the dataset and look how many Honda cars are cheap.

Suppose let it be 10.

So total no of cheap cars are 25

$$\text{Then } P(x_1 = \text{Honda} / Y = \text{cheap}) = \frac{10}{25} = \frac{2}{5}$$

→ Like wise we can compute for other features also. Then using all the features we can multiply ~~all~~ their probabilities and find out whether car is cheap or not. This can be done for expensive case also.

→ Naive Bayes can be used in spam filtering, determining a specific author's book.

→ The issue comes when the data ^(features) are more correlated between each other.

For example if we are classifying a email message as positive & negative sentiment and we use features for whether or not a message contains certain words.

→ When the features are correlated then there would be a problem and our model would underperform.