

Data Mining for Outliers

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OUTLINE

- Robust Data Mining?
- Finding Homologous Proteins
- Finding the Needle Outside the Haystack

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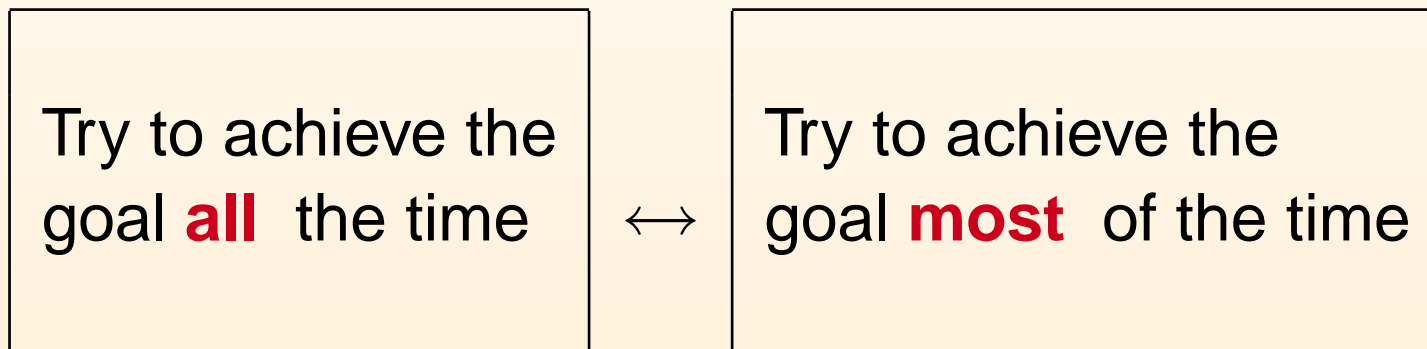
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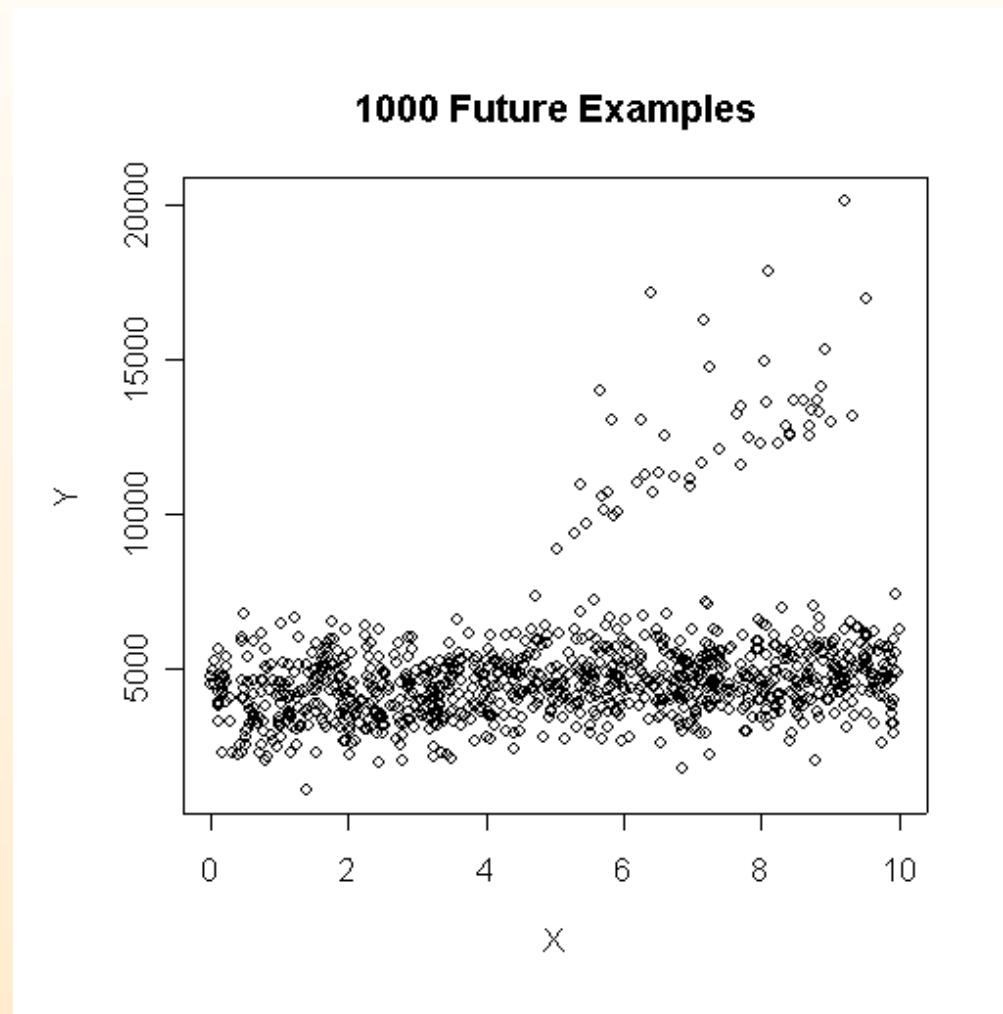
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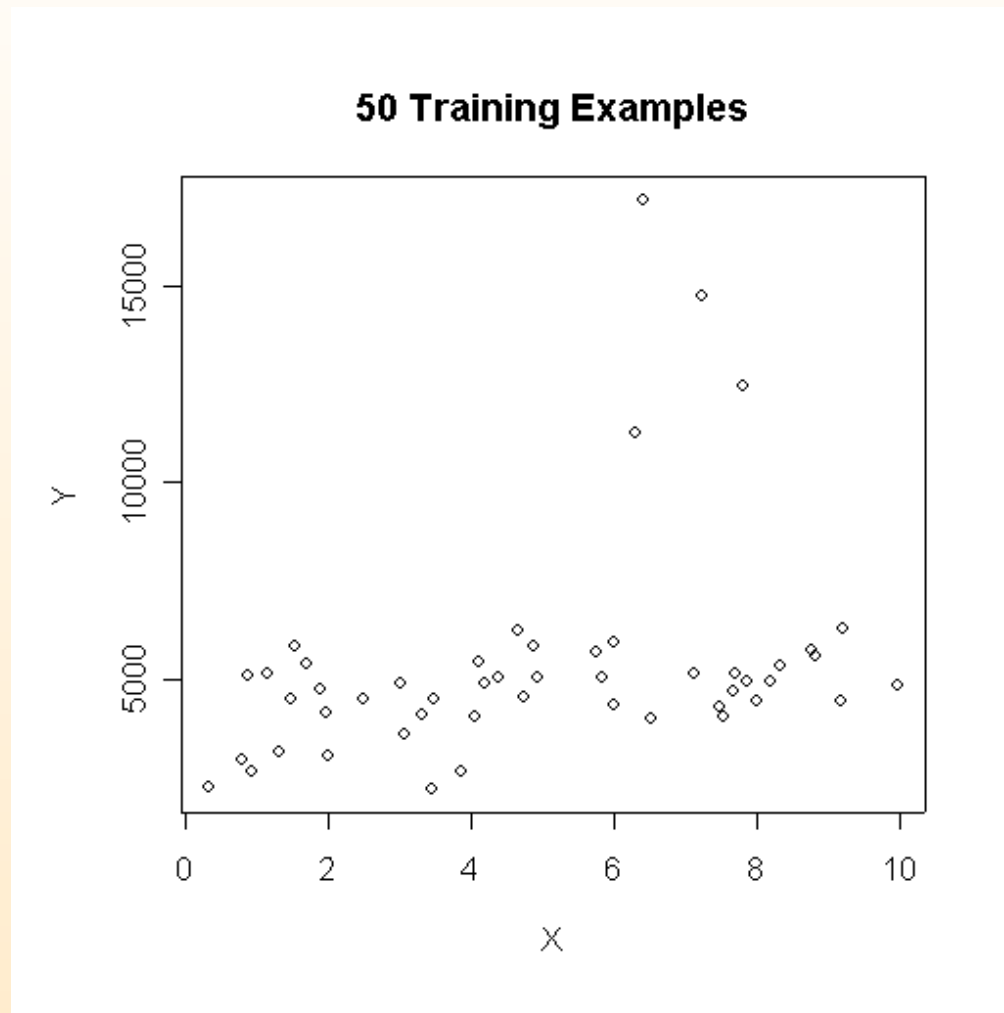
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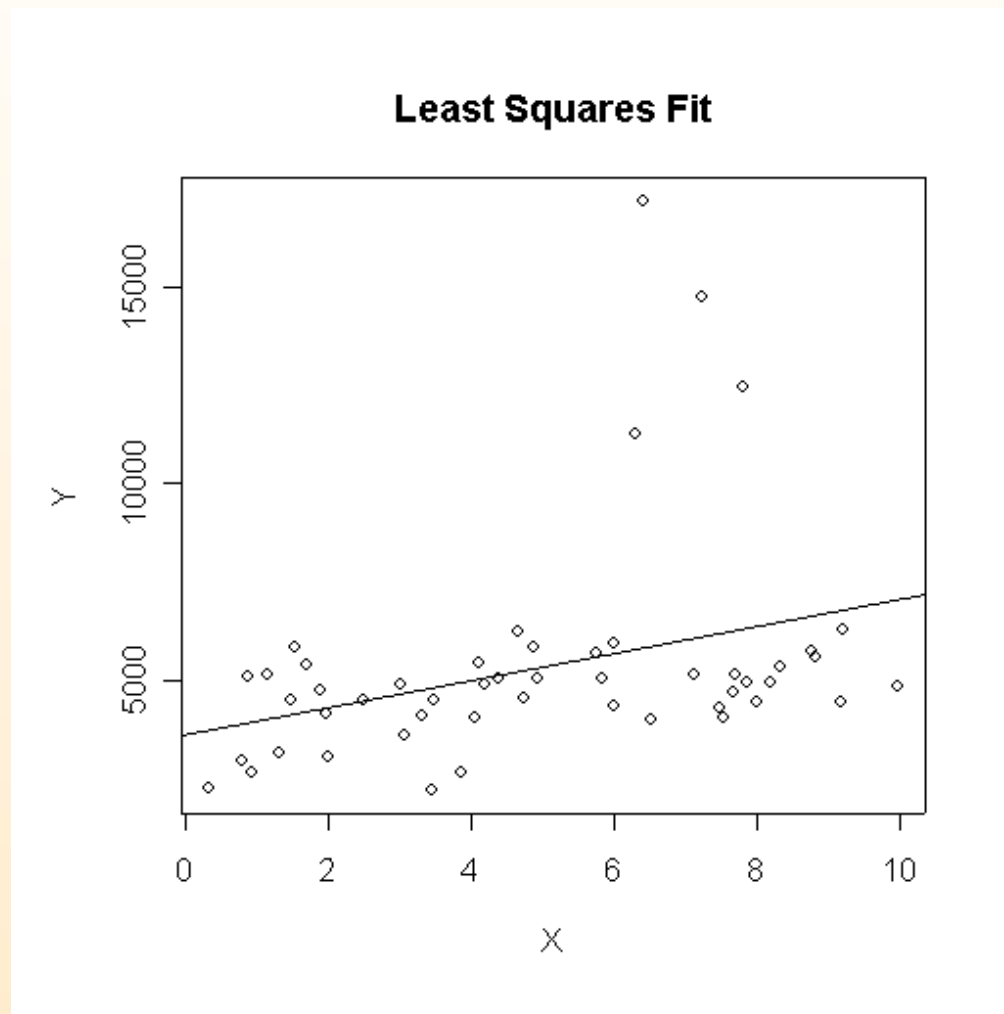
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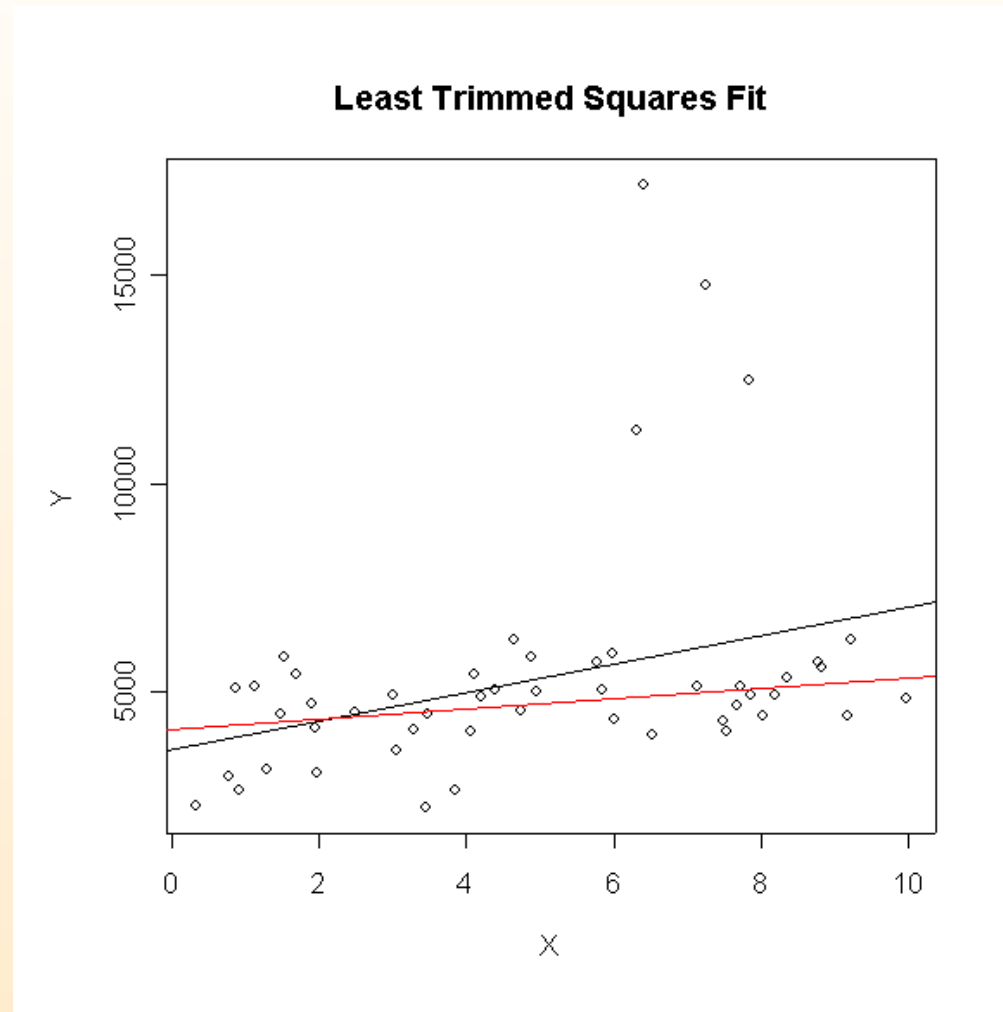
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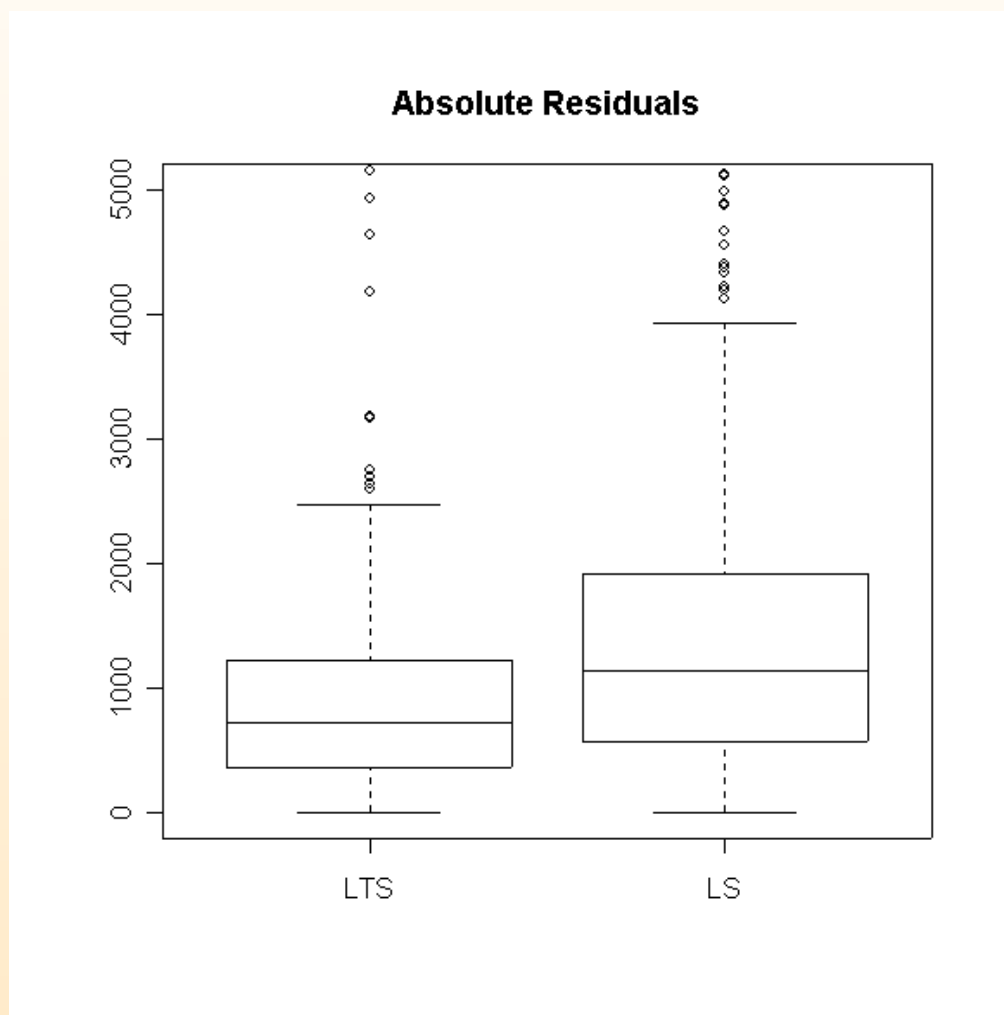
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$$R(a, b) = \min_{a, b} \sum_{i=1}^{30} r_{(i)}(a, b)$$

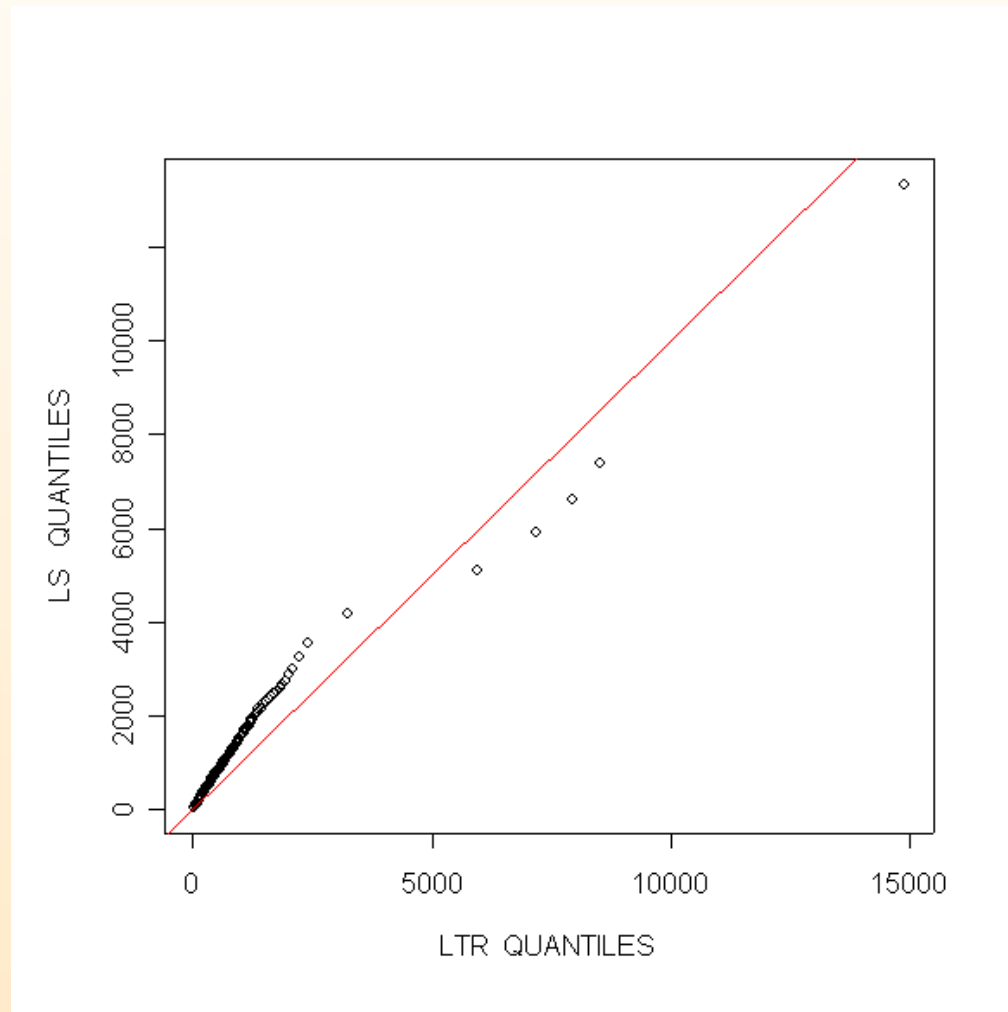
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► FEATURES

- *Length of alignment*
- *Percentage of sequence identity*
- *Z score for global sequence alignment*
- *Several scores of local sequence alignment*
- *...*
- *http://kodiak.cs.cornell.edu/kddcup/protein_description.pdf*

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► Block Size (Number of Candidate Proteins per Block)

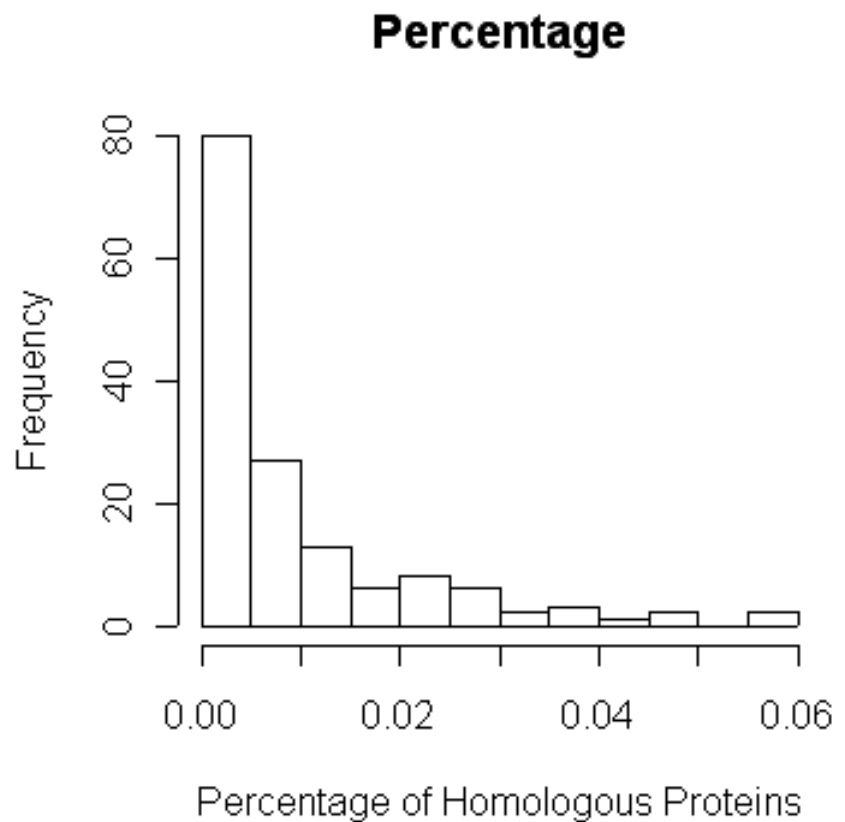
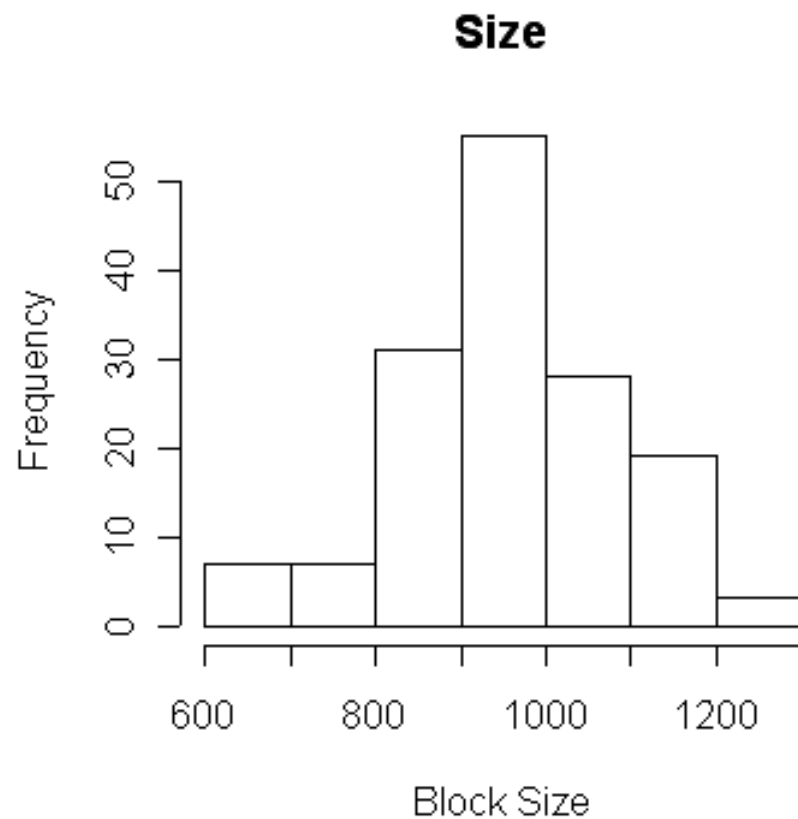
- *Smallest Block Size = 620,*
- *Largest Block Size = 1244,*
- *Median Block Size = 962*

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➤ Percentage of Homologous Proteins per Block (hits)

- *Smallest Percentage = 0.08%*
- *Largest Percentage = 5.8%*
- *Median Percentage = 0.04%*
- *70% of the blocks have less than 1% homologous proteins*

BLOCKS SIZE AND PERCENTAGE OF TARGET PROTEINS



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 - *Proteins in each block are then ranked from first to last according to these probabilities*

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$$t_j = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{If the } j^{th}\text{-ranked protein in the block} \\ & \text{is homologous (a hit)} \\ 0 & \text{If the } j^{th}\text{-ranked protein in the block} \\ & \text{is not homologous (a miss)} \end{cases}$$

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MEAN SQUARED ERROR

$$MSE = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n (\pi_j - t_j)^2$$

AVERAGE PRECISION

$$AP = \frac{\sum_{j \in J} \left(\frac{1}{j} \sum_{k=1}^j t_k \right)}{\sum_{j=1}^n t_j}$$

$$J = \{j : t_j = 1\}$$

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 - *Linear and quadratic discriminant analysis*
 - *Recursive partitioning*
 - *Nearest neighbor*
 - *Logistic regression*
 - *etc.*

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PERFORMANCE	OUR	RANK	THE BEST
TOP1	0.8867	8	0.9200
RMS	0.0383	6	0.0350
RKL	52.8466	4	45.6200
APR	0.8206	6	0.8412

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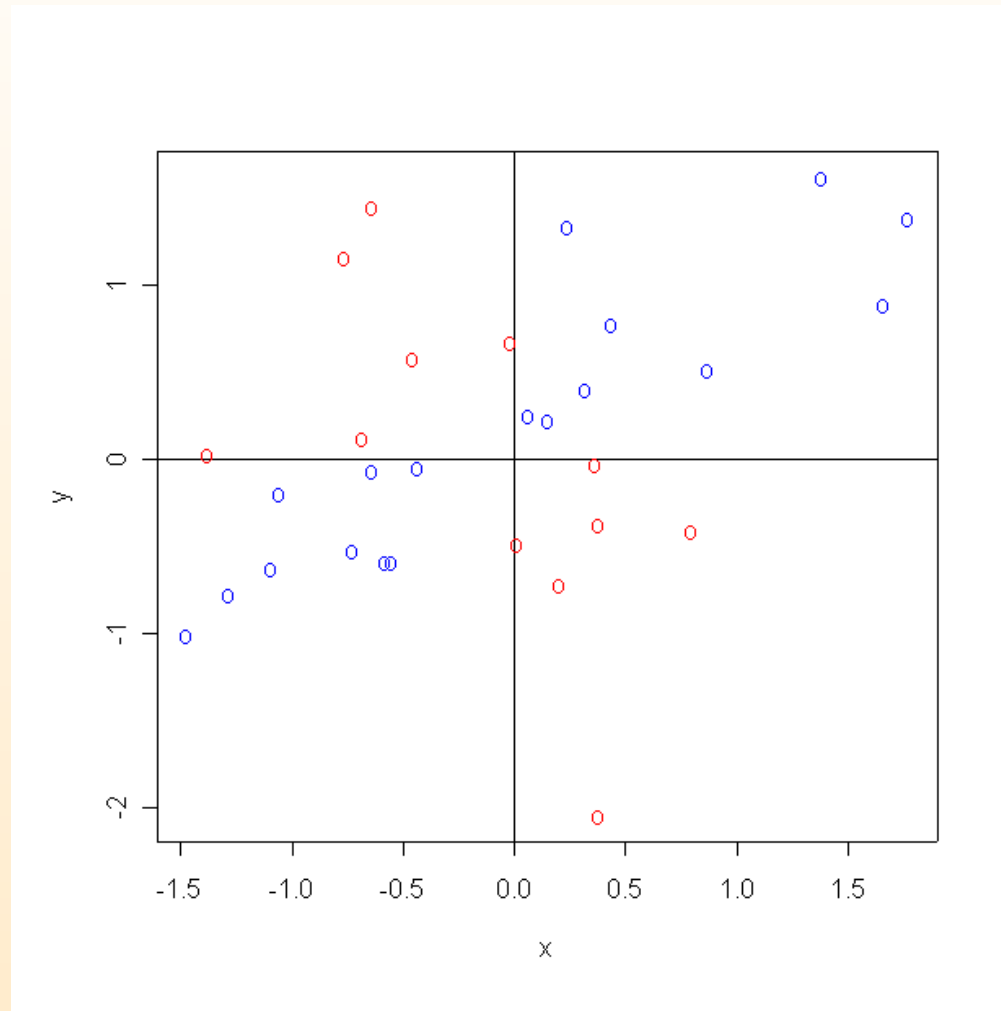
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- We used **coordinate-wise medians** the **quadrant correlation**.

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RESULTS

PERFORMANCE	RESULT
TOP1	0.74
TOP2	0.79
TOP3	0.80
TOP4	0.83

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