# Introduction to Bayes' classifier and to the on-the-fly bayesian domain adaptation 

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$$
P(A \mid B)=\frac{P(B \mid A) P(A)}{P(B)}
$$



Thomas Bayes
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- Can you decide which silhouettes are those of humans?
- Try to write an algorithm to solve this problem!


## An introductory example

## Observation

Most of the tasks related to video scene interpretation are complex. A human expert can easily take the right decision, but usually without being able to explain how he does it.

## Solution

Machine learning techniques are indispensable in computer science.

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## Notations

Let us denote :

- o an object (i.e. a sample) to be classified
- $\vec{x}(o)$ the information about $o$ (a vector of attributes)
- $c_{i}$ a class ("human silhouettes", "non-human silhouettes", etc.)
- $\hat{y}(o)$ the class of $o$ estimated by the classifier
- $y(o)$ the ground-truth class of o
- $P[\cdot]$ a probability $(\in \mathbb{R} \cap(0,1))$
- $\rho(\cdot) \operatorname{adf}\left(\rho(x) \geq 0 \forall x, \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \rho(x) d x=1\right)$

To shorten expressions, let us denote the probability density function of the objects belonging to class $c_{i}$ by

$$
\begin{equation*}
\rho_{i}(\vec{x}(o))=\rho\left(\vec{x}(o) \mid y(o)=c_{i}\right) \tag{1}
\end{equation*}
$$

and the priors (that is the proportion of objects belonging to a given class) as

$$
\begin{equation*}
p_{i}=P\left[y(o)=c_{i}\right] \tag{2}
\end{equation*}
$$

## Bayes' classifier in case of a continuous attribute space I

Bayes' classifier minimizes the error rate, when the samples to classify are assumed independent, by predicting the most probable class:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\hat{y}(o)=\underset{c}{\arg \max }\left(P\left[y(o)=c_{i} \mid \vec{x}(o)\right]\right) \tag{3}
\end{equation*}
$$

Using Bayes' rule is not straightforward since

$$
P\left[y(o)=c_{i} \mid \vec{x}(o)\right]=\frac{P\left[y(o)=c_{i}\right] \overbrace{P\left[\vec{x}(o) \mid y(o)=c_{i}\right]}^{=0}}{\underbrace{P[\vec{x}(o)]}_{=0}}
$$

Let us consider a small neighborhood $\epsilon$ around $\vec{x}(o)$ in the attribute space.

$$
\begin{equation*}
P\left[y(o)=c_{i} \mid \vec{x}(o)\right]=\lim _{V_{\epsilon} \rightarrow 0} P\left[y(o)=c_{i} \mid \vec{x}(o) \in \epsilon\right] \tag{4}
\end{equation*}
$$

## Bayes' classifier in case of a continuous attribute space II

We have

$$
\begin{align*}
P\left[\vec{x}(o) \in \epsilon \wedge y(o)=c_{i}\right] & =P\left[y(o)=c_{i}\right] P\left[\vec{x}(o) \in \epsilon \mid y(o)=c_{i}\right] \\
& =p_{i} \int_{\vec{x}(o) \in \epsilon} \rho_{i}(x) d x \\
& \simeq p_{i} \rho_{i}(\vec{x}(o)) V_{\epsilon} \tag{5}
\end{align*}
$$

where $V_{\epsilon}$ denotes the volume of $\epsilon$. We also have

$$
\begin{align*}
P[\vec{x}(o) \in \epsilon] & \simeq \sum_{c_{i}} p_{i} \rho_{i}(\vec{x}(o)) V_{\epsilon} \\
& =V_{\epsilon} \sum_{c_{i}} p_{i} \rho_{i}(\vec{x}(o)) \\
& =V_{\epsilon} \rho_{\star}(\vec{x}(o)) \tag{6}
\end{align*}
$$

where $\rho_{\star}(\cdot)=\sum_{c_{i}} p_{i} \rho_{i}(\cdot)$ denotes the overall probability density function.

## Bayes' classifier in case of a continuous attribute space III

Using Bayes' rule, we have

$$
\begin{align*}
P\left[y(o)=c_{i} \mid \vec{x}(o) \in \epsilon\right] & =\frac{P\left[\vec{x}(o) \in \epsilon \wedge y(o)=c_{i}\right]}{P[\vec{x}(o) \in \epsilon]} \\
& \simeq \frac{p_{i} \rho_{i}(\vec{x}(o)) V_{\epsilon}}{V_{\epsilon} \rho_{\star}(\vec{x}(o))} \\
& =\frac{p_{i} \rho_{i}(\vec{x}(o))}{\rho_{\star}(\vec{x}(o))} \tag{7}
\end{align*}
$$

and therefore,

$$
\begin{align*}
P\left[y(o)=c_{i} \mid \vec{x}(o)\right] & =\lim _{V_{\epsilon} \rightarrow 0} P\left[y(o)=c_{i} \mid \vec{x}(o) \in \epsilon\right] \\
& =\lim _{V_{\epsilon} \rightarrow 0} \frac{p_{i} \rho_{i}(\vec{x}(o))}{\rho_{\star}(\vec{x}(o))} \\
& =\frac{p_{i} \rho_{i}(\vec{x}(o))}{\rho_{\star}(\vec{x}(o))} \tag{8}
\end{align*}
$$

In summary, Bayes' classifier computes

$$
\hat{y}(o)=\underset{c_{i}}{\arg \max }\left(P\left[y(o)=c_{i} \mid \vec{x}(o)\right]\right)
$$

where [4]

$$
P\left[y(o)=c_{i} \mid \vec{x}(o)\right]=\frac{p_{i} \rho_{i}(\vec{x}(o))}{\rho_{\star}(\vec{x}(o))}
$$

As $\rho_{\star}(\vec{x}(o))$ depends only on $\vec{x}(o)$ (and not on $\left.c_{i}\right)$,

$$
\begin{equation*}
\hat{y}(o)=\underset{c_{i}}{\arg \max }\left(p_{i} \rho_{i}(\vec{x}(o))\right) \tag{9}
\end{equation*}
$$

The intrinsic difficulty of a classifier is that it is very difficult to estimate $\rho_{i}(\cdot)$ from a learning set because the space is not densely sampled.

## An example in a 1D attribute space $(P[y=A]=0.50)$





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There is some class overlapping when the supports of the probability density functions underlying the various classes are not mutually exclusive sets.

When there is no class overlapping, estimating correctly the probability density functions is not a matter of concern for the machine learning algorithm ; only their supports matter. Moreover, the classifier is insensitive to the priors (when $>0$ ).

Taking the priors into account is most often important in case of class overlapping. But is some case, the classifier can still be insensitive to the priors when the range of expected priors is restricted (see example on the next slides).

## An example in a 1D attribute space $(P[y=A]=0.00)$





## An example in a 1D attribute space $(P[y=A]=0.05)$





## An example in a 1D attribute space $(P[y=A]=0.10)$





## An example in a 1D attribute space $(P[y=A]=0.15)$





## An example in a 1D attribute space $(P[y=A]=0.20)$





## An example in a 1D attribute space $(P[y=A]=0.25)$





## An example in a 1D attribute space $(P[y=A]=0.30)$





## An example in a 1D attribute space $(P[y=A]=0.35)$





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## An example in a 1D attribute space $(P[y=A]=0.45)$





## An example in a 1D attribute space $(P[y=A]=0.50)$





## An example in a 1D attribute space $(P[y=A]=0.55)$





## An example in a 1D attribute space $(P[y=A]=0.60)$





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## An example in a 1D attribute space $(P[y=A]=0.85)$





## An example in a 1D attribute space $(P[y=A]=0.90)$





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We have seen that Bayes' classifier computes

$$
\begin{aligned}
\hat{y}(o) & =\underset{c_{i}}{\arg \max }\left(P\left[y(o)=c_{i} \mid \vec{x}(o)\right]\right) \\
& =\underset{c_{i}}{\arg \max }\left(p_{i} \rho_{i}(\vec{x}(o))\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

Therefore, a machine learning algorithm approximating Bayes' classifier needs to estimate the priors and the probability density functions ( $p d f s$ ) from the learning set, either implicitly or explicitly.

- Intuitively, in order to correctly learn the pdfs, we need more samples drawn from the pdfs with complicated shapes than from the ones that are smooth.
- In order to estimate correctly the priors, the proportions of learning samples from the various classes need to reflect the priors.
These two aims can be contradictory. But we can focus on the first one, and compensate for the second one (if 2 classes)!
- Let us consider the two classes $c_{-}$and $c_{+}$.
- Let $n_{-}^{L S}$ be the amount of samples $\in c_{-}$in the learning set.
- Let $n_{+}^{L S}$ be the amount of samples $\in c_{+}$in the learning set.

Since $P\left[y(o)=c_{-} \mid \vec{x}(o)\right]+P\left[y(o)=c_{+} \mid \vec{x}(o)\right]=1$, we can only focus of $P\left[y(o)=c_{+} \mid \vec{x}(o)\right]$. We would like to compute

$$
\begin{equation*}
P\left[y(o)=c_{+} \mid \vec{x}(o)\right]=\frac{p_{+} \rho_{+}(\vec{x}(o))}{p_{+} \rho_{+}(\vec{x}(o))+p_{-} \rho_{-}(\vec{x}(o))} \tag{10}
\end{equation*}
$$

but, when $\frac{n_{-}^{L S}}{n_{-}^{L S}+n_{+}^{L S}} \neq p_{-} \Leftrightarrow \frac{n_{+}^{L S}}{n_{-}^{L S}+n_{+}^{L S}} \neq p_{+}$, the machine learning algorithm computes

$$
\begin{equation*}
z(\vec{x}(o))=\frac{\frac{n_{+}^{L S}}{n_{-}^{L S}+n_{+}^{L S}} \rho_{+}(\vec{x}(o))}{\frac{n_{+}^{L S}}{n_{-}^{L S}+n_{+}^{L S}} \rho_{+}(\vec{x}(o))+\frac{n_{-}^{L S}}{n_{-}^{L S}+n_{+}^{L S}} \rho_{-}(\vec{x}(o))} \tag{11}
\end{equation*}
$$

Can we get $P\left[y(o)=c_{+} \mid \vec{x}(o)\right]$ back from $z(\vec{x}(o))$ ? Yes!

$$
\begin{aligned}
z(\vec{x}(o)) & =\frac{\frac{n_{+}^{L S}}{n_{-}^{L S}+n_{+}^{L L}} \rho_{+}(\vec{x}(o))}{\frac{n_{+}^{L S}}{n_{-}^{L S}+n_{+}^{L S}} \rho_{+}(\vec{x}(o))+\frac{n^{L S}}{n_{-}^{L S}+n_{+}^{L S}} \rho_{-}(\vec{x}(o))} \\
& =\frac{1}{1+\frac{n_{-}^{L S}}{n_{+}^{L S}} \frac{\rho_{-}(\vec{x}(o))}{\rho_{+}(\vec{x}(o))}} \\
P\left[y(o)=c_{+} \mid \vec{x}(o)\right] & =\frac{p_{+} \rho_{+}(\vec{x}(o))}{p_{+} \rho_{+}(\vec{x}(o))+p_{-} \rho_{-}(\vec{x}(o))} \\
& =\frac{1}{1+\frac{p_{-}}{p_{+}} \frac{\rho_{-}(\vec{x}(o))}{\rho_{+}(\vec{x}(o))}}
\end{aligned}
$$

So we can compute

$$
z(\vec{x}(o)) \quad \longmapsto \frac{\rho_{-}(\vec{x}(o))}{\rho_{+}(\vec{x}(o))} \longmapsto P\left[y(o)=c_{+} \mid \vec{x}(o)\right]
$$

$$
\begin{aligned}
z(\vec{x}(o)) & =\frac{1}{1+\frac{n^{L S}}{n_{+}^{L S}} \frac{\rho_{-}(\vec{x}(o))}{\rho_{+}(\vec{x}(o))}} \\
\Longleftrightarrow \frac{\rho_{-}(\vec{x}(o))}{\rho_{+}(\vec{x}(o))} & =\frac{n_{+}^{L S}}{n_{-}^{L S}} \frac{1-z(\vec{x}(o))}{z(\vec{x}(o))} \\
P\left[y(o)=c_{+} \mid \vec{x}(o)\right] & =\frac{1}{1+\frac{p_{-}}{p_{+}} \frac{\rho_{-}(\vec{x}(o))}{\rho_{+}(\vec{x}(o))}} \\
& =\frac{1}{1+\frac{p_{-} n_{+}^{L S}(1-z(\vec{x}(o)))}{p_{+} n_{-}^{L S} z(\vec{x}(o))}} \\
& =\frac{p_{+} n_{-}^{L S} z(\vec{x}(o))}{p_{-} n_{+}^{L S}+\left(p_{+} n_{-}^{L S}-p_{-} n_{+}^{L S}\right) z(\vec{x}(o))}
\end{aligned}
$$

The case of the two-classes classifier IV
Generalizing a result presented in [4], we have

$$
\begin{equation*}
P\left[y(o)=c_{+} \mid \vec{x}(o)\right]=\frac{p_{+} n_{-}^{L S} z(\vec{x}(o))}{p_{-} n_{+}^{L S}+\left(p_{+} n_{-}^{L S}-p_{-} n_{+}^{L S}\right) z(\vec{x}(o))} \tag{12}
\end{equation*}
$$



There are 3 different kinds of priors :

- the priors in the context of use of the classifier: $p_{-}, p_{+}$
- the priors in the learning set (LS) : $\frac{n_{-}^{L S}}{n_{-}^{L S}+n_{+}^{L S}}, \frac{n_{+}^{L S}}{n_{-}^{L S}+n_{+}^{L S}}$
- the priors in the test set (TS) : $\frac{n_{-}^{T S}}{n_{-}^{T S}+n_{+}^{T S}}, \frac{n_{+}^{T S}}{n_{-}^{T S}+n_{+}^{T S}}$

The goal is to be able to predict the performance of the classifier in the target context, even when the 3 kinds of priors are different.

The ROC (receiver operating characteristic) and PR (precision-recall) evaluation spaces are insensitive to the priors in LS (the explanation follows on the next slides).

The PR space depends on the priors in TS (because the precision does). The ROC space does not depend on the priors in TS (because of the focus on the true positive and true negative rates).

$$
\begin{aligned}
& P\left[y(o)=c_{+} \mid \vec{x}(0)\right]<t \\
& \Longleftrightarrow \frac{1}{1+\frac{\rho_{-}-\frac{\rho_{1}}{\rho_{+}(\vec{x}(0))}}{\rho_{+}(\overline{\mathrm{x}}(0))}}<t \\
& \Longleftrightarrow \frac{\rho_{-}(\vec{x}(o))}{\rho_{+}(\vec{x}(o))}>\frac{p_{+}}{p_{-}}\left(\frac{1}{t}-1\right) \\
& \Longleftrightarrow \frac{1}{1+\frac{n_{L}^{L L}}{n_{+}^{L T}} \frac{\rho-(\bar{X}(0))}{\rho_{+}(\vec{X}(0))}}<\frac{1}{1+\frac{n_{L}^{L S}}{n_{+}^{L S}} \frac{p_{ \pm}}{\rho_{-}}\left(\frac{1}{t}-1\right)} \\
& \Longleftrightarrow z(\vec{x}(0))<\frac{1}{1+\frac{n_{L}^{L S}}{n_{+}^{L S}} \frac{p \pm}{p_{-}}\left(\frac{1}{t}-1\right)}
\end{aligned}
$$

$$
\begin{align*}
P[y(o) & \left.=c_{+} \mid \vec{x}(o)\right]<t \Longleftrightarrow z(\vec{x}(o))<t^{\prime}  \tag{13}\\
t^{\prime} & =\frac{p_{-} n_{+}^{L S} t}{p_{+} n_{-}^{L S}+\left(p_{-} n_{+}^{L S}-p_{+} n_{-}^{L S}\right) t}  \tag{14}\\
t & =\frac{p_{+} n_{-}^{L S} t^{\prime}}{p_{-} n_{+}^{L S}+\left(p_{+} n_{-}^{L S}-p_{-} n_{+}^{L S}\right) t^{\prime}} \tag{15}
\end{align*}
$$

For a binary Bayes' classifier, the priors in the learning set (LS) do not matter. We can simulate any prior in LS by tuning the decision threshold. Therefore, the shape of the performance curves in the ROC or precision-recall spaces does not depend on the priors in LS.

$$
P\left[y(o)=c_{+} \mid \vec{x}(o)\right]<\frac{1}{2} \Longleftrightarrow z(\vec{x}(o))<\frac{p_{-} n_{+}^{L S}}{p_{+} n_{-}^{L S}+p_{-} n_{+}^{L S}}
$$

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## Experiment

- we assume the prediction given by the ExtRaTrees about the class of an object o depends only on the learning samples located in a neighborhood around $\vec{x}(0)$
- $\hookrightarrow$ we focus on small parts of the attribute space and assume the pdfs are uniform in first approximation in these parts
- our experiment is for a 2D attribute space
- we consider only the case where the trees are fully developed
learning set : example with $30 \%$ positive samples

test set


We observe the proportion $\Pi_{+}(\vec{x}(o))$ of trees voting for the class $c_{+}$. As it is a random variable (we can draw many learning sets from the same pdfs), we plot its standard deviation and mean depending on the total amount of learning samples in the neighborhood around $\vec{x}(o)$ and the proportion of positive learning samples in this neighborhood.


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The expected value of $\Pi_{+}(\vec{x}(o))$ is the proportion of positive learning samples in a neighborhood around $\vec{x}(o)$.
If other regions of the attribute space are populated into the learning set, this proportion is not $\frac{n_{+}^{L S}}{n_{-}^{L S}+n_{+}^{L S}}$ anymore. It is

$$
\begin{aligned}
\mu\left\{\Pi_{+}(\vec{x}(o))\right\} & =\lim _{V_{\epsilon} \rightarrow 0} \frac{n_{+}^{L S} \int_{x \in \epsilon} \rho_{+}(x) d x}{n_{-}^{L S} \int_{x \in \epsilon} \rho_{-}(x) d x+n_{+}^{L S} \int_{x \in \epsilon} \rho_{+}(x) d x} \\
& \simeq \lim _{V_{\epsilon} \rightarrow 0} \frac{n_{+}^{L S}\left(V_{\epsilon} \rho_{+}(\vec{x}(o))\right)}{n_{-}^{L S}\left(V_{\epsilon} \rho_{-}(\vec{x}(o))\right)+n_{+}^{L S}\left(V_{\epsilon} \rho_{+}(\vec{x}(o))\right)} \\
& =\frac{n_{+}^{L S} \rho_{+}(\vec{x}(o))}{n_{-}^{L S} \rho_{-}(\vec{x}(o))+n_{+}^{L S} \rho_{+}(\vec{x}(o))}=z(\vec{x}(o))
\end{aligned}
$$

The ExtRaTrees behave like a slightly biased Bayes' classifier, with a high variance (it converges towards a minimum @ 100 trees).

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Detecting human silhouettes for video-surveillance I
BGS [2], connected components, silhouettes classification [1, 3] :


Silhouettes may present huge defects:


For robustness against defects, silhouettes are analyzed by parts (overlapping maximal axis-aligned rectangles). We discriminate between the classes "part of a human silhouette" $\left(c_{+}\right)$and the "part of a non-human silhouette" ( $c_{-}$) $[1,6]$.


- Let $t$ denote the decision threshold.
- The accuracy is $Q(t)=p_{-} \operatorname{TNR}(t)+p_{+} \operatorname{TPR}(t)$.
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optimal classifier in the source domain
$\hat{y}(o)=(z(\vec{x}(o))<0.5) ? c_{-}: c_{+}$
$\hat{y}(o)=\left(P\left[y(o)=c_{+} \mid \vec{x}(o)\right]<0.8\right) ? c_{-}: c_{+}$
positive class

$p_{+}=\frac{2}{3}$

"part of a non-human silhouette" / "part of a human silhouette" :

- blue curve : $\hat{y}(o)=\left(z(\vec{x}(0))<\frac{p_{-} n_{+}^{L S}}{p_{+} n_{-}^{L S}+p_{-} n_{+}^{L S}}\right) ? c_{-}: c_{+}$
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- In practice, the ExtRaTrees can be considered as an approximation of Bayes' classifier.
- With Bayes' classifier, when choosing the priors to populate the learning set, we can focus on the relative complexity of the underlying probability density functions (most often leading to balanced datasets). But we have to adapt the decision threshold ; the optimal one can be determined theoretically.
- It follows that we have a way to tackle problems in which the priors in the context of use of the classifier are unknown at learning time or change continuously. This is a kind of on-the-fly domain adaptation.
- In this presentation, we have assumed that, for each class, the $p d f s$ in the source domain and in the target domain are identical. That is a more challenging domain adaptation problem. Please read [5] for solution to that problem !


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