

# Clustering-Aided Approach for Predicting Patient Outcomes with Application to Elderly Healthcare in Ireland

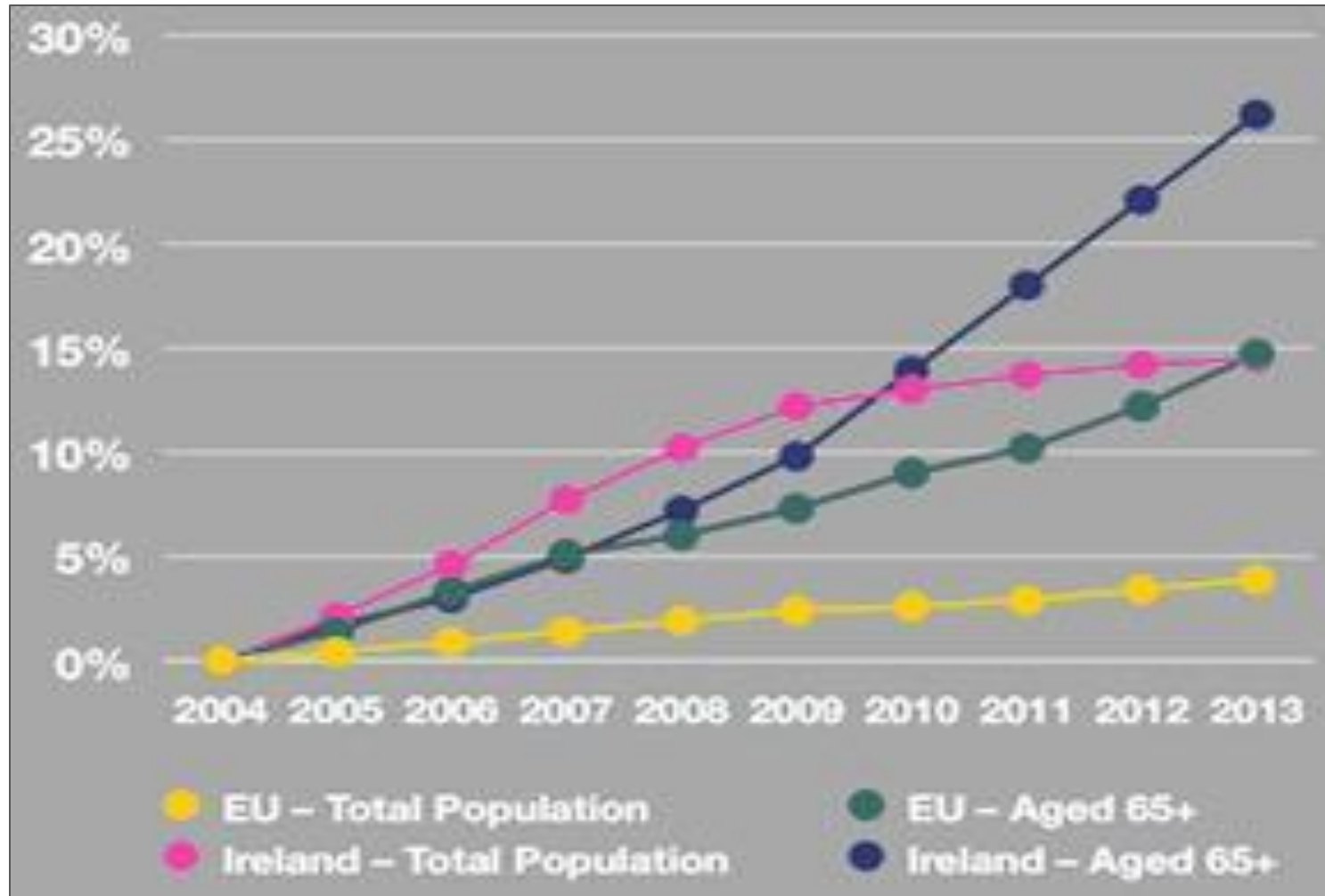
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# Challenge to Healthcare: Population Ageing



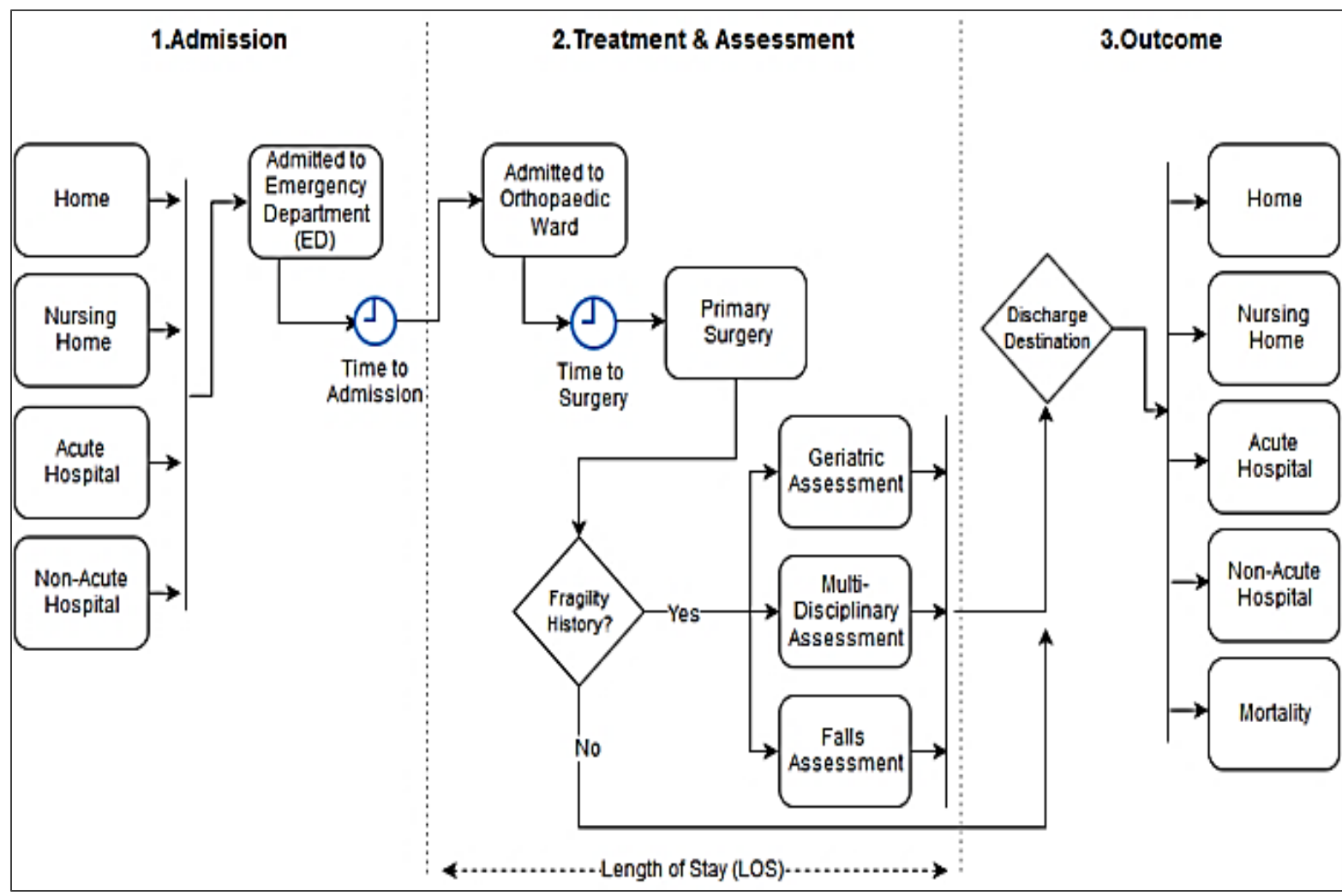
# Our Focus: Hip Fracture Care in Ireland

- A good exemplar of elderly healthcare.
- Exponentially increasing with age.<sup>1</sup>
- Identified as one of the most serious injuries resulting in lengthy hospital admissions and high costs.<sup>2</sup>
- High quality data available through the Irish Hip Fracture Database (IHFD).

Sources :<sup>1</sup> Gullberg, B., Johnell, O. and Kanis, J.A., 1997. World-wide projections for hip fracture. Osteoporosis international, 7(5), pp.407-413.

<sup>2</sup>[http://www.hse.ie/eng/services/publications/olderpeople/Executive\\_Summary\\_Strategy\\_to\\_Prevent\\_Falls\\_and\\_Fractures\\_in\\_Ireland%E2%80%99s\\_Ageing\\_Population.pdf](http://www.hse.ie/eng/services/publications/olderpeople/Executive_Summary_Strategy_to_Prevent_Falls_and_Fractures_in_Ireland%E2%80%99s_Ageing_Population.pdf)

# Overview: Hip Fracture Care Scheme



# Objectives

- To predict the inpatient length of stay (LOS).
- To predict the patient's discharge destination.

# Importance of Predicting LOS and Discharge Destination

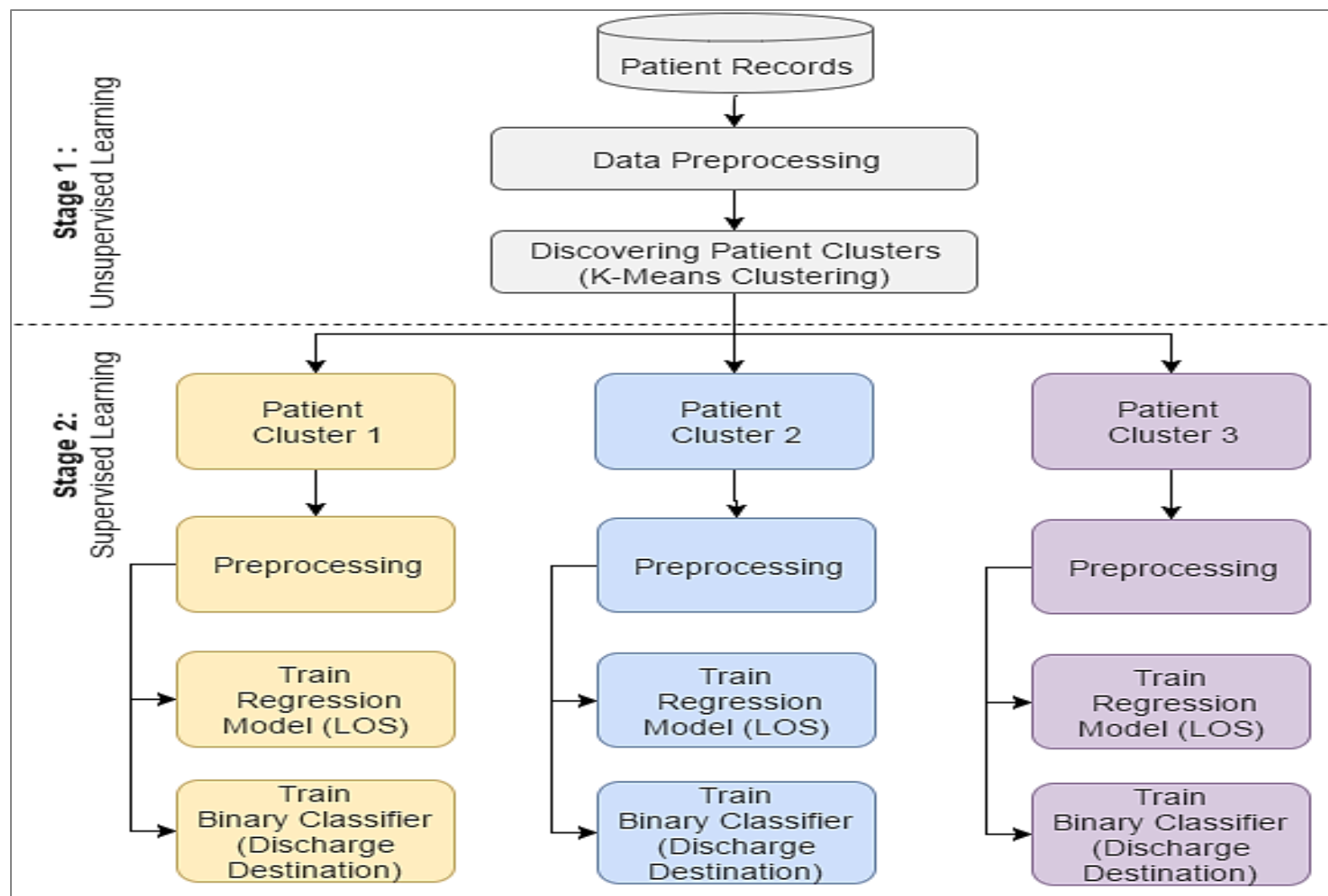
## **LOS:**

- A significant measure of patient outcomes [1-3].
- A valid proxy to measure the consumption of hospital resources.
- Reported as the main component of the overall cost of hip fracture care [4].

## **Discharge Destination:**

- Having a strategic importance to estimate the needed capacity of long-stay care facilities such as nursing homes.

# Approach Overview

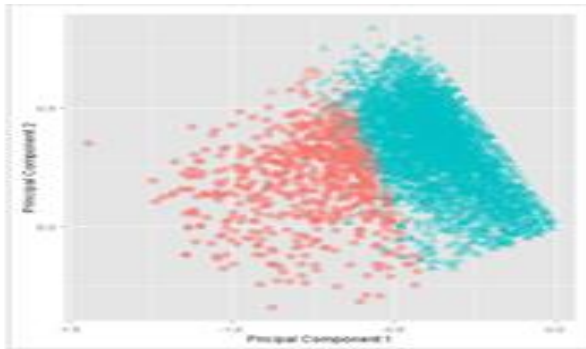


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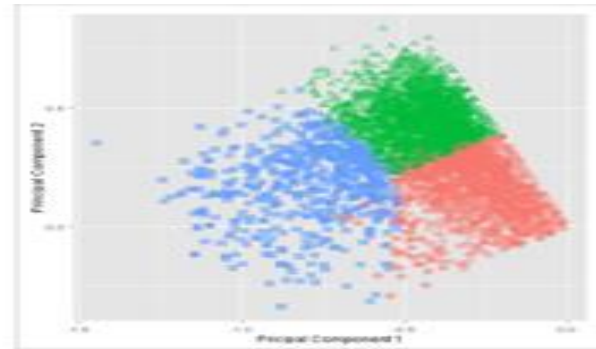
- Irish Hip Fracture Database (IHFD).
- Patient records in the years 2013-2014.
- Patients aged 60 and over.
- 38 data fields such as gender, age, type of fracture, date of admission, and LOS.



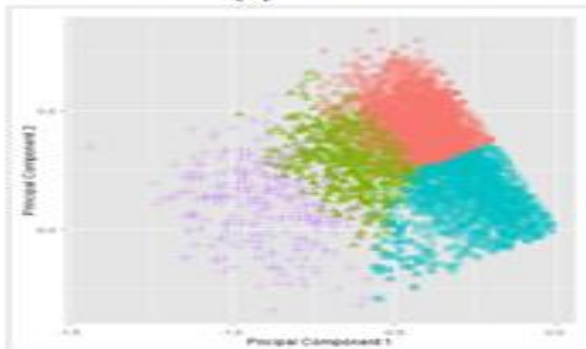
# K-Means Clustering Experiments



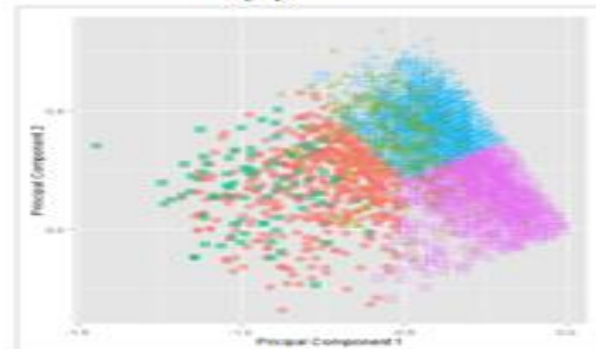
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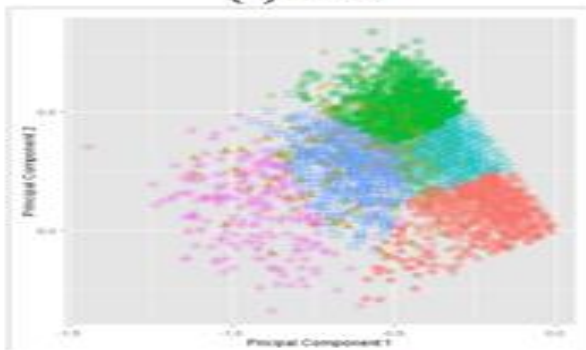
(b) K=3



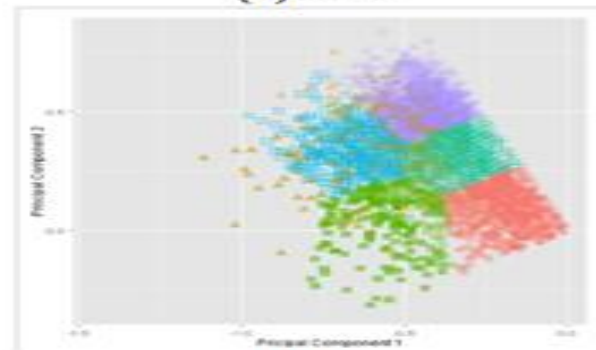
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(d) K=5

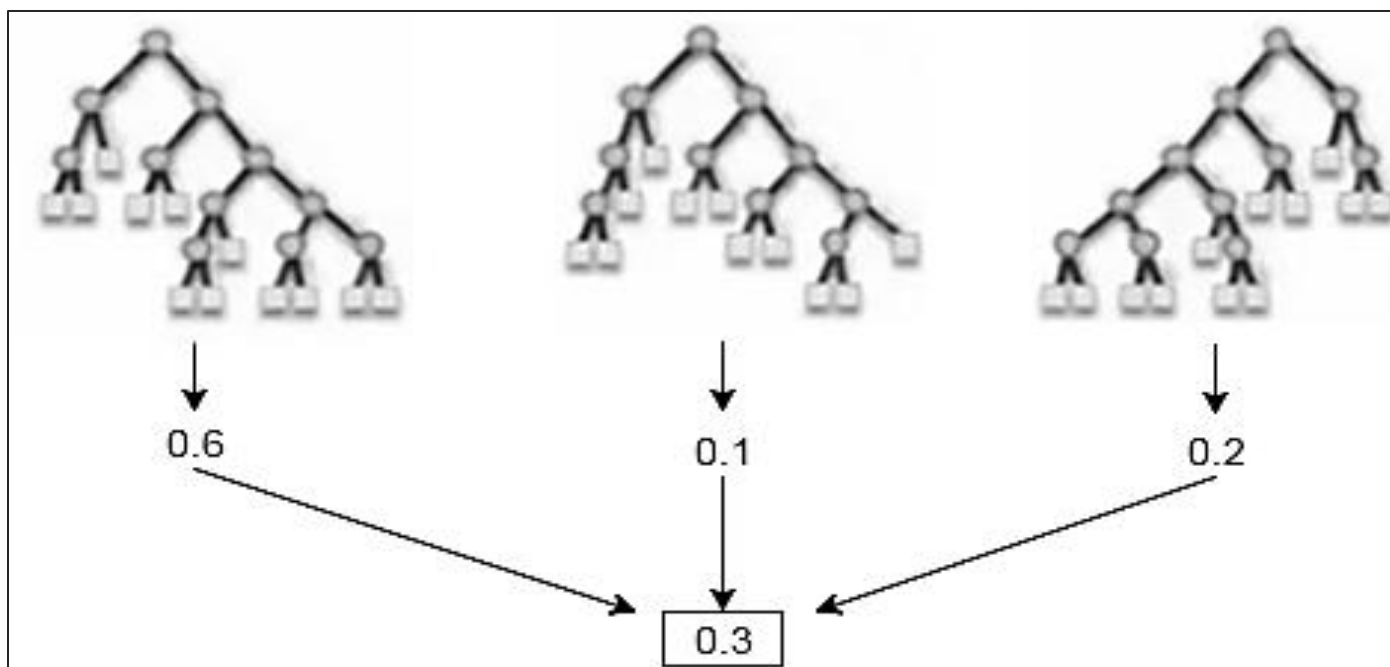


(e) K=6



(f) K=7

# Learning Algorithm: Random Forests



$$p(c|v) = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T p_t(c|v)$$

, where  $p_t(c|v)$  denotes the posterior distribution obtained by the  $t$ -th tree.

# Learning Algorithm: Random Forests

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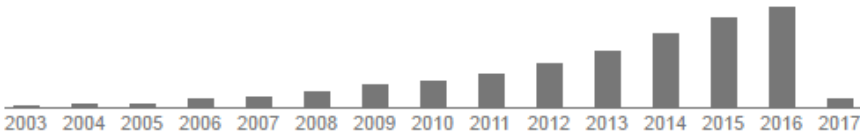


Leo Breiman 1928-2005

## Random forests

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# Feature Selection & Extraction

## **LOS Regression Model:**

- Age
- Patient Gender
- Fracture Type
- Hospital Admitted To
- ICD-10 Diagnosis
- Fragility History
- Time to Surgery

## **Discharge Destination Classifier:**

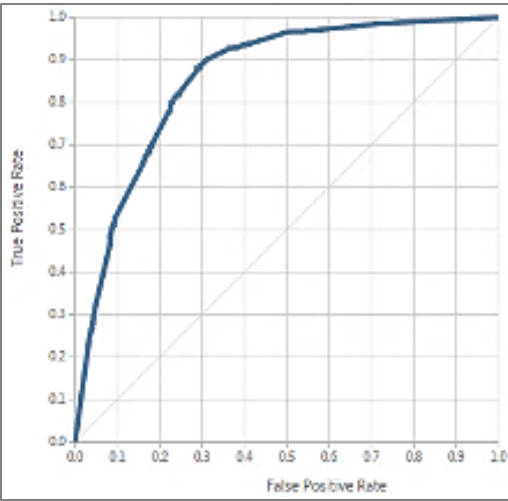
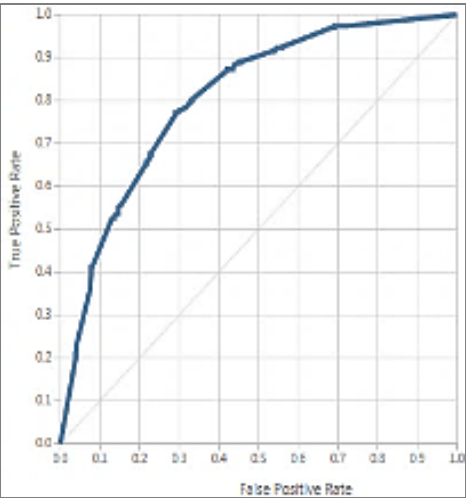
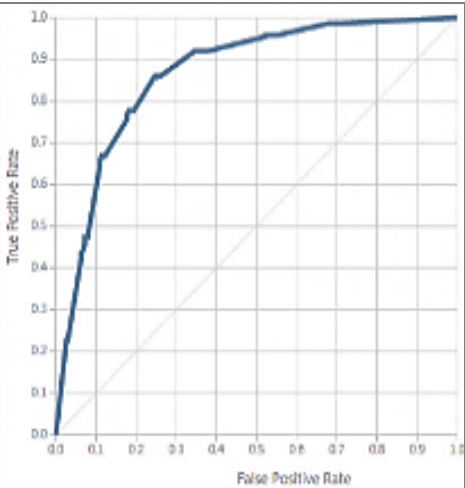
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# Experimental Results:

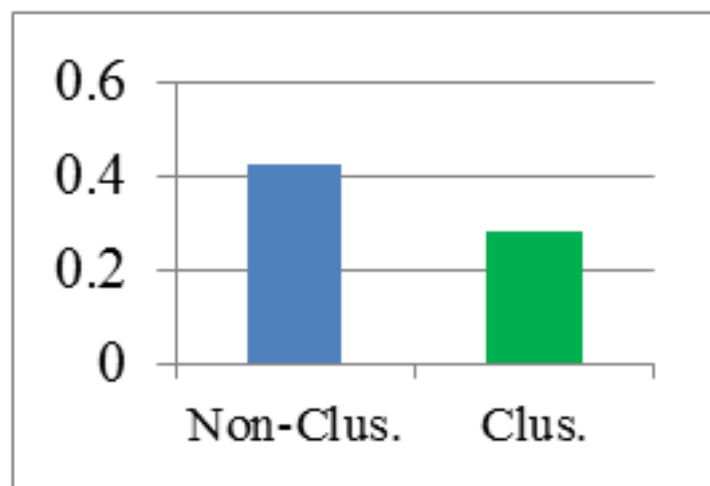
## Regression Accuracy (10-Fold Cross-Validation)

LOS Predictors	Relative Absolute Error ( $\approx$ )	Relative Squared Error ( $\approx$ )	Coefficient of Determination ( $\approx$ )
Cluster 1	0.24	0.14	0.86
Cluster 2	0.30	0.19	0.81
Cluster 3	0.28	0.18	0.82

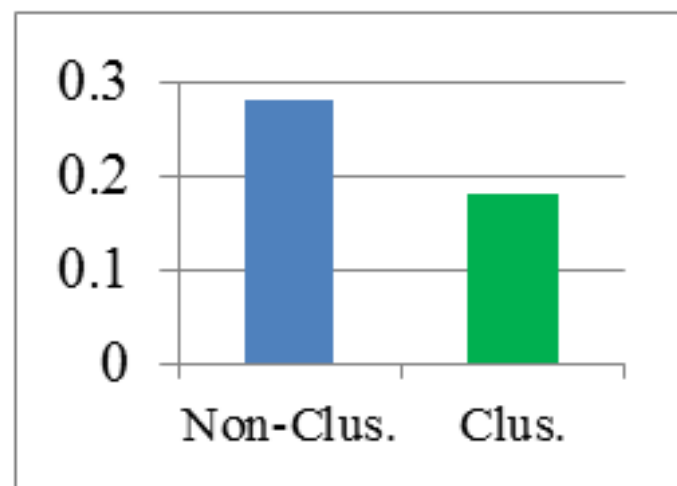
# Experimental Results: Classifier Accuracy (10-Fold Cross-Validation)

Cluster1	Cluster2	Cluster3
		
AUC=0.851	AUC=0.739	AUC=0.863

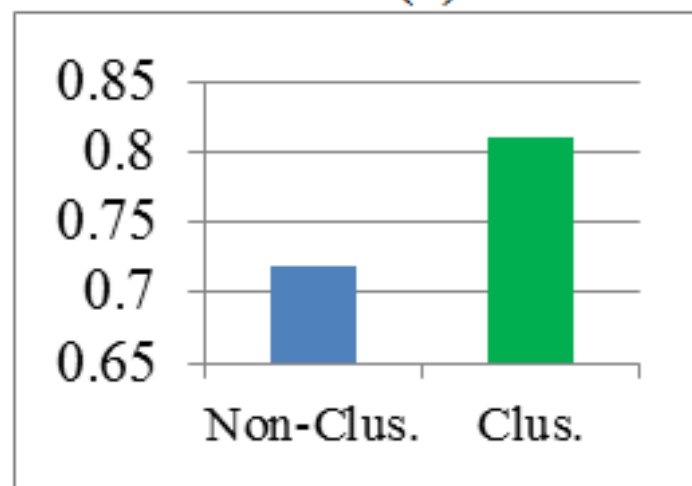
# The Significance of Clustering



(a) Relative Absolute Error



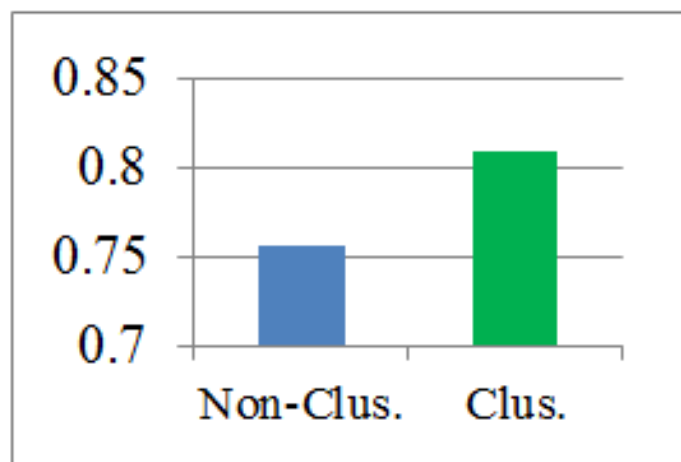
(b) Relative Squared Error



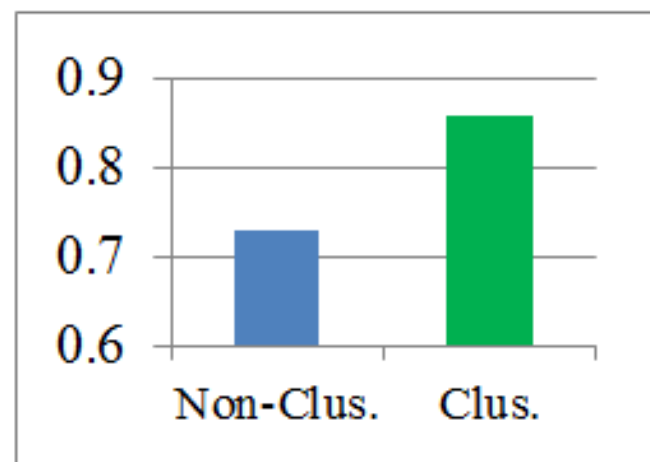
(c) Coefficient of Determination



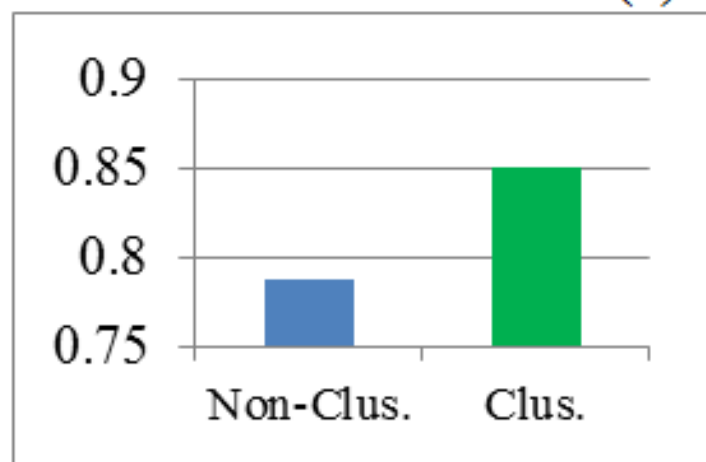
# The Significance of Clustering (cont'd)



(a) Precision



(b) Recall



(c) Accuracy

# The Significance of Clustering (cont'd)


Feature	Feature Importance Score ( $\approx$ )		
	Cluster1	Cluster2	Cluster3
Age	0.84	0.49	0.61
Patient Gender	0.14	0.23	0.18
Fracture Type	0.38	0.44	0.21
Hospital Admitted To	0.78	0.93	0.56
ICD-10 Diagnosis	0.48	0.52	0.29
Fragility History	0.44	0.10	0.09
Time To Surgery	0.15	0.27	0.64

\* The features were decided based on the permutation importance method [5]

# More about Patient Clustering...



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- *“The key challenges facing healthcare providers in future years are perhaps more organisational and logistical than medical and scientific advances”.*

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