

A woman with a headband of gold coins and stars, looking intensely at the camera with her hands framing a glowing white sphere.

# Naïve Bayes

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# Machine Learning in CS109

Great Idea

Neural Networks

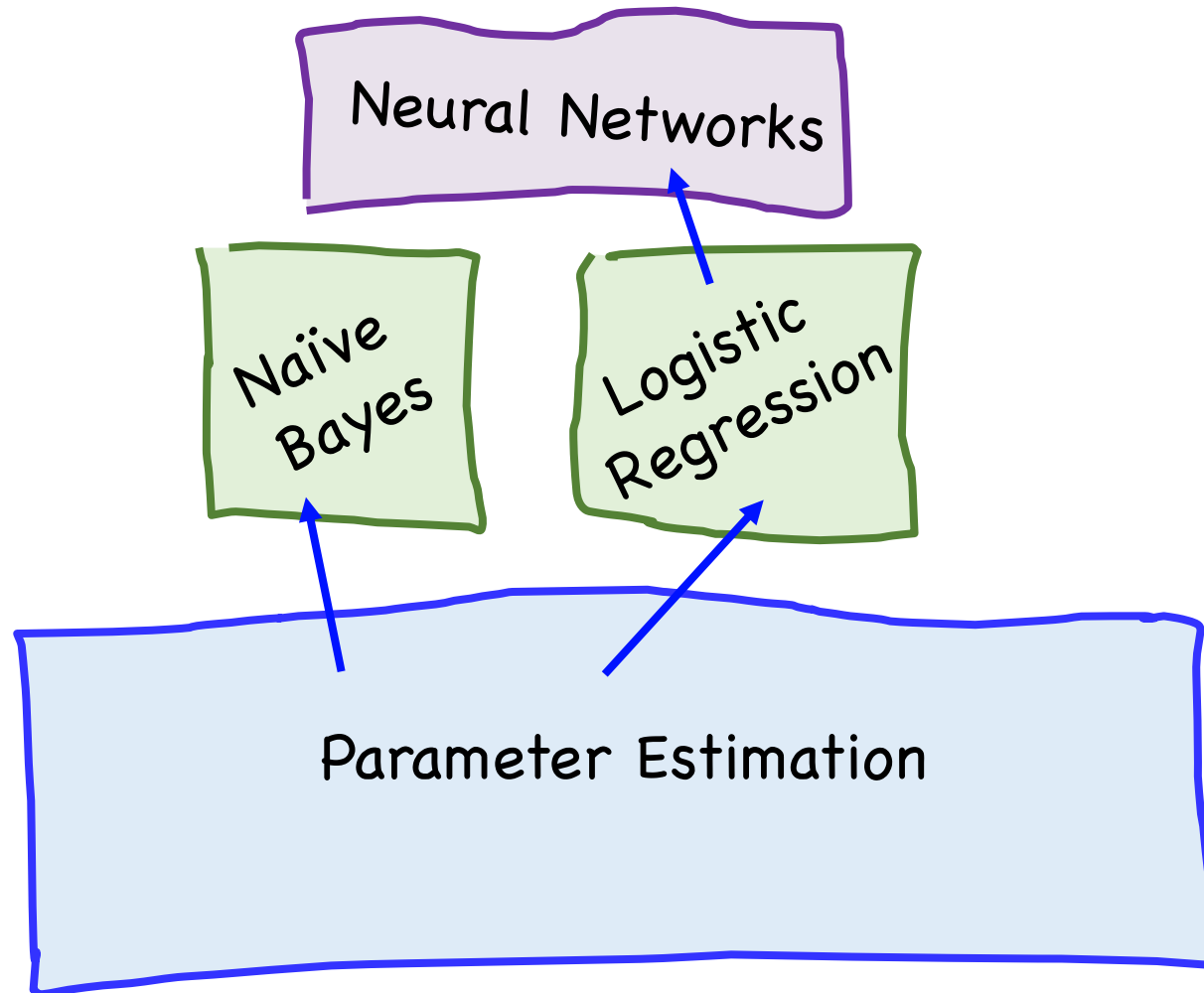
Core Algorithms

Naive Bayes

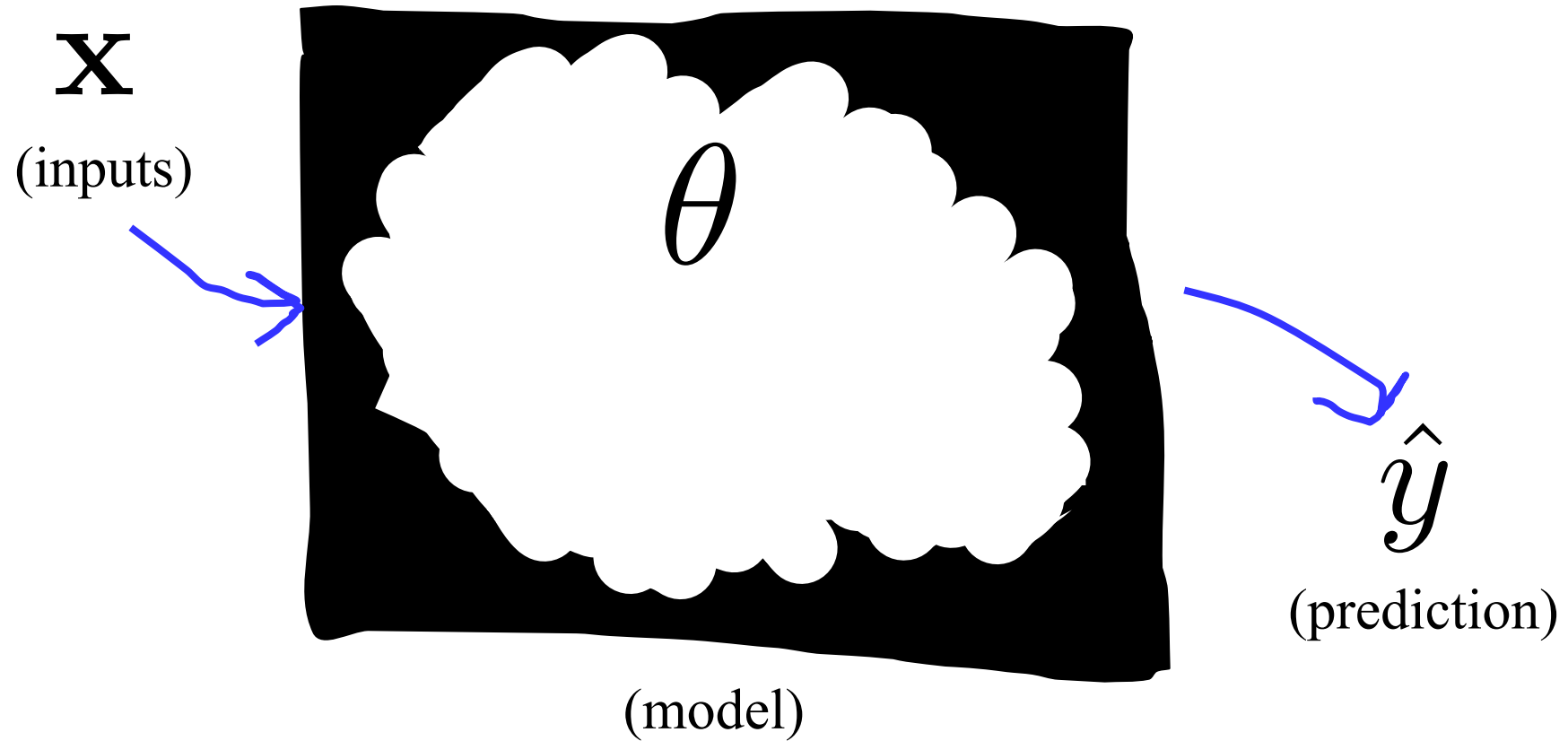
Logistic Regression

Theory

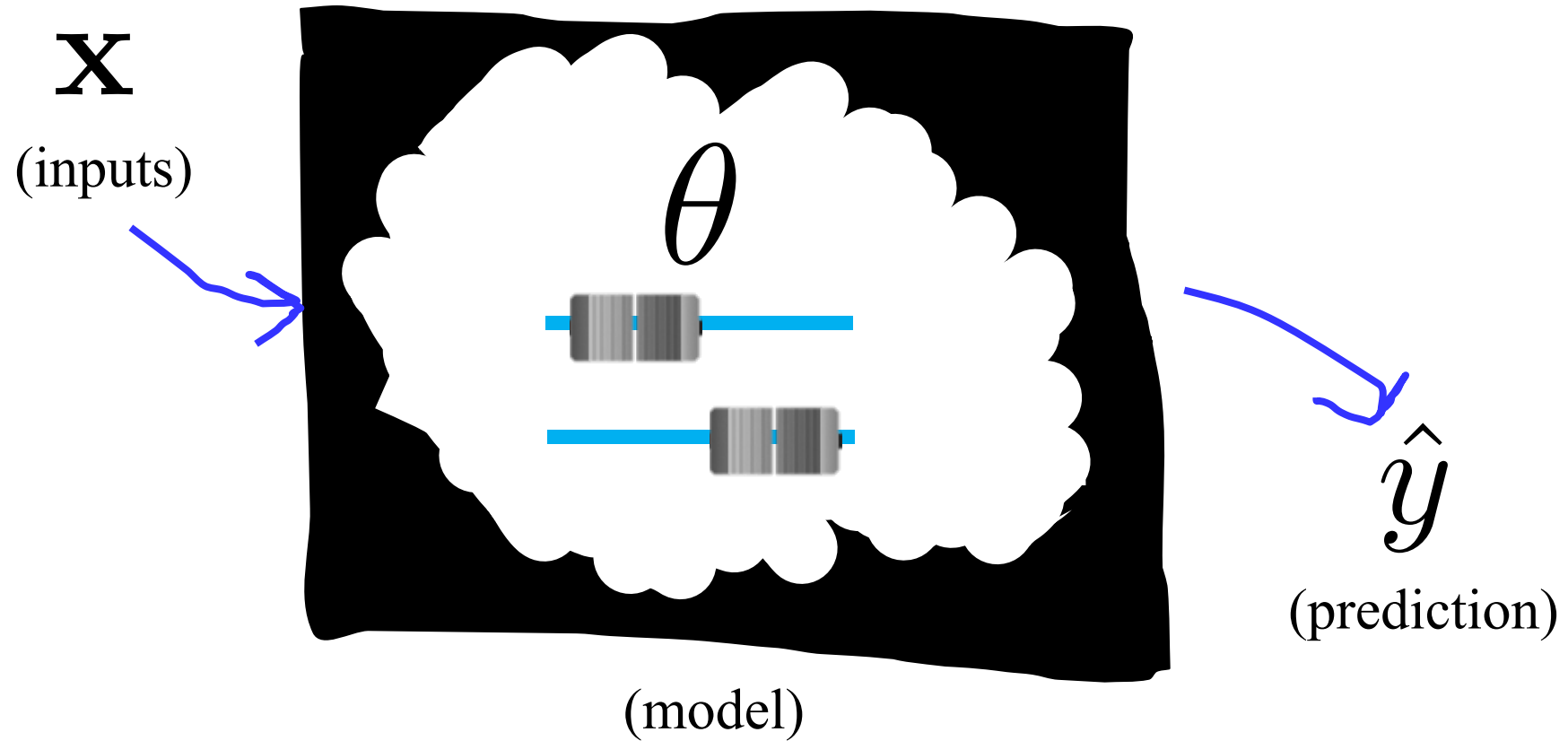
Parameter Estimation



# Machine Learning



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# MLE vs MAP

**Data:**  $x^{(1)}, \dots, x^{(n)}$

## Maximum Likelihood Estimation

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{\theta}_{MLE} &= \operatorname{argmax}_{\theta} f(x^{(1)}, \dots, x^{(n)} | \theta) \\ &= \operatorname{argmax}_{\theta} \left( \sum_i \log f(x^{(i)} | \theta) \right)\end{aligned}$$

## Maximum A Posteriori

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{\theta}_{MAP} &= \operatorname{argmax}_{\theta} f(\theta | x^{(1)}, \dots, x^{(n)}) \\ &= \operatorname{argmax}_{\theta} \left( \log(g(\theta)) + \sum_{i=1}^n \log(f(x^{(i)} | \theta)) \right)\end{aligned}$$

# Event Shorthand

## MAP, without shorthand

$$\hat{\theta}_{MAP} = \operatorname{argmax}_{\theta} f(\Theta = \theta | X^{(1)} = x^{(1)}, \dots, X^{(n)} = x^{(n)})$$

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## Our shorthand notation

$\theta$  is shorthand for the event:  $\Theta = \theta$

$x^{(i)}$  is shorthand for the event:  $X^{(i)} = x^{(i)}$

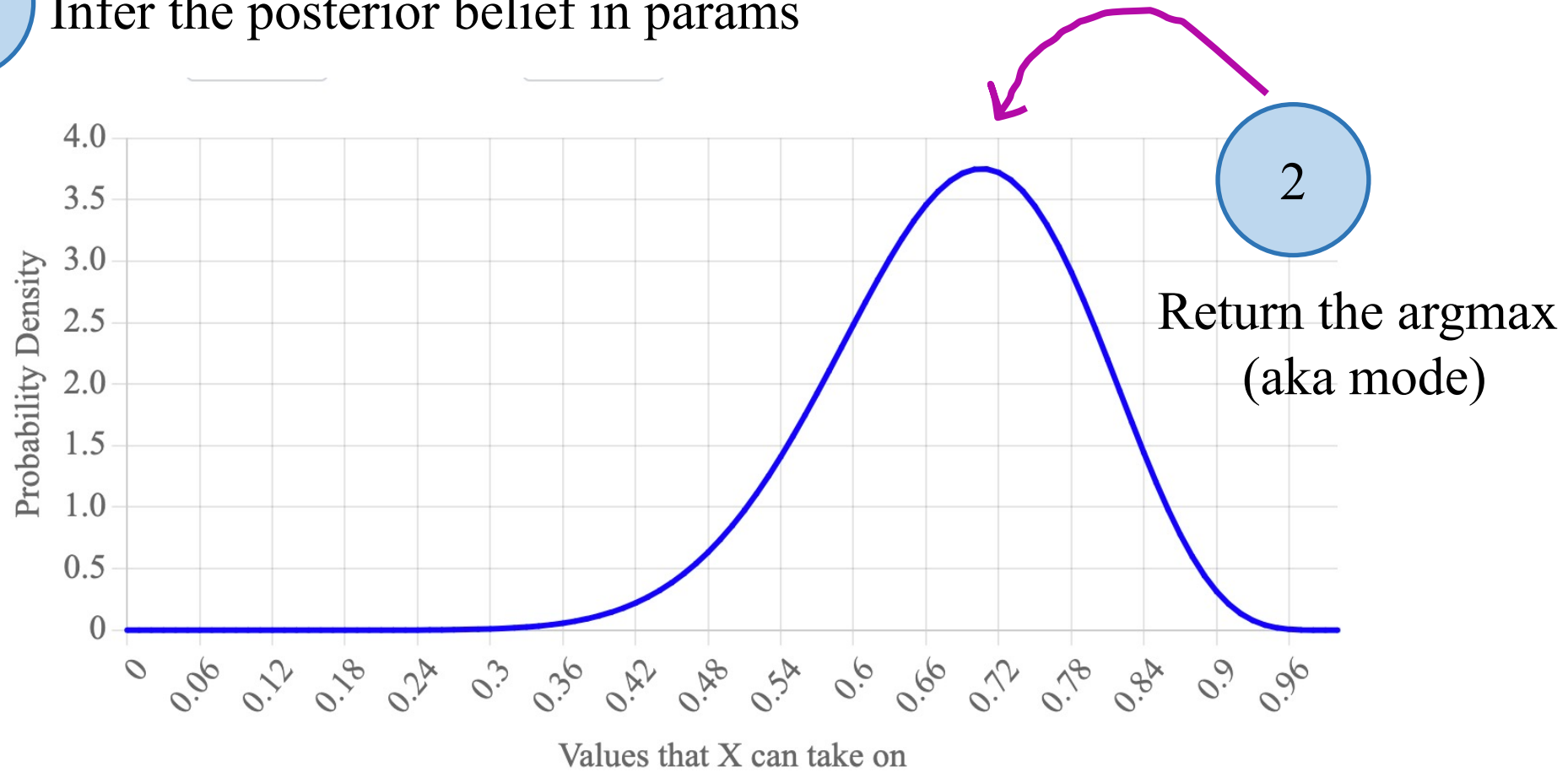
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## MAP, now with shorthand

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# MAP For Bernoulli

1 Infer the posterior belief in params



Beta( $a, b$ ) is a conjugate prior for the probability of success in Bernoulli and Binomial distributions.

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{B(a, b)} x^{a-1} (1-x)^{b-1}$$

**Prior**

Beta( $a, b$ )

Saw  $a + b - 2$  imaginary trials:  $a - 1$  successes,  $b - 1$  failures

**Experiment**

Observe  $n + m$  new trials:  $n$  successes,  $m$  failures

**Posterior**

Beta( $a + n, b + m$ )

MAP:

$$p = \frac{a + n - 1}{a + b + n + m - 2}$$

# Quick MAP for Bernoulli with Laplace

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## Prior

Beta( $a = 2, b = 2$ )

Saw 2 imaginary trials: 1 successes, 1 failures

## Experiment

Observe  $n + m$  new trials:  $n$  successes,  $m$  failures

## Posterior

Beta( $2 + n, 2 + m$ )

MAP:

$$p = \frac{n + 1}{n + m + 2}$$

End Review

# Conjugate distributions

MAP  
estimator:

$$\theta_{MAP} = \arg \max_{\theta} f(\theta | X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n)$$

The **mode** of the  
posterior distribution of  $\theta$

Distribution parameter	Conjugate distribution
Bernoulli $p$	Beta
Binomial $p$	Beta
Multinomial $p_i$	Dirichlet
Poisson $\lambda$	Gamma
Exponential $\lambda$	Gamma
Normal $\mu$	Normal
Normal $\sigma^2$	Inverse Gamma

Don't need to know  
Inverse Gamma...  
but it will know you 😊

CS109: We'll only focus on MAP for  
Bernoulli/Binomial  $p$ , Multinomial  $p_i$ , and Poisson  $\lambda$ .

# Multinomial

Each experiment has  $M$  possible outcomes. What is the likelihood of a particular count of each outcome?

*multinomial is parameterized by  $p_i$ :  
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# MLE for Multinomial

MLE estimate of the probability of outcome  $i$

number of observed outcomes of type  $i$

$$p_i = \frac{n_i}{n}$$

number of observations

$\theta$  is  $p$ .  
For a multinomial

# MAP for Multinomial, Leplace Prior

number of observed outcomes of type  $i$

MAP estimate of the probability of outcome  $i$

$$p_i = \frac{n_i + 1}{n + m}$$

number of observations

number of outcome types

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For a multinomial

# Your Happy Laplace

Recall example of 6-sides die rolls:

- $X \sim \text{Multinomial}(p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4, p_5, p_6)$
- Roll  $n = 12$  times. Result: 3 ones, 2 twos, 0 threes, 3 fours, 1 fives, 3 sixes
  - MLE:  $p_1=3/12, p_2=2/12, p_3=0/12, p_4=3/12, p_5=1/12, p_6=3/12$
  - **Laplace estimate:** 
$$p_i = \frac{n_i + k}{n + k \cdot m}$$
  - Laplace:  $p_1=4/18, p_2=3/18, p_3=1/18, p_4=4/18, p_5=2/18, p_6=4/18$
  - No longer have 0 probability of rolling a three!

# More Generally with Dirichlet

Dirichlet( $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_m$ ) is a conjugate for Multinomial.

- Generalizes Beta in the same way Multinomial generalizes Bernoulli/Binomial:

$$f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m) = \frac{1}{B(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_m)} \prod_{i=1}^m x_i^{a_i-1}$$

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**Experiment**

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**Posterior**

Dirichlet( $a_1 + n_1, a_2 + n_2, \dots, a_m + n_m$ )

MAP:

$$p_i = \frac{a_i + n_i - 1}{(\sum_{i=1}^m a_i) + (\sum_{i=1}^m n_i) - m}$$

# Good times with Gamma

Gamma( $\alpha, \beta$ ) is a conjugate for Poisson.

- Also conjugate for Exponential, but we won't delve into that
- Mode of gamma:  $(\alpha - 1)/\beta$

**Prior**  $\theta \sim \text{Gamma}(\alpha, \beta) = \frac{\beta^\alpha x^{\alpha-1} e^{-\beta x}}{\Gamma(\alpha)}$

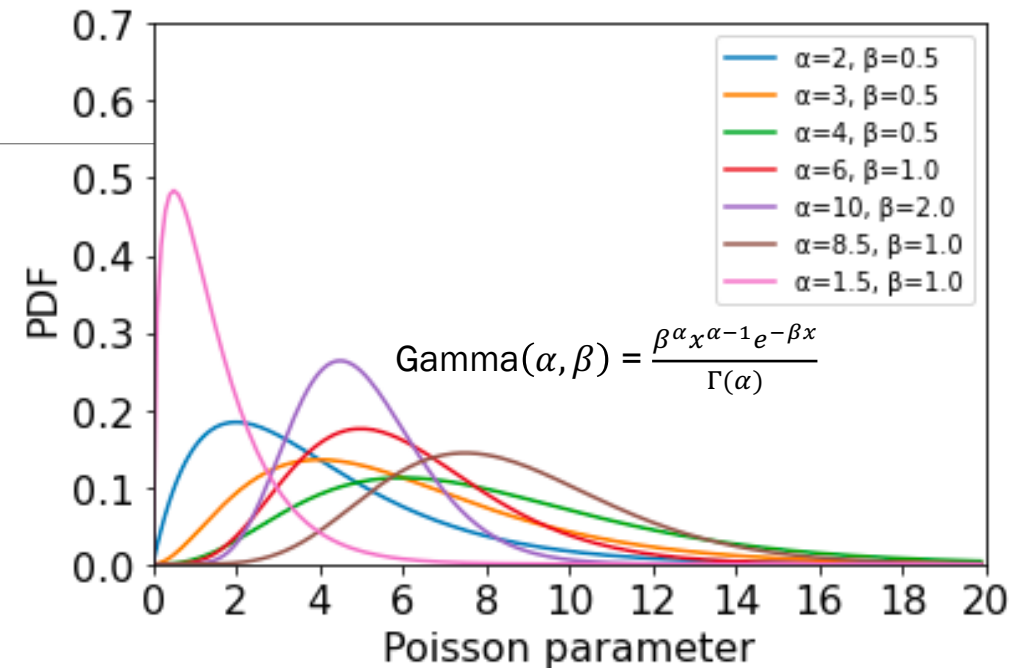
Saw  $\alpha - 1$  total imaginary events during  $\beta$  prior time periods

**Experiment** Observe  $n$  events during next  $k$  time periods

**Posterior**  $(\theta | n \text{ events in } k \text{ periods}) \sim \text{Gamma}(\alpha + n, \beta + k)$

MAP:  $\theta_{MAP} = \frac{\alpha + n - 1}{\beta + k}$

Future Chris: Write this on the board!!!



# MAP for Poisson

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is conjugate for Poisson      Mode:  $\frac{\alpha-1}{\beta}$

Let  $\lambda$  be the average # of successes in a time period.

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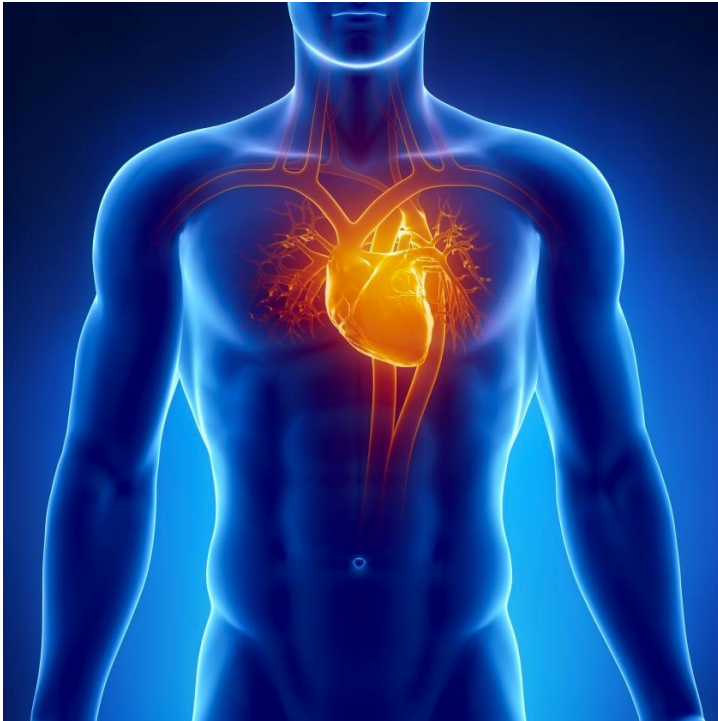
$\theta_{MAP} = 3$ , the updated Poisson rate

Pedagogical Pause

The last estimator has risen...

# Example Datasets

Heart



Ancestry



Netflix



# Training Data

Training Data: assignments all random variables X and Y

Assume IID data:

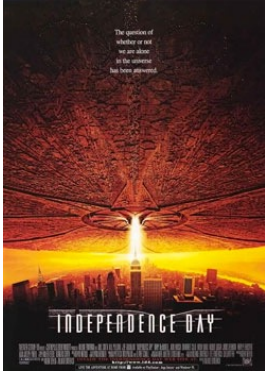
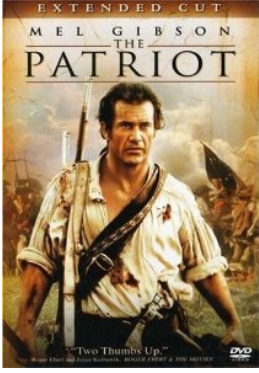

*n training datapoints*

$$(\mathbf{x}^{(1)}, y^{(1)}), (\mathbf{x}^{(2)}, y^{(2)}), \dots (\mathbf{x}^{(n)}, y^{(n)})$$

$$m = |\mathbf{x}^{(i)}|$$

Each datapoint has m features and a single output

# Target Movie "Like" Classification

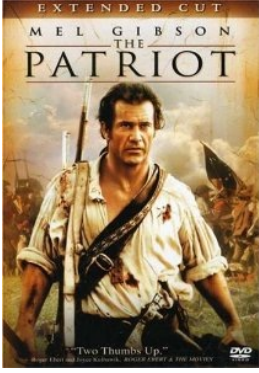
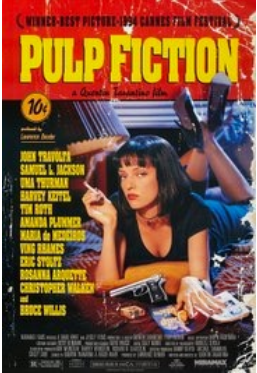
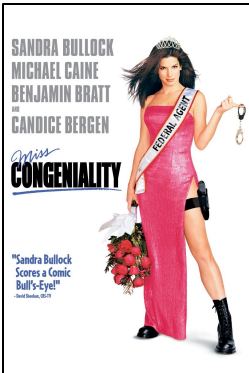
	Movie 1	Movie 2	Movie $m$	Output
				
User 1	1	0	1	1
User 2	1	1	0	0
		⋮		⋮
User $n$	0	0	1	1

# Single Instance

	Movie 1	Movie 2	Movie $m$	Output
				
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User 2	1	1	0	0
			⋮	⋮
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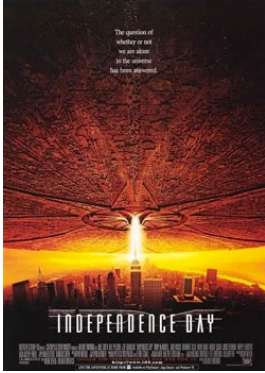
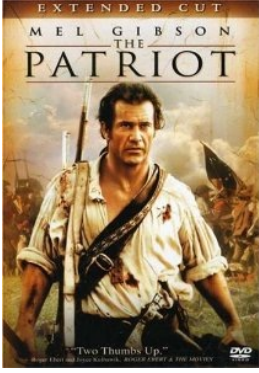
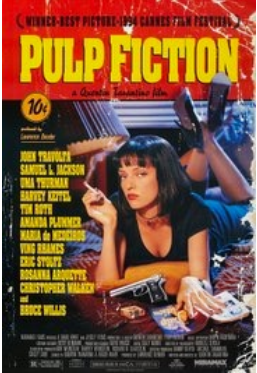
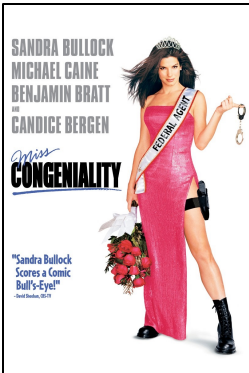
$(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}, y^{(i)})$  such that  $1 \leq i \leq n$

# Feature Vector

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User 2	1	1	0	0
		⋮		⋮
User $n$	0	0	1	1

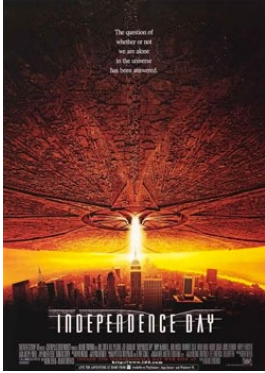
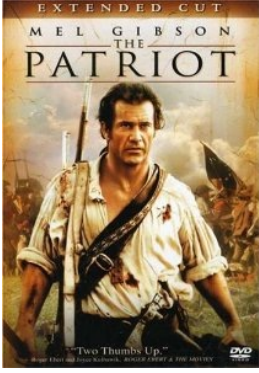
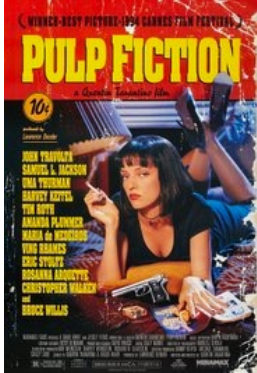
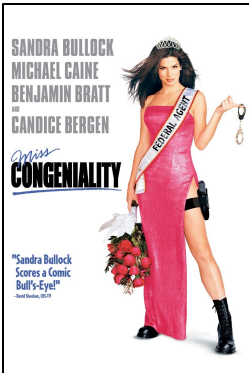
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# Output Value

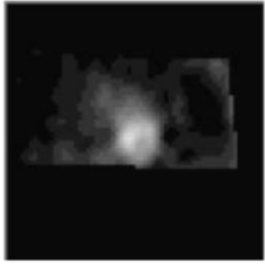
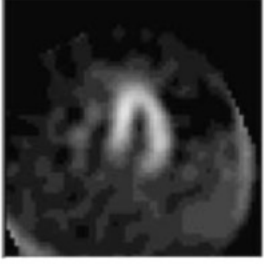
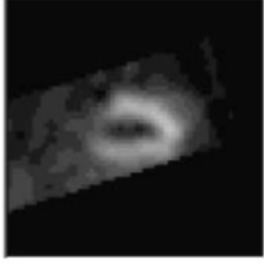

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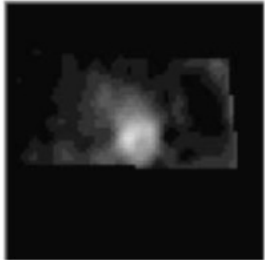
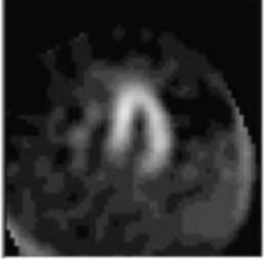
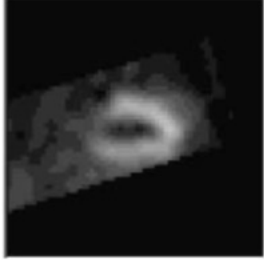

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	In general:	$\mathbf{x}_j^{(i)}$	In this case:	$\mathbf{x}_m^{(2)}$

# Healthy Heart Classifier

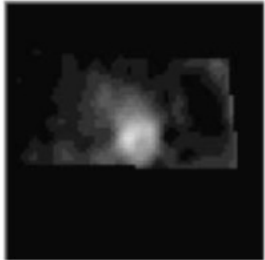
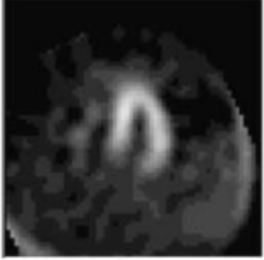
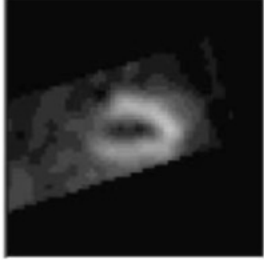

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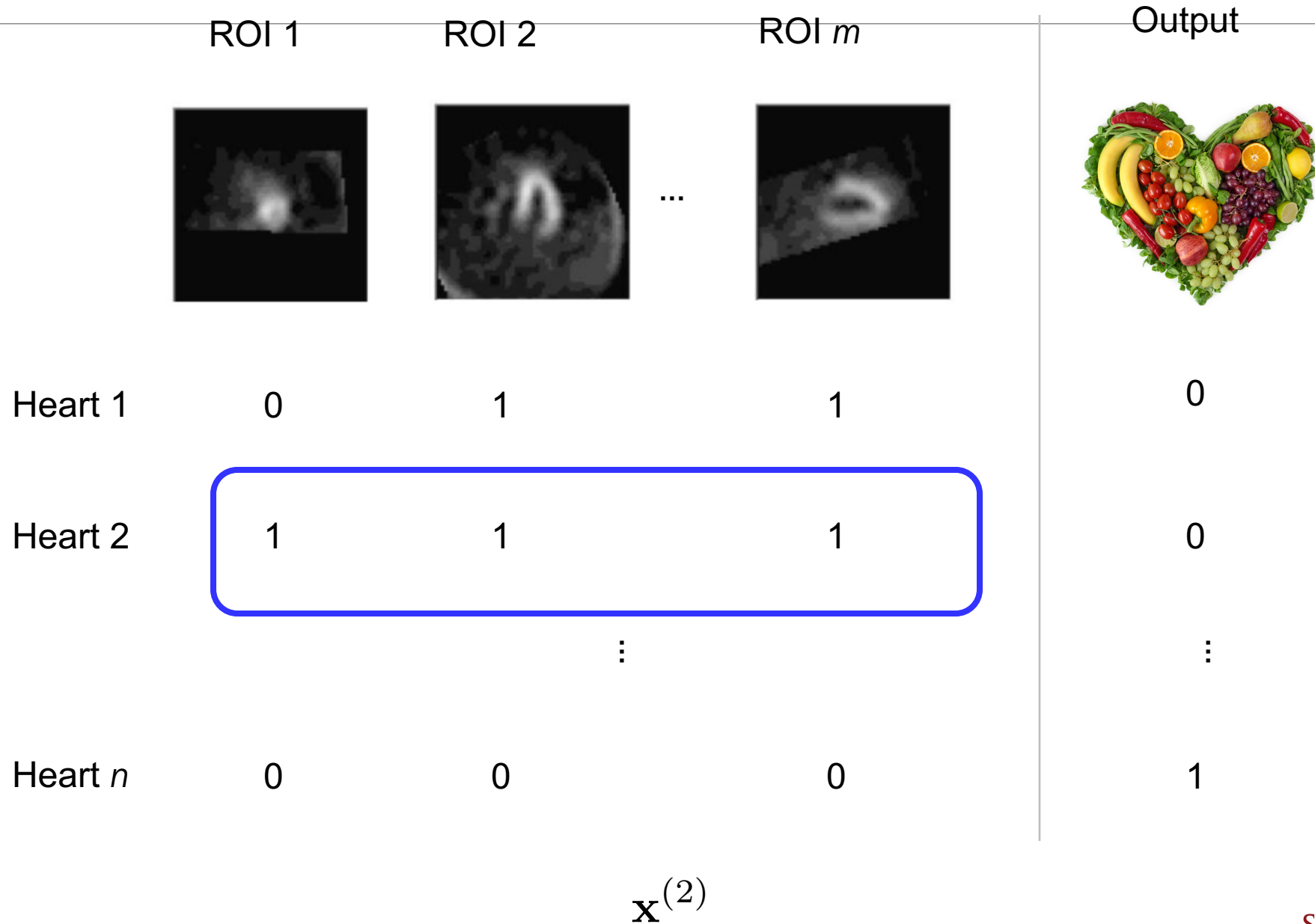
$x_2^{(1)}$

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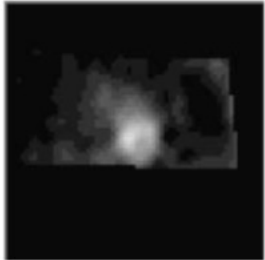
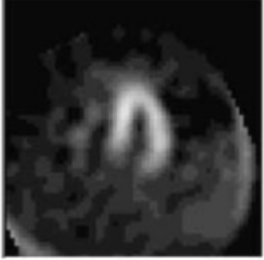
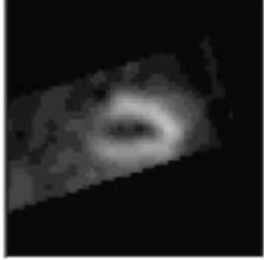

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$(\mathbf{x}^{(2)}, y^{(2)})$

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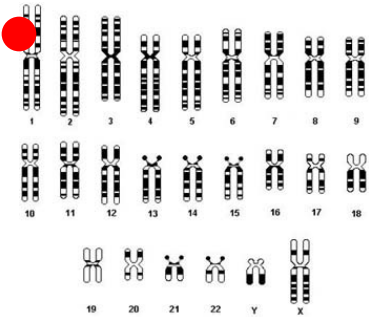
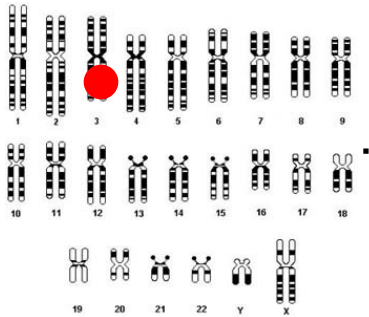
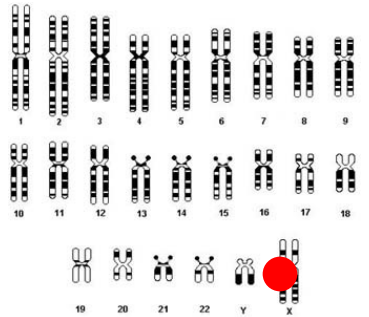



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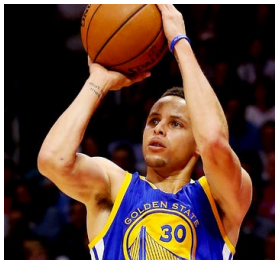


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$y^{(2)}$

# Ancestry Classifier

	SNP 1	SNP 2	SNP $m$	Output
				
User 1	1	0	1	0
User 2	0	0	1	1
				⋮
User $n$	1	1	0	1

# Regression: Predicting Real Numbers

	Opposing team ELO	Points in last game	At Home?	Output
				 # Points
Game 1	84	105	1	120
Game 2	90	102	0	95
		⋮		⋮
Game $n$	74	120	0	115

# Training Data

Training Data: assignments all random variables X and Y

Assume IID data:

*n training datapoints*

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ML is ubiquitous

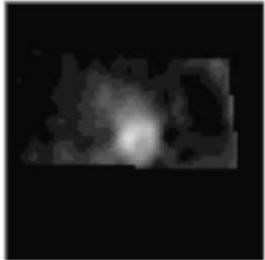
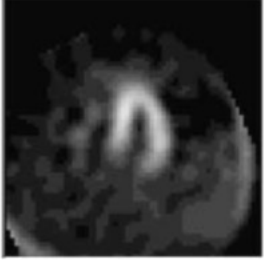
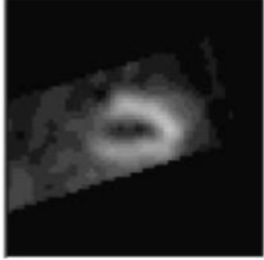

# Classification

# Classification is Building a Harry Potter Hat

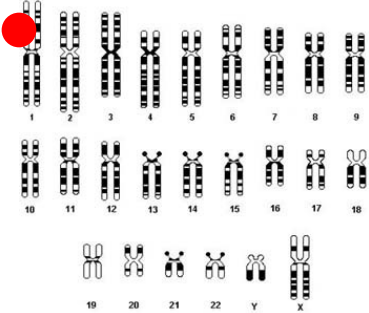
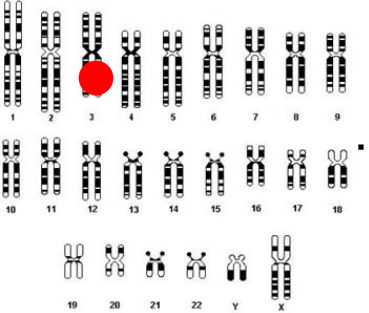
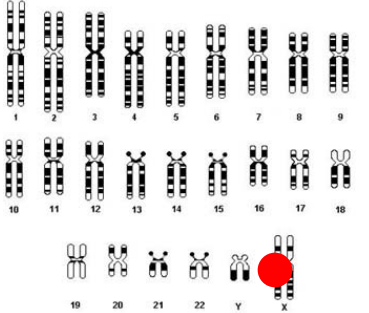



$$\mathbf{x} = [0, 1, \dots, 1]$$

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Heart $n$	0	0		0	1

# Ancestry Classifier

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				⋮
User $n$	1	1	0	1

**NETFLIX**

**And Learn**

# Target Movie “Like” Classification

Feature 1



Output



User 1

1

1

User 2

1

0

⋮

User  $n$

0

1

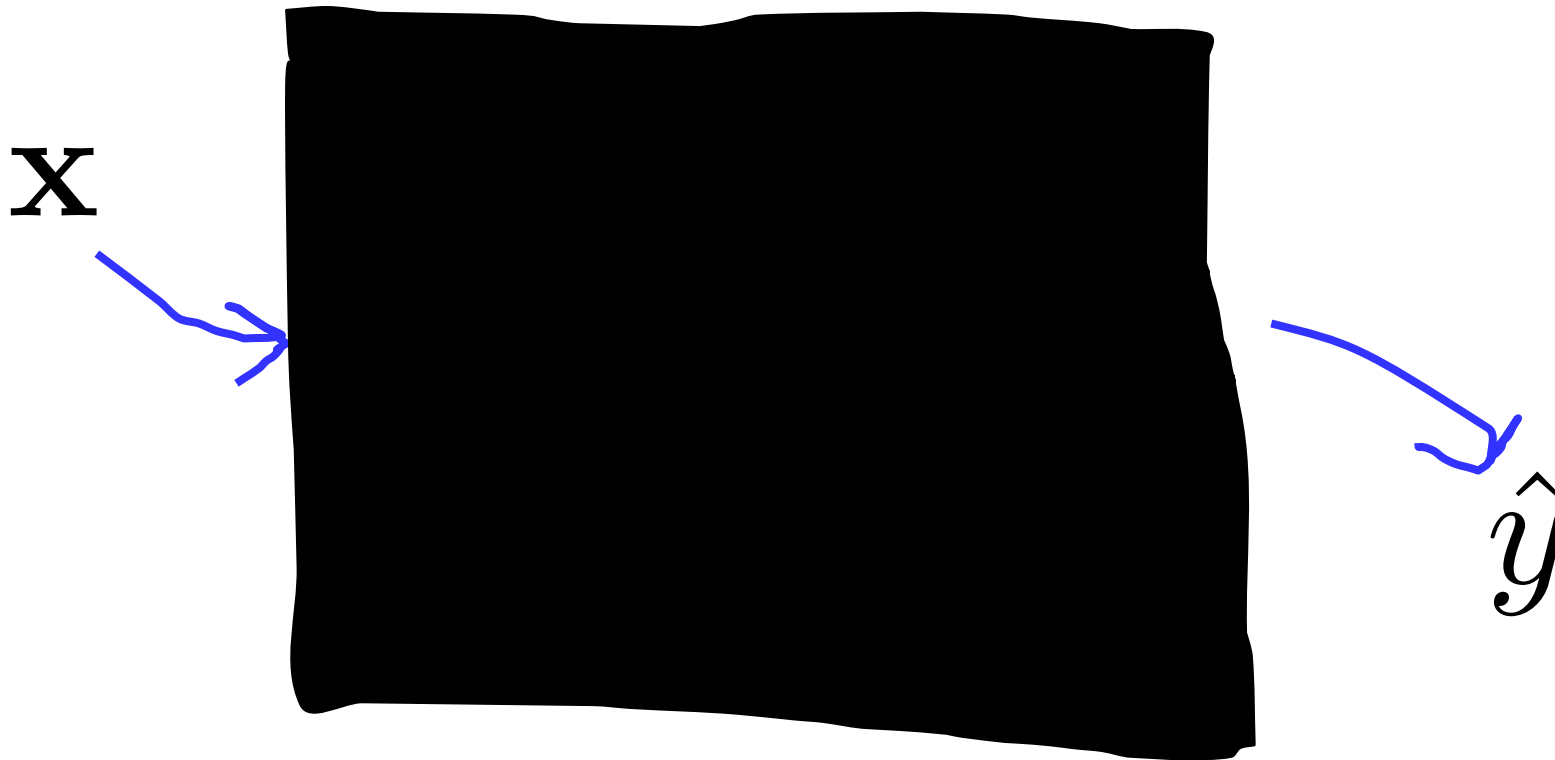
$$x_j^{(i)} \in \{0, 1\}$$

$$y^{(i)} \in \{0, 1\}$$

How could we predict the class label:  
will the user like life is beautiful?

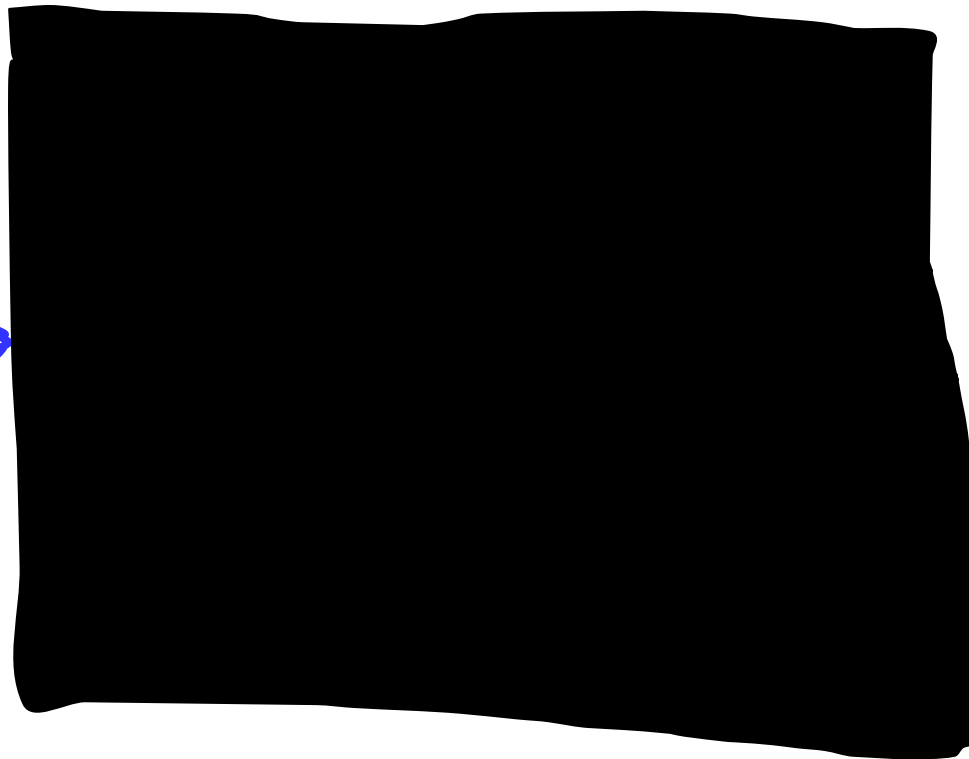
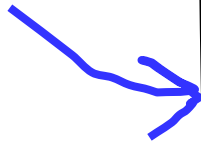
# Fake Algorithm: Brute Bayes Classifier

# Brute Force Bayes



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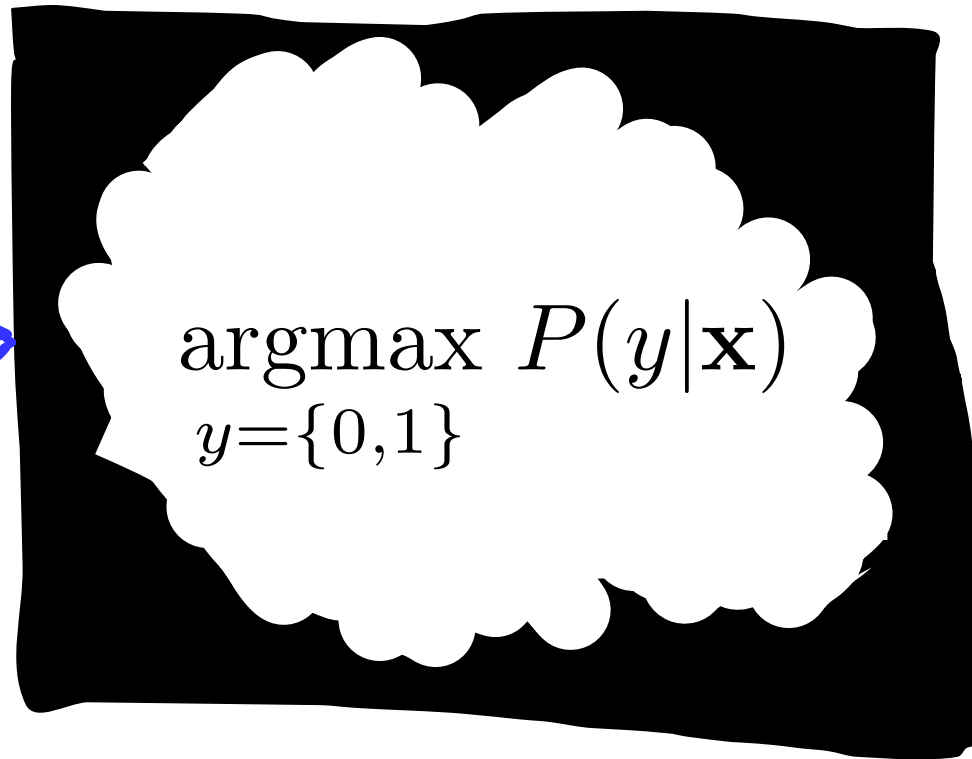


$\hat{y}$

A blue arrow pointing from the right side of the black box to the predicted output  $\hat{y}$ .

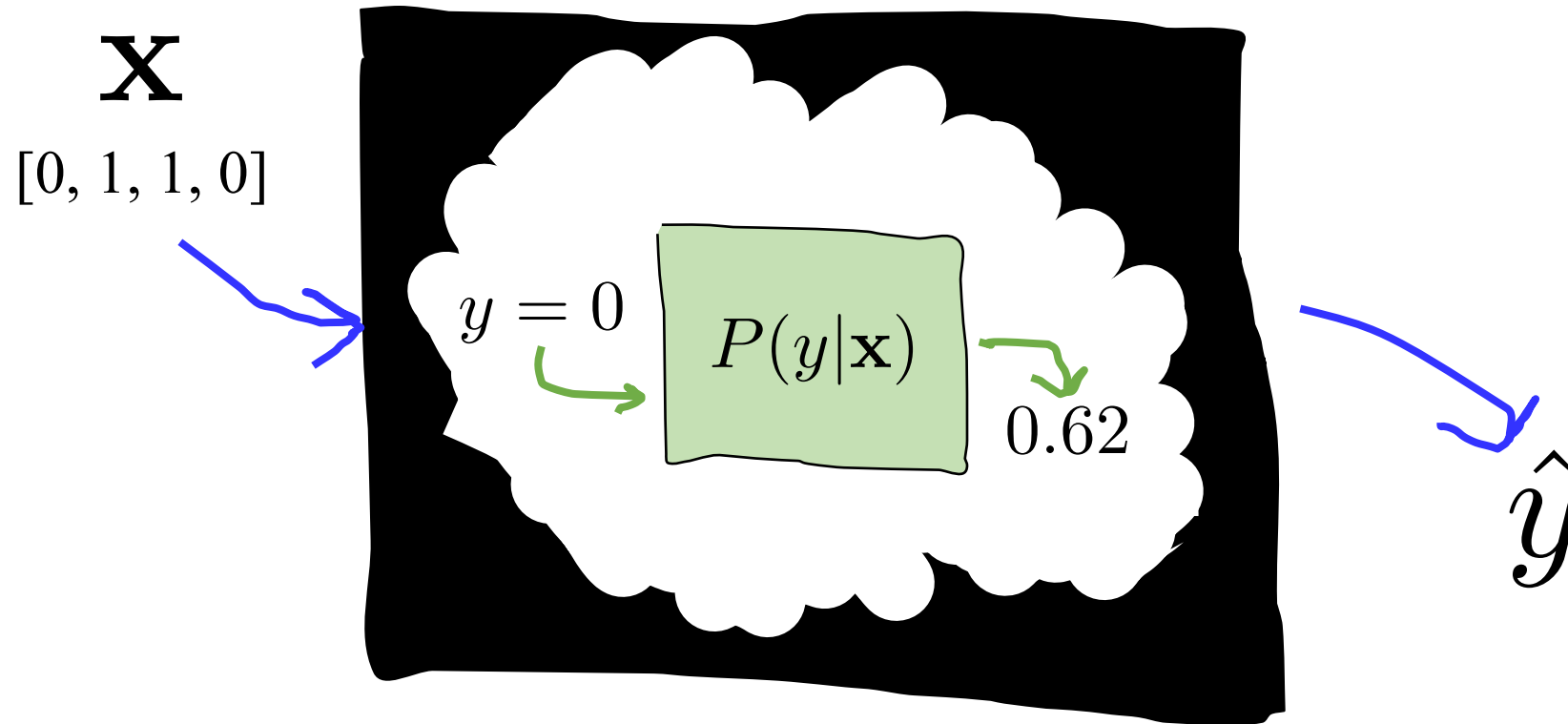
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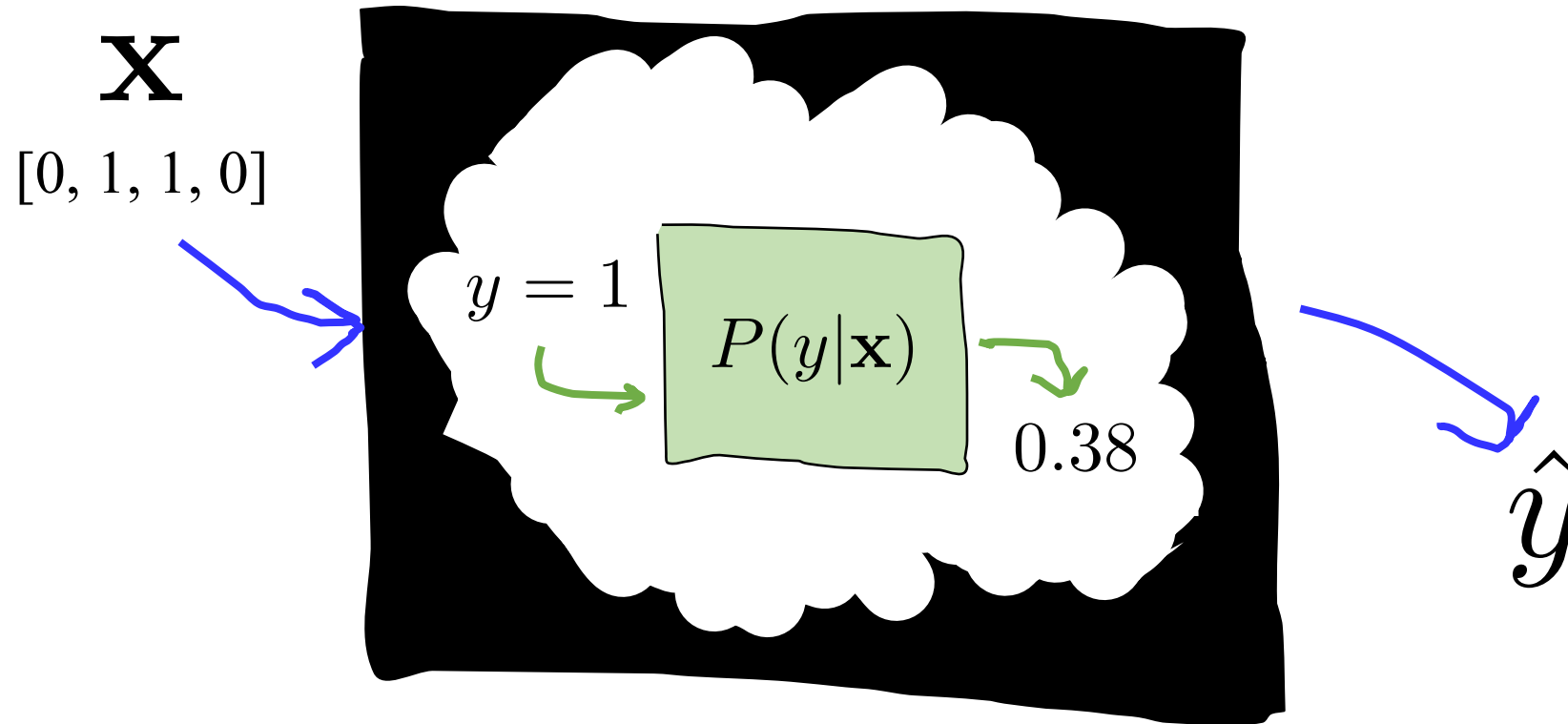


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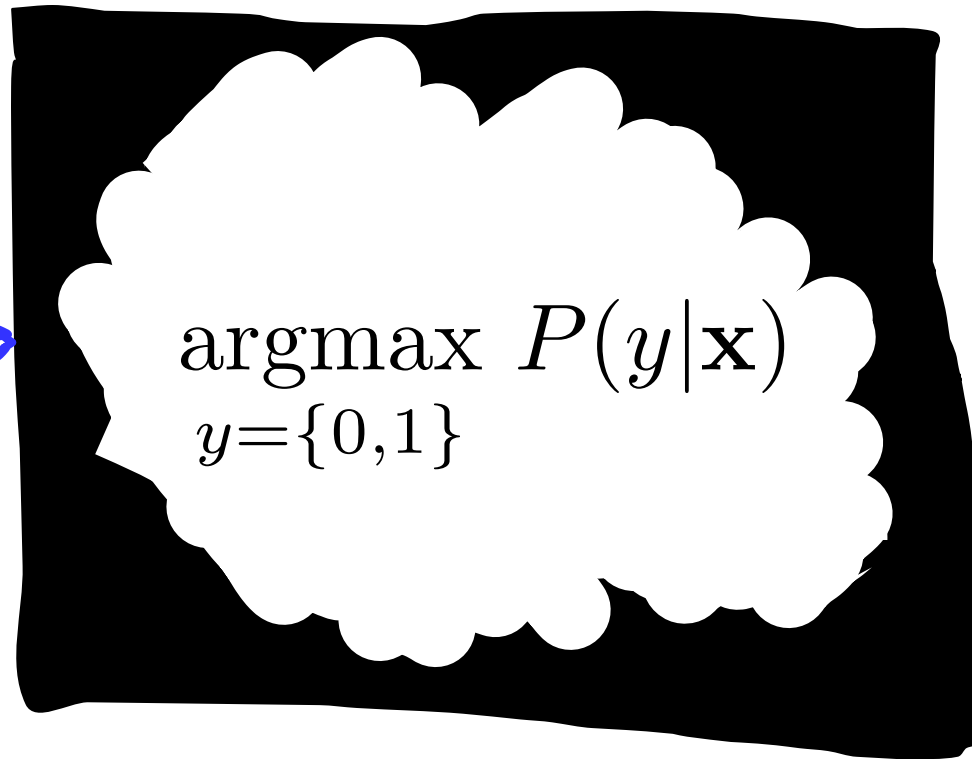


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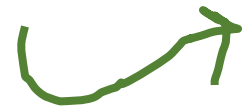
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Prediction: will they like  
L.I.B.?

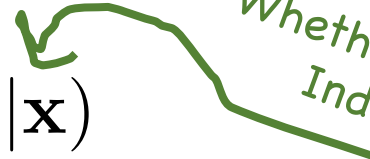


$$\hat{y} = \operatorname{argmax}_{y=\{0,1\}} P(y|\mathbf{x})$$

If  $y = 1$ , they like L.I.B.?



Whether or not they liked  
Independence day



Simply chose the class label that is the most likely given the data

This is for one user

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\* Note how similar this is to Hamilton example 😊

What are the Parameters?

# Brute Force Bayes

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Conditional probability table



Y = 0

$x_1 = 0$	$\theta_0$
$x_1 = 1$	$\theta_1$

Y = 1

$x_1 = 0$	$\theta_2$
$x_1 = 1$	$\theta_3$



Y = 0	$\theta_4$
Y = 1	$\theta_5$

Learn these during training

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Conditional probability table



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1	$\theta_1$	$\theta_3$

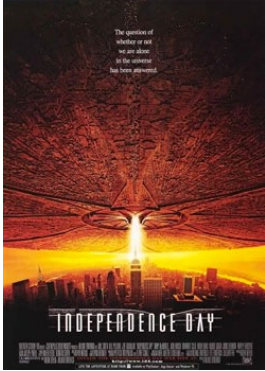


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# Training

$x_1$                        $y$                        $P(\mathbf{x}|y)$



Independence Day



Life is Beautiful


User 1	1	1
User 2	0	0
		⋮
User $n$	0	1


$x_1 \backslash y$	0	1
0	$\theta_0$	$\theta_2$
1	$\theta_1$	$\theta_3$

What is  $P(x_1 | Y = 0)$ ?  
What is  $P(x_1 | Y = 1)$ ?  
Both multinomials with two outcomes

# MLE Estimate

$x_1$                        $y$                        $P(x|y)$






User 1	1	1
User 2	0	0
⋮		
User $n$	0	1

	Y	0	1
X <sub>1</sub>			
0		0.0	0.4
1		1.0	0.6

MLE: Just count

# MAP Estimate

$x_1$                        $y$                        $P(x|y)$



User 1	1	1
User 2	0	0
⋮		
User $n$	0	1

$x_1 \backslash y$	0	1
0	0.01	0.42
1	0.99	0.58

MAP: Just count and add imaginary trials

# Testing

$$\hat{y} = \operatorname{argmax}_{y=\{0,1\}} P(\mathbf{x}|y)P(y)$$

$X_1 \backslash Y$	0	1
0	0.01	0.42
1	0.99	0.58

$Y=0$	0.21
$Y=1$	0.79

Test user: Likes independence day

$$P(x_1 = 1|y = 0)P(y = 0)$$

vs

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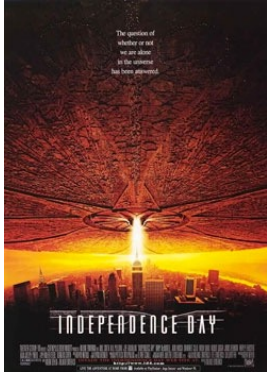


$$P(x_1 = 1|y = 0)P(y = 0) \quad 0.208$$

vs

$$P(x_1 = 1|y = 1)P(y = 1) \quad 0.458$$


That was pretty good!

# Brute Force Bayes $m = 2$

	$x_1$	$x_2$	$y$
			
User 1	1	0	1
User 2	1	0	0
			⋮
User $n$	0	1	1

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$$P(x_1, x_2|y)$$

# Brute Force Bayes

$$\hat{y} = \operatorname{argmax}_{y=\{0,1\}} P(\mathbf{x}|y)P(y)$$

		Y = 0		Y = 1	
		X <sub>1</sub> = 0	X <sub>1</sub> = 1	X <sub>1</sub> = 0	X <sub>1</sub> = 1
X <sub>2</sub> = 0	X <sub>2</sub> = 1	$\theta_0$	$\theta_1$	$\theta_4$	$\theta_5$
X <sub>2</sub> = 0	X <sub>2</sub> = 1	$\theta_2$	$\theta_3$	$\theta_6$	$\theta_7$

X<sub>1</sub>



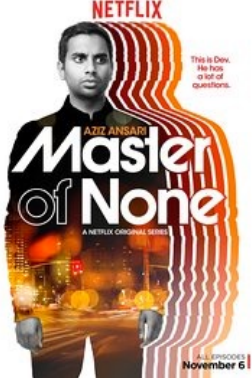
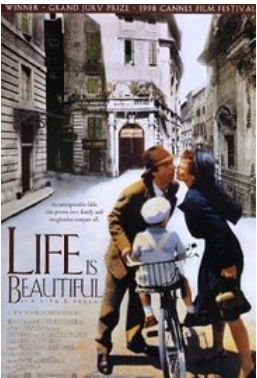
X<sub>2</sub>

y



Fine

# Brute Force Bayes $m = 3$

	$X_1$	$X_2$	$X_3$	$y$
				
User 1	1	0	1	1
User 2	1	0	1	0
				⋮
User $n$	0	1	1	1

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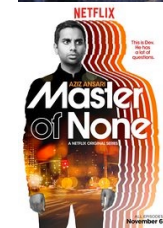


$$P(x_1, x_2, x_3|y)$$

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X <sub>3</sub> = 0	X <sub>2</sub> = 0	θ <sub>0</sub>	θ <sub>1</sub>	θ <sub>8</sub>	θ <sub>9</sub>
	X <sub>2</sub> = 1	θ <sub>2</sub>	θ <sub>3</sub>	θ <sub>10</sub>	θ <sub>11</sub>
	X <sub>2</sub> = 0	θ <sub>4</sub>	θ <sub>5</sub>	θ <sub>12</sub>	θ <sub>13</sub>
X <sub>3</sub> = 1	X <sub>2</sub> = 0	θ <sub>6</sub>	θ <sub>7</sub>	θ <sub>14</sub>	θ <sub>15</sub>
	X <sub>2</sub> = 1				
	X <sub>2</sub> = 0				



And if  $m=100$ ?

# Brute Force Bayes $m = 100$

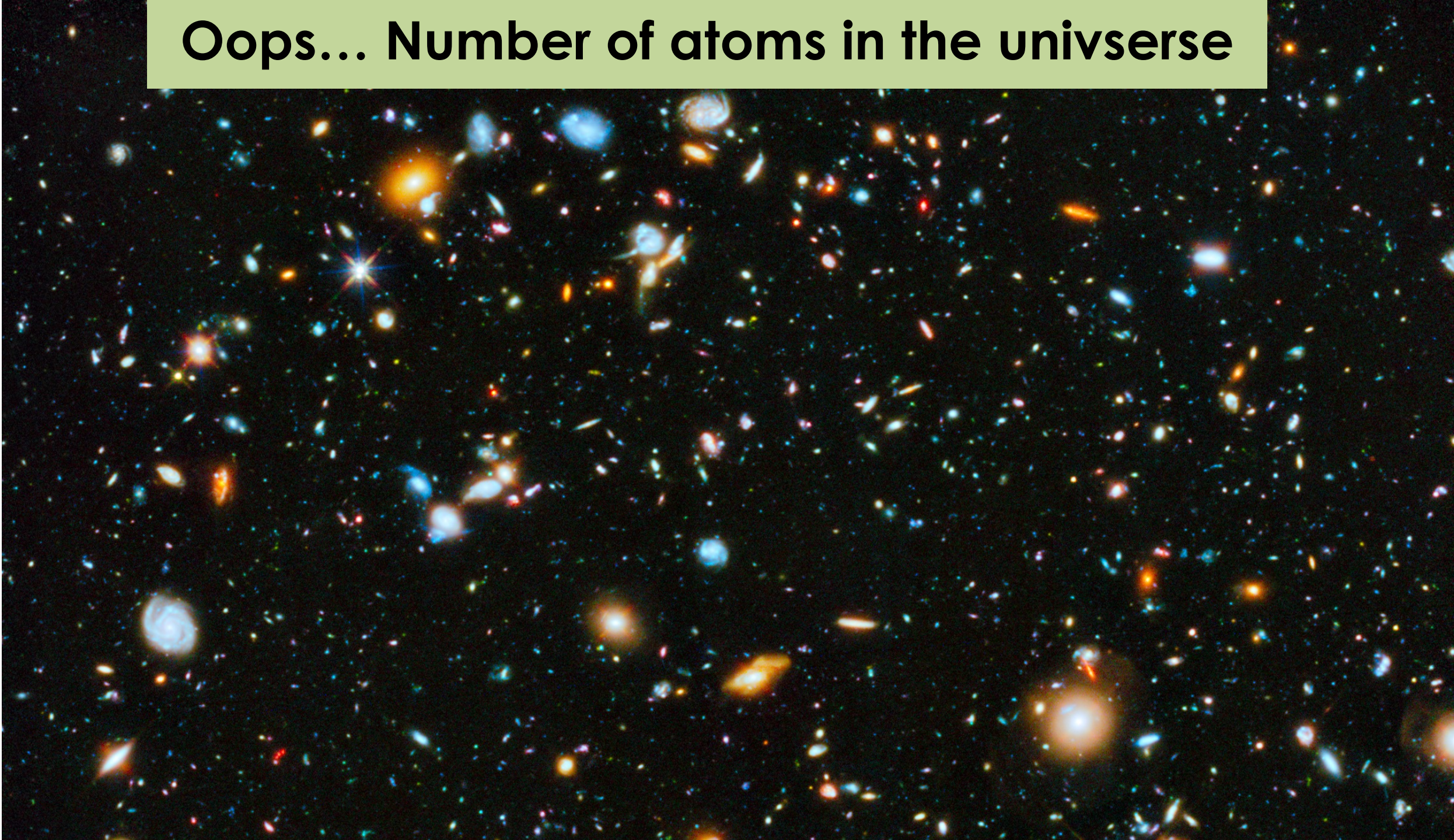
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$$P(x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_{100}|y)$$

**Oops... Number of atoms in the universe**



What is the big O for # parameters?  
 $m = \# \text{ features.}$

# Big O of Brute Force Joint

What is the big O for # parameters?  
 $m = \#$  features.

$$O(2^m)$$

*Assuming each feature is  
binary...*

Not going to cut it!

# What is the problem here?

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{y} &= \operatorname{argmax}_{y=\{0,1\}} P(y|\mathbf{x}) \\ &= \operatorname{argmax}_{y=\{0,1\}} \frac{P(\mathbf{x}|y)P(y)}{P(\mathbf{x})} \\ &= \operatorname{argmax}_{y=\{0,1\}} P(\mathbf{x}|y)P(y)\end{aligned}$$

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$$P(\mathbf{x}|y) = P(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m|y)$$

# Naïve Bayes Assumption

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$$\begin{aligned}P(\mathbf{x}|y) &= P(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m|y) \\ &= \prod_i P(x_i|y)\end{aligned}$$

*The Naïve Bayes  
assumption*

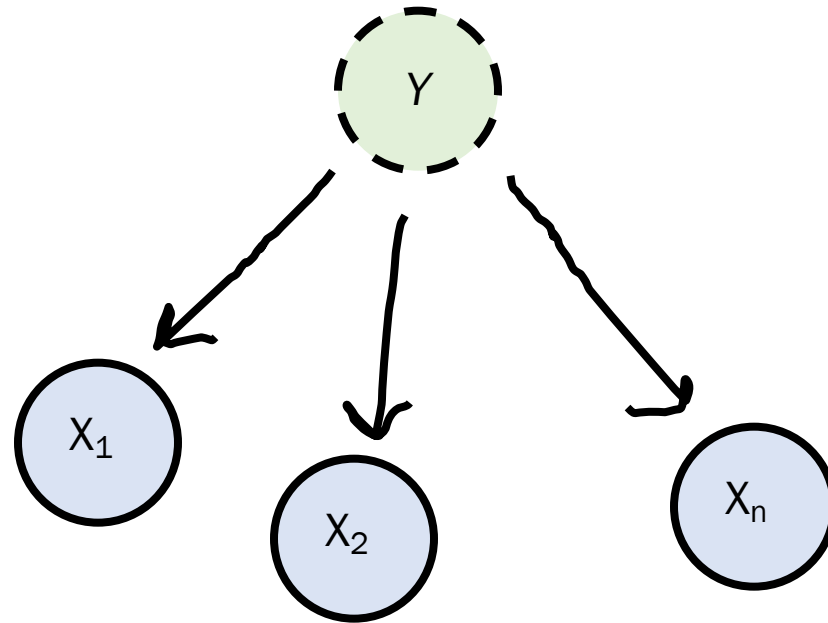


Naïve Bayes Assumption:

$$P(\mathbf{x}|y) = \prod_i P(x_i|y)$$

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# Naïve Bayes as a Model



Class Label

$Y \sim \text{Bern}$

Data distribution

$X_i|Y \sim \text{Bern}$

$$P(\mathbf{x}, y) = P(y) \prod_i P(x_i|y)$$

# Naïve Bayes Classifier

# Naïve Bayes

Our prediction  
for  $y$

Is a function of  $\mathbf{x}$

That chooses the best  
value of  $y$  given  $\mathbf{x}$

$$\hat{y} = g(\mathbf{x}) = \operatorname{argmax}_{y \in \{0,1\}} \hat{P}(y|\mathbf{x})$$

$$= \operatorname{argmax}_{y \in \{0,1\}} \hat{P}(\mathbf{x}|y) \hat{P}(y)$$

Bayes rule!

$$= \operatorname{argmax}_y \left( \prod_{i=1}^n \hat{P}(x_i|y) \right) \hat{P}(y)$$

Naïve Bayes  
Assumption

$$= \operatorname{argmax}_y \log \hat{P}(y) + \sum_{i=1}^m \log \hat{P}(x_i|y)$$

This log version is useful for numerical  
stability

# Computing Probabilities from Data

Various probabilities you will need to compute for Naive Bayesian Classifier (using MLE here):

$$\hat{p}(X_i = 1|Y = 0) = \frac{(\# \text{ training examples where } X_i = 1 \text{ and } Y = 0)}{(\# \text{ training examples where } Y = 0)}$$

$$\hat{p}(Y = 1) = \frac{(\# \text{ training examples where } Y = 1)}{(\# \text{ training examples})}$$

# Computing Probabilities from Data With Laplace

Various probabilities you will need to compute for Naive Bayesian Classifier (using MAP with Laplace):

$$\hat{p}(X_i = 1|Y = 0) = \frac{(\# \text{ training examples where } X_i = 1 \text{ and } Y = 0) + 1}{(\# \text{ training examples where } Y = 0) + 2}$$

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# Naïve Bayes Example

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# One Slide to Rule them All

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- Let  $Y = 0$ 

$$\begin{aligned} & \hat{P}(X_1 = 1|Y = 0) \hat{P}(X_2 = 0|Y = 0) \hat{P}(Y = 0) \\ &= (0.77)(0.38)(0.43) = 0.126 \end{aligned}$$
- Let  $Y = 1$ 

$$\begin{aligned} & \hat{P}(X_1 = 1|Y = 1) \hat{P}(X_2 = 0|Y = 1) \hat{P}(Y = 1) \\ &= (0.76)(0.41)(0.57) = 0.178 \end{aligned}$$

Since term is greatest when  $Y = 1$ , we predict  $\hat{Y} = 1$

$$P(Y = 1) = K \cdot 0.178 \quad P(Y = 0) = K \cdot 0.126 \quad K = \frac{1}{0.126 + 0.178}$$

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What prior?

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Laplace!

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Training Naïve Bayes, is estimating parameters for a multinomial (or bernoulli).

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Thus training is just counting.

# What is Bayes Doing in my Mail Server

This is spam:

<p>From: Abey Chavez [tristramu@deleteddomains.com] To: sahami@robotics.stanford.edu Cc: Subject: For excellent metabolism</p> <p>Sent: Sat 5/22/03</p> <p><b>Canadian ** Pharmacy</b> #1 Internet Inline Drugstore</p> <table><tr><td><b>Viagra</b> Our price <b>\$1.15</b></td><td><b>Cialis</b> Our price <b>\$1.99</b></td><td><b>Viagra Professional</b> Our price <b>\$3.73</b></td></tr><tr><td><b>Cialis Professional</b> Our price <b>\$4.17</b></td><td><b>Viagra Super Active</b> Our price <b>\$2.82</b></td><td><b>Cialis Super Active</b> Our price <b>\$3.66</b></td></tr><tr><td><b>Levitra</b> Our price <b>\$2.93</b></td><td><b>Viagra Soft Tabs</b> Our price <b>\$1.64</b></td><td><b>Cialis Soft Tabs</b> Our price <b>\$3.51</b></td></tr></table> <p>And more...</p> <p><a href="#">Click here</a></p>	<b>Viagra</b> Our price <b>\$1.15</b>	<b>Cialis</b> Our price <b>\$1.99</b>	<b>Viagra Professional</b> Our price <b>\$3.73</b>	<b>Cialis Professional</b> Our price <b>\$4.17</b>	<b>Viagra Super Active</b> Our price <b>\$2.82</b>	<b>Cialis Super Active</b> Our price <b>\$3.66</b>	<b>Levitra</b> Our price <b>\$2.93</b>	<b>Viagra Soft Tabs</b> Our price <b>\$1.64</b>	<b>Cialis Soft Tabs</b> Our price <b>\$3.51</b>	<h2>Let's get Bayesian on your spam:</h2> <p><b>Content analysis details: (49.5 hits, 7.0 required)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>0.9 RCVD_IN_PBL</li><li>1.5 URIBL_WS_SURBL</li><li>5.0 URIBL_JP_SURBL</li><li>5.0 URIBL_OB_SURBL</li><li>5.0 URIBL_SC_SURBL</li><li>2.0 URIBL_BLACK</li><li><b>8.0 BAYES_99</b></li></ul> <p><b>RBL: Received via a relay in Spamhaus PBL [93.40.189.29 listed in zen.spamhaus.org]</b> <b>Contains an URL listed in the WS SURBL blacklist [URIs: recragas.cn]</b> <b>Contains an URL listed in the JP SURBL blacklist [URIs: recragas.cn]</b> <b>Contains an URL listed in the OB SURBL blacklist [URIs: recragas.cn]</b> <b>Contains an URL listed in the SC SURBL blacklist [URIs: recragas.cn]</b> <b>Contains an URL listed in the URIBL blacklist [URIs: recragas.cn]</b></p> <p><b>BODY: Bayesian spam probability is 99 to 100% [score: 1.0000]</b></p>
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### A Bayesian Approach to Filtering Junk E-Mail

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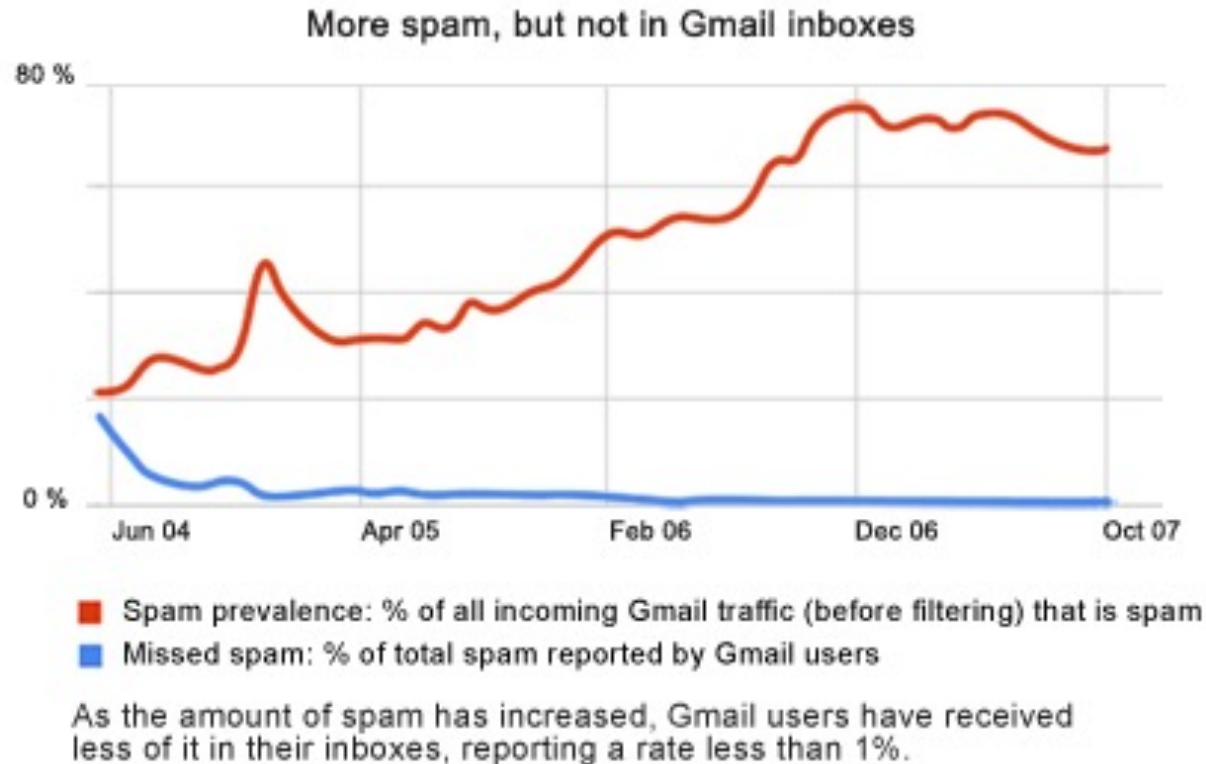
**Abstract**

In addressing the growing problem of junk E-mail on the Internet, we examine methods for the automated

contain offensive material (such as graphic pornography), there is often a higher cost to users of actually viewing this mail than simply the time to sort out the junk. Lastly, junk mail not only wastes user time, but

# Spam, Spam... Go Away!

## The constant battle with spam



*“And machine-learning algorithms developed to merge and rank large sets of Google search results allow us to combine hundreds of factors to classify spam.”*

# Email Classification

Want to predict if an email is spam or not

- Start with the input data
  - Consider a lexicon of  $m$  words (Note: in English  $m \approx 100,000$ )
  - Define  $m$  indicator variables  $\mathbf{X} = \langle X_1, X_2, \dots, X_m \rangle$
  - Each variable  $X_i$  denotes if word  $i$  appeared in a document or not
  - Note:  $m$  is huge, so make “Naive Bayes” assumption
- Define output classes  $Y$  to be: {spam, non-spam}
- Given training set of  $N$  previous emails
  - For each email message, we have a training instance:  $\langle X_1, X_2, \dots, X_m \rangle$  noting for each word, if it appeared in email  $\mathbf{X} =$
  - Each email message is also marked as spam or not (value of  $Y$ )

# Training the Classifier

Given  $N$  training pairs:

$$(\mathbf{x}^{(1)}, y^{(1)}), (\mathbf{x}^{(2)}, y^{(2)}), \dots, (\mathbf{x}^{(n)}, y^{(n)})$$

Learning

- Estimate probabilities  $P(y)$  and  $P(x_i | y)$  for all  $i$ 
  - Many words are likely to not appear at all in given set of email
- Laplace estimate:  $\hat{p}(X_i = 1 | Y = spam)_{Laplace} = \frac{(\# \text{ spam emails with word } i) + 1}{\text{total } \# \text{ spam emails} + 2}$

Classification

- For a new email, generate  $\mathbf{X} = \langle X_1, X_2, \dots, X_m \rangle$
- Classify as spam or not using:  $\hat{y} = \operatorname{argmax}_{y \in \{0,1\}} \hat{P}(\mathbf{x}|y) \hat{P}(y)$
- Employ Naive Bayes assumption:  $P(\mathbf{x}|y) = \prod_i P(x_i|y)$



Training Naïve Bayes, is  
estimating parameters for  
Bernoullis.

Thus it is just counting.

# How Does This Do?

After training, can test with another set of data

- “Testing” set also has known values for Y, so we can see how often we were right/wrong in predictions for Y
- Spam data
  - Email data set: 1789 emails (1578 spam, 211 non-spam)
  - First, 1538 email messages (by time) used for training
  - Next 251 messages used to test learned classifier
- Criteria:
  - Precision = # *correctly* predicted class Y / # predicted class Y
  - Recall = # *correctly* predicted class Y / # real class Y messages

	Spam		Non-spam	
	Precision	Recall	Precision	Recall
Words only	97.1%	94.3%	87.7%	93.4%
Words + add'l features	<b>100%</b>	98.3%	96.2%	<b>100%</b>

# Naïve Bayes Classification

# Computing Probabilities from Data

Various probabilities you will need to compute for Naive Bayesian Classifier (using MLE here):

$$\hat{p}(X_i = 1|Y = 0) = \frac{(\# \text{ training examples where } X_i = 1 \text{ and } Y = 0)}{(\# \text{ training examples where } Y = 0)}$$

$$\hat{p}(Y = 1) = \frac{(\# \text{ training examples where } Y = 1)}{(\# \text{ training examples})}$$