

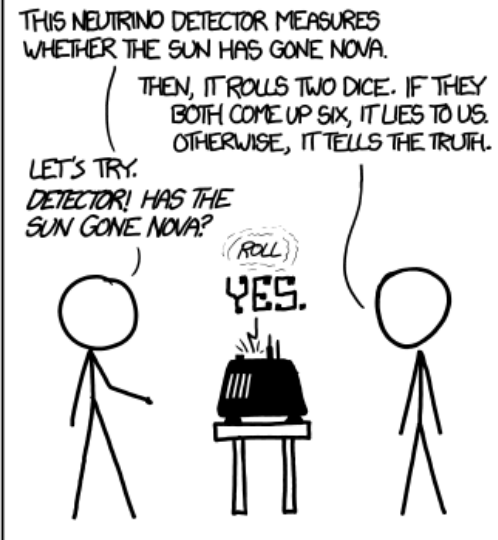
# CS440/ECE448

## Lecture 6: Naïve Bayes

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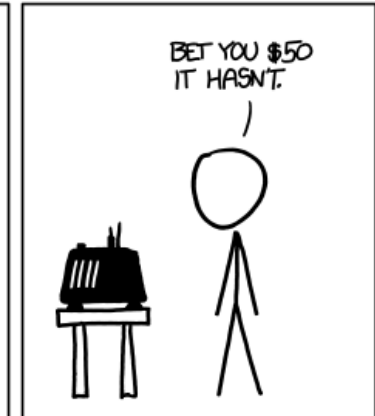
DID THE SUN JUST EXPLODE?  
(IT'S NIGHT, SO WE'RE NOT SURE.)



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# Bayes' Rule



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- The product rule gives us two ways to factor a joint probability:

$$P(A, B) = P(B|A)P(A) = P(A|B)P(B)$$

- Therefore,

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(B|A)P(A)}{P(B)}$$

- Why is this useful?
  - “A” is something we care about, but  $P(A|B)$  is really really hard to measure (example: the sun exploded)
  - “B” is something less interesting, but  $P(B|A)$  is easy to measure (example: the amount of light falling on a solar cell)
  - Bayes' rule tells us how to compute the probability we want ( $P(A|B)$ ) from probabilities that are much, much easier to measure ( $P(B|A)$ ).

# Bayes Rule example

Eliot & Karson are getting married tomorrow, at an outdoor ceremony in the desert. Unfortunately, the weatherman has predicted rain for tomorrow.

- In recent years, it has rained (event  $R$ ) only 5 days each year ( $5/365 = 0.014$ ).

$$P(R) = 0.014$$

- When it actually rains, the weatherman forecasts rain (event  $F$ ) 90% of the time.

$$P(F|R) = 0.9$$

- When it doesn't rain, he forecasts rain (event  $F$ ) only 10% of the time.

$$P(F|\neg R) = 0.1$$

- What is the probability that it will rain on Eliot's wedding?

$$\begin{aligned} P(R|F) &= \frac{P(F|R)P(R)}{P(F)} = \frac{P(F, R)P(R)}{P(F, R) + P(F, \neg R)} = \frac{P(F|R)P(R)}{P(F|R)P(R) + P(F|\neg R)P(\neg R)} \\ &= \frac{(0.9)(0.014)}{(0.9)(0.014) + (0.1)(0.956)} = 0.116 \end{aligned}$$

# The More Useful Version of Bayes' Rule



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This version is what you memorize.

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(B|A)P(A)}{P(B)}$$

- Remember,  $P(B|A)$  is easy to measure (the probability that light hits our solar cell, if the sun still exists and it's daytime). Let's assume we also know  $P(A)$  (the probability the sun still exists).
- But suppose we don't really know  $P(B)$  (what is the probability light hits our solar cell, if we don't really know whether the sun still exists or not?)

This version is what you actually use.

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(B|A)P(A)}{P(B|A)P(A) + P(B|\neg A)P(\neg A)}$$

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# The Misdiagnosis Problem

1% of women at age forty who participate in routine screening have breast cancer. 80% of women with breast cancer will get positive mammographies. 9.6% of women without breast cancer will also get positive mammographies. A woman in this age group had a positive mammography in a routine screening. What is the probability that she actually has breast cancer?

$$\begin{aligned}P(\text{cancer} \mid \text{positive}) &= \frac{P(\text{positive} \mid \text{cancer})P(\text{cancer})}{P(\text{positive})} \\&= \frac{P(\text{positive} \mid \text{cancer})P(\text{cancer})}{P(\text{positive} \mid \text{cancer})P(\text{cancer}) + P(\text{positive} \mid \neg \text{cancer})P(\neg \text{Cancer})} \\&= \frac{0.8 \times 0.01}{0.8 \times 0.01 + 0.096 \times 0.99} = \frac{0.008}{0.008 + 0.095} = 0.0776\end{aligned}$$

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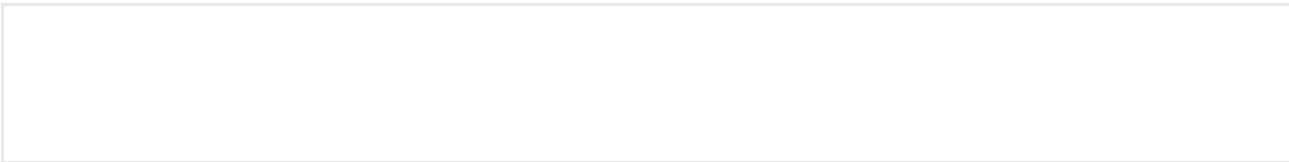
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# The Bayesian Decision

The agent is given some evidence,  $E$ .

The agent has to make a decision about the value of an unobserved variable  $Y$ .  $Y$  is called the “query variable” or the “class variable” or the “category.”

- Partially observable, stochastic, episodic environment
- Example:  $Y \in \{\text{spam, not spam}\}$ ,  $E = \text{email message}$ .
- Example:  $Y \in \{\text{zebra, giraffe, hippo}\}$ ,  $E = \text{image features}$



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# Classification using probabilities

- Suppose you know that you have a toothache.
- Should you conclude that you have a cavity?
- Goal: make a decision that **minimizes your probability of error**.
- Equivalent: make a decision that **maximizes the probability of being correct**. This is called a MAP (maximum a posteriori) decision. You decide that you have a cavity if and only if

$$P(\text{Cavity}|\text{Toothache}) > P(\neg\text{Cavity}|\text{Toothache})$$

# Bayesian Decisions

- What if we don't know  $P(\text{Cavity}|\text{Toothache})$ ? Instead, we only know  $P(\text{Toothache}|\text{Cavity})$ ,  $P(\text{Cavity})$ , and  $P(\text{Toothache})$ ?
- Then we choose to believe we have a Cavity if and only if

$$P(\text{Cavity}|\text{Toothache}) > P(\neg\text{Cavity}|\text{Toothache})$$

Which can be re-written as

$$\frac{P(\text{Toothache}|\text{Cavity})P(\text{Cavity})}{P(\text{Toothache})} > \frac{P(\text{Toothache}|\neg\text{Cavity})P(\neg\text{Cavity})}{P(\text{Toothache})}$$



# The Bayesian Terms

- $P(Y)$  is called the “**prior**” (*a priori*, in Latin) because it represents your belief about the query variable before you see any observation.
- $P(Y|E)$  is called the “**posterior**” (*a posteriori*, in Latin), because it represents your belief about the query variable after you see the observation.
- $P(E|Y)$  is called the “**likelihood**” because it tells you how much the observation,  $E=e$ , is like the observations you expect if  $Y=y$ .
- $P(E)$  is called the “**evidence distribution**” because  $E$  is the evidence variable, and  $P(E)$  is its marginal distribution.

$$P(Y = y|E = e) = \frac{P(E = e|Y = y)P(Y = y)}{P(E = e)}$$

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# Naïve Bayes model

- Suppose we have many different types of observations (symptoms, features)  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  that we want to use to obtain evidence about an underlying hypothesis  $C$
- MAP decision:

$$P(Y|E_1, \dots, E_n) \propto P(Y)P(E_1, \dots, E_n|Y)$$

- THE BIG PROBLEM: If each feature  $E_i$  can take on  $K$  values, how many entries are in the probability table  $P(E_1, \dots, E_n|Y)$ ?



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The Naïve Bayes decision:

$$a = \operatorname{argmax} p(Y = a | E_1 = e_1, \dots, E_n = e_n)$$

$$= \operatorname{argmax} p(Y = a) p(E_1 = e_1, \dots, E_n = e_n | Y = a)$$

$$\approx \operatorname{argmax} p(Y = a) p(E_1 = e_1 | Y = a) \dots p(E_n = e_n | Y = a)$$

# Case study: Text document classification

- **MAP decision:** assign a document to the class with the highest posterior  $P(\text{class} \mid \text{document})$
- Example: spam classification
  - Classify a message as spam if  $P(\text{spam} \mid \text{message}) > P(\text{-spam} \mid \text{message})$



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- We have  $P(\text{class} \mid \text{document}) \propto P(\text{document} \mid \text{class})P(\text{class})$
- To enable classification, we need to be able to estimate the **likelihoods**  $P(\text{document} \mid \text{class})$  for all classes and **priors**  $P(\text{class})$

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# Naïve Bayes Representation

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- Likelihood: **bag of words** representation
  - The document is a sequence of words  $(w_1, \dots, w_n)$
  - The order of the words in the document is not important
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$$P(\text{document} \mid \text{class}) = P(w_1, \dots, w_n \mid \text{class}) \approx \prod_{i=1}^n P(w_i \mid \text{class})$$

- Thus, the problem is reduced to estimating marginal likelihoods of individual words  $p(w_i \mid \text{class})$

# Parameter estimation

- Model parameters: feature likelihoods  $p(\text{word} \mid \text{class})$  and priors  $p(\text{class})$ 
  - How do we obtain the values of these parameters?

prior

spam:	0.33
¬spam:	0.67

$P(\text{word} \mid \text{spam})$

the :	0.0156
to :	0.0153
and :	0.0115
of :	0.0095
you :	0.0093
a :	0.0086
with:	0.0080
from:	0.0075
...	

$P(\text{word} \mid \neg\text{spam})$

the :	0.0210
to :	0.0133
of :	0.0119
2002:	0.0110
with:	0.0108
from:	0.0107
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# Bag of words illustration



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# Bag of words representation of a document

Consider the following movie review:

*I'm warning you, it's pretty pathetic*

What is its BoW representation?

Word	# times it occurs
I'm	1
it's	1
pathetic	1
pretty	1
warning	1
you	1
(every other word)	0

- “pathetic” probably means it’s a negative review.
- ...but “pretty” means it’s a positive review, right?

# Bigram representation of a document

A “bigram” is just a pair of words that occur together, in sequence. For example, the following review has the bigrams shown at left:

*I'm warning you, it's pretty  
pathetic*

Word	# times it occurs
I'm warning	1
it's pretty	1
pretty pathetic	1
warning you	1
you it's	1
(every other bigram)	0

{ "I'm warning", "warning you", "pretty pathetic" } == negative  
{ "it's pretty" } == positive, but maybe we can ignore that.

# Naïve Bayes with Bigrams

- Goal: estimate likelihoods  $P(\text{document} \mid \text{class})$  and priors  $P(\text{class})$
- Likelihood: **bigrams** representation
  - The document is a sequence of bigrams ( $E_1 = b_1, \dots, E_n = b_n$ )
  - The order of the bigrams in the document is not important
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# Bayesian Learning

- Model parameters: feature likelihoods  $P(\text{word} \mid \text{class})$  and priors  $P(\text{class})$ 
  - How do we obtain the values of these parameters?
  - Need *training set* of labeled samples from both classes

$$P(\text{word} \mid \text{class}) = \frac{\text{\# of occurrences of this word in docs from this class}}{\text{total \# of words in docs from this class}}$$

- This is the *maximum likelihood* (ML) estimate. It is the estimate that maximizes the probability of the training data, which is defined as:

$$\prod_{d=1}^D \prod_{i=1}^{n_d} P(w_{d,i} \mid \text{class}_{d,i})$$

$d$ : index of training document,  $i$ : index of a word



# Bayesian Learning

The data likelihood

$$P(\text{training data}) = \prod_{d=1}^D \prod_{i=1}^{\# \text{ words in } d} P(E = w_{d,i} | Y = c_d)$$

is maximized (subject to the constraint that  $\sum_w P(w|c) = 1$ ) if we choose:

$$P(E = w | Y = c) = \frac{\# \text{ occurrences of word } w \text{ in documents of type } c}{\text{total number of words in all documents of type } c}$$

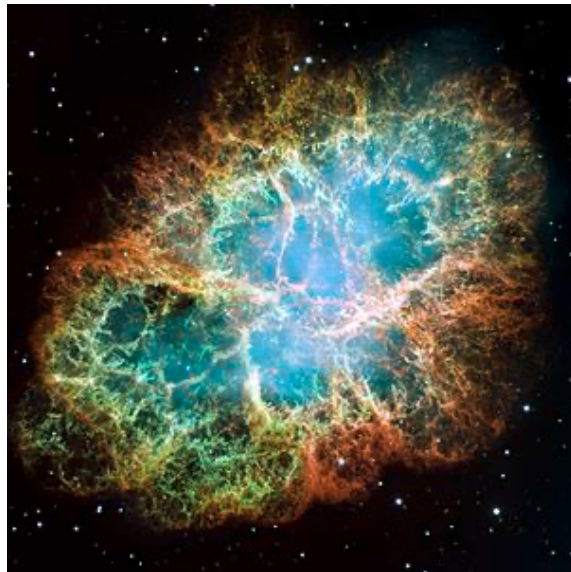
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# What is the probability that the sun will fail to rise tomorrow?

- # times we have observed the sun to rise = 100,000,000
- # times we have observed the sun not to rise = 0
- Estimated probability the sun will not rise =  $\frac{0}{0+100,000,000} = 0$



Oops....

# Laplace Smoothing

- The basic idea: add 1 “unobserved observation” to every possible event
- # times the sun has risen or might have ever risen =  $100,000,000 + 1 = 100,000,001$
- # times the sun has failed to rise or might have ever failed to rise =  $0 + 1 = 1$
- Estimated probability the sun will not rise =  $\frac{1}{1 + 100,000,001} = 0.0000000099999998$

# Parameter estimation

- ML (Maximum Likelihood) parameter estimate:

$$P(\text{word} \mid \text{class}) = \frac{\text{\# of occurrences of this word in docs from this class}}{\text{total \# of words in docs from this class}}$$

- Laplacian Smoothing estimate

- How can you estimate the probability of a word you never saw in the training set? (Hint: what happens if you give it probability 0, then it actually occurs in a test document?)
- **Laplace smoothing:** pretend you have seen every vocabulary word one more time than you actually did

$$P(\text{word} \mid \text{class}) = \frac{\text{\# of occurrences of this word in docs from this class} + 1}{\text{total \# of words in docs from this class} + V}$$

(V: total number of unique words)

# Summary: Naïve Bayes for Document Classification

- Naïve Bayes model: assign the document to the class with the highest posterior

$$P(\text{class}|\text{document}) \propto P(\text{class}) \prod_{i=1}^n P(w_i|\text{class})$$

- Model parameters:

