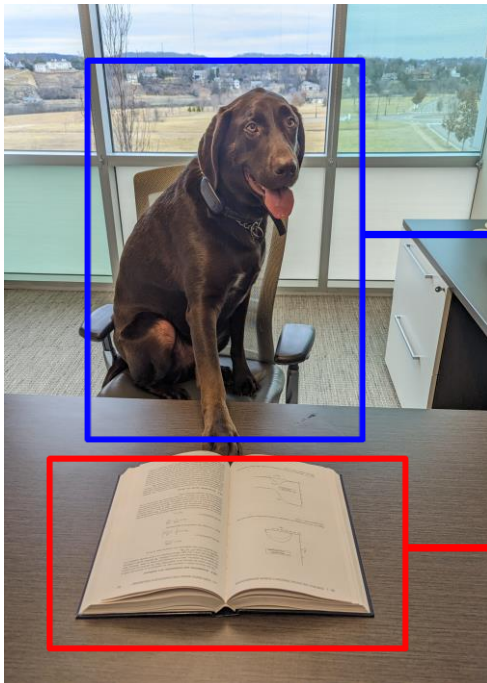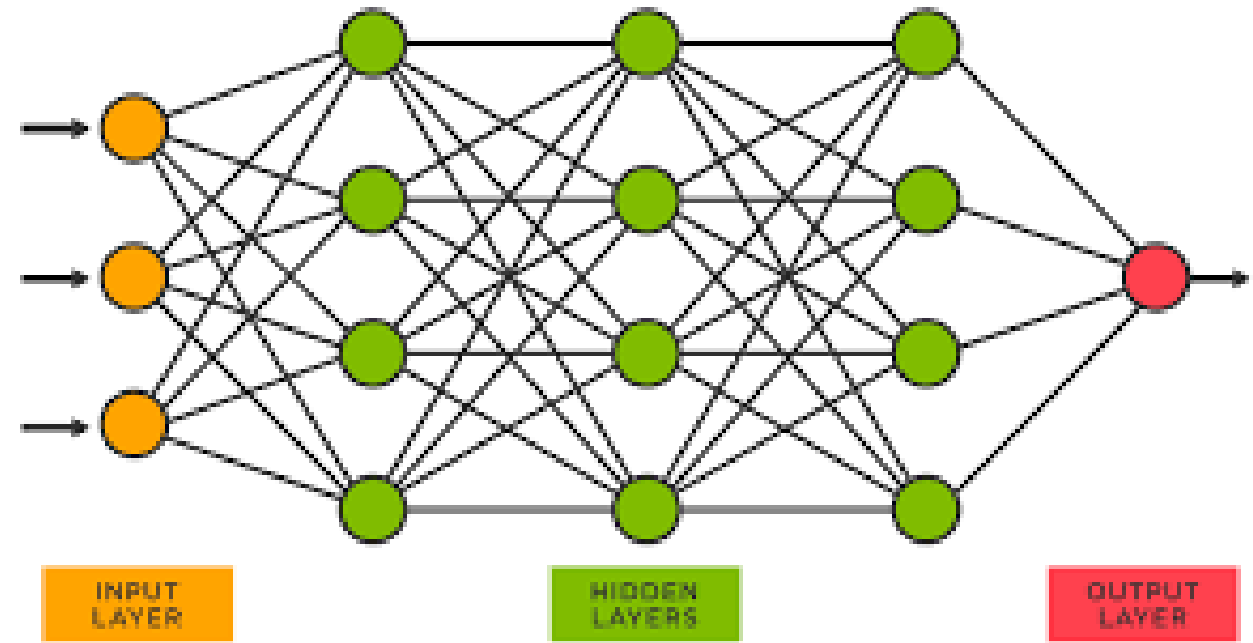# Lecture 37: Explainable ML

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Supervised Machine Learning

- Regression
- Classification
- Semantic segmentation
- Instance segmentation
- …

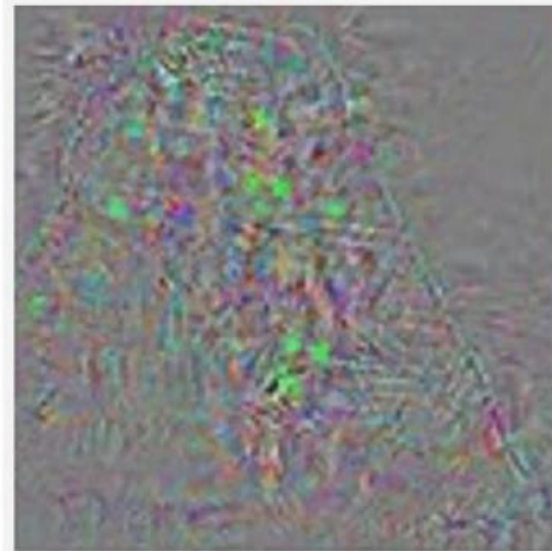

INPUT LAYER

HIDDEN LAYERS

OUTPUT LAYER

Dog

Book

Adversarial attacks

Original image
Temple (97%)

Perturbations

Adversarial example
Ostrich (98%)

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What are the problems with ML models?

- We don't trust the models
- We don't know what happens in extreme cases
- Mistakes can be expensive / harmful
- Does the model make similar mistakes as humans ?
- How to change model when things go wrong ?

What do we want to get?

- Interactive feedback - can model learn from human actions in online setting ? (Can you tell a model to not repeat a specific mistake ?)
- Recourse – Can a model tell us what actions we can take to change its output ? (For example, what can you do to improve your credit score?)
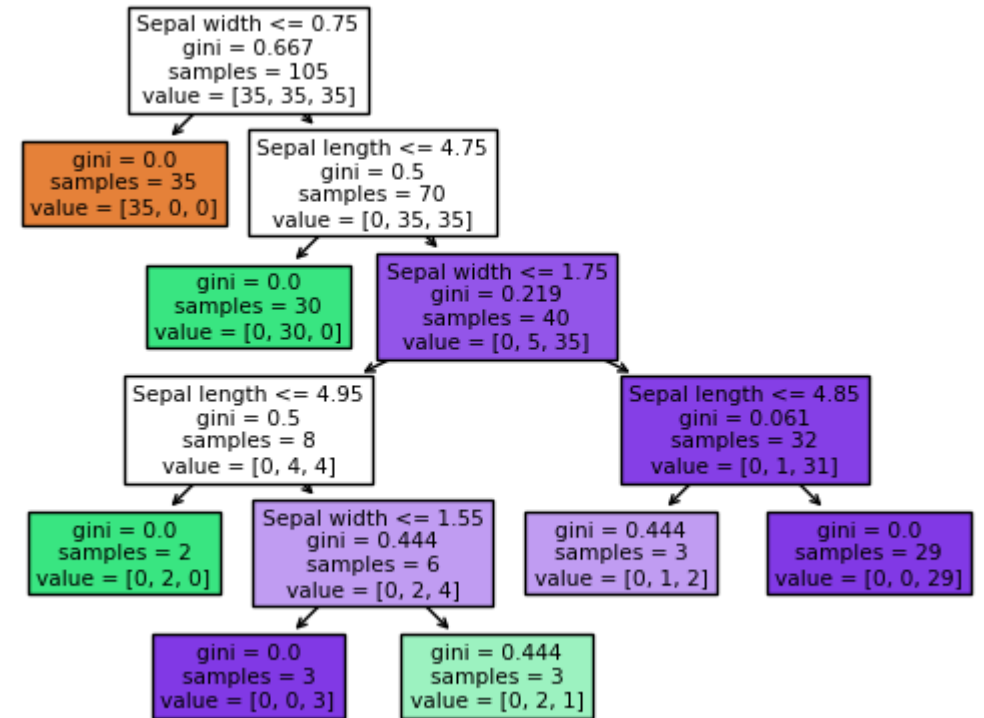
Models: Explainable and Not

Some models are explainable:
1. Linear or physics-defined function
2. Decision trees

But what about:
1. Image segmentation
2. Natural language processing
3. Classification
4. ...

What is explainability?

- **Faithfulness:** how to provide explanations that accurately represent the true reasoning behind the model's final decision.

- **Plausibility:** Is the explanation correct or something we can believe is true, given our current knowledge of the problem

- **Understandable:** Can I put it in terms that end user without in-depth knowledge of the system can understand ?

- **Stability:** Does similar instances have similar interpretations ?

What do we expect from explainer?

1. Interpretable: It should provide a qualitative understanding between the input variables and the response. It should be easy to understand.

2. Local Fidelity: It might not be possible for an explanation to be completely faithful unless it is the complete description of the model itself. Having said that it should be at least locally faithful, i.e it must replicate the model's behavior in the vicinity of the instance being predicted.

3. Model Agnostic: The explainer should be able to explain any model and should not make any assumptions about the model while providing explanations.

4. Global perspective:The explainer should explain a representative set to the user so that the user has a global intuition of the model

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Ways to explain ML methods

Global vs local:

- Do we explain individual prediction (Heatmaps, Rationales)?
- Do we explain entire model (Linear Regression, Decision Trees)?

Inherent or post-hoc:

- Is the explainability built into the model (Linear Regression, Decision Trees, Natural Language Explanations)
- Is the model black-box and we use external method to try to understand it (Heatmaps)?

Model based vs Model Agnostic

- Can it explain only few classes of models (attention gradients – differentiable models only)
- Can it explain any model (LIME, SHAP)?

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Saliency maps for differentiable models

- Choose the target class for which you want to compute the saliency map. This could be the class predicted by the network or any other class of interest.

- Pass the image through the model to get the output predictions. In the case of classification, this output is typically a probability distribution over classes.

- Extract the model's output (e.g., the probability or the logit) corresponding to the target class.

- Calculate the gradient of the output for the target class with respect to the input image. It highlights how much each pixel in the input image contributes to the output value for the chosen class.

- Post-process the gradients to create a saliency map:
  - Taking the absolute value of the gradient.
  - Collapsing the gradient across the color channels, often by taking the maximum or the average across channels.
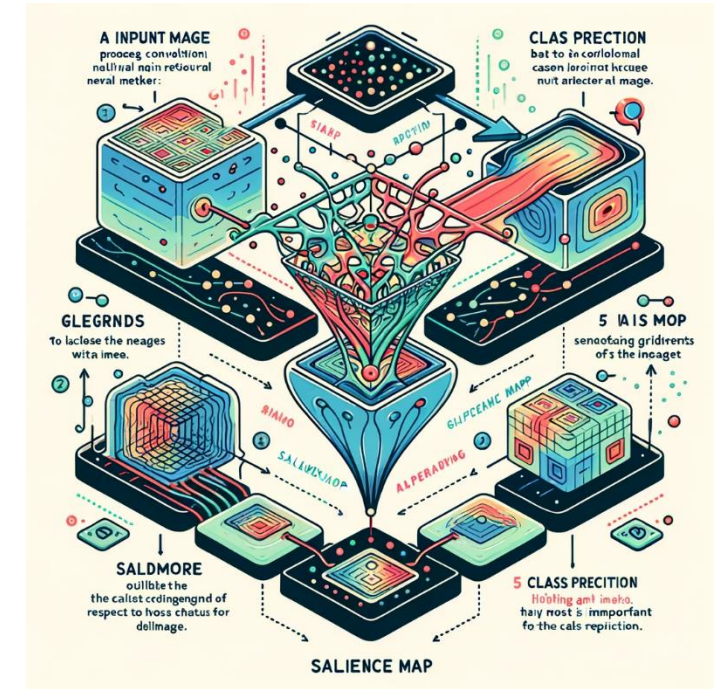
Example of saliency maps for MNIST
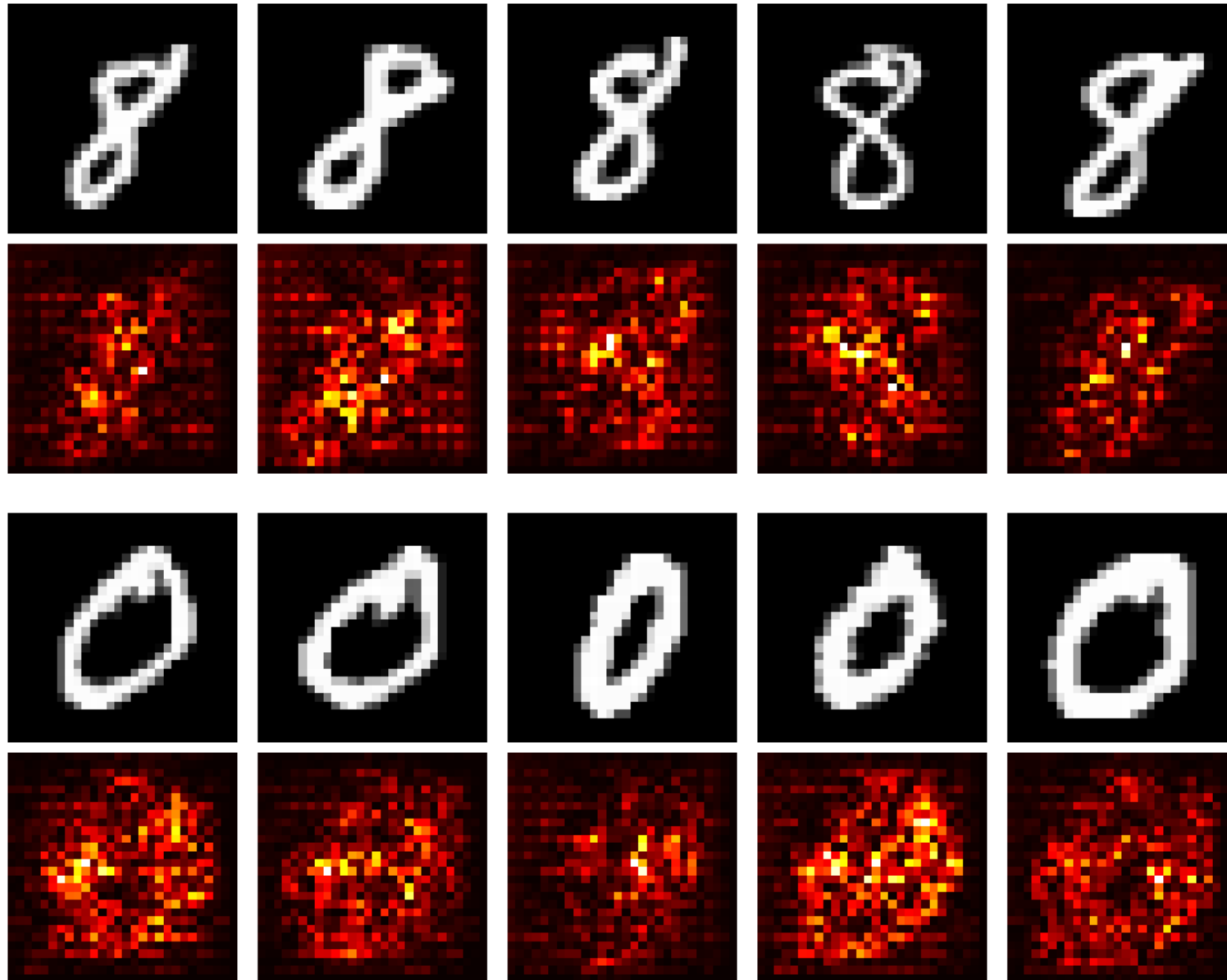
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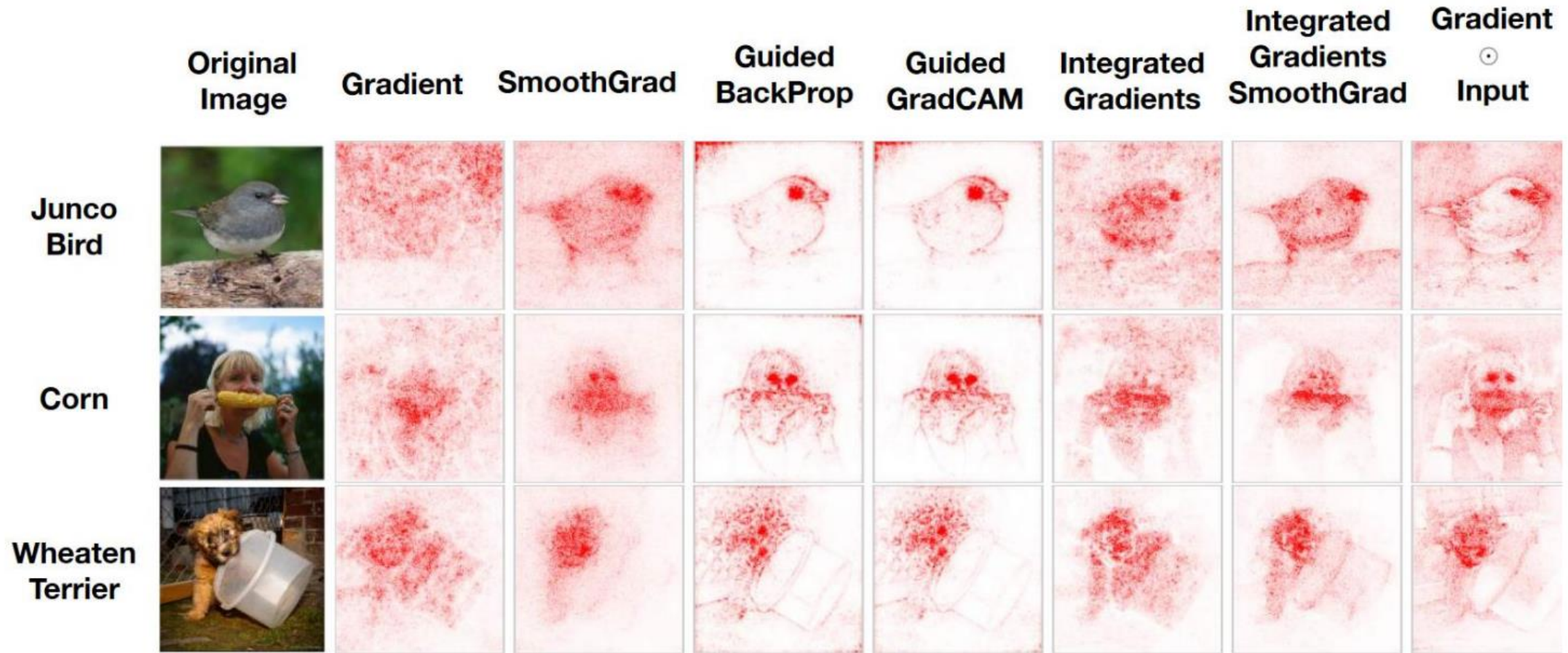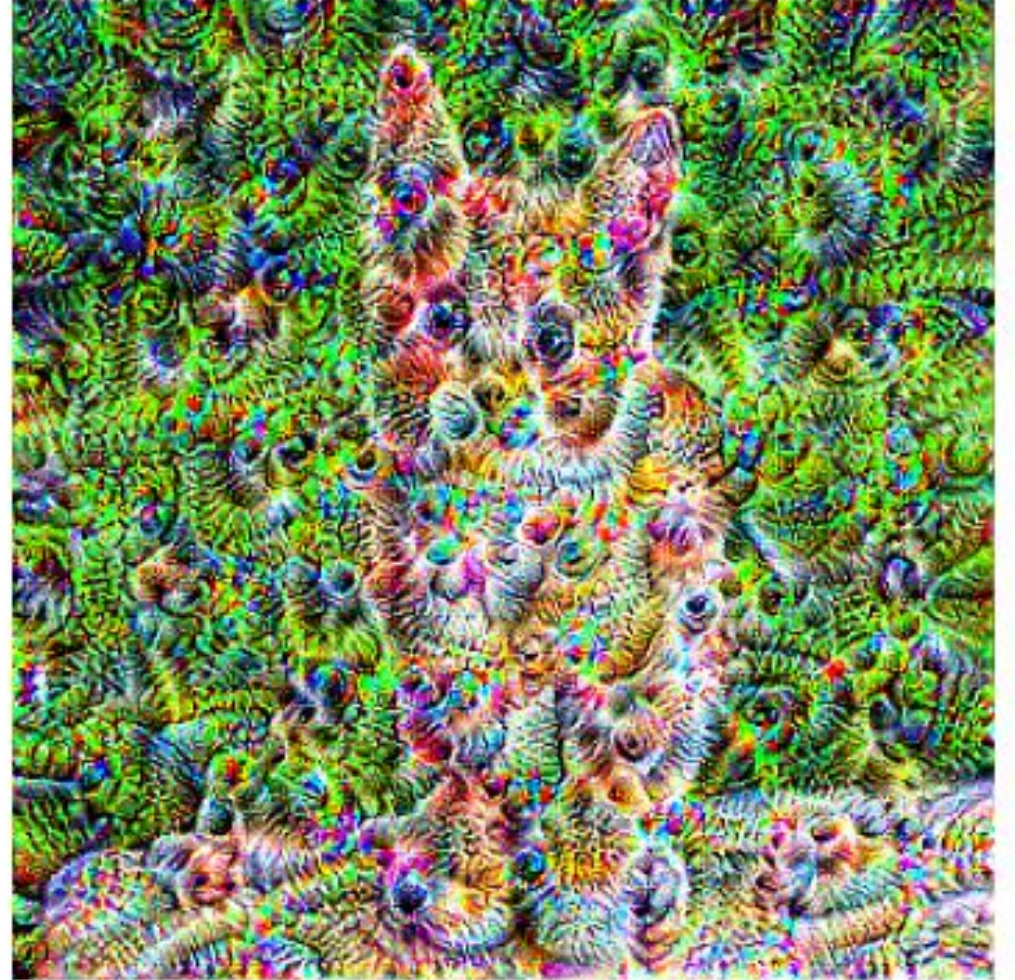

[Adebayo et al 2018]

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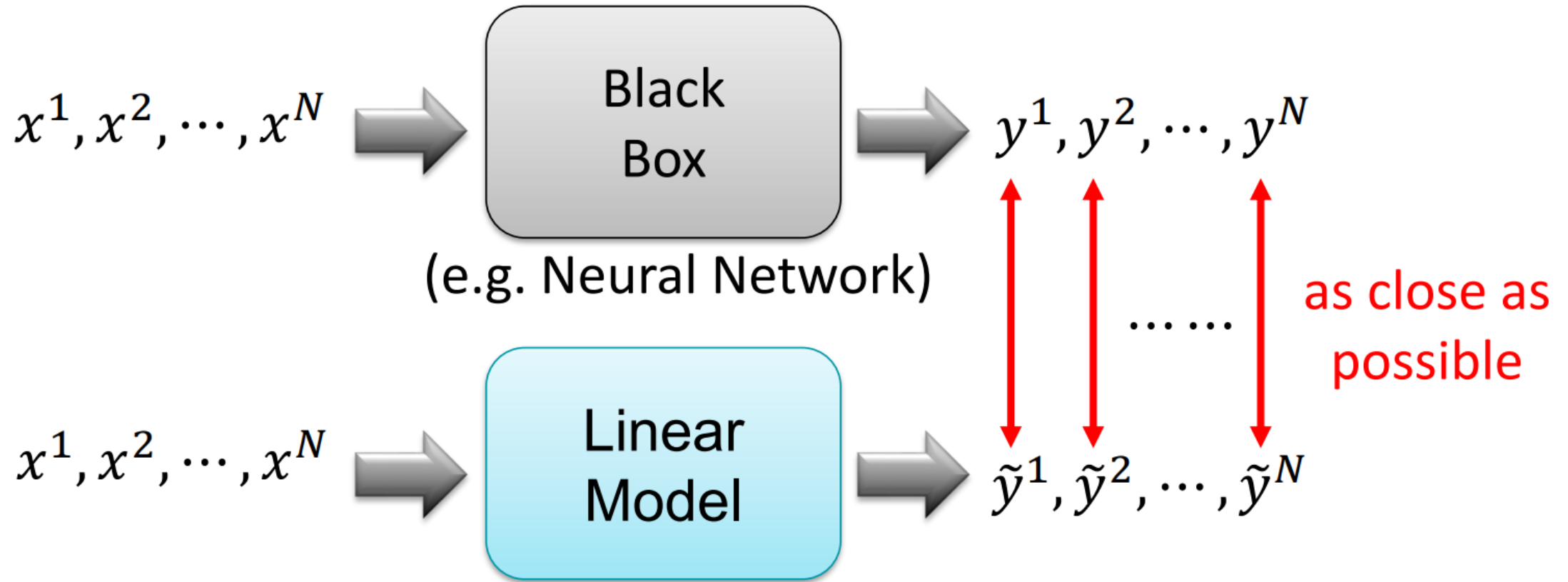- Not very reliable

Closely related – Deep Dream

Original Image

Deep Dream Image

Locally Interpretable Manifold Embedding
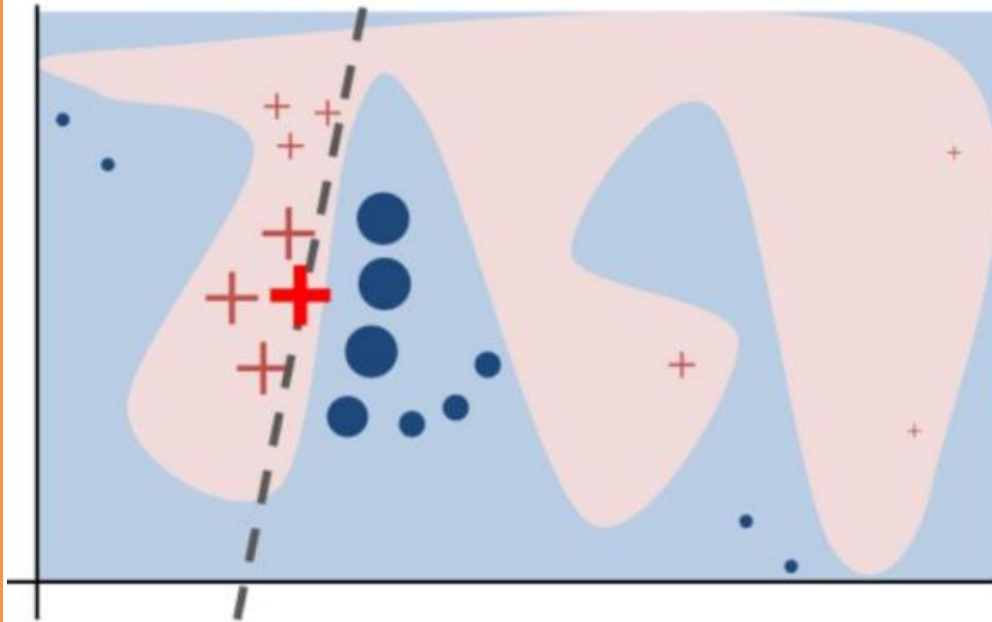
Locally Interpretable Manifold Embedding

Figure 3: Toy example to present intuition for LIME. The black-box model's complex decision function f (unknown to LIME) is represented by the blue/pink background, which cannot be approximated well by a linear model. The bold red cross is the instance being explained. LIME samples instances, gets predictions using f, and weighs them by the proximity to the instance being explained (represented here by size). The dashed line is the learned explanation that is locally (but not globally) faithful.

Ribeiro et al, 2016

Locally Interpretable Manifold Embedding

Fidelity-Interpretability trade-off: We want an explainer that is faithful (replicate our model's behavior locally) and interpretable. Towards this goal, LIME minimizes the following

$$\xi(x) = \underset{g \in G}{\operatorname{argmin}} \ \mathcal{L}(f, g, \pi_x) + \Omega(g) \tag{1}$$

- f: an original predictor
- x: original features
- g: explanation model which could be a linear model, decision tree, or falling rule lists
- Pi: proximity measure between an instance of z to x to define locality around x. It weighs z' (perturbed instances) depending upon their distance from x.

First Term: the measure of the unfaithfulness of g in approximating f in the locality defined by Pi. This is termed as locality-aware loss in the original paper

Last term: a measure of model complexity of explanation g. For example, if your explanation model is a decision tree it can be the depth of the tree or in the case of linear explanation models it can be the number of non-zero weights

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LIME: Sparse Linear Explanation:

1. g(z') = w . z' (Making the explanation model linear)
2. Locally-aware loss = square loss
3. Pi(z) : exp(-D(x,z)(2)/sigma(2)) (proximity weighing for the samples)
4. D(x,z) : Distance function

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

Algorithm 1 Sparse Linear Explanations using LIME

Require: Classifier f, Number of samples N
Require: Instance x, and its interpretable version x'
Require: Similarity kernel π_x, Length of explanation K
    $\mathcal{Z} \leftarrow \{\}$
    for $i \in \{1, 2, 3, ..., N\}$ **do**
        $z_i' \leftarrow sample\_around(x')$
        $\mathcal{Z} \leftarrow \mathcal{Z} \cup \langle z_i', f(z_i), \pi_x(z_i) \rangle$
    end for
    $w \leftarrow \text{K-Lasso}(\mathcal{Z}, K)$ ▷ with z_i' as features, $f(z)$ as target
    return w

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LIME on Iris

Selected Instance in PCA Space

Prediction probabilities

setosa	1.00
versicolor	0.00
virginica	0.00

NOT setosa   setosa

petal width (cm) <= 0.30
0.44
petal length (cm) <= 1.60
0.43
sepal length (cm) <=...
0.04
3.00 < sepal width (cm...
0.00

Feature	Value
petal width (cm)	0.20
petal length (cm)	1.60
sepal length (cm)	4.70
sepal width (cm)	3.20

LIME on Images

LIME — Image
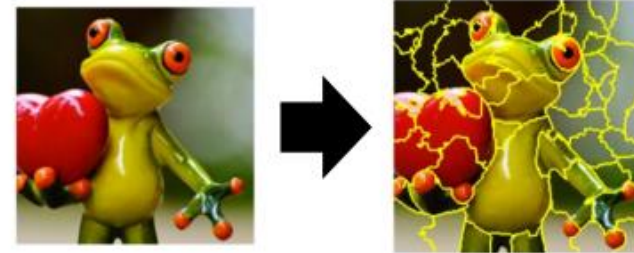
- 1. Given a data point you want to explain
- 2. Sample at the nearby - Each image is represented as a set of superpixels (segments).

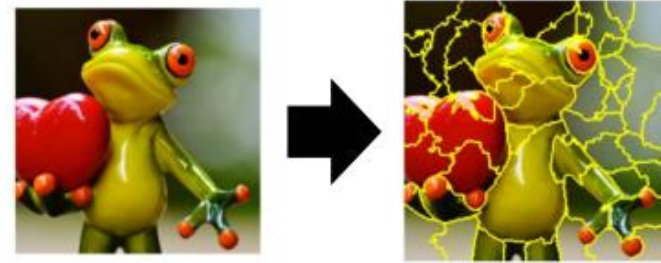| Black	Black	Black
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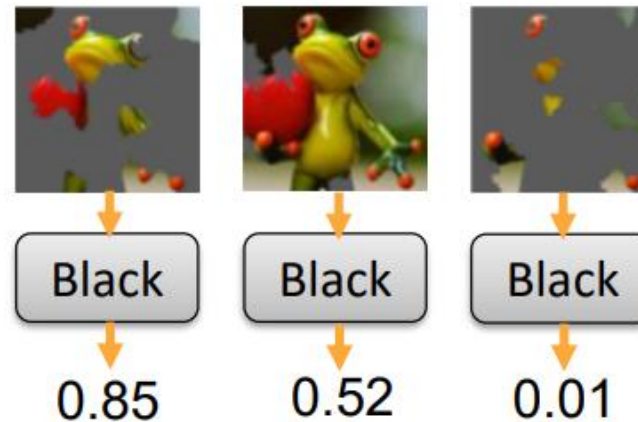
Randomly delete some segments.

Compute the probability of "frog" by black box

Ref: https://medium.com/@kstseng/lime-local-interpretable-model-agnostic-explanation%E6%8A%80%E8%A1%93%E4%BB%8B%E7%B4%B9-a67b6c34c3f8
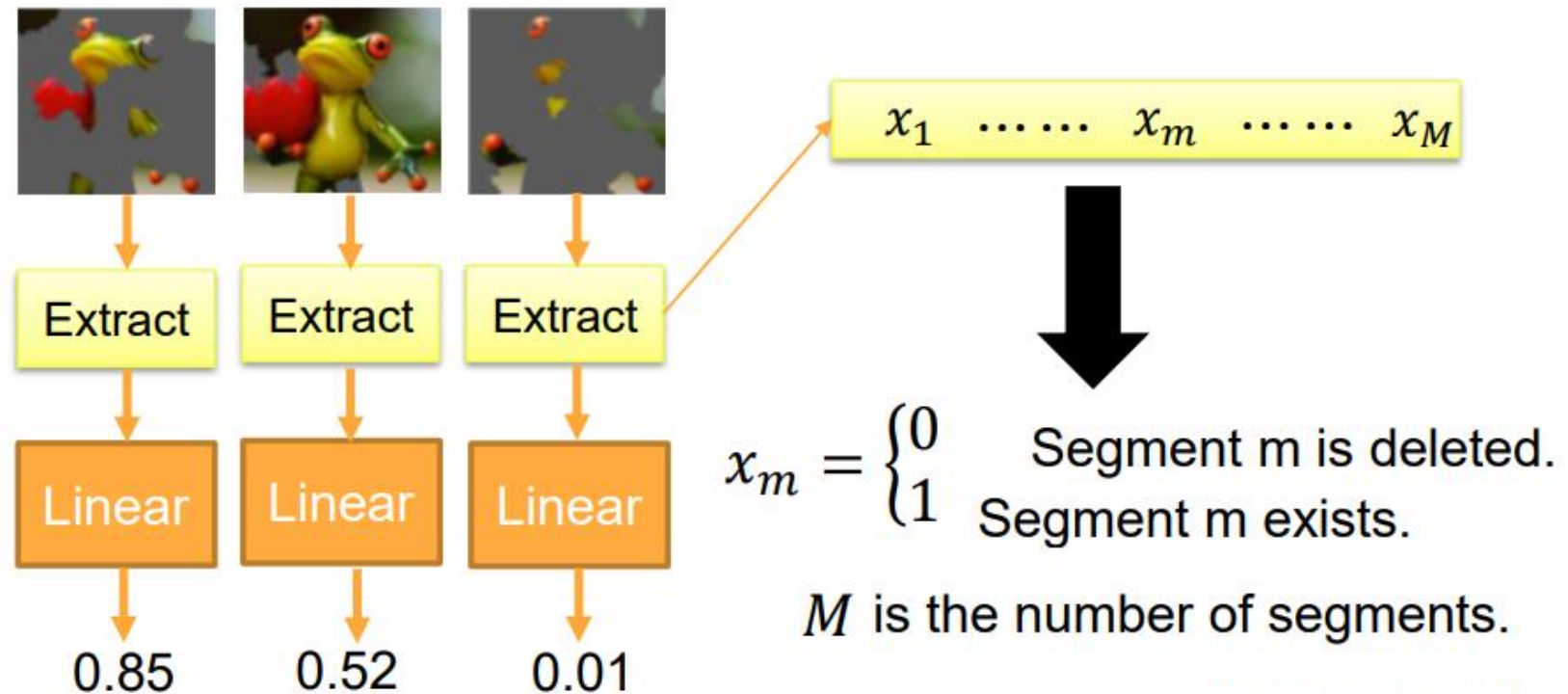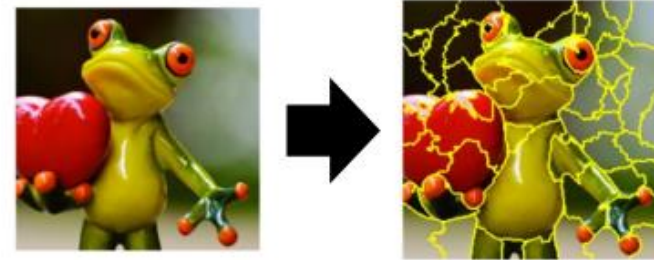
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LIME on Images

LIME – Image

- 3. Fit with linear (or interpretable) model

$$x_m = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{Segment m is deleted.} \\ 1 & \text{Segment m exists.} \end{cases}$$

$x_1 \quad \cdots \cdots \quad x_m \quad \cdots \cdots \quad x_M$

M is the number of segments.

Extract → Linear → 0.85
Extract → Linear → 0.52
Extract → Linear → 0.01

LIME on Images

LIME – Image

- 4. Interpret the model you learned

$$y = w_1 x_1 + \cdots + w_m x_m + \cdots + w_M x_M$$

$$x_m = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{Segment m is deleted.} \\ 1 & \text{Segment m exists.} \end{cases}$$

M is the number of segments.

If $w_m \approx 0$ ➡ segment m is not related to "frog"

If w_m is positive ➡ segment m indicates the image is "frog"

If w_m is negative ➡ segment m indicates the image is not "frog"

Extract

Linear

0.85

DYI LIME

LIME on Images

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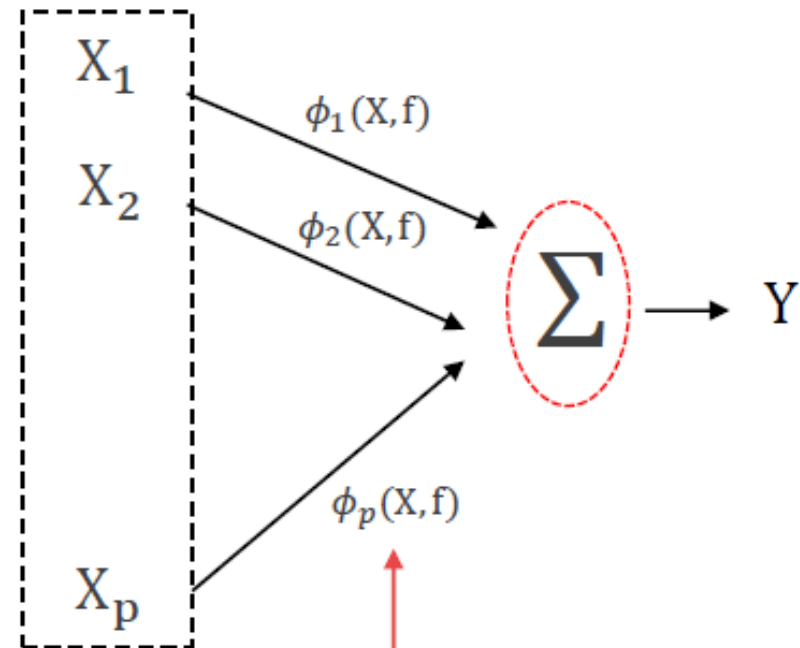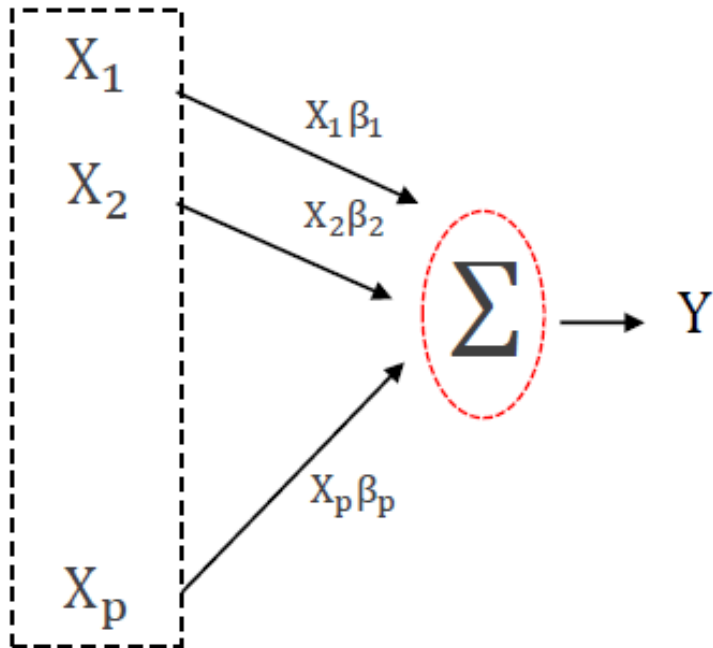
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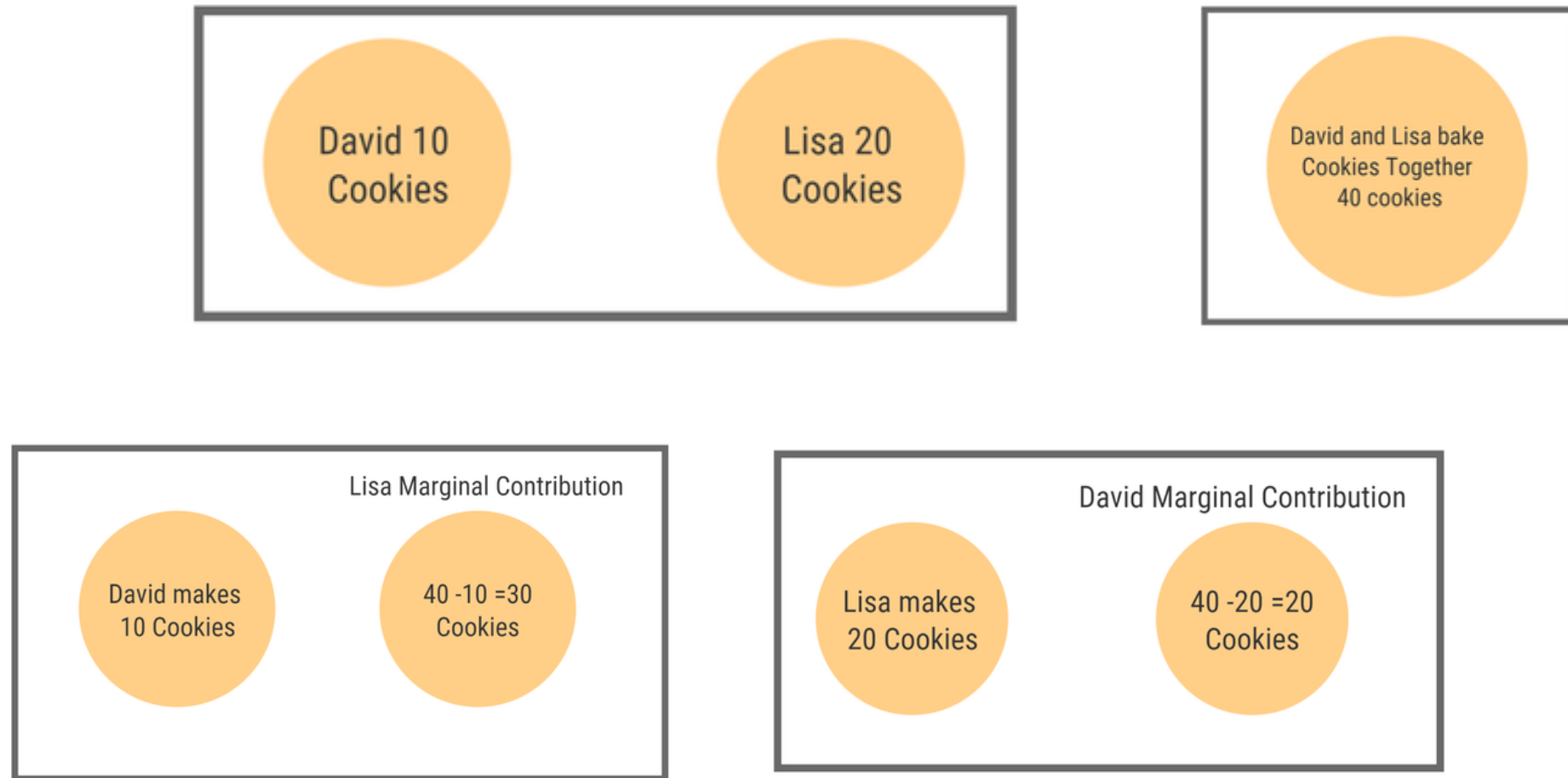
- For Lisa, the contribution to the coalition is 30 cookies in the first case and her contribution to the coalition in the second case is 20 cookies. The Shapley value will be (20+30)/2 = 25
- To find the Shapley value of David, we need to average them: (10+20)/2 = 15.

https://abhishek-maheshwarappa.medium.com/shap-values-for-explainable-ai-58652645d881

SHAP: Shapley Additive exPlanations

A method of dividing up the gains or costs among players according to the value of their individual contributions.

$$\phi_i(v) = \sum_{S \subseteq N \setminus \{i\}} \frac{|S|!(|N| - |S| - 1)!}{|N|!} (v(S \cup \{i\}) - v(S))$$

1. Marginal contribution
The contribution of each player is determined by what is gained or lost by removing them from the game. This is called their marginal contributions.
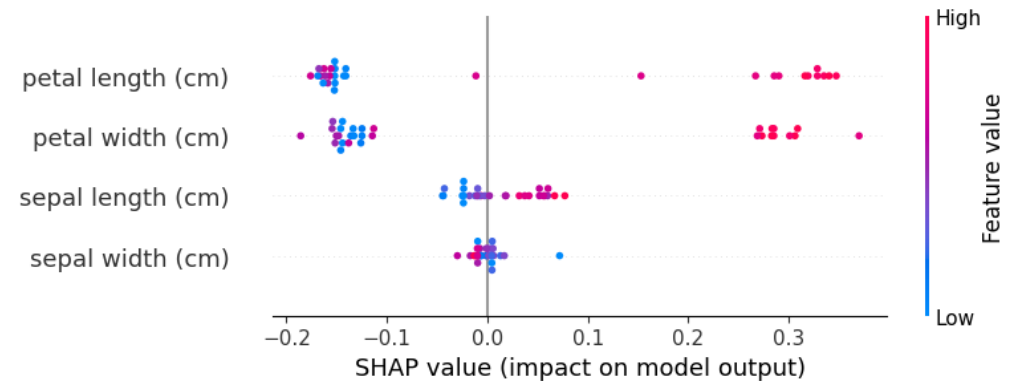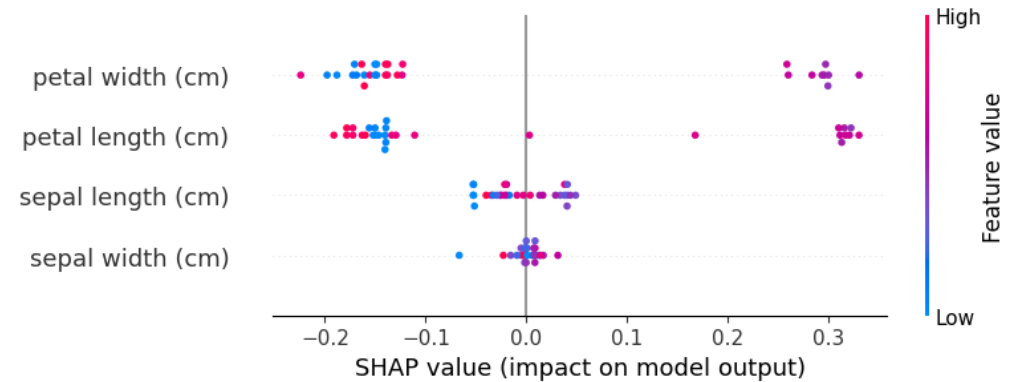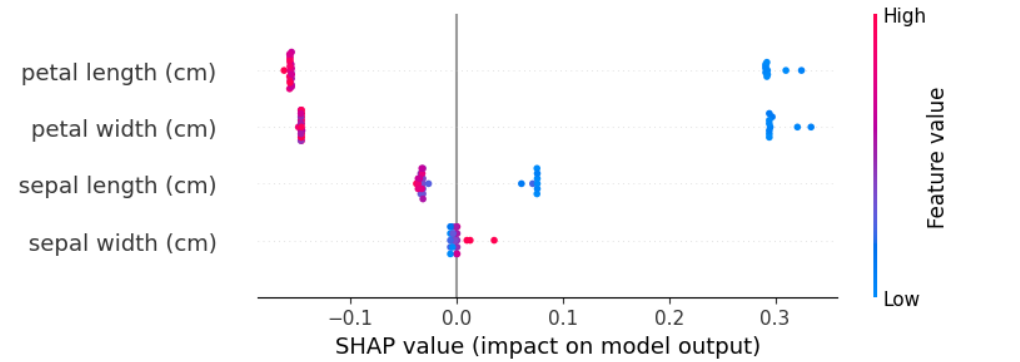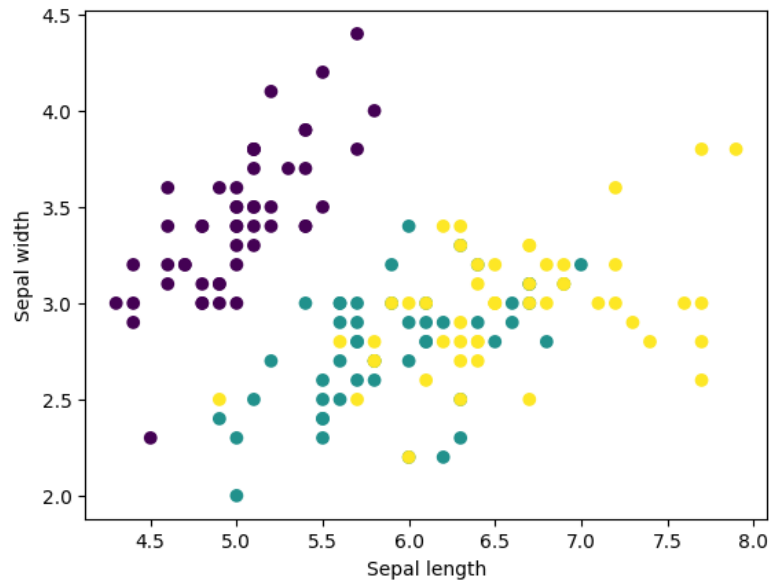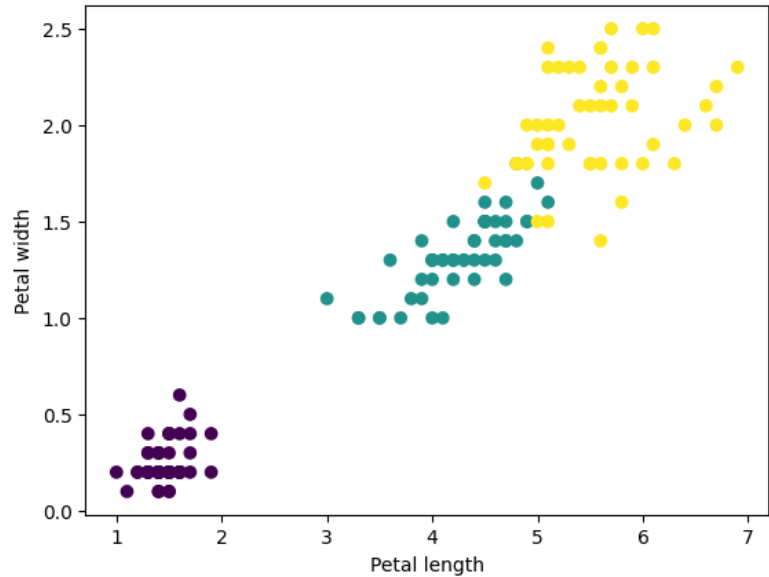
2. Interchangeable players have an equal value
If two parties bring the same things to the coalition, they should have to contribute the same amount and should be rewarded for their contributions.
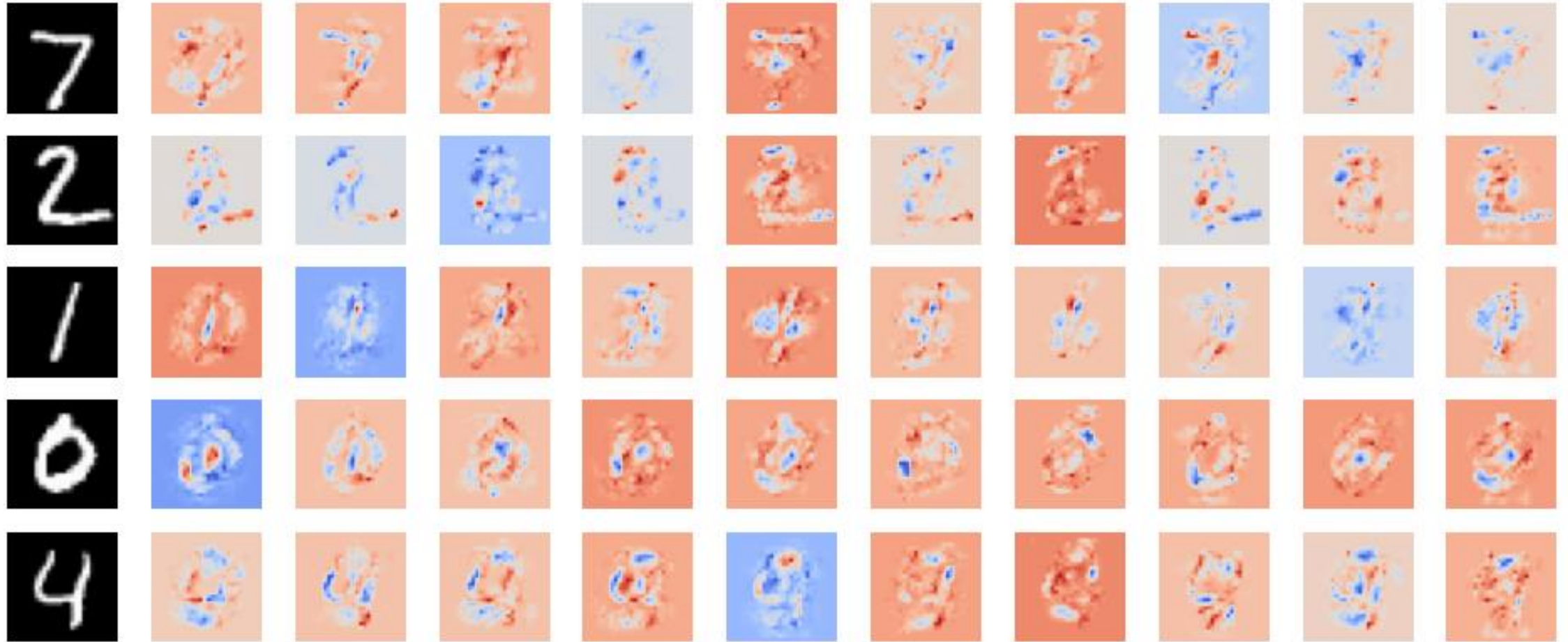
3. Dummy player has zero values
If a member of the coalition contributes nothing, then they should receive nothing. But it might not be fair in all cases, let us take an example of this thing more clear:
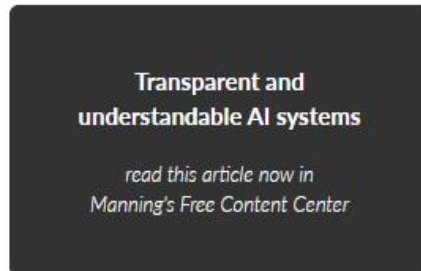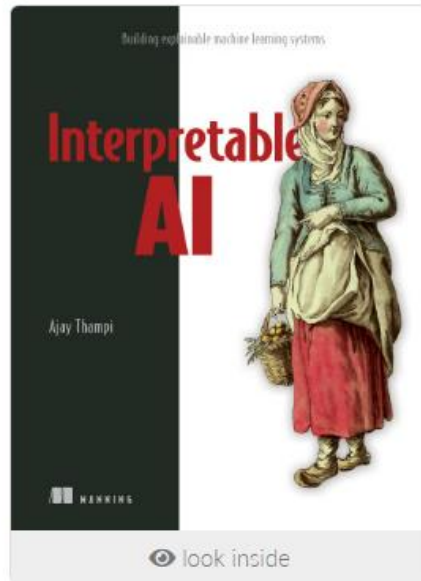
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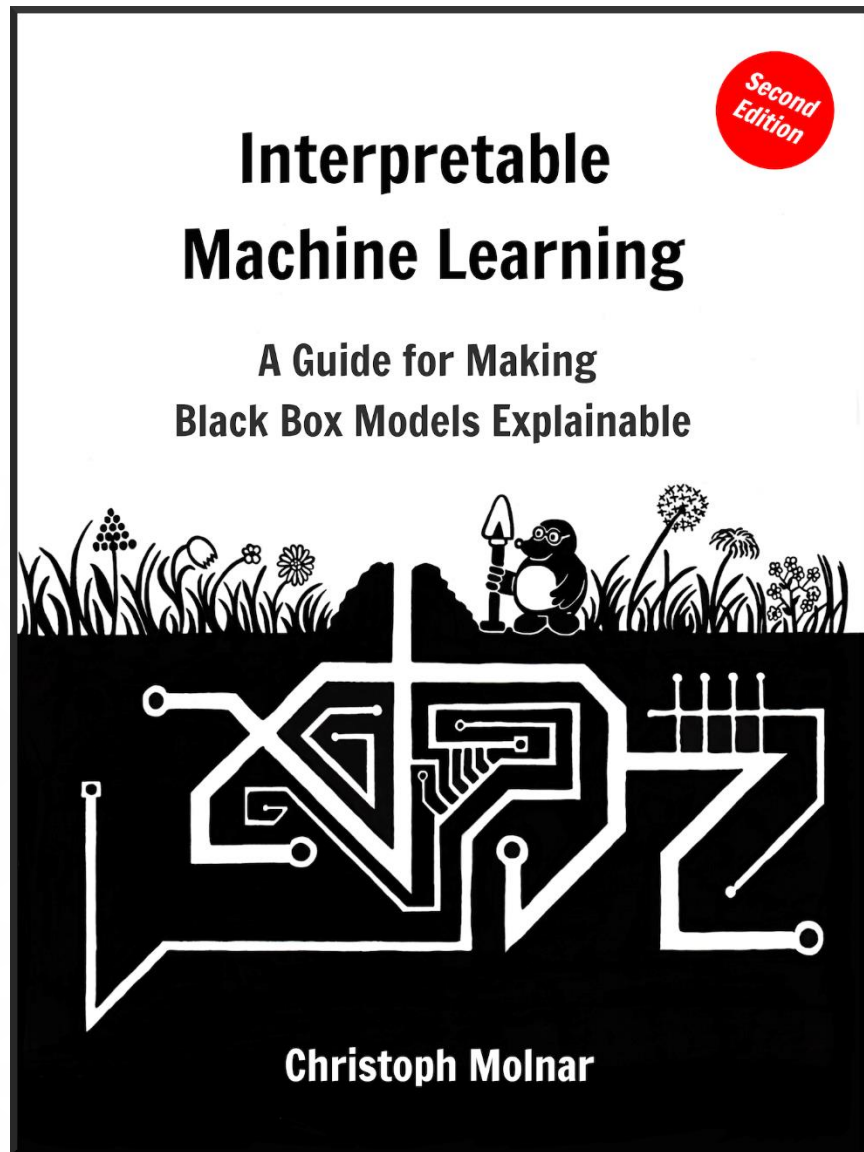~~$47.99~~ **$31.19**
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