Case-Based Explanations for Non Case-Based Learning Methods

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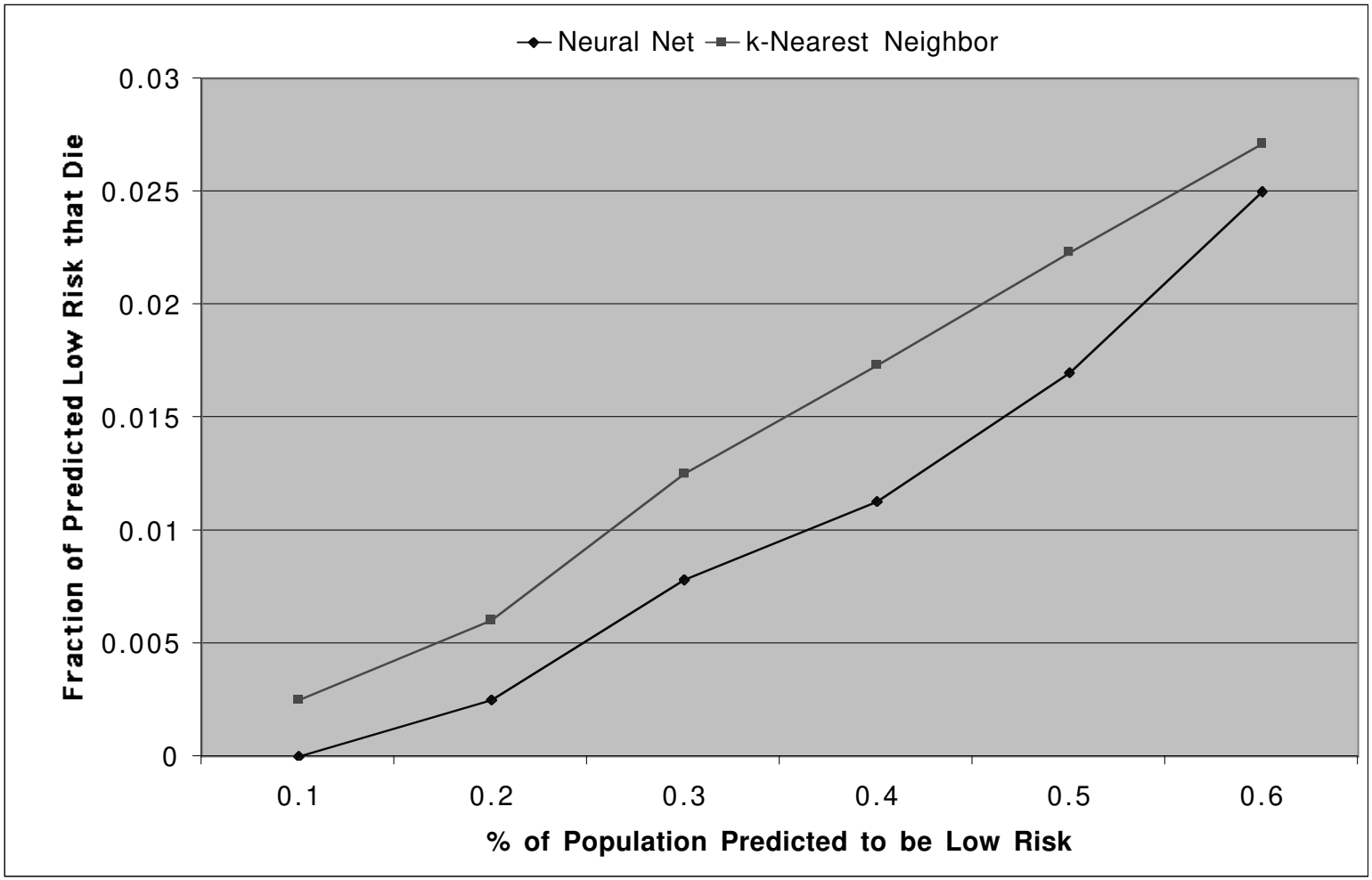
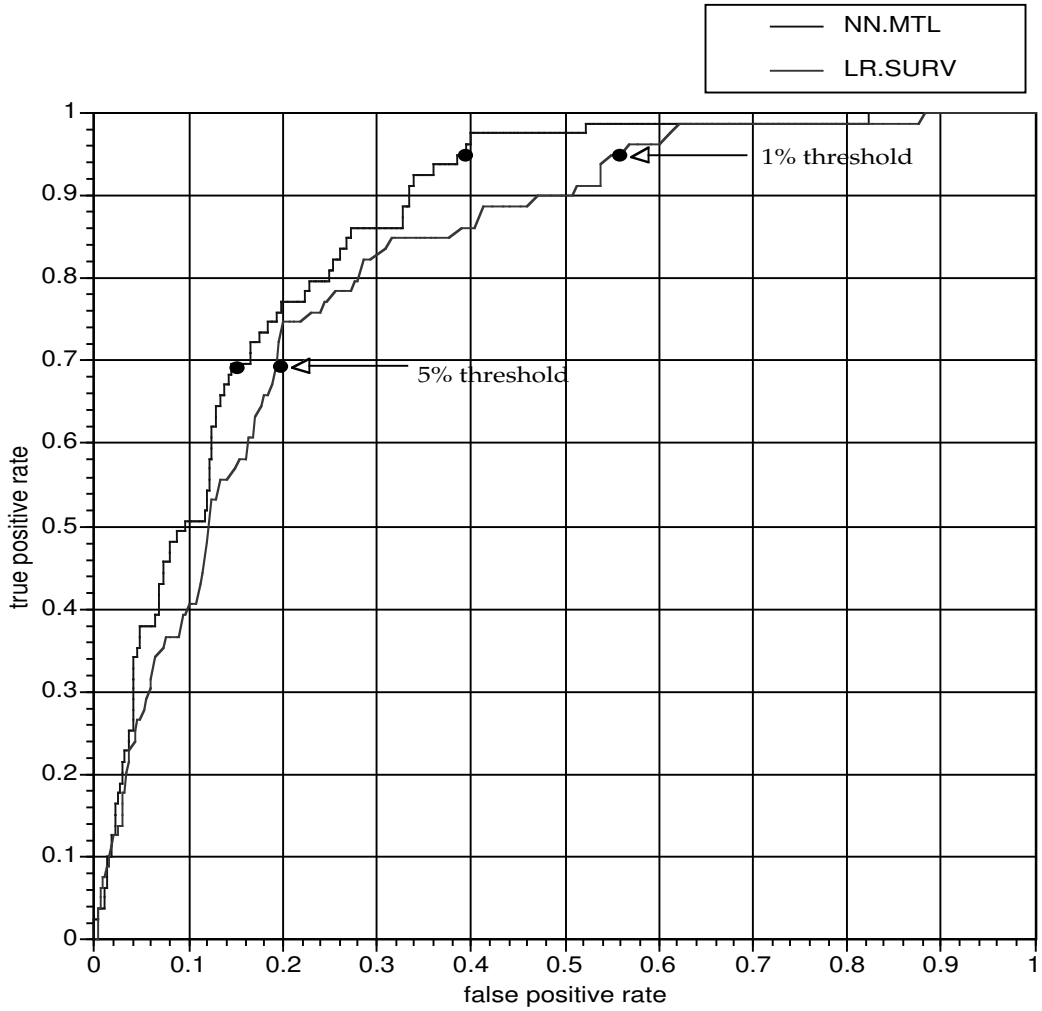
Performance kNN vs. Neural Net



Logistic Regression vs. Neural Net



What to Use for Prediction?

Neural Net often more accurate than kNN, logistic regression, simple Bayes, …

BUT, neural nets are:

- Thousands of parameters
- Black-box models: not very intelligible
- Difficult to verify
- Can't provide justifications for their predictions or explain their reasoning

tell horror story now

And if you think ANNs are complex!

Boosted or bagged artificial neural nets

Boosted or bagged decision trees

Boosted or bagged anything . . .

Mixtures of experts

SVMs

Bayes nets (graphical models)

Your favorite new method here . . .

Leo Breiman's Conjecture

$$\textit{complexity} * \textit{error} \geq k_{LB}$$

Leo Breiman's Conjecture

The most accurate models (often) are the least intelligible.

Pneumonia Outcome Prediction

Pennsylvania MedisGroups Data (CAP)

- 14,199 cases
- pneumonia already diagnosed
- Outcome =3D 60 day vital status (alive =3D 0, dead =3D 1)
- 30 pre-hospitalization input features:
  - age, gender, weight, diabetes, blood pressure, temperature, respiration rate, asthma, lung disease, heart murmur, chest pain, congestive heart failure, liver disease, wheezing, stridor, mental status, chest x-ray findings (lung infiltrate, pleural effusion, pneumothorax, cavitation/empyema, lobe or lung collapse, chest mass), …

Pneumonia Outcome Prediction: kNN

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Case-Based Explanation (kNN)

Easy to understand

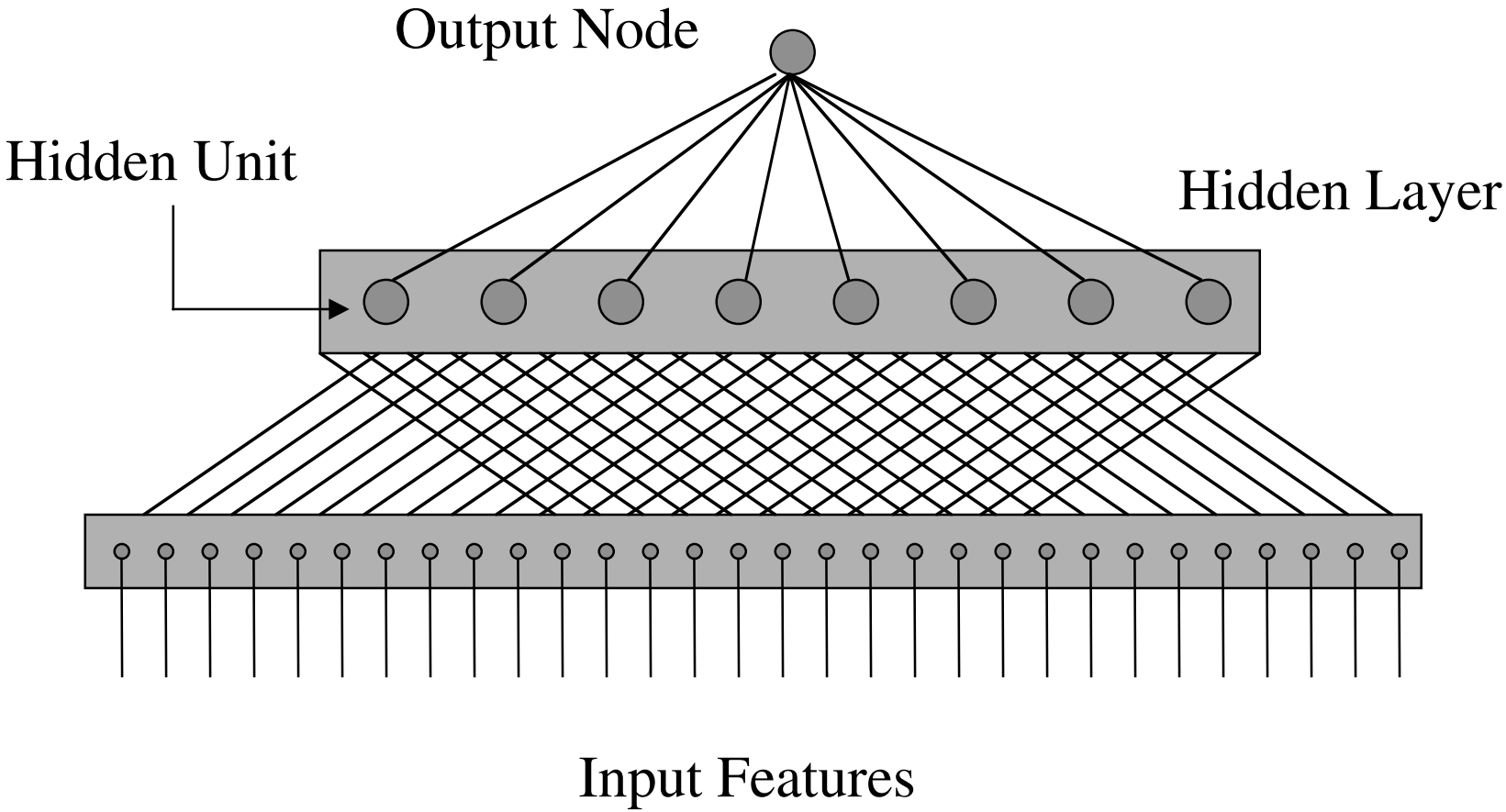
Can justify/explain it's predictions:

Present nearest neighbors to user

- Physicians are experienced at rapidly assessing cases
- Physicians accept case statistics as explanations
- Physicians can learn from cases

Wouldn't it be nice if we could justify the predictions of complex models such as neural nets the same way we justify the predictions of case-based methods?

A Simple Artificial Neural Net



CBE for Neural Nets

Approach 1:

present cases to user that the neural net makes similar predictions for, e.g., nn(test) =3D 0.272, nn(421) =3D 0.271

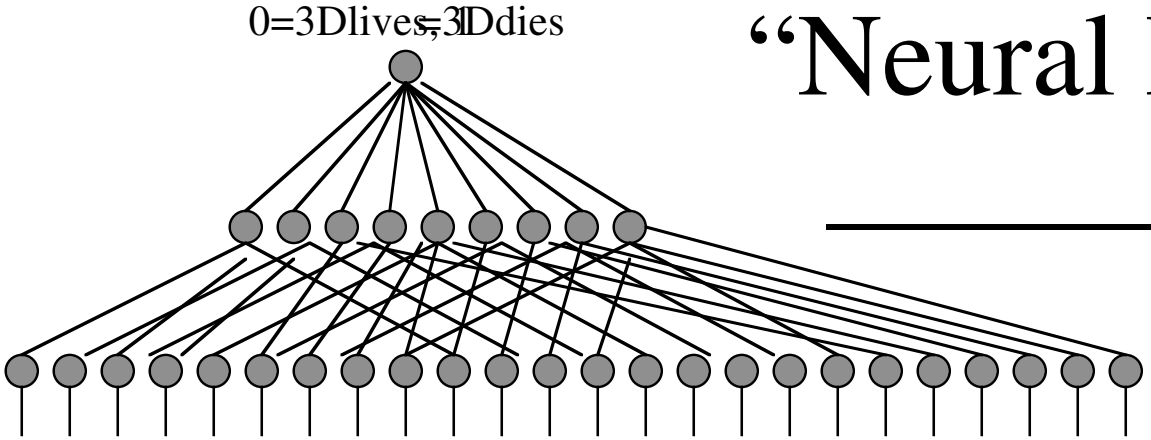
Approach 2:

present cases to user that kNN on *input features* thinks are most similar to test case.

Approach 3:

Use neural net as a distance metric for kNN to find the cases the *neural net* thinks are most similar to test case.

“Neural Net” Distance



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How Do We Evaluate CBE?

Ultimately, user evaluation is what counts.

Our approach:

- Pick a test case T.
- For each CBE method, CBE1 and CBE2, find the cases that that method selects to explain test case T.
- Measure the difference between the prediction of the neural net model for T and for each explanation case.
- If CBE1's cases have lower prediction difference to T than CBE2's cases, then CBE1's explanations for the neural net are better than CBE2's.
- Repeat for all test cases.

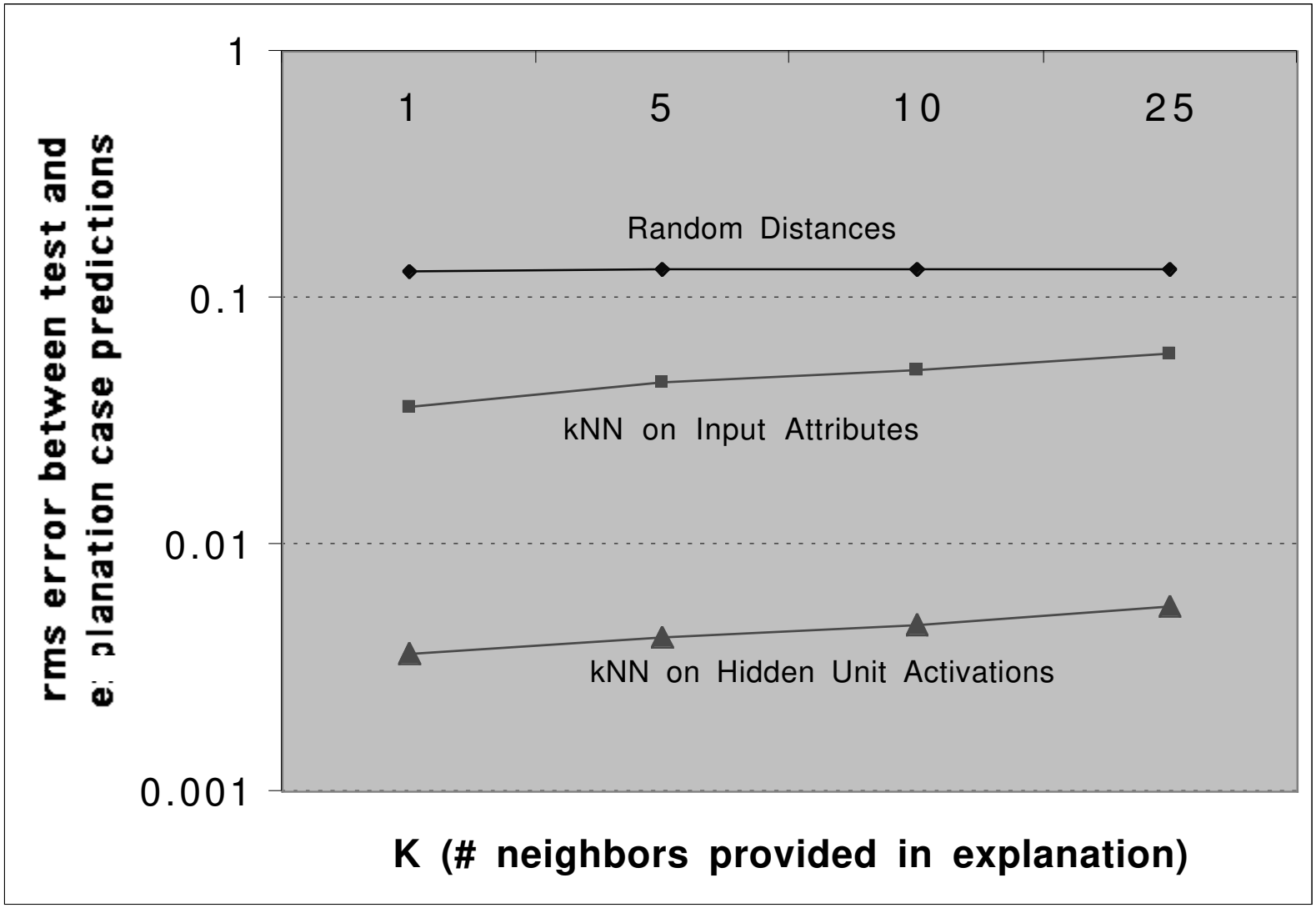
CBE Evaluation

neural net (8 hidden units) trained on 7500 pneumonia cases

remaining 6,699 test cases used to evaluate CBE:

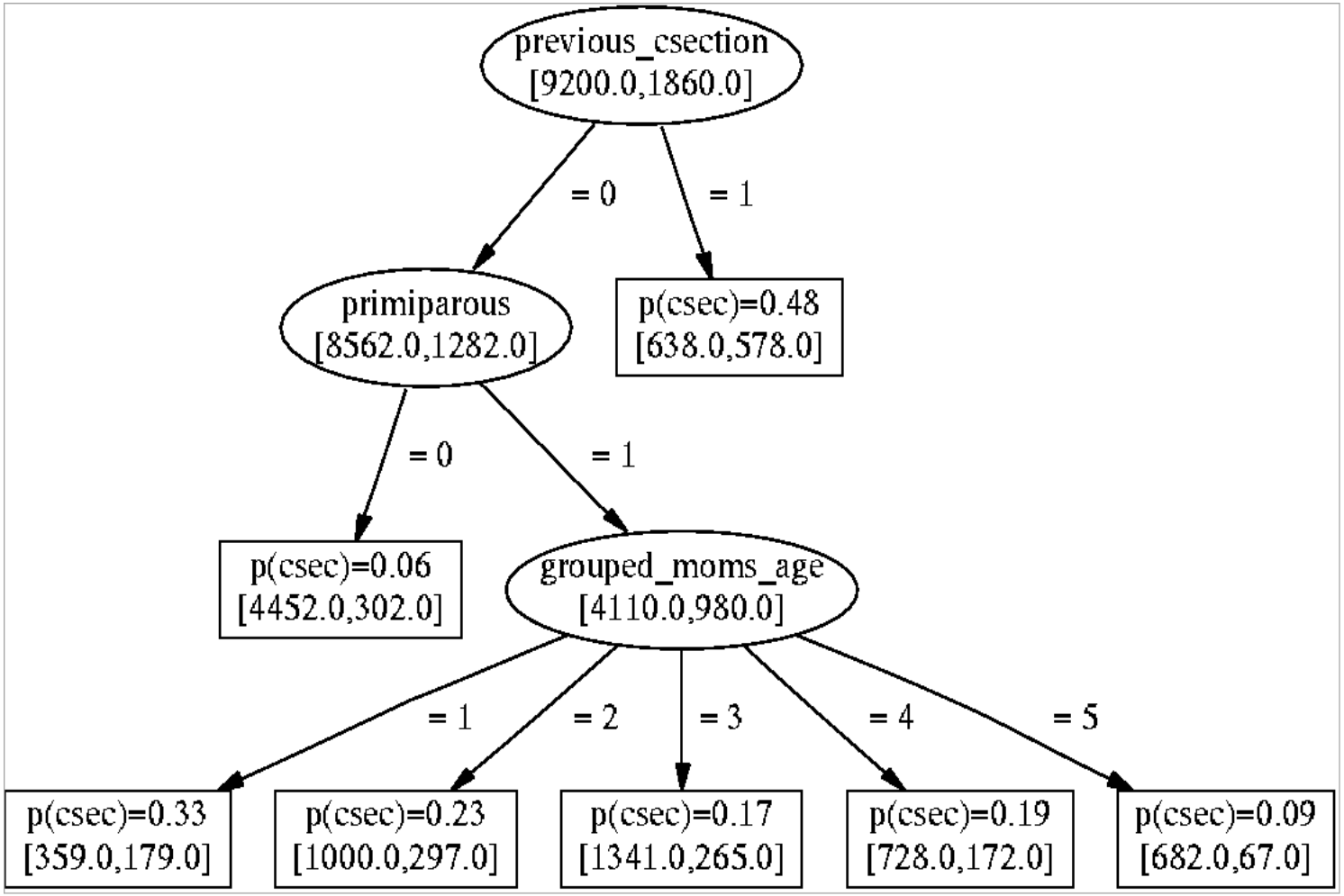
- NOT trying to evaluate predictive accuracy of neural net (no ROC, …)
- for each test case, find k-nearest neighbors using hidden layer activations
- compare with kNN using input features
- Compare with kNN using random distances

CBE Evaluation Results



Case-Based Explanation Isn't Just For Neural Nets

Decision Trees are Intelligible



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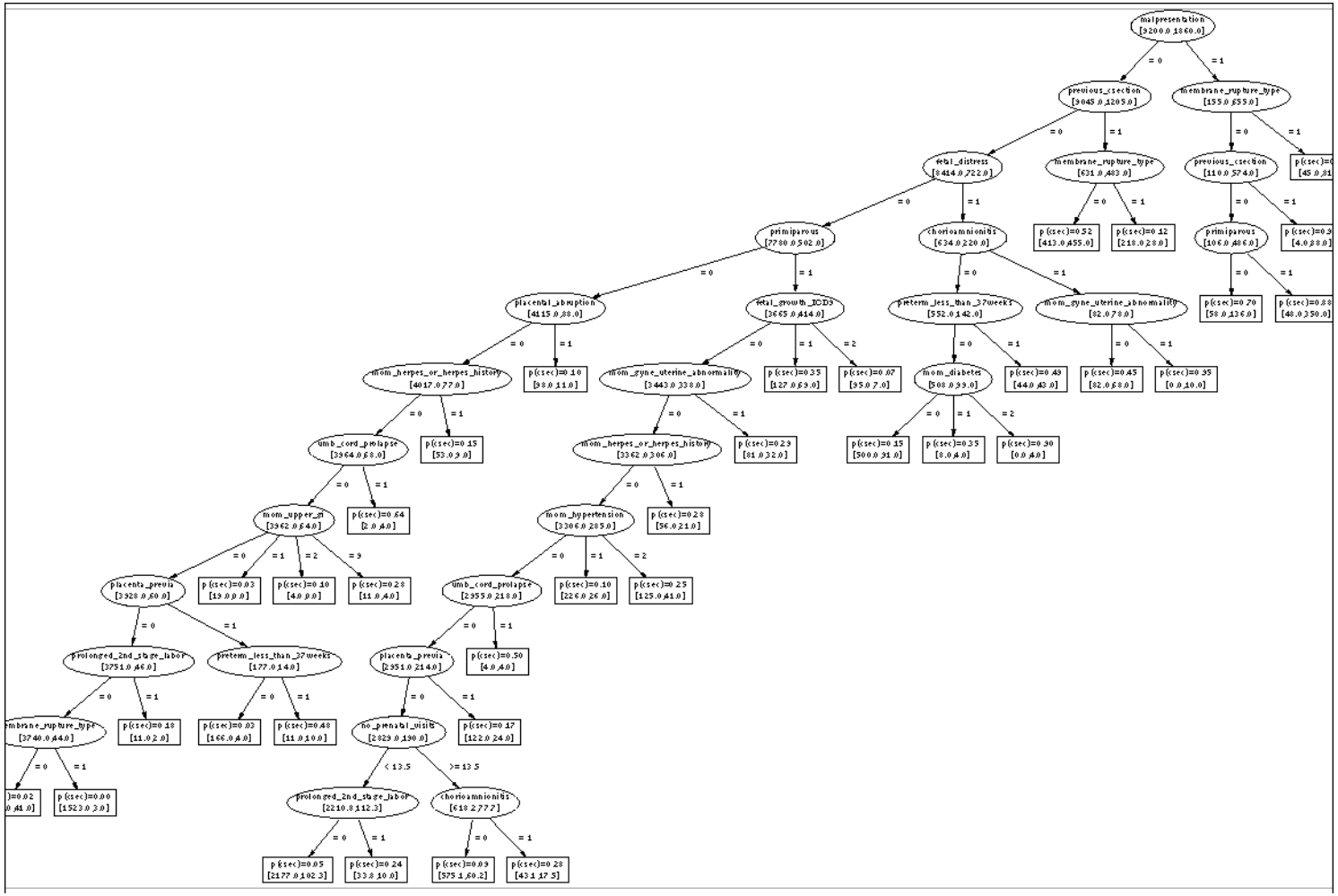
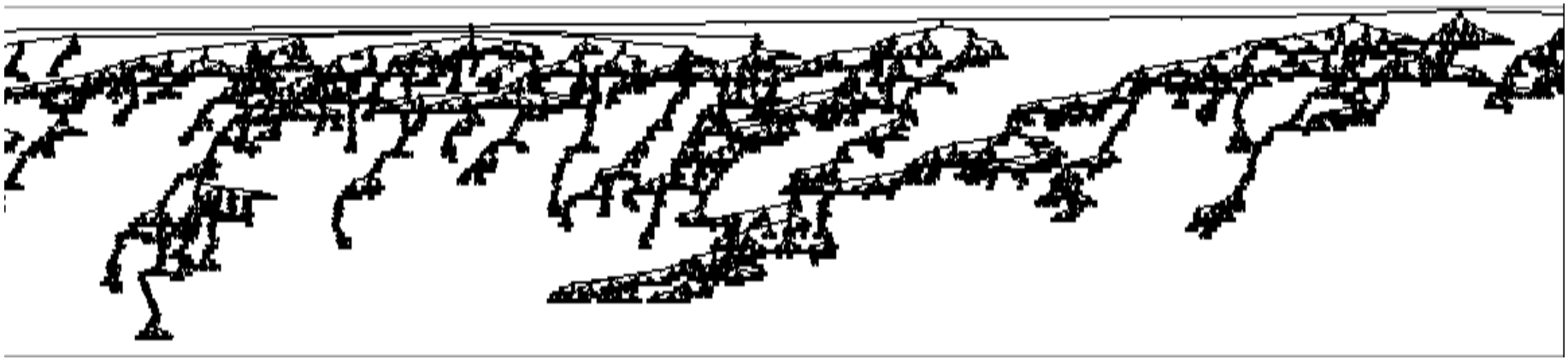


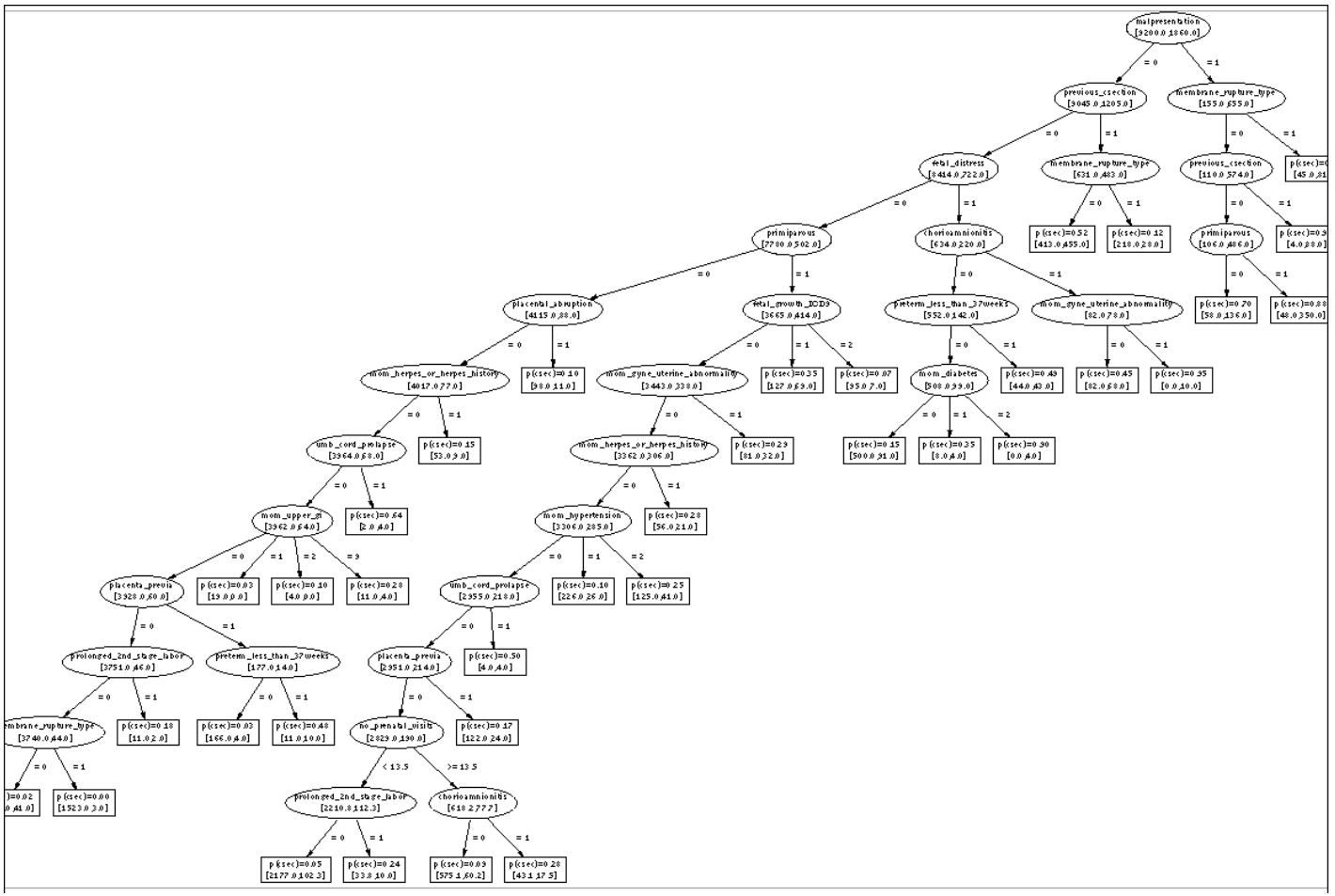
Not *ALL* Decision Trees Are Intelligible

Part of Best Performing C-Section Decision Tree



CBE for Large Decision Trees

Use decision tree as distance metric for kNN:



Future Work

Case-based explanation for Bayes nets.

CBE for bagged, boosted, and mixture models.

Evaluate user acceptance.

Other evaluation criteria?

Other tricks using CBE:

- cases with similar predictions that are distant
- cases with different predictions that are near
- clustering using hidden unit activation distances

Summary

Opaque, complex models often outperform intelligible, simpler models

In many applications, must have explanations.

In many applications, case-based explanations are acceptable.

Using learned model as distance metric lets us apply case-based explanation to complex models.

There's much more to be done . . .

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