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# Natural Language Processing

## Text classification

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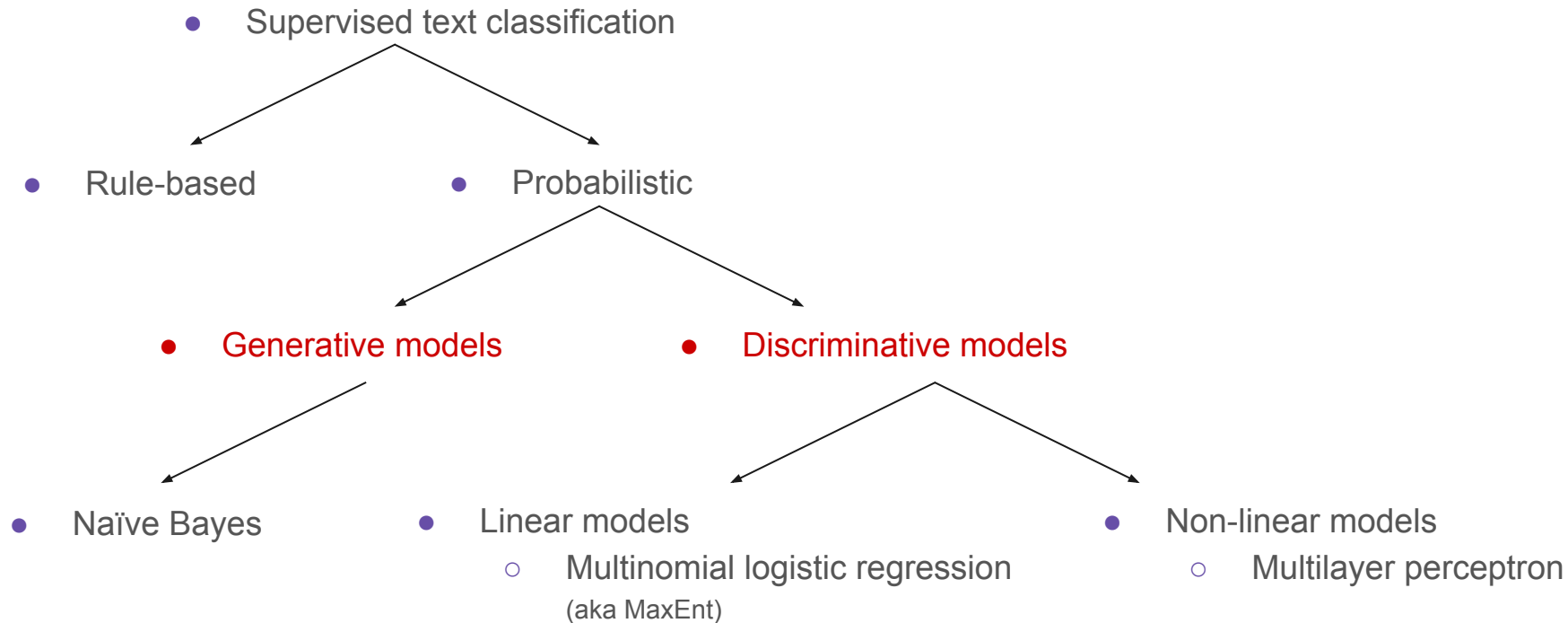
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# Announcements

<https://courses.cs.washington.edu/courses/cse447/23wi/>

- Academic Integrity Form is due back on Canvas today
- Quiz 1: Wednesday (1/18)
  - 6 multiple-choice questions
  - Released on Canvas once lecture ends on 1/18, open for 12 hours
  - 10-min time limit once you start the quiz
  - Materials from weeks 1 and 2 (anything we talk about up through the end of class today)
    - Introduction to NLP, introduction to text classification
    - Instructions for HW 1
- No class on Monday (MLK Day)

# We'll consider alternative models for classification



# Generative and discriminative models

- **Generative model:** a model that calculates the probability of the input data itself

$$P(X, Y)$$

joint

- **Discriminative model:** a model that calculates the probability of a latent trait given the data

$$P(Y | X)$$

conditional

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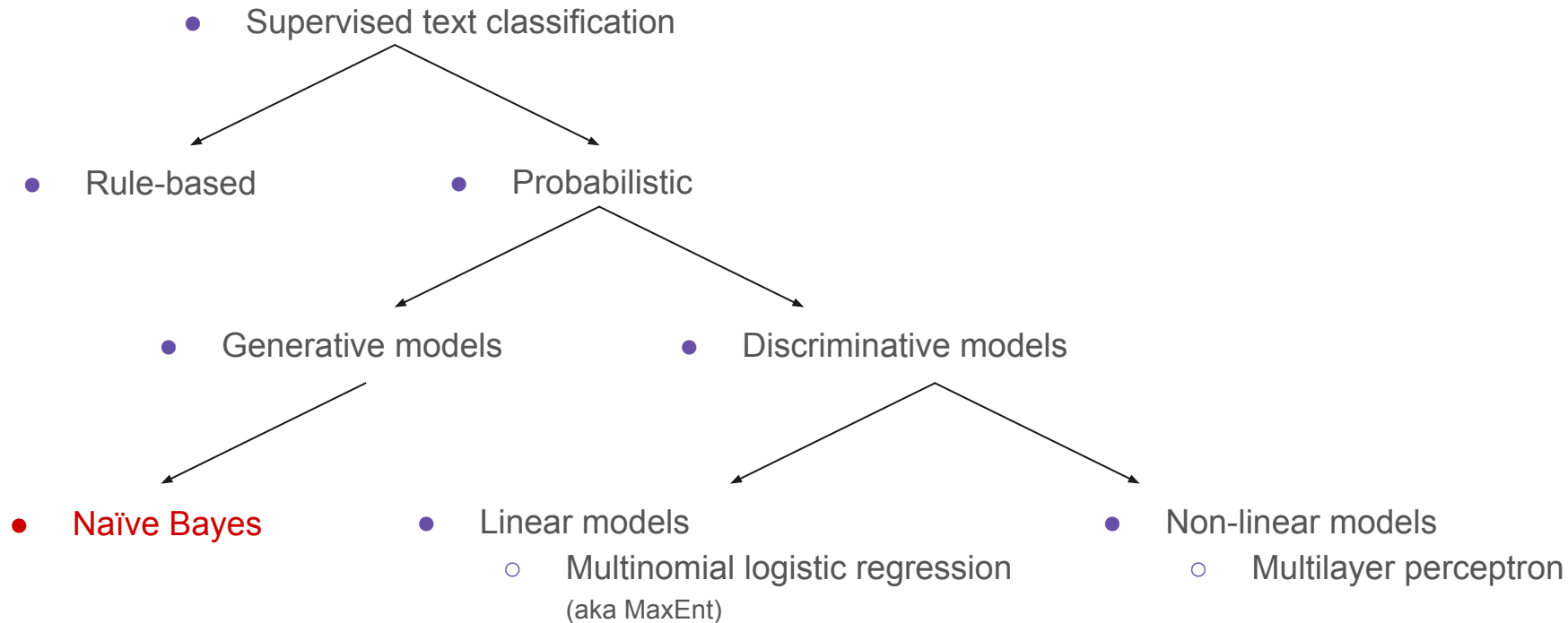
- **Generative text classification:** Learn a model of the joint  $P(X, y)$ , and find

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# Generative text classification: naïve Bayes

- Simple (naïve) classification method
  - based on the [Bayes rule](#)
- Relies on very simple representation of a documents
  - [bag-of-words](#), no relative order
- A good baseline for more sophisticated models

Andrew Y. Ng and Michael I. Jordan, On discriminative vs. generative classifiers: A comparison of logistic regression and naive Bayes, Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems 14 (NeurIPS), 2001.

# Naïve Bayes

## Sentiment analysis: movie reviews

- Given a document  $d$  (e.g., a movie review)
- Decide which class  $c$  it belongs to: positive, negative, neutral
- Compute  $P(c | d)$  for each  $c$ 
  - $P(\text{positive} | d)$ ,  $P(\text{negative} | d)$ ,  $P(\text{neutral} | d)$
  - select the one with max  $P$



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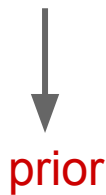
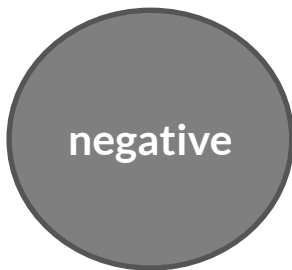
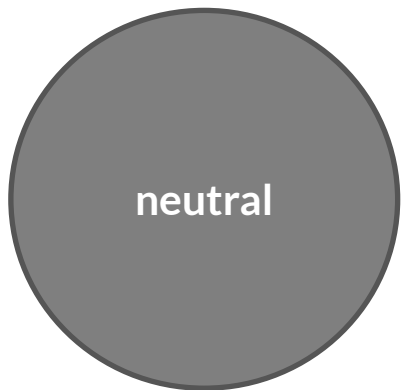
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# Naïve Bayes independence assumptions

$$P(w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n | c)$$

- **Bag of Words assumption:** Assume position doesn't matter
- **Conditional Independence:** Assume the feature probabilities  $P(w_i | c_j)$  are independent given the class  $c$

$$P(w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n | c) = P(w_1 | c) \times P(w_2 | c) \times P(w_3 | c) \times \dots \times P(w_n | c)$$

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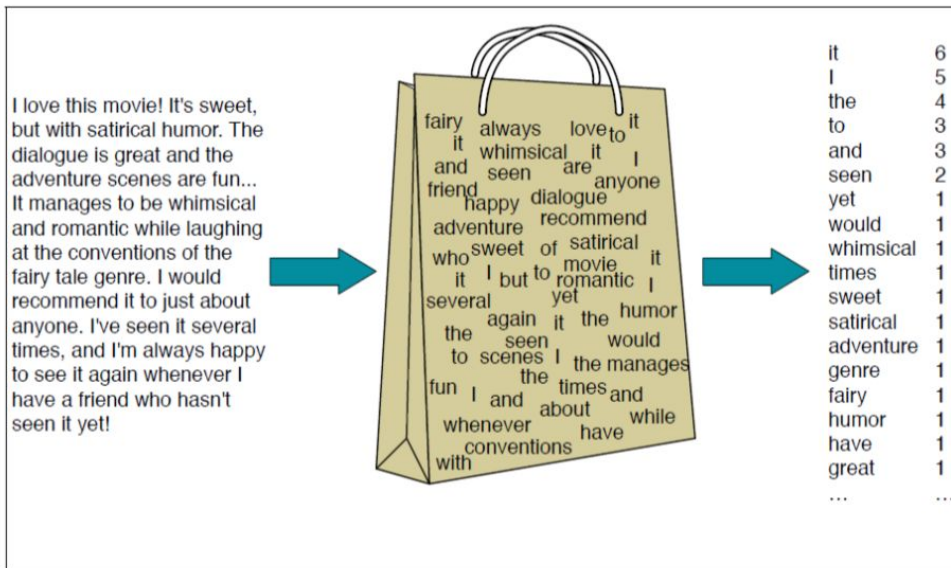
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# Bag-of-Words (BOW)

- Given a document  $d$  (e.g., a movie review) – how to represent  $d$ ?



**Figure 7.1** Intuition of the multinomial naive Bayes classifier applied to a movie review. The position of the words is ignored (the *bag of words* assumption) and we make use of the frequency of each word.

Figure from J&M 3rd ed. draft, sec 7.1



# Generative text classification: Naïve Bayes

$$C_{NB} = \operatorname{argmax}_c P(c|d) = \operatorname{argmax}_c \frac{P(d|c)P(c)}{P(d)} \propto \text{Bayes rule}$$

$$\operatorname{argmax}_c P(d|c)P(c) = \text{same denominator}$$

$$\operatorname{argmax}_c P(w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n|c)P(c) = \text{representation}$$

$$\operatorname{argmax}_{c_j} P(c_j) \prod_i P(w_i|c) \quad \text{conditional independence}$$

# Underflow prevention: log space

- Multiplying lots of probabilities can result in floating-point underflow
- Since  $\log(xy) = \log(x) + \log(y)$ 
  - better to sum logs of probabilities instead of multiplying probabilities
- Class with highest un-normalized log probability score is still most probable

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- Model is now just max of sum of weights

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# Parameter estimation

- Parameter estimation during training
- Concatenate all documents with category  $c$  into one mega-document
- Use the frequency of  $w_i$  in the mega-document to estimate the word probability

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$$\hat{P}(c_j) = \frac{\text{doccount}(C = c_j)}{N_{doc}}$$

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- fraction of times word  $w_i$  appears among all words in documents of topic  $c_j$
- Create mega-document for topic  $j$  by concatenating all docs in this topic
  - Use frequency of  $w$  in mega-document

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$$\hat{P}(\text{“fantastic”} | c = \text{positive}) = \frac{\text{count}(\text{“fantastic”}, \text{positive})}{\sum_{w \in V} \text{count}(w, \text{positive})} = 0$$

- Zero probabilities cannot be conditioned away, no matter the other evidence!

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  - $Text_j \leftarrow$  single doc containing all docs<sub>j</sub>
  - For each word  $w_i$  in *Vocabulary*
    - $n_i \leftarrow$  # of occurrences of  $w_i$  in  $Text_j$
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## Choosing a class:

$$P(c|d5) \propto \frac{3}{4} * \left(\frac{3}{7}\right)^3 * \frac{1}{14} * \frac{1}{14}$$
$$\approx 0.0003$$

$$P(j|d5) \propto \frac{1}{4} * \left(\frac{2}{9}\right)^3 * \frac{2}{9} * \frac{2}{9}$$
$$\approx 0.0001$$



# Summary: naïve Bayes is not so naïve

- Naïve Bayes is a probabilistic model
- Naïve because it assumes features are independent of each other for a class
- Very fast, low storage requirements
- Robust to Irrelevant Features
  - Irrelevant Features cancel each other without affecting results
- Very good in domains with many equally important features
  - Decision Trees suffer from fragmentation in such cases – especially if little data
- Optimal if the independence assumptions hold: If assumed independence is correct, then it is the Bayes Optimal Classifier for problem
- A good dependable baseline for text classification
  - But we will see other classifiers that give better accuracy

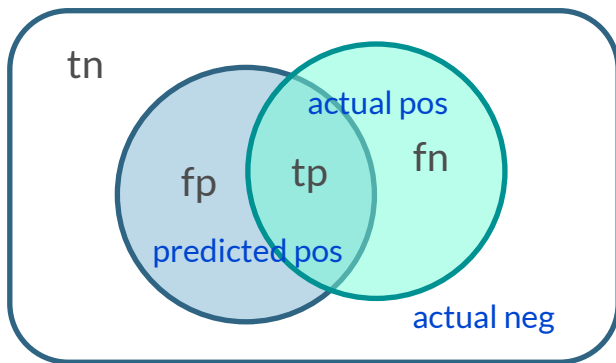
How do we evaluate our  
function  $f$ ?

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# Classification evaluation

- **Contingency table**: model's predictions are compared to the correct results
  - a.k.a. confusion matrix

	actual pos	actual neg
predicted pos	true positive (tp)	false positive (fp)
predicted neg	false negative (fn)	true negative (tn)



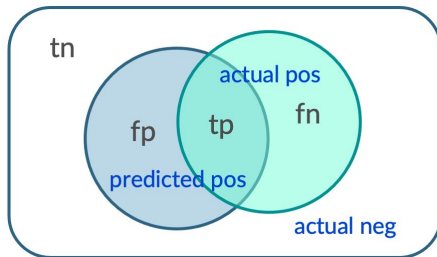
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- Borrowing from Information Retrieval, empirical NLP systems are usually evaluated using the notions of **precision** and **recall**

# Classification evaluation

- **Precision (P)** is the proportion of the selected items that the system got right in the case of text categorization
  - it is the % of documents classified as “positive” by the system which are indeed “positive” documents
- Reported per class or average

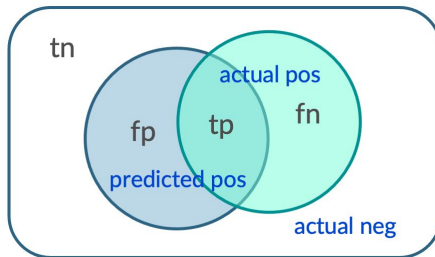
$$\text{precision} = \frac{\text{true positives}}{\text{true positives} + \text{false positives}} = \frac{tp}{tp + fp}$$



# Classification evaluation

- **Recall (R)** is the proportion of actual items that the system selected in the case of text categorization
  - it is the % of the “positive” documents which were actually classified as “positive” by the system
- Reported per class or average

$$\text{recall} = \frac{\text{true positives}}{\text{true positives} + \text{false negatives}} = \frac{tp}{tp + fn}$$



# Classification evaluation

- We often want to trade-off precision and recall
  - typically: the higher the precision the lower the recall
  - can be plotted in a precision-recall curve
- It is convenient to combine P and R into a single measure
  - one possible way to do that is F measure

$$F_{\beta} = \frac{(\beta^2 + 1)PR}{\beta^2 P + R} \quad \text{for } \beta=1, F_1 = \frac{2PR}{P+R}$$

# Classification evaluation

- Additional measures of performance: accuracy and error
  - accuracy is the proportion of items the system got right
  - error is its complement

$$\text{accuracy} = \frac{tp+tn}{tp+fp+tn+fn}$$



# Micro- vs. macro-averaging

If we have more than one class, how do we combine multiple performance measures into one quantity?

- **Macroaveraging**

- Compute performance for each class, then average.
- “Weighted macro-average” weights this average by the true number of examples of each class

- **Microaveraging**

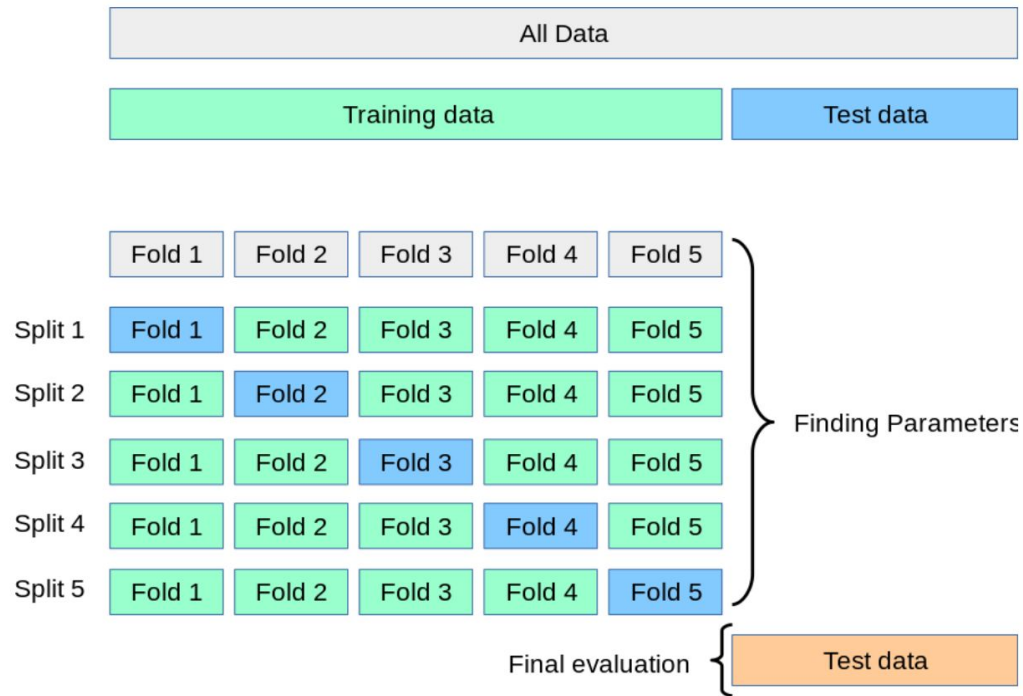
- Collect decisions for all classes in terms of
  - True Positives
  - False Positives
- Compute metric ONCE using that table

	True Positives	False Positives
Class X	4	2
Class Y	10	7
Class Z	9	3

# Classification common practices

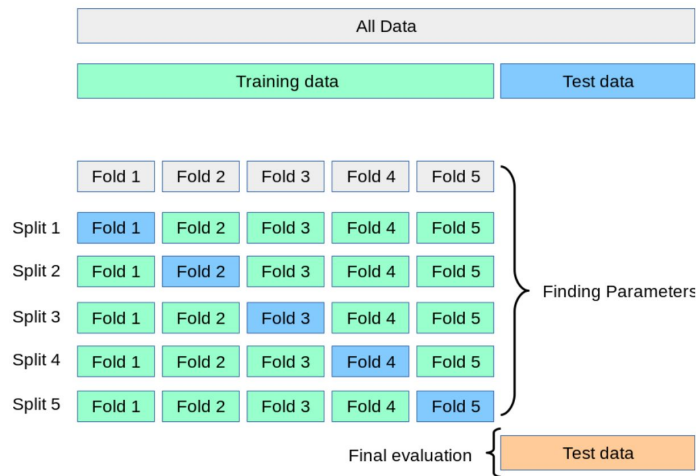
- Divide the training data into  $k$  folds (e.g.,  $k=10$ )
- Repeat  $k$  times: train on  $k-1$  folds and test on the holdout fold, cyclically
- Average over the  $k$  folds' results

# K-fold cross-validation



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- Metric: P/R/F1 or Accuracy
- Unseen test set
  - avoid overfitting ('tuning to the test set')
  - more conservative estimate of performance
- Cross-validation over multiple splits
  - Handles sampling errors from different datasets
  - Pool results over each split
  - Compute pooled dev set performance



# Next class

