

Data Mining

Module:
Data Mining with Weka

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Overview of DM with Weka Module

- Weka-1: Weka Basics
- Weka-2: Preprocessing
- Weka-3: Decision Trees
- Weka-4: Other Classifiers & Feature Selection
- Weka-5: KnowledgeFlow Interface

Weka-1: Weka Basics

- What is Weka?
- Why use Weka (and why not)
- Weka versions and downloading the software
- Weka ARFF file format
- Starting Weka and the 5 Weka Interfaces

What is Weka?

- Weka is a data mining suite developed at University of Waikato
- Weka stands for Waikato Environment for Knowledge Analysis
- Weka includes everything necessary to generate and apply data mining models
 - Covers all major data mining tasks
 - Includes tools to preprocess and visualize data
 - Includes multiple (5) interfaces
 - We will focus on the explorer interface
 - Briefly discuss the knowledgeflow
 - Does not require any programming

WEKA is also a bird



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Why Weka?

- There are many options on what data mining suite or toolkit one can use
- Weka has the following advantages:
 - Easy to learn
 - Free and open-source
 - Easy to download and runs on many platforms
 - Does not require programming knowledge
 - This is important since a few students may not have much programming experience

Weka Disadvantages

- Weka is not as flexible as other tools that are programming based
 - If you are programming anyway you can combine capabilities more flexibly and write code to do things not supported by Weka
 - Tools based on Python or R have large ecosystems

DM Tools for This Course

- For your project you may use Weka, Python, or even another data mining toolkit
- I do provide snippets of Python code and Weka examples in some lectures
 - But everyone should learn WEKA and complete the tutorial/exercises in this module
- We will not cover the details of how to use Python in this course

WEKA: the software

- Data mining software written in Java
 - distributed under the GNU Public License
- Used for research, education, and applications
- Main features:
 - Comprehensive set of data pre-processing tools, learning algorithms and evaluation methods
 - Multiple interfaces that do not require programming
 - Experimenter can compare learning algorithms

Weka: Versions

- There are several versions of WEKA:
 - As of Feb 2020 the stable version is 3.8.4 and that is the one you should be using
- Many of these slides are based on older version and will look different from what you see
 - Dr. Weiss has added notes for significant differences
- Class WEKA page provides relevant info and links
 - <https://storm.cis.fordham.edu/~gweiss/data-mining/weka.html>
- Can also use following link to download software and documentation
 - <https://www.cs.waikato.ac.nz/ml/weka/>

Downloading Weka

- Weka runs on all major platforms
- It is free and easy to download
- Download Weka from here:
 - https://waikato.github.io/weka-wiki/downloading_weka/
 - Use the latest stable version (3.8.4 as of Aug 2020)
- There is plenty of documentation
 - <https://waikato.github.io/weka-wiki/documentation/>


Weka ARFF File Format

- ARFF= Attribute Relation File Format
- Weka ARFF files include two main parts:
 - Specification of the features
 - The actual data
- Files are “flat files” usually comma separated
- Other tools use a separate file for each part
 - C4.5 decision tree tool, which was once very popular, had a “names” and “data” file
 - I find the single file format odd, since specification is short but actual data can be millions of lines

Weka ARFF Example

@relation heart-disease-simplified  This just defines dataset name

@attribute age numeric

@attribute sex { female, male} 

@attribute chest_pain_type { typ_angina, asympt, non_anginal, atyp_angina}

@attribute cholesterol numeric

@attribute exercise_induced_angina { no, yes}

@attribute class { present, not_present}

@data

63,male,typ_angina,233,no,not_present

67,male,asympt,286,yes,present

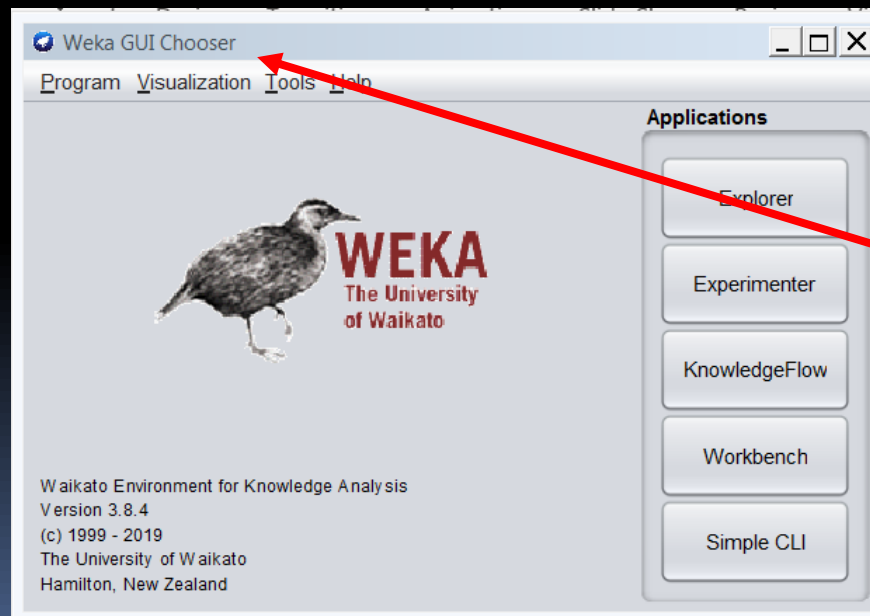
67,male,asympt,229,yes,present

38,female,non_anginal,?,no,not_present

...

Starting Weka

- Run Weka 3.8.4 (with console)
 - Different version if a new stable version released
 - May want to create a shortcut on your desktop



This is the
GUI Chooser
Window

The Weka Interfaces

- Explorer:
 - We cover in detail
 - Enables you to apply multiple actions but does not explicitly model them
- Experimenter
 - Run many experiments in controlled manner and compare results
- KnowledgeFlow:
 - Like Explorer but each step is represented as a node in a graph, so flow explicitly represented
- Workbench
 - Combines all GUI interfaces into one
- Simple CLI (command line interface)
 - No GUI so can use shell scripts to control experiments
 - Similar to using Python where each command is a function

Weka-1 Review: Weka Basics

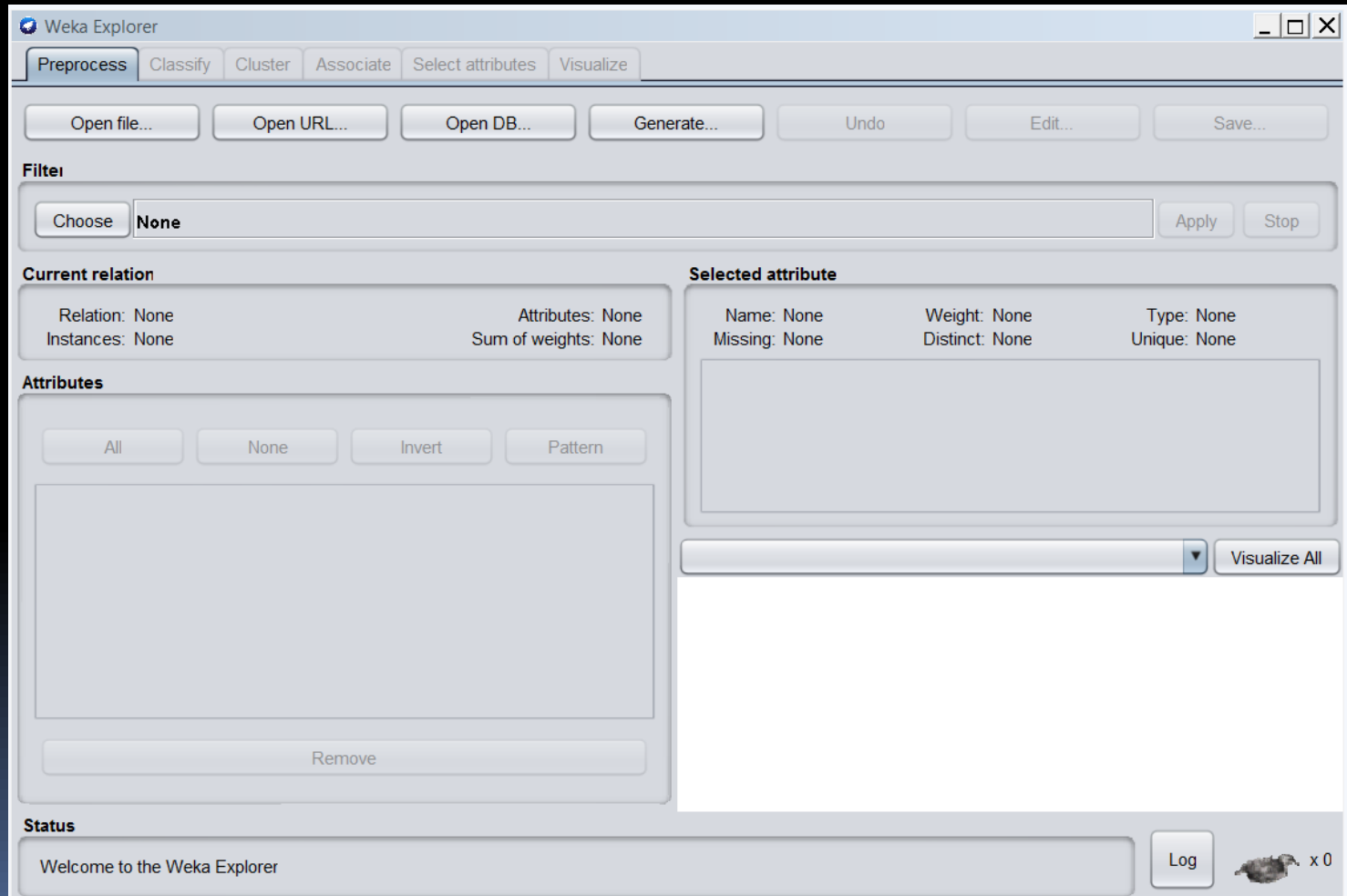
- You should know the following:
 - What Weka is
 - The benefits & drawbacks of WEKA
 - How to download WEKA
 - Ideally you should have installed it
 - The ARFF format and understand it
 - The 5 WEKA interfaces and what they are used for

Weka-2: Preprocessing

- How to import data
- Visualizing feature value distribution and relationships to class values
- Preprocessing filters
 - Example using “Discretize” filter
- It is strongly recommended that you follow along on your own installation of Weka
 - Reproduce each step on your computer

Start the Explorer

Click on “Explorer “ Button in the GUI Chooser Window

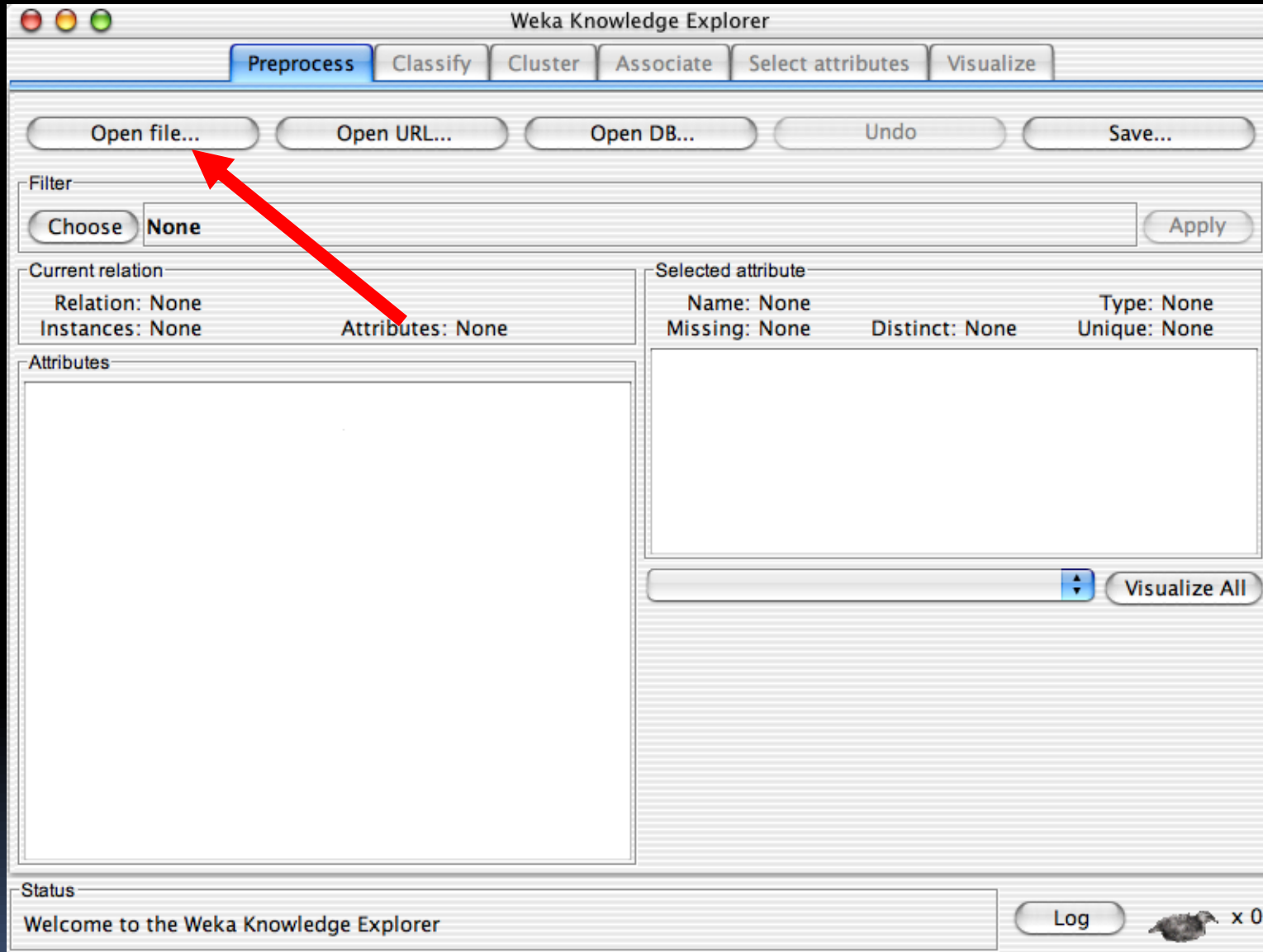


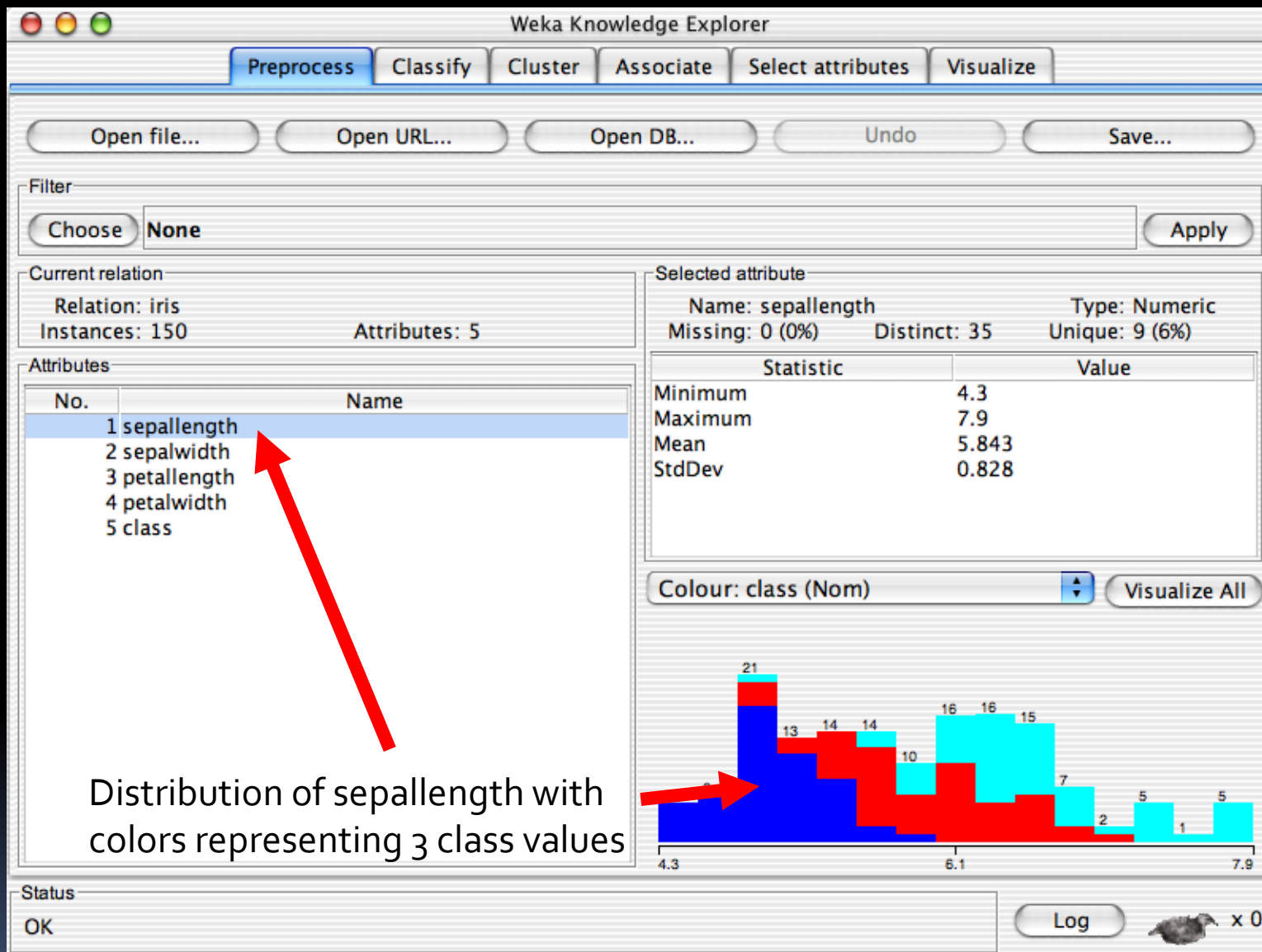
Importing Data

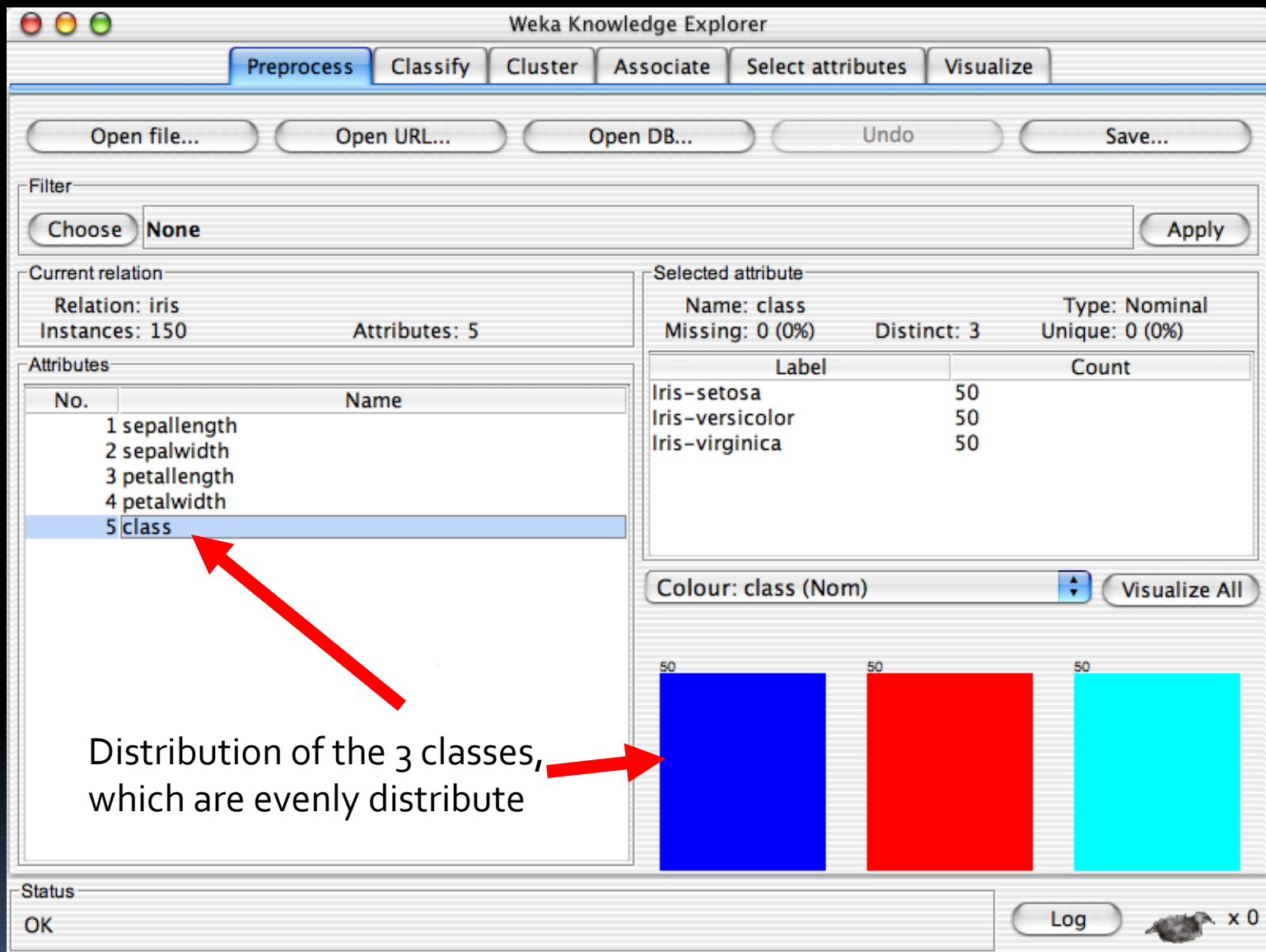
- Data can be imported from various formats:
 - ARFF, CSV, C4.5
 - You will most often import data in csv if not already prepared for WEKA
- Weka steps
 - Make sure Explorer “PreProcess” tab is selected
 - Click “Open File...” or “Open URL...”
 - Set the extension appropriately (default is .arff) and navigate to the file and select it
- If first line has feature names they are used
 - If no feature names then generic names are generated
 - Add feature names if missing or models won't be interpretable

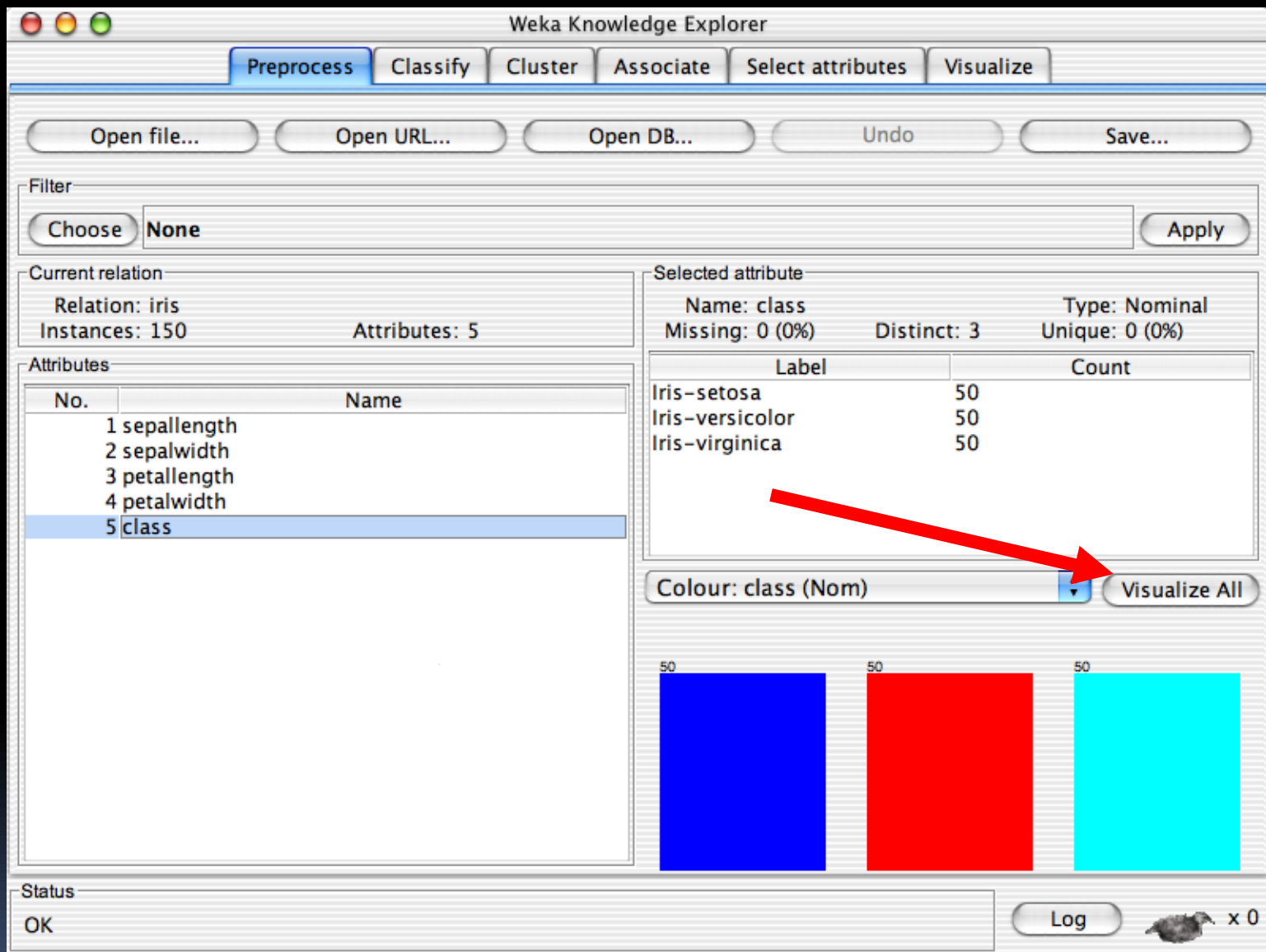
Reading in the Iris Dataset

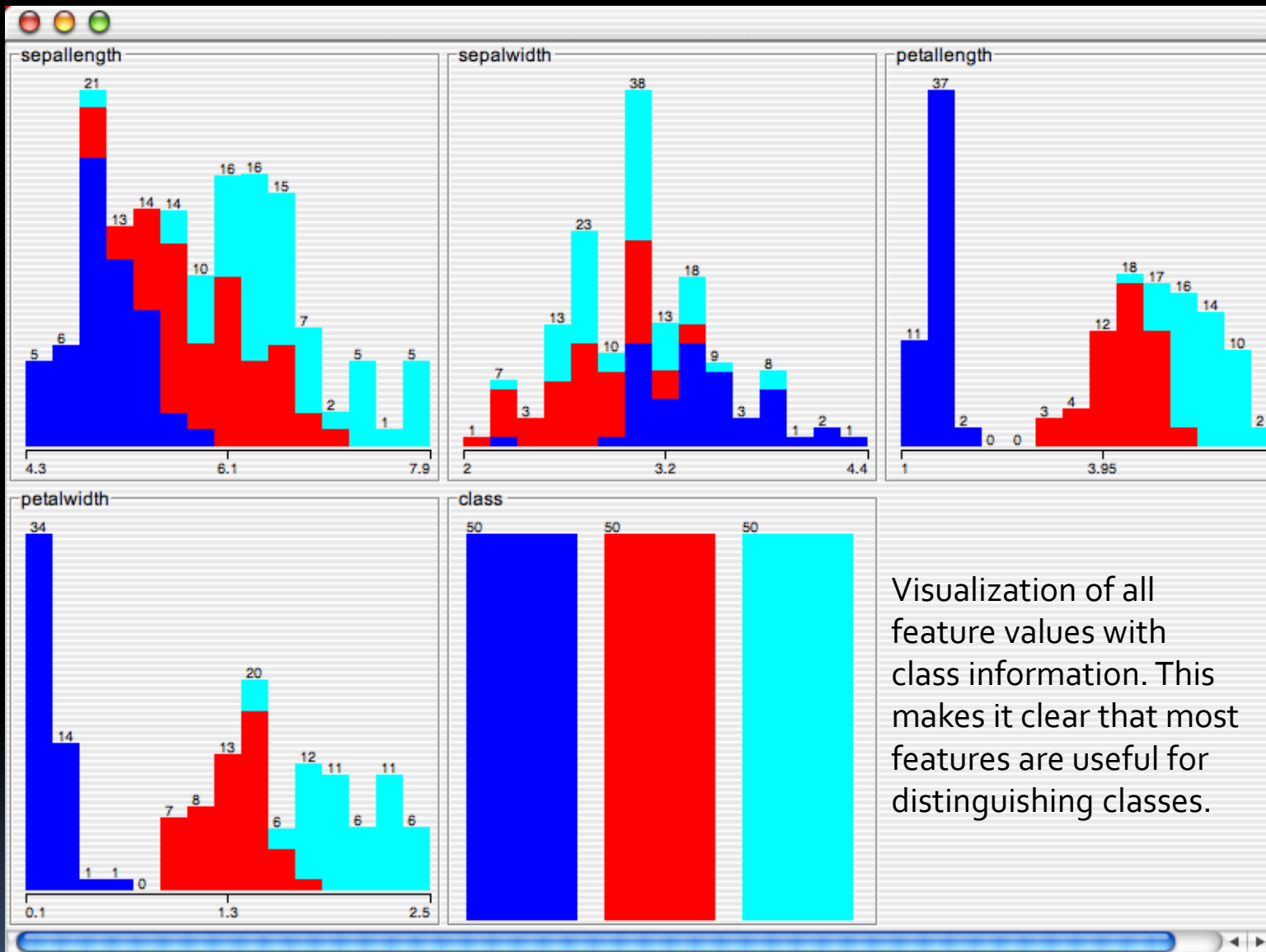
- We start with the well-known Iris data set
 - Weka probably installed it so search for “iris”.
 - Otherwise download it from my copy on internet:
 - <https://storm.cis.fordham.edu/~gweiss/data-mining/weka-data/iris.arff>
- Open it using “Open File” or “Open URL”
- Weka immediately shows stats about the features and how they are distributed
- Other data sets if you want to play around:
 - <https://storm.cis.fordham.edu/~gweiss/data-mining/datasets.html>
 - Hundreds of others available from UCI Machine Learning Repository
 - <https://archive.ics.uci.edu/ml/>











Preprocessing Filters

- Pre-processing tools in WEKA called “filters”
- Many preprocessing filters available:
 - Discretization
 - Normalization
 - Resampling
 - Feature selection
 - Feature transformation
 - Many more
- Know what available so can use it when needed
 - We will focus on Discretization

Weka Explorer

Preprocess Classify Cluster Associate Select attributes Visualize

Open file... Open URL... Open DB... Generate... Undo Edit... Save...

Filter

Choose None Apply Stop

Current relation

Relation: iris
Instances: 150

Selected attribute

Type: Numeric
Unique: 9 (6%)

Attributes

All None

No.	Name
1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> sepallength
2	<input type="checkbox"/> sepalwidth
3	<input type="checkbox"/> petallength
4	<input type="checkbox"/> petalwidth
5	<input type="checkbox"/> class

Remove

Status

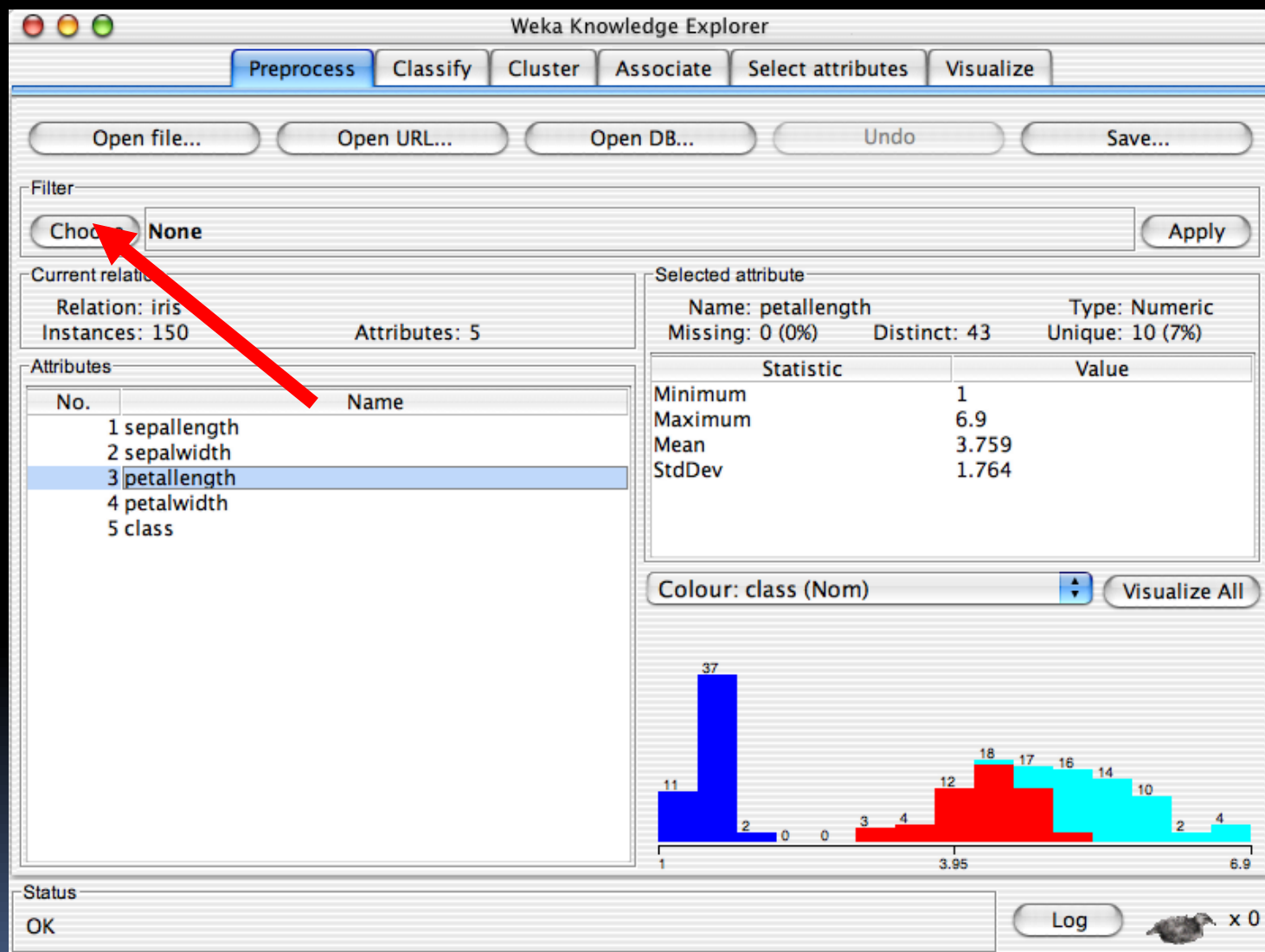
OK

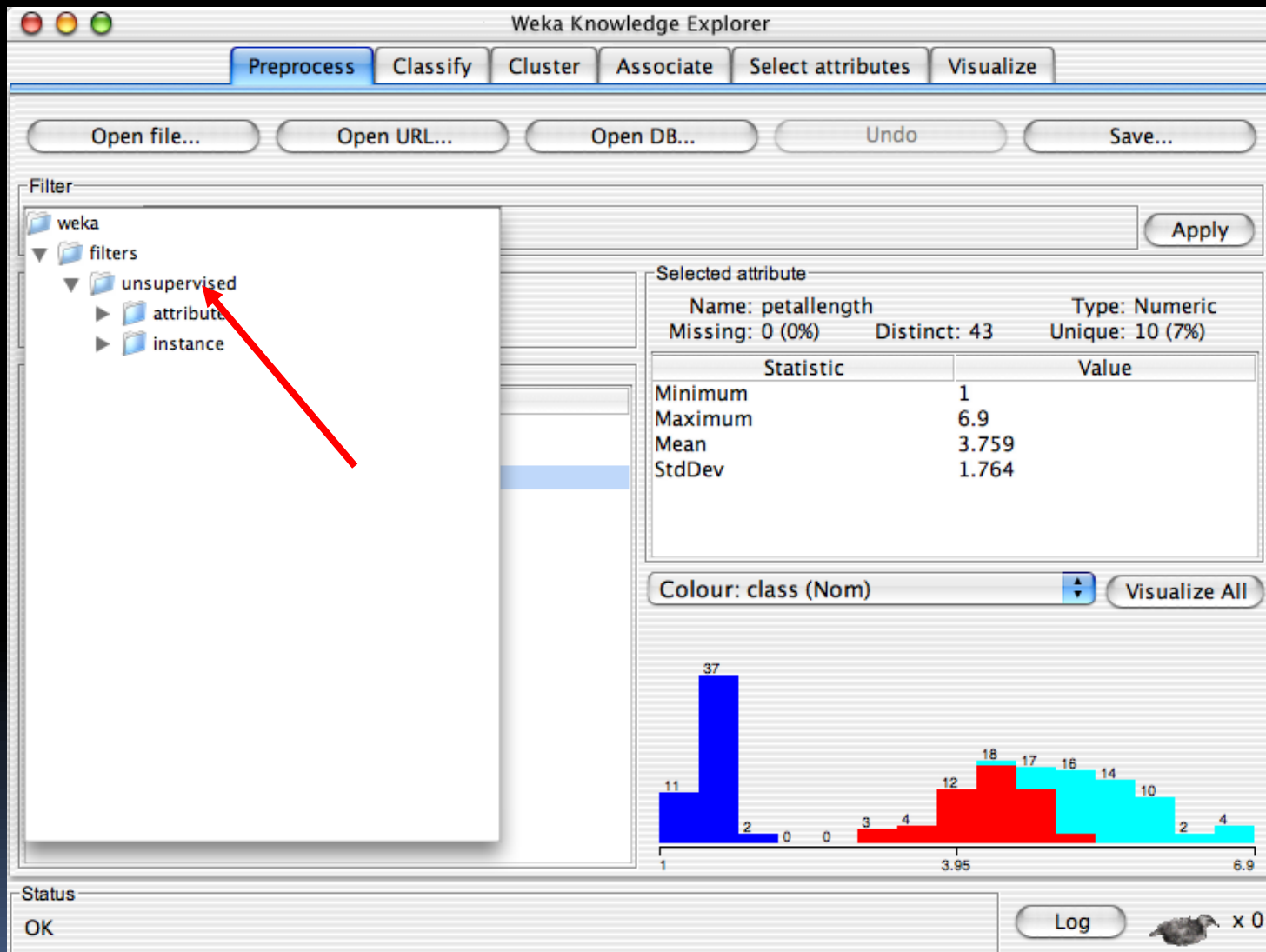
Class: class (Nom) Visualize All

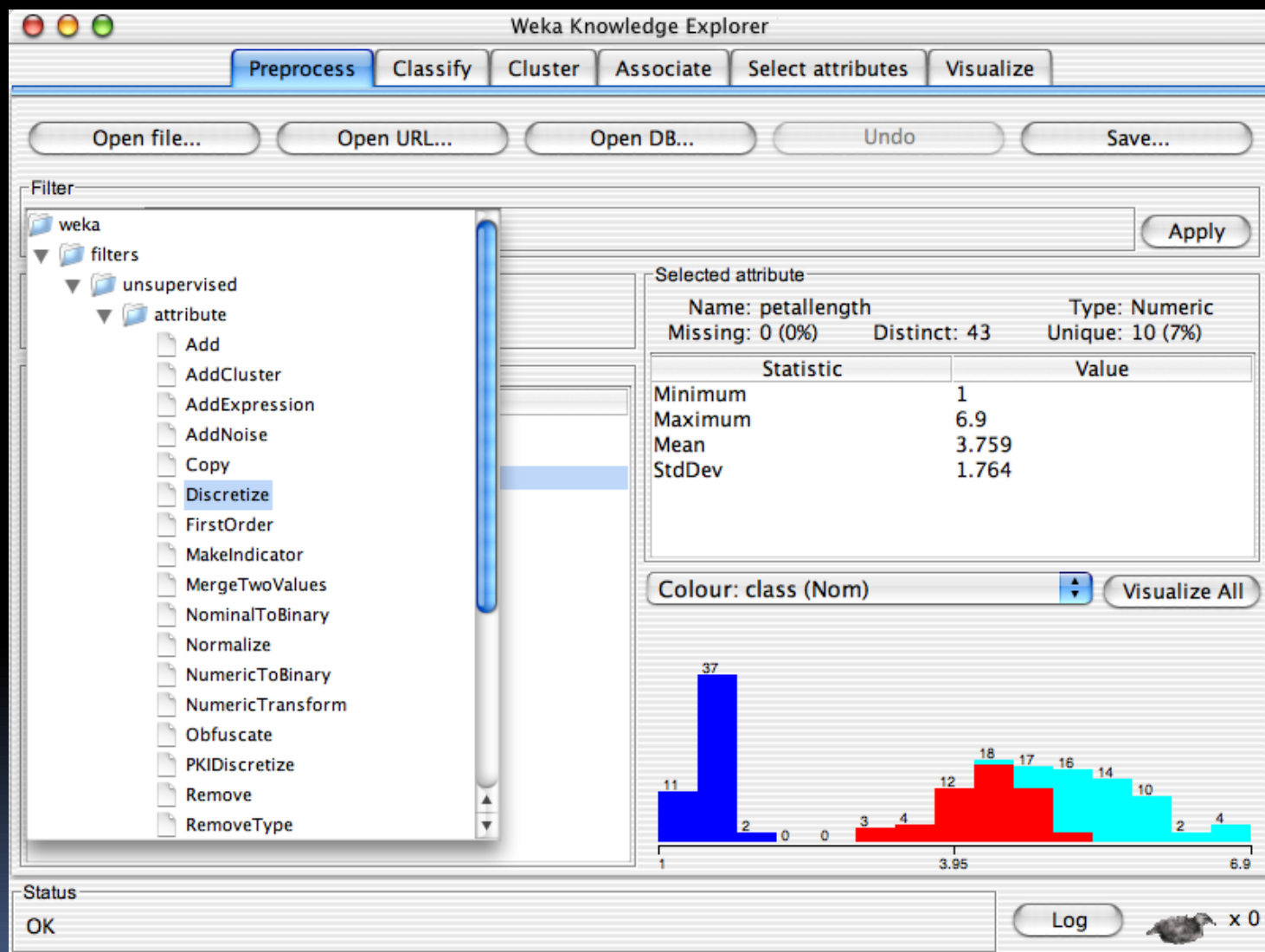
Clicking on this will bring up a list of all of the filters, organized into a hierarchy. Click on each folder to expand the list. There are dozens of choices

Discretization

- Discretization: numerical feature → categorical
 - ▣ In preprocess tab select “Choose”, expand “unsupervised” then “attribute”
 - Select “Discretize” filter
 - Note discretize applies to attributes not instances
 - The following few slides are from an earlier version and may look just a little bit different
 - Note: there is a version under the “supervised” folder but it works differently and has different options







Weka Knowledge Explorer

Preprocess Classify Cluster Associate Select attributes Visualize

Open file... Open URL... Open DB... Undo Save...

Filter
Choose **Discretize -B 10 -R first-last** Apply

Current relation
Relation: iris
Instances: 150
Attributes: 5

Attributes

No.	Name
1	sepalwidth
2	sepalwidth
3	petallength
4	petalwidth
5	class

Selected attribute
Name: petallength
Missing: 0 (0%)
Distinct: 43
Type: Numeric
Unique: 10 (7%)

Statistic	Value
Minimum	1
Maximum	6.9
Mean	3.759
StdDev	1.764

Colour: class (Nom) Visualize All

Status
OK

Log x 0

This shows the command line with options. Click within this region to bring up a window with the options and more info

Create 10 equal frequency bins

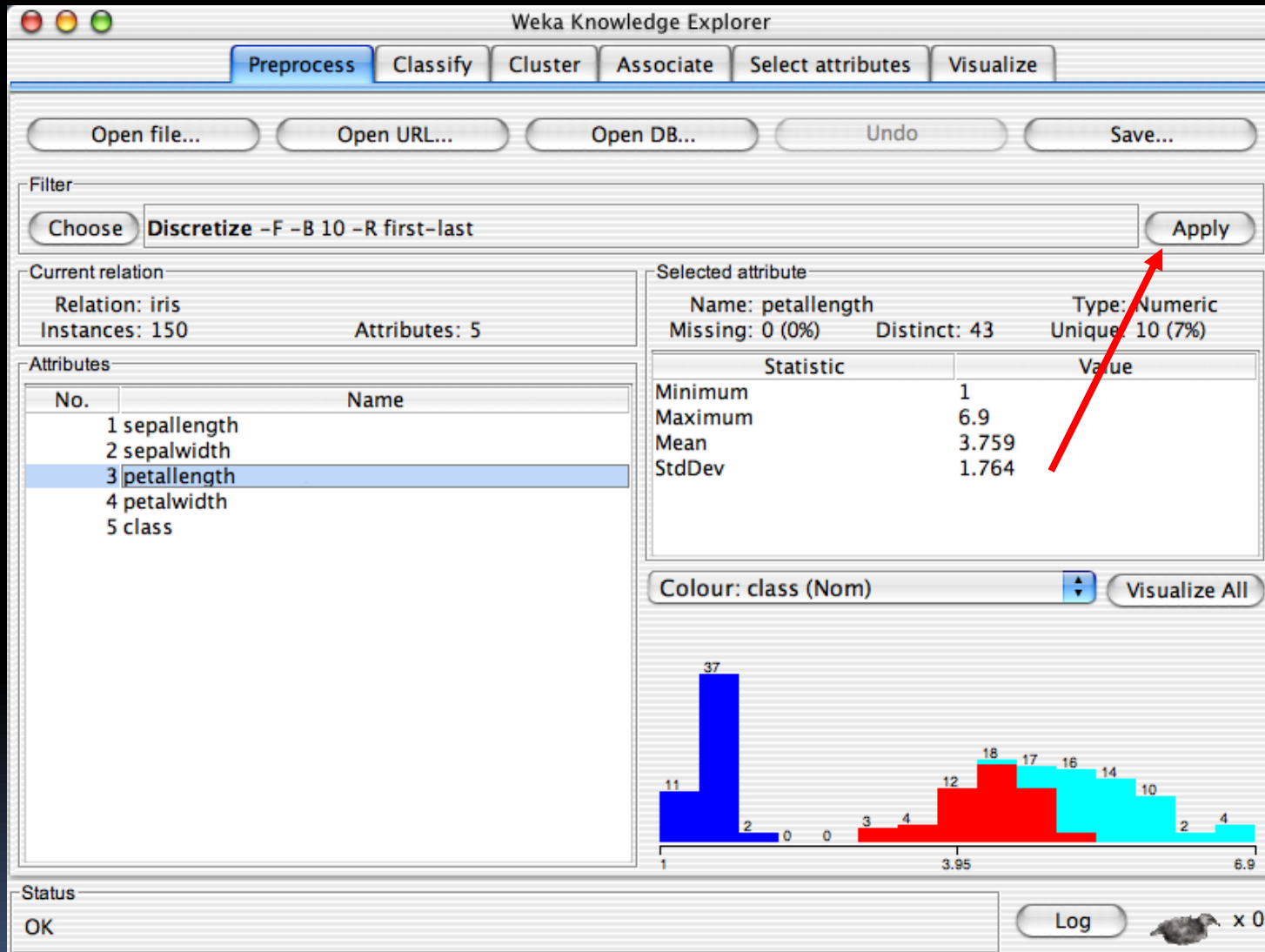
Will do for all numerical features given "attributeIndices" value

The screenshot shows the Weka GUI with the 'Preprocess' tab selected. The 'Filter' dropdown is set to 'Discretize -B 10 -R first-last'. The 'Current relation' is 'iris' with 150 instances and 5 attributes. The 'Attributes' list shows 'petallength' selected. A dialog box titled 'weka.gui.GenericObjectEditor' is open, showing the configuration for 'weka.filters.unsupervised.attribute.Discretize'. The 'attributeIndices' field is set to 'first-last', 'bins' is set to 10, and 'useEqualFrequency' is set to 'False'. Red arrows point from text annotations to the 'More' button, the 'useEqualFrequency' toggle, and the 'OK' button.

Click for documentation

1) Toggle to "True"

2) Click OK



Weka Knowledge Explorer

Preprocess Classify Cluster Associate Select attributes Visualize

Open file... Open URL... Open DB... Undo Save...

Filter: Choose Discretize -F -B 10 -R first-last Apply

Current relation: Relation: iris-weka.filters.unsupervised.attribute.Disc...
Instances: 150 Attributes: 5

Attributes:

No.	Name
1	sepalength
2	sepalwidth
3	petallength
4	petalwidth
5	class

Selected attribute:

Name: petallength Type: Nominal
Missing: 0 (0%) Distinct: 10 Unique: 0 (0%)

Label	Count
'(-inf-1.45]'	23
'(1.45-1.55]'	14
'(1.55-1.8]'	11
'(1.8-3.95]'	13
'(3.95-4.35]'	14
'(4.35-4.65]'	15
'(4.65-5.05]'	18

Colour: class (Nom) Visualize All

Note there are 10 bins
Frequencies not equal but as close as possible

Status: OK Log x 0

Weka-2 Review: Preprocessing

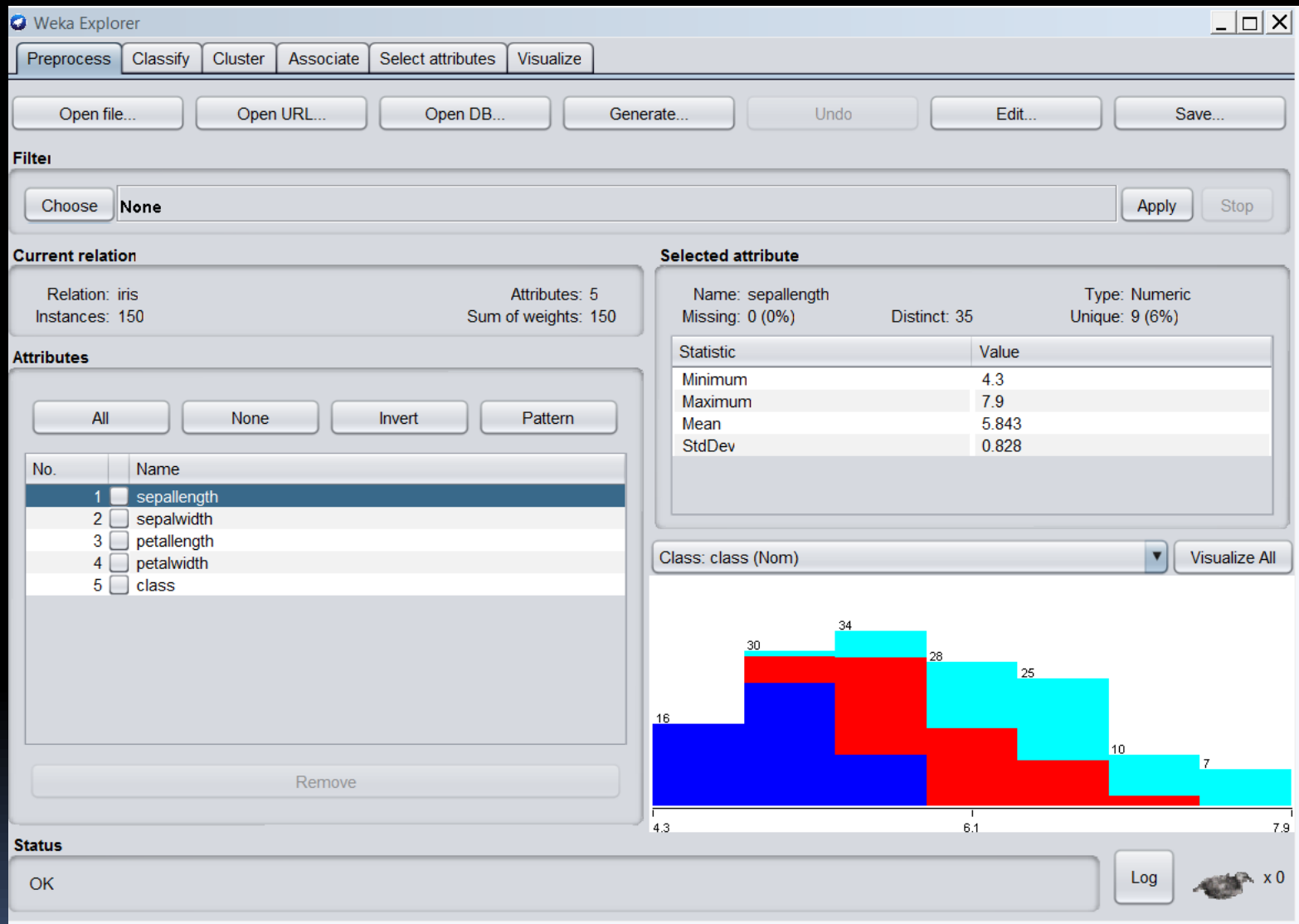
- You should now be able to:
 - Import data into Weka
 - Visualize the features and how they relate to class
 - Have an idea of the preprocessing facilities (filters) in Weka and be able to apply them

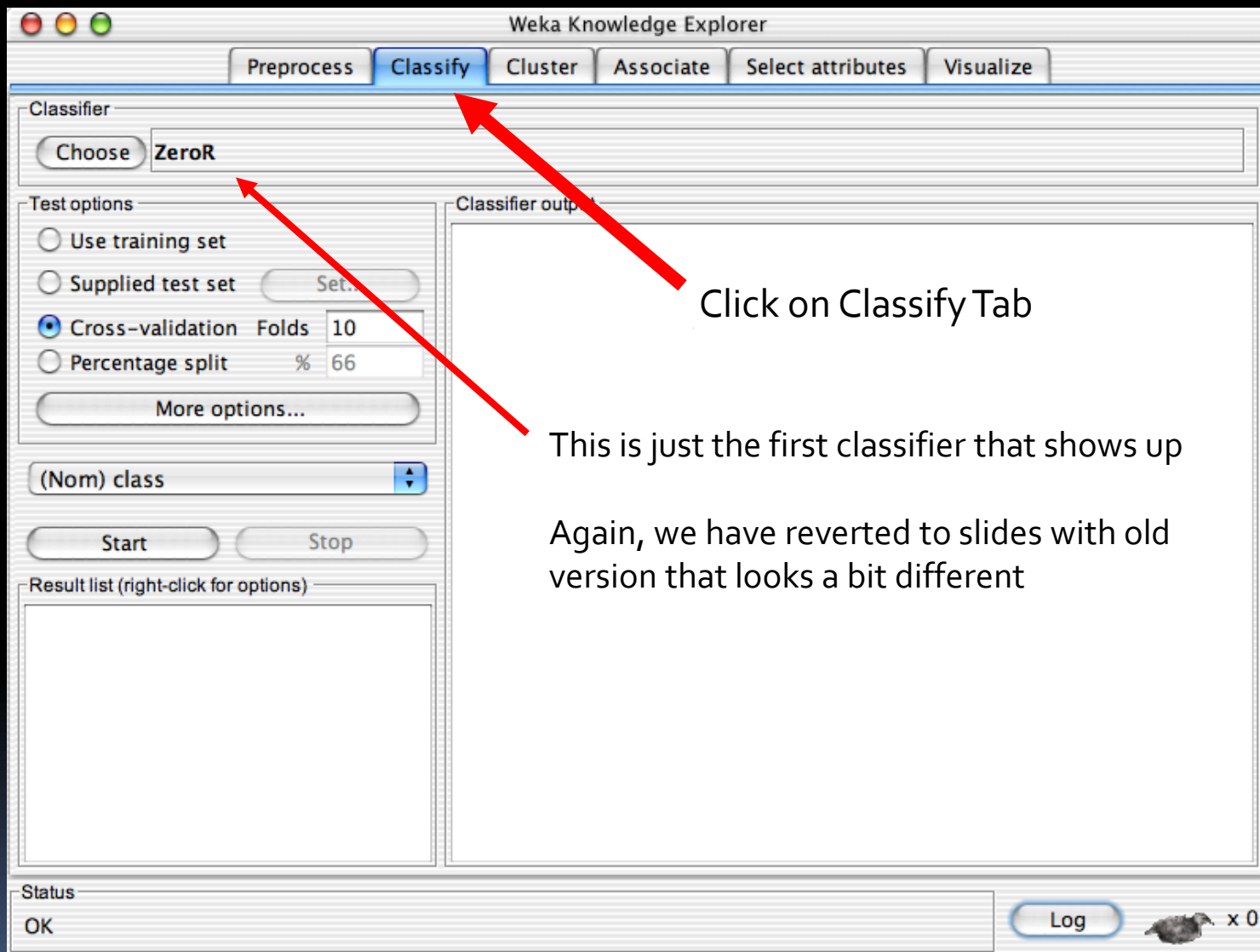
Weka-3: Decision Trees

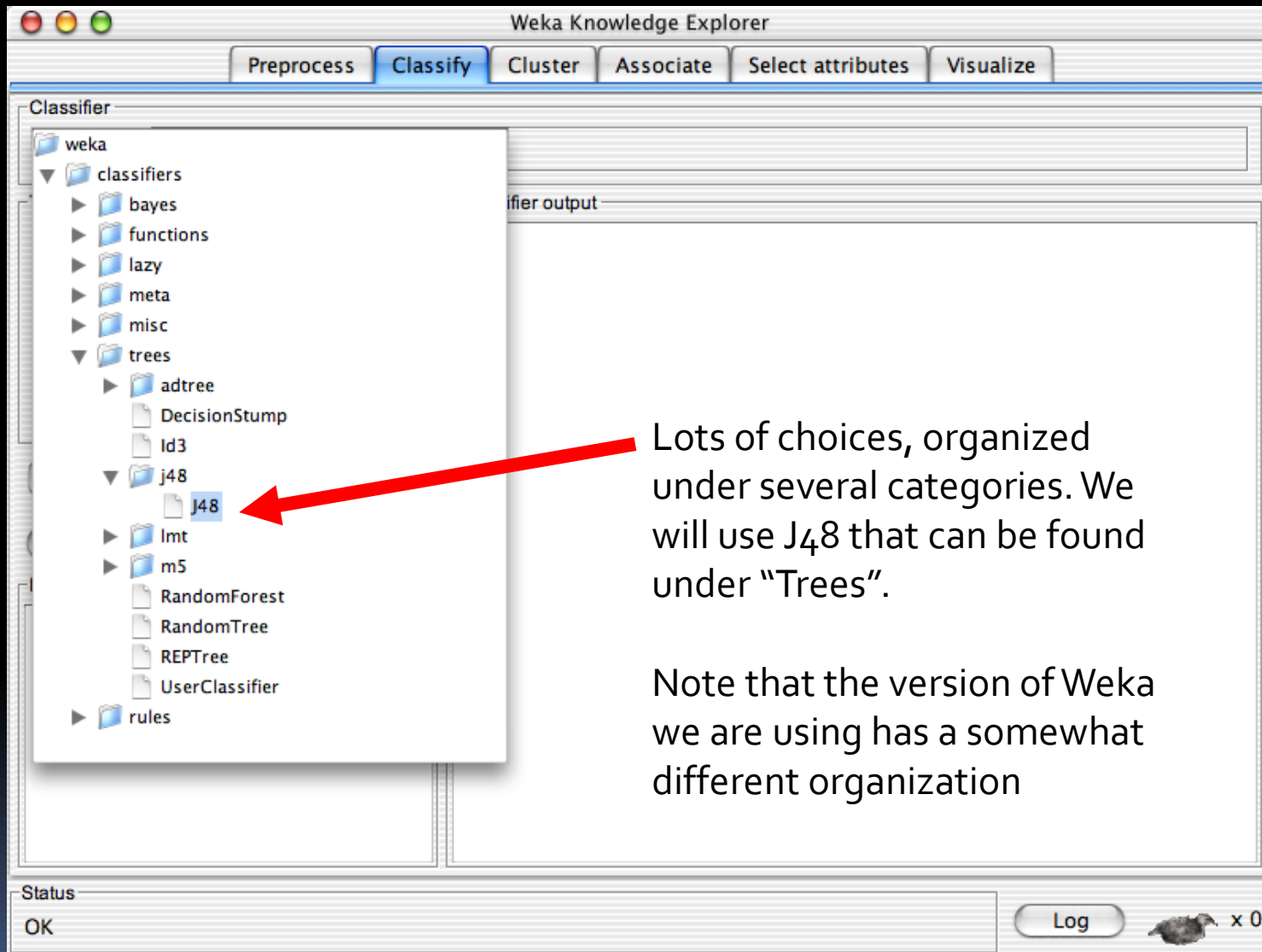
- Weka supports many classification and regression algorithms
- We will go over a DT example in some detail
 - Build a decision tree to classify Iris data set
 - Examine the results
 - Visualize the decision tree
 - Visualize the errors

Weka-3: Prediction Algorithms

- Weka supports all major classification and regression methods
 - Decision Trees, Rule learners, Nearest Neighbor, Naïve Bayes, Neural Networks, etc.
- Also support ensemble classifiers:
 - Will learn about these later, but combine classifiers
- We first focus on decision trees
- Let's start fresh without the discretization
 - Undo last step or close window and reload "Iris"

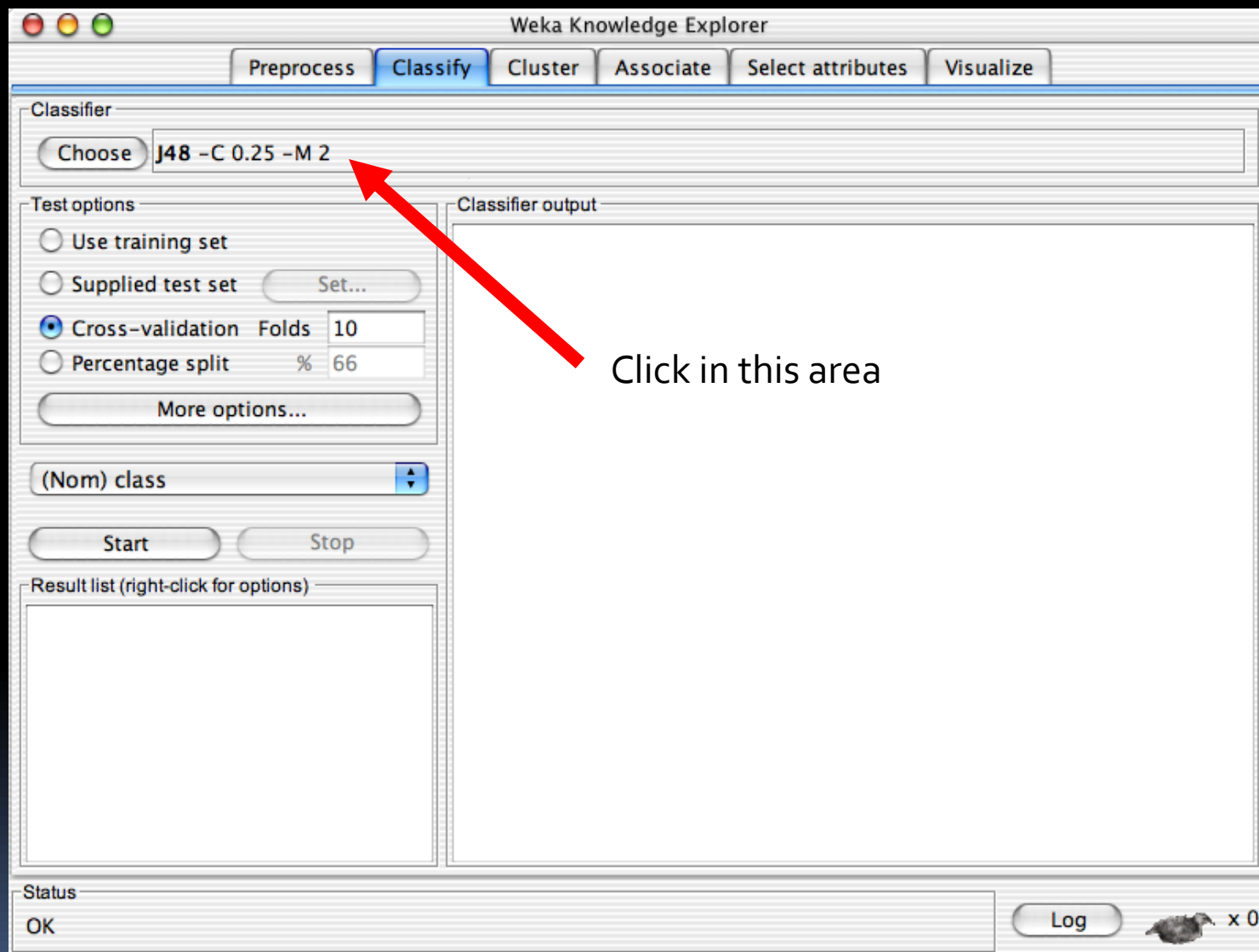


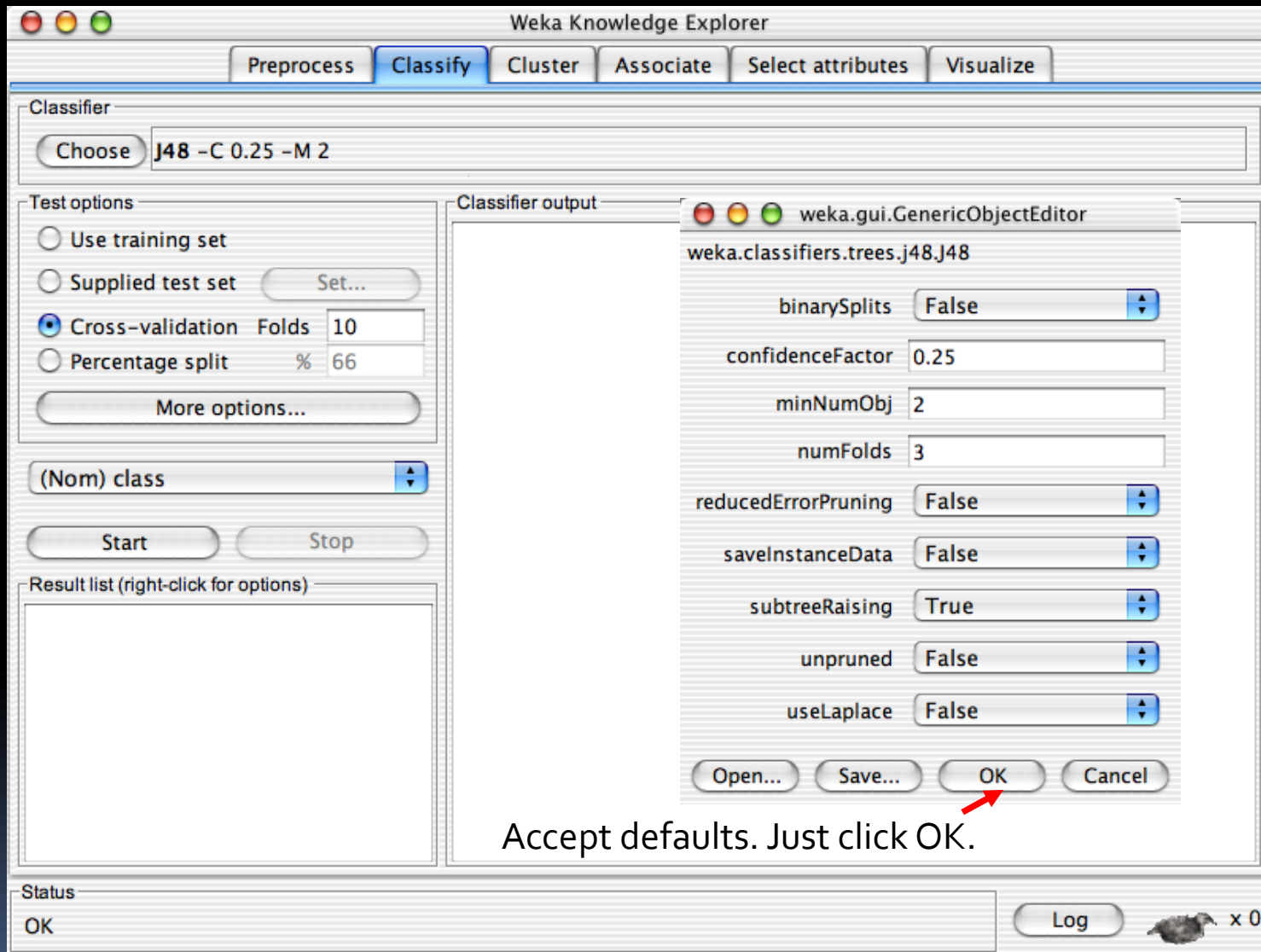


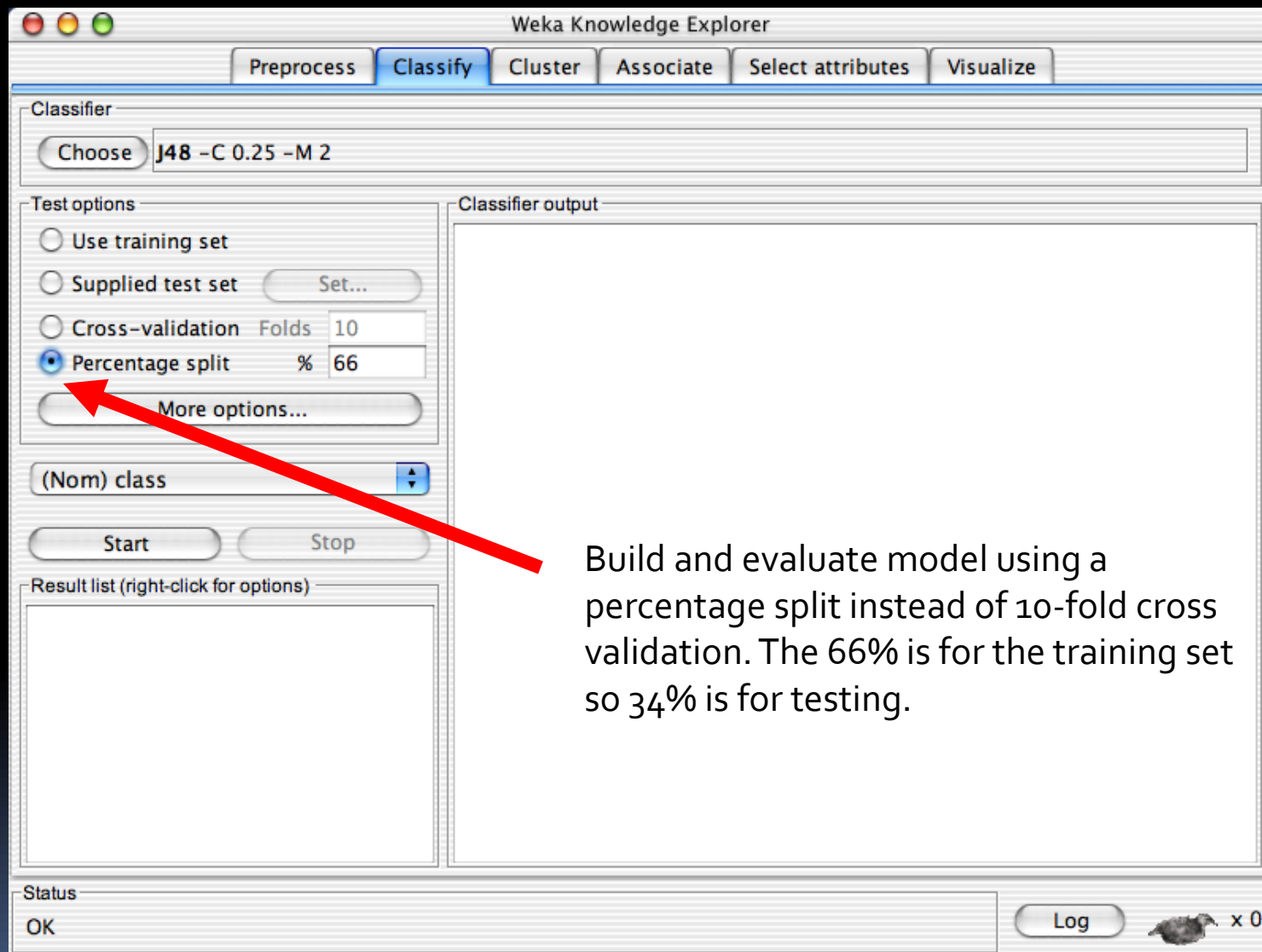


Lots of choices, organized under several categories. We will use J48 that can be found under "Trees".

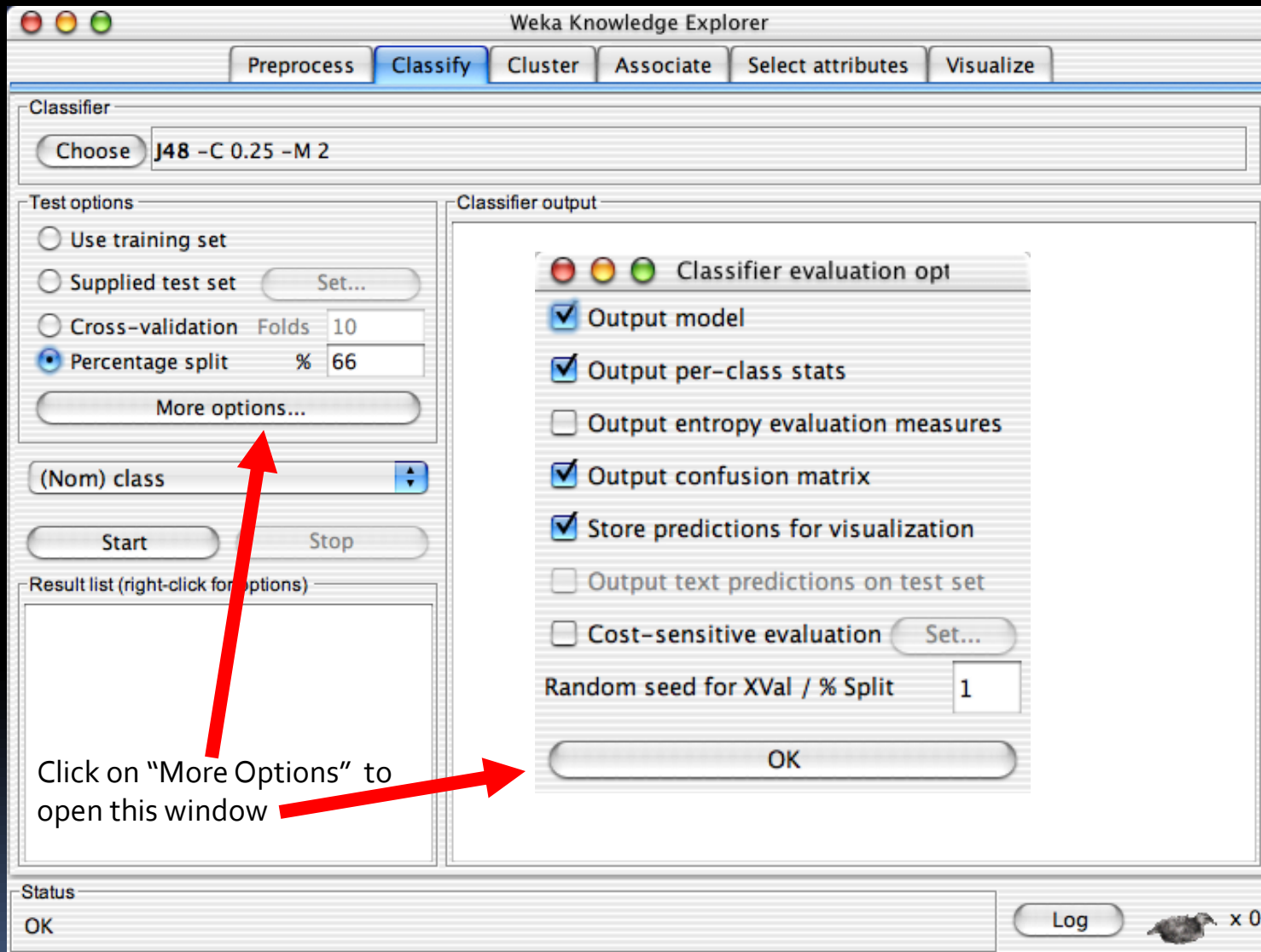
Note that the version of Weka we are using has a somewhat different organization

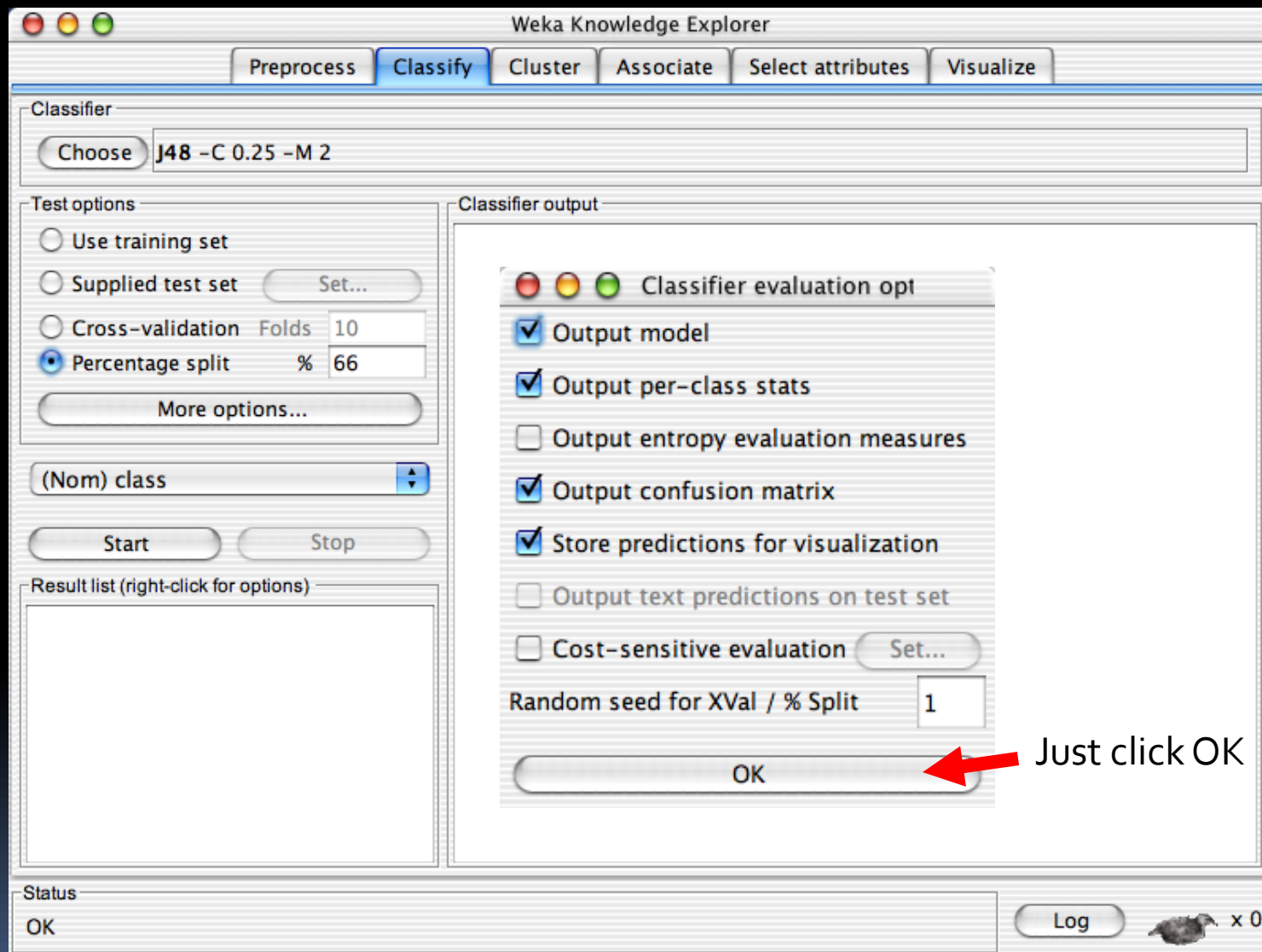






Build and evaluate model using a percentage split instead of 10-fold cross validation. The 66% is for the training set so 34% is for testing.





Note: Do not worry if your results are slightly different

Weka Knowledge Explorer

Preprocess **Classify** Cluster Associate Select attributes Visualize

Classifier: Choose **J48 -C 0.25 -M 2**

Test options:

- ☐ Use training set
- ☐ Supplied test set Set...
- ☐ Cross-validation Folds 10
- ☒ Percentage split % 66

More options...

(Nom) class

Start Stop

Result list (right-click for options)

11:49:05 - trees.j48.J48

Click Start

Classifier output

=== Run information ===

Scheme: weka.classifiers.trees.j48.J48 -C 0.25 -M 2
Relation: iris
Instances: 150
Attributes: 5
sepalength
sepalwidth
petallength
petalwidth
class

Test mode: split 66% train, remainder test

=== Classifier model (full training set) ===

J48 pruned tree

```
petalwidth <= 0.6: Iris-setosa (50.0)
petalwidth > 0.6
| petalwidth <= 1.7
| | petallength <= 4.9: Iris-versicolor (48.0/1.0)
| | petallength > 4.9
| | | petalwidth <= 1.5: Iris-virginica (3.0)
| | | petalwidth > 1.5: Iris-versicolor (3.0/1.0)
| | petalwidth > 1.7: Iris-virginica (46.0/1.0)
```

Number of Leaves : 5

Status: OK

Log x 0

Records command line with options

Textual tree representation

Weka Knowledge Explorer

Preprocess **Classify** Cluster Associate Select attributes Visualize

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More options...

(Nom) class

Start Stop

Result list (right-click for options)

11:49:05 - trees.j48.J48

Classifier output

Time taken to build model: 0.24 seconds

=== Evaluation on test split ===

=== Summary ===

Correctly Classified Instances	49	96.0784 %
Incorrectly Classified Instances	2	3.9216 %
Kappa statistic	0.9408	
Mean absolute error	0.0396	
Root mean squared error	0.1579	
Relative absolute error	8.8979 %	
Root relative squared error	33.4091 %	
Total Number of Instances	51	

=== Detailed Accuracy By Class ===

TP Rate	FP Rate	Precision	Recall	F-Measure	Class
1	0	1	1	1	Iris-setosa
1	0.063	0.905	1	0.95	Iris-versicolor
0.882	0	1	0.882	0.938	Iris-virginica

=== Confusion Matrix ===

a	b	c	<-- classified as
15	0	0	a = Iris-setosa
0	19	0	b = Iris-versicolor
0	2	15	c = Iris-virginica

Status: OK

Log x 0

Scroll down to see more output

Weka Knowledge Explorer

Preprocess **Classify** Cluster Associate Select attributes Visualize

Classifier: Choose J48 -C 0.25 -M 2

Test options

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☐ Supplied test set Set...

☐ Cross-validation Folds 10

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More options...

(Nom) class

Start Stop

Result list (right-click for options)

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Classifier output

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0.882	0	1	0.882		

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View in main window
View in separate window
Save result buffer

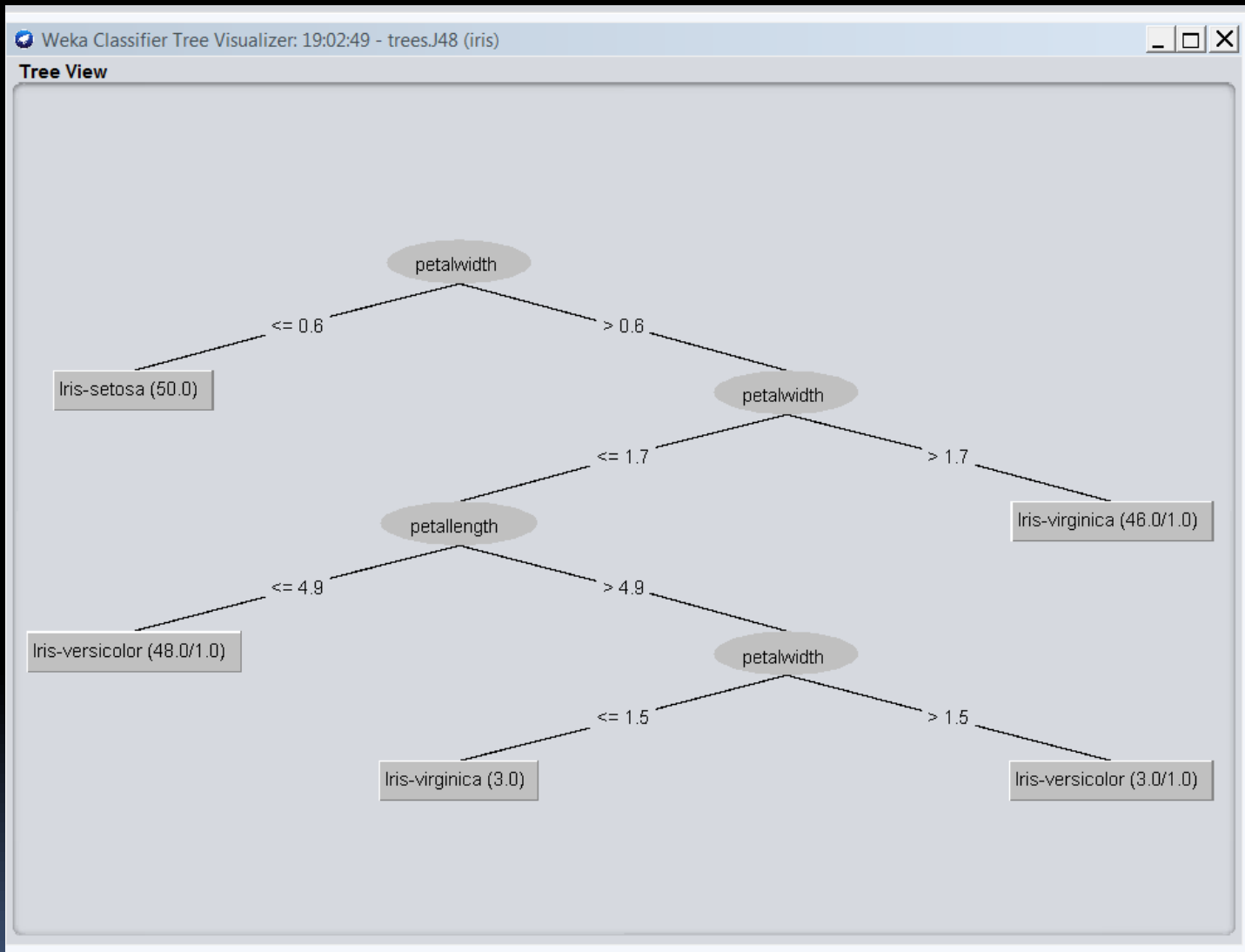
Load model
Save model
Re-evaluate model on current test set

Visualize classifier errors
Visualize tree
Visualize margin curve
Visualize threshold curve
Visualize cost curve

Status: OK

Log x 0

Right click on model
Window pops up
then select visualize tree



Weka Knowledge Explorer

Preprocess **Classify** Cluster Associate Select attributes Visualize

Classifier: Choose J48 -C 0.25 -M 2

Test options:

- ☐ Use training set
- ☐ Supplied test set Set...
- ☐ Cross-validation Folds 10
- ☒ Percentage split % 66

More options...

(Nom) class

Start Stop

Result list (right-click for options)

11:49:05 - trees.j48.J48

Classifier output

Time taken to build model: 0.24 seconds

=== Evaluation on test split ===

=== Summary ===

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Mean absolute error	0.0396	
Root mean squared error	0.1579	
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Root relative squared error	33.4091 %	
Total Number of Instances	51	

=== Detailed Accuracy By Class ===

TP Rate	FP Rate	Precision	Recall
1	0	1	1
1	0.063	0.905	1
0.882	0	1	0.8

=== Confusion Matrix ===

a \ b	a	b	c	classified as
15	0	0		a = Iris-setosa
0	19	0		b = Iris-versicolor
0	2	15		c = Iris-virginica

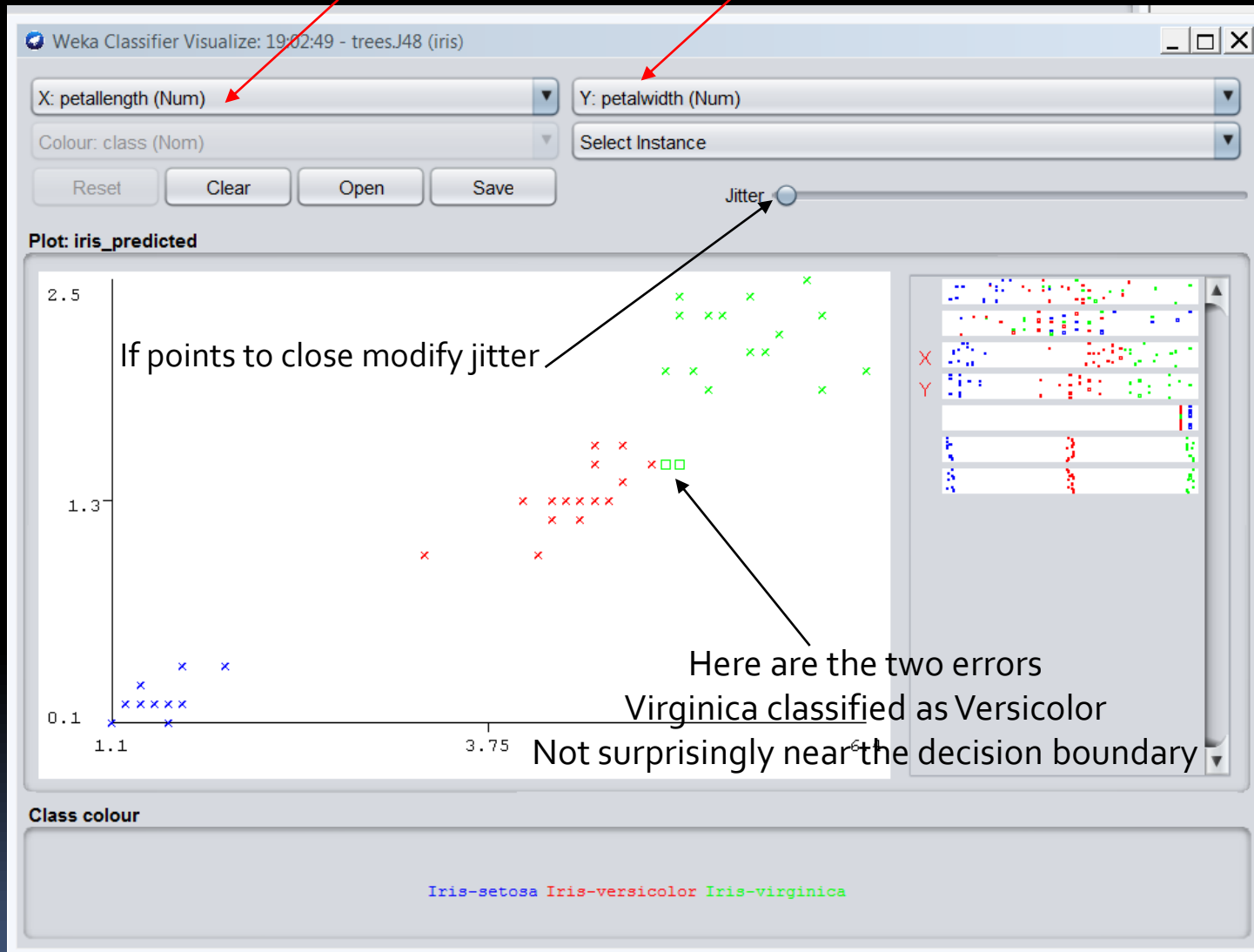
View in main window
View in separate window
Save result buffer
Load model
Save model
Re-evaluate model on current test set
Visualize classifier errors
Visualize tree
Visualize margin curve
Visualize threshold curve
Visualize cost curve

Status: OK

Log x 0

Right click then select visualize errors

Set X to petallength and Y to petalwidth



Weka-3 Review: Decision Trees

- Covered an example in detail
- You should be able to build a decision tree classifier and understand the results
- You should be able to find the necessary documentation to understand and set the various parameters

Weka-4: Other Classifiers and Feature Selection

- Briefly explore two more classifiers
 - Artificial Neural Networks
 - Nearest Neighbor
- Demonstrate that with Weka it is easy to run any classifier and can treat like “Black Box”
- Briefly introduce WEKA feature selection

Artificial Neural Networks (ANNs)

- ANNs covered later in course
- Inspired by the brain
 - Simple processing nodes connected together
 - Each node has a weight and learning occurs by adjusting the weights to get desired output
- ANNs also called Multilayer Perceptrons
- Examples of universal function approximators

Creating ANN in WEKA for Iris

- While processing Iris data set, choose ANN:
 - In Classify tab click “Choose” button
 - Navigate to “Classifiers” and then “functions”
 - Select “Multilayer Perceptron”
 - Make sure the training/test is still set 66% training
 - Click “Start” to run ANN (use default options)

Weka Explorer

Preprocess Classify Cluster Associate Select attributes Visualize

Classifier

Choose **MultilayerPerceptron** -L 0.3 -M 0.2 -N 500 -V 0 -S 0 -E 20 -H a -R

Test options

☐ Use training set
☐ Supplied test set Set...
☐ Cross-validation Folds 10
☒ Percentage split % 66
 More options...

(Nom) class

Start Stop

Result list (right-click for options)

10:42:03 - functions.MultilayerPerceptron
 10:43:20 - functions.MultilayerPerceptron

Classifier output

Time taken to test model on test split: 0 seconds

=== Summary ===

Correctly Classified Instances	50	98.0392 %
Incorrectly Classified Instances	1	1.9608 %
Kappa statistic	0.9704	
Mean absolute error	0.0239	
Root mean squared error	0.1101	
Relative absolute error	5.3594 %	
Root relative squared error	23.2952 %	
Total Number of Instances	51	

Good Performance
Only 1 Error

=== Detailed Accuracy By Class ===

	TP Rate	FP Rate	Precision	Recall	F-Measure	MCC	ROC Area	PRC Area	Class
	1.000	0.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	Iris-setosa
	1.000	0.031	0.950	1.000	0.974	0.959	0.998	0.997	Iris-versicolor
	0.941	0.000	1.000	0.941	0.970	0.956	0.998	0.997	Iris-virginica
Weighted Avg.	0.980	0.012	0.981	0.980	0.980	0.970	0.999	0.998	

=== Confusion Matrix ===

a	b	c	<-- classified as
15	0	0	a = Iris-setosa
0	19	0	b = Iris-versicolor
0	1	16	c = Iris-virginica

Nearest Neighbor Classification

- Nearest Neighbor classifies example based on most similar instance(s)
 - Relators use this method to price your home
 - Also called instance-based learning
 - k used to specify number of nearest neighbors
 - Common values 1, 3, 5
 - Method sometimes referred to as k NN
 - Weka uses the IB k algorithm (IB=Instance Based)
 - Also called “Lazy Learning”
 - No work is done up front to build model
 - All work done at classification time

Creating IBk Model with Weka

- While processing Iris data set, choose IBk:
 - In Classify tab, click “Choose” button
 - Navigate to “Classifiers” and then “Lazy”
 - Select “IBk”
 - Keep all of the default options
 - Make sure the training/test is still set 66% training
 - Click “Start” to run method
 - Results on next slide (uses default $k=1$)
 - Results for $k=5$ on slide after that: try it by modifying the option

Weka Explorer

Preprocess Classify Cluster Associate Select attributes Visualize

Classifier

Choose **IBk** -K 1 -W 0 -A "weka.core.neighboursearch.LinearNNSearch -A \"weka.core.EuclideanDistance -R first-last\""

Test options

☐ Use training set
☐ Supplied test set Set...
☐ Cross-validation Folds 10
☒ Percentage split % 66
 More options...

(Nom) class

Start Stop

Result list (right-click for options)

- 10:42:03 - functions.MultilayerPerceptron
- 10:43:20 - functions.MultilayerPerceptron
- 10:50:15 - lazy.IBk

Classifier output

Time taken to test model on test split: 0.01 seconds

=== Summary ===

Correctly Classified Instances	49	96.0784 %
Incorrectly Classified Instances	2	3.9216 %
Kappa statistic	0.9408	
Mean absolute error	0.0382	
Root mean squared error	0.1599	
Relative absolute error	8.5739 %	
Root relative squared error	33.8182 %	
Total Number of Instances	51	

Note 2 errors total for 1NN

=== Detailed Accuracy By Class ===

	TP Rate	FP Rate	Precision	Recall	F-Measure	MCC	ROC Area	PRC Area	Class
	1.000	0.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	Iris-setosa
	1.000	0.063	0.905	1.000	0.950	0.921	0.969	0.905	Iris-versicolor
	0.882	0.000	1.000	0.882	0.938	0.913	0.943	0.922	Iris-virginica
Weighted Avg.	0.961	0.023	0.965	0.961	0.961	0.942	0.969	0.939	

=== Confusion Matrix ===

```

a b c <-- classified as
15 0 0 | a = Iris-setosa
0 19 0 | b = Iris-versicolor
0 2 15 | c = Iris-virginica

```

Weka Explorer

Preprocess Classify Cluster Associate Select attributes Visualize

Classifier

Choose IBk -K 5 -W 0 -A "weka.core.neighboursearch.LinearNNSearch -A "weka.core.EuclideanDistance -R first-last"

Test options

☐ Use training set
☐ Supplied test set Set...
☐ Cross-validation Folds 10
☒ Percentage split % 66
 More options...

(Nom) class

Start Stop

Result list (right-click for options)

10:42:03 - functions.MultilayerPerceptron
 10:43:20 - functions.MultilayerPerceptron
 10:50:15 - lazy.IBk
 11:02:45 - lazy.IBk

Classifier output

using 5 nearest neighbour(s) for classification

Time taken to build model: 0 seconds

=== Evaluation on test split ===

Time taken to test model on test split: 0.01 seconds

=== Summary ===

Correctly Classified Instances	50	98.0392 %
Incorrectly Classified Instances	1	1.9608 %
Kappa statistic	0.9704	
Mean absolute error	0.0261	
Root mean squared error	0.0998	
Relative absolute error	5.8511 %	
Root relative squared error	21.1145 %	
Total Number of Instances	51	

=== Detailed Accuracy By Class ===

	TP Rate	FP Rate	Precision	Recall	F-Measure	MCC	ROC Area	PRC Area	Class
	1.000	0.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	Iris-setosa
	1.000	0.031	0.950	1.000	0.974	0.959	0.999	0.997	Iris-versicolor
	0.941	0.000	1.000	0.941	0.970	0.956	0.999	0.997	Iris-virginica
Weighted Avg.	0.980	0.012	0.981	0.980	0.980	0.970	0.999	0.998	

=== Confusion Matrix ===

a	b	c	<-- classified as
15	0	0	a = Iris-setosa
0	19	0	b = Iris-versicolor
0	1	16	c = Iris-virginica

Note k=5

Note 1 error total for 5NN

Run a Few Classifiers on Own

- Run Random Forest
 - A tree ensemble method that is under Trees
 - It builds lots of trees using slightly different training examples and features and then combines them
 - We will study them and other ensembles later in course
 - The *numIterations* parameter controls # of trees
- Run Bagging
 - An ensemble (meta learning) method, so find it under classifiers→meta
 - Bagging runs base classifier repeatedly with different training data
 - Run with default classifier and then change classifier to J48

Weka Feature Selection

- Explore simple feature selection methods
- Use Vote Dataset that has more features
 - Go to Preprocess tab and load using url:
 - <https://storm.cis.fordham.edu/~gweiss/data-mining/weka-data/vote.arff>
 - Feature selection is needed for methods that cannot handle irrelevant or redundant features
- Experiments:
 - Best first forward search
 - Pick best feature and then add more, but with backtracking to explore more of the space
 - Info gain with ranking
 - Rank the features based on their information gain

Best First Forward Search for feature subset

The screenshot shows the Weka Explorer window with the 'Select attributes' tab selected. The 'Attribute Evaluator' is set to 'CfsSubsetEval -P 1 -E 1' and the 'Search Method' is set to 'BestFirst -D 1 -N 5'. The 'Attribute Selection Mode' is set to 'Use full training set'. The 'Start' button is highlighted with a red arrow. The 'Attribute selection output' window shows the following information:

```
=== Run information ===  
Evaluator: weka.attributeSelection.CfsSubsetEval -P 1 -E 1  
Search: weka.attributeSelection.BestFirst -D 1 -N 5  
Relation: vote  
Instances: 435  
Attributes: 17  
handicapped-infants  
water-project-cost-sharing  
adoption-of-the-budget-resolution  
physician-fee-freeze  
el-salvador-aid  
religious-groups-in-schools  
anti-satellite-test-ban  
aid-to-nicaraguan-contras  
mx-missile  
immigration  
synfuels-corporation-cutback  
education-spending  
superfund-right-to-sue  
crime  
duty-free-exports  
export-administration-act-south-africa  
Class  
Evaluation mode: evaluate on all training data
```

Two red arrows point to the 'Select attributes' tab and the 'Start' button, with the following instructions:

- 1) Click on "Select Attributes"
- 2) Hit start using the defaults

Results window may only have room for experiment info so scroll down to see actual results (displayed next slide)

Best First Search Subset Selection

```
=== Attribute Selection on all input data ===
```

```
Search Method:
```

```
    Best first.
```

```
    Start set: no attributes
```

```
    Search direction: forward
```

```
    Stale search after 5 node expansions
```

```
    Total number of subsets evaluated: 85
```

```
    Merit of best subset found:    0.729
```

```
Attribute Subset Evaluator (supervised, Class (nominal): 17 Class):
```

```
    CFS Subset Evaluator
```

```
    Including locally predictive attributes
```

```
Selected attributes: 3,4,10,11 : 4
```

```
    adoption-of-the-budget-resolution
```

```
    physician-fee-freeze
```

```
    immigration
```

```
    synfuels-corporation-cutback
```

4 attributes
selected of the 17

Rank Features by Info Gain

The screenshot shows the Weka Explorer interface with the Attribute Evaluator tab selected. The interface includes a 'Choose' button for the evaluator, a 'Search Method' dropdown, an 'Attribute Selection Mode' section with radio buttons for 'Use full training set' and 'Cross-validation', a 'Start' button, and a 'Result list' on the left. The 'Attribute selection output' window on the right displays the results of the ranking process.

Annotations with red arrows point to the following elements:

- 1) Modify both defaults as shown (points to the 'InfoGainAttributeEval' evaluator and the 'Ranker' search method)
- 2) Hit Start (points to the 'Start' button)
- 3) Scroll to end of results window (points to the bottom of the 'Attribute selection output' window)

Attribute selection output

```
Search Method:
Attribute ranking.

Attribute Evaluator (supervised, Class (nominal): 17 Class):
Information Gain Ranking Filter

Ranked attributes:
0.7078541 4 physician-fee-freeze
0.4185726 3 adoption-of-the-budget-resolution
0.4028397 5 el-salvador-aid
0.34036 12 education-spending
0.3123121 14 crime
0.3095576 8 aid-to-nicaraguan-contras
0.2856444 9 mx-missile
0.2121705 13 superfund-right-to-sue
0.2013666 15 duty-free-exports
0.1902427 7 anti-satellite-test-ban
0.1404643 6 religious-groups-in-schools
0.1211834 1 handicapped-infants
0.1007458 11 synfuels-corporation-cutback
0.0529956 16 export-administration-act-south-africa
0.0049097 10 immigration
0.0000117 2 water-project-cost-sharing

Selected attributes: 4,3,5,12,14,8,9,13,15,7,6,1,11,16,10,2 : 16
```

Review Weka-4: Other Classifiers and Feature Selection

- Built and evaluated neural network and nearest neighbor models
 - You should be able to use Weka to run any classification model
- You should understand how to run feature selection using Weka
 - It is okay if you do not understand the details of each method
 - Can look them up in the documentation

Weka-5: KnowledgeFlow Interface

- Provides a drag and drop interface
 - Each step is a node that you drop onto workspace
 - You connect nodes to create a process flow
- Advantage: supports multiple process flows
 - Can have a path with steps to preprocess data etc.
 - Then branch to build different classifiers
- Other DM tools provide similar interfaces
 - My early DM tools in industry had this interface
 - SAS Enterprise Miner
 - Clementine (now IBM SPSS Modeler)

Video Demonstrating KnowledgeFlow

- You are not required to try KnowledgeFlow
- Watch first 4 minutes of 7-minute video
 - It does not show how to use mouse to connect nodes, which can be a bit tricky
 - It conveys the basic ideas and power of interface
 - Link to Ian Witten's Youtube video:
 - <https://youtu.be/sHSgoVXgz-8>
 - Also listed under my Youtube playlist:
 - https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLg2TXNAfR8_ukJY1fEPDMuXV43ZrBBpUh
 - Select "More Data Mining with Weka (1.4 .."

Review of DM with Weka Module

- You should have installed Weka
- Understand the different interfaces
- Using Explorer interface, be able to:
 - Load any data set
 - Visualize the features
 - Build any classifier and know how to learn about parameters and change them
 - Examine and interpret the results
 - Know how to perform feature selection
- Understand basics of the knowledgeFlow