

Machine Learning 2007: Lecture 10

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WARNING versus Mitchell:

- Although naive Bayes is in the chapter about Bayesian learning (explained in the next lecture), Mitchell does not explain how it can be viewed as a Bayesian method, which is not trivial!
- The way Mitchell presents naive Bayes, it does not look like a Bayesian method at all.

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Classification:

- Suppose we want to classify d -dimensional feature vector \mathbf{x} .
- Then select the label y with highest conditional probability:

$$\begin{aligned} & \arg \max_y P(Y = y \mid X = \mathbf{x}) \\ &= \arg \max_y \frac{P(X = \mathbf{x} \mid Y = y)P(Y = y)}{P(X = \mathbf{x})} \\ &= \arg \max_y P(X = \mathbf{x} \mid Y = y)P(Y = y) \\ &= \arg \max_y \prod_{i=1}^d P(X_i = x_i \mid Y = y)P(Y = y) \end{aligned}$$

- The last step assumes that the components of \mathbf{x} are conditionally independent given the class label y .
- Probabilities are estimated from training data.

Naive Bayes Example

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Fairy tale data set:

x_1	x_2	x_3	y
WearsBlack	SavesPrincess	HorseColour	GoodOrEvil
No	Yes	Black	Good
Yes	No	Black	Evil
No	No	White	Good
Yes	Yes	Brown	Good

Classifying the new instance $\begin{pmatrix} \text{No} \\ \text{Yes} \\ \text{White} \end{pmatrix}$:

$$\prod_{i=1}^3 P(X_i = x_i | Y = \text{Good})P(Y = \text{Good}) = \frac{2}{3} \cdot \frac{2}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{3}{4}$$

$$> \prod_{i=1}^3 P(X_i = x_i | Y = \text{Evil})P(Y = \text{Evil}) = 0 \cdot 0 \cdot 0 \cdot \frac{1}{4}$$

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But it works anyway:

According to [Domingos and Pazzani, 1996]:

- Even if $P(y | \mathbf{x})$ is not estimated correctly;
- Often $\arg \max_y P(y | \mathbf{x})$ is still correct.

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- We have that $P(Y_1 = y_1, \dots, Y_n = y_n) = \prod_{i=1}^n P(Y_i = y_i)$.

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Example:

- Suppose we draw six cards y_1, \dots, y_6 from a deck **with replacement**.
- Then for each draw y_i the probability of drawing, say, a queen of hearts, is the same and does not depend on our previous draws: The draws are i.i.d.
- Without replacement, the draws would not be i.i.d!

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Finite sample space:

- Suppose $\Omega = \{\omega_1, \dots, \omega_m\}$
- Then the probability of an event $A \subseteq \Omega$ is

$$P(A) = \sum_{\omega_i \in A} p(\omega_i),$$

- where the **mass function** p satisfies:
 1. $0 \leq p(\omega) \leq 1$ (for all $\omega \in \Omega$)
 2. $p(\omega_1) + \dots + p(\omega_m) = 1$
- Note that, for all $\omega \in \Omega$, $P(\{\omega\}) = p(\omega)$.

The sample space \mathbb{R} :

- Suppose $\Omega = \mathbb{R}$.
- Then the probability of an event $A \subseteq \Omega$ is

$$P(A) = \int_{x \in A} p(x) dx,$$

- where the **density function** p satisfies:
 1. $0 \leq p(x)$ (for all $x \in \Omega$)
 2. $\int_{x \in \Omega} p(x) dx = 1$
- Note that, for all $x \in \Omega$, $P(\{x\}) = 0 \neq p(x)$!

Example: The Uniform Distribution

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Finite sample space:

- Suppose $\Omega = \{\omega_1, \dots, \omega_m\}$
- Then the **uniform distribution** on Ω gives the same probability to all outcomes.
- Its mass function is given by

$$p(\omega) = 1/m.$$

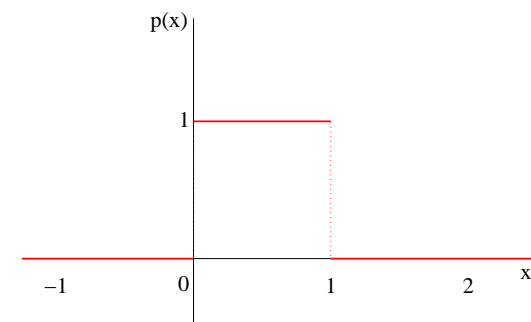
Examples:

- $P(\{\omega_1, \dots, \omega_{m/2}\}) = \frac{1}{2}$
- $P(\{\omega_i\}) = 1/m = p(\omega_i)$

The interval $[0, 1]$:

- Suppose $\Omega = \mathbb{R}$.
- Then the uniform distribution on $[0, 1]$ is defined by the density function

$$p(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } 0 \leq x \leq 1, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$



Examples:

- $P([0, \frac{1}{2}]) = \frac{1}{2}$
- $P(\{0.1\}) = 0 \neq 1 = p(0.1)$

Example: The Normal Distribution

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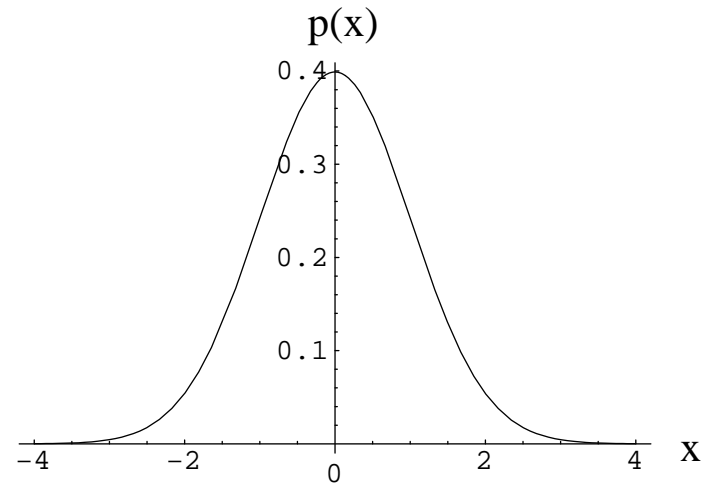
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$$p_{\mu, \sigma}(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$

Remarks:

- Its **mean** μ controls where it is centered.
- Its **variance** σ^2 controls how spread out it is (larger variance makes it flatter and wider).
- The normal distribution is also called the Gaussian distribution.

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Example: the Bernoulli model for prediction

- For binary outcomes $y \in \{0, 1\}$ define the **Bernoulli distribution** with probability of success θ by

$$p_{\theta}(y) = \theta^y (1 - \theta)^{1-y} = \begin{cases} \theta & \text{if } y = 1, \\ 1 - \theta & \text{if } y = 0. \end{cases}$$

- Then the **Bernoulli model** (with parameter θ) is the set of all possible Bernoulli distributions¹:

$$\mathcal{M}_{\text{Bernoulli}} = \{p_{\theta} \mid \theta \in [0, 1]\}$$

¹For the remainder of the lectures I will be a bit sloppy about the distinction between distributions and density functions to avoid distracting technicalities.

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- Thus our estimate of y will depend on the input x that we get.
- For example (for 1-dimensional x): $y = 3 + 2x + x^2$.

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- We are usually interested in distributions on y ; \mathbf{x} is considered as given.
- Naive Bayes is an exception.

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Deterministic hypotheses + noise...

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- Suppose we assume normally distributed noise ϵ with mean $\mu = 0$ and variance $\sigma = 1$.
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... gives distributions:

- Adding $h_{\mathbf{w}}(x)$ to a normal distribution only changes its mean: $\mu = 0 + h_{\mathbf{w}}(x)$.
- Hence the density of y is $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{(y-h_{\mathbf{w}}(x))^2}{2}}$.
- So we get the model $\mathcal{M} = \{p_{\mathbf{w},x} \mid \mathbf{w} \in \mathbb{R}^3\}$ (with parameters \mathbf{w}), where

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Parameter Estimation:

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Maximum Likelihood:

Maximum likelihood parameter estimation selects the parameter $\hat{\theta}$ that maximizes the density² of the data:

$$\hat{\theta} = \arg \max_{\theta} p_{\theta}(D)$$

²If D takes values in a finite sample space, then the probability mass is used instead of the density.

Maximum Likelihood in the Bernoulli Model

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Bernoulli distribution for n outcomes:

- Given binary data $D = y_1, \dots, y_n$, we want to predict y_{n+1} .
- We assume that the outcomes in D are i.i.d. according to a Bernoulli distribution.
- If n_0 and n_1 respectively denote the number of zeroes and ones in D , then

$$p_{\theta}(D) = \theta^{n_1} (1 - \theta)^{n_0}$$

Maximum Likelihood:³

$$\hat{\theta} = \arg \max_{\theta} \theta^{n_1} (1 - \theta)^{n_0} = \arg \max_{\theta} n_1 \ln \theta + n_0 \ln(1 - \theta)$$

Solving $\frac{d}{d\theta} n_1 \ln \theta + n_0 \ln(1 - \theta) = 0$, gives: $\hat{\theta} = \frac{n_1}{n_1 + n_0} = \frac{n_1}{n}$.

³Ignoring minor technical issues for $\theta = 0$ or $\theta = 1$.

Least Mean Squares as Maximum Likelihood

Model with normally distributed noise:

- Suppose we get i.i.d. data $D = (y_1, x_1)^\top, \dots, (y_n, x_n)^\top$.
- We use the model of **second degree polynomials** with normally distributed noise, with $\mu = 0$ and $\sigma = 1$.
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Remark: Maximum likelihood will overfit if we apply it to a very large hypothesis space/model. (E.g. high degree polynomials.)

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Motivation:

- A model $\mathcal{M} = \{P_\theta \mid \theta \in \Theta\}$ contains **many** distributions P_θ for the data $D \in \Omega$.
- Suppose we want to calculate the probability $P(\theta \mid D)$.
- Then this is not defined: What is P ? What is its sample space?

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The details:

$$P_{\text{Bayes}}(\theta) = \pi(\theta) \quad \text{and} \quad P_{\text{Bayes}}(D \mid \theta) = P_\theta(D)$$

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Bayesian Learning

The Idea:

- We start with a model $\mathcal{M} = \{P_\theta \mid \theta \in \Theta\}$, which contains many distributions.
- Then we put a **prior distribution** π on the parameter θ .
- We get a single distribution P_{Bayes} on both parameters and data!

The details:

$$P_{\text{Bayes}}(\theta) = \pi(\theta) \quad \text{and} \quad P_{\text{Bayes}}(D \mid \theta) = P_\theta(D)$$

- P_{Bayes} is a **single** distribution on $\Omega' = \Omega \times \Theta$, which contains both the data and θ .
- Therefore $P_{\text{Bayes}}(\theta \mid D)$ is well-defined.

Example

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$$\begin{aligned} P_{\text{Bayes}} \left(y = 1, \theta = \frac{1}{2} \right) &= P_{\text{Bayes}} \left(y = 1 \mid \theta = \frac{1}{2} \right) P_{\text{Bayes}} \left(\theta = \frac{1}{2} \right) \\ &= P_{\frac{1}{2}}(1) \cdot \pi \left(\frac{1}{2} \right) = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{3} = \frac{1}{6} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} P_{\text{Bayes}} \left(y = 0, \theta = \frac{1}{4} \right) &= P_{\text{Bayes}} \left(y = 0 \mid \theta = \frac{1}{4} \right) P_{\text{Bayes}} \left(\theta = \frac{1}{4} \right) \\ &= P_{\frac{1}{4}}(0) \cdot \pi \left(\frac{1}{4} \right) = \frac{3}{4} \cdot \frac{1}{3} = \frac{1}{4} \end{aligned}$$

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Different Interpretations of Probability

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Frequentist: If we perform this same experiment n times, then the **relative frequency** of observing an outcome $\omega \in A$ goes to $P(A)$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

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- Considers infinite number of repetitions of the experiment.
- Requires that it is possible (in principle) to observe the outcome of the experiment.
- Objective: the same for everyone.

Subjective Bayesian:⁴ Before observing the outcome of the experiment, $P(A)$ is our **degree of belief** that we will get an outcome $\omega \in A$.

- Considers only one repetition of the experiment.
- Does not require that we can observe the outcome of the experiment.
- Subjective: My probability may be different from your probability.

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