

# Bayesian classification

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### Introduction to classifiers

- Goal: learn function  $C$  to maximize correct labels ( $Y$ ) based on features ( $X$ )

$C(x)=y$

lion: 16  
wolf: 12  
monkey: 14  
broker: 0  
analyst: 1  
dividend: 1

→

C

→

jungle

lion: 0  
wolf: 2  
monkey: 1  
broker: 14  
analyst: 10  
dividend: 12

→


C

→

wallStreet

### Giraffe detector

- Label  $X$  : height
- Class  $Y$  : True or False (“is giraffe” or “is not giraffe”)



Learn optimal classification parameter(s)






- Parameter:  $x^{thresh}$

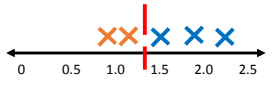
Example function:

$$C(x) = \begin{cases} True & \text{if } x > x^{thresh} \\ False & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

### Learning our classifier parameter(s)

- Adjust parameter(s) based on observed data
- Training set: contains features and corresponding labels

	X	Y
	1.5	True
	2.2	True
	1.8	True
	1.2	False
	0.9	False

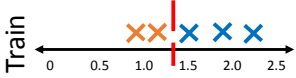


### The testing set

*Testing set should be distinct from training set!*

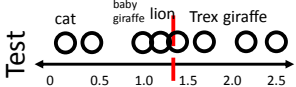
- Does classifier correctly label new data?

Train



Example “good” performance:  
90% correct labels

Test



### Be careful with your training set

- What if we train with only baby giraffes and ants?
- What if we train with only T rexes and adult giraffes?

### Training vs. testing

- **Training:** learn parameters from set of data in each class
- **Testing:** measure how often classifier correctly identifies new data
- More training reduces classifier error  $\epsilon$
- Too much training data causes worse testing error – overfitting

### Quick probability review

- $P(G=C|H=True)$
- $P(G=C,H=True)$
- $P(H=True)$
- $P(H=True|G=C)$

G	H	P(G,H)
A	False	0.05
B	False	0.05
C	False	0.05
D	False	0.1
A	True	0.3
B	True	0.2
C	True	0.15
D	True	0.1

### Bayes rule

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

- Typically:

$$P(\theta|D) = \frac{P(D|\theta)P(\theta)}{P(D)}$$

where **D** is the **observed data** and  **$\theta$**  are the **parameters** to describe that data  
*Our job is to find the most likely parameters for given data*

- **A posteriori probability:** Probability of Parameters  $p$  for data  $d$ :  $P(\theta|D)$
- **Likelihood:** Probability of data  $d$  given it is from Parameters  $p$ :  $P(D|\theta)$
- **Prior:** Probability of observing Parameters  $p$ :  $P(\theta)$

Parameters may be treated as analogous to class

### Typical classification approaches

- MAP – Maximum A Posteriori: Determine parameters/class that has maximum probability

$$\operatorname{argmax}_{\theta} P(\theta|D)$$

- MLE – Maximum Likelihood: Determine parameters/class which maximize probability of the data

$$\operatorname{argmax}_{\theta} P(D|\theta)$$

### Likelihood: $P(D|\theta)$

- Each parameter has own distribution of possible data
- Distribution described by **parameter(s)** in  $\theta$

#### Example

- Classes: {Horse, Dog}
- Feature: RunningSpeed: [0 20]
- Model as Gaussian with fixed  $\sigma$
- $\mu_{horse} = 11.5, \mu_{dog} = 5$

### The prior: $P(\theta)$

$$P(\theta|D) \propto P(D|\theta)P(\theta)$$

- Certain parameters/classes are more common than others
- Classes: {Horse, Dog}
- $P(Horse)=0.05, P(Dog)=0.95$
- High likelihood may not mean high posterior

Which is higher?  
 $P(Horse|D=9)$   
 $P(Dog|D=9)$

### Review

Classify by finding class with max posterior or max likelihood

- $\operatorname{argmax}_{\theta} P(\theta|D) \propto P(D|\theta)P(\theta)$
- Posterior  $\propto$  Likelihood x Prior  $\propto$  - means proportional  
We "ignore" the P(D) denominator because D stays same while comparing different classes ( $\theta$ )

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### Learning probabilities

- We have a coin biased to favor one side
- How can we calculate the bias?
- Data (D): {HHTH, TTTH, TTTT, HTTT} Bias ( $\theta$ ):  $p$  probability of H
- $P(D|\theta) = p^{|H|}(1-p)^{|T|}$  |H| - # heads, |T| - # tails

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### Optimization: finding the maximum likelihood

$$\operatorname{argmax}_{\theta} P(D|\theta) = \operatorname{argmax}_p p^{|H|}(1-p)^{|T|} \quad p - \text{probability of Head}$$

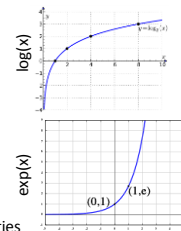
Equivalently, maximize  $\log P(D|\theta)$

$$\operatorname{argmax}_p |H| \log p + |T| \log(1-p)$$

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### The properties of logarithms

- $e^a = b \leftrightarrow \log b = a$
- $a < b \leftrightarrow \log a < \log b$
- $\log ab = \log a + \log b$
- $\log a^n = n \log a$



Convenient when dealing with small probabilities  
 •  $0.0000454 \times 0.000912 = 0.0000000414 \rightarrow -10 + -7 = -17$

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### Optimization: finding zero slope

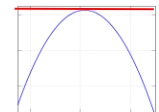
- Location of maximum has slope 0  $p$  - probability of Head

maximize  $\log P(D|\theta)$

$$\operatorname{argmax}_p |H| \log p + |T| \log(1-p) :$$

$$\frac{d}{dp} |H| \log p + |T| \log(1-p) = 0$$

$$\frac{|H|}{p} - \frac{|T|}{1-p} = 0$$



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### Intuition of the MLE result

$$p = \frac{|H|}{|H| + |T|}$$

- Probability of getting heads is # heads divided by # total flips

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### Finding the maximum a posteriori

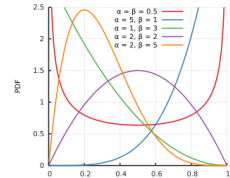
- $P(\theta|D) \propto P(D|\theta)P(\theta)$

- Incorporating the Beta prior:

$$P(\theta) = \frac{\theta^{\alpha-1}(1-\theta)^{\beta-1}}{B(\alpha,\beta)}$$

$$\operatorname{argmax}_{\theta} P(D|\theta)P(\theta) =$$

$$\operatorname{argmax}_{\theta} \log P(D|\theta) + \log P(\theta)$$



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### MAP: estimating $\theta$ (estimating p)

$$\operatorname{argmax}_{\theta} \log P(D|\theta) + \log P(\theta)$$

$$\operatorname{argmax}_p |H| \log p + |T| \log(1-p) +$$

$$(\alpha-1) \log p + (\beta-1) \log(1-p) - \log(B(\alpha,\beta))$$

↓ *Set derivative to 0*

$$\frac{|H|}{p} - \frac{|T|}{1-p} + \frac{(\alpha-1)}{p} - \frac{(\beta-1)}{1-p} = 0$$

$$(1-p)|H| - p|T| + (1-p)(\alpha-1) - p(\beta-1) = 0$$

$$|H| + (\alpha-1) = (|H| + |T| + (\alpha-1) + (\beta-1))p$$

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### Intuition of the MAP result

$$p = \frac{|H| + (\alpha-1)}{|H| + (\alpha-1) + |T| + (\beta-1)}$$

- Prior has strong influence when |H| and |T| small
- Prior has weak influence when |H| and |T| large

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### Multiple features

Dr. Lyon's lecture:

- Position coordinates: x, y, angle
- Pictures: pixels, sonar

Sometimes multiple features provide new information

- Robot localization: (2,4) different from (2,2) and from (4,4)

Sometimes multiple features redundant:

- Super-hero fan: Watch Batman? Watch Superman?

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### Assuming independence: Is there a storm?

- $P(\text{storm} | \text{lightning, wind}) : P(S|L, W)$

$$P(S|L, W) = \frac{P(L,W|S)P(S)}{P(L,W)} \propto P(L, W|S)P(S)$$

- Let's assume L and W are independent given S

$$P(L, W|S) = ?$$

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### Estimating P(Lightning|Storm)

- Is there Lightning? Yes or No (Binary variable like Heads or Tails)
- $P(L=yes|S=yes)$  – Probability of lightning given there's a storm
- $P(L=no|S=yes) = ?$
- What is MLE of  $P(L=yes|S=yes)$ ?
- What is MLE of  $P(L=yes|S=no)$ ?

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### MLE – counting data points

**Updated Oct 1:**

- $P(A = a_i | C = c_j) = \frac{\#D\{A=a_i \wedge C=c_j\}}{\#D\{C=c_j\}}$
- $P(A = a_i, B = b_k | C = c_j) = \frac{\#D\{A=a_i \wedge B=b_k \wedge C=c_j\}}{\#D\{C=c_j\}}$

**Note:** both A and C can take on multiple values (binary and beyond)

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### $P(L,W|S)$

Non-independent, estimate:

- $P(L=yes,W=yes|S=yes)$
- $P(L=yes,W=no|S=yes)$
- $P(L=no,W=yes|S=yes)$
- Deduce  $P(L=no,W=no|S=yes)$ :

$$1 - \sum_{(L,W) \neq (no,no)} P(L,W|S=yes)$$

- Repeat for S=no

### $P(A_1, \dots, A_n | C)$

Number of parameters to estimate:

- For each class find  $2^n - 1$
- In total:  $2(2^n - 1)$

**Updated Oct 1:**

**Note:** in this slide, all variables are binary

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### $P(L,W|S) = P(L|S)P(W,S)$

**Independent**, estimate:

- $P(L=yes|S=yes)$
- Deduce  $P(L=no|S=yes)$ :  $1 - P(L=yes|S=yes)$
- $P(W=yes|S=yes)$
- Deduce  $P(W=no|S=yes)$ :  $1 - P(W=yes|S=yes)$
- Repeat for S=no

### $P(A_1, \dots, A_n | C)$

Number of parameters to estimate:

- For each class find n
- In total: 2n

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### Naive Bayes: Classification + Learning

**Updated Oct 1:**

- Want to know  $P(Y|X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n)$
- Compute  $P(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n|Y)$  and  $P(Y)$ 
  - Compute  $P(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n|Y) = \prod P(X_i|Y)$

**Note:** both X and Y can take on multiple values (binary and beyond)

Learning:

- Estimate each  $P(X_i|Y)$  (through MLE)
- Estimate  $P(Y)$

$$P(X_i = x_k | Y = y_j) = \frac{\#D\{X_i = x_k \wedge Y = y_j\}}{\#D\{Y = y_j\}}$$

$$P(Y = y_j) = \frac{\#D\{Y = y_j\}}{|D|}$$

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### Shortcoming of MLE

**Updated Oct 1:**

$$P(X_i = x_k | Y = y_j) = \frac{\#D\{X_i = x_k \wedge Y = y_j\}}{\#D\{Y = y_j\}}$$

**Note:** both X and Y can take on multiple values (binary and beyond)

- What if  $X_i = x_k \wedge Y = y_j$  is very rare, but possible?

Example – classify articles:

- $X_i$  – does word, appear in article?
- $Y = \{jungle, wallStreet\}$
- $X_i = broker$  very unlikely in jungle:
  - MLE  $P(X_i = broker | Y = jungle) = 0$
- $P(X_1 = x_{11}, \dots, X_n = x_{n1} | Y = y_j) = \prod_i P(X_i = x_{i1} | Y = y_j)$

lion: 16  
 wolf: 12  
 monkey: 14  
 broker: 0  
 analyst: 0  
 dividend: 0

**C** → jungle

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### Estimate each $P(X_i|Y)$ through MAP

Incorporating prior for each class  $\beta_j$

$$P(X_i = x_k | Y = y_j) = \frac{\#D(X_i = x_k \wedge Y = y_j) + (\beta_j - 1)}{\#D(Y = y_j) + \sum_m (\beta_m - 1)}$$

$$P(Y = y_j) = \frac{\#D(Y = y_j) + (\beta_j - 1)}{|D| + \sum_m (\beta_m - 1)}$$

**Extra note:**

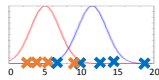
$(\beta_j - 1)$  – “frequency” of class j  
 $\sum_m (\beta_m - 1)$  – “frequencies” of all classes

**Note:** both X and Y can take on multiple values (binary and beyond)

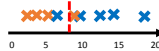
### Benefits of Naïve Bayes

- Very fast learning and classifying:
  - $2n+1$  parameters, not  $2 \times (2^n - 1) + 1$  parameters
- Often works even if features are NOT independent

### Classification strategy: generative vs. discriminative



- Generative, e.g., Bayes/Naïve Bayes:
  - Identify probability distribution for each class
  - Determine class with maximum probability for data example
- Discriminative, e.g., Logistic Regression:
  - Identify boundary between classes
  - Determine which side of boundary new data example exists on



### Linear algebra: data features

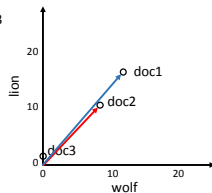
- Vector – list of numbers: each number describes a data feature
- Matrix – list of lists of numbers: features for each data point

	Document 1	Document 2	Document 3
Wolf	12	8	0
Lion	16	10	2
Monkey	14	11	1
Broker	0	14	14
Analyst	1	0	10
Dividend	1	1	12
	⋮	⋮	⋮

### Feature space

- Each data feature defines a dimension in space

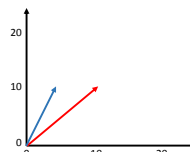
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### The dot product

The dot product compares two vectors:

$$\mathbf{a} = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_n \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ \vdots \\ b_n \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i b_i = \mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{b}$$



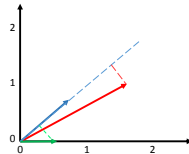
$$\begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 10 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 10 \\ 10 \end{bmatrix} = 5 \times 10 + 10 \times 10 = 50 + 100 = 150$$

The dot product, continued  $\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i b_i$

Magnitude of a vector is the sum of the squares of the elements

$$|\mathbf{a}| = \sqrt{\sum_i a_i^2}$$

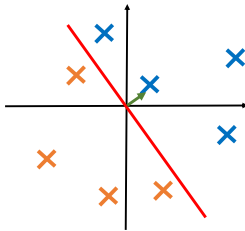
If  $\mathbf{a}$  has unit magnitude,  $\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b}$  is the "projection" of  $\mathbf{b}$  onto  $\mathbf{a}$



$$\begin{bmatrix} 0.71 \\ 0.71 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1.5 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = .71 \times 1.5 + .71 \times 1 \approx 1.07 + .71 = 1.78$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0.71 \\ 0.71 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0.5 \end{bmatrix} = .71 \times 0 + .71 \times 0.5 \approx 0 + .35 = 0.35$$

Separating boundary, defined by  $\mathbf{w}$

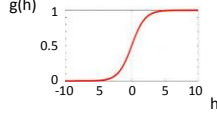


- Separating **hyperplane** splits **class 0** and **class 1**
- Plane is defined by line  $\mathbf{w}$  perpendicular to plane
- Is data point  $\mathbf{x}$  in class 0 or class 1?  $\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x} > 0$  class 0  
 $\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x} < 0$  class 1

From real-number projection to 0/1 label

- Binary classification: 0 is class A, 1 is class B
- Sigmoid function stands in for  $p(x|y)$

Sigmoid:  $g(h) = \frac{1}{1+e^{-h}}$



- $p(x|y = 0; \theta) = 1 - g(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}) = \frac{e^{-\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}}}{1+e^{-\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}}}$
- $p(x|y = 1; \theta) = g(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{1+e^{-\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}}}$

$$\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x} = \sum_j w_j x_j$$

Learning parameters for classification

- Similar to MLE for Bayes classifier
- "Likelihood" for data points  $y^1, \dots, y^n$  (really framed as posterior  $p(y|x)$ )
  - If  $y^i$  in class A,  $y^i = 0$ , multiply  $(1-g(x^i; \mathbf{w}))$
  - If  $y^i$  in class B,  $y^i = 1$ , multiply  $(g(x^i; \mathbf{w}))$

$$L(y|x; \mathbf{w}) = \prod_i (1 - g(x^i; \mathbf{w}))^{(1-y^i)} g(x^i; \mathbf{w})^{y^i}$$

$$LL(y|x; \mathbf{w}) = \sum_i (1 - y^i) \log(1 - g(x^i; \mathbf{w})) + y^i \log(g(x^i; \mathbf{w}))$$

$$LL(y|x; \mathbf{w}) = \sum_i y^i \log \frac{g(x^i; \mathbf{w})}{1 - g(x^i; \mathbf{w})} + \log(1 - g(x^i; \mathbf{w}))$$

Learning parameters for classification  $g(h) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-h}}$

$$LL(y|x; \mathbf{w}) = \sum_i y^i \log \frac{g(x^i; \mathbf{w})}{1 - g(x^i; \mathbf{w})} + \log(1 - g(x^i; \mathbf{w}))$$

$$LL(y|x; \mathbf{w}) = \sum_i y^i \log \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{1 + e^{-\mathbf{w}^T x^i}}} + \log \left( \frac{e^{-\mathbf{w}^T x^i}}{1 + e^{-\mathbf{w}^T x^i}} \right)$$

$$LL(y|x; \mathbf{w}) = \sum_i y^i \log \frac{1}{1 + e^{-\mathbf{w}^T x^i} - 1} + \log \left( \frac{e^{-\mathbf{w}^T x^i}}{1 + e^{-\mathbf{w}^T x^i}} \right)$$

$$LL(y|x; \mathbf{w}) = \sum_i y^i \mathbf{w}^T x^i - \mathbf{w}^T x^i - \log(1 + e^{-\mathbf{w}^T x^i})$$

Learning parameters for classification  $\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x} = \sum_j w_j x_j$

$$LL(y|x; \mathbf{w}) = \sum_i y^i \mathbf{w}^T x^i - \mathbf{w}^T x^i + \log(g(\mathbf{w}^T x^i)) \quad g^i(\mathbf{h}) = \frac{e^{-h}}{(1 + e^{-h})^2}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial w_j} LL(y|x; \mathbf{w}) = \sum_i y^i x_j^i - x_j^i + \frac{x_j^i e^{-\mathbf{w}^T x^i}}{1 + e^{-\mathbf{w}^T x^i}}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial w_j} LL(y|x; \mathbf{w}) = \sum_i x_j^i (y^i - (1 - (1 - g(\mathbf{w}^T x^i))))$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial w_j} LL(y|x; \mathbf{w}) = \sum_i x_j^i (y^i - g(\mathbf{w}^T x^i))$$

## Iterative gradient descent

$y^i$  – true data label  
 $g(w^T x^i)$  – computed data label

- Begin with initial guessed weights  $w$
- For each data point  $(y^i, x^i)$ , update each weight  $w_j$

$$w_j \leftarrow w_j + \varepsilon x_j^i (y^i - g(w^T x^i))$$

- Choose  $\varepsilon$  so change is not too big or too small

**Intuition**

- $x_j^i (y^i - g(w^T x^i))$ 
  - If  $y=1$  and  $g(w^T x)=0$ , and  $x_j^i > 0$ , make  $w_j$  larger and push  $w^T x$  to be larger
  - If  $y=0$  and  $g(w^T x)=1$ , and  $x_j^i > 0$ , make  $w_j$  smaller and push  $w^T x$  to be smaller

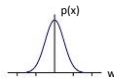
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## MAP for discriminative classifier

- MLE:  $P(x|y=1; w) \sim g(w^T x)$
- MAP:  $P(y=1|x) = P(x|y=1; w) P(w) \sim g(w^T x) ???$
- $P(w)$  priors
  - L2 regularization – minimize all weights
  - L1 regularization – minimize number of non-zero weights

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## MAP – L2 regularization



- $P(y=1|x; w) = P(x|y=1; w) P(w)$ :

$$L(y|x; w) = \prod_i (1 - g(x^i; w))^{(1-y^i)} g(x^i; w)^{y^i} \prod_j e^{-\frac{w_j^2}{2\lambda}}$$

$$LL(y|x; w) = \sum_i y^i w^T x^i - w^T x^i + \log(g(w^T x^i)) - \sum_j \frac{w_j^2}{2\lambda}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial w_j} LL(y|x; w) = \sum_i x_j^i (y^i - g(w^T x^i)) - \frac{w_j}{\lambda}$$

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