

**DSC 40A**

*Theoretical Foundations of Data Science I*

# Announcements

- Homework 7 released today and due 12/6.
- Next Friday review session for final exam.

# Question

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# Agenda

- Naïve Bayes Classifier
- Text Classifier

MODIFIED BAYES' THEOREM:

$$P(H|X) = P(H) \times \left( 1 + P(C) \times \left( \frac{P(x|H)}{P(x)} - 1 \right) \right)$$

H: HYPOTHESIS

x: OBSERVATION

P(H): PRIOR PROBABILITY THAT H IS TRUE

P(x): PRIOR PROBABILITY OF OBSERVING x

P(C): PROBABILITY THAT YOU'RE USING  
BAYESIAN STATISTICS CORRECTLY

Source: xkcd

# Avocado Ripeness

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**Problem:** We have not seen an avocado with all these features. Both probabilities will be undefined.

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

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

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**Solution:** Use Bayes' Theorem, plus a simplifying assumption, to calculate the two numerators.

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**Simplifying assumption:** Within a given class, the features are independent.

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

# Conditional Independence

- Recall that A and B are independent if

$$P(A \text{ and } B) = P(A) * P(B)$$

- A and B are conditionally independent given C if

$$P((A \text{ and } B)|C) = P(A|C) * P(B|C)$$

- Given that C occurs, this says that A and B are independent of one another.



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Assuming conditional independence of features given the class, calculate  $P(\text{firm, green-black, Zutano} \mid \text{unripe})$ .

- A. 0
- B.  $1/4$
- C.  $3/16$
- D.  $1 - (1/7 * 3/7 * 2/7)$

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# Naïve Bayes Algorithm

- Bayes' Theorem shows how to calculate  $P(\text{class} | \text{features})$ .

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

- Rewrite the numerator, using the naïve assumption of conditional independence of features given the class.
- Estimate each term in the numerator based on the training data.
- Select class based on whichever has the larger numerator.

# Naive Bayes Classifier for Text Classification



# Bayes' Theorem for Text Classification

Text classification problems include:

- sentiment analysis
  - positive and negative customer reviews
- determining genre
  - news articles, blog posts, etc.
- email foldering
  - promotions tab in Gmail
- **spam filtering**
  - **separating spam from ham (good, non-spam email)**



# Features

Represent an email as a vector or array of features

$$(x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n)$$

where  $i$  is an index into a dictionary of  $n$  possible words, and

$x_i = 1$  if word  $i$  is present in the email

$x_i = 0$  otherwise

# Features

Called the “bag of words” model:

Ignores location of words within the email, and the frequency of words

**Example:**



usually  $n = 10,000$  to  
50,000 words in practice



# Naïve Bayes Spam Classifier

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

To classify an email, we will use Bayes' Theorem to calculate the probability of it belonging to each class:

$$P(\text{spam} | \text{features}) \text{ and } P(\text{ham} | \text{features})$$

Then choose the class according to the **larger** of these two probabilities.

# Naïve Bayes Spam Classifier

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

**Observe:** the formulas for  $P(\text{spam} | \text{features})$  and  $P(\text{ham} | \text{features})$  have the same denominator,  $P(\text{features})$ .

We can find the larger of the two probabilities by just comparing numerators.

$P(\text{features} | \text{spam}) * P(\text{spam})$  vs.  $P(\text{features} | \text{ham}) * P(\text{ham})$

# Naive Bayes Spam Classifier

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

To use Bayes' Theorem, need to determine four quantities:

- i.*  $P(\text{features} | \text{spam})$
- ii.*  $P(\text{features} | \text{ham})$
- iii.*  $P(\text{spam})$
- iv.*  $P(\text{ham})$

Which of these probabilities should add to 1?

- A. i, ii
- B. iii, iv
- C. both A and B
- D. neither A nor B

# Estimating Parameters with Training Data

parameter:

$P(\text{spam})$

estimate:

$\frac{\text{spam emails in training}}{\text{size of training set}}$

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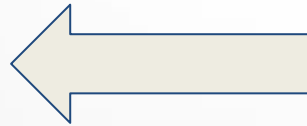
$P(\text{ham})$

estimate:

$\frac{\# \text{ ham emails in training set}}{\text{size of training set}}$

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

$P(\text{features} \mid \text{ham})$



harder to estimate

# Assumption of Conditional Independence

To estimate  $P(\text{features} \mid \text{spam})$  and  $P(\text{features} \mid \text{ham})$ , we assume that the probability of a word appearing in an email of a given class is not affected by other words in the email.

$P(x_1=0 \text{ and } x_2=1 \text{ and } x_3=1 \text{ and } \dots \mid \text{spam}) = \leftarrow \text{assumed equal}$

$$P(x_1=0 \mid \text{spam}) * P(x_2=1 \mid \text{spam}) * P(x_3=1 \mid \text{spam}) * \dots$$

*Is this a reasonable assumption?*

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parameter:  $P(x_1=0 | \text{spam})$

estimate:  $\frac{\# \text{ spam emails in training set not containing the first word in the dictionary}}{\# \text{ spam emails in training set}}$

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Can term-by-term estimate  $P(\text{features}|\text{class})$



# Naïve Bayes Spam Classifier: Recap

Bayes' Theorem shows how to calculate  $P(\text{spam} \mid \text{features})$  and  $P(\text{ham} \mid \text{features})$ .

$$P(\text{class} \mid \text{features}) = \frac{P(\text{features} \mid \text{class}) * P(\text{class})}{P(\text{features})}$$

Rewrite the numerator, using the naive assumption of conditional independence of words given the class.

Estimate each term in the numerator based on the training data.

Select class based on whichever has the larger numerator.

# Modifications and Extensions

- features are pairs (or longer sequences) of words rather than individual words
  - better captures dependencies between words
  - less naïve
  - much bigger feature space
    - $n$  words  $\rightarrow n^2$  pairs of words
- features are the number of occurrences of each word
  - captures low-frequency vs. high-frequency words
- smoothing
  - better handling of previously unseen words

# Smoothing

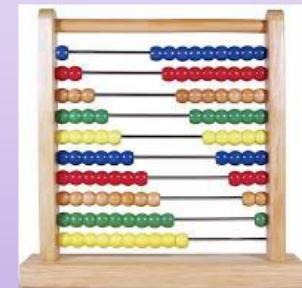
$$P(x_1=0 \text{ and } x_2=1 \text{ and } x_3=1 \text{ and } \dots | \text{spam}) = \\ P(x_1=0 | \text{spam}) * P(x_2=1 | \text{spam}) * P(x_3=1 | \text{spam}) * \dots$$

## Dictionary

1. a
2. aardvark
3. abacus
4. abandon
5. abate
- ...

Suppose you are classifying an email containing the word “abacus,” which does not appear in any emails in your training data. For this new email’s features, what is  **$P(\text{features} | \text{spam})$**  according to a naive Bayes classifier?

- A.  $P(\text{features} | \text{spam}) = \text{undefined}$
- B.  $P(\text{features} | \text{spam}) = 0$
- C.  $P(\text{features} | \text{spam}) = 1/n$
- D.  $P(\text{features} | \text{spam}) = 1$



# Smoothing

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$P(\text{features} \mid \text{spam}) = 0$  and  $P(\text{features} \mid \text{ham}) = 0$

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**Better solution:** make sure probabilities can't be zero

**Key idea:** just because you've never seen something happen doesn't mean it's impossible

# Estimating Parameters with Training Data

Without Smoothing

With Smoothing

parameter:

P(spam)

estimate:

$$\frac{\#spam}{\#spam + \#ham}$$

$$\frac{\#spam + 1}{\#spam + 1 + \#ham + 1}$$

parameter:

P(ham)

estimate:

$$\frac{\#ham}{\#spam + \#ham}$$

$$\frac{\#ham + 1}{\#spam + 1 + \#ham + 1}$$

# Estimating Parameters with Training Data

parameter:

$$P(x_i=1 \mid \text{spam})$$

estimate:

$$\frac{\text{\#spam containing word } i}{\text{\#spam containing word } i + \text{\#spam not containing word } i}$$

Without  
Smoothing

$$\frac{(\text{\#spam containing word } i) + 1}{(\text{\#spam containing word } i) + 1 + (\text{\#spam not containing word } i) + 1}$$

With  
Smoothing

Similarly for other parameters  $P(x_i=0 \mid \text{spam})$ ,  $P(x_i=1 \mid \text{ham})$ ,  $P(x_i=0 \mid \text{ham})$ .



# Smoothing

$$P(x_1=0 \text{ and } x_2=1 \text{ and } x_3=1 \text{ and } \dots | \text{ham}) = \\ P(x_1=0 | \text{ham}) * P(x_2=1 | \text{ham}) * P(x_3=1 | \text{ham}) * \dots$$

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- A.  $P(x_3=1 | \text{ham}) = 0$
- B.  $P(x_3=1 | \text{ham}) = 1/2$
- C.  $P(x_3=1 | \text{ham}) = 1/(\text{total \#ham} + 1)$
- D.  $P(x_3=1 | \text{ham}) = 1/(\text{total \#ham} + 2)$
- E.  $P(x_3=1 | \text{ham}) = 1/(\text{total \#ham} + \text{total \#spam} + 2)$

# Smoothing

Suppose your training set includes only six emails, all of which are ham. For a new email, how will we estimate  $P(\text{ham})$

**without smoothing?      with smoothing?**

A.  $P(\text{ham}) = 0$

$P(\text{ham}) = 1/8$

B.  $P(\text{ham}) = 0$

$P(\text{ham}) = 6/7$

C.  $P(\text{ham}) = 1$

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Is it still true that  $P(\text{ham}) + P(\text{spam}) = 1$  with smoothing?

# Summary

- The Naive Bayes algorithm is useful for text classification.
- The bag of words model treats each word in a large dictionary as a feature.
- Smoothing is one modification that allows for better predictions when there are words that have never been seen before.