

Linear Classifiers (Part 1)

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 - ▶ Many word vector “features”

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 - ▶ Naïve Bayes (in a way)
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$$\theta = [w_1 \quad \dots \quad w_n \quad b] = [\mathbf{w} \mid b]$$

$$\mathbf{x}' = [x_1 \quad \dots \quad x_n \quad 1] = [\mathbf{x} \mid 1]$$

$$\hat{y} = g\left(\sum_{j=1}^n w_j x_j + b\right) = g(\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x} + b) = g(\theta \cdot \mathbf{x}')$$