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Assignment Number: 02

Q. No.	Question	Expected Time to complete
1	Assignment: Feature Importance Analysis using SHAP	

Objective

To select a publicly available dataset from any domain, apply SHAP (SHapley Additive exPlanations) to identify important features, build a predictive model, and interpret the results in detail.

Dataset Selection Guidelines

Students choose datasets from the domain:.

***** Education – e.g., student performance, exam score prediction.

Requirements for dataset selection:

- At least 500 rows of data.
- Minimum 5 independent variables (features).
- A clear target variable for classification or regression.
- Dataset must be publicly accessible (Kaggle, UCI Repository, government portals, etc.).

Tasks

- Data Collection & Preprocessing
- Download the chosen dataset in .csv format/ or any.
- Load it into Python using Pandas.
- Handle missing values, duplicates, and outliers.
- Encode categorical variables if needed.
- Normalize or standardize data when required.

Model Building

- Split the dataset into training (80%) and testing (20%) sets.
- Choose a suitable model (e.g., Random Forest, Logistic Regression, XGBoost).
- Train and evaluate the model using relevant metrics:
- Classification: Accuracy, Precision, Recall, F1-score, ROC.
- Regression: RMSE,MSE, MAPE,MPE, MAE, R² score.

SHAP Implementation

- Install and import SHAP (pip install shap).
- Select an appropriate SHAP explainer (TreeExplainer, KernelExplainer, etc.).
- Compute SHAP values for the test set.

Generate and include:

• Summary plot – overall feature importance.

- Force plot individual prediction explanation.
- Waterfall plot step-by-step feature contribution.

Result Interpretation

- Identify and explain the top 5 most influential features.
- Compare SHAP feature importance with the model's built-in feature importance (if available).
- Discuss whether the results are meaningful in the chosen domain.

Report Preparation

- Title Page Assignment title, student name, roll number, date.
- Introduction Problem statement and dataset overview.
- Dataset Description Source, size, features, target variable.
- Preprocessing Steps Cleaning and transformation details.
- Model & Performance Algorithm choice, parameters, evaluation metrics.
- SHAP Analysis Plots and explanations.

Conclusion – Key insights, limitations, and possible improvements.

Submission Requirements

- **♣** Python code file (.ipynb or .py).
- Dataset file (.csv).
- Report (.pdf) including SHAP plots and explanations.