

ROC curves in WEKA ←

Visually estimating variance via null permutations

Comparing classifiers

An ROC curve is an efficient visualization to observe classification performance

The “big data” approach to classification problems

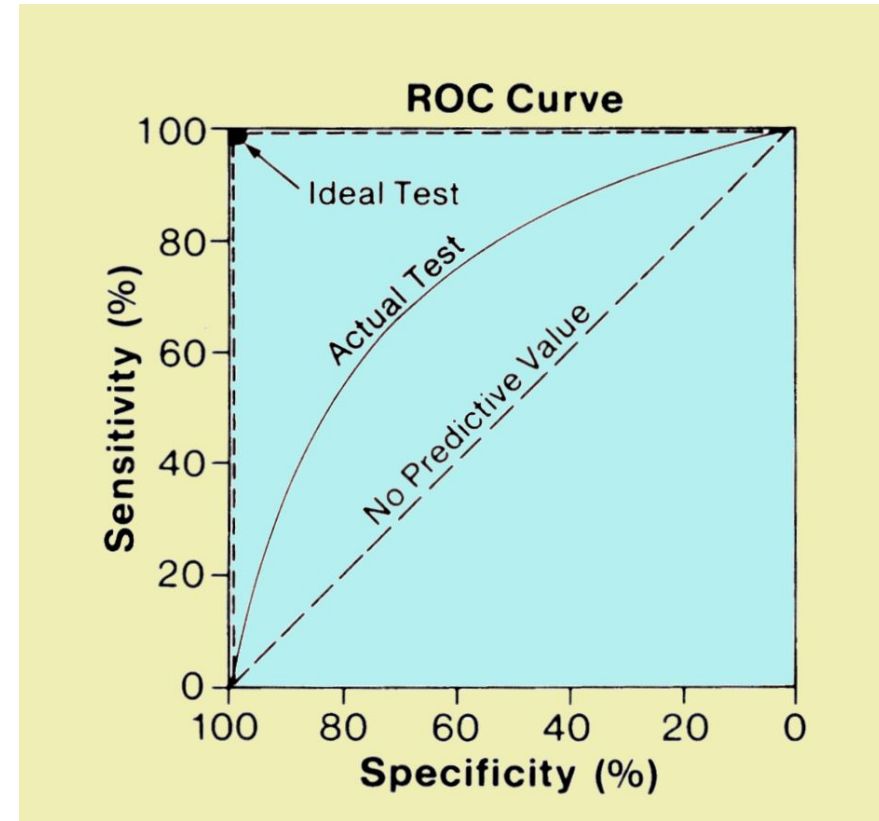
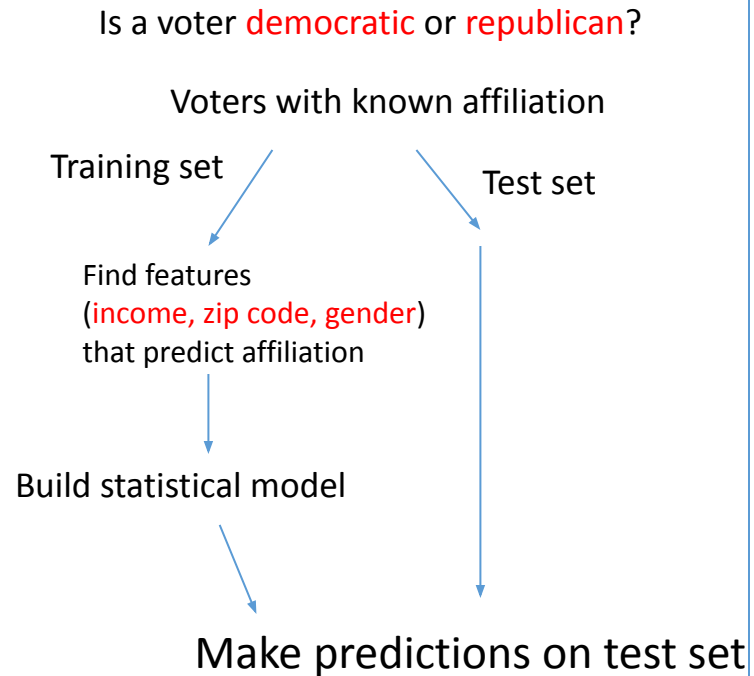


Image: <http://www.sprawls.org/ppmi2/IMGCHAR/1IMCHAR12.gif>

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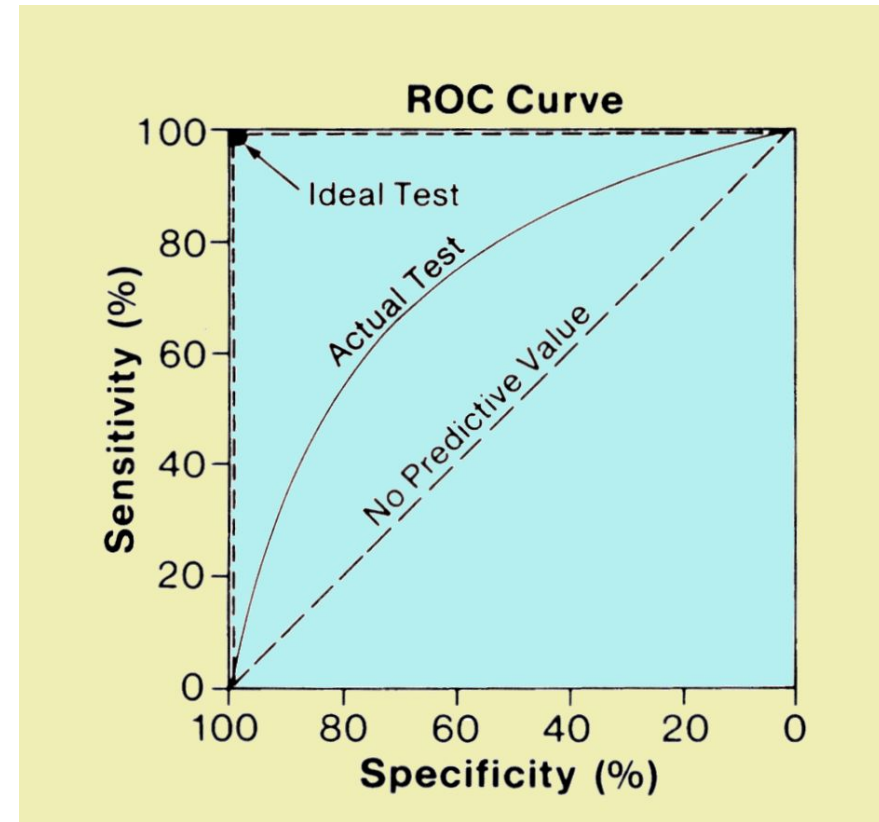
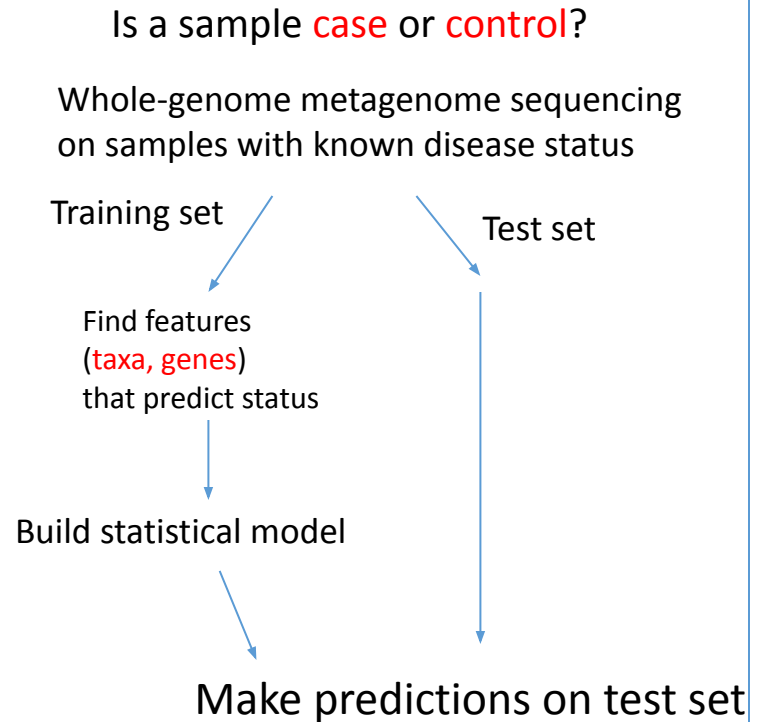


Image: <http://www.sprawls.org/ppmi2/IMGCHAR/1IMCHAR12.gif>

Our data file contains data from 71 patients...

https://github.com/afodor/afodor.github.io/blob/master/classes/prog2016/pivoted_genusLogNormalWithMetadata.arff

[illegible]

Data are described in this paper:

Published: 24 May 2012

Microbe-Microbe and Microbe-Host Interactions

Increased rectal microbial richness is associated with the presence of colorectal adenomas in humans

Nina Sanapareddy, Ryan M Legge, Biljana Jovov, Amber McCoy, Lauren Burcal, Felix Araujo-Perez, Thomas

A Randall, Joseph Galanko, Andrew Benson, Robert S Sandler, John F Rawls, Zaid Abdo, Anthony A Fodor

& Temitope O Keku

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genera from PCR experiment

Patient did or did not have colorectal adenomas

This code performs 10-fold cross validation...

```
public static List<Double> getPercentCorrectForOneFile( File inFile, int numPermutations, Random random )
    throws Exception
{
    List<Double> percentCorrect = new ArrayList<Double>();

    for( int x=0; x< numPermutations; x++)
    {
        Instances data = DataSource.read(inFile.getAbsolutePath());
        data.setClassIndex(data.numAttributes() -1);
        Evaluation ev = new Evaluation(data);
        AbstractClassifier rf = new RandomForest();

        //rf.buildClassifier(data);
        ev.crossValidateModel(rf, data, 10, random);
        //System.out.println(ev.toSummaryString("\nResults\n\n", false));
        //System.out.println(x + " " + ev.areaUnderROC(0) + " " + ev.pctCorrect());
        percentCorrect.add(ev.pctCorrect());
    }

    return percentCorrect;
}
```

<https://github.com/afodor/WekaExamples/blob/master/src/examples/TestClassify.java>

This is a great
Example of
OO abstraction

Random Forest is one of many classifiers

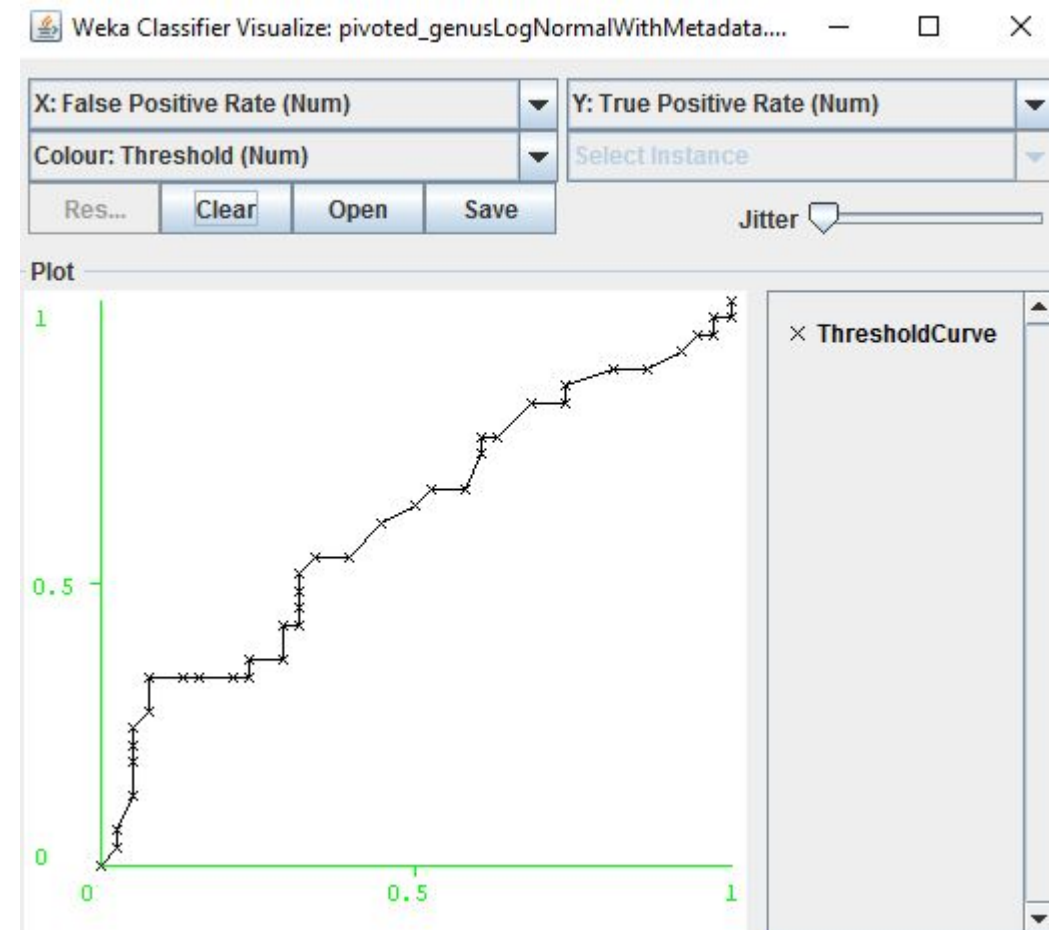
We can easily visualize the ROC code associated with this ten-fold cross validation

```
public static void main(String[] args) throws Exception
{
    Random random = new Random();
    // this file is at
    //https://github.com/afodor/afodor.github.io/blob/master/classes/prog2016/pivoted_genusLogNormalWithMetadata.arff
    File inArff= new File(
        "C:\\Users\\corei7\\git\\afodor.github.io\\classes\\prog2016\\pivoted_genusLogNormalWithMetadata.arff");

    ThresholdVisualizePanel tvp = TestClassify.getVisPanel(inArff.getName());

    TestClassify.plotROCForAnArff(inArff, 1,random,false,tvp);
}
```

<https://github.com/afodor/WekaExamples/blob/master/src/examples/RunOneROCCurve.java>



Our initial method just creates a “ThresholdVisualizePanel” and returns it...
(this won't make a lot of sense till we get to GUIs later..)

```
// modded from https://weka.wikispaces.com/Generating+ROC+curve
public static ThresholdVisualizePanel getVisPanel(String title) throws Exception
{

    ThresholdVisualizePanel vmc = new ThresholdVisualizePanel();
    vmc.setName(title);

    // display curve
    final javax.swing.JFrame jf =
        new javax.swing.JFrame("Weka Classifier Visualize: "+title);
    jf.setSize(500,400);
    jf.getContentPane().setLayout(new BorderLayout());
    jf.getContentPane().add(vmc, BorderLayout.CENTER);
    jf.addWindowListener(new java.awt.event.WindowAdapter() {
        public void windowClosing(java.awt.event.WindowEvent e) {
            jf.dispose();
        }
    });
    jf.setVisible(true);

    return vmc;

}
```

This method proceeds as before, building a classifier and testing it via ten-fold cross-validation

```
public static List<Double> plotROCForAnArff( File inFile,
    int numPermutations, Random random, boolean scramble,
    ThresholdVisualizePanel tvp, Classifier classifier, Color nonScrambleColor)
    throws Exception
{
    List<Double> areaUnderCurve = new ArrayList<Double>();

    for( int x=0; x< numPermutations; x++)
    {
        Instances data = DataSource.read(inFile.getAbsolutePath());

        if(scramble)
            scrambleLastColumn(data, random);

        data.setClassIndex(data.numAttributes() -1);
        Evaluation ev = new Evaluation(data);

        classifier.buildClassifier(data);
        ev.crossValidateModel(classifier, data, 10, random);
        //System.out.println(ev.toSummaryString("\nResults\n\n", false));
        //System.out.println(x + " " + ev.areaUnderROC(0) + " " + ev.pctCorrect());
        areaUnderCurve.add(ev.areaUnderROC(0));
        //System.out.println(x + " " + ev.areaUnderROC(0));

        if( tvp != null)
            addROC(ev,tvp, scramble ? Color.red: nonScrambleColor);

    }

    return areaUnderCurve;
}
```

but we add a line for visualization


```

// modded from https://weka.wikispaces.com/Generating+ROC+curve
public static void addROC(Evaluation eval, final ThresholdVisualizePanel vmc,
    Color color) throws Exception
{
    final ThresholdCurve tc = new ThresholdCurve();
    final Instances result = tc.getCurve(eval.predictions(), 0);
    final Object visibilityLock = new Object();

    final PlotData2D tempd = new PlotData2D(result);
    tempd.setPlotName(result.relationName());
    tempd.addInstanceNumberAttribute();

    // specify which points are connected
    boolean[] cp = new boolean[result.numInstances()];
    for (int n = 1; n < cp.length; n++)
        cp[n] = true;
    tempd.setConnectPoints(cp);
    tempd.setCustomColour(color);

    //writeROCToFile(eval, new File("c:\\temp\\temp.txt"));

    // make sure everything in this thread will be visible to AWT thread
    synchronized(visibilityLock)
    {
        SwingUtilities.invokeLater( new Runnable()
        {
            @Override
            public void run()
            {
                // make sure everything is visible to the AWT thread
                synchronized(visibilityLock)
                {
                    try
                    {
                        vmc.addPlot(tempd);
                    }
                    catch(Exception ex)
                    {
                        throw new RuntimeException(ex);
                    }
                }
            }
        });
    }
}

```

This code does the calculations of true positive and true negative

All of the helper classes are stack confined, but do not make visibility guarantees (this is thread stuff we will talk about later)

Force visibility to any other thread that grabs this lock

Make sure AWT thread has full visibility

Actually write the plot; should happen on AWT thread

This won't make sense to we talk about GUIs and multi-threaded code later

<https://github.com/afodor/WekaExamples/blob/master/src/examples/TestClassify.java>

Do I need to manually force the visibility?

Probably not, but the documentation is a bit unclear, so better safe than sorry.
(It is a very small performance hit to grab the lock twice....)

In short: yes, there is a *happens-before* relationship imposed between actions of the thread calling `invokeLater` / `invokeAndWait` and actions on the EDT of the runnable thereby submitted. Without that the sanity of the whole API would be at stake.

Unfortunately, it is hard to come by any *authoritative* source which would confirm that. That happens with a lot of stuff regarding Swing and concurrency.

For a bit more information, refer to [this answer](#) by *trashgod*, a long-time Swing guru.

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edited Jan 15 '14 at 20:52

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[Marko Topolnik](#)

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1 +1 for a conservative reading of the API. – [trashgod](#) Jan 15 '14 at 21:08

@MarkoTopolnik: Thanks! I guess, I have to accept that. Since the AWT EventQueue guarantees FIFO order when tasks/Runnables are pushed into the EventQueue by `invokeLater()`, there has to be synchronization. As a result of this we can assume that the “call of `invokeLater()`” happens-before the “start of the task” and visibility is given (in this direction). The task sees at least the values at the time when `invokeLater()` was called. Anyway, I would have preferred not to be required to consider about internal implementations, but to have an authoritative source (e.g. API) guaranteeing me that. – [user3199797](#) Jan 16 '14 at 15:39

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We can easily write out the ROC data to a file if we want to use an alternative visualization or analysis platform....

```
private static class Holder implements Comparable<Holder>
{
    double predicted;
    double actual;
    double distribution;

    Holder(Prediction p)
    {
        NominalPrediction np = (NominalPrediction) p;
        this.predicted = np.predicted();
        this.actual = np.actual();
        this.distribution = np.distribution()[0];
    }

    @Override
    public int compareTo(Holder o)
    {
        return Double.compare(o.distribution, this.distribution);
    }
}

public static void writeROCToFile( Evaluation eval , File file ) throws Exception
{
    List<Holder> list = new ArrayList<Holder>();
    for( Prediction p : eval.predictions() )
        list.add(new Holder(p));
    Collections.sort(list);

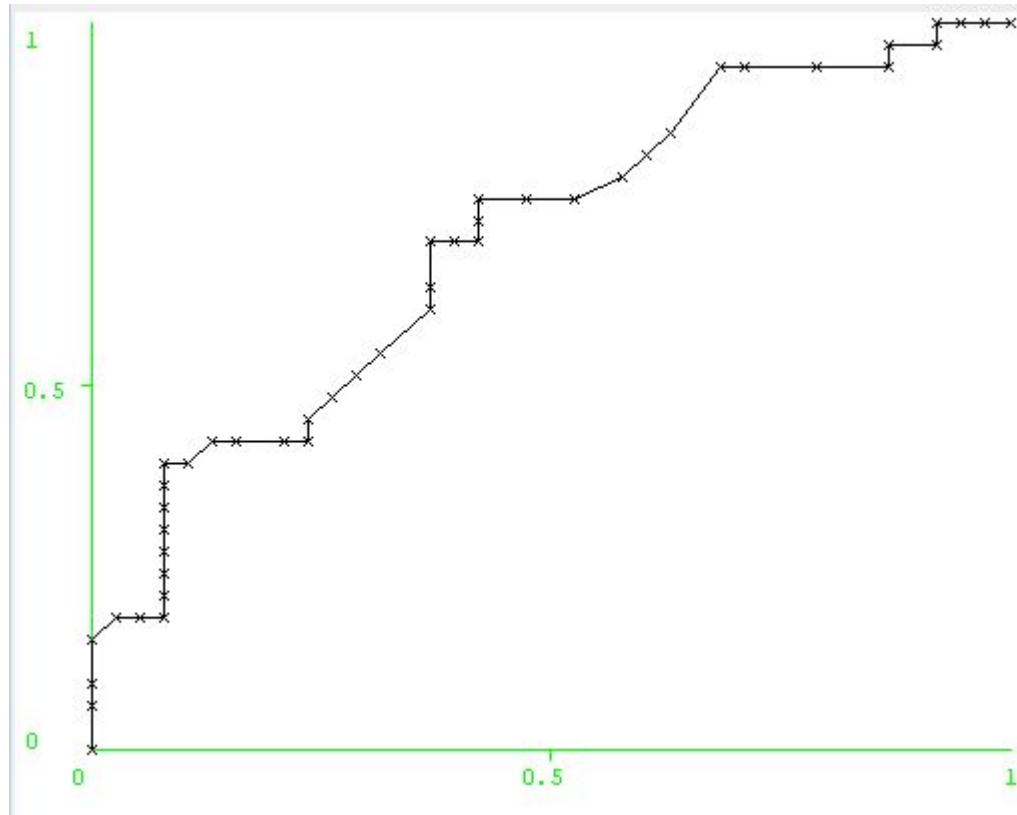
    BufferedWriter writer = new BufferedWriter(new FileWriter(file));

    writer.write("predicted\tactual\tdistribution\n");

    for(Holder h : list)
        writer.write(h.predicted + "\t" + h.actual + "\t" + h.distribution + "\n");

    writer.flush(); writer.close();
}
```

The “distribution” variable shows how much confidence the predictor has in each prediction and is used to order the ROC curve



predicted	actual	distribution
0.0	0.0	0.81
0.0	0.0	0.81
0.0	0.0	0.79
0.0	0.0	0.78
0.0	0.0	0.78
0.0	1.0	0.76
0.0	0.0	0.76
0.0	1.0	0.74
0.0	1.0	0.73
0.0	0.0	0.7
0.0	0.0	0.68
0.0	0.0	0.67
0.0	0.0	0.66
0.0	0.0	0.65
0.0	0.0	0.64
0.0	0.0	0.63
0.0	1.0	0.62
0.0	0.0	0.61
0.0	1.0	0.61
0.0	1.0	0.6
0.0	1.0	0.58
0.0	1.0	0.58
0.0	1.0	0.57
0.0	0.0	0.54
0.0	1.0	0.52

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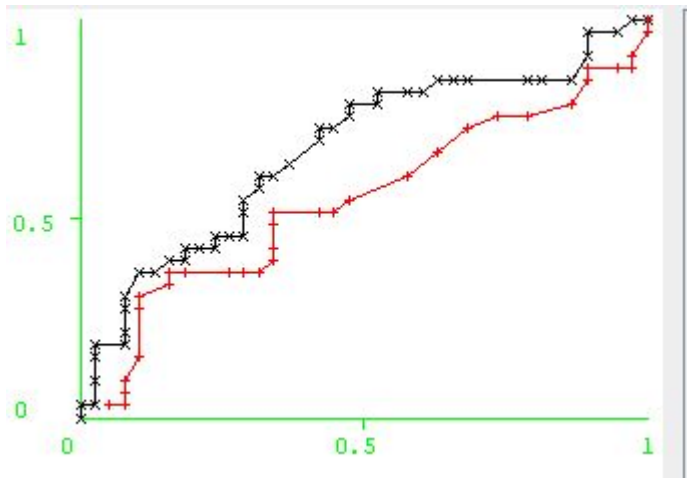

```

public static void main(String[] args) throws Exception
{
    Random random = new Random();
    // this file is at
    //https://github.com/afodor/afodor.github.io/blob/master/classes/prog2016/pivoted_genusLogNormalWithMetadata.a:
    File inArff= new File(
        "C:\\Users\\corei7\\git\\afodor.github.io\\classes\\prog2016\\pivoted_genusLogNormalWithMetadata.arff"

    ThresholdVisualizePanel tvp = TestClassify.getVisPanel(inArff.getName());

    TestClassify.plotROCForAnArff(inArff, 1, random, false, tvp);
    TestClassify.plotROCForAnArff(inArff, 1, random, true, tvp);
}

```



We can compare our “true” classification to a classification with the case/control labels scrambled


```

public static List<Double> plotROCForAnArff( File inFile,
    int numPermutations, Random random , boolean scramble,
    ThresholdVisualizePanel tvp, Classifier classifier, Color nonScrambleColor)
    throws Exception
{

List<Double> areaUnderCurve = new ArrayList<Double>();

for( int x=0; x< numPermutations; x++)
{
    Instances data = DataSource.read(inFile.getAbsolutePath());

    if(scramble)
        scrambleLastColumn(data, random); ← Our data gets scrambled

    data.setClassIndex(data.numAttributes() -1);
    Evaluation ev = new Evaluation(data);

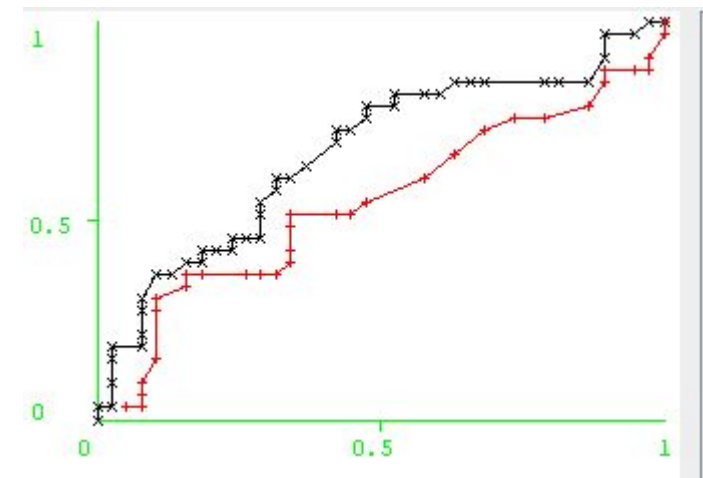
    classifier.buildClassifier(data);
    ev.crossValidateModel(classifier, data, 10, random);
    //System.out.println(ev.toSummaryString("\nResults\n\n", false));
    //System.out.println(x + " " + ev.areaUnderROC(0) + " " + ev.pctCorrect());
    areaUnderCurve.add(ev.areaUnderROC(0));
    //System.out.println(x + " " + ev.areaUnderROC(0));

    if( tvp != null)
        addROC(ev,tvp, scramble ? Color.red: nonScrambleColor); ← Our color turns red
}

return areaUnderCurve;

}

```



Scrambling the columns is trivial...

```
public static void scrambleLastColumn( Instances instances, Random random )
{
    List<Double> list = new ArrayList<Double>();

    for(Instance i : instances)
        list.add(i.value(i.numAttributes()-1));

    Collections.shuffle(list, random);

    for( int x=0; x < instances.size(); x++)
    {
        Instance i = instances.get(x);
        i.setValue(i.numAttributes()-1, list.get(x));
    }
}
```

```

public static List<Double> plotROCForAnArff( File inFile,
    int numPermutations, Random random , boolean scramble,
    ThresholdVisualizePanel tvp)
    throws Exception

```

```
{
```

```
List<Double> areaUnderCurve = new ArrayList<Double>();
```

```
for( int x=0; x< numPermutations; x++)
```

```
{
```

```
    Instances data = DataSource.read(inFile.getAbsolutePath());
```

```
    if(scramble)
```

```
        scrambleLastColumn(data, random);
```

```
    data.setClassIndex(data.numAttributes() -1);
```

```
    Evaluation ev = new Evaluation(data);
```

```
    Classifier rf = new RandomForest();
```

```
    rf.buildClassifier(data);
```

```
    ev.crossValidateModel(rf, data, 10, random);
```

```
    //System.out.println(ev.toSummaryString("\nResults\n\n", false));
```

```
    //System.out.println(x + " " + ev.areaUnderROC(0) + " " + ev.pctCorrect());
```

```
    areaUnderCurve.add(ev.areaUnderPRC(0));
```

```
    System.out.println(x + " " + ev.areaUnderPRC(0));
```

```
    if( tvp != null)
```

```
        addROC(ev,tvp, scramble ? Color.red: Color.black);
```

```
}
```

```
return areaUnderCurve;
```

```
}
```

We can easily do this for multiple permutations...

This makes a very compelling and informative visualization (here for 20 permutations)

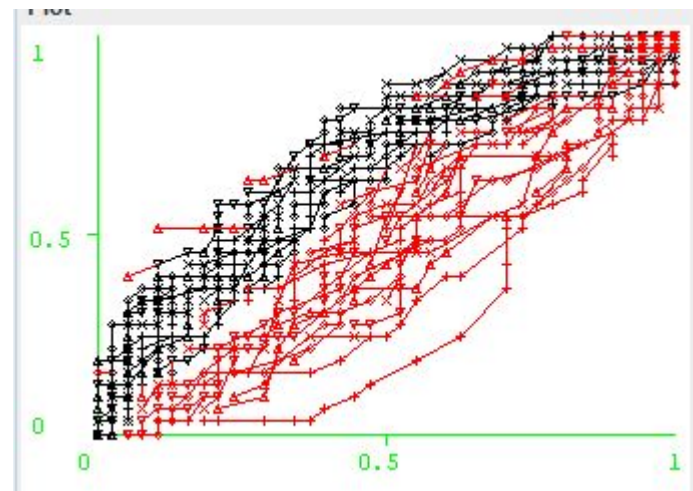
```
public static void main(String[] args) throws Exception
{
    long startTime = System.currentTimeMillis();
    Random random = new Random();
    // this file is at
    //https://github.com/afodor/afodor.github.io/blob/master/classes/prog2016/pivoted_genusLogNormalWithMetadata.a
    File inArff= new File(
        "C:\\Users\\corei7\\git\\afodor.github.io\\classes\\prog2016\\pivoted_genusLogNormalWithMetadata.arff"

    ThresholdVisualizePanel tvp = TestClassify.getVisPanel(inArff.getName());

    int numPermutations = 20;

    TestClassify.plotROCForAnArff(inArff, numPermutations, random, false, tvp);
    TestClassify.plotROCForAnArff(inArff, numPermutations, random, true, tvp);

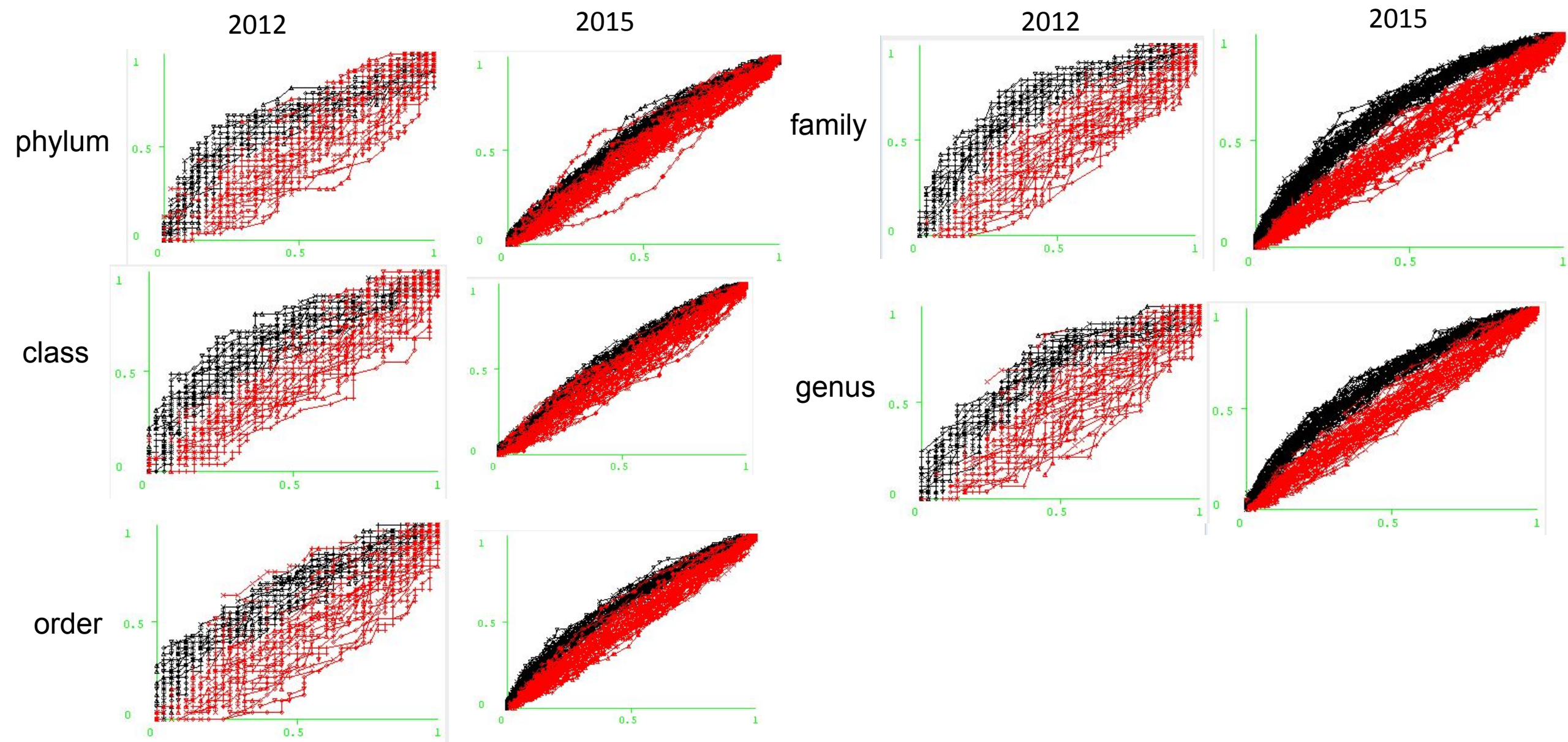
    System.out.println("Finished in " + (System.currentTimeMillis() - startTime)/1000f + " seconds ");
}
```



Finished in 99.502 seconds

<https://github.com/afodor/WekaExamples/blob/master/src/examples/RunOneROCCurve.java>
Commit comment: Do 20 permutations

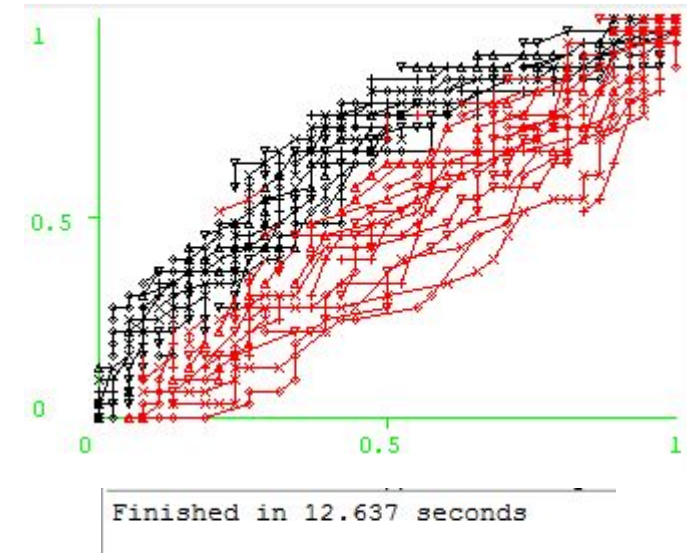
Comparison of two 16S microbiome datasets for colorectal adenomas from my lab...



Multi-threaded application seems straight-forward...

A very robust 7.87 fold speedup on an 8 core box!

(but more on that later; we will return to how we did the speed up after we review multi-threading)



```
public static void main(String[] args) throws Exception
{
    long startTime = System.currentTimeMillis();
    Random random = new Random();
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    File inArff= new File(
        "C:\\Users\\corei7\\git\\afodor.github.io\\classes\\prog2016\\pivoted_genusLogNormalWithMetadata.arff"

    ThresholdVisualizePanel tvp = TestClassify.getVisPanel(inArff.getName());

    int numPermutations = 20;

    //TestClassify.plotROCForAnArff(inArff, numPermutations, random, false, tvp);
    //TestClassify.plotROCForAnArff(inArff, numPermutations, random, true, tvp);

    TestClassify.plotRocUsingMultithread(inArff, numPermutations, random, false, tvp);
    TestClassify.plotRocUsingMultithread(inArff, numPermutations, random, true, tvp);

    System.out.println("Finished in " + (System.currentTimeMillis() - startTime)/1000f + " seconds ");
}
```


We can ask, does scrambled do worse than not scrambled to a statistically significant degree?

```
public static void main(String[] args) throws Exception
{
    long startTime = System.currentTimeMillis();
    // this file is at
    //https://github.com/afodor/afodor.github.io/blob/master/classes/prog2016/pivoted_genusLogNormalWithMetadata.a
    File inArff= new File(
        "C:\\Users\\corei7\\git\\afodor.github.io\\classes\\prog2016\\pivoted_genusLogNormalWithMetadata.arff"

    ThresholdVisualizePanel tvp = TestClassify.getVisPanel(inArff.getName());

    int numPermutations = 50; ← Increase our permutations
    |
    BufferedWriter writer = new BufferedWriter(new FileWriter(new File(
        "c:\\temp\\comparisonRandomForest.txt")));
    writer.write("notScrambled\tscrambled\n");

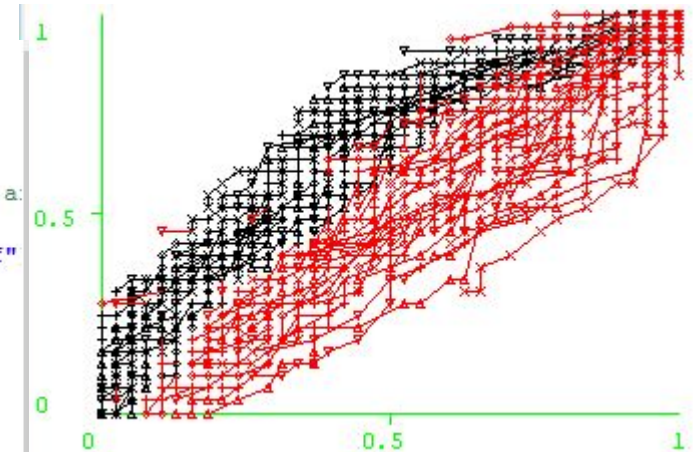
    //TestClassify.plotROCForAnArff(inArff, numPermutations,random,false,tvp);
    //TestClassify.plotROCForAnArff(inArff, numPermutations,random,true,tvp);

    List<Double> notScrambled = TestClassify.plotRocUsingMultithread(inArff, numPermutations, false, tvp);
    List<Double> scrambled = TestClassify.plotRocUsingMultithread(inArff, numPermutations, true, tvp);

    for( int x=0; x < numPermutations; x++)
        writer.write(notScrambled.get(x) + "\t" + scrambled.get(x) + "\n");

    System.out.println("Finished in " + (System.currentTimeMillis() - startTime)/1000f + " seconds ");

    writer.flush(); writer.close();
}
```



notScrambled	scrambled
0.6044187901199171	0.4596853713324296
0.6179767959906478	0.43481789053953496
0.6198400925370355	0.4358187313636645
0.6525284535207704	0.5213040180485846
0.5924760137612589	0.47766678810355434
0.6422686080626538	0.42799976939988316
0.6905507440534486	0.4278351391261294
0.5902523036343585	0.5793333445916408
0.5767073676137301	0.5115882498412582
0.6467707083188414	0.4427441985100508
0.66576115982748	0.46987490657666137
0.6375474696318963	0.49009735340651367
0.6251504550640291	0.4542866027280378
0.6298704902554815	0.3759637405801296
0.6328530189968147	0.5518188720184826
0.5767593104894284	0.46340284213856847
0.593406426602774	0.5391170449188953
0.6029529438414368	0.6270071460821844
0.5670929605802882	0.4547316462091662

We switch to R for the visualization and the statistical test

```
> myT <- read.table("comparisonRandomForest.txt", sep="\t", header=TRUE)
>
> boxplot(myT$notScrambled, myT$scrambled)
>
> t.test(myT$notScrambled, myT$scrambled)
```

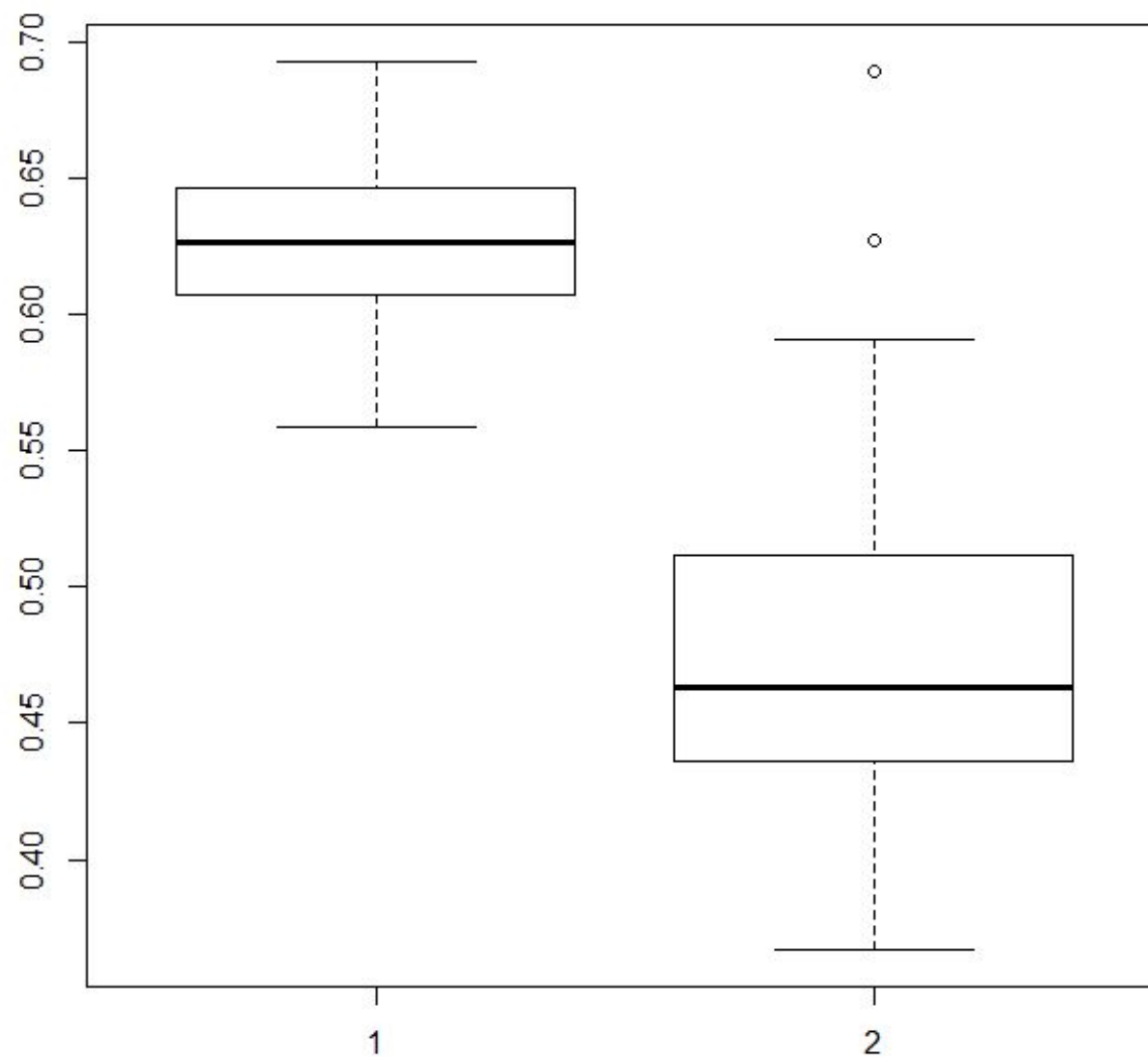
Welch Two Sample t-test

```
data: myT$notScrambled and myT$scrambled
t = 14.691, df = 70.056, p-value < 2.2e-16
alternative hypothesis: true difference in means is not equal to 0
95 percent confidence interval:
 0.1278066 0.1679591
sample estimates:
mean of x mean of y
0.6266369 0.4787540
```

```
> t.test(myT$notScrambled, myT$scrambled)$p.value
[1] 4.404399e-23
>
> mean(myT$notScrambled)
[1] 0.6266369
> mean(myT$scrambled)
[1] 0.478754
> |
```

On the hand, our predictor has modest power
(mean AUC = 0.63)

On the other hand, clearly better than shuffling
labels!



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We'd like to be able to pass in a Classifier to our Worker, but we don't want our workers to share a Classifier object (as that would violate thread safety on mutable objects)

```
private static class Worker implements Runnable
{
    private final Semaphore semaphore;
    private final List<Double> resultsList;
    private final File inFile;
    private final boolean scramble;
    private final ThresholdVisualizePanel tvp;

    public Worker(Semaphore semaphore, List<Double> resultsList, File inFile, boolean scramble,
        ThresholdVisualizePanel tvp)
    {
        this.semaphore = semaphore;
        this.resultsList = resultsList;
        this.inFile = inFile;
        this.scramble = scramble;
        this.tvp = tvp;
    }

    @Override
    public void run()
    {
        try
        {
            Random random = new Random(seedGenerator.incrementAndGet());
            Classifier classifier = new RandomForest(); ←
            Instances data = DataSource.read(inFile.getAbsolutePath());
        }
    }
}
```

We can solve this problem by using Java's ability to dynamically control which class is instantiated...

We can tell the Worker at run time which classifier to instantiate...

(This will, of course, throw a runtime Exception if classifierName does not name a valid Classifier with a default constructor...)

```
private static class Worker implements Runnable
{
    private final Semaphore semaphore;
    private final List<Double> resultsList;
    private final File inFile;
    private final boolean scramble;
    private final ThresholdVisualizePanel tvp;
    private final String classifierName; ←

    public Worker(Semaphore semaphore, List<Double> resultsList, File inFile, boolean scramble,
        ThresholdVisualizePanel tvp, String classifierName)
    {
        this.semaphore = semaphore;
        this.resultsList = resultsList;
        this.inFile = inFile;
        this.scramble = scramble;
        this.tvp = tvp;
        this.classifierName = classifierName; ←

    }

    @Override
    public void run()
    {
        try
        {
            Random random = new Random(seedGenerator.incrementAndGet());
            Classifier classifier = (Classifier) Class.forName(classifierName).newInstance(); ←
            Instances data = DataSource.read(inFile.getAbsolutePath());

            if(scramble)
                scrambleLastColumn(data, random);
        }
        catch (Exception e)
        {
            e.printStackTrace();
        }
    }
}
```

```

public static void main(String[] args) throws Exception
{
    long startTime = System.currentTimeMillis();
    // this file is at
    //https://github.com/afodor/afodor.github.io/blob/master/classes/prog2016/pivoted_genusLogNormalWithMetadata.a
    File inArff= new File(
        "C:\\Users\\corei7\\git\\afodor.github.io\\classes\\prog2016\\pivoted_genusLogNormalWithMetadata.arff"

    ThresholdVisualizePanel tvp = TestClassify.getVisPanel(inArff.getName());

    int numPermutations = 50;

    BufferedWriter writer = new BufferedWriter(new FileWriter(new File(
        "c:\\temp\\comparisonRandomForest.txt")));
    writer.write("notScrambled\tscrambled\n");

    //TestClassify.plotROCForAnArff(inArff, numPermutations,random,false,tvp);
    //TestClassify.plotROCForAnArff(inArff, numPermutations,random,true,tvp);

    String className = RandomForest.class.getName();
    List<Double> notScrambled = TestClassify.plotRocUsingMultithread(inArff, numPermutations, false, tvp,
        className);
    List<Double> scrambled = TestClassify.plotRocUsingMultithread(inArff, numPermutations, true, tvp,
        className);

    for( int x=0; x < numPermutations; x++)
        writer.write(notScrambled.get(x) + "\t" + scrambled.get(x) + "\n");

    System.out.println("Finished in " + (System.currentTimeMillis() - startTime)/1000f + " seconds ");

    writer.flush(); writer.close();
}

```

We can get the classifier name from the class itself

This allows us to use all of the classifiers that are implemented in Weka...

weka.classifiers

Interface Classifier

All Known Subinterfaces:

IterativeClassifier

All Known Implementing Classes:

AbstractClassifier, AdaBoostM1, AdditiveRegression, AttributeSelectedClassifier, Bagging, BayesNet, BayesNetGenerator, BIFReader, ClassificationViaRegression, CostSensitiveClassifier, CVPParameterSelection, DecisionStump, DecisionTable, EditableBayesNet, FilteredClassifier, GaussianProcesses, GeneralRegression, HoeffdingTree, IBk, InputMappedClassifier, IteratedSingleClassifierEnhancer, IterativeClassifierOptimizer, J48, JRip, KStar, LinearRegression, LMT, LMTNode, Logistic, LogisticBase, LogitBoost, LWL, M5Base, M5P, M5Rules, MultiClassClassifier, MultiClassClassifierUpdateable, MultilayerPerceptron, MultipleClassifiersCombiner, MultiScheme, NaiveBayes, NaiveBayesMultinomial, NaiveBayesMultinomialText, NaiveBayesMultinomialUpdateable, NaiveBayesUpdateable, NeuralNetwork, OneR, ParallelIteratedSingleClassifierEnhancer, ParallelMultipleClassifiersCombiner, PART, PMMLClassifier, PreConstructedLinearModel, RandomCommittee, RandomForest, RandomizableClassifier, RandomizableFilteredClassifier, RandomizableIteratedSingleClassifierEnhancer, RandomizableMultipleClassifiersCombiner, RandomizableParallelIteratedSingleClassifierEnhancer, RandomizableParallelMultipleClassifiersCombiner, RandomizableSingleClassifierEnhancer, RandomSubSpace, RandomTree, Regression, RegressionByDiscretization, REPTree, RuleNode, RuleSetModel, SerializedClassifier, SGD, SGDText, SimpleLinearRegression, SimpleLogistic, **SingleClassifierEnhancer**, SMO, SMOreg, Stacking, SupportVectorMachineModel, TreeModel, Vote, VotedPerceptron, WeightedInstancesHandlerWrapper, ZeroR

<http://weka.sourceforge.net/doc.dev/weka/classifiers/Classifier.html>

We can now directly compare classifiers (we modify the worker to pass in the color as well as the classifier)

```
public static void main(String[] args) throws Exception
{
    long startTime = System.currentTimeMillis();
    // this file is at
    //https://github.com/afodor/afodor.github.io/blob/master/classes/prog2016/pivoted_genusLogNormalWithMeta
    File inArff= new File(
        "C:\\Users\\corei7\\git\\afodor.github.io\\classes\\prog2016\\pivoted_genusLogNormalWithMetadata

    ThresholdVisualizePanel tvp = TestClassify.getVisPanel(inArff.getName());
    |
    int numPermutations = 50;

    BufferedWriter writer = new BufferedWriter(new FileWriter(new File(
        "c:\\temp\\classifierComparison.txt")));
    writer.write("randomForest\\tnaiveBayes\\toneR\\tsvm\\n");
    List<Double> supportVector = TestClassify.plotRocUsingMultithread(inArff, numPermutations, false, tvp,
        SMO.class.getName(), Color.green);

    List<Double> randomForest= TestClassify.plotRocUsingMultithread(inArff, numPermutations, false, tvp,
        RandomForest.class.getName(), Color.black);
    List<Double> naiveBayes= TestClassify.plotRocUsingMultithread(inArff, numPermutations, false, tvp,
        NaiveBayes.class.getName(), Color.blue);
    List<Double> oneR= TestClassify.plotRocUsingMultithread(inArff, numPermutations, false, tvp,
        OneR.class.getName(), Color.red);

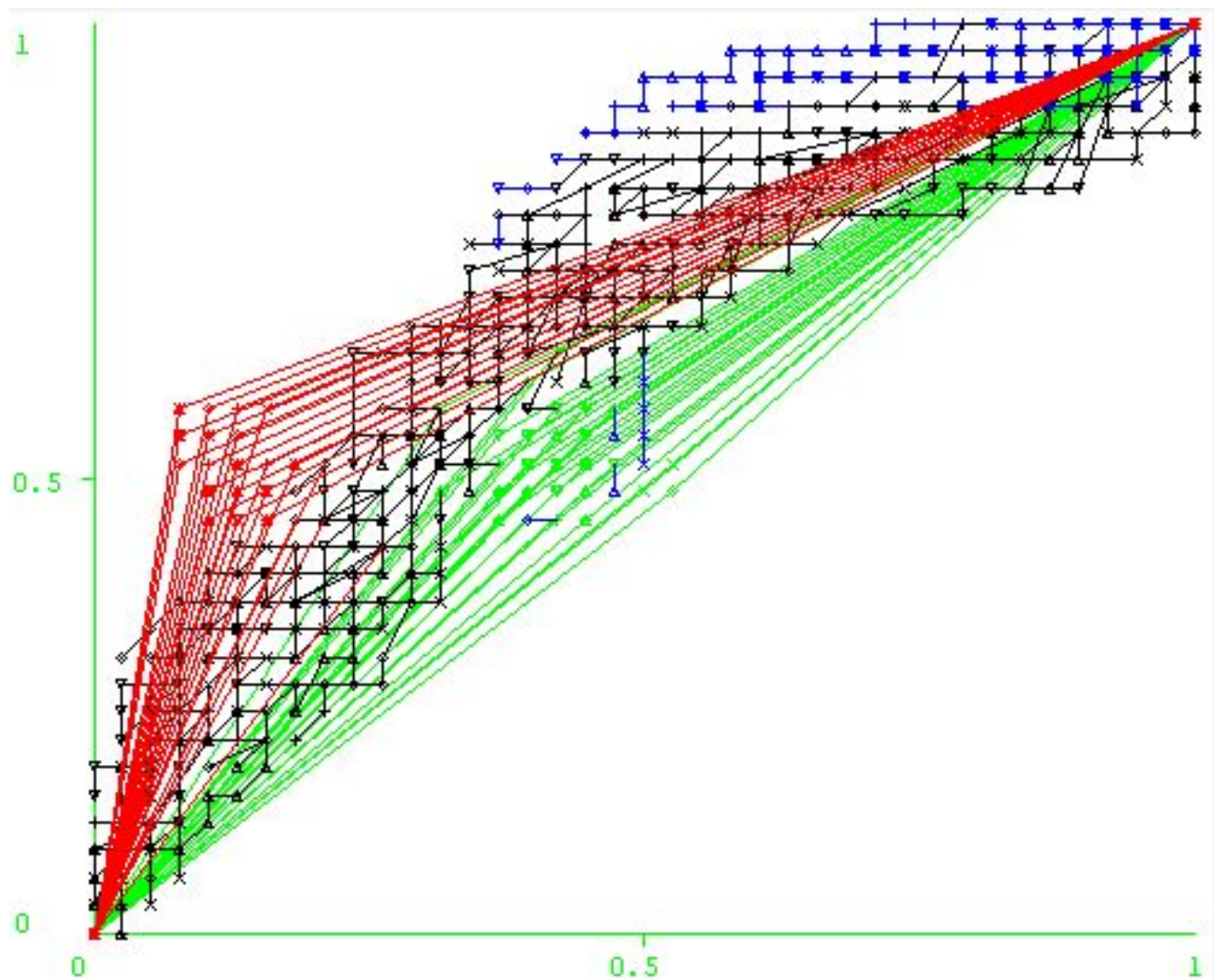
    for(int x=0; x < numPermutations; x++)
        writer.write(randomForest.get(x) + "\\t" + naiveBayes.get(x) + "\\t" + oneR.get(x) + "\\t"+
            supportVector.get(x) + "\\n");

    System.out.println("Finished in " + (System.currentTimeMillis() - startTime)/1000f + " seconds ");

    writer.flush(); writer.close();
}
```

<https://github.com/afodor/WekaExamples/blob/master/src/examples/CompareClassifiers.java>

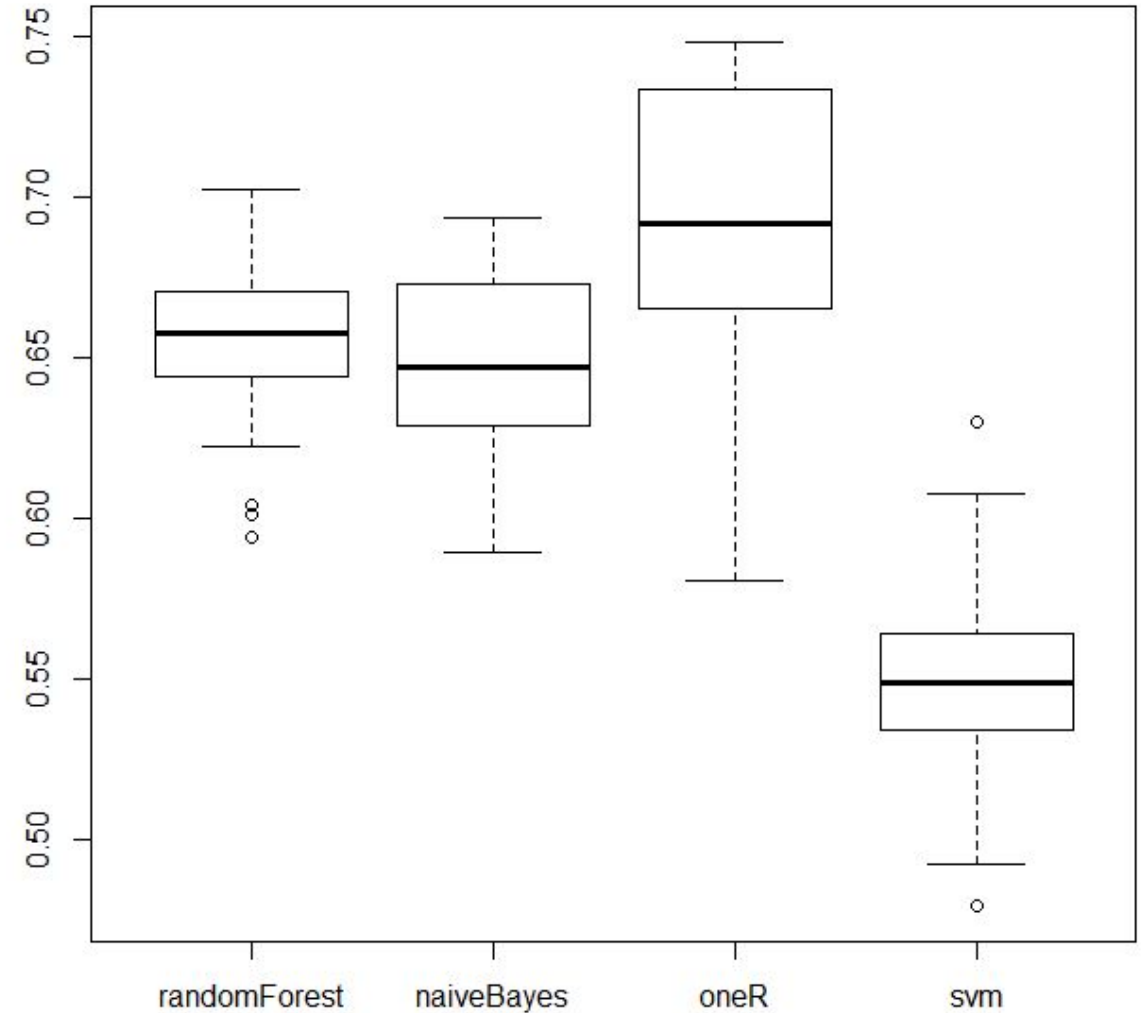
We can look at the ROC curves for a visual comparison...



It has been noted many times in the literature, RandomForest works best for microbiome data...

Here the “OneR” algorithm does well...

```
>  
> rm(list=ls())  
> setwd("c:\\temp")  
> myT <- read.table("classifierComparison.txt", header=TRUE, sep="\t")  
> boxplot(myT[,1:ncol(myT)])  
> |
```



We can easily expand our classifier pool (commented out classifiers don't work on binary data or don't have Default constructors/parameter sets or otherwise threw an Exception...)

```
public static List<Classifier> getClassifiers() throws Exception
{
    List<Classifier> list = new ArrayList<Classifier>();

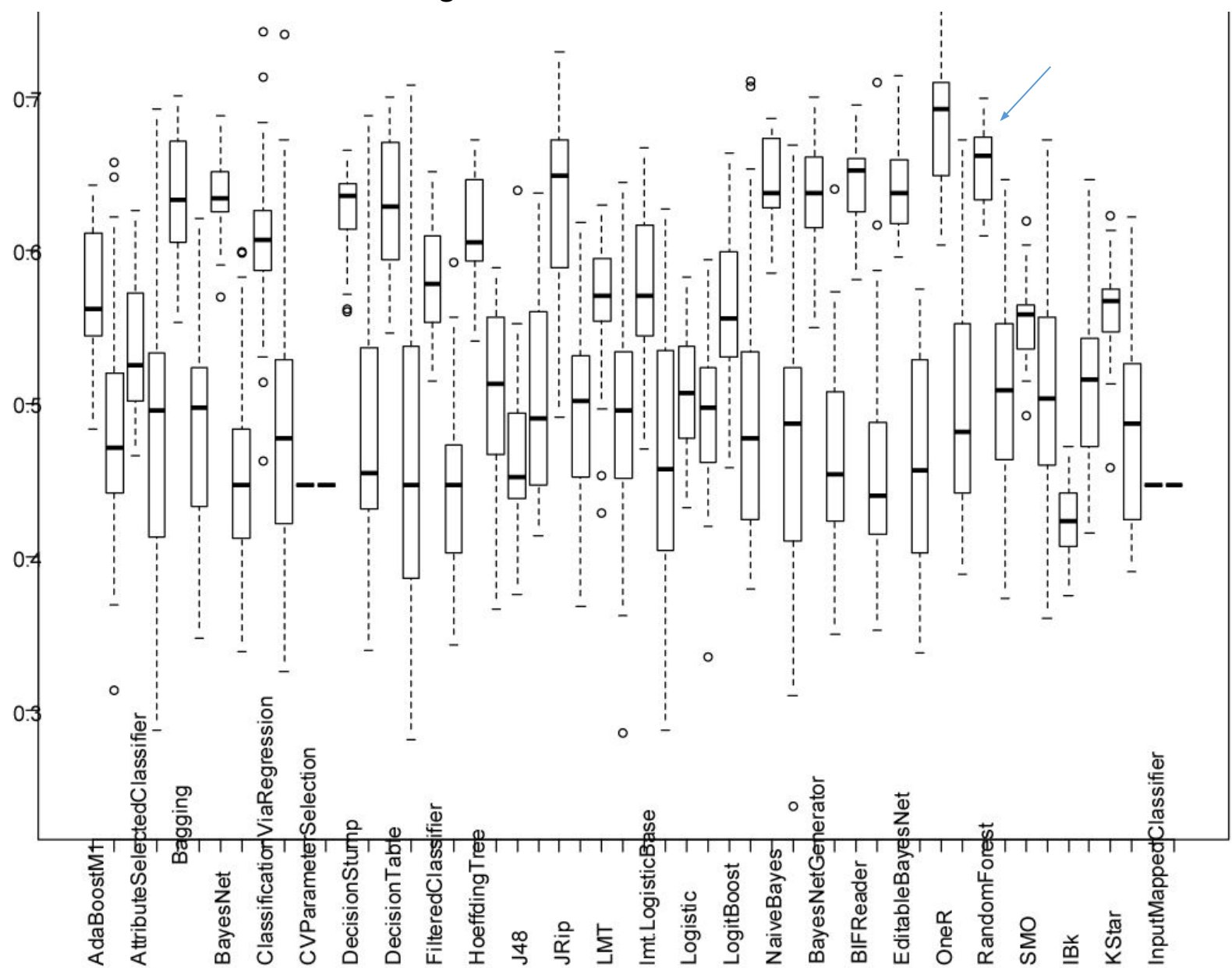
    list.add(new RandomForest());
    list.add(new OneR());
    list.add(new NaiveBayes());
    list.add(new SMO());
    list.add(new AdaBoostM1());
    //list.add(new AdditiveRegression());
    list.add(new AttributeSelectedClassifier());
    list.add(new Bagging());
    list.add(new BayesNet());
    list.add(new BayesNetGenerator());
    list.add(new BIFReader());
    list.add(new ClassificationViaRegression());
    //list.add(new CostSensitiveClassifier());
    list.add(new CVPParameterSelection());
    list.add(new DecisionStump());
    list.add(new DecisionTable());
    list.add(new EditableBayesNet());
    list.add(new FilteredClassifier());
    //list.add(new GaussianProcesses());
    list.add(new HoeffdingTree());
    list.add(new IBk());
    list.add(new InputMappedClassifier());
    list.add(new J48());
    list.add(new JRip());
    list.add(new KStar());
    //list.add(new LinearRegression());
    //list.add(new LMT());
    list.add(new Logistic());
    list.add(new LogisticBase());
    list.add(new LogitBoost());
    return list;
}
```

Great use of OO abstraction

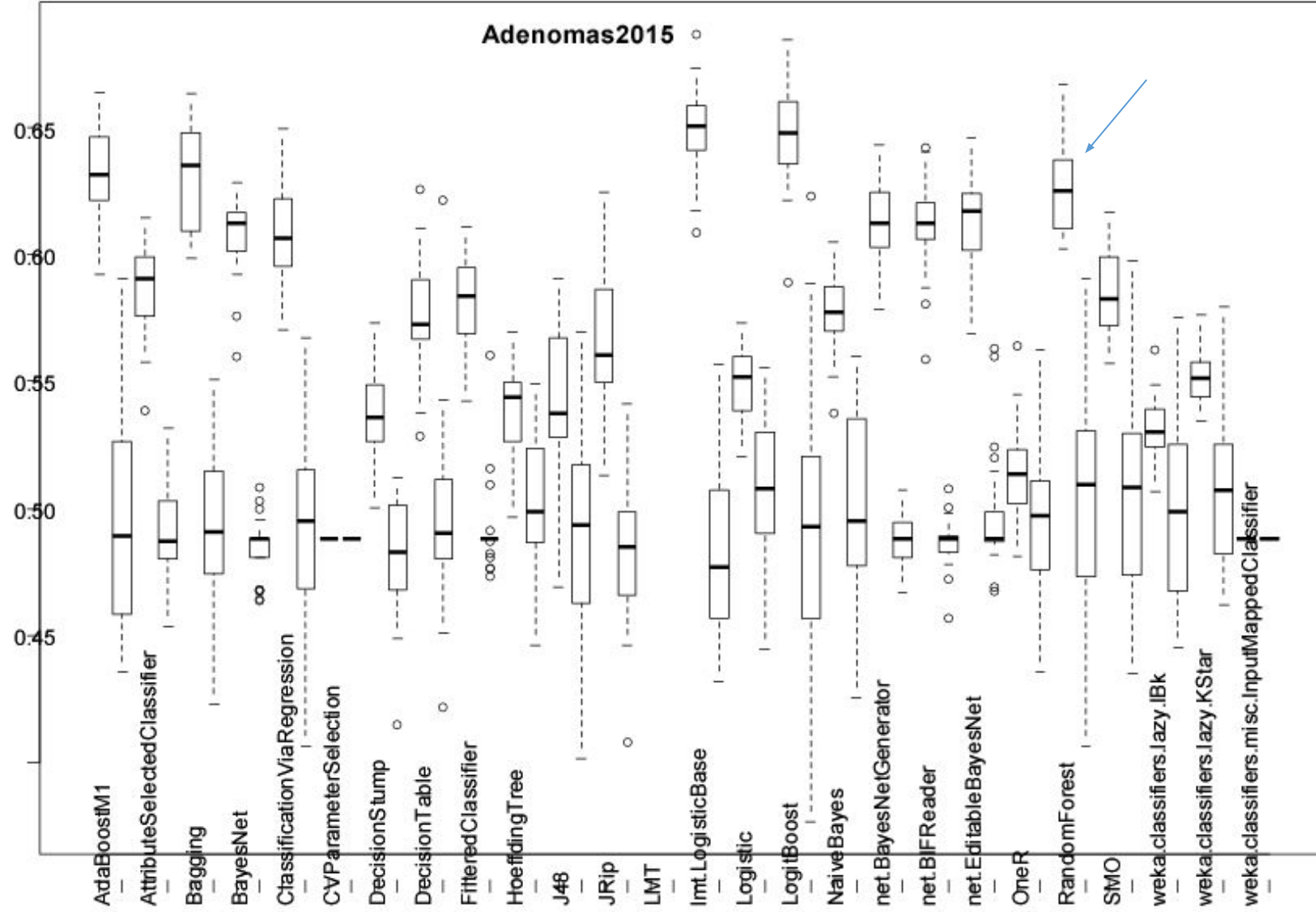
Each classifier classifies in its own way, but our code works at an abstract level to interact with many different Classifiers.

(I got as far as
L....)

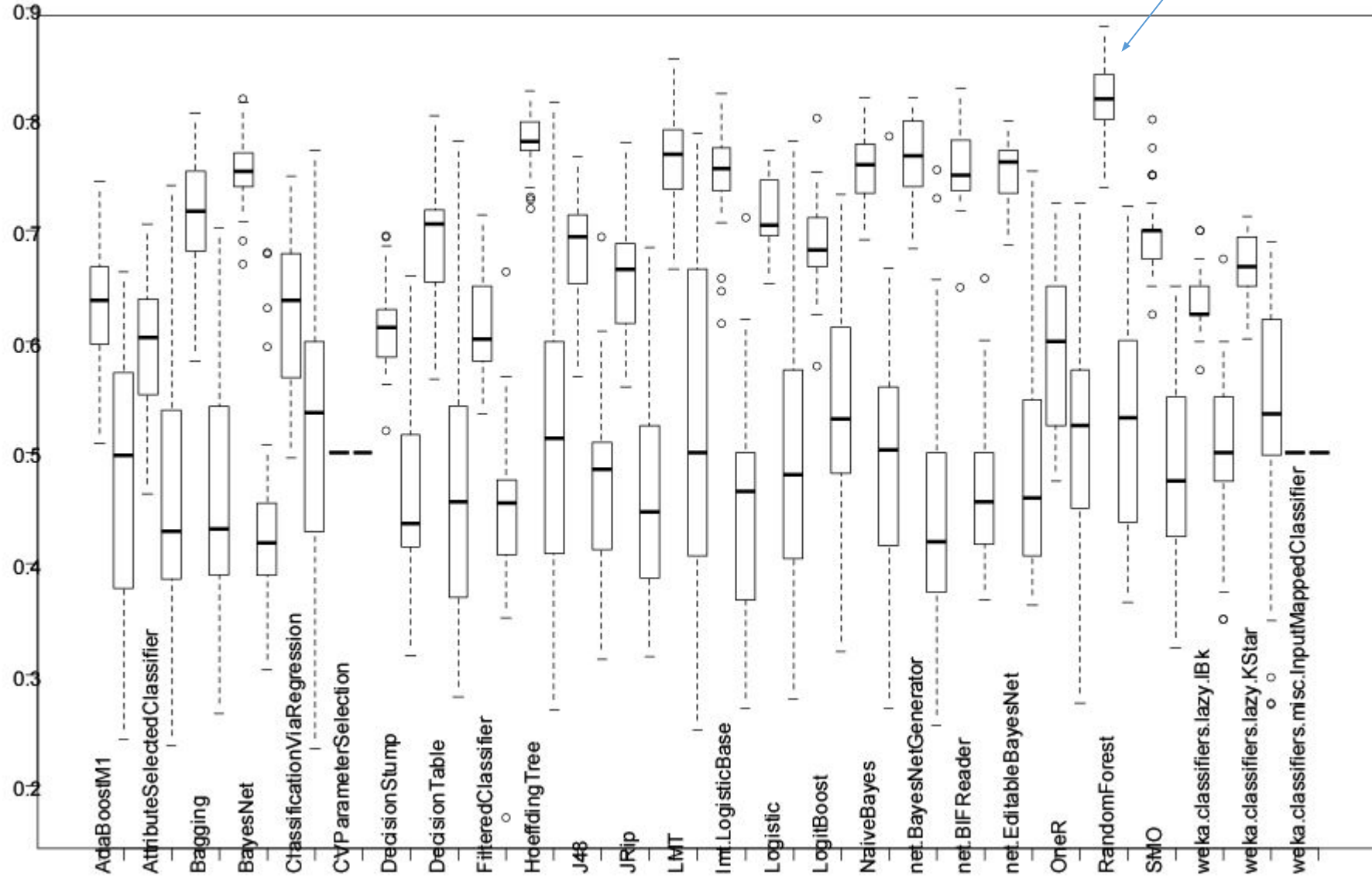
On our adenomas dataset at the genus level, OneR does well...



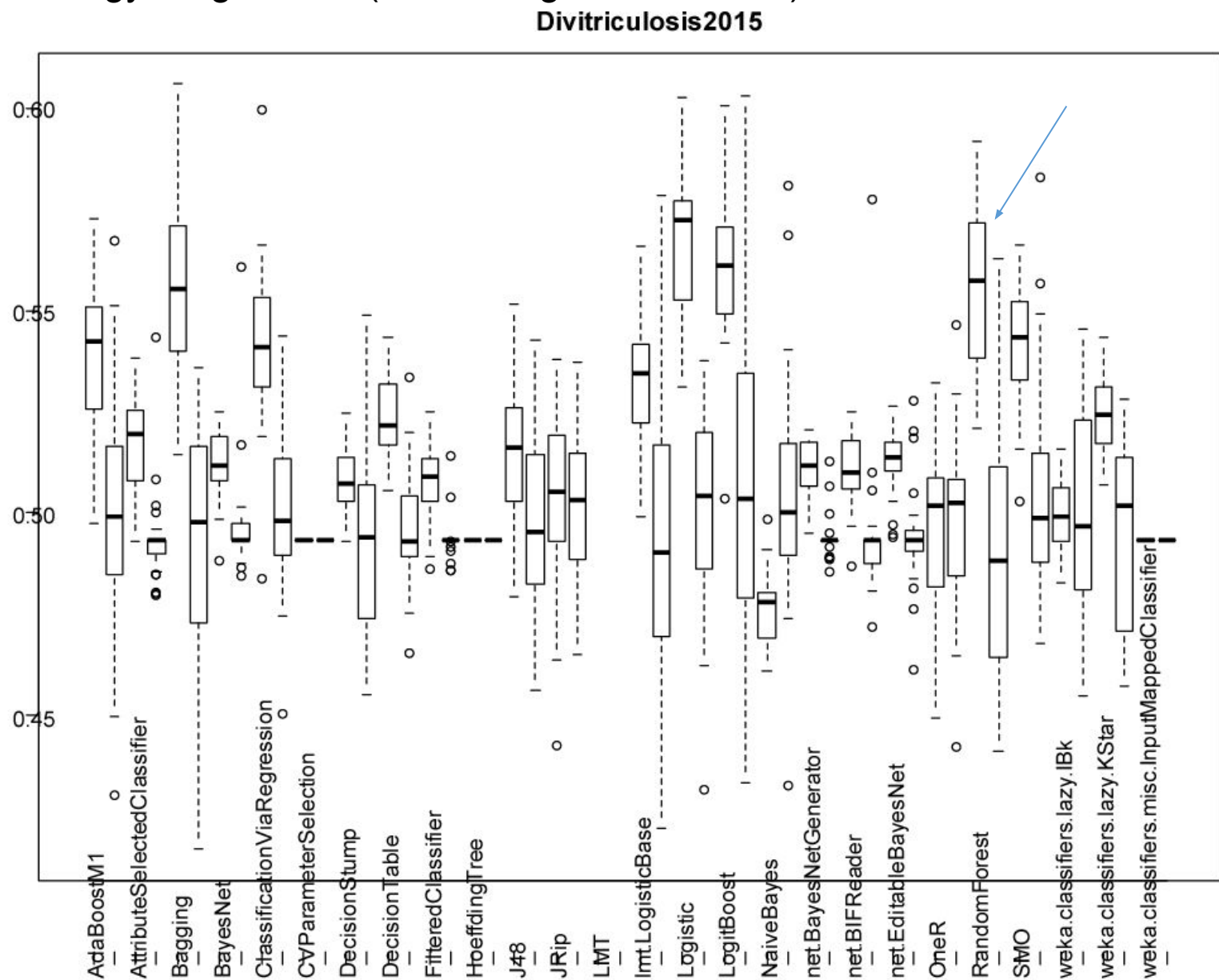
But RandomForest is more reliable across other datasets...



China2015_Timepoint1



Models that have the words “boosting” or “Bagging” take a weighted average across many classifiers (Random Forest does this as well).
This is often a good strategy for genomic (and metagenomics data)

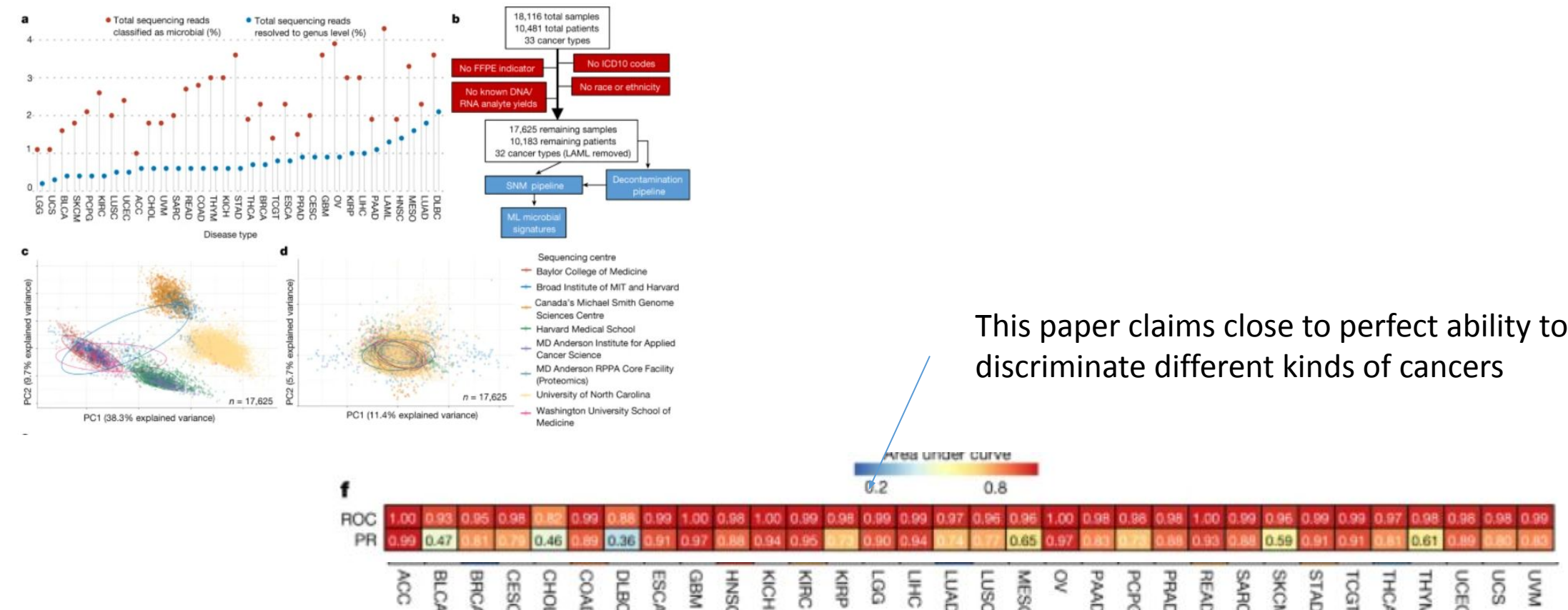


ROC curves are at the heart of the retracted paper...

Microbiome analyses of blood and tissues suggest cancer diagnostic approach

<https://www.nature.com/articles/s41586-020-2095-1>

Fig. 1: Approach and overall findings of the cancer microbiome analysis of TCGA.



This paper claims close to perfect ability to discriminate different kinds of cancers

Major data analysis errors invalidate cancer microbiome findings

Authors: Abraham Gihawi, Yuchen Ge, Jennifer Lu, Daniela Puiu, Amanda Xu, Colin S. Cooper, Daniel S. Brewer, Mihaela Pertea, Steven L.

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<https://journals.asm.org/doi/10.1128/mbio.01607-23>

This paper argued for a major flaw in the normalization scheme...

Fig 2

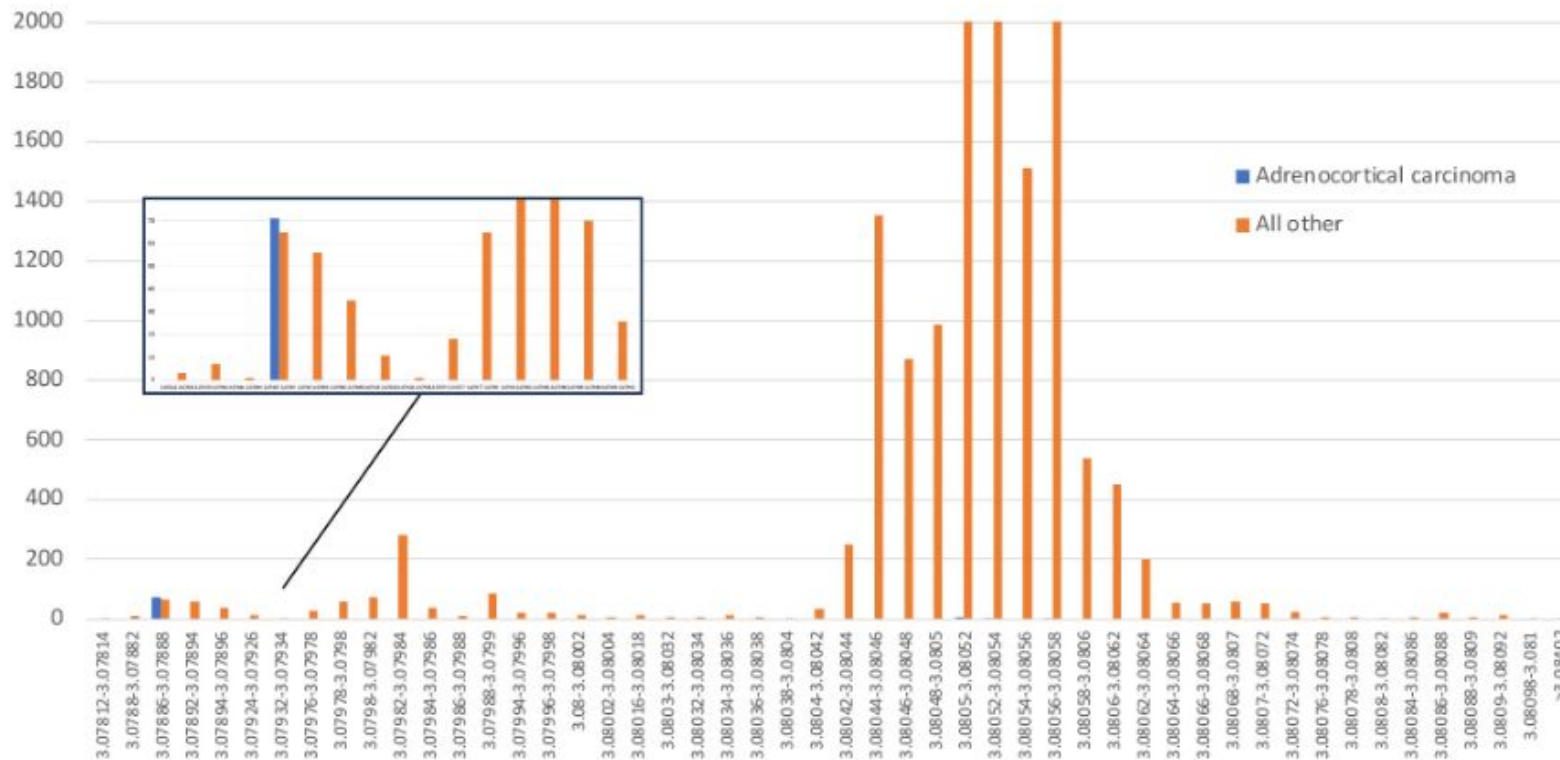





Fig 2 Distribution of normalized counts for *Hepandensovirus* for adrenocortical carcinoma (blue) vs all other samples (orange). The inset shows a zoomed-in view of the distribution for the small values. All raw values were zero.

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Robustness of cancer microbiome signals over a broad range of methodological variation

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This paper responded that the original analysis was, despite flaws, correct.

You can access the data in the supplementary materials.

Can you design an analysis to determine who is right? Possible independent project idea.

(You can use ChatGPT to generate Java or R code to run machine learning algorithms and produce ROC curves if you don't want to use WEKA!)s