

Lecture 23

Statistical

Machine

Learning

byredrants

- data driven  
↓ algorithm  
Decisions

CAPTCHA: users to label data  
with correct answers

Social media (algorithms)

medicine

GPT3/ LLM → neural networks

↳ predictive text, also input

AI



rule-  
based

Statistical

① build a statistical  
model from  
some data

② use the  
model to  
make  
predictions

# Supervised

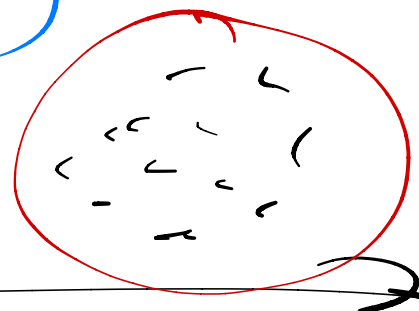
"training data"  
inputs with  
the correct  
outputs  
labeled

"test data" / actual examples → no correct answer

# Unsupervised

learn patterns  
with no  
training data

clustering





# Classification problem

input → classification

email →

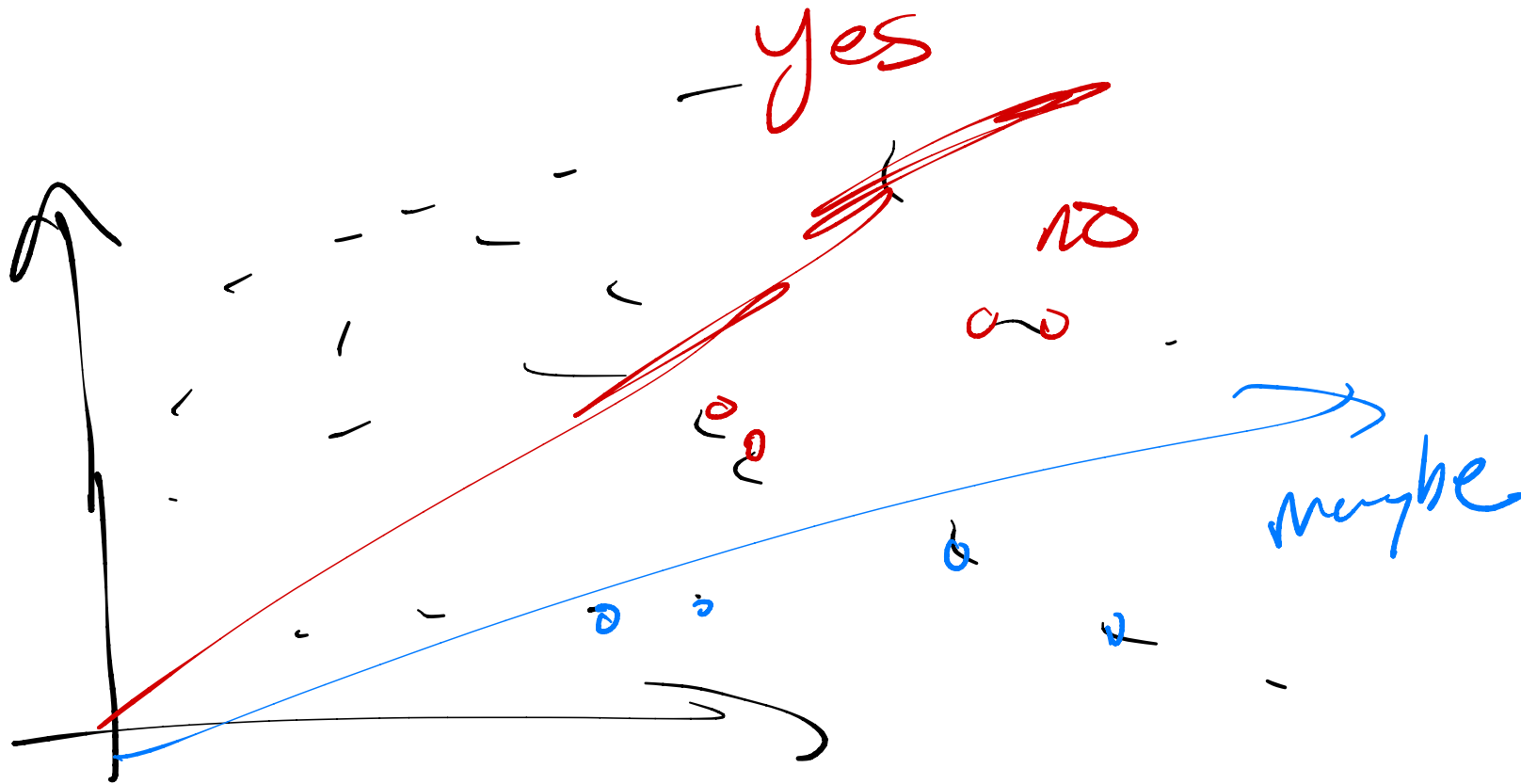
- spam
- not spam

email →

- inbox
- promos
- social
- 

document  
news articles →

- category:
- economics
  - gout
  - sports



# Idea:

email 1    yes  
email 2    no  
⋮

① build a Statistical model from training data  
examples labeled w/ answer

② use that model to classify

a new document

(no answer yet)

email 107 → ?

test

live

# Naive Bayes Classification

Probability of an "event"

$P(A)$  is a <sup>real</sup> number  
↳ event between 0.0  
and 1.0

0 not going to happen

1 certainly going to happen

$P(\text{It will rain today})$  is 0.75

# Conditional probability:

$$P(A | B)$$

outcome ↙  
input ↘  
↳ "given"

Probability that event A happens

~~If~~ event B happens

$$P(\text{spam} | \text{words are "credit card number..."})$$

email is spam ↙  
input ↘

$P(\text{spam} \mid \text{input words})$

$> \textcircled{?}$

if bigger  
↳ goes  
in Junk

$P(\text{not spam} \mid \text{input words})$

if bigger  
↳ goes in  
Inbox

$P(\text{Sports} \mid \text{article})$

Idea:  
predict  
this  
from training  
data

$P(\text{local} \mid \text{article})$

Pick  
highest  
probability

$P(\text{world} \mid \text{article})$

$P(\text{you} \mid \text{articles})$

article words  
article sports  
⋮

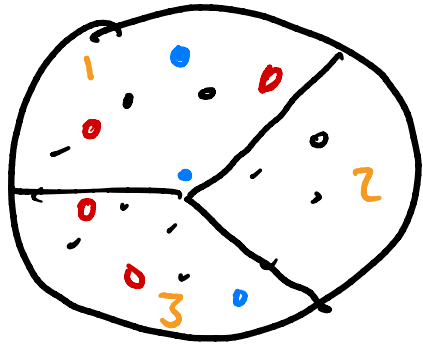


# Bayes' rule

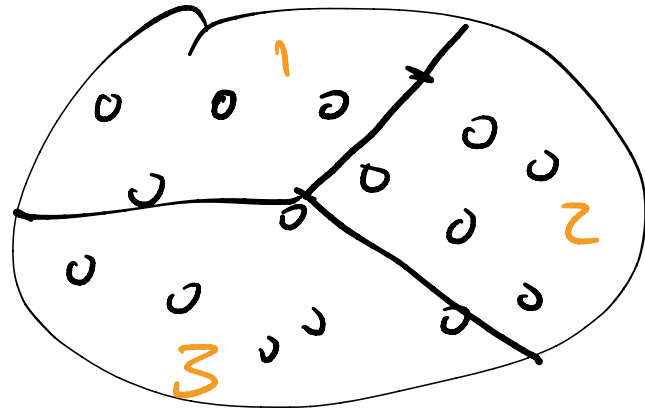
$$\underbrace{P(B|A)}_{\text{want to know}} = \frac{P(A|B) P(B)}{\underbrace{P(A)}_{\text{something you can observe}}}$$

something  
you can  
observe

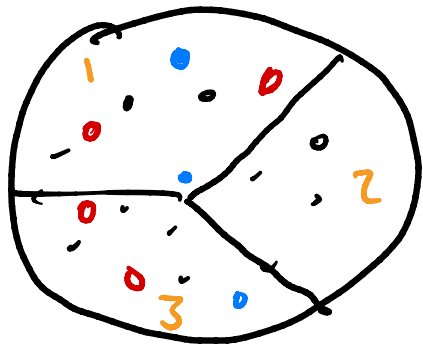
M&M



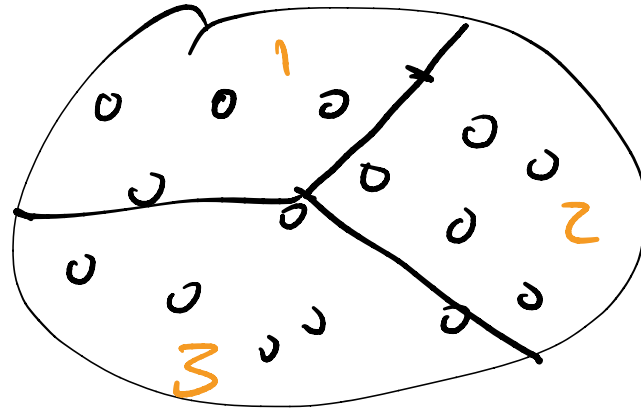
Chocolate chip  
Cookie



try to predict whether  
the cookie is M&M  
or not based on 1 bite



Candy  
cookie



no candy  
cookie

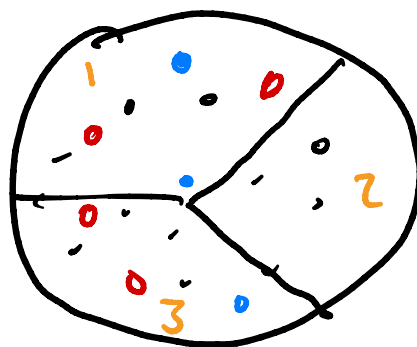
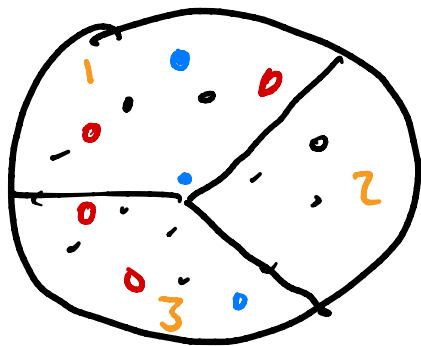
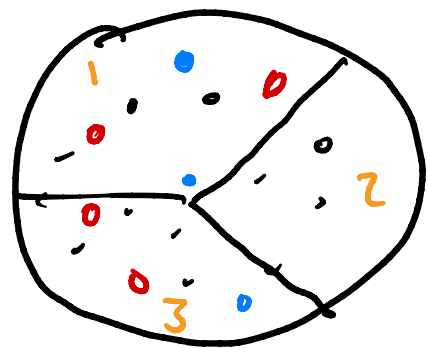
make use  
of an  
observation

Want to know

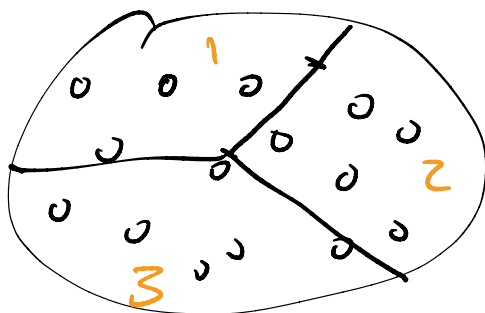
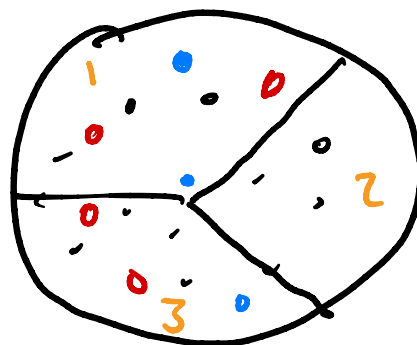
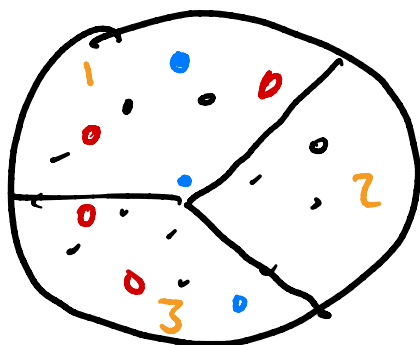
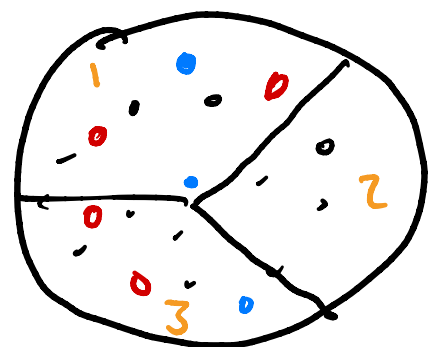
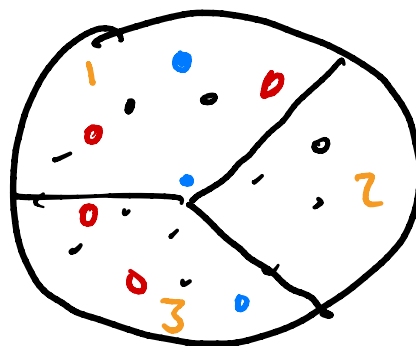
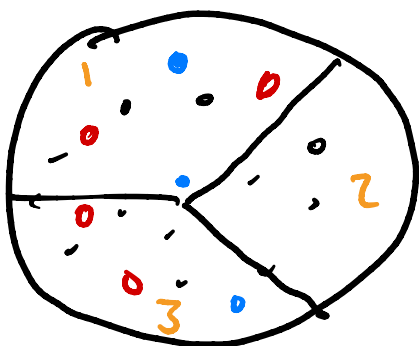
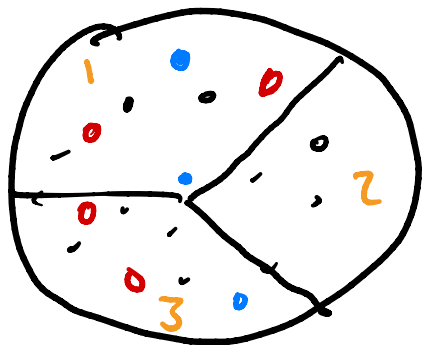
$P(\underbrace{\text{Candy}}_{\text{category}} \mid \underbrace{\text{no candy}}_{\text{text}} \mid \underbrace{\text{bite}}_{\text{text}})$   
 want to know

flip  
 $P(\text{no candy bite} \mid \text{candy cookie}) = \frac{1}{3}$

$P(\text{no candy bite} \mid \text{no candy cookie}) = 1$



base  
rate  
prior



30 bites  
12 have  
no candy  
9 from  
candy  
cookies  
3 from  
no candy  
cookies

$$P(\overset{B}{\text{cardy}} \text{ cookie} \mid \text{no } \overset{A}{\text{cardy}} \text{ bite})$$

$$\underline{P(B|A)} = \frac{P(A|B)P(B)}{\underbrace{P(A)}} \quad \text{[ ]}$$

$$= P(\overset{A}{\text{no cardy}} \text{ bite} \mid \overset{B}{\text{cardy}} \text{ cookie}) P(\overset{B}{\text{cardy}} \text{ cookie})$$

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$$P(\text{no cardy bite})$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{1}{3} \times \frac{9 \downarrow \text{base rate}}{10} \\ &= \frac{12}{30} = \frac{9}{30} = \frac{3}{10} \end{aligned}$$

# Text classification

Have training data:

emails labeled with spam or not

Classify a new email with words  $\langle w_1, w_2, w_3, \dots \rangle$

$P(\text{email is spam} \mid \text{words } w_1, w_2, \dots) = ?$

$P(\text{email is not spam} \mid \text{words } w_1, w_2, \dots) = ?$

$$P(\text{email is spam} \mid \text{words } w_1, w_2, \dots) \approx P(\text{words } w_1 \dots w_n \mid \text{spam}) P(\text{spam})$$

$\approx$

~~$P(\text{words } w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n)$~~

$$P(\text{email is not spam} \mid \text{words } w_1, w_2, \dots) \approx P(\text{words } w_1 \dots w_n \mid \text{not spam}) P(\text{not spam})$$

~~$P(\text{words } w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n)$~~   
↑  
not needed for relative

$$P(\text{spam} | \text{words } w_1, w_2, \dots)$$

$\approx$

$$P(\text{words } w_1 \dots w_n | \text{spam}) P(\text{spam})$$

Training data

Email 1 spam  
 $w_1 \dots w_n$

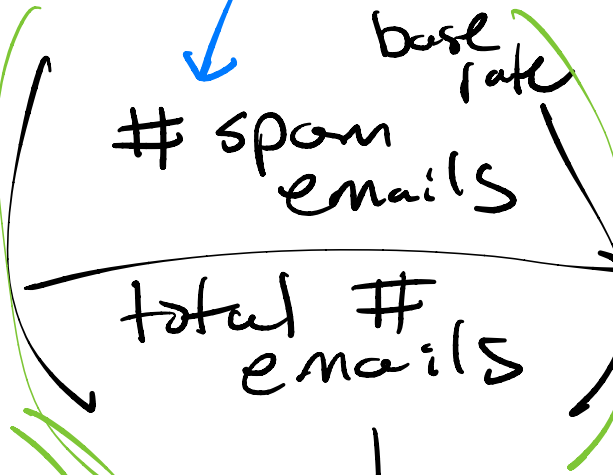
Email 2 not spam  
 $v_1 \dots v_n$

can be observed from the training data

just look at spam ones

spam

Naive Bayes: bag of words



$$P(\text{word } w_i | \text{spam})$$

$$\prod_{i=1}^n \frac{\# \text{times } w_i \text{ occurs in spam}}{\# \text{ words in spam}}$$

$$\frac{\# \text{ spam emails}}{\# \text{ emails}}$$