Machine Learning with Weka

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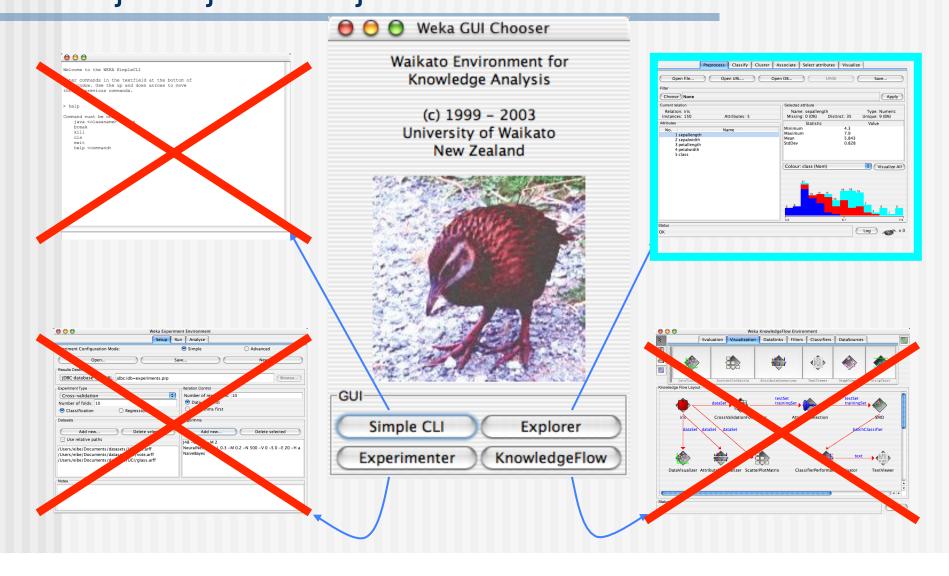
WEKA: the software

- Machine learning/data mining software written in Java (distributed under the GNU Public License)
- Used for research, education, and applications
- Main features:
 - Comprehensive set of data pre-processing tools, learning algorithms and evaluation methods
 - Graphical user interfaces (incl. data visualization)
 - Environment for comparing learning algorithms
- WEKA website:
 - http://www.cs.waikato.ac.nz/ml/weka/

WEKA: resources

- API Documentation, Tutorials, Source code.
- WEKA mailing list
- Data Mining: Practical Machine Learning Tools and Techniques with Java Implementations
- Weka-related Projects:
 - Weka-Parallel parallel processing for Weka
 - <u>RWeka</u> linking R and Weka
 - YALE Yet Another Learning Environment
 - Many others...

WEKA: launching java -jar weka.jar



Data Preparation and Loading

Data Preparation: WEKA only deals with "flat" files

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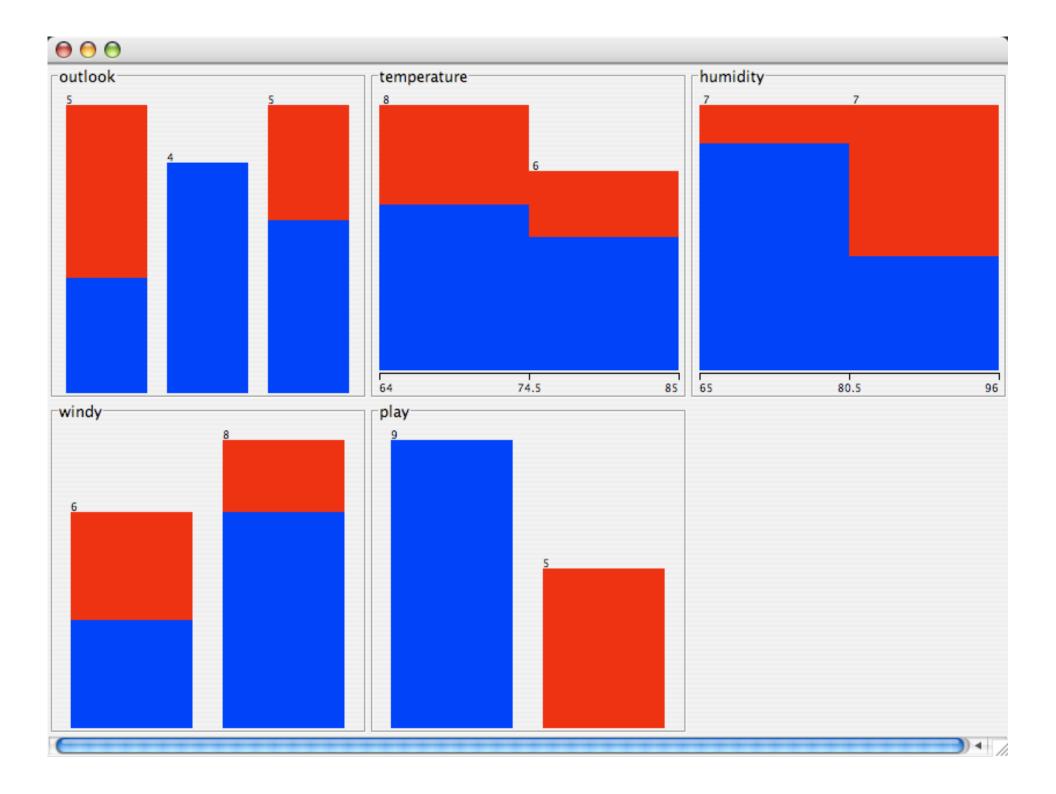
Explorer: pre-processing the data

- Data can be imported from a file in various formats: ARFF, CSV, C4.5, binary
- Data can also be read from a URL or from an SQL database (using JDBC)
- Pre-processing tools in WEKA are called "filters"
- WEKA contains filters for:
 - Discretization, normalization, resampling, attribute selection, transforming and combining attributes, ...

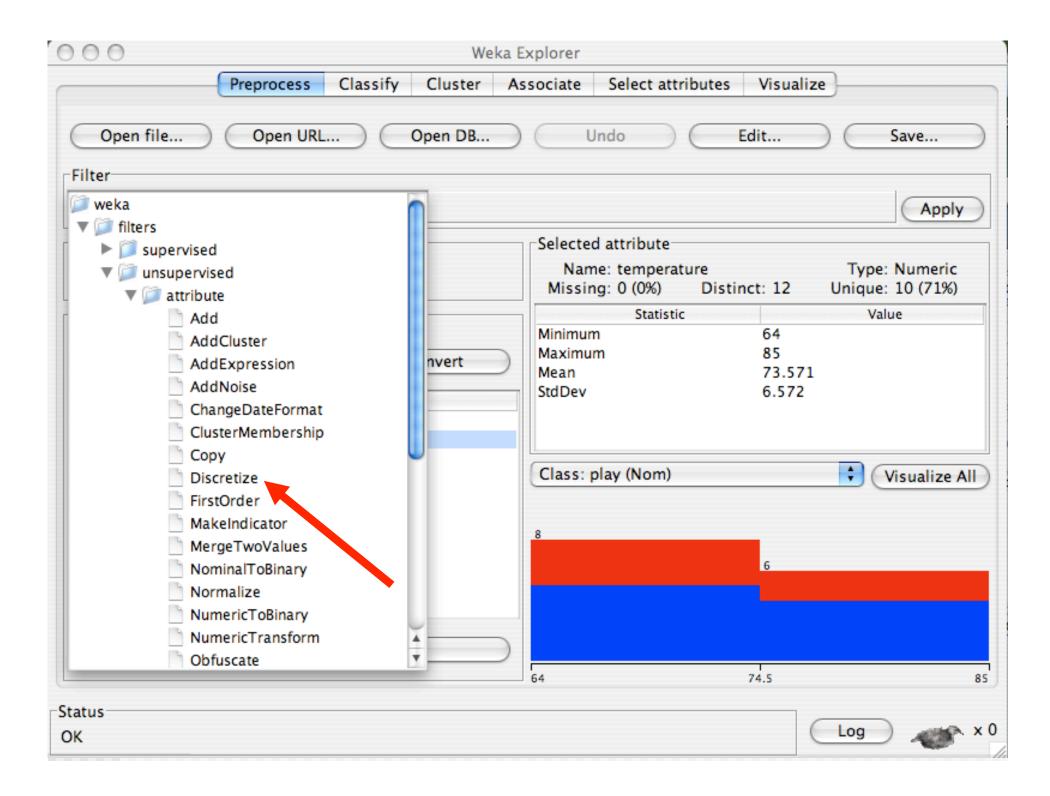
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Building Classifiers

Explorer: building "classifiers"

- Classifiers in WEKA are models for predicting nominal or numeric quantities
- Implemented learning schemes include:
 - Decision trees and lists, instance-based classifiers, support vector machines, multi-layer perceptrons, logistic regression, Bayes' nets, ...
- Meta"-classifiers include:
 - Bagging, boosting, stacking, etc.

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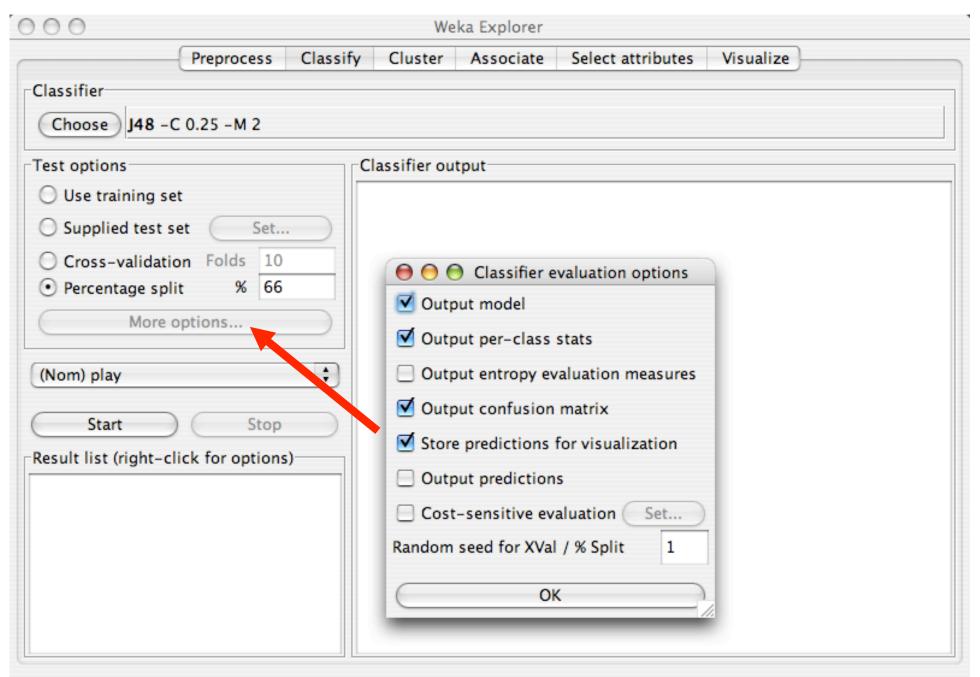
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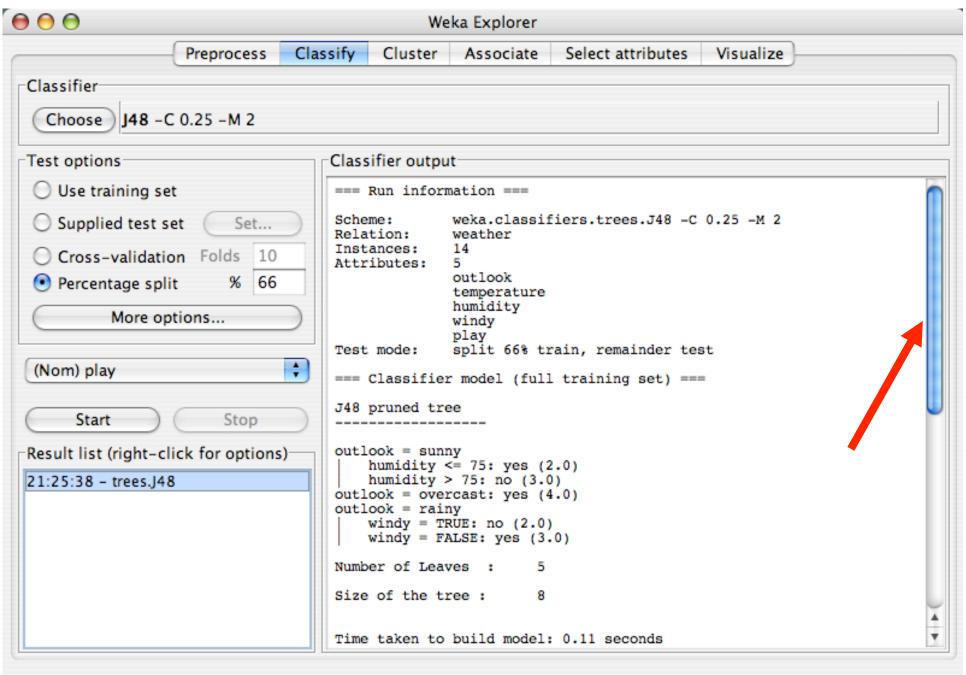
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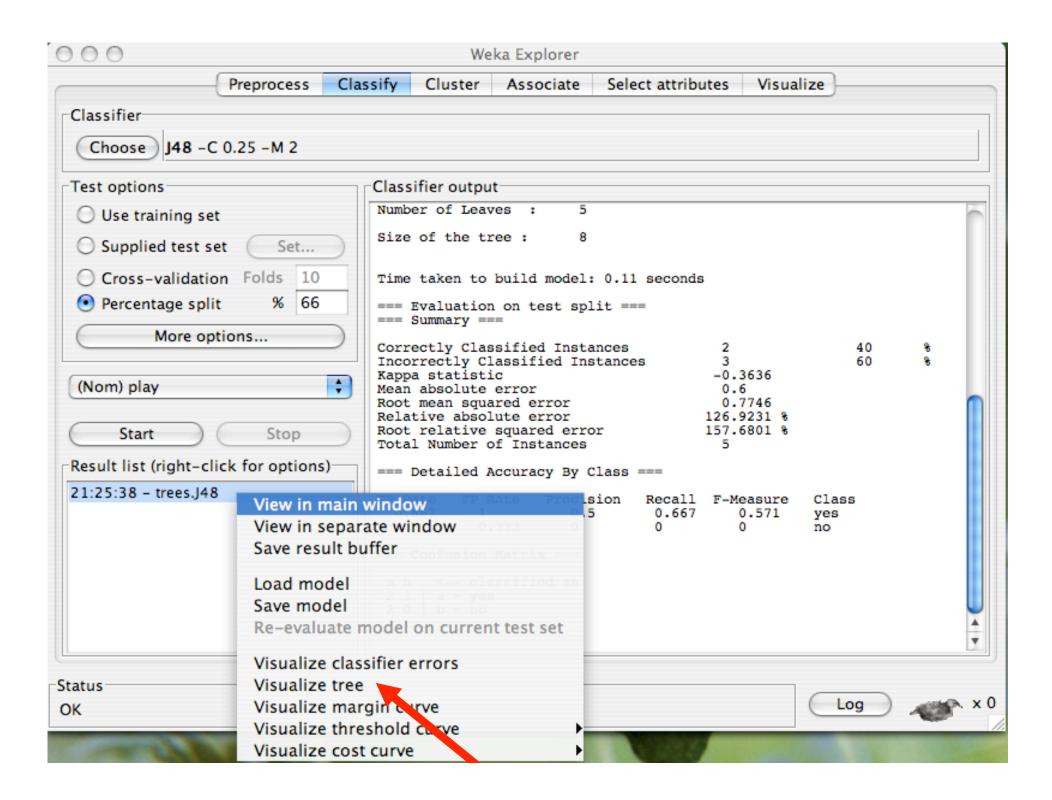
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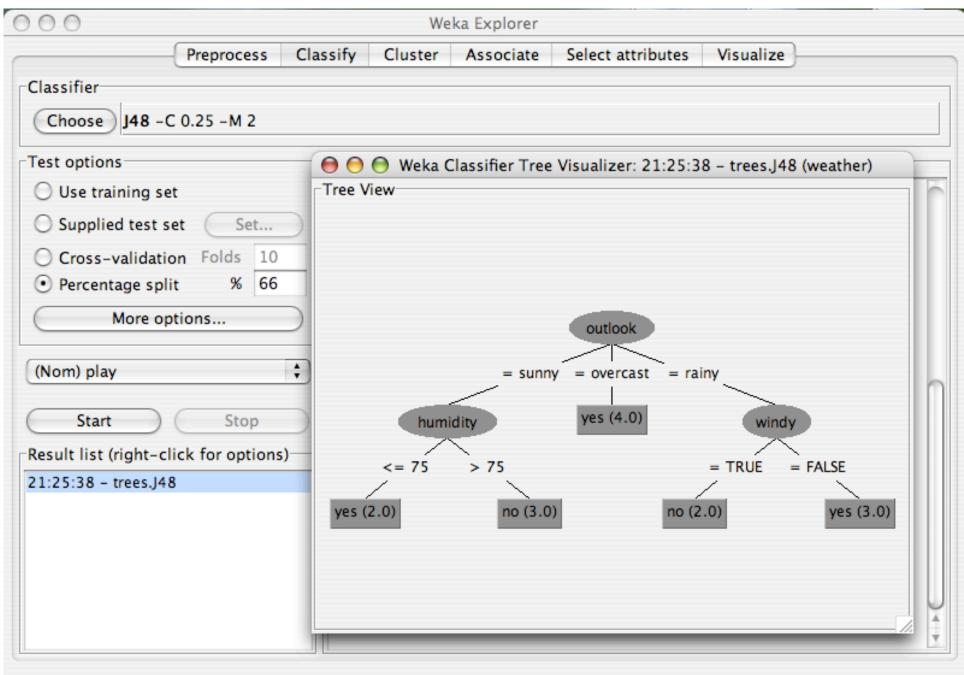


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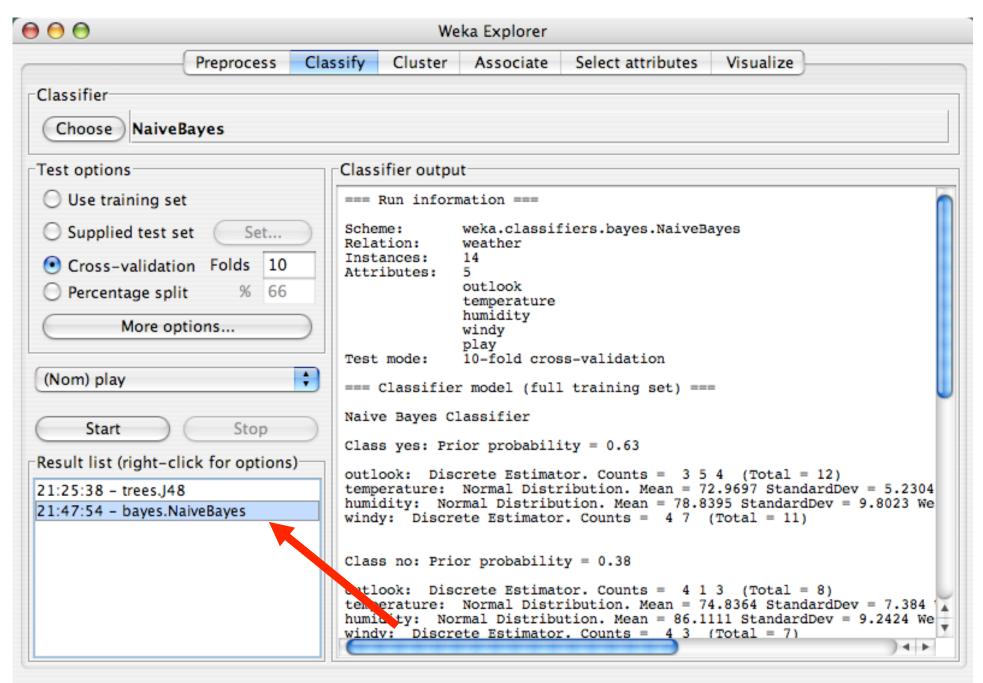




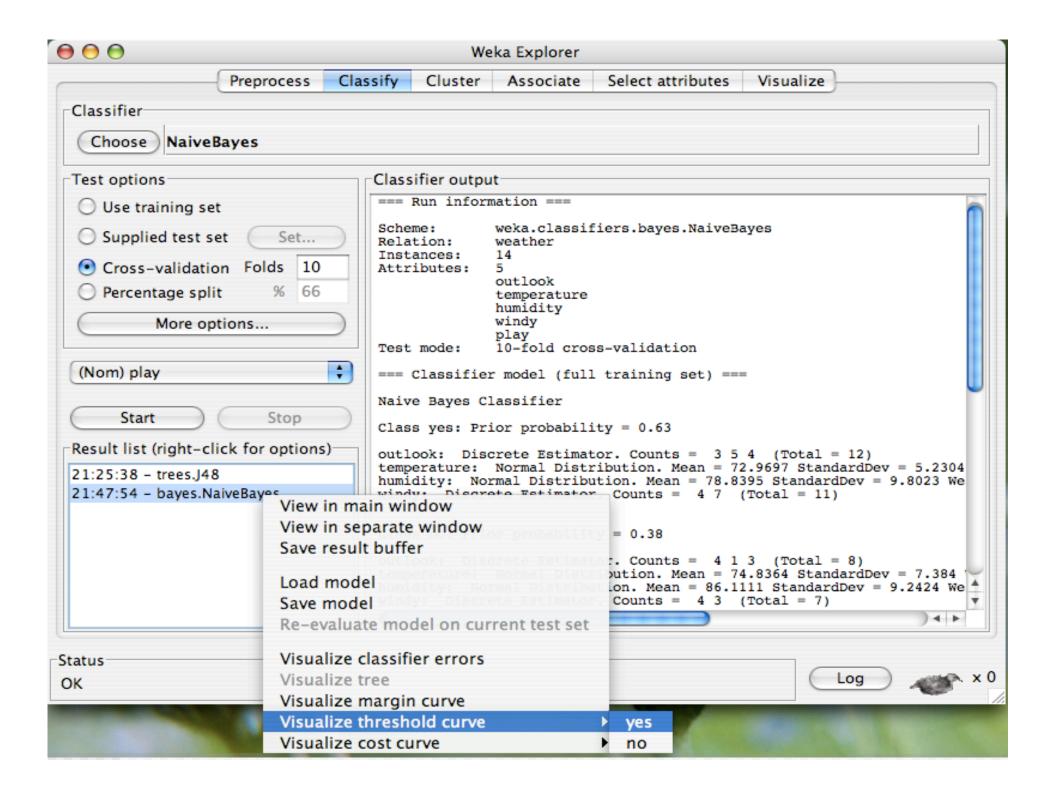
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- Try Decision Tree, Naïve Bayes, and Logistic Regression and Support Vector Machines classifiers on a CiteSeerX dataset
 - The dataset contains titles and abstracts of papers from Computer Science that are available in the CiteSeer digital library;
 - The class for each example in the dataset is the topic of the paper. There are six possible classes.
 - The dataset is available in arff format.
- Use various model parameters