CS 2750 Machine Learning Lecture 10

Generative classification models

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Learning parameters of the model

Much simpler density estimation problems

• We need to learn:

 $p(\mathbf{x} | y=0)$ and $p(\mathbf{x} | y=1)$ and p(y)

• Because of the assumption of the conditional independence we need to learn:

for every input variable i: $p(x_i | y = 0)$ and $p(x_i | y = 1)$

- Much easier if the number of input attributes is large
- Also, the model gives us a flexibility to represent input attributes of different forms !!!
- E.g. one attribute can be modeled using the Bernoulli, the other using Gaussian density, or a Poisson distribution









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