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Associations and Clustering

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50.038 Computational data science

Pre-processing

- Various pre-processing steps to handle feature
- Look at Filter → Unsupervised → Attribute
- Which will you need for association rule mining?

The screenshot shows the Weka Explorer application window. The 'Filter' tab is active, and the 'Discretize -B 10 -M 1.0 -R first-last-precision 6' filter is selected and highlighted with a green dashed circle. The 'Current relation' is 'german_credit-weka.filters.unsupervised.att...'. The 'Attributes' list on the left shows 'purpose' selected. The 'Selected attribute' panel on the right displays a table for the 'purpose' attribute, which is of type 'Nominal'. The table shows 10 distinct values and their counts and weights. Below the table, a bar chart visualizes the distribution of the 'purpose' attribute, with bars for each category and their respective counts.

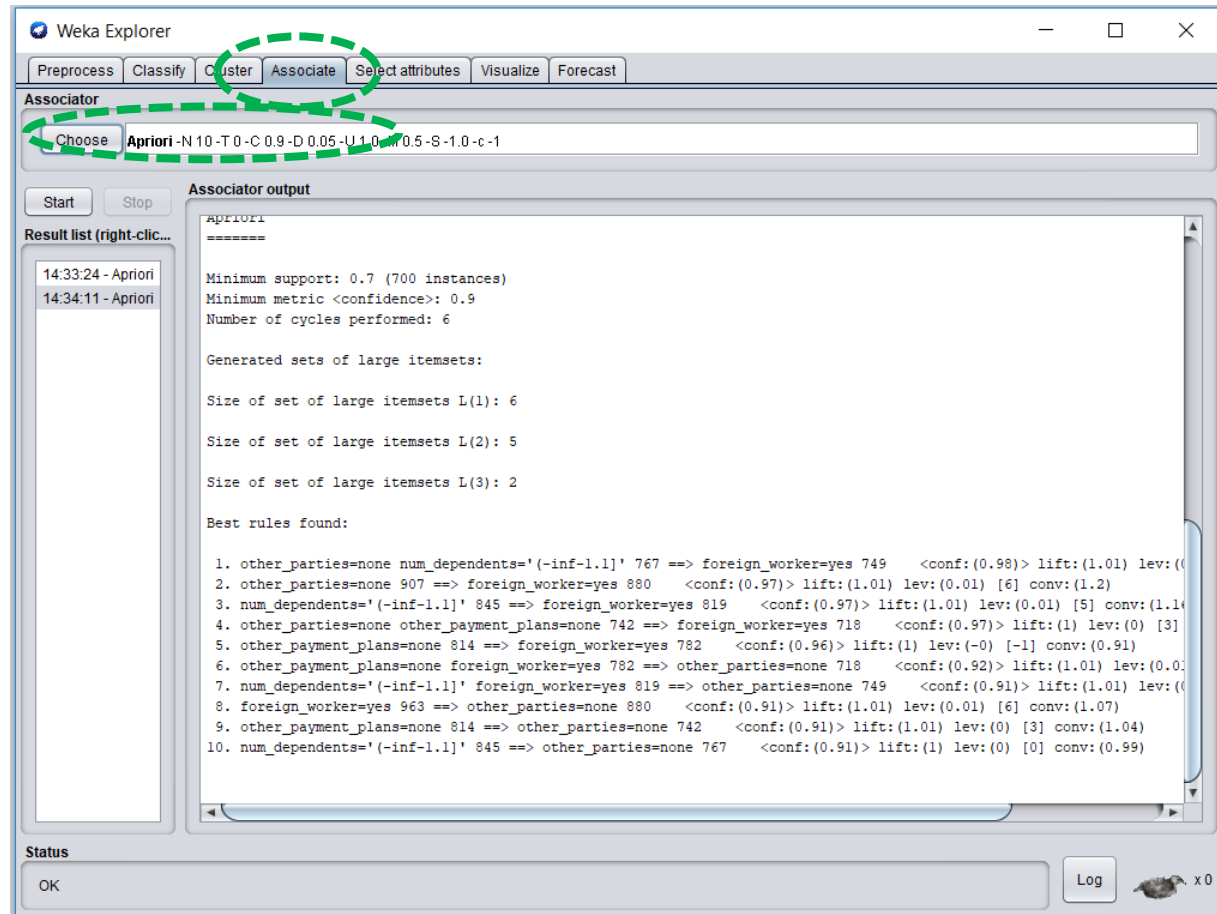
No.	Label	Count	Weight
1	new car	234	234.0
2	used car	103	103.0
3	furniture/equipment	181	181.0
4	radio/tv	280	280.0
5	domestic appliance	12	12.0
6	repairs	22	22.0
7	education	50	50.0
8	vacation	0	0.0
9	retraining	9	9.0

Class: class (Nom) Visualize All

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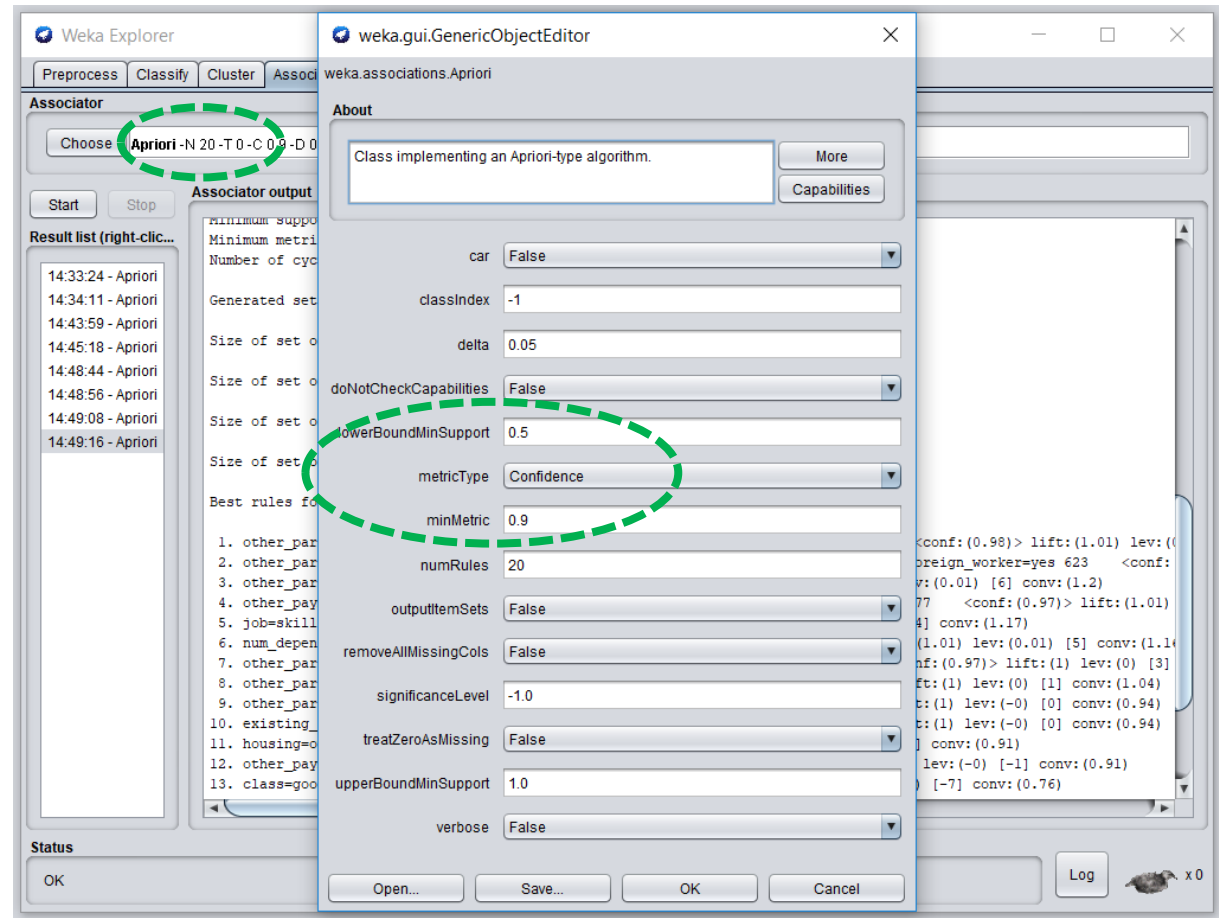
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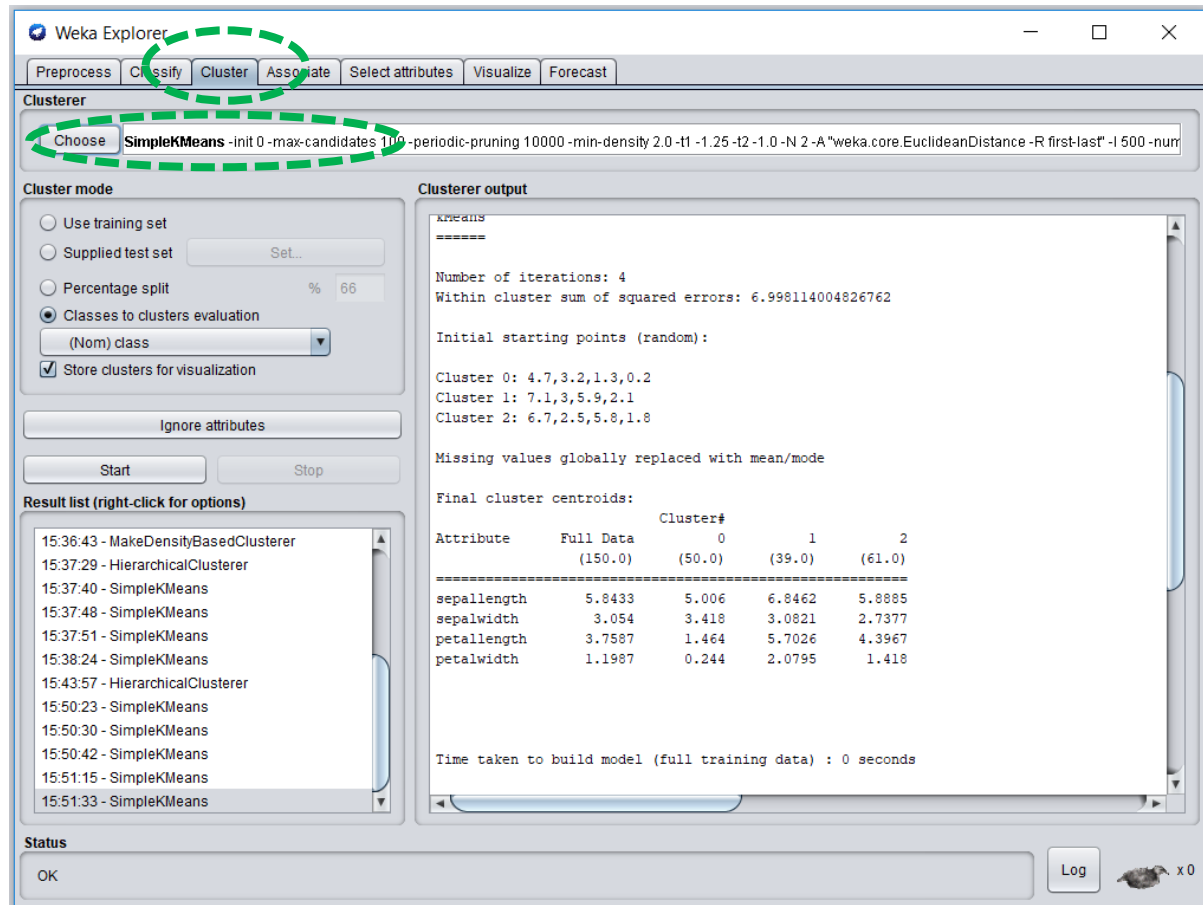


Exercise

1. Load in the `./weka-3.8/data/credit-g.arff` dataset
2. What types of features are in the dataset?
nominal, numeric
3. How should you pre-process the dataset before applying association rule mining?
discretize
4. With a $\text{minSup}=0.8$ threshold, identify the top 10 association rules (based on confidence scores)?
 - What do you observe? How can you obtain the top 10 rules?
5. Now load in the `./weka-3.8/data/supermarket.arff` dataset
 - With a $\text{minSup}=0.5$ threshold, what are the frequent 2-itemsets?
 - What are the top 3 association rules based on confidence?

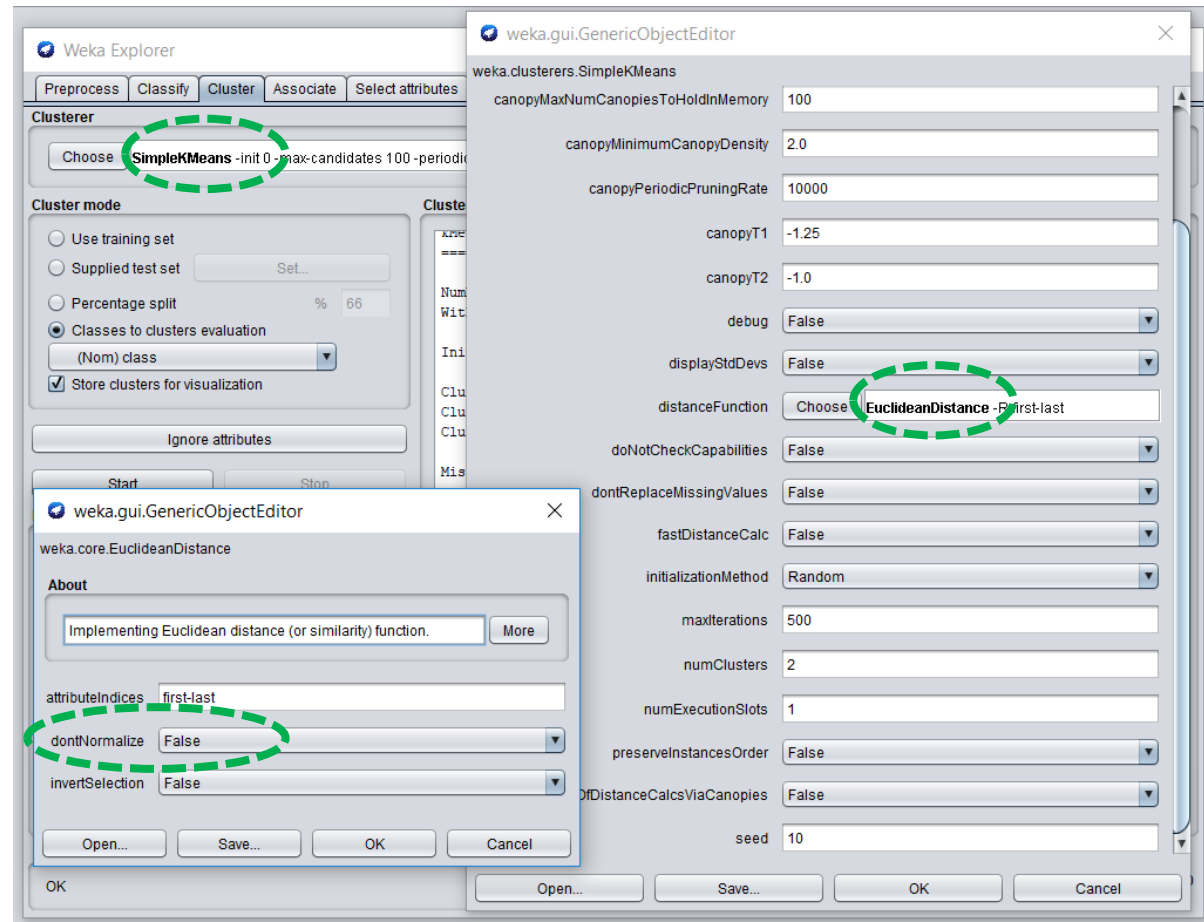
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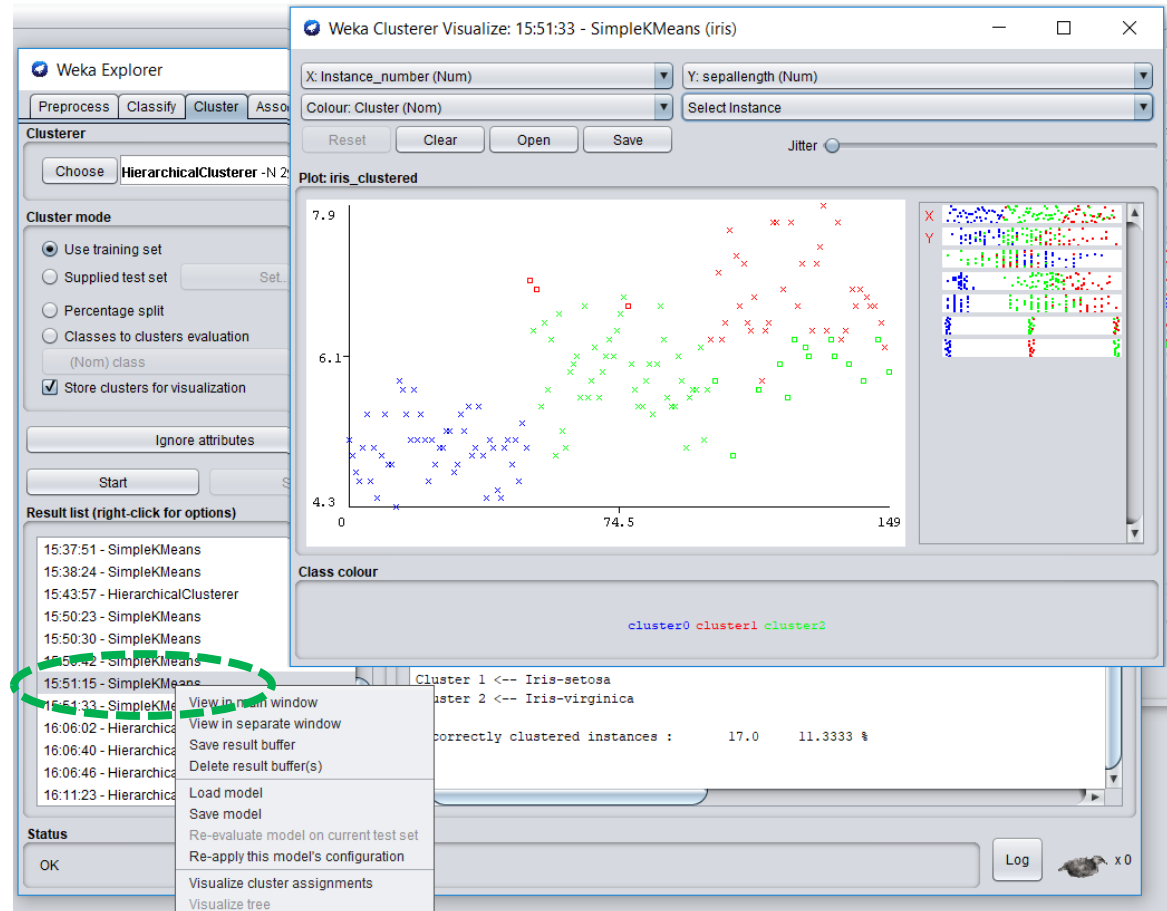
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- Able to fine-tune k-means in various ways, e.g., select distance measure, set seeds, feature normalization, set k-value, etc



Clustering

- Able to visualize cluster assignments based on different features
 - Right-click on “result list”, and select “visualize cluster assignment”



Exercise

1. Load in the `./weka-3.8/data/iris.arff` dataset
2. Run the k-means (SimpleKMeans) algorithm multiple times with $k=3$ and observe the sum of squared errors (SSE) values.
 - K-means typically return different clusters with each run, why do you observe in terms of SSE and why is this so?
3. Run k-means again, with feature normalization and without.
 - What do you observe now in terms of SSE?

Project

- Use the rest of the lab to work on your projects
- Presentation during Week 8
 - Allocated time of 10min per group
 - Details on presentation slots available from next week
 - Please **sign up for a presentation slot**