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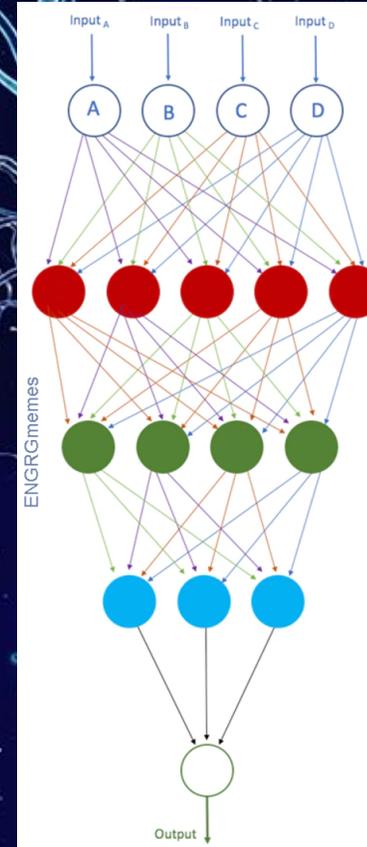
Nobody:

Random forest ensembles:



Random forest

Neural network



THIS IS NEURAL NETWORK

NEURAL NETWORK COMMITS MISTAKES

NEURAL NETWORK LEARNS FROM ITS MISTAKES

NEURAL NETWORK WORKS HARD TO ATTAIN PERFECTION

BE LIKE NEURAL NETWORK

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Can you open it?

Yes



No



Decision trees are made of yes/no questions (nodes)



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RANDOM

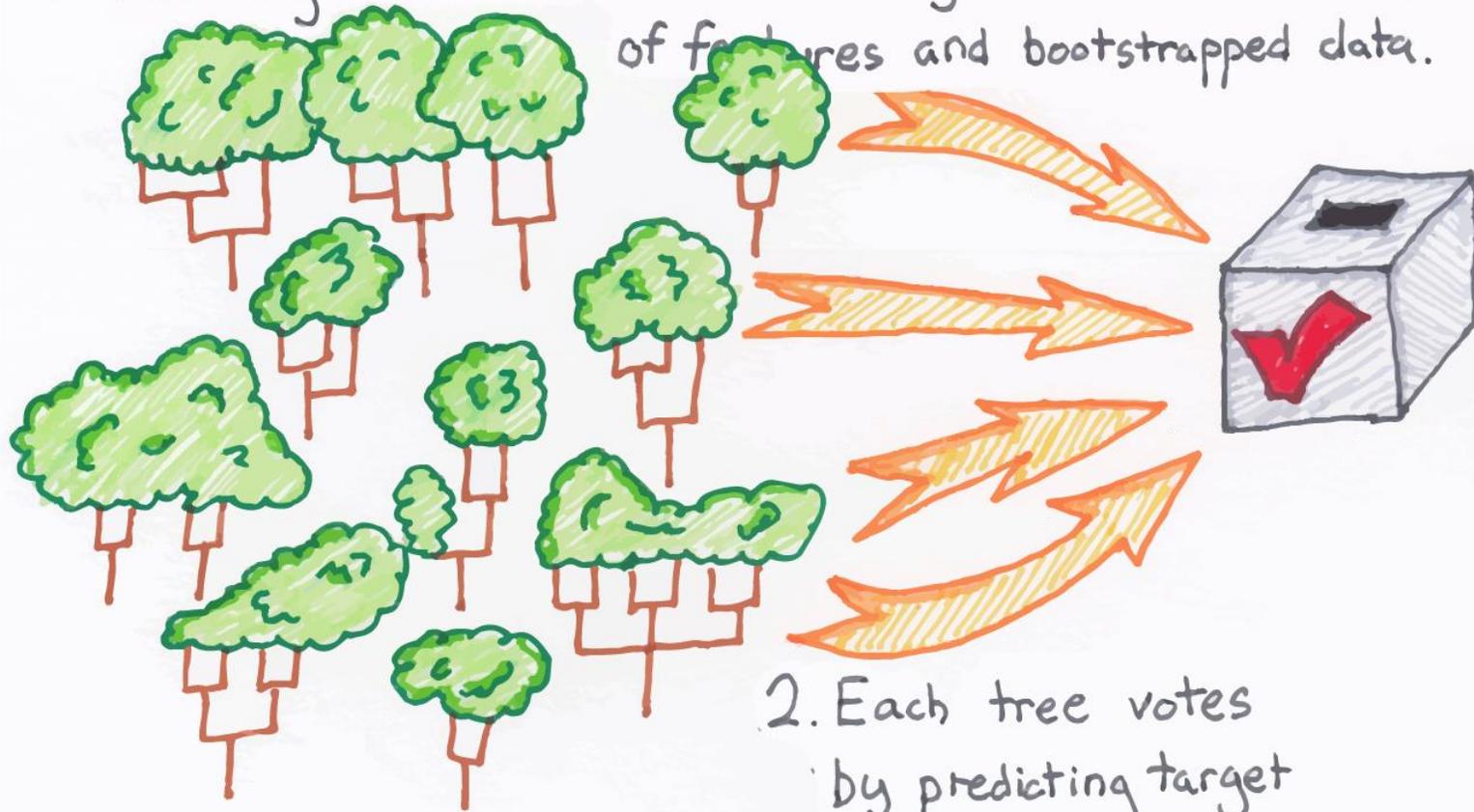


FOREST

1) 1. Many trees are created using random subsets of features and bootstrapped data.

CLASSIFICATION

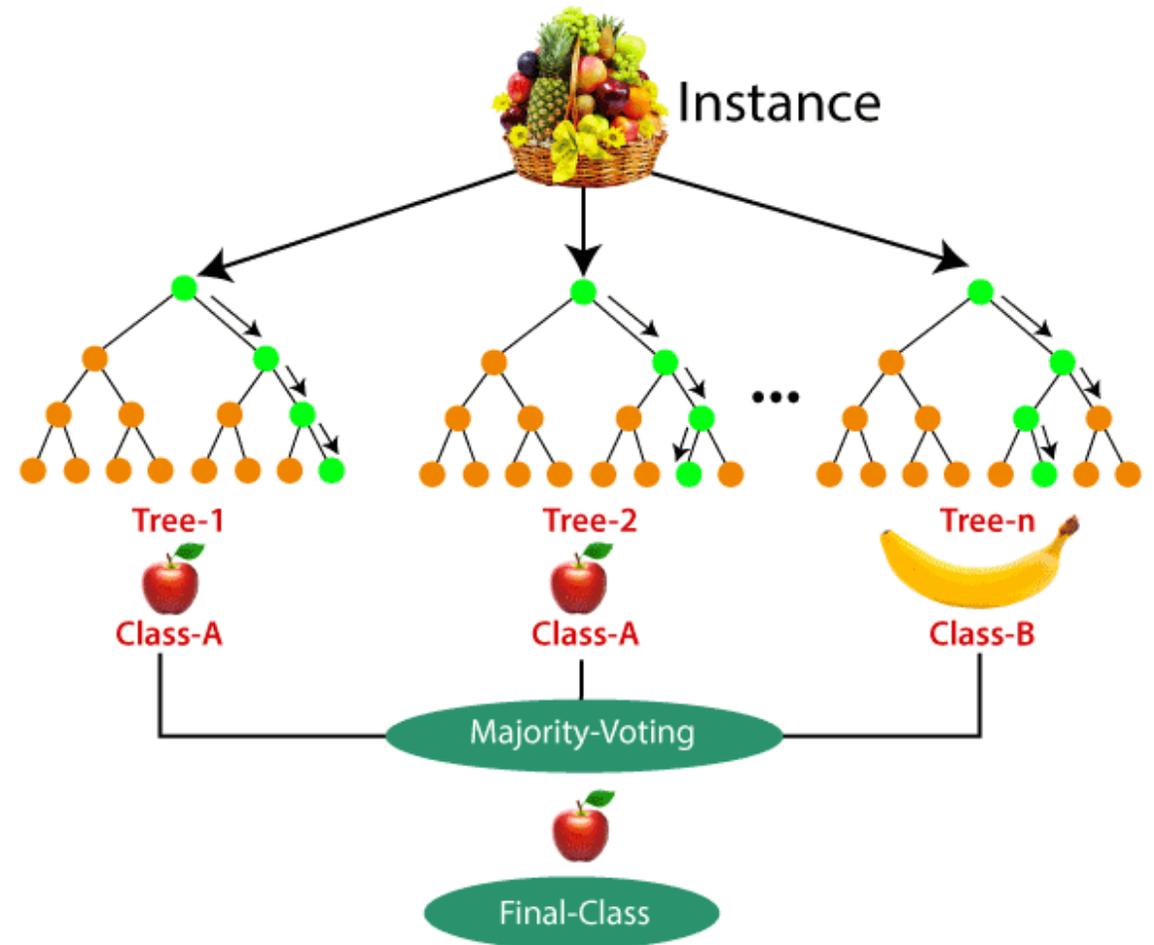
3. Votes are tallied to reach the final prediction.



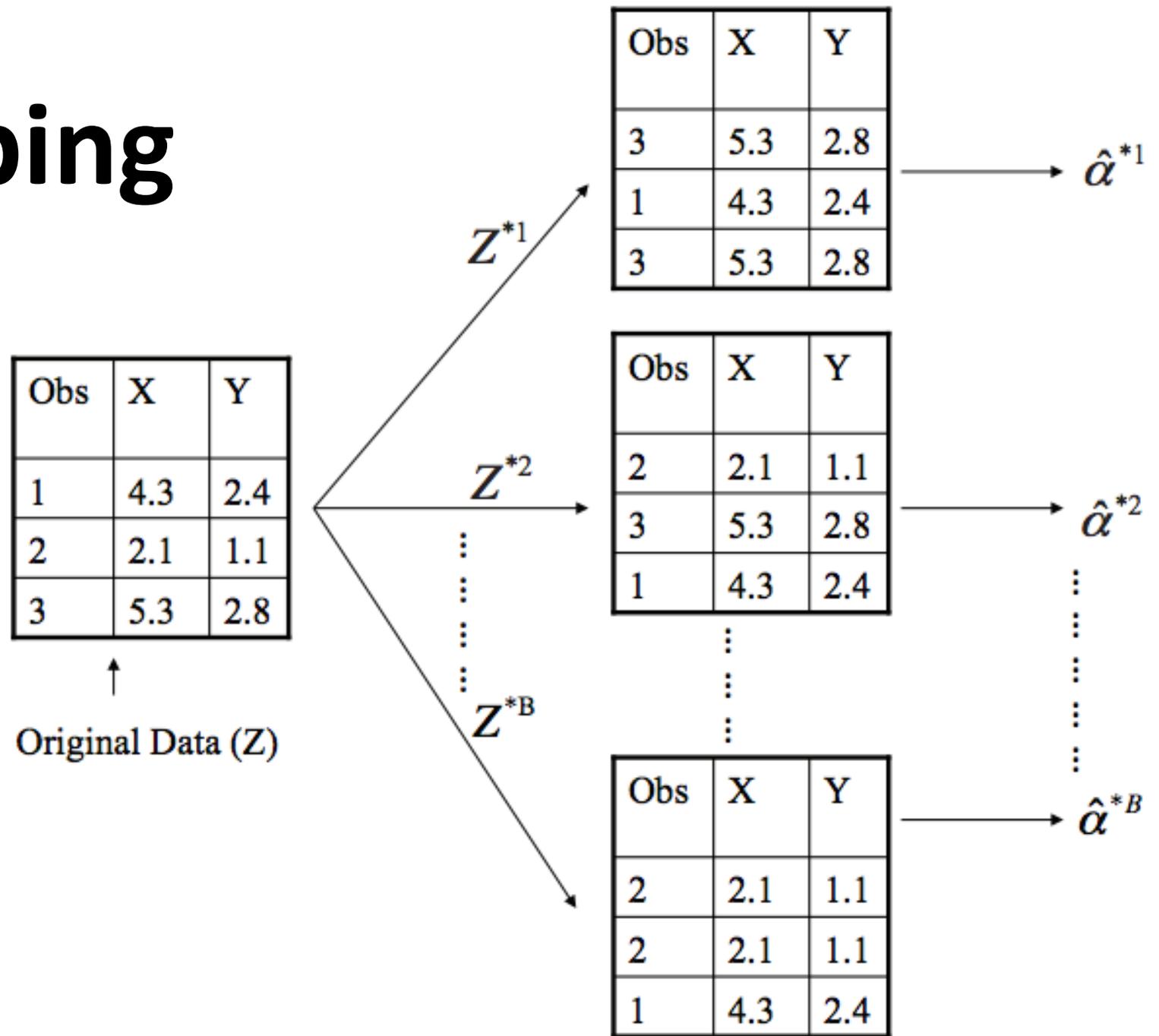
2. Each tree votes by predicting target class.

Random Forests

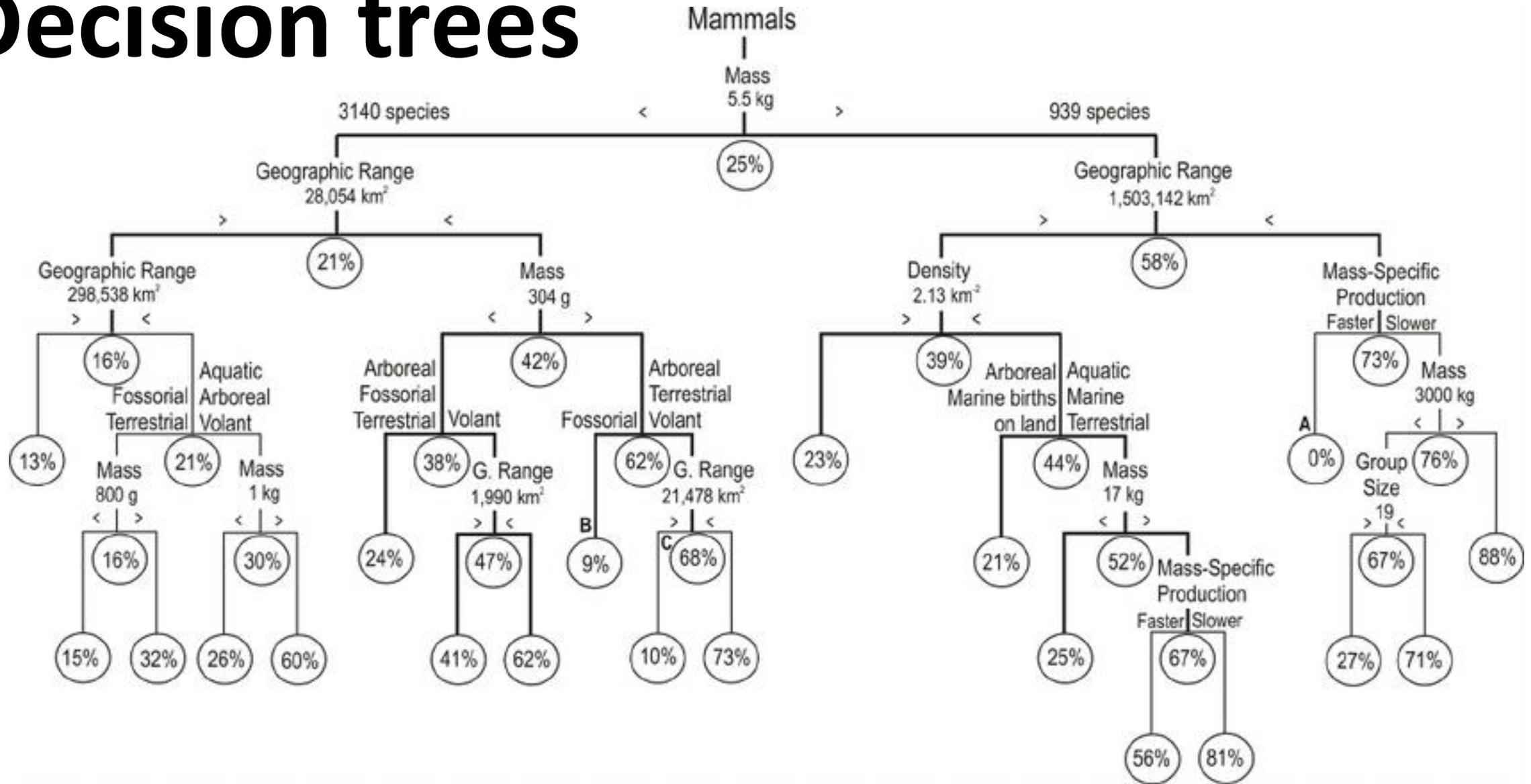
- Made of decision trees
- Uses bootstrapping observations and predictors to make a “forest” of decision trees which are aggregated (Bagging)
- Observations left out (due to bootstrapping – OOB – out-of-bag) are used to estimate error
- Can extract importance of variables “Gini” Score by comparing trees with/without variable included



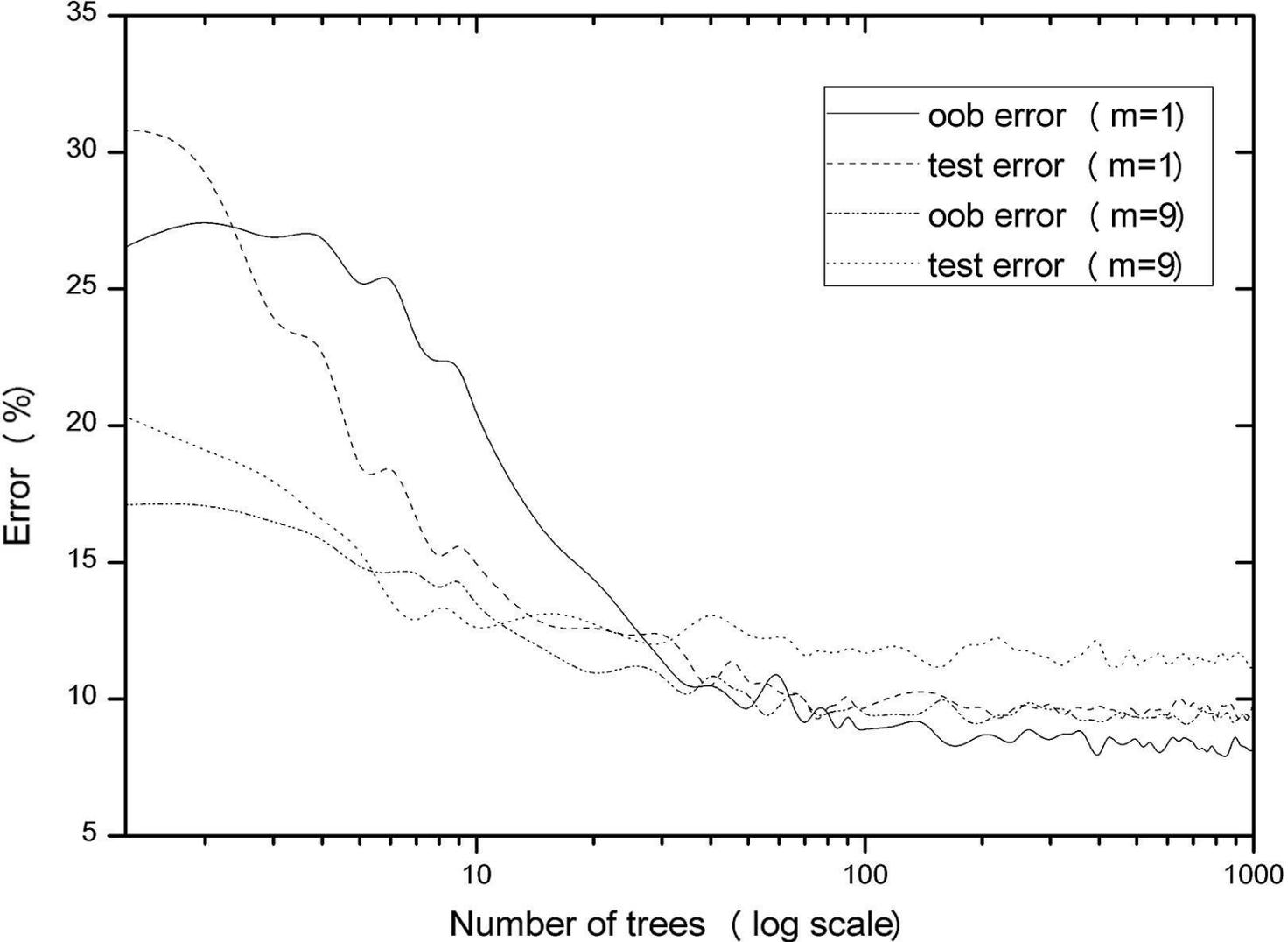
Bootstrapping



Decision trees



Decision tree showing extinction risk based on ecological traits (body mass, geographic range size, mass-specific production rate, population density, group size, home range, activity period, type of landmass, habitat mode, sociality, trophic group).



The more trees in the random forest, the more accurate the model (with diminishing returns)

Error is estimated during bootstrapping – called out of bag (OOB) error

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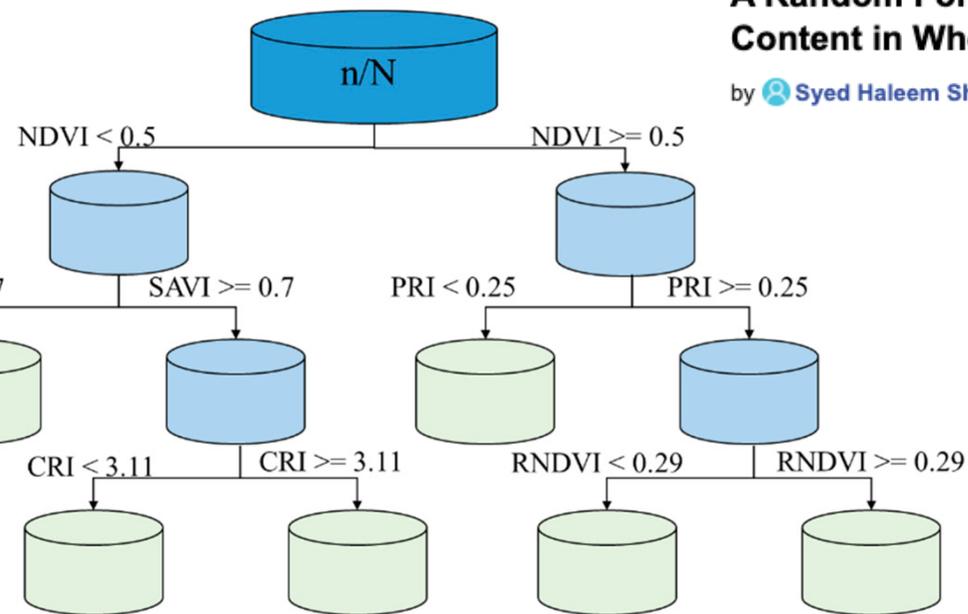


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Root node
(Best predictors)

Internal nodes
(Decision splits)

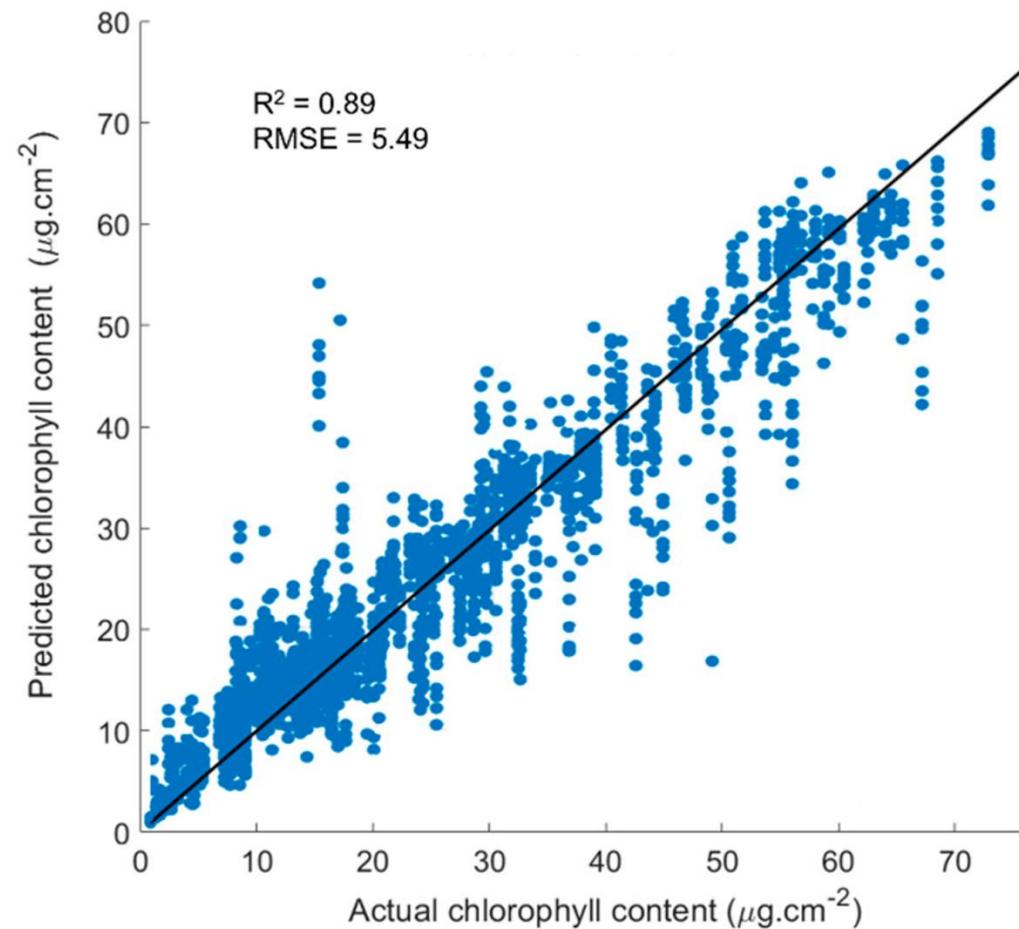
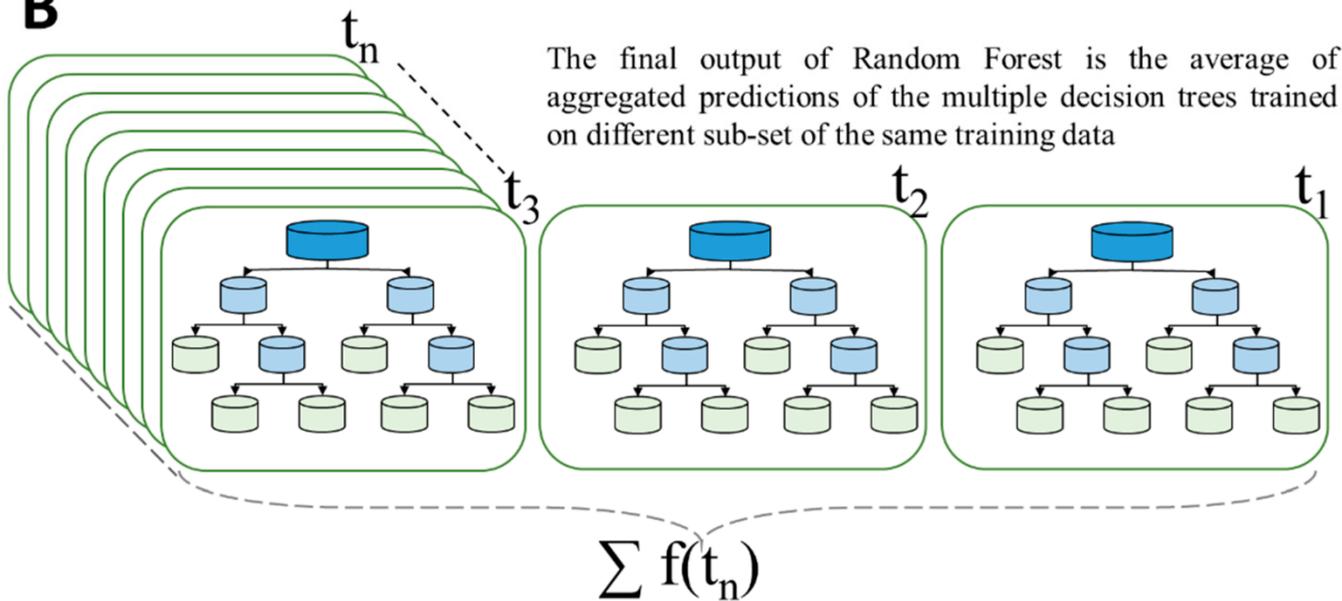
Terminal nodes
(leaves)

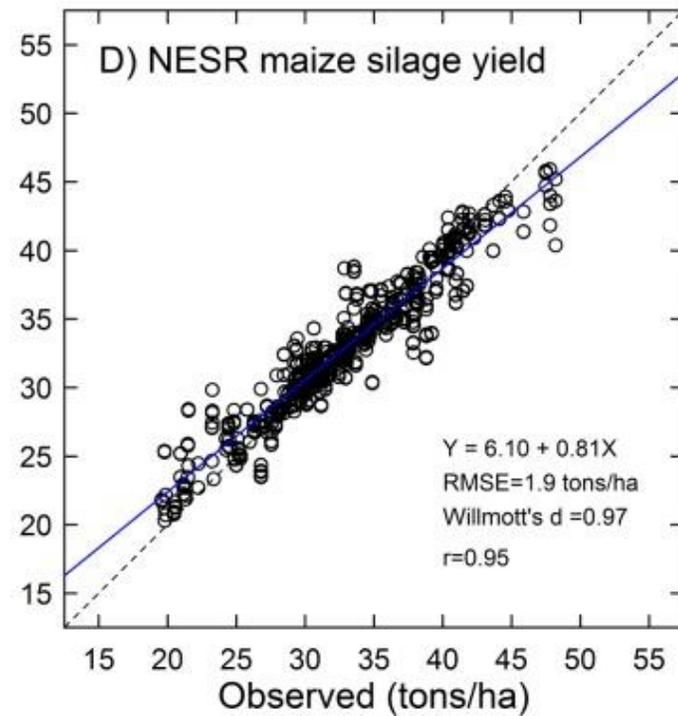
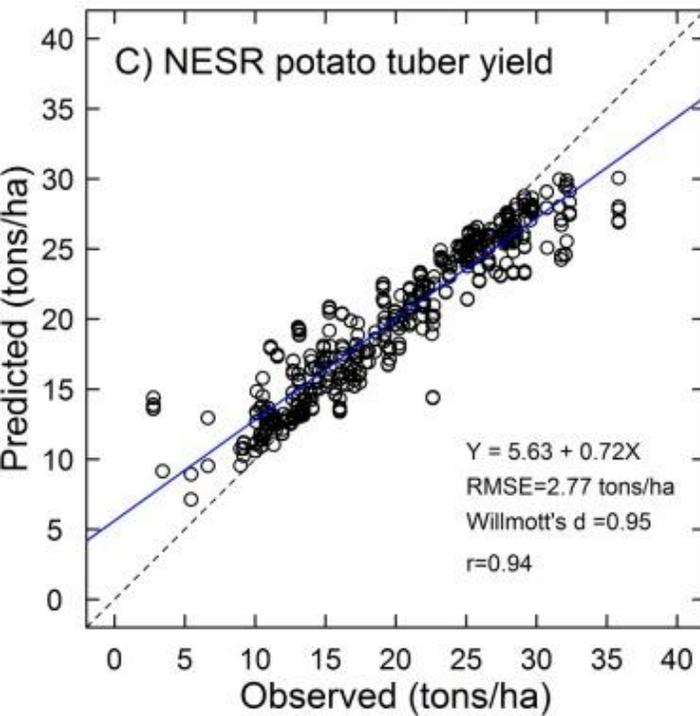
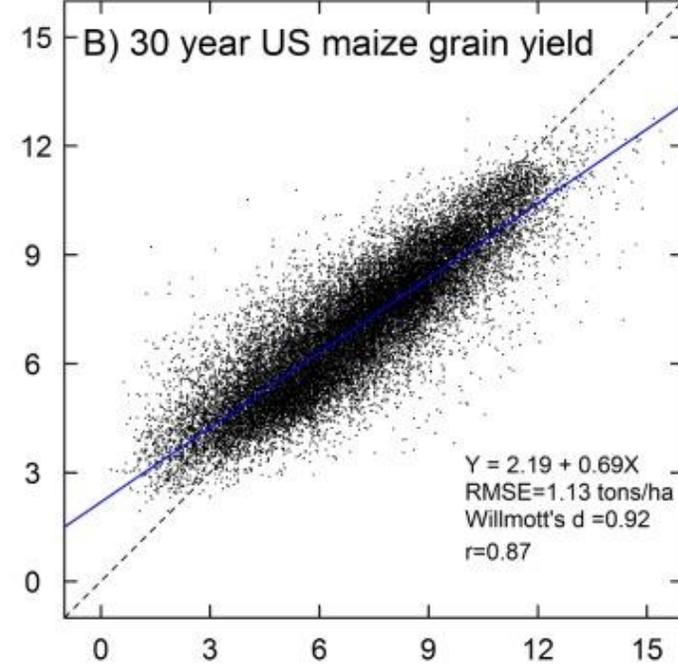
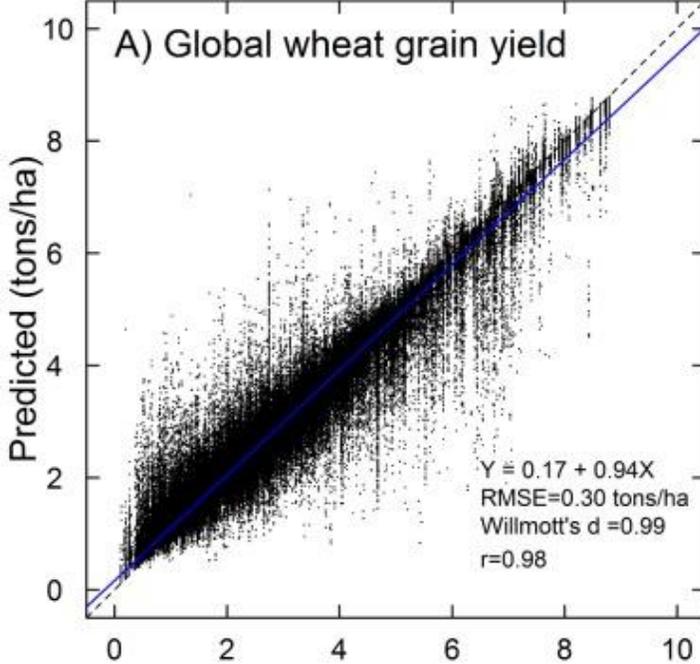


Leaves = Predicted responses

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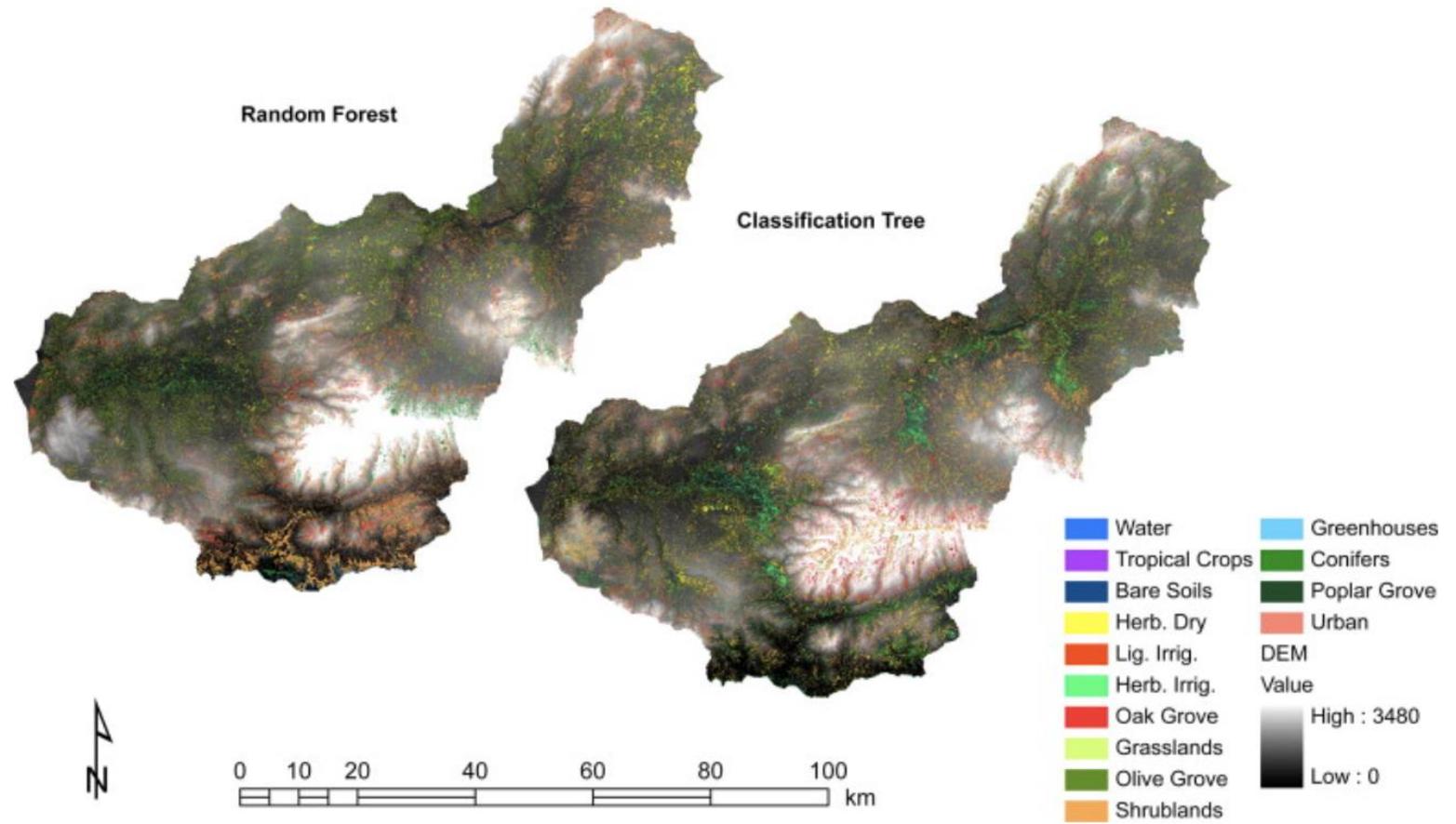
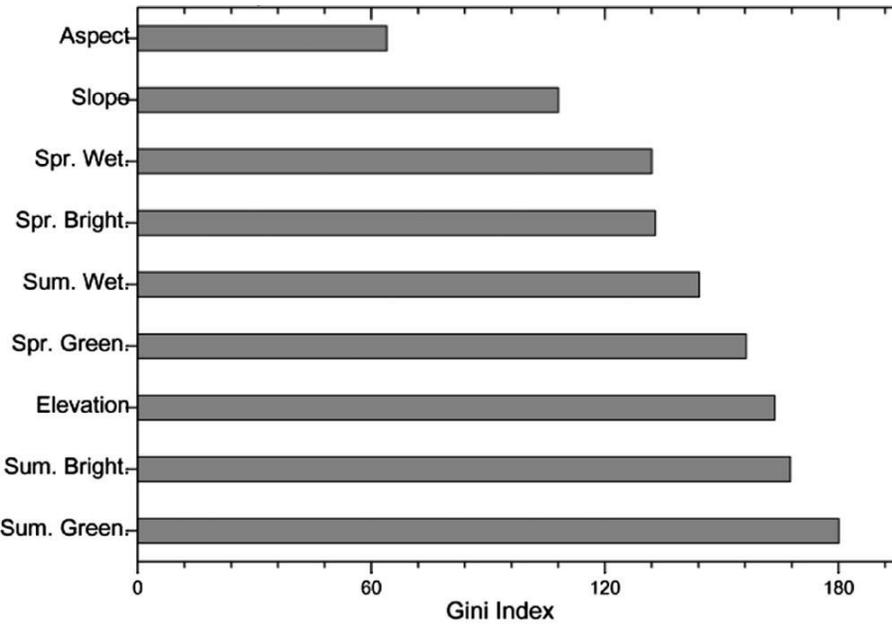
Random Forests for Global and Regional Crop Yield Predictions

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Global wheat and US maize grain yields			Importance Rank	
Variable	Abbreviation	Unit	wheat	maize
Averaged monthly temperature	AVT	°C	8	9
Annual evapotranspiration	EVA	mm	2	6
Summer solstice day length	DAYL	hour	4	7
Maximum monthly temperature	MAX	°C	7	3
Mean coldest quarter Temperature	MCQ	°C	9	11
Minimum monthly temperature	MIN	°C	10	8
Mean warmest quarter temperature	MWQ	°C	6	10
Nitrogen fertilizer application rate	NFERT	kg/ha	1	2
Growing season precipitation	PRE49	mm	3	4
Annual precipitation	PRECI	mm	5	5
Year (US maize only)	YR	-	-	1

Gini score helps interpretability

Provides measure of variable importance



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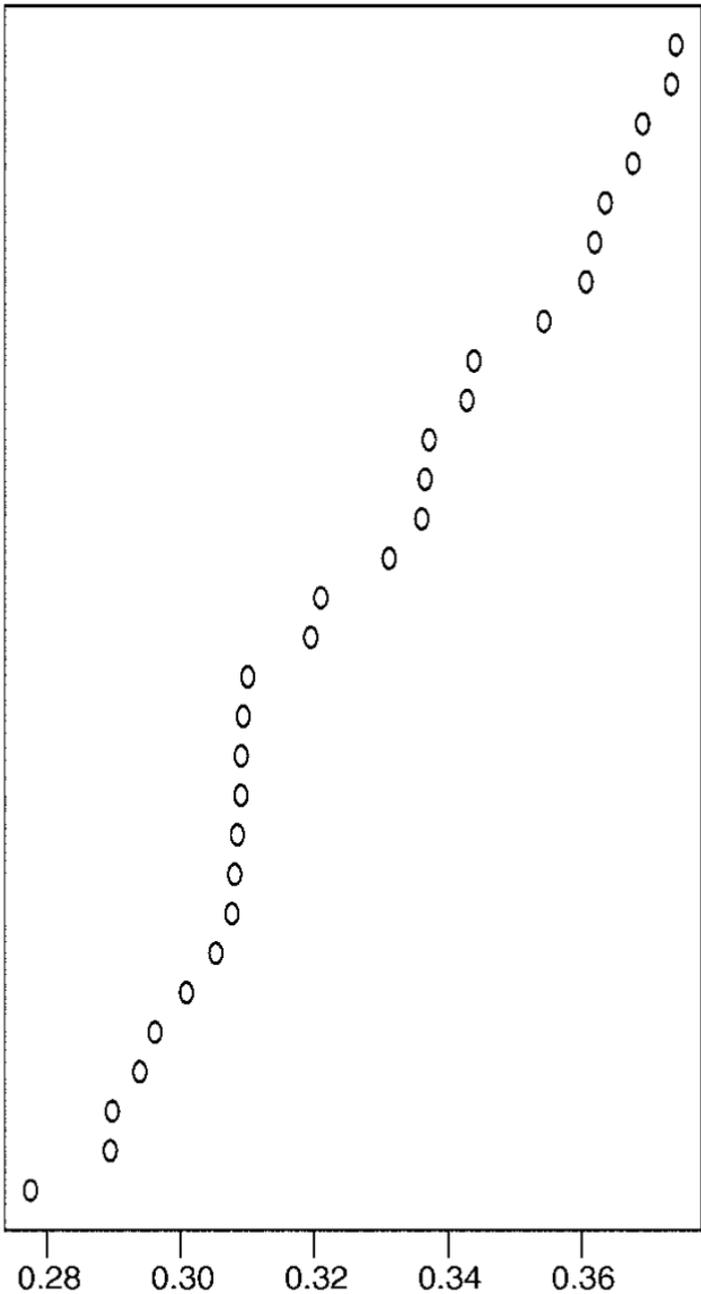
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Variable importance for *Verbascum thapsus*

DistRoadTrail
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 DistRoad
 PotGlobRadAve
 TransAspect
 PercentSlope
 PotGlobRadDiff
 RelHumidDiff
 MinTempDiff
 MinTempAve
 RelHumidAve
 MoistIndexAve
 AmbVapPressAve
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 AveTempAve
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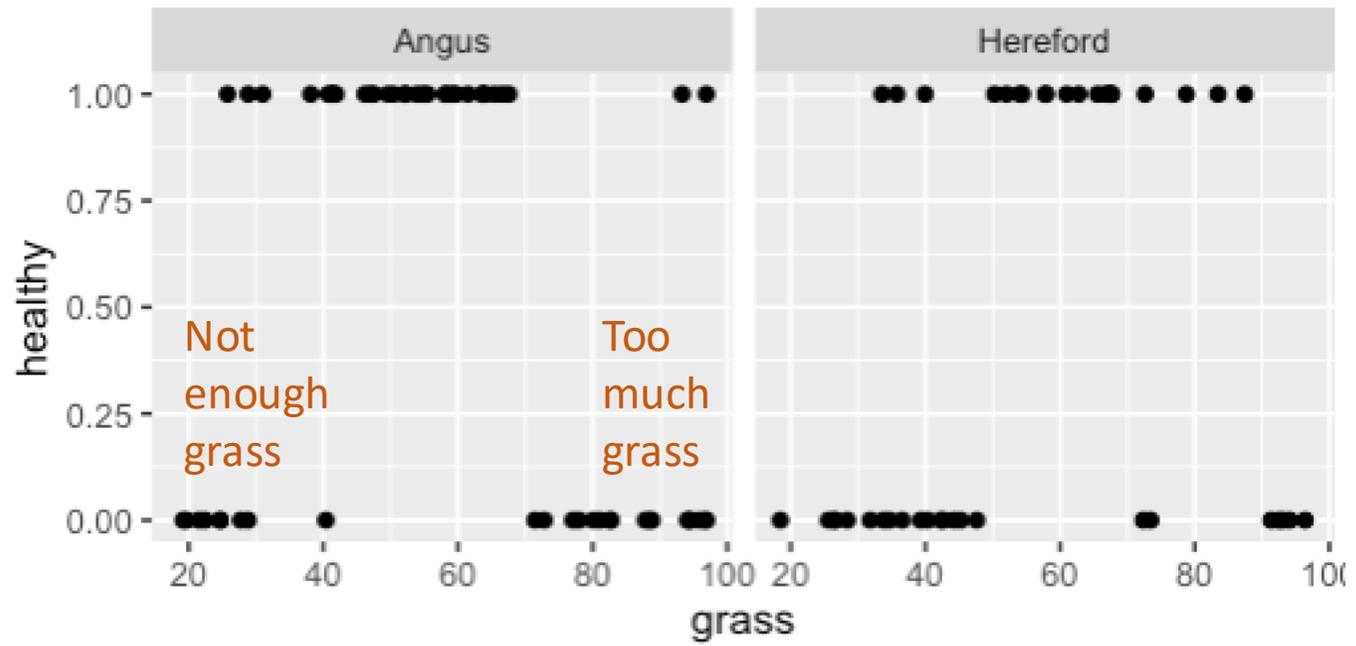


RANDOM FORESTS FOR CLASSIFICATION IN ECOLOGY

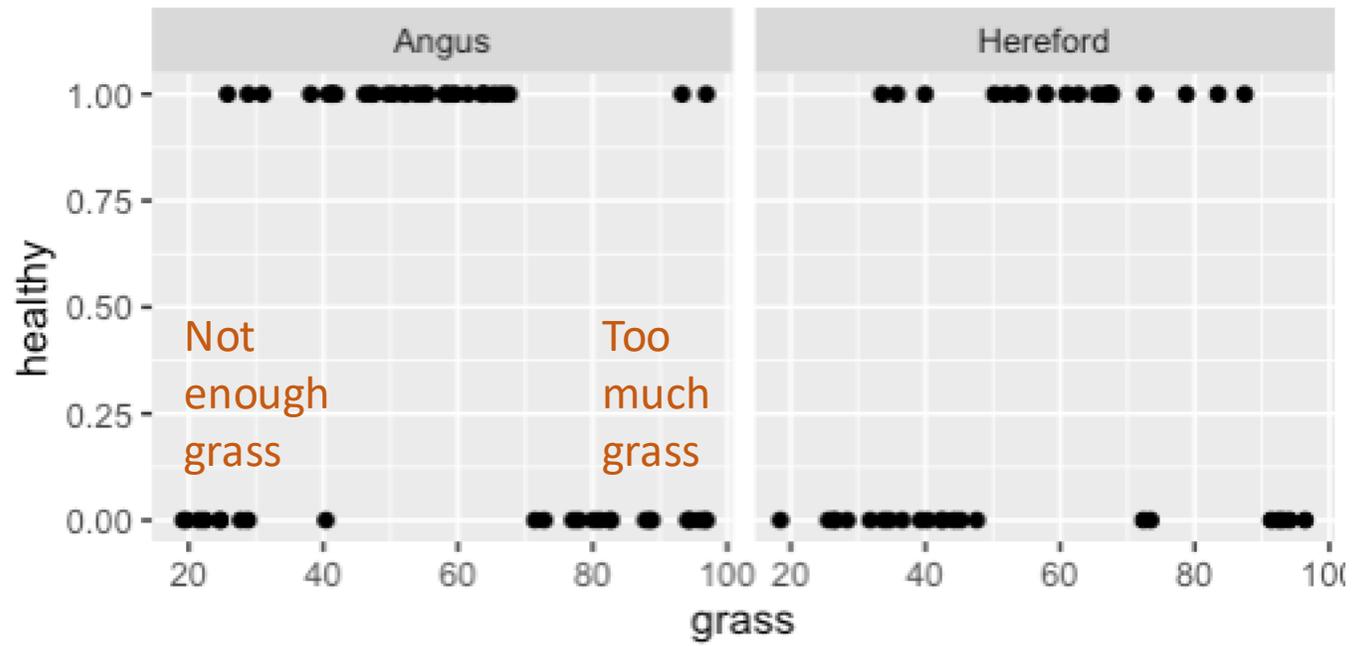
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Common Mullen

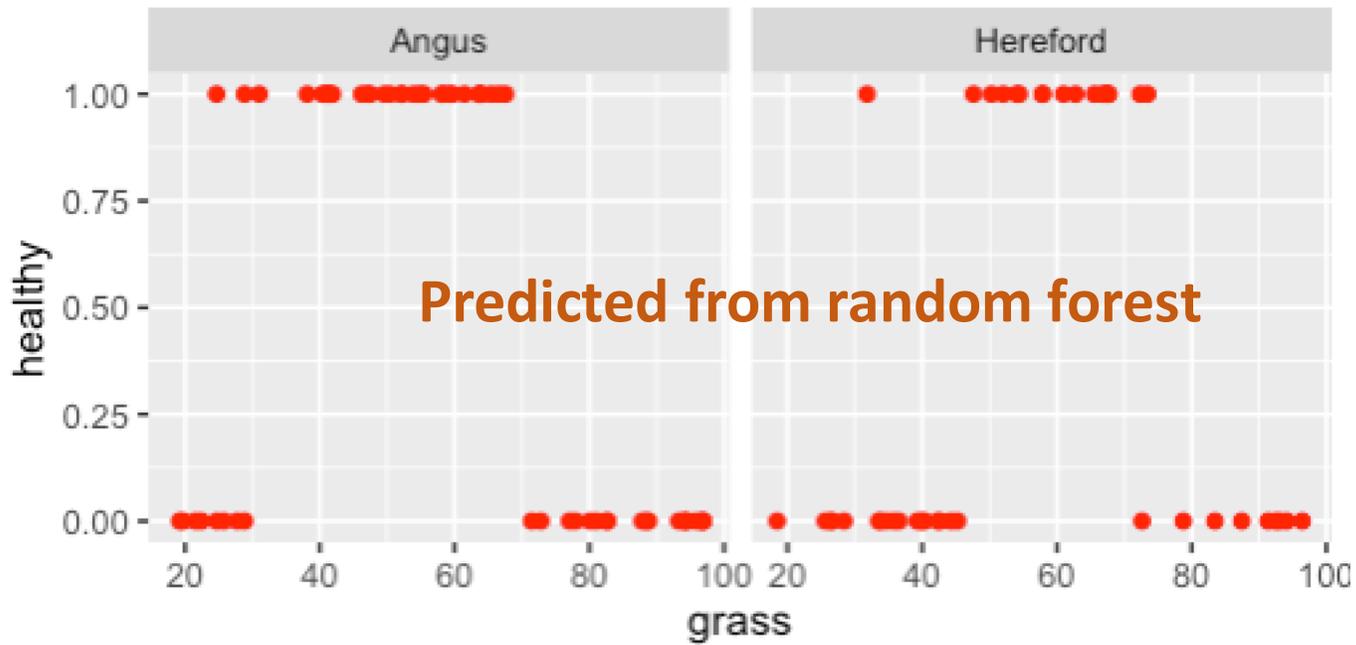
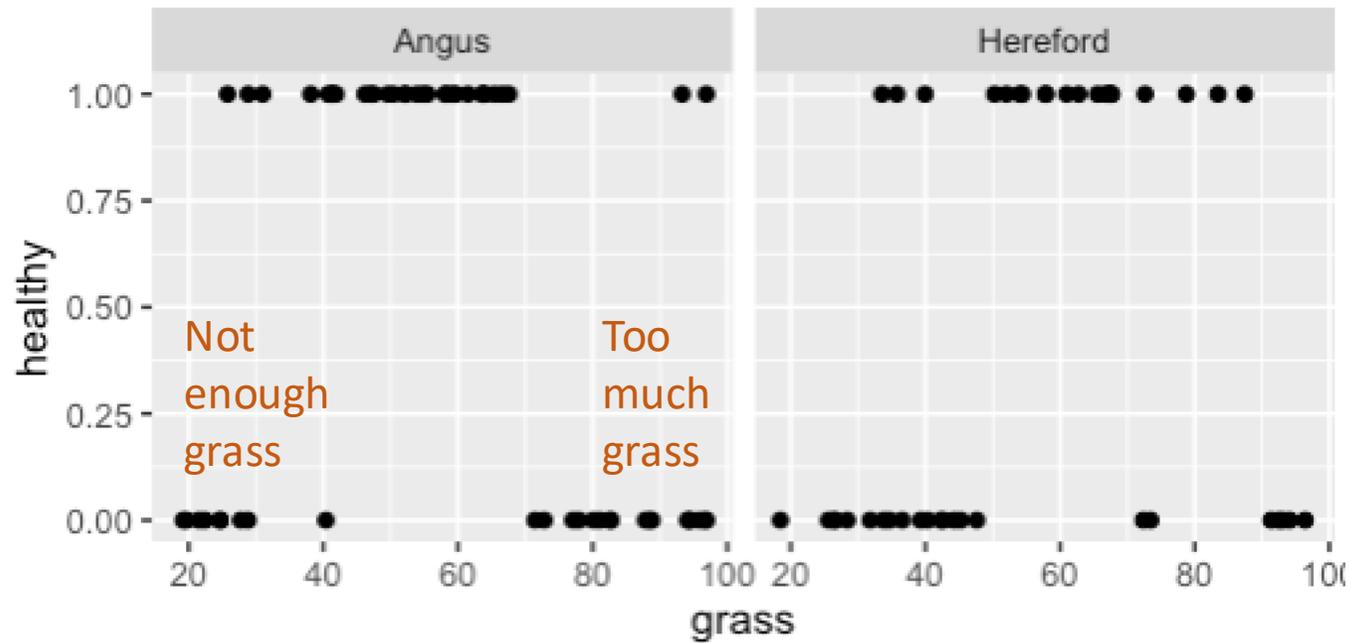




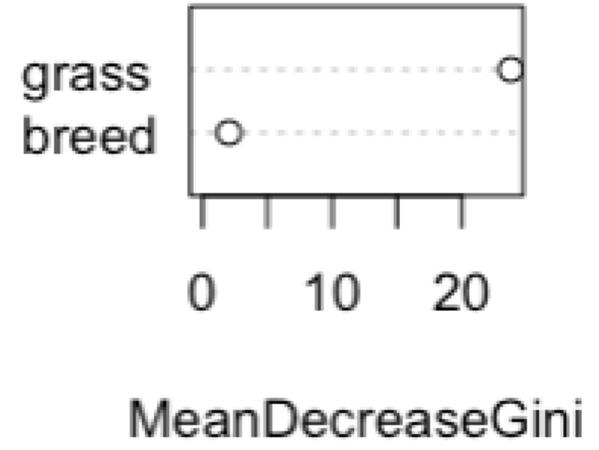
Non-linear relationships are difficult to model with standard linear models



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model<-randomForest(factor(healthy)~grass+breed, data=data, ntree=100)
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MeanDecreaseGini	
grass	23.778664
breed	2.030991



Grass is important predictor

Random Forest

Advantages

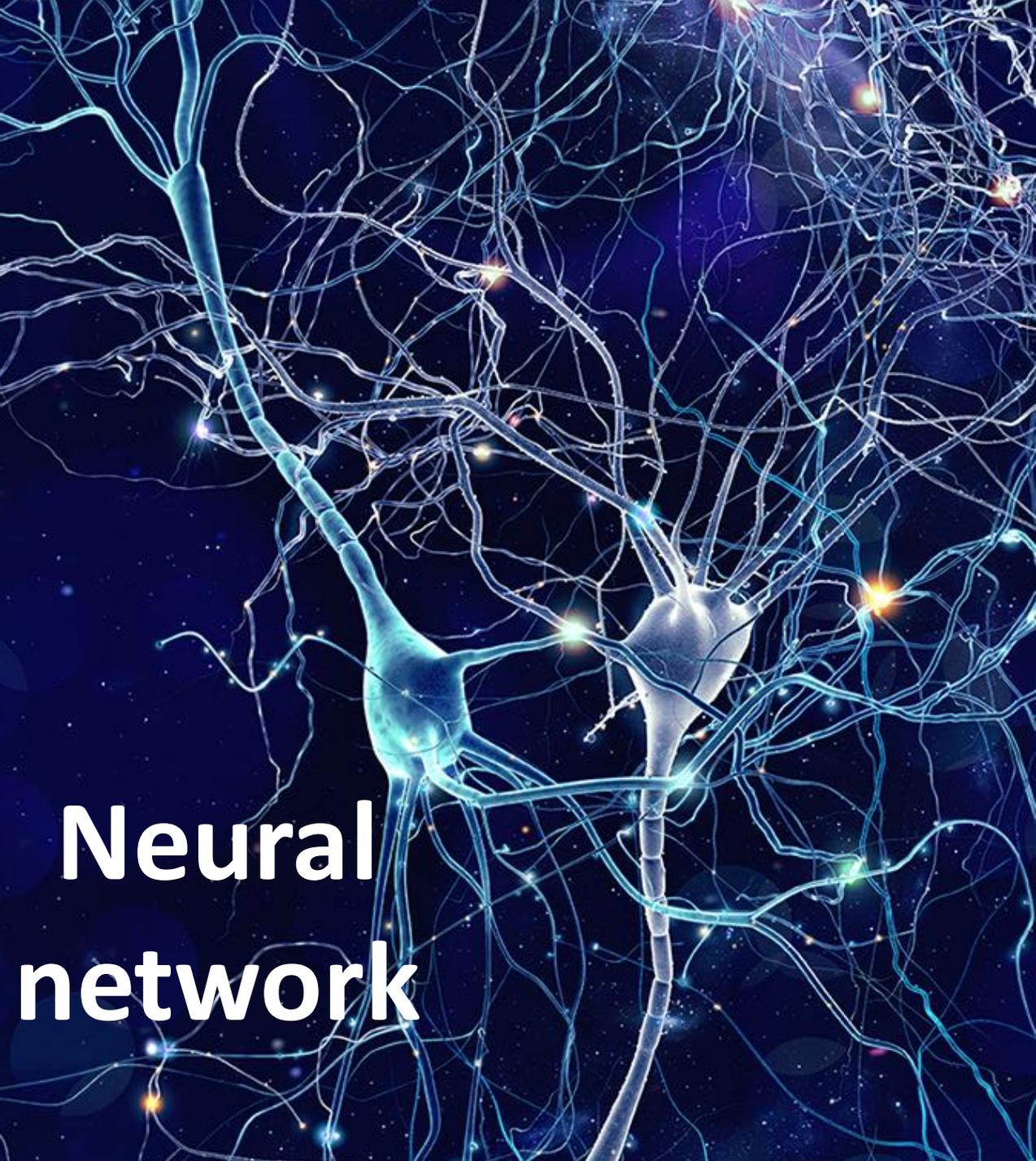
- 1.Accuracy under complexity:** Random Forest is known for its high accuracy when relationships between variables are not straightforward (interactions and non-linearities).
- 2.Variable Importance:** It provides insights into which variables are most important in prediction, aiding in hypothesis testing and feature selection (though multicollinearity is an issue)
- 3.Versatility:** Suitable for both classification and regression tasks, making it a versatile tool for various types of data.

Disadvantages

- 1.Model Interpretability:** Less interpretable compared to simpler models like linear regression.
- 2.Computationally Intensive:** It can be computationally expensive, especially with large datasets and a large number of trees.
- 3.Bias in Multiclass Problems:** Tends to be biased towards classes with more instances in classification problems (address by sub-setting data for balanced classes to train model)



**Random
forest**



**Neural
network**

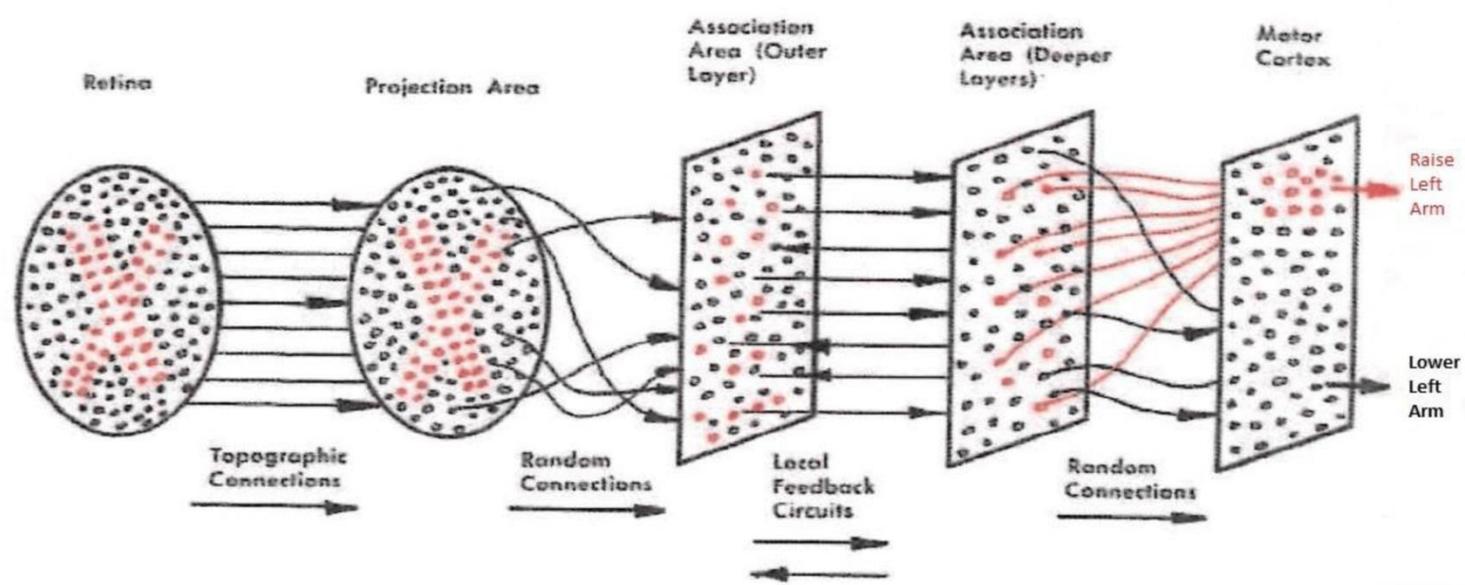


FIG. 1 — Organization of a biological brain. (Red areas indicate active cells, responding to the letter X.)

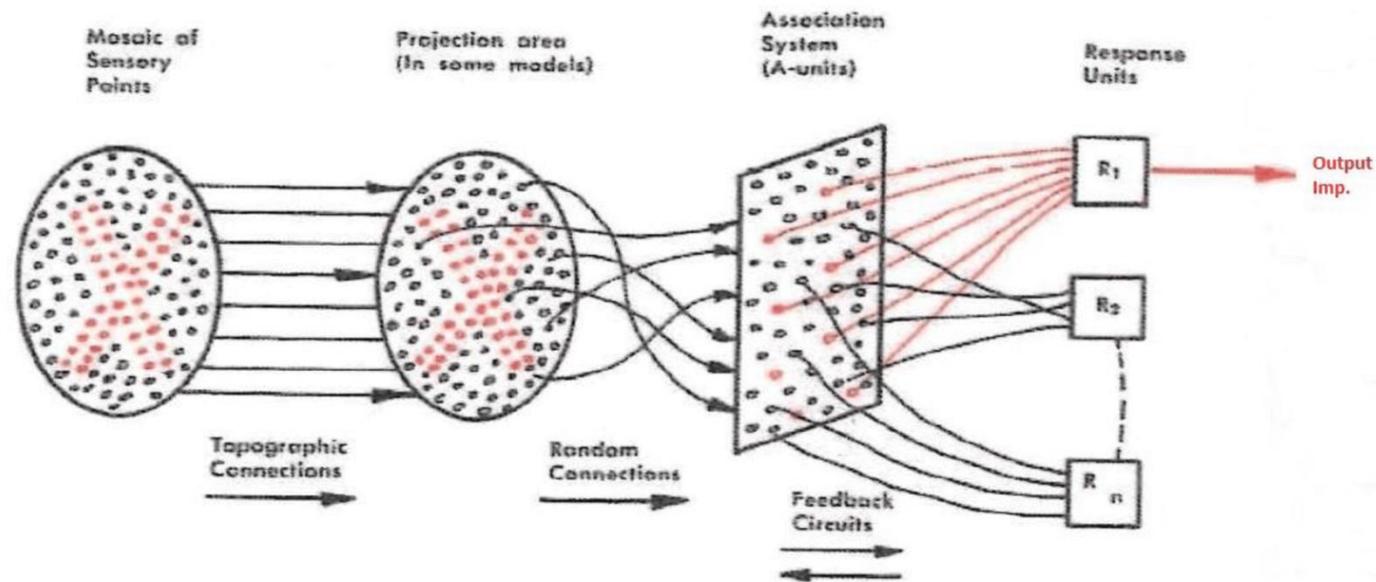
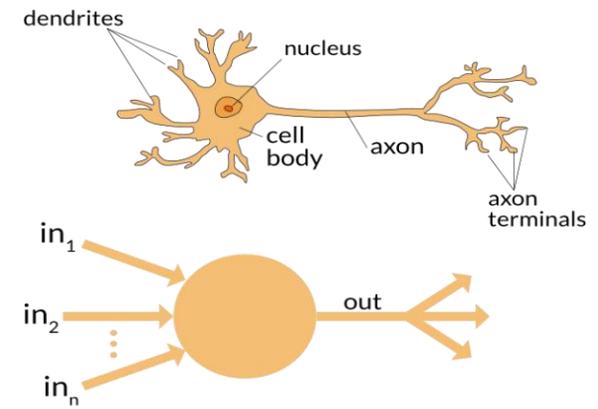


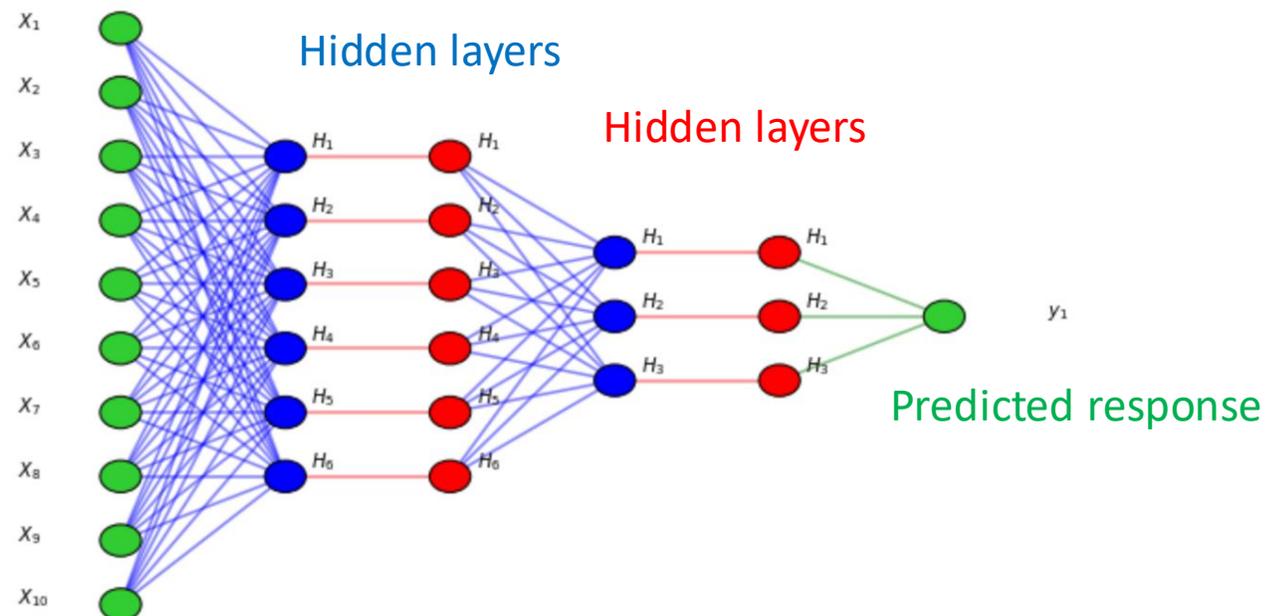
FIG. 2 — Organization of a perceptron.

Neural network

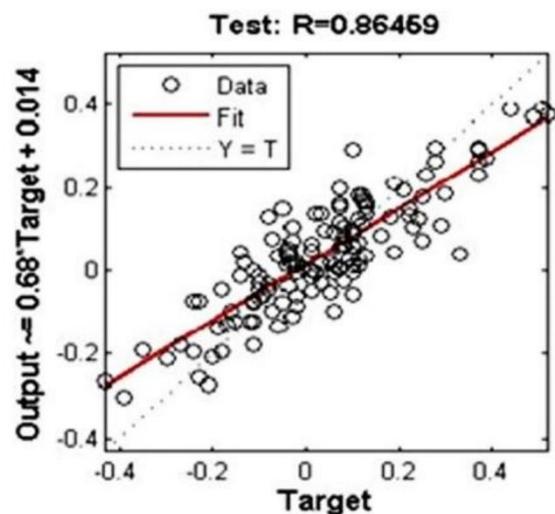
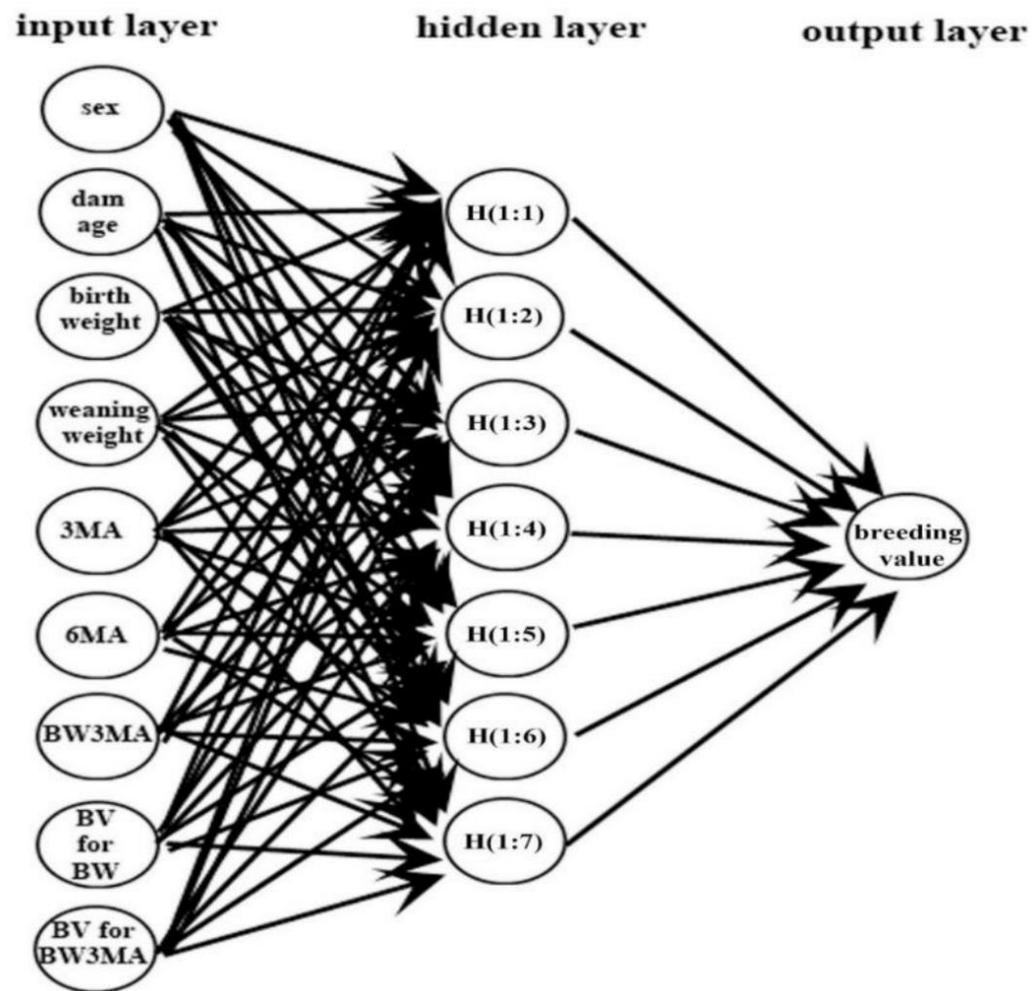
- Internal nodes are functions
- Edges between nodes influence outcome
- Outcome is product of effect of all input and transformations in internal nodes
- Values of weights and edges are those that fit the data best



Predictor variables



“Deep learning” refers to having multiple hidden layers

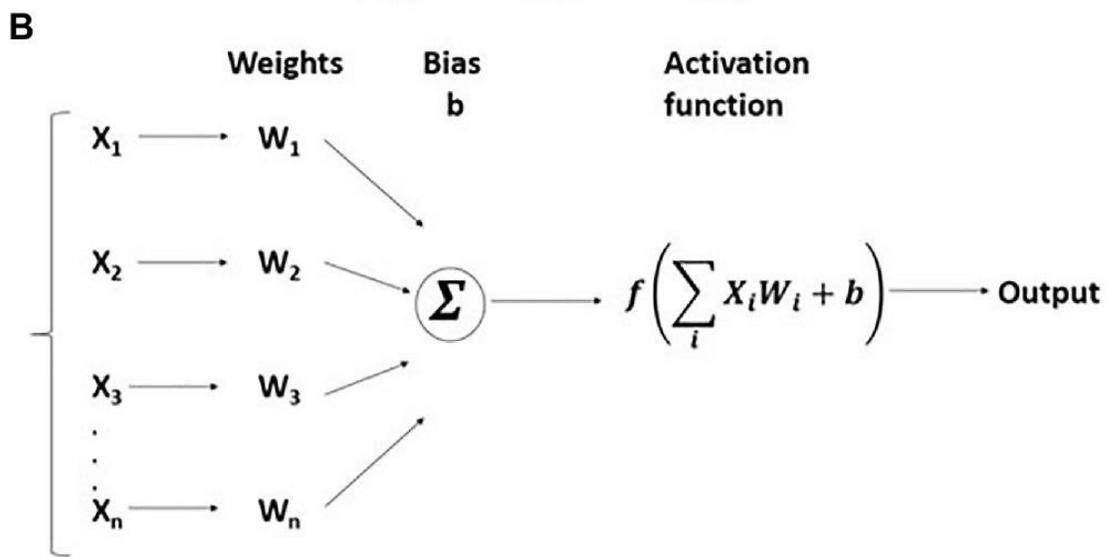
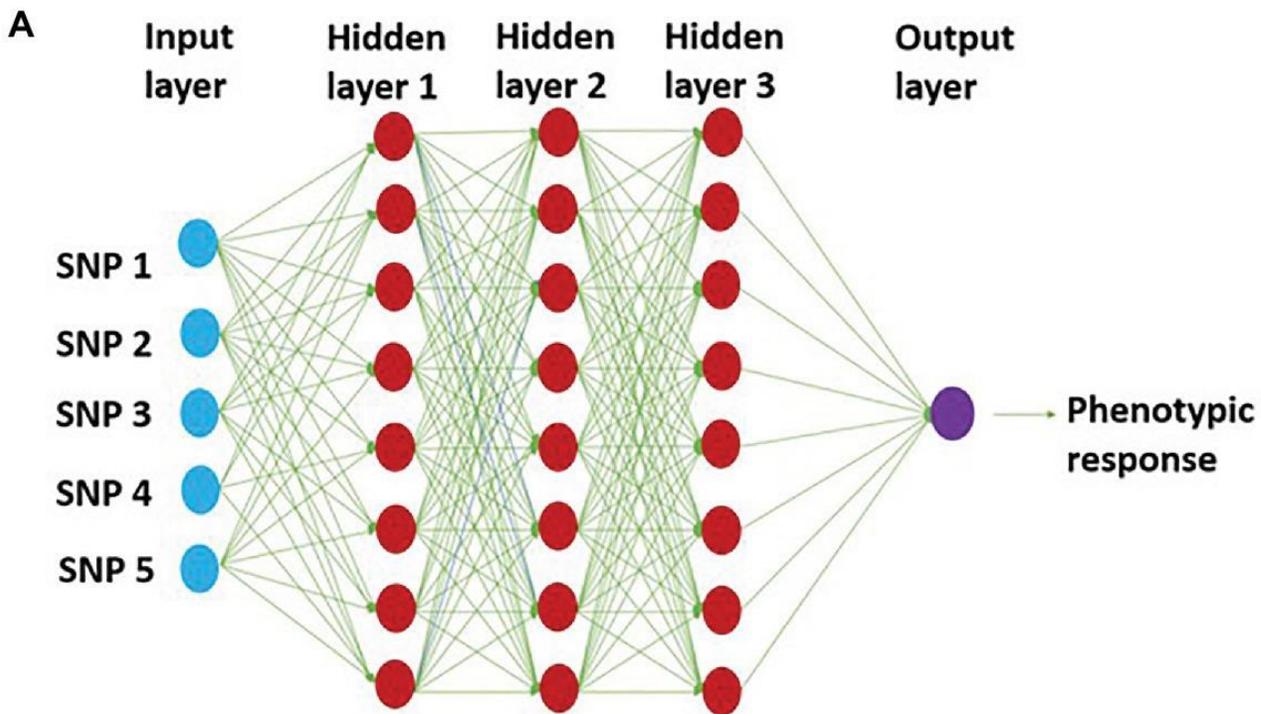


Predicting breeding value of body weight at 6-month age using Artificial Neural Networks in Kermani sheep breed

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Deep Learning for Predicting Complex Traits in Spring Wheat Breeding Program

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Model	Grain yield	Grain protein content	Test weight	Plant height	Heading date
rrBLUP	0.39	0.48	0.45	0.52	0.46
MLP	0.44	0.53	0.48	0.57	0.51
CNN	0.39	0.48	0.47	0.55	0.49

The highest prediction accuracy is bolded for each trait under each model scenario.

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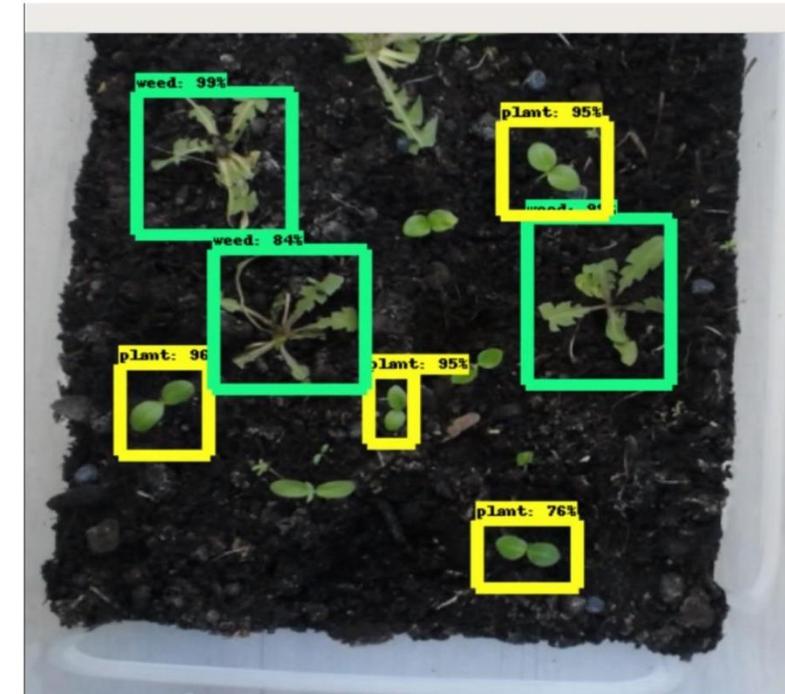
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bindweed



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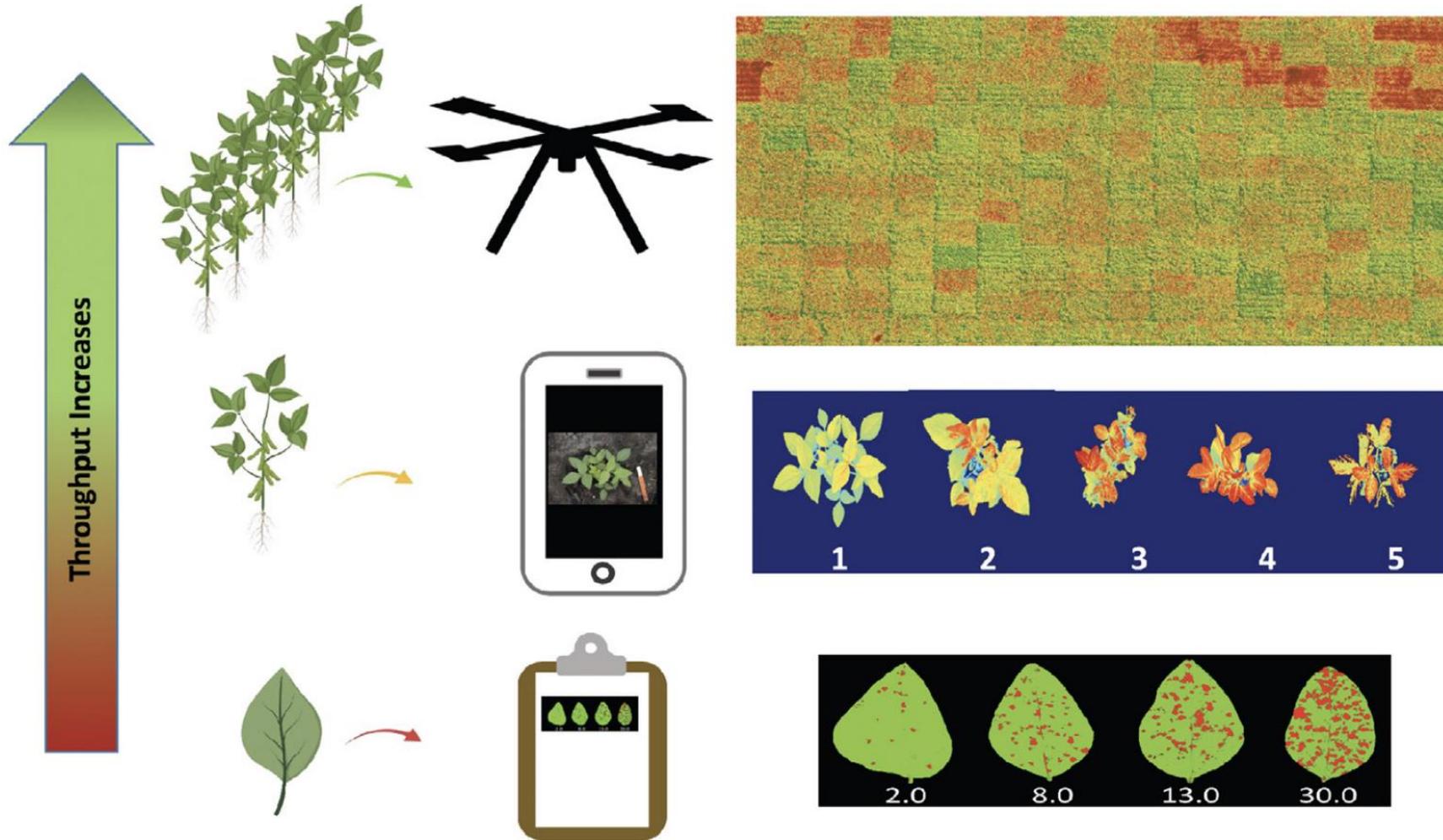


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Challenges and Opportunities in Machine-Augmented Plant Stress Phenotyping

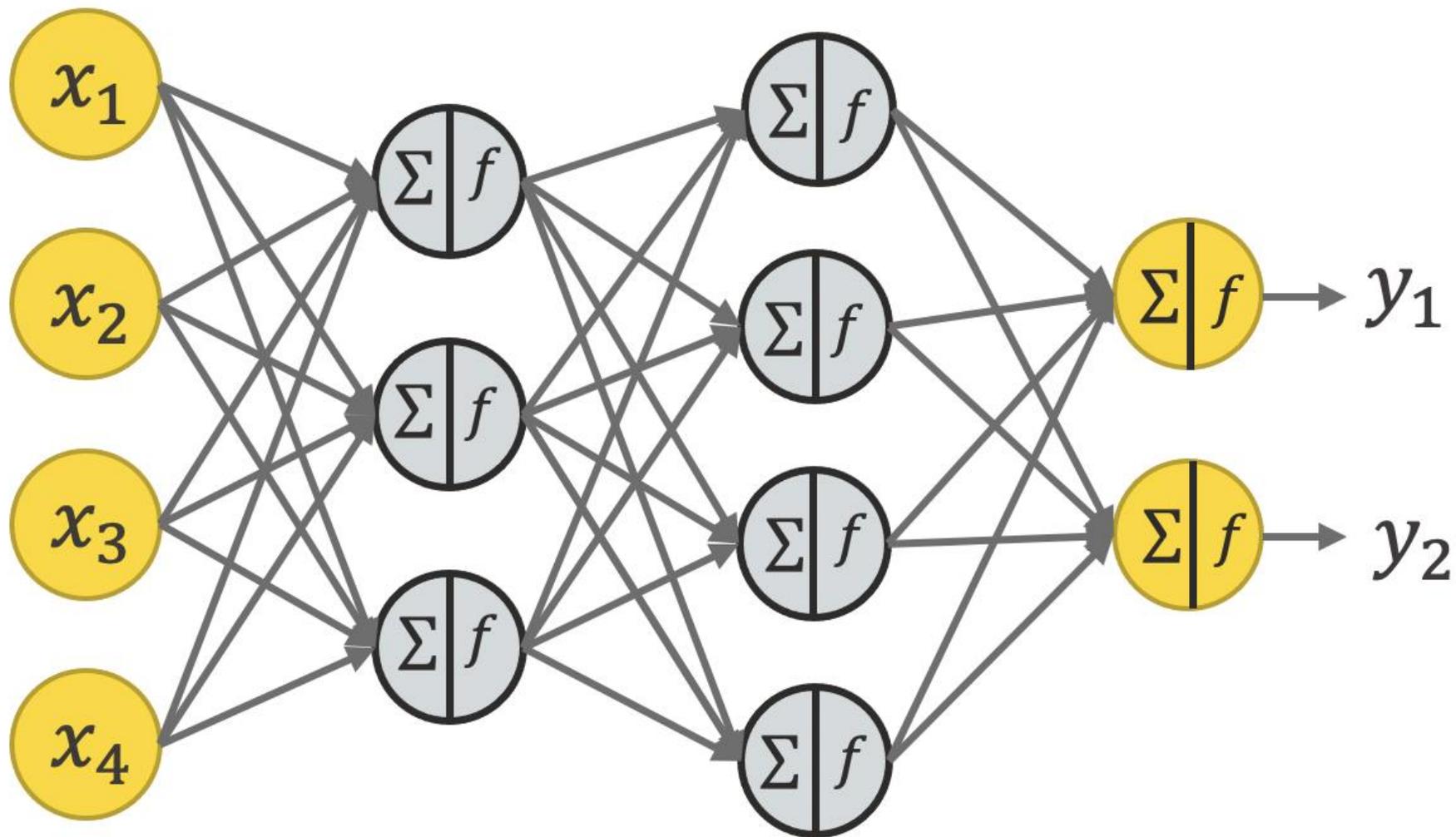
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Input
layer

Hidden
layers

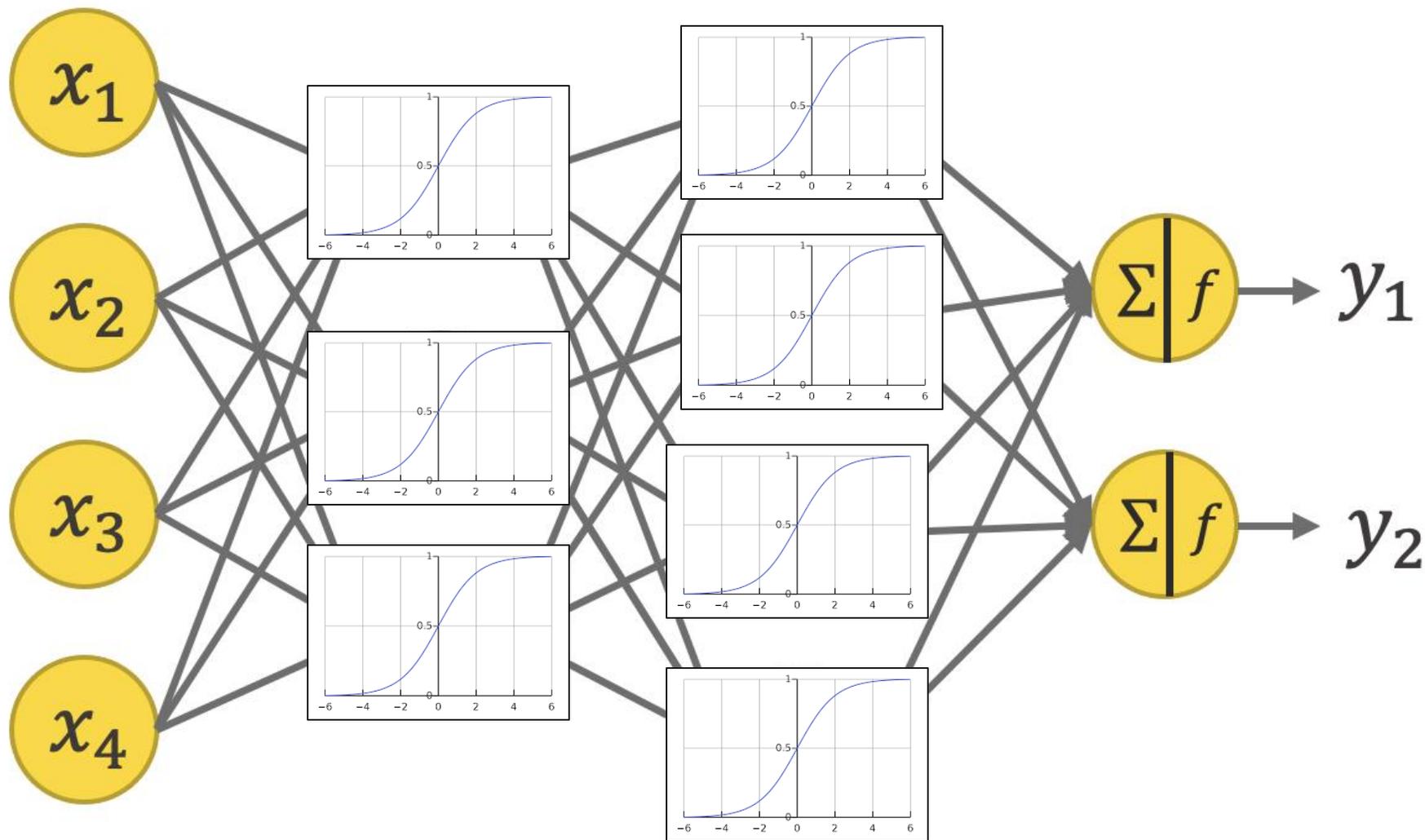
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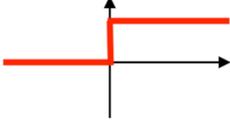
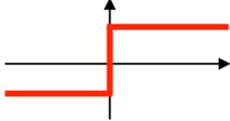
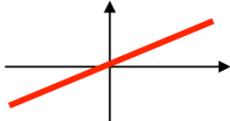
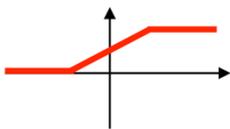
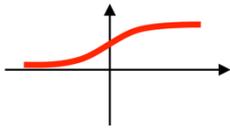
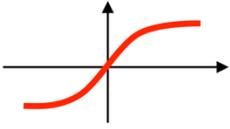
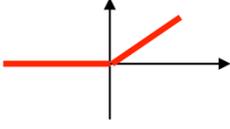
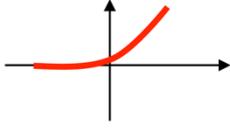
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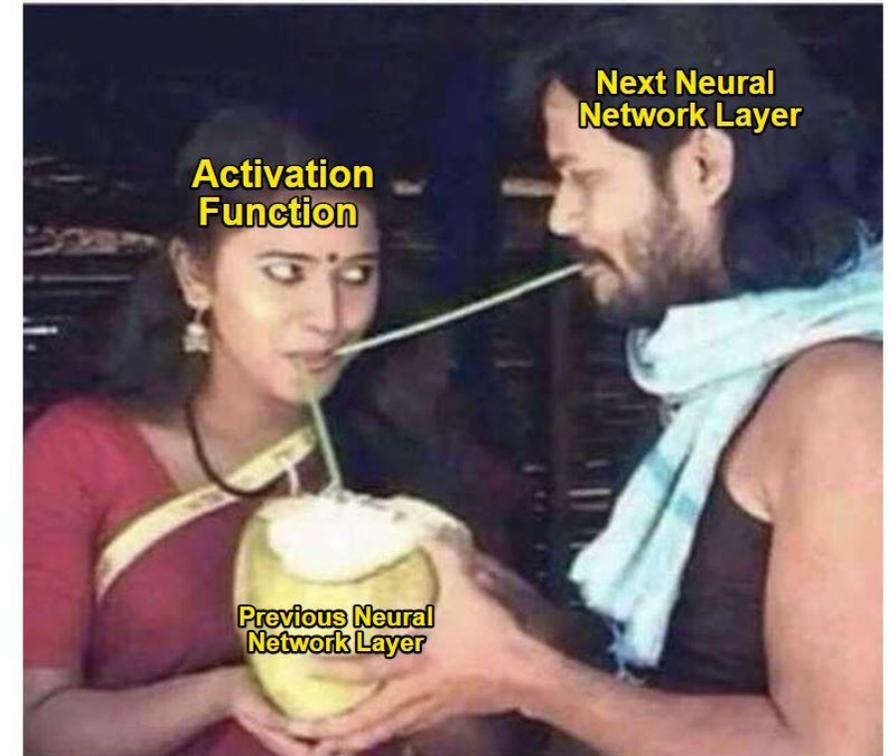
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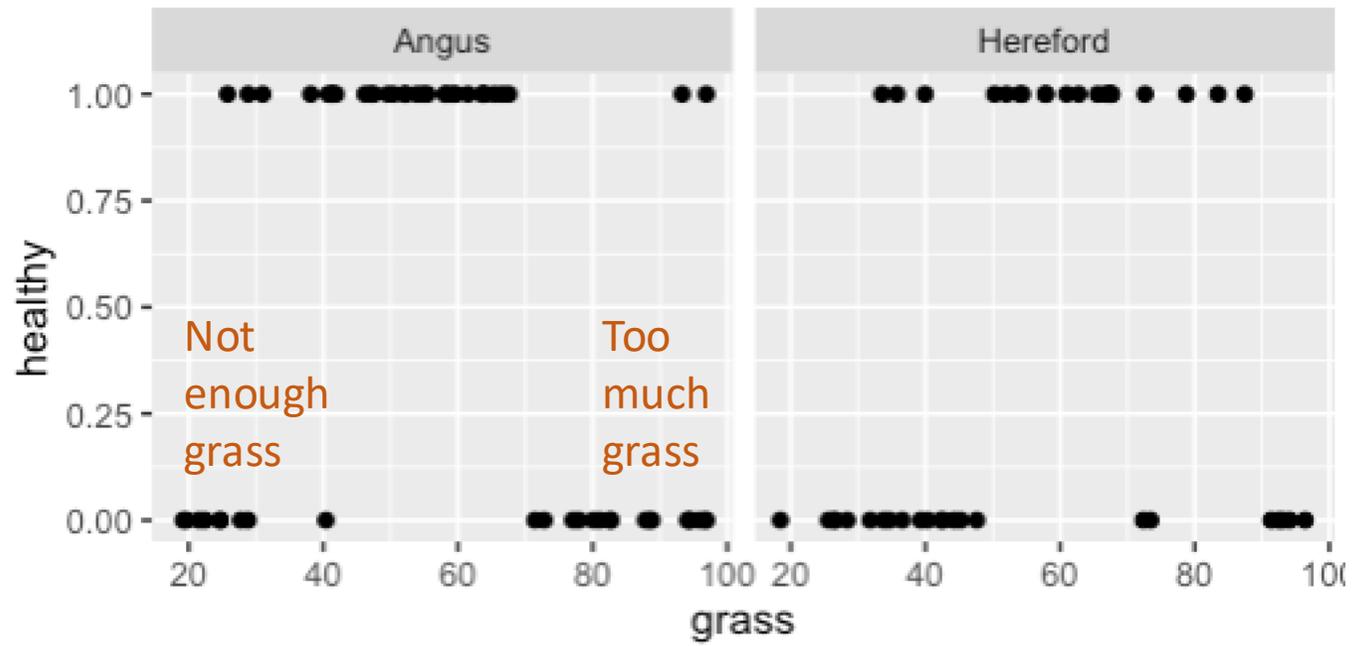
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Activation functions

Activation function	Equation	Example	1D Graph
Unit step (Heaviside)	$\phi(z) = \begin{cases} 0, & z < 0, \\ 0.5, & z = 0, \\ 1, & z > 0, \end{cases}$	Perceptron variant	
Sign (Signum)	$\phi(z) = \begin{cases} -1, & z < 0, \\ 0, & z = 0, \\ 1, & z > 0, \end{cases}$	Perceptron variant	
Linear	$\phi(z) = z$	Adaline, linear regression	
Piece-wise linear	$\phi(z) = \begin{cases} 1, & z \geq \frac{1}{2}, \\ z + \frac{1}{2}, & -\frac{1}{2} < z < \frac{1}{2}, \\ 0, & z \leq -\frac{1}{2}, \end{cases}$	Support vector machine	
Logistic (sigmoid)	$\phi(z) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-z}}$	Logistic regression, Multi-layer NN	
Hyperbolic tangent	$\phi(z) = \frac{e^z - e^{-z}}{e^z + e^{-z}}$	Multi-layer Neural Networks	
Rectifier, ReLU (Rectified Linear Unit)	$\phi(z) = \max(0, z)$	Multi-layer Neural Networks	
Rectifier, softplus	$\phi(z) = \ln(1 + e^z)$	Multi-layer Neural Networks	





```
model<-neuralnet(factor(healthy)~grass+breedHereford, data = mod_mat, hidden = c(2), rep=100, threshold=.2, act.fct="logistic")
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