

AN INTRODUCTORY TUTORIAL

DATA ANALYTICS USING R

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INSTALLING R

- Instructions on Togaware: <http://rattle.togaware.com>
- Visit CRAN: <http://mirrors.ustc.edu.cn/CRAN/>
- Linux: Install package for your distribution
`$ wajig install r-recommended` (Debian/Ubuntu)
- Windows: Download and install from CRAN
- MacOSX: Download and install from CRAN



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 - Machine Learning
 - Statistics
 - Software Engineering and Programming with Data
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- Free (Libre) Open Source Statistical Software
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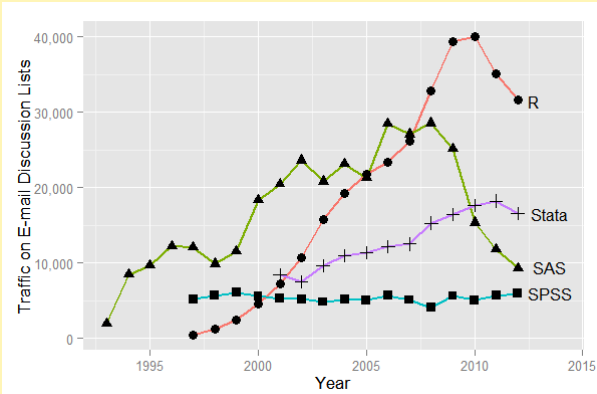
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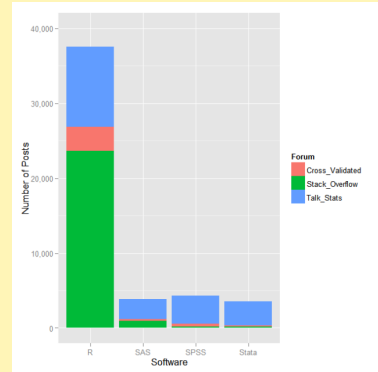
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Monthly email traffic on software's main discussion list.



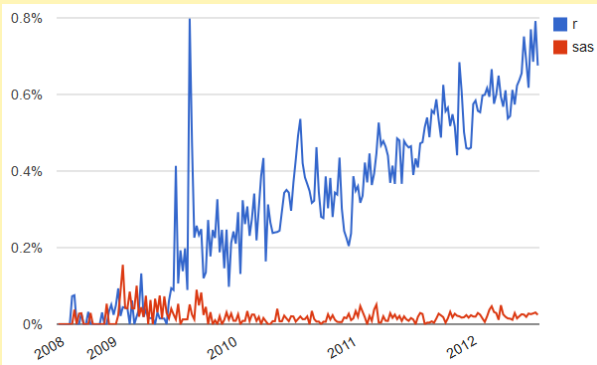
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Number of discussions on popular QandA forums 2013.



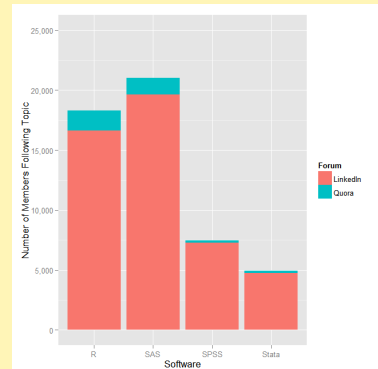
HOW POPULAR IS R? R VERSUS SAS

Number of R/SAS related posts to Stack Overflow by week.



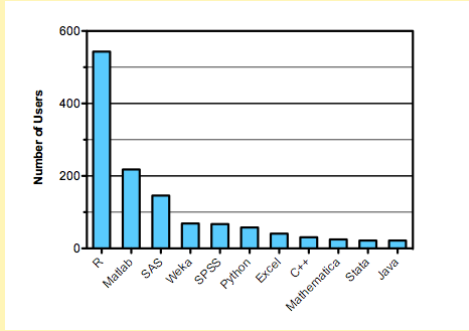
HOW POPULAR IS R? PROFESSIONAL FORUMS

Registered for the main discussion group for each software.



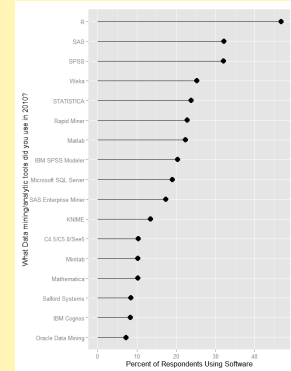
HOW POPULAR IS R? USED IN ANALYTICS COMPETITIONS

Software used in data analysis competitions in 2011.



HOW POPULAR IS R? USER SURVEY

Rexer Analytics Survey 2010 results for data mining/analytic tools.



WHAT IS R?

Video from Revolution Analytics - 90 seconds

<http://www.revolutionanalytics.com/what-is-open-source-r/>

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DATA MINING AND BIG DATA

- Application of
 - Machine Learning
 - Statistics
 - Software Engineering and Programming with Data
 - Intuition
- To Big Data — Volume, Velocity, Variety, Value, Veracity
- ... to discover new knowledge
- ... to improve business outcomes
- ... to deliver better tailored services



THE BUSINESS OF DATA MINING

- Australian Taxation Office
 - Lodgment (\$110M)
 - Tax Havens (\$150M)
 - Tax Fraud (\$250M)
- Department of Immigration
- IBM Buys SPSS for \$1.2B in 2009
- SAS has annual revenue approaching \$3B
- Analytics is >\$100B business and >\$320B by 2020 (McKinsey)
- Amazon, eBay/PayPal, Google ...



BASIC TOOLS: DATA MINING ALGORITHMS

- Linear Discriminant Analysis (lda)
- Logistic Regression (glm)
- Decision Trees (rpart, wsrpart)
- Random Forests (randomForest, wsrfr)
- Boosted Stumps (ada)
- Neural Networks (nnet)
- Support Vector Machines (kernlab)
- ...

*That's a lot of tools to learn in R!
Many with different interfaces and options.*



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WHY A GUI?

- Statistics can be complex and traps await
- **So many** tools in R to deliver insights
- Effective analyses should be scripted
- Scripting also required for repeatability
- R is a language for **programming** with data

How to remember how to do all of this in R?
How to skill up 150 data analysts with Data Mining?



USERS OF RATTLE

Today, Rattle is used world wide in many industries

- Health analytics
- Customer segmentation and marketing
- Fraud detection
- Government

It is used by

- Consultants and Analytics Teams across business
- Universities to teach Data Mining

It is and will remain freely available.

CRAN and <http://rattle.togaware.com>



INSTALLATION

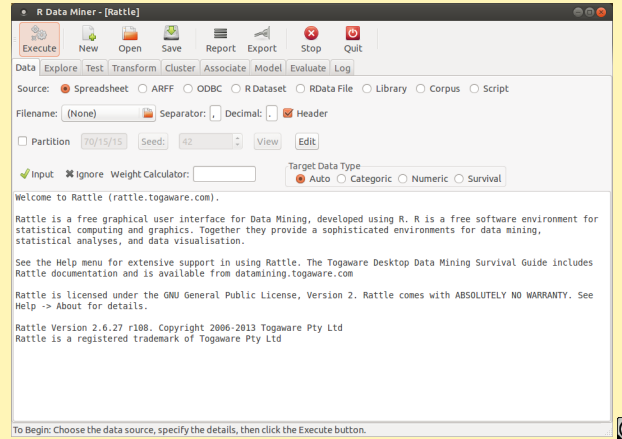
- Rattle is built using R
- Need to download and install R from cran.r-project.org
- Recommend also install RStudio from www.rstudio.org
- Then start up RStudio and install Rattle:


```
install.packages("rattle")
```
- Then we can start up Rattle:

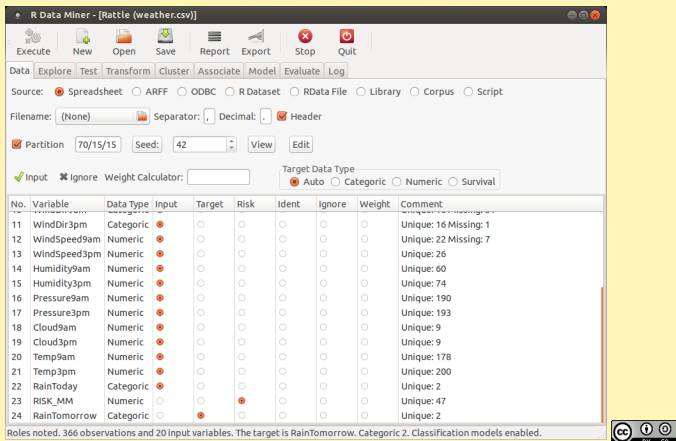

```
rattle()
```
- Required packages are loaded as needed.



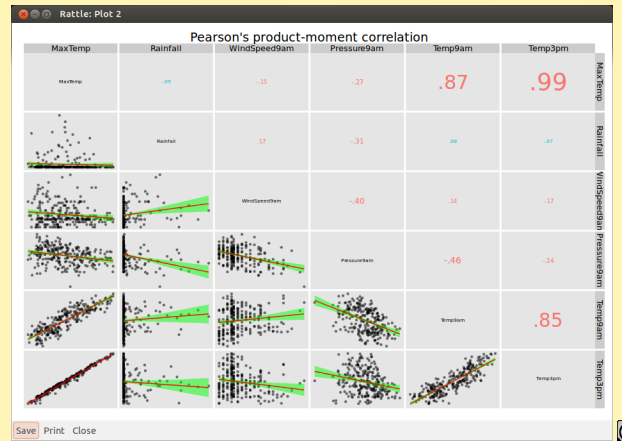
A TOUR THRU RATTLE: STARTUP



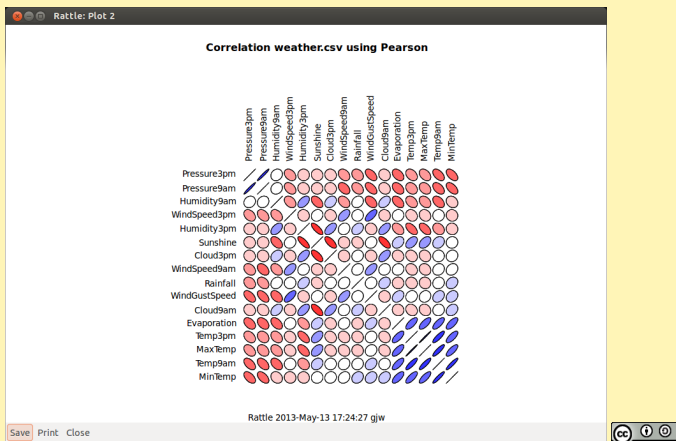
A TOUR THRU RATTLE: LOADING DATA



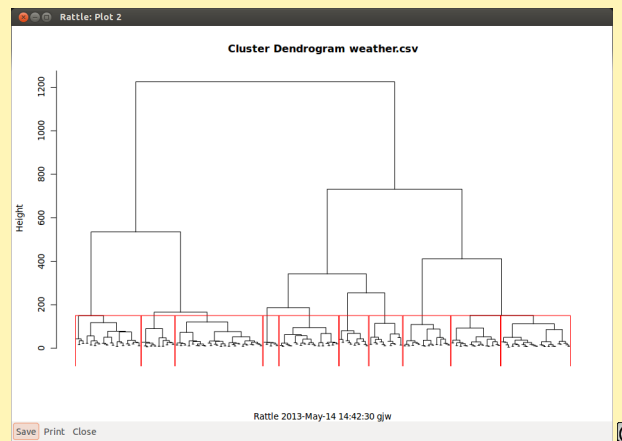
A TOUR THRU RATTLE: EXPLORE DISTRIBUTION



A TOUR THRU RATTLE: EXPLORE CORRELATIONS



A TOUR THRU RATTLE: HIERARCHICAL CLUSTER



A TOUR THRU RATTLE: DECISION TREE

R Data Miner - [Rattle (weather.csv)]

Type: Tree Forest Boost SVM Linear Neural Net Survival All

Target: RainTomorrow Algorithm: Traditional Conditional

Model Builder: rpart

Min Split: 20 Max Depth: 30 Priors: Include Missing

Min Bucket: 7 Complexity: 0.0100 Loss Matrix: Rules Draw

Summary of the Decision Tree model for Classification (built using 'rpart'):

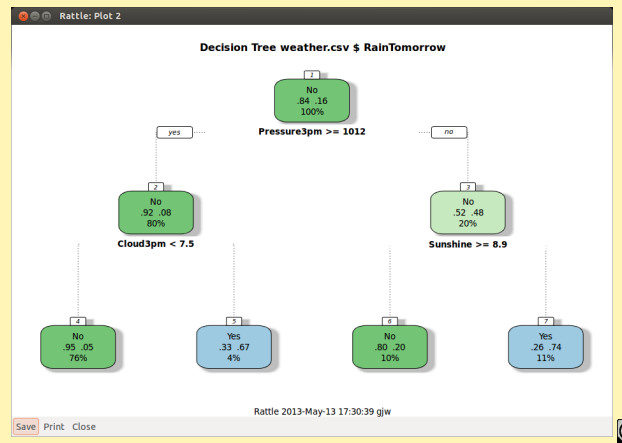
```
n= 256
node(), split, n, loss, yval, (yprob)
* denotes terminal node
1) root 256 41 No (0.83984375 0.16015625)
2) Pressure3pm>=1011.9 204 16 No (0.92156863 0.07843137)
4) Cloud3pm<= 7.5 195 10 No (0.94871795 0.05128205) *
5) Cloud3pm>= 7.5 9 3 Yes (0.33333333 0.66666667) *
3) Pressure3pm<= 1011.9 52 25 No (0.31923077 0.48076923) *
6) Sunshine<= 8.85 25 5 No (0.88000000 0.20000000) *
7) Sunshine<= 8.85 27 7 Yes (0.25925926 0.74074074) *
```

Classification tree:
rpart(formula = RainTomorrow ~ ., data = crsdataset[crs\$train, c(crs\$input, crs\$target)], method = "class", parms = list(split = "information"), control = rpart.control(usesurrogate = 0, maxsurrogate = 0))

Variables actually used in tree construction:
[1] Cloud3pm Pressure3pm Sunshine

Root node error: 41/256 = 0.16016
The Decision Tree model has been built. Time taken: 0.09 secs

A TOUR THRU RATTLE: DECISION TREE PLOT



A TOUR THRU RATTLE: RANDOM FOREST

R Data Miner - [Rattle (weather.csv)]

Type: Tree Forest Boost SVM Linear Neural Net Survival All

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Model Builder: randomForest

Number of Trees: 500 Sample Size: Importance Rules 1

Number of Variables: 4 Impute Errors OOB ROC

Summary of the Random Forest Model

Number of observations used to build the model: 256
Missing value imputation is active.

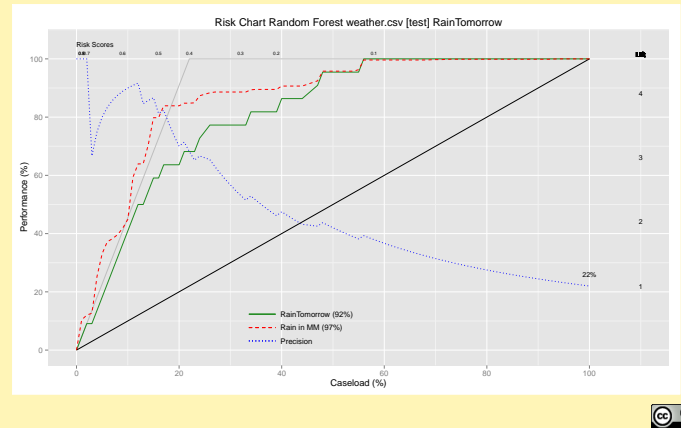
```
Call:
randomForest(formula = RainTomorrow ~ .,
              data = crsdataset[crs$sample, c(crs$input, crs$target)],
              ntree = 500, mtry = 4, importance = TRUE, replace = FALSE, na.action = na.roughfix)
Type of random forest: classification
Number of trees: 500
No. of variables tried at each split: 4
OOB estimate of error rate: 13.28%
```

Confusion matrix:
No Yes Class: error
No 207 8 0.0372893
Yes 26 15 0.6341463

Analysis of the Area Under the Curve (AUC)

The Random Forest model has been built. Time taken: 0.87 secs

A TOUR THRU RATTLE: RISK CHART



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DATA MINERS ARE PROGRAMMERS OF DATA

- Data miners are programmers of data
- A GUI can only do so much
- R is a powerful statistical language
- Professional data mining
 - Scripting
 - Transparency
 - Repeatability



FROM GUI TO CLI — RATTLE'S LOG TAB

```

R Data Miner - [Rattle (weather.csv)]
Execute New Open Save Report Export Stop Quit
Data Explore Test Transform Cluster Associate Model Evaluate Log
Export Comments Rename Internal Variables: From crs$ to MY
# Rattle is Copyright (c) 2006-2013 Togaware Pty Ltd.
=====
# Rattle timestamp: 2013-05-13 16:49:53 x86_64-pc-linux-gnu
# Rattle version 2.6.27 user 'gjm'
# Export this log textview to a file using the Export button or the Tools
# menu to save a log of all activity. This facilitates repeatability. Exporting
# to file 'myrf01.R', for example, allows us to type in the R Console
# the command source('myrf01.R') to repeat the process automatically.
# Generally, we may want to edit the file to suit our needs. We can also directly
# edit this current log textview to record additional information before exporting.
# Saving and loading projects also retains this log.
library(rattle)
# This log generally records the process of building a model. However, with very
# little effort the log can be used to score a new dataset. The logical variable
# 'building' is used to toggle between generating transformations, as when building
# a model, and simply using the transformations, as when scoring a dataset.
building <- TRUE
scoring <- ! building
# The colorspace package is used to generate the colours used in plots, if available.
library(colorspace)

```

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# Rattle timestamp: 2013-05-13 17:35:07 x86_64-pc-linux-gnu
# Random Forest
# The 'randomForest' package provides the 'randomForest' function.
require(randomForest, quietly=TRUE)
# Build the Random Forest model.
set.seed(crv$seed)
crs$rf <- randomForest(RainTomorrow ~ .,
  data=crs$data[c(1:crs$sample,c(1:crs$target))],
  ntree=500,
  mtry=4,
  importance=TRUE,
  na.action=na.roughfix,
  replace=FALSE)
# Generate textual output of 'Random Forest' model.
crs$rf
# The 'pROC' package implements various AUC functions.
require(pROC, quietly=TRUE)
# Calculate the Area Under the Curve (AUC).

```

STEP 1: LOAD THE DATASET

```

dsname <- "weather"
ds <- get(dsname)
dim(ds)

## [1] 366 24

names(ds)

## [1] "Date" "Location" "MinTemp" "..."
## [5] "Rainfall" "Evaporation" "Sunshine" "..."
## [9] "WindGustSpeed" "WindDir9am" "WindDir3pm" "..."
## [13] "WindSpeed3pm" "Humidity9am" "Humidity3pm" "..."

```

STEP 2: OBSERVE THE DATA — OBSERVATIONS

```

head(ds)

##      Date Location MinTemp MaxTemp Rainfall Evapora...
## 1 2007-11-01 Canberra  8.0    24.3    0.0    ...
## 2 2007-11-02 Canberra 14.0    26.9    3.6    ...
## 3 2007-11-03 Canberra 13.7    23.4    3.6    ...
## ...

tail(ds)

##      Date Location MinTemp MaxTemp Rainfall Evapo...
## 361 2008-10-26 Canberra  7.9    26.1    0    ...
## 362 2008-10-27 Canberra  9.0    30.7    0    ...
## 363 2008-10-28 Canberra  7.1    28.4    0    ...
## ...

```

STEP 2: OBSERVE THE DATA — STRUCTURE

```

str(ds)

## 'data.frame': 366 obs. of 24 variables:
## $ Date : Date, format: "2007-11-01" "2007-11-..."
## $ Location : Factor w/ 46 levels "Adelaide","Alba..."
## $ MinTemp : num 8 14 13.7 13.3 7.6 6.2 6.1 8.3 ...
## $ MaxTemp : num 24.3 26.9 23.4 15.5 16.1 16.9 1...
## $ Rainfall : num 0 3.6 3.6 39.8 2.8 0 0.2 0 0 16...
## $ Evaporation : num 3.4 4.4 5.8 7.2 5.6 5.8 4.2 5.6...
## $ Sunshine : num 6.3 9.7 3.3 9.1 10.6 8.2 8.4 4...
## $ WindGustDir : Ord.factor w/ 16 levels "N"<"NNE"<"N...
## $ WindGustSpeed: num 30 39 85 54 50 44 43 41 48 31 ...
## $ WindDir9am : Ord.factor w/ 16 levels "N"<"NNE"<"N...
## $ WindDir3pm : Ord.factor w/ 16 levels "N"<"NNE"<"N...
## ...

```

STEP 2: OBSERVE THE DATA — SUMMARY

```

summary(ds)

##      Date      Location      MinTemp ...
## Min. :2007-11-01 Canberra :366 Min. : -5.3...
## 1st Qu.:2008-01-31 Adelaide : 0 1st Qu.: 2.3...
## Median :2008-05-01 Albany : 0 Median : 7.4...
## Mean :2008-05-01 Albury : 0 Mean : 7.2...
## 3rd Qu.:2008-07-31 AliceSprings: 0 3rd Qu.:12.5...
## Max. :2008-10-31 BadgerysCreek: 0 Max. :20.9...
## (Other) : 0 ...
##      Rainfall      Evaporation      Sunshine      Wind...
## Min. : 0.00 Min. : 0.20 Min. : 0.00 NW ...
## 1st Qu.: 0.00 1st Qu.: 2.20 1st Qu.: 5.95 NNW ...
## Median : 0.00 Median : 4.20 Median : 8.60 E ...
## ...

```

STEP 2: OBSERVE THE DATA — VARIABLES

```
id <- c("Date", "Location")
target <- "RainTomorrow"
risk <- "RISK_MM"
(ignore <- union(id, risk))

## [1] "Date" "Location" "RISK_MM"

(vars <- setdiff(names(ds), ignore))

## [1] "MinTemp" "MaxTemp" "Rainfall" "...
## [5] "Sunshine" "WindGustDir" "WindGustSpeed" "...
## [9] "WindDir3pm" "WindSpeed9am" "WindSpeed3pm" "...
## [13] "Humidity3pm" "Pressure9am" "Pressure3pm" "...
....
```



STEP 3: CLEAN THE DATA — REMOVE MISSING

```
dim(ds)

## [1] 366 24

sum(is.na(ds[vars]))

## [1] 47

ds <- ds[-attr(NA.omit(ds[vars]), "na.action"),]
```



STEP 3: CLEAN THE DATA — REMOVE MISSING

```
dim(ds)

## [1] 328 24

sum(is.na(ds[vars]))

## [1] 0
```



STEP 3: CLEAN THE DATA—TARGET AS CATEGORIC

```
summary(ds[target])

## RainTomorrow
## Min. :0.000
## 1st Qu.:0.000
## Median :0.000
## Mean :0.183
## 3rd Qu.:0.000
## Max. :1.000
....

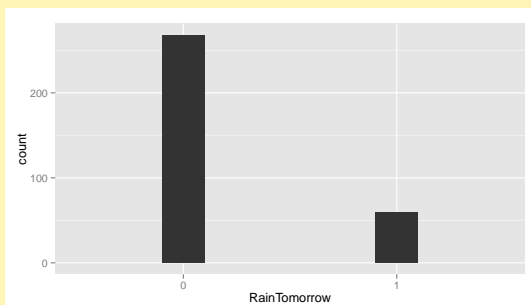
ds[target] <- as.factor(ds[[target]])
levels(ds[target]) <- c("No", "Yes")
```



STEP 3: CLEAN THE DATA—TARGET AS CATEGORIC

```
summary(ds[target])

## RainTomorrow
## 0:268
## 1: 60
```



STEP 4: PREPARE FOR MODELLING

```
(form <- formula(paste(target, "~ ."))

## RainTomorrow ~ .

(nobs <- nrow(ds))

## [1] 328

train <- sample(nobs, 0.70*nobs)
length(train)

## [1] 229

test <- setdiff(1:nobs, train)
length(test)

## [1] 99
```



STEP 5: BUILD THE MODEL—RANDOM FOREST

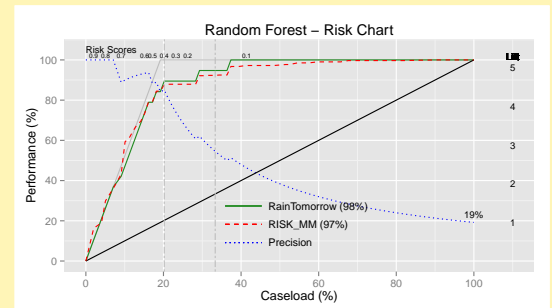
```
library(randomForest)
model <- randomForest(form, ds[train, vars], na.action=na.omit)
model

##
## Call:
## randomForest(formula=form, data=ds[train, vars], ...
##           Type of random forest: classification
##           Number of trees: 500
## No. of variables tried at each split: 4
....
```



STEP 6: EVALUATE THE MODEL—RISK CHART

```
pr <- predict(model, ds[test,], type="prob")[,2]
riskchart(pr, ds[test, target], ds[test, risk],
          title="Random Forest - Risk Chart",
          risk=risk, recall=target, thresholds=c(0.35, 0.15))
```



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TOOLS

- Ubuntu GNU/Linux operating system
 - Feature rich toolkit, up-to-date, easy to install, FLOSS
- RStudio
 - Easy to use integrated development environment, FLOSS
- R Statistical Software Language
 - Extensive, powerful, thousands of contributors, FLOSS
- KnitR
 - Produce beautiful documents, easily reproducible, FLOSS



USING UBUNTU

- Desktop Ubuntu
- Connecting to Analytics Servers
 - Using XWin
 - Using VNC
- Start up RStudio from the Dash

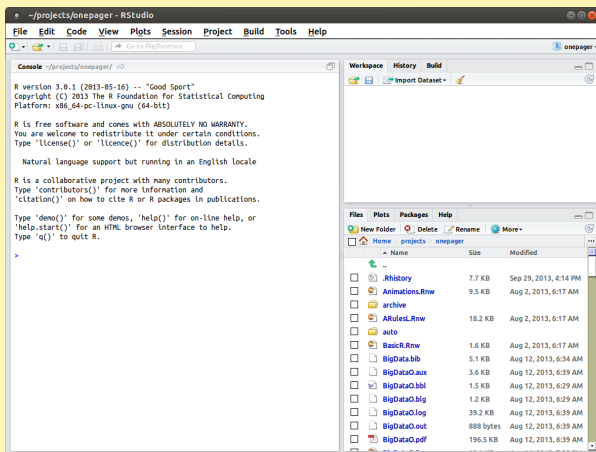


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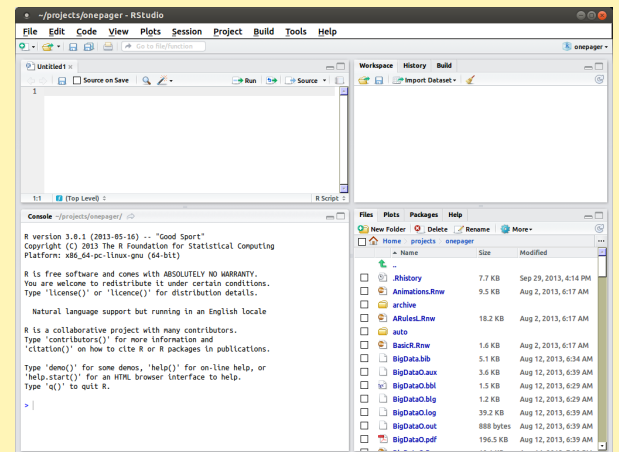
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RSTUDIO—THE DEFAULT THREE PANELS



RSTUDIO—WITH R SCRIPT FILE—EDITOR PANEL



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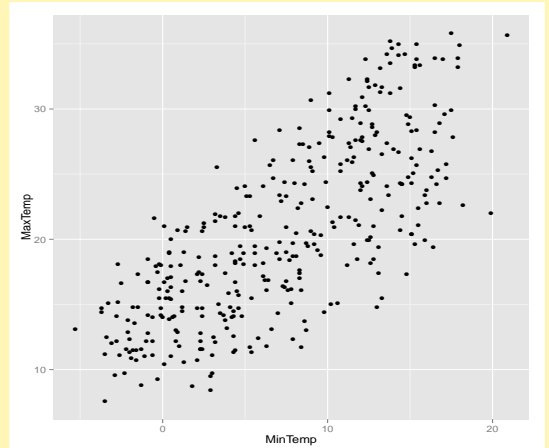
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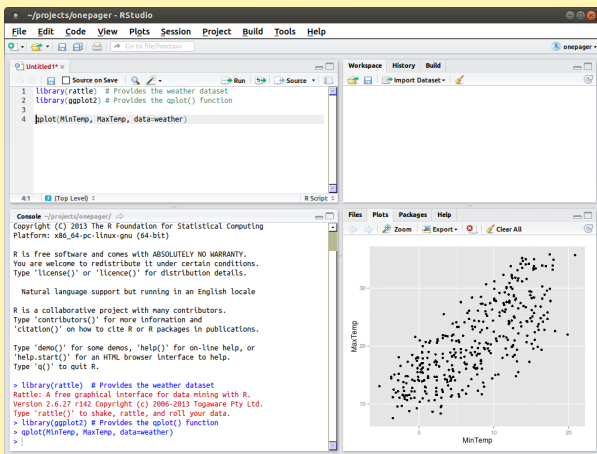
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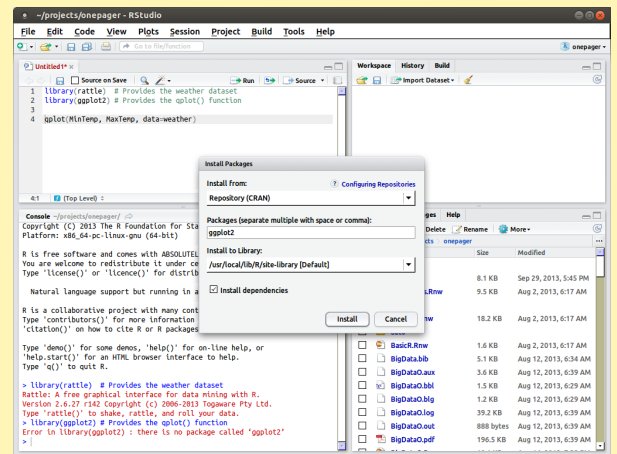
SCATTERPLOT—PLOT



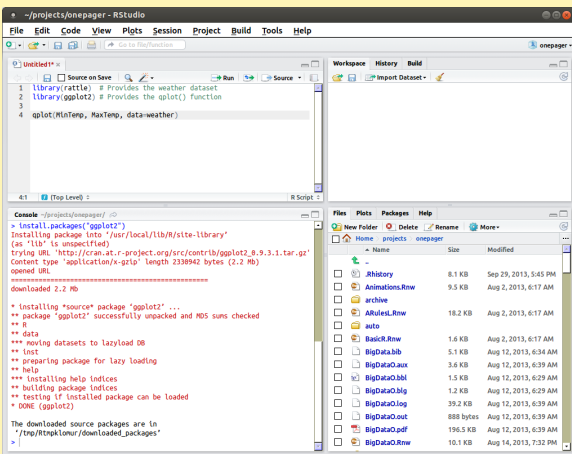
SCATTERPLOT—RSTUDIO



MISSING PACKAGES—TOOLS—INSTALL PACKAGES...



RSTUDIO—INSTALLING GGLOT2



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BASIC R

```
library(rattle) # Load the weather dataset.
head(weather) # First 6 observations of the dataset.

##      Date Location MinTemp MaxTemp Rainfall Evapora...
## 1 2007-11-01 Canberra      8.0   24.3      0.0      ...
## 2 2007-11-02 Canberra     14.0   26.9      3.6      ...
## 3 2007-11-03 Canberra     13.7   23.4      3.6      ...
## ...

str(weather) # Structure of the variables in the dataset.

## 'data.frame': 366 obs. of  24 variables:
## $ Date       : Date, format: "2007-11-01" "2007-11-...
## $ Location   : Factor w/ 46 levels "Adelaide","Alba...
## $ MinTemp    : num  8 14 13.7 13.3 7.6 6.2 6.1 8.3 ...
## ...
```



BASIC R

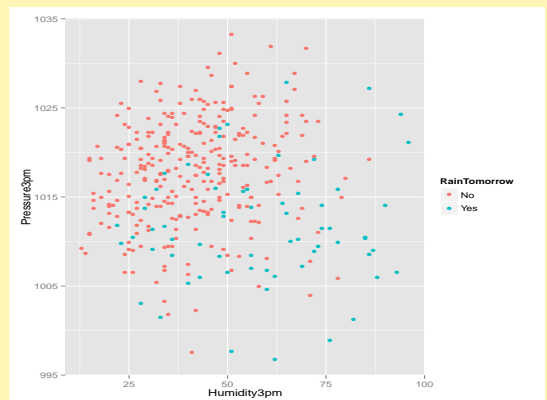
```
summary(weather) # Univariate summary of the variables.

##      Date      Location      MinTemp      ...
## Min.   :2007-11-01 Canberra   :366 Min.   : -5.30 ...
## 1st Qu.:2008-01-31 Adelaide   :  0 1st Qu.:  2.30 ...
## Median :2008-05-01 Albany     :  0 Median :  7.45 ...
## Mean   :2008-05-01 Albury     :  0 Mean   :  7.27 ...
## 3rd Qu.:2008-07-31 AliceSprings :  0 3rd Qu.:12.50 ...
## Max.   :2008-10-31 BadgerysCreek:  0 Max.   :20.90 ...
##      (Other)      :  0 ...
## Rainfall  Evaporation  Sunshine  WindGust...
## Min.   : 0.00 Min.   : 0.20 Min.   : 0.00 NW   : ...
## 1st Qu.: 0.00 1st Qu.: 2.20 1st Qu.: 5.95 NNW  : ...
## Median : 0.00 Median : 4.20 Median : 8.60 E    : ...
## Mean   : 1.43 Mean   : 4.52 Mean   : 7.91 WNW  : ...
## 3rd Qu.: 0.20 3rd Qu.: 6.40 3rd Qu.:10.50 ENE  : ...
## ...
```



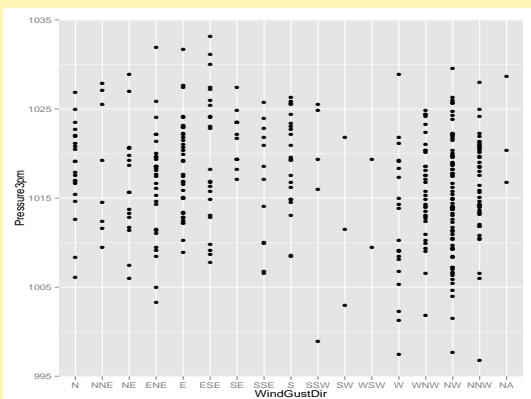
VISUAL SUMMARIES—ADD A LITTLE COLOUR

```
qplot(Humidity3pm, Pressure3pm, colour=RainTomorrow, data=ds)
```



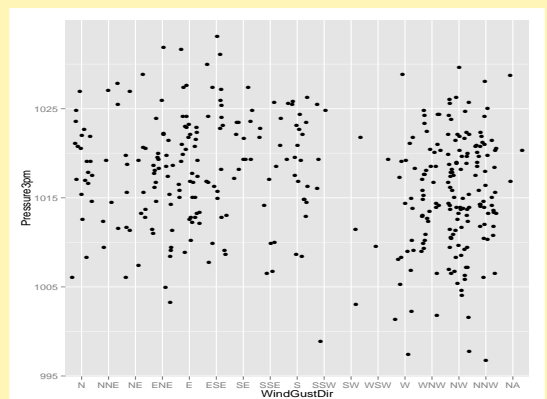
VISUAL SUMMARIES—CAREFUL WITH CATEGORIES

```
qplot(WindGustDir, Pressure3pm, data=ds)
```



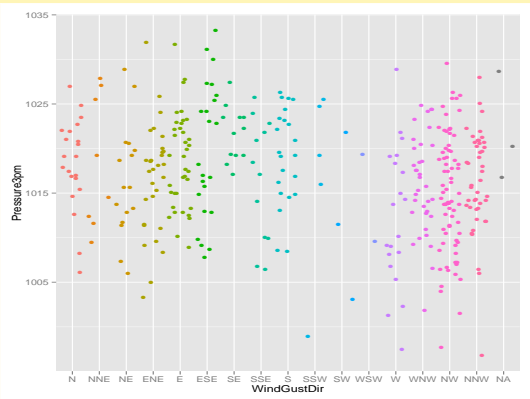
VISUAL SUMMARIES—ADD A LITTLE JITTER

```
qplot(WindGustDir, Pressure3pm, data=ds, geom="jitter")
```

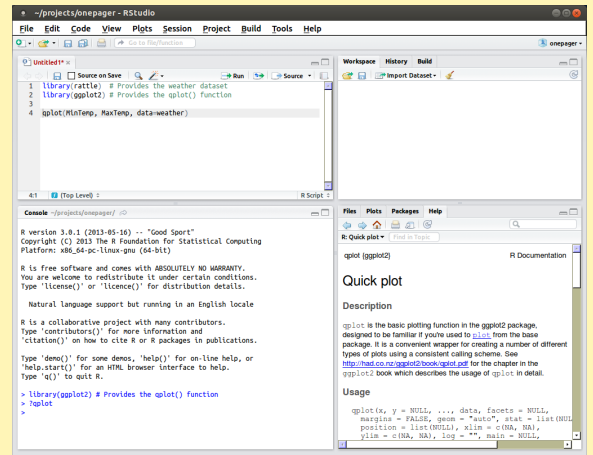


VISUAL SUMMARIES—AND SOME COLOUR

```
qplot(WindGustDir, Pressure3pm, data=ds, colour=WindGustDir, geom="jitter")
```



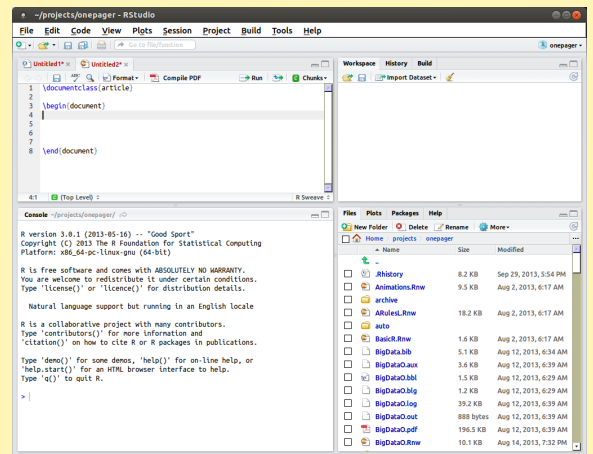
GETTING HELP—PRECEDE COMMAND WITH ?



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CREATE A KNITR DOCUMENT: NEW→R SWEAVE



SETUP KNITR

We wish to use Knitr rather than the older Sweave processor

In RStudio we can configure the options to use knitr:

- Select Tools→Options
- Choose the Sweave group
- Choose **knitr** for *Weave Rnw files using*:
- The remaining defaults should be okay
- Click **Apply** and then **OK**

SIMPLE KNITR DOCUMENT

Insert the following into your new Knitr document:

```
\title{Sample Knitr Document}
\author{Graham Williams}
\maketitle

\section*{My First Section}
```

This is some text that is automatically typeset by the LaTeX processor to produce well formatted quality output as PDF.

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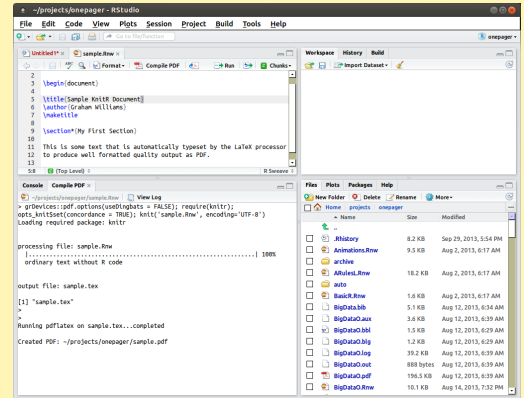
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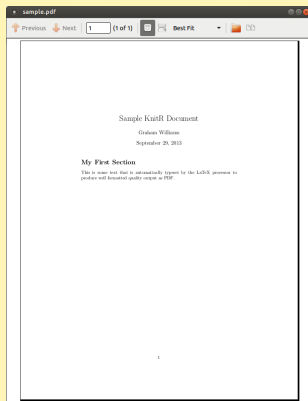


SIMPLE KNITR DOCUMENT



SIMPLE KNITR DOCUMENT—RESULTING PDF

Result of **Compile PDF**



KNITR: ADD R COMMANDS

R code can be used to generate results into the document:

```
<<echo=FALSE, message=FALSE>>=
library(rattle) # Provides the weather dataset
library(ggplot2) # Provides the qplot() function

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qplot(MinTemp, MaxTemp, data=ds)
@
```

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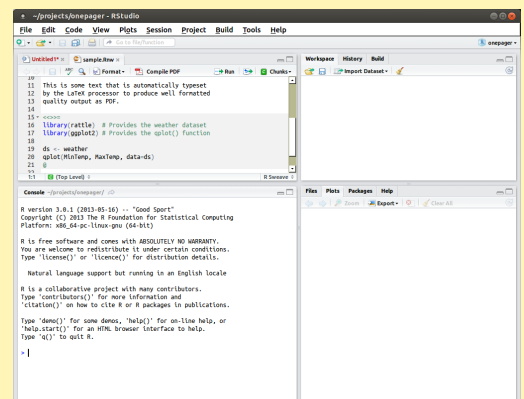
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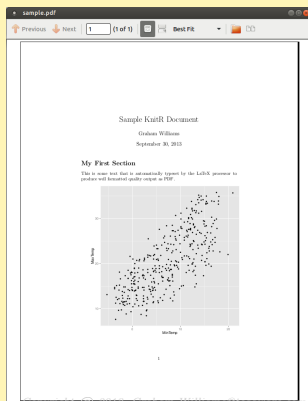
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KNITR DOCUMENT WITH R CODE



SIMPLE KNITR DOCUMENT—RESULTING PDF WITH PLOT

Result of **Compile PDF**

LATEX BASICS

```

\subsection*{...}           % Introduce a Sub Section
\subsubsection*{...}       % Introduce a Sub Sub Section
\textbf{...}                % Bold font
\textit{...}                % Italic font

\begin{itemize}             % A bullet list
  \item ...
  \item ...
\end{itemize}

```

Plus an extensive collection of other markup and capabilities.



KNITR BASICS

```

echo=FALSE                 # Do not display the R code
eval=TRUE                  # Evaluate the R code

results="hide"             # Hide the results of the R commands

fig.width=10               # Extend figure width from 7 to 10 inches
fig.height=8               # Extend figure height from 7 to 8 inches

out.width="0.8\\textwidth" # Fit figure 80% page width
out.height="0.5\\textheight" # Fit figure 50% page height

```

Plus an extensive collection of other options.



TUTORIAL OVERVIEW

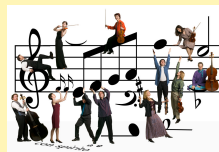
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CASE STUDY – ENSEMBLES IN R

Major advances in Data Mining

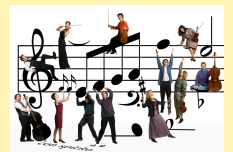
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INTRODUCING RANDOM FORESTS

Research with Shenzhen Institutes of Advanced Technology, Chinese Academy of Sciences

- Random forests are a popular classification method building an ensemble of a single type of decision tree.
- It is unsurpassed in accuracy among current algorithms.
- Algorithmically intuitive and simple.
- It is used widely in numerous research domains including bioinformatics, image classification, text classification.



RANDOM FORESTS ALGORITHM

- Build many decision trees (e.g., 500).
- For each tree:
 - Select a random subset of the training set (N);
 - Choose different subsets of features for each node of the decision tree ($m \ll M$);
 - Build the tree without pruning (i.e., overfit)
- Classify a new entity using every decision tree:
 - Each tree “votes” for the entity.
 - The decision with the largest number of votes wins!
 - The proportion of votes is the resulting score.



USING WEIGHTED VARIABLE SUBSPACES

- Performance of a random forest is improved by
 - **Strengthening** each tree
 - Reducing **correlation** between each tree
- Problem of large number of variables:
 - Random selection means too many irrelevant variables
- Introduce the concept of weighted subspace random forests
 - Bias the selection of variables toward most important variables



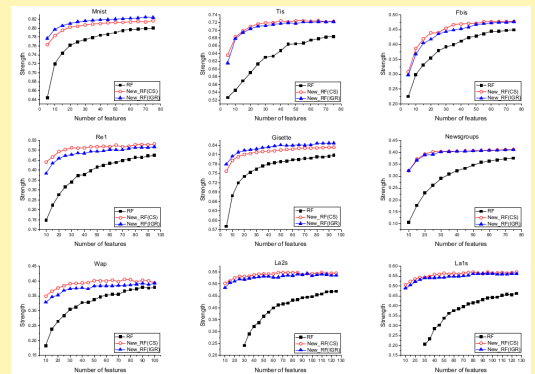
DATASETS

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Mnist	780	60,000	10,000	2
Tis	927	5200	6875	2
Fbis	2000	1711	752	17
Re1	3758	1147	510	25
Gisette	5000	5000	1000	2
Newsgroups	5000	11,268	7504	20
Wap	8460	1104	456	20
La2s	12,432	1855	845	6
La1s	13,195	1963	887	6

(From International Journal of Data Warehousing and Mining 2012)



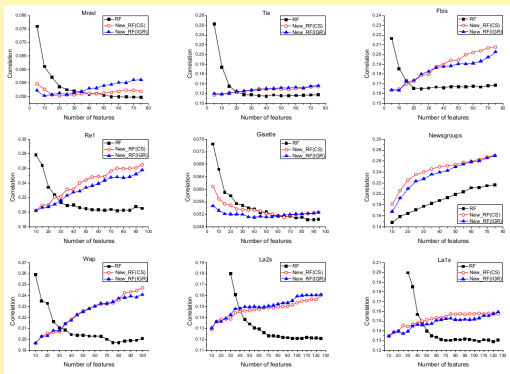
COMPARISON OF STRENGTH VS FEATURES



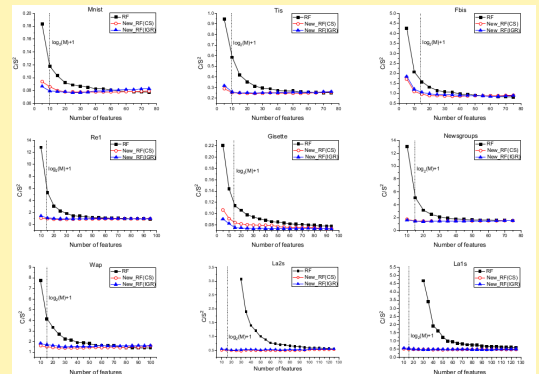
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COMPARISON OF CORRELATION VS FEATURES



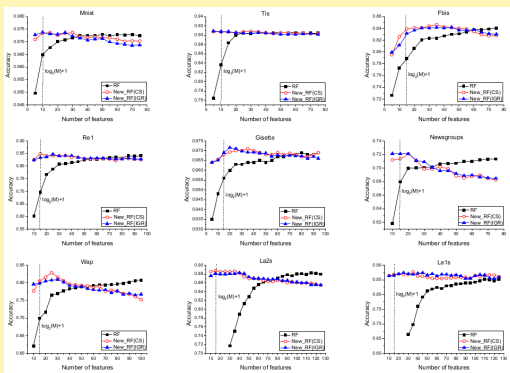
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 c/s^2 VS FEATURES

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ACCURACY VS FEATURES



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REPEATABLE AND TRANSPARENT RESEARCH

- SIAT have implemented the research as C++ code
- Enhanced for parallel environment - multi-core and multi-node
- At least as good as random forest but always very much quicker.
- Integrated into R using the Rcpp package of R
- Now openly available for use and peer review:
`install.packages("wsrf", repos="http://rattle.togaware.com")`
- Similarly wskm, wsrfpart, eqrf.
- Will be published to CRAN shortly.
- **Publish-by-Example** — use wsrf as template
- C, C++, Fortran, Java (RWeka)



USING THE PACKAGE

```
install.packages("wsrf", repos="http://rattle.togaware.com")
library(help=wsrf)
library(wsrf)
model <- wsrf(form, ds[train, vars])
pr <- predict(model, na.omit(ds[test, vars]))
```



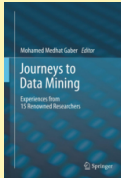
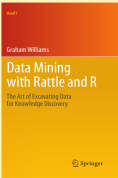
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RESOURCES AND REFERENCES

- **OnePageR:** <http://onepager.togaware.com> – Tutorial Notes
- Rattle: <http://rattle.togaware.com>
- Guides: <http://datamining.togaware.com>
- Practise: <http://analystfirst.com>
- Book: Data Mining using Rattle/R
- Chapter: Rattle and Other Tales
- Paper: A Data Mining GUI for R — R Journal, Volume 1(2)



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