

3 Bayes classifier

3.1

The likelihood for a single observation is

$$p(x_i, y_i | \theta) = p(x_i | y_i, \theta) p(y_i | \theta) \quad (1)$$

The parameters used in each case depend on the class label, as follows:

$$p(x_i, y_i | \theta) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma_m^2}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \frac{(x_i - \mu_m)^2}{\sigma_m^2}\right) \pi_m & \text{if } y_i = m \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma_f^2}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \frac{(x_i - \mu_f)^2}{\sigma_f^2}\right) \pi_f & \text{if } y_i = f \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

This can be written as

$$p(x_i, y_i | \theta) = \left[\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma_m^2}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \frac{(x_i - \mu_m)^2}{\sigma_m^2}\right) \pi_m \right]^{\mathbb{I}(y_i=m)} \left[\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma_f^2}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \frac{(x_i - \mu_f)^2}{\sigma_f^2}\right) \pi_f \right]^{\mathbb{I}(y_i=f)} \quad (3)$$

The joint likelihood is the product of the above term for each data point,

$$p(x, y | \theta) = \prod_{i=1}^N p(x_i, y_i | \theta) \quad (4)$$

$$= \prod_{i=1}^N \left[\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma_m^2}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \frac{(x_i - \mu_m)^2}{\sigma_m^2}\right) \pi_m \right]^{\mathbb{I}(y_i=m)} \left[\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma_f^2}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \frac{(x_i - \mu_f)^2}{\sigma_f^2}\right) \pi_f \right]^{\mathbb{I}(y_i=f)} \quad (5)$$

The log-likelihood for this model is as follows. Note we make the substitution $\pi_f = 1 - \pi_m$, since we have the constraint $\pi_m + \pi_f = 1$.

$$\sum_{i=1}^N \log p(x_i, y_i) = \sum_{i=1}^N \mathbb{I}(y_i = m) \left[-\frac{1}{2} \log 2\pi - \frac{1}{2} \log \sigma_m^2 - \frac{1}{2} \frac{(x_i - \mu_m)^2}{\sigma_m^2} + \log \pi_m \right] \quad (6)$$

$$+ \sum_{i=1}^N \mathbb{I}(y_i = f) \left[-\frac{1}{2} \log 2\pi - \frac{1}{2} \log \sigma_f^2 - \frac{1}{2} \frac{(x_i - \mu_f)^2}{\sigma_f^2} + \log(1 - \pi_m) \right] \quad (7)$$

In the following sections we find the ML estimates of the parameters by optimizing this log-likelihood.

3.1.1 π_m

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \pi_m} \sum_{i=1}^N \log p(x_i, y_i) = \sum_{i=1}^N \left[\mathbb{I}(y_i = m) \frac{1}{\pi_m} - \mathbb{I}(y_i = f) \frac{1}{1 - \pi_m} \right] \quad (8)$$

$$= \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N \mathbb{I}(y_i = m)}{\pi_m} - \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N \mathbb{I}(y_i = f)}{1 - \pi_m} \quad (9)$$

Let $\sum_{i=1}^N \mathbb{I}(y_i = c) = N_c$. Setting to zero,

$$\frac{N_m}{\pi_m} - \frac{N_f}{1 - \pi_m} = 0 \quad (10)$$

$$(1 - \pi_m)N_m = \pi_m N_f \quad (11)$$

$$\pi_m = \frac{N_m}{N_m + N_f} \quad (12)$$

$$\pi_m = \frac{N_m}{N} \quad (13)$$

3.1.2 μ_m

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \pi_m} \sum_{i=1}^N \log p(x_i, y_i) = \sum_{i=1}^N \mathbb{I}(y_i = m) \frac{x_i - \mu_m}{\sigma_m^2} \quad (14)$$

$$= \sum_{\{i: y_i = m\}} \frac{x_i - \mu_m}{\sigma_m^2} \quad (15)$$

Setting to zero,

$$\sum_{\{i: y_i = m\}} \frac{x_i - \mu_m}{\sigma_m^2} = 0 \quad (16)$$

$$\sum_{\{i: y_i = m\}} (x_i - \mu_m) = 0 \quad (17)$$

$$\mu_m \sum_{\{i: y_i = m\}} 1 = \sum_{\{i: y_i = m\}} x_i \quad (18)$$

$$\mu_m = \frac{\sum_{\{i: y_i = m\}} x_i}{N_m} \quad (19)$$

This is just the average of the x values for the males. The derivation for π_f is similar.

3.1.3 σ_m^2

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \sigma_m^2} \sum_{i=1}^N \log p(x_i, y_i) = \sum_{i=1}^N \mathbb{I}(y_i = m) \left[-\frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{\sigma_m^2} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{(x_i - \mu_m)^2}{\sigma_m^4} \right] \quad (20)$$

$$= \sum_{\{i: y_i = m\}} \left[-\frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{\sigma_m^2} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{(x_i - \mu_m)^2}{\sigma_m^4} \right] \quad (21)$$

Setting to zero,

$$\sum_{\{i: y_i = m\}} \left[-\frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{\sigma_m^2} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{(x_i - \mu_m)^2}{\sigma_m^4} \right] = 0 \quad (22)$$

$$\sum_{\{i: y_i = m\}} (x_i - \mu_m)^2 = \sum_{\{i: y_i = m\}} \sigma_m^2 \quad (23)$$

$$\frac{\sum_{\{i: y_i = m\}} (x_i - \mu_m)^2}{N_m} = \sigma_m^2 \quad (24)$$

$$(25)$$

3.1.4 Numerical results

$$\mu_m = \frac{67 + 79 + 71}{3} = 72.33 \quad (26)$$

$$\sigma_m^2 = \frac{(67 - 72.33)^2 + (79 - 72.33)^2 + (71 - 72.33)^2}{3} = 24.89 \quad (27)$$

$$\pi_m = 1/2 \quad (28)$$

$$\mu_f = \frac{68 + 67 + 70}{3} = 65 \quad (29)$$

$$\sigma_f^2 = \frac{(68 - 65)^2 + (67 - 65)^2 + (60 - 65)^2}{3} = 12.67 \quad (30)$$

$$\pi_f = 1/2 \quad (31)$$

$$\hat{\theta} = (\mu_m = 72.33, \sigma_m = 4.989, \pi_m = 1/2, \mu_f = 65, \sigma_f^2 = 3.559, \pi_f = 1/2) \quad (32)$$

3.2

$$p(y = m|x = 72, \hat{\theta}) = \frac{p(x = 72|y = m, \hat{\theta})p(y = m|\hat{\theta})}{p(x = 72|\hat{\theta})} \quad (33)$$

$$= \frac{p(x = 72|y = m, \hat{\theta})p(y = m|\hat{\theta})}{\sum_{c=\{m,f\}} p(x = 72|y = c, \hat{\theta})p(y = c|\hat{\theta})} \quad (34)$$

$$= \frac{\mathcal{N}(72|72.33, 24.89) \times 0.5}{\mathcal{N}(72|72.33, 24.89) \times 0.5 + \mathcal{N}(72|65, 12.67) \times 0.5} \quad (35)$$

$$= \frac{0.07978 \times 0.5}{0.07978 \times 0.5 + 0.01620 \times 0.5} \quad (36)$$

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$$= 0.8312 \quad (38)$$

3.3

A simple way to extend this model would be to use the Naive Bayes assumption; i.e. the attributes are independent conditional on the class.

$$p(x_{1:d}|y) = \prod_{i=1}^d p(x_i|y) \quad (39)$$

The class probabilities are then found by

$$p(y = c|x_{1:d}) \propto p(x_{1:d}|y = c)p(y = c) \quad (40)$$

$$\propto \left[\prod_{i=1}^d p(x_i|y = c) \right] p(y = c) \quad (41)$$