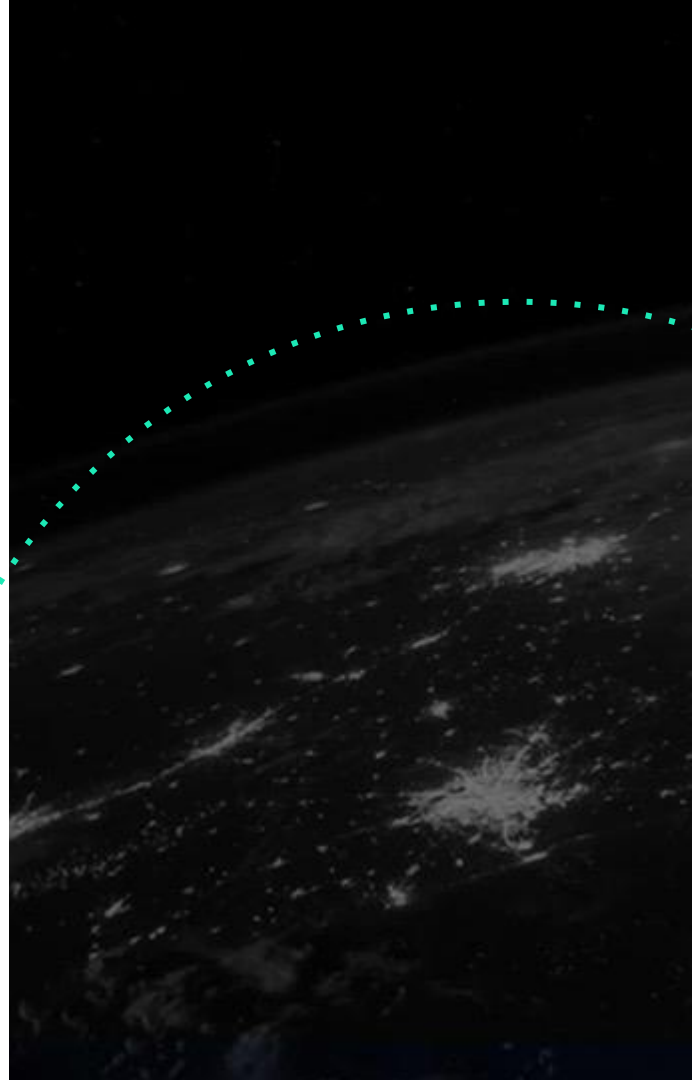


Important skills for practical machine learning applications

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Today's outline

1. Introduction
2. Use the Right Metrics
3. Explain Your Model's Decisions
4. Q&A



1. Introduction

We are a next-generation consulting firm

○ *We are a global firm that has grown steadily over the past 20 years*



2,000 Consultants



36 Offices across **18** countries



390M\$ in revenue for FY21/22

○ *We invest heavily in tech and design to stay on cutting-edge and meet our clients' evolving challenges*



5 AI centers



2 Design Centers



600 Clients
92% returning

○ *We cultivate expertise stemming from R&D activities and our proximity with our clients' industries*

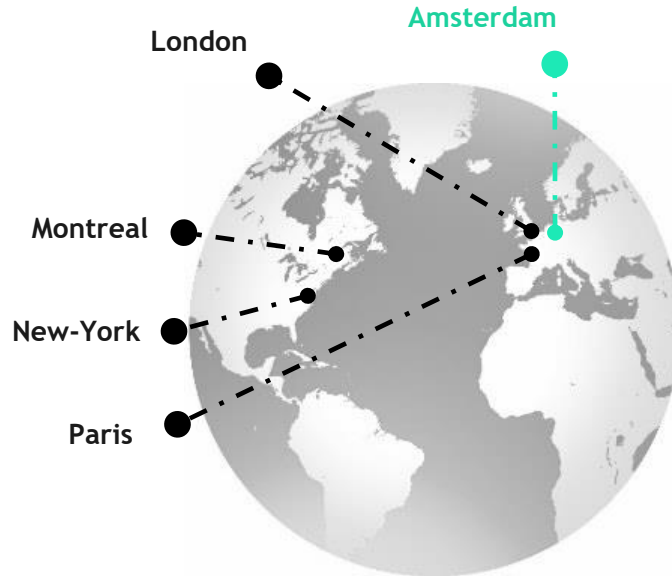


4% Of our revenue invested in R&D



130k+ Followers on LinkedIn

We are a global Data Science business unit, with 5 centers of excellence



150

Data scientists, Web Developers,
Data Engineers, UI/UX designers



5

AI Centers of Excellence



31

Offices with AI ambassadors



+50 clients

Trust us



Heka

Our AI ecosystem



Ready-to-use AI solutions

Customer experience, operational efficiency,
targeted offerings, etc.



AI accelerators

Catalog of 70+ AI building blocks to accelerate
ideation and development of AI projects



Platform As A Service

Admin features, production & development
environments



2.

Use the Right Metrics



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It depends on
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target variable

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We will discuss 3 regression metrics.

Adjusted R^2

Pro:

- Easily comparable between regression problems (0-1)

Con:

- Not easy to quantify the final impact of your model on business case.

RMSE

Pro:

- Unit is on the same level as the prediction error.
- Used by many models to optimise the fit.

Con:

- Sensitive to outliers (so use this when they should be weighted extra).
- Not easy to compare across regression problems.

MAE

Pro:

- Easiest to interpret.
- Easy to measure impact on business case.

Con:

- Hard to numerically optimise, so could lead to you optimising on one metric while presenting another.
- Not easy to compare across regression problems.

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We will discuss 3 classification metrics.

Accuracy

Pro:

- Easy to interpret and explain.

Con:

- Not suitable for imbalanced datasets.

ROC AUC & PR AUC

Pro:

- Encompasses all thresholds.
- ROC useful when model outputs are used for ranking.
- PR curve useful for imbalanced data.

Con:

- More abstract.
- More difficult to explain to stakeholders.

F-Score

Pro:

- Easier to explain than AUC.
- Can handle imbalanced data.

Con:

- Need to determine preference between precision and recall

Use the Right Metrics – Familiarise yourself with the confusion matrix and use accuracy when you have balanced, equally important classes.

| | | Predicted Class | | |
|--------------|----------|--|--|--|
| | | Positive | Negative | |
| Actual Class | Positive | True Positive (TP) | False Negative (FN) Type II Error | Sensitivity $\frac{TP}{(TP + FN)}$ |
| | Negative | False Positive (FP) Type I Error | True Negative (TN) | Specificity $\frac{TN}{(TN + FP)}$ |
| | | Precision $\frac{TP}{(TP + FP)}$ | Negative Predictive Value $\frac{TN}{(TN + FN)}$ | Accuracy $\frac{TP + TN}{(TP + TN + FP + FN)}$ |

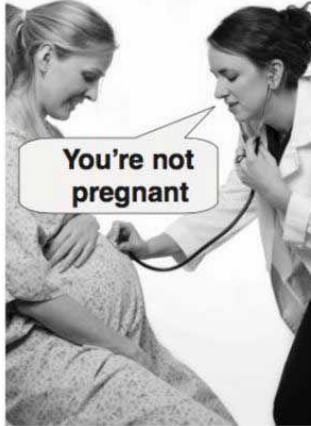
Confusion Matrix Overview

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Type I error
(false positive)



Type II error
(false negative)



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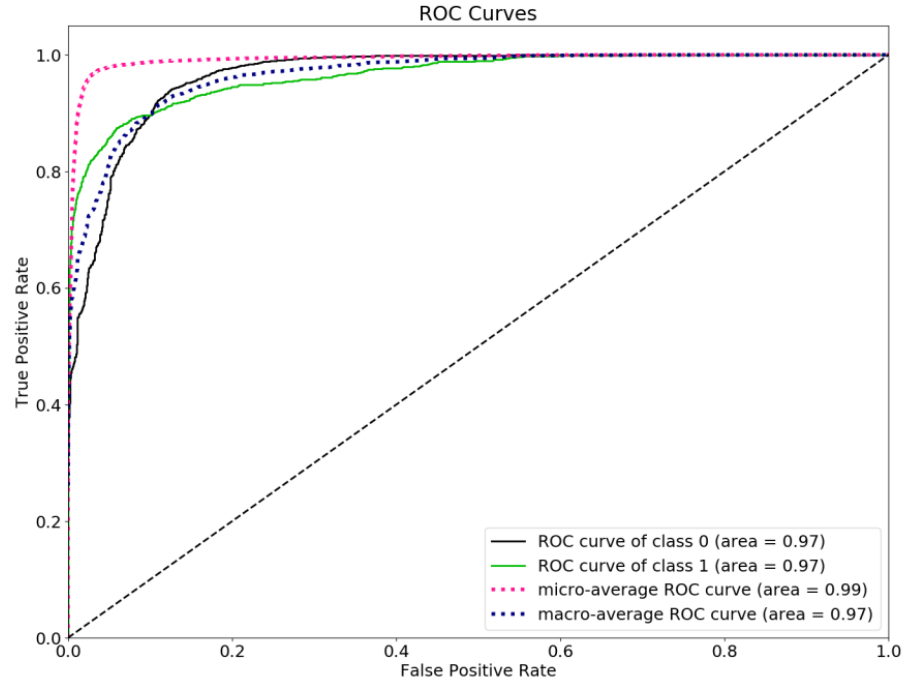
Use the Right Metrics – Changing the threshold will change your predictions and can also change your metrics.

| ID | Actual | Prediction Probability | >0.6 | >0.7 | > 0.8 | Metric |
|----|--------|------------------------|------|------|-------|--------|
| 1 | 0 | 0.98 | 1 | 1 | 1 | |
| 2 | 1 | 0.67 | 1 | 0 | 0 | |
| 3 | 1 | 0.58 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| 4 | 0 | 0.78 | 1 | 1 | 0 | |
| 5 | 1 | 0.85 | 1 | 1 | 1 | |
| 6 | 0 | 0.86 | 1 | 1 | 1 | |
| 7 | 0 | 0.79 | 1 | 1 | 0 | |
| 8 | 0 | 0.89 | 1 | 1 | 1 | |
| 9 | 1 | 0.82 | 1 | 1 | 1 | |
| 10 | 0 | 0.86 | 1 | 1 | 1 | |
| | | | 0.75 | 0.5 | 0.5 | TPR |
| | | | 1 | 1 | 0.66 | FPR |
| | | | 0 | 0 | 0.33 | TNR |
| | | | 0.25 | 0.5 | 0.5 | FNR |

Example of how thresholds can
affect metrics

Use the Right Metrics – The ROC curve plots the tradeoff between the false positive rate and the true positive rate.

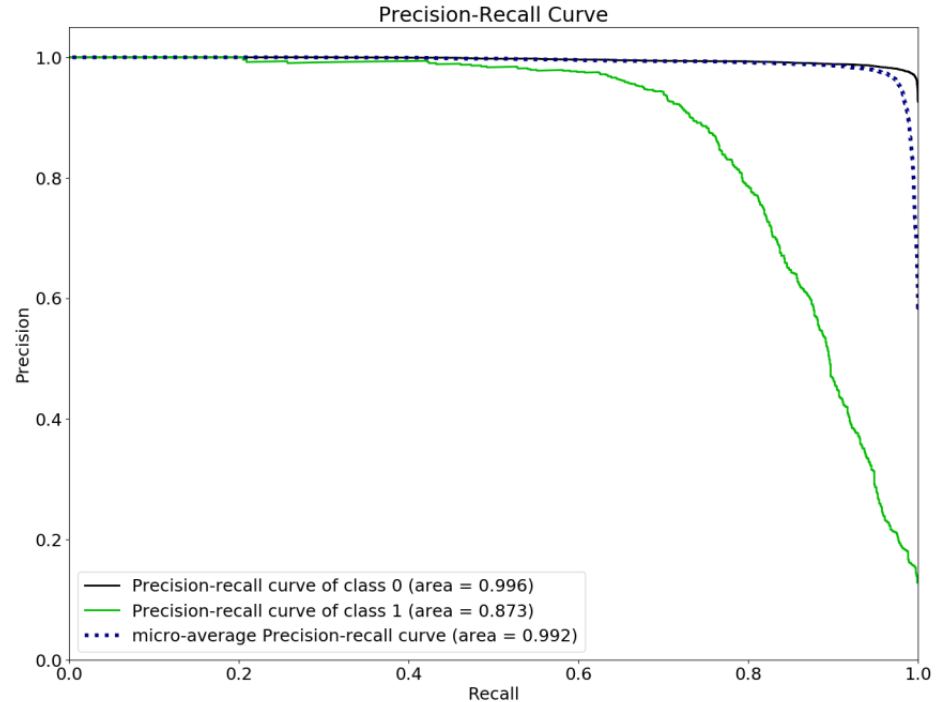
- ROC stands for “receiver operating characteristic”
- FP rate = $1 - \text{specificity}$
- TP rate = sensitivity
- Requires probability values to compute.
- Checks the relationship between FPR and TPR over all thresholds.
- The larger the area under this curve (AUC) the better.
- The ROC AUC tells us how good at ranking predictions our model is.
- Use when you care equally about classes.



ROC Curve Example

Use the Right Metrics – The PR curve plots the tradeoff between the precision and recall.

- PR stands for “Precision Recall”
- Recall = sensitivity
- Requires probability values to compute.
- The larger AUC the better.
- The PR AUC tells us the precision and recall scores calculated for each threshold.
- Use when classes are imbalanced and you care more about the positive class.



PR Curve Example

Use the Right Metrics – The PR curve plots the tradeoff between the precision and recall.

- To choose a threshold we need to determine the costs/rewards for the confusion matrix on the right, given our business problem.
- We then choose a threshold that maximizes the formula below.
- For our convenience we can plot this as a line graph with the reward on the y-axis and the threshold on the x-axis.

| | Predicted wildfire | Predicted no wildfire |
|----------------------|--|---|
| Actually wildfire | The benefit of successfully predicting a wildfire (tpb). | Cost of missing a wildfire (fnc). |
| Actually no wildfire | The cost of thinking there will be a wildfire when there isn't one (fpc) | The benefit of successfully identifying that there is no wildfire (tnb) |

$$total\ reward = \#TP * tpb + \#TN * tnb - \#FP * fpc - \#FN * fnc$$

Use the Right Metrics – F-scores are a harmonic mean between precision and recall, decide with the stakeholder how much each is worth.

$$F_{beta} = (1 + \beta^2) \frac{precision * recall}{\beta^2 * precision + recall}$$

F-score formula

- Recall = sensitivity
- Requires probability values to compute.
- Choose the threshold that provides the highest F-score
- You can specify how much you care between precision and recall (F1 = equally important).
- Use when classes are imbalanced and you care more about the positive class.
- Slightly easier to explain to the business.



3.

Explain Your Model's Decisions

Explain Your Model's Decisions – Explaining why your model made a decision can be valuable and is sometimes necessary.



- Legal reasons/right to understand decisions affecting oneself requires an explanation on why the model made a decision.
- Can help you identify why your model is making weird predictions.
- Builds trust and provide ethical justifications
- The way in which the model makes decisions might be an insight itself.

Explain Your Model's Decisions – There are many methods to explain a model's behaviour.

- Some models have it built-in (regression coefficients)
- Some have approximants (Feature importance in random forests and activations in Neural Networks)
- Two general methods:
 - Local Interpretable Model-Agnostic Explanations (for single predictions)
 - SHapley Additive exPlanations (for general or single predictions)



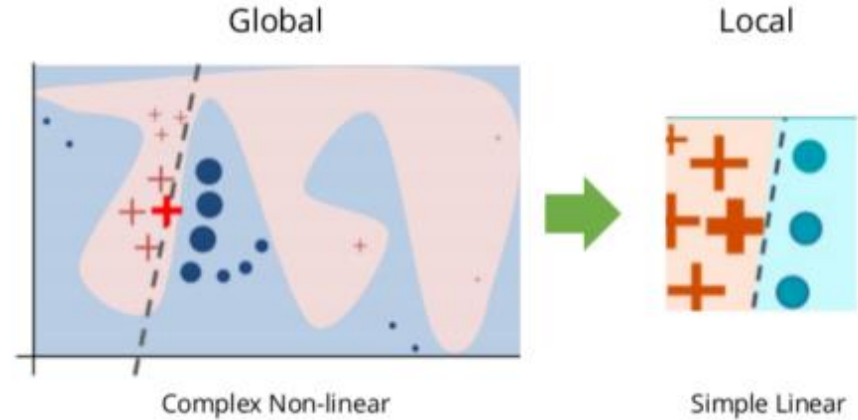
LIME



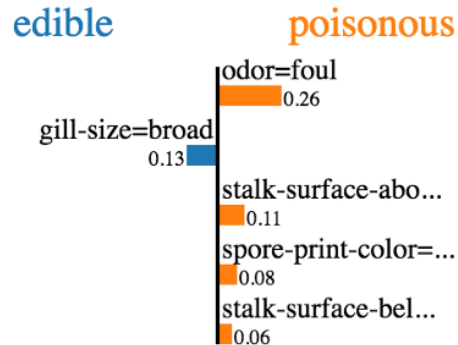
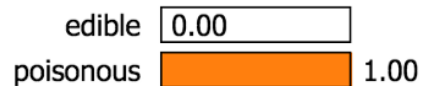
SHAP

Explain Your Model's Decisions – LIME only looks at the local space and fits a small linear model to explain the decisions.

Lime is only an approximation and only works on a single prediction.
Be careful not to generalise.



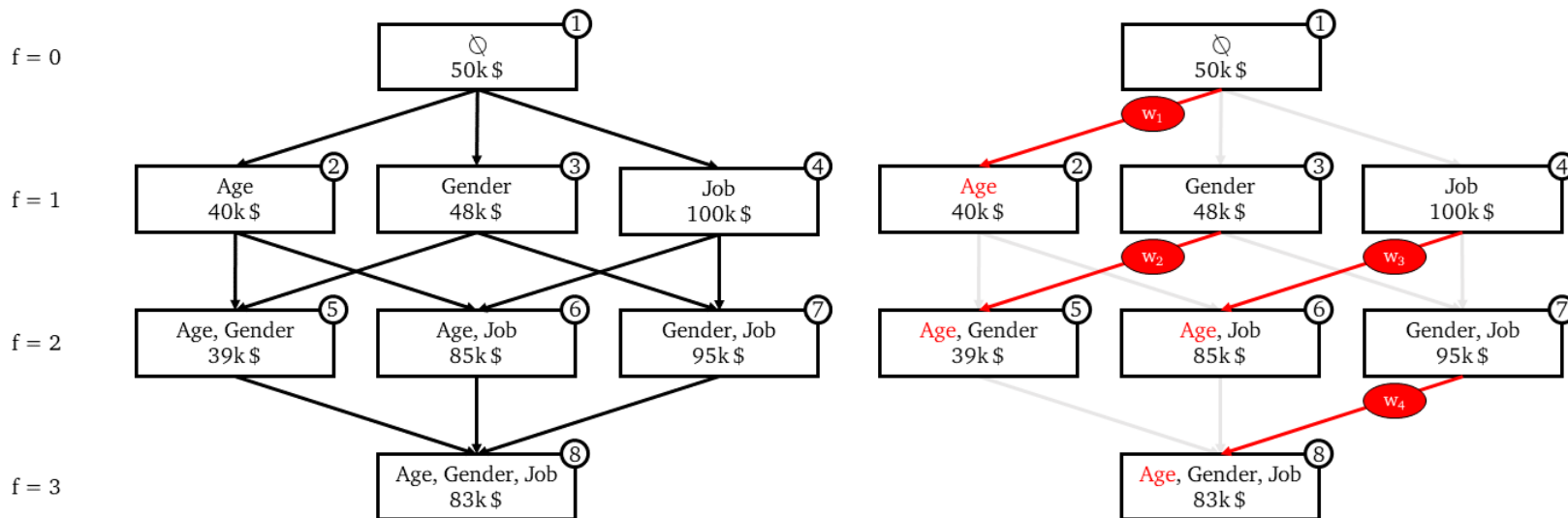
Prediction probabilities



LIME output example

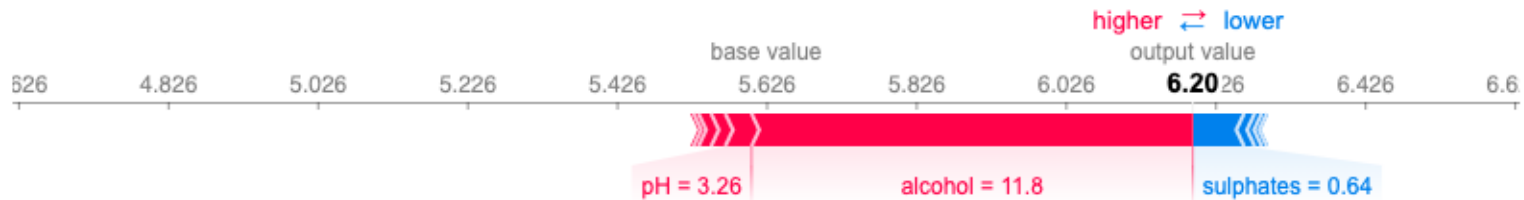
| Feature | Value |
|--------------------------------|-------|
| odor=foul | True |
| gill-size=broad | True |
| stalk-surface-above-ring=silky | True |
| spore-print-color=chocolate | True |
| stalk-surface-below-ring=silky | True |

Explain Your Model's Decisions – SHAP uses game theory to determine the effect of each feature.



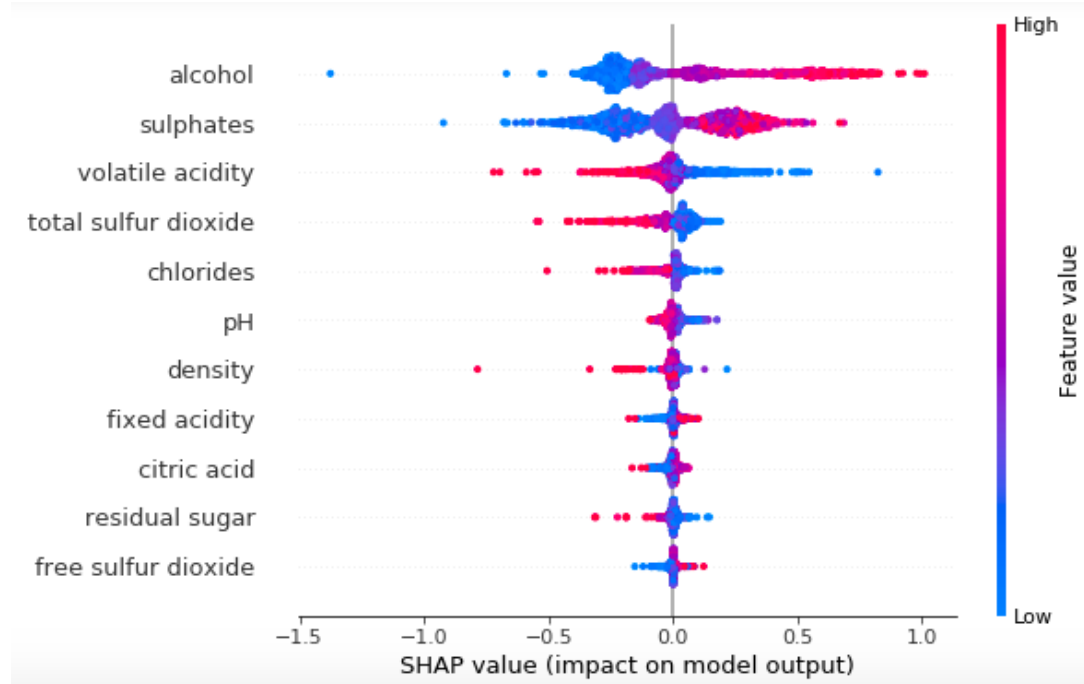
Explain Your Model's Decisions – SHAP uses game theory to determine the effect of each feature, this can be used to explain single predictions.

- SHAP values provide both instance and model interpretability.
- SHAP has very strong theoretical foundation.
- SHAP works by combining the effects of adding a given feature one at a time (in all possible combinations).
- To calculate SHAP values you need to train $2^{\# \text{ of features}}$ models. So models with many features become infeasible.



SHAP single instance explanation output example

Explain Your Model's Decisions – SHAP uses game theory to determine the effect of each feature, this can be used to explain the entire model.



SHAP model explanation output example



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