

Interpretable Machine Learning

Instance-wise Feature Selection



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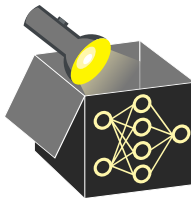


Learning goals

- Instance-wise feature selection
- Explain then predict models
- Optimizing using explanation data

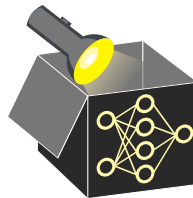
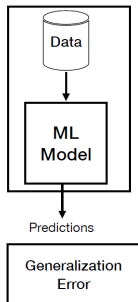
INSTANCE-WISE FEATURE SELECTION

- Select a subset of features conditioned or based on the input instance
 - Two instances might not have the same feature mask
- Instance-wise feature selection similar to feature attribution — important features are selected
- Unambiguous with respect to explanation (more on that later)



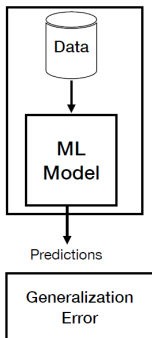
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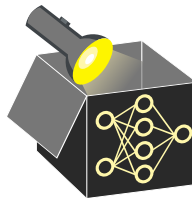
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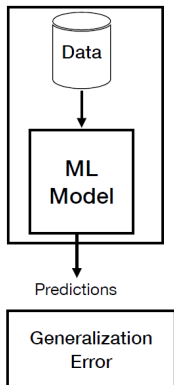
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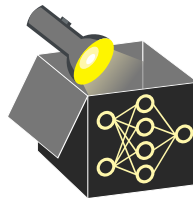


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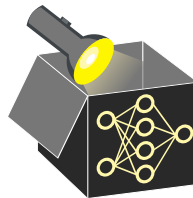
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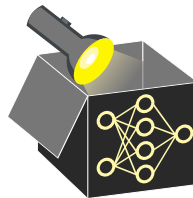


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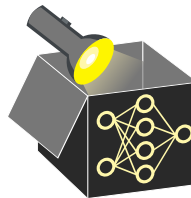
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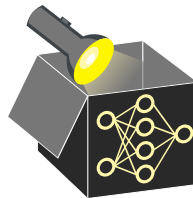


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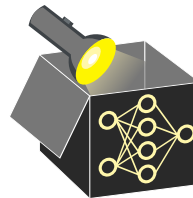
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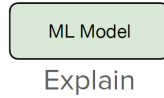
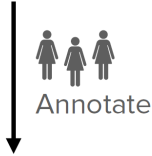
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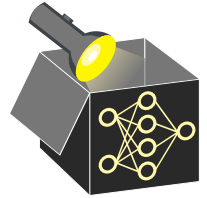
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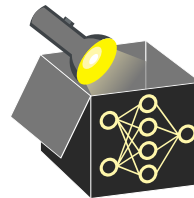
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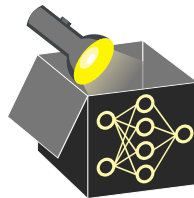
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Predictor Model

EXPLAIN THEN PREDICT USING EXPLANATION DATA

- Selecting features conditioned on individual instances results in better task performance in comparison to global feature selection
- Instance-wise feature selection has higher inherent sparsity
- The output of the feature-selection stage is the explanation
- The predictor depends solely on the masked input and therefore unambiguous with respect to explanation

