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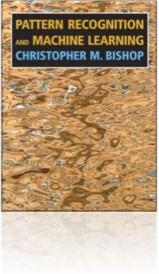
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Additional literature for this chapter



Christopher M. Bishop: *Pattern Recognition and Machine Learning*.
 Springer, Berlin 2006.





Introduction: Example



• Training data

ID	age	car type	risk
1	23	family	high
2	17	sportive	high
3	43	sportive	high
4	68	family	low
5	32	truck	low

• Simple classifier

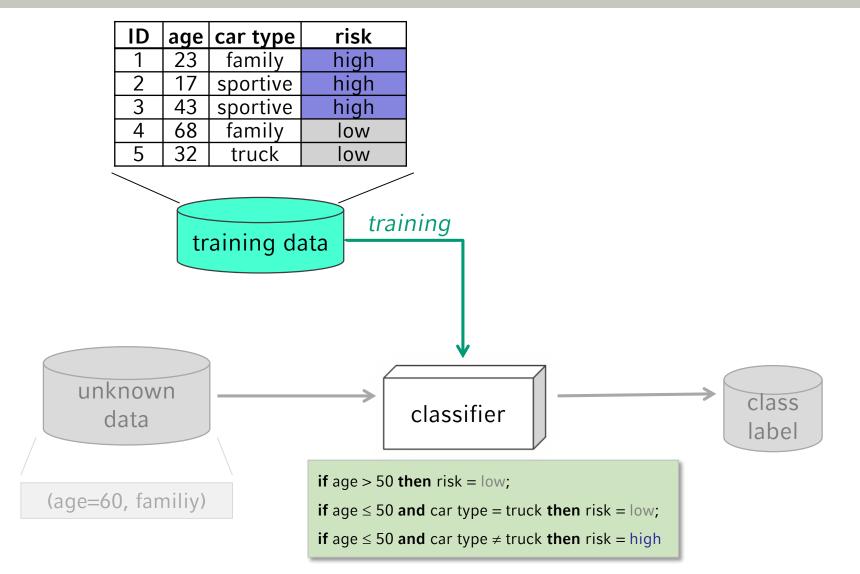
if age > 50 then risk = low;

- if age ≤ 50 and car type = truck then risk = low;
- if age \leq 50 and car type \neq truck then risk = high.



Classification: Training Phase (Model Construction)



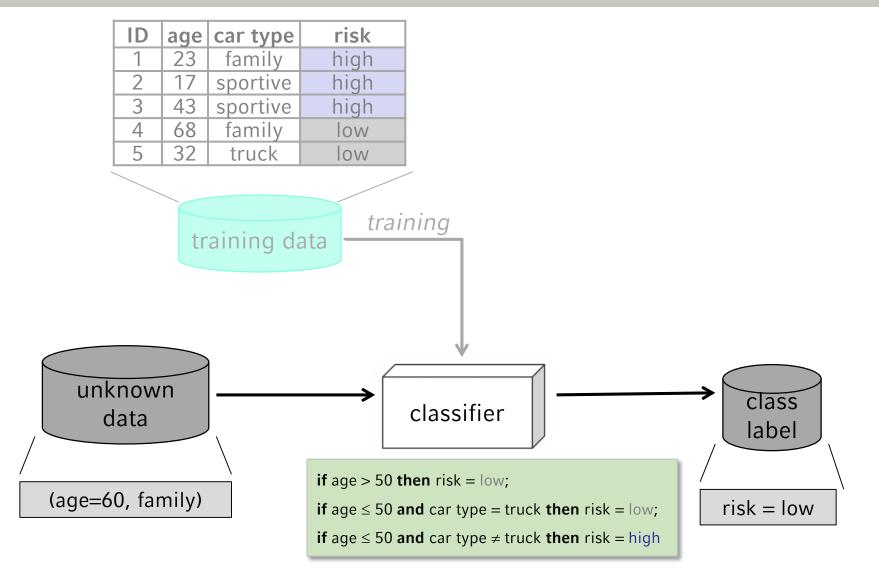


Classification → Introduction



Classification: Prediction Phase (Application)









- The systematic assignment of new observations to known categories according to criteria learned from a training set
- Formally,
 - a classifier K for a model $M(\theta)$ is a function $K_{M(\theta)}$: $D \to Y$, where
 - D: data space
 - Often d-dimensional space with attributes a_i , i = 1, ..., d (not necessarily vector space)
 - Some other space, e.g. metric space
 - $Y = \{y_1, \dots, y_k\}$: set of k distinct class labels y_j , $j = 1, \dots, k$
 - $0 \subseteq D$: set of training objects, $o = (o_1, ..., o_d)$, with known class labels $y \in Y$
 - Classification: application of classifier K on objects from D O
- Model $M(\theta)$ is the "type" of the classifier, and θ are the model parameters
- Supervised learning: find/learn optimal parameters θ for the model $M(\theta)$ from the given training data



Supervised vs. Unsupervised Learning



- Unsupervised learning (clustering)
 - The class labels of training data are unknown
 - Given a set of measurements, observations, etc. with the aim of establishing the existence of classes or clusters in the data
 - Classes (=clusters) are to be determined
- Supervised learning (classification)
 - Supervision: The training data (observations, measurements, etc.) are accompanied by labels indicating the class of the observations
 - Classes are known in advance (a priori)
 - New data is classified based on information extracted from the training set

[WK91] S. M. Weiss and C. A. Kulikowski. Computer Systems that Learn: Classification and Prediction Methods from Statistics, Neural Nets, Machine Learning, and Expert Systems. Morgan Kaufman, 1991.

Numerical Prediction

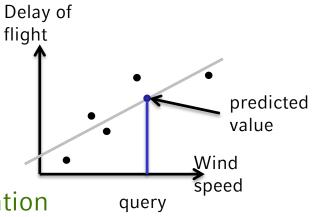


- Related problem to classification: numerical prediction
 - Determine the numerical value of an object
 - Method: e.g., regression analysis
 - Example: prediction of flight delays



- Classification refers to predict categorical class label
- Numerical prediction models continuous-valued functions
- Numerical prediction is *similar* to classification
 - First, construct a model
 - Second, use model to predict unknown value
 - Major method for numerical prediction is regression
 - Linear and multiple regression
 - Non-linear regression

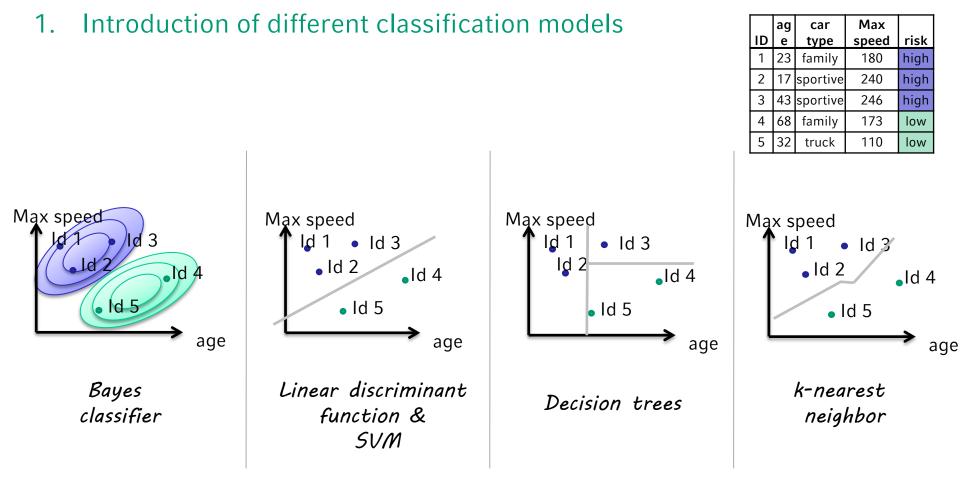






Goals of this lecture





2. Learning techniques for these models



Quality Measures for Classifiers



- Classification accuracy or classification error (complementary)
- Compactness of the model
 - decision tree size; number of decision rules
- Interpretability of the model
 - Insights and understanding of the data provided by the model
- Efficiency
 - Time to generate the model (training time)
 - Time to apply the model (prediction time)
- Scalability for large databases
 - Efficiency in disk-resident databases
- Robustness
 - Robust against noise or missing values





- Using training data to build a classifier and to estimate the model's accuracy may result in misleading and overoptimistic estimates
 - due to overspecialization of the learning model to the training data
- *Train-and-Test*: Decomposition of labeled data set *O* into two partitions
 - Training data is used to train the classifier
 - construction of the model by using information about the class labels
 - Test data is used to evaluate the classifier
 - temporarily hide class labels, predict them anew and compare results with original class labels
- Train-and-Test is not applicable if the set of objects for which the class label is known is very small



Evaluation of Classifiers – Cross Validation



- *m*-fold Cross Validation
 - Decompose data set evenly into *m* subsets of (nearly) equal size
 - Iteratively use m 1 partitions as training data and the remaining single partition as test data.
 - Combine the *m* classification accuracy values to an overall classification accuracy, and combine the *m* generated models to an overall model for the data.
- Leave-one-out is a special case of cross validation (m=n)
 - For each of the objects *o* in the data set *O*:
 - Use set 0\{o} as training set
 - Use the singleton set {*o*} as test set
 - Compute classification accuracy by dividing the number of correct predictions through the database size |0|
 - Particularly well applicable to nearest-neighbor classifiers



Quality Measures: Accuracy and Error



- Let *K* be a classifier
- Let *C*(*o*) denote the correct class label of an object *o*
- Measure the quality of *K*:
 - Predict the class label for each object *o* from a data set $T \subseteq O$
 - Determine the fraction of correctly predicted class labels
 - Classification Accuracy of K:

$$G_T(K) = \frac{|\{o \in T, K(o) = C(o)\}|}{|T|}$$

– Classification Error of K:

$$F_T(K) = \frac{|\{o \in T, K(o) \neq C(o)\}|}{|T|}$$



Quality Measures: Accuracy and Error



TR

- Let *K* be a classifier
- Let $TR \subseteq O$ be the training set used to build the classifier
- Let $TE \subseteq O$ be the test set used to test the classifier
 - resubstitution error of K:

$$F_{TR}(K) = \frac{|\{o \in TR, K(o) \neq C(o)\}|}{|TR|} \xrightarrow{\mathsf{TR}} \overset{\mathsf{K}}{\mathsf{K}} \rightarrow \text{error}$$

– (true) classification error of K:

$$F_{TE}(K) = \frac{|\{o \in TE, K(o) \neq C(o)\}|}{|TE|}$$

$$TR$$

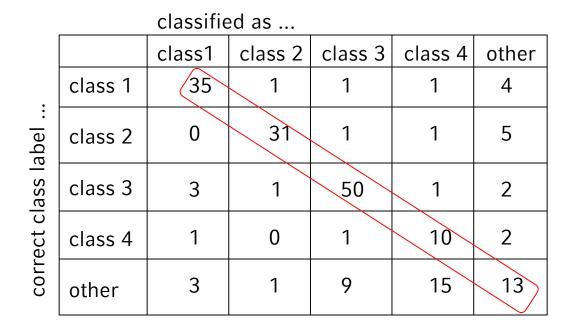
$$TR$$

$$K \rightarrow error$$





• Results on the test set: confusion matrix



correctly classified objects

- Based on the confusion matrix, we can compute several accuracy measures, including:
 - Classification Accuracy, Classification Error
 - Precision and Recall.

• *Recall:* fraction of test objects of class *i*, which have been identified correctly

• Let $C_i = \{o \in TE \mid C(o) = i\}$, then

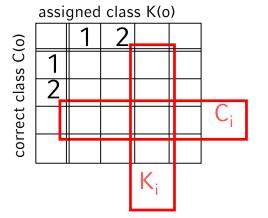
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Recall_{*TE*}(*K*,*i*) =
$$\frac{|\{o \in C_i | K(o) = C(o)\}|}{|C_i|}$$

- *Precision:* fraction of test objects assigned to class *i*, which have been identified correctly
- Let $K_i = \{o \in TE \mid K(o) = i\}$, then

Precision_{*TE*}(*K*,*i*) =
$$\frac{|\{o \in K_i | K(o) = C(o)\}|}{|K_i|}$$



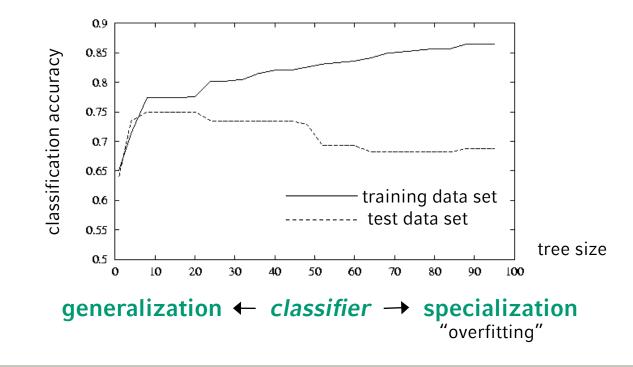




Overfitting



- Characterization of overfitting: There are two classifiers K and K' for which the following holds:
 - on the training set, K has a smaller error rate than K'
 - on the overall test data set, K' has a smaller error rate than K
- Example: Decision Tree





Overfitting (2)

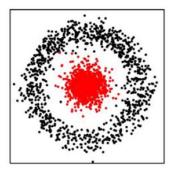


- Overfitting
 - occurs when the classifier is too optimized to the (noisy) training data
 - As a result, the classifier yields worse results on the test data set
 - Potential reasons
 - bad quality of training data (noise, missing values, wrong values)
 - different statistical characteristics of training data and test data
- Overfitting avoidance
 - Removal of *noisy* and *erroneous* training data; in particular, remove contradicting training data
 - Choice of an appropriate *size* of the training set: not too small, not too large
 - Choice of appropriate sample: sample should describe all aspects of the domain and not only parts of it





- Underfitting
 - Occurs when the classifiers model is too simple, e.g. trying to separate classes linearly that can only be separated by a quadratic surface
 - happens seldomly



- Trade-off
 - Usually one has to find a good balance between over- and underfitting

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Id 4

Max speed

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Bayes Classification



- Probability based classification
 - Based on likelihood of observed data, estimate explicit probabilities for classes
 - Classify objects depending on costs for possible decisions and the probabilities for the classes
- Incremental
 - Likelihood functions built up from classified data
 - Each training example can incrementally increase/decrease the probability that a hypothesis (class) is correct
 - Prior knowledge can be combined with observed data.
- Good classification results in many applications

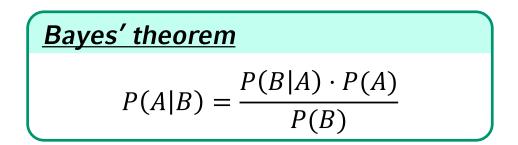


Bayes' theorem



- Probability theory:
 - Conditional probability: $P(A|B) = \frac{P(A \land B)}{P(B)}$ ("probability of A given B")
 - Product rule: $P(A \land B) = P(A|B) \cdot P(B)$
- Bayes' theorem
 - $P(A \land B) = P(A|B) \cdot P(B)$
 - $P(B \land A) = P(B|A) \cdot P(A)$
 - Since

 $\begin{array}{l} P(A \wedge B) = P(B \wedge A) \Rightarrow \\ P(A|B) \cdot P(B) = P(B|A) \cdot P(A) \Rightarrow \end{array}$





Bayes Classifier



• Bayes rule:
$$p(c_j|o) = \frac{p(o|c_j) \cdot p(c_j)}{p(o)}$$

$$\underset{c_{j} \in C}{\operatorname{argmax}} \{ p(c_{j}|o) \} = \underset{c_{j} \in C}{\operatorname{argmax}} \left\{ \frac{p(o|c_{j}) \cdot p(c_{j})}{p(o)} \right\} = \underset{c_{j} \in C}{\operatorname{argmax}} \{ p(o|c_{j}) \cdot p(c_{j}) \}$$

Value of p(o) is constant and does not change the result.

• Final decision rule for the *Bayes classifier*

$$K(o) = c_{max} = \underset{c_j \in C}{\operatorname{argmax}} \{ P(o|c_j) \cdot P(c_j) \}$$

- Estimate the apriori probabilities $p(c_j)$ of classes c_j by using the observed frequency of the individual class labels c_j in the training set, i.e., $p(c_j) = \frac{N_{c_j}}{N}$
- How to estimate the values of $p(o|c_j)$?



Density estimation techniques



- Given a database DB, how to estimate conditional probability $p(o|c_j)$?
 - Parametric methods: e.g. single Gaussian distribution
 - Compute by maximum likelihood estimators (MLE), etc.
 - Non-parametric methods: Kernel methods
 - Parzen's window, Gaussian kernels, etc.
 - Mixture models: e.g. mixture of Gaussians (GMM = Gaussian Mixture Model)
 - Compute by e.g. EM algorithm
- Curse of dimensionality often lead to problems in high dimensional data
 - Density functions become too uninformative
 - Solution:
 - Dimensionality reduction
 - Usage of statistical independence of single attributes (extreme case: naïve Bayes)



Naïve Bayes Classifier (1)



- Assumptions of the naïve Bayes classifier
 - Objects are given as *d*-dim. vectors, $o = (o_1, ..., o_d)$
 - For any given class c_j the attribute values o_i are conditionally independent,
 i.e.

$$p(o_1, ..., o_d | c_j) = \prod_{i=1}^d p(o_i | c_j) = p(o_1 | c_j) \cdot ... \cdot p(o_d | c_j)$$

• Decision rule for the *naïve Bayes classifier*

$$K_{naive}(o) = \operatorname*{argmax}_{c_j \in C} \left\{ p(c_j) \cdot \prod_{i=1}^d p(o_i | c_j) \right\}$$



Naïve Bayes Classifier (2)



 $f(x_i)$

 $\mu_{i,2}$

q

 $p(o_i | C_3)$

 $\mu_{i,1}$

- Independency assumption: $p(o_1, ..., o_d | c_j) = \prod_{i=1}^d p(o_i | c_j)$
- If i-th attribute is categorical: $p(o_i|C)$ can be estimated as the relative frequency of samples having value x_i as *i*-th attribute in class C in the training set $p(o_i|C_i)$
- If i-th attribute is continuous:
 p(o_i|C) can, for example, be estimated through:
 - Gaussian density function determined by $(\mu_{i,j}, \sigma_{i,j})^{p(o_i|C_2)}$

$$\rightarrow p(o_i | C_j) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma_{i,j}} e^{-\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{o_i - \mu_{i,j}}{\sigma_{i,j}}\right)^2}$$

• Computationally easy in both cases

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 $\mu_{i,3}$

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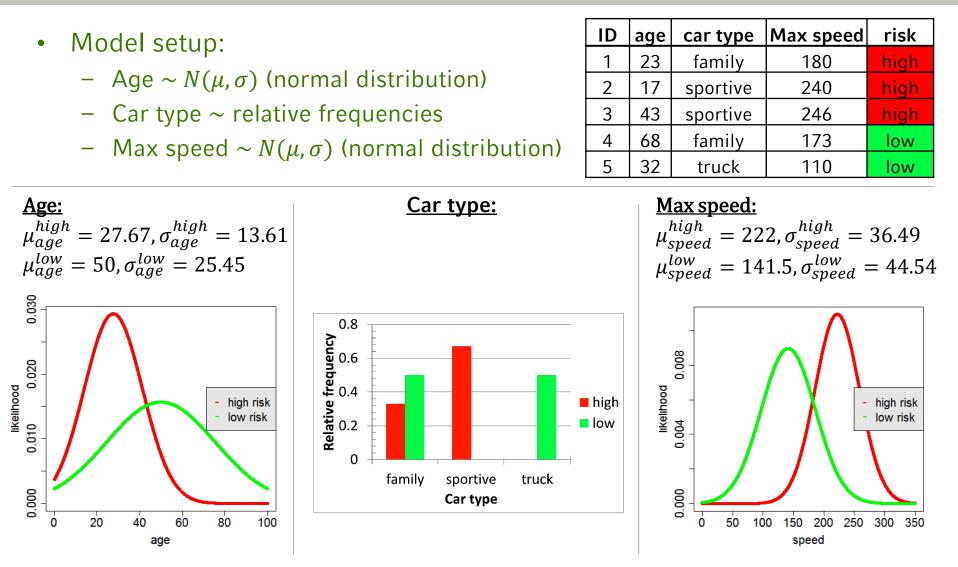
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Example: Naïve Bayes Classifier









- Query: q = (age = 60, car type = family, max speed = 190)
- Calculate the probabilities for both classes:

 $p(high|q) = \frac{p(q|high) \cdot p(high)}{p(q)} = \frac{p(age = 60|high) \cdot p(car type = family|high) \cdot p(max speed = 190|high) \cdot p(high)}{p(q)}$ $= \frac{N(27.67, 13.61|60) \cdot \frac{1}{3} \cdot N(222, 36.49|190) \cdot \frac{3}{5}}{p(q)} = 15.32\%$

With:

$$p(low|q) = \frac{p(q|low) \cdot p(low)}{p(q)}$$

=
$$\frac{p(age = 60|low) \cdot p(car type = family|low) \cdot p(max speed = 190|low) \cdot p(low)}{p(q)}$$

=
$$\frac{N(50, 25.45|60) \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot N(141.5, 44.54|190) \cdot \frac{2}{5}}{p(q)} = 84,68\%$$

Classifier decision



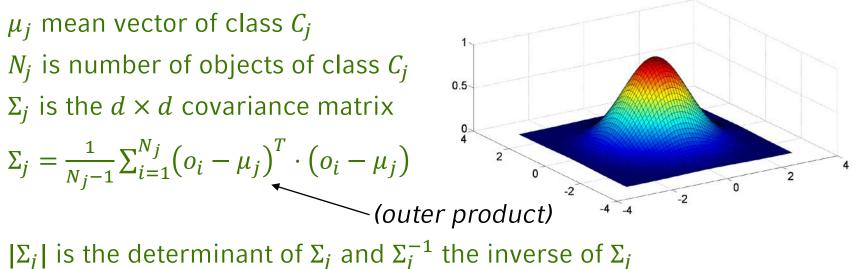
Bayesian Classifier



- Assuming dimensions of $o = (o_1 \dots o_d)$ are not independent
- Assume multivariate normal distribution (=Gaussian)

$$P(o \mid C_j) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{d/2} |\Sigma_j|^{1/2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(o-\mu_j)\Sigma_j^{-1}(o-\mu_j)^T}$$

with

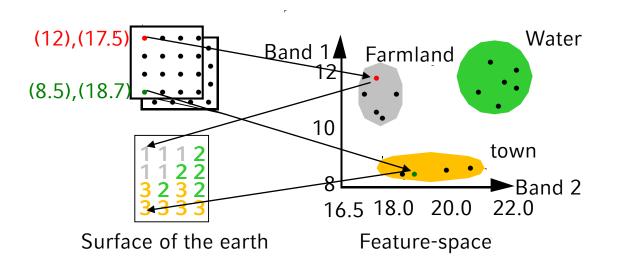


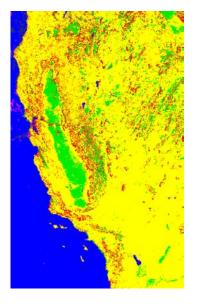


Example: Interpretation of Raster Images



- Scenario: automated interpretation of raster images
 - Take an image from a certain region (in *d* different frequency bands, e.g., infrared, etc.)
 - Represent each pixel by d values: (o_1, \ldots, o_d)
- Basic assumption: different surface properties of the earth ("landuse") follow a characteristic reflection and emission pattern



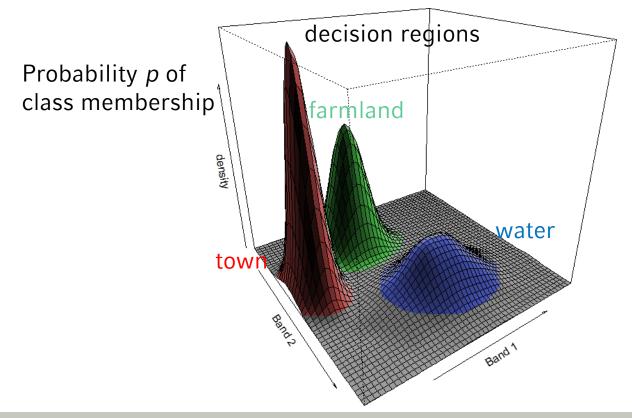




Example: Interpretation of Raster Images



- Application of the Bayes classifier
 - Estimation of the p(o | c) without assumption of conditional independence
 - Assumption of d-dimensional normal (= Gaussian) distributions for the value vectors of a class

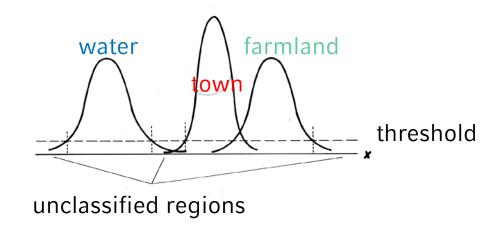




Example: Interpretation of Raster Images



- Method: Estimate the following measures from training data
 - μ_j : *d*-dimensional mean vector of all feature vectors of class C_j
 - Σ_j : $d \times d$ covariance matrix of class C_j
- Problems with the decision rule
 - if likelihood of respective class is very low
 - if several classes share the same likelihood







- Pro
 - High classification accuracy for many applications if density function defined properly
 - Incremental computation
 - → many models can be adopted to new training objects by updating densities
 - For Gaussian: store *count, sum, squared sum* to derive *mean, variance*
 - For histogram: store *count* to derive *relative frequencies*
 - Incorporation of expert knowledge about the application in the prior $P(C_i)$
- Contra
 - Limited applicability
 - \rightarrow often, required conditional probabilities are not available
 - Lack of efficient computation
 - \rightarrow in case of a high number of attributes
 - \rightarrow particularly for Bayesian belief networks

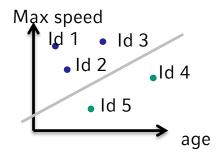




- ... makes efficient computation possible
- ... yields optimal classifiers when satisfied
- ... but is seldom satisfied in practice, as attributes (variables) are often correlated.
- Attempts to overcome this limitation:
 - Bayesian networks, that combine Bayesian reasoning with causal relationships between attributes
 - Decision trees, that reason on one attribute at the time, considering most important attributes first

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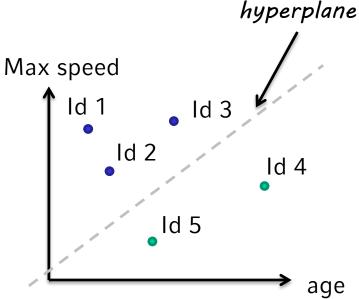
Linear discriminant function classifier



Possible decision

• Example

			Max	
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1	23	family	180	high
2	17	sportive	240	high
3	43	sportive	246	high
4	68	family	173	low
5	32	truck	110	low



- Idea: separate points of two classes by a hyperplane
 - I.e., classification model is a hyperplane
 - Points of one class in one half space, points of second class are in the other half space
- Questions:
 - How to formalize the classifier?
 - How to find optimal parameters of the model?





- Recall some general algebraic notions for a vector space *V*:
 - $\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle$ denotes an inner product of two vectors $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in V$: e.g., the scalar product: $\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle = \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{y} = \sum_{i=1}^d (\mathbf{x}_i \cdot \mathbf{y}_i)$
 - $H(\mathbf{w}, w_0)$ denotes a hyperplane with normal vector \mathbf{w} and constant term w_0 : $\mathbf{x} \in H(\mathbf{w}, w_0) \Leftrightarrow \langle \mathbf{w}, \mathbf{x} \rangle + w_0 = 0$
 - The normal vector **w** may be normalized to **w**':

$$\mathbf{w}' = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\langle \mathbf{w}, \mathbf{w} \rangle}} \cdot \mathbf{w} \implies \langle \mathbf{w}', \mathbf{w}' \rangle = 1$$

- Distance of a vector x to the hyperplane $H(\mathbf{w}', w_0)$: $dist(\mathbf{x}, H(\mathbf{w}', w_0)) = |\langle \mathbf{w}', \mathbf{x} \rangle + w_0|$



Formalization



- Consider a two-class example (generalizations later on):
 - D: d-dimensional vector space with attributes a_i , i = 1, ..., d
 - $Y = \{-1, 1\}$ set of 2 distinct class labels y_j
 - $0 \subseteq D$: set of objects, $\mathbf{o} = (o_1, \dots, o_d)$, with known class labels $y \in Y$ and cardinality of |0| = N
- A hyperplane $H(\mathbf{w}, w_0)$ with normal vector \mathbf{w} and constant term w_0

 $\mathbf{x} \in H \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{w}^{T}\mathbf{x} + w_{0} = 0$ $\mathbf{w}^{T}\mathbf{x} + w_{0} > 0$ Classification rule (linear classifier) given by: Classification rule $K_{H(\mathbf{w},w_{0})}(\mathbf{x}) = \operatorname{sign}(\mathbf{w}^{T}\mathbf{x} + w_{0})$





- How to estimate optimal parameters \mathbf{w}, w_0 ?
 - 1. Define an objective/loss function $L(\cdot)$ that assigns a value (e.g. the error on the training set) to each parameter-configuration
 - 2. Optimal parameters minimize/maximize the objective function
- How does an objective function look like?
 - Different choices possible
 - Most intuitive: each misclassified object contributes a constant (loss) value
 → 0-1 loss

0-1 loss objective function for linear classifier

$$L(\mathbf{w}, w_0) = \min_{\mathbf{w}, w_0} \sum_{n=1}^{N} I(y_i \neq K_{H(\mathbf{w}, w_0)}(\mathbf{x}_i))$$

where I(condition) = 1, if condition holds, 0 otherwise



Loss functions



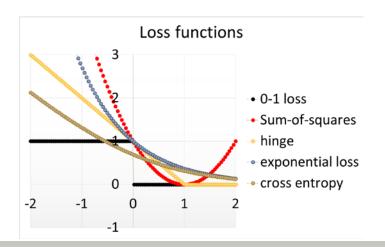
(SVM)

(AdaBoost)

regression)

(Logistic

- 0-1 loss
 - Minimize the overall number of training errors, but...
 - NP-hard to optimize in general (non-smooth, non-convex)
 - Small changes of \mathbf{w}, w_0 can lead to large changes of the loss
- Alternative convex loss functions
 - Sum-of-squares loss: $(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}_i + w_0 y_i)^2$
 - Hinge loss: $(1 y_i(w_0 + \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}_i)_+ = \max\{0, 1 y_i(w_0 + \mathbf$
 - Exponential loss: $e^{-y_i(w_0+\mathbf{w}^T\mathbf{x}_i)}$
 - Cross-entropy error: $-y_i \ln g(\mathbf{x}_i) + (1 y_i) \ln(1 g(\mathbf{x}_i))$ where $g(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-(w_0 + \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x})}}$
 - ... and many more
- Optimizing different loss function leads to several classification algorithms
- Next, we derive the optimal parameters for the sum-of-squares loss







• Loss/Objective function: sum-of-squares error to real class values

Objective function $SSE(\mathbf{w}, w_0) = \sum_{i=1..N} \{ (\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}_i + w_0) - y_i \}^2$

- Minimize the error function for getting optimal parameters
 - Use standard optimization technique:
 - 1. Calculate first derivative
 - 2. Set derivative to zero and compute the global minimum (SSE is a convex function)



Optimal parameters for SSE loss (cont'd)



• Transform the problem for simpler computations

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$$w^T o + w_0 = \sum_{i=1}^d w_i \cdot o_i + w_0 = \sum_{i=0}^d w_i \cdot o_i$$
, with $o_0 = 1$

- For **w** let
$$\widetilde{\mathbf{w}} = (w_0, \dots, w_d)^T$$

• Combine the values to matrices
$$\tilde{O} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & o_{1,1} & \dots & o_{1,d} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1 & o_{N,1} & \dots & o_{N,d} \end{pmatrix}, Y = \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ \dots \\ y_N \end{pmatrix}$$

• Then the sum-of-squares error is equal to:

$$\sum_{i} a_{ii}^2 = \operatorname{tr}(A^T A)$$

$$SSE(\widetilde{\boldsymbol{w}}) = \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{tr}\left(\left(\widetilde{O}\widetilde{\boldsymbol{w}} - Y\right)^{T}\left(\widetilde{O}\widetilde{\boldsymbol{w}} - Y\right)\right)$$



Optimal parameters for SSE loss (cont'd)



• Take the derivative:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \widetilde{\mathbf{w}}} SSE(\widetilde{\mathbf{w}}) = \widetilde{O}^T \big(\widetilde{O} \widetilde{\mathbf{w}} - Y \big)$$

- Solve $\frac{\partial}{\partial \widetilde{\mathbf{w}}} SSE(\widehat{\mathbf{w}}) = 0$: $\widetilde{O}^T(\widetilde{O}\widehat{\mathbf{w}} - Y) = 0 \Leftrightarrow \widetilde{O}\widehat{\mathbf{w}} = Y \Leftrightarrow \widehat{\mathbf{w}} = (\widetilde{O}^T\widetilde{O})^{-1}\widetilde{O}^TY$
- Set $\widehat{\mathbf{w}} = \left(\widetilde{O}^T \widetilde{O}\right)^{-1} \widetilde{O}^T Y$

• Classify new point **x** with $\mathbf{x}_0 = 1$:

Classification rule $K_{H(\widehat{\mathbf{w}},w_0)}(\mathbf{x}) = \operatorname{sign}(\widehat{\mathbf{w}}^T \mathbf{x})$





• Data (consider only age and max. speed):

$$\tilde{O} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 23 & 180 \\ 1 & 17 & 240 \\ 1 & 43 & 246 \\ 1 & 68 & 173 \\ 1 & 32 & 110 \end{pmatrix}, Y = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

			Max	
ID	age	car type	speed	risk
1	23	family	180	high
2	17	sportive	240	high
3	43	sportive	246	high
4	68	family	173	low
5	32	truck	110	low

encode classes as $\{high = 1, low = -1\}$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\tilde{O}^{T}\tilde{O}\right)^{-1}\tilde{O}^{T} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.7647 & -0.0678 & -0.9333 & -0.4408 & 1.6773 \\ -0.0089 & -0.0107 & 0.0059 & 0.0192 & -0.0055 \\ -0.0012 & 0.0034 & 0.0048 & -0.0003 & -0.0067 \end{pmatrix}$$
$$\Rightarrow \widehat{\mathbf{w}} = \left(\tilde{O}^{T}\tilde{O}\right)^{-1}\tilde{O}^{T}Y = \begin{pmatrix} w_{0} \\ w_{age} \\ w_{maxspeed} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1.4730 \\ -0.0274 \\ 0.0141 \end{pmatrix}$$



Example SSE (cont'd)

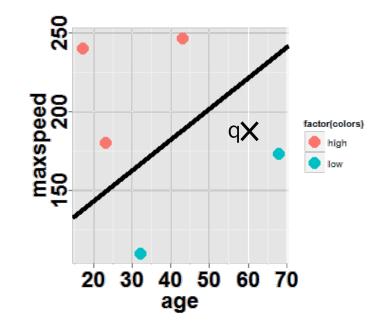


• Model parameter:

$$\widehat{\mathbf{w}} = \left(\widetilde{O}^{T}\widetilde{O}\right)^{-1}\widetilde{O}^{T}Y = \begin{pmatrix} w_{0} \\ w_{age} \\ w_{maxspeed} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1.4730 \\ -0.0274 \\ 0.0141 \end{pmatrix}$$
$$\Rightarrow K_{H(\mathbf{w},w_{0})}(\mathbf{x}) = \operatorname{sign}\left(\begin{pmatrix} -0.0274 \\ 0.0141 \end{pmatrix}^{T} \mathbf{x} - 1.4730 \right)$$

Query:
$$q = (age=60, max speed = 190)$$

 $\Rightarrow sign(\widehat{w}^T q) = sign(-0.4397) = -1$
 $\Rightarrow Class = low$

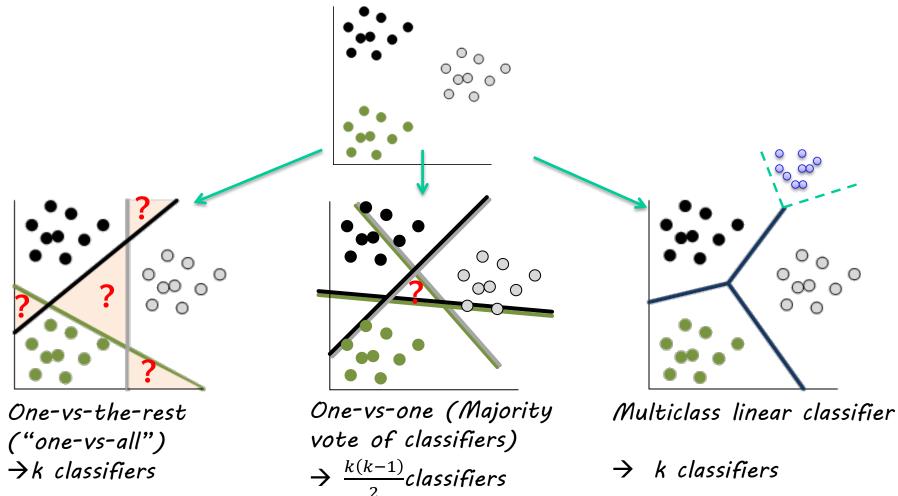




Extension to multiple classes



• Assume we have more than two (k > 2) classes. What to do?







- Idea of multiclass linear classifier
 - Take k linear functions of the form $H_{\mathbf{w}_{j},w_{j,0}}(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{w}_{j}^{T}\mathbf{x} + w_{j,0}$
 - Decide for class y_j:

$$y_j = \arg \max_{j=1,\dots,k} H_{\mathbf{w}_j,w_{j,0}}(\mathbf{x})$$

- Advantage
 - No ambiguous regions except for points on decision hyperplanes
- The optimal parameter estimation is also extendable to k classes $Y = (y_1, \dots, y_k)$



Discussion (SSE)



- Pro
 - Simple approach
 - Closed form solution for parameters
 - Easily extendable to non-linear spaces (later on)
- Contra
 - Sensitive to outliers \rightarrow not stable classifier
 - How to define and efficiently determine the maximum stable hyperplane?
 - Only good results for linearly separable data
 - Expensive computation of selected hyperplanes

- Approach to solve the problems
 - Support Vector Machines (SVMs) [Vapnik 1979, 1995]