

Socratic dialogue: classifiers

- A classifier maps attributes to classes.
- Naive Bayesian Classifier (NBC): given attributes, calculating expected utility of choosing one class over another.
- NBC needs enough pre-classified attribute samples to work.
- Naive Credal Classifier (NCC): modification of NBC that requires less training samples, but often does not return a unique class.
- NCC designed for discrete attributes (uses IDM).

Socratic dialogue: practicality IDM

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Socratic dialogue: Exponential families

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