Machine Learning and Data Mining

#### 2 : Bayes Classifiers

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  - Can normalize into probability:
     p( y=good | X=c )
  - How to generalize?

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# **Bayes Rule**

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- H F
- You wake up with a headache what is the chance that you have the flu?

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  P(F|H) = p(H & F) / p(H) = (1/80) / (1/10) = 1/8

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# Classification and probability

- Suppose we want to model the data
- Prior probability of each class, p(y)
  - E.g., fraction of applicants that have good credit
- Distribution of features given the class, p(x | y=c)
   How likely are we to see "x" in users with good credit?
- Joint distribution p(y|x)p(x) = p(x,y) = p(x|y)p(y)

Posterior = ( Likelihood \* Prior ) / Evidence

 $= \frac{p(x|y)p(y)}{\sum_{c} p(x|y=c)p(y=c)}$ 

$$\Rightarrow \quad p(y|x) = p(x|y)p(y)/p(x)$$

(Use the rule of total probability to calculate the denominator!)

- Learn "class conditional" models
  - Estimate a probability model for each class
- Training data
  - Split by class
  - $\ D_c = \{ \ x^{(j)} : y^{(j)} = c \ \}$
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- For a discrete x, this recalculates the same table...

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- For continuous x, can use any density estimate we like
  - Histogram
  - Gaussian



#### Gaussian models

• Estimate parameters of the Gaussians from the data

$$\alpha = \frac{m_1}{m} = \hat{p}(y = c_1) \qquad \qquad \hat{\mu} = \frac{1}{m} \sum_j x^{(j)} \qquad \hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{1}{m} \sum_j (x^{(j)} - \mu)^2$$



#### Multivariate Gaussian models

• Similar to univariate case

$$\mathcal{N}(\underline{x} \; ; \; \underline{\mu}, \Sigma) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{d/2}} |\Sigma|^{-1/2} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}(\underline{x} - \underline{\mu})^T \Sigma^{-1}(\underline{x} - \underline{\mu})\right\}$$



- 1 = length-d column vector
  § = d x d matrix
- |**§**| = matrix determinant

#### Maximum likelihood estimate:

$$\hat{\mu} = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{j} \underline{x}^{(j)}$$

 $\hat{\Sigma} = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{j} (\underline{x}^{(j)} - \underline{\hat{\mu}})^T (\underline{x}^{(j)} - \underline{\hat{\mu}})$ 

#### Example: Gaussian Bayes for Iris Data

• Fit Gaussian distribution to each class {0,1,2}

$$p(y) = \text{Discrete}(\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3})$$

$$p(x_1, x_2 | y = 0) = \mathcal{N}(x; \mu_0, \Sigma_0)$$

$$p(x_1, x_2 | y = 1) = \mathcal{N}(x; \mu_1, \Sigma_1)$$

$$p(x_1, x_2 | y = 2) = \mathcal{N}(x; \mu_2, \Sigma_2)$$



- Estimate p(y) = [ p(y=0) , p(y=1) ...]
- Estimate p(x | y=c) for each class c
- Calculate p(y=c | x) using Bayes rule
- Choose the most likely class c
- For a discrete x, can represent as a contingency table...
   What about if we have more discrete features?

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# Joint distributions

 Make a truth table of all combinations of values

Α	В	С
0	0	0
0	0	1
0	1	0
0	1	1
1	0	0
1	0	1
1	1	0
1	1	1

# Joint distributions

- Make a truth table of all combinations of values
- For each combination of values, determine how probable it is
- Total probability must sum to one
- How many values did we specify?

Α	В	С	p(A,B,C   y=1)
0	0	0	0.50
0	0	1	0.05
0	1	0	0.01
0	1	1	0.10
1	0	0	0.04
1	0	1	0.15
1	1	0	0.05
1	1	1	0.10

# **Overfitting & density estimation**

- Estimate probabilities from the data
  - E.g., how many times (what fraction) did each outcome occur?
- M data << 2^N parameters?</li>
- What about the zeros?
  - We learn that certain combinations are impossible?
  - What if we see these later in test data?
- Overfitting!

Α	В	С	p(A,B,C   y=1)
0	0	0	4/10
0	0	1	1/10
0	1	0	0/10
0	1	1	0/10
1	0	0	1/10
1	0	1	2/10
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  - What if we see these later in test data?
- One option: regularize  $\hat{p}(a, b, c) \propto (M_{abc} + \alpha)$
- Normalize to make sure values sum to one...

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# **Overfitting & density estimation**

- Another option: reduce the model complexity
  - E.g., assume that features are independent of one another
- Independence:
- p(a,b) = p(a) p(b)
- $p(x_1, x_2, ..., x_N | y=1) = p(x_1 | y=1) p(x_2 | y=1) ... p(x_N | y=1)$

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Only need to estimate each individually





### Example: Naïve Bayes

**Observed Data:** 

<b>X</b> <sub>1</sub>	<b>x</b> <sub>2</sub>	y
1	1	0
1	0	0
1	0	1
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	1	0
0	0	1
1	0	1

$$\hat{p}(y=1) = \frac{4}{8} = (1 - \hat{p}(y=0))$$

$$\hat{p}(x_1, x_2 | y=0) = \hat{p}(x_1 | y=0) \hat{p}(x_2 | y=0)$$

$$\hat{p}(x_1 = 1 | y=0) = \frac{3}{4} \qquad \hat{p}(x_1 = 1 | y=1) = \frac{2}{4}$$

$$\hat{p}(x_2 = 1 | y=0) = \frac{2}{4} \qquad \hat{p}(x_2 = 1 | y=1) = \frac{1}{4}$$

Prediction given some observation x?

$$\hat{p}(y=1)\hat{p}(x=11|y=1)$$

$$\frac{4}{8} \times \frac{2}{4} \times \frac{1}{4}$$

$$\hat{p}(y=0)\hat{p}(x=11|y=0)$$
$$\frac{4}{8} \times \frac{3}{4} \times \frac{2}{4}$$

**Decide class 0** 

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**Observed Data:** 

<b>x</b> <sub>1</sub>	x <sub>2</sub>	У
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$$\hat{p}(y=1 | x_1 = 1, x_2 = 1) = \frac{\frac{4}{8} \times \frac{2}{4} \times \frac{1}{4}}{\frac{3}{4} \times \frac{2}{4} \times \frac{4}{8} + \frac{2}{4} \times \frac{1}{4} \times \frac{4}{8}}$$

$$- \frac{1}{4}$$

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#### **Example: Joint Bayes**

**Observed Data:** 



= 0

## Naïve Bayes Models

- Variable y to predict, e.g. "auto accident in next year?"
- We have \*many\* co-observed vars x=[x<sub>1</sub>...x<sub>n</sub>]
   Age, income, education, zip code, ...
- Want to learn p(y | x<sub>1</sub>...x<sub>n</sub>), to predict y
   Arbitrary distribution: O(d<sup>n</sup>) values!
- Naïve Bayes:
  - $p(y|\mathbf{x}) = p(\mathbf{x}|y) p(y) / p(\mathbf{x}) \quad ; p(\mathbf{x}|y) = \prod_{\iota} p(x_i|y)$
  - Covariates are independent given "cause"
- Note: may not be a good model of the data
  - Doesn't capture correlations in x's
  - Can't capture some dependencies
- But in practice it often does quite well!

## Naïve Bayes Models for Spam

- y 2 {spam, not spam}
- X = observed words in email
  - Ex: ["the" ... "probabilistic" ... "lottery"...]
  - "1" if word appears; "0" if not
- 1000's of possible words: 2<sup>1000s</sup> parameters?
- # of atoms in the universe:  $> 2^{270}...$
- Model words given email type as independent
- Some words more likely for spam ("lottery")
- Some more likely for real ("probabilistic")
- Only 1000's of parameters now...

#### Naïve Bayes Gaussian Models

$$p(x_1) = \frac{1}{Z} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2\sigma_1^2}(x_1 - \mu_1)^2\right\} \qquad p(x_2) = \frac{1}{Z_2} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2\sigma_2^2}(x_2 - \mu_2)^2\right\}$$

$$p(x_1)p(x_2) = \frac{1}{Z_1 Z_2} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}(\underline{x} - \underline{\mu})^T \Sigma^{-1}(\underline{x} - \underline{\mu})\right\}$$

$$\underline{\mu} = [\mu_1 \ \mu_2]$$
  
$$\Sigma = \operatorname{diag}(\sigma_1^2 \ , \ \sigma_2^2)$$

Again, reduces the number of parameters of the model: Bayes: n<sup>2</sup>/2 Naïve Bayes: n



# You should know...

- Bayes rule; p(y | x) = p(x|y)p(y)/p(x)
- Bayes classifiers
  - Learn p( x | y=C ) , p( y=C )
- Maximum likelihood (empirical) estimators for
  - Discrete variables
  - Gaussian variables
  - Overfitting; simplifying assumptions or regularization
- Naïve Bayes classifiers
  - Assume features are independent given class:

 $p(x | y=C) = p(x_1 | y=C) p(x_2 | y=C) ...$ 

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Gets these examples wrong:

(empirically on training data: better to use test data)

## **Bayes Error Rate**

- Suppose that we knew the true probabilities:
  - $p(x,y) \Rightarrow p(y), p(x|y=0), p(x|y=1)$
  - Observe any x:  $\Rightarrow p(y=0|x)$  (at any x) p(y=1|x)
  - Optimal decision at that particular x is:  $\hat{y} = f(x) = \arg \max p(y = c|x)$
  - Error rate is:

 $\mathbb{E}_{xy}[y \neq \hat{y}] = \mathbb{E}_x[1 - \max p(y = c|x)] = \text{"Bayes error rate"}$ 

- This is the best that any classifier can do!
- Measures fundamental hardness of separating y-values given only features x
- Note: conceptual only!
  - Probabilities p(x,y) must be estimated from data
  - Form of p(x,y) is not known and may be very complex



• Bayes classification decision rule compares probabilities:

$$p(y=0|x) \stackrel{<}{\ >} p(y=1|x)$$

= 
$$p(y=0,x) < p(y=1,x)$$

• Can visualize this nicely if x is a scalar:



- Not all errors are created equally...
- Risk associated with each outcome?

Add multiplier alpha:

$$\alpha p(y=0,x) \stackrel{<}{\scriptstyle >} p(y=1,x)$$



False positive rate:  $(\# y=0, \hat{y}=1) / (\# y=0)$ False negative rate:  $(\# y=1, \hat{y}=0) / (\# y=1)$ 

- Increase alpha: prefer class 0
- Spam detection

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- Decrease alpha: prefer class 1
- Cancer detection

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Type 2 errors: false negatives

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## Measuring errors

- Confusion matrix
- Can extend to more classes

	Predict 0	Predict 1
Y=0	380	5
Y=1	338	3

- True positive rate: #(y=1, ŷ=1) / #(y=1) -- "sensitivity"
- False negative rate: #(y=1, ŷ=0) / #(y=1)
- False positive rate:  $\#(y=0, \hat{y}=1) / \#(y=0)$
- True negative rate: #(y=0, ŷ=0) / #(y=0) -- "specificity"

## **ROC Curves**

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## **ROC Curves**

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#### Probabilistic vs. Discriminative learning



"Discriminative" learning: Output prediction  $\hat{y}(x)$ 



"Probabilistic" learning: Output probability p(y|x) (expresses confidence in outcomes)

- "Probabilistic" learning
  - Conditional models just explain y: p(y|x)
  - Generative models also explain x: p(x,y)
    - Often a component of unsupervised or semi-supervised learning
  - Bayes and Naïve Bayes classifiers are generative models

## Gaussian models

- "Bayes optimal" decision
  - Choose most likely class
- Decision boundary
  - Places where probabilities equal
- What shape is the boundary?



#### Gaussian models

- Bayes optimal decision boundary
  - p(y=0 | x) = p(y=1 | x)
  - Transition point between p(y=0|x) > < p(y=1|x)
- Assume Gaussian models with equal covariances

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$$0 \stackrel{<}{>} \log \frac{p(x|y=0)}{p(x|y=1)} \frac{p(y=0)}{p(y=1)} = \log \frac{p(y=0)}{p(y=1)} + \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} \frac{1}{j} \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} \frac{1}$$

#### Gaussian example

- Spherical covariance:  $\Sigma = \sigma^2 I$
- **Decision rule**

$$= (\mu_0 - \mu_1)^T \Sigma^{-1} x + constants$$

$$(\mu_0 - \mu_1)^T x \stackrel{<}{>} C$$



 $-\mu_1^T \Sigma^{-1} \mu_1)$  $-\log\frac{p(y=0)}{p(y=1)}$ 

# Class posterior probabilities

- Useful to also know class probabilities
- Some notation
  - p(y=0), p(y=1) class prior probabilities
    - How likely is each class in general?
  - p(x | y=c) class conditional probabilities
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- We can compute posterior using Bayes' rule
   p(y=c | x) = p(x|y=c) p(y=c) / p(x)
- Compute p(x) using sum rule / law of total prob.
  - p(x) = p(x|y=0) p(y=0) + p(x|y=1)p(y=1)
  - = p(y=0,x) + p(y=1,x)

# **Class posterior probabilities**

- Consider comparing two classes
  - p(x | y=0) \* p(y=0) vs p(x | y=1) \* p(y=1)
  - Write probability of each class as
  - p(y=0 | x) = p(y=0, x) / p(x)

$$= p(y=0, x) / (p(y=0,x) + p(y=1,x))$$

Divide by p(y=0, x), we get

$$-$$
 = 1 / (1 + exp(-a)) (\*\*)

- Where
- $a = \log [p(x|y=0) p(y=0) / p(x|y=1) p(y=1)]$
- (\*\*) called the logistic function, or logistic sigmoid.

#### Gaussian models

• Return to Gaussian models with equal covariances

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(\*\*)

Now we also know that the probability of each class is given by:  $p(y=0 | x) = Logistic( **) = Logistic( a^T x + b)$ 

We'll see this form again soon...