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Multiclass

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Administrivia

- Feature Engineering HW Graded
- SVM HW
- Midterm in two weeks

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What about h_2 vs. h_5 ? What about h_4 vs. h_2 ?

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Bottom Line

- Understand what your algorithm is doing when you ask it to multi class
- Features and training imbalance matter more than ever
- Debugging is often easier if **you** binarize the problem