Classification: Naïve Bayes

Bayes Classifier

- A probabilistic framework for solving classification problems
- Conditional Probability:

$$P(Y \mid X) = \frac{P(X,Y)}{P(X)}$$

$$P(X \mid Y) = \frac{P(X,Y)}{P(Y)}$$

- Bayes theorem:

$$P(Y \mid X) = \frac{P(X \mid Y)P(Y)}{P(X)}$$

Example of Bayes Theorem

- Given:
  - A doctor knows that meningitis causes stiff neck 50% of the time
  - Prior probability of any patient having meningitis is 1/50,000
  - Prior probability of any patient having stiff neck is 1/20

- If a patient has stiff neck, what’s the probability he/she has meningitis?

$$P(M \mid S) = \frac{P(S \mid M)P(M)}{P(S)} = \frac{0.5 \times 1/50000}{1/20} = 0.0002$$

Using Bayes Theorem for Classification

- Consider each attribute and class label as random variables

- Given a record with attributes $(X_1, X_2, \ldots, X_d)$
  - Goal is to predict class Y
  - Specifically, we want to find the value of Y that maximizes $P(Y| X_1, X_2, \ldots, X_d)$

- Can we estimate $P(Y| X_1, X_2, \ldots, X_d)$ directly from data?

Example Data

Given a Test Record:

$$X = (\text{Refund} = \text{No}, \text{Divorced}, \text{Income} = 120\text{K})$$

Tid	Refund	Marital Status	Taxable Income	Evade
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- Can we estimate

  P(Evade = Yes | X) and P(Evade = No | X)?

  In the following we will replace

  Evade = Yes by Yes, and

  Evade = No by No

Using Bayes Theorem for Classification

- Approach:
  - compute posterior probability $P(Y \mid X_1, X_2, \ldots, X_d)$ using the Bayes theorem

$$\boxed{P(Y \mid X_1 X_2 \ldots X_n) = \frac{P(X_1 X_2 \ldots X_d \mid Y) P(Y)}{P(X_1 X_2 \ldots X_d)}}$$

  - *Maximum a-posteriori*: Choose Y that maximizes
    $P(Y \mid X_1, X_2, \ldots, X_d)$

  - Equivalent to choosing value of Y that maximizes
    $P(X_1, X_2, \ldots, X_d \mid Y)\, P(Y)$

- How to estimate $P(X_1, X_2, \ldots, X_d \mid Y)$?

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Using Bayes Theorem:

- $P(Yes \mid X) = \dfrac{P(X \mid Yes)P(Yes)}{P(X)}$
- $P(No \mid X) = \dfrac{P(X \mid No)P(No)}{P(X)}$
- How to estimate $P(X \mid Yes)$ and $P(X \mid No)$?

Naïve Bayes Classifier

- Assume independence among attributes X_i when class is given:
  - $P(X_1, X_2, \ldots, X_d | Y_j) = P(X_1 | Y_j)\, P(X_2 | Y_j) \ldots P(X_d | Y_j)$
  - Now we can estimate $P(X_i | Y_j)$ for all X_i and Y_j combinations from the training data
  - New point is classified to Y_j if $P(Y_j) \prod P(X_i | Y_j)$ is maximal.

Conditional Independence

- **X** and **Y** are conditionally independent given **Z** if $P(\mathbf{X}|\mathbf{YZ}) = P(\mathbf{X}|\mathbf{Z})$

- Example: Arm length and reading skills
  - Young child has shorter arm length and limited reading skills, compared to adults
  - If age is fixed, no apparent relationship between arm length and reading skills
  - Arm length and reading skills are conditionally independent given age

Naïve Bayes on Example Data

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- P(X | Yes) =
  P(Refund = No | Yes) x
  P(Divorced | Yes) x
  P(Income = 120K | Yes)
- P(X | No) =
  P(Refund = No | No) x
  P(Divorced | No) x
  P(Income = 120K | No)

Estimate Probabilities from Data

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- Class: $P(Y) = N_c/N$
  - e.g., $P(No) = 7/10$,
    $P(Yes) = 3/10$
- For categorical attributes:

  $$P(X_i \mid Y_k) = |X_{ik}| / N_{c\,k}$$

  - where $|X_{ik}|$ is number of instances having attribute value X_i and belonging to class Y_k
  - Examples:

    P(Status=Married|No) = 4/7
    P(Refund=Yes|Yes)=0

Estimate Probabilities from Data

- For continuous attributes:
  - Discretization: Partition the range into bins:
    - Replace continuous value with bin value
      - Attribute changed from continuous to ordinal^{k}
  - Probability density estimation:
    - Assume attribute follows a normal distribution
    - Use data to estimate parameters of distribution (e.g., mean and standard deviation)
    - Once probability distribution is known, use it to estimate the conditional probability $P(X_i|Y)$

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- Normal distribution:

$$P(X_i \mid Y_j) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma_{ij}^2}} e^{-\frac{(X_i - \mu_{ij})^2}{2\sigma_{ij}^2}}$$

  - One for each (X_i, Y_i) pair

- For (Income, Class=No):
  - If Class=No
    - sample mean = 110
    - sample variance = 2975

$$P(Income = 120 \mid No) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}(54.54)} e^{-\frac{(120-110)^2}{2(2975)}} = 0.0072$$

Example of Naïve Bayes Classifier

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Naïve Bayes Classifier:

P(Refund = Yes | No) = 3/7
P(Refund = No | No) = 4/7
P(Refund = Yes | Yes) = 0
P(Refund = No | Yes) = 1
P(Marital Status = Single | No) = 2/7
P(Marital Status = Divorced | No) = 1/7
P(Marital Status = Married | No) = 4/7
P(Marital Status = Single | Yes) = 2/3
P(Marital Status = Divorced | Yes) = 1/3
P(Marital Status = Married | Yes) = 0

For Taxable Income:
If class = No: sample mean = 110
sample variance = 2975
If class = Yes: sample mean = 90
sample variance = 25

- P(X | No) = P(Refund=No | No) $\times$ P(Divorced | No) $\times$ P(Income=120K | No) = 4/7 $\times$ 1/7 $\times$ 0.0072 = 0.0006
- P(X | Yes) = P(Refund=No | Yes) $\times$ P(Divorced | Yes) $\times$ P(Income=120K | Yes) = 1 $\times$ 1/3 $\times$ 1.2 $\times$ 10^{-9} = 4 $\times$ 10^{-10}

Since P(X|No)P(No) > P(X|Yes)P(Yes)

Therefore P(No|X) > P(Yes|X)
=> Class = No

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For Taxable Income:
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sample variance = 2975
If class = Yes: sample mean = 90
sample variance = 25

- P(Yes) = 3/10
  P(No) = 7/10
- P(Yes | Divorced) = 1/3 x 3/10 / P(Divorced)
  P(No | Divorced) = 1/7 x 7/10 / P(Divorced)
- P(Yes | Refund = No, Divorced) = 1 x 1/3 x 3/10 / P(Divorced, Refund = No)
  P(No | Refund = No, Divorced) = 4/7 x 1/7 x 7/10 / P(Divorced, Refund = No)

Issues with Naïve Bayes Classifier

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sample variance = 25

- P(Yes) = 3/10
  P(No) = 7/10

- P(Yes | Married) = 0 x 3/10 / P(Married)
  P(No | Married) = 4/7 x 7/10 / P(Married)

Issues with Naïve Bayes Classifier

Consider the table with Tid = 7 deleted

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Naïve Bayes Classifier:

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P(Marital Status = Single | No) = 2/6
P(Marital Status = Divorced | No) = 0
P(Marital Status = Married | No) = 4/6
P(Marital Status = Single | Yes) = 2/3
P(Marital Status = Divorced | Yes) = 1/3
P(Marital Status = Married | Yes) = 0/3
For Taxable Income:
If class = No: sample mean = 91
sample variance = 685
If class = No: sample mean = 90
sample variance = 25

Given X = (Refund = Yes, Divorced, 120K)

P(X | No) = 2/6 X 0 X 0.0083 = 0

P(X | Yes) = 0 X 1/3 X 1.2 X 10^{-9} = 0

Naïve Bayes will not be able to classify X as Yes or No!

Issues with Naïve Bayes Classifier

- If one of the conditional probabilities is zero, then the entire expression becomes zero
- Need to use other estimates of conditional probabilities than simple fractions
- Probability estimation:

$$\text{Original}: P(A_i \mid C) = \frac{N_{ic}}{N_c}$$

$$\text{Laplace}: P(A_i \mid C) = \frac{N_{ic} + 1}{N_c + c}$$

$$\text{m-estimate}: P(A_i \mid C) = \frac{N_{ic} + mp}{N_c + m}$$

c: number of classes

p: prior probability of the class

m: parameter

N_c: number of instances in the class

N_{ic}: number of instances having attribute value A_i in class c

Naïve Bayes (Summary)

- Robust to isolated noise points
- Handle missing values by ignoring the instance during probability estimate calculations
- Robust to irrelevant attributes
- Independence assumption may not hold for some attributes
  - Use other techniques such as Bayesian Belief Networks (BBN)