

Lecture 17

# Naïve Bayes

DSC 40A, Spring 2024

# Announcements

- Homework 7 is due **tonight**. **New: You can use two slip days on it.**
- Homework 8, the final homework, will be released tomorrow and will be due on Thursday, June 6th. **New: You cannot use slip days on it, but it'll be max 3 questions.**
- Make sure you've watched the recorded lecture from Tuesday and read the accompanying [lecture note](#).
- Look at the solutions to last Monday's groupwork worksheet posted on Ed!
- Read the new [Advice](#) page written by the tutors.

## The Final Exam is on Saturday, June 8th!

- The **Final!** Exam is on **Saturday, June 8th from 8-11AM**.
  - You will receive a randomized seat assignment early next week.
- 180 minutes, on paper, no calculators or electronics.
  - **You are allowed to bring two double-sided index cards (4 inches by 6 inches) of notes that you write by hand (no iPad).**
- Content: All lectures (including next week), homeworks, and groupworks.
- We will have two review sessions. In each of them, the first hour will be a mock exam **which you will take silently on paper**; we will take up the problems in the second half.
  - Tuesday, June 4th, 5-7PM (empirical risk minimization and linear algebra).
  - Thursday, June 6th, 5-7PM (gradient descent and probability).
- Friday, June 7th, 4-9PM: office hours in HDSI 123.
- Prepare by practicing with old exam problems at [practice.dsc40a.com](https://practice.dsc40a.com).

# Agenda

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



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

- Bayes' Theorem describes how to update the probability of one event, given that another event has occurred.

$$\overset{\text{new}}{\mathbb{P}(B|A)} = \frac{\overset{\text{old}}{\mathbb{P}(B)} \cdot \mathbb{P}(A|B)}{\mathbb{P}(A)}$$

- $A$  and  $B$  are independent if:

$$\mathbb{P}(A \cap B) = \mathbb{P}(A) \cdot \mathbb{P}(B)$$

- $A$  and  $B$  are conditionally independent given  $C$  if:

$$\mathbb{P}((A \cap B)|C) = \mathbb{P}(A|C) \cdot \mathbb{P}(B|C)$$

- In general, there is no relationship between independence and conditional independence. *see Tuesday's recorded lecture*

$\mathbb{P}(A|B) = \mathbb{P}(A)$   
 $\mathbb{P}(B|A) = \mathbb{P}(B)$   
all equivalent definitions

**Question** 🤔

Answer at [q.dsc40a.com](https://q.dsc40a.com)

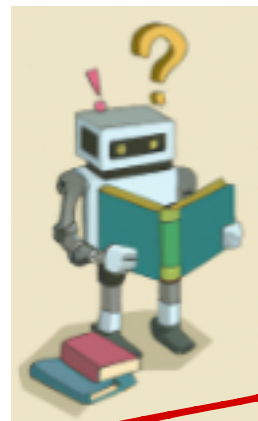
**Remember, you can always ask questions at [q.dsc40a.com](https://q.dsc40a.com)!**

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# Classification

When you already know the "right answer" in your dataset  $\Rightarrow$  y variable

# Taxonomy of machine learning



Labeled data

Unlabeled data

Reward

Supervised learning

Unsupervised learning

Reinforcement learning

Quantitative prediction

Categorical prediction

today!

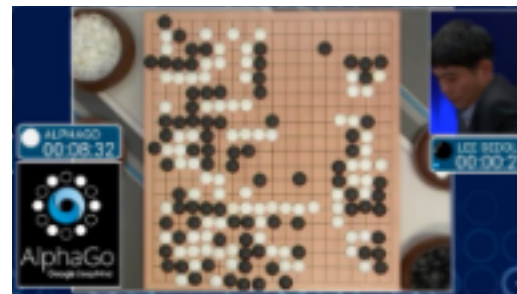
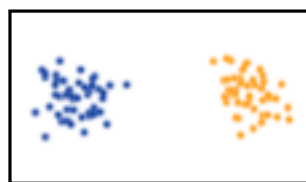
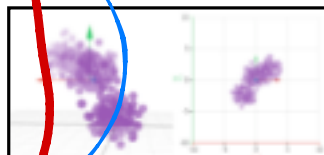
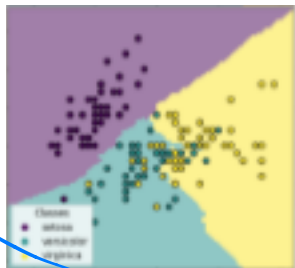
Regression

Classification

Dimensionality reduction

Clustering

a prediction of a real number (e.g. commute time in minutes)



AlphaGo

# Classification problems

- Like with regression, we're interested in making predictions based on data (called **training data**) for which we know the value of the response variable.
- The difference is that the response variable is now **categorical**. *y*
- Categories are called **classes**. *y*
- Example classification problems:
  - Deciding whether a patient has kidney disease.
  - Identifying handwritten digits.
  - **Determining whether an avocado is ripe.** *→ today*
  - Predicting whether credit card activity is fraudulent.
  - Predicting whether you'll be late to school or not.

## Example: Avocados

$x$ color	$y$ ripeness
bright green	unripe ✗
green-black	ripe ✓
purple-black	ripe ✓
green-black	unripe ✗
purple-black	ripe ✓
bright green	unripe ✗
green-black	ripe ✓
purple-black	ripe ✓
green-black	ripe ✓
green-black	unripe ✗
purple-black	ripe ✓

training data

new

You have a green-black avocado, and want to know if it is ripe.

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

Of the 5 green-black avocados I've seen:

3 are ripe

2 are unripe

$3 > 2$ , so I'll predict that my new avocado is ripe!

## Example: Avocados

color	ripeness
bright green	unripe ✗
green-black	ripe ✓
purple-black	ripe ✓
green-black	unripe ✗
purple-black	ripe ✓
bright green	unripe ✗
green-black	ripe ✓
purple-black	ripe ✓
green-black	ripe ✓
green-black	unripe ✗
purple-black	ripe ✓

You have a green-black avocado, and want to know if it is ripe. Based on this data, would you predict your avocado is ripe or unripe?

**Strategy:** Calculate two probabilities:

$$\mathbb{P}(\text{ripe}|\text{green-black}) = \frac{3}{5} \leftarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{total \#} \\ \text{of green-} \\ \text{black} \\ \text{avocados} \end{array}$$
$$\mathbb{P}(\text{unripe}|\text{green-black}) = \frac{2}{5}$$

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

$$\frac{3}{5} > \frac{2}{5}, \text{ ripe seems more likely} \\ \Rightarrow \text{predict } \boxed{\text{ripe}} \leftarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{output of } H(\text{green+} \\ \text{black}) \end{array}$$

## Estimating probabilities

population parameter

- We would like to determine  $\mathbb{P}(\text{ripe}|\text{green-black})$  and  $\mathbb{P}(\text{unripe}|\text{green-black})$  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**. — *sample statistics*

$$\mathbb{P}(\text{ripe}|\text{green-black}) \approx \frac{\# \text{ ripe green-black avocados in sample}}{\# \text{ green-black avocados in sample}} = \frac{3}{5}$$

*population parameter*      *estimate*

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



## Example: Avocados

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bright green	unripe ✗
green-black	ripe ✓
purple-black	ripe ✓
green-black	ripe ✓
green-black	unripe ✗
purple-black	ripe ✓

You have a green-black avocado, and want to know if it is ripe. Based on this data, would you predict your avocado is ripe or unripe?

$$\mathbb{P}(\text{ripe}|\text{green-black}) = \frac{3}{5}$$

$$\mathbb{P}(\text{unripe}|\text{green-black}) = \frac{2}{5}$$

# 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:

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

*e.g. green-black* ↓  
↑ *e.g. ripe*

- More generally:

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

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

*class* ↓  
↑ *feature*

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

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purple-black	ripe ✓
green-black	ripe ✓
green-black	unripe ✗
purple-black	ripe ✓

You have a green-black avocado, and want to know if it is ripe. Based on this data, would you predict your avocado is ripe or unripe?

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

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

$$= \frac{7}{11} \cdot \frac{3}{7}$$

$$\frac{5}{11}$$

$$= \frac{\frac{3}{11}}{\frac{5}{11}}$$

$$= \boxed{\frac{3}{5}}$$

same as before!

## Example: Avocados

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You have a green-black avocado, and want to know if it is ripe. Based on this data, would you predict your avocado is ripe or unripe?

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

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

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

$$= \frac{\frac{4}{11} \cdot \frac{2}{4}}{\frac{5}{11}} = \frac{\frac{2}{11}}{\frac{5}{11}} = \left[ \frac{2}{5} \right]$$

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You have a green-black avocado, and want to know if it is ripe. Based on this data, would you predict your avocado is ripe or unripe?

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

**Shortcut:** Both probabilities have the same denominator, so the larger probability is the one with the larger numerator.

*"proportional to"*

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

$$= \frac{7}{11} \cdot \frac{3}{7} = \frac{3}{11} \rightarrow \text{ripe still bigger!}$$

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

$$= \frac{4}{11} \cdot \frac{2}{4} = \frac{2}{11}$$

# Classification and conditional independence

## Example: Avocados, but with more features *new*

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
purple-black	soft	Hass	ripe
green-black	soft	Zutano	ripe
green-black	firm	Hass	unripe
purple-black	medium	Hass	ripe

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

*x*

*y*

## Example: Avocados, but with more features

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bright green	firm	Zutano	unripe
green-black	soft	Zutano	ripe
purple-black	soft	Hass	ripe
green-black	soft	Zutano	ripe
green-black	firm	Hass	unripe
purple-black	medium	Hass	ripe

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

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

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

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

$$= \frac{\# \text{ripe, firm, g-b, Zutano}}{\# \text{firm, g-b, Zutano}} = \frac{0}{0} \quad ???$$



## Example: Avocados, but with more features

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green-black	firm	Hass	unripe
purple-black	medium	Hass	ripe

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

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

**Issue:** We have not seen a firm green-black Zutano avocado before, which means that the following probabilities are undefined:

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

## A simplifying assumption

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

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

*$\mathbb{P}(\text{class}|\text{features})$*

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

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


## Example: Avocados, but with more features

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green-black	soft	Zutano	ripe
green-black	firm	Hass	unripe
purple-black	medium	Hass	ripe

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

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

$$\begin{aligned} &\propto \mathbb{P}(\text{ripe}) \cdot \mathbb{P}(\text{firm, green-black, Zutano} | \text{ripe}) \\ &= \mathbb{P}(\text{ripe}) \cdot \mathbb{P}(\text{firm} | \text{ripe}) \cdot \mathbb{P}(\text{green-black} | \text{ripe}) \cdot \mathbb{P}(\text{Zutano} | \text{ripe}) \\ &= \frac{7}{11} \cdot \frac{1}{7} \cdot \frac{3}{7} \cdot \frac{2}{7} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \boxed{\frac{6}{539}}$$

assuming the features are independent given the class

## Example: Avocados, but with more features

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bright green	firm	Zutano	unripe
green-black	soft	Zutano	ripe
purple-black	soft	Hass	ripe
green-black	soft	Zutano	ripe
green-black	firm	Hass	unripe
purple-black	medium	Hass	ripe

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

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

$$\begin{aligned} &\propto \mathbb{P}(\text{unripe}) \cdot \mathbb{P}(\text{firm} | \text{unripe}) \cdot \mathbb{P}(\text{green-black} | \text{unripe}) \cdot \mathbb{P}(\text{Zutano} | \text{unripe}) \\ &= \frac{4}{11} \cdot \frac{3}{4} \cdot \frac{2}{4} \cdot \frac{2}{4} = \frac{3}{44} = \frac{6}{88} \end{aligned}$$

## Conclusion

$P(\text{ripe} | \text{features})$

- The numerator of  $\mathbb{P}(\text{ripe} | \text{firm, green-black, Zutano})$  is  $\frac{6}{539}$ .
- The numerator of  $\mathbb{P}(\text{unripe} | \text{firm, green-black, Zutano})$  is  $\frac{6}{88}$ .
- Both probabilities have the same denominator,  $\mathbb{P}(\text{firm, green-black, Zutano})$ .
- 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** X.

Unripe numerator

bigger

$H(\text{firm, green-black, Zutano}) = \text{unripe}$

# Naïve Bayes

# The Naïve Bayes classifier

want to predict the most likely class!

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

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

*ripe/unripe*

- For each class, we compute the numerator using the naïve 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!

# Dictionary

Definitions from [Oxford Languages](#) · [Learn more](#)



## na·ive

/nä'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: Avocados, again

new

color	softness	variety	ripeness
bright green	firm	Zutano	unripe
green-black	medium	Hass	ripe
purple-black	firm	Hass	ripe
green-black	medium	Hass	unripe
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bright green	firm	Zutano	unripe
green-black	soft	Zutano	ripe
purple-black	soft	Hass	ripe
green-black	soft	Zutano	ripe
green-black	firm	Hass	unripe
purple-black	medium	Hass	ripe

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

$$\begin{aligned}
 & P(\text{ripe} \mid \text{soft, green-black, Hass}) \\
 \propto & P(\text{ripe}) \cdot P(\text{soft} \mid \text{ripe}) \cdot P(\text{green-black} \mid \text{ripe}) \cdot P(\text{Hass} \mid \text{ripe}) \\
 = & \frac{7}{11} \cdot \frac{4}{7} \cdot \frac{3}{7} \cdot \frac{5}{7}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & P(\text{unripe} \mid \text{soft, green-black, Hass}) \\
 \propto & P(\text{unripe}) \cdot P(\text{soft} \mid \text{unripe}) \cdot P(\text{green-black} \mid \text{unripe}) \cdot P(\text{Hass} \mid \text{unripe}) \\
 = & \frac{4}{11} \cdot \frac{0}{4} \cdot \frac{2}{4} \cdot \frac{2}{4} = 0
 \end{aligned}$$

## Uh oh!

- There are no soft unripe avocados in the data set.
- The estimate  $\mathbb{P}(\text{soft}|\text{unripe}) \approx \frac{\# \text{ soft unripe avocados}}{\# \text{ unripe avocados}}$  is 0.

- The estimated numerator:

$$\mathbb{P}(\text{unripe}) \cdot \mathbb{P}(\text{soft, green-black, Hass}|\text{unripe}) = \mathbb{P}(\text{unripe}) \cdot \mathbb{P}(\text{soft}|\text{unripe}) \cdot \mathbb{P}(\text{green-black}|\text{unripe}) \cdot \mathbb{P}(\text{Hass}|\text{unripe})$$

is also 0.

- But just because there isn't a soft unripe avocado in the data set, doesn't mean that it's impossible for one to exist!
- **Idea:** Adjust the numerators and denominators of our estimate so that they're never 0.

# Smoothing

- Without smoothing:

Add to 1

$$\mathbb{P}(\text{soft}|\text{unripe}) \approx \frac{\# \text{ soft unripe}}{\# \text{ soft unripe} + \# \text{ medium unripe} + \# \text{ firm unripe}} = \# \text{unripe avocados!}$$

$$\mathbb{P}(\text{medium}|\text{unripe}) \approx \frac{\# \text{ medium unripe}}{\# \text{ soft unripe} + \# \text{ medium unripe} + \# \text{ firm unripe}}$$

$$\mathbb{P}(\text{firm}|\text{unripe}) \approx \frac{\# \text{ firm unripe}}{\# \text{ soft unripe} + \# \text{ medium unripe} + \# \text{ firm unripe}}$$

- With smoothing:

Add to 1

→ by adding 1, it can't be 0!

$$\mathbb{P}(\text{soft}|\text{unripe}) \approx \frac{\# \text{ soft unripe} + 1}{\# \text{ soft unripe} + 1 + \# \text{ medium unripe} + 1 + \# \text{ firm unripe} + 1}$$

$$\mathbb{P}(\text{medium}|\text{unripe}) \approx \frac{\# \text{ medium unripe} + 1}{\# \text{ soft unripe} + 1 + \# \text{ medium unripe} + 1 + \# \text{ firm unripe} + 1}$$

$$\mathbb{P}(\text{firm}|\text{unripe}) \approx \frac{\# \text{ firm unripe} + 1}{\# \text{ soft unripe} + 1 + \# \text{ medium unripe} + 1 + \# \text{ firm unripe} + 1}$$

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

$$11 \times 45 = 495$$

## Example: Avocados, with smoothing

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

smoothing only for conditional probabilities

$$P(\text{ripe} \mid \text{soft, green-black, Hass})$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\propto P(\text{ripe}) \cdot P(\text{soft} \mid \text{ripe}) \cdot P(\text{green-black} \mid \text{ripe}) \cdot P(\text{Hass} \mid \text{ripe}) \\
 &= \frac{7}{11} \cdot \frac{4+1}{7+3} \cdot \frac{3+1}{7+3} \cdot \frac{5+1}{7+2} = \frac{7}{11} \cdot \frac{5}{10} \cdot \frac{4}{10} \cdot \frac{6}{9} = \frac{14}{165}
 \end{aligned}$$

not smoothed!     
  $\uparrow$  soft, medium, firm     
  $\uparrow$  bright green, green-black, purple-black

## Example: Avocados, with smoothing

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
purple-black	soft	Hass	ripe
green-black	soft	Zutano	ripe
green-black	firm	Hass	unripe
purple-black	medium	Hass	ripe

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

$$P(\text{unripe} \mid \text{soft, green-black, Hass})$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\propto P(\text{unripe}) \cdot P(\text{soft} \mid \text{unripe}) \cdot P(\text{green-black} \mid \text{unripe}) \cdot P(\text{Hass} \mid \text{unripe}) \\ &= \frac{4}{11} \cdot \frac{0+1}{4+3} \cdot \frac{2+1}{4+3} \cdot \frac{2+1}{4+2} = \frac{4}{11} \cdot \frac{1}{7} \cdot \frac{3}{7} \cdot \frac{3}{8} \\ &= \frac{6}{539} \end{aligned}$$

ripe numerator :  $\frac{14}{165}$

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unripe numerator :  $\frac{6}{539}$

⇒ predict that a soft, green-black, fleshy avocado is  
[RIPE].

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- In classification, our goal is to predict a discrete category, called a **class**, given some features.
- The Naïve Bayes classifier uses Bayes' Theorem:

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

- And works by estimating the numerator of  $\mathbb{P}(\text{class}|\text{features})$  for all possible classes.
- It also uses a simplifying assumption, that features are conditionally independent given a class:

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