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Lecture 22: Naïve Bayes
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Announcements

- Project 4 due Thursday

- Contest up since last night.
  - Nightly tournaments starting 11pm.
Machine Learning

- Up until now: how to reason in a model and how to make optimal decisions

- Machine learning: how to acquire a model on the basis of data / experience
  - Learning parameters (e.g. probabilities)
  - Learning structure (e.g. BN graphs)
  - Learning hidden concepts (e.g. clustering)

Example: Spam Filter

- Input: email
- Output: spam/ham
- Setup:
  - Get a large collection of example emails, each labeled “spam” or “ham”
  - Note: someone has to hand label all this data!
  - Want to learn to predict labels of new, future emails
- Features: The attributes used to make the ham / spam decision
  - Words: FREE!
  - Text Patterns: $dd, CAPS
  - Non-text: SenderInContacts
  - ...

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Example: Digit Recognition

- Input: images / pixel grids
- Output: a digit 0-9
- Setup:
  - Get a large collection of example images, each labeled with a digit
  - Note: someone has to hand label all this data!
  - Want to learn to predict labels of new, future digit images
- Features: The attributes used to make the digit decision
  - Pixels: (6,8)=ON
  - Shape Patterns: NumComponents,AspectRatio, NumLoops
  - ...

Other Classification Tasks

- In classification, we predict labels y (classes) for inputs x

- Examples:
  - Spam detection (input: document, classes: spam / ham)
  - OCR (input: images, classes: characters)
  - Medical diagnosis (input: symptoms, classes: diseases)
  - Automatic essay grader (input: document, classes: grades)
  - Fraud detection (input: account activity, classes: fraud / no fraud)
  - Customer service email routing
  - ... many more

- Classification is an important commercial technology!
Important Concepts

- **Data**: labeled instances, e.g. emails marked spam/ham
  - Training set
  - Held out set
  - Test set
- **Features**: attribute-value pairs which characterize each x
- **Experimentation cycle**
  - Learn parameters (e.g. model probabilities) on training set
  - (Tune hyperparameters on held-out set)
  - Compute accuracy of test set
  - Very important: never “peek” at the test set!
- **Evaluation**
  - Accuracy: fraction of instances predicted correctly
- **Overfitting and generalization**
  - Want a classifier which does well on test data
  - Overfitting: fitting the training data very closely, but not generalizing well
  - We’ll investigate overfitting and generalization formally in a few lectures

Bayes Nets for Classification

- **One method of classification**:  
  - Use a probabilistic model!  
  - Features are observed random variables $F_i$  
  - $Y$ is the query variable  
  - Use probabilistic inference to compute most likely $Y$

$$y = \operatorname{argmax}_y P(y|f_1 \ldots f_n)$$

- You already know how to do this inference
Simple Classification

- Simple example: two binary features

\[ P(m|s, f) \quad \text{direct estimate} \]

\[ P(m|s, f) = \frac{P(s, f|m)P(m)}{P(s, f)} \quad \text{Bayes estimate (no assumptions)} \]

\[ P(m|s, f) = \frac{P(s|m)P(f|m)P(m)}{P(s, f)} \quad \text{Conditional independence} \]

\[
\begin{align*}
P(+m, s, f) &= P(s+m)P(f+m)P(+m) \\
P(-m, s, f) &= P(s-m)P(f-m)P(-m)
\end{align*}
\]

General Naïve Bayes

- A general naïve Bayes model:

\[
P(Y, F_1 \ldots F_n) = P(Y) \prod_i P(F_i|Y)
\]

\[ |Y| \text{ parameters} \quad n \times |F| \times |Y| \text{ parameters} \]

- We only specify how each feature depends on the class
- Total number of parameters is linear in \( n \)
Inference for Naïve Bayes

- **Goal:** compute posterior over causes
  - Step 1: get joint probability of causes and evidence
    \[
    P(Y, f_1 \ldots f_n) = \frac{P(y_1, f_1 \ldots f_n)}{P(y_2, f_1 \ldots f_n)} \ldots \frac{P(y_k, f_1 \ldots f_n)}{P(y_k \ldots f_1 \ldots f_n)} \prod_i P(f_i | Y)
    \]
  - Step 2: get probability of evidence
  - Step 3: renormalize

General Naïve Bayes

- **What do we need in order to use naïve Bayes?**
  - Inference (you know this part)
    - Start with a bunch of conditionals, \(P(Y)\) and the \(P(F_i|Y)\) tables
    - Use standard inference to compute \(P(Y|F_1 \ldots F_n)\)
    - Nothing new here
  - Estimates of local conditional probability tables
    - \(P(Y)\), the prior over labels
    - \(P(F_i|Y)\) for each feature (evidence variable)
    - These probabilities are collectively called the *parameters* of the model and denoted by \(\theta\)
    - Up until now, we assumed these appeared by magic, but...
    - …they typically come from training data: we’ll look at this now
A Digit Recognizer

- Input: pixel grids

![Pixel grid example]

- Output: a digit 0-9

Naïve Bayes for Digits

- Simple version:
  - One feature $F_{ij}$ for each grid position $<i,j>$
  - Possible feature values are on / off, based on whether intensity is more or less than 0.5 in underlying image
  - Each input maps to a feature vector, e.g.

$$1 \rightarrow (F_{0,0} = 0 \ F_{0,1} = 0 \ F_{0,2} = 1 \ F_{0,3} = 1 \ F_{0,4} = 0 \ ... F_{15,15} = 0)$$

  - Here: lots of features, each is binary valued

- Naïve Bayes model:

$$P(Y|F_{0,0}...F_{15,15}) \propto P(Y) \prod_{i,j} P(F_{i,j}|Y)$$

- What do we need to learn?
Examples: CPTs

\[
P(Y) \quad \text{and} \quad P(F_{3,1} = \text{on}|Y) \quad P(F_{5,5} = \text{on}|Y)
\]

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Parameter Estimation

- Estimating distribution of random variables like \( X \) or \( X | Y \)

  - **Empirically**: use training data
    - For each outcome \( x \), look at the empirical rate of that value:
    
      \[
P_{\text{ML}}(x) = \frac{\text{count}(x)}{\text{total samples}}
      \]

      \[P_{\text{ML}}(r) = 1/3\]

    - This is the estimate that maximizes the likelihood of the data
      
      \[
      L(x, \theta) = \prod_i P_\theta(x_i)
      \]

  - **Elicitation**: ask a human!
    - Usually need domain experts, and sophisticated ways of eliciting probabilities (e.g. betting games)
    - Trouble calibrating
A Spam Filter

- Naïve Bayes spam filter
- Data:
  - Collection of emails, labeled spam or ham
  - Note: someone has to hand label all this data!
  - Split into training, held-out, test sets
- Classifiers
  - Learn on the training set
  - (Tune it on a held-out set)
  - Test it on new emails

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Naïve Bayes for Text

- Bag-of-Words Naïve Bayes:
  - Predict unknown class label (spam vs. ham)
  - Assume evidence features (e.g. the words) are independent
  - Warning: subtly different assumptions than before!

- Generative model
  \[ P(Y, W_1 \ldots W_n) = P(Y) \prod_i P(W_i|Y) \]

- Tied distributions and bag-of-words
  - Usually, each variable gets its own conditional probability distribution \( P(F|Y) \)
  - In a bag-of-words model
    - Each position is identically distributed
    - All positions share the same conditional probs \( P(W|C) \)
    - Why make this assumption?
Example: Spam Filtering

- Model: \[ P(Y, W_1 \ldots W_n) = P(Y) \prod_i P(W_i|Y) \]

- What are the parameters?

| Word | \( P(W|\text{spam}) \) | \( P(W|\text{ham}) \) | \( P(Y) \) |
|------|---------------------|---------------------|---------|
| the  | 0.0156              | 0.0210              | 0.33    |
| to   | 0.0153              | 0.0133              |         |
| and  | 0.0115              | 0.0119              |         |
| of   | 0.0095              | 0.0107              |         |
| you  | 0.0093              | 0.0108              |         |
| a    | 0.0086              | 0.0100              |         |
| with | 0.0080              | 0.0105              |         |
| from | 0.0075              | 0.0102              |         |
| ...  |                     |                     |         |

- Where do these tables come from?

Spam Example

| Word | \( P(w|\text{spam}) \) | \( P(w|\text{ham}) \) | Tot Spam | Tot Ham |
|------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------|---------|
| (prior) | 0.33333 | 0.66666 | -1.1     | -0.4    |

\[ P(\text{spam} | w) = 98.9 \]
Example: Overfitting

\[ P(\text{features}, Y = 2) \]
\[ P(Y = 2) = 0.1 \]
\[ P(\text{on}|Y = 2) = 0.8 \]
\[ P(\text{on}|Y = 2) = 0.1 \]
\[ P(\text{off}|Y = 2) = 0.1 \]
\[ P(\text{on}|Y = 2) = 0.01 \]

\[ P(\text{features}, Y = 3) \]
\[ P(Y = 3) = 0.1 \]
\[ P(\text{on}|Y = 3) = 0.8 \]
\[ P(\text{on}|Y = 3) = 0.9 \]
\[ P(\text{off}|Y = 3) = 0.7 \]
\[ P(\text{on}|Y = 3) = 0.0 \]

\text{2 wins!!}

Example: Overfitting

- Posterior determined by relative probabilities (odds ratios):

\[ \frac{P(W|\text{ham})}{P(W|\text{spam})} \quad \frac{P(W|\text{spam})}{P(W|\text{ham})} \]

| south-west | inf | screens | inf |
| nation     | inf | minute  | inf |
| morally    | inf | guaranteed | inf |
| nicely     | inf | $205.00 | inf |
| extent     | inf | delivery | inf |
| seriously  | inf | signature | inf |
| ...        |     | ...     |    |

What went wrong here?
Generalization and Overfitting

- Relative frequency parameters will overfit the training data!
  - Just because we never saw a 3 with pixel (15,15) on during training doesn’t mean we won’t see it at test time
  - Unlikely that every occurrence of “minute” is 100% spam
  - Unlikely that every occurrence of “seriously” is 100% ham
  - What about all the words that don’t occur in the training set at all?
  - In general, we can’t go around giving unseen events zero probability

- As an extreme case, imagine using the entire email as the only feature
  - Would get the training data perfect (if deterministic labeling)
  - Wouldn’t generalize at all
  - Just making the bag-of-words assumption gives us some generalization, but isn’t enough

- To generalize better: we need to smooth or regularize the estimates

Estimation: Smoothing

- Problems with maximum likelihood estimates:
  - If I flip a coin once, and it’s heads, what’s the estimate for \( P(\text{heads}) \)?
  - What if I flip 10 times with 8 heads?
  - What if I flip 10M times with 8M heads?

- Basic idea:
  - We have some prior expectation about parameters (here, the probability of heads)
  - Given little evidence, we should skew towards our prior
  - Given a lot of evidence, we should listen to the data
Estimation: Smoothing

- Relative frequencies are the maximum likelihood estimates

\[ \theta_{ML} = \arg \max_{\theta} P(X|\theta) = \arg \max_{\theta} \prod_i P_\theta(X_i) \quad \Rightarrow \quad P_{ML}(x) = \frac{\text{count}(x)}{\text{total samples}} \]

- In Bayesian statistics, we think of the parameters as just another random variable, with its own distribution

\[ \theta_{MAP} = \arg \max_{\theta} P(\theta|X) = \arg \max_{\theta} P(X|\theta)P(\theta)/P(X) \quad \Rightarrow \quad \text{????} \]

\[ = \arg \max_{\theta} P(X|\theta)P(\theta) \]

Estimation: Laplace Smoothing

- Laplace’s estimate:
  - Pretend you saw every outcome once more than you actually did

\[ P_{LAP}(x) = \frac{c(x) + 1}{\sum_x [c(x) + 1]} \quad P_{ML}(X) = \]

\[ = \frac{c(x) + 1}{N + |X|} \quad P_{LAP}(X) = \]

- Can derive this as a MAP estimate with Dirichlet priors (see cs281a)
Estimation: Laplace Smoothing

- **Laplace’s estimate (extended):**
  - Pretend you saw every outcome \( k \) extra times
  
  \[
P_{LAP,k}(x) = \frac{c(x) + k}{N + k|X|}
\]

  - What’s Laplace with \( k = 0 \)?
  - \( k \) is the **strength** of the prior

- **Laplace for conditionals:**
  - Smooth each condition independently:
  
  \[
P_{LAP,k}(x|y) = \frac{c(x,y) + k}{c(y) + k|X|}
\]

\( P_{LAP,0}(X) = \)

\( P_{LAP,1}(X) = \)

\( P_{LAP,100}(X) = \)