CS 6300: Artificial Intelligence Bayes' Nets: Sampling



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Where are Bayes' Nets used?



https://data-flair.training/blogs/bayesian-network-applications/

(Old-school) Bayes' Net Application: Clippy



Bayes' Net Application: Spam Filtering

- Input: an email
- Output: spam/ham
- Setup:
 - Get a large collection of example emails, each labeled "spam" or "ham"
 - Note: someone has to hand label all this data!
 - Want to learn to predict labels of new, future emails
- Features: The attributes used to make the ham / spam decision
 - Words: FREE!
 - Text Patterns: \$dd, CAPS
 - Non-text: SenderInContacts

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First, I must solicit your confidence in this transaction, this is by virture of its nature as being utterly confidencial and top secret. ...

TO BE REMOVED FROM FUTURE MAILINGS, SIMPLY REPLY TO THIS MESSAGE AND PUT "REMOVE" IN THE SUBJECT.

99 MILLION EMAIL ADDRESSES FOR ONLY \$99

Ok, Iknow this is blatantly OT but I'm beginning to go insane. Had an old Dell Dimension XPS sitting in the corner and decided to put it to use, I know it was working pre being stuck in the corner, but when I plugged it in, hit the power nothing happened.



Bayes' Net Application: Spam Filtering

- Model-based approach
 - Build a model (e.g. Bayes' net) where both the label and features are random variables
 - Instantiate any observed features
 - Query for the distribution of the label conditioned on the features
- Challenges
 - What structure should the BN have?
 - How should we learn its parameters?



Naïve Bayes



- We only have to specify how each feature depends on the class
- Total number of parameters is *linear* in n
- Model is very simplistic, but often works anyway
- Assumes all features are independent effects of the label Y (very Naïve, but very efficient)

Inference for Naïve Bayes



General Naïve Bayes

- What do we need in order to use Naïve Bayes?
 - Inference method (we just saw this part)
 - Start with a bunch of probabilities: P(Y) and the P(F_i|Y) tables
 - Use standard inference to compute P(Y|F₁...F_n)
 - Nothing new here
 - Estimates of local conditional probability tables
 - P(Y), the prior over labels
 - P(F_i|Y) for each feature (evidence variable)
 - These probabilities are collectively called the *parameters* of the model and denoted by *θ*
 - Up until now, we assumed these appeared by magic, but...
 - ...they typically come from some training data we collect

Spam Filtering with Bag of Words Assumption

• Model:
$$P(Y, W_1 \dots W_n) = P(Y) \prod_i P(W_i | Y)$$

- Bag of Words: Assumes each word position is identically distributed (ignores ordering)
- What are the parameters? P(Y)

ham :	0.66
spam:	0.33

1 (VV	span)
the	:	0.0156
to	:	0.0153
and	:	0.0115
of	:	0.0095
you	:	0.0093
а	:	0.0086
with	1:	0.0080
from	1:	0.0075
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with	:	0.0108
from	:	0.0107
and	:	0.0105
a	:	0.0100





Medical Diagnosis



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Bayes' Net Representation

- A directed, acyclic graph, one node per random variable
- A conditional probability table (CPT) for each node
 - A collection of distributions over X, one for each combination of parents' values

 $P(X|a_1\ldots a_n)$

- Bayes' nets implicitly encode joint distributions
 - As a product of local conditional distributions
 - To see what probability a BN gives to a full assignment, multiply all the relevant conditionals together:

$$P(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = \prod_{i=1}^n P(x_i | parents(X_i))$$





Bayes' Nets

Representation

- Conditional Independences
 - Probabilistic Inference
 - Enumeration (exact, exponential complexity)
 - Variable elimination (exact, worst-case exponential complexity, often better)
 - Inference is NP-complete
 - Sampling (approximate)

Variable Elimination

- Interleave joining and marginalizing
- d^k entries computed for a factor over k variables with domain sizes d
- Ordering of elimination of hidden variables can affect size of factors generated
- Worst case: running time exponential in the size of the Bayes' net





Approximate Inference: Sampling

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- Sampling is a lot like repeated simulation
 - Predicting the weather, basketball games, ...
- Basic idea
 - Draw N samples from a sampling distribution S
 - Compute an approximate posterior probability
 - Show this converges to the true probability P

- Why sample?
 - Learning: get samples from a distribution you don't know
 - Inference: getting a sample is faster than computing the right answer (e.g. with variable elimination)

P(lung concer) Smoker, P(lung concer) Smoker, fever)

P(lung concer) Prov oscientor

Sampling

- Sampling from given distribution
 - Step 1: Get sample *u* from uniform
 distribution over [0, 1)

>>> import random
>>> random.random()
0.6303136415860905

Step 2: Convert this sample *u* into an outcome for the given distribution by having each outcome associated with a sub-interval of [0,1) with sub-interval size equal to probability of the outcome



- If random() returns u = 0.83, then our sample is C = blue
- E.g, after sampling 8 times:



Sampling in Bayes' Nets

- Prior Sampling
- Rejection Sampling
- Likelihood Weighting
- Gibbs Sampling

- Sample a bunch of samples using the conditional probability tables.
- Then use these samples to compute any desired probabilistic query.





- For i=1, 2, ..., n
 - Sample x_i from P(X_i | Parents(X_i))
- Return (x₁, x₂, ..., x_n)



This process generates samples with probability:

$$S_{PS}(x_1 \dots x_n) = \prod_{i=1}^n P(x_i | \text{Parents}(X_i)) = P(x_1 \dots x_n)$$

...i.e. the BN's joint probability

• Let the number of samples of an event be $N_{PS}(x_1 \dots x_n)$

• Then
$$\lim_{N \to \infty} \hat{P}(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \lim_{N \to \infty} N_{PS}(x_1, \dots, x_n)/N$$

= $S_{PS}(x_1, \dots, x_n)$
= $P(x_1 \dots x_n)$

I.e., the sampling procedure is consistent

Example

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- We'll get a bunch of samples from the BN:
 - +c, -s, +r, +w +c, +s, +r, +w -c, +s, +r, -w +c, -s, +r, +w -c, -s, -r, +w
- What is P(W)?
 - We have counts <+w:4, -w:1>
 - Normalize to get P(W) = <+w:0.8, -w:0.2>
 - This will get closer to the true distribution with more samples
 - Can estimate anything else, too
 - Practice: What about P(C|+w)? P(C|+r,+w)? P(C|-r,-w)? $P(+c|+w) = 3\mu$ P(+c|+v,+w) = 3/3



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 - -c, +s, +r, -w
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 - Practice: What about P(C| +w)? P(C| +r, +w)? P(C| -r, -w)?
 - Fast: can use fewer samples if less time (what's the drawback?)



Rejection Sampling



Rejection Sampling - Party 94.44

Let's say we want P(C)

- No point keeping all samples around
- Just tally counts of C as we go
- Let's say we want P(C + s)
 - Same thing: tally C outcomes, but ignore (reject) samples which don't have S=+s
 - This is called rejection sampling
 - It is also consistent for conditional probabilities (i.e., correct in the limit)



Rejection Sampling

- IN: evidence instantiation
- For i=1, 2, ..., n
 - Sample x_i from P(X_i | Parents(X_i))
 - If x_i not consistent with evidence
 - Reject: Return, and no sample is generated in this cycle
- Return (x₁, x₂, ..., x_n)





- Problem with rejection sampling:
 - If evidence is unlikely, rejects lots of samples
 - Evidence not exploited as you sample
 - Consider P(Shape|blue)



- Idea: fix evidence variables and sample the rest
 - Problem: sample distribution not consistent!
 - Solution: weight by probability of evidence given parents





- IN: evidence instantiation
- w = 1.0
- for i=1, 2, ..., n
 - if X_i is an evidence variable
 - X_i = observation x_i for X_i
 - Set w = w * P(x_i | Parents(X_i))
 - else
 - Sample x_i from P(X_i | Parents(X_i))
- return (x₁, x₂, ..., x_n), w

Now each sample doesn't count as 1.0 but has a weight. Need to take a weighted average.

P(Q|Evidence) = Sum(weights of samples consistent with Query) / Total Weight of All samples.

Before a ssume w = 1 for all samples

P(X,...Xn) = I P(xilparents)

R

Sampling distribution if z sampled and e fixed evidence

$$S_{WS}(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{e}) = \prod_{i=1}^{l} P(z_i | \mathsf{Parents}(Z_i))$$

Now, samples have weights

$$w(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{e}) = \prod_{i=1}^{m} P(e_i | \mathsf{Parents}(E_i))$$

Together, weighted sampling distribution is consistent

$$S_{\text{WS}}(z, e) \cdot w(z, e) = \prod_{i=1}^{l} P(z_i | \text{Parents}(z_i)) \prod_{i=1}^{m} P(e_i | \text{Parents}(e_i))$$
$$= P(z, e)$$

- Likelihood weighting is good
 - We have taken evidence into account as we generate the sample
 - E.g. here, W's value will get picked based on the evidence values of S, R
 - More of our samples will reflect the state of the world suggested by the evidence

- Likelihood weighting doesn't solve all our problems (why?)
 - Evidence influences the choice of downstream variables, but not upstream ones (C isn't more likely to get a value matching the evidence)
- We would like to consider evidence when we sample every variable
 - \rightarrow Gibbs sampling



Gibbs Sampling



Gibbs Sampling

- Procedure: keep track of a full instantiation x₁, x₂, ..., x_n. Start with an arbitrary instantiation consistent with the evidence. Sample one variable at a time, conditioned on all the rest, but keep evidence fixed. Keep repeating this for a long time (infinite in theory).
- Property: in the limit of repeating this infinitely many times the resulting sample is coming from the correct distribution. No need to weight!
- Rationale: both upstream and downstream variables condition on evidence.
- In contrast: likelihood weighting only conditions on upstream evidence, and hence weights obtained in likelihood weighting can sometimes be very small. Sum of weights over all samples is indicative of how many "effective" samples were obtained, so want high weight.

Gibbs Sampling Example: P(S | +r)

Step 1: Fix evidence



- Step 2: Initialize other variables
 - Randomly



Steps 3: Repeat

■ R = +r

- Randomly choose a non-evidence variable X
- Resample X from P(X | all other variables)



Gibbs Sampling

- How is this better than sampling from the full joint?
 - In a Bayes' Net, sampling a variable given all the other variables (e.g. P(R|S,C,W)) is usually much easier than sampling from the full joint distribution
 - Only requires a join on the variable to be sampled (in this case, a join on R)
 - The resulting factor only depends on the variable's parents, its children, and its children's parents (this is often referred to as its Markov blanket)

Efficient Resampling of One Variable

- Sample from P(S | +c, +r, -w) $P(S|+c,+r,-w) = \frac{P(S,+c,+r,-w)}{P(+c,+r,-w)}$ $=\frac{P(S,+c,+r,-w)}{\sum_{x}P(s,+c,+r,-w)}$ $= \frac{P(+c)P(S|+c)P(+r|+c)P(-w|S,+r)}{\sum_{s} P(+c)P(s|+c)P(+r|+c)P(-w|s,+r)}$
- Many things cancel out only CPTs with S remain!
- More generally: only CPTs that have resampled variable need to be considered, and joined together

Bayes' Net Sampling Summary

Prior Sampling P





Likelihood Weighting P(Q | e)





Gibbs Sampling P(Q | e)

Further Notes on Gibbs Sampling

- Gibbs sampling produces sample from the query distribution P(Q | e) in limit of re-sampling infinitely often
- Gibbs sampling is a special case of more general methods called Markov chain Monte Carlo (MCMC) methods
 - Metropolis-Hastings is one of the more famous MCMC methods (in fact, Gibbs sampling is a special case of Metropolis-Hastings)
- You may read about Monte Carlo methods they're just sampling