

Lecture 2: Probability, Naive Bayes

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Introduction to Natural Language Processing
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Today

- Probability Review
- “Naive Bayes” classification
- Python demo

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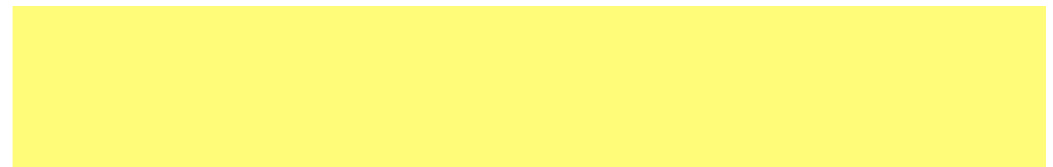
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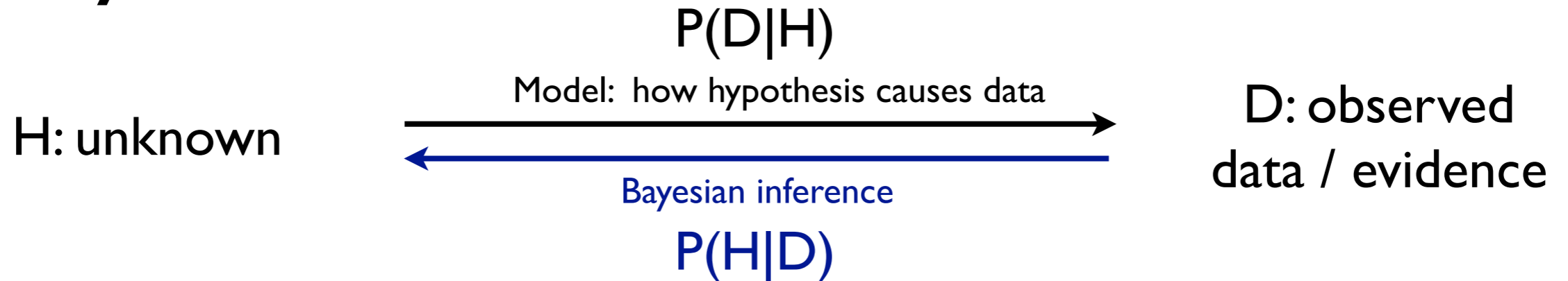
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Bayes Rule



Bayes Rule tells you how to flip the conditional.
Useful if you assume a *generative process* for your data.

Likelihood

Prior

$$P(H|D) = \frac{P(D|H)P(H)}{P(D)}$$

Posterior

Normalizer



Rev. Thomas Bayes
c. 1701-1761

Bayes Rule and its pesky denominator

Likelihood

Prior

$$P(h|d) = \frac{P(d|h)P(h)}{P(d)} = \frac{P(d|h)P(h)}{\sum_{h'} P(d|h')P(h')}$$

Constant w.r.t. h

$$P(h|d) \propto \frac{P(d|h)P(h)}{1}$$

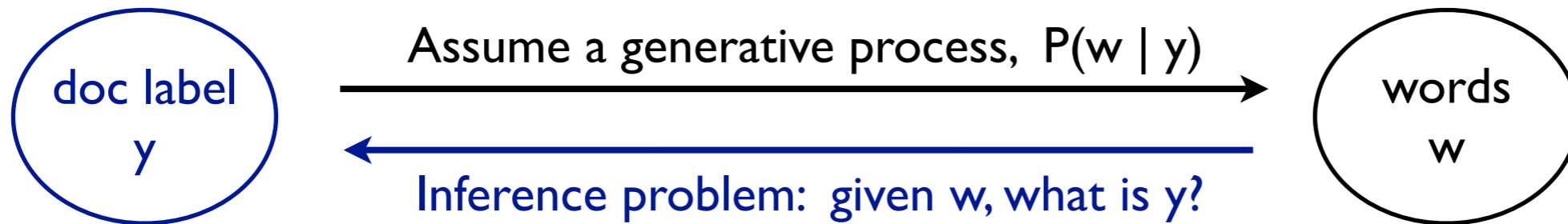
Unnormalized posterior
By itself does not sum to 1!

\propto “Proportional to”

Implicitly for varying H .

This notation is very common, though slightly ambiguous.

Bayes Rule for classification inference



Authorship problem: classify a new text.
Is it $y=Anna$ or $y=Barry$?

Observe w : Look at random word in the new text.
It is *abracadabra*.

$$P(y=A \mid w=abracadabra) ?$$

$$P(y \mid w) = P(w|y) P(y) / P(w)$$

$P(y)$: Assume 50% prior prob.

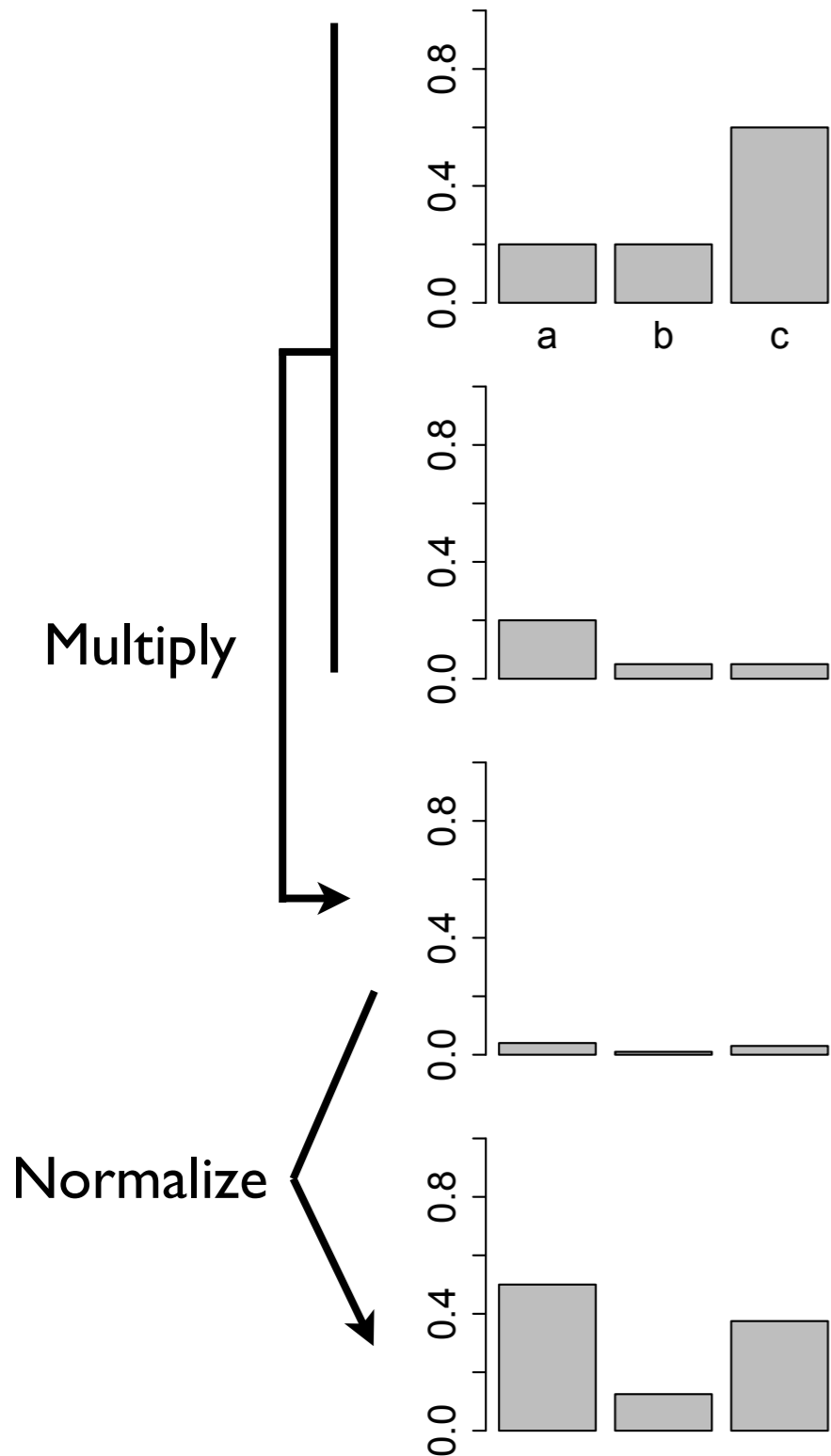
$P(w \mid y)$:

Calculate from
previous data

	<i>abracadabra</i>	<i>gesundheit</i>
Anna	5 per 1000 words	6 per 1000 words
Barry	10 per 1000 words	1 per 1000 words

Bayes Rule as hypothesis vector scoring

Sum to 1?



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Prior

$$P(E|H = h)$$

Likelihood

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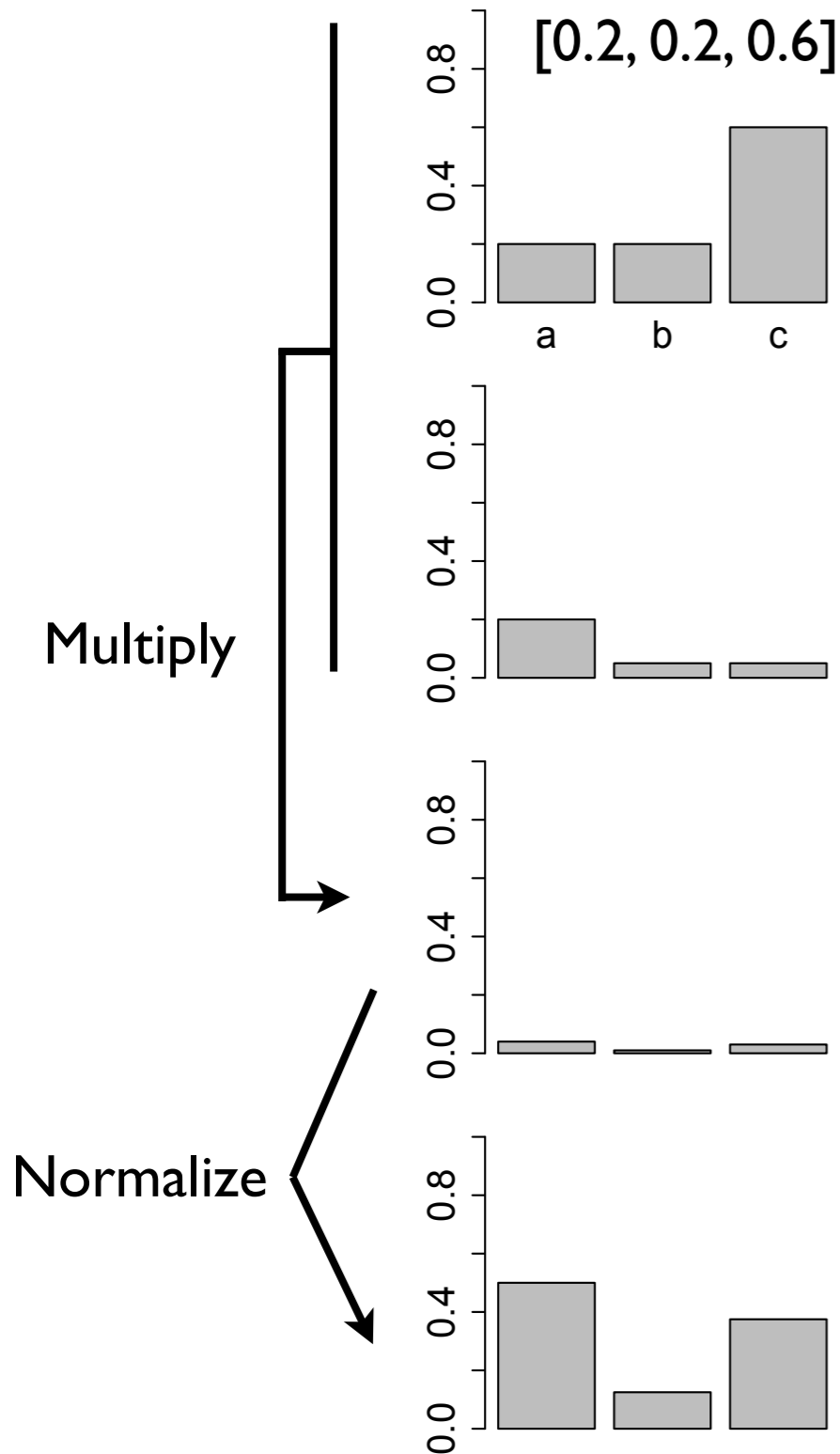
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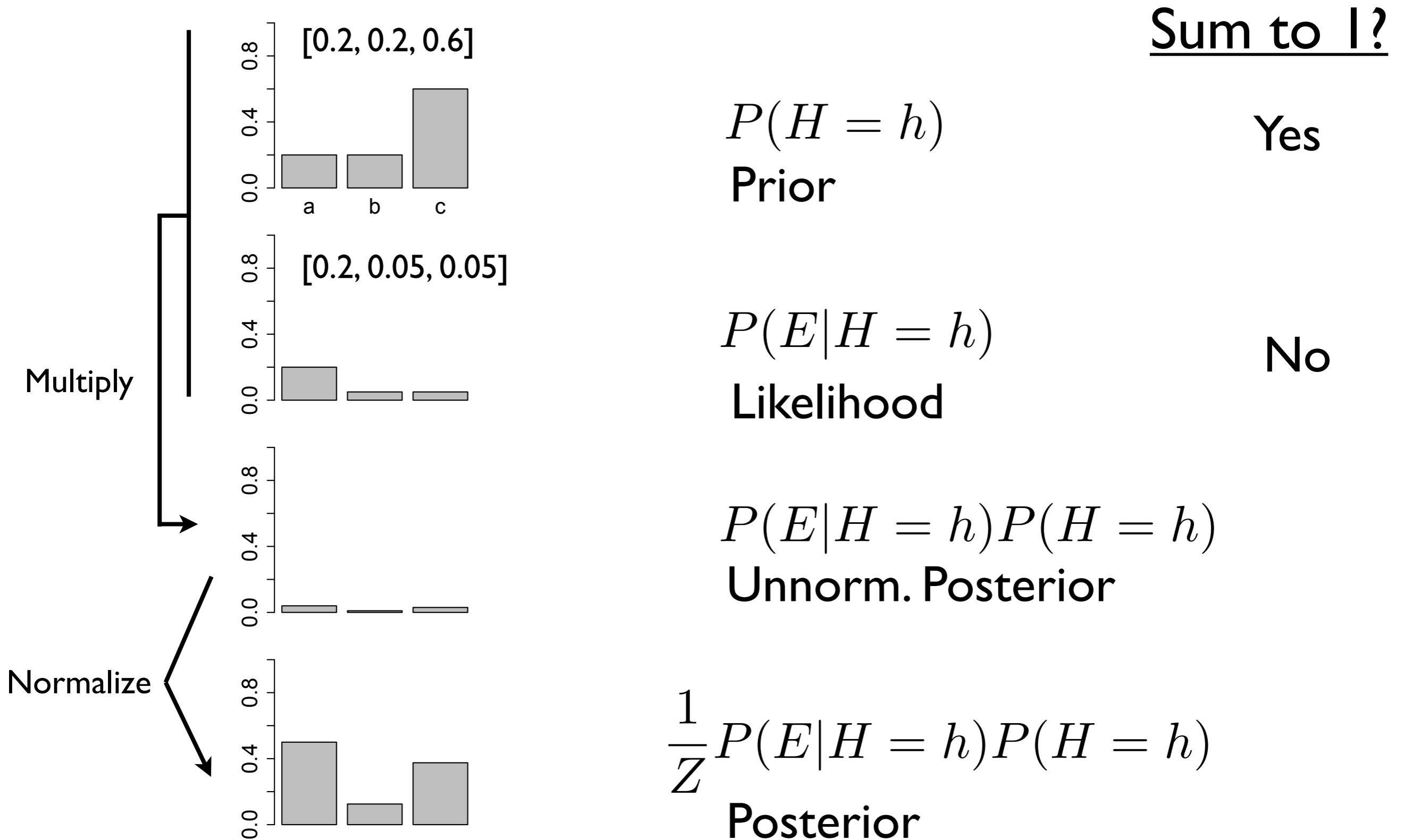
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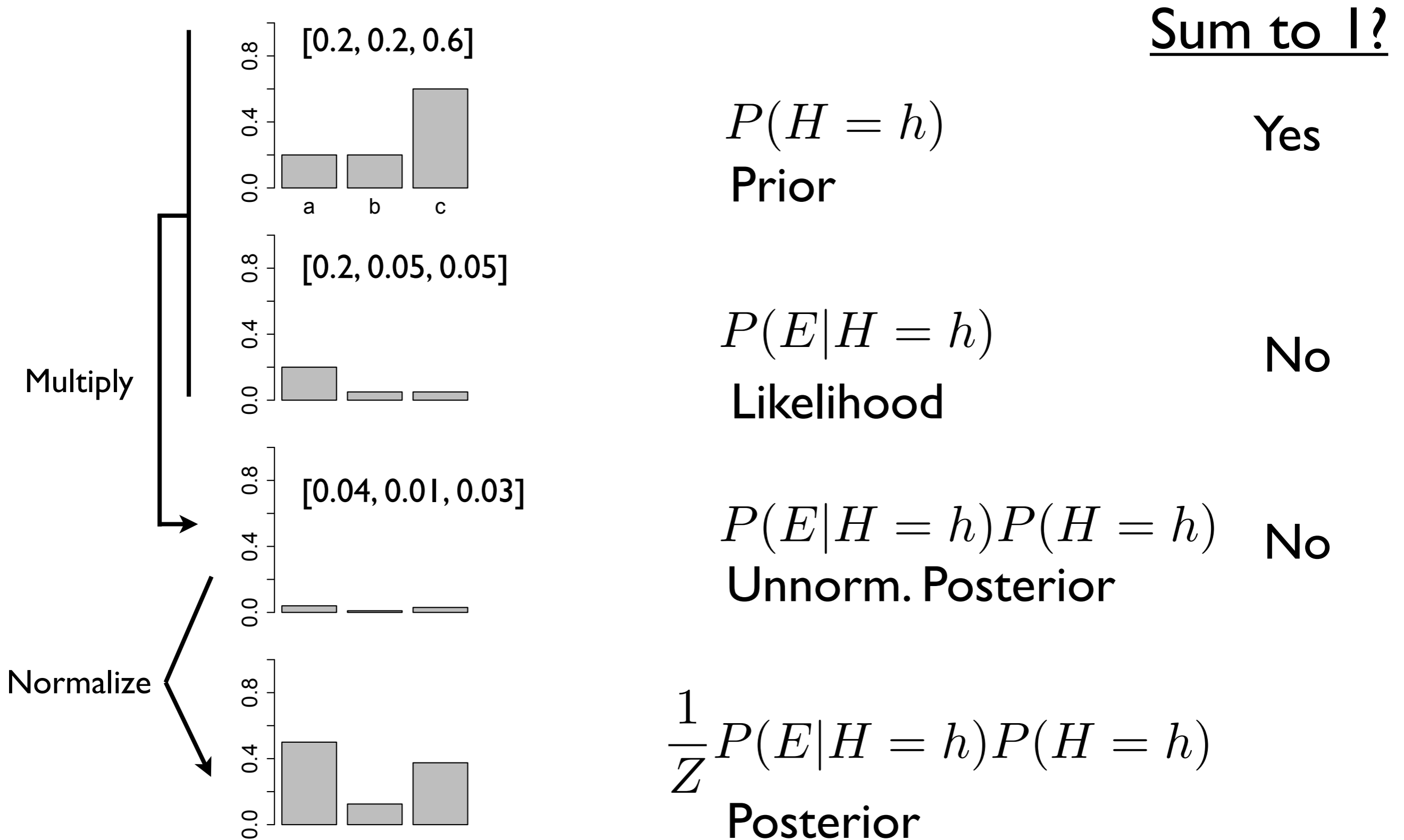
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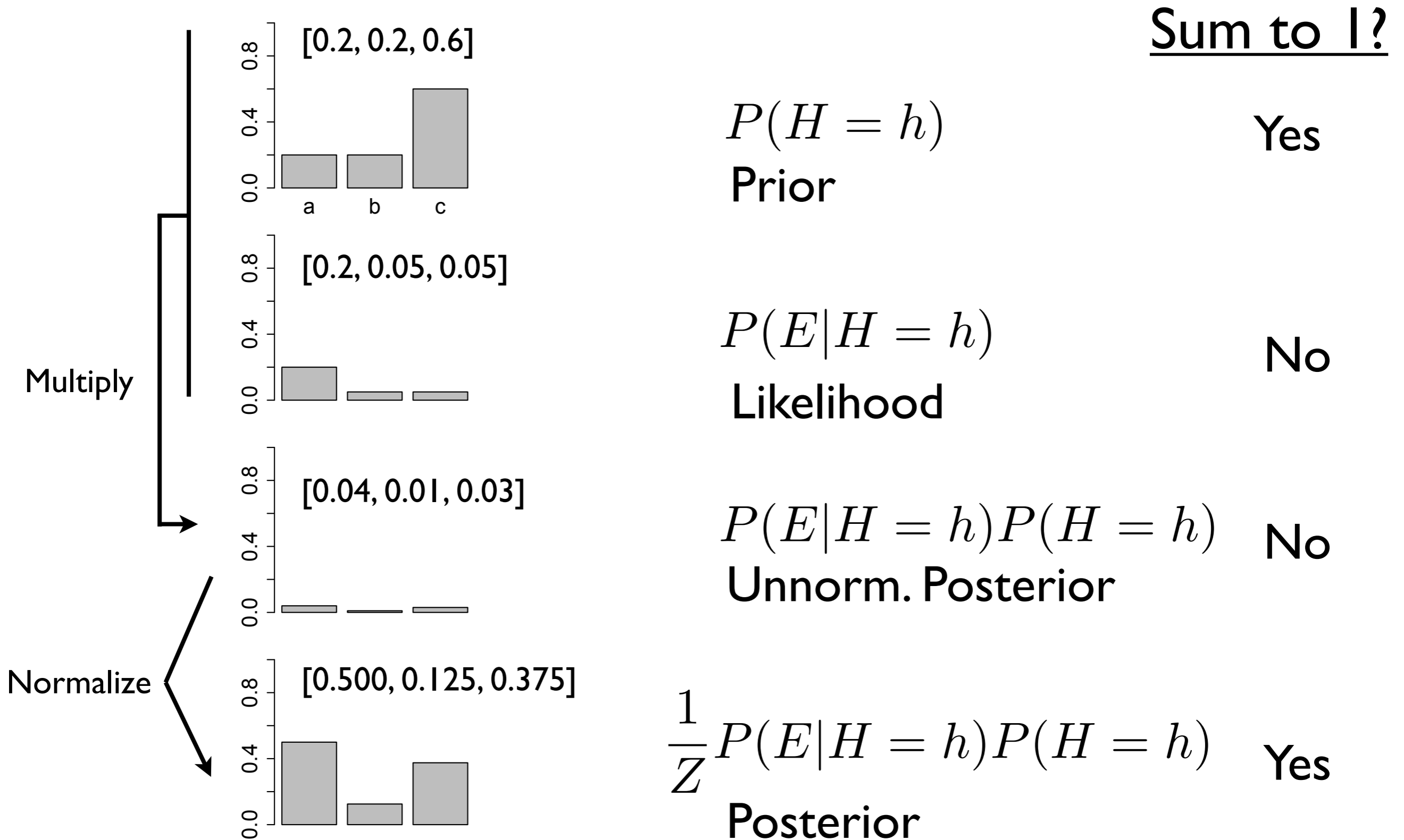
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Text Classification with Naive Bayes

Classification problems

- Given text \mathbf{d} , want to predict label \mathbf{y}
 - Is this restaurant review positive or negative?
 - Is this email spam or not?
 - Which author wrote this text?
 - (Is this word a noun or verb?)
- \mathbf{d} : documents, sentences, etc.
- \mathbf{y} : discrete/categorical variable

Goal: from training set of (\mathbf{d}, \mathbf{y}) pairs, *learn*
a probabilistic classifier $f(\mathbf{d}) = P(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{d})$
("supervised learning")

Features for model: Bag-of-words



Figure 6.1 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.

Levels of linguistic structure

Discourse

Semantics

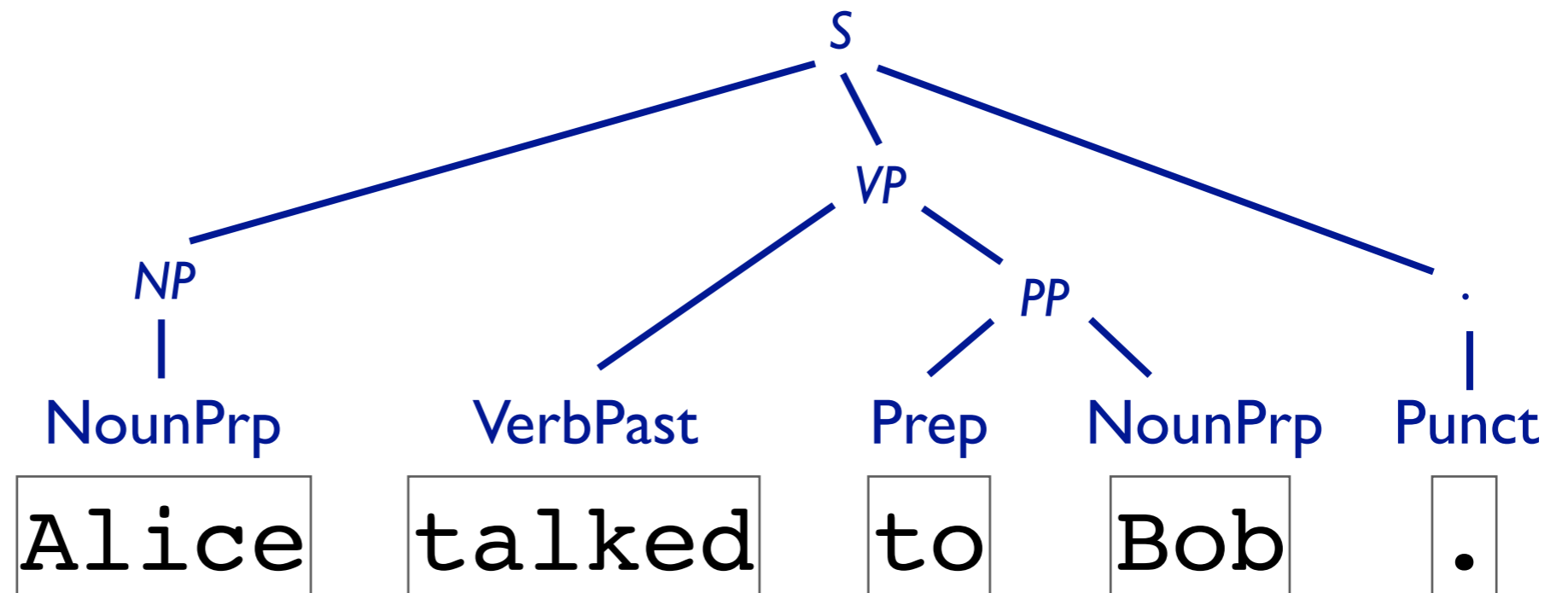
Syntax

Words

Morphology

Characters

CommunicationEvent(e) SpeakerContext(s)
Agent(e, Alice) TemporalBefore(e, s)
Recipient(e, Bob)



talk -ed

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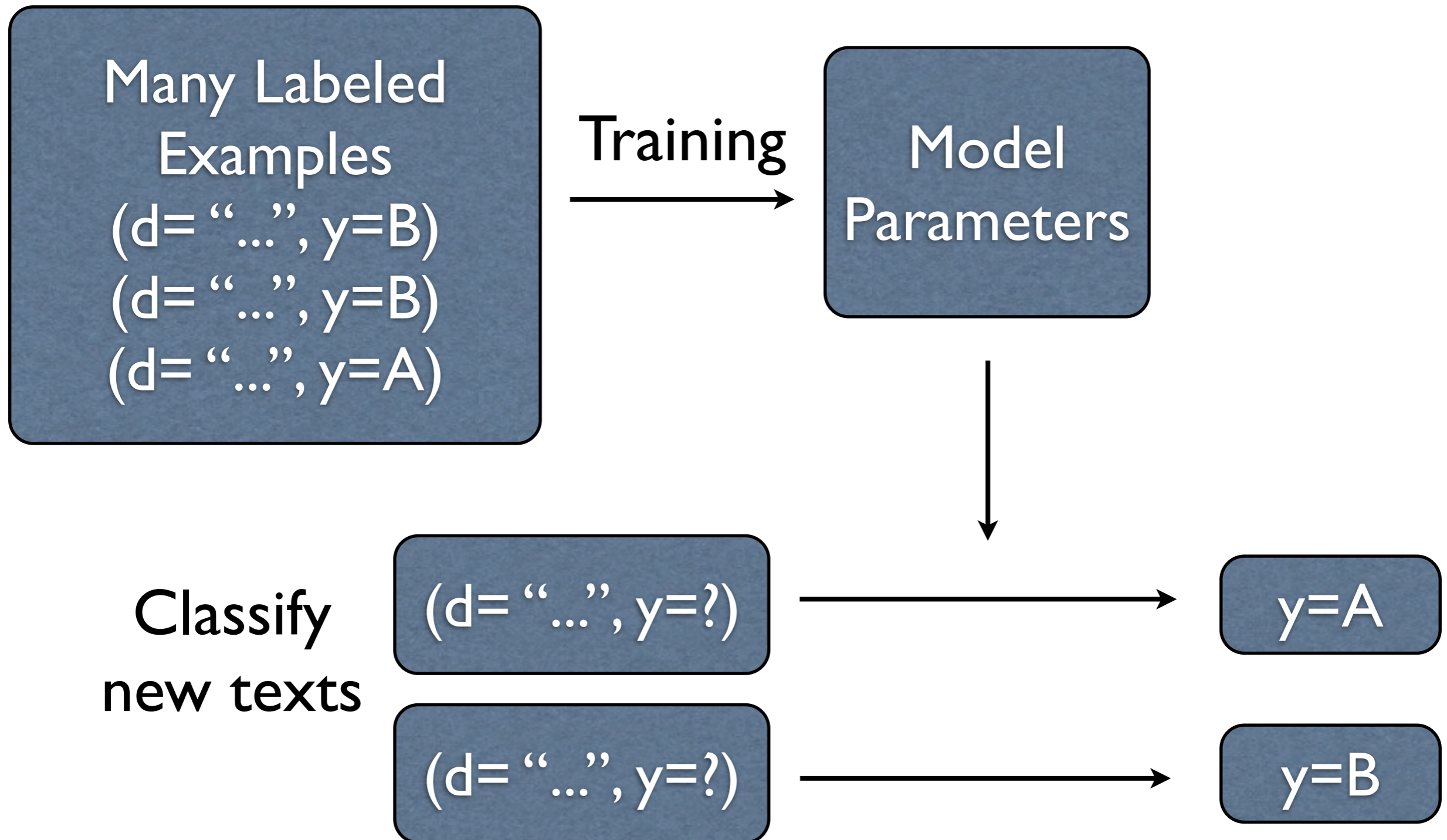
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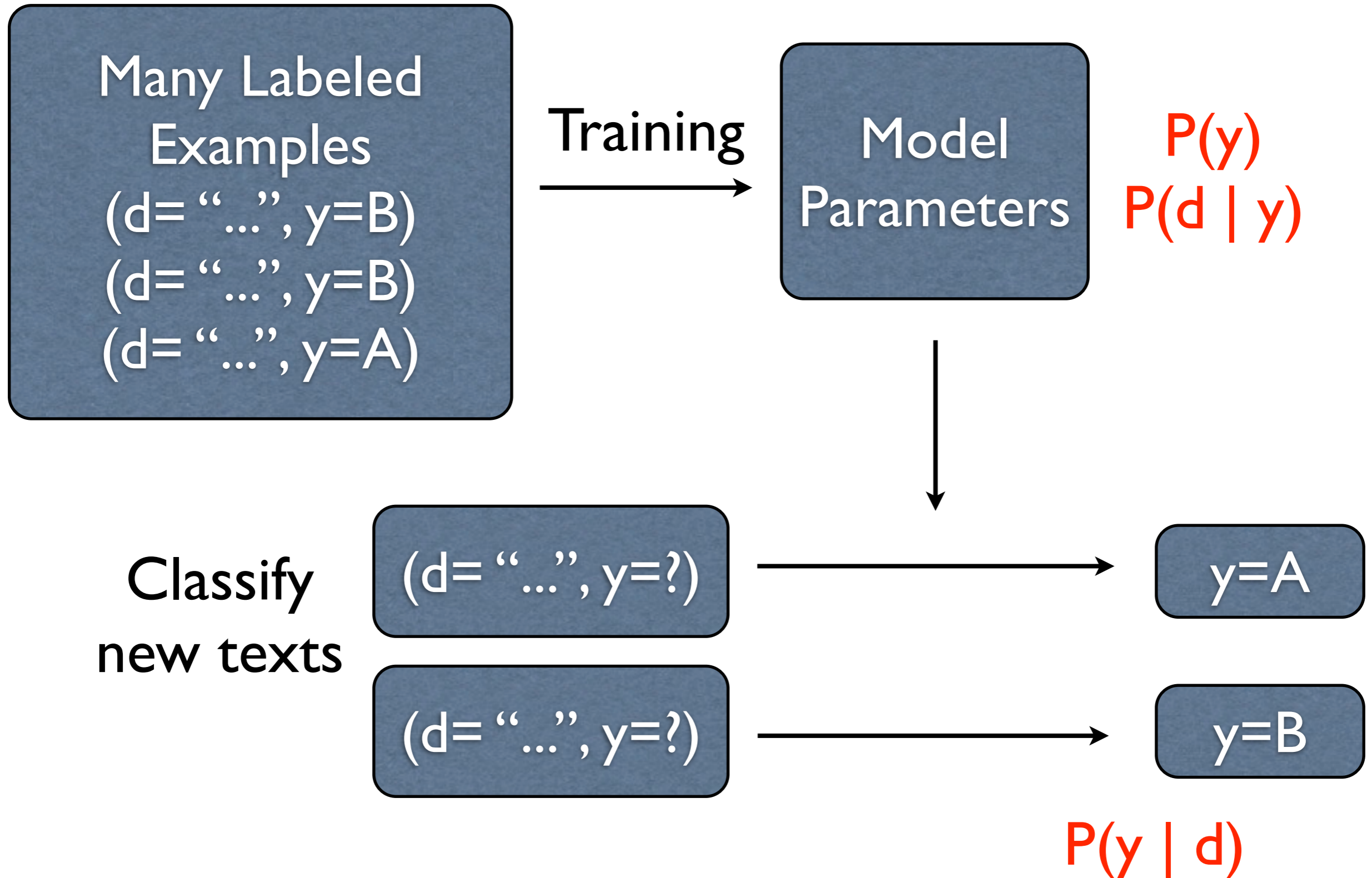
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- Approach #2: use labeled documents
Supervised Learning
 - Learn which words correlate to positive vs. negative documents
 - Use these correlations to classify new documents

Supervised learning



Supervised learning: Generative model



Multinomial Naive Bayes

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↑
Tokens in doc

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the “Naive Bayes”
assumption:
conditional indep.

Parameters: $P(w \mid y)$ for each document category y and wordtype w
 $P(y)$ prior distribution over document categories y

Learning: Estimate parameters as frequency ratios; e.g.

$$P(w \mid y, \alpha) = \frac{\#(w \text{ occurrences in docs with label } y) + \alpha}{\#(\text{tokens total across docs with label } y) + V\alpha}$$

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