# **ExplainAl**

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## **Overview**

### **Installation**

ExplainAl works in

Currently it requires

You can install ExplainAl using pip:

```
pip install ExplainAI
```

The latest version (ExplainAl 0.1.22) available for

```
pip install ExplainAI==0.1.22
```

Or clone codes from github:

https://github.com/HuangFeini/ExplainAl.git

git@github.com:HuangFeini/ExplainAl.git

gh repo clone HuangFeini/ExplainAl

In order to use the ExplainAl successfully, the following site-packages are required:

- pandas
- eli5
- packaging
- psutil
- numpy
- lime
- sklearn
- scipy
- seaborn
- shap
- matplotlib

The latest ExplainAl 0.1.22 can work in

linux-Ubuntu 20.04+

Window 7+

#### **Features**

ExplainAl is a Python package which helps to visualize black-box machine learning and explain their predictions. It provides support for the following machine learning frameworks and functions:

- <u>scikit-learn</u>. Currently ExplainAl allows to explain predictions of scikit-learn regressors including
   DecisionTreeRegressor, LinearRegression, svm.SVR, KNeighborsRegressor, RandomForestRegressor,
   AdaBoostRegressor, GradientBoostingRegressor, BaggingRegressor, ExtraTreeRegressor, in order to
   show feature importances and feature effects.
- Post-hoc interpretation. Currently, ExplainAl integrated the following post-hoc methods: partial dependence plot (PDP), mean squared error (MSE)-based feature importance (MFI), permutation importance (PI), accumulated local effect (ALE), individual conditional expectation (ICE), local

- interpretable model-agnostic explanations(LIME) and Shapley values. Details about each methods are given in the Feature effects section of the tutorial.
- Data preview. You can visualize observation and prediction distribution of feature or feature interaction, which are displayed in a figure of console.
- Two formats of explanation. You can upload your raw data (better in a csv) and after interpretation, you can get plot-based and text-based explanation in the console.
- Feature selection. The sequence backward selection (SBS) is provided. And some feature selection procedures specific for FLUXNET data also are available.

### **Basic usage**

The basic usage involves following procedures:

- 1. upload your raw data and conduct data cleaning.
- 2. choose whether feature selection by sequential backward selection, if yes, a new input data is obtained, if no, you can use contrived work to select the features.
- 3. prediction, using sklearn model to train model and get prediction.
- 4. check the prediction and observation distribution.
- 5. interpretation. The trained model, input data matrix as input, the interpretation methods can be objectified.
- 6. display the results of interpretation (plot or text).

We recommend the users to accomplish step 1 to 3 due to their own requirements, and use the functions of step 4,5 provided in the ExpalinAl toolbox.

There are two main ways to interpret a black-box model:

- 1. inspect all the model predctions together and try to figure out how the model works globally;
- 2. inspect an individual prediction of a model, try to figure out why the model makes the decision it makes.
  - For (1), ALE, PDP, MFI and PI, are all the avaliable "global" tools.
  - For (2), ICE, Shapley values and LIME are all the avaliable "local" tools.

The interpretation are formatting in several ways, including figures, text, and a pandas Dataframe object. For example, a global interpretation are given as follows. You can also see these codes in the ExplainAl package/test.py

```
#1.upload your raw data and conduct data cleaning.
#here, we use the default dataset which has conducted data cleaning as an example.
from ExplainAI.flx_data.input import input_dataset
d=input_dataset(flag=0)
# d: the entire dataset (both input and output)

#2. choose whether feature selection by sequential backward selection, if yes, a new input data is obtained, if no, you can use contrived work to select the features.
pass
#3.prediction, using sklearn model to train model and get prediction.
```

```
#first, splite the data into training set and testing set
from ExplainAI.data_processing.split_data import split_data
xtr,ytr,xte,yte=split_data(d,target="SWC").split_xy()
#second, sklearn modeling
#here, you can use original sklearn function instead.
from ExplainAI.model.make_model import make_model
m, res, y_predict=make_model(modeltype='RandomForest',
                             x_train=xtr,
                             y_train=ytr,
                             x_test=xte,
                             y_test=yte)
print(res)
#m: sklearn model object
#res: sklearn metrics
#y_predict: prediction values of testing set
#4.check the prediction and observation distribution.
from ExplainAI.preview import info_plots
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
# show distribution with feature of interest ("TS")
fig1, axes, summary_df = info_plots.actual_plot(model=m, X=xte, feature="TS",
feature_name="TS")
fig2, axes, summary_df = info_plots.target_plot(df=d, target="SWC", feature="TS",
feature_name="TS")
# # show distribution under two features' interaction
fig3, axes, summary_df = info_plots.actual_plot_interact(model=m, X=xte, features=["DOY",
"TS"], feature_names=["DOY", "TS"])
fig4, axes, summary_df = info_plots.target_plot_interact(df=d, target="SWC", features=
["DOY", "TS"], feature_names=["DOY", "TS"])
# plot-based results
plt.show()
fig4.savefig('fig4.jpg')
#text-based results
print(summary_df)
#5.interpretation. The trained model, input data matrix as input, the interpretation
methods can be objectified.
#first, get input dataset and features
from ExplainAI.utils import get_x,get_features
x=get_x(d,target="SWC")
f=get_features(x)
#second, interpretation (PI as an example)
from ExplainAI.explainers.pi.pi import permutation_importance
p=permutation_importance(model=m, features=f, save=True,plot=True,save_path='pi.jpg')
#6.display the results of interpretation (plot or text).
# plot-based results
#'pi.jpg' seemed in your save_path
```

### Why use ExplainAl?

At present, the post-hoc tools are widely used in many fields. However, it is not convenient to use different methods from different packages. Particularly, it leads to compatibility issues. To address this, ALE, PDP, ICE, Shapley, LIME, PI, MFI are integrated to one practical tool for ML developers and the decision-makers. Using ExplainAI, you can have a better experiences:

- you can call a ready-made function from ExplainAl and get a nicely formatted result immediately;
- formatting code can be reused between machine learning frameworks;
- algorithms like LIME try to explain a black-box model through a locally-fit simple, interpretable model. It
  means that with additional "simple" model supported algorithms like LIME will get more options
  automatically.

## **Tutorials**

In this turoial, we will show how to use the ExplainAl using an example data set from a

site or other two fixed format csv files. Users who want to build their own machine learning model can just jump to the feature effects section for the functions available to interpret and visualize the model.

### **Task**

With the increasing demand for machine learning application in hydrometeorological forecast, we face the urge to demystify the black-box of machine learning as the lack of interpretability hampers adaptation of machine learning.

Here, taking soil moisture (SM) prediction of one FLUXNET site (Haibei, China, named as CH-Ha2) as an example, we used air forcing variables, timekeeping, energy processing, net ecosystem exchange and partitioning, and sundown as input data. We aimed to predict the daily SM via historial dataset. We aimed to interpret the model via ExplainAl toolbox.

### **Dataset**

All dataset used in this tutorial is in the flx\_data" dictionary of ExplainAl toolbox. The meta data of FLUXNET site data (Haibei,China, named as CH-Ha2) is available at <a href="https://ftp.fluxdata.org/.fluxnet\_downloads-86523/FLUXNET2015/FLX">https://ftp.fluxdata.org/.fluxnet\_downloads-86523/FLUXNET2015/FLX CN-Ha2 FLUXNET2015 FULLSET 2003-2005 1-4.zip</a>

If users want to change the dataset, please modify the flag value of input\_dataset(flag).

Filename	Content	Function
FLX_CN-Ha2_ FLUXNET2015_ FULLSET_DD_ 2003-2005_1-4.csv	Raw site data downloaded from FLUXNET	data=input_dataset(flag=2)
dataset_process.csv	Data after entire data processing	data=input_dataset(flag=1)
dataset.csv	Data after data processing and contrived work	data=input_dataset(flag=0)

```
from ExplainAI.flx_data.input import input_dataset
d=input_dataset(flag=0)
d=input_dataset(flag=1)
d=input_dataset(flag=2)
```

:param flag: index of which data set, see Tutorials section Dataset : return data: read data input, pandas.Dataframe

## **Data processing**

Since the FLUXNET raw data can not be used directly used in modeling, the data processing offers a feasible way to process the raw data.

Certainly, if the users have other time-relating and lagged-relating variables, the functions can be modified. And the dataset can be replaced.

### Read data and add time-relating variables

The original FLUXNET data with time series only has time-relating variable "TIMESTAMP", whose formation is year%month%day%. It can not be used as a time-series variable.

Via the time\_add function, the DAY (day sequence of whole time) and DOY (day of year) are added.

```
from ExplainAI.data_processing.add_variables import time_add
file='.\\flx_data\\FLX_CN-Ha2_FLUXNET2015_FULLSET_DD_2003-2005_1-4.csv' #change your path
data=pd.read_csv(file,header=0)
new_data=time_add(data)
```

:parameter file: data, from csv :returns data:pd.Dataframe

### Add lagged-relating variables

In this example, the soil moisture has time "memory" and the lagged precipitation also has impact on soil moisture prediction, the 1 to 7 days lagged values of these two variables are added in the dataset.

```
from ExplainAI.data_processing.add_variables import lag_add
new_data=lag_add(data,sm_lag=7,p_lag=7)
#sm_lag and p_lag are the days of lagged soil moisture and precipitation. Defaults are 7.
```

:param data: pd.Dataframe, input data :param sm\_lag: int, lagged days of soil moisture :param p\_lag: int, lagged days of precipitation :return data: pd.Dataframe, input data with lagged variables

#### Data cleaning and feature selection

data\_cleaning() offers several data cleaning functions:

- Eliminate the observation without target values
- Eliminate irrelevant records in FLUXNET, like percentiles, quality index, RANDUNC, se, sd...
- Eliminate the features with too many (30%) Nan.

```
from ExplainAI.data_processing.data_cleaning import data_cleaning
c1=data_cleaning(data)
d1=c1.elim_SM_nan()
c2=data_cleaning(d1)
d2=c2.drop_ir()
c3=data_cleaning(d2)
d3=c3.drop_nan_feature()
```

```
#Or only use one function
Newdata=data_cleaning(data).elim_SM_nan()
Newdata=data_cleaning(data).drop_ir()
Newdata=data_cleaning(data).drop_nan_feature()
```

:parameter data: pd.Dataframe,input data :returns Newdata: pd.Dataframe, output data

feature\_selection() provides sequential backward selection (SBS) which based on random forest.

```
from ExplainAI.data_processing.feature_selection import feature_selection fs=feature_selection(data=data,target="SWC_F_MDS_1") sbs_result=fs.sbs_rf(n_estimators=100) print(sbs_result) #Be aware that, sbs_result is the SBS scores. #If you want to select features, you can download the data and select the features according to the SBS results.
```

:parameter | data: pd.Dataframe,input data | target: string, name of target | :returns | NFeaFrame: dataframe, including features and their importance calculated by MSE.

data\_processing\_main() integrates data cleaning and feature selection.

:parameter

data: pd.Dataframe,input data

target: string, predicted target column name

time\_add: bool, whether time\_add

lag\_add: bool, whether lag\_add

elim\_sm\_nan: bool, whether elim\_sm\_nan

drop\_ir: eliminate data of irrelevant records in FLUXNET,like percentiles, quality index, RANDUNC, se, sd... drop\_nan\_feature: Eliminate the features with too many(30%) Nan. part: part of split\_data n\_estimator: sequential backward selection using random forest, n\_estimator of random forest sbs: whether use sbs

split: int 2 or int 3, if 2, splite data to training set and testing set; if 3, training set, validating set and testing set

### **Split dataset**

split\_data offers a way to split dataset into training set and testing set, according to the time-sequence (using data of time-ahead to predict feature data).

```
from ExplainAI.data_processing.split_data import split_data
xtr,ytr,xte,yte=split_data(data,target="SWC",part=0.7).split_xy()

train,test=split_data(data,target="SWC",part=0.7).split()

#Or validating set is required.
train, valid, test=split_data(data,target="SWC",part3=[0.7,0.2,0.1]).split3()
```

:parameter data[dataframe]: A data set

target[str]: target feature name

part[float]: division proportion for two default as 0.7 part3[list]: A list division proportion for three, default as [0.7,0.2,0.1]

## **Black-box machine learning**

For this version, sklean models are available.

If USER wants to modify the parameters of sklear models, please use the original sklearn model instead, for example:

### **Preview**

Data preview. You can visualize observation and prediction distribution of feature or feature interaction, which are displayed in a figure of console.

```
info_plots.actual_plot()
info_plots.target_plot()
actual_plot_interact()
target_plot_interact()
```

Parameters

df: pandas DataFrame data set to investigate on, should contain at least the feature to investigate as well as the target feature: string or list feature or feature list to investigate, for one-hot encoding features, feature list is required feature\_name: string name of the feature, not necessary a column name target: string or 1ist column name or column name list for target value for multi-class problem, a list of one-hot encoding target column num\_grid\_points: integer, optional, default=10 number of grid points for numeric feature grid\_type: string, optional, default='percentile' 'percentile' or 'equal' type of grid points for numeric feature percentile\_range: tuple or None, optional, default=None percentile range to investigate for numeric feature when grid\_type='percentile' grid\_range: tuple or None, optional, default=None value range to investigate for numeric feature when grid type='equal' cust\_grid\_points: Series, 1d-array, list or None, optional, default=None, customized list of grid points, for numeric feature show\_percentile: bool, optional, default=False whether to display the percentile buckets for numeric feature when grid\_type='percentile' show\_outliers: bool, optional, default=False whether to display the out of range buckets for numeric feature when percentile\_range or grid\_range is not None endpoint: bool, optional, default=True If True, stop is the last grid point Otherwise, it is not included figsize: tuple or None, optional, default=None size of the figure, (width, height) ncols: integer, optional, default=2 number subplot columns, used when it is multi-class problem plot\_params: dict or None, optional, default=None parameters for the plot

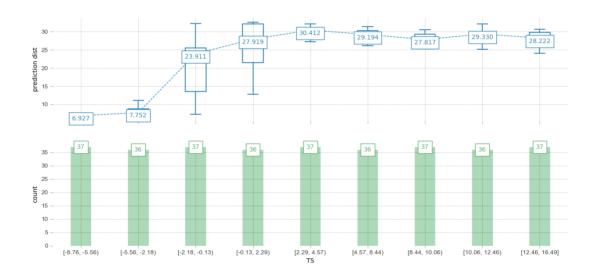
#### Returns

fig: matplotlib Figure axes: a dictionary of matplotlib Axes Returns the Axes objects for further tweaking summary\_df: pandas DataFrame Graph data in data frame format

```
# from preview import info_plots
# import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
from ExplainAI.preview import info_plots
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
# show distribution with feature of interest ("TS")
fig1, axes, summary_df = info_plots.actual_plot(model=m, X=xte, feature="TS",
feature_name="TS")
fig2, axes, summary_df = info_plots.target_plot(df=d, target="SWC", feature="TS",
feature_name="TS")
# show distribution under two features' interaction
fig3, axes, summary_df = info_plots.actual_plot_interact(model=m, X=xte, features=["DOY",
"TS"], feature_names=["DOY", "TS"])
fig4, axes, summary_df = info_plots.target_plot_interact(df=d, target="SWC", features=
["DOY", "TS"], feature_names=["DOY", "TS"])
# plot-based results
plt.show() # for windows
fig4.savefig('fig4.jpg') #for windows and linux
#text-based results
print(summary_df)
```

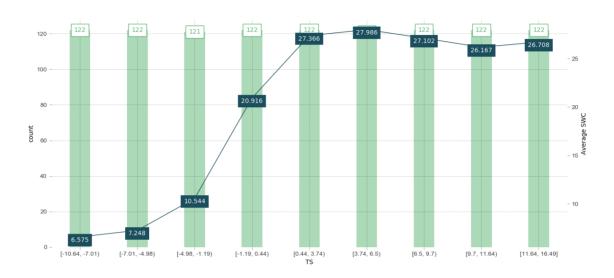
#pr	int	(summary_	_df)				
x1	x2	display_	_column_1	value	e_upper_2 cou	unt	SWC
0	0	0	[1, 41)		-7.009000	88.0	6.465909
1	0	1	[1, 41)		-4.983333	32.0	6.775000
2	0	2	[1, 41)		-1.191000	0.0	0.000000
3	0	3	[1, 41)		0.436333	0.0	0.000000
4	0	4	[1, 41)		3.735667	0.0	0.000000
76	8	4	[325, 366]		3.735667	0.0	0.000000
77	8	5	[325, 366]		6.505000	0.0	0.000000
78	8	6	[325, 366]		9.701000	0.0	0.000000
79	8	7	[325, 366]		11.642333	0.0	0.000000
80	8	8	[325, 366]		16.486000	0.0	0.000000

Actual predictions plot for TS
Distribution of actual prediction through different feature values.



#### Target plot for feature "TS"

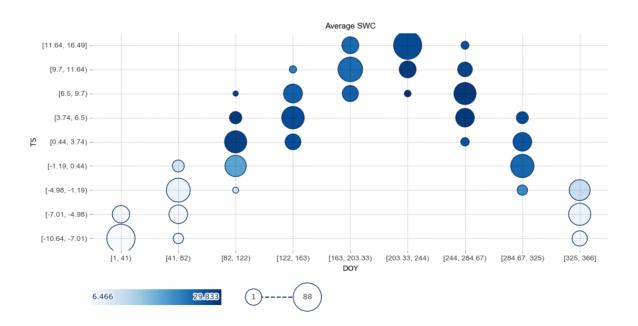
Average target value through different feature values.



#### ![Figure\_3](/Figure\_3.png

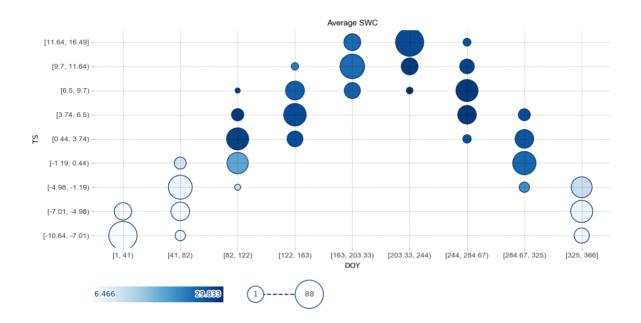
#### Target plot for feature "DOY & TS"

Average target value through different feature value combinations.



#### Target plot for feature "DOY & TS"

Average target value through different feature value combinations.



### **Feature effects**

### **MSE-based Feature importance**

Being one of the most pragmatic methods to quantify the feature importance, the Python package named as sklearn provides a specified importance evaluation for RF model. Note that R package named as randomForest also provides similar functions (Breiman, 2001). This method computes the importance from permuting out-of-bag data. First, for each tree, the MSE from prediction model on the out-of-bag portion of the training data is recorded. Next, this procedure is repeated for each feature.

Noted that, this method is specific-based, only for random forest.

#### mse\_feature\_importance()

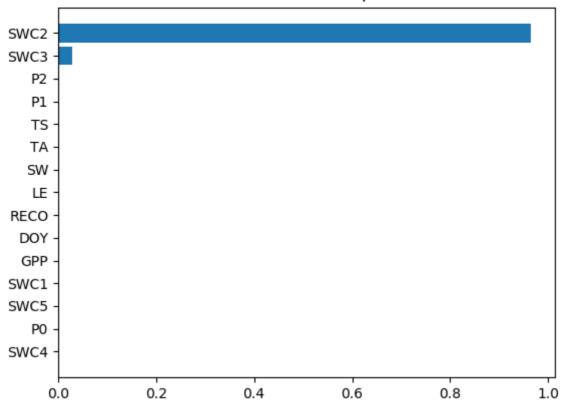
:param model: sklearn model object, trained model :param data: pd.Dataframe, input data :param
target: string, predicted target column name :param plot: bool, if plt.show() :param top: int, number of
top feature at list :param save: bool, if save the picture :param save\_path: string, path of picture saved
:return: df: pd.Dataframe, MFI of features

```
from ExplainAI.explainers.mfi.mfi import mse_feature_importance
mfi=mse_feature_importance(model=m, data=d,
    target="SWC",top=15,save=True,plot=True,save_path='mfi.jpg')
print(mfi)

# plot-based results
#plot=True # for windows
#save_path='mfi.jpg' #for windows and linux
#text-based results
print(mfi)
```

```
#print(mfi)
  feature
              MFI
0
     DOY 0.000193
1
     TA 0.000397
2
     SW 0.000378
3
     TS 0.000657
     LE 0.000357
4
5
    GPP 0.000198
    RECO 0.000237
6
7
    SWC1 0.000219
8
   SWC2 0.992778
    SWC3 0.000774
9
10
  SWC4 0.000148
    SWC5 0.000108
11
12
     PO 0.000129
13
     P1 0.001396
     P2 0.001866
```





### **Permutation importance**

The PI of the observed importance provides a corrected measure of feature importance. PI computed with permutation importance are very helpful for deciding the significance of variables, and therefore improve model interpretability.

permutation\_importance() offers an approach of PI storage in a dataframe and plot of ranking features.

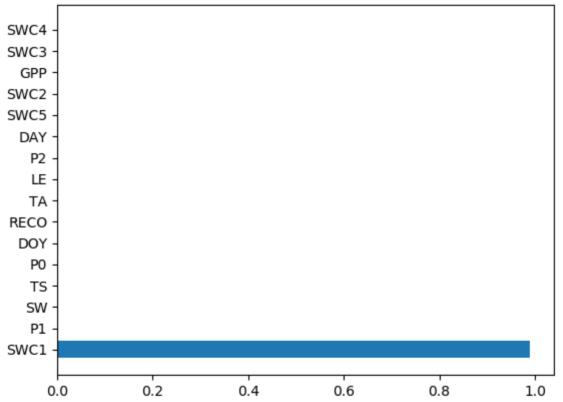
```
permutation_importance()
```

:param model: sklearn model object, trained model :param features: list or turple, fearture names
storaged in a list or a turple :param plot: bool, if plt.show() :param save: bool, if save the picture :param
save\_path: string, path of picture saved :return: pd.Dataframe, Pl of features

```
from ExplainAI.explainers.pi.pi import permutation_importance
p=permutation_importance(model=m, features=f, save=True,plot=True,save_path='pi.jpg')
# plot-based results
#plot=True # for windows
#save_path='pi.jpg' #for windows and linux
#text-based results
print(p)
```

```
#print(p)
   feature
             weight
                          std
0
     SWC1 0.983773 0.092478
1
     SWC2 0.009759
                     0.092371
2
       P1 0.001884
                     0.000815
3
       PO 0.001252
                     0.000717
4
       SW 0.000654 0.000705
5
                     0.000392
      DOY
           0.000460
6
       TS 0.000404 0.000433
7
       TA 0.000333 0.000310
8
      GPP 0.000244 0.000244
9
       LE 0.000213 0.000225
10
      DAY 0.000208 0.000217
     RECO 0.000200 0.000232
11
12
     SWC5 0.000183 0.000215
13
       P2 0.000162 0.000140
     SWC3 0.000154 0.000172
14
15
     SWC4 0.000115 0.000103
```





### Partial dependence plot

The PDP demonstrates the relationships between the features and predicted variable (Friedman, 2001). The PDP for regression is defined as:

$$p(x(s,j))(x(s,j)) = 1/n\sum^n f[x(s,j),x_c(i)]$$

where x(s,j) is the set of the feature of interest (as j-th feature) for which the partial dependence function should be plotted, p(x(s,j)) is the partial dependence value of j-th feature, n is the number of elements in  $x_s$ , and  $x_c$  is subset of other actual features values. PDP estimates the average marginal effect of predictors on the predicted SM, which can be a determined value in regression.

partial\_dependence\_plot\_1d() provides one-dimentinal PDP.

explainers.partial\_dependence\_plot\_1d()

#### Parameters

model: a fitted sklearn model data: pandas DataFrame, data set on which the model is trained model\_features: list or 1-d array, list of model features feature: string or list,feature or feature list to investigate, num\_grid\_points: integer, optional, default=10, number of grid points for numeric feature grid\_type: string, optional, default='percentile', 'percentile' or 'equal', type of grid points for numeric feature percentile\_range: tuple or None, optional, default=None percentile range to investigate, for numeric feature when grid\_type='percentile' grid\_range: tuple or None, optional, default=None,value range to investigate, for numeric feature when grid\_type='equal' cust\_grid\_points: Series, 1d-array, list or None, optional, default=None, customized list of grid points for numeric feature memory\_limit: float, (0, 1), fraction of memory to use n\_jobs: integer, default=1

pdp\_isolate\_out: (list of) instance of PDPIsolate, for multi-class, it is a list center: bool, default=True, whether to center the plot plot\_pts\_dist: bool, default=False whether to show data points distribution plot\_lines: bool, default=False whether to plot out the individual lines frac\_to\_plot: float or integer, default=1 how many lines to plot, can be a integer or a float cluster: bool, default=False whether to cluster the individual lines and only plot out the cluster centers n\_cluster\_centers: integer, default=None number of cluster centers cluster\_method: string, default='accurate' cluster method to use, default is KMeans, if 'approx' is passed, MiniBatchKMeans is used x\_quantile: bool, default=False whether to construct x axis ticks using quantiles show\_percentile: bool, optional, default=False whether to display the percentile buckets, for numeric feature when grid\_type='percentile' figsize: tuple or None, optional, default=None size of the figure, (width, height) ncols: integer, optional, default=2 number subplot columns, used when it is multi-class problem plot\_params: dict or None, optional, default=None

plot: bool, if plt.show() save: bool, if save the picture save\_path: string, path of picture saved, default='pdp.jpg'

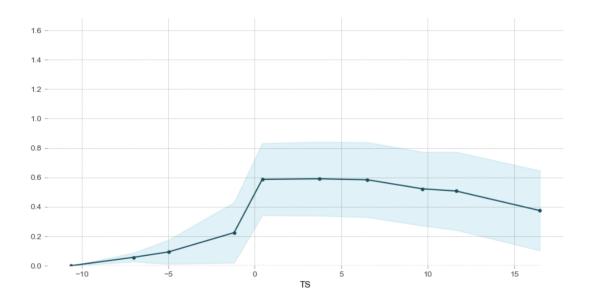
return: PDP dataframe

For example,

from ExplainAI.explainers.pdp.pdp import partial\_dependence\_plot\_1d
pd1=partial\_dependence\_plot\_1d(model=m,data=x,model\_features=f,feature="TS",plot=True,save=
True)
print(pd1)

```
#print(pd1)
Х
      xticklabels count count_norm
     [-10.64, -7.01)
0
  0
                         122
                                0.111314
1
       [-7.01, -4.98)
                         122
                                0.111314
       [-4.98, -1.19)
2
  2
                         121
                                0.110401
3
  3
       [-1.19, 0.44)
                         122
                                0.111314
4
  4
        [0.44, 3.74)
                         122
                                0.111314
5
  5
        [3.74, 6.5)
                         121
                                0.110401
6
  6
          [6.5, 9.7)
                         122
                                0.111314
        [9.7, 11.64)
7
  7
                         122
                                0.111314
       [11.64, 16.49]
                                0.111314
8
  8
                         122
```

#### PDP for feature "TS" Number of unique grid points: 10



partial\_dependence\_plot\_2d() provides two-dimentinal PDP, of which the two features have no interactions.

```
explainers.partial_dependence_plot_2d()
```

#### parameter:

model: a fitted sklearn model data: pandas DataFrame data set on which the model is trained model\_features: list or 1-d array list of model features features: list [feature1, feature2] num\_grid\_points: list, default=None [feature1 num\_grid\_points, feature2 num\_grid\_points] grid\_types: list, default=None [feature1 grid\_type, feature2 grid\_type] percentile\_ranges: list, default=None [feature1 percentile\_range, feature2 percentile\_range] grid\_ranges: list, default=None [feature1 grid\_range, feature2 grid\_range] cust\_grid\_points: list, default=None [feature1 cust\_grid\_points, feature2 cust\_grid\_points] memory\_limit: float, (0, 1) fraction of memory to use n\_jobs: integer, default=1 number of jobs to run in

parallel. pdp\_interact\_out: (list of) instance of PDPInteract for multi-class, it is a list plot\_type: str, optional, default='contour' type of the interact plot, can be 'contour' or 'grid' x\_quantile: bool, default=False whether to construct x axis ticks using quantiles plot\_pdp: bool, default=False whether to plot pdp for each feature which\_classes: list, optional, default=None which classes to plot, only use when it is a multi-class problem figsize: tuple or None, optional, default=None size of the figure, (width, height) ncols: integer, optional, default=2 number subplot columns, used when it is multi-class problem plot\_params: dict or None, optional, default=None parameters for the plot

plot: bool, if plt.show() save: bool, if save the picture save\_path: string, path of picture saved, default='pdp.jpg'

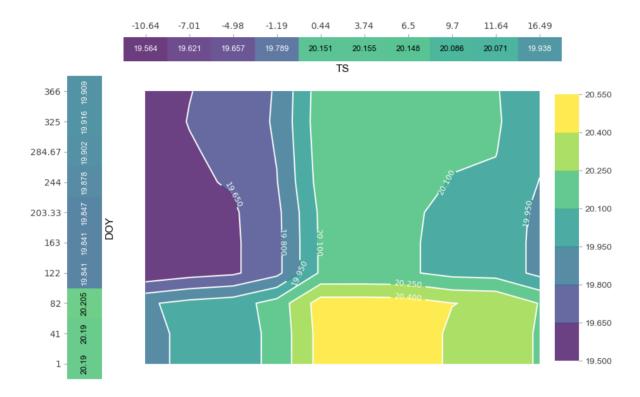
return: PDP dataframe

```
from ExplainAI.explainers.pdp.pdp import partial_dependence_plot_2d
pd2=partial_dependence_plot_2d(model=m,data=x,model_features=f,features=
["TS",'DOY'],plot=True,save=True)
print(pd2)
```

```
#print(pd2)
TS DOY preds
0 -10.636 1.000000 19.985679
1 -10.636 41.000000 19.984508
2 -10.636 82.000000 19.987828
3 -10.636 122.000000 19.877804
4 -10.636 163.000000 19.864064
... ... ...
95 16.486 203.333333 19.889768
96 16.486 244.000000 19.894714
97 16.486 284.666667 19.896580
98 16.486 325.000000 19.888302
99 16.486 366.000000 19.865036
```

#### PDP interact for "TS" and "DOY"

Number of unique grid points: (TS: 10, DOY: 10)



### Individual conditional expectation

ICE was proposed by Goldstein et al. (2015). The ICE concept is given by:

$$p(x(s,j)) = f(x(s,j),xc)$$

For a feature of interest, ICE plots highlight the variation in the fitted values across the range of covariate. In other words, the ICE provides the plots of dependence of the predicted response on a feature for each instance separately.

individual\_conditional\_exception()

:param data: pandas.DataFrame, the sample data from which to generate ICE curves

:param column: str, the name of the column in data that will be varied to generate ICE curves

:param predict: callable, the function that generates predictions from the model.

:param num\_grid\_points: None or int,the number of grid points to use for the independent

:param frac\_to\_plot: float, the fraction of ICE curves to plot.

:param plot\_points: bool, whether or not to plot the original data points on the ICE curves.

:param x\_quantile: bool, if True, the plotted x-coordinates are the quantiles of ice\_data.index

:param plot\_pdp: if True, plot the partial depdendence plot. In this case, pdp\_kwargs is passed as keyword arguments to plot.

:param centered: if True, each ICE curve is centered to zero at the percentile closest to centered\_quantile.

:param color\_by: If a string, color the ICE curve by that level of the column index.

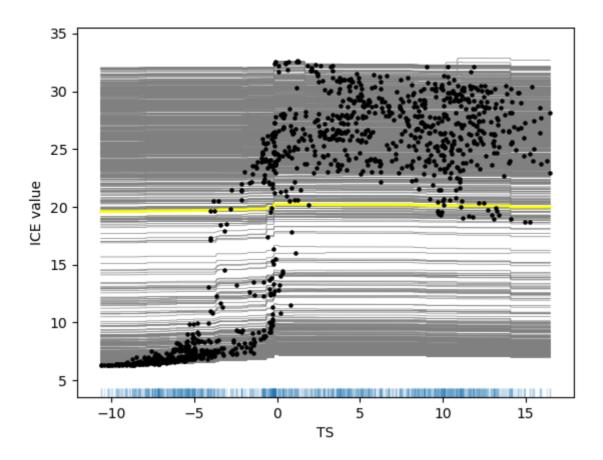
:param cmap: matplotlib Colormap

:param ax:: None or matplotlib Axes, the Axes on which to plot the ICE curves

plot: bool, if plt.show() save: bool, if save the picture save\_path: string, path of picture saved, default='pdp.jpg'

retuen: Dataframe, ICE data

```
from ExplainAI.explainers.ice.ice import individual_conditional_exception
i=individual_conditional_exception(data=x, feature='TS',
model=m,plot=True,save=True,save_path='ice.jpg')
i.to_csv('ice.csv')
```



#### **Accumulated Local Effect**

The ALE is a more sophisticated method to evaluate the feature effects, owing to averaging the differences in the prediction model for conditional distribution (Apley et al., 2019). One-dimensional ALE (1D ALE) shows the dominate effects with the feature of interest variation.

$$f_j(x) = \sum^h 1/(n_j(k)) \sum_m [f(z(k,j),x_(i,ackslash\mathbf{j})]) - f(z(k-1,j),x(i,ackslash\mathbf{j})) - c$$
 $h = k_j(k)$ 
 $m = (i:x(i,j)\in N_j(k))$ 

And the constant c is calculated to make sure the following equation:

$$1/n\sum\nolimits^n f_j(x)=0$$

accumulated\_local\_effect\_1d() offers one-dimentional ALE.

accumulated\_local\_effect\_1d()

#### parameter:

model : object or function A Python object that contains 'predict' method. It is also possible to define a
custom prediction function with 'predictor' parameters that will override 'predict' method of model.

train\_set : pandas DataFrame Training set on which model was trained. features : string or tuple of
string A single or tuple of features' names. bins : int Number of bins used to split feature's space.

monte\_carlo : boolean Compute and plot Monte-Carlo samples. predictor : function Custom function
that overrides 'predict' method of model.

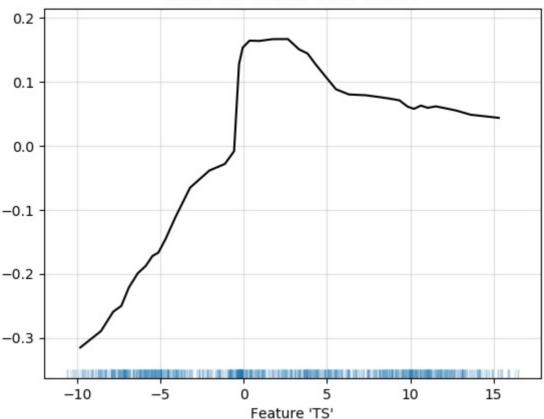
monte\_carlo\_rep : int Number of Monte-Carlo replicas. monte\_carlo\_ratio : float Proportion of randomly selected samples from dataset at each Monte-Carlo replica.

plot: bool, if plt.show() save: bool, if save the picture save\_path: string, path of picture saved, default='pdp.ipg'

retuen: Dataframe, ALE data

```
from ExplainAI.explainers.ale.ale import accumulated_local_effect_1d
a1=accumulated_local_effect_1d(model=m, train_set=x,
features='TS',plot=False,save=True,monte_carlo=False)
print(a1)
```

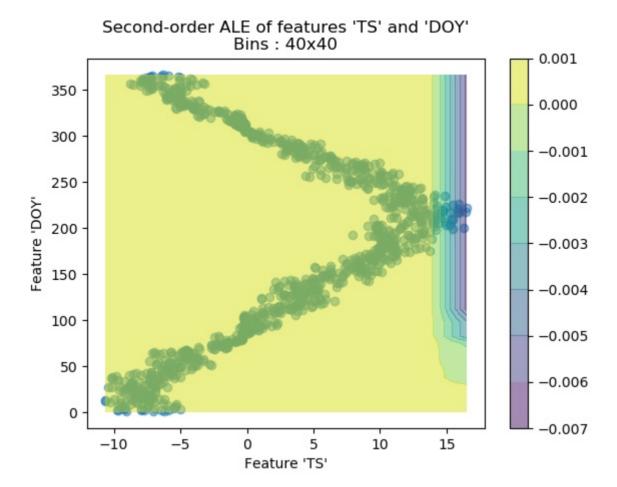
#### First-order ALE of feature 'TS' Bins: 40 - Monte-Carlo: False



Two-dimensional ALE (2D ALE) solely displays the additional effect of an interaction between two features, which does not contain the main effect of each feature.

```
from ExplainAI.explainers.ale.ale import accumulated_local_effect_2d
a2=accumulated_local_effect_2d(m, train_set=x, features=['TS', 'DOY'], plot=False,
bins=40,save=True)
```

```
-10.6360 -9.0075 -8.1510 ... 13.1090 14.1425 16.4860
1.000 0.000119 0.000119 0.000119 ... 0.000119 0.000119 0.000119
10.000 0.000119 0.000119 0.000119 ... 0.000119 0.000119 0.000119
...
338.000 0.000119 0.000119 0.000119 ... 0.000119 0.000119 -0.006281
347.250 0.000119 0.000119 0.000119 ... 0.000119 0.000119 -0.006281
356.625 0.000119 0.000119 0.000119 ... 0.000119 0.000119 -0.006281
366.000 0.000119 0.000119 0.000119 ... 0.000119 0.000119 -0.006281
```



### **Shapley values**

Considering the all-possible interactions and redundancies between features, all combinations of features are tested. Apart from the evaluation for the training set, the Shapley values method can be applied on any data subset or even a single instance (Shapley and Roth, 1988). The Shapley values of a feature value is its contribution to the predicted result, weighted and summed over all possible feature value combinations (Štrumbelj and Kononenko, 2013):

$$egin{aligned} arphi(i,j)(val) &= \sum_{S} |S|!(p-|S|-1)!/p![val(S\cup x(i,j))-val(S)] \ &S\subseteq [x(i,1),\ldots,x(i,p)] \setminus x(i,j) \end{aligned}$$

where S is a subset of the features used in an alliance,  $x_i$  is the vector of feature value of interest of instance j, p donates the number of features, and val is the prediction for feature values in subset S that are marginalized over features that are not included in subset S.

Here are the two versions of Shapley values in different operating systems. For windows only, the pictures would be captured in the console which requires the manual saving. For Linux and Windows, you can choose your save path to save the pictures.

#### For Windows only

At first, the Shapley values function is treated as a vessel.

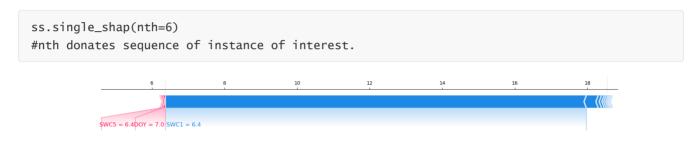
```
shap_obj=shap_func()
```

:param model: sklearn model object :param x: dataframe, input feature dataset :param features: list,
feature names

record\_shap() can export calculated shapley values in "shap.csv".

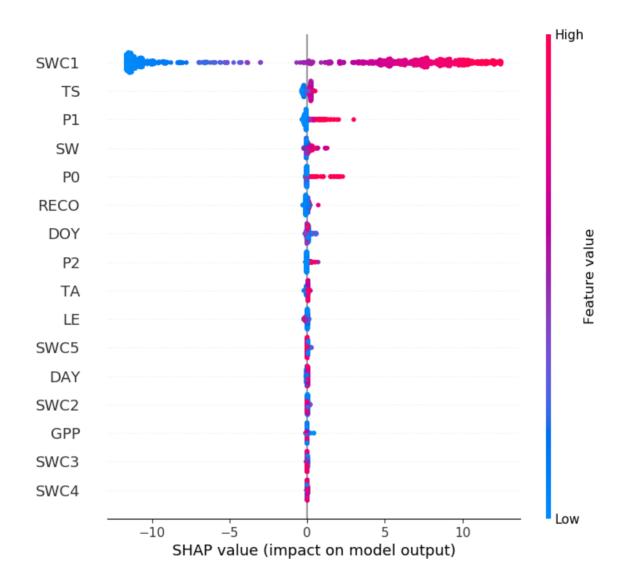
```
from ExplainAI.explainers.shap_func.shap_func import shap_func
ss=shap_func(m,x)
ss.record_shap()
```

single\_shap() offers shapley values for an individual instance.



feature\_value\_shap() provides shapley values distribution with feature values.

```
ss.feature_value_shap()
```

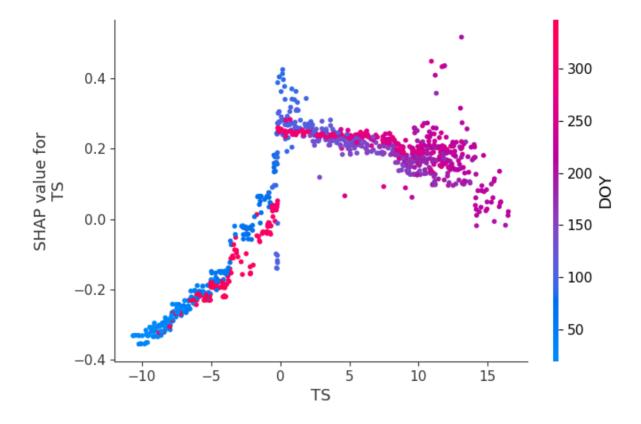


time\_shap() provides Shapley values distribution with time series.

```
ss.time_shap()
```

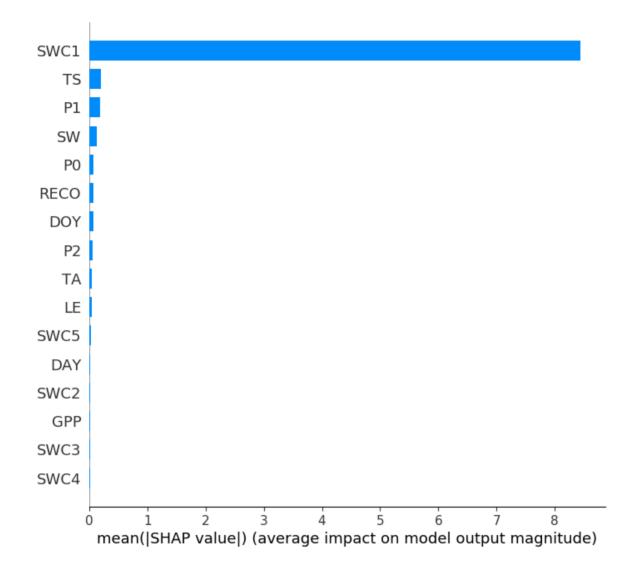
depend\_shap() provides Shapley values distribution with feature variation.

```
ss.depend_shap(depend_feature='TS')
```



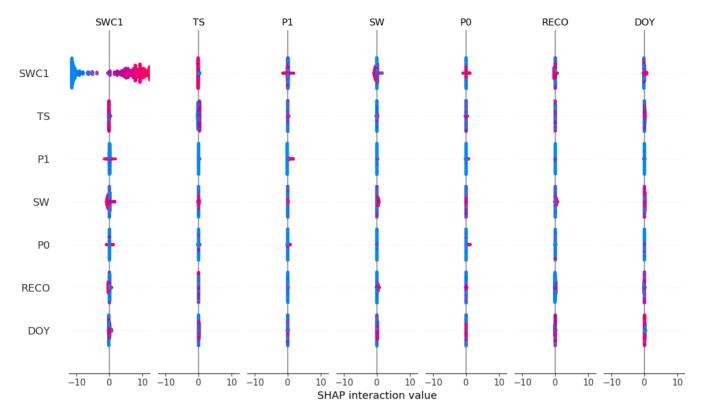
mean\_shap() provides averaged Shapley values of features.

ss.mean\_shap()



intera\_shap() provides averaged Shapley values under two features' interaction.

```
ss.intera_shap()
```



#### For Linux and Windows

• shap\_explainations\_instance() offers shapley values for an individual instance.

```
shap_explainations_instance()
```

:param model: sklearn model object :param x: dataframe, input feature dataset :param features: list, feature names :param nth: int, sequence of instance of interest :param plot: bool, if plt.show() :param save: bool, if save the picture :param save\_path: string, path of picture saved, default='pdp.jpg'

:return: dataframe, shap valure of the instance

```
from ExplainAI.explainers.shap_func.shap_func import shap_explainations_instance
s=shap_explainations_instance(m,x,f,nth=4)
print(s)
```

```
#print(s)
DAY
         0.005810
         0.057023
DOY
        -0.006199
TA
        -0.017431
SW
        -0.024737
TS
         0.012880
         0.022192
GPP
         0.003033
RECO
SWC1
       -12.311931
         0.105164
SWC2
SWC3
         0.013828
```

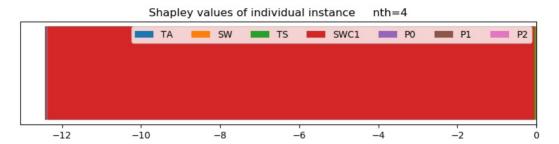
```
SWC4 0.005863

SWC5 0.004599

PO -0.017164

P1 -0.051249

P2 -0.004497
```



• shap\_explainations\_instance() offers averaged Shapley values of features.

```
shap_explainations_mean()
```

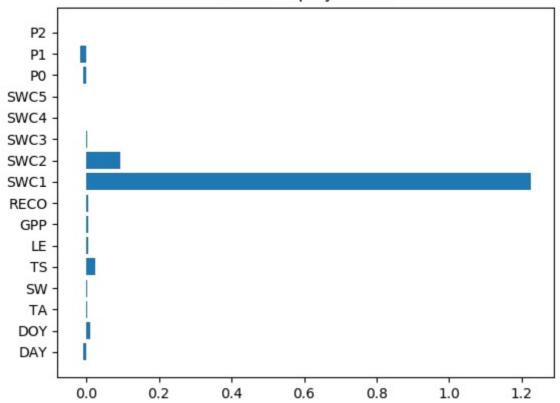
:param model: sklearn model object :param x: dataframe, input feature dataset :param features: list, feature names :param plot: bool, if plt.show() :param save: bool, if save the picture :param save\_path: string, path of picture saved, default='shap\_mean.jpg' :param describe: bool, if True, the shapley values will be described statistically witl mean, std, min, max and so on.

:return: dataframe, mean shapley values

```
from ExplainAI.explainers.shap_func.shap_func import shap_explainations_mean sm=shap_explainations_mean(m,x,f) print(sm)
```

```
features Shapley_mean
DAY
        -0.007492
         0.009586
DOY
        0.002884
TA
SW
        0.001441
TS
        0.023729
        0.005203
LE
         0.006358
GPP
          0.006129
RECO
SWC1
          1.226364
SWC2
          0.092463
SWC3
          0.003289
SWC4
          0.000869
          0.000134
SWC5
Р0
       -0.007938
Р1
       -0.018106
       -0.000417
P2
```

#### Mean Shapley values



• shap\_explainations\_time() provides Shapley values distribution with time series.

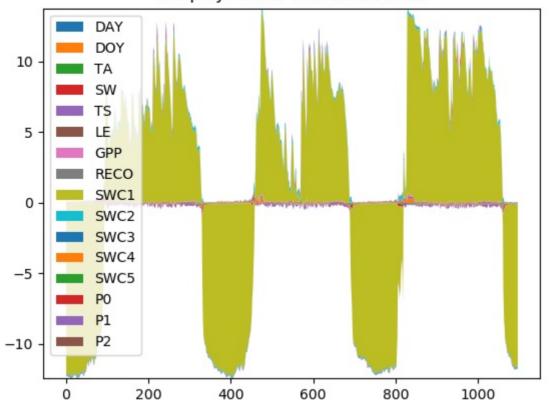
#### shap\_explainations\_time()

:param model: sklearn model object :param x: dataframe, input feature dataset :param
features: list, feature names :param plot: bool, if plt.show() :param save: bool, if save the picture
:param save\_path: string, path of picture saved, default='shap\_mean.jpg' :param describe: bool, if
True, the shapley values will be described statistically witl mean, std, min, max and so on.

:return: dataframe, mean shapley values

from ExplainAI.explainers.shap\_func.shap\_func import shap\_explainations\_time  $st=shap\_explainations\_time(m,x,f)$ 

### Shapley values with time series



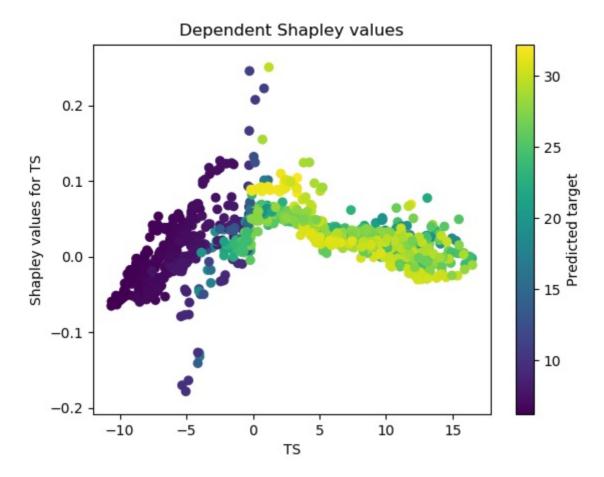
• shap\_explainations\_dependence() provides Shapley values distribution with feature variation.

#### shap\_explainations\_dependence()

:param model: sklearn model object :param x: dataframe, input feature dataset :param features: list,
feature names :param plot: bool, if plt.show() :param save: bool, if save the picture :param
save\_path: string, path of picture saved, default='shap\_time.jpg' :param describe: bool, if True, the shapley
values will be described statistically witl mean, std, min, max and so on.

:return: dataframe, shapley values

from ExplainAI.explainers.shap\_func.shap\_func import shap\_explainations\_dependence shap\_explainations\_dependence(m,x,f,dependence\_feature='TS')



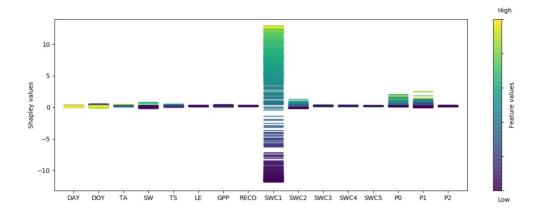
shap\_explainations\_feature\_value() provides shapley values distribution with feature values.

shap\_explainations\_feature\_value()

:param model: sklearn model object :param x: dataframe, input feature dataset :param features: list,
feature names :param plot: bool, if plt.show() :param save: bool, if save the picture :param
save\_path: string, path of picture saved, default='shap\_time.jpg' :param describe: bool, if True, the shapley
values will be described statistically witl mean, std, min, max and so on.

:return: dataframe, shapley values

from ExplainAI.explainers.shap\_func.shap\_func import shap\_explainations\_feature\_value  $shap_explainations_feature_value(m,x,f)$ 



### **Local Interpretable Model-Agnostic Explanations**

Local Interpretable Model-Agnostic Explanations (LIME) is an attempt to make these complex models at least partly understandable (Ribeiro, et al., 2016). Generally, the surrogate model after training, aims to approximate the predictions of the underlying black box model.

```
lime_explainations()
```

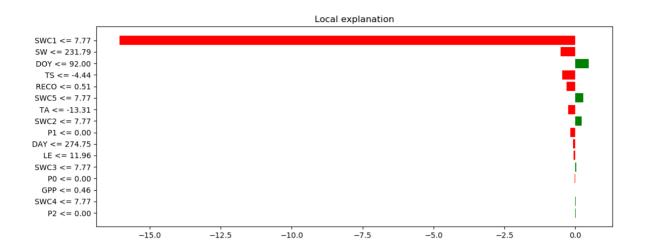
:param model: sklearn model object :param train\_data: dataframe, input feature dataset :param features: list, feature names :param target: string, target feature name :param instance\_sequence: int, instance number :param num\_features: int, number of features :param plot: bool, if plt.show() :param save: bool, if save the picture :param save\_path: string, path of picture saved, default='lime.jpg'

:return: dataframe, lime values

```
from ExplainAI.explainers.lime_func.lime_output import lime_explainations
lime=lime_explainations(m, train_data=x, features=f, target="TS",
instance_sequence=2,num_features=len(f),
plot=True,save=True,save_path='lime.jpg')
print(lime)
```

```
#print(lime)
    feature feature_upper_val feature_lower_val
                                                   lime_val
0
      SWC1
                        7.77
                                           7.77 -16.898005
1
                       11.96
                                          11.96 -0.437438
        LE
2
                                          92.00
                                                  0.348370
       DOY
                       92.00
3
      SWC3
                        7.77
                                           7.77
                                                  0.259343
4
      SWC5
                        7.77
                                           7.77
                                                  0.246198
5
        Р1
                        0.00
                                           0.00 -0.239537
6
      GPP
                        0.46
                                           0.46
                                                 0.157023
7
      SWC4
                        7.77
                                           7.77
                                                  0.148707
8
      RECO
                        0.51
                                           0.51 -0.123809
9
        SW
                      231.79
                                         231.79 -0.109733
10
                      274.75
                                         274.75 0.059360
       DAY
```

12 TS -4.44 -4.44 -0.048100 13 PO 0.00 0.00 -0.029209 14 TA -13.31 -13.31 -0.016023
14 TA -13.31 -13.31 -0.016023
15 P2 0.00 0.00 0.011043



# Contributing

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• Source code: <a href="https://github.com/HuangFeini/ExplainAl.git">https://github.com/HuangFeini/ExplainAl.git</a>

ExplainAl supports Python 3.6+.

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# **Changelog**

In this version, you might have some problems as follows. And you can try the sulotion to fix that.

- 1. if in the linux, 'display' issue still exists.
  - import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
  - -->plt.switch\_backend('agg')
- 2. About the sklearn version.

from sklearn.metrics import check\_scoring

- --> vi sklearn/metrics/init.py
- -->from scorer import check\_scoring
- -->all=['check\_scoring']