Interpretable Machine Learning

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Shapley SHAP (SHapley Additive exPlanation)

Learning goals

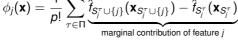
- Recall order- and set-based definitions of Shapley values in ML
- Interpret predictions via additive Shapley decomposition
- Understand SHAP as surrogate-based model
- Understand SHAP properties



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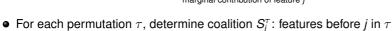
- For each permutation τ , determine coalition S_i^{τ} : features before j in τ
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Alternative (set definition): Average marginal contribution over all subsets, weighted by their relative number of appearances in permutations:

$$\phi_j(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{S \subseteq \{1, \dots, p\} \setminus \{j\}} \frac{|S|!(p-|S|-1)!}{p!} \left[\hat{t}_{S \cup \{j\}}(\mathbf{x}_{S \cup \{j\}}) - \hat{t}_{S}(\mathbf{x}_{S}) \right].$$



SHAPLEY VALUES IN ML - EXAMPLE

Example (Bike sharing data):

- Train random forest using humidity (hum), temperature (temp), windspeed (ws)
- Consider observation of interest **x** with prediction $\hat{f}(\mathbf{x}) = 2573$
- Mean prediction $\mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{x}}[\hat{f}(\mathbf{x})] = 4515$
- Compute exact Shapley value for **x** for feature hum:

S	$\mathcal{S} \cup \{j\}$	\hat{f}_{S}	$\hat{f}_{\mathcal{S}\cup\{j\}}$	weight
Ø	hum	4515	4635	2/6
temp	temp, hum	3087	3060	1/6
ws	ws, hum	4359	4450	1/6
temp, ws	temp, ws, hum	2623	2573	2/6

$$\Rightarrow \phi_{\mathsf{hum}}(\mathbf{x}) = \tfrac{2}{6}(4635 - 4515) + \tfrac{1}{6}(3060 - 3087) + \tfrac{1}{6}(4450 - 4359) + \tfrac{2}{6}(2573 - 2623) = 34$$

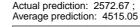
$$\Rightarrow$$
 Analogously $\phi_{\text{temp}}(\mathbf{x}) = -1654$, $\phi_{\text{ws}}(\mathbf{x}) = -322$

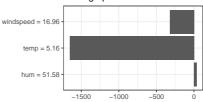


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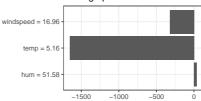


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Actual prediction: 2572.67; Average prediction: 4515.05



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Shapley-based additive decomposition of prediction for \mathbf{x} gives insights on how features shift prediction from baseline $\mathbb{E}(\hat{t})$:

$$\frac{\hat{f}(\mathbf{x})}{\text{actual prediction}} = \underbrace{\phi_0}_{\mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{X}}[\hat{f}(\mathbf{X})]} + \sum_{j \in \{\text{hum,temp,ws}\}} \phi_j(\mathbf{x})$$

$$2573 = 4515 + (34 - 1654 - 322) = 4515 - 1942$$

 \rightsquigarrow Like a LM evaluated at **x**: global intercept ϕ_0 plus per-feature contribs $\phi_i(\mathbf{x})$.

SHAP Motivation: Can we efficiently estimate this Shapley-based additive decomp. of $\hat{f}(\mathbf{x})$ via a surrogate model (while preserving Shapley axioms)?

SHAP expresses the prediction of **x** as a sum of contribs from each feature:

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SHAP as a theoretical framework: Fit a surrogate model $g(\mathbf{z}')$ satisfying Shapley axioms and recovering $\hat{f}(\mathbf{x})$ when all features are "present":

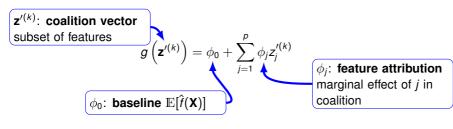
$$\hat{f}(\mathbf{x}) = g(\mathbf{1}) = \phi_0 + \sum_{j=1}^p \phi_j$$

Evaluation of $g(\mathbf{z}')$: Let $S = \{j : z'_i = 1\}$ be the active coalition. Then:

- $g(\mathbf{z}') \approx \mathbb{E}[\hat{f}(\mathbf{X}) \mid \mathbf{X}_S = \mathbf{x}_S]$ (conditional expectation)
- $g(\mathbf{z}') \approx \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{X}_{-S}}[\hat{f}(\mathbf{x}_S, \mathbf{X}_{-S})]$ (marginal expectation, i.e., PD function)
- Note: Practical implementations (e.g., KernelSHAP) use the marginal expectation, approximated via random imputations from background data.



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$$g(\mathbf{z}'^{(k)})$$
: approx. prediction for coalition $\mathbf{z}'^{(k)} = \phi_0 + \sum_{j=1}^p \phi_j \mathbf{z}_j'^{(k)}$

Additive Feature Attribution

Next: How do we estimate the Shapley values ϕ_i efficiently?

PROPERTIES

Local Accuracy

$$\hat{f}(\mathbf{x}) = g(\mathbf{z}') = \phi_0 + \sum_{j=1}^{p} \phi_j z'_j$$

Intuition: If coalition includes all features $(\mathbf{z}' = (z'_1, \dots, z'_p)^\top = (1, \dots, 1)^\top)$, the attributions ϕ_j and the baseline ϕ_0 sum up to the original model output $\hat{f}(\mathbf{x})$

Local accuracy corresponds to **axiom of efficiency** in Shapley game theory



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Intuition: A "missing" feature (whose value is imputed) gets zero attribution



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Consistency (Let $\mathbf{z}_{-j}^{\prime(k)}$ refer to $z_{j}^{\prime(k)}=0$)

For any two models \hat{f} and \hat{f}' , if for all inputs $\mathbf{z}'^{(k)} \in \{0,1\}^p$

$$\hat{f}_{x}'\left(\mathbf{z}^{\prime(k)}\right) - \hat{f}_{x}'\left(\mathbf{z}_{-j}^{\prime(k)}\right) \geq \hat{f}_{x}\left(\mathbf{z}^{\prime(k)}\right) - \hat{f}_{x}\left(\mathbf{z}_{-j}^{\prime(k)}\right) \Longrightarrow \phi_{j}\left(\hat{f}',\mathbf{x}\right) \geq \phi_{j}(\hat{f},\mathbf{x})$$

Intution: If a model changes so that the marginal contribution of a feature value increases or stays the same, the Shapley value also increases or stays the same

Consistency implies Shapley's axioms of additivity, dummy, symmetry.

