



COMP 336I Natural Language Processing

Lecture 3: Text Classification

Spring 2024

Announcements

- Assignment I has been released (due in 4 weeks: 9:00 am, Feb 20)
- Once more, please sign up for the course's Slack workspace. This is included in your class participation grade.

https://join.slack.com/t/slack-fdv4728/shared_invite/zt-2asgddr0h-6wlXbRndwKhBw2lX2~ZrJQ

- You should be able to access the course Moodle page now.
- The course page has updated details on the tentative schedule



Google form survey

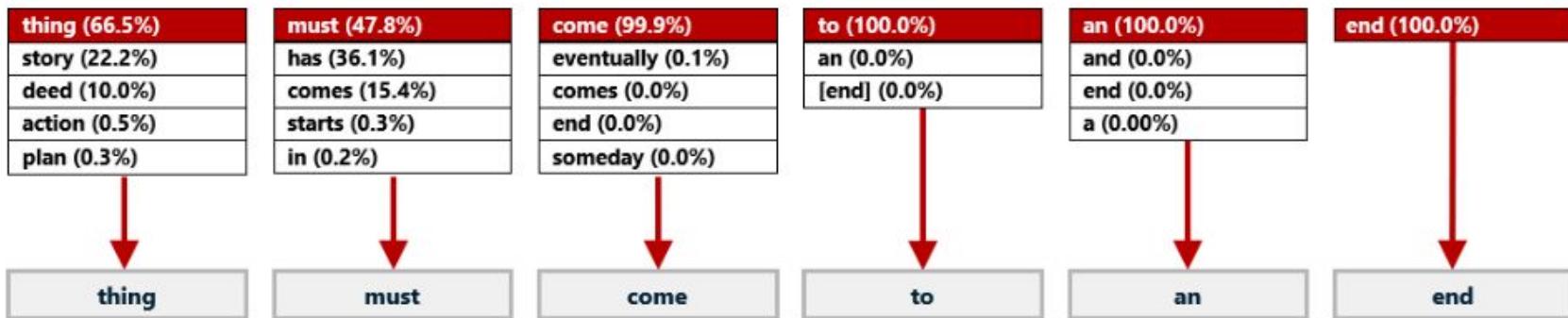
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Lecture plan

- Recap of language modeling
- Naive Bayes and sentiment classification
- Logistic Regression for text classification

Generating from language models

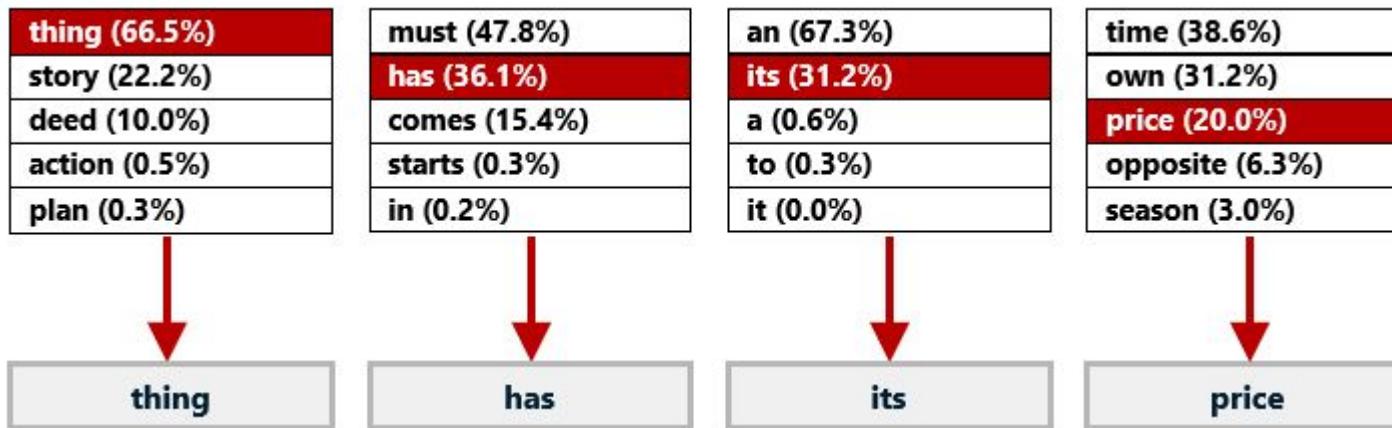
- Deterministic approach: Temperature=0, always selects the word with the highest probability in each iteration



How ChatGPT completes a sentence with temperature=0

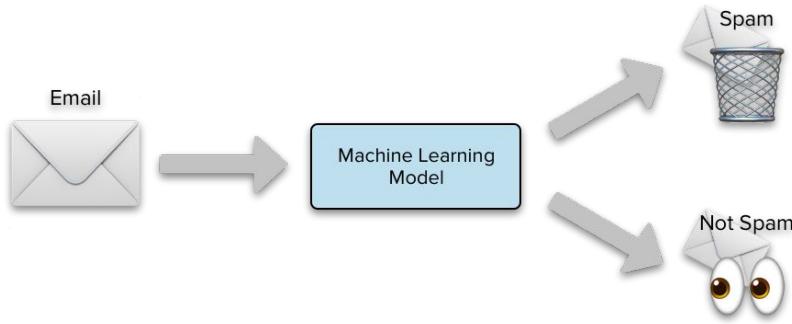
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- Probabilistic or stochastic approach: e.g., temperature=0.7, the next word is chosen based on a probability distribution over the possible words. More creative!

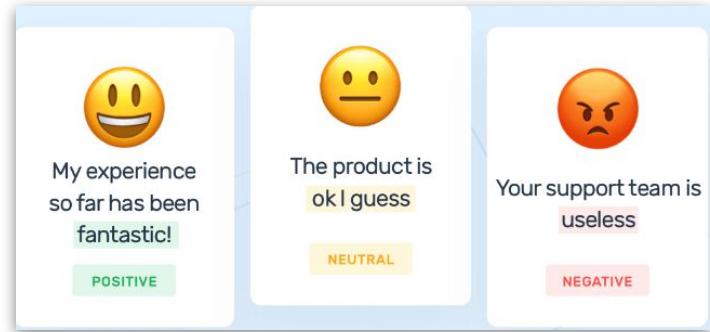


How ChatGPT completes a sentence with temperature=0.7

Why text classification?



Spam email detection



Sentiment analysis

Q: any other examples?

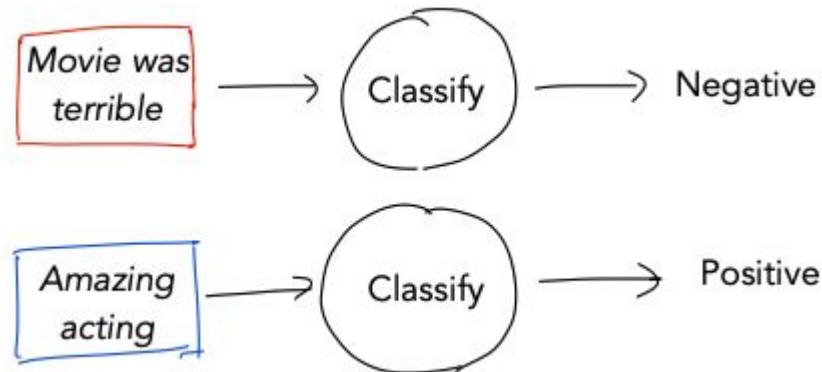
Text classification

Inputs:

- A document d
- A set of classes C (m classes)

Output:

- Predicted class $c \in C$ for document d



Prompting ChatGPT for text classification



You

what is the sentiment of "predictable with no fun"?



ChatGPT

The sentiment of the phrase "predictable with no fun" is negative. This phrase suggests a lack of excitement or interest, implying that something is so predictable that it becomes boring or unenjoyable.



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ChatGPT

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Parse ChatGPT's output

Rule-based text classification

IF there exists word w in document d such that w in [good, great, extra-ordinary, ...],

THEN output *Positive*

IF email address ends in [ithelpdesk.com, makemoney.com, spinthewheel.com, ...]

THEN output *SPAM*

- + Can be very accurate (if rules carefully refined by expert)
- - Rules may be hard to define (and some even unknown to us!)
- - Labor intensive and expensive
- - Hard to generalize and keep up-to-date

Supervised Learning: Let's use statistics!

Let the machine figure out the best patterns using data

Inputs:

- Set of m classes C
- Set of n ‘labeled’ documents: $\{(d_1, c_1), (d_2, c_2), \dots, (d_n, c_n)\}$,
 $d_i \in \mathcal{D}, c_i \in C$

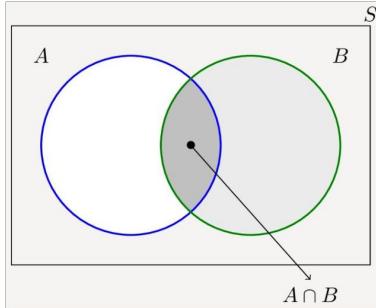
Output:

- Trained classifier, $F : \mathcal{D} \rightarrow C$

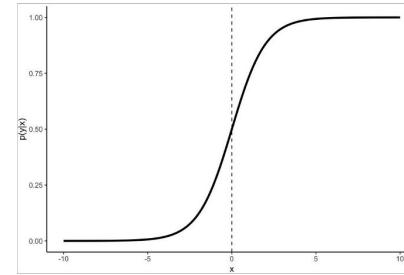
Key questions:

- What is the form of F ?
- How do we learn F ?

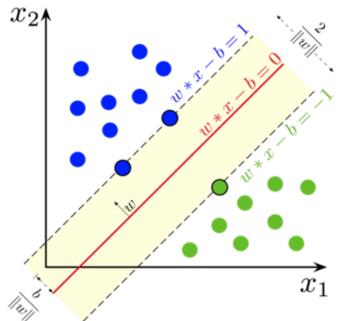
Types of supervised classifiers



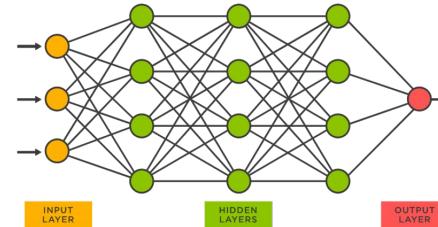
Naive Bayes



Logistic regression

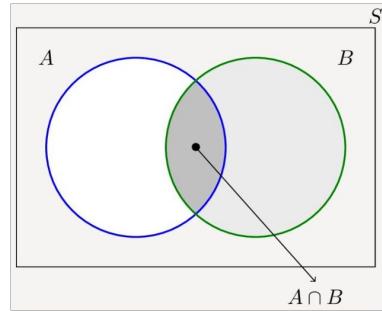


Support vector machines



Neural networks

Naive Bayes



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Naive Bayes classifier

Simple classification model making use of Bayes rule

- Bayes rule:



$$P(c | d) = \frac{P(c)P(d | c)}{P(d)}$$

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Naive Bayes classifier

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conditional probability of generating
document d from class c

prior probability of class c

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- Option 2: Bag of words

$$P(w_1, w_2, \dots, w_K | c) = P(w_1 | c)P(w_2 | c) \dots P(w_K | c)$$

- Assume position of each word doesn't matter
 - Probability of each word is *conditionally independent* of the other words given class c



Bag of words (BoW)

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Predicting with Naive Bayes

We now have:

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Equivalent as $c_{\text{MAP}} = \operatorname{argmax}_{c \in C} \left(\log P(c) + \sum_{i=1}^K \log P(w_i \mid c) \right)$

How to estimate probabilities?

Given a set of n ‘labeled’ documents:
 $\{(d_1, c_1), (d_2, c_2), \dots, (d_n, c_n)\}$

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Maximum likelihood estimates:

$$\hat{P}(c_j) = \frac{\text{Count}(c_j)}{n}$$

How many documents are
class c_j in the training set

$$\hat{P}(w_i | c_j) = \frac{\text{Count}(w_i, c_j)}{\sum_{w \in V} \text{Count}(w, c_j)}$$

Fraction of times word w_i
appears among all words in
documents of class c_j

Data sparsity problem

What if $\text{count}(\text{'fantastic'}, \text{positive}) = 0$?

→ Implies $P(\text{'fantastic'} | \text{positive}) = 0$

$$\operatorname{argmax}_{c \in C} P(c) \prod_{i=1}^K P(w_i | c)$$

This term becomes 0
for $c = \text{positive}$

This sounds familiar...

Solution: Smoothing!

Laplace smoothing:

$$\hat{P}(w_i \mid c_j) = \frac{\text{Count}(w_i, c_j) + \alpha}{\sum_{w \in V} \text{Count}(w, c_j) + \alpha |V|}$$

- Simple, easy to use
- Effective in practice

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A. We can simply ignore them

A worked example for sentiment analysis

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Test	?	predictable with no fun

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3. Estimating the conditional probs

$$p(w_i|c) = \frac{\text{count}(w_i, c) + 1}{(\sum_{w \in V} \text{count}(w, c)) + |V|}$$

$$P(\text{"predictable"}|-) = \frac{1+1}{14+20} \quad P(\text{"predictable"}|+) = \frac{0+1}{9+20}$$

$$P(\text{"no"}|-) = \frac{1+1}{14+20} \quad P(\text{"no"}|+) = \frac{0+1}{9+20}$$

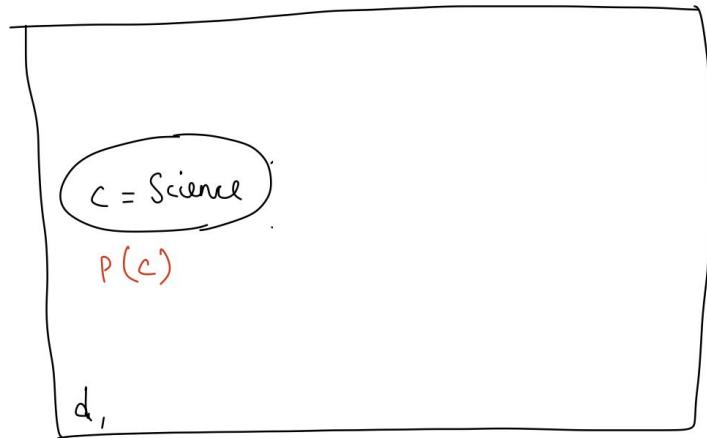
$$P(\text{"fun"}|-) = \frac{0+1}{14+20} \quad P(\text{"fun"}|+) = \frac{1+1}{9+20}$$

4. Scoring the test example

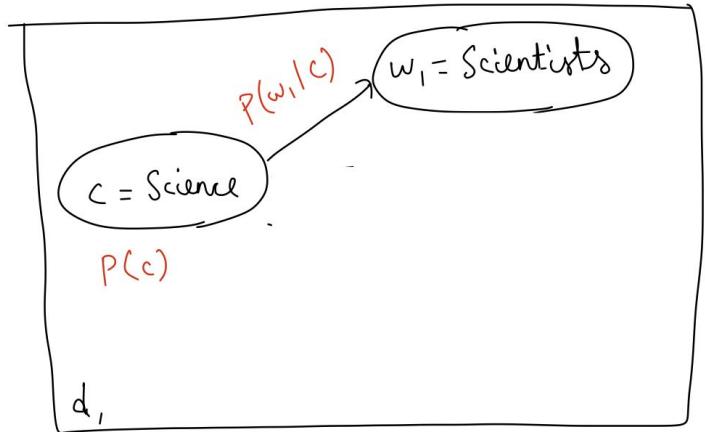
$$P(-)P(S|-) = \frac{3}{5} \times \frac{2 \times 2 \times 1}{34^3} = 6.1 \times 10^{-5}$$

$$P(+)P(S|+) = \frac{2}{5} \times \frac{1 \times 1 \times 2}{29^3} = 3.2 \times 10^{-5}$$

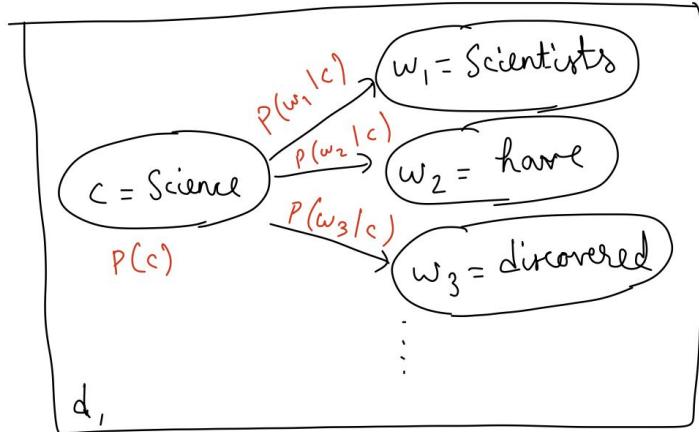
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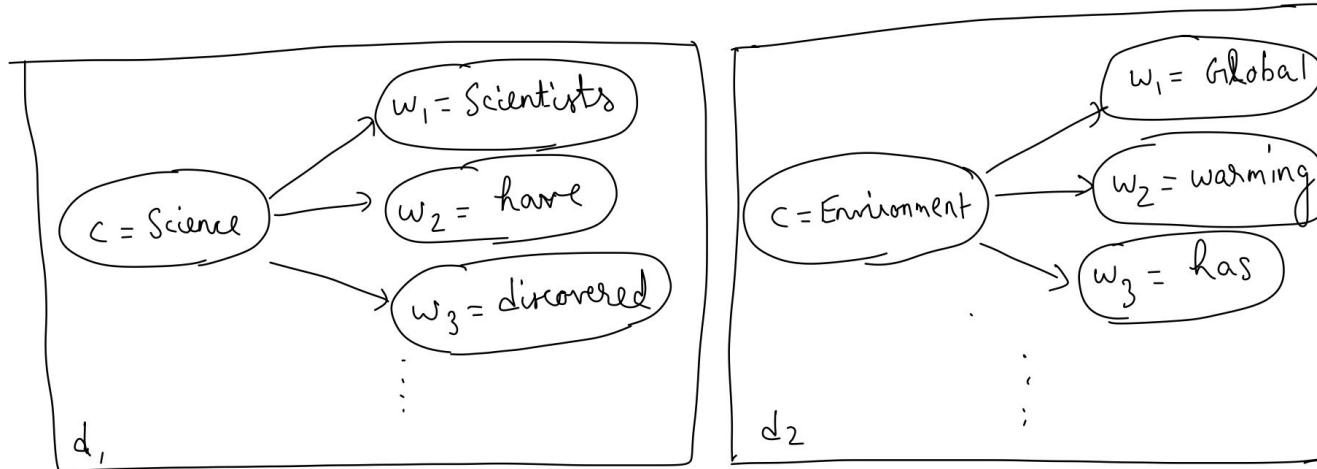
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Since $P(w_1, w_2, \dots, w_K | c) = P(w_1 | c)P(w_2 | c) \dots P(w_K | c)$

Each class = a unigram language model!

Naive Bayes vs. language models

- Which class assigns the higher probability to s?

Model pos		Model neg		Sentence s				
0.1	I	0.2	I	I				
0.1	love	0.001	love		love	this	fun	film
0.01	this	0.01	this	0.1	0.1	0.01	0.05	0.1
0.05	fun	0.005	fun	0.2	0.001	0.01	0.005	0.1
0.1	film	0.1	film					

A) pos B) neg C) both equal

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0.05 fun	0.005	fun					
0.1 film	0.1	film					

$P(s|pos) > P(s|neg)$

Naive Bayes: pros and cons

- (+) Very fast, low storage requirements
- (+) Work well with very small amounts of training data
- (+) Robust to irrelevant features
 - Irrelevant features cancel each other without affecting results
- (+) Very good in domains with many equally important features
 - Decision trees suffer from fragmentation in such cases — especially if little data
- (-) The independence assumption is too strong
- (-) Doesn't work well when the classes are highly imbalanced
 - Potential solutions: **complement Naive Bayes** (Rennie et al., 2003)

Naive Bayes can use any features!

- In general, Naive Bayes can use any set of features, not just words:
 - URLs, email addresses, Capitalization, ...
 - Domain knowledge crucial to performance

$$P(d \mid c) = P(f_1 \mid c)P(f_2 \mid c)\dots P(f_{K'} \mid c)$$

Spam Attachments Features					
Habul Dataset			Botnet Dataset		
Rank	Category	Feature	Rank	Category	Feature
1	Subject	Number of capitalized words	1	Subject	Min of the compression ratio for the bz2 compressor
2	Subject	Sum of all the character lengths of words	2	Subject	Min of the compression ratio for the zlib compressor
3	Subject	Number of words containing letters and numbers	3	Subject	Min of character diversity of each word
4	Subject	Max of ratio of digit characters to all characters of each word	4	Subject	Min of the compression ratio for the lzw compressor
5	Header	Hour of day when email was sent	5	Subject	Max of the character lengths of words
(a)			(b)		
Spam URLs Features					
1	URL	The number of all URLs in an email	1	Header	Day of week when email was sent
2	URL	The number of unique URLs in an email	2	Payload	Number of characters
3	Payload	Number of words containing letters and numbers	3	Payload	Sum of all the character lengths of words
4	Payload	Min of the compression ratio for the bz2 compressor	4	Header	Minute of hour when email was sent
5	Payload	Number of words containing only letters	5	Header	Hour of day when email was sent
(c)			(d)		

Top features for spam detection

Wait, we already have ChatGPT, why still NB?

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Negative.



Naive Bayes



Transformers, neural networks and many others
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- Computational efficiency, cost
- Simplicity and interpretability
- Small data performance
- Out of domain
 - Requires domain experts to design features
- ...

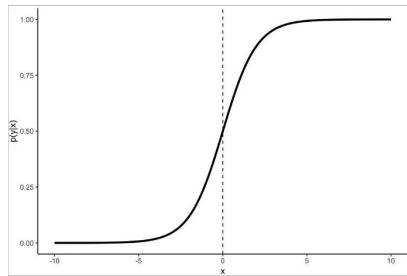


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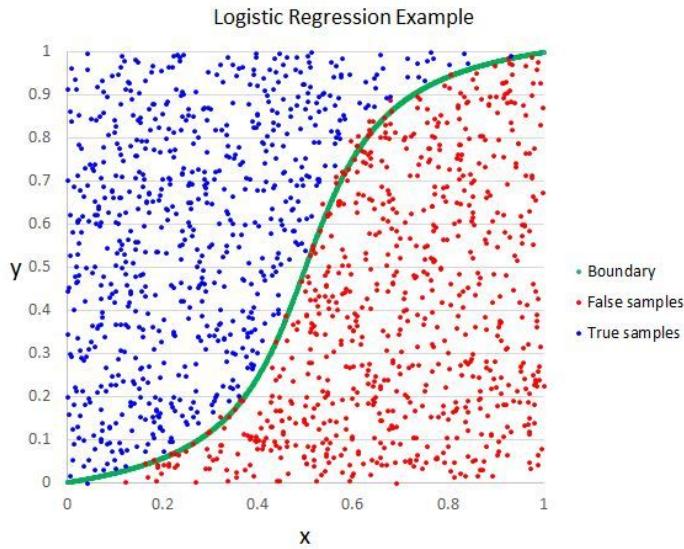
Logistic regression



Logistic regression

Study yourself!

Logistic regression



- Powerful supervised model
- Baseline approach for many NLP tasks
- Foundation of neural networks
- Binary (two classes) or multinomial (>2 classes)

Generative vs. discriminative models

- Naive Bayes is a **generative** model

$$\operatorname{argmax}_{c \in C} P(d | c)P(c)$$

- Logistic regression is a **discriminative** model

$$\operatorname{argmax}_{c \in C} P(c | d)$$

Suppose we're distinguishing cat from dog images



imagenet



imagenet

Generative classifiers

- Build a model of what is in a cat image
 - Knows about whiskers, ears, eyes
 - Assigns a probability to any image - how cat-y is this image?
- Also build a model for dog images
- Now given a new image:
 - **Run both models and see which one fits better?**



Discriminative classifiers

Just try to distinguish dogs from cats



Oh look, dogs have collars!
Let's ignore everything else

Overall process: Discriminative classifiers

Input: a set of labeled documents $\{(d_i, y_i)\}_{i=1}^n$

- Components:

1. Convert d_i into a **feature representation** x_i
 2. **Classification function** to compute \hat{y} using $P(\hat{y} | x)$
 3. **Loss function** for learning
 4. Optimization **algorithm**
- $y_i = 0 \text{ or } 1 \text{ (binary)}$
- $y_i = 1, \dots, m \text{ (multinomial)}$
- Using either sigmoid or softmax!
- **Train phase:** Learn the **parameters** of the model to minimize **loss function** on the training set
 - **Test phase:** Apply **parameters** to predict class given a new input x (feature representation of testing document d)

I. Feature representation

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times	1
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satirical	1
adventure	1
genre	1
fairy	1
humor	1
have	1
great	1
...	...

$$\mathbf{x} = [x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k]$$

In BoW representations, $k = |V|$ and the vector could be very sparse

Example: Sentiment classification

It's hokey. There are virtually no surprises, and the writing is second-rate.
So why was it so enjoyable? For one thing, the cast is
great. Another nice touch is the music I was overcome with the urge to get off
the couch and start dancing. It sucked me in, and it'll do the same to you.

$$x_2=2$$

$$x_3=1$$

$$x_1=3$$

$$x_5=0$$

$$x_6=4.15$$

$$x_4=3$$

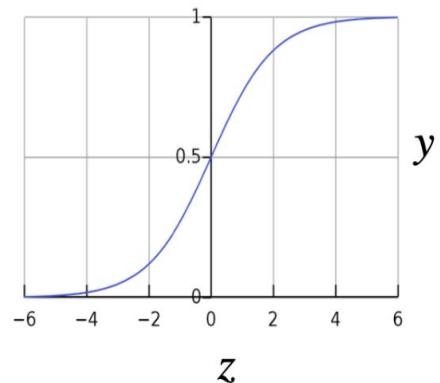
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x_4	count(1st and 2nd pronouns \in doc)	3
x_5	$\begin{cases} 1 & \text{if "!" } \in \text{doc} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$	0
x_6	$\log(\text{word count of doc})$	$\ln(64) = 4.15$

Remember that the values make up the feature vector!

2. Classification function

- Given: Input feature vector $\mathbf{x} = [x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k]$
- Output: $P(y = 1 | \mathbf{x})$ and $P(y = 0 | \mathbf{x})$ (*binary classification*)

- Weight vector $\mathbf{w} = [w_1, w_2, \dots, w_k]$ bias
- Given input features \mathbf{x} : $z = \mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x} + b$
 - Therefore, $\hat{y} = P(y = 1 | \mathbf{x}) = \sigma(\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x} + b) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-(\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x} + b)}}$
 - Decision boundary: $= \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \hat{y} > 0.5 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$



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- Assume weights $\mathbf{w} = [2.5, -5.0, -1.2, 0.5, 2.0, 0.7]$ and bias $b = 0.1$

$$\begin{aligned} p(+|x) = P(Y = 1|x) &= \sigma(w \cdot x + b) \\ &= \sigma([2.5, -5.0, -1.2, 0.5, 2.0, 0.7] \cdot [3, 2, 1, 3, 0, 4.15] + 0.1) \\ &= \sigma(.805) \\ &= 0.69 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} p(-|x) = P(Y = 0|x) &= 1 - \sigma(w \cdot x + b) \\ &= 0.31 \end{aligned}$$

3. Loss function

- For n data points (x_i, y_i) , $\hat{y}_i = P(y_i = 1 | x_i)$
- Classifier probability: $\prod_{i=1}^n P(y_i | x_i) = \prod_{i=1}^n \hat{y}_i^{y_i} (1 - \hat{y}_i)^{1-y_i}$
- Loss: $-\log \prod_{i=1}^n P(y_i | x_i) = -\sum_{i=1}^n \log P(y_i | x_i)$

$$L_{CE} = -\sum_{i=1}^n [y_i \log \hat{y}_i + (1 - y_i) \log(1 - \hat{y}_i)]$$

Example: Computing CE loss

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- Assume weights $w = [2.5, -5.0, -1.2, 0.5, 2.0, 0.7]$ and bias $b = 0.1$

- If $y = 1$ (positive sentiment), $L_{CE} = -\log(0.69) = 0.37$

$$P(y = 1 | x) = 0.69$$

- If $y = 0$ (negative sentiment), $L_{CE} = -\log(0.31) = 1.17$

$$P(y = 0 | x) = 0.31$$

Properties of CE loss

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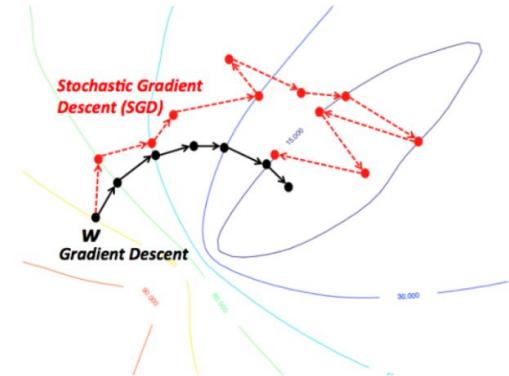
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- The answer is A) - Ranges from 0 (perfect predictions) to ∞
- Lower the value, better the classifier

4. Optimization

- We have our **classification function** and **loss function** - how do we find the best w and b ?

$$\theta = [w; b]$$

$$\hat{\theta} = \arg \min_{\theta} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n L_{CE}(y_i, x_i; \theta)$$



- **Optimization algorithm:** gradient descent!
- Cross entropy loss for logistic regression is **convex** (i.e. has only one global minimum) so gradient descent is guaranteed to find the minimum.

You should know what is learning rate, and what is stochastic gradient descent..

Gradient for logistic regression

$$\hat{y}_i = \sigma(\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x}_i + b)$$

$$L_{CE} = - \sum_{i=1}^n [y_i \log \hat{y}_i + (1 - y_i) \log(1 - \hat{y}_i)]$$

- Gradient, $\frac{dL_{CE}(\mathbf{w}, b)}{dw_j} = \sum_{i=1}^n [\hat{y}_i - y_i] x_{i,j}$ 
The j-th value of the feature vector \mathbf{x}_i
- $\frac{dL_{CE}(\mathbf{w}, b)}{db} = \sum_{i=1}^n [\hat{y}_i - y_i]$

Regularization

- Training objective: $\hat{\theta} = \arg \max_{\theta} \sum_{i=1}^n \log P(y_i | x_i)$
- This might fit the training set too well! (including noisy features), and lead to poor generalization to the unseen test set — **Overfitting**
- **Regularization** helps prevent overfitting

$$\hat{\theta} = \arg \max_{\theta} \left[\sum_{i=1}^n \log P(y_i | x_i) - \alpha R(\theta) \right]$$

- L2 regularization:

$$\hat{\theta} = \arg \max_{\theta} \left[\sum_{i=1}^n \log P(y_i | x_i) - \alpha \sum_{j=1}^d \theta_j^2 \right]$$

Multinomial logistic regression

- What if we have more than 2 classes?
- Need to model $P(y = c | x) \quad \forall c \in \{1, \dots, m\}$
- Generalize **sigmoid** function to **softmax**

$$\text{softmax}(z_i) = \frac{e^{z_i}}{\sum_{j=1}^m e^{z_j}} \quad 1 \leq i \leq m$$

- The classifier probability is defined as:

$$P(y = c | x) = \frac{e^{\mathbf{w}_c \cdot \mathbf{x} + b_c}}{\sum_{j=1}^m e^{\mathbf{w}_j \cdot \mathbf{x} + b_j}}$$

Features in multinomial LR

- Features need to include both input (x) and class (c)

$$P(y = c | x) = \frac{e^{\mathbf{w}_c \cdot \mathbf{x} + b_c}}{\sum_{j=1}^m e^{\mathbf{w}_j \cdot \mathbf{x} + b_j}}$$

Var	Definition	Wt
$f_1(0, x)$	$\begin{cases} 1 & \text{if “!”} \in \text{doc} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$	-4.5
$f_1(+, x)$	$\begin{cases} 1 & \text{if “!”} \in \text{doc} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$	2.6
$f_1(-, x)$	$\begin{cases} 1 & \text{if “!”} \in \text{doc} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$	1.3

Learning

- Generalize binary loss to multinomial CE loss:

$$\begin{aligned} L_{CE}(\hat{y}, y) &= - \sum_{c=1}^m 1\{y = c\} \log P(y = c | x) \\ &= - \sum_{c=1}^m 1\{y = c\} \log \frac{e^{w_c \cdot x + b_c}}{\sum_{j=1}^m e^{w_j \cdot x + b_j}} \end{aligned}$$

- Gradient:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dL_{CE}}{dw_c} &= - (1\{y = c\} - P(y = c | x))x \\ &= - \left(1\{y = c\} - \frac{e^{w_c \cdot x + b_c}}{\sum_{j=1}^m e^{w_j \cdot x + b_j}} \right)x \end{aligned}$$

Next lecture: word embeddings

