## An Analysis of two Post-Hoc Interpretability Methods in light of Faithfulness

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## Introduction

# Dr. Rajiv Raman (Retina Surgeon at Sankara Nethralaya)

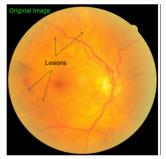


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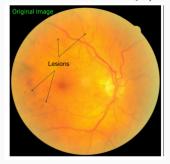


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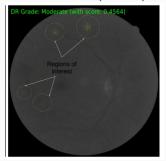


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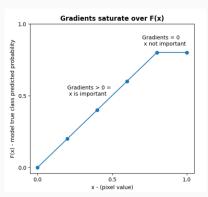
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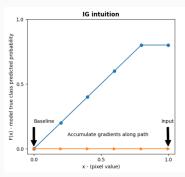
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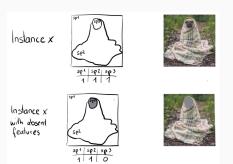
**Problem** 4 features  $\rightarrow$  64 coalitions 32 features  $\rightarrow$  17.1B coalitions

**Solution** SHAP Kernel: Approximates Shapley values through permutated samples and weighted linear regression

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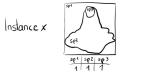
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Instance X with absent features





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## **Approach**

### Setup

#### Task Sequence classification

• Input tokens as features

Data CardioDE corpus from Dieterich Lab (Heidelberg)

- Unit of 500 doctoral letters from the cardiology department
- Each section of the letter belongs to one of 11 labels: Anrede, Diagnosen,
   AllergienUnverträglichkeitenRisiken, Anamnese,
   Medikation, KUBefunde, Befunde, EchoBefunde,
   Zusammenfassung, Mix, Abschluss

#### **Details**

Model BertForSequenceClassification<sup>1</sup>

**Deployment** Fine-tuned on 400 letters

- Split into 90% train & 10% development set
- Trained for 2 epochs

Results Tested on 100 held-out letters

- Overall accuracy: 93%
- Best performing labels: Anrede, Medikation, KUBefunde (98% and above)
- Worst performing labels: Mix, EchoBefunde (79% and below)

<sup>1</sup> https://huggingface.co/bert-base-german-cased

## **Experiments**

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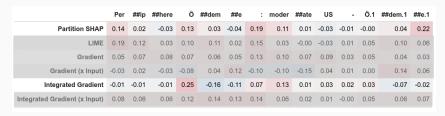


Figure 3: ferret explanations for a sample sentence from KUBefunde

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**Evaluating interpretability methods** 

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#### Specific to *ferret*:

 When omitting tokens ∈ r from the sentence, they prefer deleting (instead of masking out)

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$$Compr_{k=10}^{IG} = 1.0 - 0.82 = 0.18$$

where  $r_k = ["uber_{0.37}", Ihren_{0.04}"]$ 

# **Comprehensiveness - Results**

Mean Comprehensiveness scores over 10 samples per label:

	Mean Scores		
Label	SHAP	IG	F1-Score
Anrede	1.0	0.4	1.0
Mix	0.86	0.64	0.79
AllergienUnverträglichkeitenRisiken	0.85	0.31	0.96
KUBefunde	0.77	0.3	0.98
Diagnosen	0.75	0.31	0.96
Zusammenfassung	0.75	0.14	0.9
Befunde	0.67	0.2	0.9
EchoBefunde	0.66	0.25	0.73
Anamnese	0.64	0.02	0.85
Medikation	0.64	0.13	0.98
Abschluss	0.61	0.3	0.96

Table 1: Comprehensiveness mean scores for SHAP & IG with F1-scores per label

SHAP's worst-scoring label: Abschluss = j "I-PER / I."

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#### Important note:

1. *ferret* leaves out scores that do not contain any changes to prior state of r, e.g.: k = 10, 40, 50, 80, 90

"I-PER / I."

$$Compr = f(x)_j - f(x \setminus r_j)_j = 0.06$$

$$Compr_{k=20}^{IG} = 1.0 - 0.99 = 0.01 \text{ where } r_k = [ER]$$

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While **SHAP** ascribed negative attribution to **ER**, **IG** quite contrarily marks it as most important. Coincidence ?

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  - Also in Sufficiency the case ?

IG's best-scoring label: EchoBefunde = j

"Untersuchung am Bett auf Kardio-Intensiv. Vorbekannt deutlich reduzierte Schallbedingungen, v.a. von parasternal."

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# **Sufficiency - Results**

# Mean Sufficiency scores over 10 samples per label:

	Mean Scores		
Label	SHAP	IG	F1-Score
Zusammenfassung	0.0	0.44	0.9
Befunde	0.02	0.41	0.9
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Medikation	0.07	0.44	0.98
Anrede	0.1	0.71	1.0
Abschluss	0.15	0.45	0.96
Diagnosen	0.19	0.66	0.96
KUBefunde	0.25	0.77	0.98
Mix	0.37	0.8	0.79

Table 2: Sufficiency Mean scores for SHAP & IG with overall F1-scores for each label

SHAP & IG's worst-scoring label: Mix = j "- **Kost**aufbau nach **Ernährungskonsil**"

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$$Suff_{k=70}^{\mathbf{SHAP}} = 0.94 - \mathbf{0.71} = \underline{0.23} \quad r_k = [-0.09, \text{Kost}_{0.41}, \text{Ernährung}_{0.36}, \text{skon}_{0.05}, \text{il}_{0.1}]$$
 
$$Suff_{k=100}^{\mathbf{IG}} = 0.98 - \mathbf{0.05} = 0.93 \quad r_k = [\text{Kost}_{0.28}, \text{ aufbau}_{0.03},$$

#### **Data Statistics**

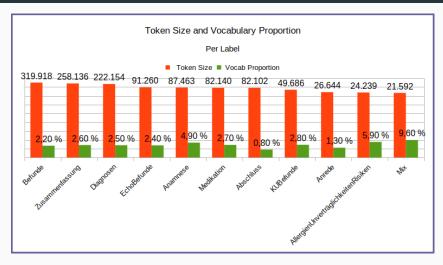


Figure 4: Token Size and Vocabulary Proportion per Label in Training Data

SHAP's best-scoring label: Zusammenfassung = j "Röntgenologisch wurde der V.a. eine Stauungspneumonie gestellt."

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$$Suff_{k=10}^{SHAP} = 1.0 - 1.0 = \underline{0.0}$$
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$$\vdots$$
 
$$Suff_{k=100}^{\mathbf{IG}} = 1.0 - \mathbf{0.01} = 0.99 \quad r_k = [\mathtt{R\"{o}ntgen}_{0.13}, \ \mathtt{a}_{0.04}, \ \cdot_{0.01}, \ \mathtt{Stau}_{0.03}, \ \mathtt{p}_{0.01}, \ \mathtt{ne}_{0.01}, \ \mathtt{onie}_{0.04}]$$

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#### Lookout

- Since IG tends to ascribe negative values to seemingly important tokens, find out why. Moreover, analyze if choice of baseline<sup>1</sup> has an impact.
- Experiment with inclusion of negative attribution tokens from IG into r.

<sup>1</sup> https://distill.pub/2020/attribution-baselines/