

# Classification Methods: Bayesian Classification

## READING

Ch 10 from Hand  
Ch 7 from Han

Paper by Wang et. al. on Protein sequence analysis  
Handout from D&H on belief nets

Ack: Slides from Ch 7 (Han)+Figures from Duda&Hart, Turk

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## Classification Algorithms

- Linear discriminants and Perceptrons
- Decision tree induction
- Bayesian Classification
- Perceptrons revisited: Multilayered networks
  - Application study: paper by Wang et. Al., New Techniques for extracting features from protein sequences

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## Bayesian Classification: Why?

- Probabilistic learning:** Calculate explicit probabilities for hypothesis, among the more practical approaches to certain types of learning problems
- Incremental:** Each training example can incrementally increase/decrease the probability that a hypothesis is correct. Prior knowledge can be combined with observed data.
- Probabilistic prediction:** Predict multiple hypotheses, weighted by their probabilities
- Standard:** Even when Bayesian methods are computationally intractable, they can provide a standard of optimal decision making against which other methods can be measured

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## Bayesian Theorem

- Given training data  $D$ , *posteriori probability of a hypothesis  $h$* ,  $P(h|D)$  follows the Bayes theorem

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

- MAP (maximum posteriori) hypothesis

$$h_{MAP} \equiv \arg \max_{h \in H} P(h|D) = \arg \max_{h \in H} P(D|h)P(h)$$

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## Bayes Model

- Practical difficulty: require initial knowledge of many probabilities, significant computational cost
- $O(k^p)$  for  $p$   $k$ -valued variables
  - E.g.  $p=30$ , and binary variables ( $k=2$ ) we would need to estimate on the order of  $2^{30} \sim 10^9$  probabilities.
  - Assuming (as a rule of thumb) we need at least 10 data points for every parameter we estimate (here the parameters in our model are the probabilities specifying the joint distribution), we would need on the order of  $10^{10}$  data points for estimation
  - For  $m$  classes,  $m > 2$ ,  $m$  times this number

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## Naïve Bayes Classifier

- A simplified assumption: attributes are conditionally independent ( $m$  classes):

$$P(\mathbf{x} | c_i) = P(x_1, \dots, x_p | c_i) = \prod_{j=1}^p P(x_j | c_i), \quad 1 \leq i \leq m$$

- Greatly reduces the computation cost, only count the class distribution.
- This is often referred to as the Naïve Bayes or first order Bayes assumption
- Requires  $O(kp)$  probabilities per class—linear in the number of variables  $p$  rather than exponential

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## Naïve Bayes Assumption (2)

- Note the strong independence assumption
  - May not be realistic
  - However, still permits accurate classification in many practical applications

$$P(c_k | \mathbf{x}) \propto p(\mathbf{x} | c_k) p(c_k) = p(c_k) \prod_{j=1}^p P(x_j | c_k) \quad 1 \leq k \leq m$$

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## Example: Playing tennis

- Given a training set, we can compute the probabilities (P=Play, N=no play)

Outlook	P	N	Humidity	P	N
sunny	2/9	3/5	high	3/9	4/5
overcast	4/9	0	normal	6/9	1/5
rain	3/9	2/5			
Temperature			Windy		
hot	2/9	2/5	true	3/9	3/5
mild	4/9	2/5	false	6/9	2/5
cool	3/9	1/5			

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## Bayesian classification

- The classification problem may be formalized using **a-posteriori probabilities**:
- $P(C|X)$  = prob. that the sample tuple  $X = \langle x_1, \dots, x_p \rangle$  is of class C.
- E.g.  $P(\text{class}=N \mid \text{outlook}=\text{sunny}, \text{windy}=\text{true}, \dots)$
- Idea: assign to sample  $X$  the class label  $C$  such that  $P(C|X)$  is maximal

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## Estimating a-posteriori probabilities

- Bayes theorem**:
 
$$P(C|X) = P(X|C) \cdot P(C) / P(X)$$
- $P(X)$  is constant for all classes
- $P(C)$  = relative freq of class C samples
- C such that  $P(C|X)$  is maximum = C such that  $P(X|C) \cdot P(C)$  is maximum
- Problem: computing  $P(X|C)$  is not feasible!

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## Naïve Bayesian Classification

- Naïve assumption: **attribute independence**

$$P(x_1, \dots, x_p | C) = P(x_1 | C) \dots P(x_p | C)$$
- If i-th attribute is **categorical**:  $P(x_i | C)$  is estimated as the relative freq of samples having value  $x_i$  as i-th attribute in class C
- If i-th attribute is **continuous**:  $P(x_i | C)$  is estimated thru a Gaussian density function
- Computationally easy in both cases

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## Play-tennis example: estimating $P(x_i | C)$

Outlook	Temperature	Humidity	Windy	Class	outlook				
sunny	hot	high	false	N	<b>P(sunny   p) = 2/9</b>	<b>P(sunny   n) = 3/5</b>			
sunny	hot	high	true	N					
overcast	hot	high	false	P					
rain	mild	high	false	P	<b>P(overcast   p) = 4/9</b>	<b>P(overcast   n) = 0</b>			
rain	cool	normal	false	P					
rain	cool	normal	true	N					
overcast	cool	normal	true	P	<b>P(rain   p) = 3/9</b>	<b>P(rain   n) = 2/5</b>			
sunny	mild	high	false	N					
sunny	cool	normal	false	P					
rain	mild	normal	false	P	<b>temperature</b>	<b>P(hot   p) = 2/9</b>	<b>P(hot   n) = 2/5</b>		
sunny	mild	normal	true	P					
overcast	mild	high	true	P					
overcast	hot	normal	false	P	<b>P(mild   p) = 4/9</b>	<b>P(mild   n) = 2/5</b>			
rain	mild	high	true	N					
rain	mild	high	true	N					
					<b>humidity</b>	<b>P(high   p) = 3/9</b>	<b>P(high   n) = 4/5</b>		
								<b>P(normal   p) = 6/9</b>	<b>P(normal   n) = 2/5</b>
					<b>windy</b>	<b>P(true   p) = 3/9</b>	<b>P(true   n) = 3/5</b>		
								<b>P(false   p) = 6/9</b>	<b>P(false   n) = 2/5</b>

$$P(p) = 9/14$$

$$P(n) = 5/14$$

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## Play-tennis example: classifying X

- An unseen sample  $X = \langle \text{rain, hot, high, false} \rangle$
- $P(X|p) \cdot P(p) = P(\text{rain}|p) \cdot P(\text{hot}|p) \cdot P(\text{high}|p) \cdot P(\text{false}|p) \cdot P(p) = 3/9 \cdot 2/9 \cdot 3/9 \cdot 6/9 \cdot 9/14 = 0.010582$
- $P(X|n) \cdot P(n) = P(\text{rain}|n) \cdot P(\text{hot}|n) \cdot P(\text{high}|n) \cdot P(\text{false}|n) \cdot P(n) = 2/5 \cdot 2/5 \cdot 4/5 \cdot 2/5 \cdot 5/14 = 0.018286$
- Sample  $X$  is classified in class  $n$  (don't play)

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## The independence hypothesis...

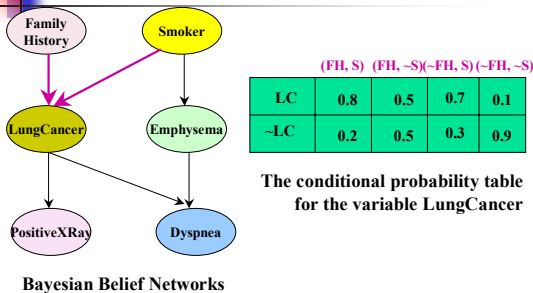
- ... makes computation possible
- ... yields optimal classifiers when satisfied
- ... but is seldom satisfied in practice, as attributes (variables) are often correlated.
- Attempts to overcome this limitation:
  - Bayesian networks**, that combine Bayesian reasoning with causal relationships between attributes
  - Decision trees**, that reason on one attribute at the time, considering most important attributes first

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## Bayesian Belief Networks



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## Bayesian Belief Networks

- A graphical model of causal relationships
  - Also called *causal networks*, *belief nets*
  - Topological form: directed acyclic graph (DAC)—each link is directional, and no loops (in general)
  - Each node represents one of the system variables, and the links joining the nodes represent conditional probabilities
- Several cases of learning Bayesian belief networks
  - Given both network structure and all the variables: easy
  - When the network structure is not known in advance

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## Example

I'm at work and my neighbor John calls to say my home alarm is ringing, but my neighbor Mary doesn't call. The alarm is sometimes triggered by minor earthquakes. Was there a burglar at my house?

- Random variables:
  - JohnCalls, MaryCalls, Earthquake, Burglar, Alarm (all boolean)
- Draw the belief net, showing the causal links
- This defines the joint probability
  - $P(\text{JohnCalls, MaryCalls, Earthquake, Burglar, Alarm})$
- For a belief net:
  - $P(\text{var}_1, \dots, \text{var}_n) = P(\text{var}_1 | \text{Parents}(\text{var}_1)) \dots P(\text{var}_n | \text{Parents}(\text{var}_n))$

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## Example



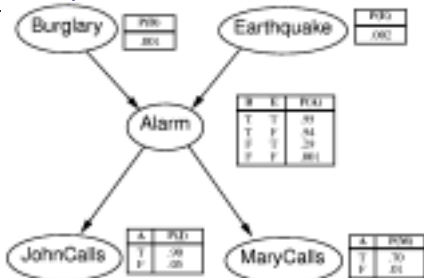
Links and probabilities?

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### Example

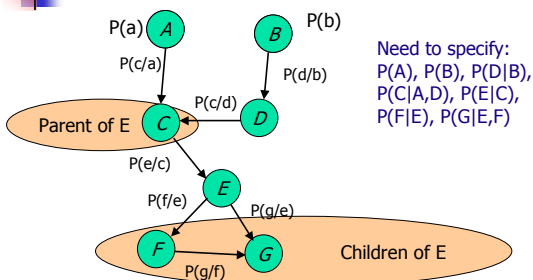


Joint probability?  $P(J, \neg M, A, B, \neg E)$ ?

### Example

- Conditional independence is seen here
  - $P(\text{JohnCalls} | \text{MaryCalls}, \text{Alarm}, \text{Earthquake}, \text{Burglary}) = P(\text{JohnCalls} | \text{Alarm})$
  - So JohnCalls is independent of MaryCalls, Earthquake, and Burglary, given Alarm
- Does this mean that an earthquake or a burglary do not influence whether or not John calls?
  - No, but the influence is already accounted for in the Alarm variable
  - JohnCalls is conditionally independent of Earthquake, but not absolutely independent of it

### Bayesian Belief Networks



Need to specify:  
 $P(A), P(B), P(D|B), P(C|A,D), P(E|C), P(F|E), P(G|E,F)$

### Bayes' rule

Likelihood of b given a  $P(B | A) = \frac{P(A | B)P(B)}{P(A)}$

Probabilities conditioned on a context c:  
 $P(A | B, C)P(B | C) = P(A, B | C)$   
 $P(B | A, C)P(A | C) = P(A, B | C)$   
 $P(B | A, C) = \frac{P(A | B, C)P(B | C)}{P(A | C)}$

Conditional independence  $P(A | B) = P(A | B, C)$   
A is independent of C given B

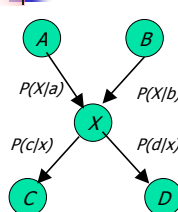
### $P(\mathbf{x}|e)$ : belief probability

The *belief* of a set of propositions  $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2, \dots)$  on node X describes the relative probabilities of the variables given all the evidence  $\mathbf{e}$  in the entire network, i.e.,  $P(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{e})$

$$P(\mathbf{x} | \mathbf{e}^C, \mathbf{e}^P) \propto P(\mathbf{e}^C | \mathbf{x})P(\mathbf{x} | \mathbf{e}^P)$$

$\mathbf{e}^P$ : evidence on the parent nodes  
 $\mathbf{e}^C$ : evidence on the children nodes

### Evidence from Child nodes



Child nodes are conditionally independent given  $\mathbf{x}$ .

$$P(\mathbf{e}_C, \mathbf{e}_D | \mathbf{x}) = P(\mathbf{e}_C | \mathbf{x})P(\mathbf{e}_D | \mathbf{x})$$

$$P(\mathbf{e}^C | \mathbf{x}) = P(\mathbf{e}_{C_1}, \mathbf{e}_{C_2}, \dots, \mathbf{e}_{C_n} | \mathbf{x}) = P(\mathbf{e}_{C_1} | \mathbf{x})P(\mathbf{e}_{C_2} | \mathbf{x}) \dots P(\mathbf{e}_{C_n} | \mathbf{x})$$

$$P(\mathbf{e}^C | \mathbf{x}) = \prod_{j=1}^{|\mathbf{C}|} P(\mathbf{e}_{C_j} | \mathbf{x})$$

## Parent nodes

Evidence from the parent nodes:

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(\mathbf{x} | \mathbf{e}^p) &= P(\mathbf{x} | \mathbf{e}_{P_1}, \mathbf{e}_{P_2}, \dots, \mathbf{e}_{P_n}) \\
 &= \sum_{i,j,\dots,k} P(\mathbf{x} | P_{1i}, P_{2j}, \dots, P_{|P|k}) P(P_{1i}, P_{2j}, \dots, P_{|P|k} | \mathbf{e}_{P_1}, \mathbf{e}_{P_2}, \dots, \mathbf{e}_{P_n}) \\
 &= \sum_{i,j,\dots,k} P(\mathbf{x} | P_{1i}, P_{2j}, \dots, P_{|P|k}) P(P_{1i} | \mathbf{e}_{P_1}) P(P_{2j} | \mathbf{e}_{P_2}) \dots P(P_{|P|k} | \mathbf{e}_{P_n})
 \end{aligned}$$

Summation is over all possible configurations of values on different parent nodes;  $P_{mn}$  denotes a parameter value for state  $n$  on the parent node  $P_m$ . Again the assumption is that (unconnected) parent nodes are statistically independent

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## Belief Probability

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(\mathbf{e}^c | \mathbf{x}) &= \prod_{j=1}^{|C|} P(\mathbf{e}_{C_j} | \mathbf{x}) \\
 P(\mathbf{x} | \mathbf{e}^p) &= \sum_{\text{all } P_{mn}} P(\mathbf{x} | P_{mn}) \prod_{i=1}^{|P|} P(P_i | \mathbf{e}_{P_i}) \\
 P(\mathbf{x} | \mathbf{e}) &\approx \prod_{j=1}^{|C|} P(\mathbf{e}_{C_j} | \mathbf{x}) \left[ \sum_{\text{all } P_{mn}} P(\mathbf{x} | P_{mn}) \prod_{i=1}^{|P|} P(P_i | \mathbf{e}) \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

- first term is due to the children (product of their independent likelihoods).
- second is the sum over all possible configurations of states on the prior probabilities of their values and the conditional probabilities of the  $x$  variables given those parent values

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## Example: fish classification

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## Classification Algorithms

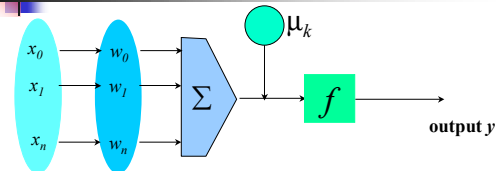
- Linear discriminants and Perceptrons
- Decision tree induction
- Bayesian Classification
- **Perceptron revisited: Multilayered networks**

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## A "Neuron"



Input weight weighted Activation  
vector  $x$  vector  $w$  sum function

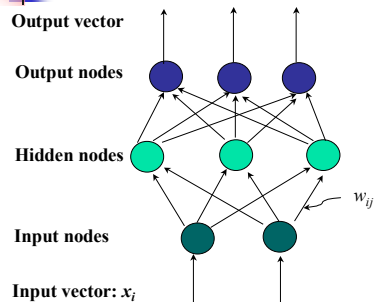
- The  $n$ -dimensional input vector  $x$  is mapped into variable  $y$  by means of the scalar product and a nonlinear function mapping

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## Multi-Layer Perceptron



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## Perceptrons vs MLP

- Perceptron: Linear decision boundaries only
- MLP (multi-layered perceptron)
  - Can implement arbitrary decision boundaries'
  - Decision regions need not be convex or simply connected
- Credit assignment problem: how do you update the weights connected to the hidden units?
  - No explicit teacher to state what the hidden unit's output should be

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## Neural Networks

- Advantages
  - prediction accuracy is generally high
  - robust, works when training examples contain errors
  - output may be discrete, real-valued, or a vector of several discrete or real-valued attributes
  - fast evaluation of the learned target function
- Criticism
  - long training time
  - difficult to understand the learned function (weights)
  - not easy to incorporate domain knowledge

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## Network Training

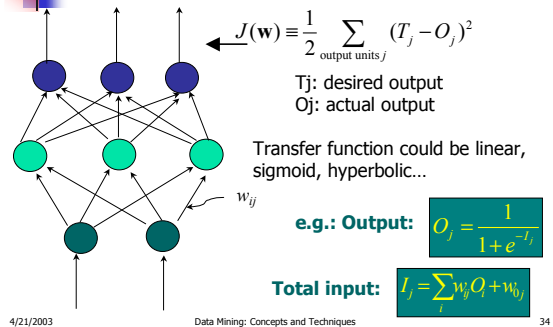
- The ultimate objective of training
  - obtain a set of weights that makes almost all the tuples in the training data classified correctly
- Steps
  - Initialize weights with random values
  - Feed the input tuples into the network one by one
  - For each unit
    - Compute the net input to the unit as a linear combination of all the inputs to the unit
    - Compute the output value using the activation function
    - Compute the error
    - Update the weights and the bias

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## Multi-Layer Perceptron



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## Backpropagation Learning

$$\Delta w_{kj} = \eta \delta_k O_j$$

$\eta$ : learning rate

$\delta_k$ : sensitivity or "error"

$O_j$ : input connected to the weight

Hidden-to-output weights: (sigmoid activation)  $\delta_j = O_j(1 - O_j)(T_j - O_j)$

Hidden Unit: (backpropagating the "errors")

$$\delta_j = O_j(1 - O_j) \sum_k \delta_k w_{kj}$$

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## Network Pruning and Rule Extraction

- Network pruning
  - Fully connected network will be hard to articulate
  - $N$  input nodes,  $h$  hidden nodes and  $m$  output nodes lead to  $h(m+N)$  weights
  - Pruning: Remove some of the links without affecting classification accuracy of the network
- Extracting rules from a trained network
  - Discretize activation values; replace individual activation value by the cluster average maintaining the network accuracy
  - Enumerate the output from the discretized activation values to find rules between activation value and output
  - Find the relationship between the input and activation value
  - Combine the above two to have rules relating the output to input

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## Summary

- Classification is an **extensively studied** problem (mainly in statistics, machine learning & neural networks)
- Classification is probably one of the most **widely used** data mining techniques with a lot of extensions
- **Scalability** is still an important issue for database applications: thus combining classification **with database techniques** should be a promising topic
- Research directions: classification of **non-relational data**, e.g., text, spatial, multimedia, etc..

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## Clustering methods

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