# Naïve Bayes Classifiers

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#### **Motivation**

- Relationship between attributes and class lables may not be deterministic but probabilistic
- Reasons:
  - Noise in the data
  - Confounding factors affecting the classification and not in the data
- Bayesian Classifier exploit the Bayes Theorem that combines prior knowledge on the class labels with knowledge derivable from data



## Bayes Classifier

- A probabilistic framework for solving classification problems.
- Let **P** be a probability function that assigns a number between 0 and 1 to events.
- X = x an events is happening data tuple
- Goal: we are looking for the probability that tuple X belongs to class C, given that we know the attribute description of X.
- P(X = x) is the probability that events X = x - Prior probability of X
- Joint Probability P(X = x, Y = y)
- Conditional Probability P(Y = y | X = x)
- Relationship: P(X,Y) = P(Y|X) P(X) = P(X|Y) P(Y)
- Bayes Theorem: P(Y|X) = P(X|Y)P(Y) / P(X) --- Posterior Probability of Y
- Another Useful Property: P(X = x) = P(X = x, Y = 0) + P(X = x, Y = 1)



### **Bayes Theorem**

- Consider a football game. Team 0 wins 65% of the time, Team 1 the remaining 35%. Among the game won by Team 1, 75% of them are won playing at home. Among the games won by Team 0, 30% of them are won at Team 1's field.
- If Team 1 is hosting the next match, which team will most likely win?
- Team 0 wins: P(Y = 0) = 0.65
- Team 1 wins: P(Y = 1) = 0.35
- Team 1 hosted the match, Team 1 wins: P(X = 1 | Y = 1) = 0.75
- Team 1 hosted the match Team 0 wins: P(X = 1 | Y = 0) = 0.30
- Objective P(Y = 1 | X = 1)



#### **Bayes Theorem**

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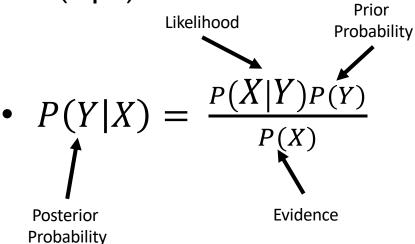
P(Y = 1 | X = 1) =  $P(X = 1 | Y = 1) P(Y = 1) / P(X = 1) = 0.75 \times 0.35 / (P(X = 1, Y = 1) + P(X = 1, Y = 0))$ = 0.75 x 0.35 / (P(X = 1 | Y = 1)P(Y=1) + P(X = 1 | Y = 0)P(Y=0))
= 0.75 x 0.35 / (0.75 x 0.35 + 0.30 x 0.65)
= 0.5738

Therefore Team 1 has a better chance to win the match



## Bayes Theorem for Classification

- X denotes the attribute sets,  $X = \{X_1, X_2, ..., X_d\}$
- Y denotes the class variable
- We treat the relationship probabilistically using P(Y|X)



## Bayes Theorem for Classification

- Learn the posterior P(Y | X) for every combination of X and Y.
- By knowing these probabilities, a test record X' can be classified by finding the class Y' that maximizes the posterior probability P(Y'|X').
- This is equivalent of choosing the value of Y' that maximizes P(X'|Y')P(Y').
- How to estimate it?



## Naïve Bayes Classifier

- It estimates the class-conditional probability by assuming that the attributes are conditionally independent given the class label y.
- The conditional independence is stated as:

$$P(X|Y = y) = \prod_{i=1}^{d} P(X_i|Y = y)$$

where each attribute set  $X = \{X_1, X_2, ..., X_d\}$ 



## Conditional Independence

• Given three variables Y,  $X_1$ ,  $X_2$  we can say that Y is conditionally independent from  $X_1$  given  $X_2$  if the following condition holds:

$$P(Y | X_1, X_2) = P(Y | X_2)$$

- With the conditional independence assumption, instead of computing the class-conditional probability for every combination of X we only need to estimate the conditional probability of each X<sub>i</sub> given Y.
- Thus, to classify a record the naive Bayes classifier computes the posterior for each class Y and takes the maximum class as result

$$P(Y|X) = P(Y) \prod_{i=1}^{d} P(X_i|Y = y) / P(X)$$
How to estimate?



## How to Estimate Probability From Data

- Class  $P(Y) = N_y / N$
- N<sub>y</sub> number of records with outcome y
- N number of records
- Categorical attributes

$$P(X = x \mid Y = y) = N_{xy} / N_y$$

- N<sub>xy</sub> records with value x and outcome y
- P(Evade = Yes) = 3/10
- P(Marital Status = Single | Yes) = 2/3

Tid	Refund	Marital Status	Taxable Income	Evade
1	Yes	Single	125K	No
2	No	Married	100K	No
3	No	Single	70K	No
4	Yes	Married	120K	No
5	No	Divorced	95K	Yes
6	No	Married	60K	No
7	Yes	Divorced	220K	No
8	No	Single	85K	Yes
9	No	Married	75K	No
10	No	Single	90K	Yes



### How to Estimate Probability From Data

#### **Continuous attributes:**

- Discretize the range into bins
  - Continuous vs nominal
  - Estimation: count records with class y and falling in the range
- 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, can use it to estimate the conditional probability P(X|y)



### How to Estimate Probability From Data

Normal distribution

$$P(X_i = x_i | Y = y) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma_{ij}}e^{-\frac{(x_i - \mu_{ij})^2}{2\sigma_{ij}^2}}$$

- $\mu_{ij}$  can be estimated as the mean of  $X_i$  for the records that belongs to class  $y_i$ .
- Similarly,  $\sigma_{ij}$  as the standard deviation.
- P(Income = 120 | No) = 0.0072
  - mean = 110
  - std dev = 54.54

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### M-estimate of Conditional Probability

- If one of the conditional probability is zero, then the entire expression becomes zero.
- For example, given X = {Refund = Yes, Divorced, Income = 120k}, if
   P(Divorced | No) is zero instead of 1/7, then
  - $P(X|No) = 3/7 \times 0 \times 0.00072 = 0$
  - $P(X|Yes) = 0 \times 1/3 \times 10^{-9} = 0$
- M-estimate  $P(X|Y) = \frac{N_{xy} + mp}{N_y + m}$  (if  $P(X|Y) = \frac{N_{xy} + 1}{N_y + |Y|}$  is Laplacian estimation)
- m is a parameter, p is a user-specified parameter (e.g. probability of observing  $x_i$  among records with class  $y_i$ .
- In the example with m = 3 and p = 1/m = 1/3 (i.e., Laplacian estimation)
   we have

$$P(Married | Yes) = (0+3x1/3)/(3+3) = 1/6$$



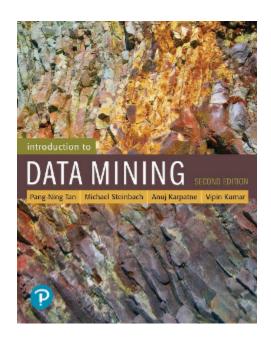
## Naïve Bayes Classifier

- 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)



#### References

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#### **EXERCISE - NBC**



Outlook	Temperature	Humidity	Windy	Class
sunny	hot	high	false	N
sunny	hot	high	true	N
overcast	hot	high	false	Р
rain	mild	high	false	Р
rain	cool	normal	false	Р
rain	cool	normal	true	N
overcast	cool	normal	true	Р
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sunny	mild	normal	true	Р
overcast	mild	high	true	Р
overcast	hot	normal	false	Р
rain	mild	high	true	N

$$P(p) = 9/14$$
  
 $P(n) = 5/14$ 

outlook	
P(sunny p) =	P(sunny n) =
P(overcast p) =	P(overcast n) =
P(rain p) =	P(rain n) =
temperature	
P(hot p) =	<b>P(hot n)</b> =
P(mild p) =	<b>P</b> (mild n) =
P(cool p) =	P(cool n) =
humidity	
P(high p) =	P(high n) =
P(normal p) =	P(normal n) =
windy	
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 $P(X|n)\cdot P(n) =$ P(rain|n)\cdot P(hot|n)\cdot P(high|n)\cdot P(false|n)\cdot P(n) = 2/5 \cdot 2/5 \cdot 4/5 \cdot 2/5 \cdot 5/14 = 0.018286

#### a) Naive Bayes (3 points)

Given the training set below, build a Naive Bayes classification model (i.e. the corresponding table of probabilities) using (i) the normal formula and (ii) using Laplace formula. What are the main effects of Laplace on the models?

Α	В	class	
no	green	N	
no	red	Υ	
yes	green	N	
no	red	N	
no	red	Υ	
no	green	Υ	
yes	green	N	

#### Answer: Normal

	Υ	N		Υ	N
	3	4		0.43	0.57
	AIY	AIN		AIY	A N
yes	0	2	yes	0.00	0.50
no	3	2	no	1.00	0.50
	B Y	B N		BIY	B N
green	1	3	green	0.33	0.75
red	2	1	red	0.67	0.25

#### Laplace

	Υ	N		Υ	N
	3	4		0.43	0.57
	AIY	A N		AIY	A   N
yes	0	2	yes	0.20	0.50
no	3	2	no	0.80	0.50
	B Y	B N		BIY	B N
green	1	3	green	0.40	0.67
red	2	1	red	0.60	0.33