

# Machine Learning 10-601

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## Today:

- Bayes Classifiers
- Naïve Bayes
- Gaussian Naïve Bayes

## Readings:

Mitchell:  
“Naïve Bayes and Logistic  
Regression”  
(available on class website)

## Estimating Parameters

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### Eg. 1 Coin flip problem

Likelihood is  $\sim$  Binomial

$$P(D | \theta) = \theta^{\alpha_H} (1 - \theta)^{\alpha_T}$$

If prior is Beta distribution,

$$P(\theta) = \frac{\theta^{\beta_H - 1} (1 - \theta)^{\beta_T - 1}}{B(\beta_H, \beta_T)} \sim \text{Beta}(\beta_H, \beta_T)$$

Then posterior is Beta distribution

$$P(\theta|D) \sim \text{Beta}(\beta_H + \alpha_H, \beta_T + \alpha_T)$$

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**Lejeune Dirichlet**



Johann Peter Gustav Lejeune Dirichlet

<b>Born</b>	13 February 1805 Düren, French Empire
<b>Died</b>	5 May 1859 (aged 54) Göttingen, Hanover
<b>Residence</b>	Germany
<b>Nationality</b>	German
<b>Fields</b>	Mathematician
<b>Institutions</b>	University of Berlin University of Breslau University of Göttingen
<b>Alma mater</b>	University of Bonn
<b>Doctoral advisor</b>	Siméon Poisson Joseph Fourier
<b>Doctoral students</b>	Ferdinand Eisenstein Leopold Kronecker Rudolf Lipschitz Carl Wilhelm Borchardt
<b>Known for</b>	Dirichlet function Dirichlet eta function

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# Let's learn classifiers by learning $P(Y|X)$

Consider  $Y = \text{Wealth}$ ,  $X = \langle \text{Gender}, \text{HoursWorked} \rangle$

gender	hours_worked	wealth	
Female	v0:40.5-	poor	0.253122
		rich	0.0245895
	v1:40.5+	poor	0.0421768
		rich	0.0116293
Male	v0:40.5-	poor	0.331313
		rich	0.0971295
	v1:40.5+	poor	0.134106
		rich	0.105933

Gender	HrsWorked	P(rich   G,HW)	P(poor   G,HW)
F	<40.5	.09	.91
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## How many parameters must we estimate?

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To estimate  $P(Y | X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n)$

If we have 30 boolean  $X_i$ 's:  $P(Y | X_1, X_2, \dots, X_{30})$

## Bayes Rule

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

Which is shorthand for:

$$(\forall i, j) P(Y = y_i | X = x_j) = \frac{P(X = x_j | Y = y_i) P(Y = y_i)}{P(X = x_j)}$$

Equivalently:

$$(\forall i, j) P(Y = y_i | X = x_j) = \frac{P(X = x_j | Y = y_i) P(Y = y_i)}{\sum_k P(X = x_j | Y = y_k) P(Y = y_k)}$$

## Can we reduce params using Bayes Rule?

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## Naïve Bayes

Naïve Bayes assumes

$$P(X_1 \dots X_n | Y) = \prod_i P(X_i | Y)$$

i.e., that  $X_i$  and  $X_j$  are conditionally independent given  $Y$ , for all  $i \neq j$

## Conditional Independence

Definition: X is conditionally independent of Y given Z, if the probability distribution governing X is independent of the value of Y, given the value of Z

$$(\forall i, j, k) P(X = x_i | Y = y_j, Z = z_k) = P(X = x_i | Z = z_k)$$

Which we often write

$$P(X|Y, Z) = P(X|Z)$$

E.g.,

$$P(\text{Thunder} | \text{Rain}, \text{Lightning}) = P(\text{Thunder} | \text{Lightning})$$

Naïve Bayes uses assumption that the  $X_i$  are conditionally independent, given Y

Given this assumption, then:

$$\begin{aligned} P(X_1, X_2 | Y) &= P(X_1 | X_2, Y) P(X_2 | Y) \\ &= P(X_1 | Y) P(X_2 | Y) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{in general: } P(X_1 \dots X_n | Y) = \prod_i P(X_i | Y)$$

How many parameters to describe  $P(X_1 \dots X_n | Y)$ ?  $P(Y)$ ?

- Without conditional indep assumption?
- With conditional indep assumption?

## Naïve Bayes in a Nutshell

Bayes rule:

$$P(Y = y_k | X_1 \dots X_n) = \frac{P(Y = y_k)P(X_1 \dots X_n | Y = y_k)}{\sum_j P(Y = y_j)P(X_1 \dots X_n | Y = y_j)}$$

Assuming conditional independence among  $X_i$ 's:

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So, to pick most probable  $Y$  for  $X^{new} = \langle X_1, \dots, X_n \rangle$

$$Y^{new} \leftarrow \arg \max_{y_k} P(Y = y_k) \prod_i P(X_i^{new} | Y = y_k)$$

## Naïve Bayes Algorithm – discrete $X_i$

- Train Naïve Bayes (examples)

for each\* value  $y_k$

estimate  $\pi_k \equiv P(Y = y_k)$

for each\* value  $x_{ij}$  of each attribute  $X_i$

estimate  $\theta_{ijk} \equiv P(X_i = x_{ij} | Y = y_k)$

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\* probabilities must sum to 1, so need estimate only n-1 of these...

## Estimating Parameters: $Y, X_i$ discrete-valued

Maximum likelihood estimates (MLE' s):

$$\hat{\pi}_k = \hat{P}(Y = y_k) = \frac{\#D\{Y = y_k\}}{|D|}$$

$$\hat{\theta}_{ijk} = \hat{P}(X_i = x_{ij} | Y = y_k) = \frac{\#D\{X_i = x_{ij} \wedge Y = y_k\}}{\#D\{Y = y_k\}}$$

Number of items in  
dataset D for which  $Y=y_k$

### Example: Live in Sq Hill? $P(S|G,D,E)$

- $S=1$  iff live in Squirrel Hill
- $D=1$  iff Drive to CMU
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What probability parameters must we estimate?



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$P(S=1) :$	$P(S=0) :$
$P(D=1   S=1) :$	$P(D=0   S=1) :$
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### Naïve Bayes: Subtlety #1

If unlucky, our MLE estimate for  $P(X_i | Y)$  might be zero. (e.g.,  $X_i = \text{Birthday\_Is\_January\_30\_1990}$ )

- Why worry about just one parameter out of many?
  
- What can be done to avoid this?

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MAP estimates (Beta, Dirichlet priors):

$$\hat{\pi}_k = \hat{P}(Y = y_k) = \frac{\#D\{Y = y_k\} + (\beta_k - 1)}{|D| + \sum_m (\beta_m - 1)}$$

Only difference:  
"imaginary" examples

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## Naïve Bayes: Subtlety #2

Often the  $X_i$  are not really conditionally independent

- We use Naïve Bayes in many cases anyway, and it often works pretty well
  - often the right classification, even when not the right probability (see [Domingos&Pazzani, 1996])
- What is effect on estimated  $P(Y|X)$ ?
  - Special case: what if we add two copies:  $X_i = X_k$

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## Learning to classify text documents

- Classify which emails are spam?
- Classify which emails promise an attachment?
- Classify which web pages are student home pages?

How shall we represent text documents for Naïve Bayes?

## Baseline: Bag of Words Approach



## Learning to classify document: $P(Y|X)$ the “Bag of Words” model

- $Y$  discrete valued. e.g., Spam or not
- $X = \langle X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n \rangle =$  document
- $X_i$  is a random variable describing the word at position  $i$  in the document
- possible values for  $X_i$  : any word  $w_k$  in English
- Document = bag of words: the vector of counts for all  $w_k$ 's
  - (like #heads, #tails, but we have more than 2 values)

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prob that word  $x_j$  appears  
in position  $i$ , given  $Y=y_k$

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\* Additional assumption: word probabilities are position independent

$$\theta_{ijk} = \theta_{mjk} \text{ for all } i, m$$

## MAP estimates for bag of words

### Map estimate for multinomial

$$\theta_i = \frac{\alpha_i + \beta_i - 1}{\sum_{m=1}^k \alpha_m + \sum_{m=1}^k (\beta_m - 1)}$$

$$\theta_{aardvark} = P(X_i = \text{aardvark}) = \frac{\# \text{ observed 'aardvark'} + \# \text{ hallucinated 'aardvark'} - 1}{\# \text{ observed words} + \# \text{ hallucinated words} - k}$$

What  $\beta$ 's should we choose?

## Twenty NewsGroups

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Given 1000 training documents from each group  
Learn to classify new documents according to  
which newsgroup it came from

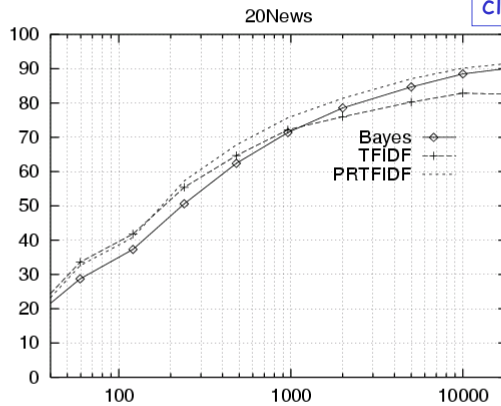
comp.graphics	misc.forsale
comp.os.ms-windows.misc	rec.autos
comp.sys.ibm.pc.hardware	rec.motorcycles
comp.sys.mac.hardware	rec.sport.baseball
comp.windows.x	rec.sport.hockey
alt.atheism	sci.space
soc.religion.christian	sci.crypt
talk.religion.misc	sci.electronics
talk.politics.mideast	sci.med
talk.politics.misc	
talk.politics.guns	

Naive Bayes: 89% classification accuracy

## Learning Curve for 20 Newsgroups

For code and data, see

[www.cs.cmu.edu/~tom/mlbook.html](http://www.cs.cmu.edu/~tom/mlbook.html)  
click on "Software and Data"



Accuracy vs. Training set size (1/3 withheld for test)

## What you should know:

- Training and using classifiers based on Bayes rule
- Conditional independence
  - What it is
  - Why it's important
- Naïve Bayes
  - What it is
  - Why we use it so much
  - Training using MLE, MAP estimates
  - Discrete variables and continuous (Gaussian)

## Questions:

- What error will the classifier achieve if Naïve Bayes assumption is satisfied and we have infinite training data?
- Can you use Naïve Bayes for a combination of discrete and real-valued  $X_i$ ?
- How can we extend Naïve Bayes if just 2 of the  $n$   $X_i$  are dependent?
- What does the decision surface of a Naïve Bayes classifier look like?