# BAYESIAN CLASSIFIERS

#### Motivation

- Task: predict if a person is at risk of heart disease
- Deciding factors include diet, exercise, excessive smoking, alcohol abuse
- Other factors such as heredity, …

- The class label of a test record cannot be predicted with certainty even though its attribute set is identical to a training record.
- Bayesian classifiers model probabilistic relationships between  $\mathsf{attributes}$

#### Probability Theory

- Probability measures the amount of uncertainty of an event
	- Probability of rain tomorrow
	- Probability of drawing a red ball from a bin containing 6 red and 11 white balls

- Measured as a number between 0 and 1
	- $\cdot$  p(E) = 0: event E will not occur
	- $\cdot$  p(E) = 1: event E will occur with certainty

# **Definitions**

- The set of all possible events is called the sample space
	- Forecast space:  $S = \{Rainy, Cloudy, Sunny\}$
	- Drawing space:  $S = \{Red, White\}$
- The sum of probabilities of all outcomes of an event is 1:
	- $p(Rainy) + p(Cloudy) + p(Sunny) = 1$
	- $p(Red) + p(White) = 1$
- A complimentary event E' with respect to event E is the event that E does not occur
	- $p(E) + p(E') = 1$

# Definitions

- Two events are mutually exclusive if they cannot occur together •  $p(A \cap B) = 0$
- Two events are independent if the chance that each event occurs is independent of the other
- Dependent or independent?
	- Rolling 6 on a die and then rolling 2 on a second roll
	- Picking the first prize winner at a raffle event then picking the second prize winner
- If two events are independent:  $p(A \cap B) = p(A)p(B)$

#### Random Variables

- A variable whose value depends on the outcome of a random experiment
- *P(E)*: the fraction of times E is observed in a potentially unlimited number of experiments
- $P(X=v)$ :
	- probability of X having value v
	- probability of all outcomes in which v is observed

- Experiment: toss a coin 4 times
- Let X be the random variable that measures the number of times a head is observed.
- Possible outcomes: HHHH, HHHT, HHTH, HHTT, HTHH (HTHT) HTTT, THHH (THHT) THTT, TTHH, TTHT, TTTH, TTTT



- *What is*  $P(X = 2)$ ? 6/16
- *What is*  $P(X \ge 2)$ *?*  $6/16 + 4/16 + 1/16 = 11/16$

#### Continuous Random Variables

• If X can take a continuous range of values:  $\langle X \, \langle \, b \rangle = \int_{a}$ *b a*  $P(a < X < b) = \int_{a}^{b} f(x) dx$ 

• *f(x)*: probability density function

• *P(X,Y):* joint probability of two random variables *X* and *Y* If *X* and *Y* are independent:  $P(X, Y) = P(X)P(Y)$ 

#### Conditional Probability

• *P(Y|X)*: conditional probability of Y given X

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P(Y \mid X) = \frac{P(X, Y)}{P(X)}
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• If X and Y are independent:

$$
P(Y \mid X) = P(Y)
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#### Bayes Theorem

• Expresses relationship between conditional probabilities:

$$
P(Y \mid X) = \frac{P(X \mid Y)P(Y)}{P(X)}
$$

 $P(X, Y) = P(Y|X)p(X)$  $P(X, Y) = P(X|Y)p(Y)$ 

- Team 0 wins 65% of the time
- Team 1 wins the remaining matches
- Among games won by Team 0, only 30% come from playing on Team 1's field.
- 75% of victories of Team 1 are obtained at home
- Team 1 will host the next game, who will most likely win?

- Random variables:
	- X: represents the team that will host the game
	- Y: represents the team that will win the game
- Goal: Team 1 will host the next game, who will most likely win?
	- Compute and compare:  $P(Y=0 | X=1)$  and  $P(Y=1 | X=1)$

- Team 0 wins 65% of the time:
	- $P(Y=0) = 0.65$
- Team 1 wins the remaining matches:  $\cdot P(Y=1) = 1 - 0.65 = 0.35$
- Among games won by Team 0, only 30% come from playing on Team 1's field:
	- $P(X=1 | Y=0) = 0.3$
- 75% of victories of Team 1 are obtained at home: •  $P(X=1 | Y=1) = 0.75$

Given:  $P(Y=0) = 0.65$  $P(Y=1) = 0.35$  $P(X=1 | Y=0) = 0.3$  $P(X=1 | Y=1) = 0.75$  Goal: compute  $P(Y=0 | X=1)$  $P(Y=1 | X=1)$ 

Solution:

 $P(Y=1 | X=1) = P(X=1 | Y=1)P(Y=1) / P(X=1)$  $P(X=1 | Y=1)P(Y=1) / (P(X=1, Y=1) + P(X=1, Y=0))$  $= P(X=1 | Y=1)P(Y=1) / ( P(X=1 | Y=1)P(Y=1) + P(X=1 | Y=0)P(Y=0) )$  *= 0.75*x*0.35 / (0.75*x*0.35 + 0.3*x*0.65) = 0.5738 P(Y=0 | X=1) = 1 - 0.5738 = 0.4262*

### Classification from Statistical Perspective

- Given a set of attributes X and a class attribute Y
- If Y has nondeterministic relationship with X: treat X, Y as random variables
- $\cdot$  In the training phase: learn  $P(Y | X)$  for every combination of X
- In the test phase: given test record X', find Y' maximizing *P(Y' | X')*
- *P(Y | X)*: posterior probability of Y •  $P(Y)$ : prior probability of Y  $(X)$  $(Y | X) = \frac{P(X | Y)P(Y)}{P(X)}$  $P(Y|X) = \frac{P(X|Y)P(Y)}{P(X|Y)}$ Posterior distribution of Y  $\vert$  Prior distribution of Y

- Task: predict if a borrower will default on his/her payment
- Test record:
	- X = (Home owner = No, Marital Status = Married, Annual Income = \$120K)<br>Present the AT LIN solution of the state of
- Goal: Compute and compare *P(Yes | X)* and *P(No | X)*



• Estimate the posterior probabilities for every X is difficult

- Using Bayes Theorem:
	- $P(Yes | X) = P(X | Yes)P(Yes) / P(X)$
	- $P(No | X) = P(X | No)P(No) / P(X)$
	- $P(X)$  is the same in both equations and can be ignored
	- *P(Yes)* and *P(No)* can be easily computed from training set





- Using Bayes Theorem:
	- $P(Yes | X) = P(X | Yes)P(Yes) / P(X)$
	- $P(No | X) = P(X | No)P(No) / P(X)$
- Remaining sub-problem:
	- Compute *P(X | Yes)* and *P(X | No)*: the conditional probability *P(X|Y)*
- 2 Methods:
	- Naïve Bayes Classifier
	- Bayesian Belief Networks

#### Naïve Bayes Classifier

• Assumes that the attributes X are **conditionally independent** given class label Y

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X = (X_1, X_2, X_3, ..., X_d)
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P(X | Y = y) = \prod_{i=1}^{d} P(X_i | Y = y) = P(X_1 | Y = y)P(X_2 | Y = y)...P(X_d | Y = y)
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#### Naïve Bayes Classifier

• Conditional Independence:

 $P(X, Y | Z) = P(X | Z)P(Y | Z)$ 

 $P(X_1, X_2, ..., X_k | Y) = P(X_1 | Y)P(X_2 | Y)....P(X_k | Y)$ 

• Idea: instead of computing the class conditional probability for every combination of *X*, only estimate *Xi* given *Y*

$$
P(Y \mid X) = \frac{P(Y) \prod_{i=1}^{k} P(X_i \mid Y)}{P(X)}
$$

• Find the class (value of Y) that maximizes numerator

#### Categorical Attributes

• If  $X_i$  is categorical attribute, then  $P(X_i = x_i | Y = y_i) =$  number of instances having both  $Y = y_i$  and  $X_i = x_i$  divided by number of instances having  $Y = y_i$ 

- P(Home owner =  $No \mid No$ ) = 4/7
- P(Marital status = Divorced | Yes) =  $1/3$





#### Continuous Attributes I

- Discretize each continuous attribute then replace each value by its corresponding interval
- $P(X_i | Y = y_i)$  = number of instances having both  $Y = y_i$  and  $X_i$  in the corresponding interval divided by number of instances having  $Y = y_i$

#### Continuous Attributes I









P(Annual Income = 75k-100k | Yes) = 3/3

#### Continuous Attributes I

- The estimate error depends on the discretization strategy and the number of intervals
- If the number of intervals is too large:
	- Too few records in each interval, so unreliable estimate
- If the number of intervals is too small:
	- May join classes and miss decision boundary

#### Continuous Attributes II

- Assume a certain probability distribution for the continuous variable
- Estimate parameters of distribution from training sample
- Normal distribution: 2 2 2  $(x_i - \mu_{ii})$  $2\pi\sigma_{ii}^2$  $(X_i = x_i \mid Y = y_i) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{2\sigma_{ij}^2}{c^2}}}$  $x_i - \mu_{ij}$ *ij*  $P(X_i = x_i | Y = y_j) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - x_j}} e^{-2\sigma^2}$  $\mu_{\text{I}}$  $\pi\sigma$ - -  $= x_i \mid Y = y_i$ ) =
- $\mu_{ii}$ : sample mean of attribute  $X_i$  of all training records belonging to class  $y_i$
- $\sigma_{\!ij}^{\;\;2}$ : sample variance of same set
- $\cdot$  Obtain  $\mu_{ij}$  and  $\sigma_{ij}$ <sup>2</sup> from the training data

#### Continuous Attributes II - Example

What is  $P($ Income = 120K | No)?





$$
\mu_{\text{income,No}} = (125 + 100 + 70 + 120 + 60 + 220 + 75) / 7
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= 110
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\sigma_{\text{income,No}}^2 = 2975
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\sigma_{\text{income,No}} = 54.54
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P(\text{Income} = 120 | \text{No}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi} (54.54)} e^{-\frac{(120 - 110)^2}{2 (2975)}}
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= 0.0072
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#### Example of Naïve Bayes Classifier

Test Record: X= (home owner = No, Marital Status = Married, Income = 120K)

More likely to default or not?





 $P$ (Home Owner=Yes|No) = 3/7  $P$ (Home Owner=No|No) = 4/7  $P$ (Home Owner=Yes|Yes) = 0  $P$ (Home Owner=No|Yes) = 1  $P(Marital Status=Single|No) = 2/7$  $P(Marital Status=Divorced|No) = 1/7$  $P(Marital Status=Married|No) = 4/7$  $P(Marital Status=Single|Yes) = 2/3$  $P(Marital Status=Divorced|Yes) = 1/3$  $P(Marital Status=Married|Yes) = 0$ For Annual Income: If class=No: sample mean=110 sample variance=2975 If class=Yes: sample mean=90 sample variance=25

#### Example of Naïve Bayes Classifier

Test Record: X= (home owner = No, Marital Status = Married, Income = 120K)

 $P$ (Home Owner=Yes $|No| = 3/7$  $P(Home Owner=NolNo) = 4/7$  $P$ (Home Owner=Yes|Yes) = 0  $P$ (Home Owner=No|Yes) = 1  $P(Marital Status=Single|No) = 2/7$  $P(Marital Status=Divorced|No) = 1/7$  $P(Marital Status=Married|No) = 4/7$  $P(Marital Status=Single|Yes) = 2/3$  $P(Marital Status=Divorced|Yes) = 1/3$  $P(Marital Status=Married|Yes) = 0$ 

For Annual Income: If class=No: sample mean=110 sample variance=2975 If class=Yes: sample mean=90 sample variance=25

 $P(Yes | X) = P(X | Yes)P(Yes) / P(X)$  $P(No | X) = P(X | No)P(No) / P(X)$ 

P(X | No) = P(Home Owner=No | Class=No)  $\times$  P(Married | Class=No)  $\times$  P(Income=120K | Class=No)  $= 4/7 \times 4/7 \times 0.0072 = 0.0024$ 

P(X | Yes) = P(Home Owner=No | Class=Yes)  $\times$  P(Married | Class=Yes)  $\times$  P(Income=120K | Class=Yes)  $= 1 \times 0 \times 1.2 \times 10^{-9} = 0$ 

Since  $P(X | No)P(No) > P(X | Yes)P(Yes)$ Therefore  $P(No | X)$  >  $P(Yes | X)$  $\Rightarrow$  Class = No

### Implementation

#### **Functions**

- from sklearn.naive\_bayes import GaussianNB
- GaussianNB
	- Likelihood of features follows a Gaussian distribution  $P(x_i|y) \sim N(\mu_v, \sigma_v)$  for continuous attributes
- BernoulliNB
	- All features are Boolean (True or False, 1 or 0)
- MultinomialNB
	- Multiple classes

#### **Parameters**

- Typically not set
- GaussianNB
	- Prior probability of each class
- BernoulliNB and MultinomialNB
	- fit prior learn the class prior probability
	- $\bullet$  class prior specify probability of each class 29

#### Problem with Naïve Bayes Classifier  $P(Y | X) = P (X_1 | Y) P(X_2 | Y) ... P (X_n | Y) P (Y) / P (X)$ Test Record:

X= (home owner = Yes, Marital Status = Divorced, Income = 120K)

 $P(X \mid Yes) = 0$  P(home owner = Yes\Y=yes)=0

- •If  $P(X_i | Y) = 0$  for an attribute  $X_i$  then  $P(Y|X) = 0$
- •If a sample set does not cover all values, the naïve Bayes classifier may not be able to classify some test records



#### Solution

#### •m-estimate approach for estimating conditional probabilities

$$
p(x_i \mid y_i) = \frac{n_{xy} + mp}{n_y + m}
$$

•*ny*: total number of instances from class *yi*

- • $n_{xy}$ : total number of instances from class  $y_i$  with value  $x_i$
- *p*: user specified parameter, prior probability of Y
- •*m*: equivalent sample size parameter

#### Characteristics

- Robust to noise because noise points averaged in estimations
- Can handle missing values by ignoring records with missing values
- Robust to irrelevant attributes: if  $X_i$  is irrelevant,  $p(X_i|Y)$  becomes uniformly distributed
- Correlated attributes degrade performance
- Conditional independence may not hold for all attributes
	- Use Bayesian Belief Networks

#### Bayesian Belief Network

- Specifies the dependencies between attributes
- Two components:
	- A directed acyclic graph: each node represents an attribute
	- A set of conditional probabilities table





#### Bayesian Belief Network

• *Each variable is conditionally independent of its non descendants given its parents*

![](_page_33_Figure_2.jpeg)

Conditional Probability:  $P(X|\X) = P(X|\pi(X))$ 

Joint Probability:  $P(X) = \prod_{i=1}^{N} p(X_i | \pi(X_i))$ 

 $P(F, S, L, E, P, D) = P(F)P(S)P(L|F, S)P(E|S)P(P|L)P(D|L, E)$ 

#### $P(E,D,HD,H,B,C) = P(E)P(D)P(HD|E,D)P(H|D)P(B|H)P(C|HD,H)$

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#### Training Process

- Learn the network topology
	- Constructed by experts
	- Inferred from the data
- If network topology is known:
	- Compute conditional probabilities table
- If network topology is not known:
	- Discrete optimization problem

#### Prediction

![](_page_37_Picture_1.jpeg)

 $P(A=yes, B=yes, C=yes, D=yes) =$ P(A=yes)\*P(B=yes | A=yes)\*P(C=yes | B=yes)\* P(D=yes | B=yes)

#### Characteristics

- Captures prior knowledge of a domain using a graphical model
- Network construction may be time consuming
- Well suited for incomplete data
	- Expectation-Maximization (EM) algorithm
- Robust to overfitting
- A popular library in Python is called PyMC3 and provides a range of tools for Bayesian modeling, including graphical models like Bayesian Networks.
- Additionally, BNlearn is a R package with benchmark networks

#### Bayes Theorem

![](_page_39_Figure_1.jpeg)

**Bayesian Deep Learning**