

24: Naïve Bayes

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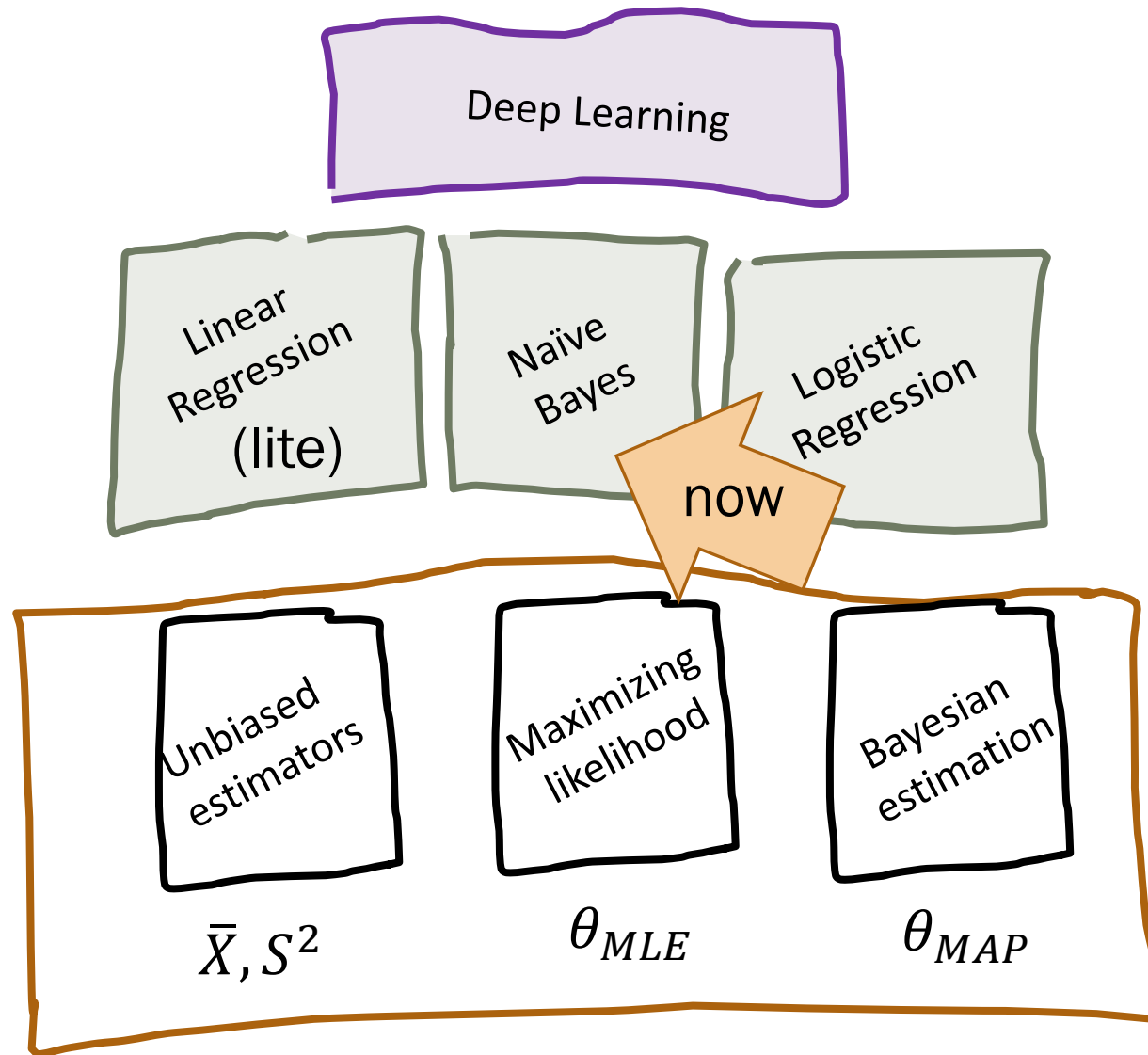
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Today's plan

- ➔ Machine Learning
 - Inefficient classification: Brute force Bayes
 - Naïve Bayes

Our path



Model:

Multinomial with m outcomes:
 p_i probability of outcome i

Observe:

$n_i = \#$ of trials with outcome i
Total of $\sum_{i=1}^m n_i$ trials

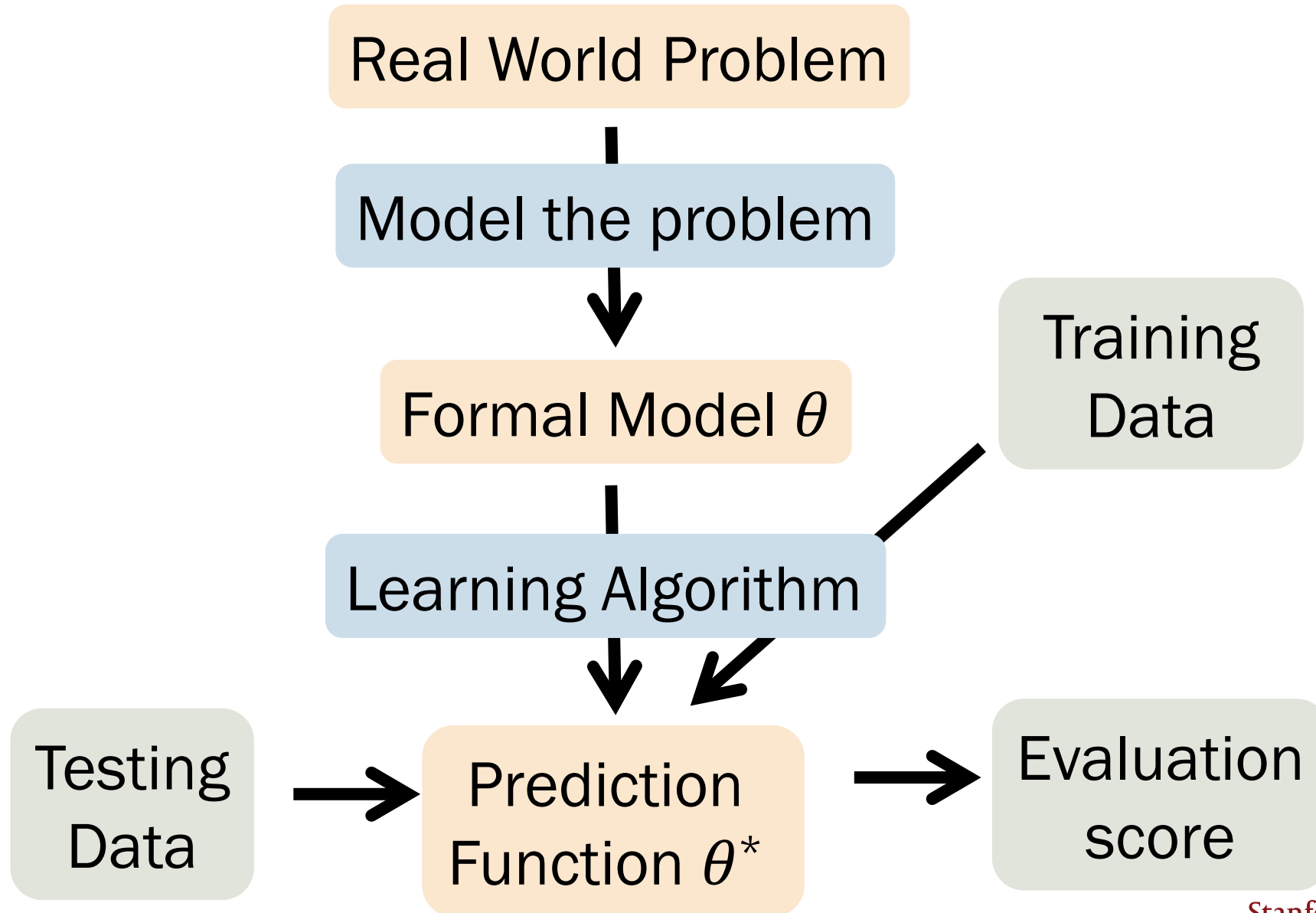
MLE

$$p_i = \frac{n_i}{\sum_{i=1}^m n_i}$$

MAP with Laplace smoothing
(Laplace estimate)

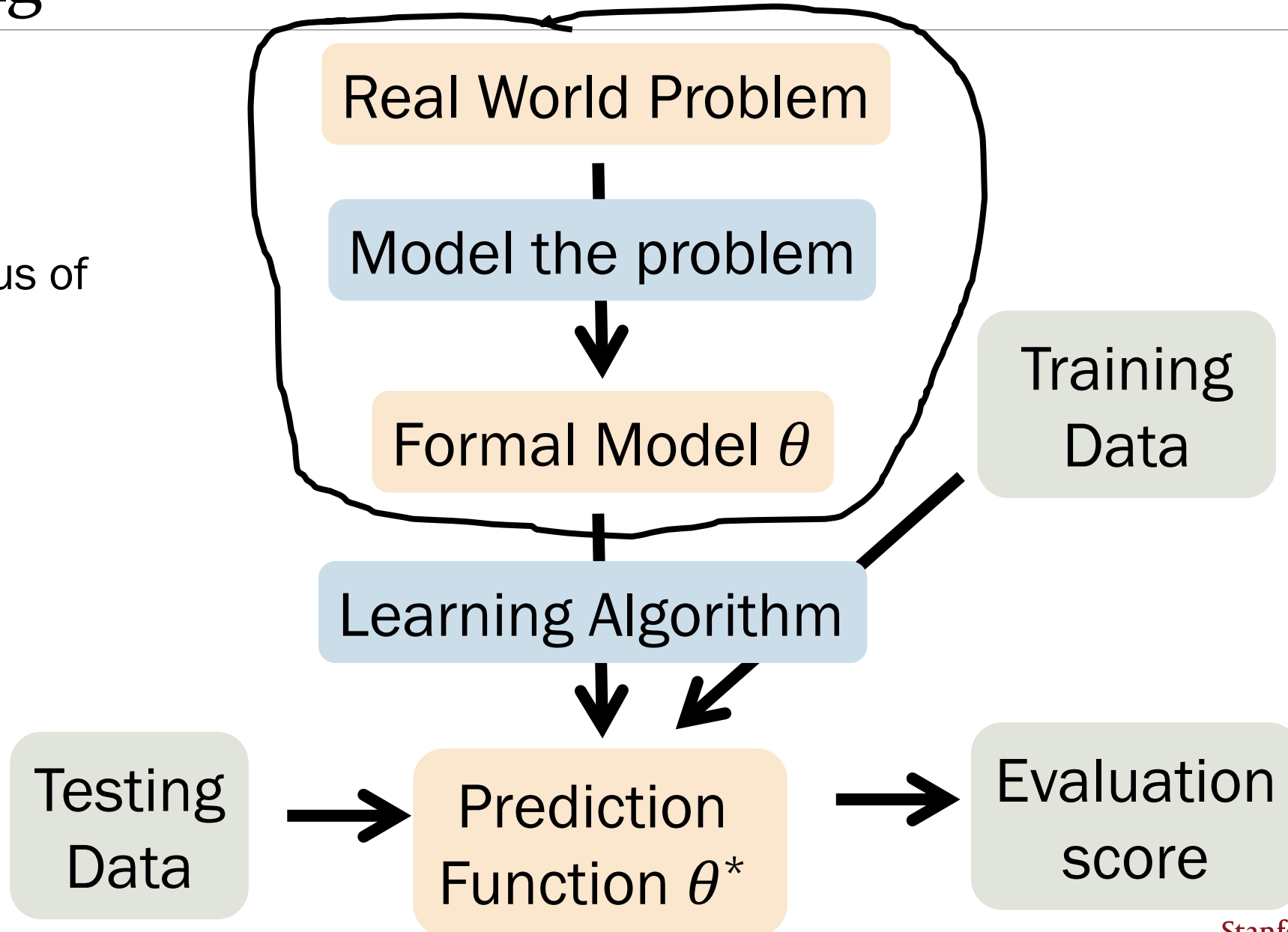
$$p_i = \frac{n_i + 1}{\sum_{i=1}^m n_i + m}$$

Supervised Learning

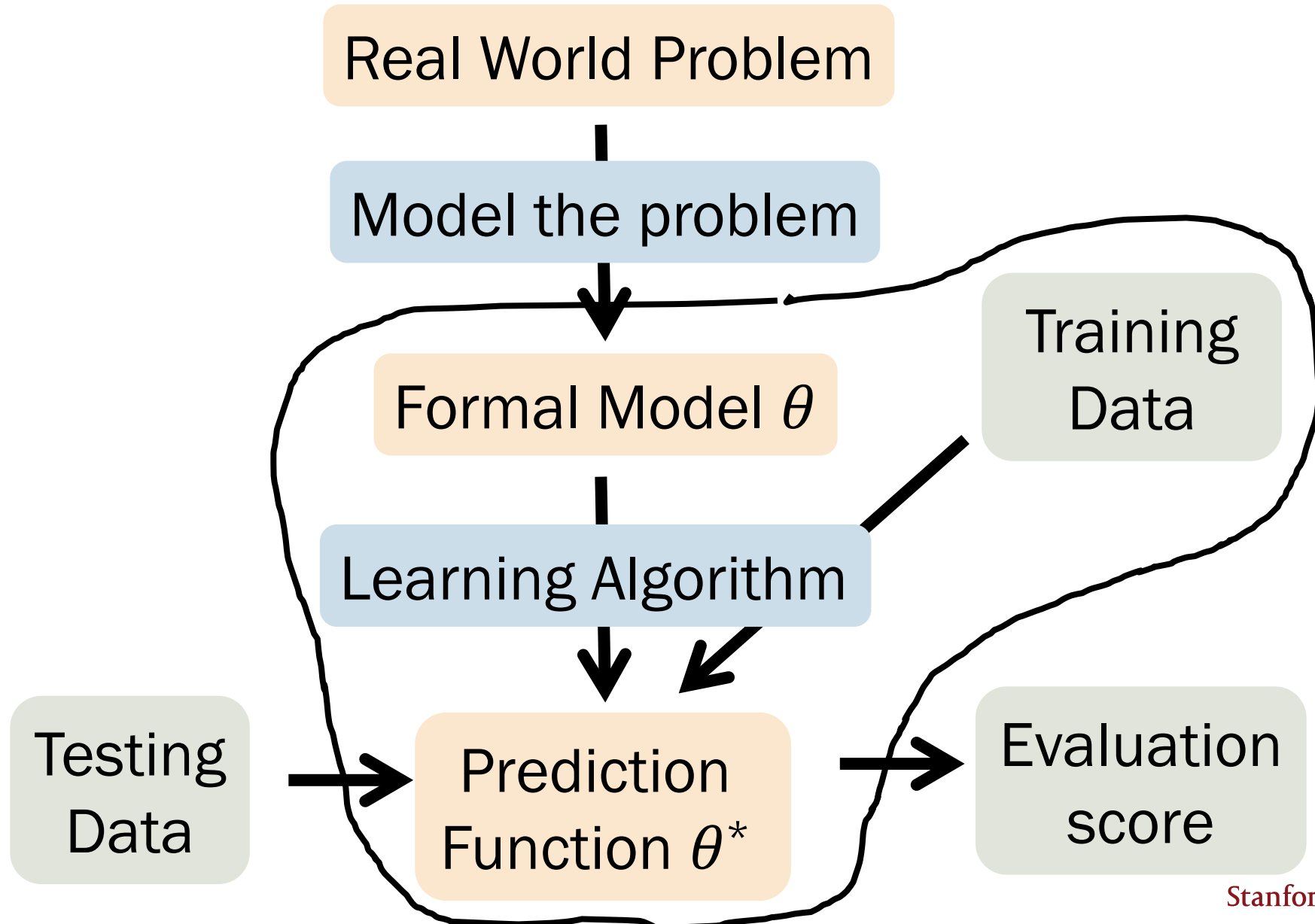


Modeling

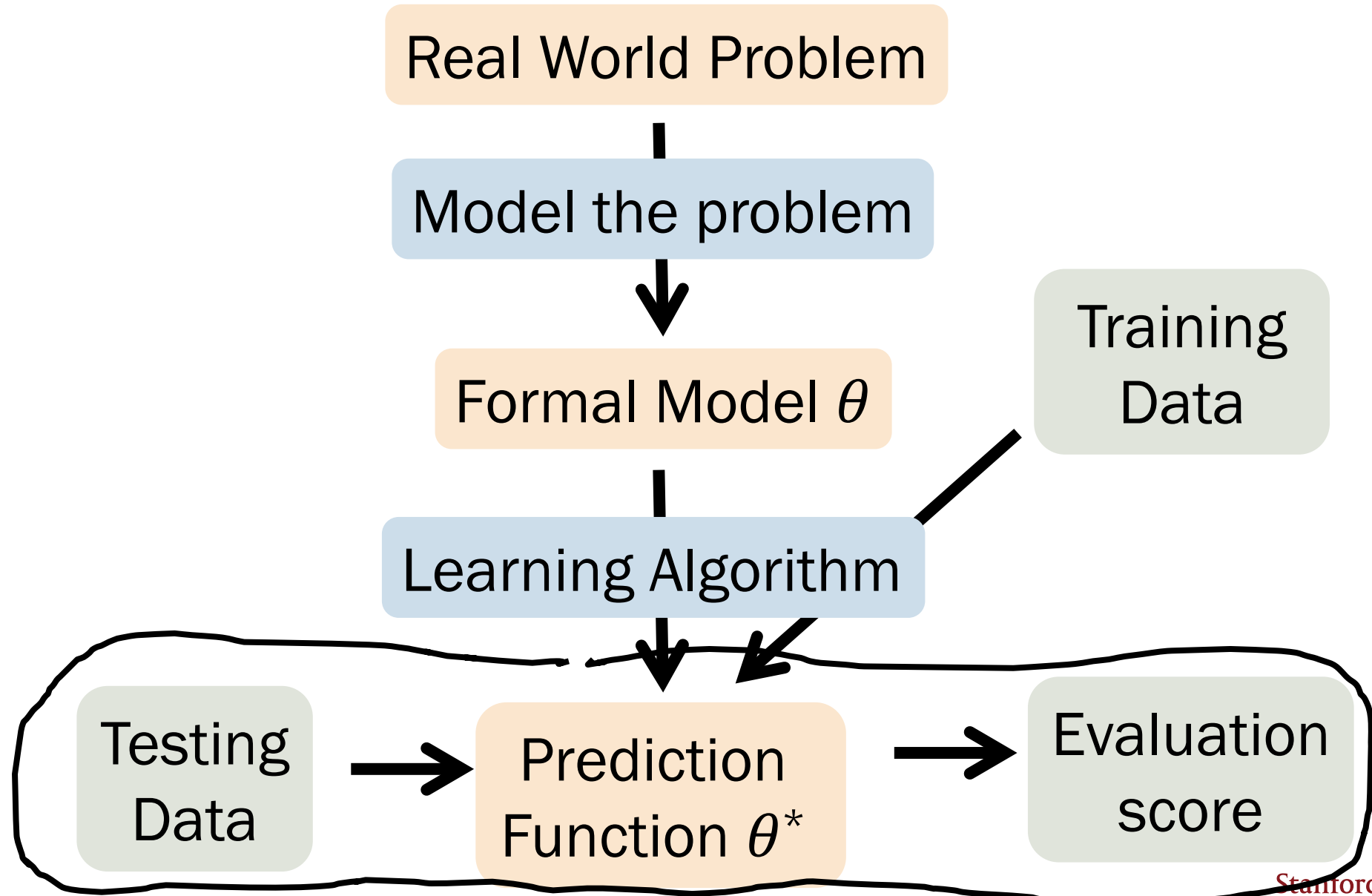
(not the focus of this class)



Training



Testing



Machine Learning (formally)

Many different forms of “Machine Learning”

- We focus on the problem of **prediction** based on observations.

Goal Based on observed \mathbf{X} , predict unseen Y

- **Features** Vector \mathbf{X} of m observed variables

$$\mathbf{X} = (X_1, X_2, \dots, X_m)$$

- **Output** Variable Y (also called **class label**)

Model $\hat{Y} = g(\mathbf{X})$, a function of observations \mathbf{X}

- **Classification** prediction when Y is discrete
- **Regression** prediction when Y is continuous

Training data

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

n datapoints, generated i.i.d.

Each datapoint i is $(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}, y^{(i)})$:

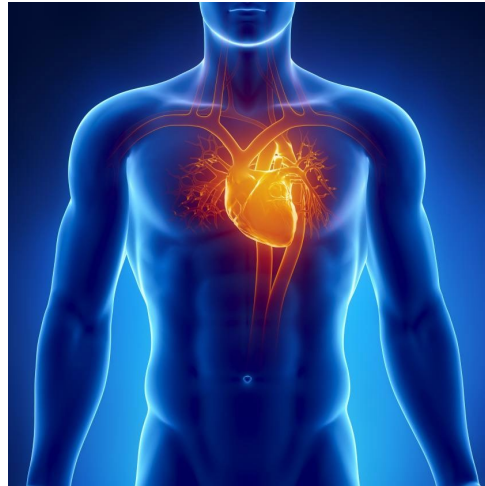
- m features: $\mathbf{x}^{(i)} = (x_1^{(i)}, x_2^{(i)}, \dots, x_m^{(i)})$
- A single output $y^{(i)}$
- Independent of all other datapoints

Training Goal:

Use these n datapoints to learn a model $\hat{Y} = g(\mathbf{X})$ that predicts Y

Example datasets

Heart



Ancestry



NETFLIX

Netflix

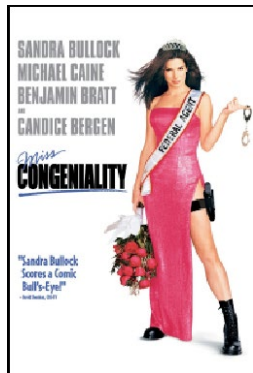
Classification terminology check

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

- A. $\mathbf{x}^{(i)}$
- B. $y^{(i)}$
- C. $(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}, y^{(i)})$
- D. $x_j^{(i)}$

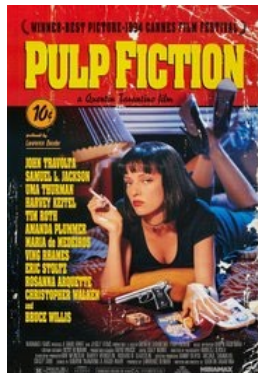


Movie 1



Movie 2

...



Movie m



Output

User 1	1.	1	0	...	1	2.	1
User 2	3.	1	1	...	0		0
...				⋮			⋮
User n		0	4.	0	...	1	1

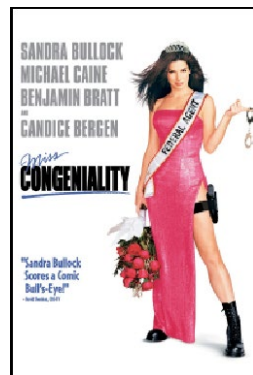
1: like movie
0: dislike movie

Classification terminology check

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

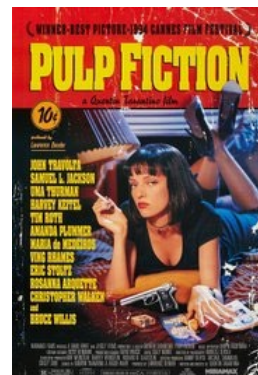


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Output

User 1	1.	1	0	...	1	2.	1
User 2	3.	1	1	...	0		0
...				⋮			⋮
User n		0	4.	0	...	1	1

- A. $\mathbf{x}^{(i)}$
- B. $y^{(i)}$
- C. $(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}, y^{(i)})$
- D. $x_j^{(i)}$

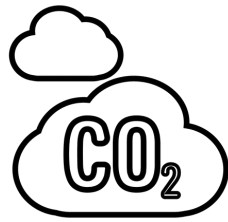
i : i -th user
 j : movie j

1: like movie
 0: dislike movie

- 1. $\mathbf{x}^{(i)}$
- 2. $y^{(i)}$
- 3. $(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}, y^{(i)})$
- 4. $x_j^{(i)} = x_2^{(n)}$

Regression: Predicting real numbers

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



CO2 levels



Sea level

...



Feature m



Output

Global Land-Ocean temperature

Year 1	338.8	0	...	1	0.26
Year 2	340.0	1	...	0	0.32
...			⋮		⋮
Year n	340.76	0	...	1	0.14

Classification: Harry Potter Sorting Hat



$$X = (1, 1, 1, 0, 0, \dots, 1)$$

Announcements

Problem Set 6

Due: Wednesday 3/11
Covers: Up to Lecture 25
Extra Python Office Hours: Saturday 3/7, 3-5PM

Regrades

Pset 1 to 5 and
Midterm regrades to
close on 3/11 at 1pm

Autograded Coding Problems

Run your code in the command line or
install Pycharm following directions on
Pset 6 webpage

Late Day Reminder

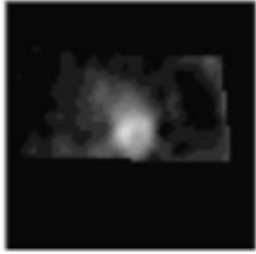
No late days permitted past
last day of the quarter, 3/13

Today's plan

Machine Learning

- ➔ • Inefficient classification: Brute force Bayes
- Naïve Bayes

Classification: Having a healthy heart



Feature 1



Output

Patient 1	1	0
Patient 2	1	1
	⋮	⋮
Patient n	0	0

Feature 1: Region of Interest (ROI) is healthy (1) or unhealthy (0)

How can we predict the class label

heart is healthy (1) or unhealthy (0)?

One possible solution: Use Bayes.

Brute force Bayes

Classification (for one patient):

Choose the class label that is most likely given the data.

$$\hat{Y} = \arg \max_{y=\{0,1\}} \hat{P}(Y | \mathbf{X})$$

$$= \arg \max_{y=\{0,1\}} \frac{\hat{P}(\mathbf{X}|Y)\hat{P}(Y)}{\hat{P}(\mathbf{X})}$$

$$= \arg \max_{y=\{0,1\}} \hat{P}(\mathbf{X}|Y)\hat{P}(Y)$$

- $\hat{P}(Y = 1 | \mathbf{x})$: estimated probability a heart is healthy given \mathbf{x}
- \mathbf{x} : whether region of interest (ROI) is healthy (1) or unhealthy (0)

(Bayes' Theorem)

($1/\hat{P}(\mathbf{X})$ is a positive constant w.r.t Y)

Parameters for Brute Force Bayes

$$\hat{Y} = \arg \max_{y=\{0,1\}} \hat{P}(\mathbf{X}|Y) \hat{P}(Y)$$

Parameters:

- $\hat{P}(\mathbf{X}|Y)$ for all \mathbf{X} and Y
- $\hat{P}(Y)$ for all Y

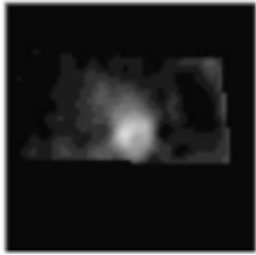
Conditional probability tables $\hat{P}(\mathbf{X} Y)$	$\hat{P}(\mathbf{X} Y = 0)$		$\hat{P}(\mathbf{X} Y = 1)$	
	$X_1 = 0$	θ_1	$X_1 = 0$	θ_3
$X_1 = 1$	θ_2	$X_1 = 1$	θ_4	

Marginal probability table $\hat{P}(Y)$	$\hat{P}(Y)$	
	$Y = 0$	θ_5
$Y = 1$	θ_6	

Training
Goal:

Use n datapoints to learn
 $2 \cdot 2 + 2 = 6$ parameters.

Training: Estimate parameters $\hat{P}(\mathbf{X}|Y)$



Feature 1



Output

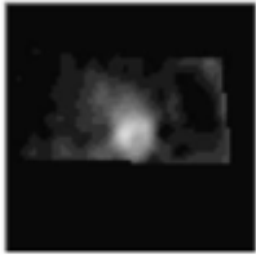
Patient 1	1	0
Patient 2	1	1
	⋮	⋮
Patient n	0	0

	$\hat{P}(\mathbf{X} Y = 0)$	$\hat{P}(\mathbf{X} Y = 1)$
$X_1 = 0$	θ_1	θ_3
$X_1 = 1$	θ_2	θ_4

$\hat{P}(\mathbf{X}|Y = 0)$ and $\hat{P}(\mathbf{X}|Y = 1)$
are both multinomials with 2 outcomes!

Use MLE or Laplace (MAP)
estimate for parameters $P(\mathbf{X}|Y)$

Training: MLE estimates, $\hat{P}(X|Y)$



Feature 1



Output

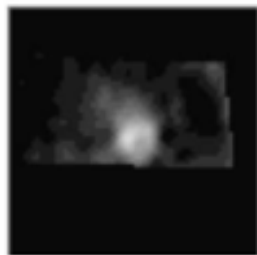


	$\hat{P}(X Y = 0)$	$\hat{P}(X Y = 1)$
$X_1 = 0$	0.4	0.0
$X_1 = 1$	0.6	1.0

MLE of $\hat{P}(X_1 = x|Y = y) = \frac{\#(X_1 = x, Y = y)}{\#(Y = y)}$
 Just count!

Patient 1	1	0
Patient 2	1	1
	\vdots	\vdots
Patient n	0	0

Training: Laplace (MAP) estimates, $\hat{P}(X|Y)$



Feature 1



Output



	$\hat{P}(X Y = 0)$	$\hat{P}(X Y = 1)$
$X_1 = 0$	0.4	0.0
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MLE of $\hat{P}(X_1 = x|Y = y) = \frac{\#(X_1 = x, Y = y)}{\#(Y = y)}$
Just count!



Patient 1	1	0
Patient 2	1	1
	\vdots	\vdots
Patient n	0	0

	$\hat{P}(X Y = 0)$	$\hat{P}(X Y = 1)$
$X_1 = 0$	0.42	0.01
$X_1 = 1$	0.58	0.99

Laplace of $\hat{P}(X_1 = x|Y = y) = \frac{\#(X_1 = x, Y = y) + 1}{\#(Y = y) + 2}$
Just count + add imaginary trials!

Testing

$$\hat{Y} = \arg \max_{y=\{0,1\}} \hat{P}(\mathbf{X}|Y) \hat{P}(Y)$$

(MAP)	$\hat{P}(\mathbf{X} Y = 0)$	$\hat{P}(\mathbf{X} Y = 1)$	(MAP)	$\hat{P}(Y)$
$X_1 = 0$	0.42	0.01	$Y = 0$	0.10
$X_1 = 1$	0.58	0.99	$Y = 1$	0.90

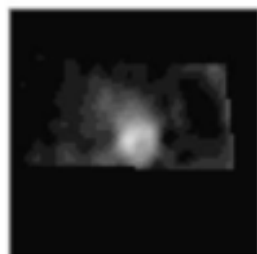
New patient has a healthy ROI ($X_1 = 1$). What is your prediction, \hat{Y} ?

$$\hat{P}(X_1 = 1|Y = 0) \hat{P}(Y = 0) = 0.58 \cdot 0.10 \approx 0.058$$

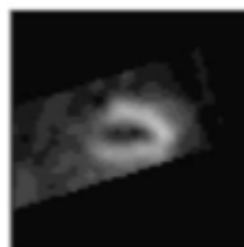
$$\hat{P}(X_1 = 1|Y = 1) \hat{P}(Y = 1) = 0.99 \cdot 0.90 \approx 0.891$$

- A. $0.058 < 0.5 \Rightarrow \hat{Y} = 1$
- B. $0.891 > 0.5 \Rightarrow \hat{Y} = 1$
- C. $0.058 < 0.891 \Rightarrow \hat{Y} = 1$

Brute force Bayes: $m = 100$ (# features)



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Feature 1

Feature 2

Feature 100

Output

Patient 1	1	0	...	1	1
Patient 2	1	1	...	0	0
...			⋮		⋮
Patient n	0	0	...	1	1

This won't be too bad, right?

Brute force Bayes: $m = 100$ (# features)

$$\hat{Y} = \arg \max_{y=\{0,1\}} \hat{P}(Y | \mathbf{X})$$

$$= \arg \max_{y=\{0,1\}} \frac{\hat{P}(\mathbf{X}|Y)\hat{P}(Y)}{\hat{P}(\mathbf{X})}$$

$$= \arg \max_{y=\{0,1\}} \underbrace{\hat{P}(\mathbf{X}|Y)\hat{P}(Y)}$$

Learn parameters
through MLE or MAP

- $\hat{P}(Y = 1 | \mathbf{x})$: estimated probability a heart is healthy given \mathbf{x}
- $\mathbf{X} = (X_1, X_2, \dots, X_{100})$: whether 100 regions of interest (ROI) are healthy (1) or unhealthy (0)

How many parameters do we have to learn?


- | | $\hat{P}(\mathbf{X} Y)$ | $\hat{P}(Y)$ | |
|----|-------------------------|--------------|------------------|
| A. | $2 \cdot 2$ | $+ 2$ | $= 6$ |
| B. | $2 \cdot 100$ | $+ 2$ | $= 202$ |
| C. | $2 \cdot 2^{100}$ | $+ 2$ | $= \text{a lot}$ |

The problem with our Brute force Bayes classifier

$$\hat{Y} = \arg \max_{y=\{0,1\}} \hat{P}(Y | \mathbf{X})$$

$$= \arg \max_{y=\{0,1\}} \frac{\hat{P}(\mathbf{X}|Y)\hat{P}(Y)}{\hat{P}(\mathbf{X})}$$

$$= \arg \max_{y=\{0,1\}} \hat{P}(\mathbf{X}|Y)\hat{P}(Y)$$


$$\hat{P}(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_m | Y)$$

Estimating this joint conditional distribution will require too many parameters.

What if we could make a simplifying (but naïve) assumption—
that X_1, \dots, X_m are **conditionally independent** given Y ?

Today's plan

Machine Learning

- Inefficient classification: Brute force Bayes



- Naïve Bayes

The Naïve Bayes assumption

X_1, \dots, X_m are conditionally independent given Y .

Our prediction for Y
is a function of \mathbf{X}

Choose the Y that is
most likely given \mathbf{X}

$$\hat{Y} = g(\mathbf{X}) = \arg \max_{y=\{0,1\}} \hat{P}(Y | \mathbf{X}) = \arg \max_{y=\{0,1\}} \frac{\hat{P}(\mathbf{X}|Y)\hat{P}(Y)}{\hat{P}(\mathbf{X})} \quad (\text{Bayes})$$

$$= \arg \max_{y=\{0,1\}} \hat{P}(\mathbf{X}|Y)\hat{P}(Y) \quad (\text{Normalization constant})$$

$$= \arg \max_{y=\{0,1\}} \left(\prod_{i=1}^m \hat{P}(X_i|Y) \right) \hat{P}(Y)$$

Naïve Bayes
Assumption

Naïve Bayes Classifier

$$\hat{Y} = \arg \max_{y=\{0,1\}} \left(\prod_{i=1}^m \hat{P}(X_i|Y) \right) \hat{P}(Y)$$

Training

What is the Big-O of # of parameters we need to learn?

- A. $O(m)$
- B. $O(2^m)$
- C. other

Naïve Bayes Classifier

$$\hat{Y} = \arg \max_{y=\{0,1\}} \left(\prod_{i=1}^m \hat{P}(X_i|Y) \right) \hat{P}(Y)$$

Training

Use MLE or
Laplace (MAP)

for $i = 1, \dots, m$:

$$\hat{P}(X_i|Y = 0), \hat{P}(X_i|Y = 1) \\ \hat{P}(Y = 0), \hat{P}(Y = 1)$$

Testing

$$\hat{Y} = \arg \max_{y=\{0,1\}} \left(\log \hat{P}(Y) + \sum_{i=1}^m \log \hat{P}(X_i|Y) \right) \quad (\text{for numeric stability})$$

Naïve Bayes for TV shows

Will a user like the Pokémon TV series?

Observe indicator variables $\mathbf{X} = (X_1, X_2)$:



$X_1 = 1$:

“likes Star Wars”



$X_2 = 1$:

“likes Harry Potter”

Output Y indicator:



$Y = 1$:

“likes Pokémon”

Training: Naïve Bayes for TV shows (MLE)

$$\hat{Y} = \arg \max_{y=\{0,1\}} \left(\prod_{i=1}^m \hat{P}(X_i|Y) \right) \hat{P}(Y)$$

Observe indicator vars. $\mathbf{X} = (X_1, X_2)$:

- X_1 : “likes Star Wars”
- X_2 : “likes Harry Potter”

Predict Y : “likes Pokémon”

$Y \backslash X_1$	0	1	$Y \backslash X_2$	0	1
	0	3		10	0
1	4	13	1	7	10

Training data counts

1. How many datapoints (n) are in our train data?
2. Compute MLE estimates for $\hat{P}(X_1|Y)$:

$Y \backslash X_1$	0	1
	0	$\hat{P}(X_1 = 0 Y = 0)$
1	$\hat{P}(X_1 = 0 Y = 1)$	$\hat{P}(X_1 = 1 Y = 1)$

Training: Naïve Bayes for TV shows (MLE)

$$\hat{Y} = \arg \max_{y=\{0,1\}} \left(\prod_{i=1}^m \hat{P}(X_i|Y) \right) \hat{P}(Y)$$

Observe indicator vars. $\mathbf{X} = (X_1, X_2)$:

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Training data counts

1. How many datapoints (n) are in our train data?
2. Compute MLE estimates for $\hat{P}(X_1|Y)$:

$$n = 30$$

$Y \backslash X_1$	0	1
	0	$3/13 \approx 0.23$
1	$4/17 \approx 0.24$	$13/17 \approx 0.76$

Training: Naïve Bayes for TV shows (MLE)

$$\hat{Y} = \arg \max_{y=\{0,1\}} \left(\prod_{i=1}^m \hat{P}(X_i|Y) \right) \hat{P}(Y)$$

Observe indicator vars. $\mathbf{X} = (X_1, X_2)$:

- X_1 : “likes Star Wars”
- X_2 : “likes Harry Potter”

Predict Y : “likes Pokémon”

$Y \backslash X_1$	X_1		$Y \backslash X_2$	X_2	
	0	1		0	1
0	3	10	0	5	8
1	4	13	1	7	10

Training data counts

$Y \backslash X_1$	X_1		$Y \backslash X_2$	X_2		Y	
	0	1		0	1		
0	0.23	0.77	0	$5/13 \approx 0.38$	$8/13 \approx 0.62$	0	$13/30 \approx 0.43$
1	0.24	0.76	1	$7/17 \approx 0.41$	$10/17 \approx 0.59$	1	$17/30 \approx 0.57$

Training MLE estimates: just count.

$$\hat{P}(X_i = x|Y = y) = \frac{\#(X_i = x, Y = y)}{\#(Y = y)}$$

$$\hat{P}(Y = y) = \frac{\#(Y = y)}{n}$$

Training : Naïve Bayes for TV shows (MLE)

$$\hat{Y} = \arg \max_{y=\{0,1\}} \left(\prod_{i=1}^m \hat{P}(X_i|Y) \right) \hat{P}(Y)$$

Observe indicator vars. $\mathbf{X} = (X_1, X_2)$:

- X_1 : “likes Star Wars”
- X_2 : “likes Harry Potter”

Predict Y : “likes Pokémon”

		X_1		X_2		Y	
		0	1	0	1		
Y	0	0.23	0.77	0.38	0.62	0	0.43
	1	0.24	0.76	0.41	0.59	1	0.57

Now that we've trained and found parameters,
It's time to classify new users!

Testing: Naïve Bayes for TV shows (MLE)

$$\hat{Y} = \arg \max_{y=\{0,1\}} \left(\prod_{i=1}^m \hat{P}(X_i|Y) \right) \hat{P}(Y)$$

Observe indicator vars. $\mathbf{X} = (X_1, X_2)$:

- X_1 : “likes Star Wars”
- X_2 : “likes Harry Potter”

		X_1		X_2		Y
		0	1	0	1	
Y	0	0.23	0.77	0.38	0.62	0.43
	1	0.24	0.76	0.41	0.59	0.57

Predict Y : “likes Pokémon”

Suppose a **new person** “likes Star Wars” ($X_1 = 1$) but “dislikes Harry Potter” ($X_2 = 0$).

Will they like Pokemon? Need to predict Y :

$$\hat{Y} = \arg \max_{y=\{0,1\}} \hat{P}(\mathbf{X}|Y)\hat{P}(Y) = \arg \max_{y=\{0,1\}} \hat{P}(X_1|Y)\hat{P}(X_2|Y)\hat{P}(Y)$$

If $Y = 0$: $\hat{P}(X_1 = 1|Y = 0)\hat{P}(X_2 = 0|Y = 0)\hat{P}(Y = 0) = 0.77 \cdot 0.38 \cdot 0.43 = 0.126$

If $Y = 1$: $\hat{P}(X_1 = 1|Y = 1)\hat{P}(X_2 = 0|Y = 1)\hat{P}(Y = 1) = 0.76 \cdot 0.41 \cdot 0.57 = 0.178$

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

Training: Naïve Bayes for TV shows (MAP)

$$\hat{Y} = \arg \max_{y=\{0,1\}} \left(\prod_{i=1}^m \hat{P}(X_i|Y) \right) \hat{P}(Y)$$

Observe indicator vars. $\mathbf{X} = (X_1, X_2)$:

- X_1 : “likes Star Wars”
- X_2 : “likes Harry Potter”

Predict Y : “likes Pokémon”

$Y \backslash X_1$	X_1		$Y \backslash X_2$	X_2	
	0	1		0	1
0	3	10	0	5	8
1	4	13	1	7	10

Training data counts

What are our MAP estimates using Laplace smoothing for $\hat{P}(X_i|Y)$ and $\hat{P}(Y)$?

$$\hat{P}(X_i = x|Y = y):$$

A. $\frac{\#(X_i=x, Y=y)}{\#(Y=y)}$

B. $\frac{\#(X_i=x, Y=y)+1}{\#(Y=y)+2}$

C. $\frac{\#(X_i=x, Y=y)+1}{\#(Y=y)+4}$

$$\hat{P}(Y = y):$$

A. $\frac{\#(Y=y)}{\#(Y=y)+2}$

B. $\frac{\#(Y=y)+1}{n}$

C. $\frac{\#(Y=y)+1}{n+2}$

Training: Naïve Bayes for TV shows (MAP)

$$\hat{Y} = \arg \max_{y=\{0,1\}} \left(\prod_{i=1}^m \hat{P}(X_i|Y) \right) \hat{P}(Y)$$

Observe indicator vars. $\mathbf{X} = (X_1, X_2)$:

- X_1 : “likes Star Wars”
- X_2 : “likes Harry Potter”

Predict Y : “likes Pokémon”

	X_1		X_2	
Y	0	1	0	1
0	3	10	5	8
1	4	13	7	10

Training data counts

	X_1	
Y	0	1
0	0.27	0.73
1	0.26	0.74

	X_2	
Y	0	1
0	0.40	0.60
1	0.42	0.58

	Y
0	14/32 \approx 0.44
1	18/32 \approx 0.56

Training MAP estimates: just count + imaginary trials.

$$\hat{P}(X_i = x|Y = y) = \frac{\#(X_i = x, Y = y) + 1}{\#(Y = y) + 2}$$

$$\hat{P}(Y = y) = \frac{\#(Y = y) + 1}{n + 2}$$

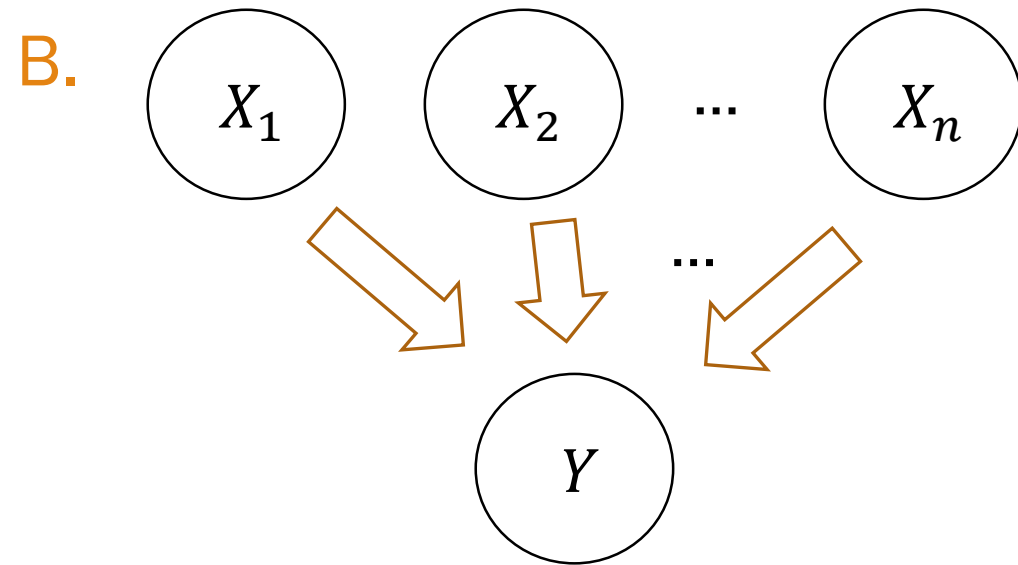
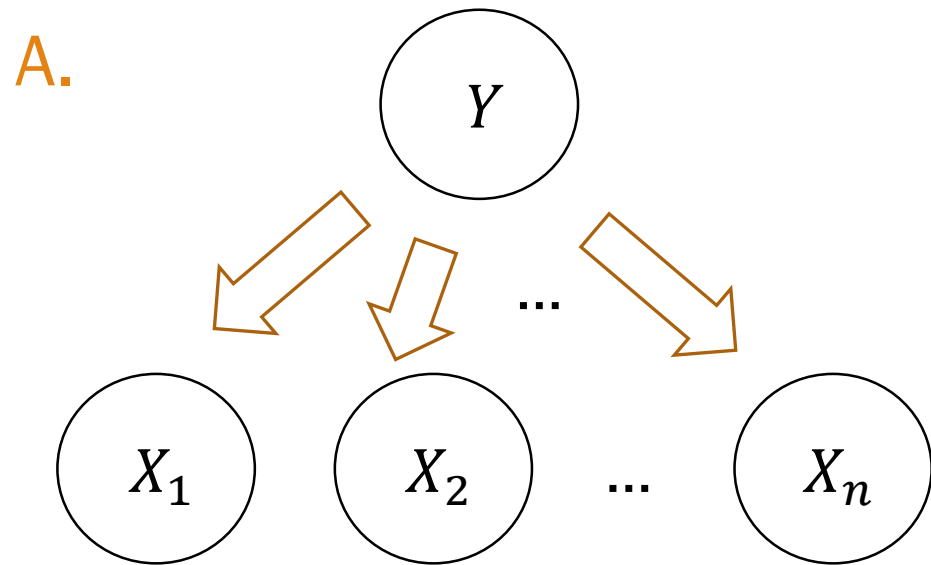
Naïve Bayes Model is a Bayesian Network

$$\hat{Y} = \arg \max_{y=\{0,1\}} \left(\prod_{i=1}^m \hat{P}(X_i|Y) \right) \hat{P}(Y)$$

Naïve Bayes
Assumption

$$P(\mathbf{X}|Y) = \prod_{i=1}^m P(X_i|Y) \quad \Rightarrow \quad P(\mathbf{X}, Y) = P(Y) \prod_{i=1}^m P(X_i|Y)$$

Which Bayesian Network encodes this conditional independence?



Extra slides

Naïve Bayes with spam classification

What is Bayes doing in my mail server?

From: Abey Chavez [tristramu@deleteddomains.com] Sent: Sat 5/22/06 10:48 AM
To: sahami@robotics.stanford.edu
Cc:
Subject: For excellent metabolism

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Cialis Professional Our price \$4.17	Viagra Super Active Our price \$2.82	Cialis Super Active Our price \$3.66
Levitra Our price \$2.93	Viagra Soft Tabs Our price \$1.64	Cialis Soft Tabs Our price \$3.51

And more...

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Let's get Bayesian on your spam:

Content analysis details: (49.5 hits, 7.0 required)

- 0.9 RCVD_IN_PBL RBL: Received via a relay in Spamhaus PBL [93.40.189.29 listed in zen.spamhaus.org]
- 1.5 URIBL_WS_SURBL Contains an URL listed in the WS SURBL blocklist [URIs: recragas.cn]
- 5.0 URIBL_JP_SURBL Contains an URL listed in the JP SURBL blocklist [URIs: recragas.cn]
- 5.0 URIBL_OB_SURBL Contains an URL listed in the OB SURBL blocklist [URIs: recragas.cn]
- 5.0 URIBL_SC_SURBL Contains an URL listed in the SC SURBL blocklist [URIs: recragas.cn]
- 2.0 URIBL_BLACK Contains an URL listed in the URIBL blacklist [URIs: recragas.cn]
- 8.0 BAYES_99 BODY: Bayesian spam probability is 99 to 100% [score: 1.0000]**

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. Least the junk mail not only wastes user time, but

Email classification

Goal Based on email content \mathbf{X} , predict if email is spam or not.

Features Consider a lexicon m words (for English: $m \approx 100,000$).

$\mathbf{X} = (X_1, X_2, \dots, X_m)$, m indicator variables

$X_i = 1$ if word i appeared in document

Output $Y = 1$ if email is spam

Note: m is huge. Make Naïve Bayes assumption: $P(\mathbf{X}|\text{spam}) = \prod_{i=1}^m P(X_i|\text{spam})$

Appearances of words in email are conditionally independent
given the email is spam or not

Naïve Bayes Email classification

Train set n previous emails $(\mathbf{x}^{(1)}, y^{(1)}), (\mathbf{x}^{(2)}, y^{(2)}), \dots, (\mathbf{x}^{(n)}, y^{(n)})$

$\mathbf{x}^{(j)} = (x_1^{(j)}, x_2^{(j)}, \dots, x_m^{(j)})$ for each word, whether it appears in email j

$y^{(j)} = 1$ if spam, 0 if not spam

Training

Estimate probabilities

$\hat{P}(Y)$ and $\hat{P}(X_i|Y)$ for all i

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- Many words are likely to not appear at all in the training set, so we want to avoid 0 probabilities.
- Laplace estimate is simple.

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Laplace estimate: $\hat{P}(X_i = 1|Y = \text{spam}) = \frac{(\# \text{ spam emails with word } i) + 1}{(\text{total } \# \text{ spam emails}) + 2}$

Testing (Classification)

For a new email: • Generate $\mathbf{X} = (X_1, X_2, \dots, X_m)$
• Classify as spam or not using Naïve Bayes assumption

$$\hat{Y} = \arg \max_{y=\{0,1\}} \left(\log \hat{P}(Y) + \sum_{i=1}^m \log \hat{P}(X_i|Y) \right)$$

Use logs for numeric stability

How well does Naïve Bayes perform?

After training, you can test with another set of data, called the **test set**.

- Test set also has known values for Y so we can see how often we were right/wrong in our predictions \hat{Y} .

Typical work flow:

- Have a dataset of 1789 emails (1578 spam, 211 ham)
- Train set: First 1538 emails (by time)
- Test set: Next 251 messages

Evaluation criteria on test set:

$$\text{precision} = \frac{(\# \text{ correctly predicted class } Y)}{(\# \text{ predicted class } Y)}$$

$$\text{recall} = \frac{(\# \text{ correctly predicted class } Y)}{(\# \text{ real class } Y \text{ messages})}$$

	Spam		Non-spam	
	Prec.	Recall	Prec.	Recall
Words only	97.1%	94.3%	87.7%	93.4%
Words + addtl features	100%	98.3%	96.2%	100%