

Recap: Decision Tree, Problem Gambling

- ▶ Decision tree
 - ▶ Classification method
 - ▶ Transparent for humans (for limited number of features)
 - ▶ Core idea:
 - ▶ Repeatedly split the data set using features, until sub sets are »pure«
 - ▶ Split according to information gain of the features
- ▶ Problem Gambling
 - ▶ Text classification problem
 - ▶ Non-linguistic use-case, with criteria grounded in medicinal diagnostics
 - ▶ BERT: First »large language model«
 - ▶ Pre-training / fine-tuning paradigm



Wahlen zum Europäischen Parlament

- ▶ Sonntag, 9. Juni, 9:00-18:00 Uhr
 - ▶ 96 Abgeordnete aus Deutschland
 - ▶ Listenwahl (d.h. Parteien)
- ▶ Relevant für uns, weil (praktisch alle) IT-Themen EU-Themen sind
 - ▶ Künstliche Intelligenz
 - ▶ Digitale Märkten
 - ▶ Chatkontrolle
 - ▶ Datenschutzgrundverordnung
 - ▶ Und natürlich: Klimakrise



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Naive Bayes

Sprachverarbeitung (VL + Ü)

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Introduction and Overview

- ▶ Second machine learning method (after decision trees)
- ▶ Probabilistic method (i.e., probabilities are involved)
- ▶ Feature-based method

Basic Probability Theory

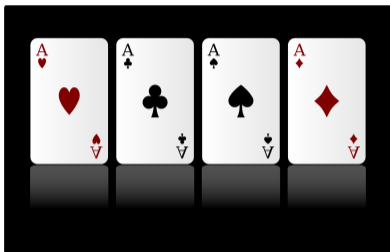
Naive Bayes Algorithm

Example: Spam Classification

Section 1

Basic Probability Theory

Example: Cards



- ▶ 32 cards Ω (sample space)
- ▶ 4 colors: $C = \{\clubsuit, \spadesuit, \diamondsuit, \heartsuit\}$
- ▶ 8 values: $V = \{7, 8, 9, 10, J, Q, K, A\}$
- ▶ Individual cards (outcomes) are denoted with value and color: $8\heartsuit$

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- ▶ If all outcomes are equally likely: $p(E) = \frac{|E|}{|\Omega|}$
- ▶ $p(\{8\heartsuit\}) = \frac{1}{32}$
- ▶ $p(\{9\clubsuit, 9\spadesuit, 9\diamondsuit, 9\heartsuit\}) = \frac{4}{32}$
- ▶ $p(\Omega) = 1$ (must happen, certain event)

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- ▶ In practice, we will often use determine probabilities by counting relative frequencies
 - ▶ Assumption: Frequency is measured on representative and large data set

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- ▶ These events are **independent**
 - ▶ because we return and re-shuffle the cards all the time
 - ▶ Drawing $8\heartsuit$ the first time has no influence on the second drawing
 - ▶ Default case with dice



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 - ▶ This is done with the notion of **conditional probability**
 - ▶ $p(E_1, E_2) = p(E_1) * p(E_2|E_1)$
 - ▶ $p(E_2|E_1) = 0$, therefore $p(E) = 0$

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 - ▶ I.e., a single person cannot have red *and* brown hair
- ▶ A single person can be encoded with two symbols (e.g., »BL«)
 - ▶  But this combination is not unique – in contrast to the cards example
- ▶ All following numbers are made up

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Section 2

Naive Bayes Algorithm

Naive Bayes

- ▶ Probabilistic model (i.e., takes probabilities into account)
- ▶ Probabilities are estimated on training data (relative frequencies)
- ▶ Reading

Jurafsky/Martin (2023, Chapter 4)

Two Parts

- ▶ Prediction model: How does the model make predictions on new instances?
- ▶ Learning algorithm: How is the model created based on annotated data?

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Now we – naively – assume feature independence

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Where do we get $p(f_i(x)|c)$? – Training!

Naive Bayes

Learning Algorithm

1. For each feature $f_i \in F$
 - ▶ Count frequency tables from the training set:

		C (classes)			
		c_1	c_2	...	c_m
$v(f_i)$	a	3	2	...	
	b	5	7	...	
	c	0	1	...	
Σ		8	10		

2. Calculate conditional probabilities
 - ▶ Divide each number by the sum of the entire column
 - ▶ E.g., $p(a|c_1) = \frac{3}{3+5+0}$ $p(b|c_2) = \frac{7}{2+7+1}$

Section 3

Example: Spam Classification

Training

- ▶ Data set: 100 e-mails, manually classified as spam or not spam (50/50)
 - ▶ Classes $C = \{\text{true}, \text{false}\}$
- ▶ Features: Presence of each of these tokens (manually selected): ›casino‹, ›enlargement‹, ›meeting‹, ›profit‹, ›super‹, ›text‹, ›xxx‹
 - ▶ »Bag of Words« representation

		C		C		...
		true	false	true	false	
casino	1	45	25	1	15	35
	0	5	25	0	35	15
	Σ	50	50	Σ	50	50
text	1	15	35	1	15	35
	0	35	15	0	35	15
	Σ	50	50	Σ	50	50

Table: Extracted frequencies for features ›casino‹ and ›text‹

Prediction

1. Extract word presence information from new text
2. Calculate the probability for *each possible class*

$$p \left(\text{true} \mid \begin{bmatrix} \text{casino} & 0 \\ \text{enlargement} & 0 \\ \text{meeting} & 1 \\ \text{profit} & 0 \\ \text{super} & 0 \\ \text{text} & 1 \\ \text{xxx} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

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3. Assign the class with the higher probability

Danger

		C	
		true	false
love	1	0	35
	0	50	15
	Σ	50	50

- ▶ What happens in this situation to the prediction?

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- ▶ What happens in this situation to the prediction?
- ▶ At some point, we need to multiply with $p(\text{love} = 1|\text{true}) = 0$
- ▶ This leads to a total probability of zero (for this class), irrespective of the other features
 - ▶ Even if another feature would be a perfect predictor!

→ Smoothing

Smoothing

- ▶ Whenever multiplication is involved, zeros are dangerous
- ▶ Smoothing is used to avoid zeros
- ▶ Different possibilities
- ▶ Simple: Add something to the probabilities
 - ▶ $\frac{x_i+1}{N+1}$
 - ▶ This leads to values slightly above zero
- ▶ Theoretical justification: Some of the probability space is left unused, for events (= words) that we haven't seen yet

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