

### Chapter 4 Statistics and Machine Learning

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## **Recap: Previous Video**

### **Probability Theory**

- Mathematical Axioms
  - Basis for all modeling of uncertainty
- Frequentist Interpretation / Application
  - Repeatable experiments
- Bayesian Interpretation / Application
  - General believes
  - Might be subjective

## Hertzman's Principle #1

#### **Laplace** (1814)

"Probability theory is nothing more than common sense reduced to calculation"



Pierre-Simon Laplace (1749–1827)

## Video #04 Statistics & Machine Learning

- Machine Learning Basics
- Bayesian Inference for ML
- Learning & Inference

# Machine Learning & Bayesian Statistics



## Machine Learning & Statistics

#### What is machine learning?

- Derive solution from examples (data)
  - "Data driven" computer science
  - Given a task and examples
- Statistical ML: Use statistical techniques
  - "Real world" data such as photos, sound, etc., rather than curated data bases
  - Algorithmic induction

## Machine learning

#### **Typical Tasks**

Regression

learn function  $f: X \to Y$ 

Classification

special case – *B* is a set of categories

Density reconstruction

learn probability distribution  $p(\mathbf{x})$ ,  $\mathbf{x} \in X$ 

## Machine learning

### **Typical Tasks**

#### Compression / simplification / structure discovery

- Dimensionality reduction
- Clustering
- Latent (unobserved) variable discovery
- ...and the similar

#### Control

- Learn decision making
  - Steer some agent, or self-driving car
  - Play chess, GO, Robo-Soccer
- Several actions, long term consequences
- There are probably more

## **Training Data**

### How / which data is provided?

- Supervised learning
  - Full "example solutions"
  - Example: Regression from pairs  $\{(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{y}_i)\}_{i=1..n}$

#### Unsupervised learning

- Unannotated data, infer solution from structure
- Example: Density reconstruction from points  $\{\mathbf{x}_i\}_{i=1..n}$

#### Semi-supervised learning

- Only some examples are "full solutions"
- Ex.: Classification from  $\{\mathbf{x}_i\}_{i=1..n}$  and  $\{(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{y}_i)\}_{i=1..m}$ , usually  $m \ll n$

#### Reinforcement learning:

Qualitative feedback, only after a while

## Statistical Approach

#### **Meta-Algorithm**

- Obtain training data
- Fit probabilistic model to the data
- Use probabilistic model to solve problem
  - Inferring solutions: Minimize risk of errors / loss

## Statistical Approach

### Goals

- Objective: Generalizability
  - Learned model should work on non-training data
  - of the same statistics as the training data
- Usual approach
  - Practical objective: "Fit model well to training data"
  - Control for "overfitting" (being "too specific")

# Machine Learning & Bayesian Statistics

**Example: Classification** 



## **Example Application**

### **Machine Learning Example**

Classification

#### **Application Example**

- Automatic scales at supermarket
- Detect type of fruit using a camera



## Learning Probabilities

### **Toy Example**

- Distinguish pictures of oranges and bananas
- 100 training pictures each
- Find rule to distinguish pictures





## Learning Probabilities

### Very simple approach

- Compute average color
- Learn distribution





Machine Learning: "Generative Models"

### Learning Probabilities



### **Density Reconstruction**



### **Bayesian Risk Minimization**



## **Generative Learning**

### Very simple idea

- Collect data
- Estimate probability distribution
- Use learned probabilities for classification
- Always decide for the most likely case (largest probability)

#### Easy to see

- If probability distributions is known exactly: decision is optimal (in expectation)
- "Minimal Bayesian risk classifier"

### Simple Algorithm: Histograms



### Simple Algorithm: Fit Gaussians



## Machine Learning: "Discriminative Models"

### Idea: Why all the fuss?



### k-Nearest Neighbors



## Linear Classifier (e.g. SVM)

hyperplane .....\* separator SVM: large margin

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### **General Classifiers**

# separating manifold



## Generalization

## **Unreliable Models**

### **Previous example**

- Betting on stock prices
- Polynomial fitting
- Seven observations

### Degree k polynomial

- k = 6 fits any data
  - Unique model
  - But no predictive power
- k = 5,4,3 ...? fits any data
  - More or less reliable



# We Care (Only) About Generalization

### **Performance on Training Data**

- Might be misleading
- For example:
  - High degree polynomial fits perfectly
  - Very unlikely to fit in general

### Problem

- How indicative is training performance for general performance (off-training data)?
  - Big error for complex models, small error for small models
  - We will make this quantitative soon



# Video #04a Summary

## Summary

#### **Machine Learning**

- Inductive reasoning: Learn solutions from examples
- Training vs. generalization: Beware of overfitting

#### **Machine Learning & Statistics**

- Build suitable probabilistic model
- Determine probability distributions from examples

#### Two main approaches

- Generative: model statistics of everything
- Discriminative: Focus on task (classification)



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# Bayes' Rule
### **Derivation of Bayes' rule**

#### **Bayes' rule**

$$Pr(A | B) = \frac{Pr(B | A) \cdot Pr(A)}{Pr(B)}$$



#### Derivation

•  $Pr(A \cap B)$  =  $Pr(A|B) \cdot Pr(B)$  $Pr(A \cap B)$  =  $Pr(B|A) \cdot Pr(A)$ 

 $\Rightarrow \Pr(A|B) \cdot \Pr(B) = \Pr(B|A) \cdot \Pr(A)$ 

### **Bayes for Densities**

#### **Bayes' rule for densities**

$$p(x|y) = \frac{p(y|x) \cdot p(x)}{p(y)}$$
$$= \frac{p(y|x) \cdot p(x)}{\int_{x \in \Omega(X)} p(y|x)p(x)dy}$$



#### **Bayes Rule for Densities: Visualization**



#### **Bayes Rule for Densities: Visualization**



## Bayesian Statistics for ML A Practical How-To

**Recommended Reading:** http://www.dgp.toronto.edu/~hertzman/ibl2004/notes.pdf

#### Rules

Normalization

$$\int_{\Omega} p(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x} = 1, \qquad \int_{\Omega} p(\mathbf{x} | \mathbf{y}) d\mathbf{x} = 1$$

Marginalization

$$p(\mathbf{x}) = \int_{\Omega} p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) d\mathbf{y}$$

#### More rules...

Product rule

$$p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = p(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{y}) \cdot p(\mathbf{y})$$
$$p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z}) = p(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z}) \cdot p(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z})$$
$$= p(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z}) \cdot p(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{z}) \cdot p(\mathbf{z})$$

Product rule: condition on any (sub-) tuple(s)

$$p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z}) = p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} | \mathbf{z}) \cdot p(\mathbf{z})$$
$$= p(\mathbf{x} | \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z}) \cdot p(\mathbf{y} | \mathbf{z}) \cdot p(\mathbf{z})$$

#### Rules

- Marginalization (e.g. "nuisance" parameters)  $p(\mathbf{x}) = \int_{\Omega(\varphi)} p(\mathbf{x}, \varphi) d\varphi$ 
  - Integrate over everything you do not care about
  - If too costly: maximize with well-designed prior
- Direct observation

$$p(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{y}) = \frac{p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})}{p(\mathbf{y})}$$

- We have seen / we know y
- Divide joint pd  $p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$  by  $p(\mathbf{y})$  to obtain conditional pd

#### When to use what?

Marginalization

$$p(\mathbf{x}) = \int_{\Omega(\mathbf{y})} p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) d\mathbf{y}$$

- y could be anything
- Want likelihood for x (overall, any y)
- Conditioning

$$p(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{y}) = \frac{p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})}{p(\mathbf{y})}$$

- We have seen / we know y!
- y is fixed, we want to update (renormalize) distribution





Bayes' Rule  

$$p(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{y}) = \frac{p(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{x}) \cdot p(\mathbf{x})}{p(\mathbf{y})}$$

- "Inverse" problem
  - We know conditional & marginal probabilities
  - We want to know the inverse conditional
  - Determine  $p(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{y})$  from  $p(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{x}), p(\mathbf{x})$

#### Bayes vs. simple conditioning

- We do not have  $p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$  directly
- But we can model / observe  $p(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{x}), p(\mathbf{x})$

### Example

#### **Measurement device**

- State of measured object: X
- Measured data: D



#### We can model how device works

• "Likelihood"  $p(\mathbf{D}|\mathbf{X})$ 

#### We have a rough idea how X looks like

"Prior" p(X)

#### With this, we can compute inverse $p(\mathbf{X}|\mathbf{D})$

#### from Hertzman's course notes: [http://www.dgp.toronto.edu/~hertzman/ibl2004/bayes2004.pdf]

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## Hertzman's Principles

#### Laplace (1814)

"Probability theory is nothing more than common sense reduced to calculation"

#### **Further principles**

- Build complete model
- Infer knowledge (given observations)
- Bayes' Rule to infer from observation
- Marginalize to remove unknown parameters



Pierre-Simon Laplace (1749–1827)

Likelihoods & Priors Merging Information

#### Scenario

- Customer picks banana (X = 0) or orange  $\bigcirc (X = 1)$
- Object X creates image D

#### Modeling

Given image D (observed), what was X (latent)?

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

 $P(X|D) \sim P(D|X)P(X)$ 

### Relation

#### Easy to confuse

• p(x|y) and p(x, y) with y fixed

#### Difference

• 
$$p(\boldsymbol{x}|\boldsymbol{y}) = \frac{p(\boldsymbol{x},\boldsymbol{y})}{p(\boldsymbol{y})} = \frac{p(\boldsymbol{x},\boldsymbol{y})}{\int_{\Omega(\boldsymbol{x})} p(\boldsymbol{x},\boldsymbol{y}) d\boldsymbol{x}}$$

- Conditional probability is normalized
  - Integrates to one
- Careful for varying y!
  - $p(x|y) \not\sim p(x,y)$  (not proportional in 2D!)
  - Normalization varies with y!

### **Bayes Rule for ML**

**Variables:** Explanation X, data D, model  $\theta$ 

Learning  $\theta$  given training pairs (D, X) $P_{\theta}(X|D) = \frac{P_{\theta}(D|X)P_{\theta}(X)}{P_{\theta}(D)}$ 

Inferring X from data D given model  $\theta$  $P_{\theta}(X|D) = \frac{P_{\theta}(D|X)P_{\theta}(X)}{P_{\theta}(D)} \cdot \text{independent of } X$   $P_{\theta}(X|D) \sim P_{\theta}(D|X)P(X)$ 

#### **Statistical Model**



#### **Our Classifier**





- Comprehensive model: Full description of how data is created
- Might be complex (how to create images of fruit?)

#### **Discriminative Model**



#### **Often easier to learn**

- Learn mapping from phenomenon to explanation
  - Less "powerful": needs less data
- Not trying to explain the whole phenomenon
  - Can use reduced representation / features









### **Discriminative Model**

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### **Discriminative Model**

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### **Example: Generative Models**

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![](_page_62_Picture_2.jpeg)

#### Autoencoder (PCA in latent space)

WGAN-GP (generative adversarial network)

[results courtesy of D. Schwarz, D. Klaus, A. Rübe]

### **Discriminative Models**

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[not an actual classification result, just photos]

# Video #04b Summary

### Summary

#### **Bayesian Toolset**

- Conditioning: We know something
- Marginalization: We disregard something
  - "Bayesian inference": Got a question, marginalize over everything not asked for
- Chain rule: Joint density from conditional & marginal
  - Build p(x, y) from p(x|y), p(x)
  - Stepwise modeling
- Bayes rule: Flip conditional
  - Build p(y, x) from p(x|y), p(y)
  - Interpret measurement/observation

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### Let's say we have a model already... Inference

### Inference

#### Model

$$P_{\theta}(X|D) = \frac{P_{\theta}(D|X)P_{\theta}(X)}{P_{\theta}(D)}$$

#### Situation

- We know the model parameters θ (e.g. classifier par.)
  - Fixed during inference
  - Determined during learning
- We have observed data D (e.g. photo of fruit)
- We want to infer X (e.g. class of fruid)

### **Three Variants**

#### Model

$$P_{\theta}(X|D) = \frac{P_{\theta}(D|X)P_{\theta}(X)}{P_{\theta}(D)}$$

#### **Inference Schemes**

- Maximum Likelihood (simplest)
- Maximum-a-posteriori (with prior)
- Bayesian inference (most fancy, but often intractable)

# Maximum Likelihood Estimation
### Maximum Likelihood

#### Fixed Parameters $\theta$

$$P_{\theta}(X|D) = \frac{P_{\theta}(D|X)P_{\theta}(X)}{P_{\theta}(D)}$$

$$\sim P_{\theta}(D|X)P_{\theta}(X)$$

$$= P_{\theta}(D|X)$$

$$\hat{X} = \underset{X \in \Omega(X)}{\operatorname{arg max}} P_{\theta}(D|X)$$

$$data \ term (likelihood) only$$

### **ML-Estimation (MLE)**

- Only data likelihood, maximize for best X
  - Ignore prior, or uniform (pseudo-) prior
  - Model must be from restrictive family

### Maximum-A-Posteriori (MAP) Estimation

### Maximum-A-Posteriori (MAP)

#### Fixed model parameters $\theta$

#### **MAP-Estimation**

- Maximize for best X
  - Prior  $P_{\theta}(X)$  non-trivial: X can be from overly flexible family
- Prior will fill in missing information
  - Can solve ill-posed problems, weak data term  $P_{\theta}(D|X)$

### Inference

#### Numerical trick for MAP/MLE

Obtain X by maximizing

 $P(X|D) \sim P(D|X)P(X)$ 

• Neg-log likelihoods:  $E(\cdot) = -\ln P(\cdot)$ 

 $E(X|D) \sim E(D|X) + E(X) \quad \longleftarrow \text{ notation } E(\cdot)$ used in Mod-1
(variational modeling)

### Useful for i.i.d. data

$$P(\mathbf{D}|\mathbf{X}) = \prod_{i=1}^{n} P(\mathbf{d}_{i}|\mathbf{X}) \rightarrow E(\mathbf{D}|\mathbf{X}) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} E(\mathbf{d}_{i}|\mathbf{X})$$

Marginalization: Solution is the mean

 $\overline{X} = \mathbb{E}_{X \sim P_{\theta}}(X|D)[X]$  $= \int_{\mathbf{x} \in \Omega(X)} \mathbf{x} \cdot \frac{P_{\theta}(D|\mathbf{x})P_{\theta}(\mathbf{x})}{P_{\theta}(D)} d\mathbf{x}$ 

#### **Determine** $X = \overline{X}$ by marginalization

- Average all solutions (can be expensive)
  - Weight by posterior
  - Same as estimation for simple posteriors (e.g., Gaussian)
- Requires "proper" normalization; no neg-log tricks

## ML & MAP Learning (ML/MAP Parameter Estimation)

### Maximum Likelihood

#### **Maximum likelihood parameter estimation**

 $P_{\theta}(X, D) = P_{\theta}(D|X)P_{\theta}(X)$  $\hat{\theta} = \arg \max P_{\theta}(D|X)P_{\theta}(X)$  $\theta \in \Omega(\theta)$ properly normalized, $\int = 1$ 

#### Idea

#### Maximize likelihood of observed data under model

- Attention: Need properly normalized densities!
  - Normalization usually depends on  $\theta$
  - Thus, cannot be neglected
  - Often serious computational problem
- Optional prior on X, no prior on  $\theta$

### Maximum A Posteriori

#### Maximum a posteriori parameter estimation

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

$$\hat{\theta} = \arg \max P((X, D)|\theta)P(\theta)$$
  
  $\theta \in \Omega(\theta)$  for properly normalized  
  $\int = 1$ 

#### Idea

• Add a prior on  $\theta$ 

- often  $P(X, D|\theta) = P(D|X, \theta)P(X|\theta)$  is used
- Use Bayes' rule to determine posterior on  $\theta$
- Again,  $P((X, D)|\theta)$  must be normalized correctly
  - Scale factor usually depends on  $\boldsymbol{\theta}$

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Learning via Bayesian Inference

"Posterior predictive distribution"

predictive distribution 
$$\theta$$
 is no longer  

$$P(X|D) = \int_{\Omega(\theta)} P(X, \theta|D) \ d\theta$$

$$= \int_{\Omega(\theta)} P(X|\theta, D) P(\theta|D) \ d\theta$$

#### **Inference (Mean)**

$$\overline{X} = \mathbb{E}_{X \sim P(X|D)}[X] = \int_{X} X \cdot P(X|D) dX$$

$$= \int_{X} X \cdot \int_{\Omega(\theta)} P(X, \theta|D) \ d\theta dX$$

$$= \int_{\Omega(\theta)} \left( \int_{X} X \cdot P(X|\theta, D) dX \right) P(\theta|D) \ d\theta$$

$$= \int_{\Omega(\theta)} \overline{X_{\theta}} \cdot P(\theta|D) \ d\theta$$
Mean inferred likelihood of  $\theta$ 
for fixed  $\theta$  given the data
$$(a)$$

#### Inference

$$\bar{X} = \mathbb{E}_{X \sim P(X|D)}[X] = \int_{\Omega(\theta)} \overline{X_{\theta}} \cdot P(\theta|D) d\theta$$

$$= \int_{\Omega(\theta)} \overline{X_{\theta}} \cdot \frac{P(D|\theta)P(\theta)}{P(D)} d\theta$$

$$= \int_{\Omega(\theta)} \overline{X_{\theta}} \cdot \frac{P(D|\theta)P(\theta)}{P(D)} d\theta$$
normalization likelihood of the data
$$= \frac{1}{P(D)} \int_{\Omega(\theta)} \overline{X_{\theta}} \cdot P(D|\theta) \cdot P(\theta) d\theta$$
Mean inferred prior for fixed  $\theta$  for  $\theta$ 

## Video #04c Summary

### Summary

#### **Answers to questions**

- Maximum Likelihood Estimation (MLE)
- Maximum A Priori (MAP) Estimation
- Bayesian inference

#### Two modes

- Inference (fixed model parameters  $\theta$ )
- Training/learning (of  $\theta$ )

### **Computational Hurdles**

#### **General Model**

$$P_{\theta}(X|D) = \frac{P_{\theta}(D|X)P_{\theta}(X)}{P_{\theta}(D)}$$

#### **MLE/MAP Inference (** $\theta$ fixed)

- Can ignore denominator
- Can use unnormalized densities

#### MLE / MAP

Maximum search on log-density

### **MLE/MAP Learning (** $\theta$ **fixed**)

- Denominator counts (usually depends on  $\theta$ )
- Careful with normalization (dependence on  $\theta$ )

### **Computational Hurdles**

#### **General Model**

$$P_{\theta}(X|D) = \frac{P_{\theta}(D|X)P_{\theta}(X)}{P_{\theta}(D)}$$

### **Bayesian Inference of** $X/\theta$

Bayesian Inference

Integration

- Need high-dimensional integration
  - Need to be careful to weight everything correctly
    - Normalization of numerator affects weight
  - Log-space computations usually do not help
  - Learning:

Again – be careful with dependencies on  $\boldsymbol{\theta}$