

Interpretable Machine Learning

SHAP (SHapley Additive exPlanation) Values



Learning goals

- Get an intuition of additive feature attributions
- Understand the concept of Kernel SHAP
- Ability to interpret SHAP plots
- Global SHAP methods

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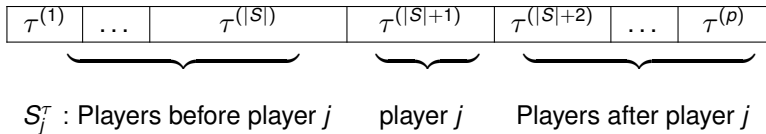
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Remember:

- \hat{f} is the prediction function, p denotes the number of features
- Non-existent features in a coalition are replaced by values of random feature values
- Recall S_j^τ defines the coalition as the set of players before player j in order $\tau = (\tau^{(1)}, \dots, \tau^{(p)})$



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Exact Shapley calculation for humidity:

S	$S \cup \{j\}$	\hat{f}_S	$\hat{f}_{S \cup \{j\}}$	weight
\emptyset	hum	4515	4635	2/6
temp	temp, hum	3087	3060	1/6
ws	ws, hum	4359	4450	1/6
temp, ws	hum, temp, ws	2623	2573	2/6

$$\phi_{hum} = \frac{2}{6}(4635 - 4515) + \frac{1}{6}(3060 - 3087) + \frac{1}{6}(4450 - 4359) + \frac{2}{6}(2573 - 2623) = 34$$

FROM SHAPLEY TO SHAP

Example continued: Same calculation can be done for temperature and windspeed:

- $\phi_{temp} = \dots = -1654$
- $\phi_{ws} = \dots = -323$

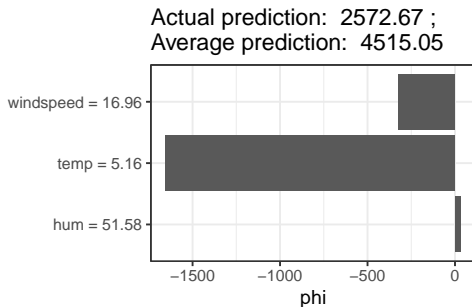
Remember: Shapley values explain the difference between actual and average prediction:

$$2573 - 4515 = 34 - 1654 - 323 = -1942$$

$$\hat{f}(\mathbf{x}) - \mathbb{E}(\hat{f}) = \phi_{hum} + \phi_{temp} + \phi_{ws}$$

↪ can be rewritten to

$$\hat{f}(\mathbf{x}) = \underbrace{\mathbb{E}(\hat{f})}_{\phi_0} + \phi_{hum} + \phi_{temp} + \phi_{ws}$$



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► Lundberg et al. 2017

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$g(\mathbf{z}'^{(k)})$: **Marginal Contribution**

Contribution of coalition $\mathbf{z}'^{(k)}$ to the prediction

$$g(\mathbf{z}'^{(k)}) = \phi_0 + \underbrace{\sum_{j=1}^p \phi_j z_j'^{(k)}}_{\text{Additive Feature Attribution}}$$

ϕ_j : **Shapley Values**

Additive Feature Attribution

Problem

How do we estimate the Shapley values ϕ_j ?

KERNEL SHAP - IN 5 STEPS

Definition: A kernel-based, model-agnostic method to compute Shapley values via local surrogate models (e.g. linear model)

- ➊ Sample coalitions
- ➋ Transfer coalitions into feature space & get predictions by applying ML model
- ➌ Compute weights through kernel
- ➍ Fit a weighted linear model
- ➎ Return Shapley values

KERNEL SHAP - IN 5 STEPS

Step 1: Sample coalitions

- Sample K coalitions from the simplified feature space

$$\mathbf{z}'^{(k)} \in \{0, 1\}^p, \quad k \in \{1, \dots, K\}$$


- For our simple example, we have in total $2^p = 2^3 = 8$ coalitions (without sampling)

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KERNEL SHAP - IN 5 STEPS

Step 2: Transfer Coalitions into feature space & get predictions by applying ML model

- $\mathbf{z}'^{(k)}$ is 1 if features are part of the k -th coalition, 0 if they are absent
- To calculate predictions for these coalitions, we need to define a function which maps the binary feature space back to the original feature space



Coalition	$\mathbf{z}'^{(k)}$	hum	temp	ws	$\mathbf{x}^{coalition}$	hum	temp	ws
\emptyset	$\mathbf{z}'^{(1)}$	0	0	0	$\mathbf{x}^{\{\emptyset\}}$	\emptyset	\emptyset	\emptyset
hum	$\mathbf{z}'^{(2)}$	1	0	0	$\mathbf{x}^{\{hum\}}$	51.6	\emptyset	\emptyset
temp	$\mathbf{z}'^{(3)}$	0	1	0	$\mathbf{x}^{\{temp\}}$	\emptyset	5.1	\emptyset
ws	$\mathbf{z}'^{(4)}$	0	0	1	$\mathbf{x}^{\{ws\}}$	\emptyset	\emptyset	17.0
hum, temp	$\mathbf{z}'^{(5)}$	1	1	0	$\mathbf{x}^{\{hum,temp\}}$	51.6	5.1	\emptyset
temp, ws	$\mathbf{z}'^{(6)}$	0	1	1	$\mathbf{x}^{\{temp,ws\}}$	\emptyset	5.1	17.0
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- Define $h_x(\mathbf{z}'^{(k)}) = \mathbf{z}^{(k)}$ where $h_x : \{0, 1\}^p \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^p$ maps 1's to feature values of observation \mathbf{x} for features part of the k -th coalition and 0's to feature values of a **randomly sampled observation** for features absent in the k -th coalition (feature values are permuted multiple times)
- Predict with ML model on this dataset $\hat{f} : \hat{f}(h_x(\mathbf{z}'^{(k)}))$

Coalition	$\mathbf{z}'^{(k)}$	$h_x(\mathbf{z}'^{(k)})$			$\mathbf{z}^{(k)}$	hum	temp	ws	$\hat{f}(h_x(\mathbf{z}'^{(k)}))$
\emptyset	$\mathbf{z}'^{(1)}$	0	0	0	$\mathbf{z}^{(1)}$	64.3	28.0	14.5	6211
hum	$\mathbf{z}'^{(2)}$	1	0	0	$\mathbf{z}^{(2)}$	51.6	28.0	14.5	5586
temp	$\mathbf{z}'^{(3)}$	0	1	0	$\mathbf{z}^{(3)}$	64.3	5.1	14.5	3295
ws	$\mathbf{z}'^{(4)}$	0	0	1	$\mathbf{z}^{(4)}$	64.3	28.0	17.0	5762
hum, temp	$\mathbf{z}'^{(5)}$	1	1	0	$\mathbf{z}^{(5)}$	51.6	5.1	14.5	2616
temp, ws	$\mathbf{z}'^{(6)}$	0	1	1	$\mathbf{z}^{(6)}$	64.3	5.1	17.0	2900
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KERNEL SHAP - IN 5 STEPS

Step 3: Compute weights through Kernel

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The diagram illustrates the formula for the kernel weight $\pi_x(\mathbf{z}'^{(k)})$. The formula is:

$$\pi_x(\mathbf{z}'^{(k)}) = \frac{(p-1)}{\binom{p}{|\mathbf{z}'^{(k)}|} |\mathbf{z}'^{(k)}| (p - |\mathbf{z}'^{(k)}|)}$$

Annotations:

- $\pi_x(\mathbf{z}'^{(k)})$: kernel weight for coalition $\mathbf{z}'^{(k)}$
- p : Number of features in \mathbf{x}
- $|\mathbf{z}'^{(k)}|$: coalition size / sum of 1s in $\mathbf{z}'^{(k)}$

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$$\pi_x(\mathbf{z}') = \frac{(p-1)}{\binom{p}{|\mathbf{z}'|} |\mathbf{z}'| (p-|\mathbf{z}'|)} \rightsquigarrow \pi_x(\mathbf{z}' = (1, 0, 0)) = \frac{(3-1)}{\binom{3}{1} 1 (3-1)} = \frac{1}{3}$$

Coalition	$\mathbf{z}'^{(k)}$	hum	temp	ws	weight
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- ↪ weights for empty and full set are infinity and not used as observations for the linear regression
- ↪ instead constraints are used such that properties (local accuracy and missingness) are satisfied

KERNEL SHAP - IN 5 STEPS

Step 4: Fit a weighted linear model

Aim: Estimate a weighted linear model with Shapley values being the coefficients ϕ_j

$$g\left(\mathbf{z}'^{(k)}\right)=\phi_0+\sum_{j=1}^p\phi_jz_j'^{(k)}$$

and minimize by WLS using the weights π_x of step 3

$$L\left(\hat{f},g,\pi_x\right)=\sum_{k=1}^K\left[\hat{f}\left(h_x\left(\mathbf{z}'^{(k)}\right)\right)-g\left(\mathbf{z}'^{(k)}\right)\right]^2\pi_x\left(\mathbf{z}'^{(k)}\right)$$

with $\phi_0=\mathbb{E}(\hat{f})$ and $\phi_p=\hat{f}(x)-\sum_{j=0}^{p-1}\phi_j$ we receive a $p-1$ dimensional linear regression problem


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$\mathbf{z}'^{(4)}$	0	0	1	0.33	4359
$\mathbf{z}'^{(5)}$	1	1	0	0.33	3060
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input

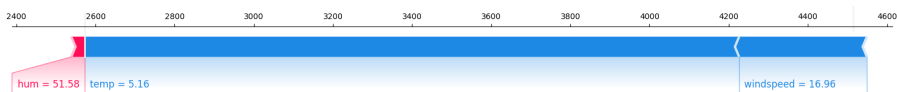

output

KERNEL SHAP - IN 5 STEPS

Step 5: Return SHAP values

Intuition: Estimated Kernel SHAP values are equivalent to Shapley values

$$g(\mathbf{z}'^{(8)}) = \hat{f}(h_x(\mathbf{z}'^{(8)})) = 4515 + 34 \cdot 1 - 1654 \cdot 1 - 323 \cdot 1 = \underbrace{\mathbb{E}(\hat{f})}_{\phi_0} + \phi_{hum} + \phi_{temp} + \phi_{ws} = \hat{f}(\mathbf{x}) = 2573$$



PROPERTIES

Local Accuracy

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = g(\mathbf{x}') = \phi_0 + \sum_{j=1}^p \phi_j x'_j$$

Intuition: If the coalition includes all features ($\mathbf{x}' \in \{1\}^p$), the attributions ϕ_j and the null output ϕ_0 sum up to the original model output $f(\mathbf{x})$

Local accuracy corresponds to the **axiom of efficiency** in Shapley game theory

PROPERTIES

Local Accuracy

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = g(\mathbf{x}') = \phi_0 + \sum_{j=1}^p \phi_j x'_j$$

Missingness

$$x'_j = 0 \implies \phi_j = 0$$

Intuition: A missing feature gets an attribution of zero

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Consistency

$\hat{f}_x(\mathbf{z}'^{(k)}) = \hat{f}(h_x(\mathbf{z}'^{(k)}))$ and $\mathbf{z}'_{-j}^{(k)}$ denote setting $z_j'^{(k)} = 0$. For any two models \hat{f} and \hat{f}' , if

$$\hat{f}'_x(\mathbf{z}'^{(k)}) - \hat{f}'_x(\mathbf{z}'_{-j}^{(k)}) \geq \hat{f}_x(\mathbf{z}'^{(k)}) - \hat{f}_x(\mathbf{z}'_{-j}^{(k)})$$

for all inputs $\mathbf{z}'^{(k)} \in \{0, 1\}^p$, then

$$\phi_j(\hat{f}', \mathbf{x}) \geq \phi_j(\hat{f}, \mathbf{x})$$

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Intuition: If a model changes so that the marginal contribution of a feature value increases or stays the same, the Shapley value also increases or stays the same

From **consistency** the Shapley **axioms of additivity, dummy and symmetry** follow

Idea:

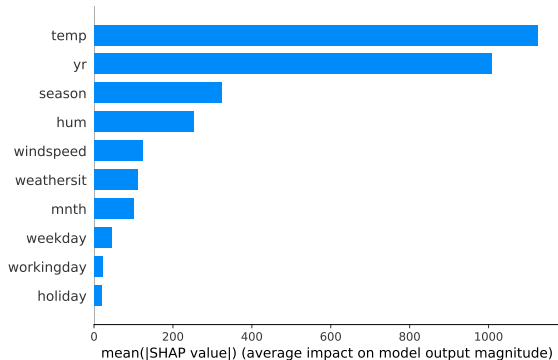
- Run SHAP for every observation and thereby get a matrix of Shapley values
- The matrix has one row per data observation and one column per feature
- We can interpret the model globally by analyzing the Shapley values in this matrix

$$\Phi = \begin{bmatrix} \phi_{11} & \phi_{12} & \phi_{13} & \dots & \phi_{1p} \\ \phi_{21} & \phi_{22} & \phi_{23} & \dots & \phi_{2p} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \phi_{n1} & \phi_{n2} & \phi_{n3} & \dots & \phi_{np} \end{bmatrix}$$

FEATURE IMPORTANCE

Idea: Average the absolute Shapley values of each feature over all observations. This corresponds to calculating averages column by column in Φ

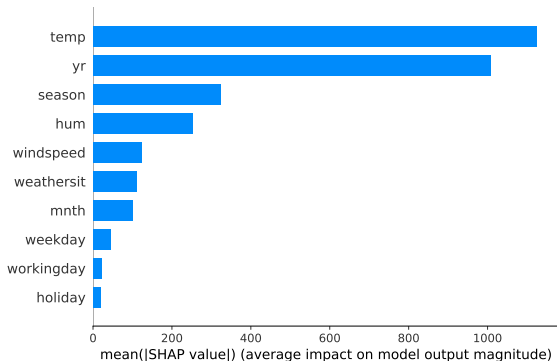
$$I_j = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n |\phi_j^{(i)}|$$



FEATURE IMPORTANCE

Interpretation:

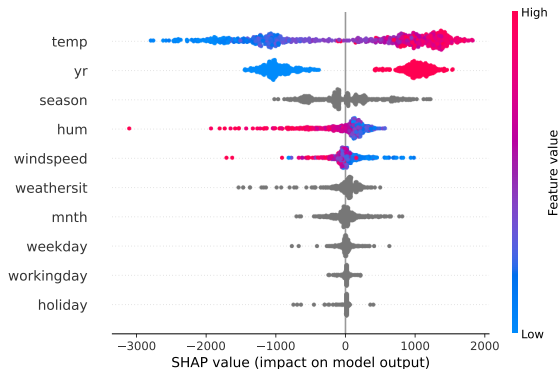
- The features temperature and year have by far the highest influence on the model's prediction
- Compared to Shapley values, no effect direction is provided, but instead a feature ranking similar to PFI
- However, Shapley FI is based on the model's predictions only while PFI is based on the model's performance (loss)



SUMMARY PLOT

Combines feature importance with feature effects

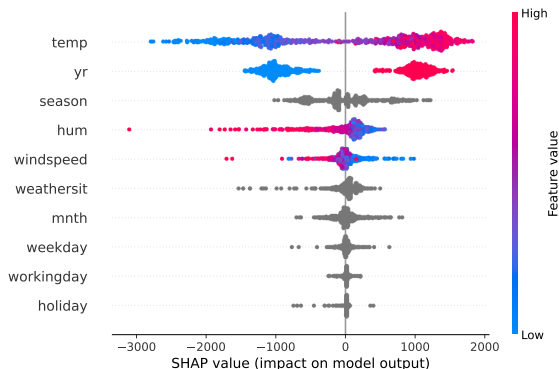
- Each point is a Shapley value for a feature and an observation
- The color represents the value of the feature from low to high
- Overlapping points are jittered in y-axis direction



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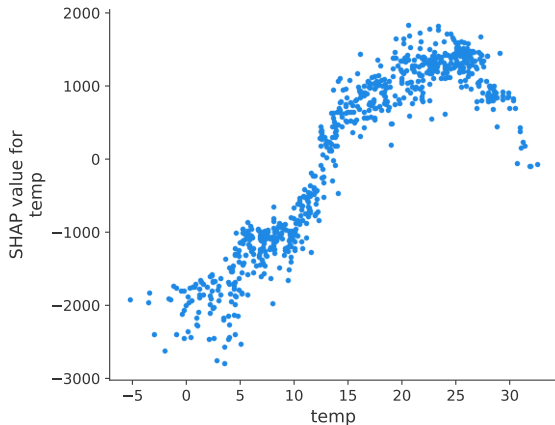
Interpretation:

- Low temperatures have a negative impact while high temperatures lead to more bike rentals
- Year: two point clouds for 2011 and 2012 (other categorical features are gray)
- A high humidity has a huge, negative impact on the bike rental, while low humidity has a rather minor positive impact on bike rentals



DEPENDENCE PLOT

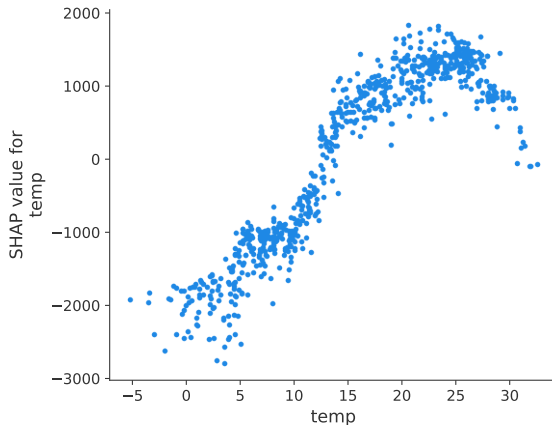
- Visualize the marginal contribution of a feature similar to the PDP
- Plot a point with the feature value on the x-axis and the corresponding Shapley value on the y-axis



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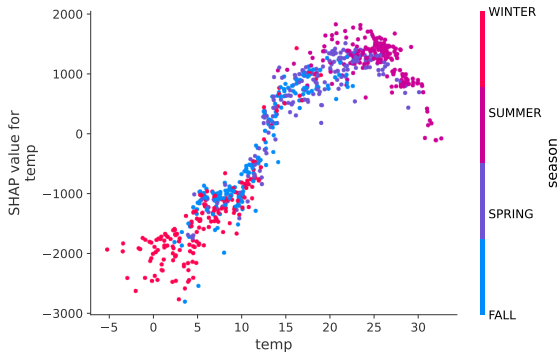
- Increasing temperatures induce increasing bike rentals until 25°C
- If it gets too hot, the bike rentals decrease



DEPENDENCE PLOT

Interpretation:

- We can colour the observations by a second feature to detect interactions
- Visibly the temperatures interaction with the season is very strong



DISCUSSION

Advantages

- All the advantages of Shapley values
- Unify the field of interpretable machine learning in the class of additive feature attribution methods
- Has a fast implementation for tree-based models
- Various global interpretation methods

Disadvantages

- Disadvantages of Shapley values also apply to SHAP
- KernelSHAP is slow (TreeSHAP can be used as a faster alternative for tree-based models
▶ Lundberg et al 2018 – and for an intuitive explanation ▶ see Sukumar: TreeSHAP)
- KernelSHAP ignores feature dependence