

Naive Bayes Text Classification

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Outline

Basic Probability and Notation

Bayes Law and Naive Bayes Classification

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Summary

Crash Course in Basic Probability

Discrete Random Variable

- A is a discrete random variable if:
 - ▶ A describes an event with a finite number of possible outcomes (**discrete** vs continuous)
 - ▶ A describes an event whose outcomes have some degree of uncertainty (**random** vs. pre-determined)

Discrete Random Variables

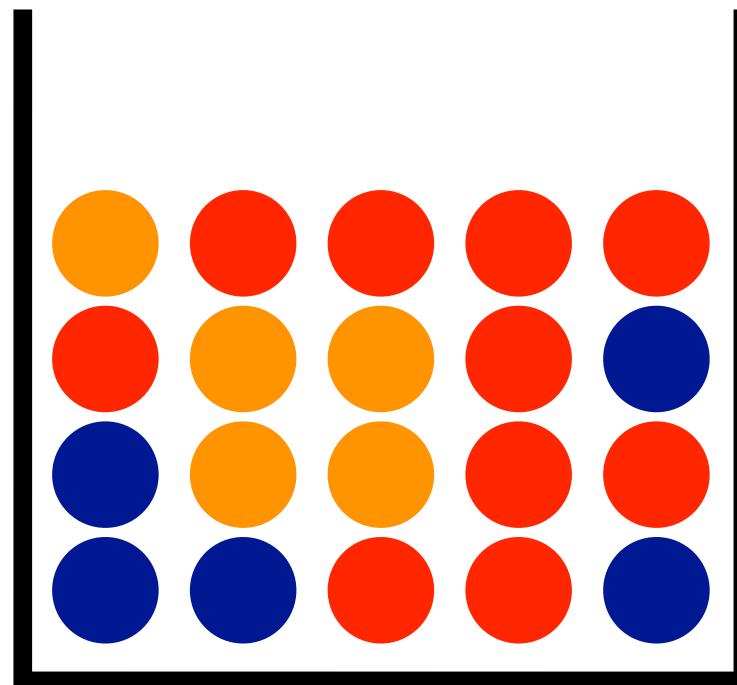
Examples

- A = the outcome of a coin-flip
 - ▶ outcomes: heads, tails
- A = it will rain tomorrow
 - ▶ outcomes: rain, no rain
- A = you have the flu
 - ▶ outcomes: flu, no flu
- A = your final grade in this class
 - ▶ outcomes: F, L, P, H

Discrete Random Variables

Examples

- A = the color of a ball pulled out from this bag
 - ▶ outcomes: RED, BLUE, ORANGE

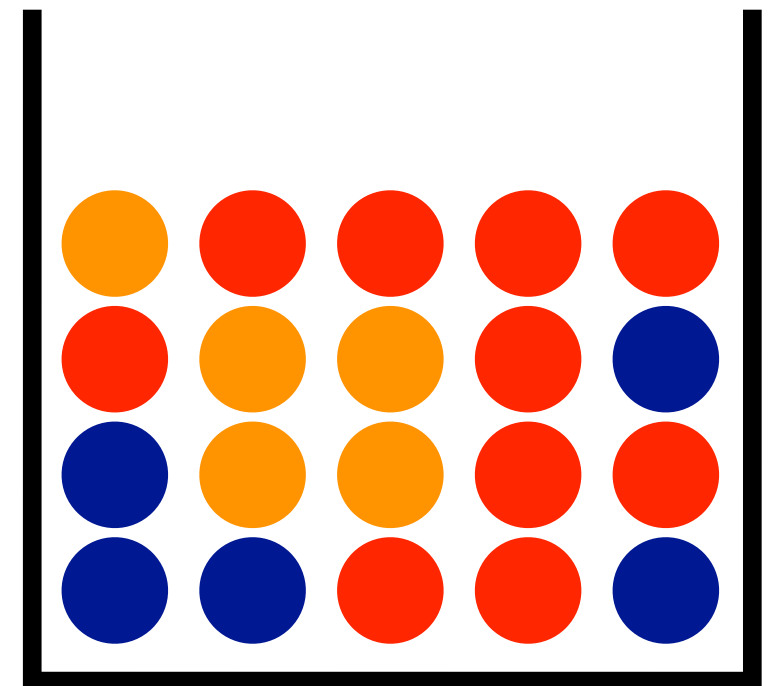


Probabilities

- Let $P(A=X)$ denote the probability that the outcome of event A equals X
- For simplicity, we often express $P(A=X)$ as $P(X)$
- Ex: $P(\text{RAIN})$, $P(\text{NO RAIN})$, $P(\text{FLU})$, $P(\text{NO FLU})$, ...

Probability Distribution

- A **probability distribution** gives the probability of each possible outcome of a random variable
- $P(\text{RED})$ = probability of pulling out a **red** ball
- $P(\text{BLUE})$ = probability of pulling out a **blue** ball
- $P(\text{ORANGE})$ = probability of pulling out an **orange** ball



Probability Distribution

- For it to be a probability distribution, two conditions must be satisfied:
 - ▶ the probability assigned to each possible outcome must be between 0 and 1 (inclusive)
 - ▶ the sum of probabilities assigned to all outcomes must equal 1

$$0 \leq P(\text{RED}) \leq 1$$

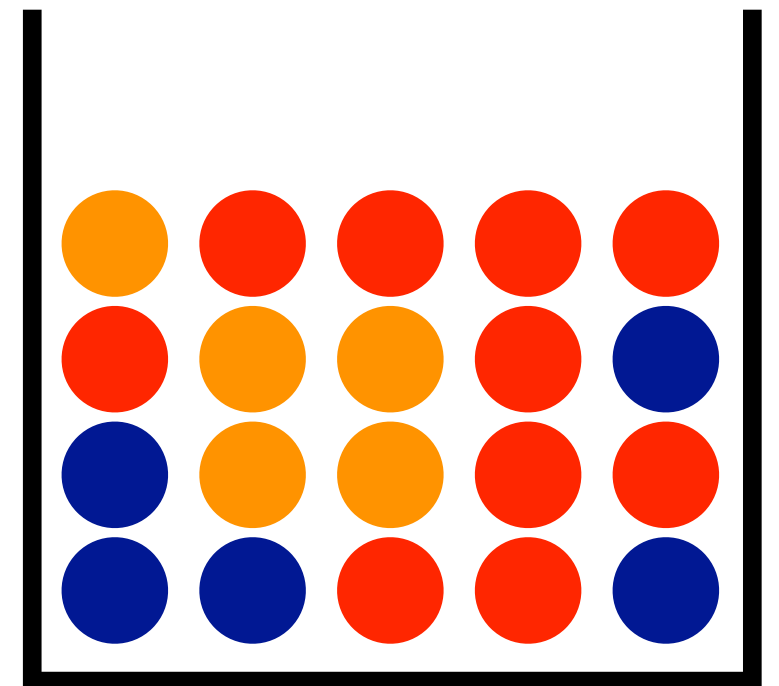
$$0 \leq P(\text{BLUE}) \leq 1$$

$$0 \leq P(\text{ORANGE}) \leq 1$$

$$P(\text{RED}) + P(\text{BLUE}) + P(\text{ORANGE}) = 1$$

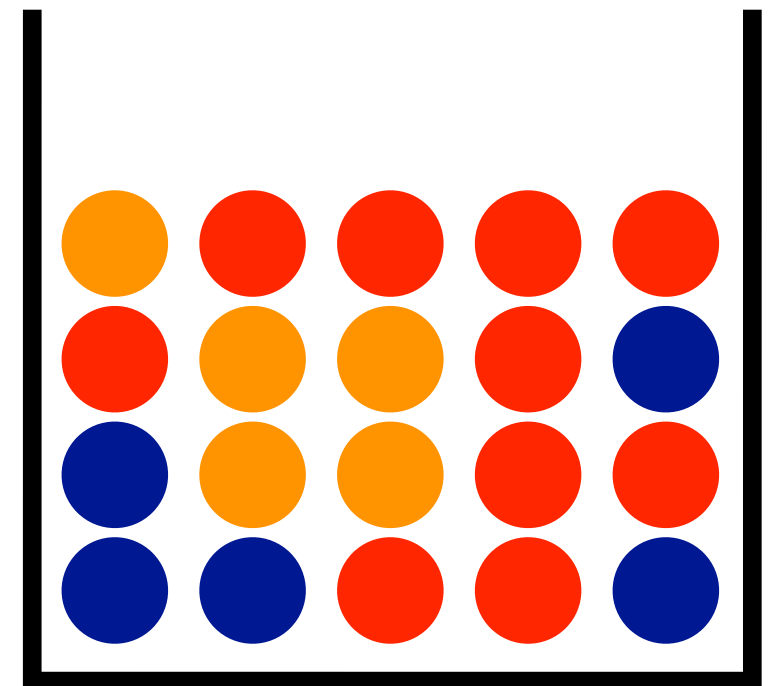
Probability Distribution Estimation

- Let's estimate these probabilities based on what we know about the contents of the bag
- $P(\text{RED}) = ?$
- $P(\text{BLUE}) = ?$
- $P(\text{ORANGE}) = ?$



Probability Distribution estimation

- Let's estimate these probabilities based on what we know about the contents of the bag
- $P(\text{RED}) = 10/20 = 0.5$
- $P(\text{BLUE}) = 5/20 = 0.25$
- $P(\text{ORANGE}) = 5/20 = 0.25$
- $P(\text{RED}) + P(\text{BLUE}) + P(\text{ORANGE}) = 1.0$



Probability Distribution

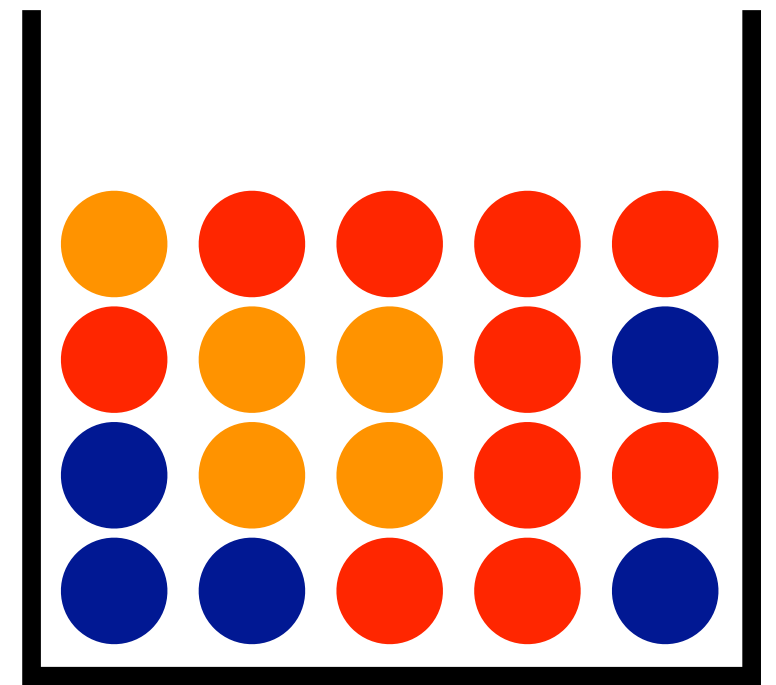
assigning probabilities to outcomes

- Given a probability distribution, we can assign probabilities to different outcomes
- I reach into the bag and pull out an orange ball. What is the probability of that happening?
- I reach into the bag and pull out two balls: one red, one blue. What is the probability of that happening?
- What about three orange balls?

$$P(\text{RED}) = 0.5$$

$$P(\text{BLUE}) = 0.25$$

$$P(\text{ORANGE}) = 0.25$$



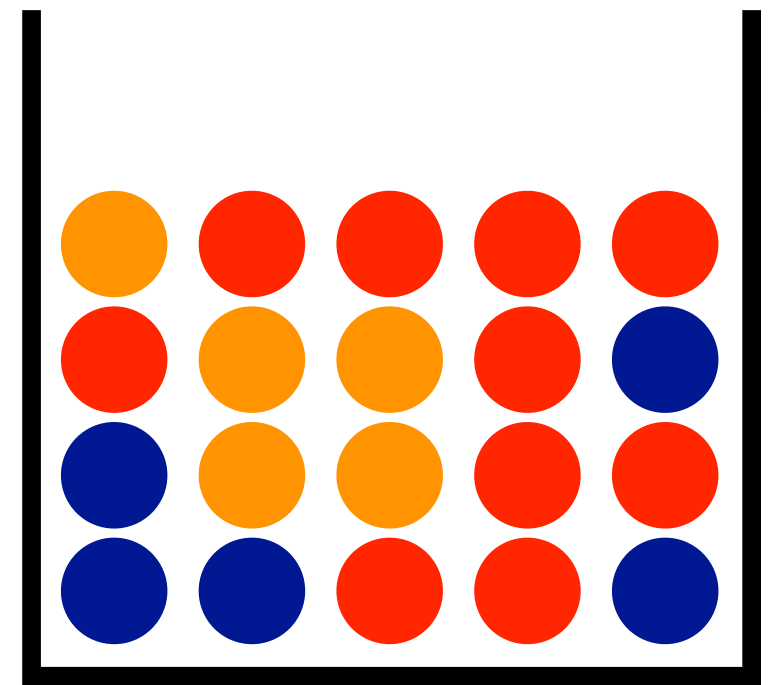
What can we do with a probability distribution?

- If we assume that each outcome is independent of previous outcomes, then the probability of a sequence of outcomes is calculated by multiplying the individual probabilities
- **Note:** we're assuming that when you take out a ball, you put it back in the bag before taking another

$$P(\text{RED}) = 0.5$$

$$P(\text{BLUE}) = 0.25$$

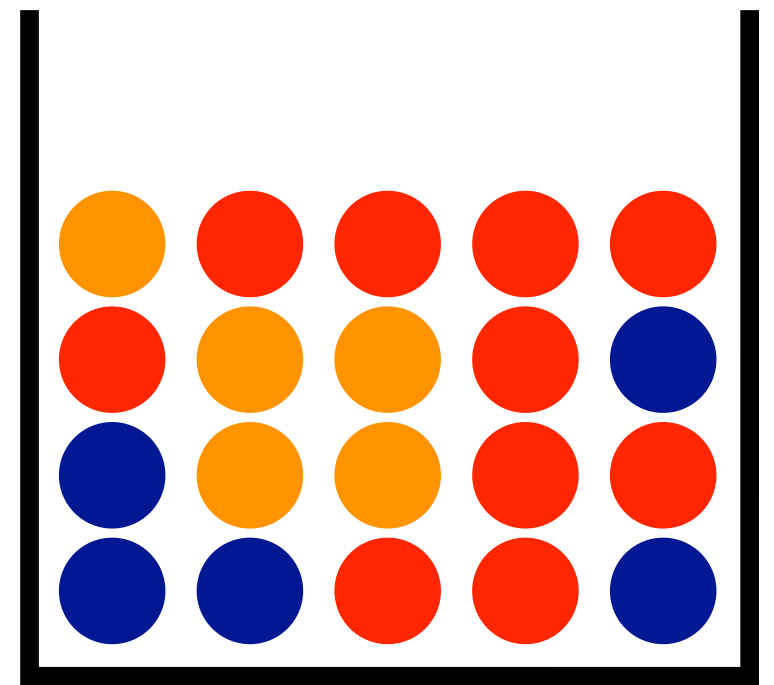
$$P(\text{ORANGE}) = 0.25$$



What can we do with a probability distribution?

- $P(\text{●}) = ??$
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$$P(\text{RED}) = 0.5$$
$$P(\text{BLUE}) = 0.25$$
$$P(\text{ORANGE}) = 0.25$$



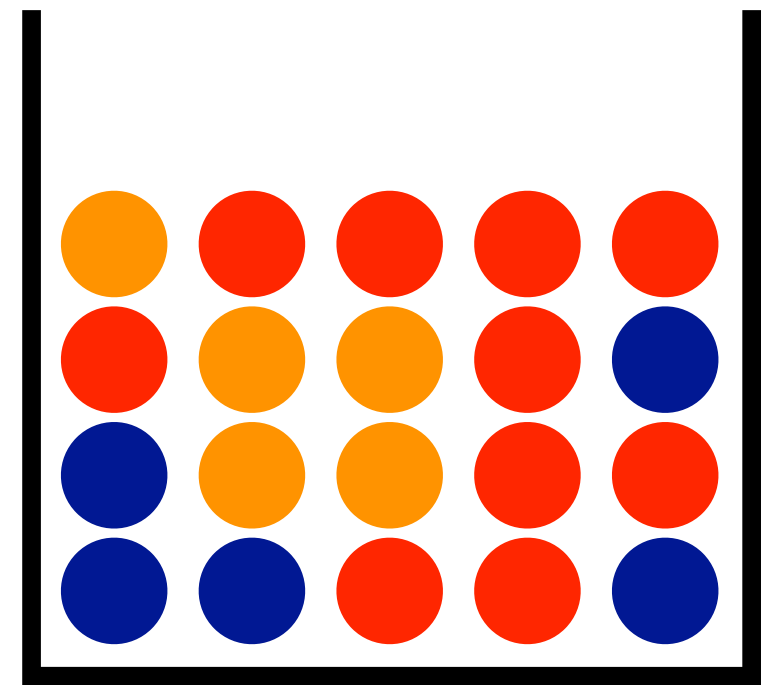
What can we do with a probability distribution?

- $P(\text{●}) = 0.25$
- $P(\text{●}) = 0.5$
- $P(\text{●} \text{ ●} \text{ ●}) = 0.25 \times 0.25 \times 0.25$
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$$P(\text{RED}) = 0.5$$

$$P(\text{BLUE}) = 0.25$$

$$P(\text{ORANGE}) = 0.25$$



Conditional Probability

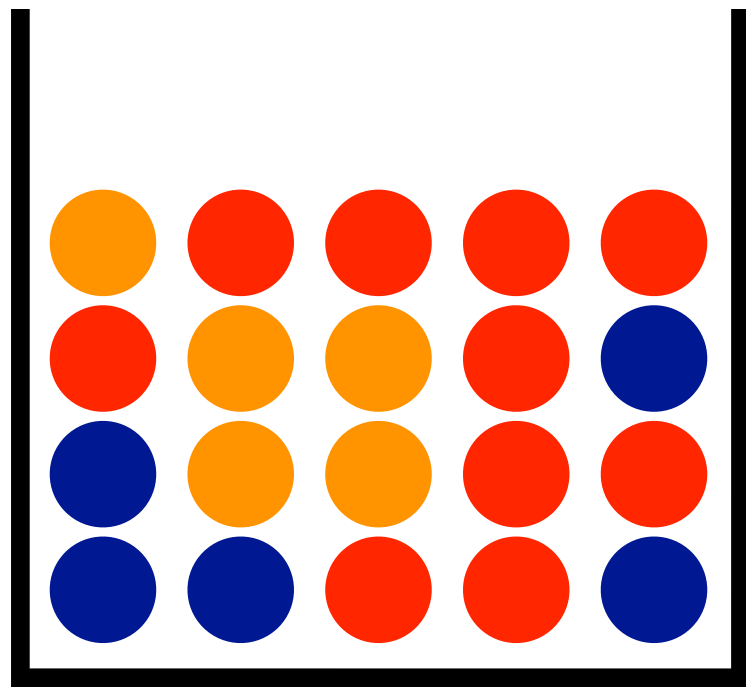
- $P(A,B)$: the probability that event A and event B both occur
- $P(A|B)$: the probability of event A occurring given prior knowledge that event B occurred

Conditional Probability

$$P(\text{RED}) = 0.50$$

$$P(\text{BLUE}) = 0.25$$

$$P(\text{ORANGE}) = 0.25$$



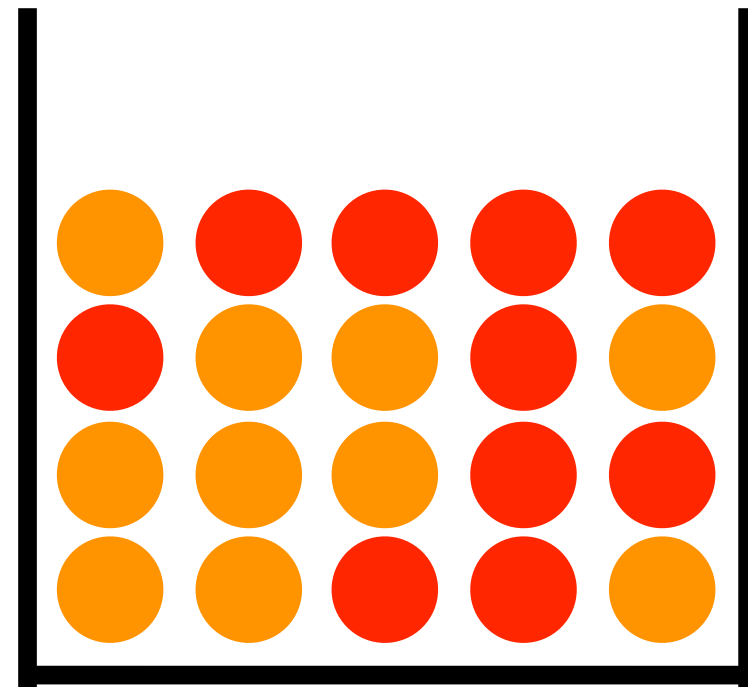
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- $P(\text{Blue circle} \mid A) = ??$
- $P(\text{Red circle} \mid A) = ??$
- $P(\text{Orange circle, Orange circle, Orange circle} \mid A) = ??$

$$P(\text{RED}) = 0.50$$

$$P(\text{BLUE}) = 0.00$$

$$P(\text{ORANGE}) = 0.50$$



B

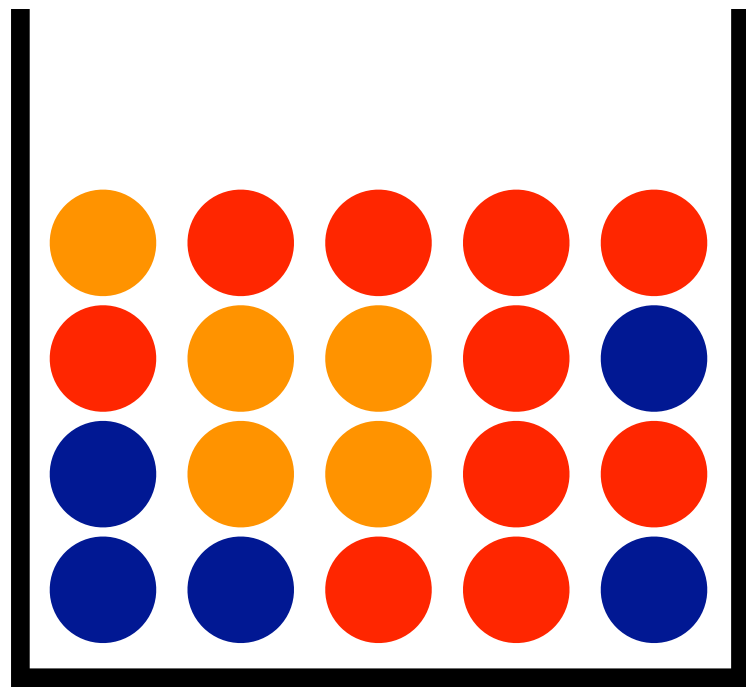
- $P(\text{Blue circle} \mid B) = ??$
- $P(\text{Red circle, Orange circle} \mid B) = ??$
- $P(\text{Orange circle, Red circle, Blue circle} \mid B) = ??$

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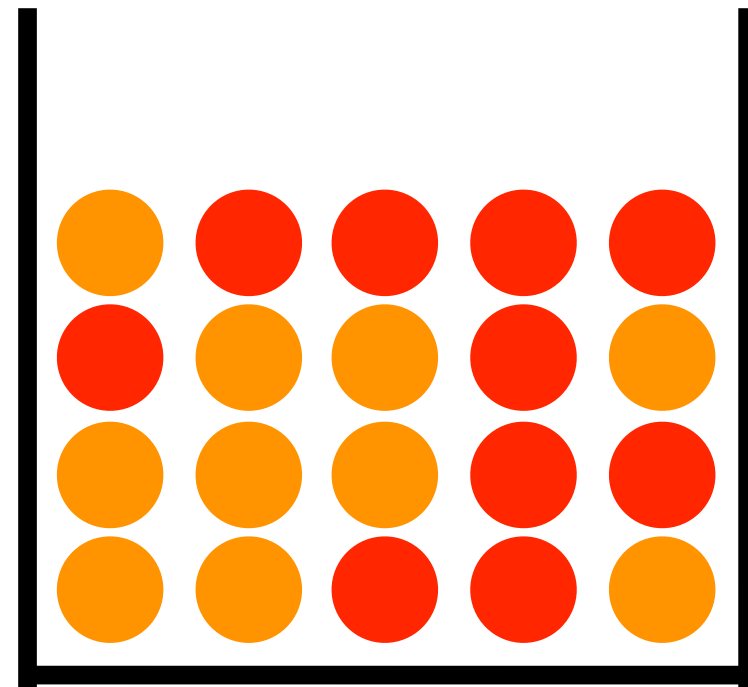
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- $P(\text{Blue circle} \mid A) = 0.25$
- $P(\text{Red circle} \mid A) = 0.50$
- $P(\text{Orange circle, Orange circle, Orange circle} \mid A) = 0.016$

$$P(\text{RED}) = 0.50$$

$$P(\text{BLUE}) = 0.00$$

$$P(\text{ORANGE}) = 0.50$$



B

- $P(\text{Blue circle} \mid B) = 0.00$
- $P(\text{Red circle, Orange circle} \mid B) = 0.25$
- $P(\text{Orange circle, Red circle, Blue circle} \mid B) = 0.00$

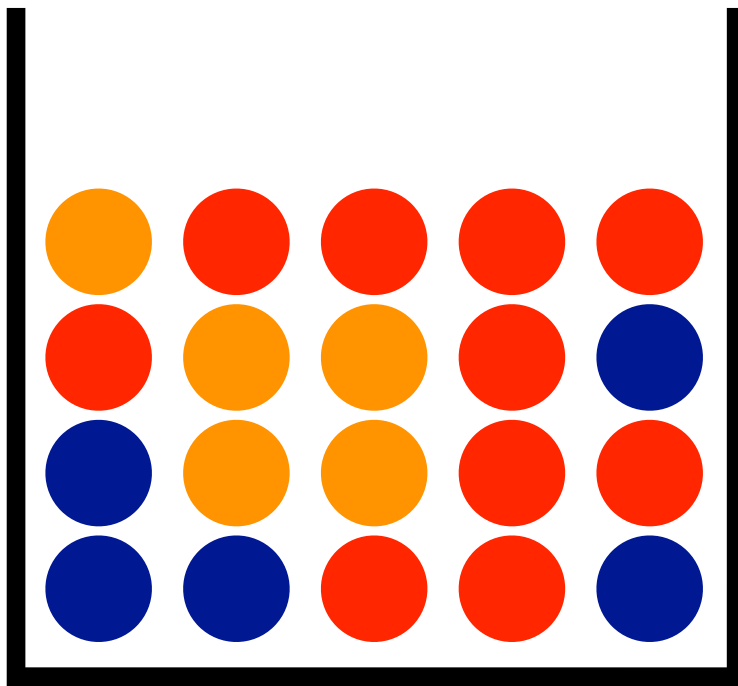
Chain Rule

- $P(A, B) = P(A|B) \times P(B)$
- Example:
 - ▶ probability that it will rain today (B) and tomorrow (A)
 - ▶ probability that it will rain today (B)
 - ▶ probability that it will rain tomorrow (A) given that it will rain today (B)

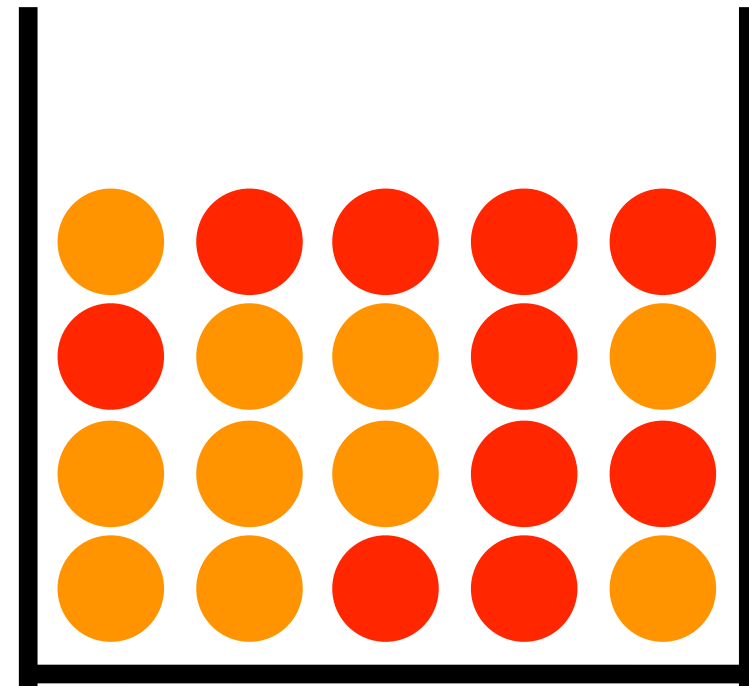
Independence

- $P(A, B) = P(A|B) \times P(B) = P(A) \times P(B)$
- Example:
 - ▶ probability that it will rain today (**B**) and tomorrow (**A**)
 - ▶ probability that it will rain today (**B**)
 - ▶ probability that it will rain tomorrow (**A**) given that it will rain today (**B**)
 - ▶ probability that it will rain tomorrow (**A**)

Independence



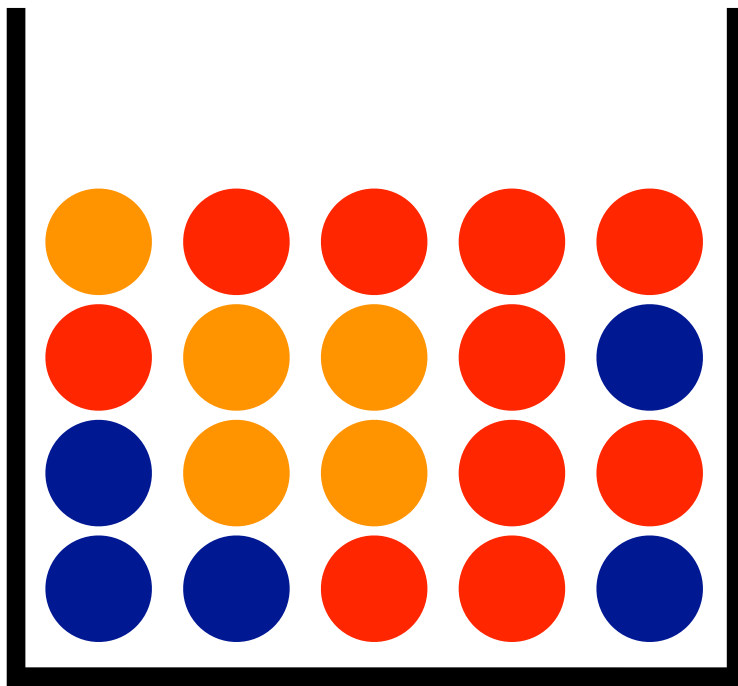
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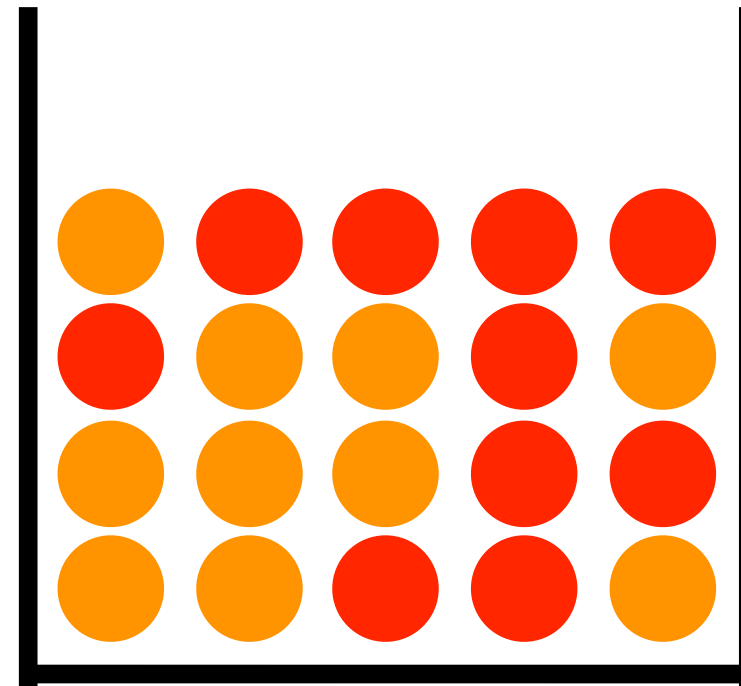
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$$P(\text{Blue} | A) \neq P(\text{Blue})$$

Independence



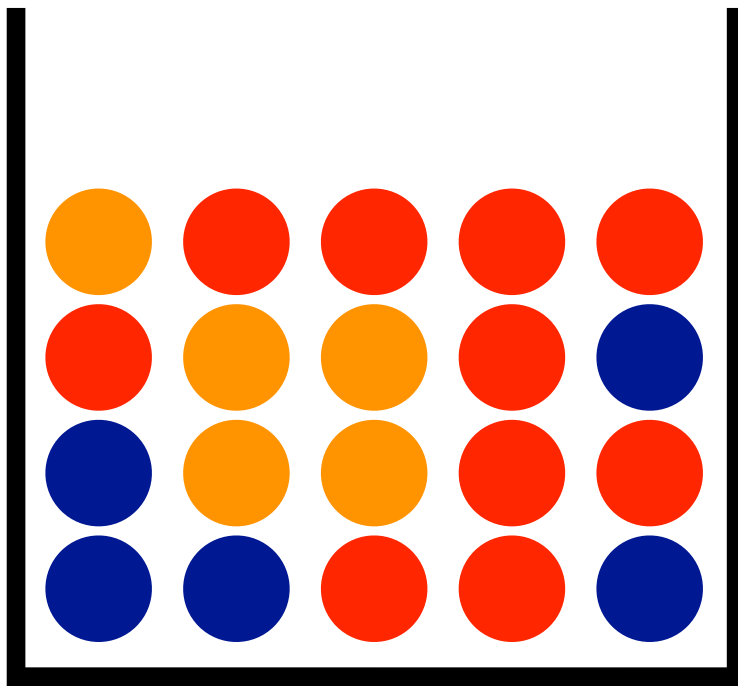
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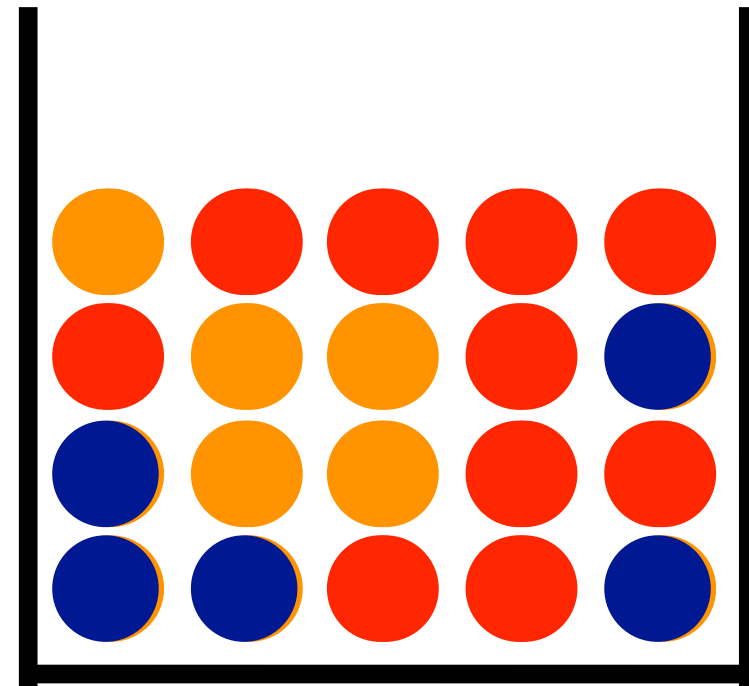
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$$P(\text{Blue} \mid A) > P(\text{Blue})$$

Independence



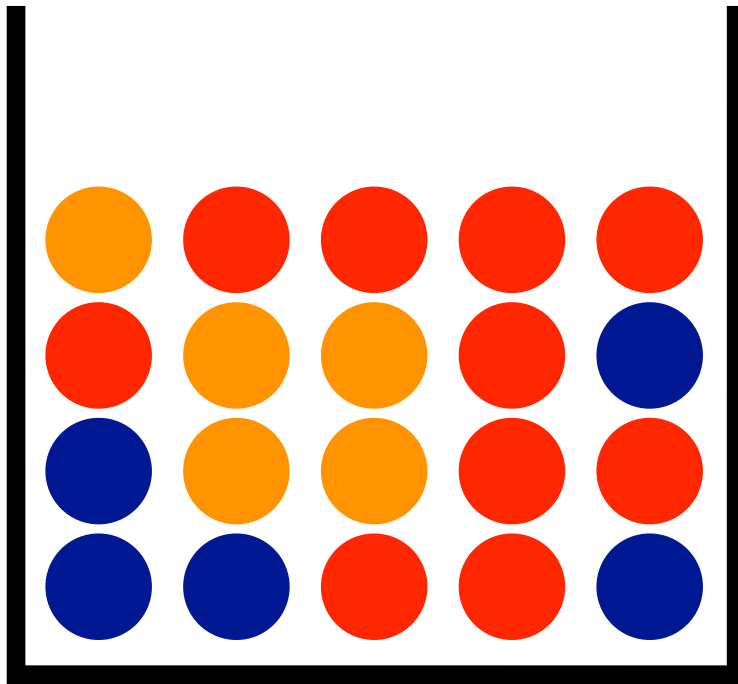
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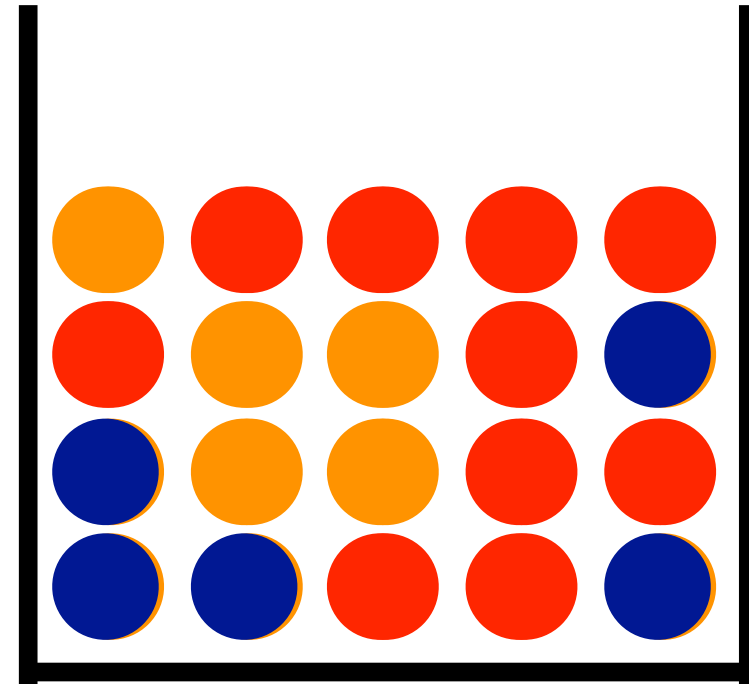
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$$P(\text{Blue} | A) \neq P(\text{Blue})$$

Independence



A



B

$$P(\text{Blue} | A) = P(\text{Blue})$$

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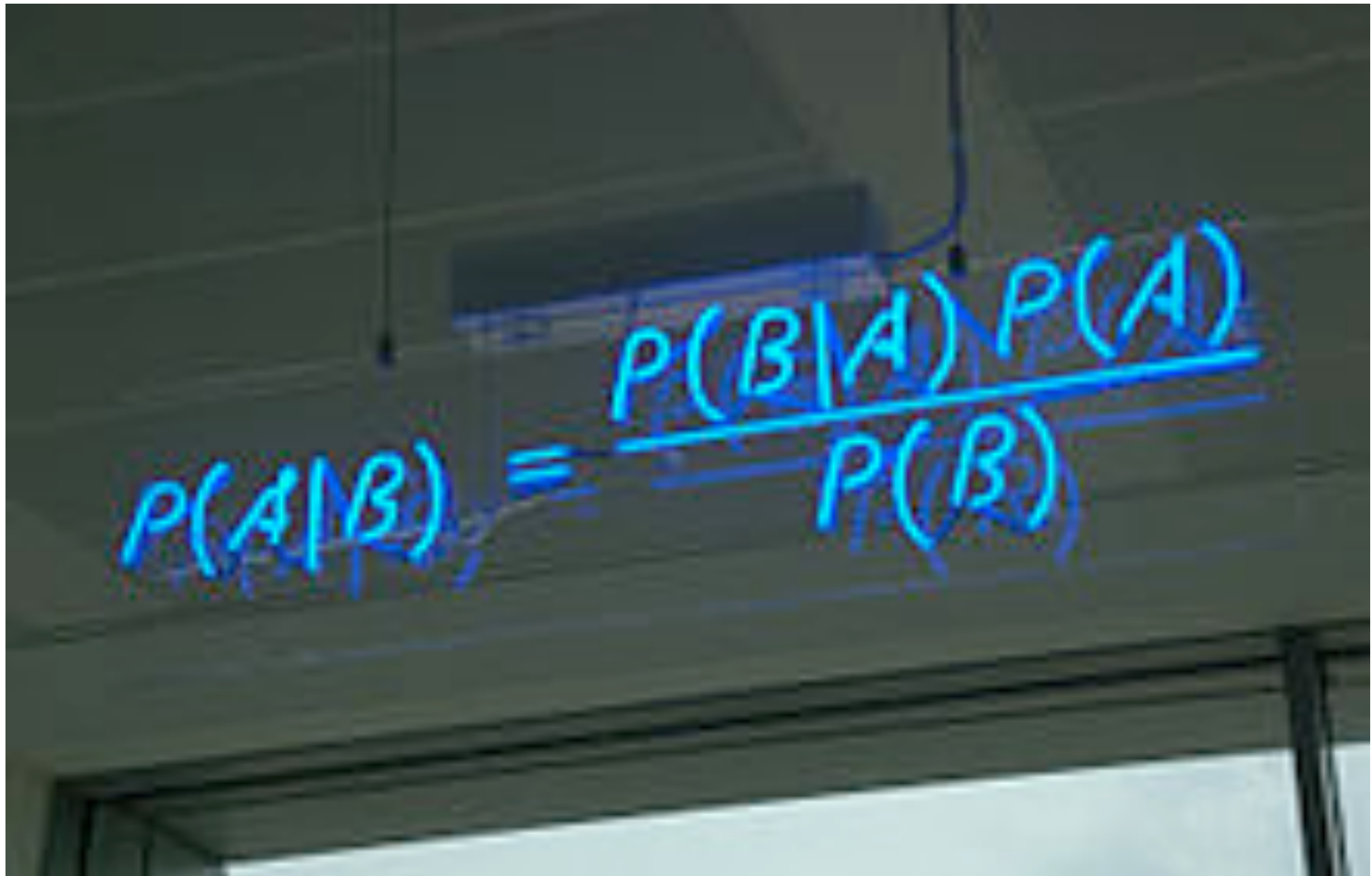
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Summary

Bayes' Law



A photograph of a chalkboard with the formula for Bayes' Law written in blue chalk. The formula is $P(A|B) = \frac{P(B|A)P(A)}{P(B)}$. The chalkboard is dark, and the handwriting is clear. The formula is written in a slightly slanted, handwritten style. The background shows some ceiling lights and a whiteboard at the bottom.

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

Bayes' Law

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

Derivation of Bayes' Law

$$P(A, B) = P(A, B)$$

Always true!

$$P(A|B) \times P(B) = P(B|A) \times P(A)$$

Chain Rule!

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

Divide both
sides by P(B)!

Naive Bayes Classification

example: positive/negative movie reviews

Bayes Rule

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

Confidence of
POS prediction
given instance D

$$P(POS|D) = \frac{P(D|POS) \times P(POS)}{P(D)}$$

Confidence of
NEG prediction
given instance D

$$P(NEG|D) = \frac{P(D|NEG) \times P(NEG)}{P(D)}$$

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- Given instance D , predict positive (**POS**) if:

$$P(POS|D) \geq P(NEG|D)$$

- Otherwise, predict negative (**NEG**)

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- Given instance D , predict positive (**POS**) if:

$$\frac{P(D|POS) \times P(POS)}{P(D)} \geq \frac{P(D|NEG) \times P(NEG)}{P(D)}$$

- Otherwise, predict negative (**NEG**)

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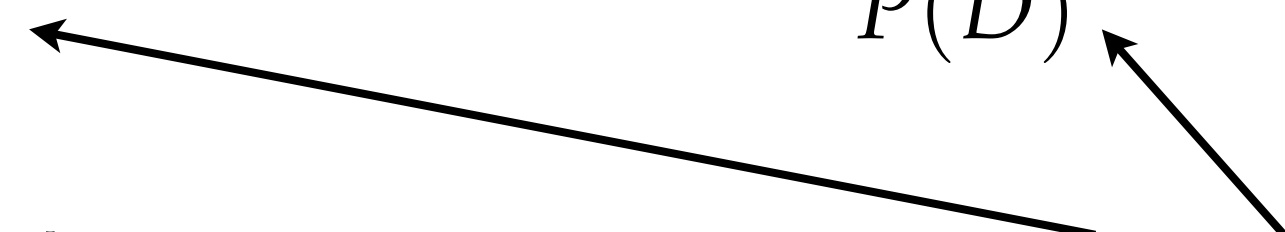
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- Given instance D , predict positive (**POS**) if:

$$\frac{P(D|POS) \times P(POS)}{P(D)} \geq \frac{P(D|NEG) \times P(NEG)}{P(D)}$$

- Otherwise, predict negative (**NEG**)

Are these
necessary?



Naive Bayes Classification

example: positive/negative movie reviews

- Given instance D , predict positive (**POS**) if:

$$P(D|POS) \times P(POS) \geq P(D|NEG) \times P(NEG)$$


- Otherwise, predict negative (**NEG**)

Naive Bayes Classification

example: positive/negative movie reviews


- Our next goal is to estimate these parameters from the training data!

- $P(\text{NEG}) = ??$
- $P(\text{POS}) = ??$



A rectangular box with a black border and a slight drop shadow, containing the text "Easy!". Two black arrows originate from the left side of the box. One arrow points diagonally up and to the left towards the expression $P(\text{NEG}) = ??$. The other arrow points diagonally down and to the left towards the expression $P(\text{POS}) = ??$.

- $P(D|\text{NEG}) = ??$
- $P(D|\text{POS}) = ??$



A rectangular box with a black border and a slight drop shadow, containing the text "Not so easy!". Two black arrows originate from the left side of the box. One arrow points diagonally up and to the left towards the expression $P(D|\text{NEG}) = ??$. The other arrow points diagonally down and to the left towards the expression $P(D|\text{POS}) = ??$.

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example: positive/negative movie reviews

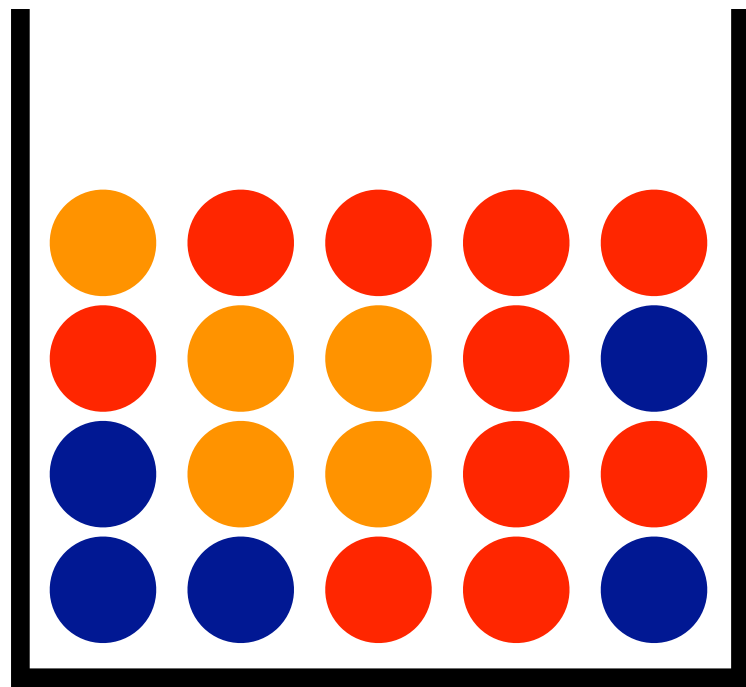
- Our next goal is to estimate these parameters from the training data!
- $P(\text{NEG})$ = % of training set documents that are **NEG**
- $P(\text{POS})$ = % of training set documents that are **POS**
- $P(D|\text{NEG}) = ??$
- $P(D|\text{POS}) = ??$

Remember Conditional Probability?

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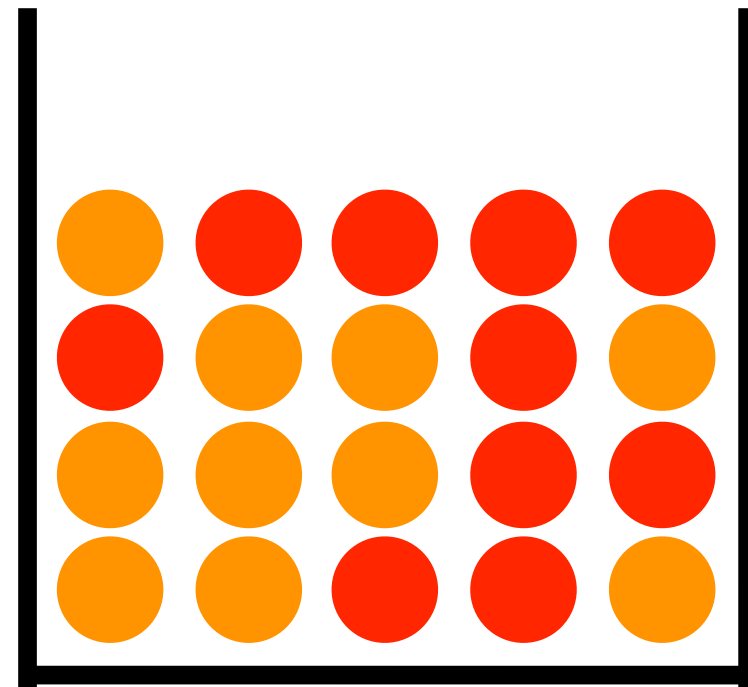
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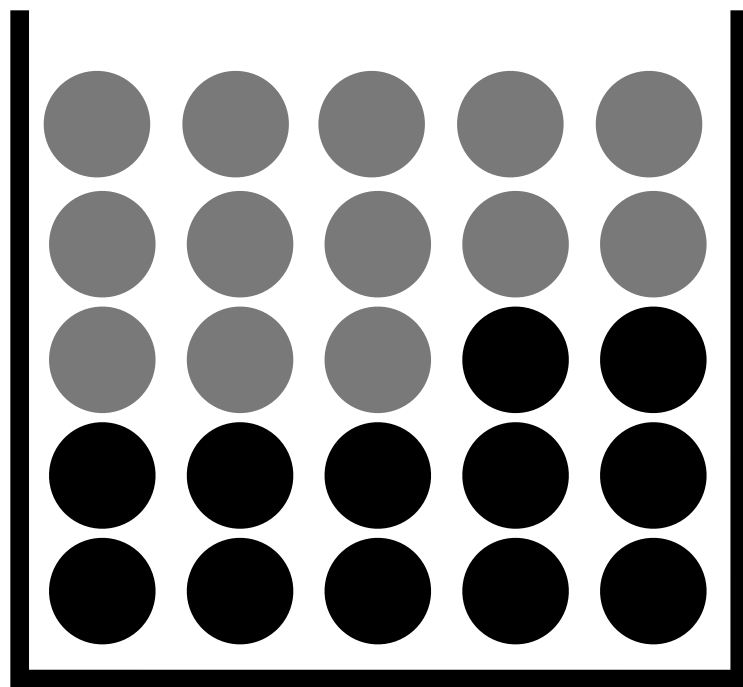


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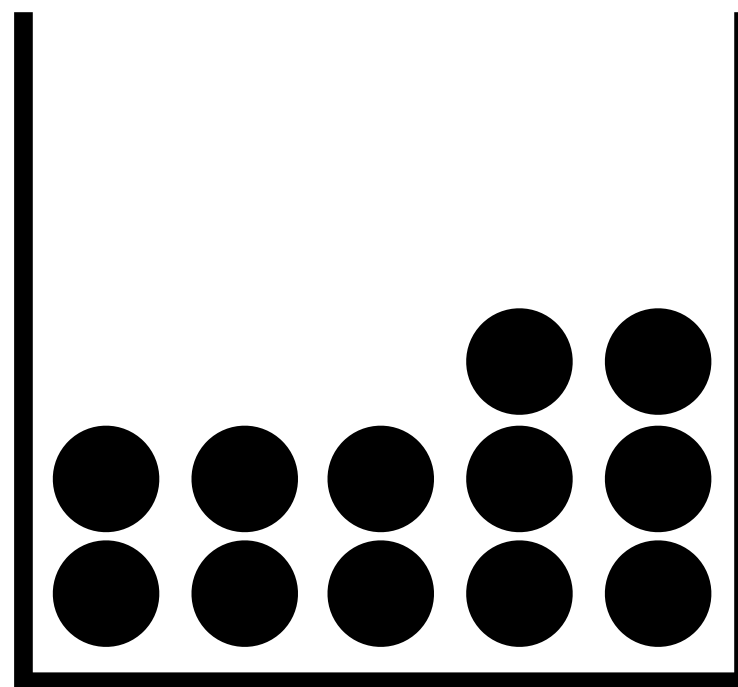
- $P(\text{Blue} \mid B) = 0.00$
- $P(\text{Red} \mid B) = 0.50$
- $P(\text{Orange} \mid B) = 0.50$

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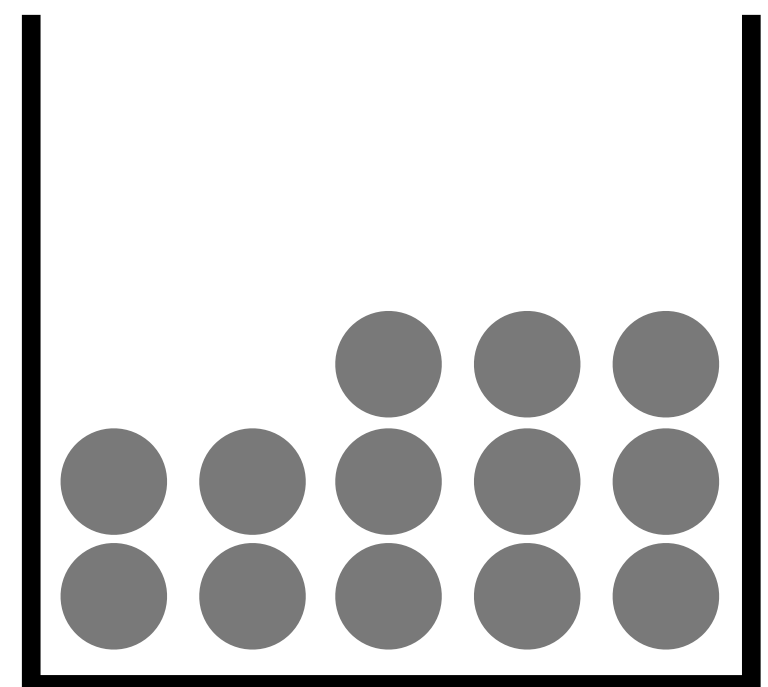
example: positive/negative movie reviews



Training
Instances



Positive Training
Instances



Negative Training
Instances

$$P(D | \text{POS}) = ??$$

$$P(D | \text{NEG}) = ??$$

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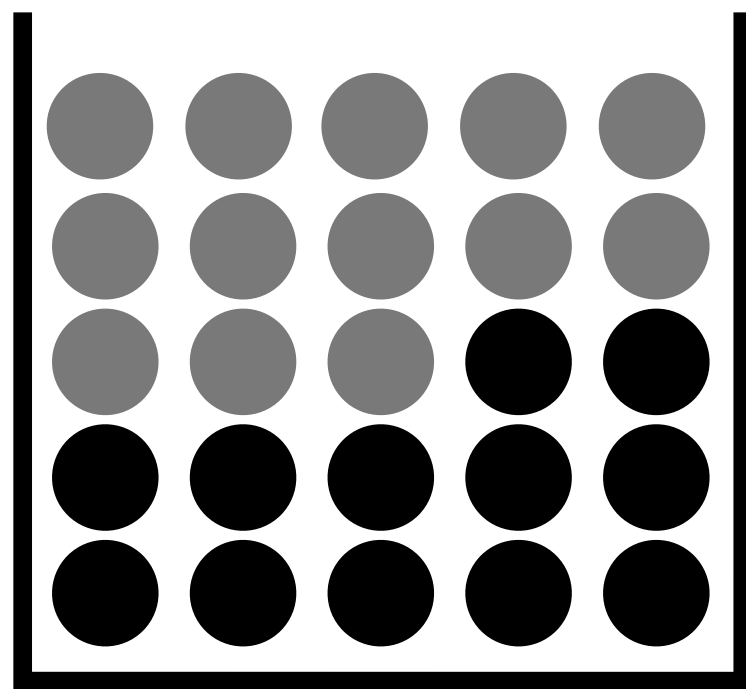
example: positive/negative movie reviews

w_1	w_2	w_3	w_4	w_5	w_6	w_7	w_8	...	w_n	sentiment
1	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	...	0	positive
0	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	...	0	positive
0	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	...	0	positive
0	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	...	1	positive
⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	...	⋮	⋮
1	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	...	1	positive

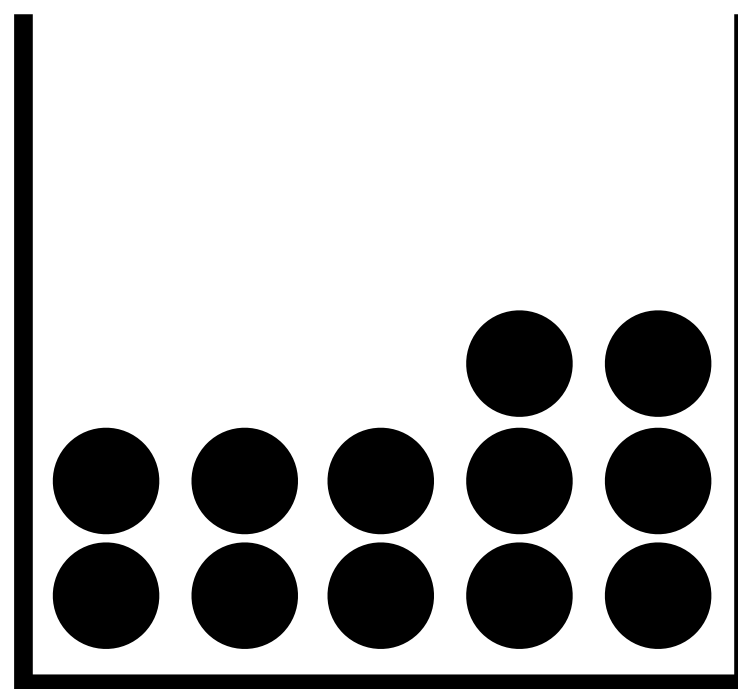
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- We have a problem! What is it?

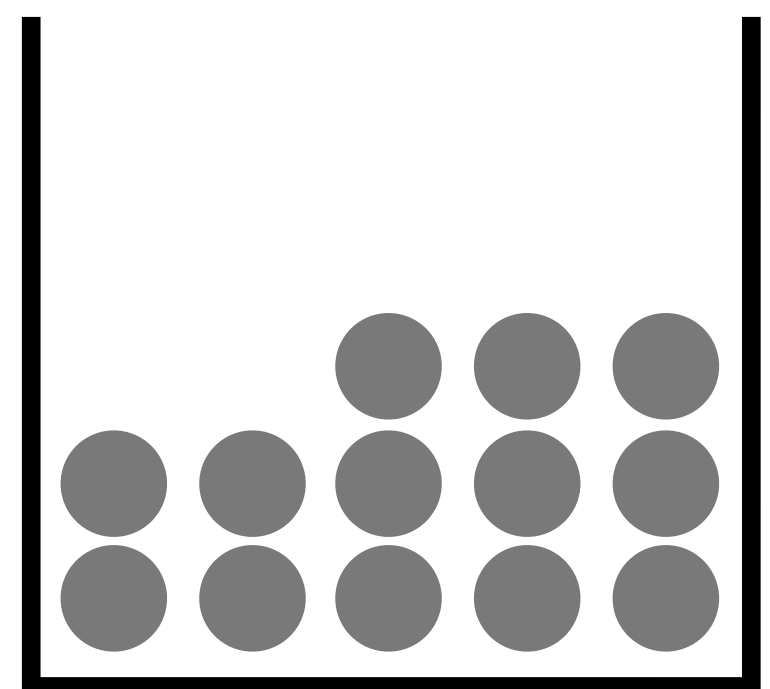


Training
Instances



Positive Training
Instances

$$P(D | \text{POS}) = ??$$



Negative Training
Instances

$$P(D | \text{NEG}) = ??$$

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example: positive/negative movie reviews

- We have a problem! What is it?
- Assuming n binary features, the number of possible combinations is 2^n
- $2^{1000} = 1.071509e+301$
- And in order to estimate the probability of each combination, we would require multiple occurrences of each combination in the training data!
- We could never have enough training data to reliably estimate $P(D|NEG)$ or $P(D|POS)$!

Naive Bayes Classification

example: positive/negative movie reviews

- **Assumption:** given a particular class value (i.e, **POS** or **NEG**), the value of a particular feature is independent of the value of other features
- In other words, the value of a particular feature is only dependent on the class value

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example: positive/negative movie reviews

w_1	w_2	w_3	w_4	w_5	w_6	w_7	w_8	...	w_n	sentiment
1	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	...	0	positive
0	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	...	0	positive
0	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	...	0	positive
0	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	...	1	positive
⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	...	⋮	⋮
1	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	...	1	positive

Naive Bayes Classification

example: positive/negative movie reviews

- **Assumption:** given a particular class value (i.e, **POS** or **NEG**), the value of a particular feature is independent of the value of other features

- **Example:** we have seven features and $D = \mathbf{1011011}$

- $P(\mathbf{1011011} | \text{POS}) =$

$$P(w_1=\mathbf{1} | \text{POS}) \times P(w_2=\mathbf{0} | \text{POS}) \times P(w_3=\mathbf{1} | \text{POS}) \times P(w_4=\mathbf{1} | \text{POS}) \times P(w_5=\mathbf{0} | \text{POS}) \times P(w_6=\mathbf{1} | \text{POS}) \times P(w_7=\mathbf{1} | \text{POS})$$

- $P(\mathbf{1011011} | \text{NEG}) =$

$$P(w_1=\mathbf{1} | \text{NEG}) \times P(w_2=\mathbf{0} | \text{NEG}) \times P(w_3=\mathbf{1} | \text{NEG}) \times P(w_4=\mathbf{1} | \text{NEG}) \times P(w_5=\mathbf{0} | \text{NEG}) \times P(w_6=\mathbf{1} | \text{NEG}) \times P(w_7=\mathbf{1} | \text{NEG})$$

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example: positive/negative movie reviews

- Question: How do we estimate $P(w_1=1 | \text{POS})$?

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example: positive/negative movie reviews

w_1	w_2	w_3	w_4	w_5	w_6	w_7	w_8	...	w_n	sentiment
1	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	...	0	positive
0	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	...	0	negative
0	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	...	0	negative
0	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	...	1	positive
⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	...	⋮	⋮
1	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	...	1	negative

Naive Bayes Classification

example: positive/negative movie reviews

- Question: How do we estimate $P(w_1=1 | \text{POS})$?

	POS	NEG
$w_1 = 1$	a	b
$w_1 = 0$	c	d

$P(w_1=1 | \text{POS}) = ??$

Naive Bayes Classification

example: positive/negative movie reviews

- Question: How do we estimate $P(w_1=1 | \text{POS})$?

	POS	NEG
$w_1 = 1$	a	b
$w_1 = 0$	c	d

$$P(w_1=1 | \text{POS}) = a / (a + c)$$

Naive Bayes Classification

example: positive/negative movie reviews

- Question: How do we estimate $P(w_1=\mathbf{1}/\mathbf{0} \mid \text{POS/NEG})$?

	POS	NEG
$w_1 = \mathbf{1}$	a	b
$w_1 = \mathbf{0}$	c	d

$$P(w_1=\mathbf{1} \mid \text{POS}) = a / (a + c)$$

$$P(w_1=\mathbf{0} \mid \text{POS}) = ??$$

$$P(w_1=\mathbf{1} \mid \text{NEG}) = ??$$

$$P(w_1=\mathbf{0} \mid \text{NEG}) = ??$$

Naive Bayes Classification

example: positive/negative movie reviews

- Question: How do we estimate $P(w_1=\mathbf{1}/\mathbf{0} \mid \text{POS/NEG})$?

	POS	NEG
$w_1 = \mathbf{1}$	a	b
$w_1 = \mathbf{0}$	c	d

$$P(w_1=\mathbf{1} \mid \text{POS}) = a / (a + c)$$

$$P(w_1=\mathbf{0} \mid \text{POS}) = c / (a + c)$$

$$P(w_1=\mathbf{1} \mid \text{NEG}) = b / (b + d)$$

$$P(w_1=\mathbf{0} \mid \text{NEG}) = d / (b + d)$$

Naive Bayes Classification

example: positive/negative movie reviews

- Question: How do we estimate $P(w_2=1/0 | \text{POS/NEG})$?

	POS	NEG	
$w_2 = 1$	a	b	$P(w_2=1 \text{POS}) = a / (a + c)$
$w_2 = 0$	c	d	$P(w_2=0 \text{POS}) = c / (a + c)$
			$P(w_2=1 \text{NEG}) = b / (b + d)$
			$P(w_2=0 \text{NEG}) = d / (b + d)$

- The value of a, b, c, and d would be different for different features $w_1, w_2, w_3, w_4, w_5, \dots, w_n$

Naive Bayes Classification

example: positive/negative movie reviews

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$$P(D|POS) \times P(POS) \geq P(D|NEG) \times P(NEG)$$

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$$P(w_1=1 | POS) \times P(w_2=0 | POS) \times P(w_3=1 | POS) \times P(w_4=1 | POS) \times \\ P(w_5=0 | POS) \times P(w_6=1 | POS) \times P(w_7=1 | POS) \times P(POS)$$

$$\geq$$

$$P(w_1=1 | NEG) \times P(w_2=0 | NEG) \times P(w_3=1 | NEG) \times P(w_4=1 | NEG) \\ \times P(w_5=0 | NEG) \times P(w_6=1 | NEG) \times P(w_7=1 | NEG) \times P(NEG)$$

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- We still have a problem! What is it?

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\geq

$$P(w_1=1 | \text{NEG}) \times P(w_2=0 | \text{NEG}) \times P(w_3=1 | \text{NEG}) \times P(w_4=1 | \text{NEG}) \\ \times P(w_5=0 | \text{NEG}) \times P(w_6=1 | \text{NEG}) \times P(w_7=1 | \text{NEG}) \times P(\text{NEG})$$

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What if this never happens in the training data?

Smoothing Probability Estimates

- When estimating probabilities, we tend to ...
 - ▶ Over-estimate the probability of observed outcomes
 - ▶ Under-estimate the probability of unobserved outcomes
- The goal of smoothing is to ...
 - ▶ Decrease the probability of observed outcomes
 - ▶ Increase the probability of unobserved outcomes
- It's usually a good idea
- You probably already know this concept!

Smoothing Probability Estimates

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- **YOU:** ????



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- **MOUNTAIN LION:** You should have learned about smoothing by taking INLS 613. Yum!



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$w_1 = \mathbf{1}$	a	b
$w_1 = \mathbf{0}$	c	d

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$$P(w_2=\mathbf{1} \mid \text{POS}) = ??$$

$$P(w_2=\mathbf{0} \mid \text{POS}) = ??$$

$$P(w_2=\mathbf{1} \mid \text{NEG}) = ??$$

$$P(w_2=\mathbf{0} \mid \text{NEG}) = ??$$

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$$P(w_2=\mathbf{1} \mid \text{NEG}) = (b + 1) / (b + d + 2)$$

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Naive Bayes Classification

- Naive Bayes Classifiers are simple, effective, robust, and very popular
- Assumes that feature values are conditionally independent given the target class value
- This assumption does not hold in natural language
- Even so, NB classifiers are very powerful
- Smoothing is necessary in order to avoid zero probabilities