

Space and Communications Engineering - Autonomous Vehicles Design and Control - Fall 2016

Learning

Lecture 11 – Thursday December 15, 2016

Objectives

When you have finished this lecture you should be able to:

- Recognize machine learning approaches.
- Understand **Naïve Bayes Classifier** as theoretically optimal supervised learning approach when the independence assumptions hold.
- Understand model-based **reinforcement learning (RL)** techniques and their role in creating **cognitive agents** able to take actions in an environment so as to maximize some notion of cumulative reward.

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- Introduction to Machine Learning
- Naïve Bayes Classifier
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• **What is machine learning?**

Machine learning is the study of computer algorithms that **improve automatically** through experience. It is the use of features in the data to create a **predictive model**.

• **Applications**

Applications range from data mining programs that discover general rules in large data sets, to information filtering systems that automatically learn users' interests.

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• **Machine Vision**

• **Speech Recognition**

Global voice recognition market to reach \$113B in 2017

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• **Machine Learning Algorithms**

• **Machine Learning Algorithms: Unsupervised Learning**

• **Machine Learning Algorithms: Supervised Learning**

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• **Model performance Evaluation and Iterative Process**

• **Model performance Evaluation**

Technological Challenges

• **Big Data and Deep Learning**

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• **Classification Problem**

◊ **Given:**

A collection of *records* (training set). Each record contains a set of *attributes*, one of the attributes is the class.

◊ **Required:**

Find a *model* for class attribute as a function of the values of other attributes.

Previously unseen records should be assigned a class as accurately as possible.

• **Classification Problem**

A test set is used to determine the accuracy of the model.

Usually, the given data set is divided into training (70%) and test sets (30%), with training set used to build the model and test set used to validate it.

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A better practice is to divide the dataset into three sets:

- ◊ **Training set:** used to train the model
- ◊ **Dev (development)/ hold-out/cross-validation set:** used to tune parameters, select features, and make other decisions regarding the learning algorithm
- ◊ **Test set:** used to evaluate the performance of the algorithm, but not to make any decisions about regarding what learning algorithm or parameters to use.

Recommended split: Training (60%0, Cross validation (20%) and Testing (20%)

Naïve Bayes Classifier is a simple probabilistic classifier based on the Bayes theorem.

• **Given:**

D is a a training set of tuples and their associated class labels, and each tuple is represented by an n-D attribute vector $X = (x_1, y_2, \ldots, y_n)$ $(X_2, ..., X_n)$

m classes $\mathrm{C}_\text{i}, \mathrm{C}_\text{2}, ..., \mathrm{C}_\text{m}$

H or \textbf{C}_i is a hypothesis that \textbf{X} belongs to $\textbf{class}\ \textbf{C}_i$

P(H) is the prior probability or the initial probability

P(X) is the probability that sample data is observed

- **Required:**
	- **Classification** or determine posteriori probability $P(C_i | X)$, the probability that the hypothesis holds given the observed data sample X.
- From **Bayes' theorem** • **Naïve Bayes:**

$$
P(C_i|\mathbf{X}) = \frac{P(\mathbf{X}|C_i)P(C_i)}{P(\mathbf{X})} \Rightarrow \text{this is the a posteriori}
$$

Since $P(X)$ is constant for all classes, only $P(C_i|X) = P(X|C_i)P(C_i)$ needs to be maximized *i P C i* $P(X|C)$ *i* $P(C.|\mathbf{X}) = P(\mathbf{X})$ \Rightarrow this is called maximum a posteriori (**MAP**)

A simplified assumption: attributes are **conditionally independent** (i.e., no dependence relation between attributes):

$$
P(\mathbf{X} | C_i) = \prod_{k=1}^{n} P(x_k | C_i) = P(x_k | C_i) \times P(x_k | C_i) \times ... \times P(x_n | C_i)
$$

This greatly reduces the computation cost: Only counts the **class distribution**.

• **Likelihood**

P(X|Cⁱ) is usually computed based on **Gaussian distribution** with a mean μ and standard deviation σ

 $P(X | C_i) = g(x_k, \mu_{C_i}, \sigma_{C_i})$ $=g(x_{k},\mu_{C_{k}},\sigma)$

where

$$
g(x, \mu, \sigma) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}}
$$

• **Pseudo-code**

◊ **Learning Phase:** Given a training set S,

For each target value of
$$
c_i
$$
 ($c_i = c_1, \dots, c_L$)
\n $\hat{P}(C = c_i)$ \leftarrow estimate $P(C = c_i)$ with examples in **S**;
\nFor every attribute value a_{jk} of each attribute x_j ($j = 1, \dots, n$; $k = 1, \dots, N_j$)
\n $\hat{P}(X_j = a_{jk} | C = c_i)$ \leftarrow estimate $P(X_j = a_{jk} | C = c_i)$ with examples in **S**;
\nOutput: conditional probability tables; for x_j , $N_j \times L$ elements

 \diamond **Test Phase:** Given an unknown instance $\mathbf{v}' = (a' \dots a')$, Look up tables to assign the label c^* to X'if $X'_{\mathbf{i}} = (a'_{1}, \cdots, a'_{n})$

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\left[\hat{P}(a'_1 \mid c^*) \cdots \hat{P}(a'_n \mid c^*)\right] \hat{P}(c^*) > \left[\hat{P}(a'_1 \mid c) \cdots \hat{P}(a'_n \mid c)\right] \hat{P}(c), \quad c \neq c^*, c = c_1, \cdots, c_L
$$

• **Example: Gender Classification**

Classify whether a given person is **a male or a female** based on the measured features. The **continuous features** include height, weight, and foot size.

• **Example: Gender Classification (cont'd)**

Below is a sample to be classified as a male or female.

We wish to determine the gender, male or female.

• **Example: Gender Classification (cont'd)**

Let's say we have equiprobable classes so:

P(male)= P(female) = 0.5

There was no identified reason for making this assumption so it may have been a bad idea.

If we determine P(C) based on frequency in the training set, we happen to get the same answer.

• **Example: Gender Classification (cont'd)**

The classifier created from the training set using a **Gaussian distribution assumption** would be:

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• **Example: Gender Classification (cont'd)**

$$
P(C_i | \mathbf{X}) = \frac{P(\mathbf{X} | C_i) P(C_i)}{P(\mathbf{X})}
$$

For the classification as **male**, the posterior is given by:

(evidence) (height $|male) P($ weight $|male) P($ footsize $|male) P(male)$ (male $|\bf X)$ *P* P (male $|\mathbf{X}) = \frac{P(\text{height} | \text{male})P(\text{weight} | \text{male})P(\text{roots} | \text{rule})P(\text{roots} | \text{rule})P(\text{node} | \text{scale})}{P(\text{noise} | \text{male} | \text{scale})P(\text{noise} | \text{rule})P(\text{node} | \text{scale})}{P(\text{noise} | \text{scale})P(\text{noise} | \text{scale})P(\text{noise} | \text{scale})P(\text{scale})}$

• **Example: Gender Classification (cont'd)**

$$
P(C_i | \mathbf{X}) = \frac{P(\mathbf{X} | C_i) P(C_i)}{P(\mathbf{X})}
$$

For the classification as **female**, the posterior is given by:

(evidence) *P* (height |female) P (weight |female) P (footsize|female) P (female) $P(\text{female} | \mathbf{X}) = \frac{P(\text{height} | \text{female})P(\text{weight} | \text{female})P(\text{footsize} | \text{female})P(\text{predsize} | \text{female})}{P(\text{right})}$

• **Example: Gender Classification (cont'd)**

The **evidence** (also termed normalizing constant) may be calculated since the sum of the posteriors equals one.

 $P(\text{height}|\text{female})P(\text{weight}|\text{female})P(\text{rootsize}|\text{female})P(\text{female})$ $P(X) =$ evidence = $P(\text{height} | \text{male}) P(\text{weight} | \text{male}) P(\text{rootsize} | \text{male}) P(\text{male})$

The evidence may be **ignored** since it is a positive constant. (Normal distributions are always positive.)

• **Example: Gender Classification (cont'd)**

 $P(male)=0.5$

$$
p(height | male) = g(height, \mu, \sigma) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi} \times 3.5033 \times 10^{-2}} e^{-\frac{(6-5.855)^2}{2(3.5033 \times 10^{-2})^2}} \approx 1.5789
$$

Note that a value greater than 1 is OK here – it is a probability density rather the probability, because height is a continuous variable.

• **Example: Gender Classification (cont'd)**

 $P(male) = 0.5$

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p(weight | male) = 5.9881e-06
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p(foot size | male) = 1.3112e-3
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posterior numerator (male) = their product = $6.1984e-09$

• **Example: Gender Classification (cont'd)**

 $P(\text{female}) = 0.5$

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p(height | female) = 2.2346e-1
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p(weight | female) = 1.6789e-2
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p(foot size | female) = 2.8669e-1
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posterior numerator (female) = their product = 5.3778e-04

Since posterior numerator is greater in the female case,

we predict the sample is **female**.

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- **Why NB classifier?**
	- ◊ Theoretically optimal if the independence assumptions hold,
	- ◊ Training is very easy and fast; just requiring considering each attribute in each class separately,
	- ◊ Test is straightforward; just looking up tables or calculating conditional probabilities with estimated distributions ,
	- \diamond Robust to isolated noise points,
	- ◊ Handle missing values by ignoring the instance during probability estimate calculations,
	- ◊ Sort of robust to irrelevant features (but not really),
	- ◊ Probably only method useful for very short test documents .

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Markov decision process (MDP) provides a mathematical framework for planning under uncertainty.

- **Reinforcement Learning (RL)** is a unique ML technique. It's distinguishable from the other techniques for not requiring any training data nor examples, as it simply involves learning by experience.
- **RL** is learning what to do –how to map situations to actions– so as to maximize a numerical reward signal.
- RL features an interactive intelligent agent with an explicit goal to achieve.

observation

• **Supervised or unsupervised?**

RL is not supervised and is not unsupervised.

RL is different from supervised learning: Supervised learning is learning from examples provided by a knowledgeable external supervisor. **Reinforcement learning is learning from interaction**.

RL is **weakly supervised or semi-supervised** learning paradigm.

- Receive **feedback** in the form of rewards
- Agent's utility is defined by the **reward function**
- Must (**learn to**) act so as to **maximize expected rewards**
- All learning is based on **observed samples** of outcomes!

• **Example: Planar two-link manipulator**

The robot has to move to the front, but the agent **does not have any knowledge** about the environment previously.

At each time step, the agent observes **noisy sensor-readings** of the **joint angles**, and outputs turning direction of the joint motors. The immediate **reward is defined as the distance** of the body movement by the step.

Through trial and error, the agent has to **learn** such a **control policy** that **maximizes reward** function.

Planar two-link manipulator

• **Elements of RL**

◊ **Policy:** it defines the agent's "plan of action" that is, how the agent reacts to different environment situations and how it translates the states to actions.

◊ **Reward:** rewards are the numerical values given by the environment to the agent in response to a state-action pair, they describe the immediate, intrinsic desirability of environmental states.

- **Elements of RL**
	- ◊ **Value Function:** is the long term version of a reward function, calculating discounted return starting from a specific state following a certain policy.

◊ **Environment Model:** is a representation of the environment behavior.

• **Applications**

- ◊ Game playing (Backgammon, checkers, chess, etc.)
- ◊ Economics
- ◊ Operation research (inventory problems, exam/class schedules, dynamic channel allocation, etc.)
- ◊ Control systems (inverted pendulum control, Autonomous Helicopter Flight [\https://www.youtube.com/user/stanfordhelicopter], etc.)
- ◊ Robotics (active sensing, quadruped ball acquisition, quadruped gait control, soccer playing robots)
- \diamond Elevator dispatching
- ◆ Shaping in Action [\[http://www.cs.utexas.edu/~bradknox/TAMER_in_Action.html\]](http://www.cs.utexas.edu/~bradknox/TAMER_in_Action.html)
- ◆ For more, visit: http://rl-community.org/wiki/Successes_Of_RL, [http://umichrl.pbworks.com/w/page/7597597/Successes%20of%20Reinforcement%20Learning](http://umichrl.pbworks.com/w/page/7597597/Successes of Reinforcement Learning)

• **Applications: Soccer-playing robots**

- ◊ **Actions:** rotate left/right
- ◊ **States:** orientation
- ◊ **Reward:** +1 for facing ball

0 otherwise

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• **Applications: Inverted Pendulum Control**

Avoid failure: the pole falling beyond a critical angle or the cart hitting end of track.

- ◊ As an **episodic task** where episode ends upon failure: reward = +1 for each step before failure \Rightarrow return = number of steps before failure
- ◊ As a **continuing task** with discounted return: reward = -1 upon failure; 0 otherwise \Rightarrow return = $-\gamma^k$, for k steps before failure

In either case, return is maximized by avoiding failure for as long as possible.

• **Applications: Car Control**

Get to the top of the hill as quickly as possible

reward = -1 for each step where not at top of hill \Rightarrow return = – number of steps before reaching top of hill

Return is maximized by minimizing number of steps to reach the top of the hill

Reinforcement Learning value/policy • **RL vs. MDP** Agent acting **State** Action planning direct $s \in S$ $a \in A(S)$ **RL** Reward $r \in R(s,a,s')$ experience model Environment model Model: $T(s, a, s')$ learning **MDP RL** Given a set of states $s \in S$ a set of states $s \in S$

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• **Example: compute expected age of a group of students**

a. Distribution over age is known

$$
E[A] = \sum_{a} p(a). a = 0.4 \times 20 + 0.6 \times 19 = 19.4
$$

b. Distribution over age is unknown Collect N samples $[a_1, a_2,..., a_N]$

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\diamond \text{ Model-based approach}
$$

$$
\hat{p}(a) = \frac{num. \text{ of } occurrence(a)}{N}
$$

$$
E[A] \approx \sum_{a} \hat{p}(a).a
$$

◊ Model-free approach

$$
E[A] \approx \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i} a_i
$$

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• **Model**‐**Based Idea**

- ◊ Learn an **approximate model** based on experiences
- ◊ Solve for values as if the **learned model** were correct

• **Steps**

- ◊ **Step 1: Learn empirical MDP model**
	- Count outcomes s' for each s, a
	- Normalize to give an estimate of $\hat{T}(s, a, \hat{s})$
	- Discover each $\hat{R}(s, a, \acute{s})$ when we experience (s, a, \acute{s})

◊ **Step 2: Solve the learned MDP**

■ For example, use value iteration, as before

 \widehat{T} , \widehat{R}

 $\boldsymbol{\mathcal{A}}$

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• **Model**‐**Based Idea**

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 $\widehat{R}(C, east, D) = -1$

 $= 0.75$

• **Model**‐**Based Idea**

$$
T(C, east, A) = \frac{1 (in episode 4)}{4} = 0.25
$$

$$
\hat{R}(C, east, A) = -1
$$

• **Model**‐**Based Idea**

The more experience you collect, the more accurate will be your model

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- Situation Awareness
- Uncertainty
- State Estimation
- Bayesian Rule
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Summary

- Naïve Bayes is theoretically optimal classifier if independence assumptions hold.
- The objective of reinforcement learning it to learn optimal policy with a priori unknown environment. RL agent assumes fully observable state(i.e. agent can tell its state) and agent needs to explore environment (i.e. experimentation)
- It is difficult to directly compare the model-based and modelfree reinforcement learners. Typically, model-based learners are much more efficient in terms of experience; many fewer experiences are needed to learn well. However, the model-free methods often use less computation time. If experience was cheap, a different comparison would be needed than if experience was expensive.

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End of the course

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