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# HIERARCHICAL ACTIVE LEARNING (HAL) APPLICATION TO MITOCHONDRIAL DISEASE PROTEIN DATASET

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- Identify the source of mutations which give rise to mitochondrial disease
- Leigh Syndrome, Leber's Hereditary Optic Neuropathy
- Proteins are hierarchically labeled according to location in the mitochondria
- Coarse-grained: learning labels near the root of the tree
- Fine-grained: learning labels towards the leaf nodes
- Learn mitochondrion concept (coarse) by combining classifiers for each target compartment (fine)

- **Active learning:** copious unlabeled data, cost associated with acquiring labels, yields best classifier for a given cost, or best classifier for minimal cost
- Previous work in text classification and rich media indexing use hierarchies of labels to improve fine-level classification (McCallum et al. 1998, Jiang et al. 2013)
- **First, investigation of active learning in a hierarchical setting, our active over-labeling approach is shown to find the best classifier for a given budget regardless of varying label acquisition cost**

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## Outline:

- Machine Learning
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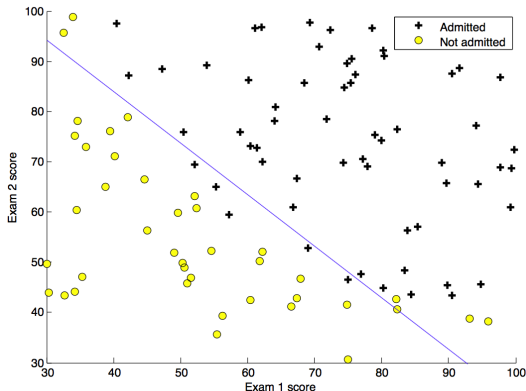
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INPUT: labeled data

OUTPUT: learned hypothesis used to predict new instances

$h_{\theta}(x)$ , for fixed  $\theta_0$  and  $\theta_1$  line coefficients



# Machine Learning

## Cost Function

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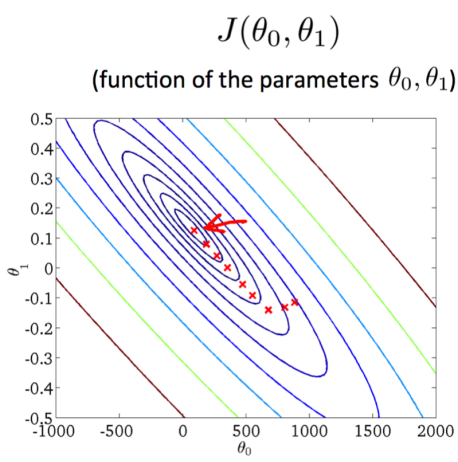
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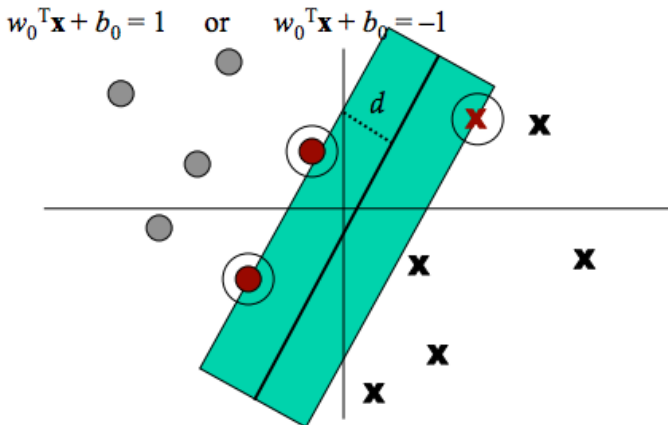
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# Machine Learning

## Support Vector Machine (SVM)

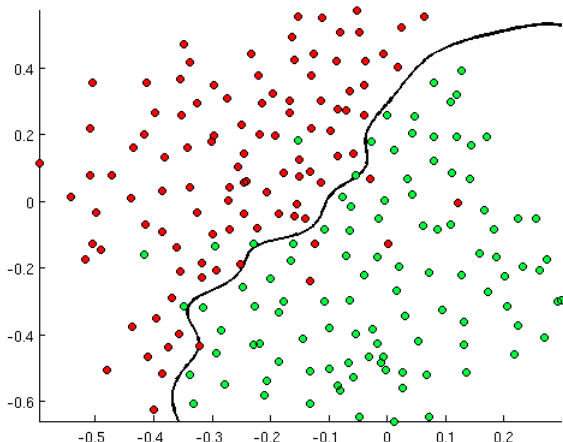
And SVM constructs a line, plane or hyperplane that separates the features with the greatest margin.



# Machine Learning

## Support Vector Machine (SVM)

The greater the functional margin the lower the generalization error of the classifier





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## Support Vector Machine (SVM)

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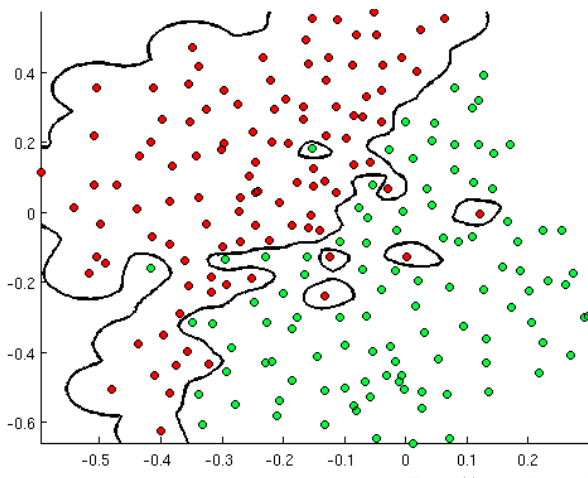
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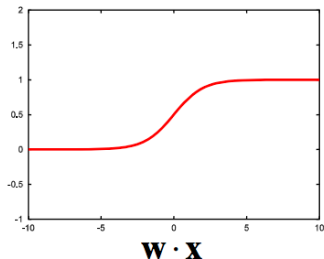
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Kernel functions implicitly map inputs into high-dimensional feature spaces



Logistic Regression (Logit) estimates the probability of a binary response, learns coefficients  $\mathbf{w}$  of the input vector  $\mathbf{x}$  and passes dot product through sigmoid function. (Maximum likelihood learning)

$$g(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{w}) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x})}$$



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- Unlabeled data is abundant but manually labeling is expensive, e.g. text categorization, drug discovery
- The learner queries an **oracle** or **supervisor** which labels the data at a certain cost
- Active learning solicits new instances that can maximally improve performance of the learned classifier, e.g., uncertainty sampling
- Learns the best performing classifier for the minimal amount of labeling cost, or for a given purchase budget
- Acquires labels for each level of the hierarchy at a certain cost, spends according to a purchase budget

# Active over-labeling

## Coarse-grained vs Fine-grained Trade Off

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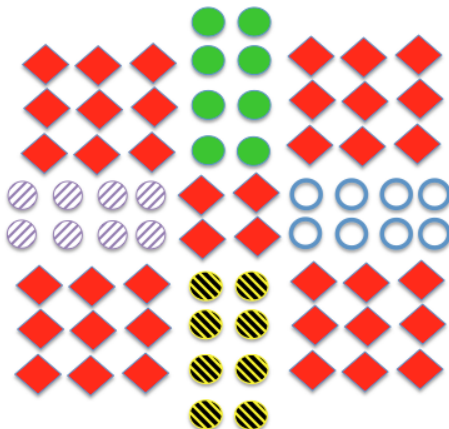
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Active over-labeling solicits labels at a finer level of granularity than the target concept



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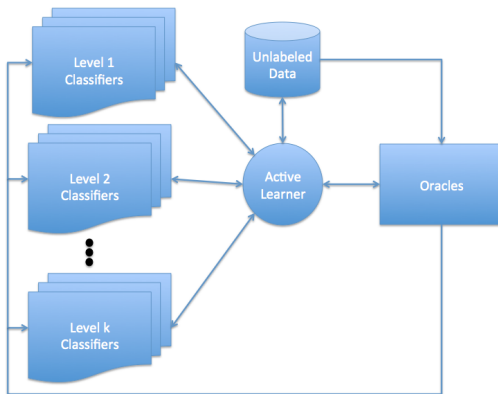
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INPUT: purchase proportion  $p$



# Dynamically Adapting Purchase Proportions

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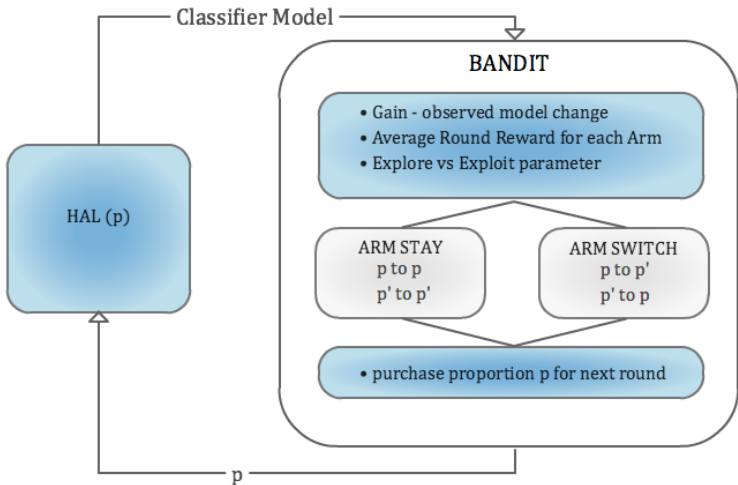
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# Hierarchical Bioinformatics Data Set

## Feature Sources

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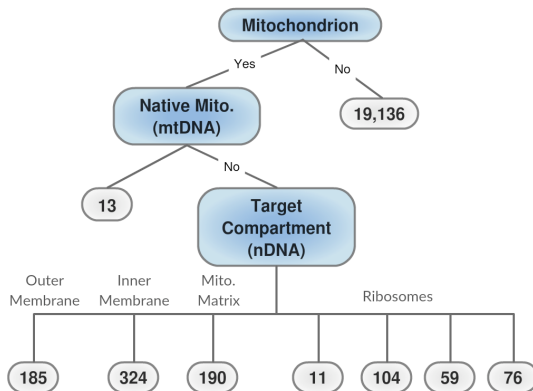
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- Mitoproteome: database of human mitochondrial proteins
- SwissProt: database of experimentally validated human proteins

Type of Properties	Features	Sources
General sequence features	Amino acid composition, sequence length, etc.	Cui et al, PROFEAT
Physico chemical properties	Hydrophobicity, polarity, etc.	Cui et al, PROSO, Phoebus
Structural properties	Secondary structural content, shape, etc.	SSCP
Domains and motifs	Signal peptide, transmembrane domains, etc.	SignalP, TMB-Hunt, NetOgly, TatP

# Hierarchical Bioinformatics Data Set

## Labeling Hierarchy





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Number of proteins in each class:

Classes	Count	Totals
Non Mito 0	19136	All: 20098
mtDNA 1	13	Coarse: 19136
nDNA 2	185	Fine: 962
nDNA 3	324	Features: 449
nDNA 4	190	
nDNA 5	11	
nDNA 6	104	
nDNA 7	59	
nDNA 8	76	

# SVM and Logit Classifier Performance

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- Tuned parameters for SVM and Logit via an independent run of cross-validation
- **Accuracy**: the percentage of correctly classified results
- **Precision**: a measure of result relevancy
- **Recall**: a measure of how many truly relevant results are returned
- **F-measure**: the harmonic mean of precision and recall
- **PR curve**: plot precision and recall as classifier threshold is varied
- **ROC curve**: plot false positive rate and true positive rate as classifier threshold is varied
- **AUC**: area under the curve, both curves have an optimal AUC of 1.0

# SVM and Logit Classifier Performance

## Accuracy Analysis (Logit)

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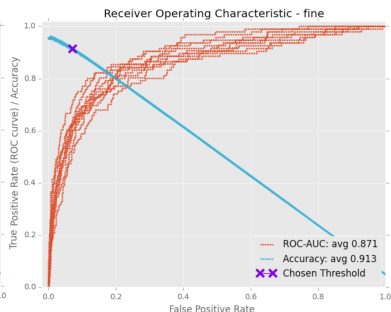
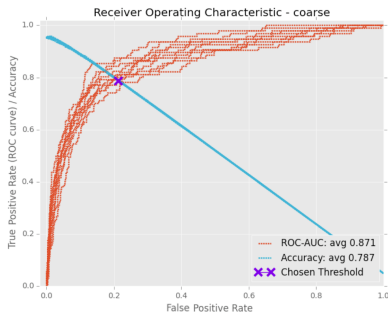
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## F-measure Analysis (Logit)

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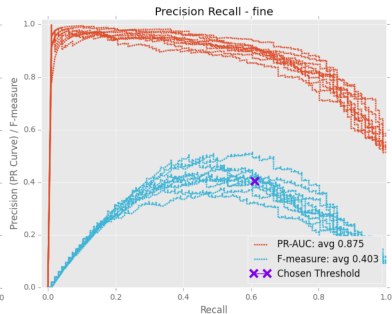
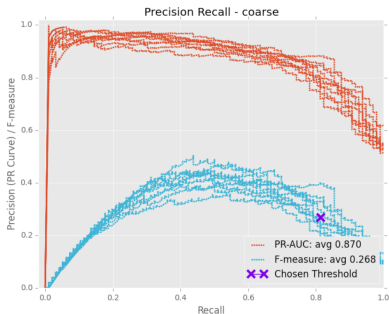
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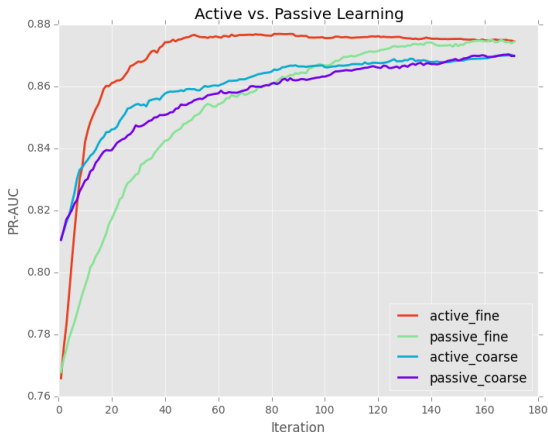
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# Active vs. Passive Curve Analysis

## Logit PR-AUC curves

Iteration: a cycle of the HAL algorithm, a single round of purchasing labels



# Active vs. Passive Curve Analysis

## Logit ROC-AUC curves

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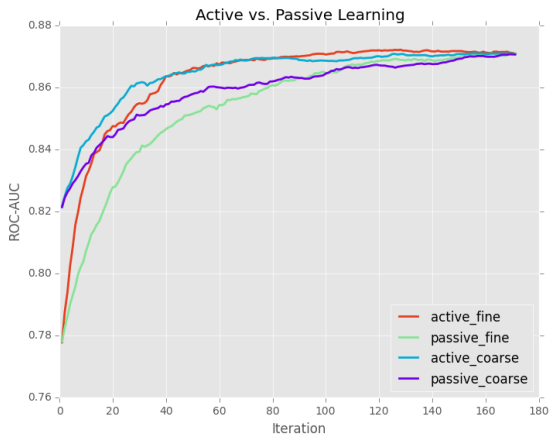
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## SVM PR-AUC curves

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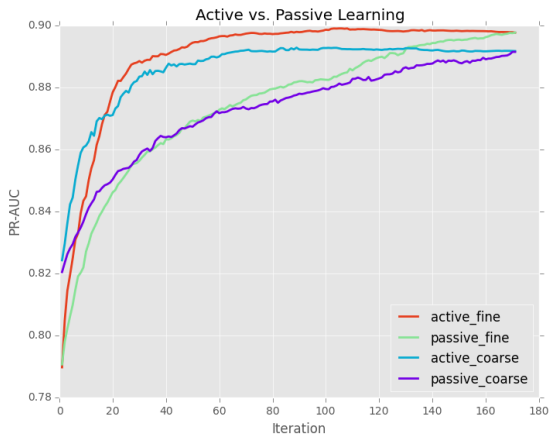
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## SVM ROC-AUC curves

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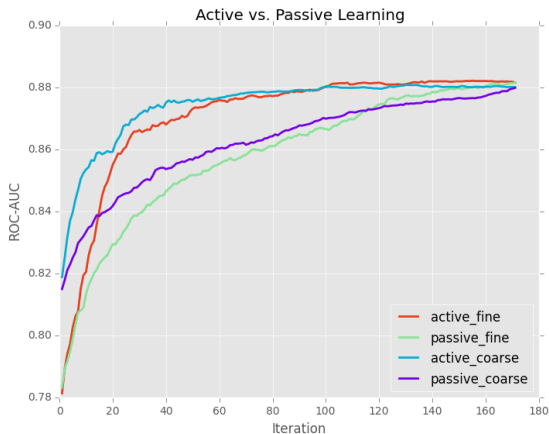
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Successive iterations of HAL with fine cost of 1 and coarse cost of 1

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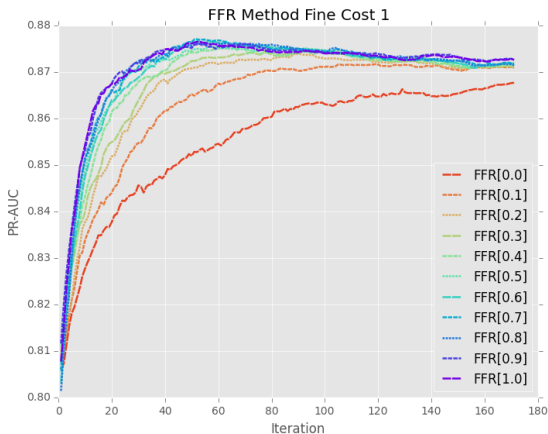
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Successive iterations of HAL with fine cost of 4

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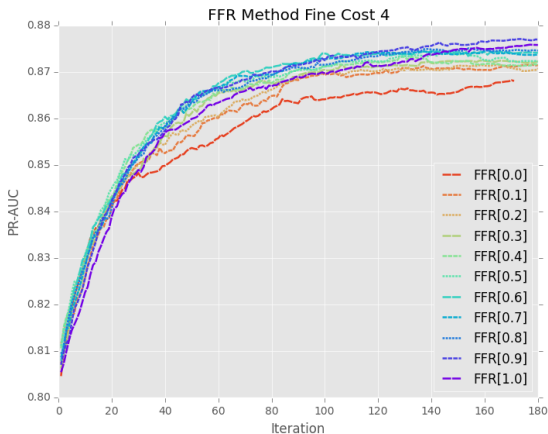
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# Plots for Fine Fixed Ratio Results

Successive iterations of HAL with fine cost of 8

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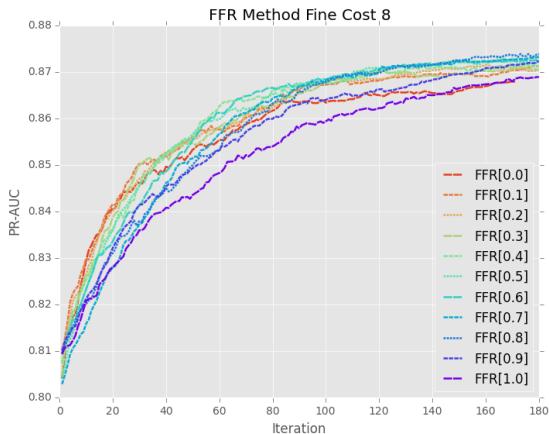
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## Expanded view Fine Cost 8 - Rnds 20 to 60

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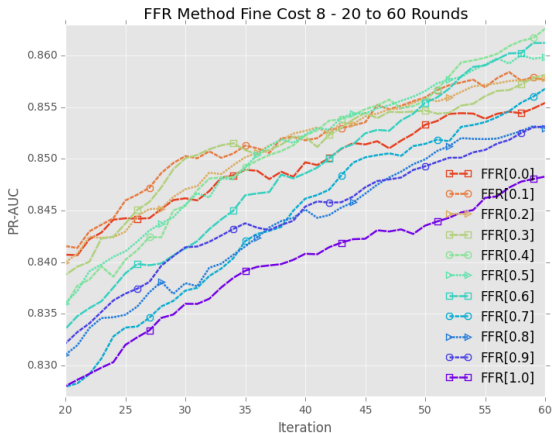
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## Varying Cost Analysis

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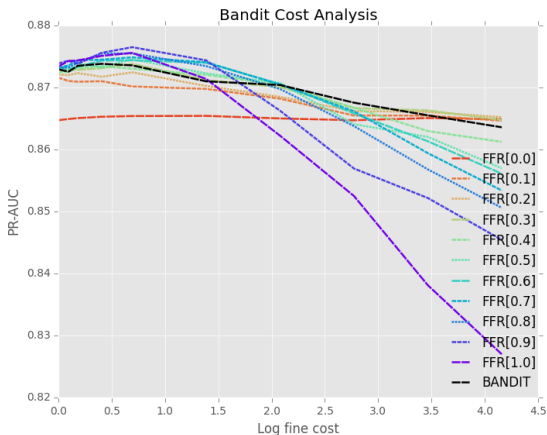
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- The BANDIT approach is compared to the previous FFR curves for the following fine-grain costs  $\{1.0, 1.1, 1.2, 1.5, 2.0, 4.0, 8.0, 16.0, 32.0, 64.0\}$
- Budget held fixed at round 120.
- The metric *diff* is the learner's absolute difference in PR-AUC from the top learner for a given cost.
- The metric *rank* is the learners 0 indexed ranking in terms of PR-AUC for a given cost.

# BANDIT Approach Results

## Varying Cost Analysis - Plot



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## Varying Budget Analysis - Mixed Cost

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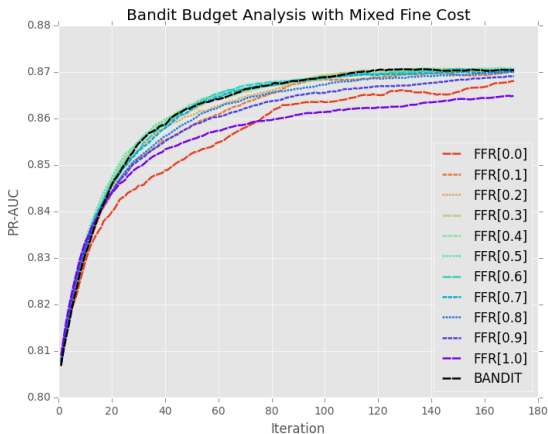
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## BANDIT - Rnds 20 to 60

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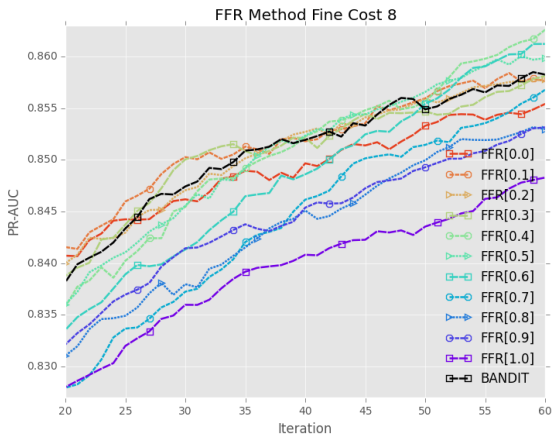
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Results agree with Mo et al.'s experiments:

- Synthetic Dataset with Gradient Boosted Regression Trees
- Reuters Corpus Volume Text Categorization Dataset with Logit
- Richmond Daily Dispatch Sequence Tagging Dataset with Conditional Random Fields

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- Fine outperforms Coarse in PR-AUC
- Active outperforms Passive in PR-AUC
- HAL ran with variable cost, fine proportions and budget
- BANDIT approach shown to be robust to changes in cost and budget

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- Future work is to apply the active over-labeling approach to other datasets with more complex hierarchical label trees; datasets derived from Gene Ontology research could be investigated

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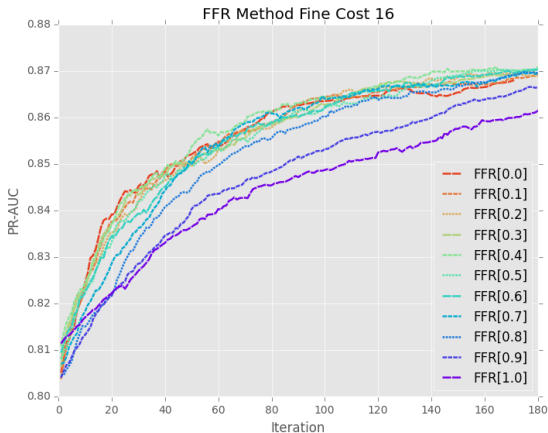
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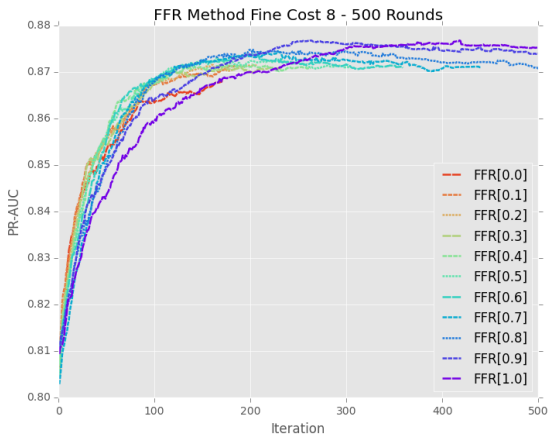
Successive iterations of HAL with fine cost of 16



**Figure:** The fine cost is increased to 16. The fine cost is too high to offset the decreased number of instances purchased.

# Plots for Fine Fixed Ratio Results

## Fine Cost 8 - Rnds to 500



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Successive iterations of HAL with fine cost of 2

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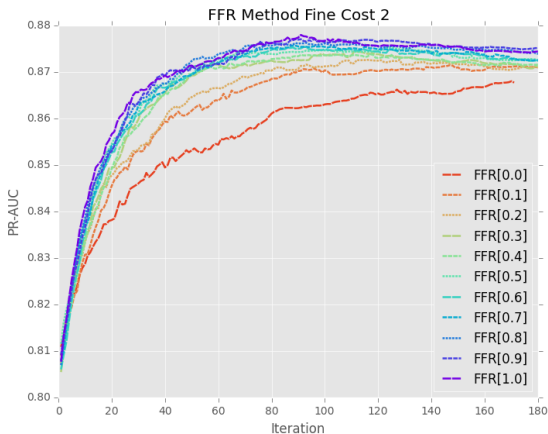
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# Evaluating Classifier Performance

## Confusion Matrix

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Divide data into train and a test set. Analyze test set with the following values:

- True-Negatives ( $T_n$ ): Correctly classified negatives
- False-Negatives ( $F_p$ ): Incorrectly classified negatives
- False-Positives ( $F_n$ ): Incorrectly classified positives
- True-Positives ( $T_p$ ): Correctly classified positives

Example of a confusion matrix for a test set with 100 negatives and 50 positives:

conf ( $T_n/F_n$ )	conf ( $F_p/T_p$ )
90	10
20	30

# Evaluating Classifier Performance

## Precision and Recall

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Precision is a measure of result relevancy:

$$P = \frac{T_p}{T_p + F_p} \quad (1)$$

Recall is a measure of how many truly relevant results are returned:

$$R = \frac{T_p}{T_p + F_n} \quad (2)$$

# Evaluating Classifier Performance

## F-Measure

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The F-measure or F1-measure (F1) is the harmonic mean of precision and recall:

$$F1 = 2 \cdot \frac{P \cdot R}{P + R} \quad (3)$$

# Evaluating Classifier Performance

## ROC - PR curves

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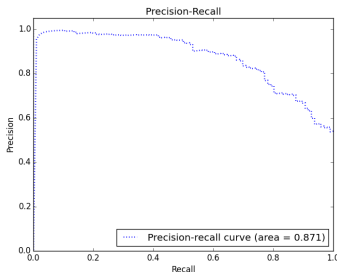
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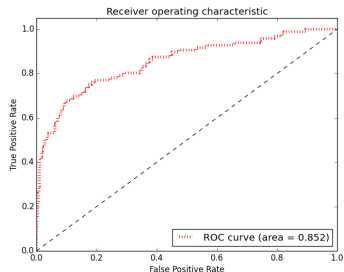
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(a) PR curve.



(b) ROC curve.

**Figure:** Examples of PR and ROC curves with their corresponding AUC values.

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**Table:** Number of proteins in each partition:

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Folds	All	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1	2010	1914	1	19	32	19	1	11	6	7
2	2010	1914	1	19	32	19	1	11	6	7
3	2010	1914	1	19	32	19	1	11	5	8
4	2010	1914	1	19	32	19	1	10	6	8
5	2010	1914	1	18	33	19	1	10	6	8
6	2010	1914	1	18	33	19	1	10	6	8
7	2010	1913	2	18	33	19	1	10	6	8
8	2010	1913	2	18	33	19	1	10	6	8
9	2009	1913	2	18	32	19	2	10	6	7
10	2009	1913	1	19	32	19	1	11	6	7
Total	20098	19136	13	185	324	190	11	104	59	76

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The following variables were varied for both SVM and Logit classifiers:

- Preprocessing Scaling Methods
- Preprocessing Feature Selection
- Class Weight
- SVM Kernel, Cost, and Gamma parameters
- Logit Cost, Fine class weights, Tolerance

# SVM and Logit Classifier Performance

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**Table:** Logit results after parameter tuning:

Title	PR	ROC	Acc	F1	conf (tn/fn)	conf (fp/tp)
coarse	0.870	0.871	0.787	0.268	( 1503.2 / 17.8 )	( 410.4 / 78.3 )
fine	0.875	0.871	0.913	0.403	( 1776.5 / 37.3 )	( 137.1 / 58.8 )

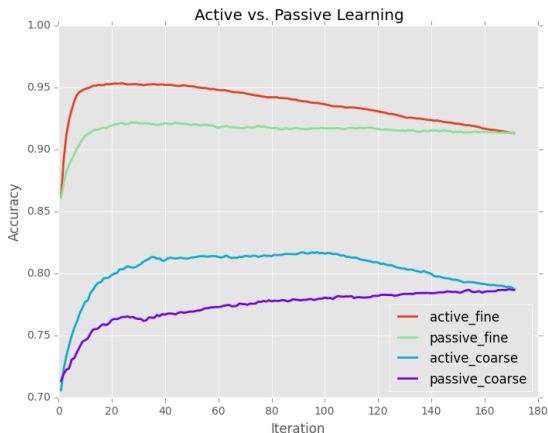
**Table:** SVM results after parameter tuning:

Title	PR	ROC	Acc	F1	conf (tn/fn)	conf (fp/tp)
coarse	0.892	0.880	0.866	0.347	( 1669.5 / 24.8 )	( 244.1 / 71.3 )
fine	0.898	0.882	0.942	0.485	( 1839.0 / 41.5 )	( 74.6 / 54.6 )



# Active vs. Passive Curve Analysis

## Logit Accuracy



**Figure:** The accuracy of the classifiers stays at roughly the same rate throughout the rounds; this is due to an effective weighting scheme.

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## Logit F-measure

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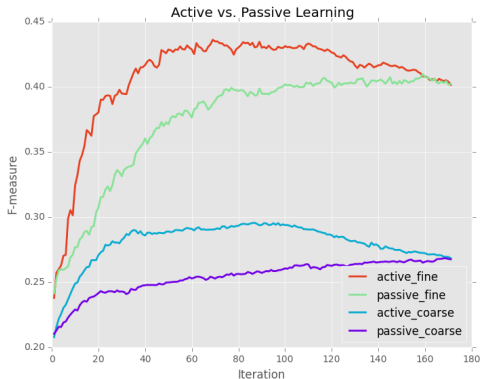
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**Figure:** Both curves show a dominance of fine over coarse and Active over Passive.

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- For round  $n$ , calculate gain  $g$  in terms of observed model change
- Calculate average round reward for each arm
- Calculate  $\varepsilon_n = \min \left\{ 1, \frac{2}{n} \right\}$
- With probability  $1 - \varepsilon_n$  play arm with highest current average reward for round  $n$ , otherwise explore
- After playing arm, run HAL with chosen  $p$  or  $p'$

ARM STAY	ARM SWITCH
$r(n) = 0$	$r(n) = \begin{cases} -g(n)/ g(n)  & \text{if } p \rightarrow p' \\ g(n)/ g(n)  & \text{if } p' \rightarrow p \\ 0 & \text{if } p \rightarrow p \text{ or } p' \rightarrow p' \end{cases}$

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