

# **Explaining Neural Models for Image Classification**

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# Part I: Explanations

# SHAP

## SHapley Additive ExPlanations<sup>[1]</sup>

- Additive feature attribution:

$$g(z') = \phi_0 + \sum_{i=1}^M \phi_i z'_i; \quad z' \in \{0,1\}^M \rightarrow \text{simplified inputs, } g \rightarrow \text{local approximation}$$

- Shapley values:

$$\phi_i(f, x) = \sum_{z' \subseteq x'} \frac{|z'|!(M - |z'| - 1)!}{M!} f_x(z') - f_x(z' \setminus i)$$

[1] Lundberg, Scott M., and Su-In Lee. "A unified approach to interpreting model predictions." *Advances in neural information processing systems* 30 (2017).

# Approximations

## Exact SHAP is Intractable

- **KernelSHAP** (Linear LIME<sup>[2]</sup> + Shapley values)
  - model-agnostic approximation
  - `KernelExplainer` class in `shap` (Python library)
- **DeepSHAP** (DeepLIFT<sup>[3]</sup> + Shapley values)
  - optimised for deep neural networks
  - `DeepExplainer` class in `shap` (Python library)

[2] Ribeiro, Marco Tulio, Sameer Singh, and Carlos Guestrin. "" Why should i trust you?" Explaining the predictions of any classifier." *Proceedings of the 22nd ACM SIGKDD international conference on knowledge discovery and data mining*. 2016.

[3] Shrikumar, Avanti, Peyton Greenside, and Anshul Kundaje. "Learning important features through propagating activation differences." *International conference on machine learning*. PMLR, 2017.

**Task**



# Motivation

What is the model looking at?



Figure from [4]. XAI methods applied to various models expose gender bias.

# Image Classification

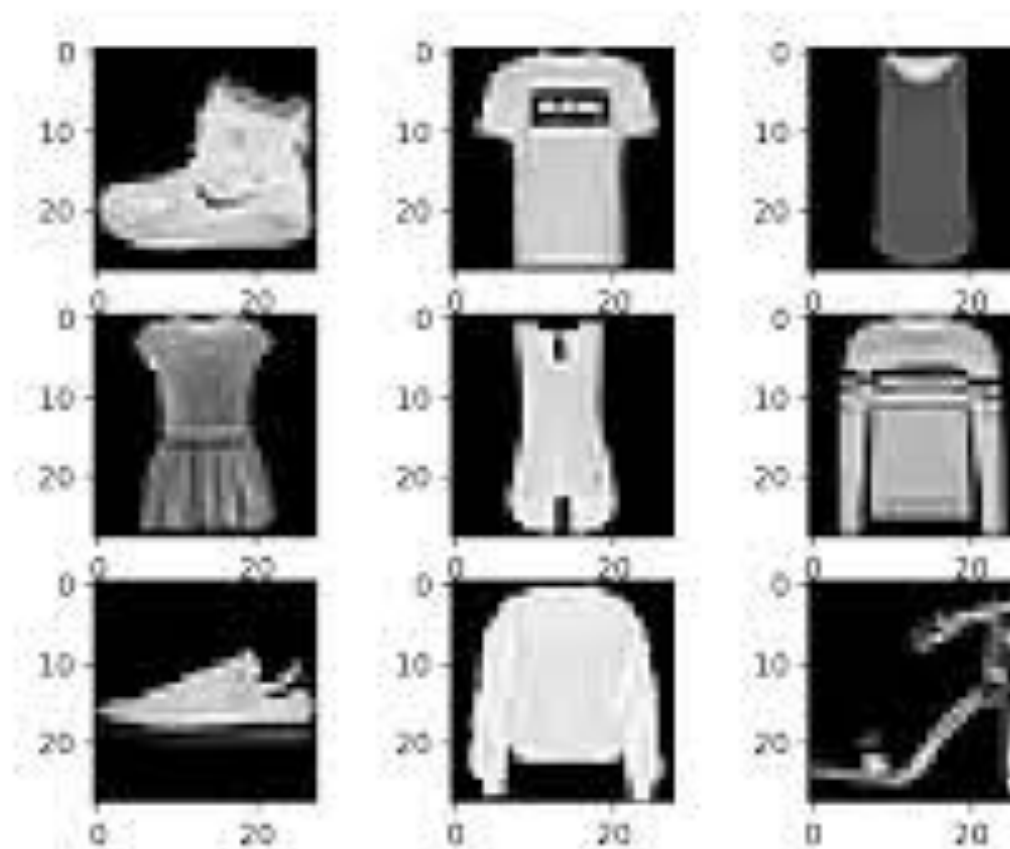
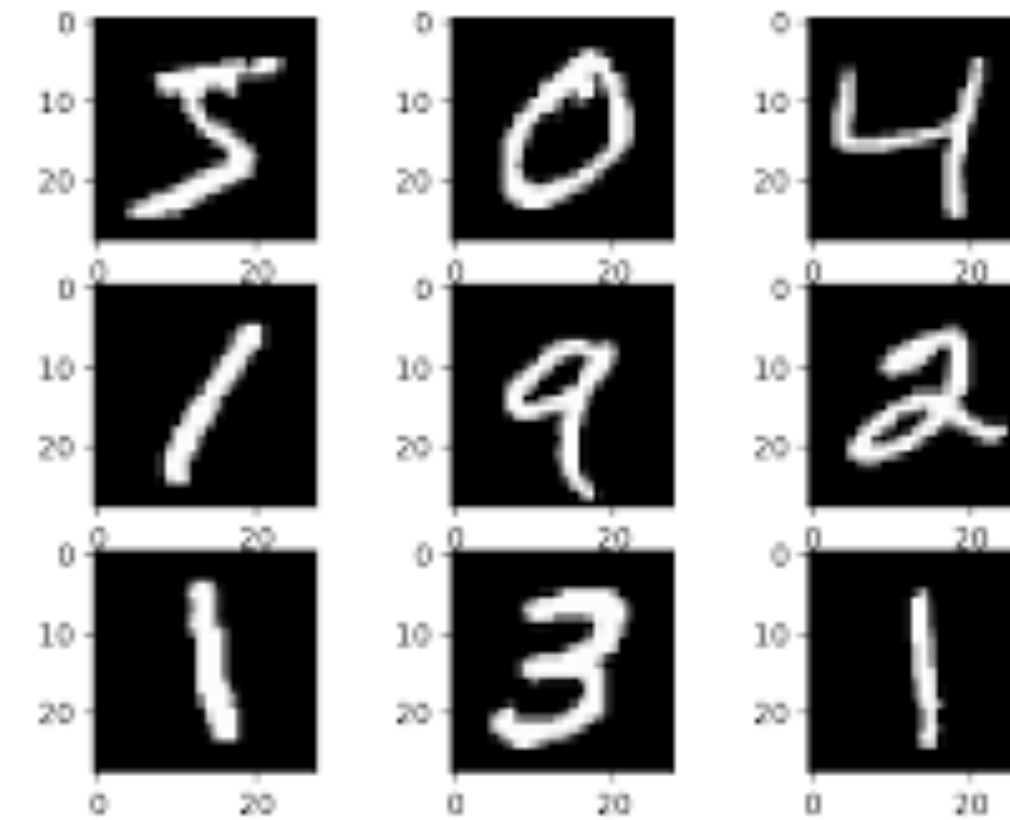
## Multi-Class Classification on MNIST<sup>[5]</sup>-like Datasets

- **Input:** 28 x 28 grayscale image (pixel values 0 to 255)
- **Classes:** 0 to 9
- **Training examples:** 60,000
- **Testing examples:** 10,000

[5] Deng, Li. "The mnist database of handwritten digit images for machine learning research [best of the web]." *IEEE signal processing magazine* 29.6 (2012): 141-142.

# Datasets

- **MNIST** (Modified National Institute of Standards and Technology)
  - handwritten digits
  - classes: 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9
- **FMNIST** (Fashion MNIST)
  - items of clothing
  - classes: top, trouser, pullover, dress, coat, sandal, shirt, sneaker, bag, boot





# Results

# Current Progress

- **Datasets:** MNIST, FMNIST
- **Explainer:** DeepSHAP, ~~KernelSHAP~~

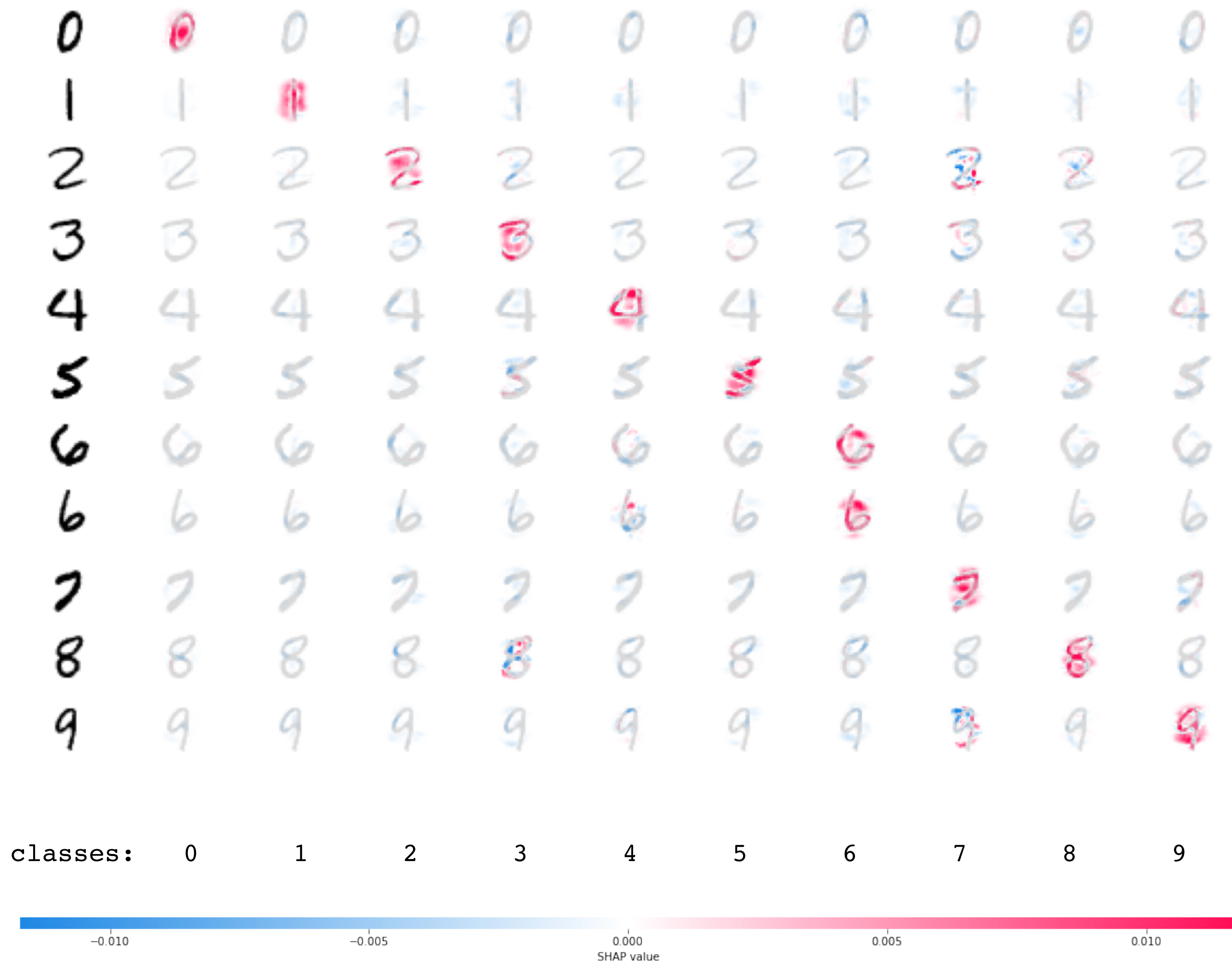
- **Model:**

```
self.conv_layers = nn.Sequential(
    nn.Conv2d(1, 10, kernel_size=5),
    nn.MaxPool2d(2),
    nn.ReLU(),
    nn.Conv2d(10, 20, kernel_size=5),
    nn.Dropout(),
    nn.MaxPool2d(2),
    nn.ReLU(),
)
self.fc_layers = nn.Sequential(
    nn.Linear(320, 50),
    nn.ReLU(),
    nn.Dropout(),
    nn.Linear(50, 10),
    nn.Softmax(dim=1)
)
```

# Interpretation

## SHAP Visualization for Multi-Class Classification

- One-vs-Rest binary classification, per class
- **BLUE**: absence of pixels predicts class
- **RED**: presence of pixels predicts class
- **But**, **shap** library inverts colors in visualization:
  - MNIST has white foreground, and black background
- So, in visualization:
  - **BLUE**: absence of pixels predicts class
  - **RED**: presence of pixels predicts class
- Red blob on the correct class is due to local approximation



**MNIST Visualisation (Acc. 99%)**



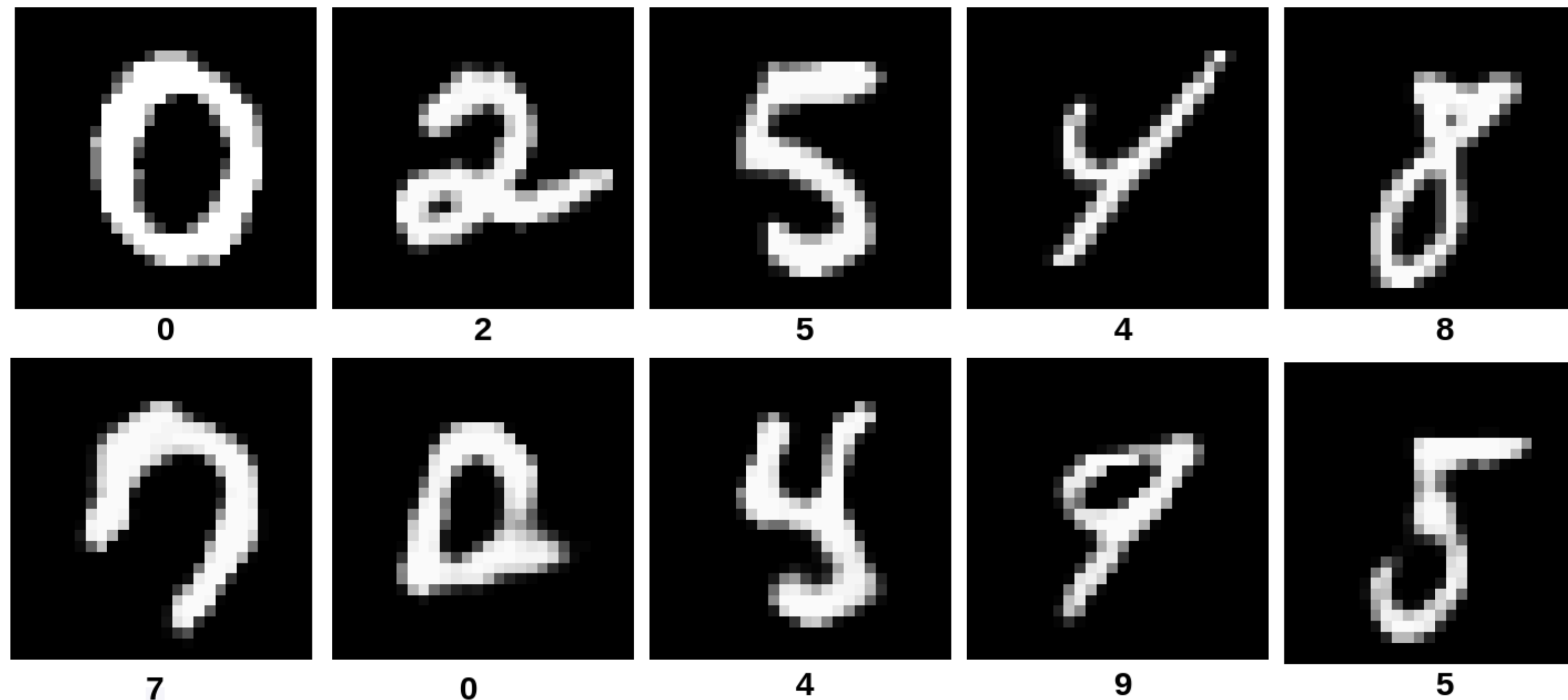
# Part II: Counterfactuals



# Motivation

## Counterfactuals for Image Classification

- How to change pixels to obtain desired class?



**TOP:** Input and predicted class  
**BOTTOM:** Counterfactual for desired class  
(Figure from [6])

[6] Samoilescu, Robert-Florian, Arnaud Van Looveren, and Janis Klaise. "Model-agnostic and Scalable Counterfactual Explanations via Reinforcement Learning." *arXiv preprint arXiv:2106.02597* (2021).

# Method 1: The First Approach<sup>[7]</sup>

- $\mathcal{L}(x'|x) = (f_t(x') - p_t)^2 + \lambda \|x' - x\|_1$ , where,  
 $x \rightarrow$  input  
 $x' \rightarrow$  counterfactual  
 $\mathcal{L} \rightarrow$  loss  
 $f_t \rightarrow$  model prediction at class t  
 $p_t \rightarrow$  desired probability of class t (typically  $p_t = 1$ )  
 $\lambda \rightarrow$  hyperparameter  
 $\|\cdot\|_1 \rightarrow L_1$ -norm (for **sparse** changes)
- `Counterfactual` class in `alibi` (Python library)

[7] Wachter, Sandra, Brent Mittelstadt, and Chris Russell. "Counterfactual explanations without opening the black box: Automated decisions and the GDPR." *Harv. JL & Tech.* 31 (2017): 841.

# Method 2: Guided by Prototypes<sup>[8]</sup>

- Fast
- Model agnostic
- Interpretable counterfactuals (**in-distribution**)
- Uses class **prototypes**
- `CounterfactualProto` class in `alibi` (Python library)

[8] Looveren, Arnaud Van, and Janis Klaise. "Interpretable counterfactual explanations guided by prototypes." *Joint European Conference on Machine Learning and Knowledge Discovery in Databases*. Springer, Cham, 2021.

# Method 3: Via Reinforcement Learning<sup>[9]</sup>

- Fast, model agnostic
- Does **not** assume model differentiability
- Allows flexible feature range constraints
  - eg. immutable protected features like *gender*, *race*, etc.
- RL technique: Deep Deterministic Policy Gradient (**DDPG**)
- `CounterfactualRL` class in `alibi` (Python library)

[9] Samoilescu, Robert-Florian, Arnaud Van Looveren, and Janis Klaise. "Model-agnostic and Scalable Counterfactual Explanations via Reinforcement Learning." *arXiv preprint arXiv:2106.02597* (2021).

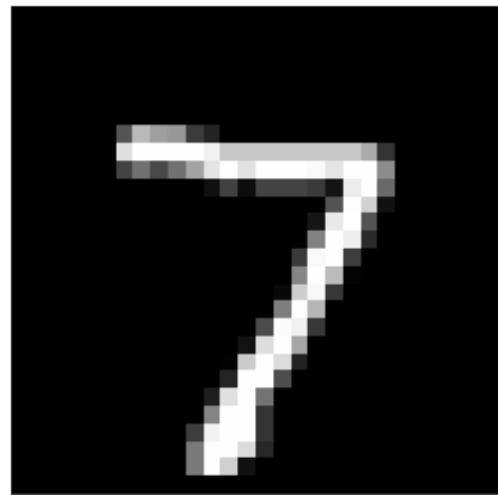
# Model details

- **Framework:** Tensorflow2 + Keras
- **MNIST test accuracy:** 98.6 %
- **FMNIST test accuracy:** 88.71 %

Layer (type)	Output Shape	Param #
=====		
input_1 (InputLayer)	[(None, 28, 28, 1)]	0
conv2d (Conv2D)	(None, 28, 28, 64)	320
max_pooling2d (MaxPooling2D)	(None, 14, 14, 64)	0
dropout (Dropout)	(None, 14, 14, 64)	0
conv2d_1 (Conv2D)	(None, 14, 14, 32)	8224
max_pooling2d_1 (MaxPooling2	(None, 7, 7, 32)	0
dropout_1 (Dropout)	(None, 7, 7, 32)	0
flatten (Flatten)	(None, 1568)	0
dense (Dense)	(None, 256)	401664
dropout_2 (Dropout)	(None, 256)	0
dense_1 (Dense)	(None, 10)	2570
=====		
Total params: 412,778		
Trainable params: 412,778		
Non-trainable params: 0		

# Results



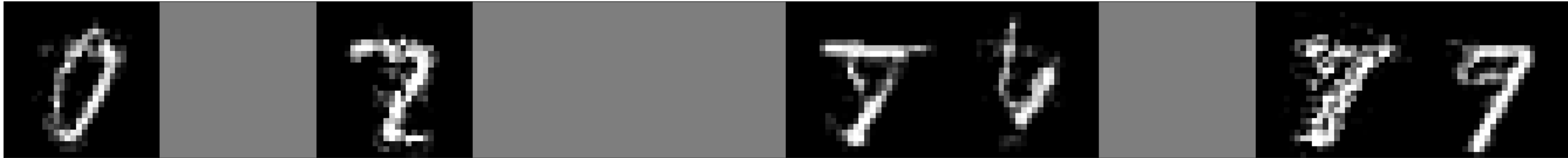


Input Image

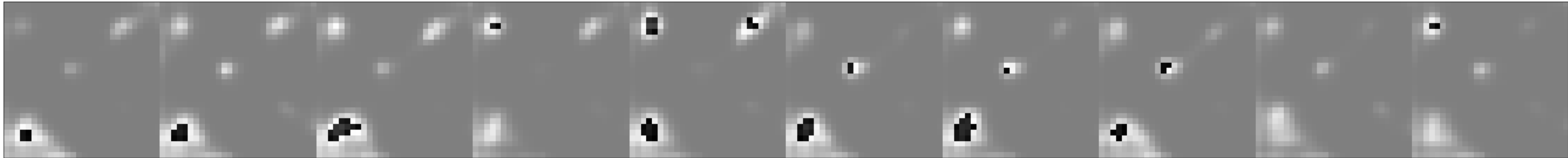
- Gray  $\implies$  counterfactual not found
- Method 3 failed to train due to bug in library



Method 1: Simple



Method 2: Prototype



Method 3: RL

**Thank You!**