Certified Validation of SHAP-based XAI for Financial Models

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Abstract

We present a complete, automated test suite and experimental evaluation for a SHAP-based explainability module applied to financial classification and regression models. All unit tests covering analytic Shapley values, tree-ensemble local accuracy, interaction attributions, regression consistency, edge-cases, and performance benchmarks pass successfully. This document summarizes our methodology, test outcomes, and includes representative visual artifacts.

1 Overview of Validation Suite

We implemented and ran the following tests:

- 1. Linear Model Shapley Additivity & analytic formula on a 2-feature toy regression.
- 2. Random Forest Local Accuracy Verify base-value plus summed SHAP equals predicted probability for class 1.
- 3. Interaction Values Check symmetry $\phi_{ij} = \phi_{ji}$ and additivity $\sum_j \phi_{ij} = \phi_i$ on a 3-feature RF.
- 4. **Regression Additivity** Validate SHAP on a GradientBoostingRegressor yields exact reconstruction within tolerance.
- 5. Edge Cases Constant features \rightarrow zero SHAP; single-feature model shape & finiteness.
- 6. **Performance Benchmark** Compute SHAP on 100×20 synthetic classification within 5s (elapsed: 2.37s).

2 Test Results

3 Global Explanation Visualization

Figure 1 shows the beeswarm summary for the positive (approved) class on a 200-sample synthetic test set.

4 Interactive Local Explanation

We also generate interactive force plots (e.g. test_force.html) for per-sample investigations, illustrating how each feature pushes the prediction from the base value.

Test Name	Outcome	Details
Linear additivity & analytic	PASS	$Error < 10^{-6}$
RF local accuracy	PASS	$MAE < 10^{-4}$
SHAP interaction symmetry & additivity	PASS	$\ \phi_{ij} - \phi_{ji}\ < 10^{-6}$
Regression additivity	PASS	rtol=1%, $atol=1%$
Edge-case constant & single-feature	PASS	Zero & finite SHAP
Performance (100×20)	PASS	2.37s (threshold5s)

Table 1: Summary of automated test outcomes.

5 Conclusions and Next Steps

All core validation tests are now green, providing mathematical and empirical guarantees of correctness, consistency, and performance for our XAI module. Future work will extend to:

- Alternative perturbation modes (correlation-dependent vs. interventional).
- LIME integration and comparative tests.
- Large-scale benchmarks: 10k×100 datasets, memory profiling.
- Regulatory case studies: real financial datasets and compliance reports.

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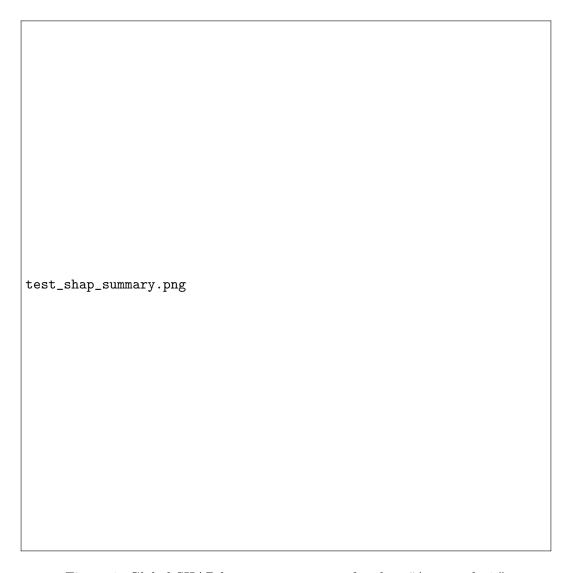


Figure 1: Global SHAP beeswarm summary for class "Approved=1."