Exploring Tools for Interpretable Machine Learning

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Outline

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References

This talk is based on this blog post ([9]), which itself is based on these two amazing references:

- Interpretable Machine Learning, A Guide for Making Black Box Models Explainable by Christoph Molnar ([6])
- Interpretable Machine Learning with Python by Serg Masís ([4])

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Remark: The article General Pitfalls of Model-Agnostic Interpretation Methods for Machine Learning Models ([8]) is highly recommended to understand the challenges, limitations and recommendations for some of the model-agnostic methods discussed in this talk.

Target Variable - cnt: Daily Bike Rents

	season	yr	mnth	holiday	weekday	workingday	weathersit	temp	hum	windspeed	cnt	days_since_2011
0	SPRING	2011	JAN	NO HOLIDAY	SAT	NO WORKING DAY	MISTY	8.175849	80.5833	10.749882	985	0
1	SPRING	2011	JAN	NO HOLIDAY	SUN	NO WORKING DAY	MISTY	9.083466	69.6087	16.652113	801	1
2	SPRING	2011	JAN	NO HOLIDAY	MON	WORKING DAY	GOOD	1.229108	43.7273	16.636703	1349	2
3	SPRING	2011	JAN	NO HOLIDAY	TUE	WORKING DAY	GOOD	1.400000	59.0435	10.739832	1562	3
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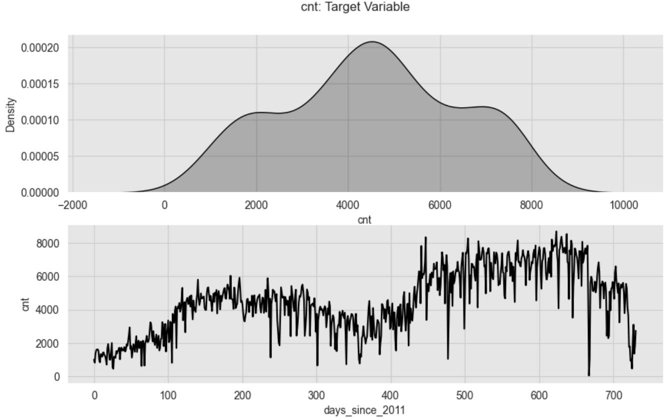
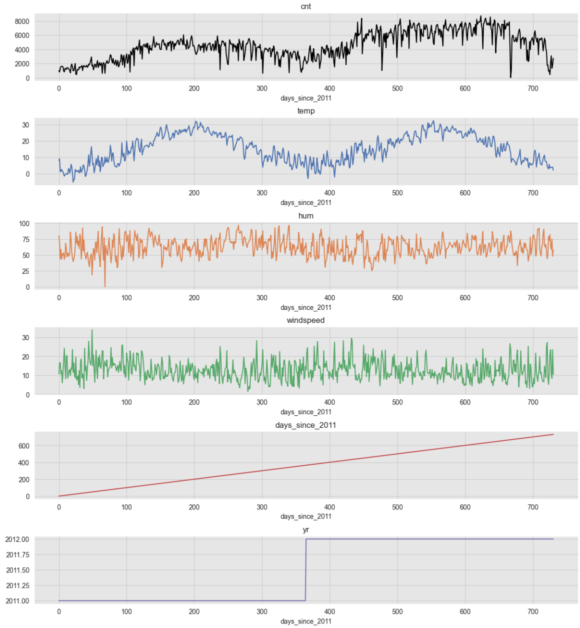
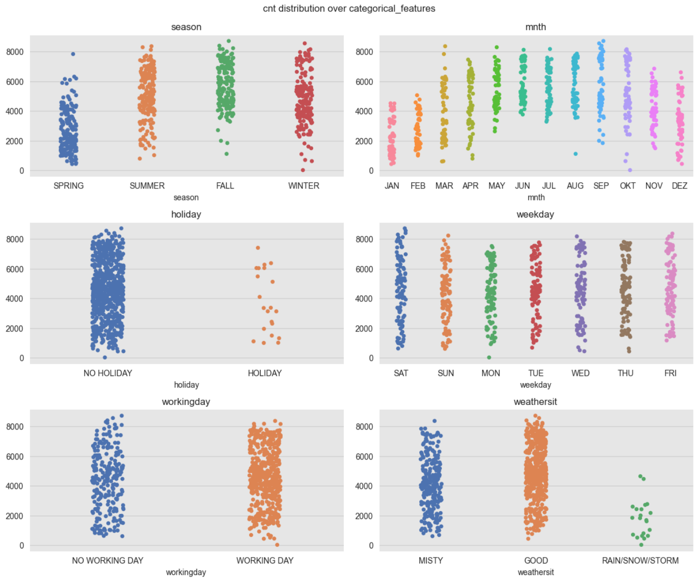


Continuous Regressors



Categorical Regressors



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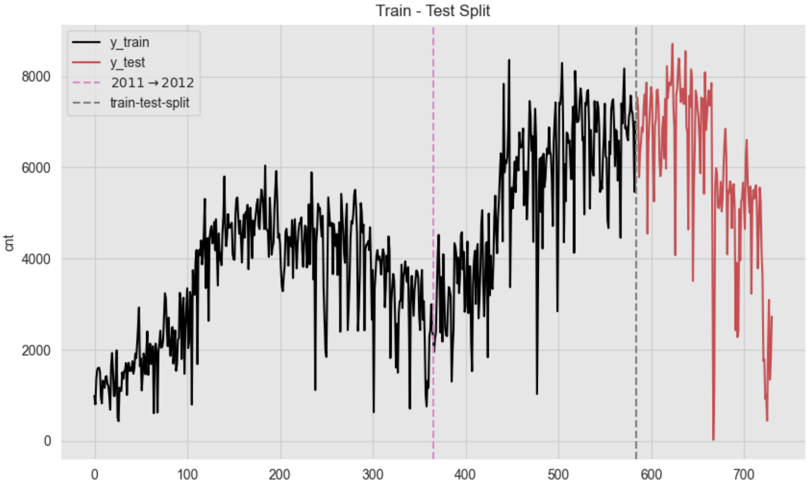


Models

Two model flavours

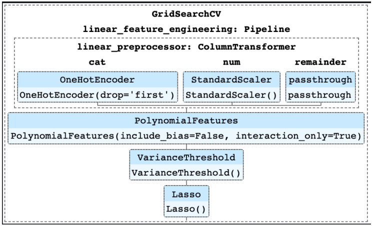


Figure 1: Lasso model with second order polynomial interactions ([10]).

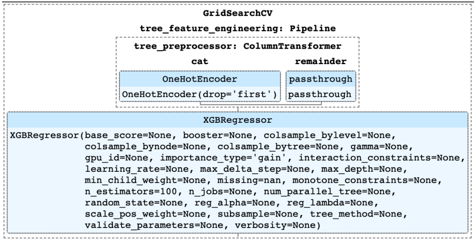
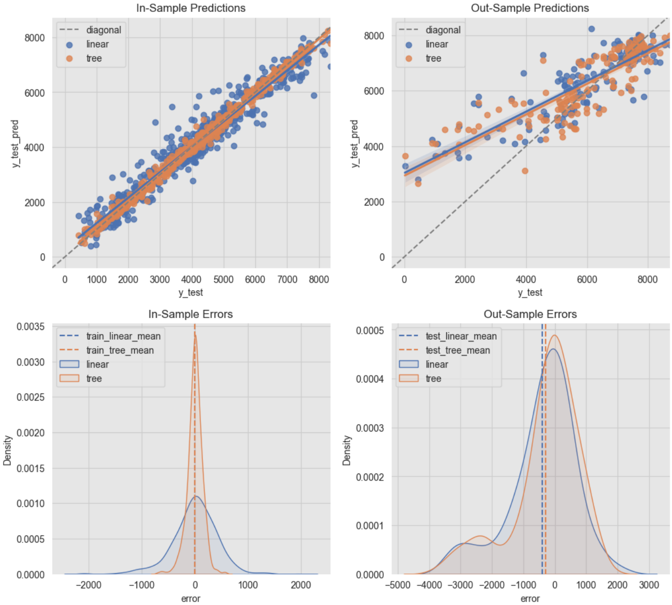
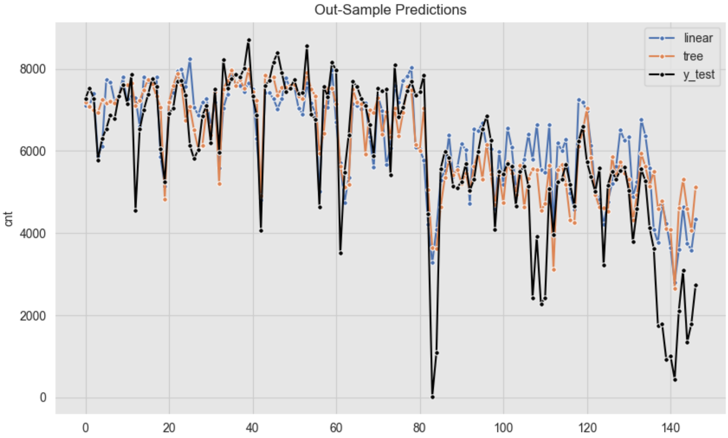


Figure 2: XGBoost regression model ([1]).

Out of sample performance - Errors Distribution



Out of sample performance - Predictions



β coeffiecients

See [6, Section 5.1]

$$y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + \cdots + \beta_p x_p + \varepsilon, \quad \text{where} \quad \varepsilon \sim N(0, \sigma^2)$$

	linear_features	coef_	abs_coef_
0	mnth_JUL temp	-2305.096894	2305.096894
1	mnth_JUL	2227.672335	2227.672335
2	weathersit_RAIN/SNOW/STORM	-1710.469071	1710.469071
3	mnth_JUN temp	-1299.644413	1299.644413
4	season_SPRING	-1279.629779	1279.629779
5	mnth_JUN	845.229031	845.229031
6	temp	646.609622	646.609622
7	mnth_AUG temp	-523.011653	523.011653
8	season_SUMMER temp	489.319256	489.319256
9	weathersit_RAIN/SNOW/STORM temp	-482.660271	482.660271
10	season_SPRING temp	465.512410	465.512410
11	days_since_2011 yr	465.079169	465.079169
12	weekday_SUN weathersit_RAIN/SNOW/STORM	-462.286059	462.286059
13	season_SUMMER days_since_2011	454.137278	454.137278
14	mnth_MAY temp	-445.268148	445.268148
15	season_SUMMER weathersit_MISTY	-408.809531	408.809531
16	mnth_MAY weathersit_MISTY	404.790954	404.790954
17	yr	403.199142	403.199142
18	season_SUMMER weathersit_RAIN/SNOW/STORM	-394.157306	394.157306
19	mnth_DEZ temp	363.222114	363.222114

Weight Effects $\beta_i x_i$

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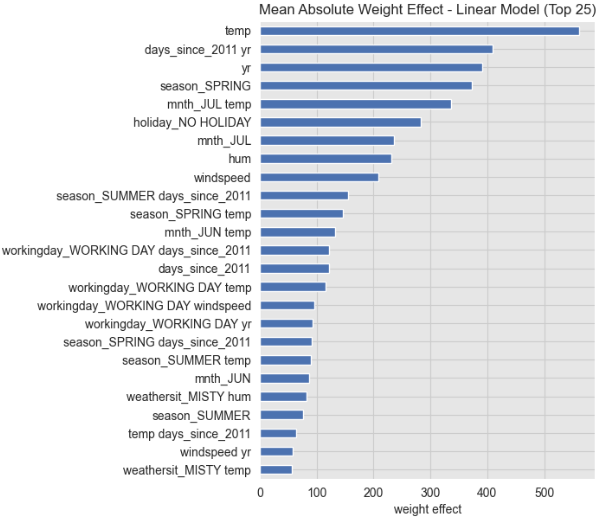
Weight Effects Importance $w_i = \frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^{n} |\beta_i x_i|$



Weight Effects: Temperature (z-transform)

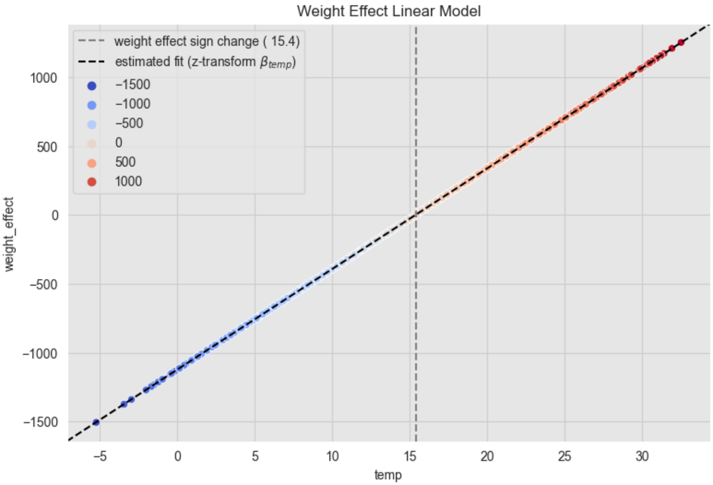


Figure 3: This plot just shows the effect of the linear term *temp* and not the interactions.

Weight Effects: Interatctions

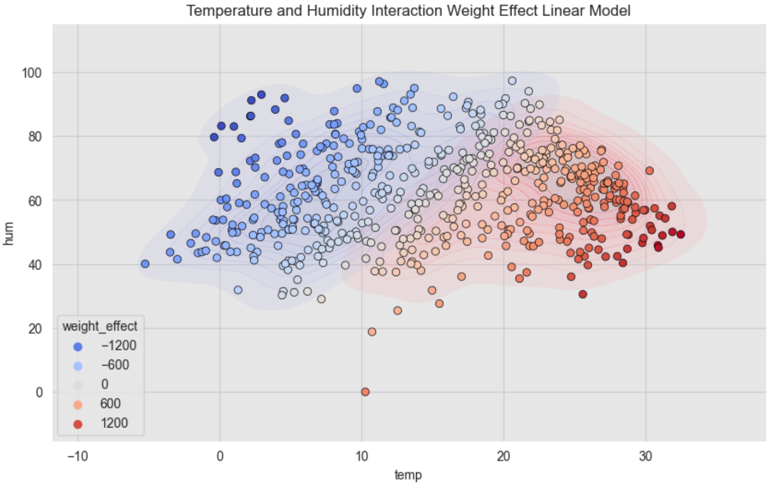


Figure 4: We can visualize the interaction between *temp* and *hum* by computing the total weight effect as $\beta_{temp} x_{temp} + \beta_{hum} x_{hum} + \beta_{temp \times hum} x_{temp} x_{hum}$.

Explaining Individual Predictions

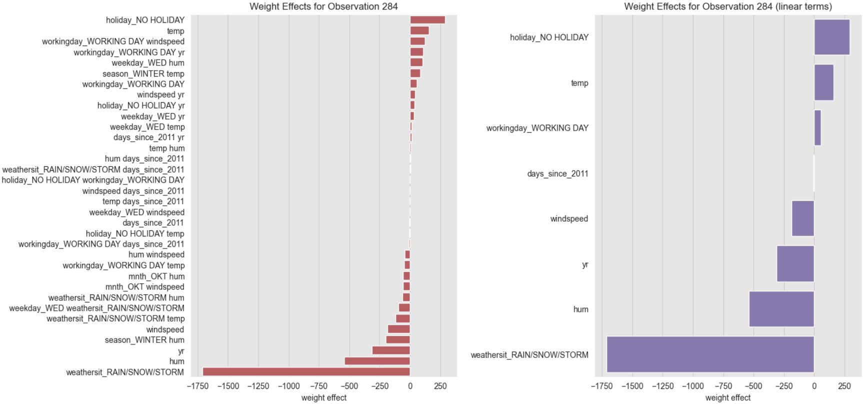
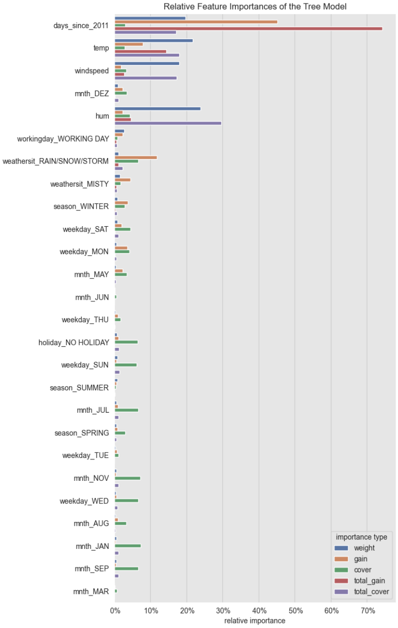


Figure 5: Weight effects of the linear model for observation 284. Left: All weight effects. Right: Weight effects of the linear terms.

Feature Importance Metrics: XGBoost



Partial Dependence Plot (PDP) & Individual Conditional Expectation (ICE) ([6, Section 8.1 & 9.1])

- Let x_S be the features for which the partial dependence function should be plotted and x_C be other features used in the machine learning model. One can estimate the *dependence function as*

$$\hat{f}_{x_S}(x_s) = \frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^{n} \hat{f}(x_S, x_C^i)$$

  where $\hat{f}$ is the model prediction function, x_C^i are actual feature values (not in S) and n is the number points.
- Similar to a PDP, an individual conditional expectation (ICE) plot shows one line per instance. That is, for each instance in $\{(x_S^i, x_C^i)\}_{i=1}^n$, we plot $\hat{f}_S$ as a function of x_S^i while leaving x_C^i fixed.

PDP & ICE Examples (1D)

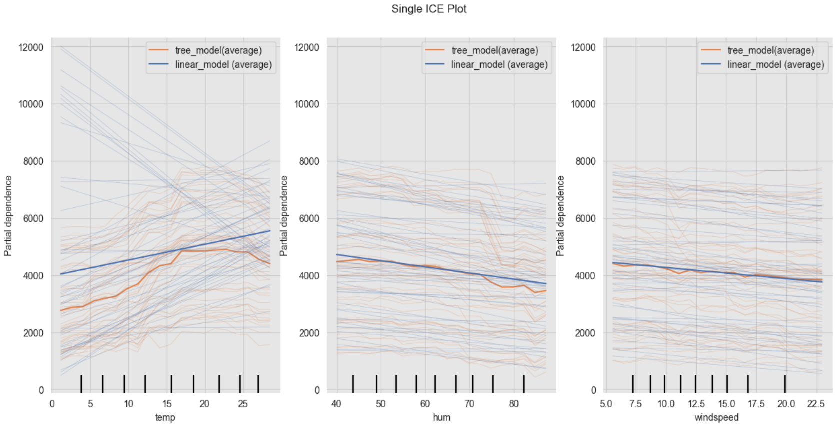
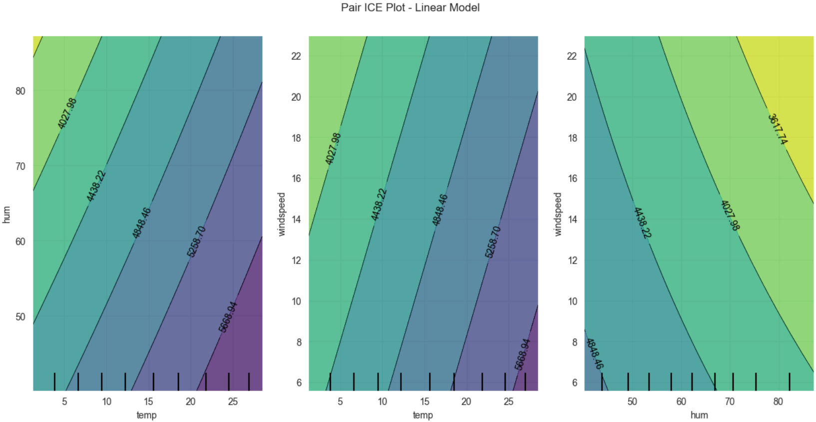


Figure 6: PDP & ICE plots for some numerical variables for the linear and XGBoost models.

PDP & ICE Examples (2D)



	linear_features	coef_	abs_coef_
6	temp	646.609622	646.609622
29	hum	-281.701209	281.701209
32	windspeed	-264.190697	264.190697
114	hum windspeed	-31.993914	31.993914
130	temp hum	15.127133	15.127133
155	temp windspeed	-0.000000	0.000000

Permutation Importance

See [6, Section 5.1]

Measures the increase in the prediction error of the model after we permuted the feature's values, which breaks the relationship between the feature and the true outcome ([6, Section 8.5]).

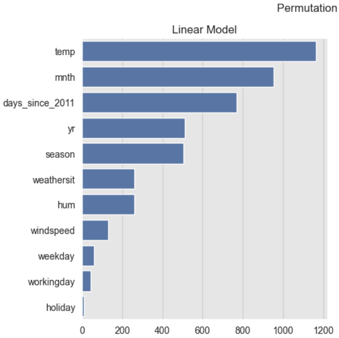


Figure 7: The permutation importance for these two models have *days_since_2011* and *temp* on their top 3 ranking, which partially explain the trend and seasonality components respectively (see [6, Figure 8.27]).

SAHP Values

Definition, see [3], and [4, Chapters 5 & 6] and [6, Section 9.6]

For each data instance x

- Sample coalitions $z'_k \in \{0,1\}^M$, where M, is the maximum coalition size.
- Get prediction for each z'_k. For features not in the coalition we replace their values with random samples from the dataset (background data).
- Compute the weight for each z'_k, with the SHAP kernel,

$$\pi_x(z') = \frac{(M-1)}{\binom{M}{|z'|}|z'|(M-|z'|)}$$

- Fit weighted linear model.
- Return Shapley values, i.e. the coefficients from the linear model.

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SHAP Values

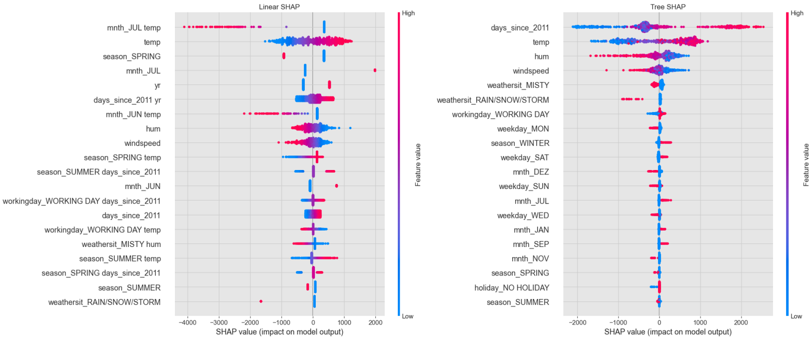
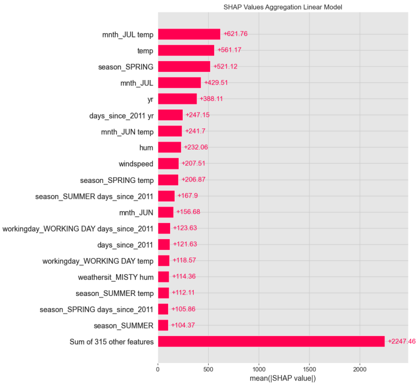
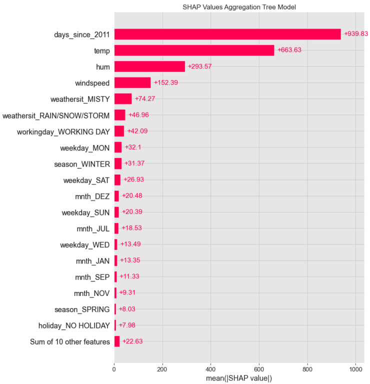


Figure 8: SHAP values per data instance. The *x* position of the dot is determined by the SHAP value of that feature, and dots "pile up" along each feature row to show density. Color is used to display the original value of a feature ([3]).

Mean Abs SHAP Values





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SHAP Values: Temperature

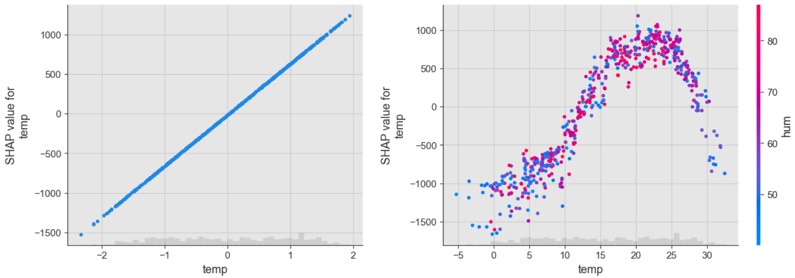

Figure 9: This figure shows the SHAP values a a function of temperature. Compare with Figure 6

SHAP Values: Observation 284

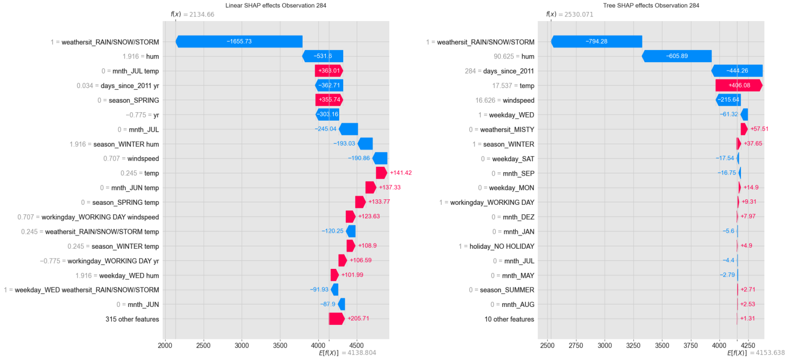

Figure 10: This *waterfall plot* shows how the SHAP values of each feature move the model output from our prior expectation under the background data distribution, to the final model prediction given the evidence of all the features ([3]). Compare with Figure 5.

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