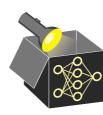
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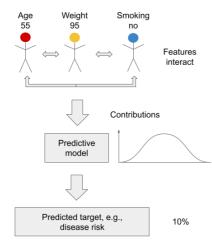
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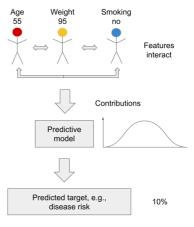
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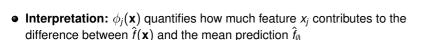


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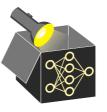
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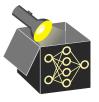
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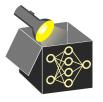


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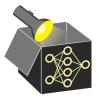


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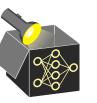
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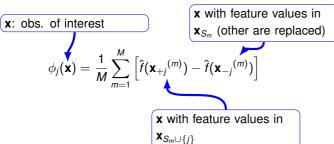
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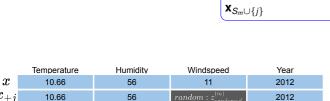


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#### SHAPLEY VALUE APPROXIMATION - ILLUSTRATION





 $random: z_{windsnet}^{(m)}$ 

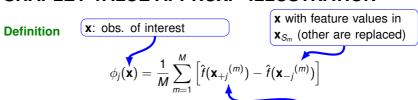
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Definition

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**x** with feature values in

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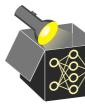
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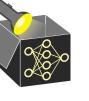
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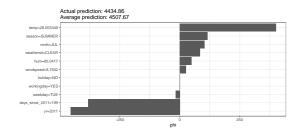
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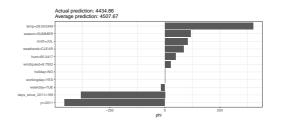




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