



Data Mining with Weka

Class 1 – Lesson 1

Introduction

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Data Mining with Weka

... a practical course on how to use Weka for data mining

... explains the basic principles of several popular algorithms

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❖ What's data mining?

- *We are overwhelmed with data*
- *Data mining is about going from data to information, information that can give you useful predictions*

❖ Examples??

- *You're at the supermarket checkout.
You're happy with your bargains ...
... and the supermarket is happy you've bought some more stuff*
- *Say you want a child, but you and your partner can't have one.
Can data mining help?*

❖ Data mining vs. machine learning

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❖ **What's Weka?**

– *A bird found only in New Zealand?*

❖ **Data mining workbench**

Waikato Environment for Knowledge Analysis

Machine learning algorithms for data mining tasks

- 100+ algorithms for classification
- 75 for data preprocessing
- 25 to assist with feature selection
- 20 for clustering, finding association rules, etc



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What will you learn?

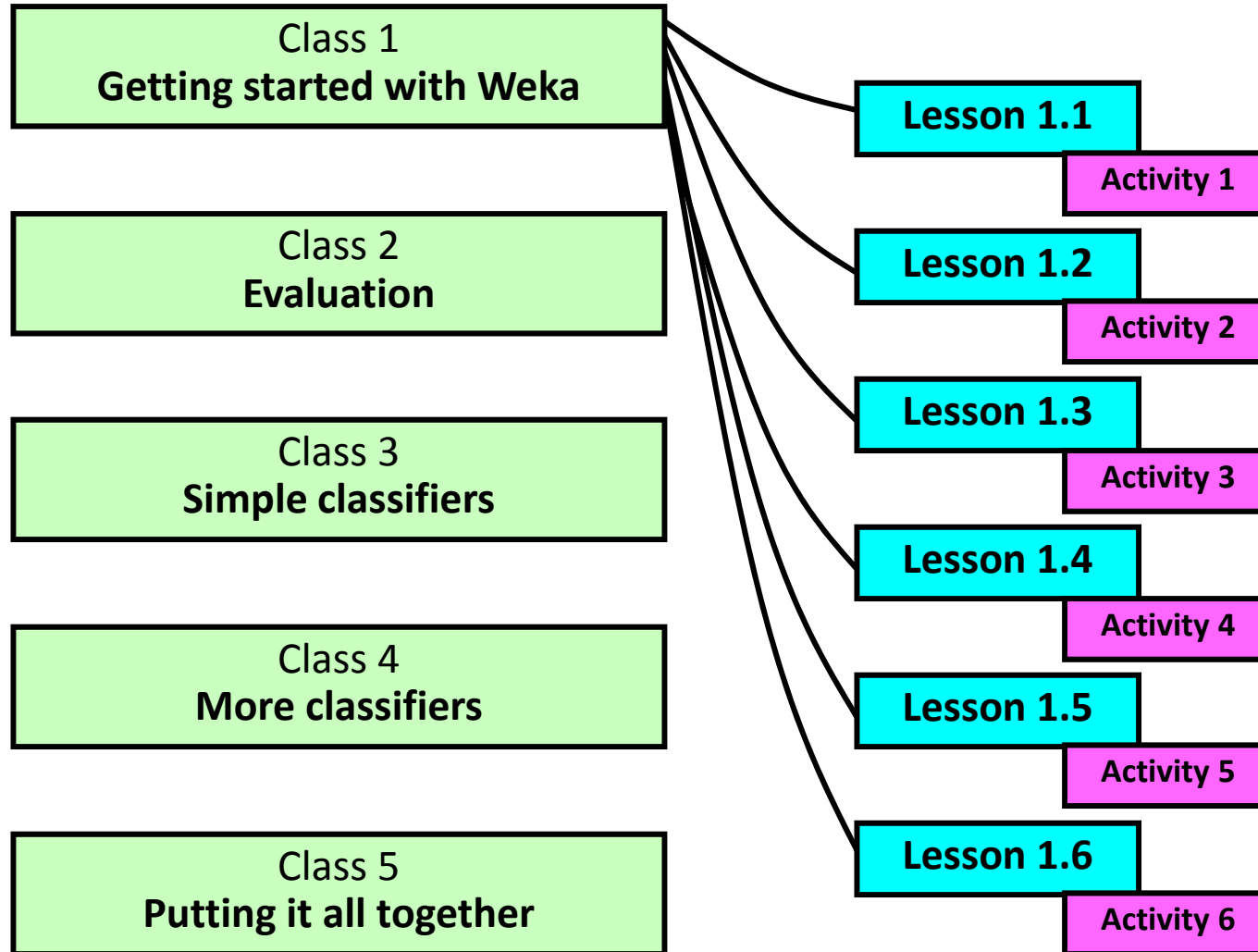
- ❖ Load data into Weka and look at it
- ❖ Use filters to preprocess it
- ❖ Explore it using interactive visualization
- ❖ Apply classification algorithms
- ❖ Interpret the output
- ❖ Understand evaluation methods and their implications
- ❖ Understand various representations for models
- ❖ Explain how popular machine learning algorithms work
- ❖ Be aware of common pitfalls with data mining

**Use Weka on your own data
... and understand what you are doing!**

Class 1: Getting started with Weka

- ❖ Install Weka
- ❖ Explore the “Explorer” interface
- ❖ Explore some datasets
- ❖ Build a classifier
- ❖ Interpret the output
- ❖ Use filters
- ❖ Visualize your data set

Course organization



Course organization

Class 1
Getting started with Weka

Class 2
Evaluation

Class 3
Simple classifiers

Class 4
More classifiers

Class 5
Putting it all together



Mid-class assessment

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Post-class assessment

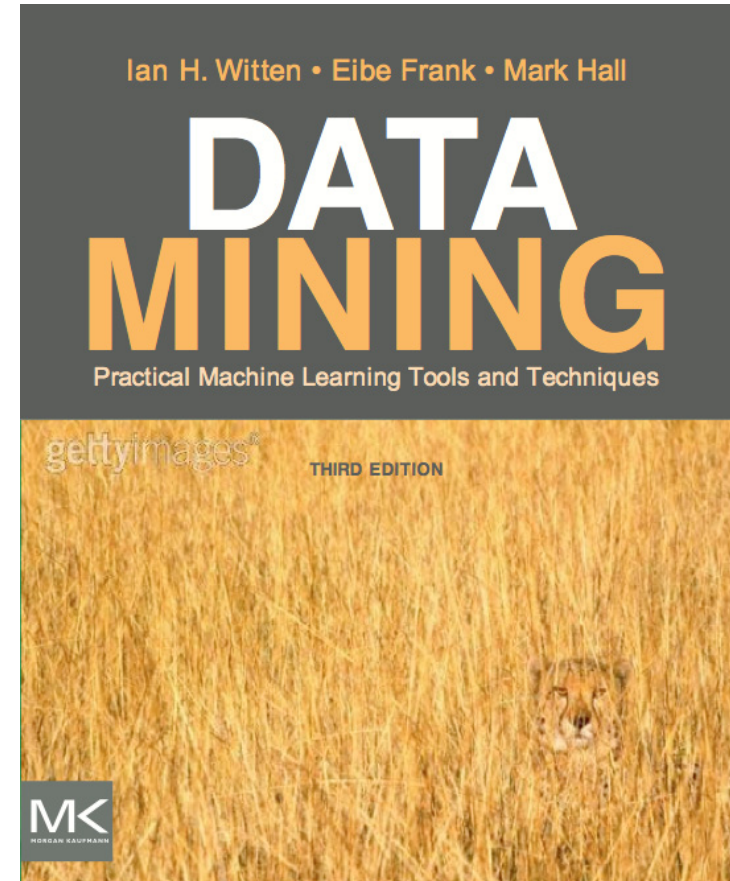
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Textbook

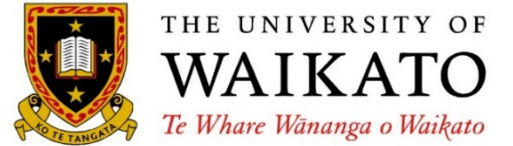
This textbook discusses data mining, and Weka, in depth:

Data Mining: Practical machine learning tools and techniques,
by Ian H. Witten, Eibe Frank and
Mark A. Hall. Morgan Kaufmann, 2011

The publisher has made available parts relevant to this course in ebook format.







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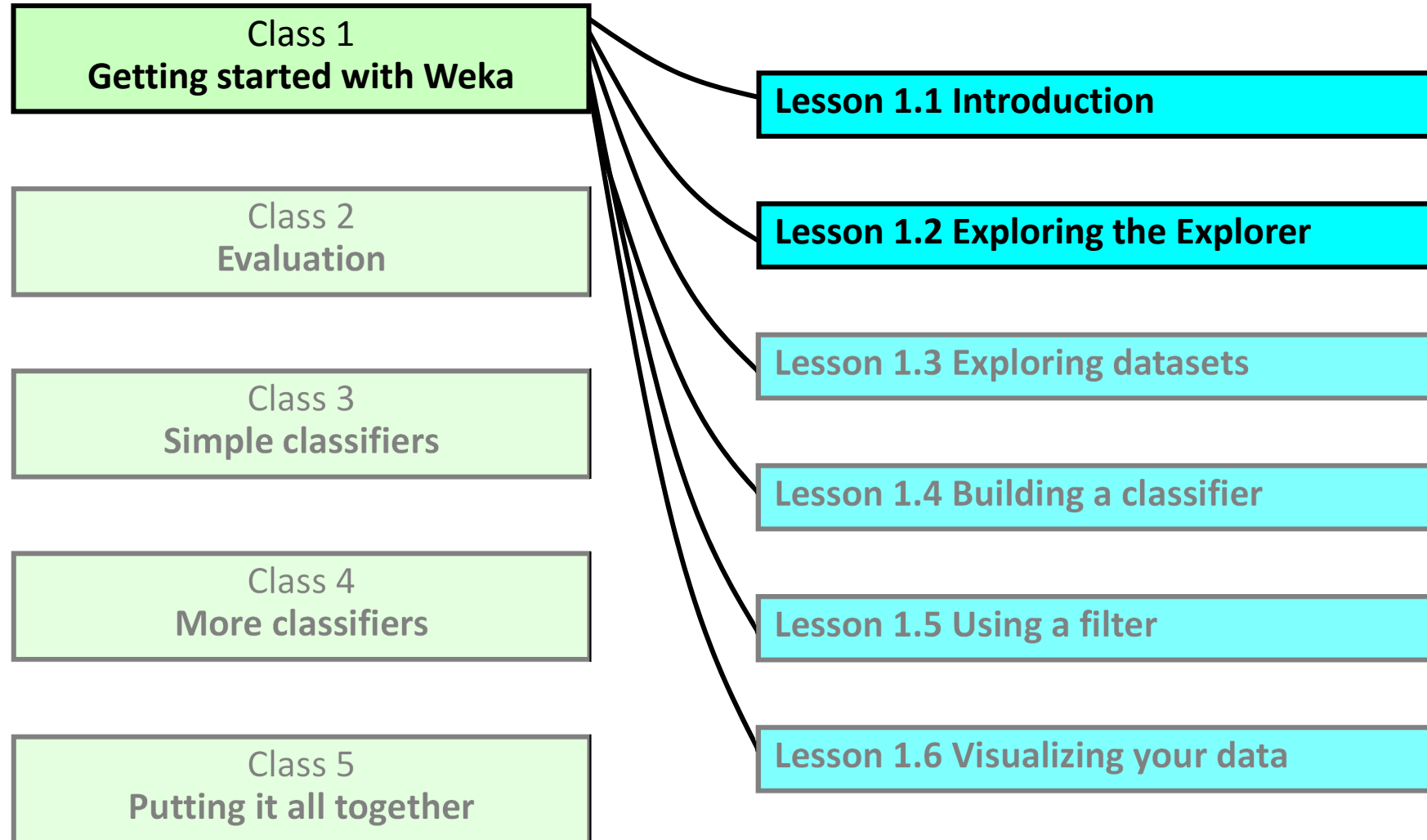
Exploring the Explorer

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Lesson 1.2: Exploring the Explorer



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Download from

<http://www.cs.waikato.ac.nz/ml/weka>

(for Windows, Mac, Linux)

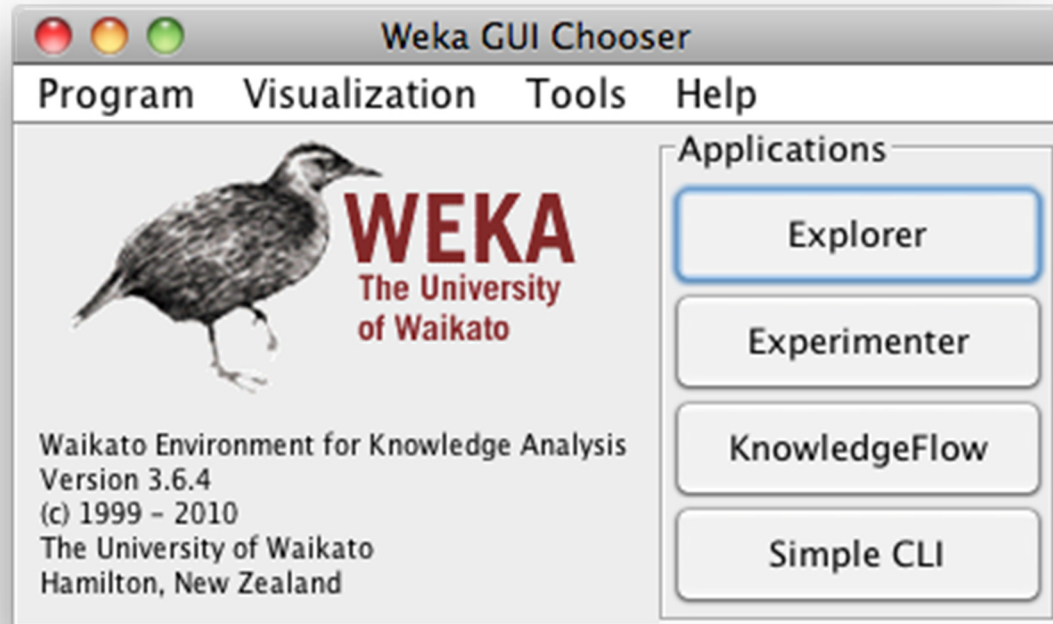
Weka 3.6.10

(the latest stable version of Weka)

(includes datasets for the course)

(it's important to get the right version, 3.6.10)

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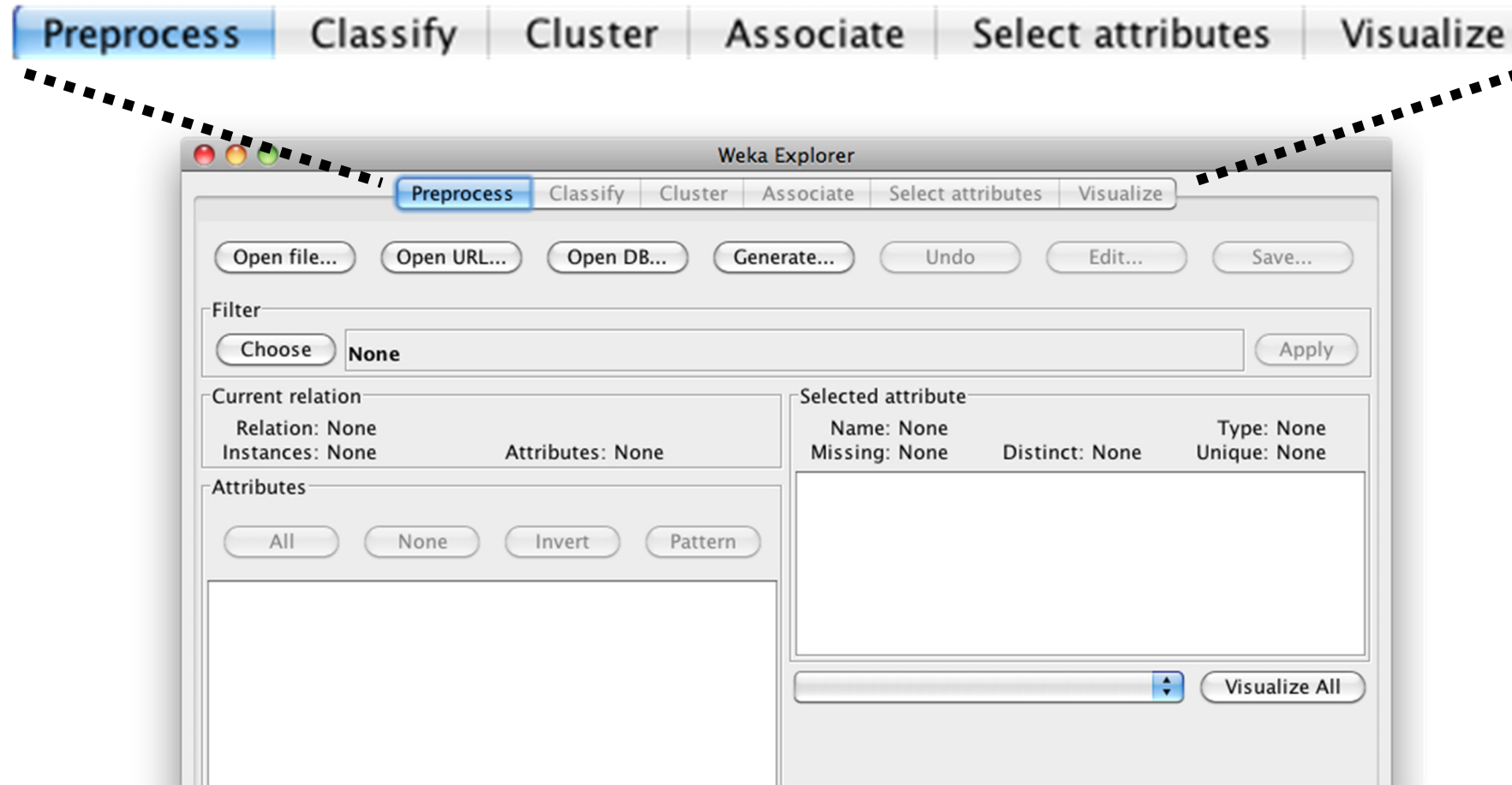


Performance comparisons

Graphical interface

Command-line interface

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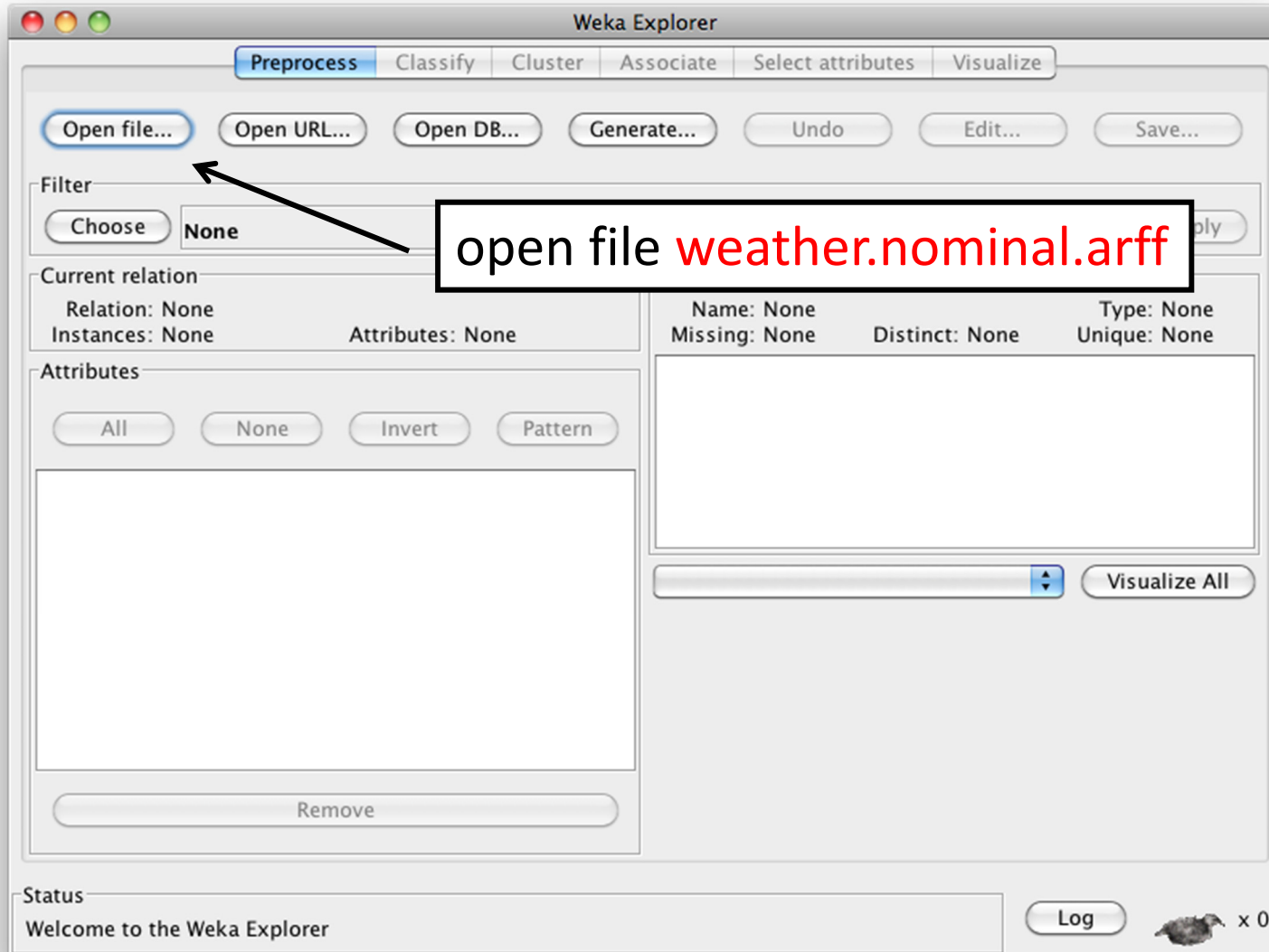
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attributes

instances

	Outlook	Temp	Humidity	Windy	Play
1	Sunny	Hot	High	False	No
2	Sunny	Hot	High	True	No
3	Overcast	Hot	High	False	Yes
4	Rainy	Mild	High	False	Yes
5	Rainy	Cool	Normal	False	Yes
6	Rainy	Cool	Normal	True	No
7	Overcast	Cool	Normal	True	Yes
8	Sunny	Mild	High	False	No
9	Sunny	Cool	Normal	False	Yes
10	Rainy	Mild	Normal	False	Yes
11	Sunny	Mild	Normal	True	Yes
12	Overcast	Mild	High	True	Yes
13	Overcast	Hot	Normal	False	Yes
14	Rainy	Mild	High	True	No

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Weka Explorer

Preprocess | Classify | Cluster | Associate | Select attributes | Visualize

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

Filter: Choose None Apply

Current relation: Relation: weather.symbolic Instances: 14 Attributes: 5

Selected attribute: Name: outlook Type: Nominal Missing: 0 (0%) Distinct: 3 Unique: 0 (0%)

No.	Label	Count
1	sunny	5
2	overcast	4
3	rainy	5

Attributes: All None Invert Pattern

No.	Name
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1 outlook
<input type="checkbox"/>	2 temperature
<input type="checkbox"/>	3 humidity
<input type="checkbox"/>	4 windy
<input type="checkbox"/>	5 play

Class: play (Nom) Visualize All

Remove

Status: OK Log x 0

attributes

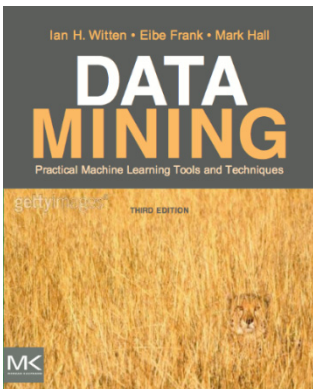
attribute values

Lesson 1.2: Exploring the Explorer

- ❖ Install Weka
- ❖ Get datasets
- ❖ Open Explorer
- ❖ Open a dataset (*weather.nominal.arff*)
- ❖ Look at attributes and their values
- ❖ Edit the dataset
- ❖ Save it?

Course text

- ❖ Section 1.2 *The weather problem*
- ❖ Chapter 10 *Introduction to Weka*





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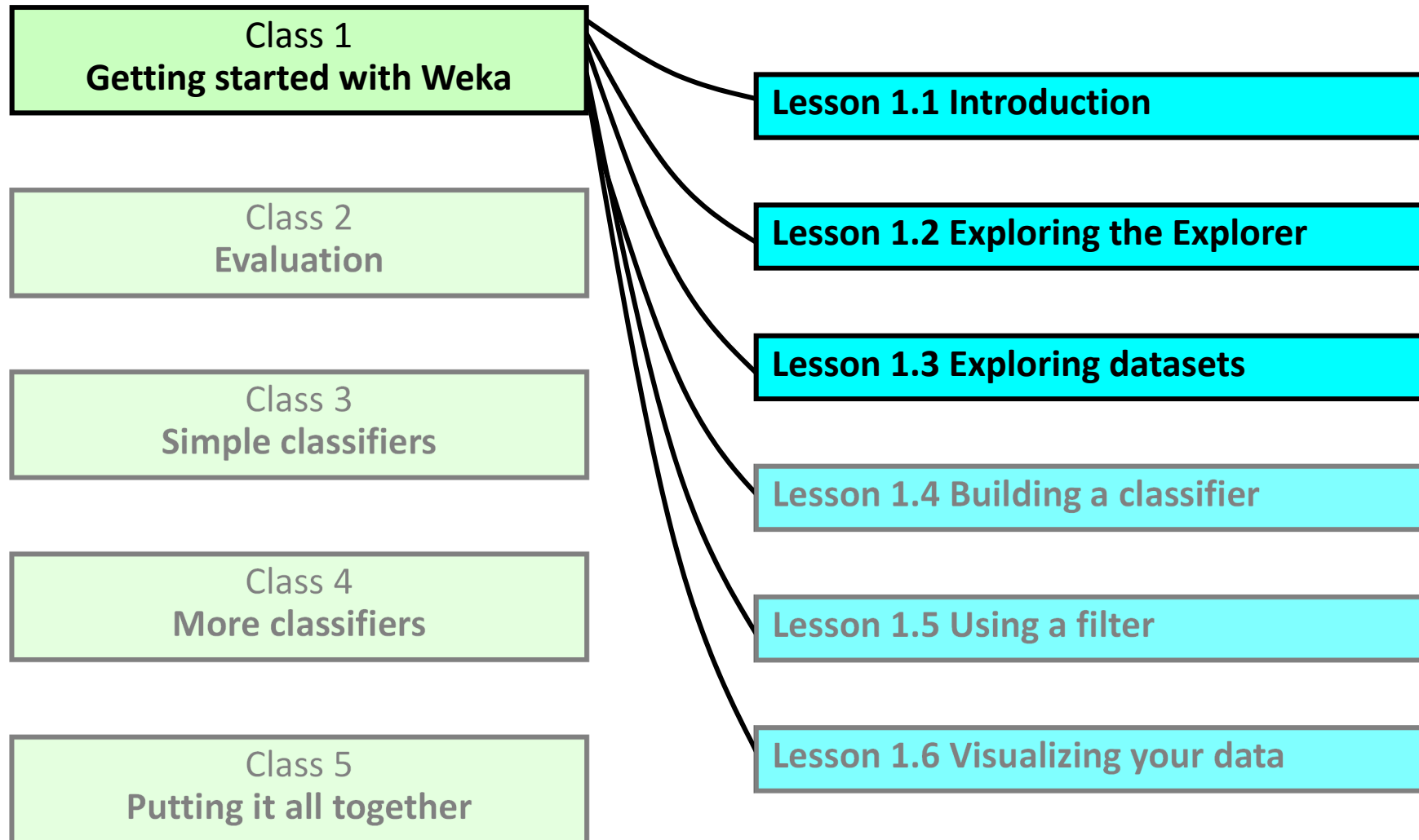
Exploring datasets

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instances

attributes

	Outlook	Temp	Humidity	Windy	Play
1	Sunny	Hot	High	False	No
2	Sunny	Hot	High	True	No
3	Overcast			False	Yes
4	Rainy			False	Yes
5	Partly		Normal	False	Yes
6	Partly		Normal	True	No
7	Partly	Cool	Normal	True	Yes
8	Partly	Mild	Normal	True	No
9	Sunny	Cool	Normal	False	Yes
10	Rainy	Mild	Normal	False	Yes
11	Sunny	Mild	Normal	True	Yes
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**Classification problem:
predict the "class" value**

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The screenshot shows the Weka Explorer interface with the 'Preprocess' tab selected. The 'Open file...' button is highlighted with a callout box containing the text 'open file weather.nominal.arff'. The 'Attributes' list on the left includes 'outlook', 'temperature', 'humidity', 'windy', and 'play', with 'outlook' selected. A callout box labeled 'attributes' points to this list, and another labeled 'class' points to the 'play' attribute. The 'Current relation' section shows 'Relation: weather.symbolic' with 'Instances: 14' and 'Attributes: 5'. The 'Attributes' section for 'outlook' shows a table with 3 distinct values: 'sunny' (5), 'overcast' (4), and 'rainy' (5). A callout box labeled 'attribute values' points to this table. Below the table, the 'Class: play (Nom)' is shown with a 'Visualize All' button. At the bottom, there are three stacked bar charts showing the distribution of 'play' values for each 'outlook' category. The status bar at the bottom shows 'OK' and a 'Log' button.

No.	Label	Count
1	sunny	5
2	overcast	4
3	rainy	5

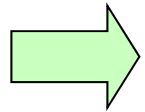
outlook	play	Count
sunny	no	3
sunny	yes	2
overcast	no	4
rainy	no	3
rainy	yes	2

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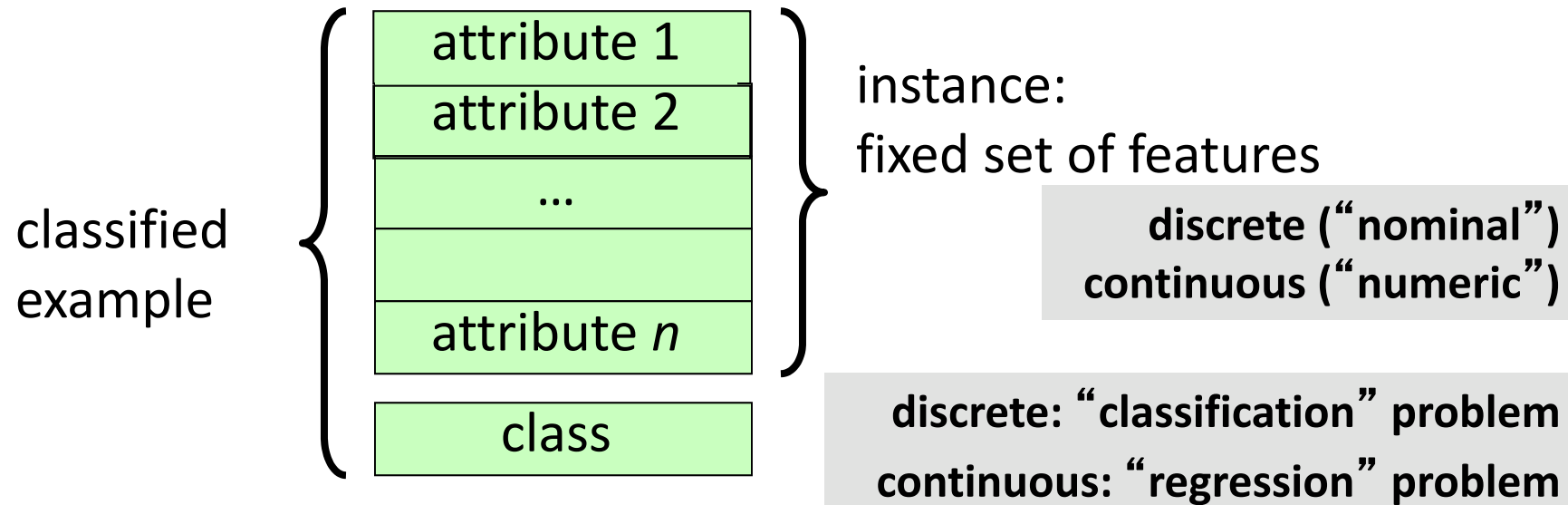
Classification

sometimes called “supervised learning”

Dataset: classified examples



“Model” that classifies new examples



Lesson 1.3: Exploring datasets

The screenshot shows the Weka Explorer interface with the 'Preprocess' tab selected. The 'Open file...' button is highlighted with an arrow pointing to a callout box. The 'Current relation' section shows 'Relation: weather.symbolic' with 14 instances and 5 attributes. The 'Attributes' list includes outlook, temperature, humidity, windy, and play. The 'Class: play (Nom)' is selected, and a 'Visualize All' button is present. A table shows the distribution of 'play' values: 5 sunny, 4 overcast, and 5 rainy. A bar chart below the table visualizes this distribution with red and blue segments. The status bar at the bottom shows 'OK' and a 'Log' button.

Preprocess Classify Cluster Associate Select attributes Visualize

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

Filter Choose None

Current relation
Relation: weather.symbolic
Instances: 14 Attributes: 5
Missing: 0 (0%) Distinct: 3 Unique: 0 (0%)

Attributes All None Invert Pattern

No.	Name
1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> outlook
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4	<input type="checkbox"/> windy
5	<input type="checkbox"/> play

No.	Label	Count
1	sunny	5
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3	rainy	5

Class: play (Nom) Visualize All

Remove

Status OK Log x 0

open file **weather.numeric.arff**

attribute values

attributes

class

Lesson 1.3: Exploring datasets

The screenshot shows the Weka Explorer application window. The 'Preprocess' tab is selected. The 'Open file...' button is highlighted with a black box and a red arrow pointing to it. A text box with the text 'open file glass.arff' is overlaid on the interface. The 'Current relation' section shows 'Relation: Glass' and 'Instances: 214'. The 'Attributes' section shows a list of attributes: RI, Na, Mg, Al, Si, K, Ca, Ba, Fe, and Type. The 'RI' attribute is selected. The 'Statistics' section shows the following values for the 'RI' attribute:

Statistic	Value
Minimum	1.511
Maximum	1.534
Mean	1.518
StdDev	0.003

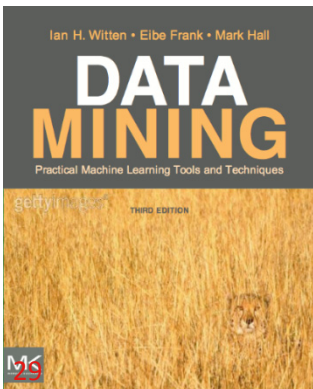
The 'Class: Type (Nom)' dropdown is set to 'Type (Nom)'. A histogram is displayed below the dropdown, showing the distribution of the 'RI' attribute. The x-axis ranges from 1.51 to 1.53. The y-axis shows the frequency of each value. The histogram bars are colored in a rainbow pattern. The status bar at the bottom shows 'OK' and a 'Log' button.

Lesson 1.3: Exploring datasets

- ❖ The classification problem
- ❖ *weather.nominal, weather.numeric*
- ❖ Nominal vs numeric attributes
- ❖ ARFF file format
- ❖ *glass.arff* dataset
- ❖ Sanity checking attributes

Course text

- ❖ Section 11.1 *Preparing the data*
Loading the data into the Explorer





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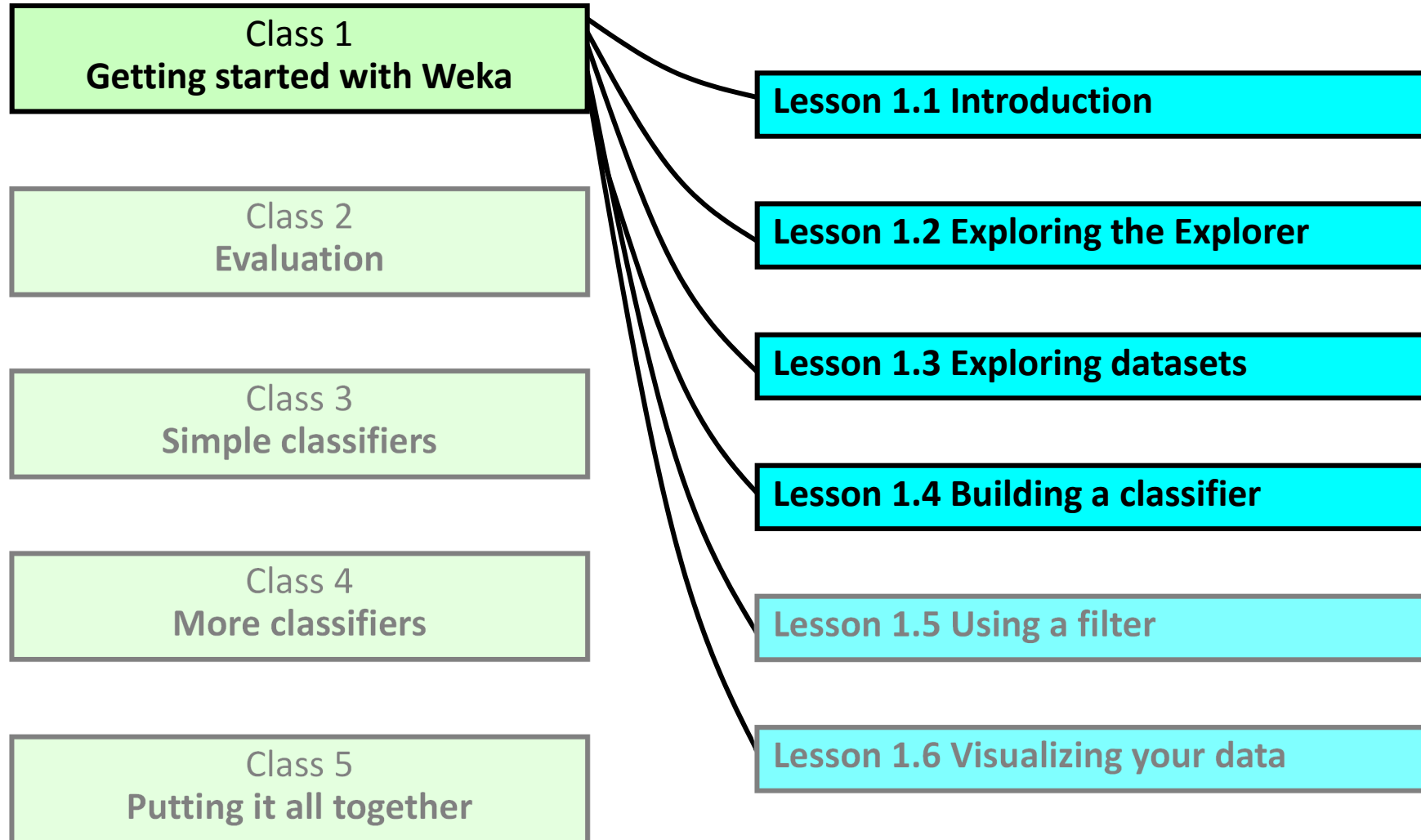
Building a classifier

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Lesson 1.4: Building a classifier



Lesson 1.4: Building a classifier

Use J48 to analyze the glass dataset

- ❖ Open file `glass.arff`
(or leave it open from the last lesson)
- ❖ Check the available classifiers
- ❖ Choose the J48 decision tree learner (`trees>J48`)
- ❖ Run it
- ❖ Examine the output
- ❖ Look at the correctly classified instances
... and the confusion matrix

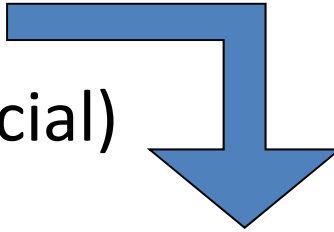
Lesson 1.4: Building a classifier

Investigate J48

- ❖ Open the configuration panel
- ❖ Check the *More* information
- ❖ Examine the options
- ❖ Use an unpruned tree
- ❖ Look at leaf sizes
- ❖ Set **minNumObj** to 15 to avoid small leaves
- ❖ Visualize tree using right-click menu

Lesson 1.4: Building a classifier

From C4.5 to J48

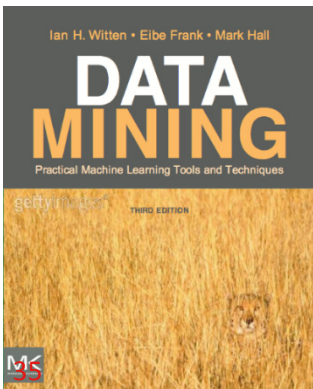
- ❖ ID3 (1979)
 - ❖ **C4.5** (1993)
 - ❖ C4.8 (1996?)
 - ❖ C5.0 (commercial)
- 
- J48**

Lesson 1.4: Building a classifier

- ❖ Classifiers in Weka
- ❖ Classifying the *glass* dataset
- ❖ Interpreting J48 output
- ❖ J48 configuration panel
- ❖ ... option: pruned vs unpruned trees
- ❖ ... option: avoid small leaves
- ❖ J48 ~ C4.5

Course text

- ❖ Section 11.1 *Building a decision tree*
Examining the output





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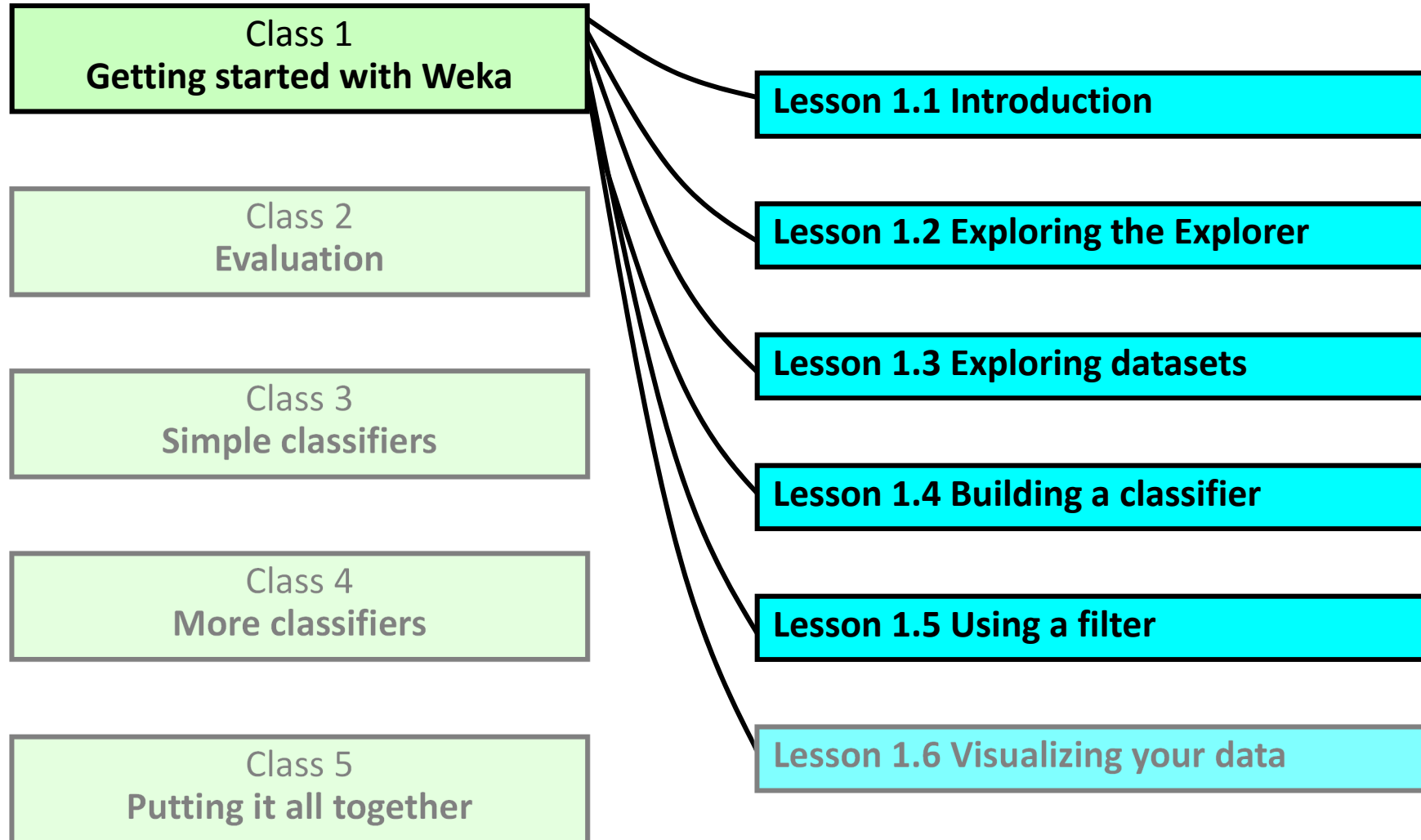
Using a filter

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Lesson 1.5: Using a filter



Lesson 1.5: Using a filter

Use a filter to remove an attribute

- ❖ Open `weather.nominal.arff` (again!)
- ❖ Check the filters
 - supervised vs unsupervised
 - attribute vs instance
- ❖ Choose the `unsupervised attribute` filter *Remove*
- ❖ Check the *More* information; look at the options
- ❖ Set `attributeIndices` to `3` and click OK
- ❖ Apply the filter
- ❖ Recall that you can *Save* the result
- ❖ Press *Undo*

Lesson 1.5: Using a filter

Remove instances where *humidity* is high

- ❖ Supervised or unsupervised?
- ❖ Attribute or instance?
- ❖ Look at them
- ❖ Select *RemoveWithValues*
- ❖ Set *attributeIndex*
- ❖ Set *nominalIndices*
- ❖ Apply
- ❖ *Undo*

Lesson 1.5: Using a filter

Fewer attributes, better classification!

- ❖ Open `glass.arff`
- ❖ Run J48 (`trees>J48`)
- ❖ Remove Fe
- ❖ Remove all attributes except RI and MG
- ❖ Look at the decision trees

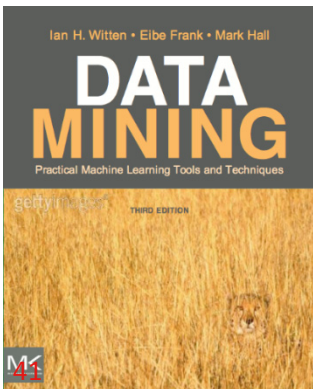
- ❖ Use right-click menu to visualize decision trees

Lesson 1.5: Using a filter

- ❖ Filters in Weka
- ❖ Supervised vs unsupervised, attribute vs instance
- ❖ To find the right one, you need to look!
- ❖ Filters can be very powerful
- ❖ Judiciously removing attributes can
 - improve performance
 - increase comprehensibility

Course text

- ❖ Section 11.2 *Loading and filtering files*





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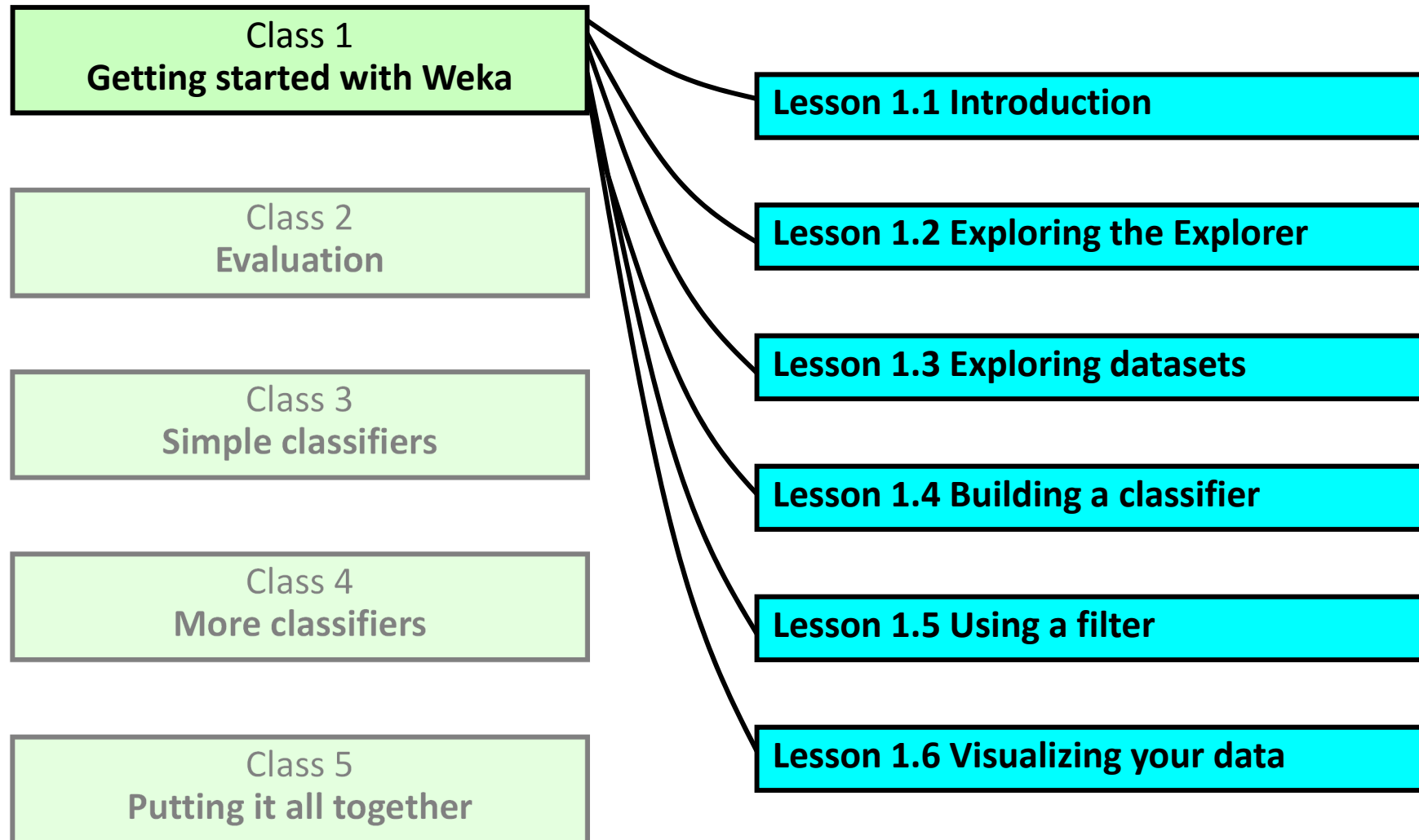
Visualizing your data

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Lesson 1.6: Visualizing your data



Lesson 1.6: Visualizing your data

Using the Visualize panel

- ❖ Open iris.arff
- ❖ Bring up Visualize panel
- ❖ Click one of the plots; examine some instances
- ❖ Set x axis to petalwidth and y axis to petallength
- ❖ Click on Class colour to change the colour
- ❖ Bars on the right change correspond to attributes: click for x axis; right-click for y axis
- ❖ Jitter slider
- ❖ Show Select Instance: Rectangle option
- ❖ Submit, Reset, Clear and Save

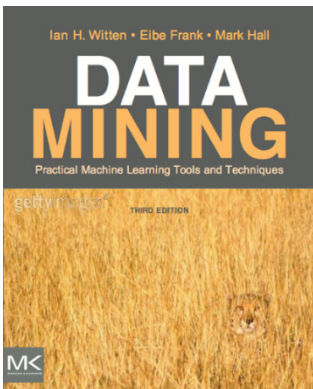
Lesson 1.6: Visualizing your data

Visualizing classification errors

- ❖ Run J48 (trees>J48)
- ❖ Visualize classifier errors (from Results list)
- ❖ Plot predictedclass against class
- ❖ Identify errors shown by confusion matrix

Lesson 1.6: Visualizing your data

- ❖ Get down and dirty with your data
- ❖ Visualize it
- ❖ Clean it up by deleting outliers
- ❖ Look at classification errors
 - (there's a filter that allows you to add classifications as a new attribute)



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Section 11.2 Visualization



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