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# **Machine Learning**

## **LECTURE 5:**

### **SUPPORT VECTOR MACHINE (SVM)**

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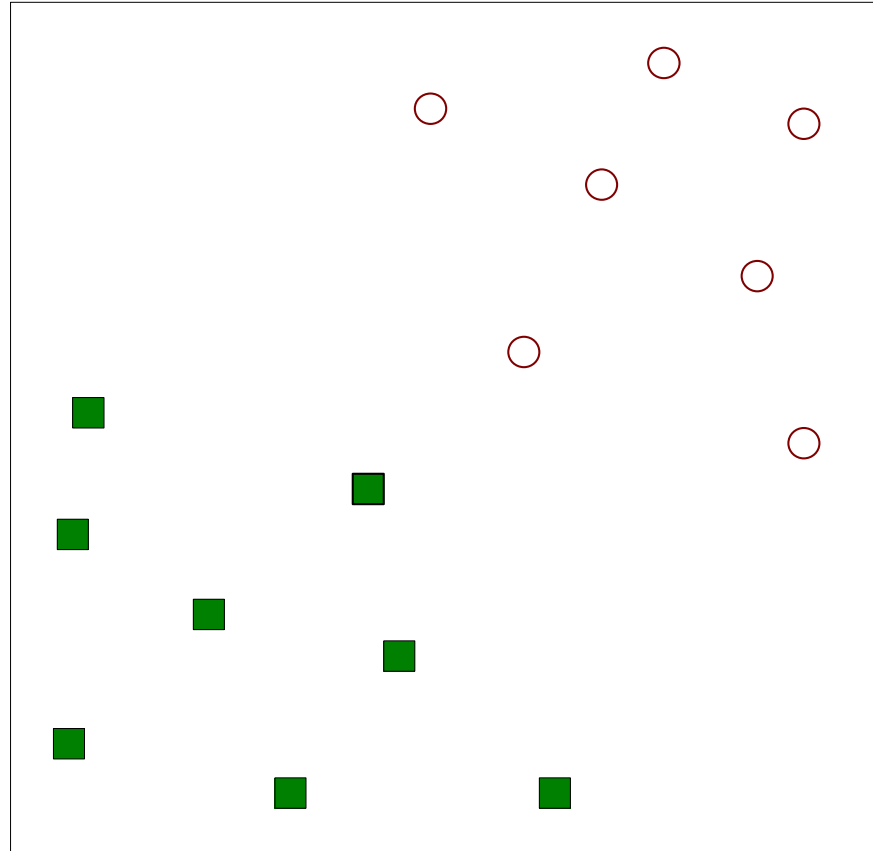


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# **LECTURE outline**

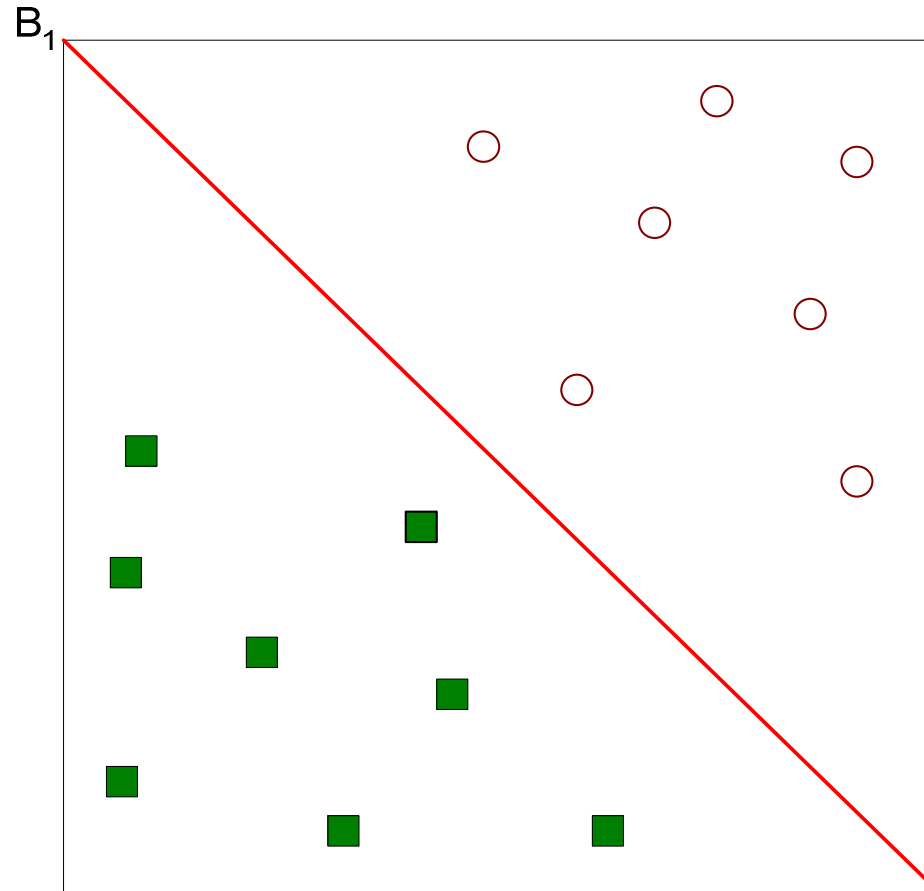
- 1. Linear Support Vector Machine (SVM)**
- 2. Nonlinear SVM - Gaussian RBF Kernel**
- 3. Performance evaluation – confusion matrix**
- 4. Class imbalance problem**

# Linearly separable classes



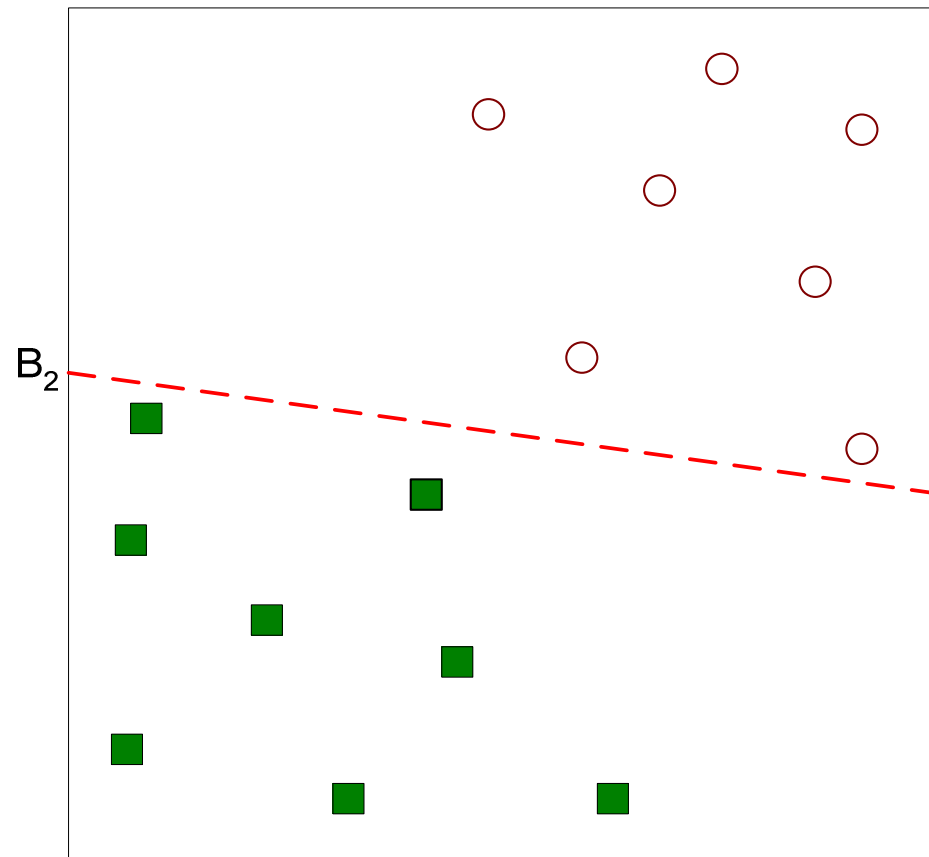
**Find a decision boundary to separate data**

# Linearly separable classes



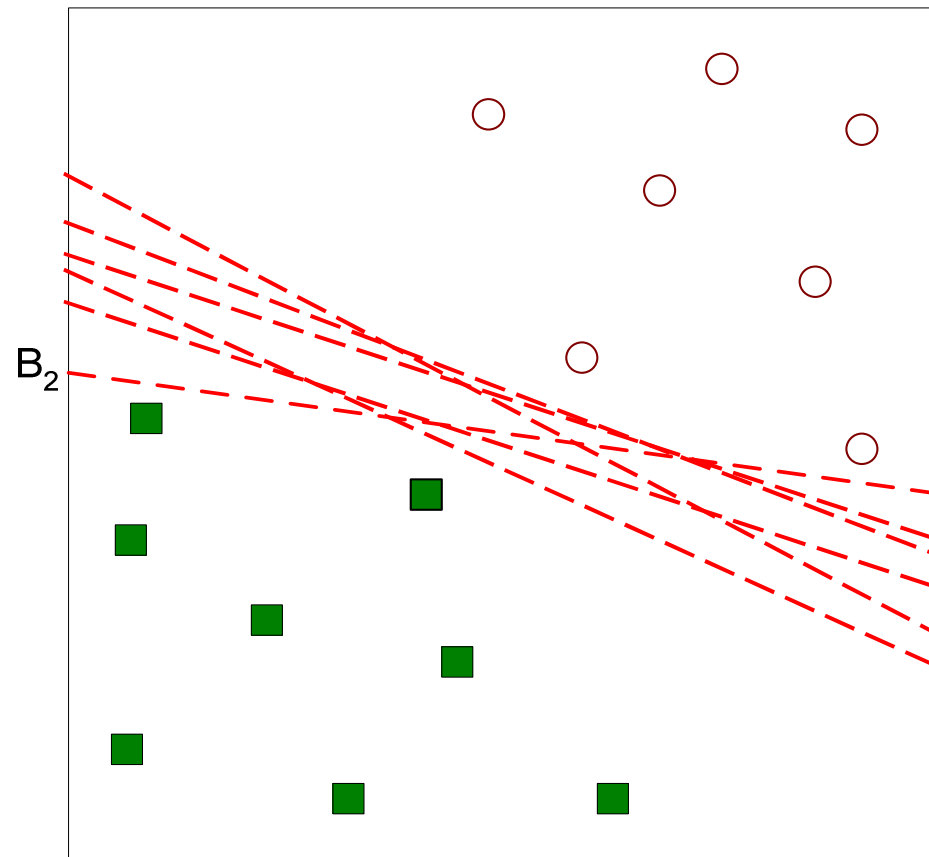
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# Linearly separable classes



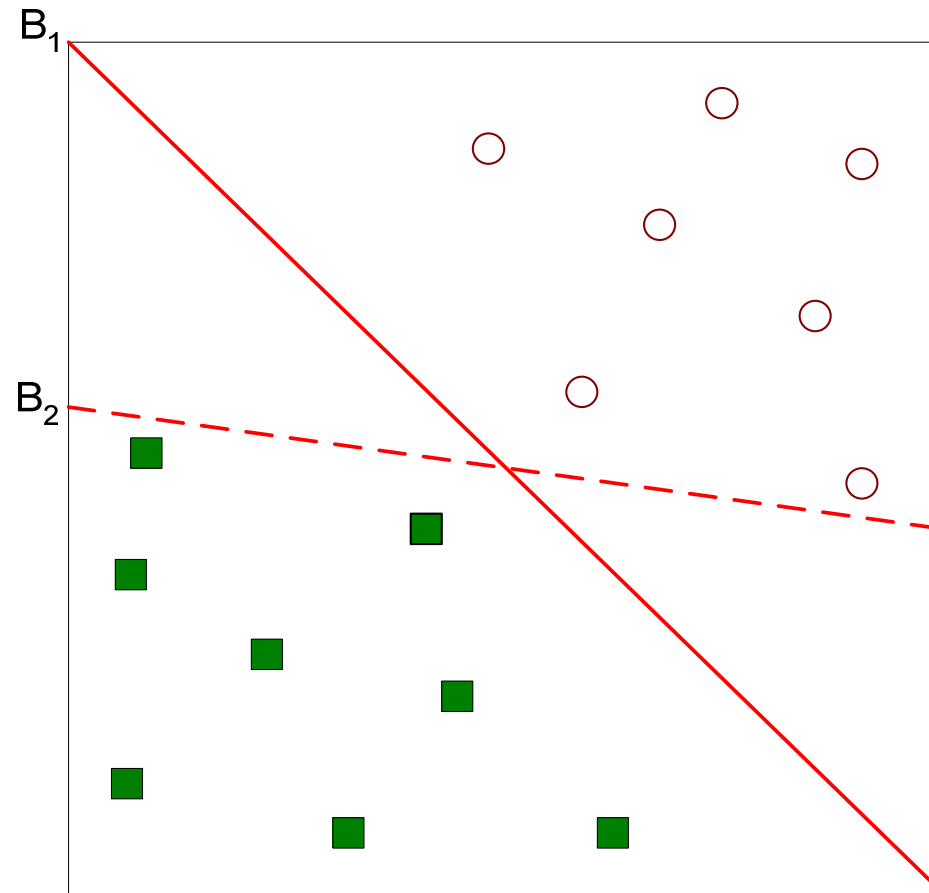
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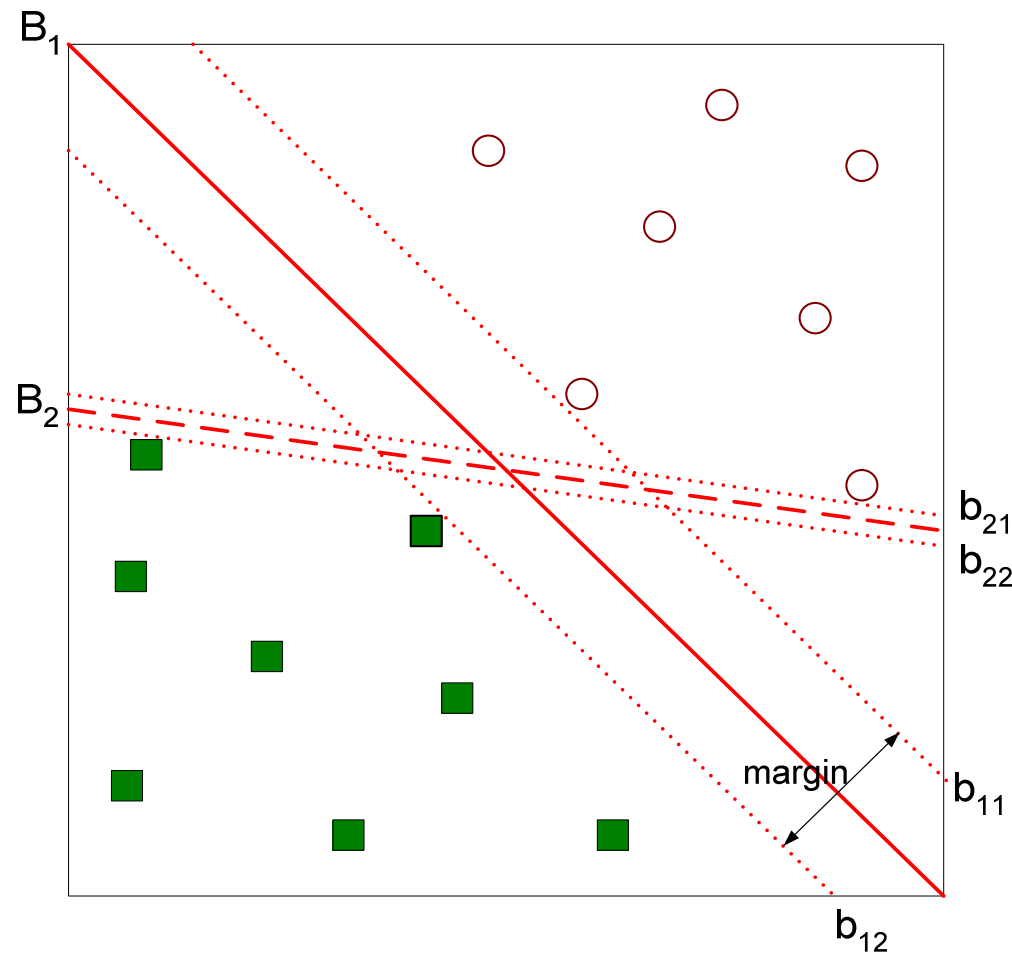
**Many possible solutions**

# Linearly separable classes



**Which one is better?  $B_1$  or  $B_2$ ?**

# SVM - Large margin classifier



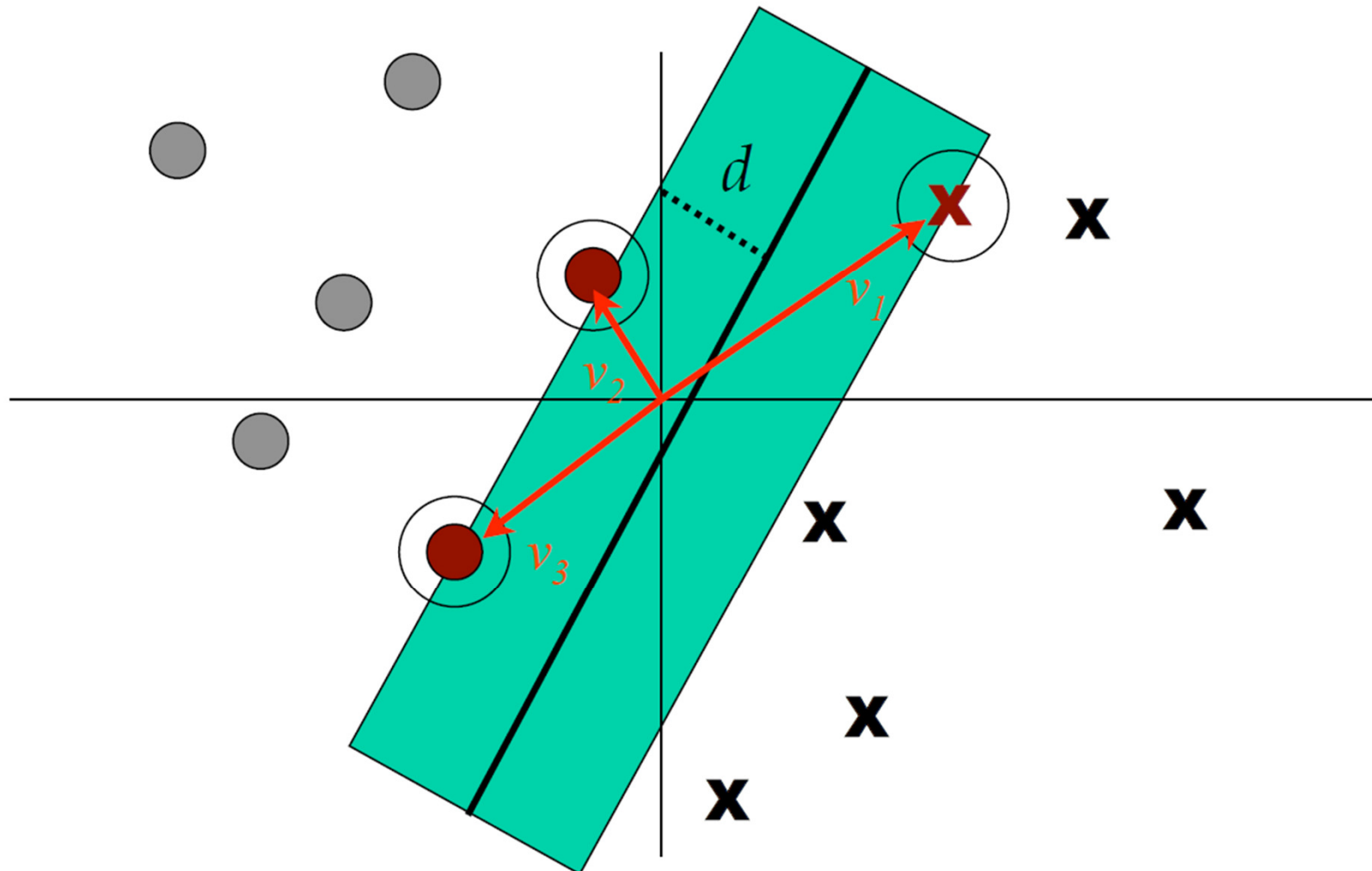
Find a boundary that **maximizes** the margin =>  $B_1$  is better than  $B_2$

Proposed by Vladimir N. Vapnik and Alexey Chervonenkis, 1963



# SUPPORT VECTORS ( $v_1, v_2, v_3$ )

Only the closest points (support vectors) from each class are used to decide which is the optimum (the largest) margin between the classes.



# Logistic Regression (LogReg) -revised

$$h_{\theta}(x) = g(\theta^T x) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-\theta^T x}}$$

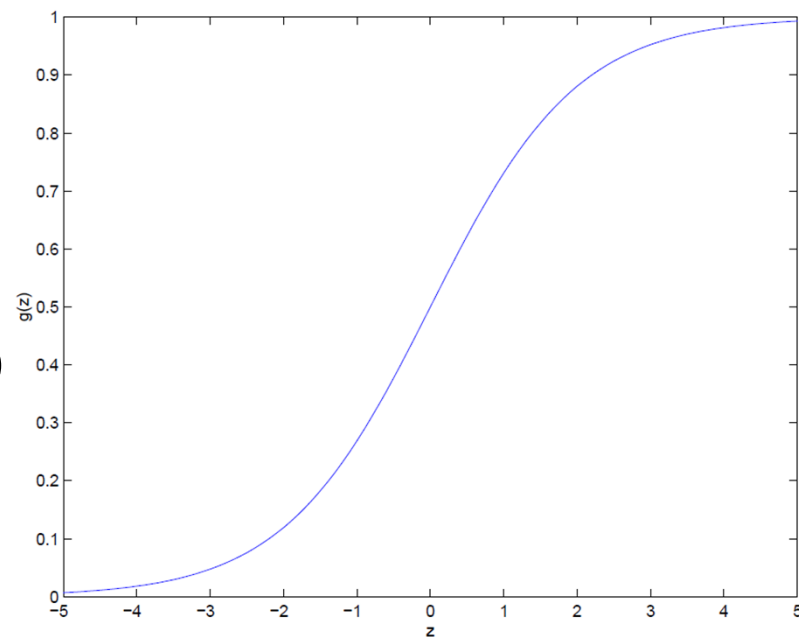
$$\theta^T x = \theta_0 + \sum_{j=1}^n \theta_j x_j$$

$$g(z) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-z}}$$

if  $y = 1$ , we want  $h_{\theta}(x) \approx 1$ ,  $\theta^T x \gg 0$

if  $y = 0$ , we want  $h_{\theta}(x) \approx 0$ ,  $\theta^T x \ll 0$

**Logistic (sigmoid) function**

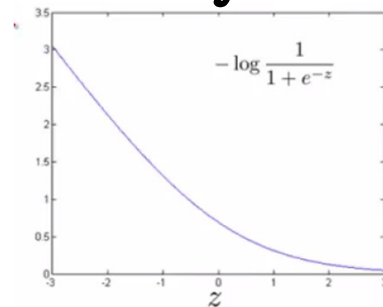


# SVM cost function

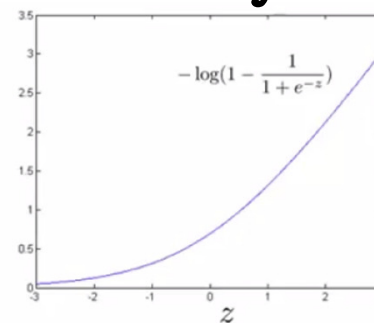
**Regularized LogReg cost function:**

$$\min_{\theta} \frac{1}{m} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^m y^{(i)} \left( -\log h_{\theta}(x^{(i)}) \right) + (1 - y^{(i)}) \left( -\log(1 - h_{\theta}(x^{(i)})) \right) \right] + \frac{\lambda}{2m} \sum_{j=1}^n \theta_j^2$$

**for y=1**

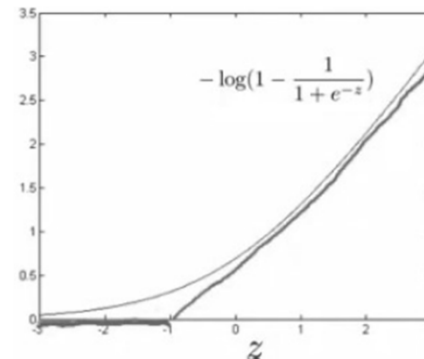
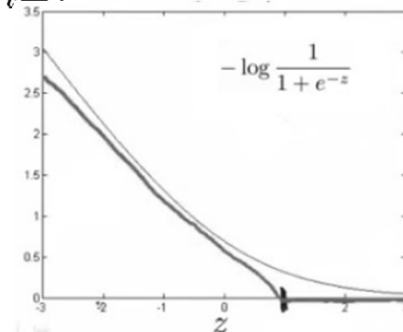


**for y=0**



**Regularized SVM cost function** (Modification of LogReg cost function.  
**cost0** & **cost1** are asymptotic safety margins with computational advantages)

$$\min_{\theta} C \sum_{i=1}^m \left[ y^{(i)} \text{cost}_1(\theta^T x^{(i)}) + (1 - y^{(i)}) \text{cost}_0(\theta^T x^{(i)}) \right] + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^n \theta_j^2$$



$$z = \theta^T x$$

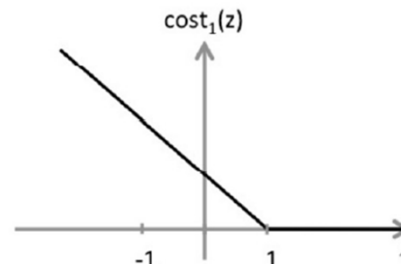
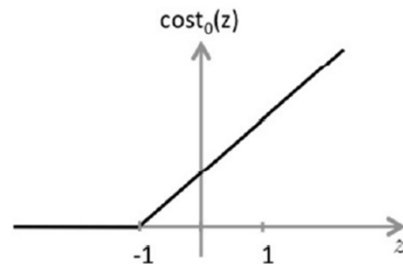
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$$z = \theta^T x$$

Different way of parameterization:  $C$  is equivalent to  $1/\lambda$ .

$C > 0$  - parameter that controls the penalty for misclassified training examples.  
Increase  $C$  more importance to training data fitting.

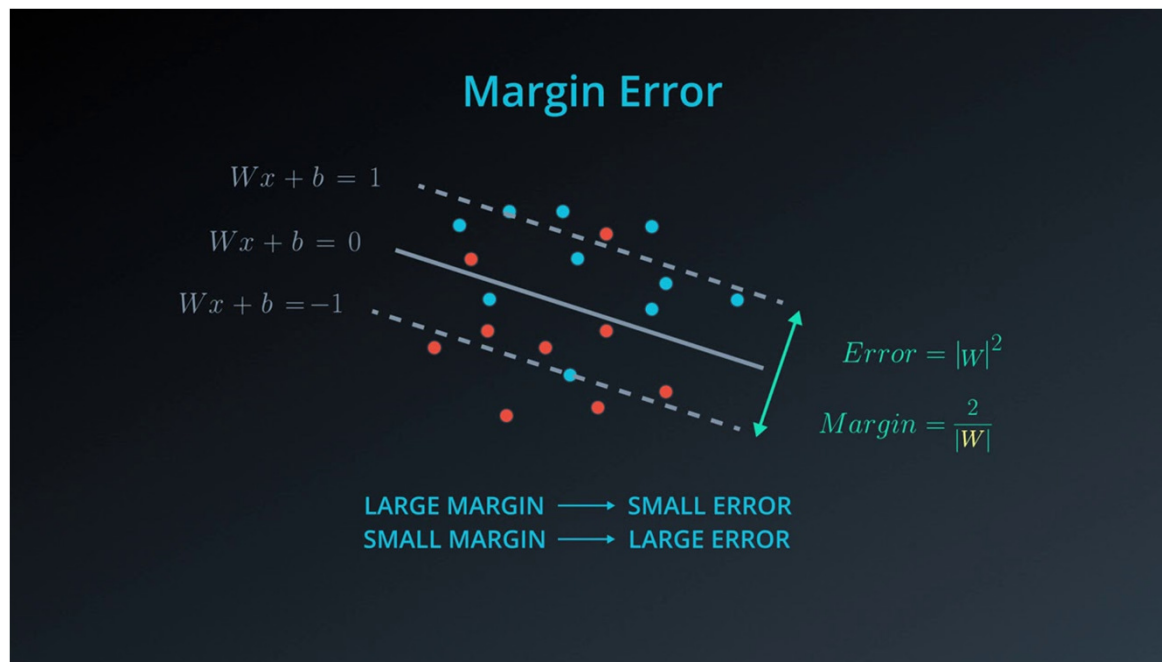
Decrease  $C$  - more importance to generalization properties (combat overfitting).

# SVM Algorithm – soft margin

Two quantities to optimize : classification error (how many points are wrongly classified) and “margin error” (optimize the margin between the two classes)

Search for the largest margin that minimizes the classification error.

C controls how wide is the “street”.



$$\theta^T x \Rightarrow Wx + b$$

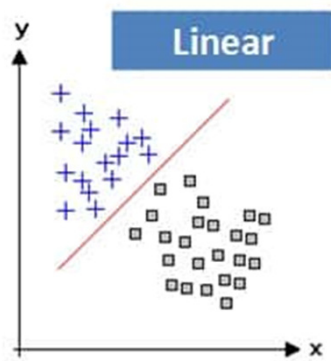
$$\min_{\theta} \sum_{j=1}^n W_j^2 = |W|^2$$

( $L_2$  norm) such that

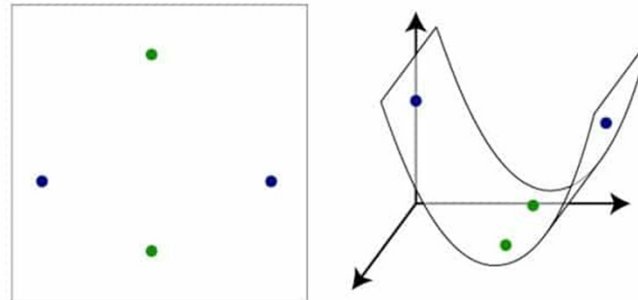
$$Wx^{(i)} + b \geq 1, \quad \text{if } y = 1$$

$$Wx^{(i)} + b \leq -1 \quad \text{if } y = 0$$

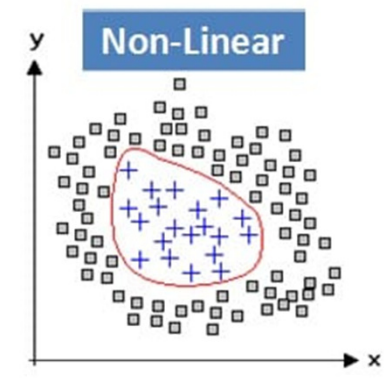
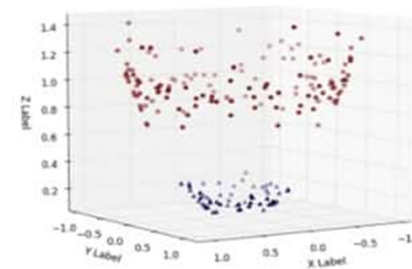
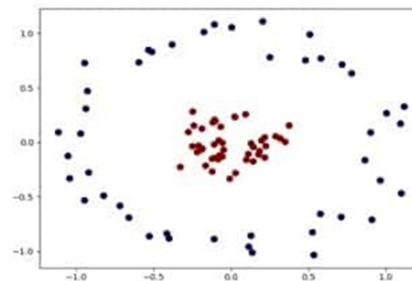
# Nonlinearly separable data – kernel SVM



Kernel



Kernel Trick



**Kernel:** function which maps a lower-dimensional data into higher dimensional data.

## Typical Kernels:

- Polynomial Kernel - adding extra polynomial terms
- Gaussian Radial Basis Function (RBF) kernel – the most used kernel
- Laplace RBF kernel
- Hyperbolic tangent kernel
- Sigmoid kernel, etc.

# Nonlinear SVM – Gaussian RBF Kernel

$$k(x_i, x_j) = e^{\left(-\gamma \|x^{(i)} - x^{(j)}\|^2\right)}, \quad \gamma > 0, \gamma = 1/2\sigma^2, \quad \sigma - \text{variance}$$

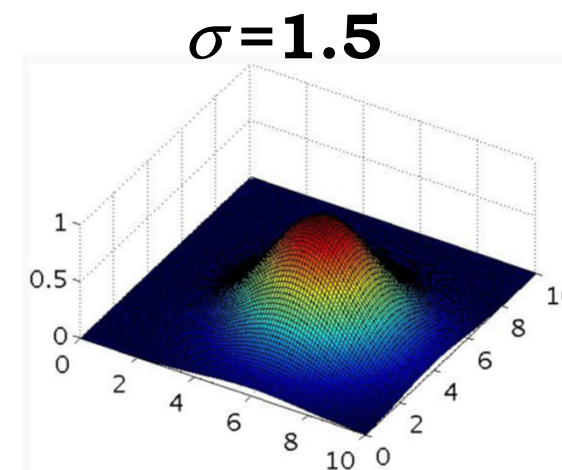
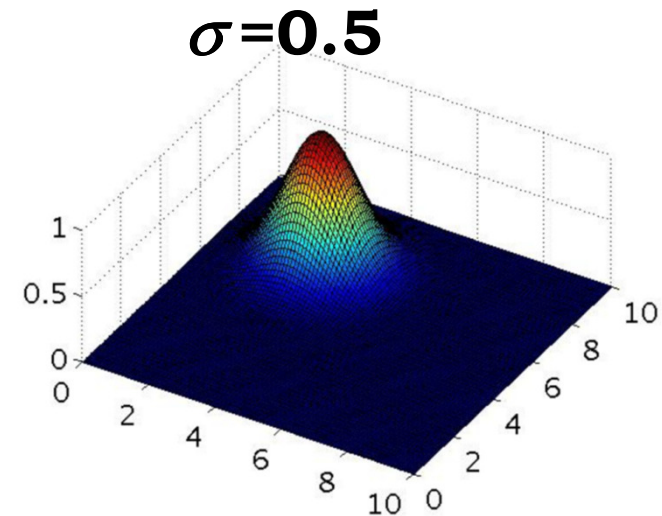
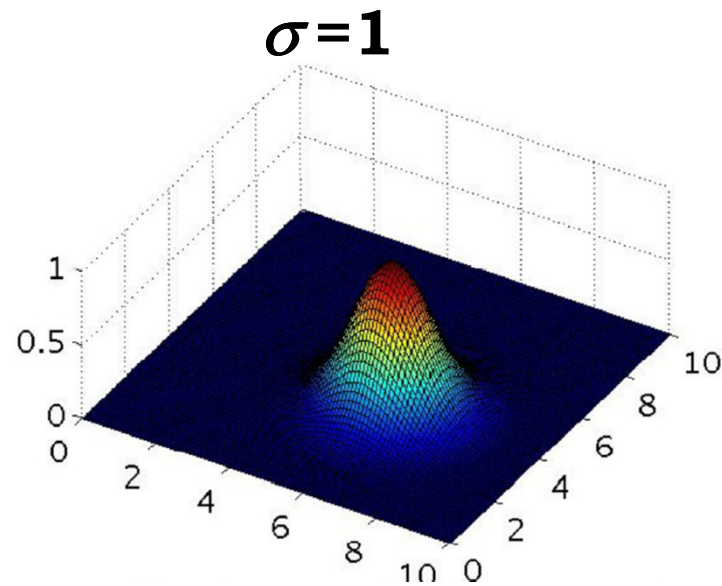
The RBF kernel is a metric of similarity between examples,  $x^{(i)}$  and  $x^{(j)}$   
Substitute the original features with similarity features (kernels).

**Note:** the original ( $n+1$  dimensional) feature vector is substituted  
by the new ( $m+1$  dimensional) similarity feature vector.

$m$  – number of examples,  **$m \gg n$  !!!**

# Gaussian RBF Kernel – Parameter $\sigma$

$$k(x_i, x_j) = e^{-\gamma \|x_i - x_j\|^2}, \quad \gamma = \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} > 0$$



$\sigma$  determines how fast the similarity metric decreases to 0 as the examples go away of each other.

**Large  $\sigma$ :** kernels vary more smoothly (combat overfitting)

**Small  $\sigma$ :** kernels vary less smoothly (more importance to training data fitting)



# SVM parameters

How to **choose hyper-parameter C:**

**Large C:** lower bias, high variance (equivalent to small regular. param.  $\lambda$ )

**Small C:** higher bias, lower variance (equivalent to large regular. param.  $\lambda$ )

How to **choose hyper-parameter  $\sigma$ :**

**Large  $\sigma$ :** features vary more smoothly. Higher bias, lower variance

**Small  $\sigma$ :** features vary less smoothly. Lower bias, higher variance

# SVM implementation

Use SVM software packages to solve SVM optimization !!!

In Python, use Scikit-learn (sklearn) machine learning library and

Import SVC (Support Vector Classification):

```
from sklearn.svm import SVC  
classifier = SVC(kernel="rbf",gamma =?)
```

"rbf" (Radial Basis Function) corresponds to the Gaussian kernel.

**$\gamma = 1/\sigma$ .**

SVM math explained: <https://towardsdatascience.com/support-vector-machine-introduction-to-machine-learning-algorithms-934a444fca47>

# Logistic Reg versus SVM

$n$  = number of features,  $m$ =number of examples

- If  $n$  is large (relative to  $m$ ) (e.g.  $n=10000$ ;  $m=10-1000$ ) => use logistic regression or SVM without kernel (“linear kernel”)

- If  $n$  is small,  $m$  is intermediate ( $n=1-1000$ ;  $m=10-10000$ ) => Use SVM with Gaussian kernel

- If  $n$  is small,  $m$  is large ( $n=1-1000$ ;  $m=50000$ )

Create more features, then use logistic regression or SVM without a kernel.

- Neural Networks likely to work well for most of these setting, but may be slower to train.

# Performance Evaluation – Confusion Matrix

ACTUAL CLASS	PREDICTED CLASS	
	Class=Yes	Class=No
Class=Yes	a (TP)	b (FN)
	c (FP)	d (TN)

**a: TP (true positive)**

**b: FN (false negative)**

**c: FP (false positive)**

**d: TN (true negative)**

# Performance metric - Accuracy

ACTUAL CLASS	PREDICTED CLASS	
	Class=Yes	Class=No
Class=Yes	(TP)	(FN)
	(FP)	(TN)

$$\text{Accuracy} = \frac{TP + TN}{TP + TN + FP + FN}$$

**Accuracy - fraction of examples correctly classified.**

**1-Accuracy: Error rate (misclassification rate)**

# Limitation of Accuracy

- Consider binary classification (**Unbalanced data set**)
  - Class 0 has 9990 examples
  - Class 1 has 10 examples
- If model classify all examples as class 0, accuracy is  $9990/10000 = 99.9 \%$
- Accuracy is misleading because model does not classify correctly any example of class 1 => Need to find a way to balance the data set !!!

# Other performance metrics

**Sensitivity (recall)** – true positive rate, of all positive examples the fraction of correctly classified

$$\text{Recall (r)} = \frac{TP}{TP + FN}$$

**Specificity** - true negative rate, of all negative examples the fraction of correctly classified

$$\text{Specificity(s)} = \frac{TN}{TN + FP}$$

**Precision** - the fraction of correctly classified positive samples from all classified as positive

$$\text{Precision (p)} = \frac{TP}{TP + FP}$$

**F1 Score** - weighted average of Precision and Recall

$$F1 = 2 * (\text{Recall} * \text{Precision}) / (\text{Recall} + \text{Precision})$$

**Balanced Accuracy** =  $(\text{Recall} + \text{Specificity}) / 2$

# Performance metrics – example

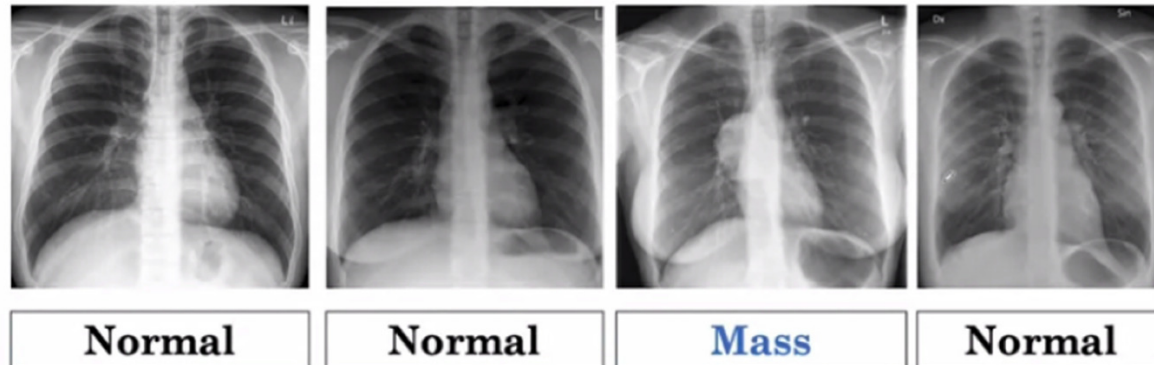
	predicted	
	Positive	Negative
Positive	500	100
Negative	500	10000

- Accuracy  $\frac{500+10000}{500+500+100+10000} = 0.95$
- Precision  $\frac{500}{500+500} = 0.5$
- Recall  $\frac{500}{500+100} = 0.83$
- Specificity  $\frac{10000}{10000+500} = 0.95$

- Positive class is predicted poorly
- Accuracy is not a reliable measure for un-balanced datasets
- If # of examples of one class is much lower than # of examples of the other class => **F1 score and balanced accuracy are better measures.**



# Class Imbalance problem



## Solution 1: Weighted Binary Cross Entropy Loss

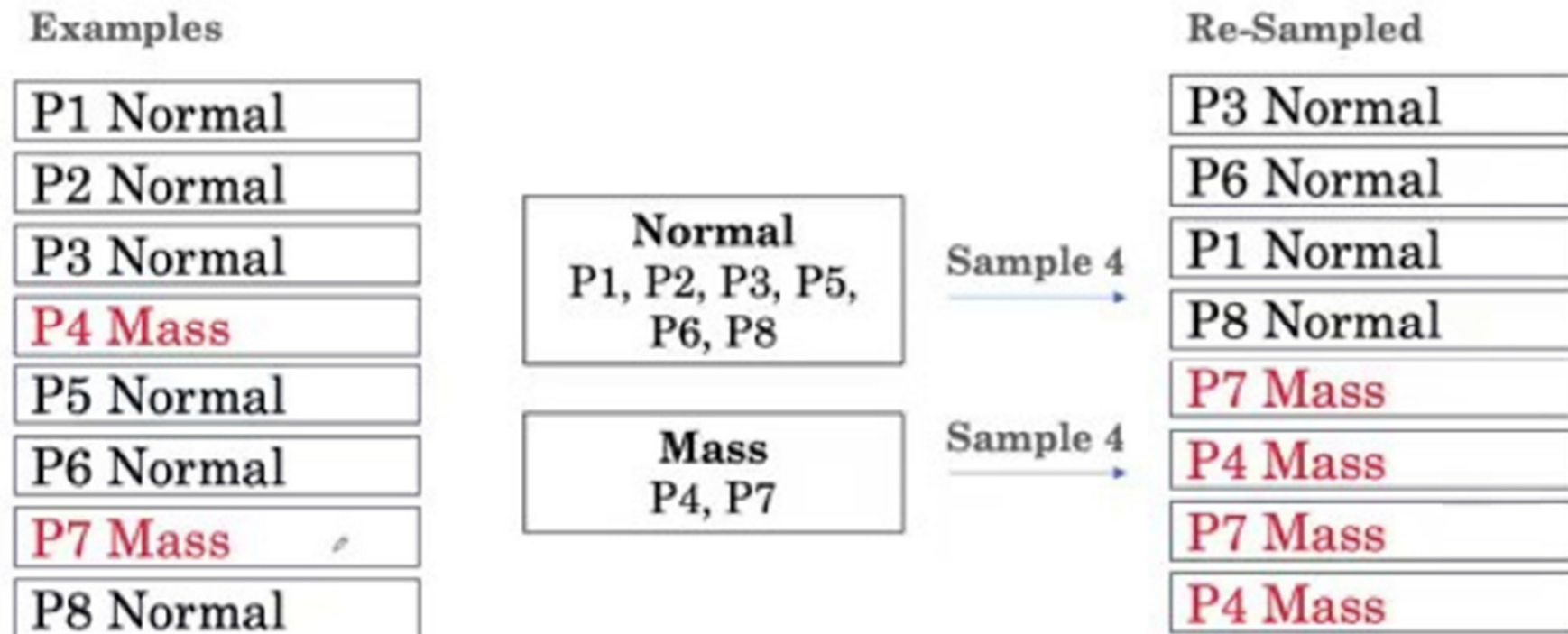
**Weights:**

$$w_p = \frac{\text{num negative}}{\text{num total}} \quad w_n = \frac{\text{num positive}}{\text{num total}}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{cross-entropy}}^w(x) = -(w_p y \log(f(x)) + w_n (1 - y) \log(1 - f(x))).$$

# Class Imbalance problem

## Solution 2: Re-sampling methods (under-sampling, oversampling)



# Epoch / Batch Size / Iterations / Train step

**One Epoch** is when an ENTIRE dataset is passed through the model (e.g. forward and backward in a neural network) only ONCE.  
If data is too big to feed to the computer at once one epoch is divided in several smaller batches.

**Batch Size:** Total number of training examples present in a single batch.

**Iterations** is the number of batches needed to complete one epoch.

**Example:** Let's say we have 2000 training examples.  
We can divide the dataset of 2000 examples into batches of 500 then it will take 4 iterations to complete 1 epoch.

**Training run/step** - is one update of the model parameters.  
We update the parameters after one batch or after one epoch.

# ML lab (part2) - Spam Detector

- Labelled data set : SpamAssassin Public Corpus
- Convert the email into a binary feature vector:
  - Clean (remove slash , dots, coms)
  - Tokenize (parse) into words
  - Count the word frequency
  - Create dictionary with most frequent words (e.g. 10000 to 50000 words) -
- **Feature space.**
  - Substitute the words with the dictionary indices.
  - Extract binary features from emails - binary (sparse) feature for an email corresponds to whether the i-th word in the dictionary occurs in the email.
- **Apply classifier** (e.g. SVM )

**Dictionary => Email with dictionary indices => binary features**

1	aa
2	ab
3	abil
...	
86	anyon
...	
916	know
...	
1898	zero
1899	zip

86	916	794	1077	883
370	1699	790	1822	
1831	883	431	1171	
794	1002	1893	1364	
592	1676	238	162	89
688	945	1663	1120	
1062	1699	375	1162	
479	1893	1510	799	
1182	1237	810	1895	
1440	1547	181	1699	
1758	1896	688	1676	
992	961	1477	71	530
1699	531			

$$x = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^n$$