

# 2413, Machine Learning, Homework 3

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**Question 1 (5 points)** Complete the face classification problem attached to this document, using the SVM implementation provided by the open source library VIFeat (<http://www.vlfeat.org/overview/svm.html#tut.svm>, [http://www.vlfeat.org/matlab/vl\\_svmtrain.html](http://www.vlfeat.org/matlab/vl_svmtrain.html)).

Notice that the SVM formulation implemented in the library is slightly different from the formulation seen in class (<http://www.vlfeat.org/api/svm-fundamentals.html>).

You are required to:

- Write the code that calls the *vl\_svmtrain* function.
- Write the code that computes the scores  $f(x^{(i)}) = w^T x^{(i)} + b$ .
- Run the algorithm for several values of the algorithm parameter  $\lambda$  and find the ones that give the best results.
- Comment the results you obtained in terms of the parameter  $\lambda$ : how do the results change when you increase or decrease  $\lambda$ ?
- Compare and comment the SVM classifier with the other algorithms implemented so far.