

# Lecture 16 – Naive Bayes



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## Announcements

- ▶ Fill out Survey 7 if you haven't already!
- ▶ **No groupwork or discussion section this week.**
- ▶ Homework 8, the final homework, will come out by Thursday and is due **Friday 12/3 at 11:59pm.**
- ▶ No office hours on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, or Saturday this week.
- ▶ Lots of office hours during the last week of class — **start studying for the Final Exam early!**
  - ▶ Wednesday, 12/8, 11:30AM-2:30PM, remote (same format as midterm).

# Agenda

- ▶ Classification.
- ▶ Classification and conditional independence.
- ▶ Naive Bayes.

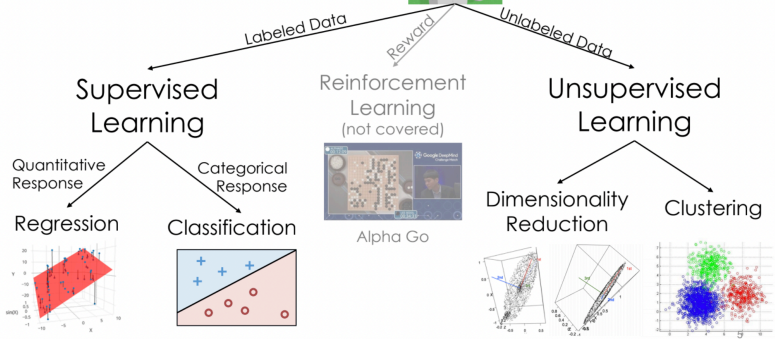
## Recap: Bayes' theorem, independence, and conditional independence

- ▶ Bayes' theorem:  $P(A|B) = \frac{P(A)P(B|A)}{P(B)}$ .
- ▶  $A$  and  $B$  are **independent** if  $P(A \cap B) = P(A) \cdot P(B)$ .
- ▶  $A$  and  $B$  are **conditionally independent** given  $C$  if  $P((A \cap B)|C) = P(A|C) \cdot P(B|C)$ .
  - ▶ In general, there is no relationship between independence and conditional independence.
  - ▶ **See the Campuswire post on conditional independence if you're still shaky on the concept.**

# Classification

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# Classification problems

- ▶ Like with regression, we're interested in making predictions based on data we've already collected (called **training data**).
- ▶ The difference is that the response variable is **categorical**.
- ▶ Categories are called **classes**.
- ▶ Example classification problems:
  - ▶ Deciding whether a patient has kidney disease.
  - ▶ Identifying handwritten digits.
  - ▶ Determining whether an avocado is ripe.
  - ▶ Predicting whether credit card activity is fraudulent.

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**Question:** Based on this data, would you predict that your avocado is ripe or unripe?



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**Strategy:** Calculate two probabilities:

$$P(\text{ripe}|\text{green-black})$$

$$P(\text{unripe}|\text{green-black})$$

Then, predict the class with a **larger** probability.

# Estimating probabilities

- ▶ We would like to determine  $P(\text{ripe}|\text{green-black})$  and  $P(\text{unripe}|\text{green-black})$  for all avocados in the universe.
- ▶ All we have is a single dataset, which is a **sample** of all avocados in the universe.
- ▶ We can estimate these probabilities by using sample proportions.

$$P(\text{ripe}|\text{green-black}) \approx \frac{\# \text{ ripe green-black avocados in sample}}{\# \text{ green-black avocados in sample}}$$

- ▶ Per the **law of large numbers** in DSC 10, larger samples lead to more reliable estimates of population parameters.

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$$P(\text{ripe}|\text{green-black}) =$$

$$P(\text{unripe}|\text{green-black}) =$$

## Bayes' theorem for classification

- ▶ Suppose that  $A$  is the event that an avocado has certain features, and  $B$  is the event that an avocado belongs to a certain class. Then, by Bayes' theorem:

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

- ▶ More generally:

$$P(\text{class}|\text{features}) = \frac{P(\text{class}) \cdot P(\text{features}|\text{class})}{P(\text{features})}$$

- ▶ What's the point?
  - ▶ Usually, it's not possible to estimate  $P(\text{class}|\text{features})$  directly from the data we have.
  - ▶ Instead, we have to estimate  $P(\text{class})$ ,  $P(\text{features}|\text{class})$ , and  $P(\text{features})$  separately.

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$$P(\text{class}|\text{features}) = \frac{P(\text{class}) \cdot P(\text{features}|\text{class})}{P(\text{features})}$$

**Shortcut:** Both probabilities have the same denominator. The larger one is the one with the larger numerator.

$$P(\text{ripe}|\text{green-black})$$

$$P(\text{unripe}|\text{green-black})$$

## **Classification and conditional independence**



## Example: avocados, but with more features

color	softness	variety	ripeness
bright green	firm	Zutano	unripe
green-black	medium	Hass	ripe
purple-black	firm	Hass	ripe
green-black	medium	Hass	unripe
purple-black	soft	Hass	ripe
bright green	firm	Zutano	unripe
green-black	soft	Zutano	ripe
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You have a firm green-black Zutano avocado. Based on this data, would you predict that your avocado is ripe or unripe?

**Strategy:** Calculate  $P(\text{ripe}|\text{features})$  and  $P(\text{unripe}|\text{features})$  and choose the class with the **larger** probability.

$$P(\text{ripe}|\text{firm, green-black, Zutano})$$

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You have a firm green-black Zutano avocado. Based on this data, would you predict that your avocado is ripe or unripe?

**Issue:** We have not seen a firm green-black Zutano avocado before.

This means that  $P(\text{ripe}|\text{firm, green-black, Zutano})$  and  $P(\text{unripe}|\text{firm, green-black, Zutano})$  are undefined.

## A simplifying assumption

- ▶ We want to find  $P(\text{ripe}|\text{firm, green-black, Zutano})$ , but there are no firm green-black Zutano avocados in our dataset.
- ▶ Bayes' theorem tells us this probability is equal to

$$P(\text{ripe}|\text{firm, green-black, Zutano}) = \frac{P(\text{ripe}) \cdot P(\text{firm, green-black, Zutano}|\text{ripe})}{P(\text{firm, green-black, Zutano})}$$

- ▶ **Key idea:** Assume that features are **conditionally independent** given a class (e.g. ripe).

$$P(\text{firm, green-black, Zutano}|\text{ripe}) = P(\text{firm}|\text{ripe}) \cdot P(\text{green-black}|\text{ripe}) \cdot P(\text{Zutano}|\text{ripe})$$



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You have a firm green-black Zutano avocado. Based on this data, would you predict that your avocado is ripe or unripe?

$$P(\text{ripe} | \text{firm, green-black, Zutano}) = \frac{P(\text{ripe}) \cdot P(\text{firm, green-black, Zutano} | \text{ripe})}{P(\text{firm, green-black, Zutano})}$$

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You have a firm green-black Zutano avocado. Based on this data, would you predict that your avocado is ripe or unripe?

$$P(\text{unripe}|\text{firm, green-black, Zutano}) = \frac{P(\text{unripe}) \cdot P(\text{firm, green-black, Zutano}|\text{unripe})}{P(\text{firm, green-black, Zutano})}$$

## Conclusion

- ▶ The numerator of  $P(\text{ripe}|\text{firm, green-black, Zutano})$  is  $\frac{6}{539}$ .
- ▶ The numerator of  $P(\text{unripe}|\text{firm, green-black, Zutano})$  is  $\frac{6}{88}$ .
  - ▶ Both probabilities have the same denominator,  $P(\text{firm, green-black, Zutano})$ .
  - ▶ Since we're just interested in seeing which one is larger, we can ignore the denominator and compare numerators.
- ▶ Since the numerator for unripe is **larger** than the numerator for ripe, we **predict that our avocado is unripe**.



# Naive Bayes

# Naive Bayes classifier

- ▶ We want to predict a class, given certain features.
- ▶ Using Bayes' theorem, we write

$$P(\text{class}|\text{features}) = \frac{P(\text{class}) \cdot P(\text{features}|\text{class})}{P(\text{features})}$$

- ▶ For each class, we compute the numerator using the **naive assumption of conditional independence of features given the class**.
- ▶ We estimate each term in the numerator based on the training data.
- ▶ We predict the class with the largest numerator.
  - ▶ Works if we have multiple classes, too!



# na·ive

/nā'ēv/

*adjective*

(of a person or action) showing a lack of experience, wisdom, or judgment.

"the rather naive young man had been totally misled"

- (of a person) natural and unaffected; innocent.  
"Andy had a sweet, naive look when he smiled"

**Similar:**

innocent

unsophisticated

artless

ingenuous

inexperienced



- of or denoting art produced in a straightforward style that deliberately rejects sophisticated artistic techniques and has a bold directness resembling a child's work, typically in bright colors with little or no perspective.

## Example: comic characters

<b>ALIGN</b>	<b>SEX</b>	<b>COMPANY</b>
Bad	Male	Marvel
Neutral	Male	Marvel
Good	Male	Marvel
Bad	Male	DC
Good	Female	Marvel
Bad	Male	DC
Good	Male	DC
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My favorite character is a male Marvel character. Using Naive Bayes, would we predict that my favorite character is bad, good, or neutral?

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Bad	Male	Marvel
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My other favorite character is a female Marvel character. Using Naive Bayes, would we predict that my favorite character is bad, good, or neutral?

<b>ALIGN</b>	<b>SEX</b>	<b>COMPANY</b>
Bad	Male	Marvel
Neutral	Male	Marvel
Good	Male	Marvel
Bad	Male	DC
Good	Female	Marvel
Bad	Male	DC
Good	Male	DC
Bad	Male	Marvel
Good	Female	Marvel
Bad	Female	Marvel

## Uh oh...

- ▶ There are no neutral female characters in the data set.
- ▶ The estimate  $P(\text{female}|\text{neutral}) \approx \frac{\# \text{ female neutral characters}}{\# \text{ neutral characters}}$  is 0.
- ▶ The estimated numerator,  
 $P(\text{neutral}) \cdot P(\text{female, Marvel}|\text{neutral}) =$   
 $P(\text{neutral}) \cdot P(\text{female}|\text{neutral}) \cdot P(\text{Marvel}|\text{neutral})$ ,  
is also 0.
- ▶ But just because there isn't a neutral female character in the data set, doesn't mean they don't exist!
- ▶ **Idea:** Adjust the numerators and denominators of our estimate so that they're never 0.



# Smoothing

- ▶ **Without** smoothing:

$$P(\text{bad}) \approx \frac{\# \text{ bad}}{\# \text{ bad} + \# \text{ good} + \# \text{ neutral}}$$

$$P(\text{good}) \approx \frac{\# \text{ good}}{\# \text{ bad} + \# \text{ good} + \# \text{ neutral}}$$

$$P(\text{neutral}) \approx \frac{\# \text{ neutral}}{\# \text{ bad} + \# \text{ good} + \# \text{ neutral}}$$

- ▶ **With** smoothing:

$$P(\text{bad}) \approx \frac{\# \text{ bad} + 1}{\# \text{ bad} + 1 + \# \text{ good} + 1 + \# \text{ neutral} + 1}$$

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# Smoothing

- ▶ **Without** smoothing:

$$P(\text{female}|\text{neutral}) \approx \frac{\# \text{ female neutral}}{\# \text{ female neutral} + \# \text{ male neutral}}$$

$$P(\text{male}|\text{neutral}) \approx \frac{\# \text{ male neutral}}{\# \text{ female neutral} + \# \text{ male neutral}}$$

- ▶ **With** smoothing:

$$P(\text{female}|\text{neutral}) \approx \frac{\# \text{ female neutral} + 1}{\# \text{ female neutral} + 1 + \# \text{ male neutral} + 1}$$

$$P(\text{male}|\text{neutral}) \approx \frac{\# \text{ male neutral} + 1}{\# \text{ female neutral} + 1 + \# \text{ male neutral} + 1}$$

- ▶ When smoothing, we add 1 to the count of every group whenever we're estimating a probability.

## Example: comic characters

Using smoothing, let's determine whether Naive Bayes would predict a female Marvel character to be bad, good, or neutral.

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Follow along with the demo by clicking the [code](#) link on the course website next to Lecture 16.

## Summary

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- ▶ In classification, our goal is to predict a discrete category, called a **class**, given some features.
- ▶ The Naive Bayes classifier works by estimating the numerator of  $P(\text{class}|\text{features})$  for all possible classes.
- ▶ It uses Bayes' theorem:

$$P(\text{class}|\text{features}) = \frac{P(\text{class}) \cdot P(\text{features}|\text{class})}{P(\text{features})}$$

- ▶ It also uses a simplifying assumption, that features are conditionally independent given a class:

$$P(\text{features}|\text{class}) = P(\text{feature}_1|\text{class}) \cdot P(\text{feature}_2|\text{class}) \cdot \dots$$

## Next time

- ▶ Next time, we'll look at another practical use case for Naive Bayes — text classification.
- ▶ Time permitting, we'll briefly cover a different classification technique — logistic regression.
  - ▶ Will not be on the exam.
- ▶ Lecture 18 (the final lecture) and the final groupwork will consist solely of review.