

Lecture Slides for

INTRODUCTION TO

# Machine Learning

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CHAPTER 3:

# Bayesian Decision Theory

# Probability and Inference

- Result of tossing a coin is  $\in \{\text{Heads}, \text{Tails}\}$
- Random var  $X \in \{1, 0\}$

$$\text{Bernoulli: } P\{X=1\} = p_o^x (1 - p_o)^{1-x}$$

- Sample:  $\mathbf{X} = \{x^t\}_{t=1}^N$

$$\text{Estimation: } \hat{p}_o = \# \{\text{Heads}\} / \# \{\text{Tosses}\} = \sum_t x^t / N$$

- Prediction of next toss:

Heads if  $p_o > \frac{1}{2}$ , Tails otherwise

# Game

- You record the following tosses:
  - {H, T, T, T, H, T, T, T, H, H, T, H, T, T, H, H, T, T, H?}
  - You win if you get the next toss right.
  - What do you guess?
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- You win 10TL and lose 5TL if you guess the next toss right.
    - How do you compute your earnings?
  - What do you guess?
    - Based on maximizing your earnings?

# Classification

- Credit scoring: Inputs are income and savings.  
Output is low-risk vs high-risk
- Input:  $\mathbf{x} = [x_1, x_2]^T$ , Output:  $C \{0,1\}$
- Prediction:

choose  $\begin{cases} C = 1 \text{ if } P(C = 1 | x_1, x_2) > 0.5 \\ C = 0 \text{ otherwise} \end{cases}$

or

choose  $\begin{cases} C = 1 \text{ if } P(C = 1 | x_1, x_2) > P(C = 0 | x_1, x_2) \\ C = 0 \text{ otherwise} \end{cases}$

# Bayes' Rule

$$P(C | \mathbf{x}) = \frac{P(C) p(\mathbf{x} | C)}{p(\mathbf{x})}$$

*prior*      *likelihood*  
*posterior*      *evidence*

$$P(C = 0) + P(C = 1) = 1$$

$$p(\mathbf{x}) = p(\mathbf{x} | C = 1)P(C = 1) + p(\mathbf{x} | C = 0)P(C = 0)$$

$$p(C = 0 | \mathbf{x}) + P(C = 1 | \mathbf{x}) = 1$$

# Game



$P(x|hamsi)$

	short	tall
white	0.6	0.1
gray	0.2	0.1



You caught a tall and white fish.

$P(x|lufer)$

	short	tall
white	0.05	0.2
gray	0.05	0.7

Is it hamsi or lufer?

# Bayes' Rule: $K > 2$ Classes

$$\begin{aligned} P(C_i | \mathbf{x}) &= \frac{p(\mathbf{x} | C_i)P(C_i)}{p(\mathbf{x})} \\ &= \frac{p(\mathbf{x} | C_i)P(C_i)}{\sum_{k=1}^K p(\mathbf{x} | C_k)P(C_k)} \end{aligned}$$

$$P(C_i) \geq 0 \text{ and } \sum_{i=1}^K P(C_i) = 1$$

choose  $C_i$  if  $P(C_i | \mathbf{x}) = \max_k P(C_k | \mathbf{x})$

# Losses and Risks

- Actions:  $\alpha_i$
- Loss of  $\alpha_i$  when the state is  $C_k$  :  $\lambda_{ik}$

e.g. cancer prediction

	Predicted 0	Predicted 1
Actual 0	0	1
Actual 1	1	0

	Predicted 0	Predicted 1
Actual 0	0	1
Actual 1	100	0

# Losses and Risks

- Actions:  $\alpha_i$
- Loss of  $\alpha_i$  when the state is  $C_k$  :  $\lambda_{ik}$
- Expected risk (Duda and Hart, 1973)

$$R(\alpha_i | \mathbf{x}) = \sum_{k=1}^K \lambda_{ik} P(C_k | \mathbf{x})$$

choose  $\alpha_i$  if  $R(\alpha_i | \mathbf{x}) = \min_k R(\alpha_k | \mathbf{x})$

# Losses and Risks: 0/1 Loss

$$\lambda_{ik} = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } i = k \\ 1 & \text{if } i \neq k \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} R(\alpha_i | \mathbf{x}) &= \sum_{k=1}^K \lambda_{ik} P(C_k | \mathbf{x}) \\ &= \sum_{k \neq i} P(C_k | \mathbf{x}) \\ &= 1 - P(C_i | \mathbf{x}) \end{aligned}$$

*For minimum risk, choose the most probable class*

# Losses and Risks: Reject

$$\lambda_{ik} = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } i = k \\ \lambda & \text{if } i = K+1, \quad 0 < \lambda < 1 \\ 1 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$R(\alpha_{K+1} | \mathbf{x}) = \sum_{k=1}^K \lambda P(C_k | \mathbf{x}) = \lambda$$

$$R(\alpha_i | \mathbf{x}) = \sum_{k \neq i} P(C_k | \mathbf{x}) = 1 - P(C_i | \mathbf{x})$$

choose  $C_i$  if  $P(C_i | \mathbf{x}) > P(C_k | \mathbf{x}) \quad \forall k \neq i$  and  $P(C_i | \mathbf{x}) > 1 - \lambda$

reject otherwise

# Discriminant Functions

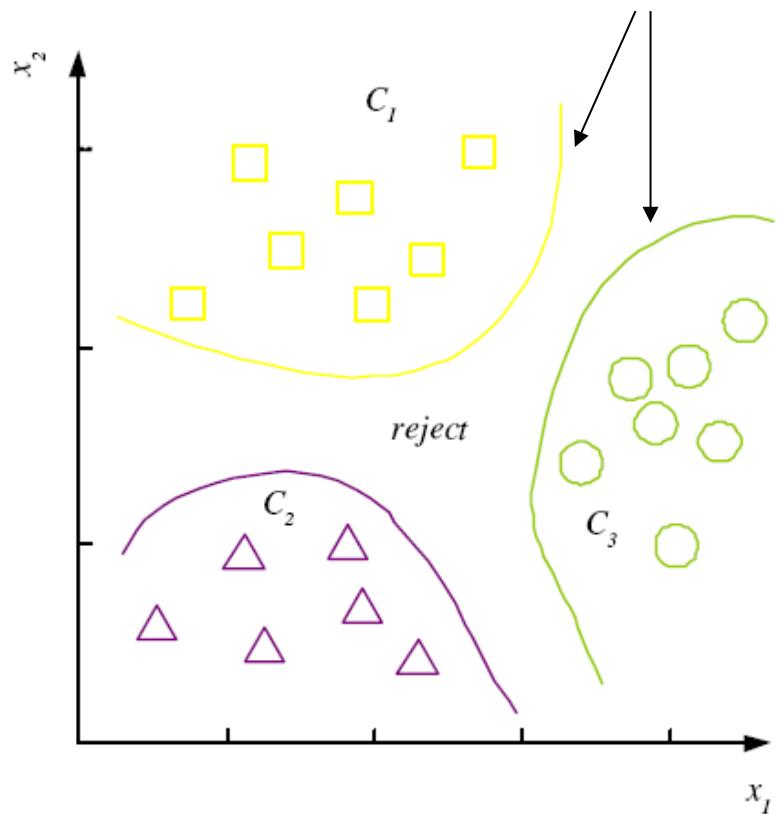
choose  $C_i$  if  $g_i(\mathbf{x}) = \max_k g_k(\mathbf{x})$

$$g_i(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{cases} -R(\alpha_i | \mathbf{x}) \\ P(C_i | \mathbf{x}) \\ p(\mathbf{x} | C_i)P(C_i) \end{cases}$$

$K$  decision regions  $\mathcal{R}_1, \dots, \mathcal{R}_K$

$$\mathcal{R}_i = \{\mathbf{x} | g_i(\mathbf{x}) = \max_k g_k(\mathbf{x})\}$$

$g_i(\mathbf{x}), i = 1, \dots, K$



# $K=2$ Classes

- Dichotomizer ( $K=2$ ) vs Polychotomizer ( $K>2$ )
- $g(\mathbf{x}) = g_1(\mathbf{x}) - g_2(\mathbf{x})$

choose  $\begin{cases} C_1 & \text{if } g(\mathbf{x}) > 0 \\ C_2 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

- *Log odds:*  $\log \frac{P(C_1 | \mathbf{x})}{P(C_2 | \mathbf{x})}$

# Utility Theory

- Prob of state  $k$  given evidence  $\mathbf{x}$ :  $P(S_k | \mathbf{x})$
- Utility of  $\alpha_i$  when state is  $k$ :  $U_{ik}$
- Expected utility:

$$EU(\alpha_i | \mathbf{x}) = \sum_k U_{ik} P(S_k | \mathbf{x})$$

Choose  $\alpha_i$  if  $EU(\alpha_i | \mathbf{x}) = \max_j EU(\alpha_j | \mathbf{x})$

- This is equivalent to minimizing the risk  $R(\alpha_i | \mathbf{x})$
- Based on the specific problem, other functions might be optimized (e.g. Minimize worst possible loss, maximize money earned...)

# Association Rules

- Association rule:  $X \rightarrow Y$
- *People who buy/click/visit/enjoy X are also likely to buy/click/visit/enjoy Y.*
- A rule implies association, not necessarily causation.

# Association measures

- Support ( $X \rightarrow Y$ ):

$$P(X, Y) = \frac{\#\{\text{customers who bought } X \text{ and } Y\}}{\#\{\text{customers}\}}$$

- Confidence ( $X \rightarrow Y$ ):

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

- Lift ( $X \rightarrow Y$ ):

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

$$= \frac{\#\{\text{customers who bought } X \text{ and } Y\}}{\#\{\text{customers who bought } X\}}$$

# Apriori algorithm (Agrawal et al., 1996)

- For  $(X, Y, Z)$ , a 3-item set, to be frequent (have enough support),  $(X, Y)$ ,  $(X, Z)$ , and  $(Y, Z)$  should be frequent.
- If  $(X, Y)$  is not frequent, none of its supersets can be frequent.
- Once we find the frequent  $k$ -item sets, we convert them to rules:  $X, Y \rightarrow Z, \dots$   
and  $X \rightarrow Y, Z, \dots$

See also the FP-Growth Algorithm:

Jiawei Han, Jian Pei, and Yiwen Yin. Mining frequent patterns without candidate generation.  
In SIGMOD, 2000