ROOT multivariate analysis package (TMVA)

http://tmva.sourceforge.net

TMVA package

- The TMVA package performs a multivariate analysis on a number of input variables and returns a single MVA variable
- TMVA is included in ROOT versions 5.30 and above, the development version can be found at **http://sourceforge.net/projects/tmva**
- All source files and examples can be found under **$ROOTSYS/tmva**
- The typical TMVA analysis is divided into:
  - TMVAClassification: training and testing of a MVA method with included data set (**$ROOTSYS/tmva/test/TMVAClassification.cxx**)
  - TMVAClassificationApplication: applying MVA cut to a data set (**$ROOTSYS/tmva/test/TMVAClassificationApplication.cxx**)
- User guide: **http://tmva.sourceforge.net/docu/TMVAUsersGuide.pdf**

Preparing for MVA

- Example MVA:
  http://sabotin.ung.si/~gkukec/gkukec/tmva/tmva_example.tar.gz
- **$TMVAEX** will from now on designate the folder where the above example is extracted to
- The above example trains and tests a neural network method on a data set (**$TMVAEX/example.root**) → check the contents of the file by opening a TBrowser in ROOT
- The data set should be saved in a ROOT file, where a tree holds input variables:

```
TreeS1
    Variable1
    Variable2
    ...
TreeS2
    Variable1
    Variable2
    ...
...
```

Program structure (`$TMVAEX/tmva_simple.cpp`)

- At the beginning, we open two root files – one for reading input variables, the other to save the MVA output:

```
Tfile *ifile = Tfile::Open("<input.root>", "READ");
Tfile *ofile = Tfile::Open("<output.root>", "RECREATE");
```

- Then we create a Factory class object that will take care of training and testing (optionally, we can designate the MVA weights folder):

```
TMVA::Factory *factory = new TMVA::Factory("<JobName>", ofile,
"<options>");
(TMVA::gConfig().GetIONames()).fWeightFileDir = "./weights";
```

- Each variable that will be used in the MVA is then added (the last argument is the variable type **`F`** for float, **`I`** for integer):

```
factory->AddVariable("<variable name", '<variable type>');
```

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- Each tree that will be used needs to be designated as signal or background – in the MVA, all signal trees will be combined together:

```
TTree *signalTree = (TTree*)ifile->Get("<TreeName>");
TTree *backgroundTree = (TTree*)ifile->Get("<TreeName>");
factory->AddSignalTree(signalTree, <weight>);
factory->AddBackgroundTree(backgroundTree, <weight>);
```

- Both trees are then prepared for training and testing:

```
factory->PrepareTrainingAndTestTree("<sigSelectionCuts>",
"<backSelectionCuts>", "<options>");
```

- If preselection cuts are not needed, first two arguments are left empty
- Some options:
  - **nTrain_Signal, nTrain_Background, nTest_Signal, nTest_Background:** Number of signal and background events used for training and testing – if set to 0, half of the events will be used for training and half for testing
  - **SplitMode:** Selection of events for training/testing (Random, Alternate, Block)

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- Then we select the MVA method that will be used for the analysis – more information on each can be found:
  `http://tmva.sourceforge.net/optionRef.html`

```
factory->BookMethod(<TMVA type>, "<TMVA name>", "<options>");
```

- Some method types (with names):
  - Likelihood: **`TMVA::Types::kLikelihood`** (Likelihood, LikelihoodD, LikelihoodPCA,...)
  - Function discrimination analysis: **`TMVA::Types::kFDA`** (FDA_GA, FDA_SA, FDA_MC,...)
  - Artificial neural networks: **`TMVA::Types::kMLP`** (MLP, MLPBNN,...), **`TMVA::Types::kCFMlpANN`** (CFMlpANN),...
  - Boosted decision trees: **`TMVA::Types::kBDT`** (BDT, BDTG, BDTB, BDTD,...)
- See **`$TMVAEX/def_methods.cpp`** for default options for a collection of different methods
- For classification, more than one method can be used (with additional BookMethod definitions)

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- Train, test and evaluate the methods, then close both files:

```
factory->TrainAllMethods();
factory->TestAllMethods();
factory->EvaluateAllMethods();
ifile->Close();
delete factory;
ofile->Close();
```

- The output file can now be opened using a TMVA GUI with:
  - `root -l 'TMVAGui.C("<output.root>")'`
  - `./tmvagui <output.root>`
- Now we continue with the classification application part of the program
- Wish to apply a MVA variable cut onto the data set – we create a Reader class object and variables we will read values to:

```
TMVA::Reader *reader = new TMVA::Reader("<option>");
float obsvars[nrvars];
```

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- We add all variables we wish to apply the MVA cut to and prepare the method we used in the classification:

```
reader->AddVariable("<variable name>", &obsvars[0]);
...
reader->BookMVA("<method name>", "<path to weights XML
file>");
```

- We now open the file that holds the trees and variables for our case and set the MVA cut (can be determined from optimal cut from GUI):

```
TFile *ifile = TFile::Open("<input.root>", "READ");
double cut = <cut value>;
```

- Making a loop through all the trees, we set the address each variable (the names here must be the same as variables we gave to the reader):

```
for(...) {
   TTree *treeCur = (TTree*)ifile->Get("<current tree name>");
   treeCur->SetBranchAddress("<variable name>", &obsvars[0]);
   ...
}
```

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- Inside the existing loop, we now do another loop through all events in the tree and check, if event is considered as signal or background:

```
for(...) {
   TTree *treeCur = (TTree*)ifile->Get("<current tree name>");
   treeCur->SetBranchAddress("<variable name>", &obsvars[0]);
   ...
   for(int ievt = 0; ievt < treeCur->GetEntries(); ievt++) {
      treeCur->GetEntry(ievt);
      if(reader->EvaluateMVA("<method name>") >= cut)
         // event is signal
      else
         // event is background
   }
}
```

- Make sure that the used MVA method has the classifier that above the cut is signal and below the cut is background (some could have it reversed)

Plots from example