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## Lecture 4: Machine Learning II Principle of Learning

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## The core of all the problems

infinite samples

V.S.
finite samples


## Classification

Features: color, weight Label: taste is sweet (positive/+) or not (negative/-)

(color, weight) $\rightarrow$ sweet ?

$$
\mathcal{X} \quad \rightarrow\{-1,+1\}
$$

ground-truth function $f$
examples/training data:
$\left\{\left(\boldsymbol{x}_{1}, y_{1}\right), \ldots,\left(\boldsymbol{x}_{m}, y_{m}\right)\right\}$

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e.g. training mean square error/MSE

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selection a hypothesis according to learner's bias the conflict boxes
2. find $S$ in remaining boxes
3. find G in remaining boxes
4. output the mean of $S$ and $G$

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## Theories

The i.i.d. assumption: all training examples and future (test) examples are drawn independently from an identical distribution

bias-variance dilemma (regression)
generalization bound (classification)

## Bias-variance dilemma

Suppose we have 100 training examples but there can be different training sets

Start from the expected training MSE:
$E_{D}\left[\epsilon_{t}\right]=E_{D}\left[\frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^{m}\left(h\left(\boldsymbol{x}_{i}\right)-y_{i}\right)^{2}\right]=\frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^{m} E_{D}\left[\left(h\left(\boldsymbol{x}_{i}\right)-y_{i}\right)^{2}\right]$
(assume no noise)

$$
\begin{aligned}
& E_{D}\left[(h(\boldsymbol{x})-f(\boldsymbol{x}))^{2}\right] \\
& =E_{D}\left[\left(h(\boldsymbol{x})-E_{D}[h(\boldsymbol{x})]+E_{D}[h(\boldsymbol{x})]-f(\boldsymbol{x})\right)^{2}\right] \\
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## Hoeffding's inequality

$X$ be an i.i.d. random variable
$X_{1}, X_{2}, \ldots, X_{m}$ be $m$ samples

$$
X_{i} \in[a, b]
$$

$\frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^{m} X_{i}-\mathbb{E}[X] \leftarrow$ difference between sum and expectation

$$
P\left(\frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^{m} X_{i}-\mathbb{E}[X] \geq \epsilon\right) \leq \exp \left(-\frac{2 \epsilon^{2} m}{(b-a)^{2}}\right)
$$

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$$
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$$

$$
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$$
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generalization error:
number of examples $m$
training error $\epsilon_{t}$
hypothesis space complexity $\ln |\mathcal{H}|$

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## Dimensions of modeling



## Learning algorithms revisit

## Decision Tree

## Tree depth and the possibilities

features: $n$
feature type: binary depth: $d<n$


How many different trees?
one-branch: $2^{d} \frac{n!}{(n-d)!}>2^{d} \frac{n^{n}}{(n-d)^{n} e^{n}}$
full-tree: $\quad 2^{2^{d}} \prod_{i=0}^{d-1} \frac{(n-i)!}{(n-d-i)!}$
the possibility of trees grows very fast with $d$

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To make decision tree less complex
Pre-pruning: early stop

- minimum data in leaf
- maximum depth
- maximum accuracy

Post-pruning: prune full grown DT
reduced error pruning

## Reduced error pruning

1. Grow a decision tree
2. For every node starting from the leaves
3. Try to make the node leaf, if does not increase the error, keep as the leaf

could split a validation set out from the training set to evaluate the error

## DT boundary visualization


decision stump

max depth=2

max depth=12

## Oblique decision tree

choose a linear combination in each node:
axis parallel:
$X_{1}>0.5$
oblique:
$0.2 X_{1}+0.7 X_{2}+0.1 X_{3}>0.5$
was hard to train


## Learning algorithms revisit

Naive Bayes

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## graphic representation

naive Bayes assumption:

$$
P(\boldsymbol{x} \mid y)=\prod_{i} P\left(x_{i} \mid y\right)
$$

no assumption:


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- Naive Bayes classifier may also have good performance
- Reform the data to satisfy the assumption
- Invent algorithms to relax the assumption


## Reform the data

clustering to generate data with subclasses


## Semi-naive Bayes classifiers

TreeNB
train an NB classifier in each leaf node of a rough decision tree


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TAN (Tree Augmented NB)
extends NB by allowing every feature to have one more parent feature other than the class, which forms a tree structure

fully connected


TAN

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fully connected graph $=\sum_{x_{i}, x_{i}, y} P\left(x_{i}, x_{i}, y\right) \log \frac{P\left(x_{i}, x_{i} \mid y\right)}{P\left(x_{i} y\right) P\left(x_{j} \mid y\right)}$ among features


## Semi-naive Bayes classifiers

AODE (average one-dependent estimators) expand a posterior probability with one-dependent estimators
(ODEs)

$$
\begin{aligned}
& P(\boldsymbol{x} \mid y)=P\left(x_{2}, \ldots, x_{n} \mid x_{1}, y\right) P\left(x_{1} \mid y\right) \\
& =P\left(x_{1} \mid y\right) \prod P\left(x_{i} \mid x_{1}, y\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

the conditional independency is less important

- harder to estimate (fewer data)


## AODE: average ODEs

$$
f(x)=\underset{y}{\arg \max } \sum_{i} I\left(\operatorname{count}\left(x_{i} \geq m\right)\right) \cdot \tilde{P}(y) \cdot \tilde{P}\left(x_{i} \mid y\right) \cdot \prod_{j} \tilde{P}\left(x_{j} \mid x_{i}, y\right)
$$

## Handling numerical features

Discretization

## recall what we have talked about in Lecture 2

Estimate probability density $(\mathrm{P}(\mathrm{X}) \rightarrow \mathrm{p}(\mathrm{x})$ )
Gaussian model:
$p(x)=\frac{1}{\sqrt{2 \pi \delta^{2}}} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^{2}}{2 \delta^{2}}}$
$p\left(x_{1}, \ldots, x_{n}\right)=\frac{1}{(2 \pi)^{k / 2}|\Sigma|^{1 / 2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(\boldsymbol{x}-\boldsymbol{\mu})^{\top} \Sigma^{-1}(\boldsymbol{x}-\boldsymbol{\mu})}$
training: calculate mean and covariance test: calculate density

## Bayesian networks

inference in a graphic model representation a model simplified by conditional independence a clear description of how things are going

| $P(C=T)$ | $P(C=F)$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| 0.8 | 0.2 |$\quad$| $P(S=T)$ | $P(S=F)$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| 0.02 | 0.98 |




Judea Pearl Turing Award 2011
"for fundamental contributions to artificial intelligence through the development of a calculus for probabilistic and causal reasoning"

监督学习的目标是否是最小化训练误差？
PAC－learning泛化界对于任意的潜在分布是否都成立？
解释过配（overfitting）和欠配（underfitting）现象。
解释 Bias－Variance 困境。
一数据集用以下两个多项式函数空间都可以得到O训练错误率，使用哪个函数空间的泛化错误可能更低？
$\mathcal{F}_{1}=\left\{y=a+b x+c x^{2} \mid a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}\right\}$
$\mathcal{F}_{2}=\left\{y=a+a x+b x^{2}+b x^{3}+(a+b) x^{4} \mid a, b \in \mathbb{R}\right\}$
朴素贝叶斯假设不满足时，朴素贝叶斯的性能一定不好？

