

# **Explaining the Uncertain: Stochastic Shapley Values for Gaussian Process Models**

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### TL:DR

#### What is GP-SHAP?

- 1. Similar to TreeSHAP for trees, DeepSHAP for deep model, RKHS-SHAP for kernel methods, **GP-SHAP is a model-specific SHAP algorithm for Gaussian process models**.
- 2. GP-SHAP formulate explanations as stochastic Shapley values to leverage both **predictive** and **estimation uncertainties** to provide **uncertainties around explanations**.

## What is predictive explanation and the Shapley prior?

- 1. Predictive explanation focuses on predicting **feature contributions for unseen data.**
- 2. The Shapley prior is an **induced prior** on the space of explanation functions for priors  $f \sim \mathcal{GP}(0, k)$ .

# Gaussian process recap

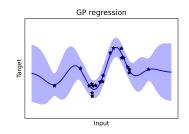
#### Proposition 1: Gaussian Process regression

Given data  $\mathbf{D} = \{\mathbf{x}_i, y_i\}_{i=1}^n$  and  $y_i = f(x_i) + \sigma \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$ , if we posit a GP prior  $\mathcal{GP}(0, k)$  on f, where  $k : \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{X} \to \mathbb{R}$  is the covariance kernel, then  $f \mid \mathbf{D} \sim \mathcal{GP}(\tilde{m}, \tilde{k})$  where:

$$\tilde{m}(\mathbf{x}') = k(\mathbf{x}', \mathbf{X})(\mathbf{K}_{\mathbf{X}} + \sigma^2 I)^{-1}\mathbf{y}$$

$$\tilde{k}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') = k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') - k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{X})(\mathbf{K}_{\mathbf{X}} + \sigma^2 I)^{-1}k(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{x}')$$

• The posterior covariance captures uncertainty around predictions.



# What is Stochastic Shapley values?

#### Proposition 2: Stochastic Shapley values

Denote  $[d] := 1, \dots, d$  as the player set and  $\nu : 2^{[d]} \to \mathcal{L}_2(\mathbb{R})$  a stochastic cooperative game, then the corresponding stochastic Shapley values take the form:

$$\phi_i(\nu) = \sum_{S \subseteq [d] \setminus \{i\}} c_{|S|} \left( \nu(S \cup i) - \nu(S) \right)$$

where  $c_{|S|} = \frac{1}{d} {d-1 \choose |S|}^{-1}$  and  $\phi_i(\nu)$  is the  $i^{th}$  SSV of game  $\nu$ .

 Analogous to the standard deterministic SVs except it is written in terms of random variables.

#### Proposition 3: Variance of Stochastic Shapley values

The Stochastic Shapley value variance is given by  $\mathbb{V}[\phi_i(\nu)] =$ 

$$\sum_{S\subseteq [d]\backslash\{i\}}\sum_{S'\subseteq [d]\backslash\{i\}}c_{|S'|}\Big(\mathbb{C}[\nu(S\cup i),\nu(S'\cup i)]-\mathbb{C}[\nu(S\cup i),\nu(S')]-\mathbb{C}[\nu(S),\nu(S'\cup i)]+\mathbb{C}[\nu(S),\nu(S'\cup i)]\Big),$$

where  $\mathbb{C}$  is the covariance function between the stochastic payoffs.

- · The mean of SSVs coincide with the SVs of mean games,
- · But the variance of SSVs do not coincide with the SVs of variance games.

## Explanations of GPs: GP-SHAP

Stochastic cooperative game from GP. Given a posterior GP  $f \mid \mathbf{D} \sim \mathcal{GP}(\tilde{m}, \tilde{k})$ , a stochastic cooperative game can be formulated as  $\nu_f(\mathbf{x}, S) := \mathbb{E}_X[f(X) \mid X_S = \mathbf{x}_S]$ , which again is a GP with mean  $\tilde{m}_{\nu}(\mathbf{x}, S) := \mathbb{E}[\tilde{m}(X) \mid X_S = \mathbf{x}_S]$  and covariance  $\tilde{k}_{\nu}((\mathbf{x}, S), (\mathbf{x}', S')) := \mathbb{E}[\tilde{k}(X, X') \mid X_S = \mathbf{x}_S, X'_{S'} = \mathbf{x}'_{S'}]$ .

#### Theorem 1: Stochastic Shapley values for $\nu_f$ and how to estimate them.

Let  $\nu_f$  be an induced stochastic game from the GP  $f \sim \mathcal{GP}(\tilde{m}, \tilde{k})$  and denote  $\mathbf{v_x} := [\nu_f(\mathbf{x}, S_1), \dots \nu_f(\mathbf{x}, S_{2^d})]^\top$  the vector of stochastic payoffs across all coalitions, then the corresponding stochastic Shapley values  $\phi(\nu_f(\mathbf{x}, \cdot))$  follows a d-dimensional multivariate Gaussian distribution.

$$\phi(\nu_f(\mathbf{x},\cdot)) \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A}\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{v}_{\mathbf{x}}], \mathbf{A}\mathbb{V}[\mathbf{v}_x]\mathbf{A}^{\top}) \quad \text{with} \quad \mathbf{A} := (\mathbf{Z}^{\top}\mathbf{W}\mathbf{Z})^{-1}\mathbf{Z}^{\top}\mathbf{W},$$

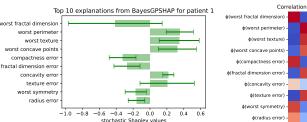
where  $\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{v}_x] \in \mathbb{R}^{2^d}$  and  $\mathbb{V}[\mathbf{v}_x] \in \mathbb{R}^{2^d \times 2^d}$  are the corresponding mean vector and covariance matrix of the payoffs and  $\mathbf{A}$  is the regression operator used in the WLS formulation of Shapley values. The moments for the multivariate stochastic Shapley values can be estimated as,

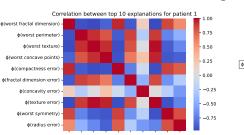
$$\phi\left(\hat{\nu}_f(\mathbf{x},\cdot)\right) = \mathcal{N}\left(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{B}(\mathbf{x},[d])^{\top}\tilde{m}(\mathbf{X}), \mathbf{A}\mathbf{B}(\mathbf{x},[d])^{\top}\tilde{\mathbf{K}}_{\mathbf{X}\mathbf{X}}\mathbf{B}(\mathbf{x},[d])\mathbf{A}^{\top}\right)$$

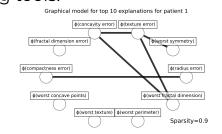
where  $\mathbf{B}(\mathbf{x},[d]) = [\mathbf{b}(\mathbf{x},[d]_1), \dots, \mathbf{b}(\mathbf{x},[d]_{2^d})]^{\top}$ ,  $\mathbf{b}(\mathbf{x},S) := (\mathbf{K}_{\mathbf{X}_S\mathbf{X}_S} + \lambda I)^{-1}k_S(\mathbf{X}_S,\mathbf{x}_S)$ ,  $\tilde{m}(\mathbf{X}) = [\tilde{m}(\mathbf{x}_1), \dots, \tilde{m}(\mathbf{x}_n)]^{\top}$ . The parameter  $\lambda > 0$  is a fixed hyperparameter to stabilise the inversion.

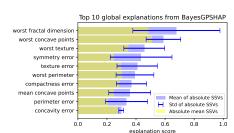
• This captures predictive uncertain from posterior GP. By leveraging the Bayesian weighted regression formulation from Slack et al. 2022, we can in addition integrate the estimation uncertainty to our formulation.

**Illustrations.** With the fully tractable covariance structure of explanations across both features and observations, we can comprehend the explanations with the following tools.









# Explanations as GPs: Predictive explanations with the Shapley prior

**Predictive Explanations.** Given seen explanations, can we capture the Shapley explanation function  $\phi: \mathcal{X} \to \mathbb{R}^d$ ?

#### Proposition 4: The Shapley prior

The prior  $f \sim \mathcal{GP}(0,k)$  and the game  $\nu_f(\mathbf{x},S) = \mathbb{E}[f(X) \mid X_S = \mathbf{x}_S]$  induce a vector-valued GP prior over the explanation functions  $\phi \sim \mathcal{GP}(0,\kappa)$  where  $\kappa: \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}$  is the matrix-valued covariance kernel

$$\kappa(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') = \mathcal{A}(\mathbf{x})^{\top} \mathcal{A}(\mathbf{x}'), \quad \mathcal{A}(\mathbf{x}) = \Psi(\mathbf{x}) \mathbf{A}^{\top}$$
 where  $\Psi(\mathbf{x}) = \left[ \mathbb{E}[k(\cdot, X) \mid X_{S_1} = x_{S_1}], \dots, \mathbb{E}[k(\cdot, X) \mid X_{S_{2^d}} = x_{S_{2^d}}] \right].$ 

Using this vector-valued GP prior, we can treat  $\{\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{\Phi}_{\mathbf{x}_i}\}_{i=1}^n$  as regression data. Furthermore, the posterior mean of this vector-valued GP corresponds to Shapley values of certain payoffs,

### Proposition 5: Posterior mean as Shapley values of certain payoffs

The posterior mean  $\tilde{m}_{\phi}(\mathbf{x}')$  corresponds to Shapley values for the payoff vector  $\tilde{\mathbf{v}}_{\mathbf{x}'}$ , i.e.,  $\tilde{m}_{\phi}(\mathbf{x}') = \mathbf{A}\tilde{\mathbf{v}}_{\mathbf{x}'}$ , where  $\tilde{\mathbf{v}}_{\mathbf{x}'} = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \Psi(\mathbf{x}')^{\top} \Psi(\mathbf{x}_{i}) \mathbf{A}^{\top} \alpha_{i}$  and  $\alpha_{i} \in \mathbb{R}^{d}$  is the [i, ..., i + (d-1)] subvector of  $(\kappa_{\mathbf{X}\mathbf{X}} + \sigma_{\phi}^{2}I)^{-1} \operatorname{vec}(\mathbf{\Phi}_{\mathbf{X}})$ .

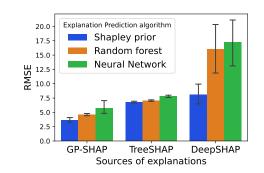


Figure 1: Predicting explanations generated using different explanation algorithms