Master Program in Data Science and Business Informatics

Statistics for Data Science

Lesson 03 - Bayes' rule and applications

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Exercise at home from Lesson 01

Exercise at home. Prove or disprove:

• If A is independent of B then A is conditionally independent of B given C In formula, if $P(A \cap B) = P(A)P(B)$ then $P(A \cap B|C) = P(A|C)P(B|C)$

Counterexample.

- $\Omega = \{H, T\} \times \{H, T\}$ two coin toss
- $A = \{ \text{first coin is H} \} = \{ (H, H), (H, T) \}$ P(A) = 1/2
- $B = \{\text{second coin is H}\} = \{(H, H), (T, H)\}$ P(B) = 1/2

$$P(A \cap B) = 1/4 = P(A)P(B)$$

• $C = \{ \text{both coins have same result} \} = \{ (H, H), (T, T) \}$ P(C) = 1/2

$$P(A \cap B | C) = \frac{P(A \cap B \cap C)}{P(C)} = \frac{1}{2} \neq P(A | C)P(B | C) = \frac{P(A \cap C)P(B \cap C)}{P(C)^2} = \frac{1}{4}$$

Same counterexample shows that pairwise independence is weaker than independence: A, B, C are pairwise independent, but not independent!

Exercise

Exercise. Prove or disprove:

• If A, B and C are independent, then A is conditionally independent of B given C (i.e., $P(A \cap B|C) = P(A|C)P(B|C)$)

Proof. Independence implies $P(A \cap B \cap C) = P(A)P(B)P(C)$ and then:

$$P(A \cap B|C) = \frac{P(A \cap B \cap C)}{P(C)} = \frac{P(A)P(B)P(C)}{P(C)} = P(A)P(B)$$

Independence also implies $P(A \cap C) = P(A)P(C)$ and $P(B \cap C) = P(B)P(C)$, and then:

$$P(A|C)P(B|C) = \frac{P(A \cap C)P(B \cap C)}{P(C)^2} = \frac{P(A)P(C)P(B)P(C)}{P(C)^2} = P(A)P(B)$$

Testing for Covid-19

A new test for Covid-19 (or Mad-Cow desease, or drug use) has been developed.

- $\Omega = \{ \text{ people aged 18 or higher } \}$
- $+ = \{ \text{ people tested positive } \} = \{ \text{ people tested negative } \} = +^c$
- ullet $C=\{$ people with Covid-19 $\}$ $C^c=\{$ people without Covid-19 $\}$

In lab experiments, a sample of people with and without Covid-19 tested

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$$P(+|C) = 0.99$$

[Sensitivity/Recall/True Positive Rate]

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$$P(-|C^c) = 0.99$$

[Specificity/True Negative Rate]

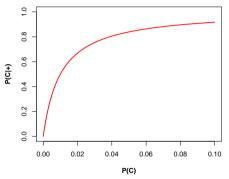
What is the probability I really have Covid-19 given that I tested positive? [Precision]

$$P(C|+) = \frac{P(C \cap +)}{P(+)} = \frac{P(+|C) \cdot P(C)}{P(+)} = \frac{P(+|C) \cdot P(C)}{P(+|C) \cdot P(C) + P(+|C^c) \cdot P(C^c)}$$

$$P(C|+) = \frac{0.99 \cdot P(C)}{0.99 \cdot P(C) + 0.01 \cdot (1 - P(C))}$$

Testing for Covid-19

P(C), the probability of having Covid-19, **is unknown**. Let's plot P(C|+) over P(C):



- For P(C) = 0.02, P(C|+) = .67
- For P(C) = 0.06, P(C|+) = .86
- For P(C) = 0.10, P(C|+) = .92

Bayes' Rule

BAYES' RULE. Suppose the events C_1, C_2, \ldots, C_m are disjoint and $C_1 \cup C_2 \cup \cdots \cup C_m = \Omega$. The conditional probability of C_i , given an arbitrary event A, can be expressed as:

$$P(C_i | A) = \frac{P(A | C_i) \cdot P(C_i)}{P(A | C_1)P(C_1) + P(A | C_2)P(C_2) + \dots + P(A | C_m)P(C_m)}.$$

- It follows from $P(C_i|A) = \frac{P(A|C_i) \cdot P(C_i)}{P(A)}$ and the law of total probability
- Useful when:
 - ▶ $P(C_i|A)$ not easy to calculate
 - ▶ while $P(A|C_j)$ and $P(C_j)$ are known for j = 1, ..., m
 - ► E.g., in classification problems (see Bayesian classifiers from Data Mining)
- $P(C_i)$ is called the *prior* probability
- $P(C_i|A)$ is called the *posterior* probability (after seeing event A)

(Machine Learning) Binary Classifiers

- $\Omega = \{\mathsf{f}, \mathsf{m}\} \times \mathbb{N} \times \{+, -\}$
- Features:
 - ▶ *G* gender, G = f is $\{\omega \in \Omega \mid \omega = (f, _, _)\}$
 - A age, A=25 is $\{\omega\in\Omega\mid\omega=(_,25,_)\}$
 - Y true class

$$\ \square \ \ Y=+$$
 is $\{\ \omega\in\Omega\mid\omega=(_,_,+)\}$, e.g., Covid-19 positive

$$\ \square\ \ Y=-$$
 is $\{\ \omega\in\Omega\ |\ \omega=(_,_,-)\}$, e.g., Covid-19 negative

• Binary Classifier:
$$\hat{Y}: \{f, m\} \times \mathbb{N} \to \{+, -\}$$
 predicted class

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$$\hat{Y} = +$$
 is $\{ (g, a, c) \in \Omega \mid \hat{Y}((g, a)) = + \}$, e.g, predicted Covid-19 positive

$$\hat{Y} = -is\{(g, a, c) \in \Omega \mid \hat{Y}((g, a)) = -\}, \text{ e.g., predicted Covid-19 negative}$$

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$$P(Y = \hat{Y})$$
, i.e., $P(Y = + \cap \hat{Y} = +) + P(Y = - \cap \hat{Y} = -)$

 $(Y = +)^{c}$

 $(\hat{Y}=+)^c$

•
$$P(Y = + | \hat{Y} = +)$$

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$$P(\hat{Y} = + | Y = +)$$

• Such probabilities are unknown! They can only be estimated on a sample (test set)

Precision of classifiers

Confusion matrix over the test set!

st set!	True Y			
51 501:		+	_	Total
Predicted \hat{Y}	+	TP	FP	PP
	_	FN	TN	PN
	Total	Р	Ν	P + N

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$$P(\hat{Y} = +|Y = +) \approx TP/P$$

[Sensitivity/Recall/TPR]

•
$$P(\hat{Y} = -|Y = -) \approx TN/N$$

[Specificity/TNR]

"≈" reads as "approximatively"

[Probability estimation]

What is the probability I really am positive given that I was predicted positive?

[Precision]

$$P(Y = +|\hat{Y} = +) = \frac{TP}{TP + FP}$$
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Precision of classifiers

Confusion matrix over the test set!

e test set!
$$+$$
 $-$ Total PP PP PN TOTAL PN P N P N P N

True Y

- $P(\hat{Y} = +|Y = +) \approx TP/P$
- $P(\hat{Y} = -|Y = -) \approx TN/N$
- "≈" reads as "approximatively"

[Specificity/TNR]
[Probability estimation]

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[Sensitivity/Recall/TPR]

What is the probability I really am positive given that I was predicted positive? [Precision]

$$P(Y = +|\hat{Y} = +) = \frac{P(\hat{Y} = +|Y = +) \cdot P(Y = +)}{P(\hat{Y} = +|Y = +) \cdot P(Y = +) + (1 - P(\hat{Y} = -|Y = -)) \cdot P(Y = -)}$$

$$\approx \frac{TP/P \cdot P(Y = +)}{TP/P \cdot P(Y = +) + (1 - TN/N) \cdot P(Y = -)}$$

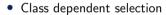
$$\approx^{(\star)} \frac{TP/P \cdot P/(P + N)}{TP/P \cdot P/(P + N) + (1 - TN/N) \cdot N/(P + N)} = \frac{TP}{TP + FP}$$

(*) if $P(Y = +) \approx P/(P + N)$, i.e., if fraction of positives in the test set is same as population

Dataset selection

- Let $\Omega' = \Omega \times \{0, 1\}$, where:
 - $(\omega, 1) \in \Omega'$ iff ω is selected in the dataset
 - ▶ let S be the name of the new feature
- Class independent selection:

$$P(S = 1) = P(S = 1|Y = +) = P(S = 1|Y = -)$$



▶ Under-sampling negatives:
$$P(S = 1|Y = -) < P(S = 1|Y = +) = P(S = 1)$$

▶ Over-sampling positives:
$$P(S = 1|Y = +) > P(S = 1|Y = -) = P(S = 1)$$

▶ Data/distribution shift:
$$P(S = 1|Y = -) \neq P(S = 1|Y = +) \neq P(Y = +)$$

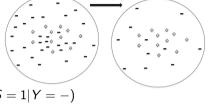
- How confident are we that selection of our (training/test) dataset is class independent?
 - Bias in data collection

[Selection bias]

► Change of distribution over time/domain

[Distribution shift]

Then, confusion matrix is unpredictive of true precision/accuracy!



Precision of classifiers: correction under shift

When class dependent selection can occur?

- Undersampling $P(Y = +) \approx P/(P + \beta N)$ with $\beta = N_{orig}/N \ge 1$ rate in original dataset
- Oversampling $P(Y = +) \approx \alpha P/(\alpha P + N) = P/(P + N/\alpha)$ with $\alpha = P_{orig}/P \le 1$
- Shift $P(Y = +) \approx \alpha P/(\alpha P + \beta N) = P/(P + \gamma N)$ with $\gamma = \beta/\alpha = (N_{orig}/P_{orig})/(N/P)$

$$P(Y=+|\hat{Y}=+)pprox rac{TP/P\cdot P/(P+\gamma N)}{TP/P\cdot P/(P+\gamma N)+(1-TN/N)\cdot (1-P/(P+\gamma N))}=rac{TP}{TP+\gamma FP}$$

Called
$$Prec = TP/(TP + FP)$$
, we have:

$$P(Y = +|\hat{Y} = +) \approx \frac{Prec}{Prec + \gamma(1 - Prec)}$$

Example: for
$$\gamma = 5$$
, $Prec = 0.9$, we have $P(Y = + | \hat{Y} = +) \approx 0.9/(0.9 + 5 \cdot 0.1) \approx 0.642$

Accuracy of classifiers

Predicted
$$\hat{Y}$$
 $\begin{array}{c|cccc} & True & Y \\ \hline + & - & Total \\ \hline - & FN & TN \\ \hline Total & P & N & P+N \\ \end{array}$

- $P(\hat{Y} = +|Y = +) \approx TP/P$
- $P(\hat{Y} = -|Y = -) \approx TN/N$

[Sensitivity/Recall/TPR]

[Specificity/TNR]

What is the probability that prediction is correct?

[Accuracy]

$$P(\hat{Y} = Y) = P(\hat{Y} = +|Y = +)P(Y = +) + P(\hat{Y} = -|Y = -)P(Y = -) \approx^{(*)}$$
$$\approx^{(*)} \frac{TP}{P} \frac{P}{P+N} + \frac{TN}{N} \frac{N}{P+N} = \frac{TP+TN}{P+N}$$

(*) if $P(Y = +) \approx P/(P + N)$, i.e., if dataset selection is **class independent!**

Accuracy of classifiers: correction under shift

• Shift
$$P(Y = +) \approx \alpha P/(\alpha P + \beta N) = P/(P + \gamma N)$$
 with $\gamma = \beta/\alpha = (N_{orig}/P_{orig})/(N/P)$

What is the probability that prediction is correct?

[Accuracy]

$$P(\hat{Y} = Y) = P(\hat{Y} = +|Y = +)P(Y = +) + P(\hat{Y} = -|Y = -)P(Y = -) \approx$$

$$\approx \frac{TP}{P} \frac{P}{P + \gamma N} + \frac{TN}{N} \frac{\gamma N}{P + \gamma N} = \frac{TP + \gamma TN}{P + \gamma N}$$

Example: for $\gamma = 10, P = N = 1000, TP = 950, TN = 800$:

$$Acc = (TP + TN)/(P + N) = .875$$
 $P(\hat{Y} = Y) = (TP + \gamma TN)/(P + \gamma N) \approx .814$

Probabilistic classifier predictions: correction under shift

Assume a biased posterior probability P(Y = + | S = 1, X = x), due to data shift, returned by a probabilistic classifier [predict_proba in Python]

How to compute unbiased prediction P(Y = +|X = x)?

• Class dependent selection, but feature independent selection:

$$P(S = 1) \neq P(S = 1|Y = +) = P(S = 1|Y = +, X = x)$$

• From Bayes rule applied to $P'(\cdot) = P(\cdot|X = x)$:

$$P'(Y = +|S = 1) = \frac{P'(Y = +)}{P'(Y = +) + \frac{P'(S = 1|Y = -)}{P'(S = 1|Y = +)}(1 - P'(Y = +))}$$

• For shift: $\frac{P'(S=1|Y=-)}{P'(S=1|Y=+)} \approx \frac{N/N_{orig}}{P/P_{orig}} = \alpha/\beta = 1/\gamma$, hence:

$$P'(Y = +|S = 1) = \frac{P'(Y = +)}{P'(Y = +) + (1 - P'(Y = +))/\gamma}$$

and then: $P(Y = +|X = x) = P'(Y = +) = \frac{P'(Y = +|S = 1)}{P'(Y = +|S = 1) + \gamma(1 - P'(Y = +|S = 1))}$ Same formula as for precision!

Optional references

Optional readings: [Pozzolo, 2015], [Sipka, 2021] (consider the case when γ is unknown)



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