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Local Interpretable Model- Agnostic Explanations (LIME)

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Model Agnostic Approaches

- Permutation Feature Importance
- **Local Interpretable Model-agnostic Explanations**
- Shapley Additive Explanations



LIME

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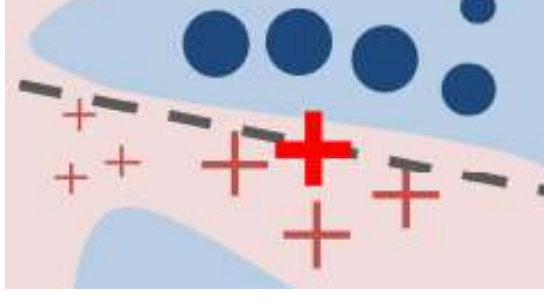
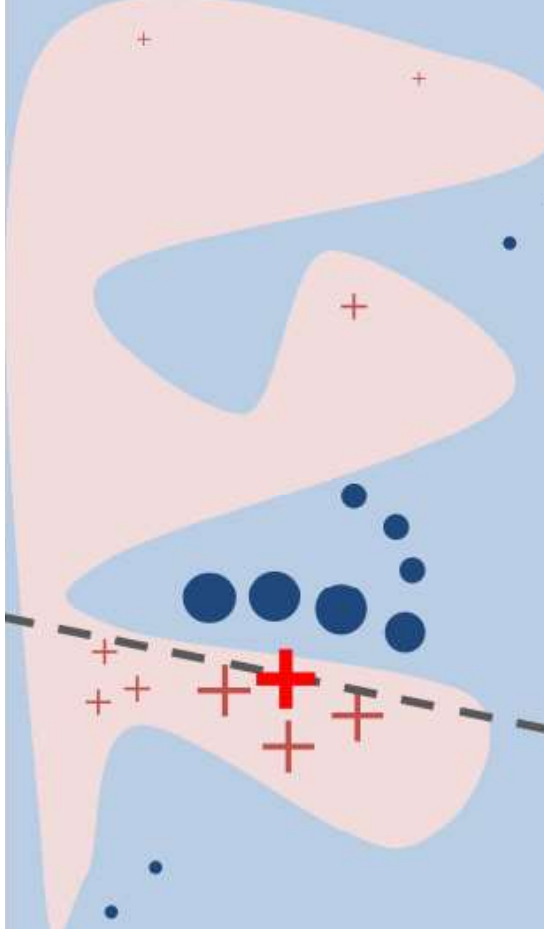
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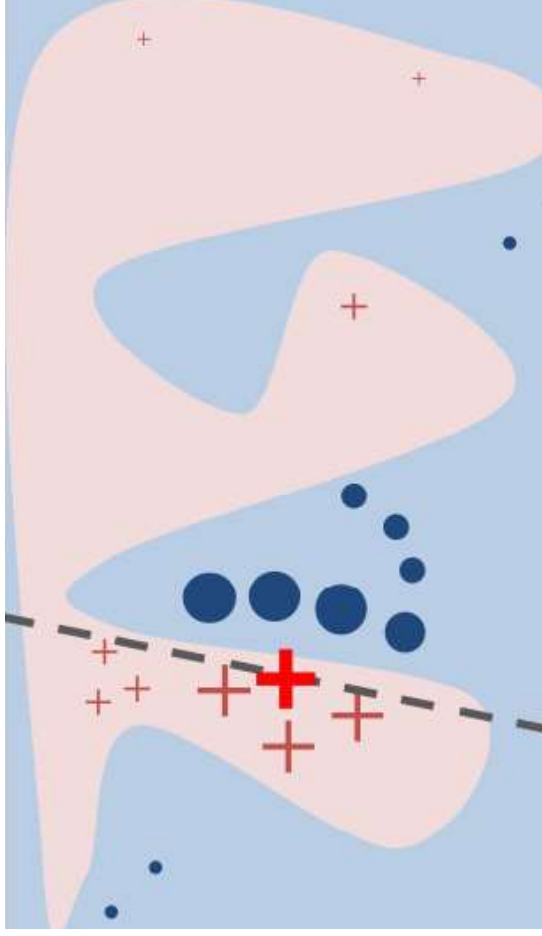
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LIME - Formulation

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Model to explain

$$f : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

Explanation

$$\xi(x) = \operatorname{argmin}_{g \in G} \mathcal{L}(f, g, \Pi_x) + \Omega(g)$$

Proximity Measure

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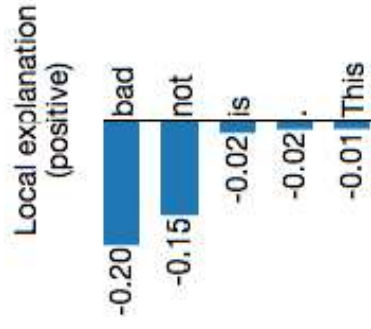
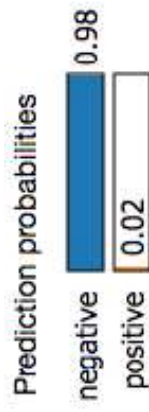
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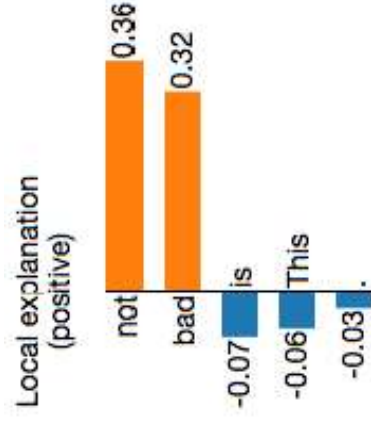
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This is not too bad



LIME Explanation of a logistic regression

LIME Explanation of an LSTM Model



Summary

- LIME provides a qualitative understanding between input variables and response
- LIME explanations are easily understood by non-experts
- LIME explanations are locally faithful to the model's behavior
- LIME is a model agnostic approach and thus model switching costs are small



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