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Text classification

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Text classification

- **Text classification** is the task of categorising text documents into predefined classes.
- The term 'document' is applied to everything from tweets over press releases to complete books.

Topic classification

| UK | China | Elections | Sports |
|------------|------------|-----------|----------|
| congestion | Olympics | recount | diamond |
| London | Beijing | votes | baseball |
| Parliament | tourism | seat | forward |
| Big Ben | Great Wall | run-off | soccer |
| Windsor | Mao | TV-ads | team |
| The Queen | Communist | campaign | captain |

Forensic linguistics



'I realized the faxed copy I just received was an outline of the manifesto, using much of the same wording, definitely the same topics and themes. ... I invented [the language analysis] for this case and really, forensics linguistics took off after that.'

James Fitzgerald, profiler

Sources: Wikipedia, Newsweek

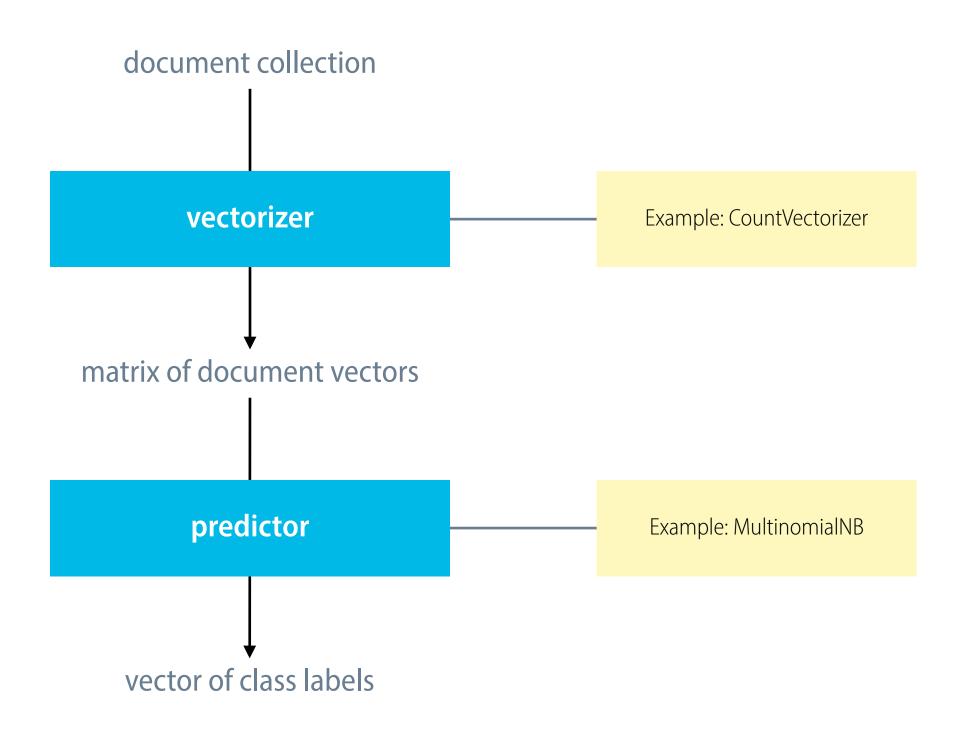
Sentiment analysis

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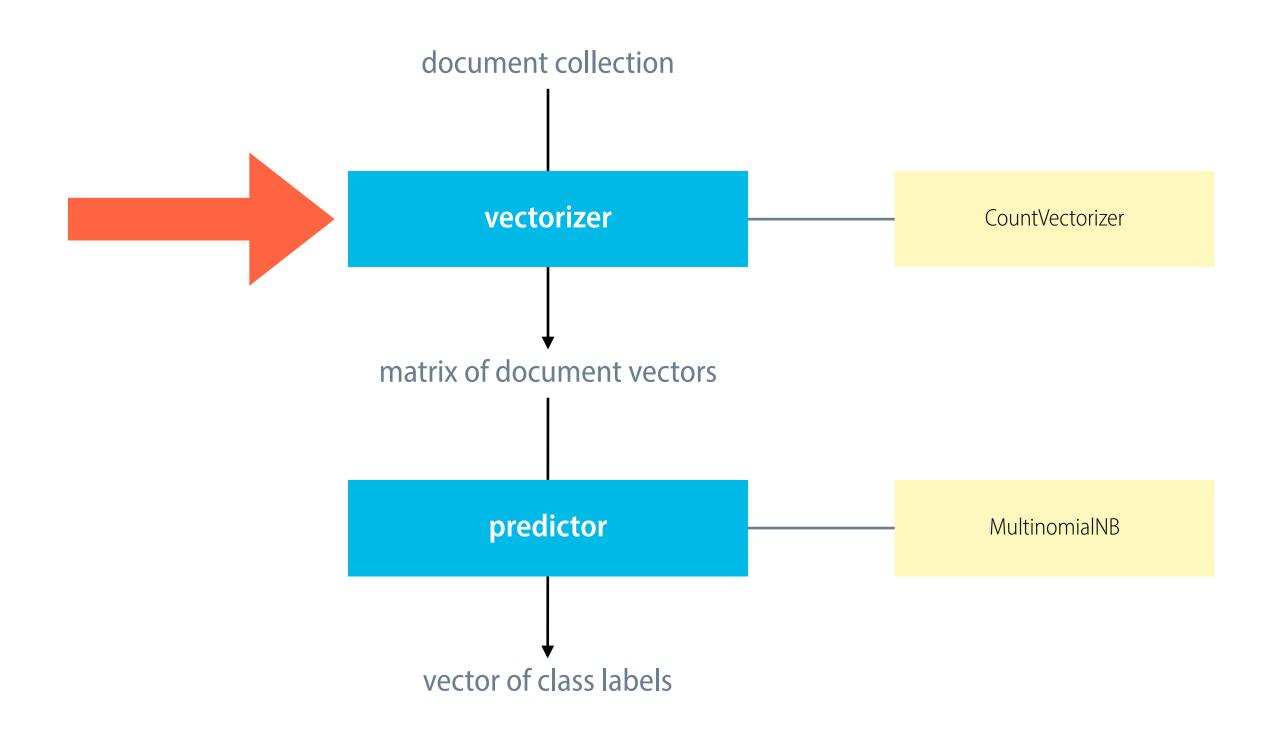
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The standard text classification pipeline



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Reminder: Documents as tf-idf vectors

| | Scandal in Bohemia | Final problem | Empty house | Norwood builder | Dancing men | Retired colourman |
|----------|-----------------------|------------------|----------------|--------------------|----------------|----------------------|
| Adair | 0,0000 | 0,0000 | 0,0692 | 0,000 | 0,0000 | 0,0000 |
| Adler | 0,0531 | 0,0000 | 0,0000 | 0,0000 | 0,0000 | 0,0000 |
| Lestrade | 0,0000 | 0,0000 | 0,0291 | 0,1424 | 0,0000 | 0,0000 |
| Moriarty | 0,0000 | 0,0845 | 0,0528 | 0,0034 | 0,0000 | 0,000 |

Documents as count vectors – the bag of words

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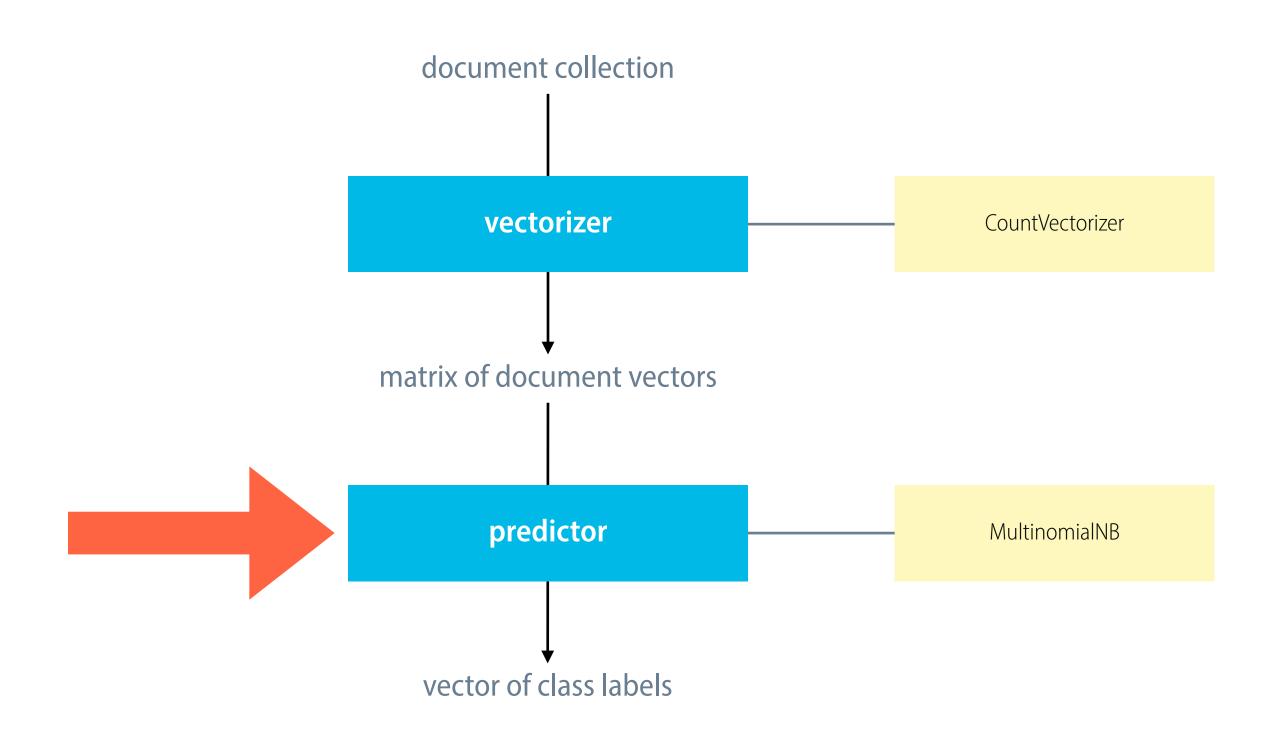
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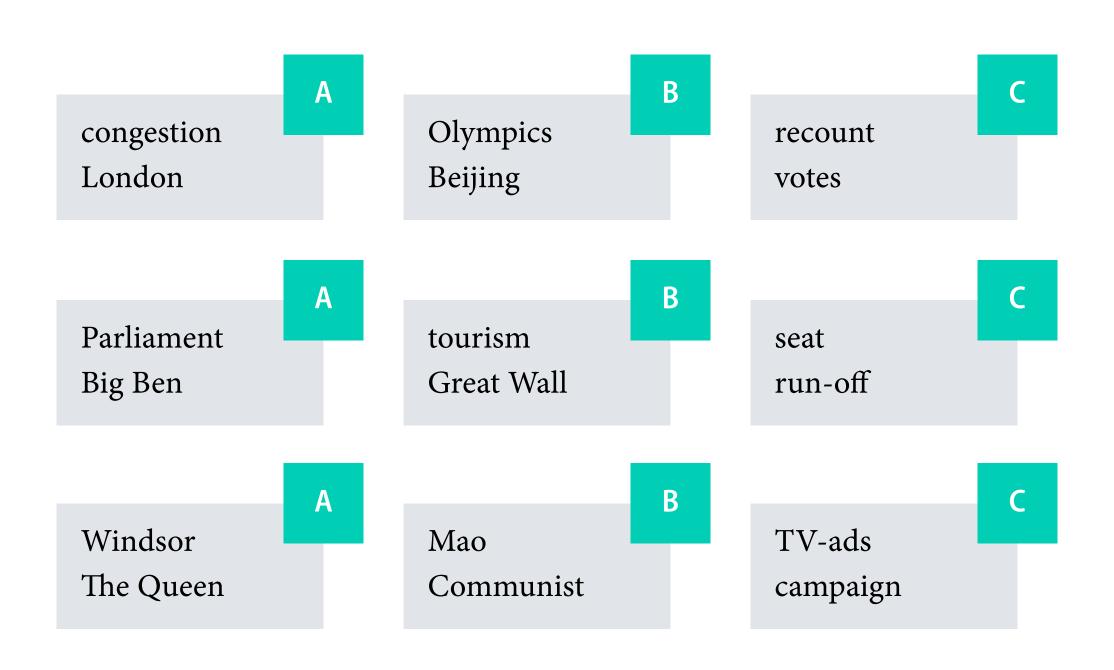
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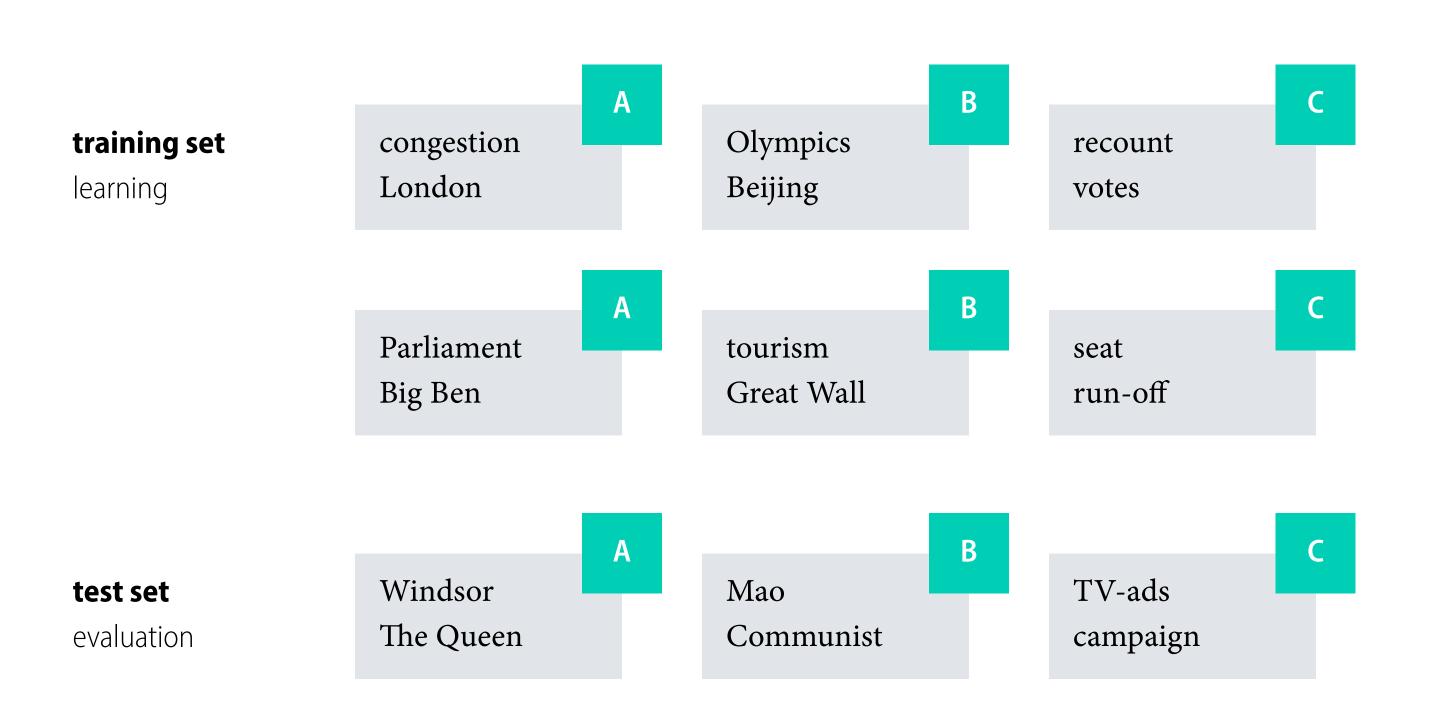
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Text classification as supervised machine learning



Text classification as supervised machine learning



Training and testing

Training

When we train a classifier, we present it with a document x and its gold-standard class y and apply some learning algorithm.

maximise likelihood/minimise cross-entropy of the training data

Testing

When we evaluate a classifier, we present it with *x* and compare the predicted class for this input with the gold-standard class *y*.

Two challenges in text classification

• Standard document representations such as the bag of words easily yield tens of thousands of features.

computational challenge, data sparsity

 Many document collections are highly imbalanced with respect to the represented classes.

frequency bias, problems for evaluation

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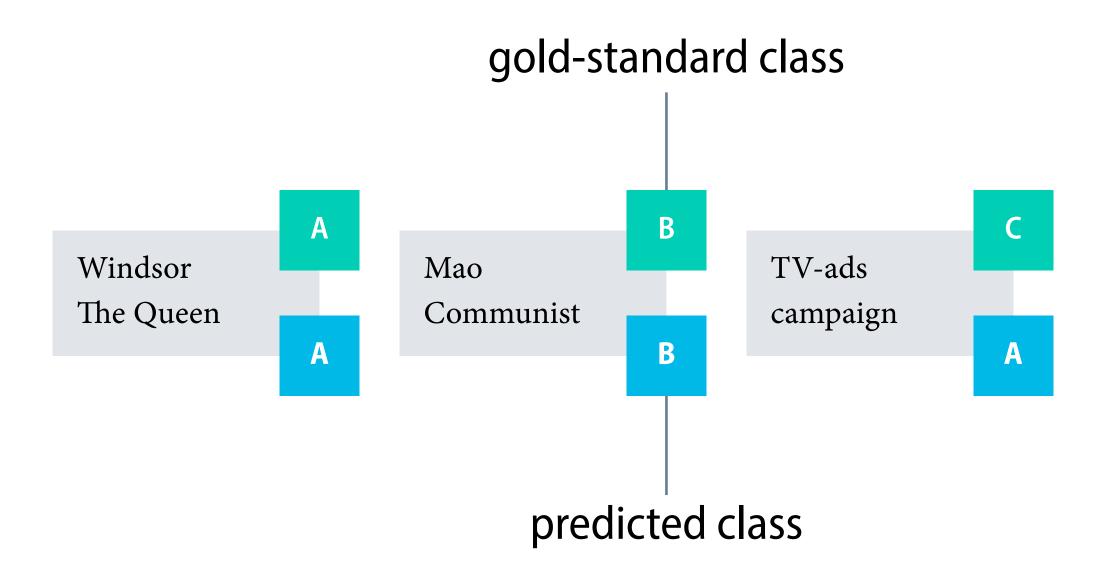
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- Support Vector Machines

Evaluation of text classifiers

Evaluation of text classifiers

- We require a test set consisting of a number of documents, each of which has been tagged with its correct class.
 - typically part of a larger gold-standard data set
- To evaluate a classifier, we apply it to the test set and compare the predicted classes with the gold-standard classes.
- We do so in order to estimate how well the classifier will perform on new, previously unseen documents.
 - assume that all samples are drawn from the same distribution

Evaluation of text classifiers



Accuracy

The **accuracy** of a classifier is the proportion of documents for which the classifier predicts the gold-standard class:

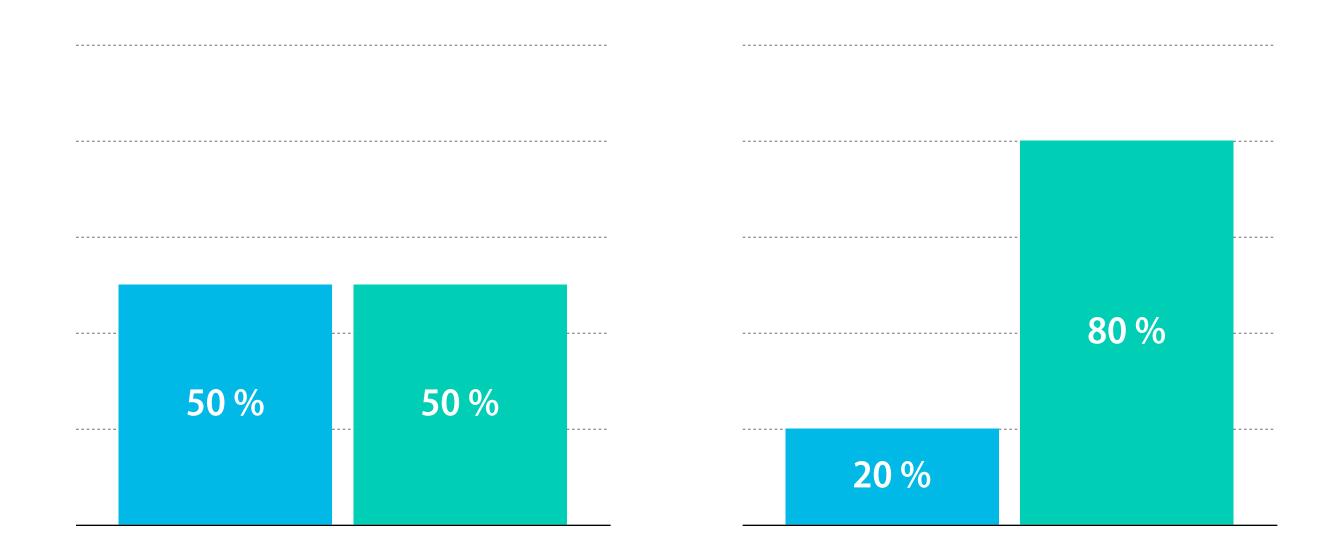
Accuracy

| Document | Gold-standard class | Predicted class |
|--------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| Chinese Beijing Chinese | China | China |
| Chinese Chinese Shanghai | China | China |
| Chinese Macao | China | China |
| Tokyo Japan Chinese | Japan | China |

accuracy for this example: 3/4 = 75%

Accuracy and imbalanced data sets

Is 80% accuracy good or bad?



The role of baselines

- Evaluation measures are no absolute measures of performance. Whether '80% accuracy' is good or not depends on the task at hand.
- Instead, we should ask for a classifier's performance relative to other classifiers, or other points of comparison.
 - 'Logistic Regression has a higher accuracy than Naive Bayes.'
- When other classifiers are not available, a simple baseline is to always predict the **most frequent class** in the training data.

Grading criteria

Soundness and correctness Is the technical approach sound and well-chosen? Are the claims made in the report supported by proper experiments, and are the results of these experiments correctly interpreted?

- Troublesome. There are some ideas worth salvaging here, but the work should really have been done or evaluated differently.
- Fairly reasonable work. The approach is not bad, the evaluation is appropriate, and at least the main claims are probably correct.
- Generally solid work, although there are some aspects of the approach or the evaluation that I am not sure about.
- The approach is fully apt and all claims are convincingly supported. The report discusses the limitations of the work.

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Confusion matrix

| | classifier 'positive' | classifier 'negative' |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| gold standard 'positive' | true positives | false negatives |
| gold standard 'negative' | false positives | true negatives |

Accuracy

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Precision and recall

- **Precision** and **recall** 'zoom in' on how good a system is at identifying documents of a specific class *c*.
- **Precision** is the proportion of correctly classified documents among all documents for which the system predicts class *c*.

When the system predicts class *c*, how often is it correct?

• **Recall** is the proportion of correctly classified documents among all documents with gold-standard class *c*.

When the document has class *c*, how often does the system predict it?

Precision with respect to the positive class

| | classifier 'positive' | classifier 'negative' |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| gold standard 'positive' | true positives | false negatives |
| gold standard 'negative' | false positives | true negatives |

Recall with respect to the positive class

| | classifier 'positive' | classifier 'negative' |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| gold standard 'positive' | true positives | false negatives |
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Precision and recall with respect to the positive class

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precision = # true positives # true positives

# true positives + # false positives

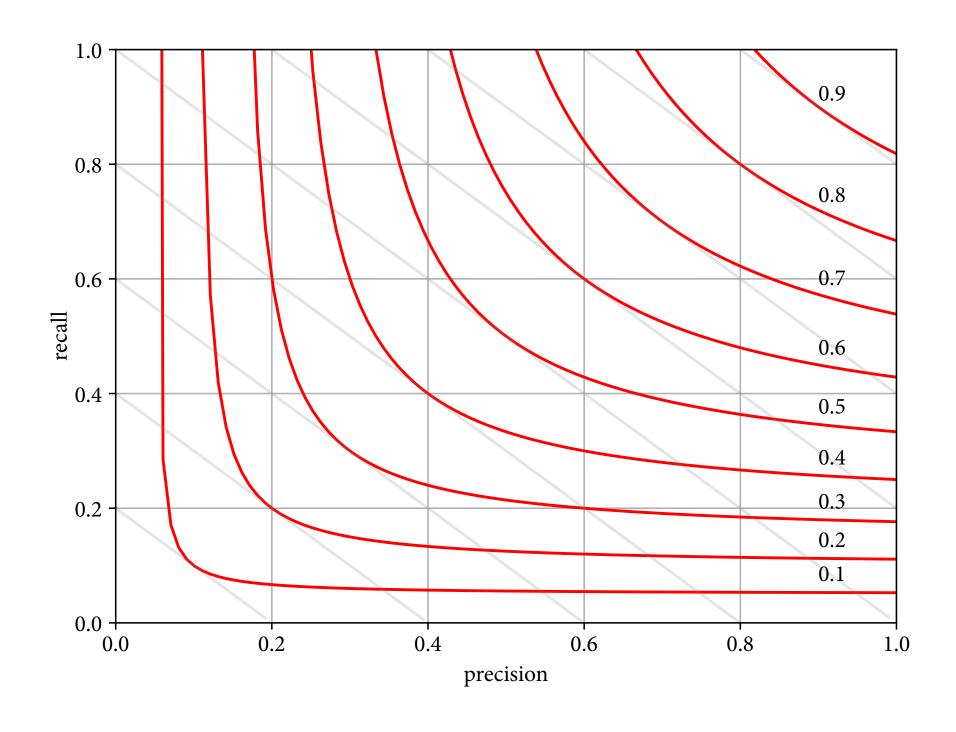
recall = # true positives # true positives
```

F1-measure

A good classifier should balance between precision and recall. The **F1-measure** is the harmonic mean of the two values:

F1 =
$$\frac{2 \cdot \text{precision} \cdot \text{recall}}{\text{precision} + \text{recall}}$$

F1-measure



Accuracy with three classes

| | A | В | C |
|---|----|----|----|
| A | 58 | 6 | 1 |
| В | 5 | 11 | 2 |
| C | 0 | 7 | 43 |

Precision with respect to class B

| | A | В | C |
|---|----|----|----|
| A | 58 | 6 | 1 |
| В | 5 | 11 | 2 |
| C | 0 | 7 | 43 |

Recall with respect to class B

| | A | В | C |
|---|----|----|----|
| A | 58 | 6 | 1 |
| В | 5 | 11 | 2 |
| C | 0 | 7 | 43 |

Classification report in scikit-learn

| | precision | recall | f1-score | support |
|--------------|-----------|--------|----------|---------|
| С | 0.63 | 0.04 | 0.07 | 671 |
| KD | 0.70 | 0.02 | 0.03 | 821 |
| L | 0.92 | 0.02 | 0.04 | 560 |
| M | 0.36 | 0.68 | 0.47 | 1644 |
| MP | 0.36 | 0.25 | 0.29 | 809 |
| S | 0.46 | 0.84 | 0.59 | 2773 |
| SD | 0.57 | 0.12 | 0.20 | 1060 |
| V | 0.59 | 0.15 | 0.24 | 950 |
| accuracy | | | 0.43 | 9288 |
| macro avg | 0.57 | 0.26 | 0.24 | 9288 |
| weighted avg | 0.52 | 0.43 | 0.34 | 9288 |

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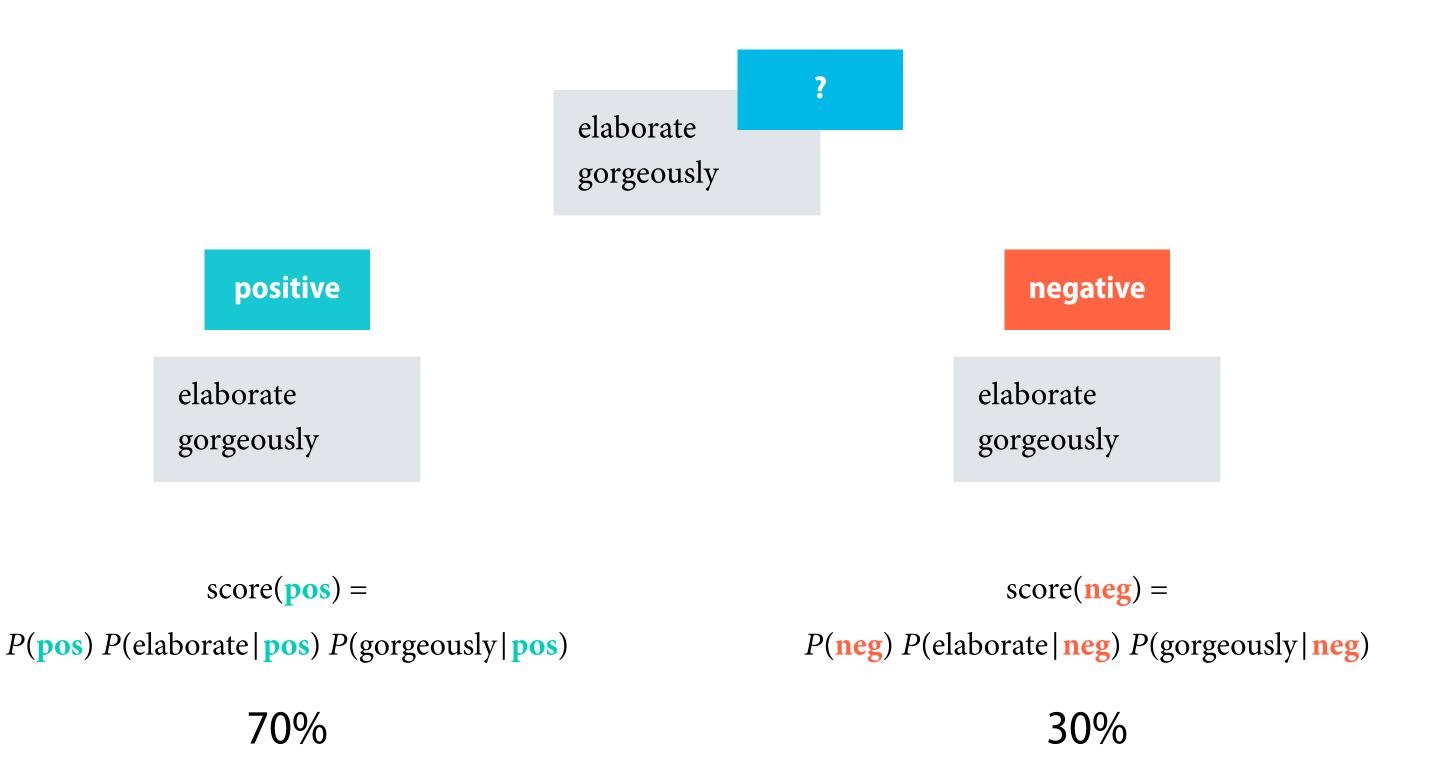
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The Naive Bayes classifier

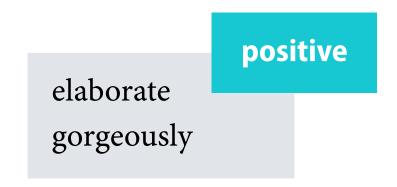
Naive Bayes

- The Naive Bayes classifier is a simple but surprisingly effective probabilistic text classifier that builds on Bayes' rule.
- It is called 'naive' because it makes strong (unrealistic) independence assumptions about probabilities.

Naive Bayes decision rule, informally



Naive Bayes decision rule, informally



elaborate gorgeously negative elaborate

gorgeously

```
score(pos) =
P(pos) P(elaborate | pos) P(gorgeously | pos)
score(neg) =
P(neg) P(elaborate | neg) P(gorgeously | neg)
```

70%

The role of Bayes' rules

- For classification, we would like to know P(class|document). P(disease|symptom)
- But a Naive Bayes classifier contains *P*(document|class).
 P(symptom|disease)
- The classifier uses **Bayes' rule** to convert between the two.

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P(\text{class} | \text{document}) \propto P(\text{class}) P(\text{document} | \text{class})
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Formal definition of a Naive Bayes classifier

C a set of possible classes

V a set of possible words; the model's **vocabulary**

P(c) probabilities that specify how likely it is for a document to belong to class c (one probability for each class)

P(w|c) probabilities that specify how likely it is for a document to contain the word w, given that the document belongs to class c (one probability for each class–word pair)

Naive Bayes decision rule

choose that class *c* which maximises the term to the right of the 'arg max'

$$\hat{c} = \arg\max_{c \in C} P(c) \cdot \prod_{w \in V} P(w \mid c)^{\#(w)}$$

predicted class for the document

count of the word w in the document

What does the Naive Bayes classifier do if all words in the document to be classified are out-of-vocabulary?

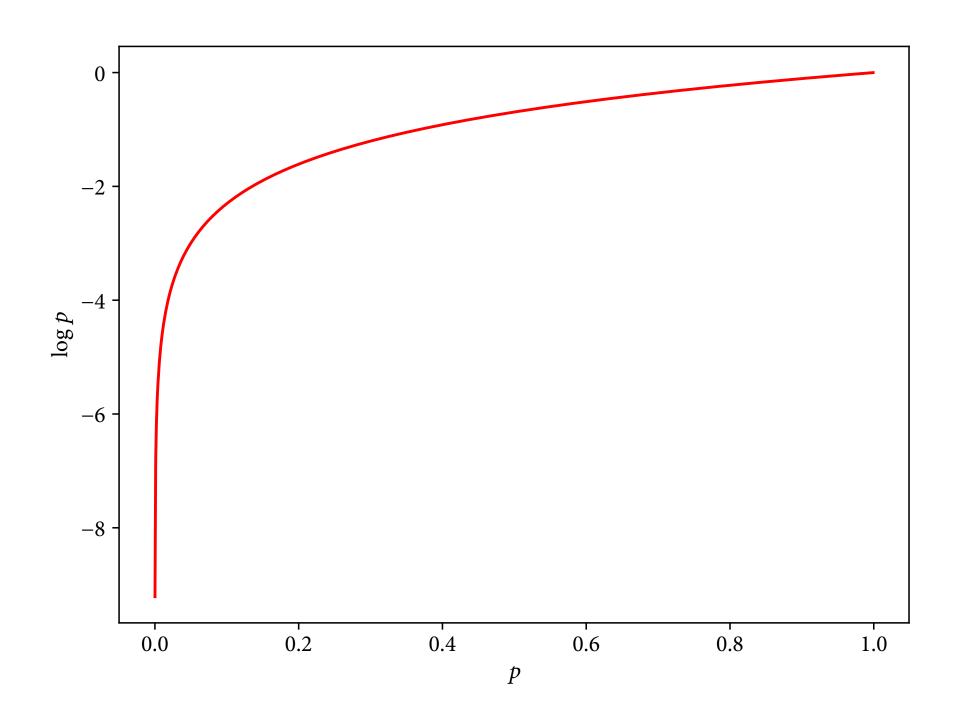
Log probabilities

• In order to avoid underflow, implementations use the logarithms of probabilities instead of the probabilities themselves.

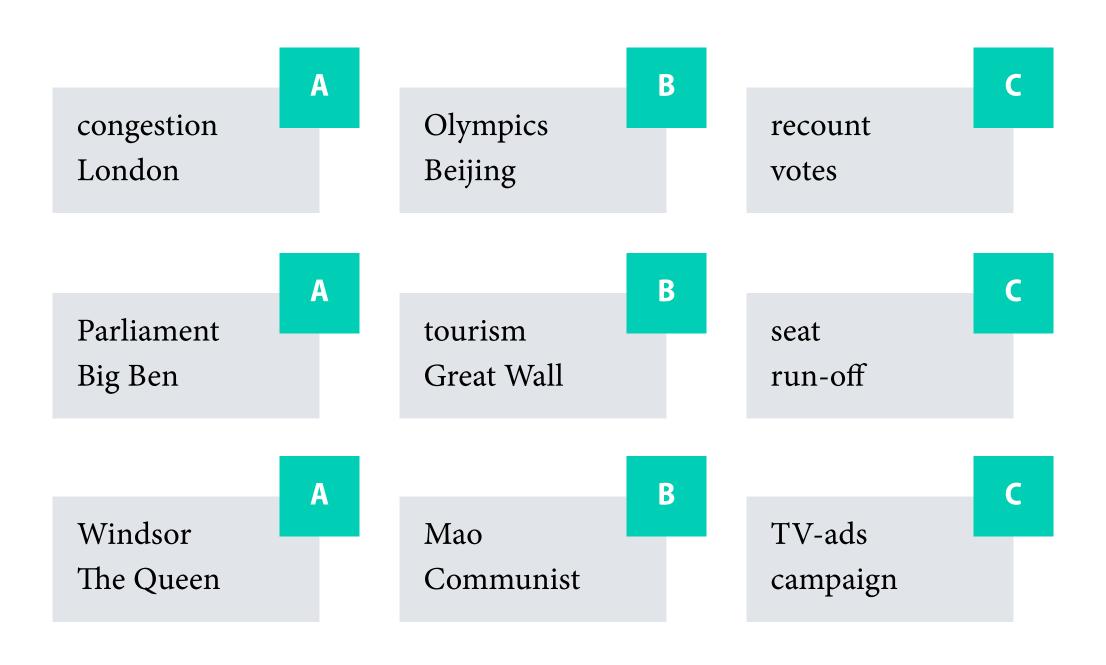
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P(w|c) becomes \log P(w|c)
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• Note that in this case, instead of multiplying probabilities, we have to add their logarithms.

Log probabilities



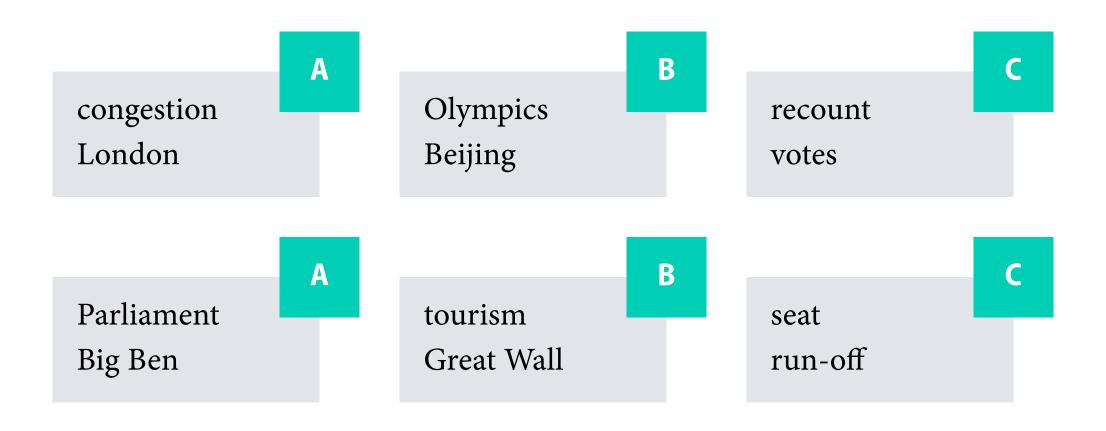
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$$P(c)$$
 $P(w|c)$ class probabilities word probabilities

Maximum Likelihood Estimation (MLE)

- One standard technique for estimating the probabilities of a model is **Maximum Likelihood Estimation** (MLE).
 - Find probabilities that maximise the probability of the training data.
- Depending on the type of model under consideration, MLE can be computationally challenging.
- For the special case of the Naive Bayes classifier, MLE amounts to equating probabilities with relative frequencies.

MLE for the Naive Bayes classifier

- To estimate the class probabilities P(c):

 Compute the percentage of documents with class c among all documents in the training set.
- To estimate the word probabilities P(w|c):

 Compute the percentage of occurrences of the word wamong all word occurrences in documents with class c.

MLE for the Naive Bayes classifier

- #(c) number of documents with gold-standard class c
- #(w,c) number of occurrences of w in documents with class c

$$P(c) = \frac{\#(c)}{\sum_{x \in C} \#(x)} \qquad P(w \mid c) = \frac{\#(w, c)}{\sum_{x \in V} \#(x, c)}$$

MLE of word probabilities

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31 tokens 37 tokens

MLE of word probabilities

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| The | 2 | to | 2 |
| words | 1 | that | 2 |
| vision | 1 | of | 2 |
| trilogy | 1 | would | 1 |
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MLE of word probabilities

| Probability | Estimated value |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| $P(\text{of} \mathbf{pos})$ | 4/31 |
| P(The pos) | 2/31 |
| P(words pos) | 1/31 |
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| P(that neg) | 2/37 |
| P(of neg) | 2/37 |
| P(would neg) | 1/37 |
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Smoothing

• If we equate word probabilities with relative frequencies, some probabilities may be zero.

For example, 'gorgeously' may only occur in positive documents.

 This is a problem because we multiply probabilities in the decision rule for Naive Bayes.

Slogan: Zero probabilities destroy information.

• To avoid zero probabilities, we can use techniques for **smoothing** the probability distribution.

Additive smoothing

• In **additive smoothing**, we add a constant value $\alpha \ge 0$ to all counts before computing relative frequencies.

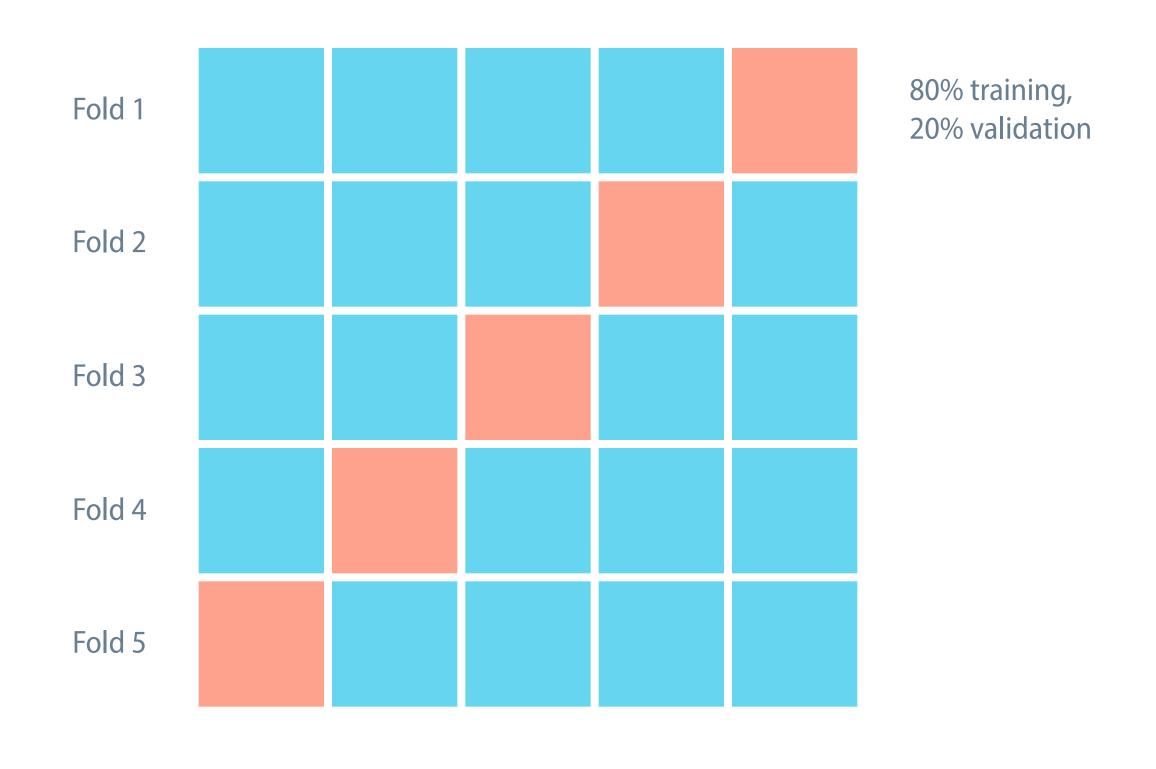
For $\alpha = 1$, this technique is also known as Laplace smoothing.

- Effectively, we hallucinate α extra occurrences of each word, including words that never occurred.
- The smoothing constant α is a hyperparameter of the model that needs to be tuned on validation data.

Hyperparameters and cross-validation

- A **hyperparameter** is a parameter of a machine learning model that is not set by the learning algorithm itself.
- To tune hyperparameters, we need a separate validation set, or need to use **cross-validation**:
 - Split the data into *k* parts.
 - In each fold, use k-1 parts for training, 1 part for validation.
 - Take the mean performance over the *k* folds.

Five-fold cross validation



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MLE with additive smoothing

no smoothing here!

- #(c) number of documents with gold-standard class c
- #(w, c) number of occurrences of w in documents with class c

$$P(c) = \frac{\#(c)}{\sum_{x \in C} \#(x)} \qquad P(w \mid c) = \frac{\#(w, c) + \alpha}{\sum_{x \in V} [\#(x, c) + \alpha]}$$

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Estimating word probabilities

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Vocabulary

1920's J.R.R. Jackson's Lord Middle-earth Peter Rings The Tolkien's a adequately an and as at cannot co-writer/director column come continuation core describe economic elaborate emptiness expanded exploration gaiety global gorgeously hasten huge if is its little movie of political relentless so sour stop that the to trilogy turmoil underlay vision was words would

MLE with add-one smoothing

| Word | Modified count | Word | Modified count |
|---------|----------------|---------|----------------|
| of | 4 + 1 | of | 2 + 1 |
| The | 2 + 1 | The | 0 + 1 |
| words | 1 + 1 | words | 0 + 1 |
| vision | 1 + 1 | vision | 0 + 1 |
| trilogy | 1 + 1 | trilogy | 0 + 1 |
| ••• | positive | • • • | negative |

MLE with add-one smoothing

| Probability | Estimated value | Probability |
|----------------|-----------------|---|
| P(of pos) | (4+1)/(31+53) | P(of neg) |
| P(The pos) | (2+1)/(31+53) | P(The neg) |
| P(words pos) | (1+1)/(31+53) | P(words neg) |
| P(vision pos) | (1+1)/(31+53) | P(vision neg) |
| P(trilogy pos) | (1+1)/(31+53) | $P(\text{trilogy} \frac{\mathbf{neg}}{\mathbf{neg}})$ |
| ••• | positive | ••• |

| Probability | Estimated value |
|---|-----------------|
| $P(\text{of} \mathbf{neg})$ | (2+1)/(37+53) |
| P(The neg) | (0+1)/(37+53) |
| P(words neg) | (0+1)/(37+53) |
| P(vision neg) | (0+1)/(37+53) |
| $P(\text{trilogy} \frac{\mathbf{neg}}{\mathbf{neg}})$ | (0+1)/(37+53) |
| ••• | negative |

Additive smoothing is assuming a uniform prior

Let N_c be the total number of word occurrences in class c. Then

$$P(w \mid c) = \frac{\#(w,c) + \alpha}{N_c + \alpha V}$$

can be written as a linear interpolation of the maximum-likelihood estimate and the uniform distribution over word types:

$$P(w \mid c) = \lambda \frac{\#(w, c)}{N_c} + (1 - \lambda) \frac{1}{V} \qquad \text{where} \qquad \lambda = \frac{N_c}{N_c + \alpha V}$$

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The Logistic Regression classifier

The multi-class linear model

output vector
$$\hat{m{y}} = m{x} m{W} + m{b}$$
 —— bias vector (1-by-K) weight matrix (F-by-K)

F = number of features (input variables), K = number of classes (output variables)

The logistic model

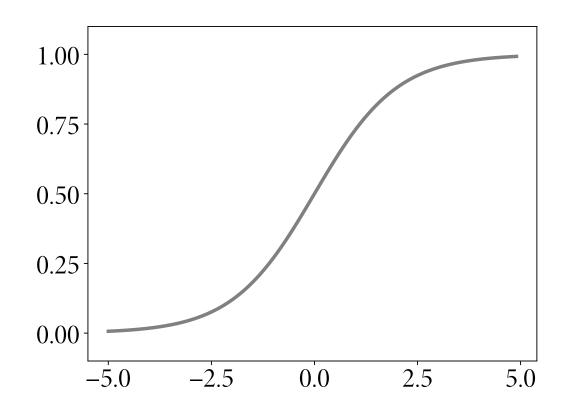
• The **logistic model** extends the linear model by adding a pointwise logistic function f: logit

$$\hat{y} = f(z)$$
 where $z = xW + b$

• The term **logistic regression** refers to the procedure of learning the parameters of the logistic model.

That model is then used for classification. Confusing terminology!

The standard logistic function for binary classification



$$\hat{y} = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-z)}$$

The softmax function for k-ary classification

• The **softmax function** converts a vector of activations into a vector of probabilities (a finite probability distribution).

$$\operatorname{softmax}(\boldsymbol{z})[i] = \frac{\exp(\boldsymbol{z}[i])}{\sum_{k} \exp(\boldsymbol{z}[k])}$$

• The softmax function is the natural generalisation of the standard logistic function to k-ary classification problems.

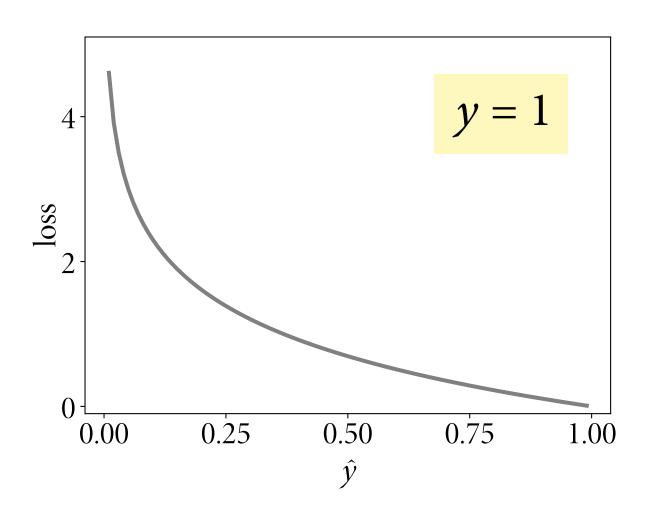
Training a logistic regression classifier

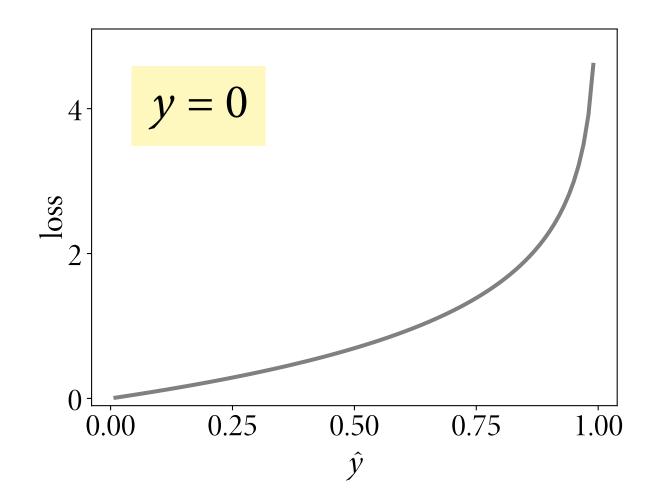
- We present the model with training samples of the form (x, y) where x is a feature vector and y is the gold-standard class.
- The output of the model is a vector of conditional probabilities $P(k \mid x)$ where k ranges over the possible classes.
- We want to train the model so as to maximise the likelihood of the training data under this probability distribution.
 - Same training principle as for Naive Bayes but no closed-form solution.

'Follow the gradient into the valley of error.'

- **Step o:** Start with an arbitrary value for the parameters θ .
- **Step 1:** Compute the gradient of the loss function, $\nabla L(\theta)$.
- **Step 2:** Update the parameters θ as follows: $\theta \coloneqq \theta \eta \nabla L(\theta)$ The hyperparameter η is the learning rate.
- Repeat step 1–2 until the error is sufficiently low.

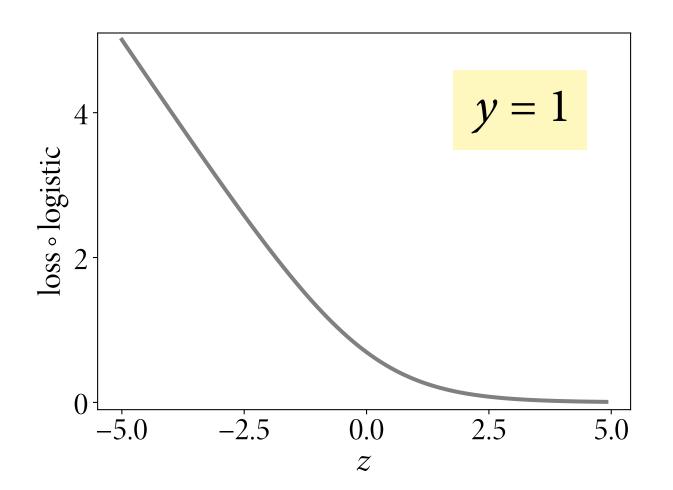
Cross-entropy loss function

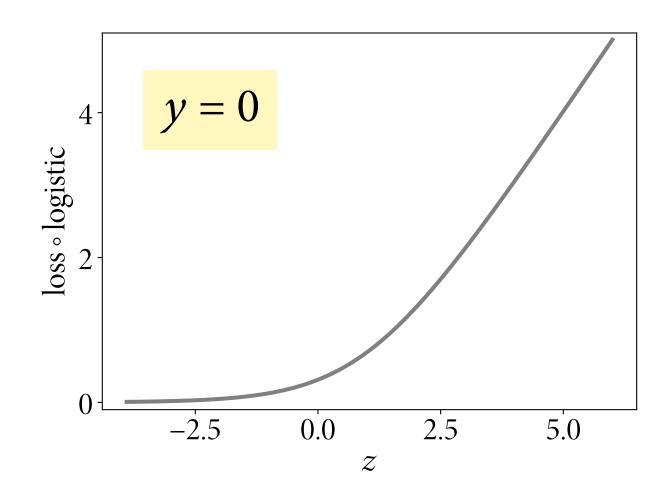




$$L(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = -(y \log \hat{y} + (1 - y) \log(1 - \hat{y}))$$

Cross-entropy loss for logistic units





$$\frac{dL(\boldsymbol{\theta})}{dz} = \hat{y} - y$$

Cross-entropy loss function for the softmax function

For a logistic model with parameters $\theta = (W, b)$, the **cross-entropy loss** for a sample (x, y) is defined as

$$L(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = -\sum_{k} [k = y] \log \operatorname{softmax}(\boldsymbol{x}\boldsymbol{W} + \boldsymbol{b})[k]$$

where we write [k = y] for the function that returns 1 if k = y, and 0 otherwise (Iverson bracket).

Regularisation

- The term **regularisation** refers to all changes to a model that are intended to decrease generalisation error but not training error.
- A standard for logistic regression is **L2-regularisation**, where we penalise parameter vectors based on their lengths:

$$\theta := \theta - \eta (\nabla L(\theta) + \rho \|\theta\|_2)$$
regularisation
strength

Logistic Regression and Naive Bayes

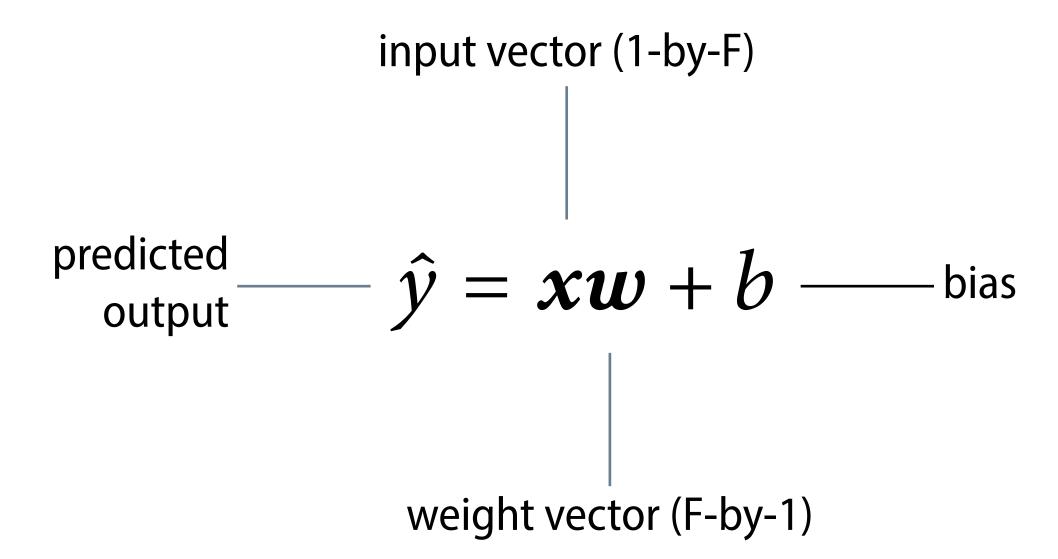
- Learning a Naive Bayes classifier involves fitting a probability model that optimizes the joint likelihood *P*(class, document).
 P(class | document) is obtained via Bayes' rule.
- Logistic regression fits the same probability model to directly optimize the conditional $P(\text{class} \mid \text{document})$.

lower aymptotic error

 Naive Bayes and logistic regression form a generative– discriminative pair.

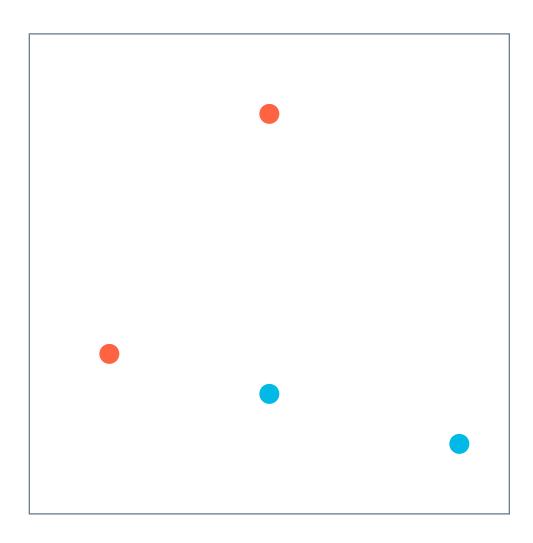
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Linear model

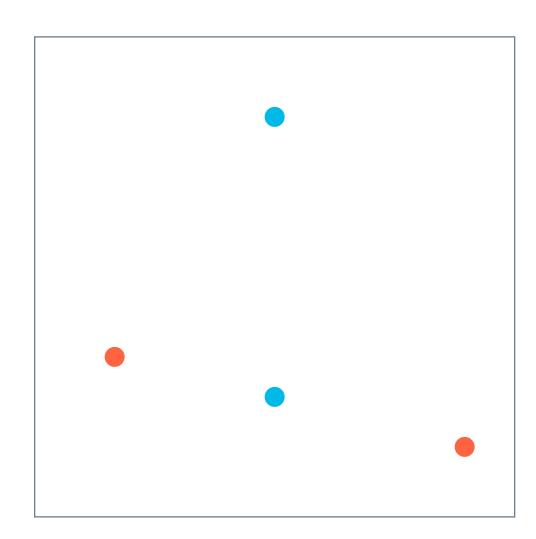


F = number of features (independent variables, covariates)

Linearly separable problems



linearly separable



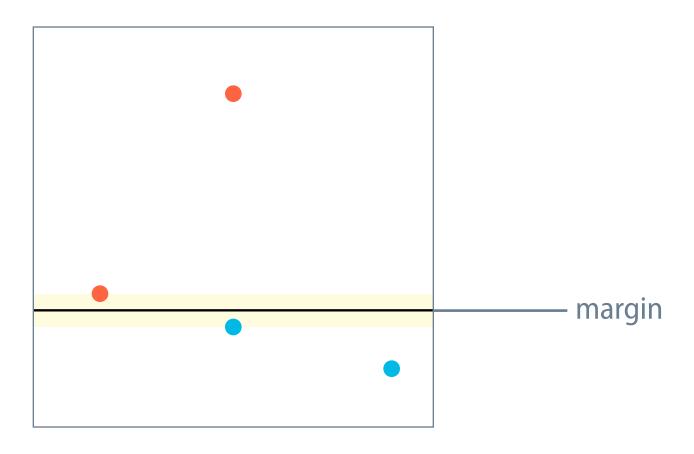
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Linearly separable problems

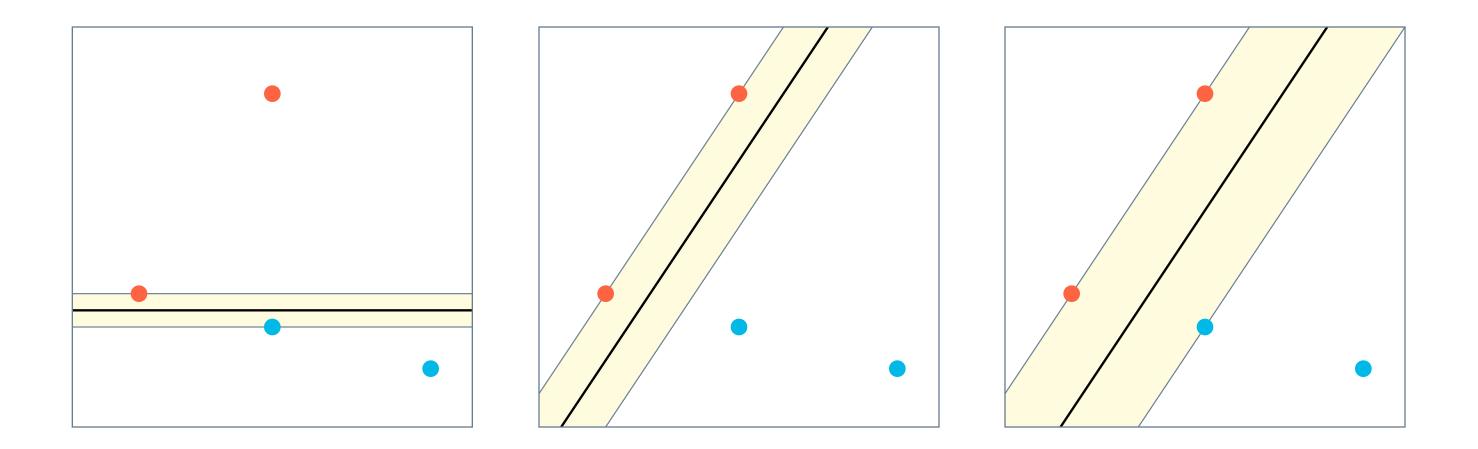
- A classification problem is called **linearly separable**, if there exists a linear model that can learn the problem with zero error.
- Any line in feature space that separates the classes from each other is called a **decision boundary**.

For simplicity, we restrict ourselves to binary classification problems here.

Different decision boundaries



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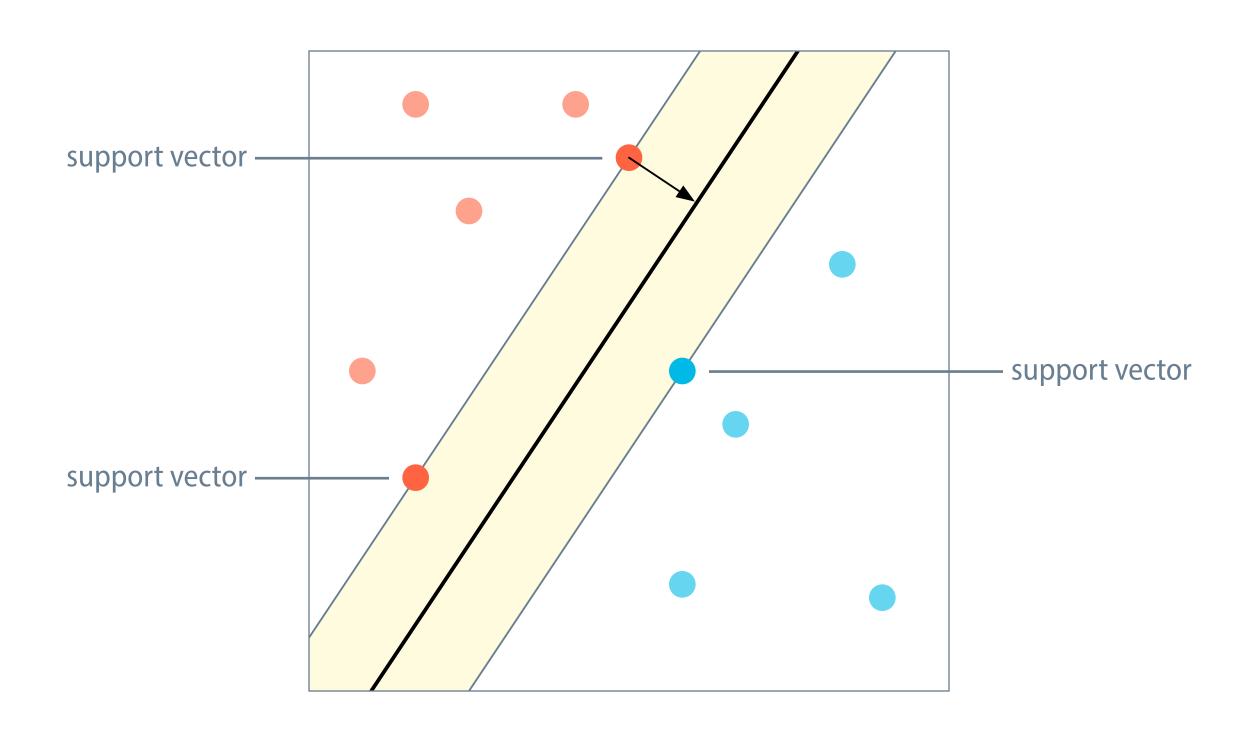
We would like to choose a decision boundary that maximises the margin to the closest training samples.

Computing the margin

- Mathematically, the decision boundary is a plane that is defined by the parameters (weights and bias) of the linear classifier.

 More specifically, this plane is the set of all points x such that xw + b = 0.
- The margin between a data point x_i and the decision boundary is the distance between x_i and the plane along the direction of w.
- Subject to some convenient normalisations, for the closest data points this yields a margin of $1/\|\boldsymbol{w}\|$.

Support vectors



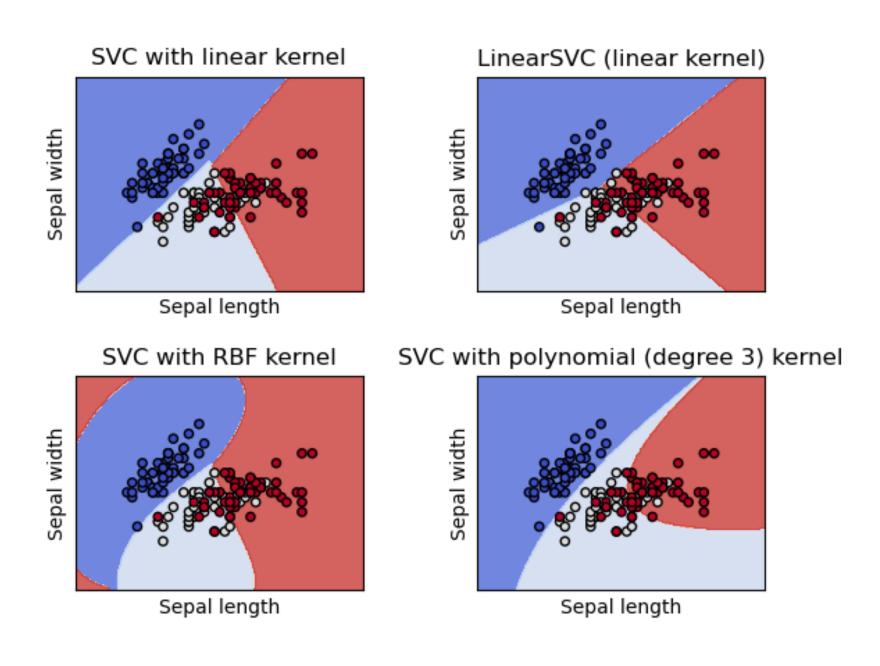
Maximising the margin

• If the training data is linearly separable, then the optimal margin can be found using quadratic programming.

more recent approach: sub-gradient descent, coordinate descent

• To generalise this to training sets which are not linearly separable, one can use gradient-based optimisation.

Different kernels



Source

Practical concerns

- More than two classes can be handled according to a one-versusone or one-versus-all scheme.
- For general SVM, training time scales quadratically with the number of samples, which quickly becomes impractical.
- An alternative is to use a special-purpose implementation of a linear SVM, which can have significantly shorter training times.

This lecture

- Introduction to text classification
- Evaluation of text classifiers
- The Naive Bayes classifier
- The Logistic Regression classifier
- Support Vector Machines

Project idea

- There are many other text classification methods than Naive Bayes, Logistic regression, and Support Vector Machines.
 - decision trees, many different types of neural networks, ...
- Pick a method that you find interesting and compare its performance to that of other methods on a standard data set.
- In the report, make it clear *why* you chose this method, and that you have understood how it works.

Beyond the bag-of-words assumption

- The linear sequence of the words in a text carries meaning.
 - The brown dog on the mat saw the striped cat through the window. The brown cat saw the striped dog through the window on the mat.
- We can try to capture at least parts of this sequence by representing texts as *n*-grams, contiguous sequences of *n* words.
 - unigram (not), bigram (not bad)
- Recurrent neural networks have been designed to explicitly capture long-range dependencies between words.