

Weka: Preprocessing

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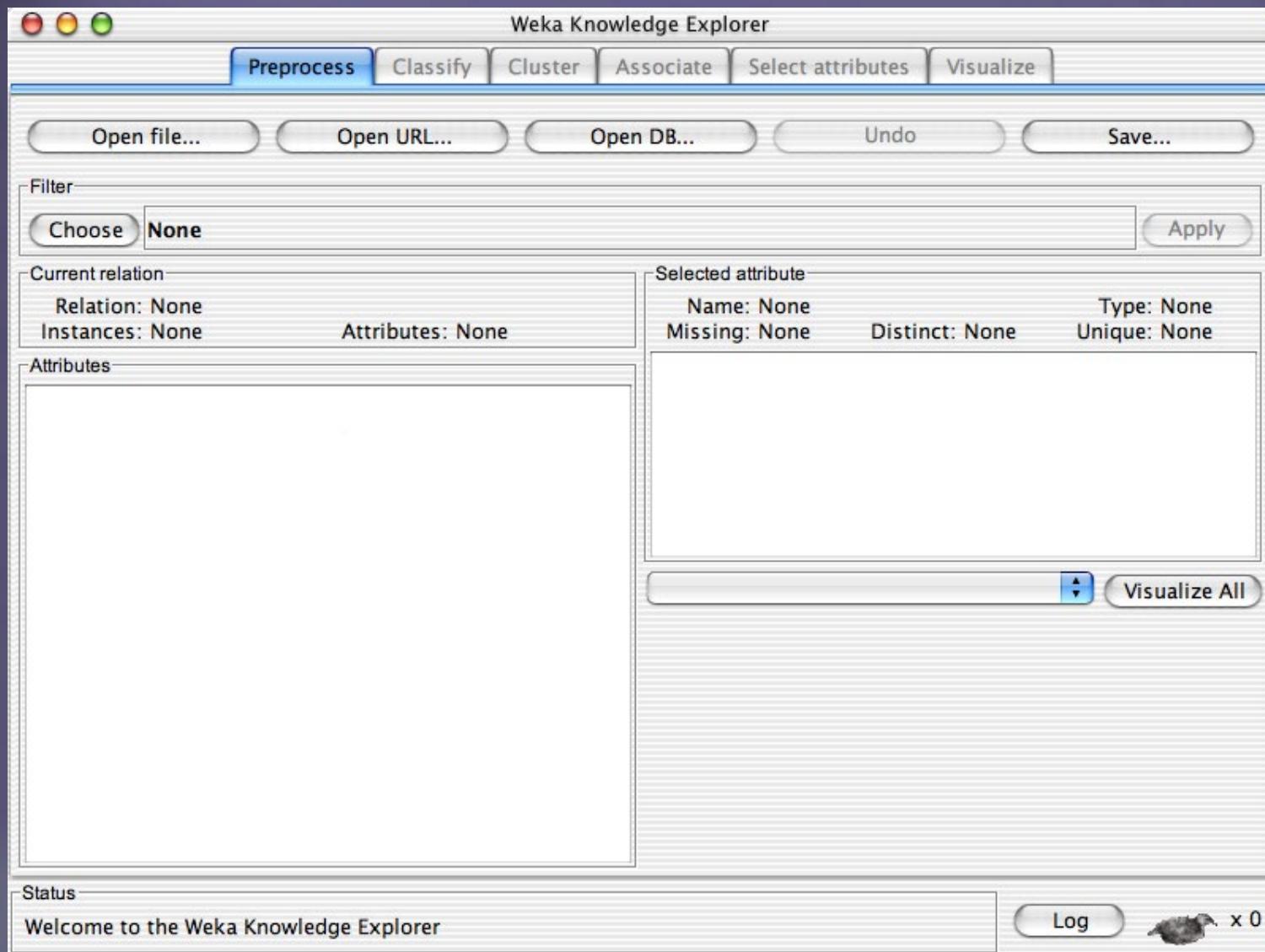
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Preprocess Panel

- Data can be imported from a file in various formats: ARFF, CSV, C4.5, binary
- Data can also be read from a URL or from an SQL database (using JDBC)
- Pre-processing tools in WEKA are called “filters”
- WEKA contains filters for:
 - ◆ Discretization, normalization, resampling, attribute selection, transforming and combining attributes, ...

Preprocess Panel: Visualize



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Filter

[Choose](#) **None**[Apply](#)

Current relation

Relation: None

Instances: None

Attributes: None

Type: None

Unique: None

Selected attribute

Name: None

Missing: None

Distinct: None

Attributes

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Choose **None**

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Current relation

Relation: iris

Instances: 150

Attributes: 5

Selected attribute

Name: sepallength

Type: Numeric

Missing: 0 (0%)

Distinct: 35

Unique: 9 (6%)

Statistic

Value

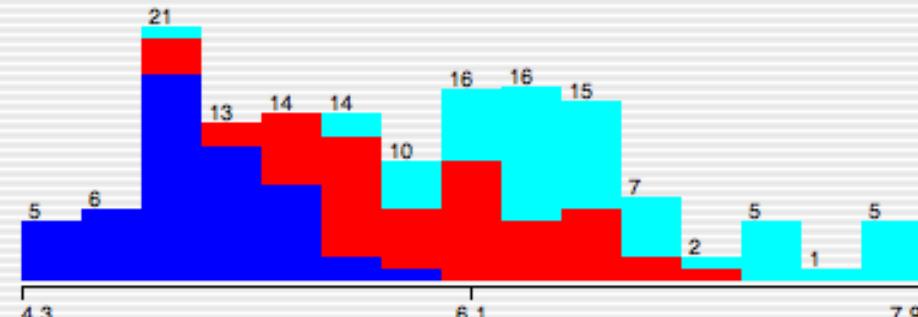
Minimum	4.3
Maximum	7.9
Mean	5.843
StdDev	0.828

Attributes

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

Colour: class (Nom)

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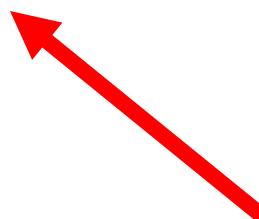
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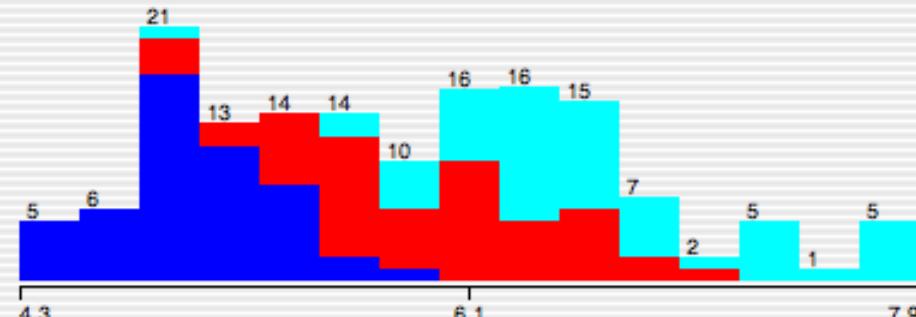
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Name: class

Type: Nominal

Missing: 0 (0%)

Distinct: 3

Unique: 0 (0%)

Label	Count
Iris-setosa	50
Iris-versicolor	50
Iris-virginica	50

Colour: class (Nom)

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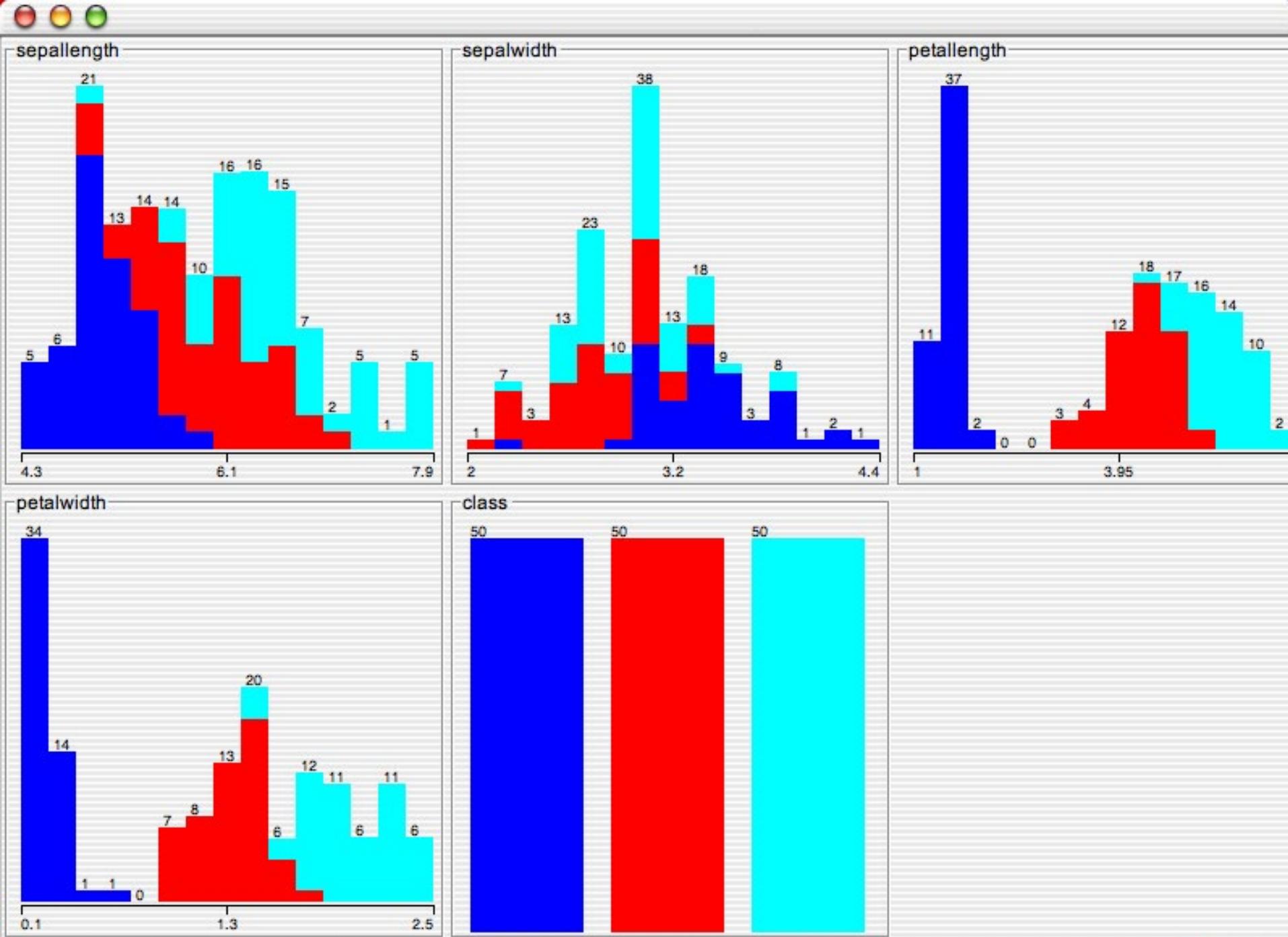


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Preprocess Panel: Discretize

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Relation: iris Instances: 150 Attributes: 5

Attributes

No.	Name
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Selected attribute
Name: petallength Type: Numeric
Missing: 0 (0%) Distinct: 43 Unique: 10 (7%)

Statistic	Value
Minimum	1
Maximum	6.9
Mean	3.759
StdDev	1.764

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The histogram displays the distribution of petallength for the iris dataset. The x-axis ranges from 1 to 6.9. The y-axis shows the frequency of each bin. The distribution is multimodal, with peaks at approximately 1.7, 4.3, and 5.8. The bars are colored by class: blue for Setosa (1-2.4), red for Versicolor (2.4-4.0), and cyan for Virginica (4.0-6.9).

Bin Range	Setosa (Blue)	Versicolor (Red)	Virginica (Cyan)
[1.0, 1.7)	11	0	0
[1.7, 2.4)	37	0	0
[2.4, 3.0)	2	0	0
[3.0, 3.7)	0	3	0
[3.7, 4.3)	0	4	0
[4.3, 5.0)	0	12	0
[5.0, 5.7)	0	18	0
[5.7, 6.4)	0	17	16
[6.4, 6.9]	0	14	10

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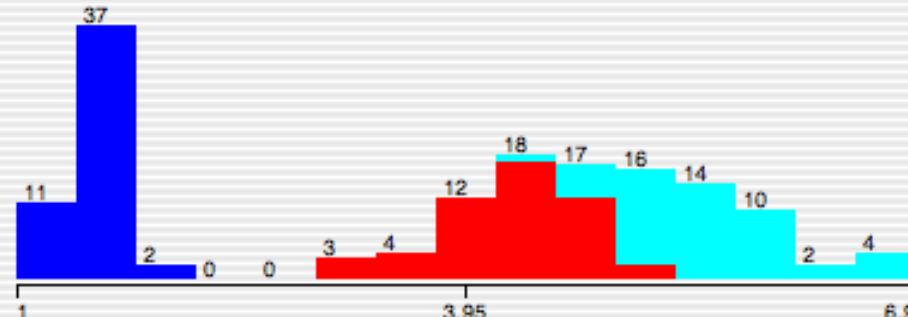
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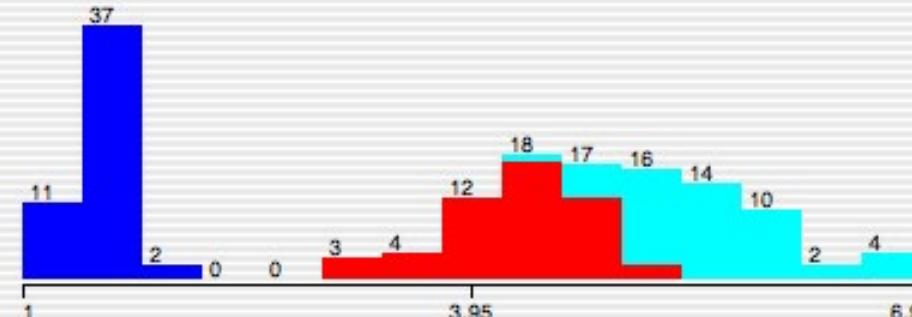
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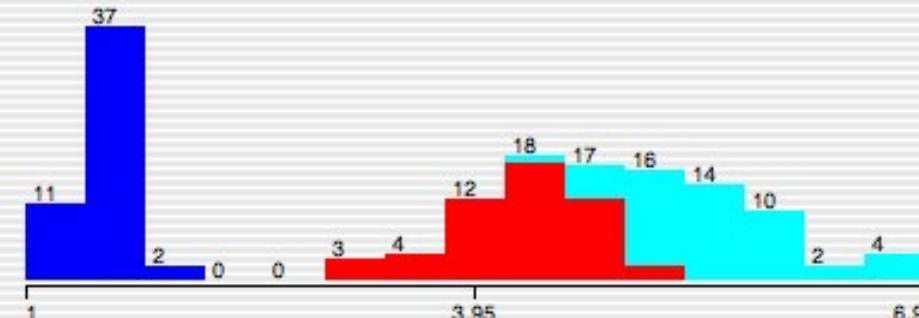
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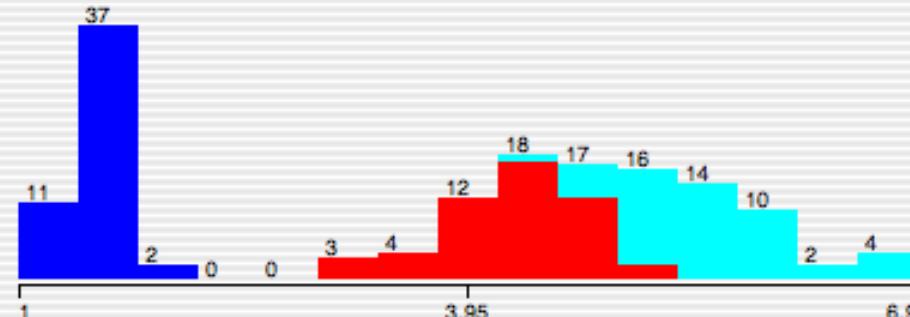
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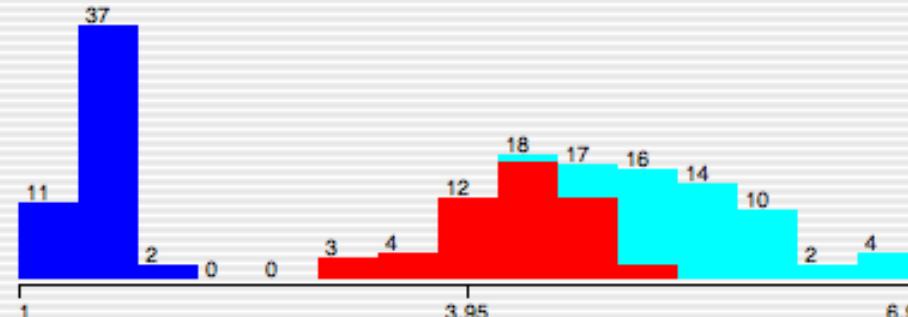
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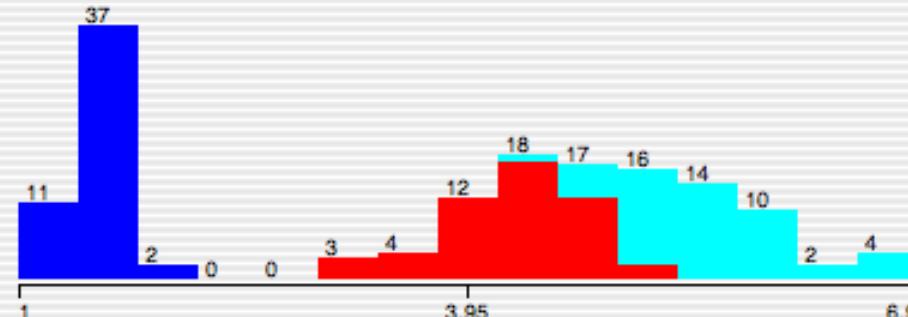
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Current relation

Relation: iris

Instances: 150

Attributes: 4

Attributes

No.	Name
1	sepallength
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4	petalwidth
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weka.filters.unsupervised.attribute.Discretize

About

An instance filter that discretizes a range of numeric attributes in the dataset into nominal attributes.

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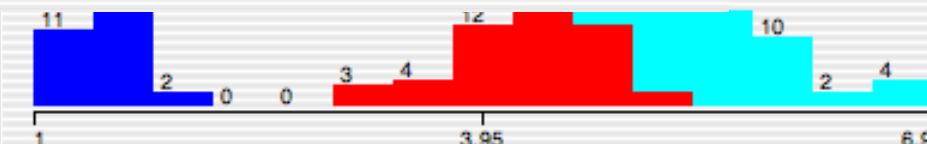
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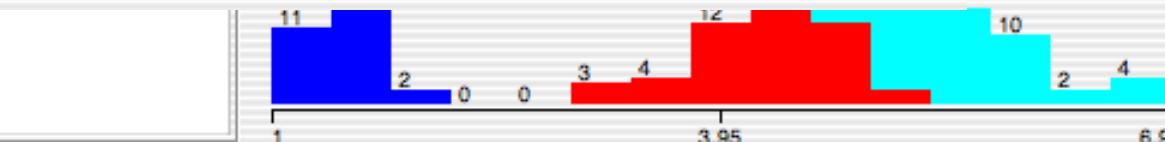
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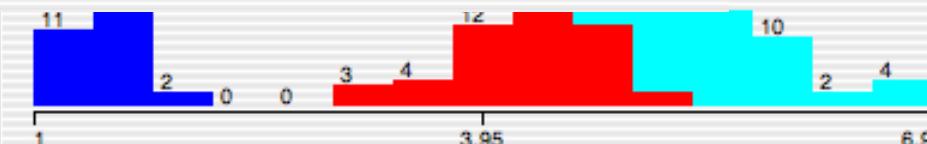
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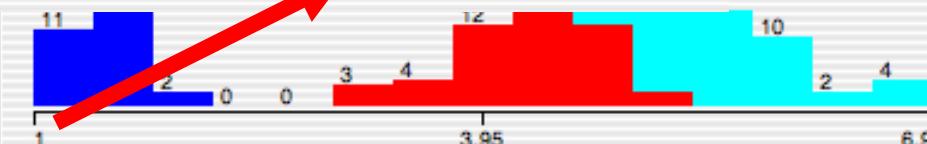
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Relation: iris

Instances: 150

Attributes: 5

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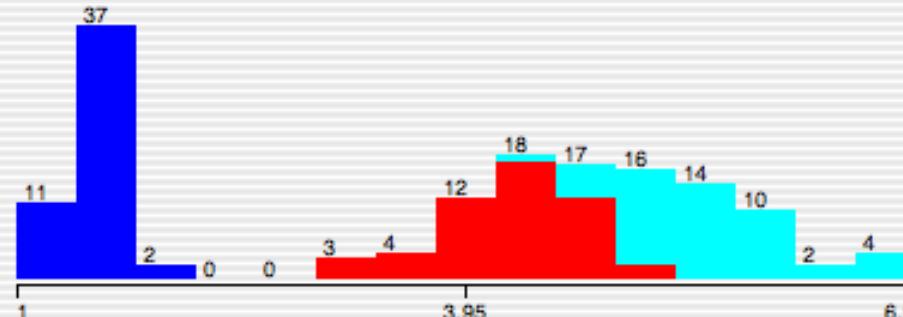
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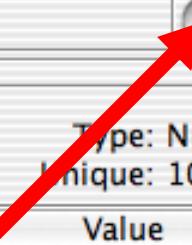
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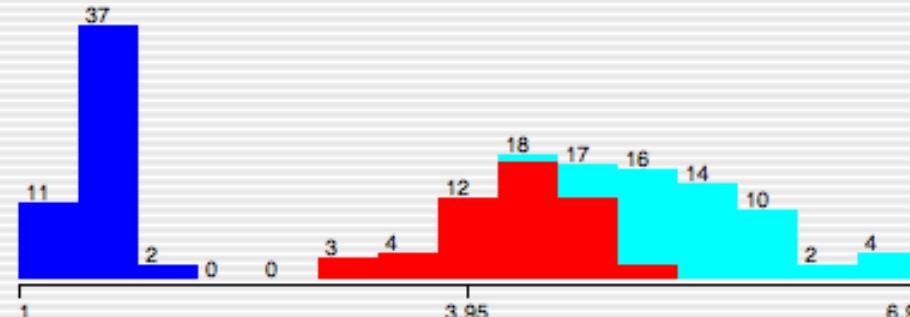
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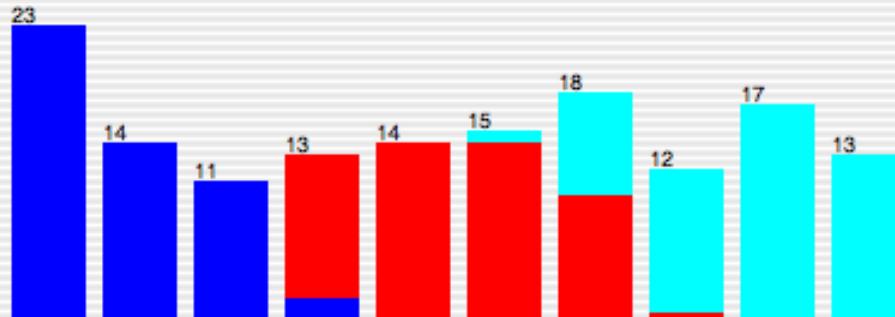
Distinct: 10

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

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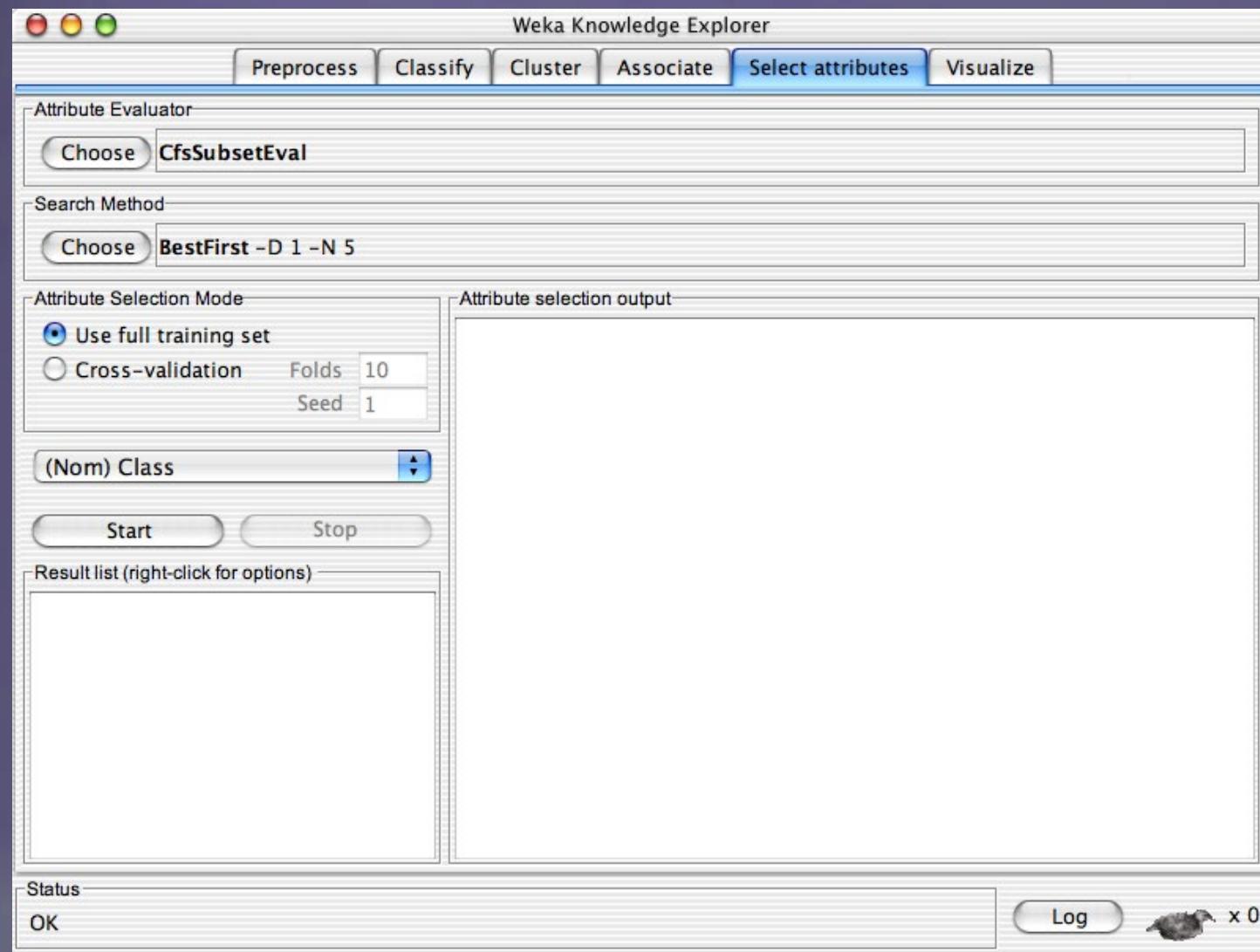
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Select attributes Panel

- It can be used to investigate which (subsets of) attributes are the most predictive ones
- Attribute selection methods contain two parts:
 - A search method: best-first, forward selection, random, exhaustive, genetic algorithm, ranking
 - An evaluation method: correlation-based, wrapper, information gain, chi-squared, ...
- Very flexible: WEKA allows (almost) arbitrary combinations of these two

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Attribute Evaluator

Choose

CfsSubsetEval

Search Method

Choose

BestFirst -D 1 -N 5

Attribute Selection Mode

 Use full training set Cross-validation

Folds

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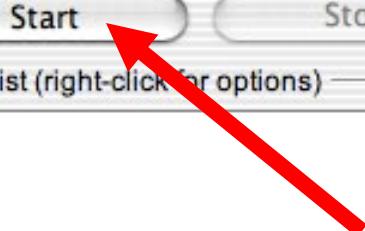
(Nom) Class

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Result list (right-click for options)

Attribute selection output



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Attribute selection output

duty-free-exports
 export-administration-act-south-africa
 Class

Evaluation mode: evaluate on all training data

==== 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: 83

Merit of best subset found: 0.729

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

Selected attributes: 4 : 1
 physician-fee-freeze

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ClassifierSubsetEval

WrapperSubsetEval

ConsistencySubsetEval

ReliefFAttributeEval

InfoGainAttributeEval

GainRatioAttributeEval

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Attribute Evaluator

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attributeSelection

- BestFirst
- ForwardSelection
- RaceSearch
- GeneticSearch
- RandomSearch
- ExhaustiveSearch
- Ranker
- RankSearch

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Attribute selection output

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Search Method

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Ranker -T -1.7976931348623157E308 -N -1

Attribute Selection Mode

 Use full training set Cross-validation

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Seed 1

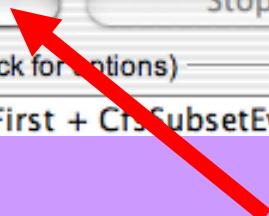
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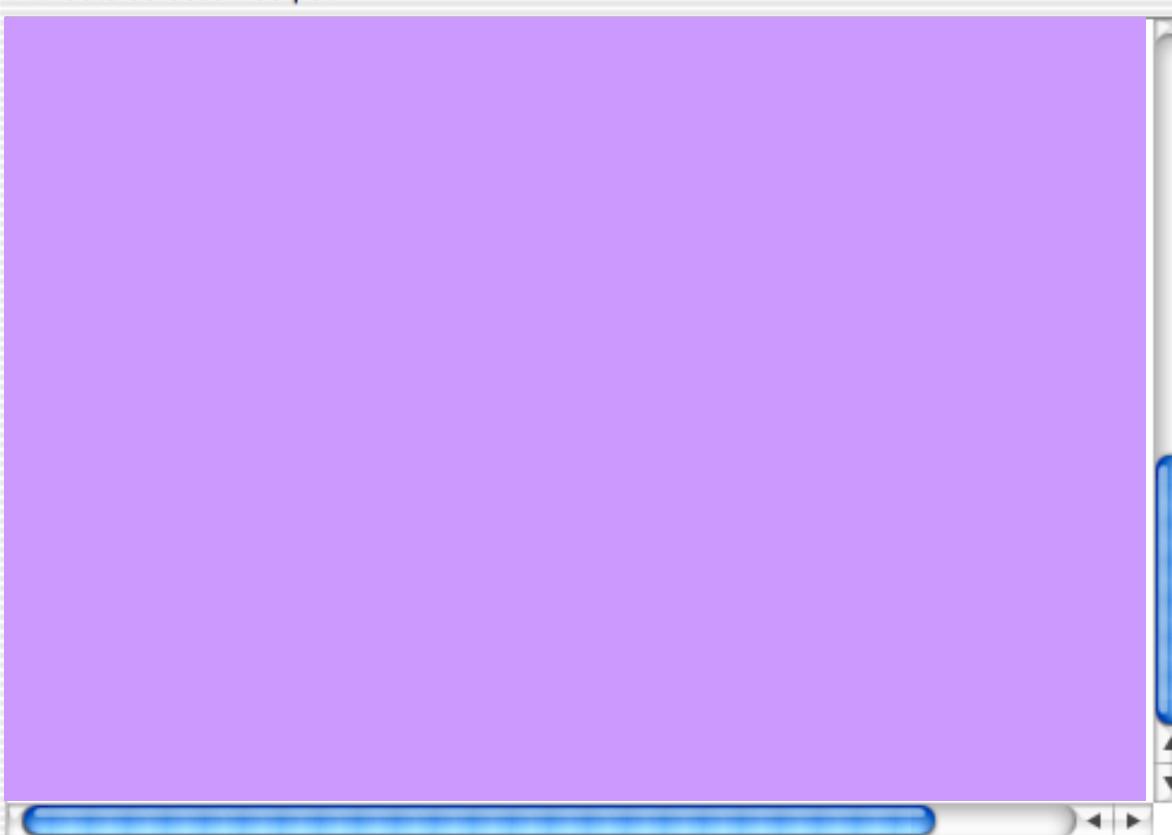
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16:39:40 - BestFirst + CfsSubsetEval



Attribute selection output



Status

OK

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Attribute Evaluator

Choose

InfoGainAttributeEval

Search Method

Choose

Ranker -T -1.7976931348623157E308 -N -1

Attribute Selection Mode

 Use full training set Cross-validation

Folds 10

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16:43:05 - Ranker + InfoGainAttributeEval

Attribute selection output

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

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