



Naïve Bayes

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Bayes' Rule

- Recall Baye's Rule:

$$P(\text{hypothesis} \mid \text{evidence}) = \frac{P(\text{evidence} \mid \text{hypothesis}) \times P(\text{hypothesis})}{P(\text{evidence})}$$

- Equivalently, we can write:

$$P(Y = y_k \mid X = \mathbf{x}_i) = \frac{P(Y = y_k)P(X = \mathbf{x}_i \mid Y = y_k)}{P(X = \mathbf{x}_i)}$$

where X is a random variable representing the evidence and Y is a random variable for the label (our hypothesis)

- This is actually short for:

$$P(Y = y_k \mid X = \mathbf{x}_i) = \frac{P(Y = y_k)P(X_1 = x_{i,1} \wedge \dots \wedge X_d = x_{i,d} \mid Y = y_k)}{P(X_1 = x_{i,1} \wedge \dots \wedge X_d = x_{i,d})}$$

where X_j denotes the random variable for the j^{th} feature

Naïve Bayes Classifier

Idea: Use the training data to estimate

$$P(X | Y) \text{ and } P(Y) .$$

Then, use Bayes rule to infer $P(Y | X_{\text{new}})$ for new data

Easy to estimate
from data

Impractical, but necessary

$$P(Y = y_k | X = \mathbf{x}_i) = \frac{P(Y = y_k) P(X_1 = x_{i,1} \wedge \dots \wedge X_d = x_{i,d} | Y = y_k)}{P(X_1 = x_{i,1} \wedge \dots \wedge X_d = x_{i,d})}$$

Unnecessary, as it turns out

- Estimating the joint probability distribution

$$P(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_d | Y) \text{ is not practical}$$

Naïve Bayes Classifier

Problem: estimating the joint PD or CPD isn't practical

- Can severely overfit, as we saw before

However, if we make the assumption that the attributes are independent given the class label, estimation is easy!

$$P(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_d | Y) = \prod_{j=1}^d P(X_j | Y)$$

- In other words, we assume all attributes are *conditionally independent* given Y
- Often this assumption is violated in practice, but more on that later...

Training Naïve Bayes

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Laplace Smoothing

- Notice that some probabilities estimated by counting might be zero
 - Possible overfitting!
- Fix by using Laplace smoothing:
 - Adds 1 to each count

$$P(X_j = v \mid Y = y_k) = \frac{c_v + 1}{\sum_{v' \in \text{values}(X_j)} c_{v'} + |\text{values}(X_j)|}$$

where

- c_v is the count of training instances with a value of v for attribute j and class label y_k
- $|\text{values}(X_j)|$ is the number of values X_j can take on

Training Naïve Bayes with Laplace Smoothing

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Using the Naïve Bayes Classifier

- Now, we have

$$P(Y = y_k | X = \mathbf{x}_i) = \frac{P(Y = y_k) \prod_{j=1}^d P(X_j = x_{i,j} | Y = y_k)}{P(X = \mathbf{x}_i)}$$

This is constant for a given instance,
and so irrelevant to our prediction

- In practice, we use log-probabilities to prevent underflow

- To classify a new point \mathbf{x} ,

$$h(\mathbf{x}) = \arg \max_{y_k} P(Y = y_k) \prod_{j=1}^d P(X_j = \underbrace{x_j}_{j^{\text{th}} \text{ attribute value of } \mathbf{x}} | Y = y_k)$$
$$= \arg \max_{y_k} \log P(Y = y_k) + \sum_{j=1}^d \log P(X_j = x_j | Y = y_k)$$

The Naïve Bayes Classifier Algorithm

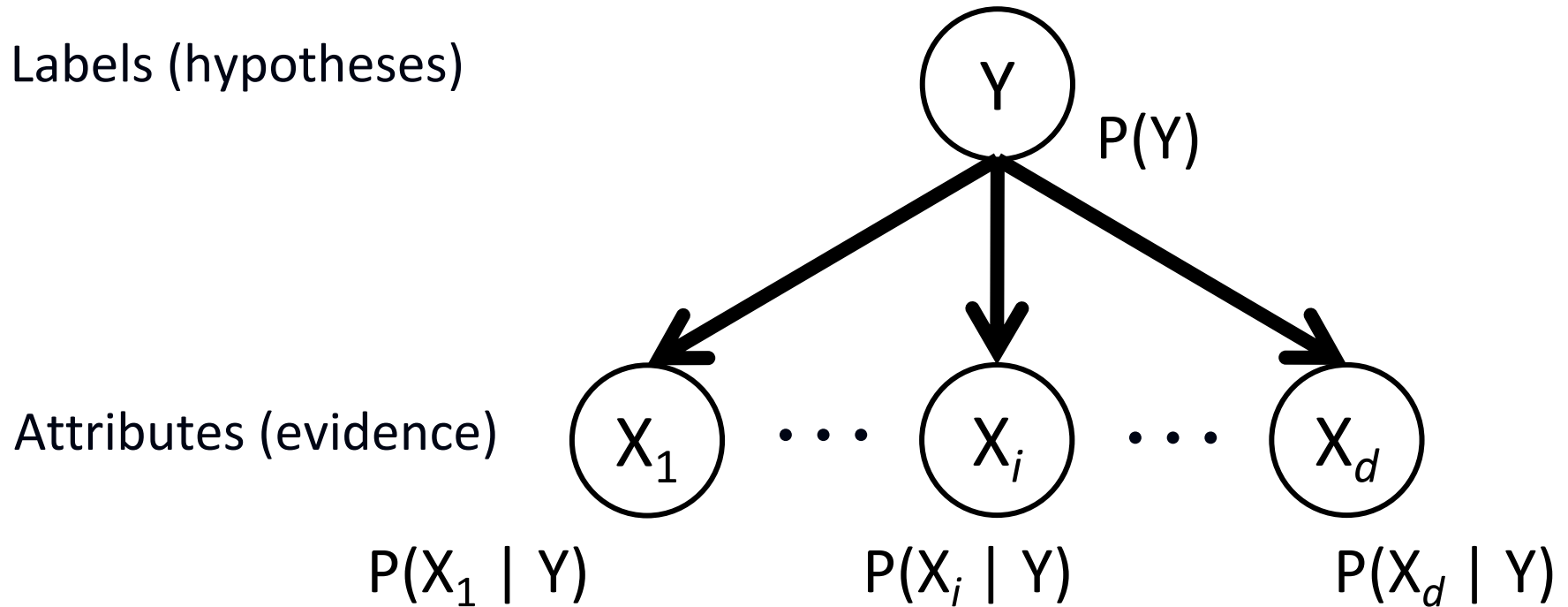
- For each class label y_k
 - Estimate $P(Y = y_k)$ from the data
 - For each value $x_{i,j}$ of each attribute X_j
 - Estimate $P(X_j = x_{i,j} \mid Y = y_k)$

- Classify a new point via:

$$h(\mathbf{x}) = \arg \max_{y_k} \log P(Y = y_k) + \sum_{j=1}^d \log P(X_j = x_j \mid Y = y_k)$$

- In practice, the independence assumption doesn't often hold true, but Naïve Bayes performs very well despite this

The Naïve Bayes Graphical Model

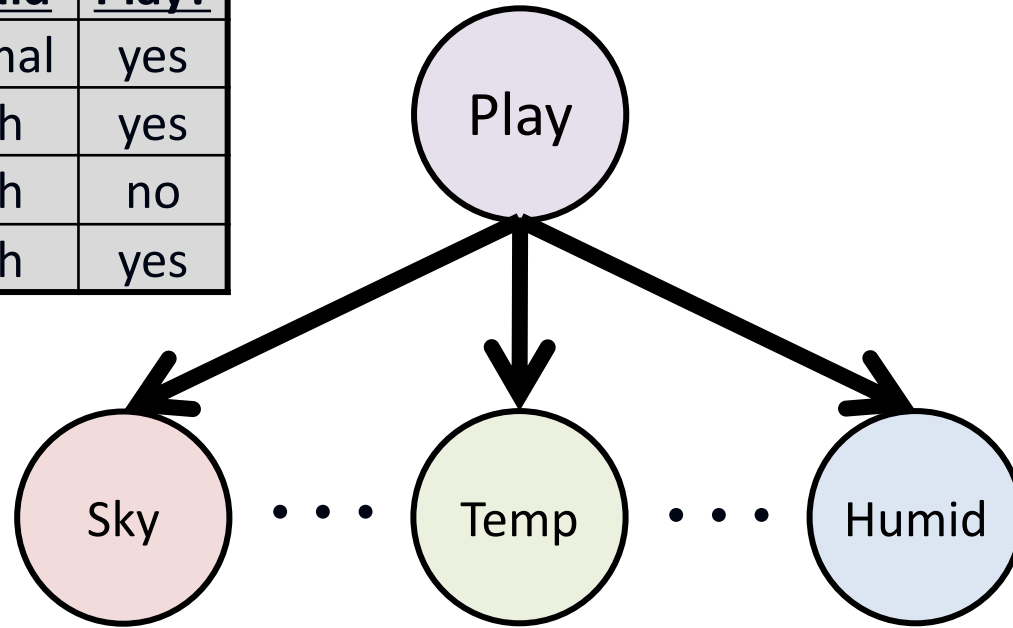


- Nodes denote random variables
- Edges denote dependency
- Each node has an associated conditional probability table (CPT), conditioned upon its parents

Example NB Graphical Model

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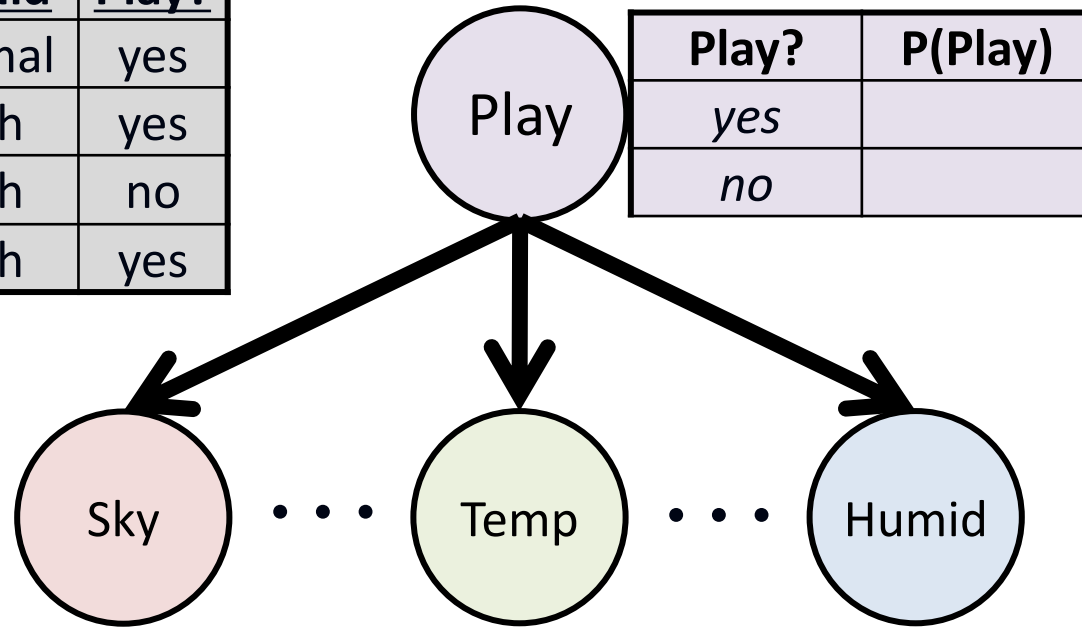
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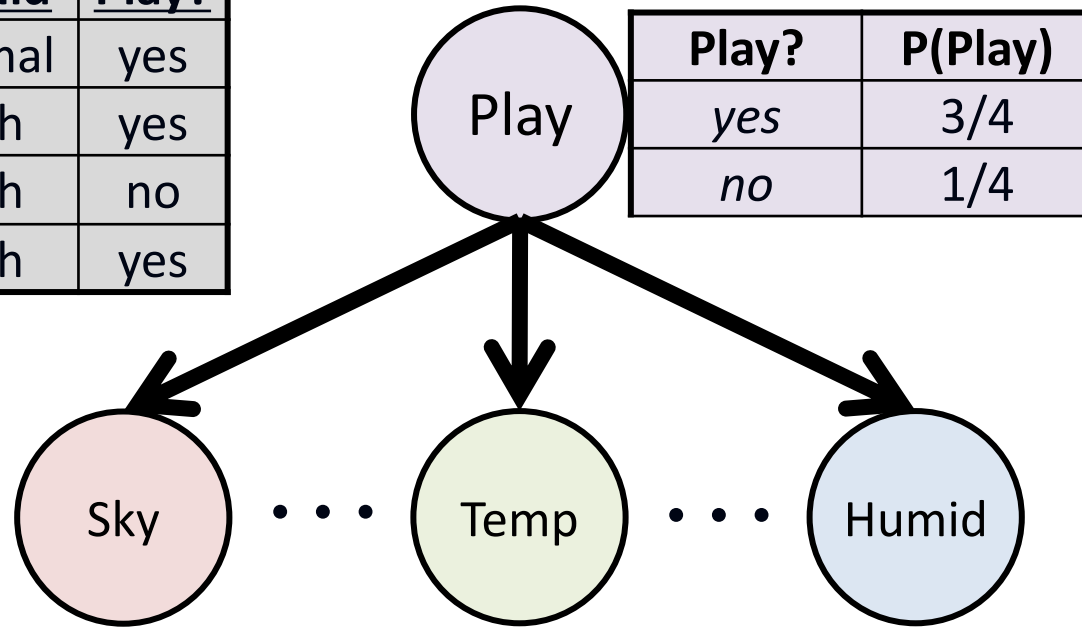
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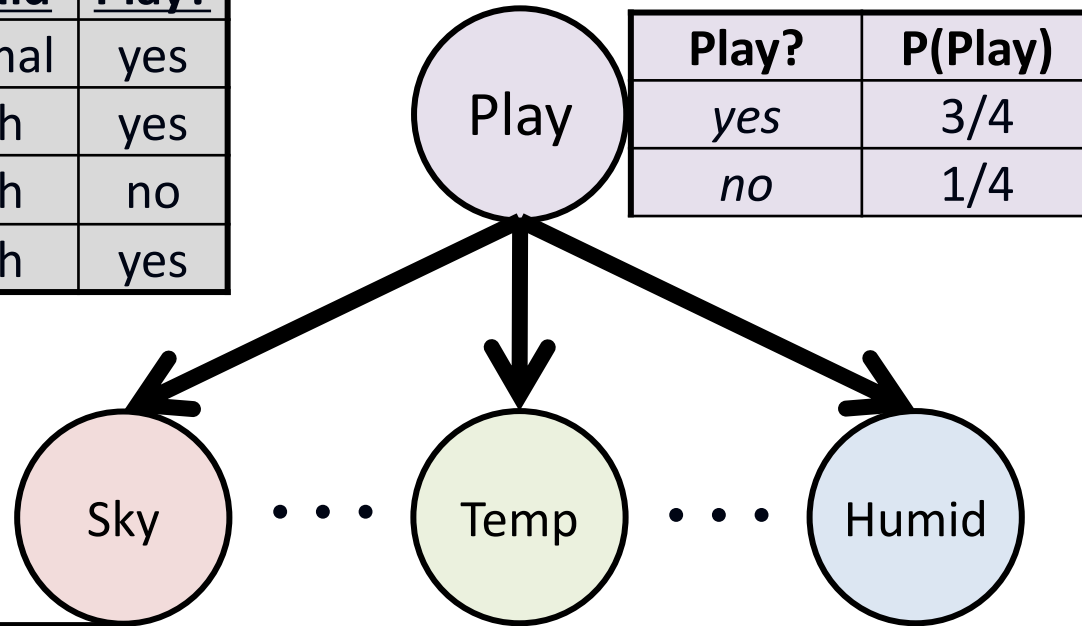
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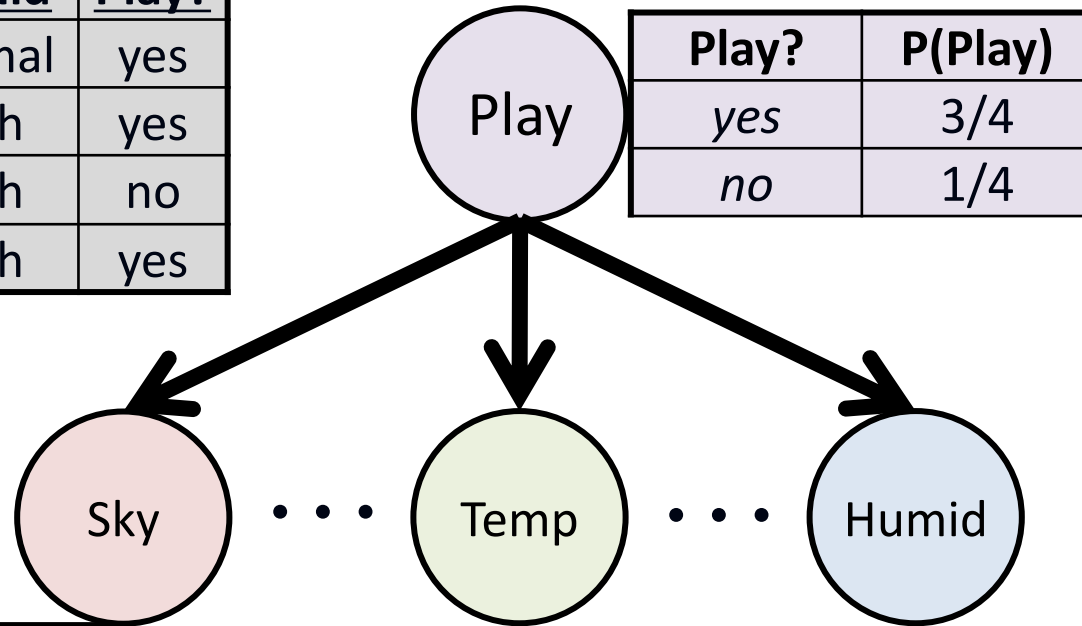
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<i>no</i>	1/4

<u>Sky</u>	<u>Play?</u>	<u>P(Sky Play)</u>
<i>sunny</i>	<i>yes</i>	
<i>rainy</i>	<i>yes</i>	
<i>sunny</i>	<i>no</i>	
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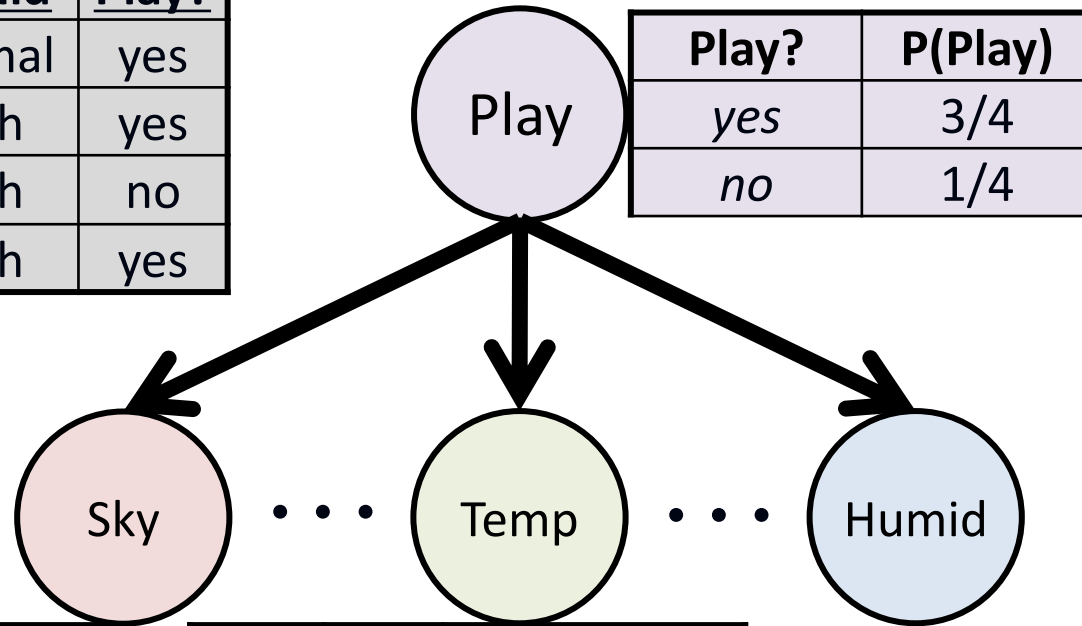
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<i>sunny</i>	<i>yes</i>	4/5
<i>rainy</i>	<i>yes</i>	1/5
<i>sunny</i>	<i>no</i>	1/3
<i>rainy</i>	<i>no</i>	2/3

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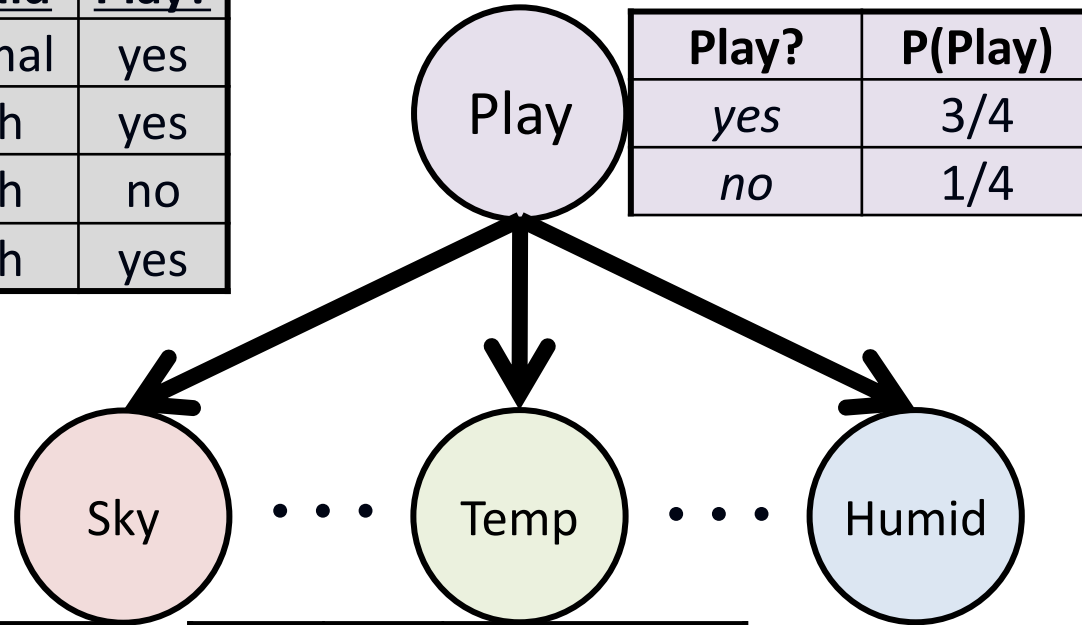
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Temp	Play?	P(Temp Play)
<i>warm</i>	<i>yes</i>	
<i>cold</i>	<i>yes</i>	
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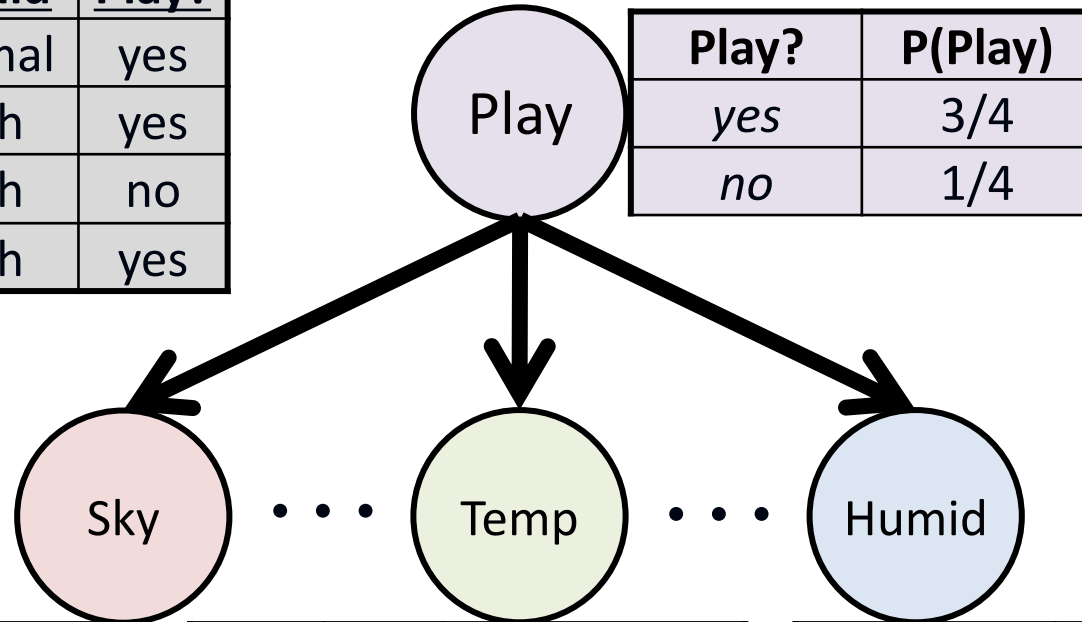
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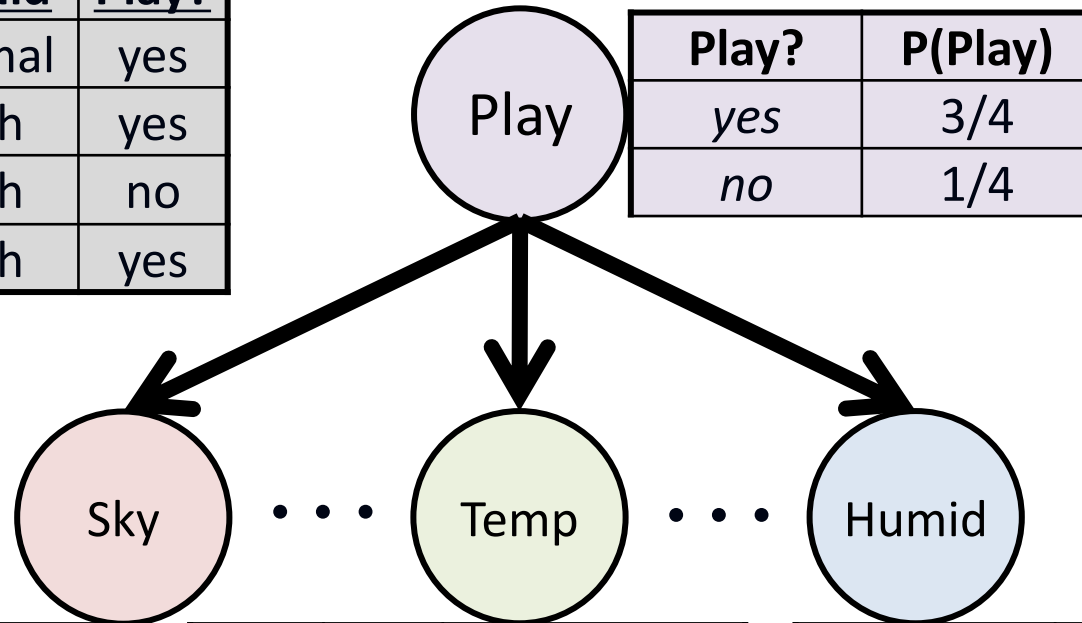
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<i>warm</i>	<i>yes</i>	4/5
<i>cold</i>	<i>yes</i>	1/5
<i>warm</i>	<i>no</i>	1/3
<i>cold</i>	<i>no</i>	2/3

<u>Humid</u>	<u>Play?</u>	<u>P(Humid Play)</u>
<i>high</i>	<i>yes</i>	
<i>norm</i>	<i>yes</i>	
<i>high</i>	<i>no</i>	
<i>norm</i>	<i>no</i>	

Example NB Graphical Model

Data:

<u>Sky</u>	<u>Temp</u>	<u>Humid</u>	<u>Play?</u>
sunny	warm	normal	yes
sunny	warm	high	yes
rainy	cold	high	no
sunny	warm	high	yes



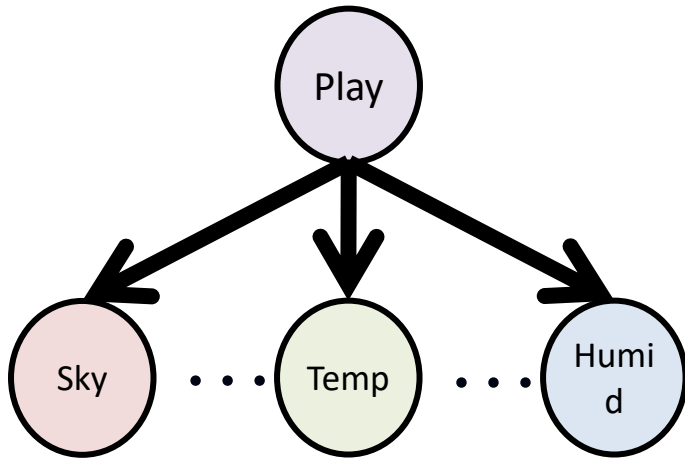
<u>Play?</u>	<u>P(Play)</u>
<i>yes</i>	3/4
<i>no</i>	1/4

<u>Sky</u>	<u>Play?</u>	<u>P(Sky Play)</u>
<i>sunny</i>	<i>yes</i>	4/5
<i>rainy</i>	<i>yes</i>	1/5
<i>sunny</i>	<i>no</i>	1/3
<i>rainy</i>	<i>no</i>	2/3

<u>Temp</u>	<u>Play?</u>	<u>P(Temp Play)</u>
<i>warm</i>	<i>yes</i>	4/5
<i>cold</i>	<i>yes</i>	1/5
<i>warm</i>	<i>no</i>	1/3
<i>cold</i>	<i>no</i>	2/3

<u>Humid</u>	<u>Play?</u>	<u>P(Humid Play)</u>
<i>high</i>	<i>yes</i>	3/5
<i>norm</i>	<i>yes</i>	2/5
<i>high</i>	<i>no</i>	2/3
<i>norm</i>	<i>no</i>	1/3

Example Using NB for Classification



Play?	P(Play)
<i>yes</i>	3/4
<i>no</i>	1/4

Temp	Play?	P(Temp Play)
<i>warm</i>	<i>yes</i>	4/5
<i>cold</i>	<i>yes</i>	1/5
<i>warm</i>	<i>no</i>	1/3
<i>cold</i>	<i>no</i>	2/3

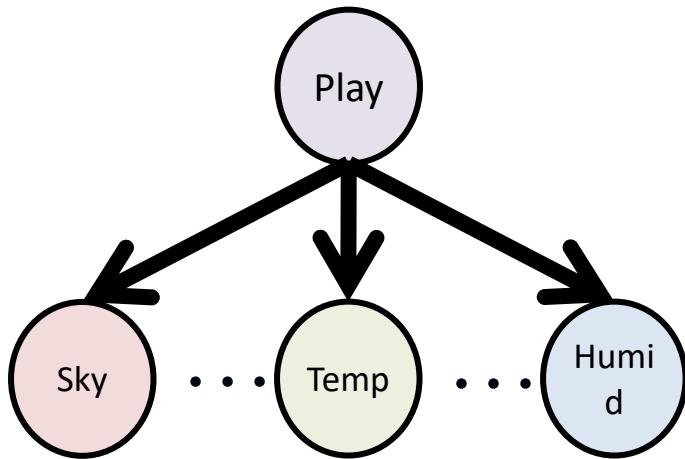
Sky	Play?	P(Sky Play)
<i>sunny</i>	<i>yes</i>	4/5
<i>rainy</i>	<i>yes</i>	1/5
<i>sunny</i>	<i>no</i>	1/3
<i>rainy</i>	<i>no</i>	2/3

Humid	Play?	P(Humid Play)
<i>high</i>	<i>yes</i>	3/5
<i>norm</i>	<i>yes</i>	2/5
<i>high</i>	<i>no</i>	2/3
<i>norm</i>	<i>no</i>	1/3

$$h(\mathbf{x}) = \arg \max_{y_k} \log P(Y = y_k) + \sum_{j=1}^d \log P(X_j = x_j | Y = y_k)$$

Goal: Predict label for $\mathbf{x} = (\text{rainy, warm, normal})$

Example Using NB for Classification



Play?	P(Play)
yes	3/4
no	1/4

Temp	Play?	P(Temp Play)
warm	yes	4/5
cold	yes	1/5
warm	no	1/3
cold	no	2/3

Sky	Play?	P(Sky Play)
sunny	yes	4/5
rainy	yes	1/5
sunny	no	1/3
rainy	no	2/3

Humid	Play?	P(Humid Play)
high	yes	3/5
norm	yes	2/5
high	no	2/3
norm	no	1/3

Predict label for:

$\mathbf{x} = (\text{rainy, warm, normal})$

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(\text{play} \mid \mathbf{x}) &\propto \log P(\text{play}) + \log P(\text{rainy} \mid \text{play}) + \log P(\text{warm} \mid \text{play}) + \log P(\text{normal} \mid \text{play}) \\
 &\propto \log 3/4 + \log 1/5 + \log 4/5 + \log 2/5 = \boxed{-1.319} \quad \text{predict PLAY}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(\neg\text{play} \mid \mathbf{x}) &\propto \log P(\neg\text{play}) + \log P(\text{rainy} \mid \neg\text{play}) + \log P(\text{warm} \mid \neg\text{play}) + \log P(\text{normal} \mid \neg\text{play}) \\
 &\propto \log 1/4 + \log 2/3 + \log 1/3 + \log 1/3 = -1.732
 \end{aligned}$$

Naïve Bayes Summary

Advantages:

- Fast to train (single scan through data)
- Fast to classify
- Not sensitive to irrelevant features
- Can handle real-valued data (e.g. fit Gaussian for each attribute)
- Handles streaming data well

Disadvantages:

- Assumes independence of features