

Robust Classification

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PART I

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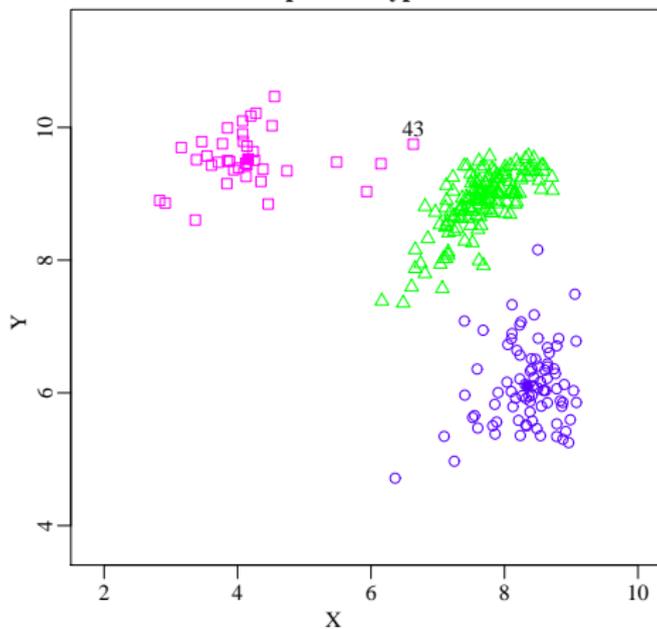
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$X =$ “intensity of allele C”

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Example of a Typical Case

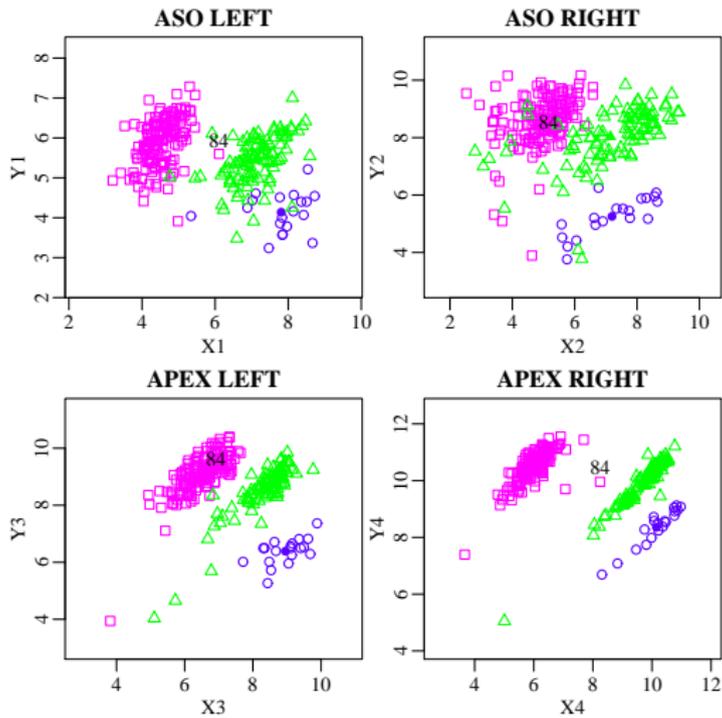


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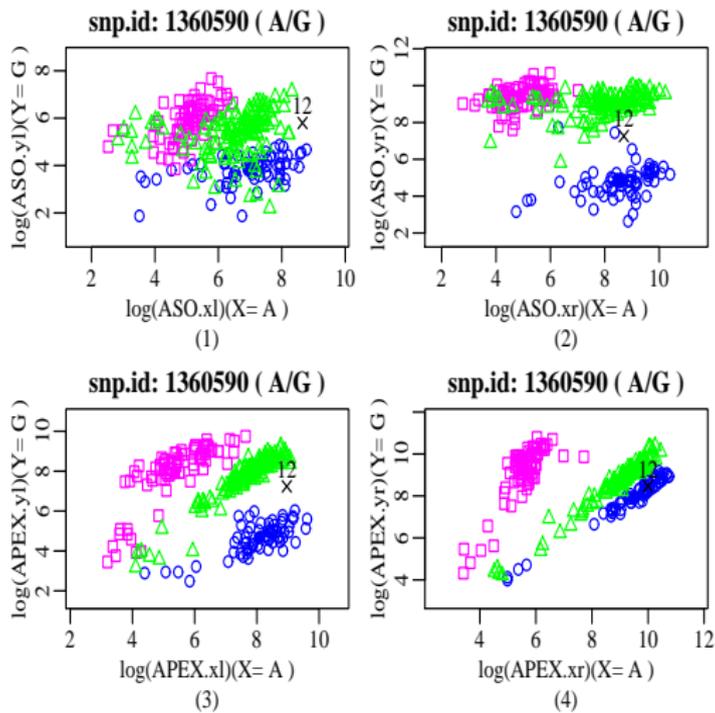
- We have a total of 4 pairs of variables (a pair from each probe)

Probe Name	Variables
ASO-Left	X_1, Y_1
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APEX-Left	X_3, Y_3
APEX-Right	X_4, Y_4

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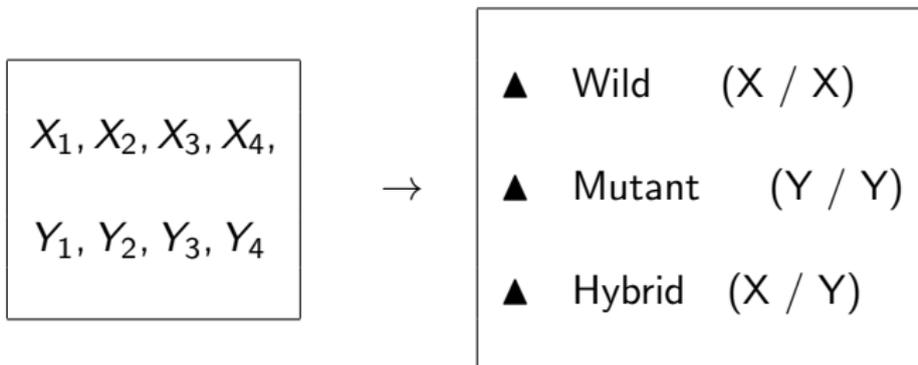
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- Each microarray chip has a total of 100 SNPs.

Genotyping Algorithm

Classification problem: assign each SNP/sample to one of the three possible genotypes, using the given 8 input variables



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Ensemble Using Entropy Weights

Consider the four genotype probabilities distributions and their corresponding entropies:

Chemistry	XX	YY	XY	Entropy
ASO-LEFT	p_{11}	p_{12}	p_{13}	e_1
ASO-RIGHT	p_{21}	p_{22}	p_{23}	e_2
APEX-LEFT	p_{31}	p_{32}	p_{33}	e_3
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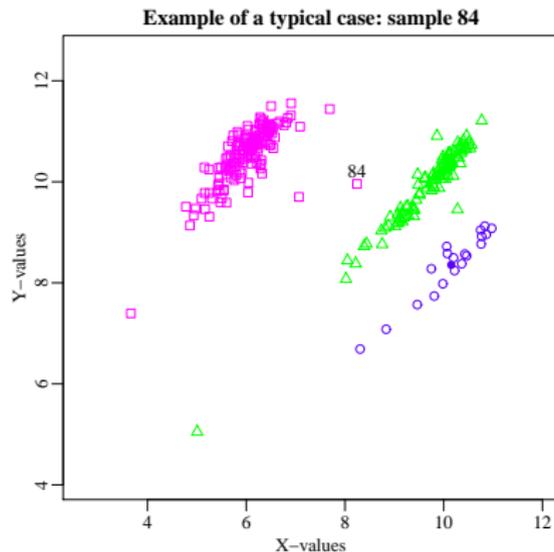
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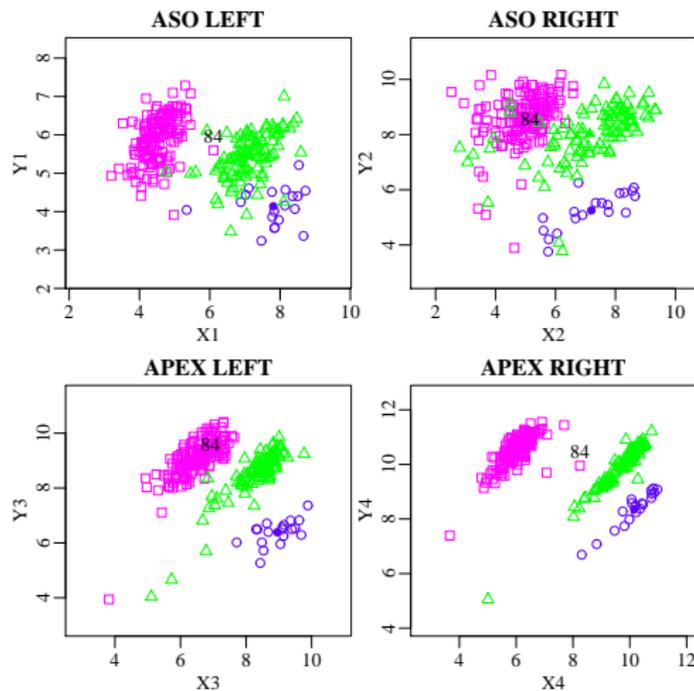
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for relatively balanced genotype probabilities.

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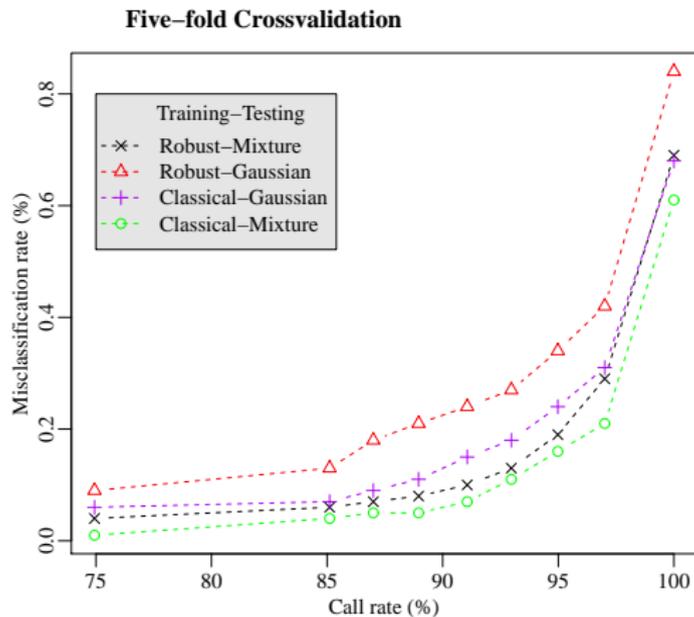
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PART III

NUMERICAL RESULTS

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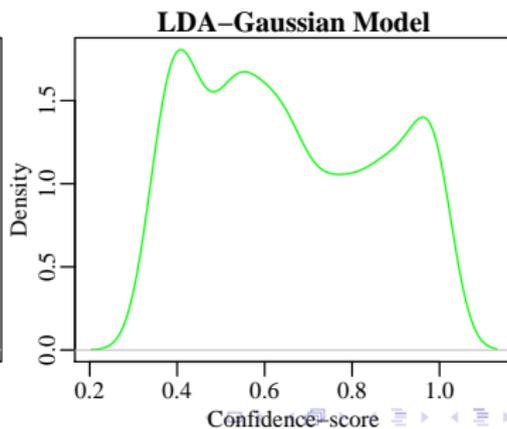
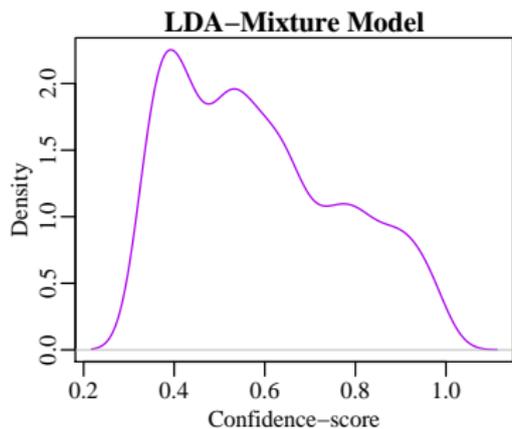
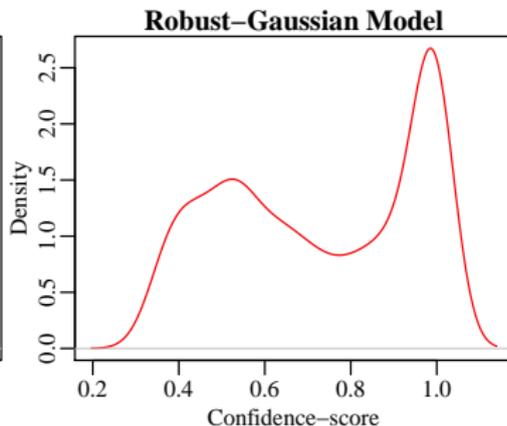
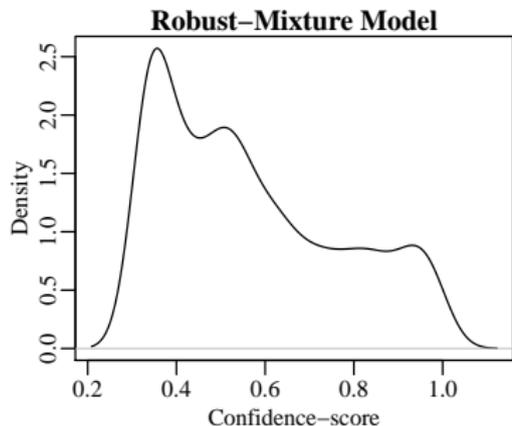
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