

Exploring Machine Learning

In the context of risk modelling of home loans

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QUESTION

How can Credit Suisse leverage **Machine Learning** in prediction of **Probability Of Default** when evaluating loan applications?

CONSIDER

Bias

Explainability

Accuracy

STRATEGY

Delivering new insights using Machine Learning

Counterfactual Analysis

Neural Networks

SUGGEST

Automation & Assistance

Machine learning as a guiding tool for credit officers to help them determine accurate judgement alongside online tools for individuals to understand their credit health and chances at getting a successful application.



Roger
35

Value

Considering expanding his organic café to a second location. Faces the challenge of securing a loan.

Challenge

His first application was denied, leaving him confused and disheartened.

Reasoning

The feedback was vague, citing his "risk profile" as a concern, but with no clear understanding of what that meant.

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Introducing Roger



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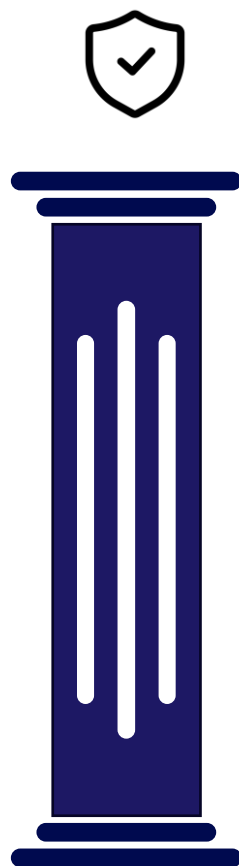
What should it look like for Roger?

loan.

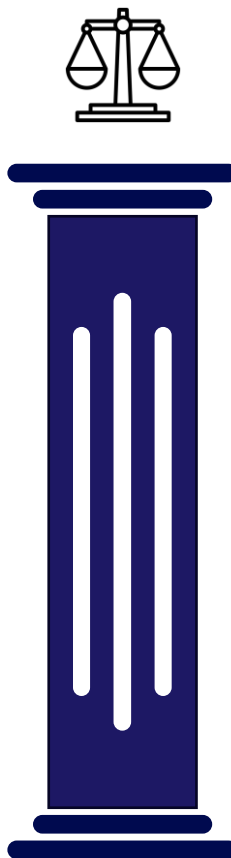
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The Credit Risk industry has built itself on stability and simplicity



Security



Stability



Prudent

Why should we change what isn't broken?

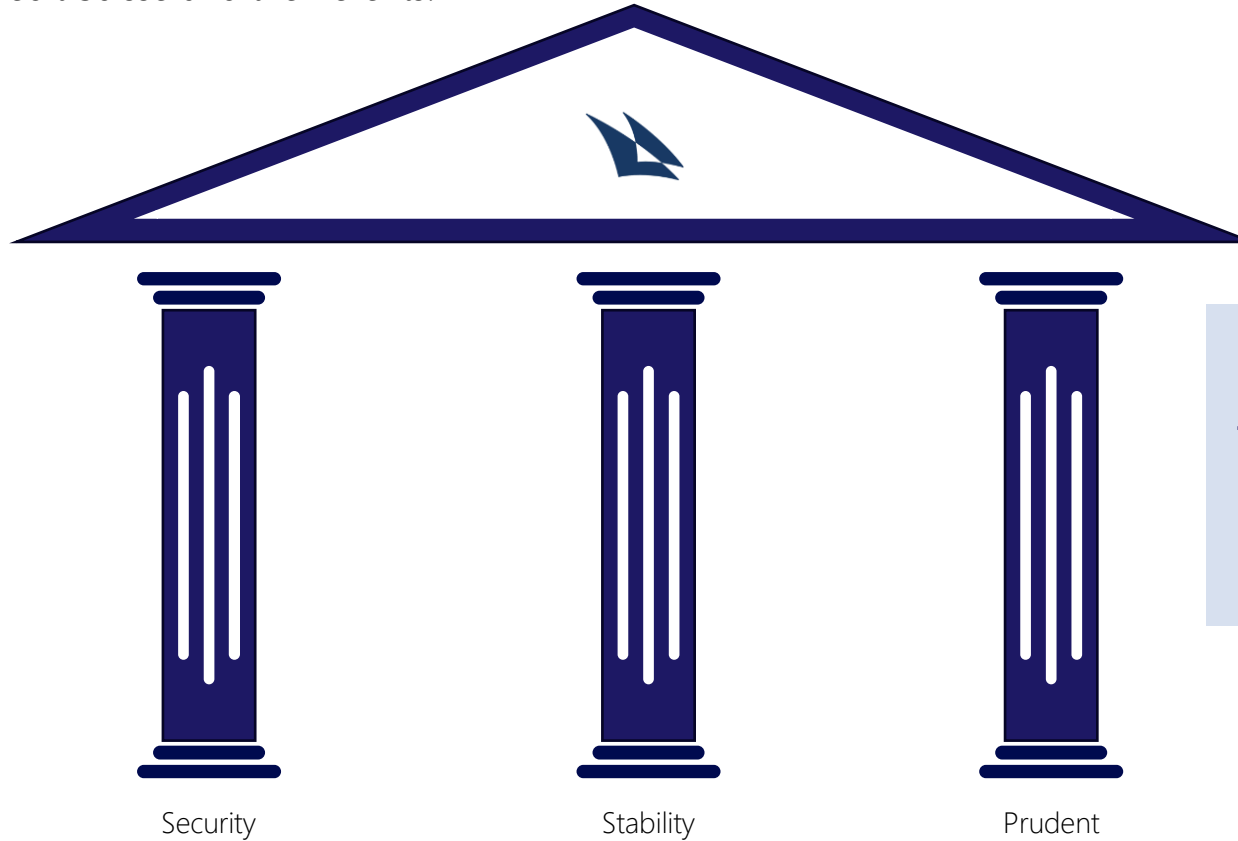


Credit officers trust their clients

Trust is a key cornerstone of the relationship between Credit Suisse and their clients.

Attention to Detail

More accurate, efficient and personalized risk assessments.



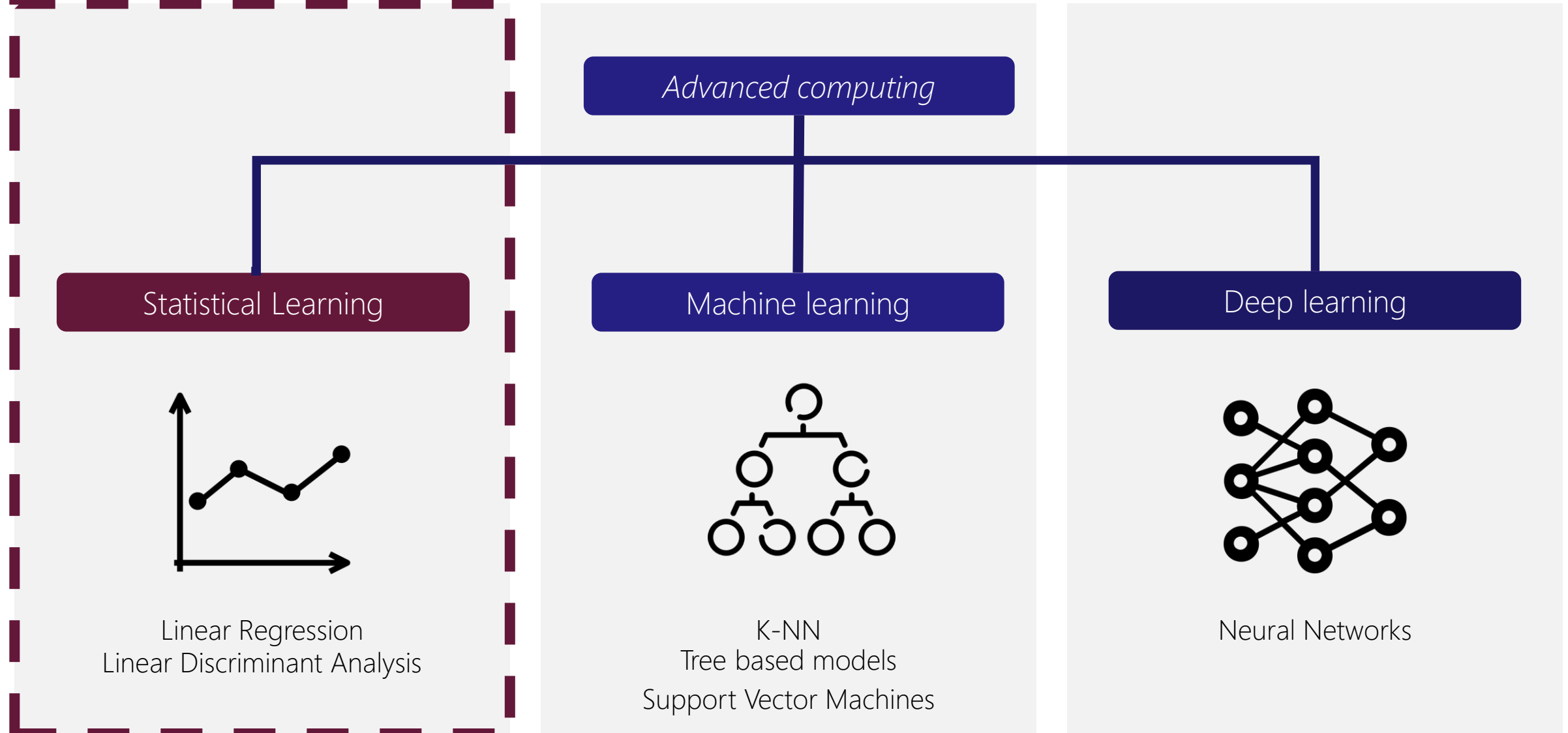
Bridging tradition with innovation

The melding of Swiss banking's privacy and trust with machine learning for precise, reliable home loan risk assessments

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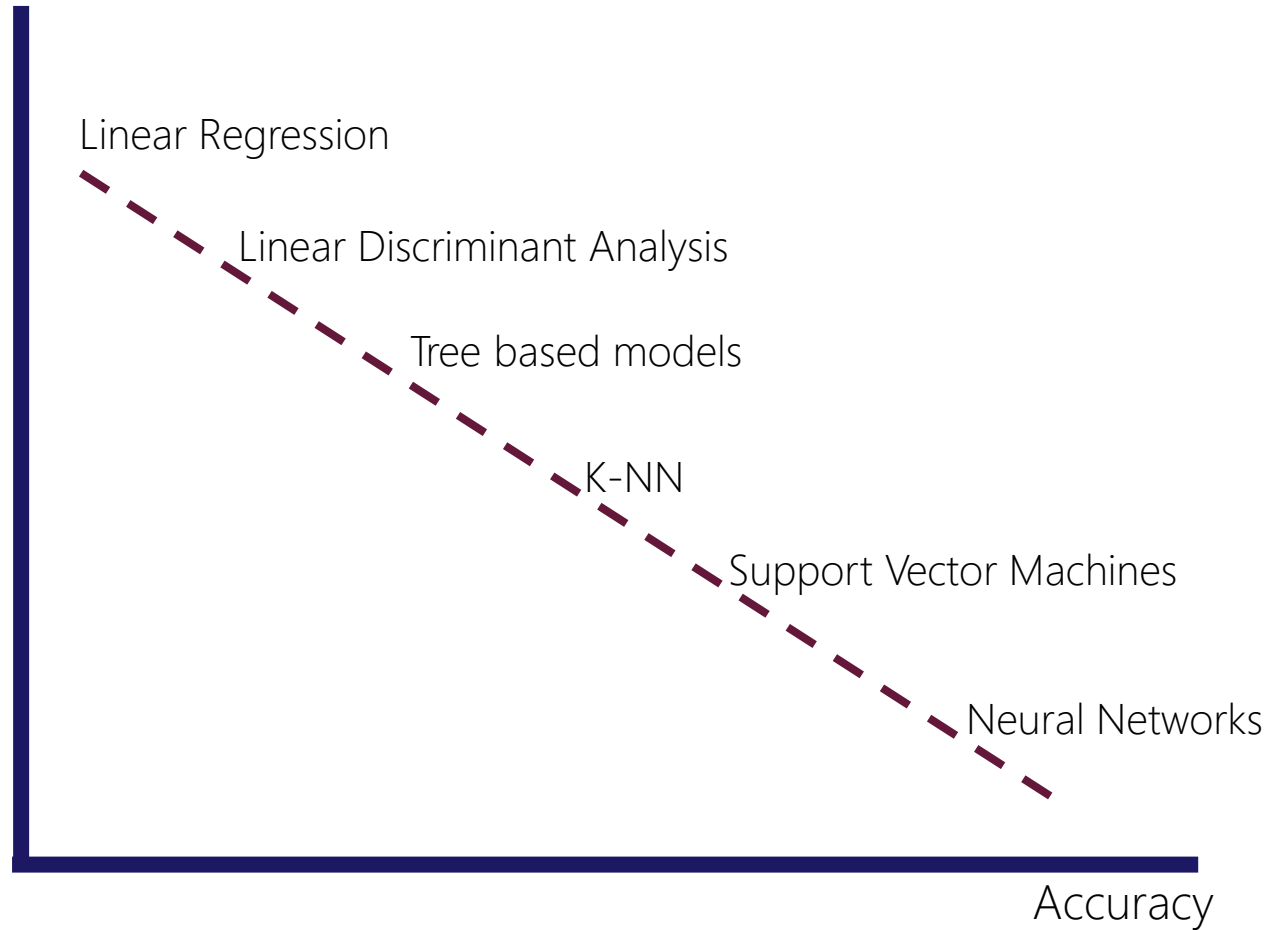
Current



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Explainability



Black box model

Models which utilize complex decision criteria, making predictions without clear explanations

Transparent model

Decision making process is grounded in logic and easily interpreted by humans.

Is this necessarily the case here?

Institutions are hesitant to go all in with machine learning despite claims



Goldman Sachs

"even when credit scoring is done in compliance with the law, it can reflect and perpetuate societal inequality."

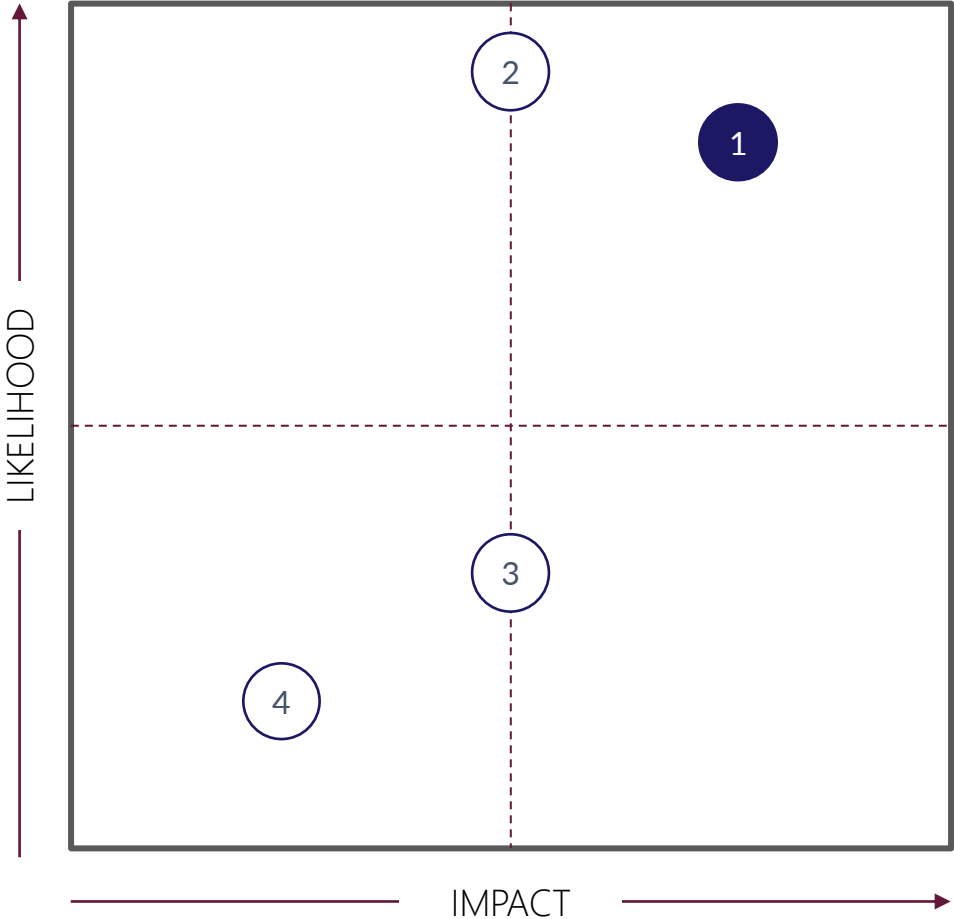


Despite the advances in Machine Learning CC rates are at all-time highs

Key Concerns When Implementing Machine Learning Into Risk Modelling



Features	Concerns
1 Bias	Bias introduced as a result of proxy variables and non-inclusive data ranges.
2 Transparency	Methods must be explainable to relevant stakeholders and committees.
3 Regulations / Privacy	Fair lending laws, data privacy violations as a result of machine learning.
4 Substantial benefit	Overcomplicated model creation without any significant increase in predictive capabilities



The Focus of our research was within the Modelling stage.



Preprocessing

Filtering

Interactions

Transforming and normalizing data
for optimal model performance.

Modelling

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Explainability

Applying algorithms to create
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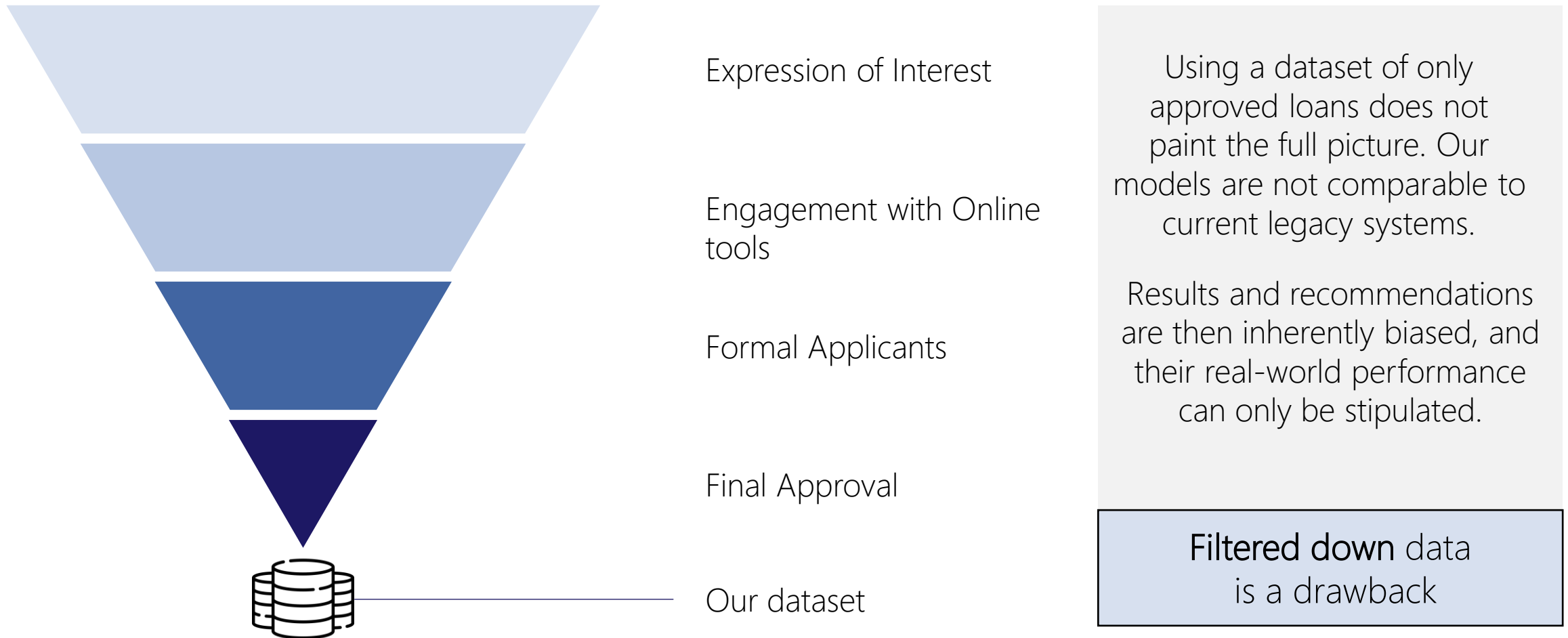
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Machine learning models can only perform in respect to their data quality

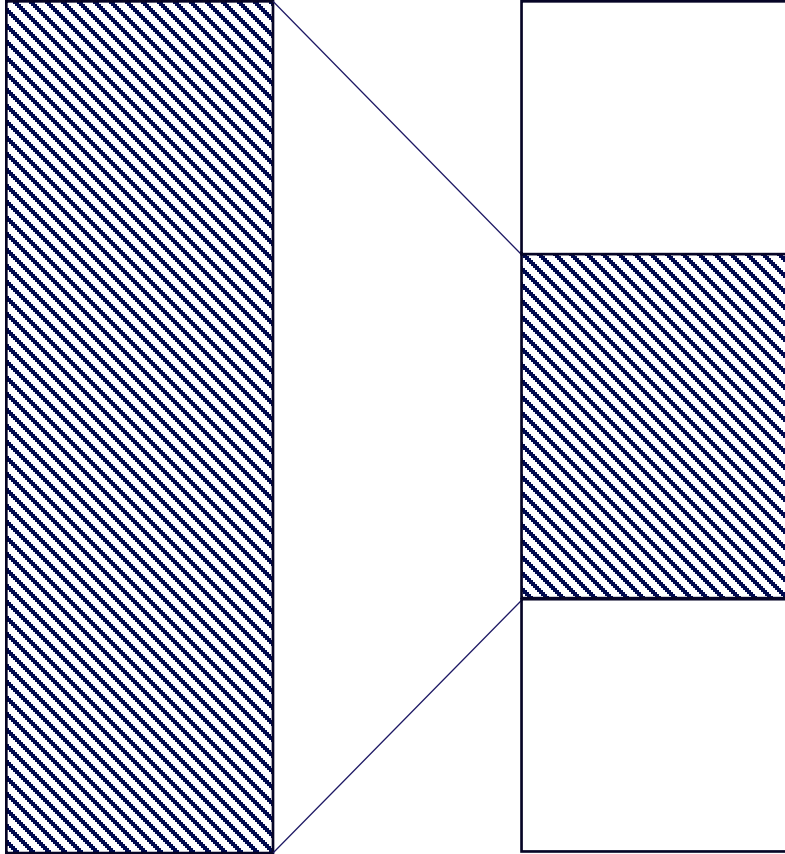


By using a sample of the dataset, we minimise computing time



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The key characteristics of the dataset



0.01%

Delinquency rate

20 year

Timeframe

1M+

Total datapoints

Focus 2: ML Explainability

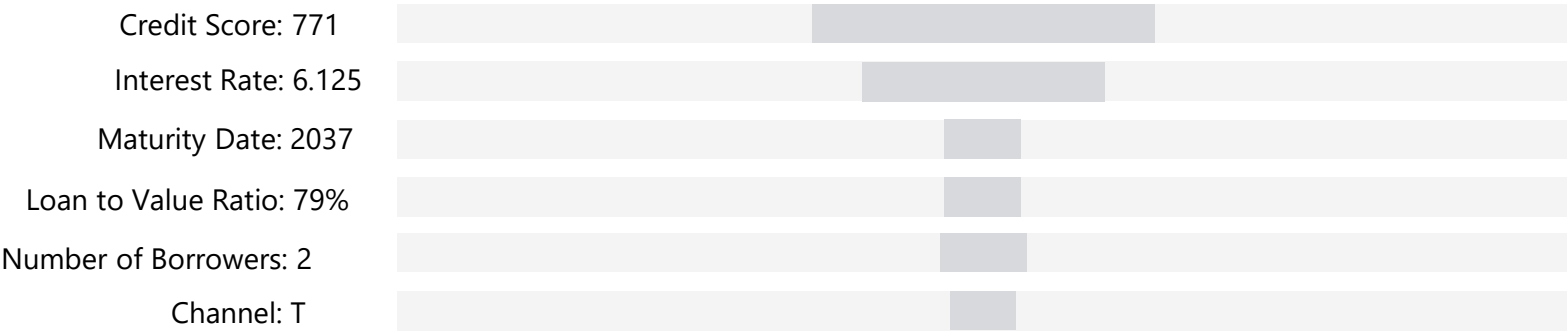
- How do these models make their decisions?
- Why do we need to explain ML decisions?
 - I. Transparency
 - II. Improvement

Example of Roger

LIME Analysis



Delinquent



DiCE Analysis

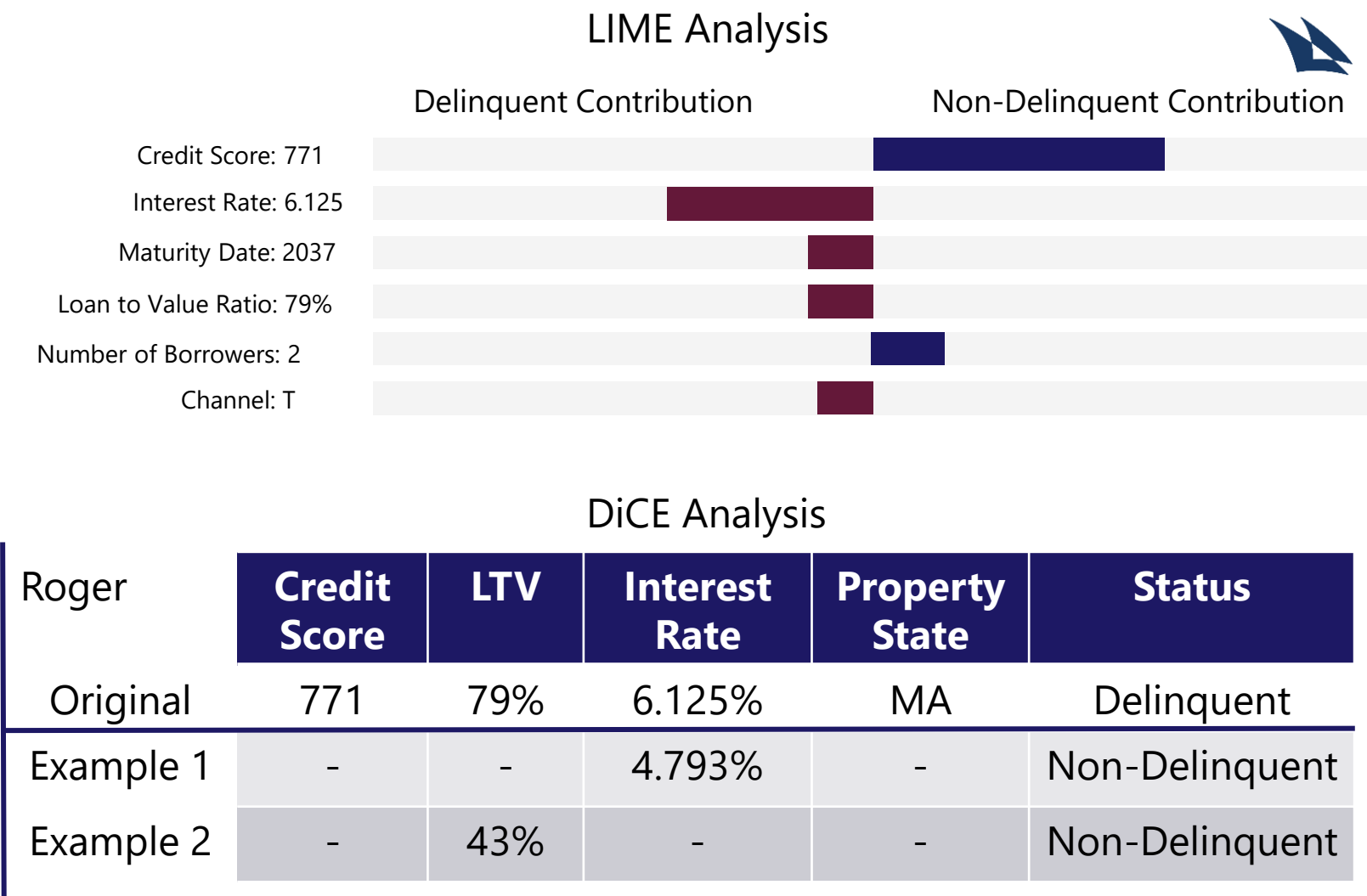
Roger	Credit Score	LTV	Interest Rate	Property State	Status
Original	771	79%	6.125%	MA	Delinquent
Example 1	-	-	4.793%	-	Non-Delinquent
Example 2	-	43%	-	-	Non-Delinquent

What can Roger do to decrease his PD?

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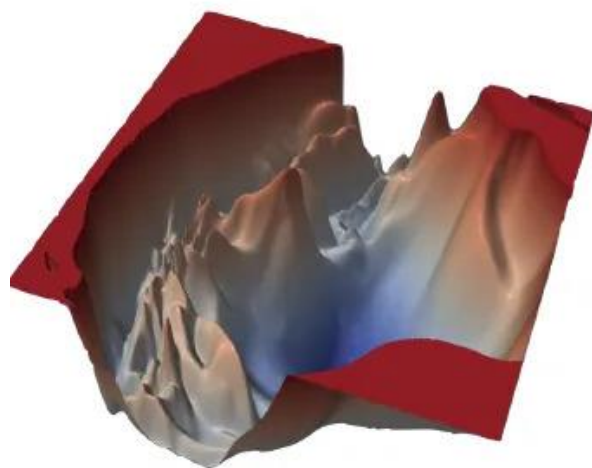
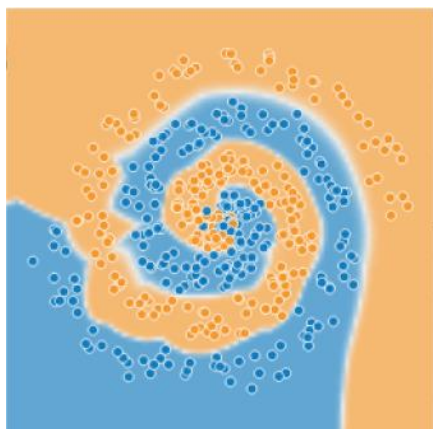


Delinquent



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How does our model decide who gets a loan or not?



Decision planes

Arbitrary shape

The plane is formed through the solving of a minimization problem.

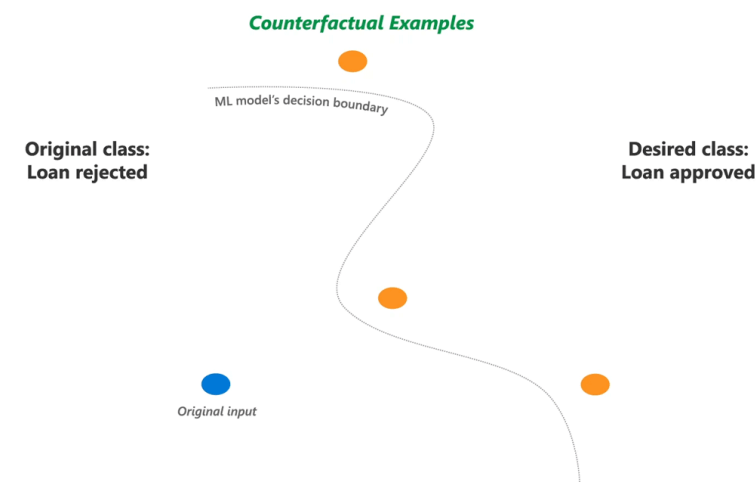
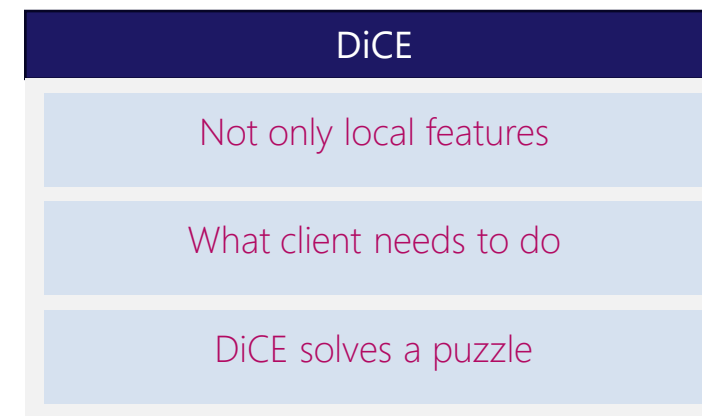
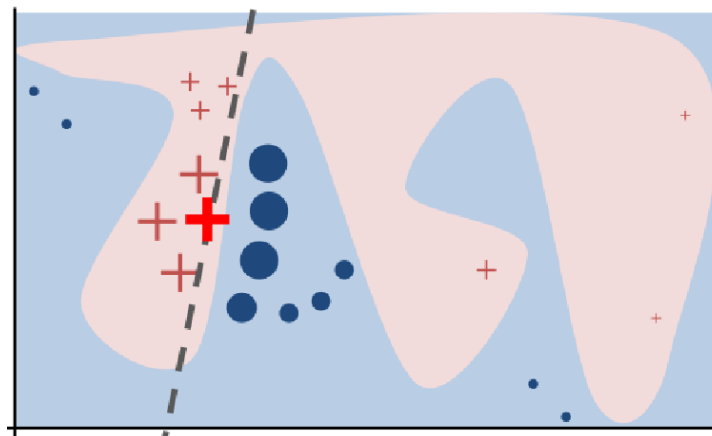
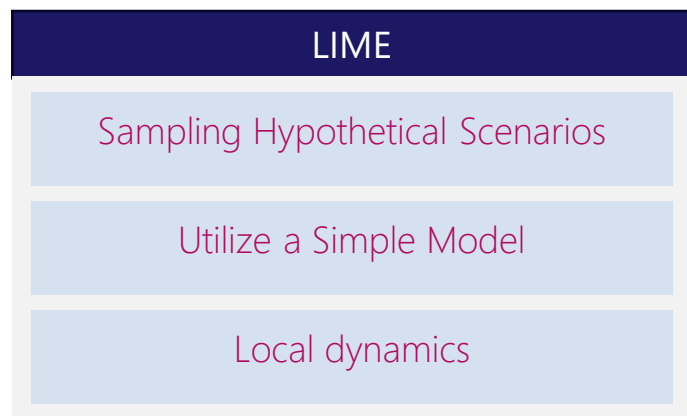
Complex

The complexity is beyond visualization.

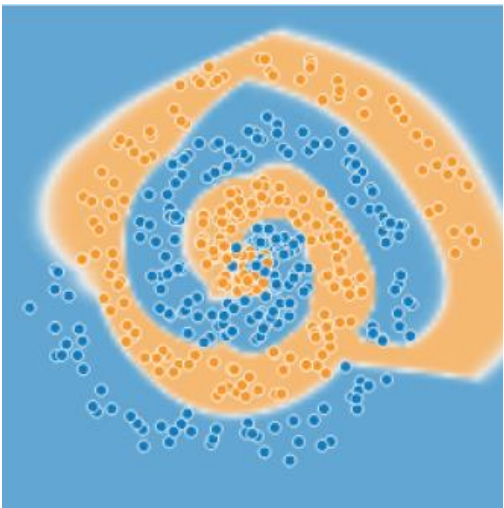
Dimensions

Due to the vast number of variables fed into our model, the decision plane would be multi-dimensional

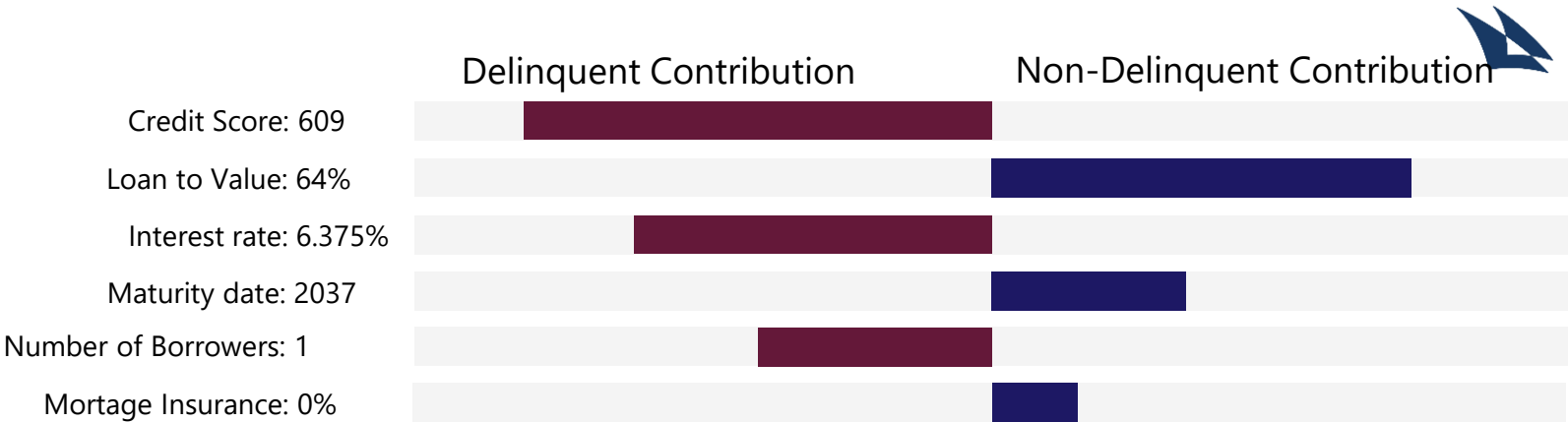
Introducing LIME (Local Interpretable Model-Agnostic Explanations) and DiCE (Diverse Counterfactual Explanations)



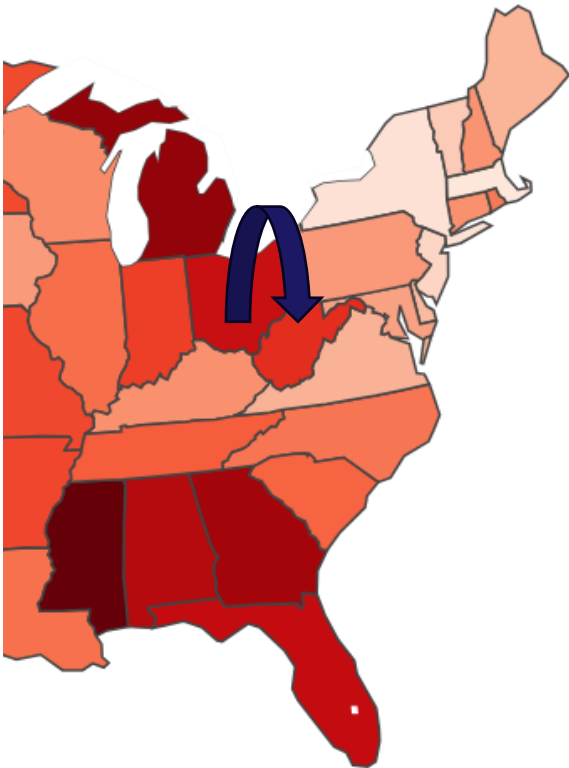
Counter intuitive example



Good Accuracy ≠ Good Decisions



Client #2	Credit Score	LTV	Interest Rate	Property State	Status
Original	609	64%	6.375%	CT	Delinquent
Example 1	821	-	-	-	Non-Delinquent
Example 2	-	-	3.949%	-	Non-Delinquent
Example 3	317	-	-	-	Non-Delinquent
Example 4	-	-	12.795%	-	Non-Delinquent



Client #3	Credit Score	LTV	Interest Rate	Property State	Status
Original	723	97%	6.5%	OH	Delinquent
Example 1	-	50.9	-	-	Non-Delinquent
Example 2	-	-	-	WV	Non-Delinquent

Explainable? Yes, however....



Model Agnostic

This frameworks are easy to use and implement to any model of your choosing.



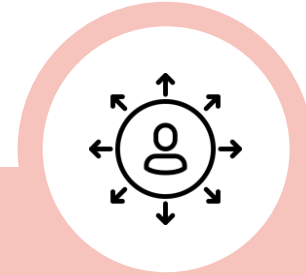
Easy to use

They may be used alongside a credit officer to give him insight on the decision-making method of the model.



Computation

Computationally expensive, requiring precomputing and real time computing.

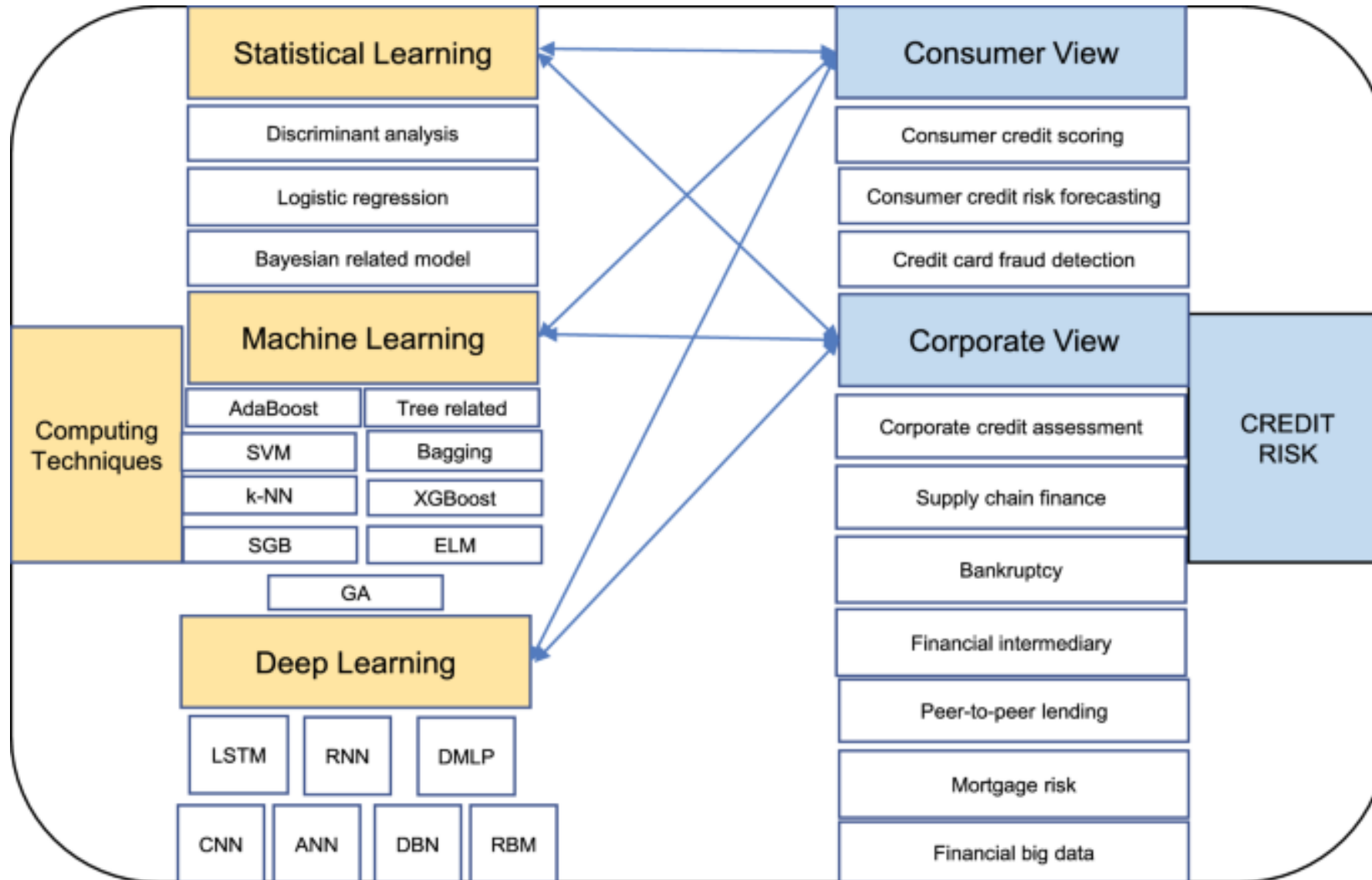


Human Evaluation

Suggested to be supervised by a human to ensure logical recommendations are being made.



Appendix I



Optimization Loss of DiCE (Diverse Counterfactual Explanations)



$$C(\mathbf{x}) = \arg \min_{\mathbf{c}_1, \dots, \mathbf{c}_k} \frac{1}{k} \sum_{i=1}^k \text{yloss}(f(\mathbf{c}_i), y) + \frac{\lambda_1}{k} \sum_{i=1}^k \text{dist}(\mathbf{c}_i, \mathbf{x}) - \lambda_2 \text{dpp_diversity}(\mathbf{c}_1, \dots, \mathbf{c}_k)$$

f ➡ The original ML model (Gradient Boosted Decision Tree)

\mathbf{x} ➡ The original Input (the user's attributes)

\mathbf{c}_i ➡ The i counterfactual example

y ➡ The opposite class label (Delinquent or not)

$\text{yloss}(f(\mathbf{c}_i), y)$ ➡ The loss function of the opposite label and the counterfactual example

$\text{dist}(\mathbf{c}_i, \mathbf{x})$ ➡ The distance of the counterfactual example and the original input (the user's attributes)

dpp_diversity ➡ The Determinantal Point Processes of the kernelized counterfactual examples (how diverse they are)

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f ➡ The original ML model (Gradient Boosted Decision Tree)

\mathbf{x} ➡ Vector of size the number of the model's features

\mathbf{c}_i ➡ Vector of size similar to the input, the number of the model's features

y ➡ Scalar value of 0 or 1

$$\text{yloss}(f(\mathbf{c}_i), y) \Rightarrow \text{hinge_yloss} = \max(0, 1 - z * \text{logit}(f(\mathbf{c})))$$

$$\text{dist}(\mathbf{c}_i, \mathbf{x}) \Rightarrow \text{dist_cont}(\mathbf{c}, \mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{d_{\text{cont}}} \sum_{p=1}^{d_{\text{cont}}} \frac{|\mathbf{c}^p - \mathbf{x}^p|}{\text{MAD}_p} \quad \text{dist_cat}(\mathbf{c}, \mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{d_{\text{cat}}} \sum_{p=1}^{d_{\text{cat}}} I(\mathbf{c}^p \neq \mathbf{x}^p)$$

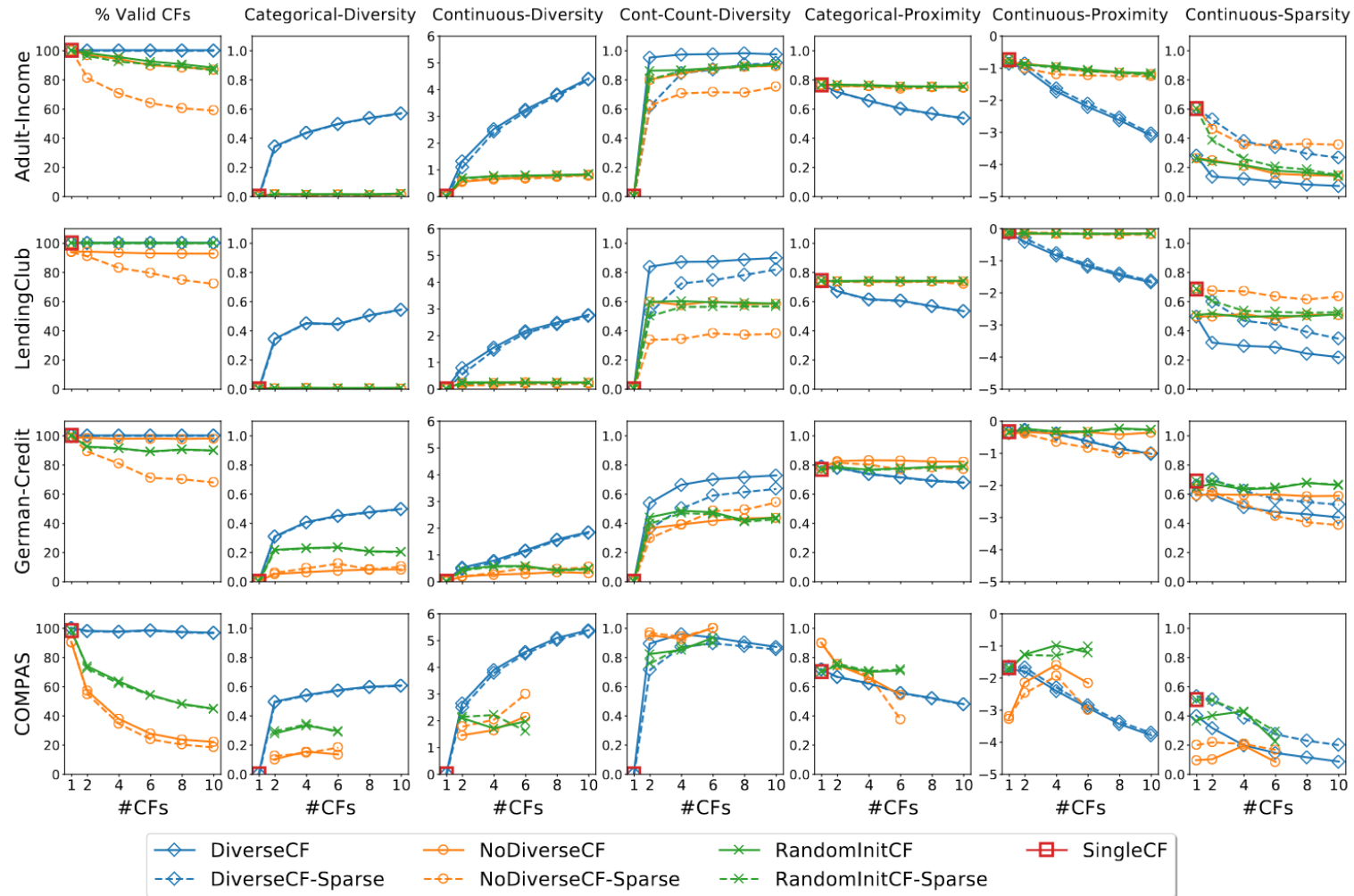
Optimization tricks used by DiCE (Diverse Counterfactual Explanations)



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- Sparsity
 - They restore the value of continuous features back to their values in \mathbf{x} greedily if less than a chosen threshold.
- Hyperparameters
 - The hyperparameter λ_1 balances the counterfactuals distance from the origin and the λ_2 balances their diversity. Both were derived by using Grid Search
- MAD
 - They use Median Absolute Deviation for more robust distance measures

Results of DiCE (Diverse Counterfactual Explanations)





$$\xi(x) = \operatorname{argmin}_{g \in G} \mathcal{L}(f, g, \pi_x) + \Omega(g)$$

f ➡ The original ML model (Gradient Boosted Decision Tree)

g ➡ Simpler Model (Linear model to explain locally the more complex one)

π_x ➡ Sampled points near input x

$\Omega(g)$ ➡ Regularization factor

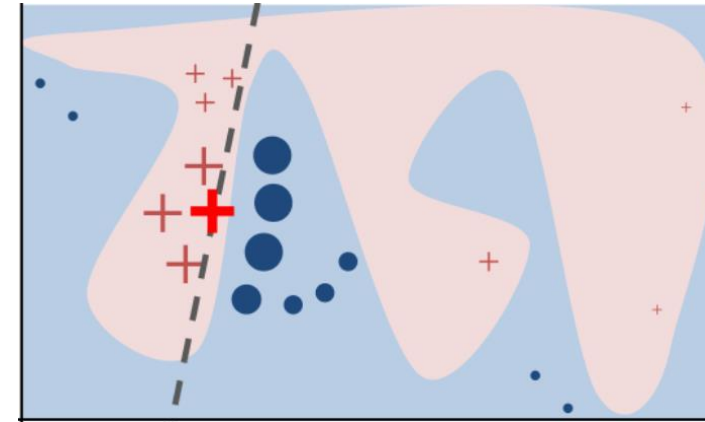
$\mathcal{L}(f, g, \pi_x)$ ➡ The loss function how well the simple model approximates the complex one

$$\mathcal{L}(f, g, \pi_x) = \sum_{z, z' \in \mathcal{Z}} \pi_x(z) (f(z) - g(z'))^2$$

Optimization loss of LIME (Local Interpretable Model-agnostic Explanations)



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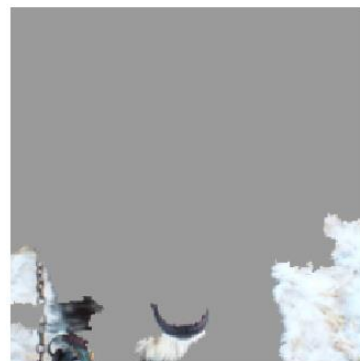


- RBF kernel is used to measure the distance of the sampled points $\pi_x(z) = \exp(-D(x, z)^2 / \sigma^2)$
- 5000 points are sampled by default. We sampled 50000
- Model agnostic

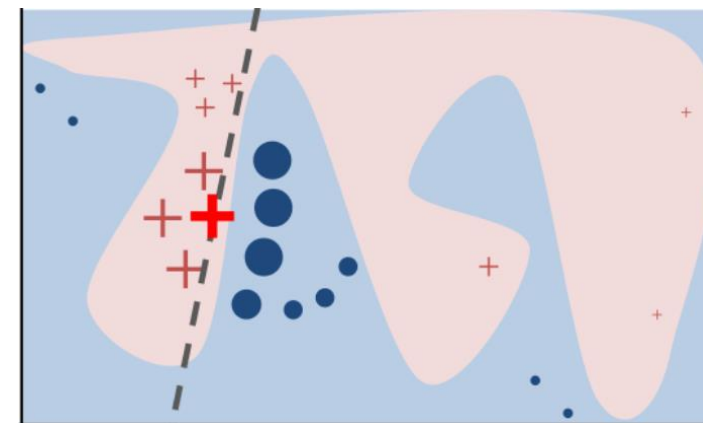
Results of LIME in images (Local Interpretable Model-agnostic Explanations)



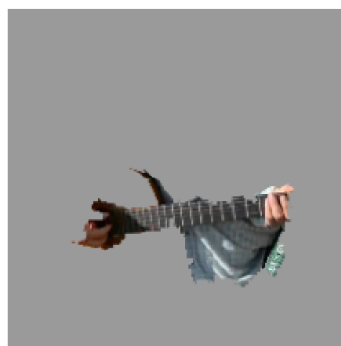
(a) Husky classified as wolf



(b) Explanation



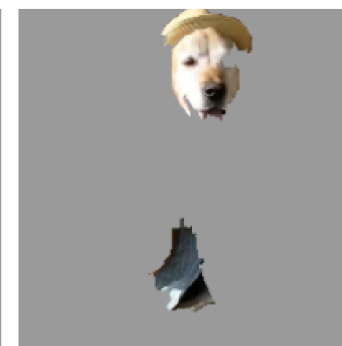
(a) Original Image



(b) Explaining *Electric guitar*



(c) Explaining *Acoustic guitar*



(d) Explaining *Labrador*

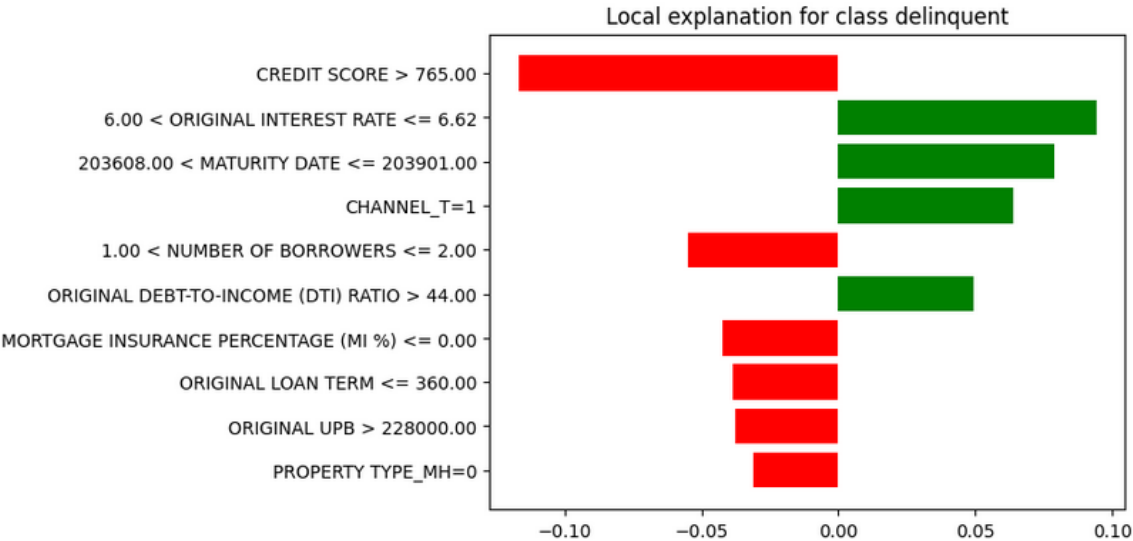
Figure 4: Explaining an image classification prediction made by Google's Inception neural network. The top 3 classes predicted are "Electric Guitar" ($p = 0.32$), "Acoustic guitar" ($p = 0.24$) and "Labrador" ($p = 0.21$)

Our counterfactual examples on the dataset by using the Gradient Boosted Tree



Example 1

LIME



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1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.793	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0
2	-	-	-	-	10.2	-	-	24.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0
3	-	-	-	-	48.7	-	-	120.6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0
4	-	-	-	-	-	18.1	-	140.1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0
5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.251	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0
6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.864	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0
7	-	-	-	-	38.1	-	-	-	2.694	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0
8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0
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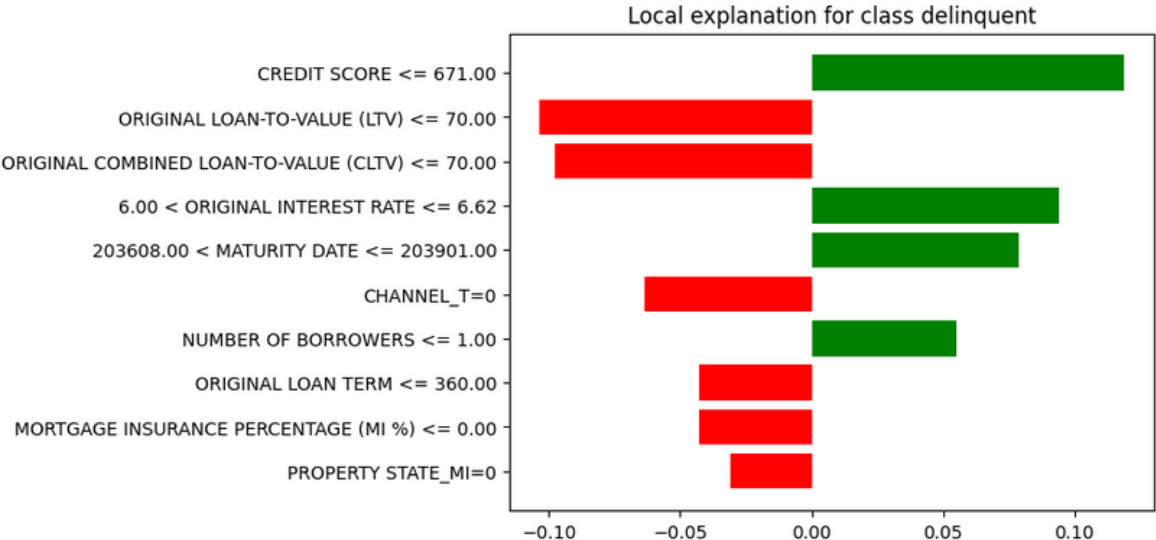
DiCE

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Example 2

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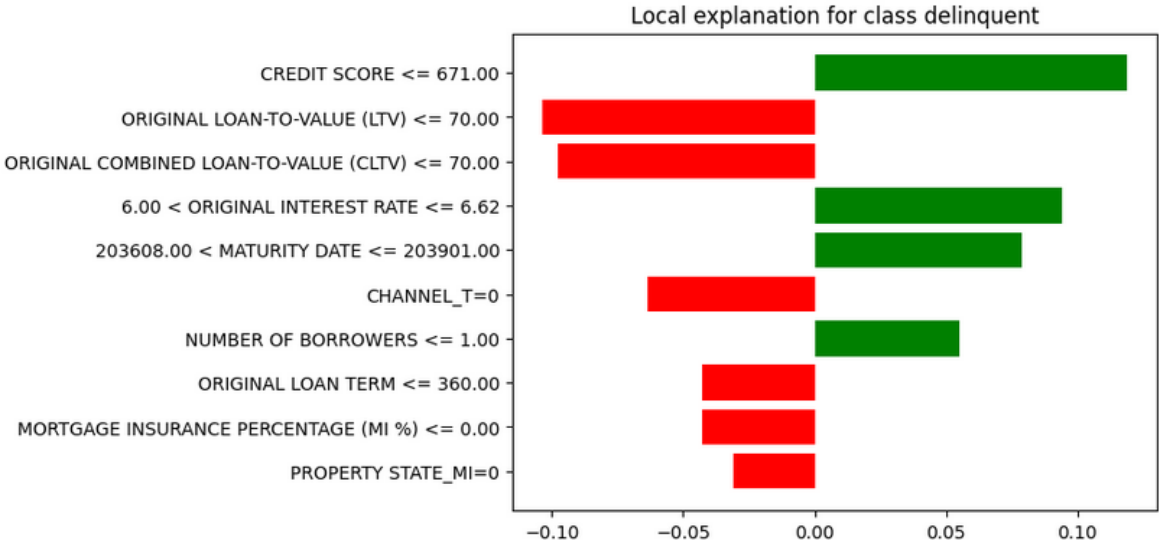
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2	319.8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0
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Bad Example 1

LIME



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1	828.7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0
2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.175	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0
3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.734	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0
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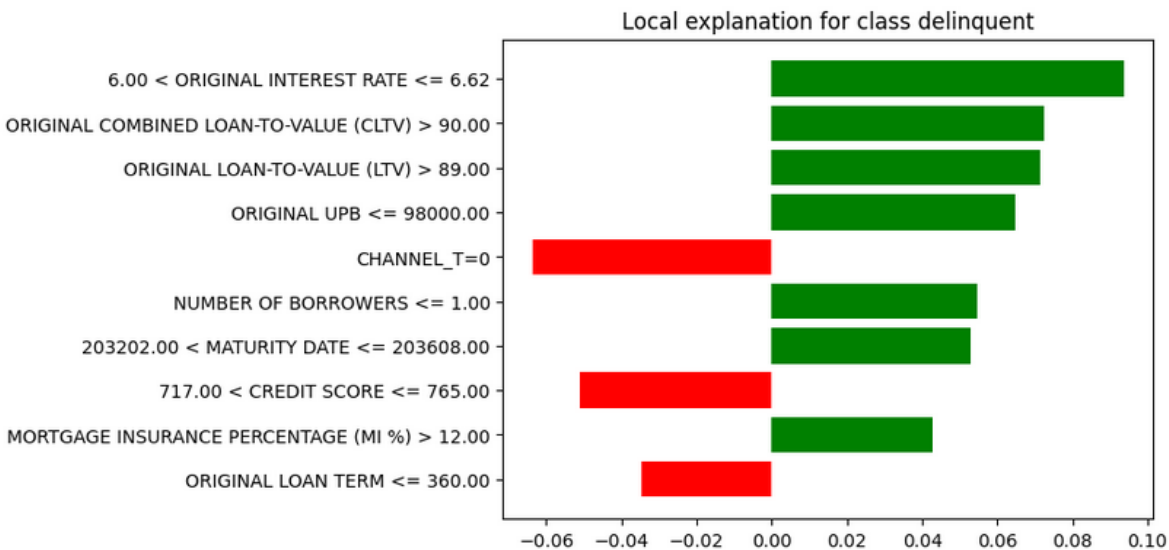
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Our counterfactual examples on the dataset by using the Gradient Boosted Tree



Bad Biased Example 2

LIME



	CREDIT SCORE	MATURITY DATE	MORTGAGE INSURANCE PERCENTAGE (MI %)	NUMBER OF UNITS	ORIGINAL COMBINED LOAN-TO-VALUE (CLTV)	ORIGINAL DEBT-TO-INCOME (DTI) RATIO	ORIGINAL UPB	ORIGINAL LOAN-TO-VALUE (LTV)	ORIGINAL INTEREST RATE	ORIGINAL LOAN TERM	NUMBER OF BORROWERS	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	FIRST TIME HOMEBUYER FLAG	OCCUPANCY STATUS	CHANNEL	PROPERTY STATE	PROPERTY TYPE	LOAN PURPOSE	CURRENT LOAN DELINQUENCY STATUS
0	723.0	203310.0	35.0	1.0	97.0	39.0	74000.0	97.0	6.5	360.0	1.0	38.936371	-87.269592	Y	P	R	OH	SF	P	1.0

Diverse Counterfactual set (new outcome: 0.0)

	CREDIT SCORE	MATURITY DATE	MORTGAGE INSURANCE PERCENTAGE (MI %)	NUMBER OF UNITS	ORIGINAL COMBINED LOAN-TO-VALUE (CLTV)	ORIGINAL DEBT-TO-INCOME (DTI) RATIO	ORIGINAL UPB	ORIGINAL LOAN-TO-VALUE (LTV)	ORIGINAL INTEREST RATE	ORIGINAL LOAN TERM	NUMBER OF BORROWERS	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	FIRST TIME HOMEBUYER FLAG	OCCUPANCY STATUS	CHANNEL	PROPERTY STATE	PROPERTY TYPE	LOAN PURPOSE	CURRENT LOAN DELINQUENCY STATUS
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1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0
2	-	-	-	-	50.9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0
3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.5	-	-	24.48083	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0
4	-	-	8.1	-	-	-	-	-	2.341	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0
5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0
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8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.186	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0
9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	39.0	-	-	4.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0

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