Naïve Bayes Classifiers

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A simple Bayes Net

J

C
Z
R

What parameters are stored in the CPTs of this Bayes Net?

J

Person is a Junior
C
Brought Coat to Classroom
Z
Live in zipcode 15213
R
Saw “Return of the King” more than once

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P(J) =

C

P(C|J) =
P(C|~J) =
Z

P(Z|J) =
P(Z|~J) =
R

P(R|J) =
P(R|~J) =

Suppose we have a database from 20 people who attended a lecture. How could we use that to estimate the values in this CPT?

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A new person shows up at class wearing an "I live right above the Manor Theater where I saw all the Lord of The Rings Movies every night" overcoat. What is the probability that they are a Junior?

Naïve Bayes Classifier Inference

\[ P(J \mid C \wedge \neg Z \wedge R) = \frac{P(J \wedge C \wedge \neg Z \wedge R)}{P(C \wedge \neg Z \wedge R)} = \frac{P(J \wedge C \wedge \neg Z \wedge R)}{P(J \wedge C \wedge \neg Z \wedge R) + P(\neg J \wedge C \wedge \neg Z \wedge R)} = \frac{P(C \mid J) P(\neg Z \mid J) P(R \mid J) P(J)}{P(C \mid J) P(\neg Z \mid J) P(R \mid J) P(J) + \frac{P(C \mid \neg J) P(\neg Z \mid \neg J) P(R \mid \neg J) P(\neg J)}{P(C \mid \neg J) P(\neg Z \mid \neg J) P(R \mid \neg J) P(\neg J)} \]

The General Case

1. Estimate \( P(Y = v) \) as fraction of records with \( Y = v \)
2. Estimate \( P(X = u \mid Y = v) \) as fraction of "Y=v" records that also have \( X = u \).
3. To predict the \( Y \) value given observations of all the \( X_i \) values, compute
   \[ Y_{\text{predict}} = \arg\max_{v} P(Y = v \mid X_1 = u_1, \ldots, X_n = u_n) \]
Naïve Bayes Classifier

\[ Y_{\text{predict}} = \arg \max_v P(Y = v \mid X_1 = u_1 \cdots X_m = u_m) \]

\[ Y_{\text{predict}} = \arg \max_v \frac{P(Y = v \cap X_1 = u_1 \cdots X_m = u_m)}{P(X_1 = u_1 \cdots X_m = u_m)} \]

\[ Y_{\text{predict}} = \arg \max_v \frac{P(X_1 = u_1 \cdots X_m = u_m \mid Y = v)P(Y = v)}{P(X_1 = u_1 \cdots X_m = u_m)} \]

\[ Y_{\text{predict}} = \arg \max_v P(X_1 = u_1 \cdots X_m = u_m \mid Y = v)P(Y = v) \]

\[ Y_{\text{predict}} = \arg \max_v P(Y = v) \prod_{j=1}^{m} P(X_j = u_j \mid Y = v) \]

Because of the structure of the Bayes Net

More Facts About Naïve Bayes Classifiers

- Naïve Bayes Classifiers can be built with real-valued inputs*
- Rather Technical Complaint: Bayes Classifiers don’t try to be maximally discriminative—they merely try to honestly model what’s going on*
- Zero probabilities are painful for Joint and Naïve. A hack (justifiable with the magic words “Dirichlet Prior”) can help*.
- Naïve Bayes is wonderfully cheap. And survives 10,000 attributes cheerfully!

*See future Andrew Lectures

What you should know

- How to build a Bayes Classifier
- How to predict with a BC