

# Data Mining & Machine Learning

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# Today's topics

- Generative probabilistic classification
  - Naïve Bayes classifier

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- Once we estimate  $P(x|y)$  and  $P(y)$  from data
- Use Bayes rule to solve for  $P(y|x)$  for predictions on test points  $x$
- Classify test points  $x$  with label  **$\operatorname{argmax}_y P(y|x)$**
- called the **maximum a posteriori** assignment (MAP)

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**Denominator is not important for  
Classification**

$$\operatorname{argmax}_y \frac{P(x|y)P(y)}{P(x)} = \operatorname{argmax}_y P(x|y)P(y)$$



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Conditionals:  $P(A|BC)$   
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Prior:  $P(BC)$

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- If the attributes are real-valued, typically model  $P(x_j|y)$  as **Normal** distribution

# Learning the Naïve Bayes Classifier

- Suppose we have a dataset of  $n$  samples  $D = \{(\underline{\mathbf{x}}_1, y_1), (\underline{\mathbf{x}}_2, y_2) \dots (\underline{\mathbf{x}}_n, y_n)\}$
- Estimate  $P(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{y})P(\mathbf{y})$  using maximum likelihood estimation:

$P(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{y}; \hat{\theta})P(\mathbf{y}; \hat{\theta})$  where

$$\hat{\theta} = \operatorname{argmax}_{\theta} L(D; \theta)$$

$$L(D; \theta) = \prod_{i=1}^n \left( \left( \prod_{j=1}^d P(x_{ij} | y_i; \theta) \right) P(y_i; \theta) \right)$$

**Naïve assumption (conditional independence)**

# Naïve Bayes Maximum Likelihood Estimator

- We want to maximize this, jointly over the set of all parameters, to find  $\hat{\theta}$

$$L(D; \theta) = \left( P(Y = 1)^{\sum_{i=1}^n y_i} P(Y = 0)^{n - \sum_{i=1}^n y_i} \right) \prod_{j=1}^d \left( \prod_{i: y_i = 0} P(X_j = x_{ij} | Y = 0) \right) \left( \prod_{i: y_i = 1} P(X_j = x_{ij} | Y = 1) \right)$$

- **Solution:**

$$\hat{P}(y = 1) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n y_i \quad \text{Estimate of } P(Y=1)$$

$$\hat{P}(x_j = a | y = b) = \frac{1}{n_b} \sum_{i: y_i = b} \mathbb{I}[x_{ij} = a] \quad \text{Estimate of } P(X_j = a | Y = b)$$

$$n_b = |\{i : y_i = b\}|$$

# Computing conditionals from training examples

		X		
		Low	Medium	High
Y	Yes	10	13	17
	No	2	13	0

$$P(X = \text{Low} \mid Y = \text{Yes}) = \frac{10}{(10 + 13 + 17)}$$

$$P(Y = \text{No}) = \frac{(2 + 13)}{(2 + 13 + 10 + 13 + 17)}$$

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 &\propto \frac{4}{9} \cdot \frac{2}{9} \cdot \frac{3}{9} \cdot \frac{3}{9} \cdot \frac{9}{14}
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	31..40	0/5
	> 40	2/5

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yes	med	4/9
	low	3/9
no	high	2/5
	med	2/5
	low	1/5

P(S | BC)

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	no	3/9
no	yes	1/5
	no	4/5

P(CR | BC)

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	fair	6/9
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  - It equals 0 !!! (for both  $y$  values)
- Adjust for zero counts by “smoothing” probability estimates
- It also helps compensate for having small data set size

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where  $k$ =number of  
possible values of  $X$

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# Naïve Bayes classifier: Discrete vs Continuous

- If the attributes are real-valued, typically model  $P(x_j|y)$  as a **Normal** distribution
  - Each attribute  $x_j$  is conditionally Normal
  - For each possible  $y$  value and each attribute  $x_j$  we have 2 parameters:  
 $\mu_{(j,y)}$ ,  $\sigma_{(j,y)}$
  - $P(x_j | y = b)$  is density for  $N(\mu_{(j,b)}, \sigma_{(j,b)}^2)$

- Recall:

$$P(x_j | y = b) = \frac{1}{\sigma_{(j,b)} \sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{x_j - \mu_{(j,b)}}{\sigma_{(j,b)}} \right)^2}$$

- As before, denote by **p** the parameter for  $P(y=1)$

# Naïve Bayes Maximum Likelihood Estimator

- We want to maximize this, jointly over the set of all parameters, to find  $\hat{\theta}$

$$L(D; \theta) = \left( p^{\sum_{i=1}^n y_i} (1-p)^{n-\sum_{i=1}^n y_i} \right) \prod_{j=1}^d \prod_{b=0}^1 \left( \prod_{i:y_i=b} \frac{1}{\sigma_{(j,b)} \sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{x_{ij} - \mu_{(j,b)}}{\sigma_{(j,b)}} \right)^2} \right)$$

- **Solution:**

$$\hat{p} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n y_i$$

**Estimate of P(Y=1)**

$$\hat{\mu}_{(j,b)} = \frac{1}{n_b} \sum_{i:y_i=b} x_{ij} \quad ,$$

**Estimate of  
P(X<sub>j</sub> | Y = b)**

$$\hat{\sigma}_{(j,b)}^2 = \frac{1}{n_b} \sum_{i:y_i=b} (x_{ij} - \hat{\mu}_{(j,b)})^2$$

$$n_b = |\{i : y_i = b\}|$$

# Naïve Bayes classifier

- Simplifying (naive) assumption:  
attributes are conditionally independent given the class
- Strengths:
  - Easy to implement
  - Often performs well even when assumption is violated
- Weaknesses:
  - Dependencies among variables aren't being modeled