

# Prediction of cardiovascular outcomes with machine learning techniques: application to the Cardiovascular Outcomes in Renal Atherosclerotic Lesions (CORAL) study

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**Background:** Data derived from the Cardiovascular Outcomes in Renal Atherosclerotic Lesions (CORAL) study were analyzed in an effort to employ machine learning methods to predict the composite endpoint described in the original study.

**Methods:** We identified 573 CORAL subjects with complete baseline data and the presence or absence of a composite endpoint for the study. These data were subjected to several models including a generalized linear (logistic-linear) model, support vector machine, decision tree, feed-forward neural network, and random forest, in an effort to attempt to predict the composite endpoint. The subjects were arbitrarily divided into training and testing subsets according to an 80%:20% distribution with various seeds. Prediction models were optimized within the CARET package of R.

**Results:** The best performance of the different machine learning techniques was that of the random forest method which yielded a receiver operator curve (ROC) area of 68.1%±4.2% (mean ± SD) on the testing subset with ten different seed values used to separate training and testing subsets. The four most important variables in the random forest method were SBP, serum creatinine, glycosylated hemoglobin, and DBP. Each of these variables was also important in at least some of the other methods. The treatment assignment group was not consistently an important determinant in any of the models.

**Conclusion:** Prediction of a composite cardiovascular outcome was difficult in the CORAL population, even when employing machine learning methods. Assignment to either the stenting or best medical therapy group did not serve as an important predictor of composite outcome.

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## Introduction

We have known for some time that atherosclerotic renal artery stenosis (ARAS) increases the risk of kidney function decline leading to chronic kidney disease (CKD), cardiovascular disease, and death.<sup>1-3</sup> However, the effect of renal artery revascularization by stenting on renal and cardiovascular outcomes is inconsistent. Specifically, two large randomized controlled trials, namely the ASTRAL and Cardiovascular Outcomes in Renal Atherosclerotic Lesions (CORAL) studies, have demonstrated virtually identical outcomes in patients treated with medical therapy alone or medical therapy plus stenting.<sup>4,5</sup> That said, it is very clear that patients may have very different responses to renal artery stenting, leading many clinicians to believe that prediction of responses to renal artery stenting may be possible. One of the challenges for the completion of the CORAL study

was the difficulty of convincing physicians at participating centers that there was, in fact, equipoise regarding the utility of stenting across the varied clinical presentations of ARAS. While convincing the physicians of equipoise was difficult, careful analysis of the CORAL data set to date has not yielded clinical scenarios where medical therapy plus stenting was either markedly better or worse than medical therapy alone.

On this background, there are a number of machine learning methods which can be applied to clinical data sets. A few studies have recently reported on the utility of these methods for predicting renal outcomes in the classic MDRD study.<sup>6</sup> To the best of our knowledge, neither CORAL nor ASTRAL data sets have been analyzed with machine learning approaches. With the idea that these machine learning methods might discern patterns which are opaque to routine clinical judgment, the following reanalysis of the CORAL data set was undertaken.

## Methods

### CORAL trial

CORAL is a prospective, international, multicenter clinical trial that randomly assigned 931 participants with ARAS who received optimal medical therapy to stenting vs no stenting. Enrollment began on May 16, 2005 and concluded on January 30, 2012 with follow-up until September 28, 2012, at which time study objectives were accomplished and statistical power was sufficient for the primary trial outcome analyses. The study protocol adhered to the principles of the Declaration of Helsinki and was approved by the institutional review boards (IRBs) or the ethics committees at each participating site. A list of these IRBs can be found in the [IRB supplement](#). All participating subjects provided written informed consent. Participants with ARAS were randomized in a 1:1 ratio to medical therapy plus stenting or medical therapy alone. Neither participants nor the investigators or the study coordinators were blinded to group assignment. Both groups received anti hypertensive therapy with a stepwise approach to achieve the blood pressure target, starting with an angiotensin receptor blocker or an angiotensin-converting-enzyme inhibitor.

The primary endpoint for CORAL, as well as for the current study, was the first occurrence of a major cardiovascular or renal event – this was a composite of death from cardiovascular or renal causes, stroke, myocardial infarction, hospitalization for congestive heart failure, progressive renal insufficiency or need for renal replacement therapy. Detailed study entry criteria and main outcomes of this trial have been published.<sup>5</sup> Patients with renal artery stenosis of at least 60% were eligible if they had hypertension while receiving two or

more antihypertensive agents or had an estimated glomerular filtration rate (eGFR) <60 mL/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup>. Angiograms were analyzed for verification of stenosis by the Angiography Core Lab for the study at the University of Virginia.

## Statistical analyses

All analysis was performed using the open source program R.<sup>7</sup> Although 931 patients were present in the initial data set, many of these patients had missing values (especially baseline laboratory values). The data were cleaned by excluding variables with large numbers of missing values (>40% missing values). Variables with more moderate amounts of missing values that had numeric data had the average value placed into missing value categories (<20% missing values). Missing non-numerical data (eg, race, gender, smoking) caused us to drop the subjects from further analysis. Analysis of 573 subjects with complete records was then performed. The R code was employed to clean these data as shown in Supplementary material 1. Parameters used for subsequent analysis are shown in Box 1. Before analyzing the data set without missing values, multiple methods of imputation for both missing categorical and continuous data were employed and yielded results were similar to the results of analysis of the cleansed data (data not shown).

## Logistic regression and support vector machine

We used a generalized linear (logistic regression) model our default<sup>8</sup> using only baseline variables for the prediction of composite endpoint outcomes. In addition, we examined the utility of a support vector machine (SVM) which involves the multidimensional sorting of data based on the development of a hyperplane which best segregates the two classes.<sup>8</sup> Using the CARET package,<sup>9</sup> we employed two tuning parameters to control the performance of the SVM: kernel and C. Kernel is a complex function, which takes input from a lower dimension and transforms it to a higher dimension, and is useful in a nonlinear separation problem. We used the radial kernel option from the CARET package. When radial kernel is applied, one additional parameter, Sigma, needs to be specified, since higher values of Sigma tend to cause an over-fitting problem. The second tuning parameter used was C, which is a regularization parameter and specifies the penalty for misclassification. Larger values of C indicate a larger misclassification penalty, and thus, the optimization will choose a hyperplane that separates cases with as small a margin of misclassification as possible. Alternatively, a smaller value of C would yield a larger-margin separating

**Box I** Data used for predictive models.

<p>"Age.at.Enrollment" – age of subject</p> <p>"Angina Yes/No" – presence of angina by history</p> <p>"AntiPlatelet.Any.Baseline Yes/No" – use of antiplatelet agents at baseline</p> <p>"Baseline.Systolic.BP" – systolic BP at baseline</p> <p>"Baseline.Diastolic.BP" – diastolic BP at baseline</p> <p>"BMI" – body mass index</p> <p>"CKD_EPI.Cystatin.C.GFR.Baseline" – estimation of glomerular filtration</p> <p>Rate with formula including serum creatinine and cystatin C conc.</p> <p>"CHF Yes/No" – heart failure by history</p> <p>"CHOL" – plasma cholesterol</p> <p>"Creatinine.Baseline" – serum creatinine concentration at baseline</p> <p>"Cystatin.C.Baseline" – serum cystatin C concentration at baseline</p> <p>"Diabetes.Mellitus.HCRI Yes/No" – presence of diabetes based on HCRI criteria</p> <p>"GenderMale" – male gender</p> <p>"HBA1C" – percent of glycosylated hemoglobin</p> <p>"Height.ins." – height in ft./in.</p> <p>"Hb" – blood hemoglobin concentration</p> <p>"HDL" – high-density lipoprotein</p>	<p>"HTN.Total.Meds.Baseline" – number of antihypertensive meds at baseline</p> <p>"Hyperlipidemia Yes/No" – presence of hyperlipidemia at baseline</p> <p>"LDLC" – low-density lipoprotein cholesterol</p> <p>"MI Yes/No" – history of MI by history</p> <p>"Potassium.Baseline" – serum potassium concentration at baseline</p> <p>"Premature.Art.Dz Yes/No" – whether patient had accelerated vascular disease</p> <p>"Protein" – urinary protein concentration at baseline</p> <p>"PVD Yes/No" – presence of peripheral vascular disease</p> <p>Race – Ethnicity</p> <p>"RaceAsian"</p> <p>"RaceBlack or African American" "RaceNative Pacific Islander"</p> <p>"RaceWhite" "Hispanic.-Latino"</p> <p>"Smoking Yes/No" – presence of smoking at baseline</p> <p>"TIA...Stroke Yes/No" – history of either a transient ischemic episode or a cerebrovascular accident</p> <p>"Total.Meds.Overall.Baseline" – total number of medications at baseline</p> <p>"Treatment_Assignment" – medical or stenting assignment</p> <p>"Weight.lbs." – weight in lbs.</p>
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**Abbreviations:** MI, myocardial infarction; MI, myocardial infarction; CKD, chronic kidney disease; conc., concentration; HCRI, Harvard Clinical Research Institute.

hyperplane, even if it misclassifies more points compared with smaller-margin hyperplane. The best combination of C and Sigma values is determined using cross-validation.<sup>10</sup> Sigma and C values were optimized within the CARET package, and values of 1e-3 and 32 were used thereafter.

## Random forest

The third method we applied is the random forest, which employs decision trees to construct a predictive model using a set of binary rules applied to calculate a target value.<sup>11</sup> It can be used for both classification and regression. The decision tree approach utilized three or more nodes. Random forest uses a tree-based resembling method for reducing bias and combines (average) the results from many decision tree models obtained by bootstrap samples. There are two tuning parameters for the random forest: the number of trees (ntree) we would like to average and the number of variables (mtry) randomly sampled as candidates at each split in each tree. We examined the performance of decision trees with the RPART package and random forests with the randomForest package.<sup>12,13</sup> With the random forest technique, ntree was set at 1,000 and mtry was optimized at 9.

## Neural network

We also tried a feed-forward neural network.<sup>14</sup> Neural network passes information through multiple layers of processors. Similarly, neural network takes input from the

data forming the bottom layer, processes it through multiple neurons from multiple hidden layers, and returns the result forming the top layer. The outputs of nodes in one layer are inputs to the next layer where the inputs to each node are combined using a weighted linear combination. Three tuning parameters are needed: one is the number of hidden layers, the second one is the number of nodes in each hidden layer, and the third one is the decay parameter. The decay parameter restricts the weighting from being too large. Different feed-forward neural network architectures were explored using the nnet and neuralnet packages.<sup>15</sup> We found optimal performance with one hidden layer containing nine hidden neurons with a decay value of 0.24 after initial exploration.

## Model comparisons

The CARET package was used for comparison of the mature models employing ten folds and three repeats.<sup>9,16</sup> Other packages within R were used for different specific tasks (eg, nnet for construction of the neural network and random forest [randomForest] for constructing random forests).<sup>7,11,15–24</sup> All numerical data were centered and scaled prior to analysis with all of the above methods. The R code used for these analyses is shown in Supplementary material 2.

## Training and test sets

In the first phase, we varied the tuning parameters on a training subset with the CARET package. For all analyses, three

repeats of the ten folds were used. For the SVM, the Sigma and C values were varied from 0.1 to 1. Once these parameters were optimized for the different methods, we used different seed values to split the training and testing sets (80% training:20% testing). We then employed the strategy of three repeats of the ten-folds with CARET on the different training subsets achieved, varying the seed to initiate randomization to divide the set into training and testing subsets. Areas under the curve for the receiver operator curve (ROC) were improved by ~5%–7% by the inclusion of these baseline laboratory values (data not shown).

Statistical comparisons of ROC values determined with ten different seed values for splitting training and testing sets were performed on data obtained both with the training and testing sets. The overall data sets were compared with one-way ANOVA and individual group means compared using unpaired *t*-test with Holm–Sidak correction for multiple comparisons.<sup>7</sup>

## Results

The results of the training and testing subsets are shown in Table 1. Although the methodologies were quite different, it was clear that all the machine learning methods except the simple decision tree yielded very similar ROC areas and

accuracy values. A comparison of the ROC curves from one analysis which illustrates this is shown in Figure 1.

Representative confusion matrices are shown in Table 2. Clearly, the SVM method was very much slanted toward negative values. Balancing the training set with outcomes avoided that solution which approached the trivial, but did not improve overall accuracy (data not shown). The other methods yielded more balanced results with training set chosen randomly. The balance between sensitivity and specificity was probably the best with the neural network model (Table 2), although the random forest method yielded the highest accuracy in most of the simulations (Table 1).

Examining the factors emphasized by the machine learning methods, it is worthwhile to note that, while different measurements were emphasized by the different techniques, the treatment assignment was not considered a strong predictor by any model (Table 3). This supports the overall conclusion of the CORAL study that stenting did not add materially to medical therapy in the avoidance of composite cardiovascular outcomes in ARAS. In contrast, the baseline SBP as well as estimates of renal function appeared to be consistently featured by the different models as top predictors of adverse outcomes. This is also consistent with the CORAL findings that, although the treatment groups were similar at baseline with regard to SBP and measures of renal function, higher SBP and lower eGFR were prevalent in subjects who experienced a composite endpoint event. While there may be some correlation among estimates of renal function, creatinine was consistently chosen as a top predictor of adverse outcomes by the models, while eGFR, based on the CKD-epidemiology collaboration cystatin C equation, was selected by only one model as the fourth in importance.

## Discussion

We attempted to apply machine learning methods to develop a strategy for predicting outcomes in atherosclerotic renal artery disease. The CORAL data set was used as the substrate for these methods.

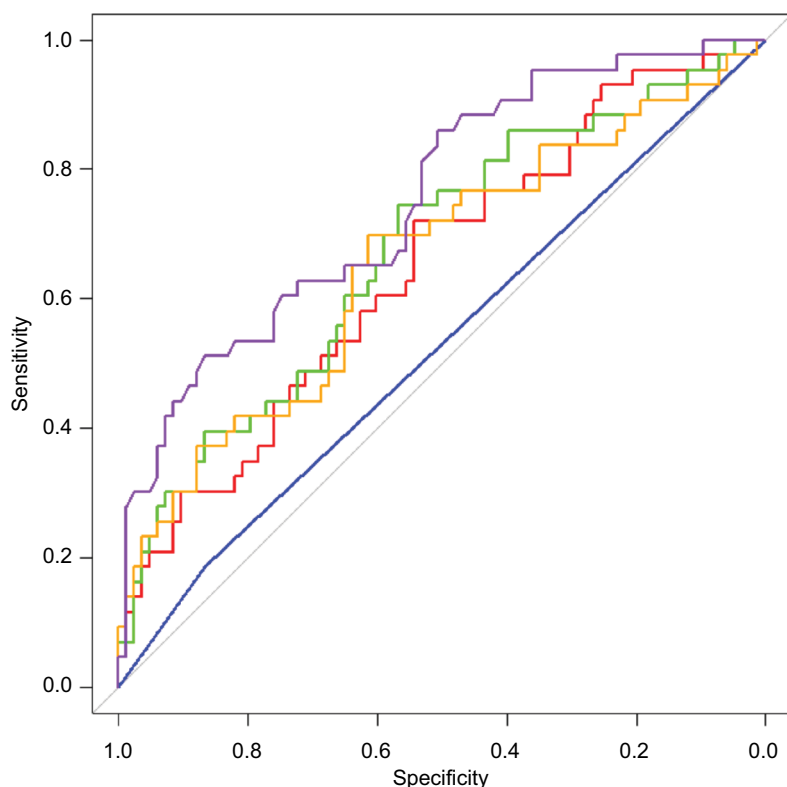
Although we found that some classification methods outperformed others, the results were somewhat disappointing with ROC values generally <0.7. We would emphasize that these results were somewhat inferior to what we saw when a similar suite of machine learning methods were applied to the modification of diet in renal disease (MDRD) data set. Although the MDRD data set was somewhat larger, we expect that the clinical course of the subjects studied in the MDRD (patients with advanced CKD) was somewhat easier

**Table 1** ROC values achieved with training and testing sets

Method	ROC (training), %	ROC (testing), %		
GLM	62.8±1.3	62.7±3.7		
SVM	63.1±1.3	65.3±4.1		
RPART	52.4±1.5	53.0±1.2		
nnet	59.8±1.7	63.1±3.2		
RF	67.7±1.9	68.1±4.3		
Statistical comparison of training ROC				
	GLM	nnet	RF	RPART
nnet	<0.01			
RF	<0.01	<0.01		
RPART	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	
SVM	NS	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01
Statistical comparison of testing ROC				
	GLM	nnet	RF	RPART
nnet	NS			
RF	<0.01	<0.05		
RPART	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	
SVM	NS	NS	NS	<0.01

**Notes:** Results expressed as mean ± SD of n=10 trials with different seed values used to split CORAL data set into training and testing subsets. Statistical comparison of both training and testing ROC by ANOVA showed it to be highly significant. Comparison of group means using Holm–Sidak correction for multiple comparisons shown with significance reported as NS, *P*<0.05, and *P*<0.01 levels.

**Abbreviations:** CORAL, Cardiovascular Outcomes in Renal Atherosclerotic Lesions; GLM, generalized linear method; NS, nonsignificant; ROC, receiver operator curve; nnet, neural network; RF, random forest; RPART, partition; SVM, support vector machine.



**Figure 1** Representative ROCs generated with different models with a seed of 2. Red is generalized linear, green the support vector machine, blue the decision tree, orange the neural network, and purple the random forest model.

**Abbreviation:** ROC, receiver operator curve.

**Table 2** Confusion matrices in different models

Method	True neg (n)	False pos (n)	False neg (n)	True pos (n)	Sens (%)	Spec (%)	Acc (%)
GLM	68	29	15	14	33	82	65
SVM	81	39	2	4	9	98	67
RPART	72	35	11	8	19	87	63
nnet	60	24	23	19	44	72	63
RF	80	30	3	13	30	96	74

**Notes:** Results selected from analysis performed with seed 2 chosen to generate training and testing sets. Sens refers to sensitivity at detecting a composite outcome (true pos/[true pos + false neg]). Spec refers to specificity at excluding a composite outcome (true neg/[true neg + false pos]), and Acc refers to the accuracy of the assignment. Although results are only shown with seed 2, results were very similar with different seeds, varying only by a few percentage points.

**Abbreviations:** GLM, generalized linear method; neg, negative; pos, positive; nnet, neural network; RF, random forest; RPART partition; SVM, support vector machine.

**Table 3** Top four important variables with different models

Method	1	2	3	4
GLM	SBP	Chol	Htn Meds	Potassium
SVM	SBP	Creat	Cyst C	eGFR
RPART	SBP	Protein	HbA1c	Diabetes
nnet	LDL	TIA	DBP	Creat
RF	SBP	Creat	HbA1c	DBP

**Notes:** Data derived from seed =2. Similar results with different seeds for all models.

**Abbreviations:** Chol, cholesterol; Creat, creatinine; eGFR, estimated glomerular filtration rate; GLM, generalized linear method; HbA1c, glycated hemoglobin; Htn, hypertension; LDL, low-density lipoprotein; nnet, neural network; RF, random forest; RPART partition; SVM, support vector machine; TIA, transient ischemic attack.

to predict than that of the CORAL patients.<sup>5,6</sup> This showed, the random forest approach generally outperformed the other methods, with the SVM having particular problems in identifying patients who achieved composite endpoints when trained with the unbalanced training set. The decision tree also performed quite poorly, and we would emphasize that this machine learning method most closely mirrors human decision making with a limited number of measurements used for categorization. This latter point along with the absence of the treatment assignment on the top predictor lists sadly



supports the contention that the prediction of outcomes in patients with atherosclerotic renal artery disease based on baseline clinical parameters is not trivial, and that stenting does not materially affect outcomes in either the overall population or any clearly defined subset based on these baseline clinical parameters.

In the current analysis, urinary protein derived from the baseline urinalysis was used in our machine learning methods rather than urinary albumin creatinine ratio as reported by Murphy et al,<sup>25</sup> as there were fewer missing values. Urinary protein was not a consistently important predictor in any of the models (Table 3). On this note, SBP and creatinine were commonly included as important factors in the models studied. However, treatment group assignment was not, underlining the ineffectiveness of stenting to improve outcomes in this population.

## Data sharing statement

De-identified data from the CORAL data set are available for other investigators to review or analyze on the NHLBI BioLINCC website (<https://biolincc.nhlbi.nih.gov/studies/coral/?q=CORAL>). Procedures for accessing these data are detailed on the BioLINCC website.

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## Supplementary materials

### Supplementary material 1: Data import and cleaning

```
setwd("C:/Users/shapiroj/Dropbox/Current Stuff/work")
library(dplyr)
dat <- read.csv("temp_coral_v3c.
csv",stringsAsFactors=FALSE,na.string=c("",NA,"
","U","Unk"))
dim(dat)
dat1 = dat[!apply(is.na(dat), 2, all)] # automatically get
rid of empty cols at the end
dim(dat1)
# get rid of time to event days and make outcome yes or no
k1 = ncol(dat1)-1;k1
colnames(dat1)[k1] <- "output1"
temp = dat1[,k1]
dat1[temp==1,k1] <- "yes"
dat1[temp==0,k1] <- "no"
dat1[,k1] <- factor(dat1[,k1])
dat2 <- dat1[,-ncol(dat1)] # get rid of last Days.to.Prim.
Endpoint
keep <- (apply(dat2,2,function(x) sum(is.na(x))) < 400)
sum(keep)
dat_temp = dat2[,keep]
dat1=dat_temp
# merge the clinical and laboratory data
cc=colnames(dat1)[1]
# add in labs
x1=read.csv("TG.csv")
x2=read.csv("CHOL.csv")
x3=read.csv("HBA1C.csv")
x4=read.csv("HDL.csv")
x5=read.csv("LDL.csv")
x6=read.csv("Hb.csv")
# create final dataset
dat1=full_join(x1,dat1, by=cc, copy=T)
dat1=full_join(x2,dat1, by=cc, copy=T)
dat1=full_join(x3,dat1, by=cc, copy=T)
dat1=full_join(x4,dat1, by=cc, copy=T)
dat1=full_join(x5,dat1, by=cc, copy=T)
dat1=full_join(x6,dat1, by=cc, copy=T)
# clean up memory
rm(x1)
rm(x2)
rm(x3)
rm(x4)
rm(x5)
```

```
rm(x6)
# average in missing numerical data to reduce missing
values
vv=c(2:8,12:14,16:21,26,28)
#
mm=NULL
for(j in 1:length(vv)){
  mm[j]=mean(dat1[,vv[j]],na.rm=T)
}
for(i in 1:length(vv)){
  dat1[,vv[i]][is.na(dat1[,vv[i]])]=mm[i]
}
#sum(!complete.cases(dat3))
z=dat1[complete.cases(dat1),]
z=z[,-1]
z=z[complete.cases(z),]
```

### Supplementary material 2: Some variations used, version to determine variable importance as well as area under the curve (AUC) for receiver operator curve (ROC) and confusion matrix generation

```
library(ROCR)
library(pROC)
library(rpart)
library(caret)
library(nnet)
library(C50)
library(ggplot2)
library(randomForest)

# Could be run as a loop, but to avoid crashing, I ran them
individually
# kk=NULL
# #run simulations and save data
# kk=c(2,14,25,33,57,61)

sink("VIP_coral",append=FALSE)
print("VIP_coral")
sink()
# seed value set for 61 below, could have been a loop
kk=61
set.seed(kk)
ind = sample(2, nrow(z), replace = TRUE, prob = c(0.8, 0.2))
trainset = z[ind == 1,]
testset = z[ind == 2,]
```



```
control = trainControl(method = "repeatedcv", seeds=c(539,
704, 483, 253, 63, 887, 105, 65, 62, 343, 633, 870, 457,
422, 53, 189, 605, 628, 950, 781, 981, 284, 498, 198, 822,
150, 55, 166, 99, 874, 431), number = 10, repeats = 3,
classProbs = TRUE, summaryFunction = twoClassSummary)
```

```
glm.model = train(output1 ~ ., data = trainset, method
= "glm", metric = "ROC", trControl = control,
preProc=c("center","scale"))
t=varImp(glm.model)
sink("VIP_coral",append=TRUE)
print("glm")
print(t)
sink()
tunGrid_svm=expand.grid(sigma=1e-3, C=32)
svm.model = train(output1 ~ ., data = trainset, method =
"svmRadial",metric = "ROC", tuneGrid=tunGrid_svm,
trControl = control, preProc=c("center","scale"))
t=varImp(svm.model)
sink("VIP_coral",append=TRUE)
print("svm")
print(t)
sink()
rpart.model = train(output1 ~ ., data = trainset, method
= "rpart", metric = "ROC", trControl = control,
preProc=c("center","scale"))
t=varImp(rpart.model)
sink("VIP_coral",append=TRUE)
print("rpart")
print(t)
sink()
tunGrid=expand.grid(size=c(9),decay=c(0.24))
nnet.model = train(output1 ~ ., data=trainset, method =
"nnet", metric="ROC", trace=FALSE, trControl=control,
tuneGrid=tunGrid, preProc=c("center","scale"))
t=varImp(nnet.model)
sink("VIP_coral",append=TRUE)
print("nnet")
print(t)
sink()
tunegrid=expand.grid(.mtry=9)
rfor.model = train(output1 ~ ., data=trainset, method =
"rf", metric="ROC", trControl=control,tuneGrid=tunegrid,
preProc=c("center","scale"))
t=varImp(rfor.model)
sink("VIP_coral",append=TRUE)
print("rfor")
```

```
print(t)
sink()

# make ROC comparisons
glm.probs = predict(glm.model, testset[,! names(testset)
%in% c("output1")], type = "prob")
svm.probs = predict(svm.model, testset[,! names(testset)
%in% c("output1")], type = "prob")
rpart.probs = predict(rpart.model, testset[,! names(testset)
%in% c("output1")], type = "prob")
nnet.probs=predict(nnet.model, testset[,! names(testset)
%in% c("output1")], type = "prob")
rfor.probs=predict(rfor.model, testset[,! names(testset)
%in% c("output1")], type = "prob")

windows()
glm.ROC = roc(response = testset[, c("output1")],
predictor = glm.probs $yes, levels = levels(testset[,
c("output1")]))
plot(glm.ROC,add=F, col =" red")
svm.ROC = roc(response = testset[, c("output1")],
predictor = svm.probs $yes, levels = levels(testset[,
c("output1")]))
plot(svm.ROC, add = TRUE, col ="green")
rpart.ROC = roc(response = testset[, c("output1")],
predictor = rpart.probs $yes, levels = levels(testset[,
c("output1")]))
plot(rpart.ROC, add = TRUE, col ="blue")
nnet.ROC=roc(response = testset[, c("output1")], predictor
= nnet.probs $yes, levels = levels(testset[, c("output1")]))
plot(nnet.ROC, add = TRUE, col ="orange")
rfor.ROC=roc(response = testset[, c("output1")], predictor
= rfor.probs $yes, levels = levels(testset[, c("output1")]))
plot(rfor.ROC, add = TRUE, col ="purple")

#make confusion matrix

print("glm")
glm.pred=predict(glm.model,testset[,!names(testset)%in%
c("output1")])
t=table(glm.pred,testset[,c("output1")])
tt=confusionMatrix(glm.pred,testset[,c("output1")])
print(tt)

print("svm")
svm.pred=predict(svm.model,testset[,!names(testset)%in%
c("output1")])
t=table(svm.pred,testset[,c("output1")])
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tt=confusionMatrix(svm.pred,testset[,c("output1")])
print(tt)

print("rpart")
rpart.pred=predict(rpart.model,testset[,!names(testset)
%in% c("output1")])
t= table(rpart.pred,testset[,c("output1")])
tt=confusionMatrix(rpart.pred,testset[,c("output1")])
print(tt)

print("nn")
nnet.pred=predict(nnet.model,testset[,!names(testset)
%in% c("output1")])
t= table(nnet.pred,testset[,c("output1")])

```

```

tt=confusionMatrix(nnet.pred,testset[,c("output1")])
print(tt)

print("rfor")
rfor.pred=predict(rfor.model,testset[,!names(testset)%in%
c("output1")])
t=table(rfor.pred,testset[,c("output1")])
tt=confusionMatrix(rfor.pred,testset[,c("output1")])
print(tt)

```

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